
Experimental Investigation on the Performance Influencing Factors of a Transcritical CO₂ System

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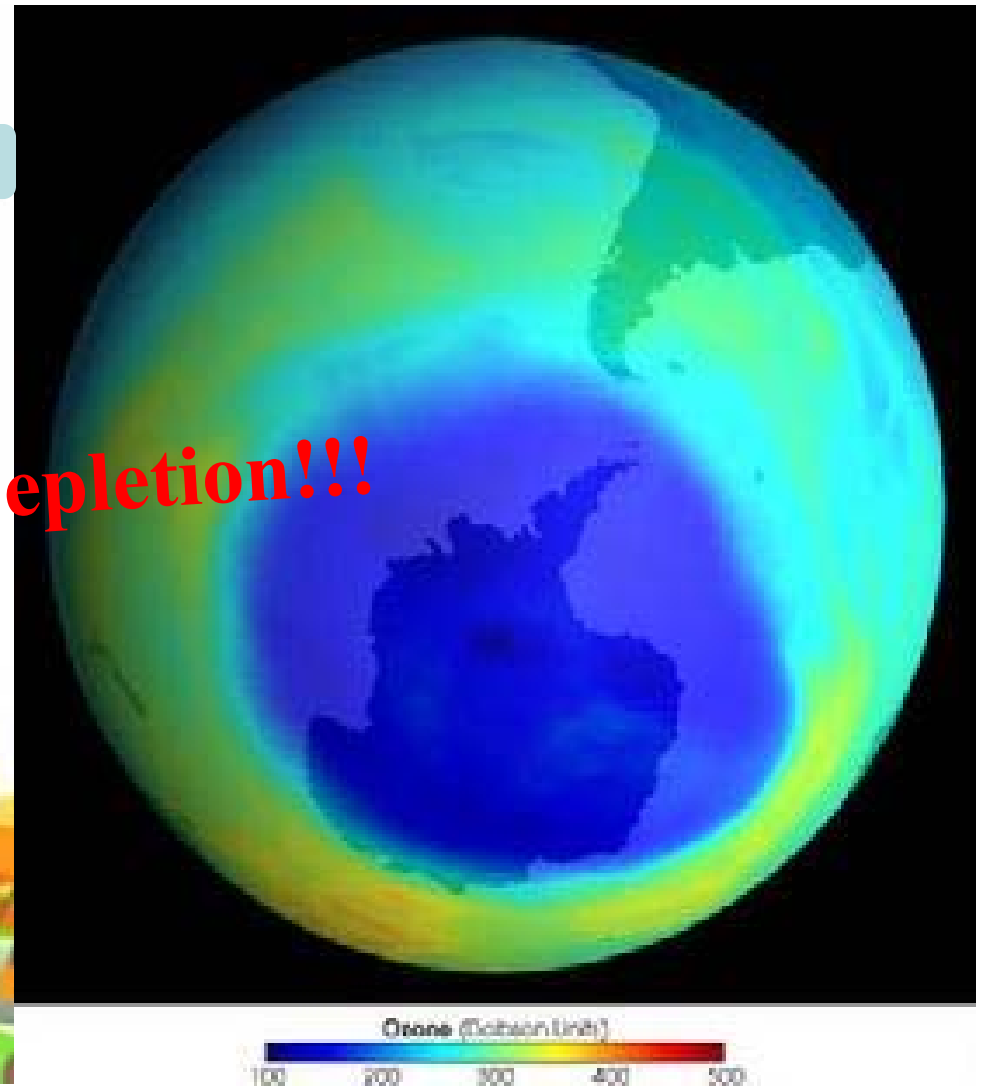
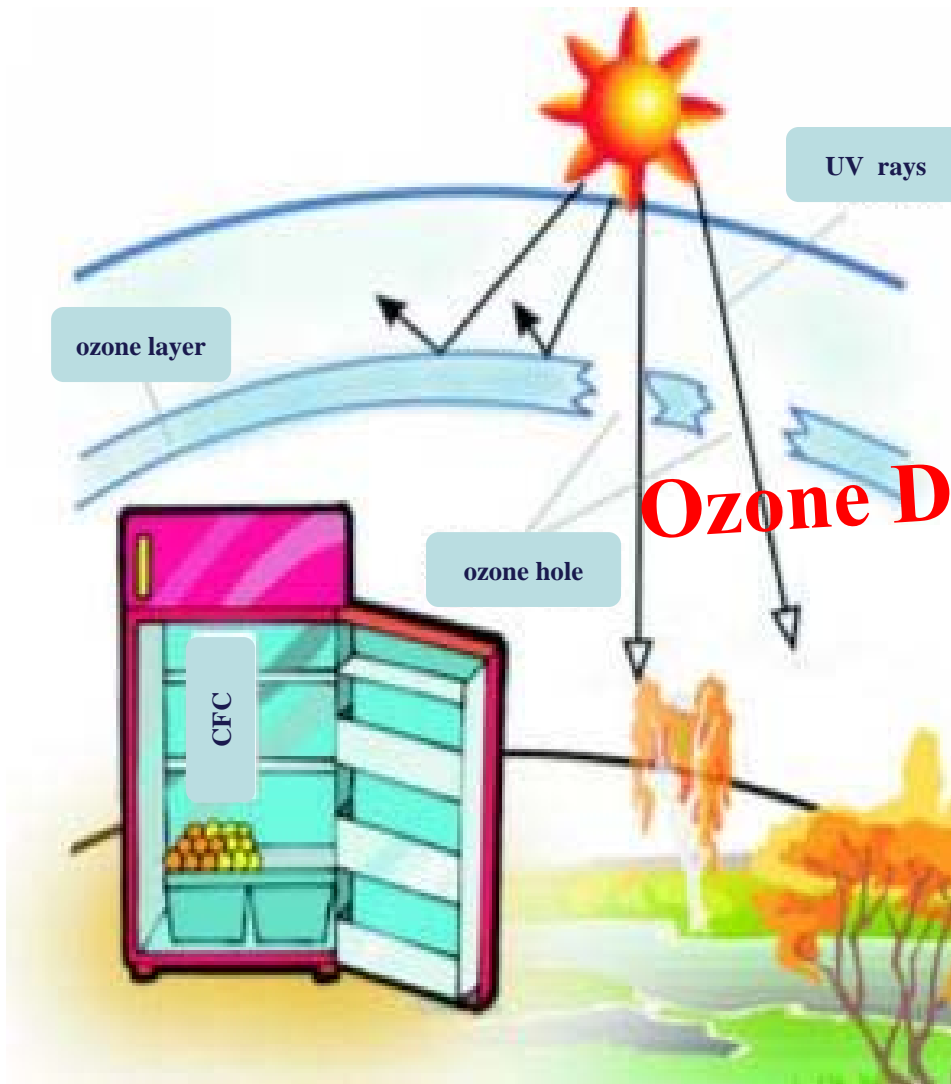
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•1 INTRODUCTION



