

Development of turbo chiller using water(R-718) as a refrigerant

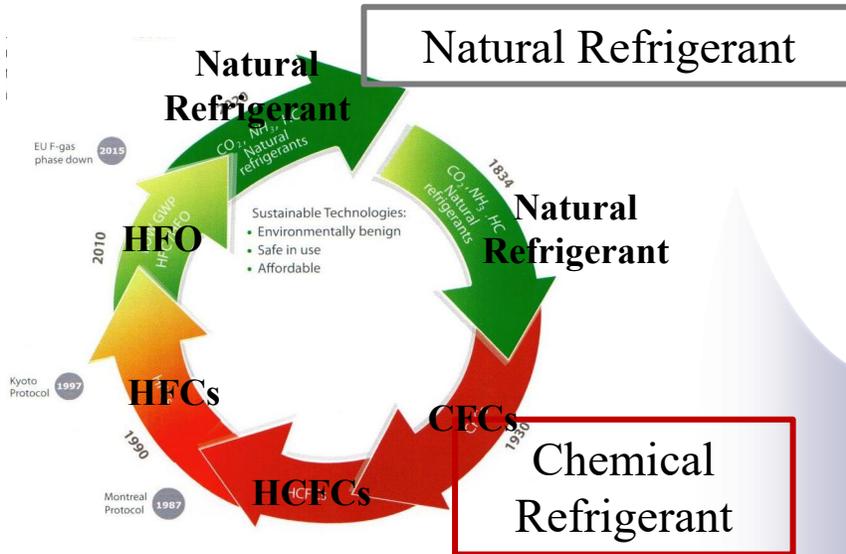
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Introduction

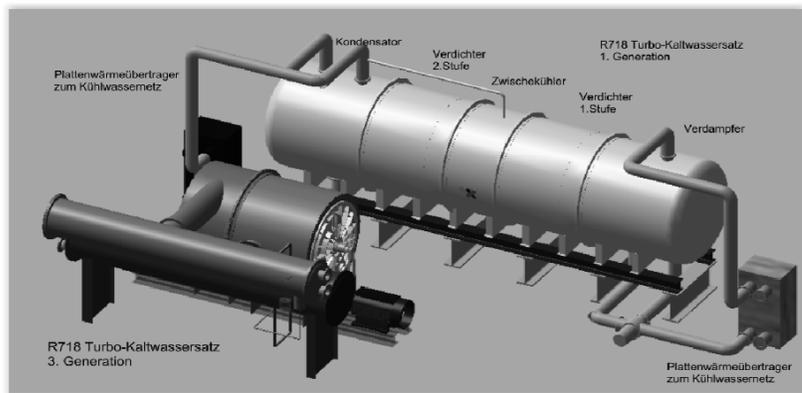


Water

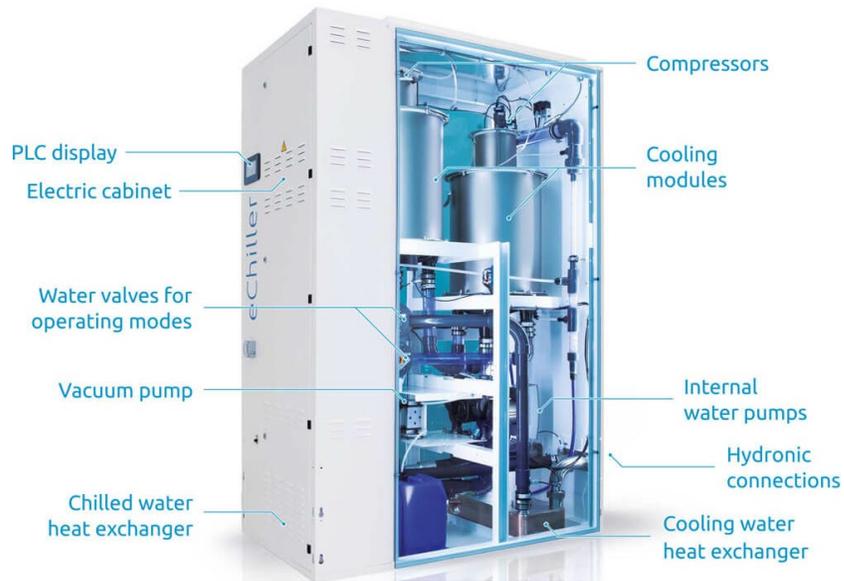
as a refrigerant (R-718)

→ R-718 chiller project

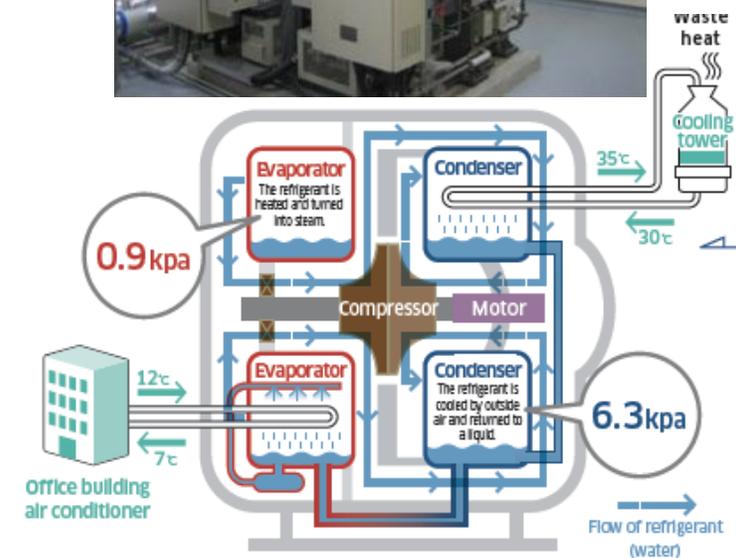
Introduction



800 kW(ILK)



300 kW(Energy Efficiency)



350 kW(Kawasaki)

Overview of project

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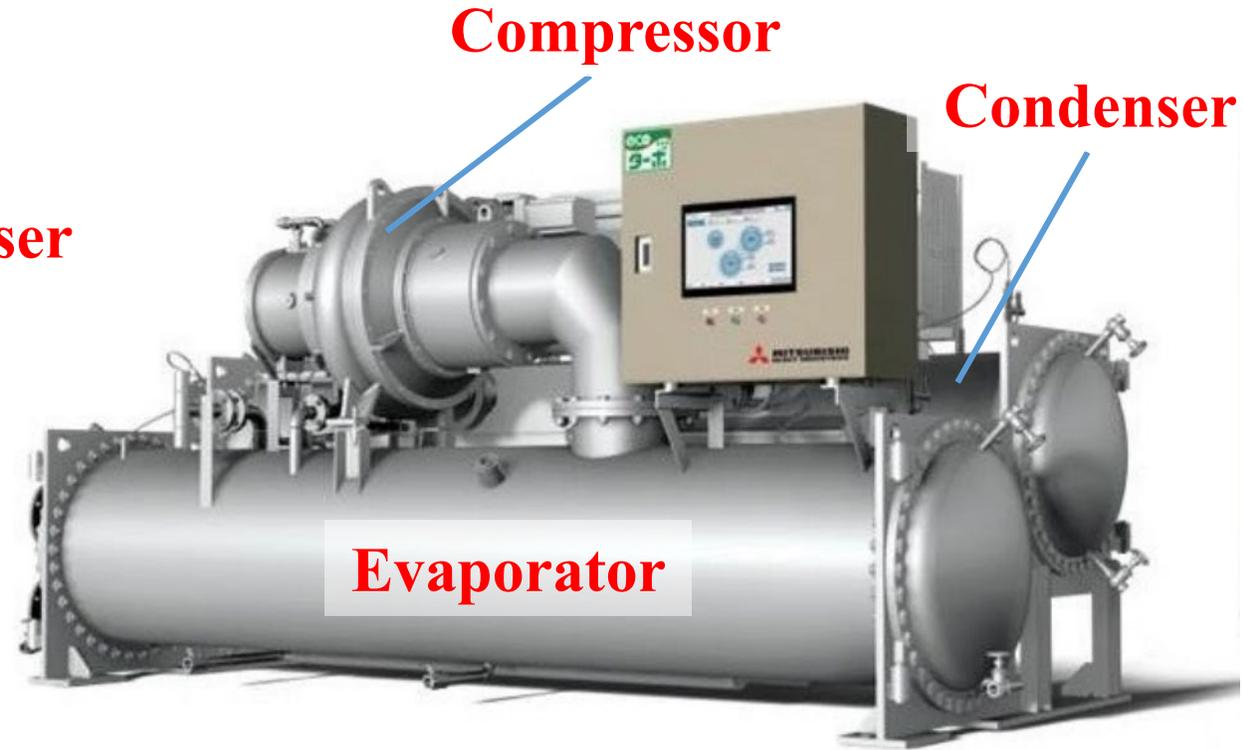
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Comparison with conventional chiller



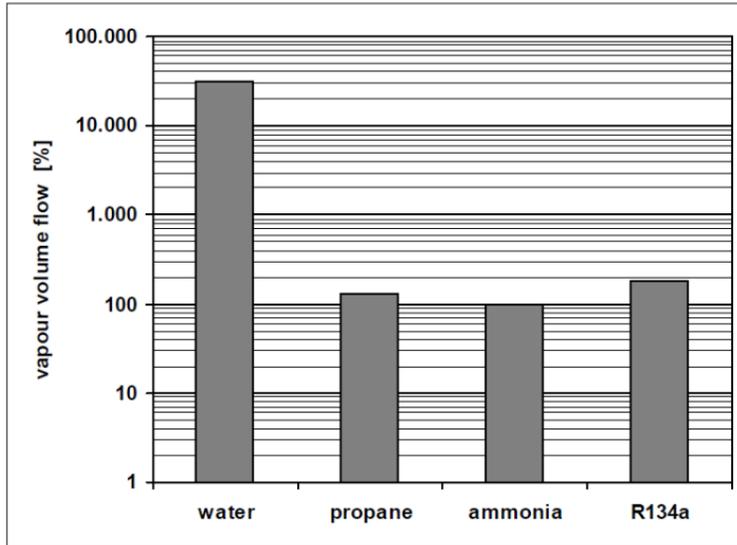
R-718 chiller_KIMM



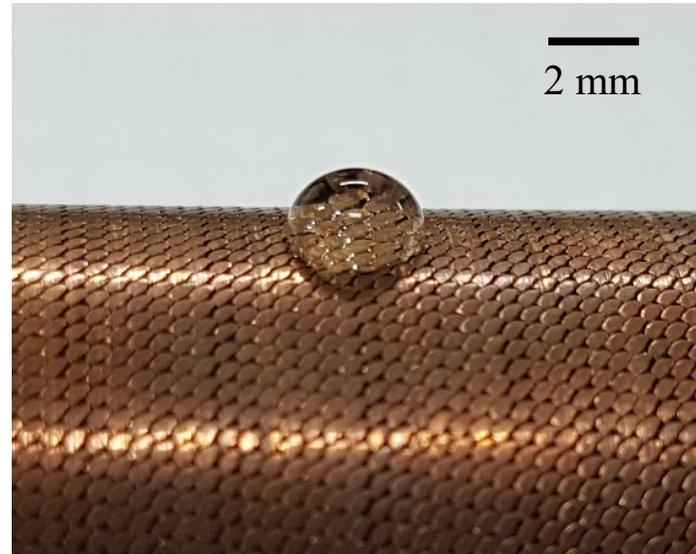
Turbo chiller (Chemical refrigerant)

Water as a refrigerant

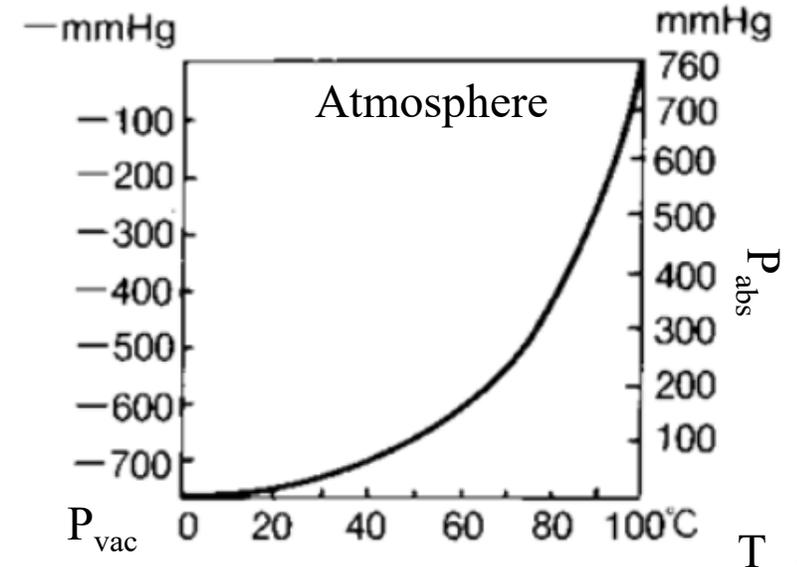
- Eco friendly (GWP = 0)
- Large latent heat coefficient
- Large specific volume
- Large surface tension
- Phase change : Vacuum state



Specific volume (Refrigerant)

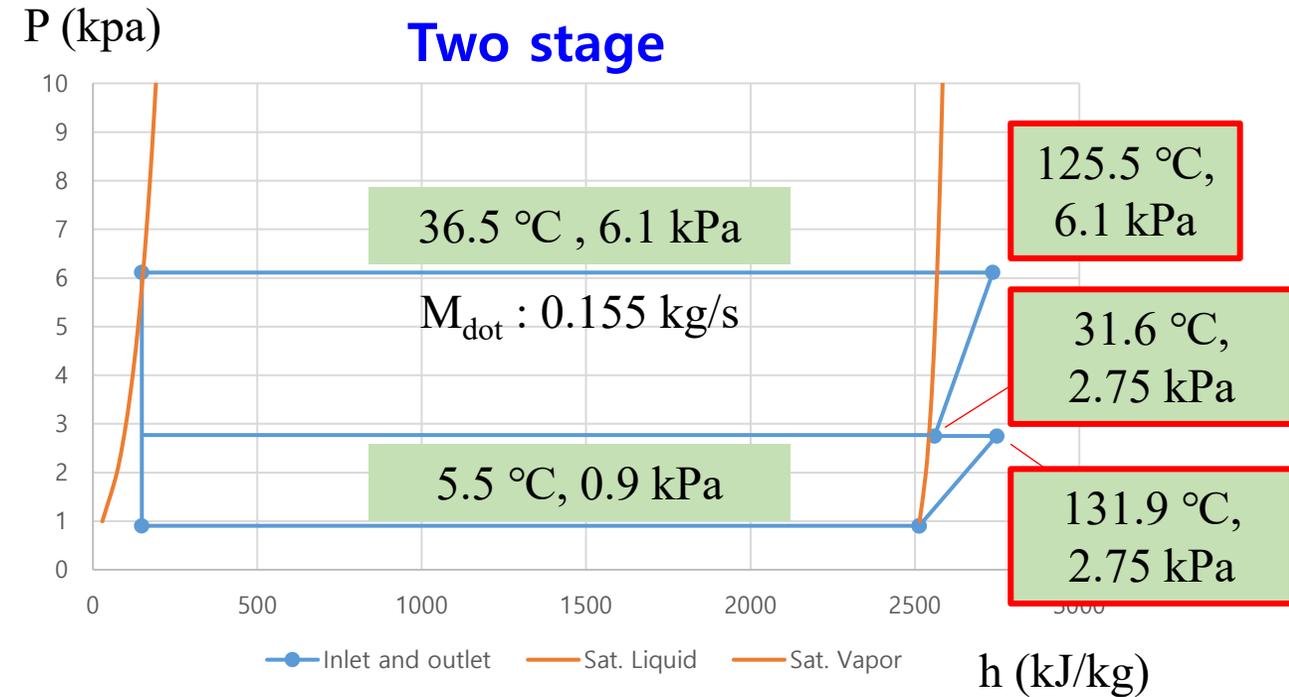
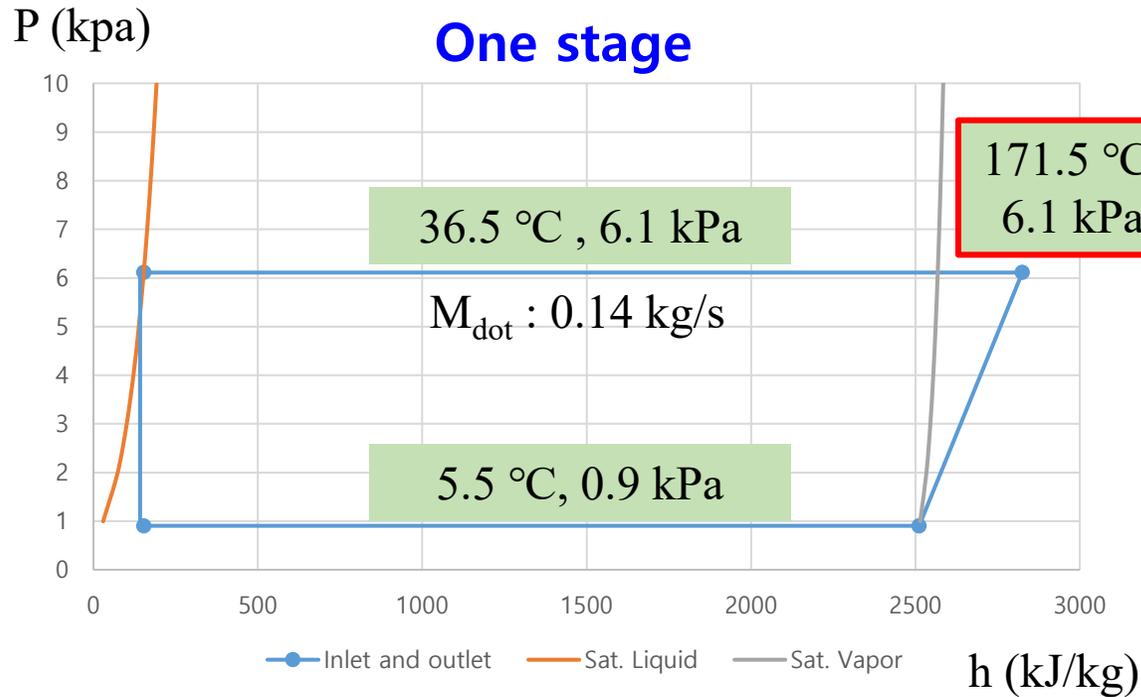