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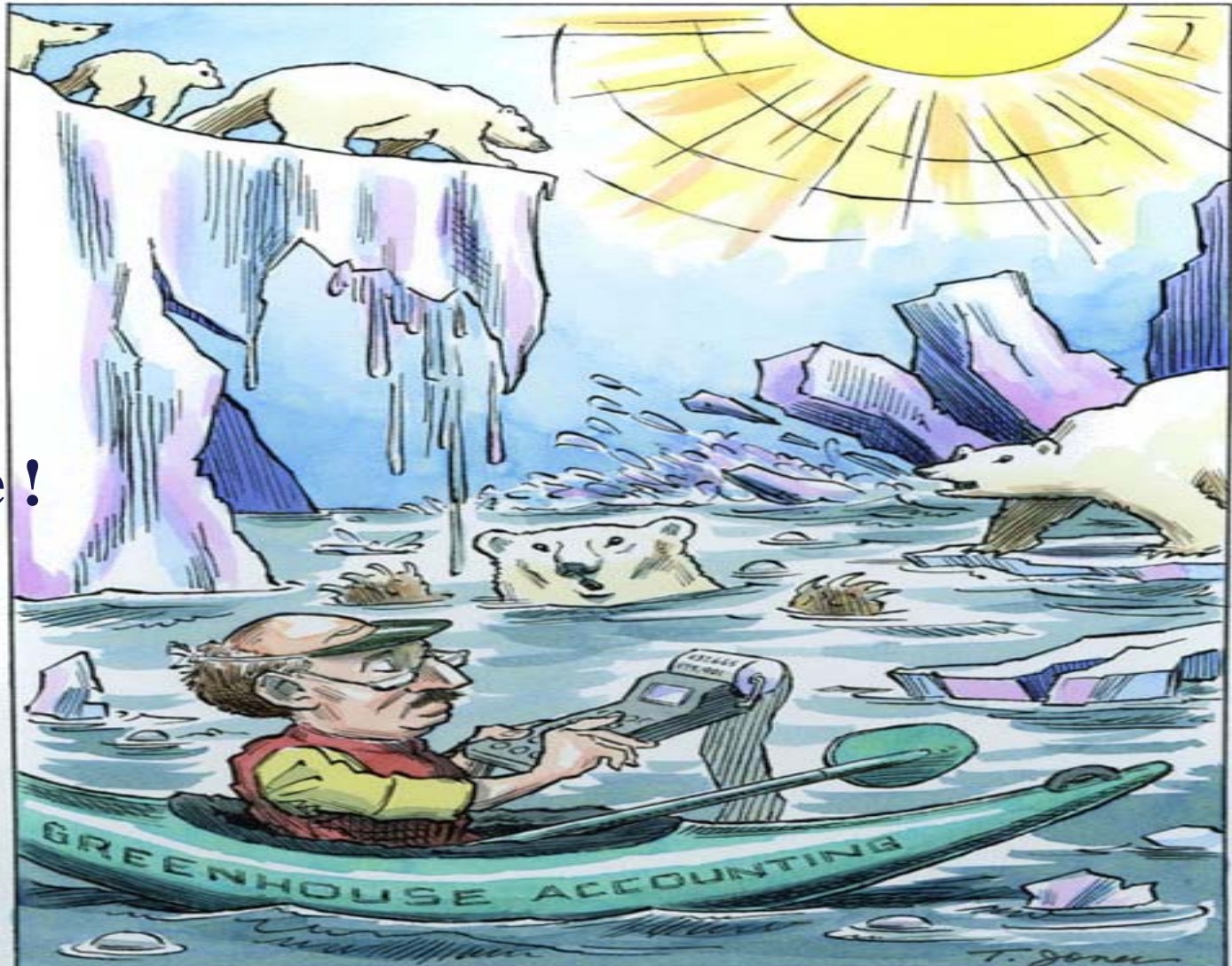
•1 INTRODUCTION



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Water ? ...
Flood ? ...
Every where !



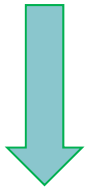


•1 INTRODUCTION



•synthetic refrigerants

•natural refrigerants



•CO₂

Alternative
Refrigerants

•Unique advantages

•Great disadvantages:

high pressure , low COP



•2 RESEARCH PURPOSE



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•How to improve the performance of the system?

cycle modifications :

**internal heat exchanger, expansion turbine, multi-staging,
two-phase ejector, vortex tube , parallel compression
economization**

operating conditions :

high pressure side and low pressure side



•2 RESEARCH PURPOSE



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•Improve the performance of the system:

**Water-water transcritical CO₂ refrigeration system
operating conditions:**

low pressure side: water temperatures and flow rates

high pressure side: water temperatures and flow rates

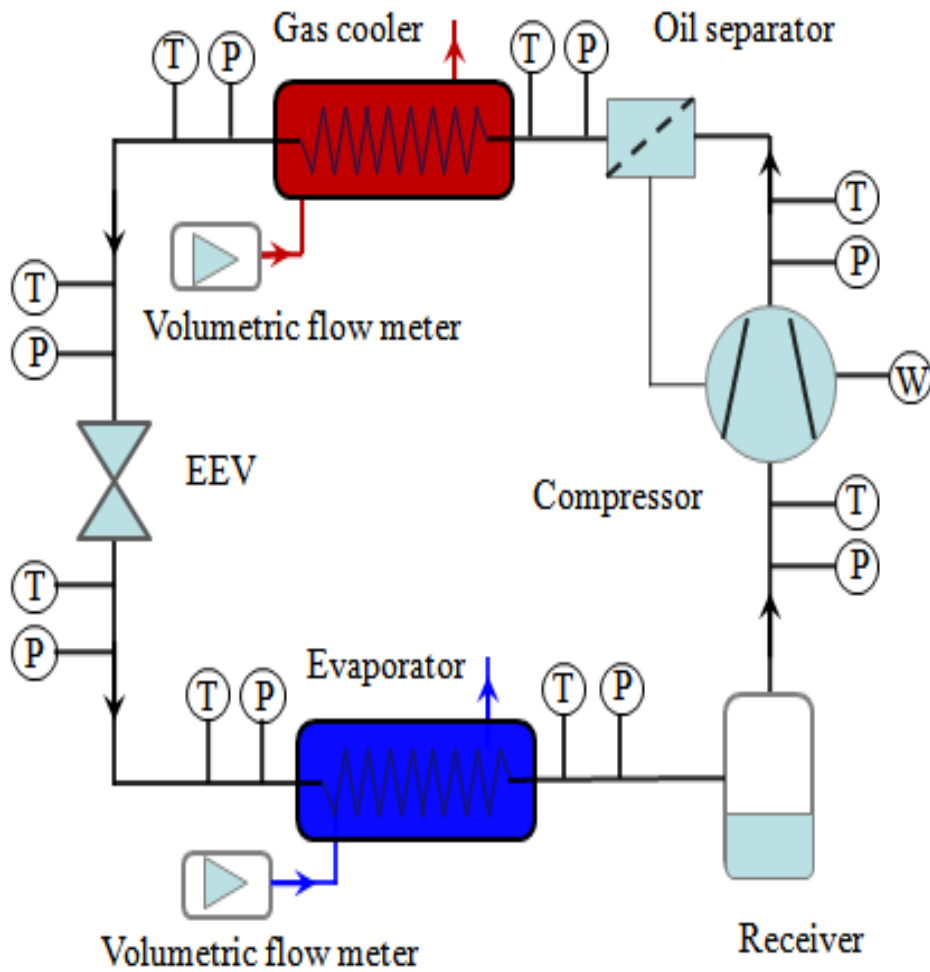
**To seek the reasonable operating
conditions: temperature? flow rate?**



•3 TEST RIG



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•3 TEST RIG



Table 1: Main Components

Name of components	Main characteristic
Compressor	Semi-hermetic reciprocating; Swept volume: $8.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$.
Gas-cooler	Plate heat exchanger; Heat transfer area: 2.09 m^2
Evaporator	Plate heat exchanger; Heat transfer area: 1.81 m^2
Expansion valve	Electrically expansion valve.
Receiver	Inner volume: $4.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$.
Oil separator	Inner volume: $11.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$.



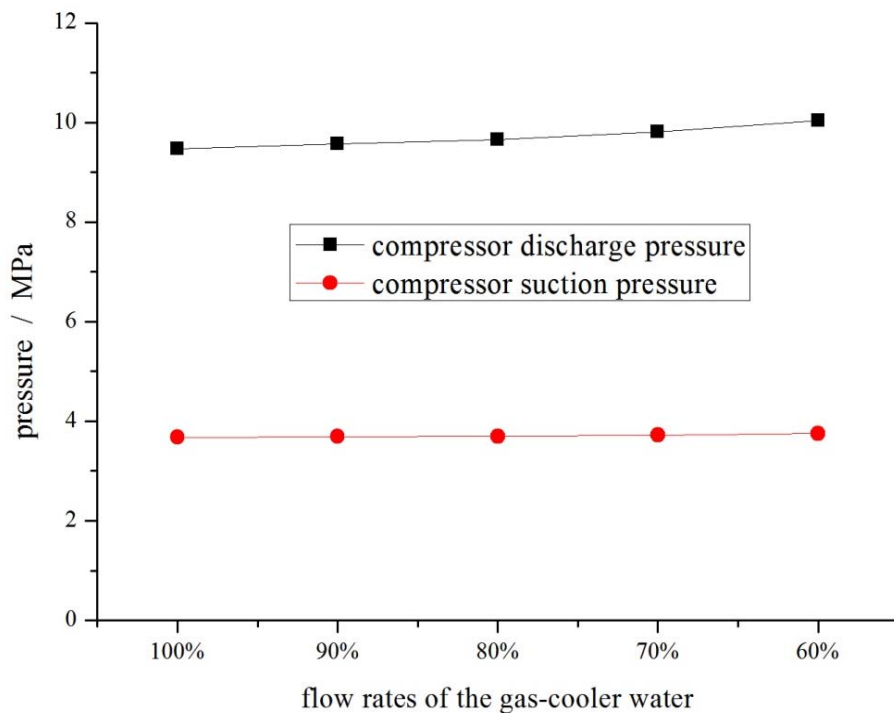
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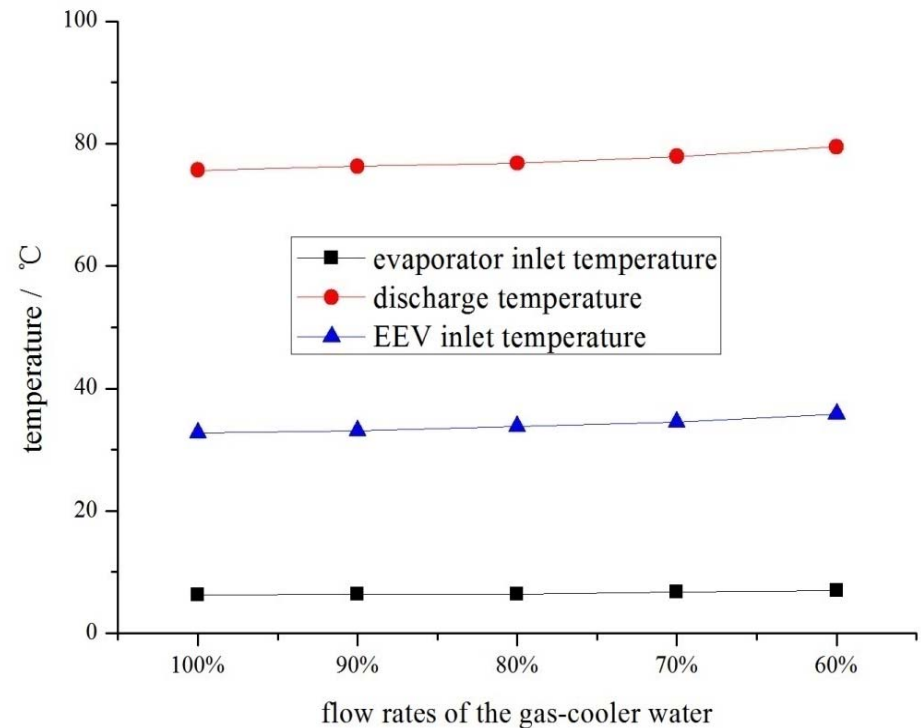
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•4.1 The effects of flow rates of the gas-cooler water