Large surface tension



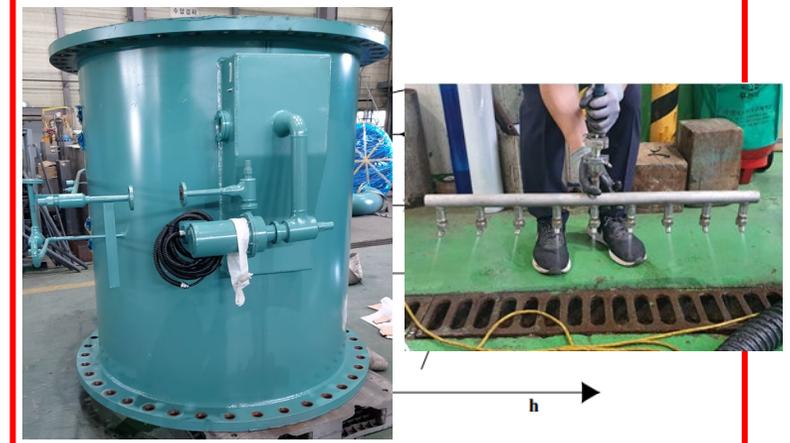
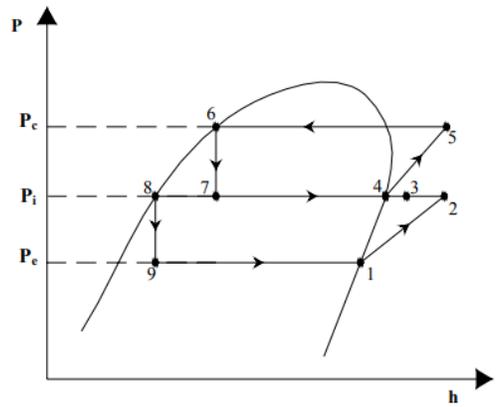
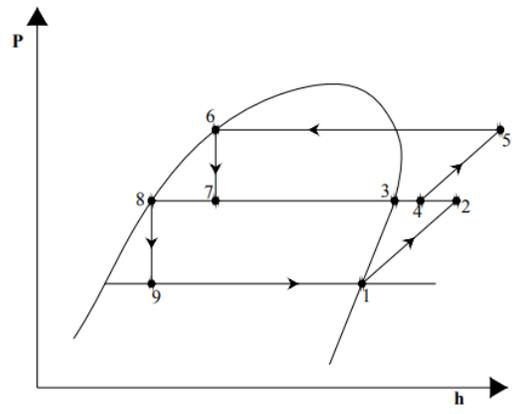
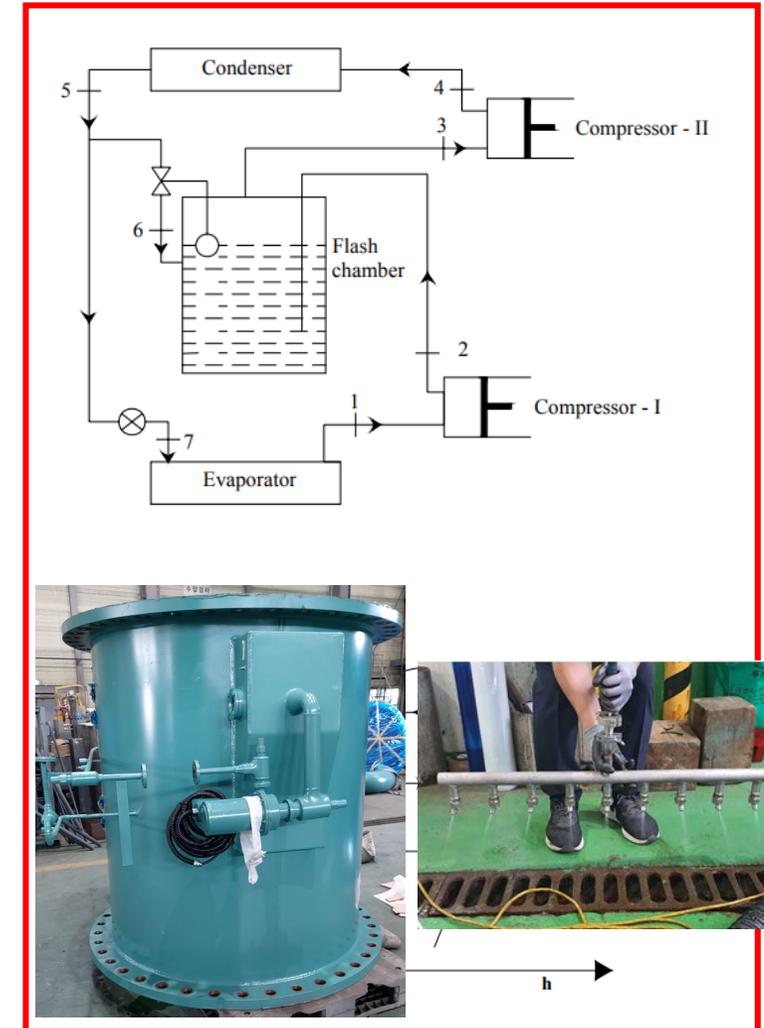
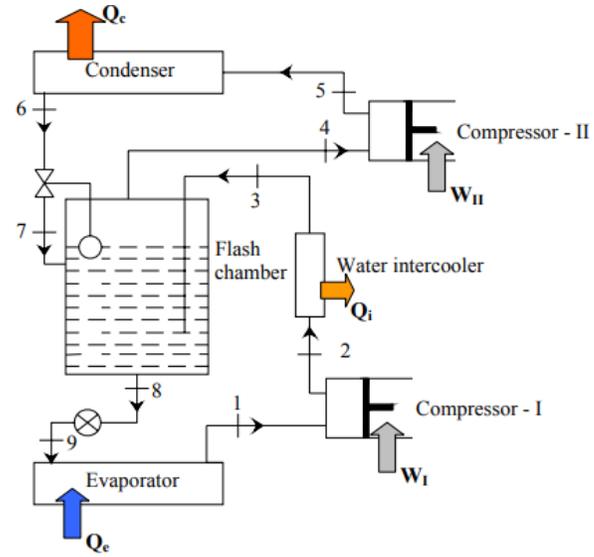
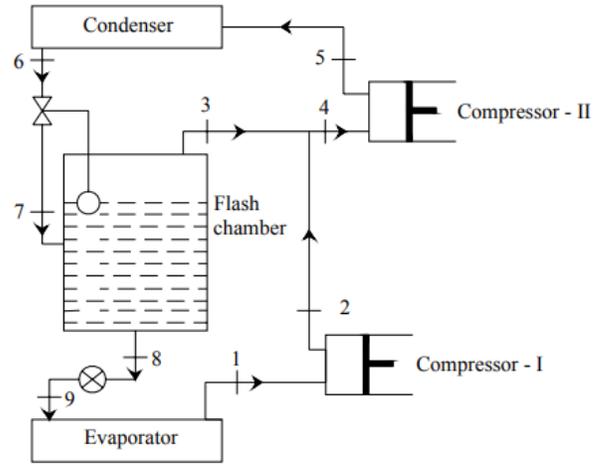
Phase change pressure

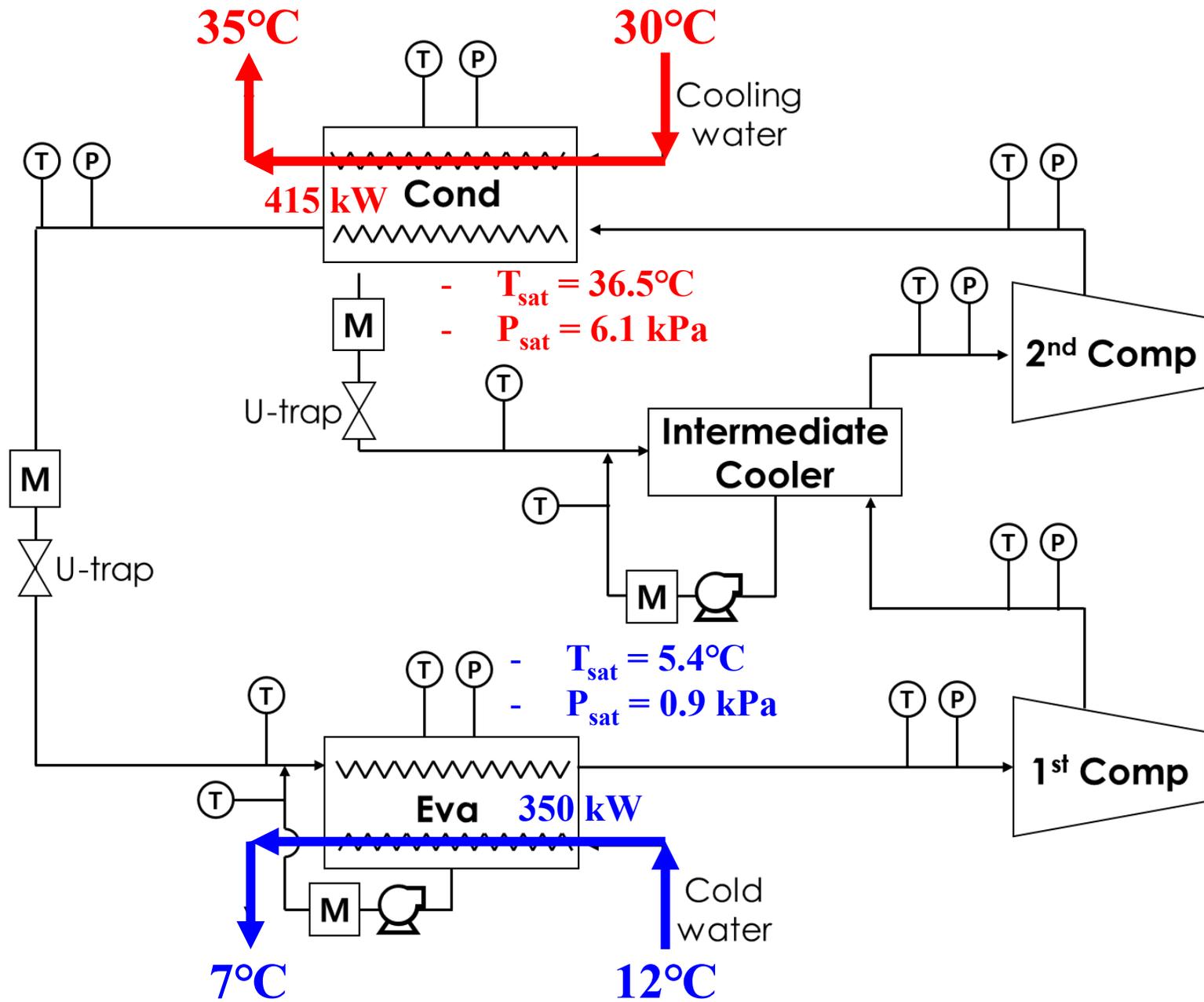
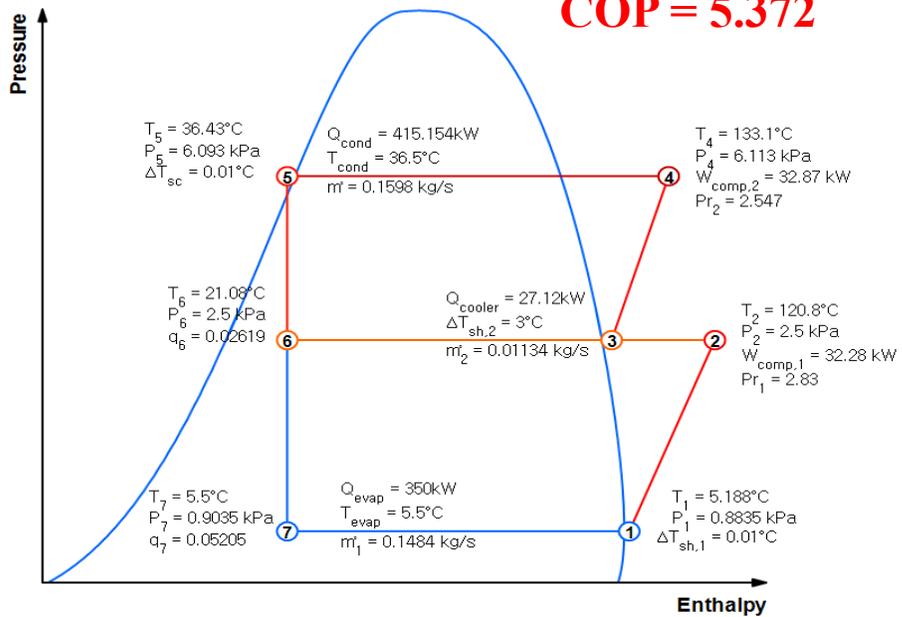
System cycle



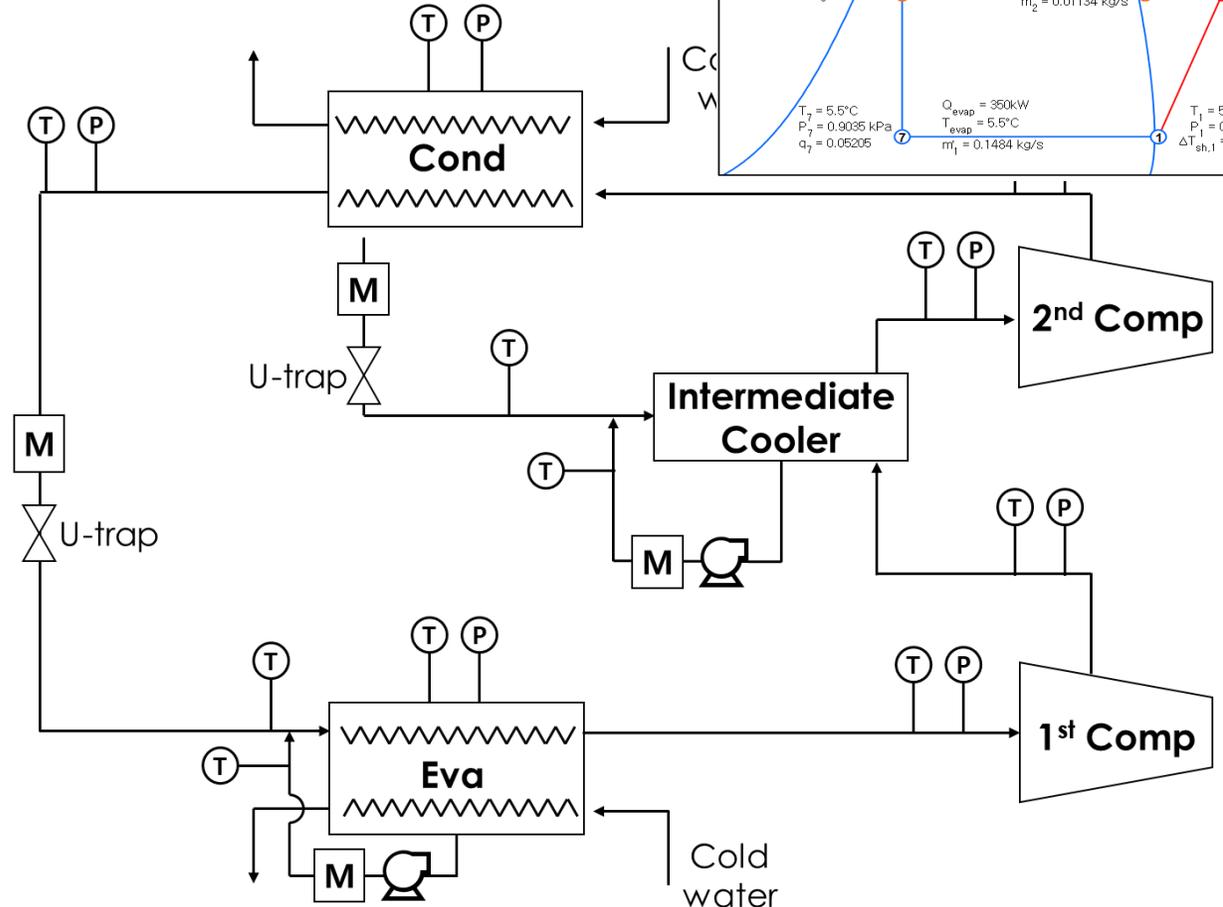
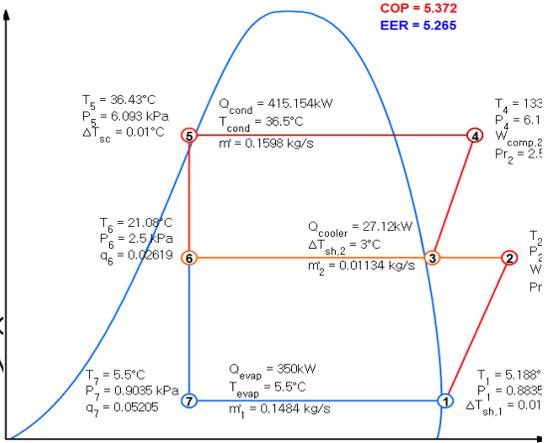
- Two stage, intermediate cooler
 - Outlet temperature (Compressor) ↓
 - Refrigerant flow rate (Condenser) ↑
- $Q : 350 \text{ kW}$
 - $M_{\dot{m}} : 0.14 \text{ kg/s}$