pressure :
increase slightly, not much



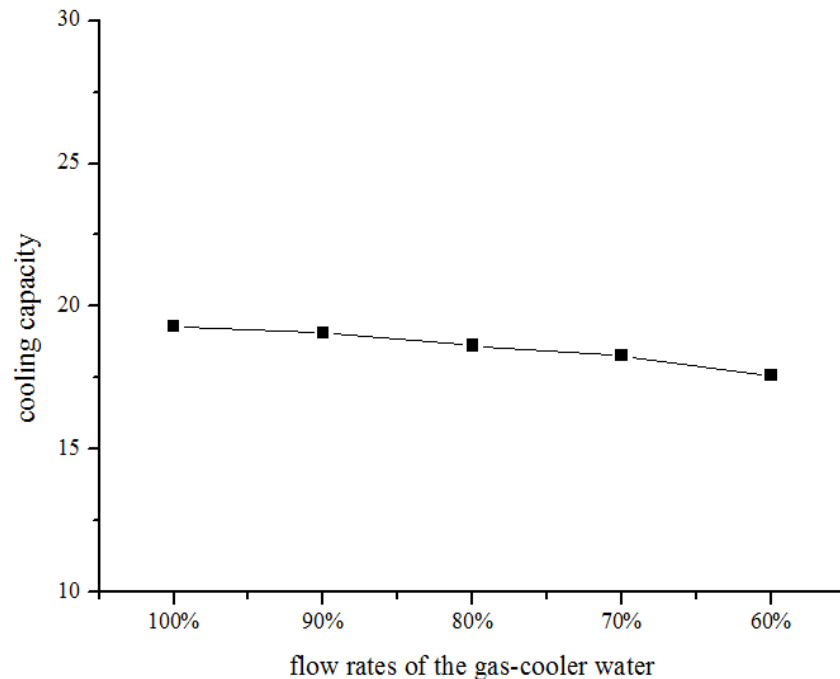
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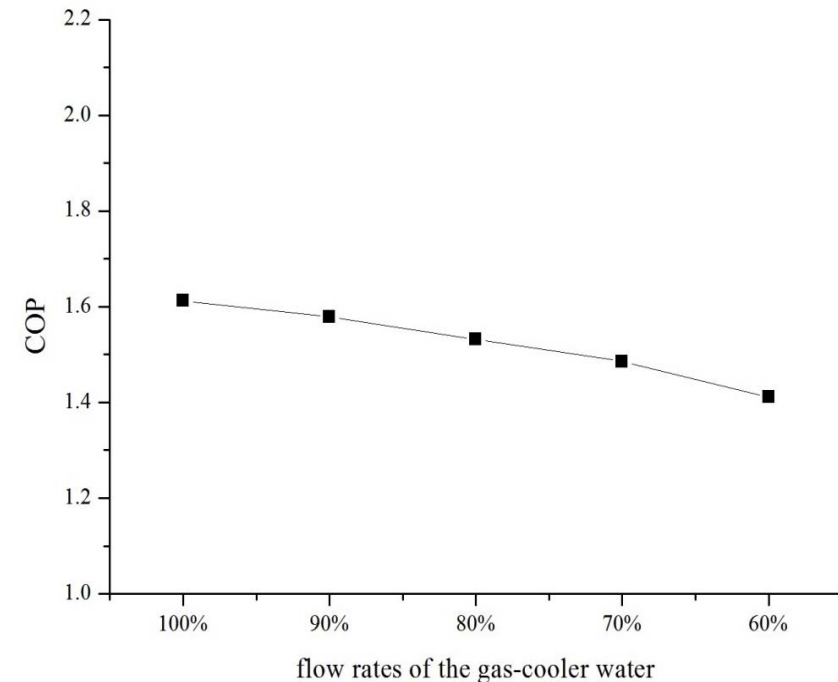
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Cooling capacity:
decrease, not much



COP:
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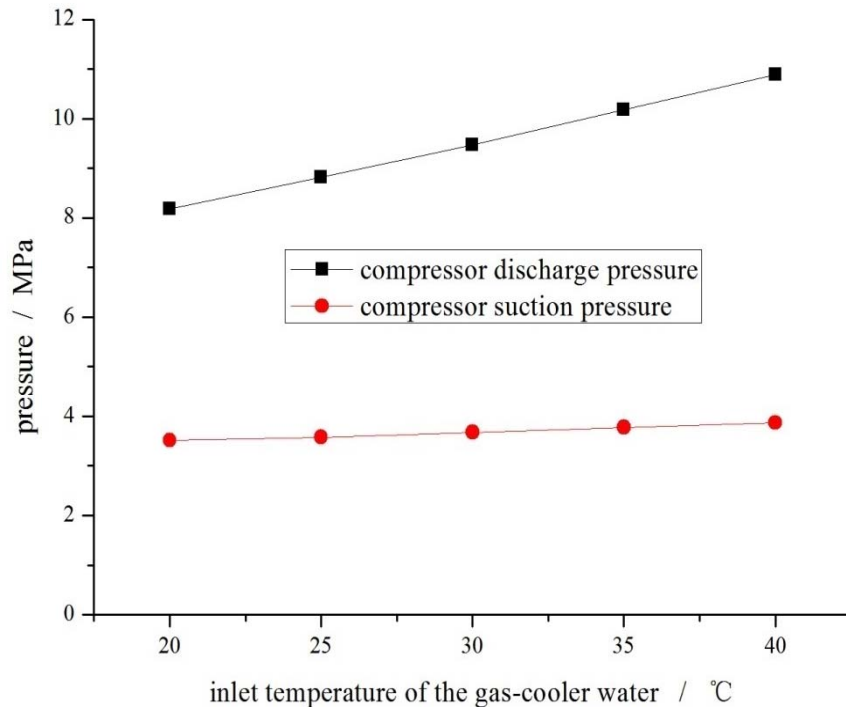
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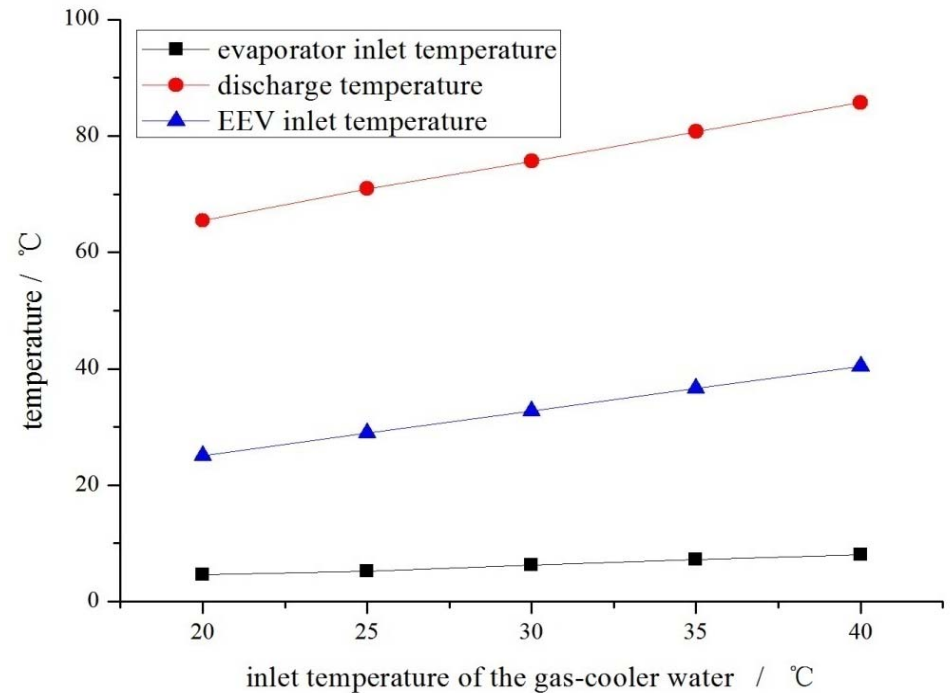
•4.2 The effects of inlet temperature of the gas-cooler water



pressure :

high pressure side: increase greatly

low pressure side: increase a little



temperature :

high pressure side: increase greatly

low pressure side: increase a little



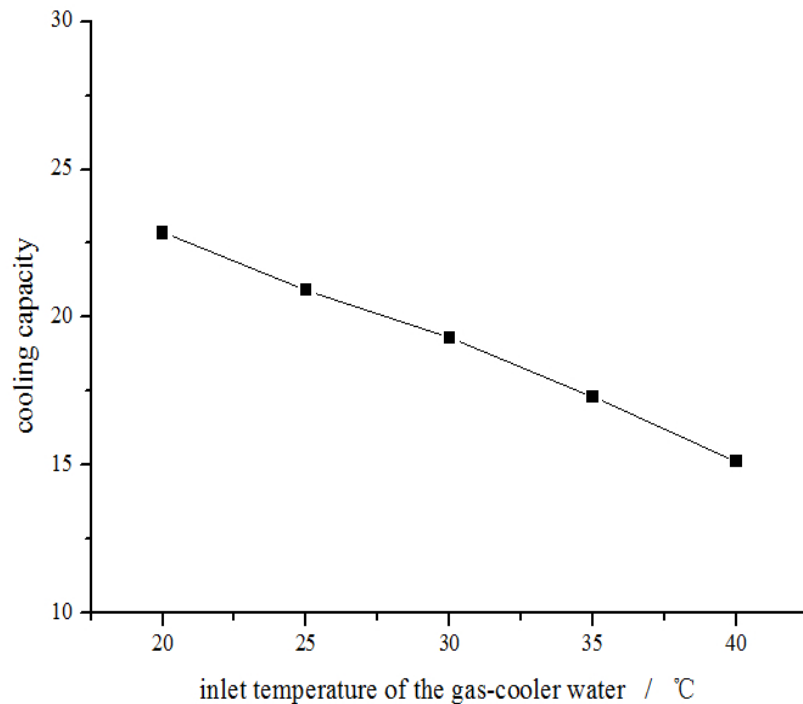
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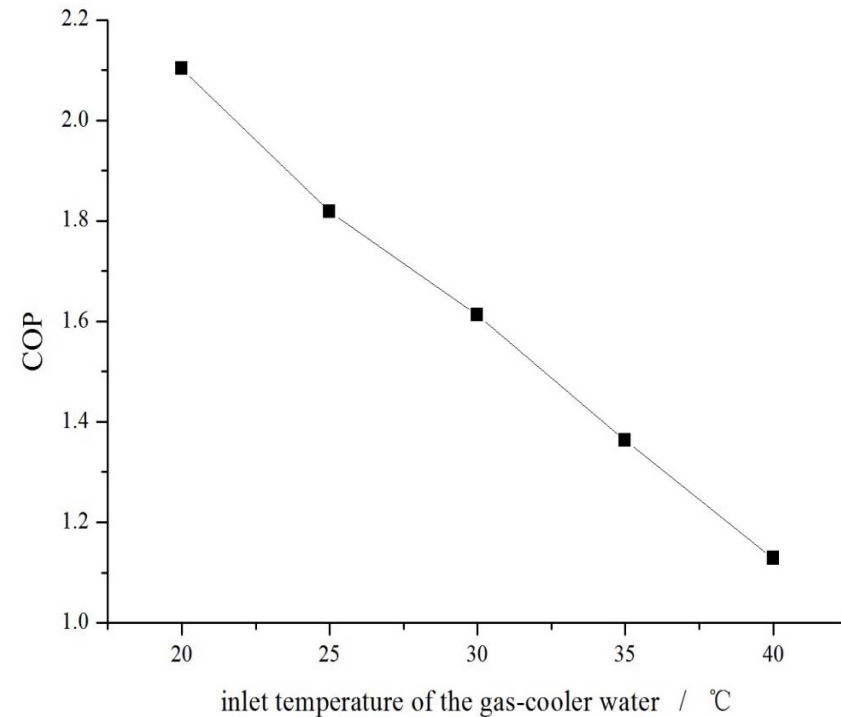
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•4.2 The effects of inlet temperature of the gas-cooler water