Design of intercooler

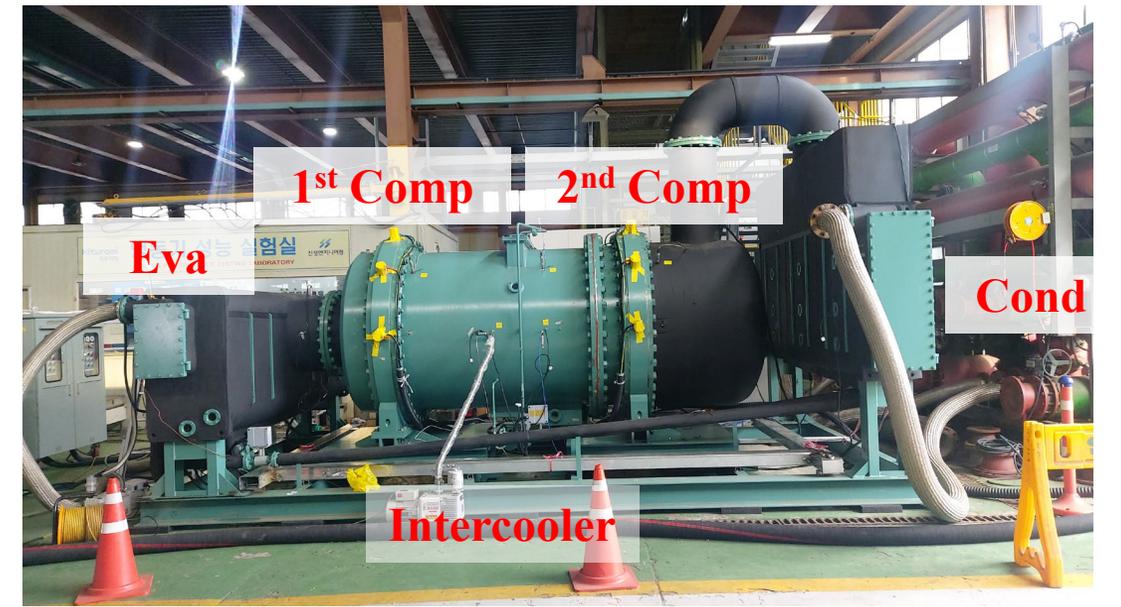
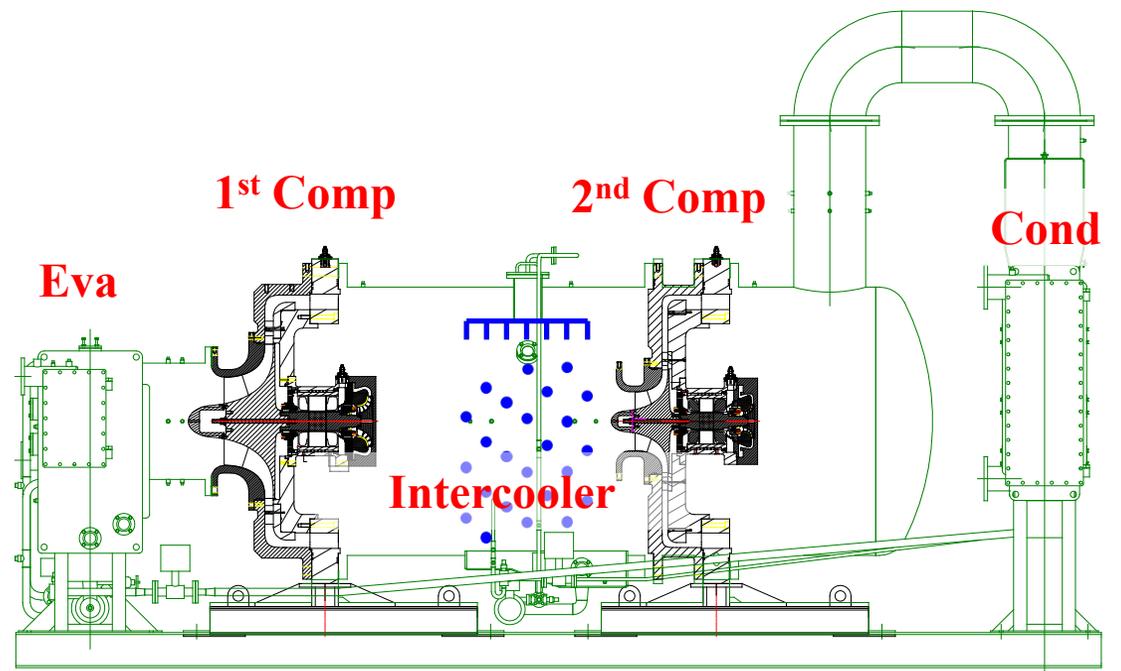




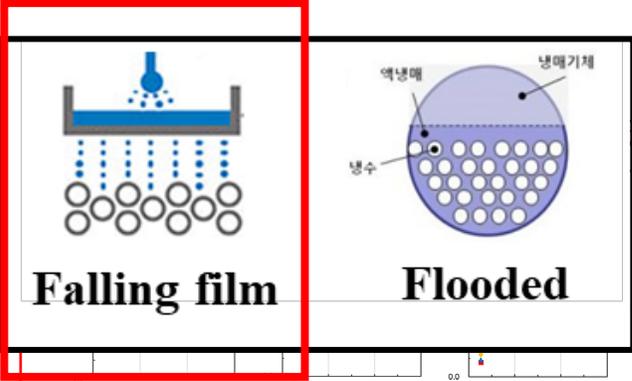
- $T_{sat} = 36.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $P_{sat} = 6.1 \text{ kPa}$



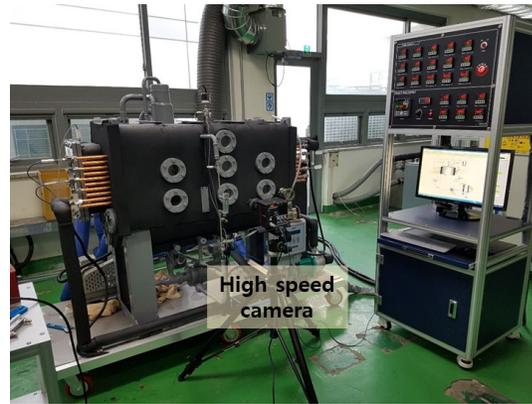
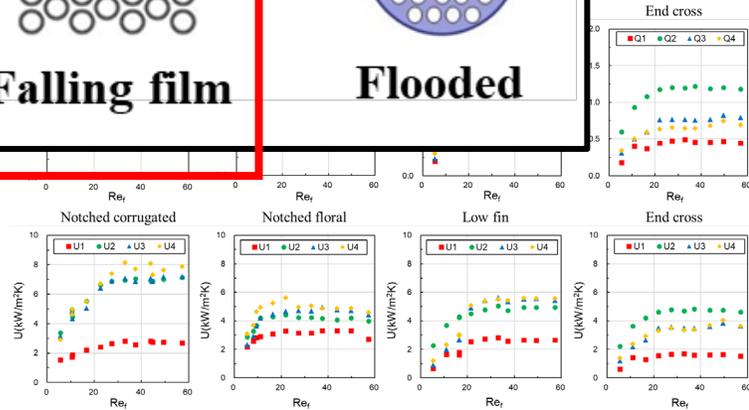
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- $P_{sat} = 0.9 \text{ kPa}$



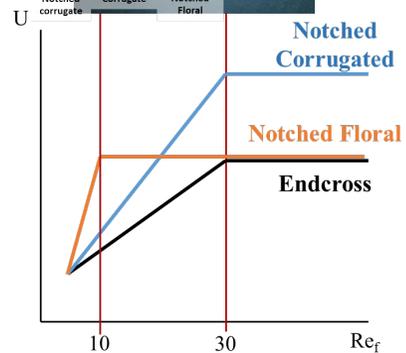
Evaporator (falling film type)



experiments



Performance test (tubes)



Heat transfer performance

NC (Notched corrugated)

- High performance
- No good spreading
- High performance when fully wetted

NF (Notched floral)

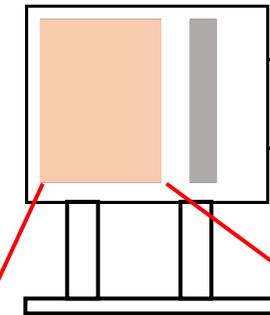
- Good spreading
- Normal performance
- For increasing spreading

→ **Combination of NC and NF**

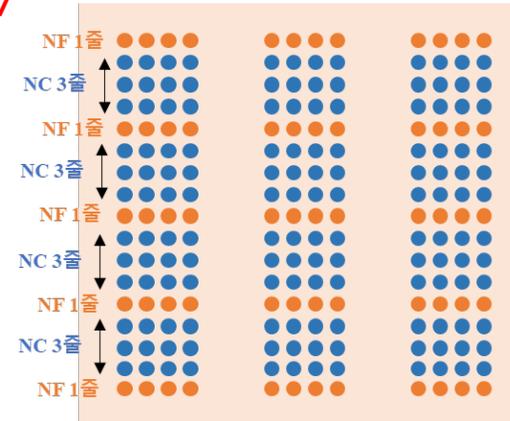
(NC : heat transfer ↑, NF : spreading ↑)

Application to the prototype

Shell (Eva)



Inside of the Eva (tubes)



→ Tubes : 204 (3m)



Evaporator (prototype)

Condenser

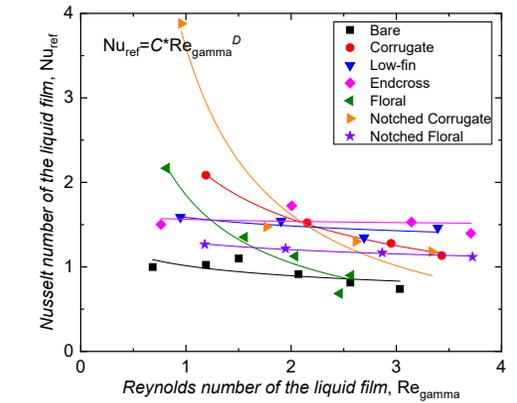
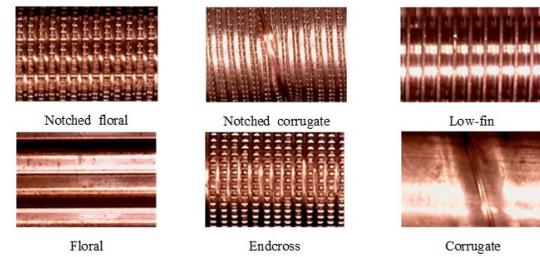
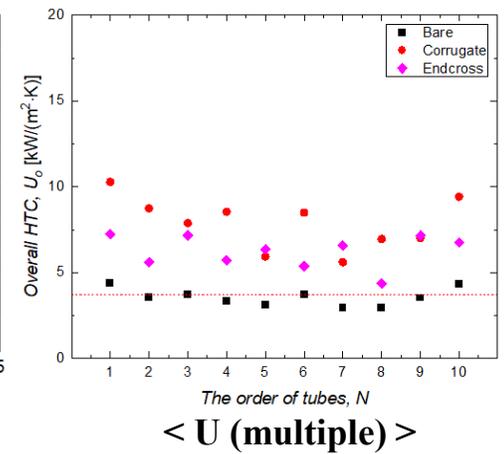
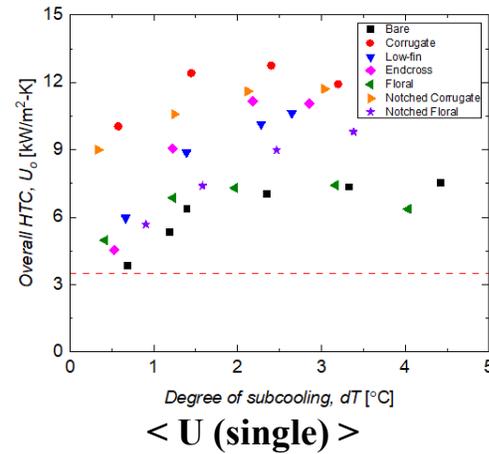
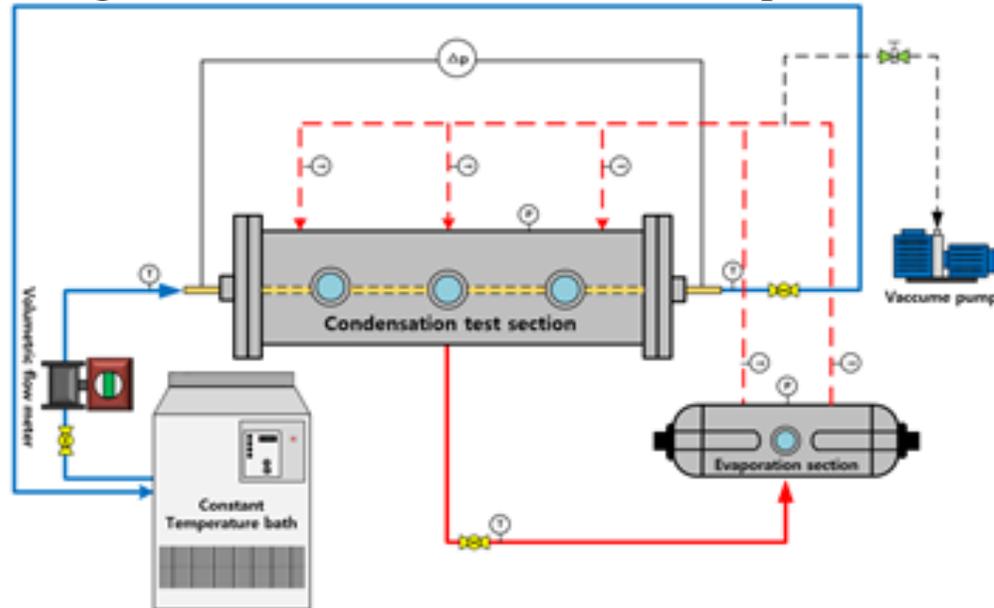
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- Derivation correlations



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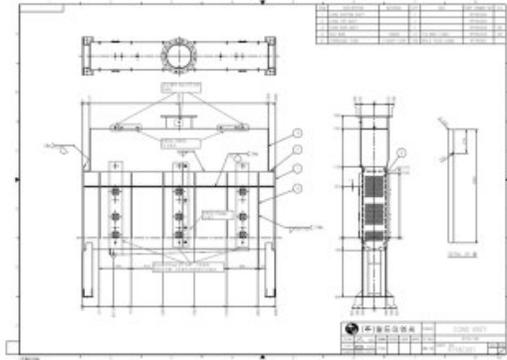


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Condenser

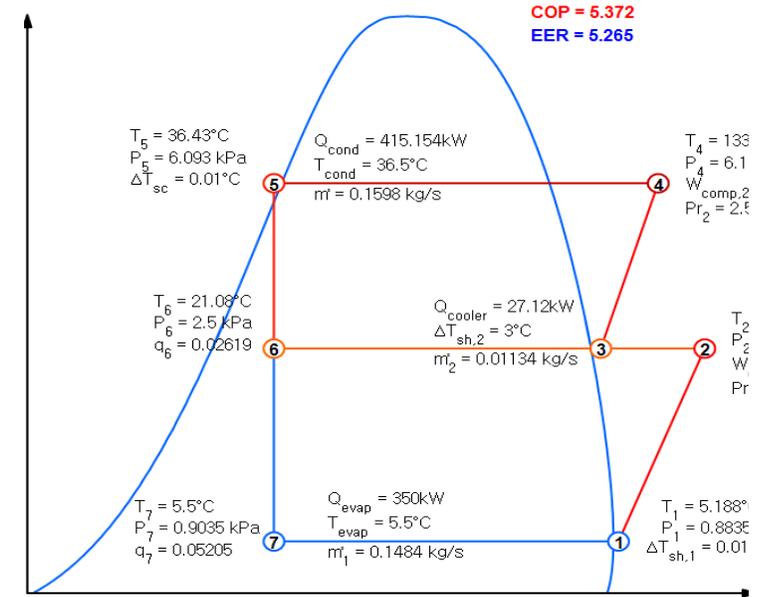
❖ 350 kW prototype condenser



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< Condenser of the prototype >



T_in (cooling water)	T_out (cooling water)	Flow rate (cooling water)	Inner pressure	Inlet temp (refrig)	Satur temp	Outlet temp
°C	°C	LPM	kPa	°C	°C	°C
28.90	33.27	1207.29	5.83	73.00	35.64	31.82

Heat rate (Cond)	Super-heated part	Sub-cooled part	Condensing part	LMTD (Condensation)	# (Condensation)	Area (Condensation)	Condensation coefficient
kW	kW	kW	kW	°C	ea	m ²	kW(m ² ·K)
366.60	10.41	2.34	353.86	4.25	120	18.02	4.60

Compressor

- Design and manufacture of 1/5 scale compressors
- Perform experiments for the geometry similitude method

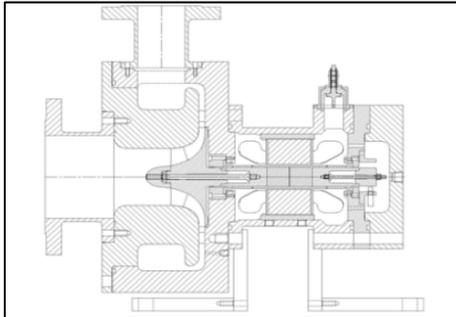
Compressor design

Geometry similitude method

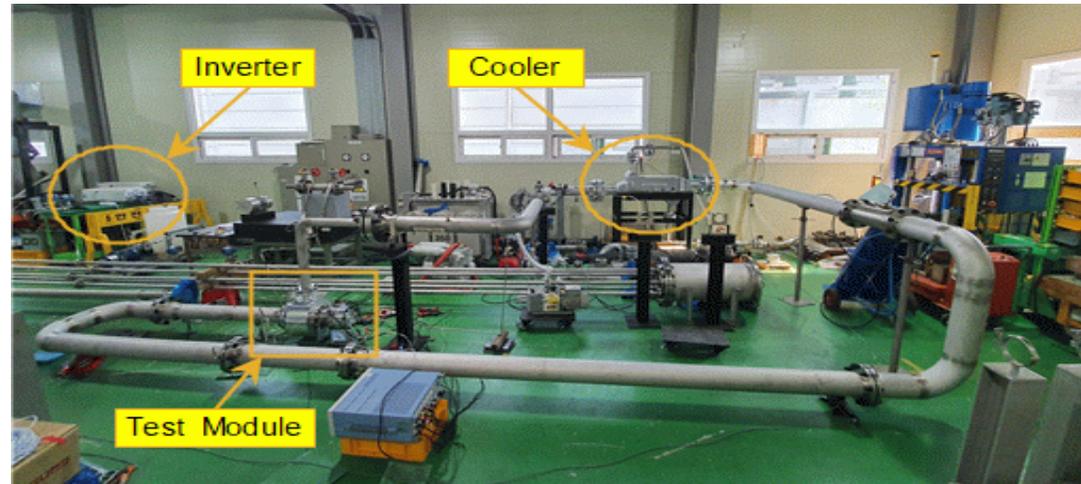
Manufacture and assembly

Performance test

❖ 1/5 scale compressor



❖ Experiments for the geometry similitude method



	Low pressure	High pressure
Working fluid	CO ₂	CO ₂ +N ₂
Revolutions	80,000 rpm	50,000 rpm
Isentropic efficiency	79 %	75.9 %