**Cooling capacity:
decrease dramatically**



**COP:
decrease dramatically**



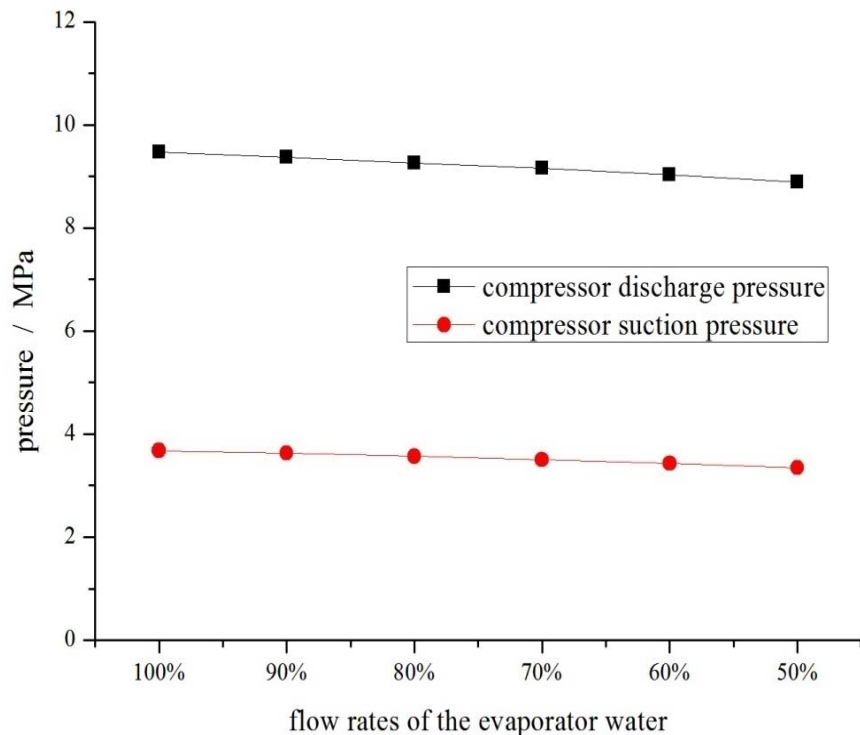
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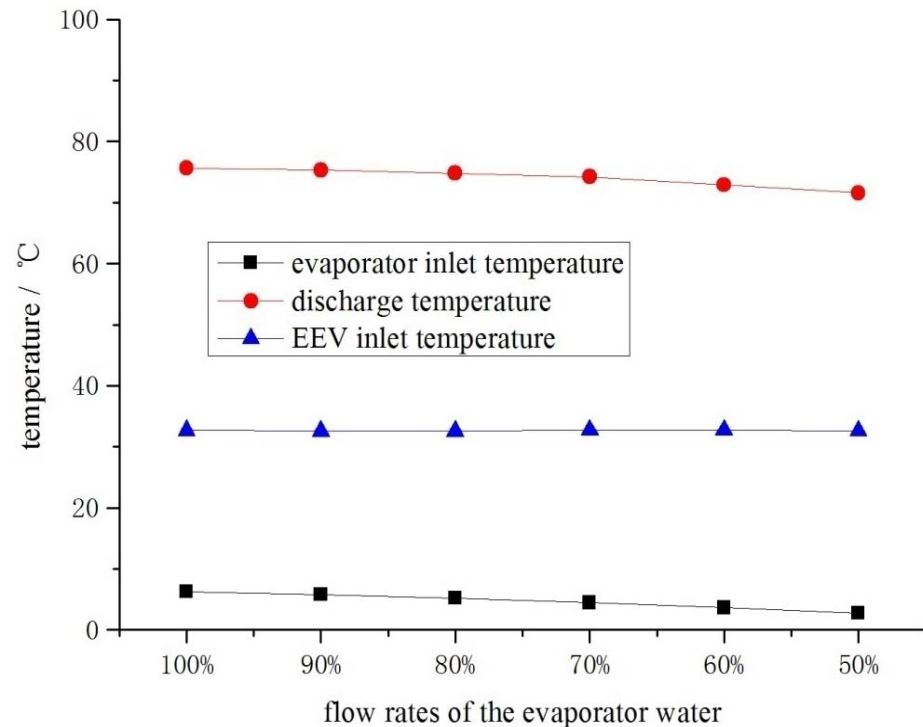
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•4.3 The effects of flow rates of the evaporator water



pressure :
high pressure side: decrease slightly
low pressure side: decrease slightly