Compressor

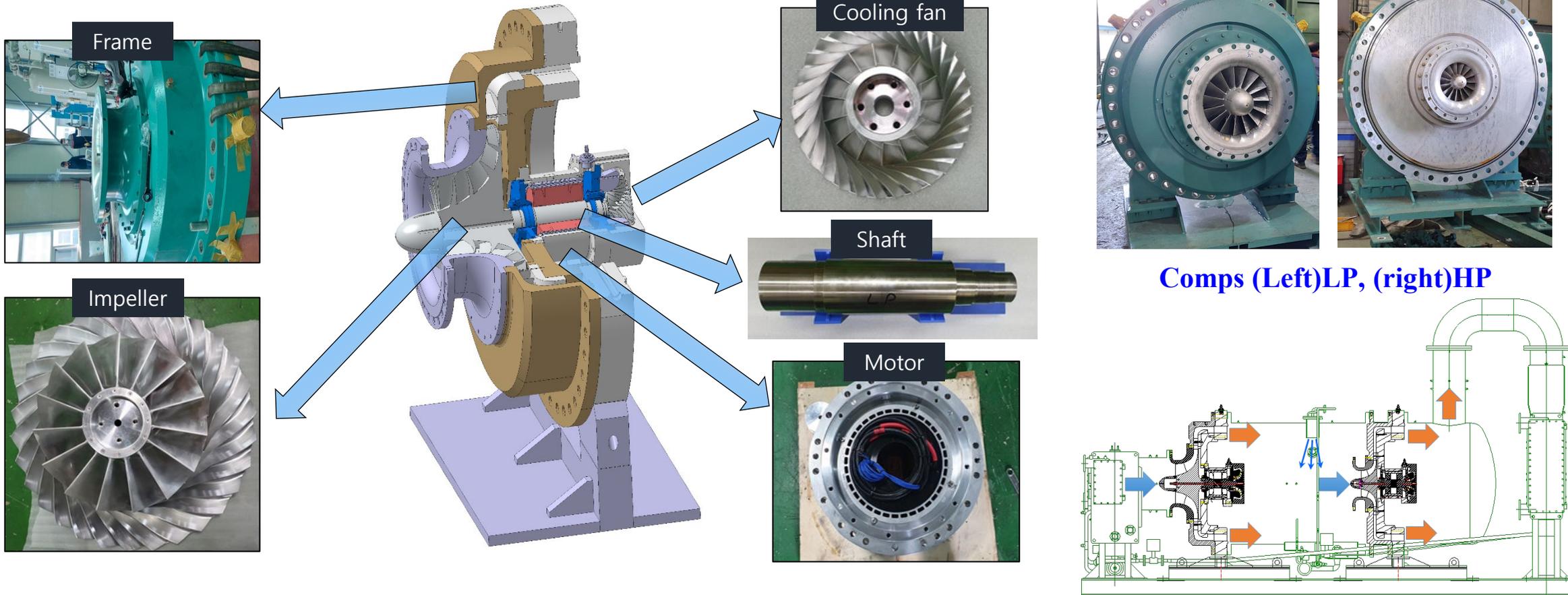
- Design and manufacture compressors for the prototype
- Design and manufacture motors, cooling fans, and frames

Compressor
design

Geometry
similitude method

Manufacture
and assembly

Performance
test



Prototype (Preparation)

- Manufacture by prototype part
- Manufacture and installation of the Electronic devices



Comps (Jinsol turbor(Co. Ltd.))
(Left)LP, (right)HP



Manufacture by prototype part
HP cover, U tube
Eva, Cond, Intercooler



Load bank, Inverter panel(control panel) and Data panel

Prototype (Preparation)

Test preparation

No	Contents
1	Prototype assembly
2	Moving and settling
3	Piping (Cold and cooling water)
4	Wire connection
5	Intercooler operation cooler
6	Compressor cooling line
7	Helium leakage test
8	Vacuum pump operation
9	No-load test
10	Injection Water(Refrigerant)



Assembly



Moving and settling



Piping and wire connection



Intercooler operation cooler



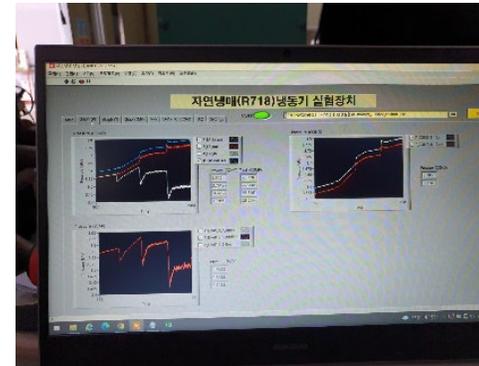
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Helium leakage test



Vacuum pump operation



No-load test



Injection Water(Refrigerant)

Prototype Performance Test

Test results

	Unit	Value	Design
Refrigeration capacity	kW	359.9	350
COP	-	6.796	5.1
U (Eva)	kW/m ² °C	5.596	3,000
U (Cond)	kW/m ² °C	4.596	4,000
Capacity variable range	%	8.08 ~ 102.81	10 ~ 100

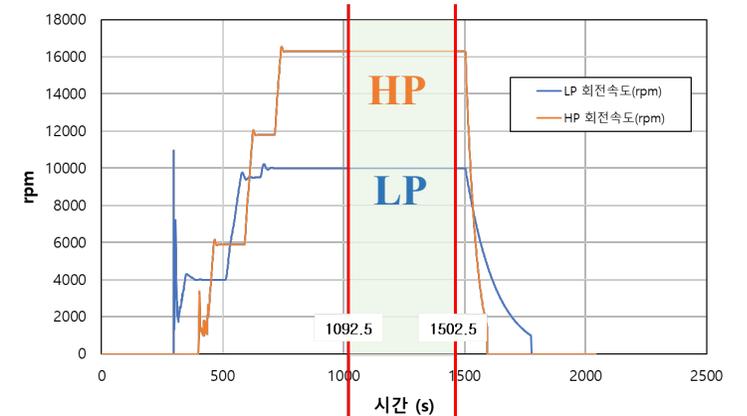


Image of the test

	Unit	Value	Design
Saturation P (Evap) ($P_{sat,e}$)	kPa	1.302	0.9
Saturation T (Evap) ($T_{sat,e}$)	°C	10.88	5.4
Inlet T (Cold water) ($T_{in,e}$)	°C	16.48	12
Outlet T (Cold water) ($T_{o,e}$)	°C	11.36	7
Flow rate (Cold water)	m ³ /h	60.52	60
Saturation P (Cond) ($P_{sat,c}$)	kPa	5.830	6.1
Saturation T (Cond) ($T_{sat,c}$)	°C	35.64	36.5
Inlet T (Cold water) ($T_{in,c}$)	°C	28.90	30
Outlet T (Cold water) ($T_{o,c}$)	°C	33.27	35
Flow rate (Cooling water)	m ³ /h	72.46	72

Revolutions

- LP : 10,000
- HP : 6,300
- Step by step increase
- Vibration↑, Bearing temperature↑ → Stop operation

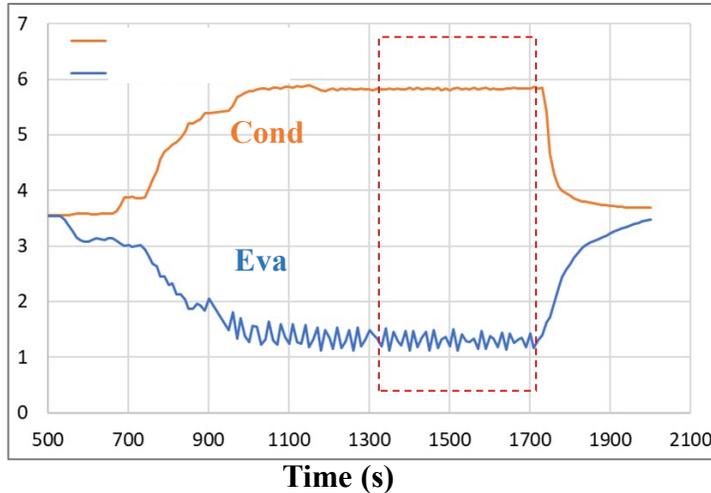


Revolution of Comps

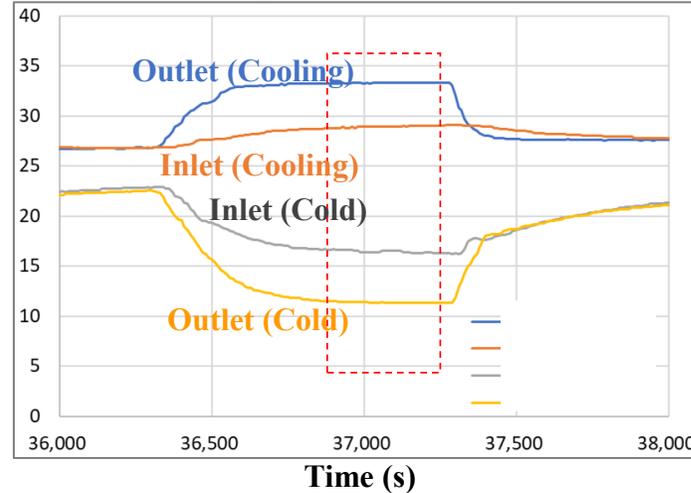
Prototype Performance Test

- Refrigeration capacity and COP
- Overall heat transfer coefficient of the Heat exchangers(Eva and Cond)