temperature :
high pressure side: decrease
low pressure side: decrease



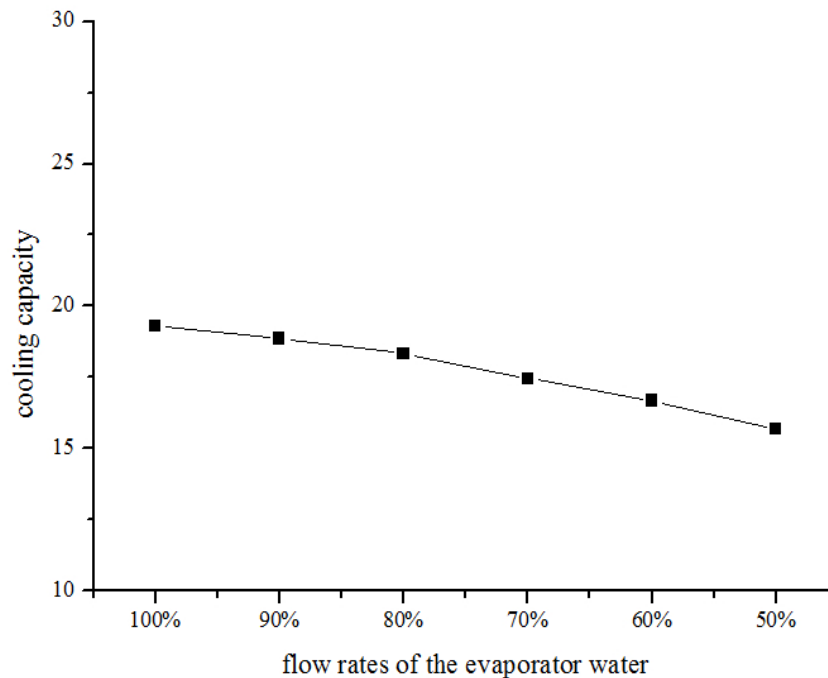
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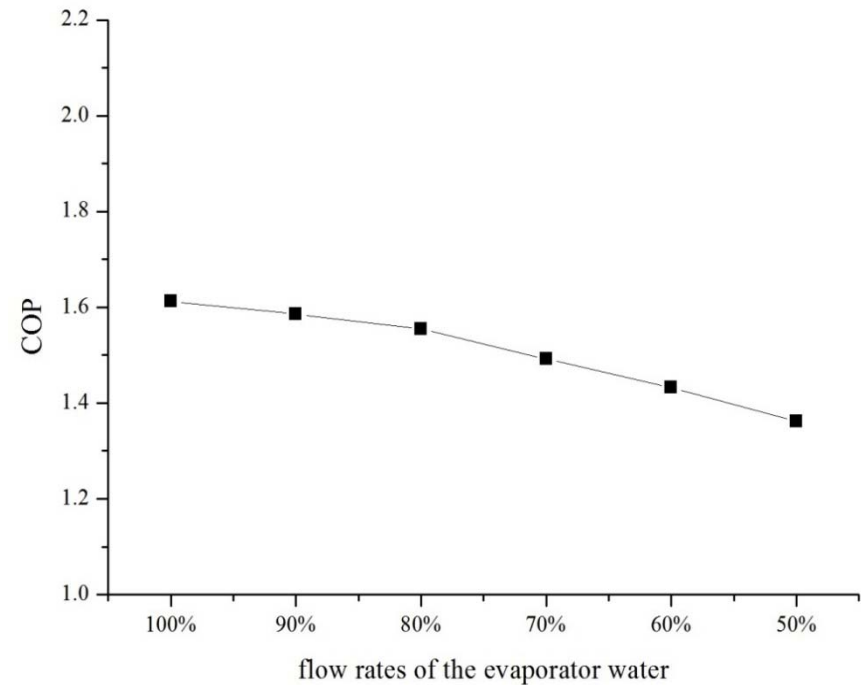
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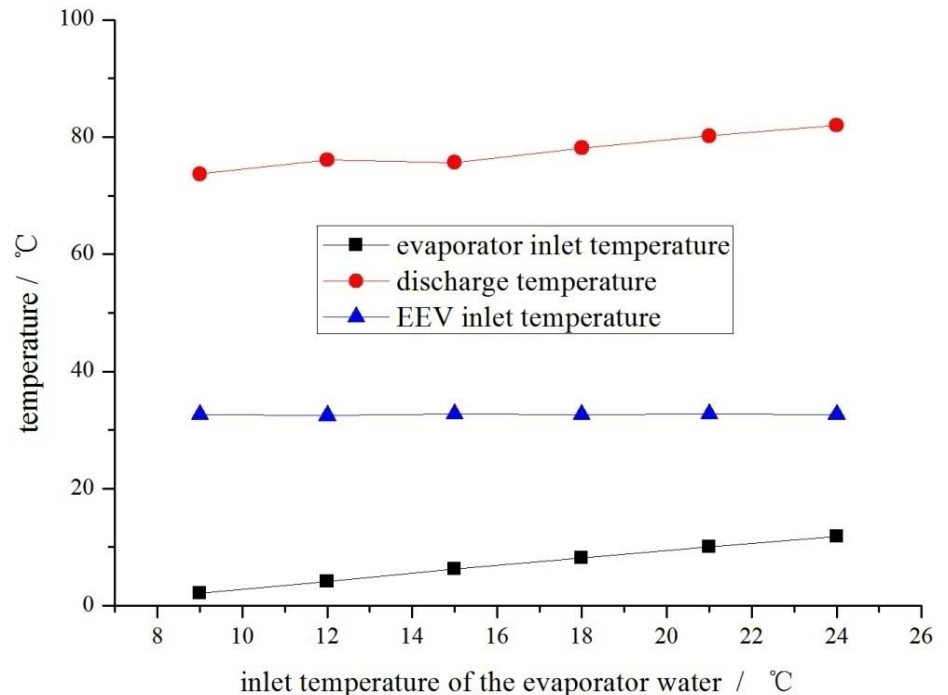
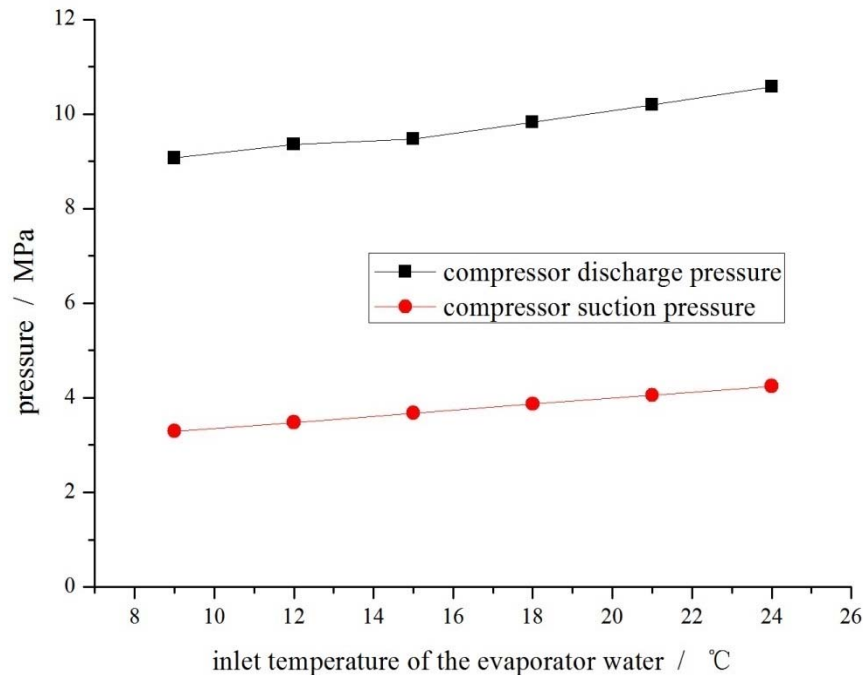
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•4.4 The effects of inlet temperature of the evaporator water



pressure :

high pressure side: increase greatly

low pressure side: increase

temperature :

high pressure side: increase

low pressure side: increase greatly



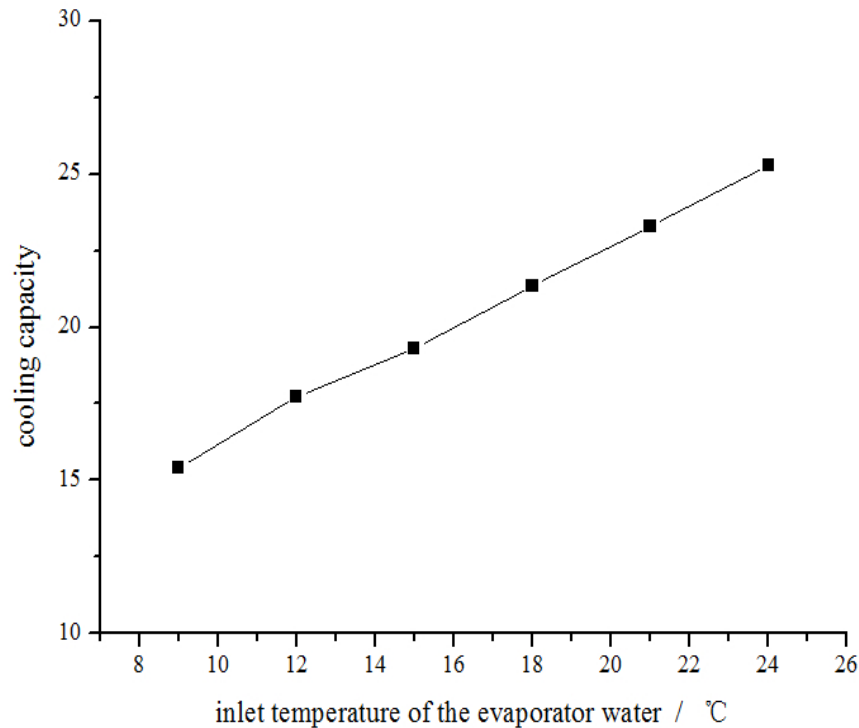
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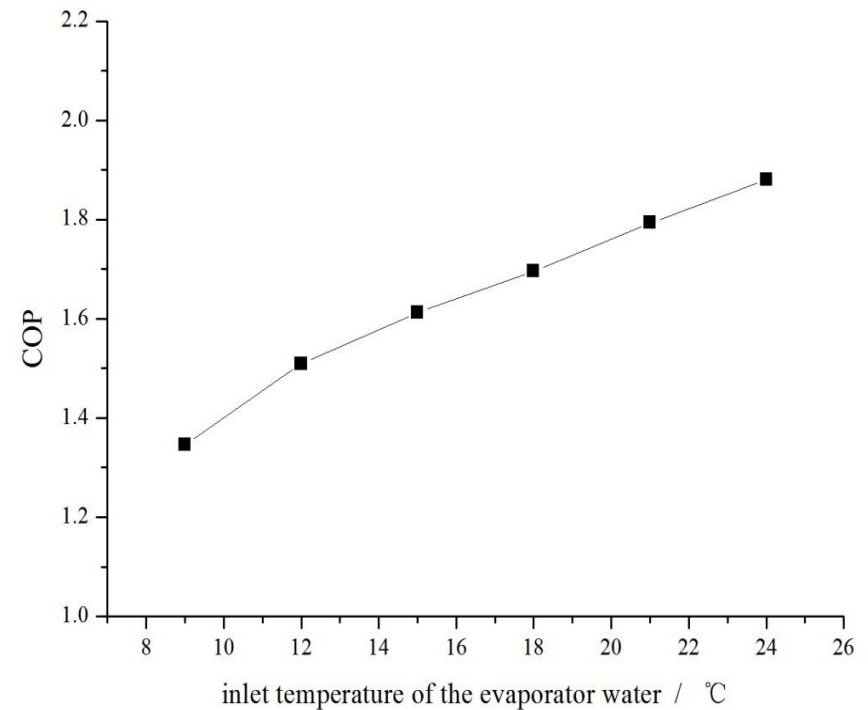
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•4.4 The effects of inlet temperature of the evaporator water



**Cooling capacity:
increase dramatically**



**COP:
increase dramatically**



•5 CONCLUSIONS



- (1)EEV inlet temperature strongly depends on heat transfer condition of gas-cooler.
- (2) Compressor discharge pressure and temperature relates to both heat transfer condition of gas-cooler and evaporator.
- (3) Effects inlet temperature and flow rates of heat exchangers on the system characteristics are the same as the conventional refrigerants.



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