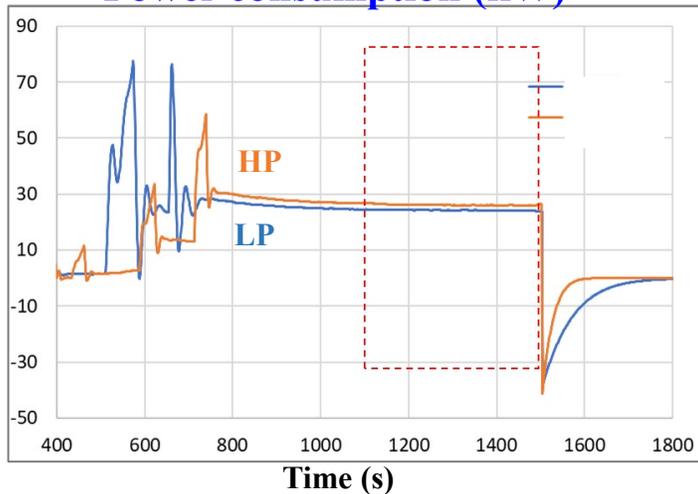
Pressure (kPa)



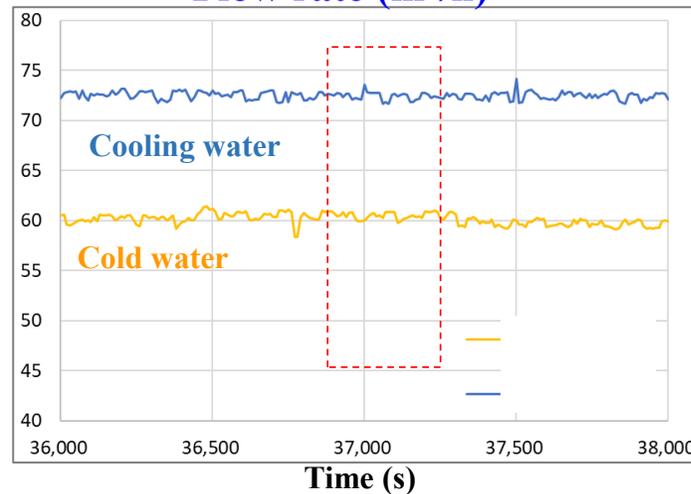
Temperature (°C)



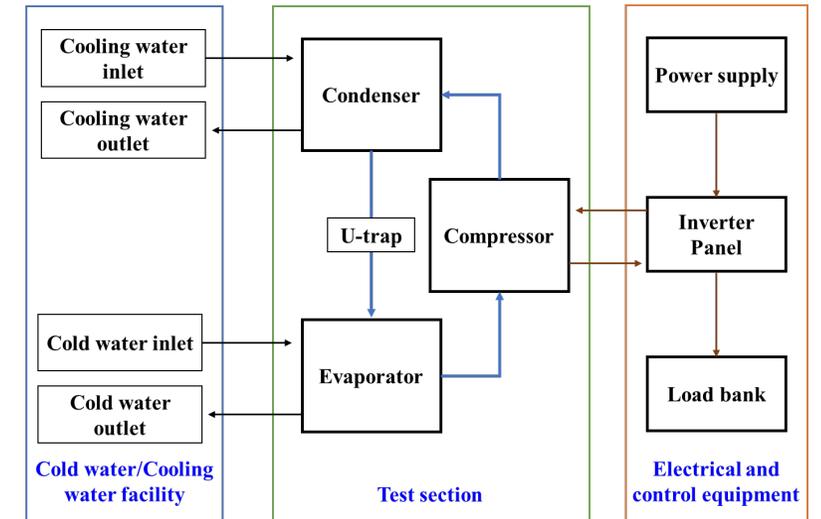
Power consumption (kW)



Flow rate (m³/h)



Condensation



Schematic diagram of the entire facility

Prototype Performance Test



1st test 22.2~3 (2months)



2nd test 22.6 (About 3 weeks)



3rd test 22.8 (About 10 days)

Requirements

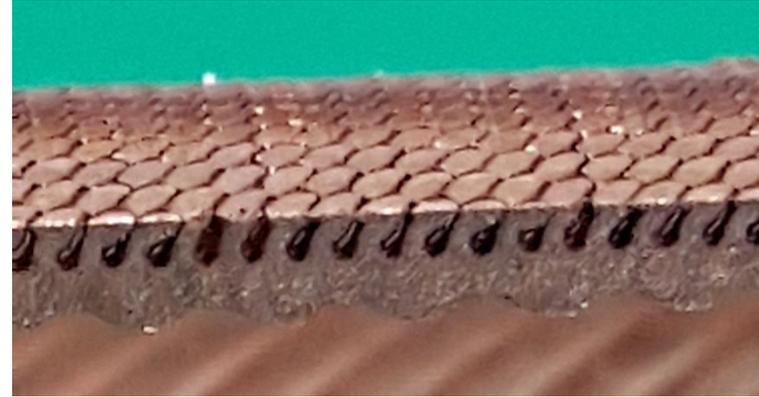
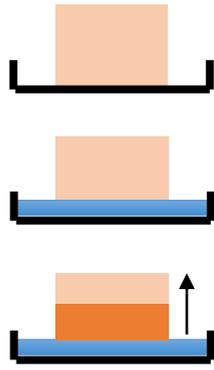
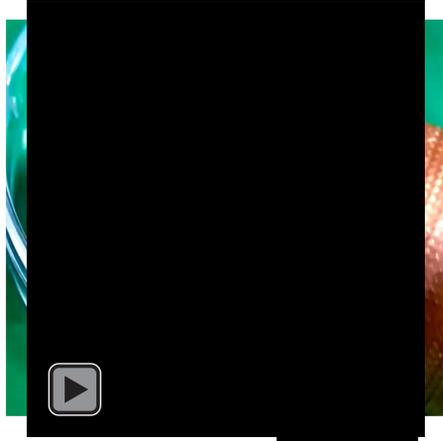
- Size
- Noise
- Leakage (Non-condensable gas problem)
- Condensation location

4th ???

Thank you

Appendix

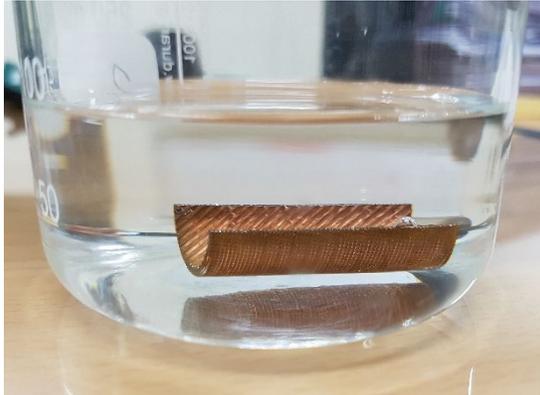
Ethanol
 $\sigma = 20$
(mN/m)



1 cm

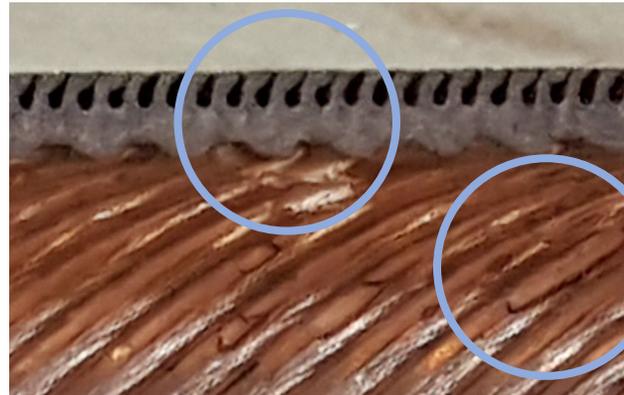
1 mm

Water
 $\sigma = 72$
(mN/m)

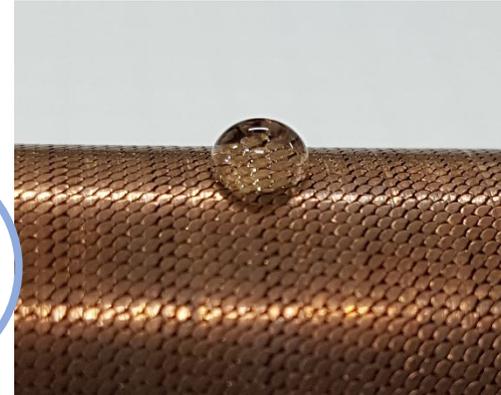


About 30 s

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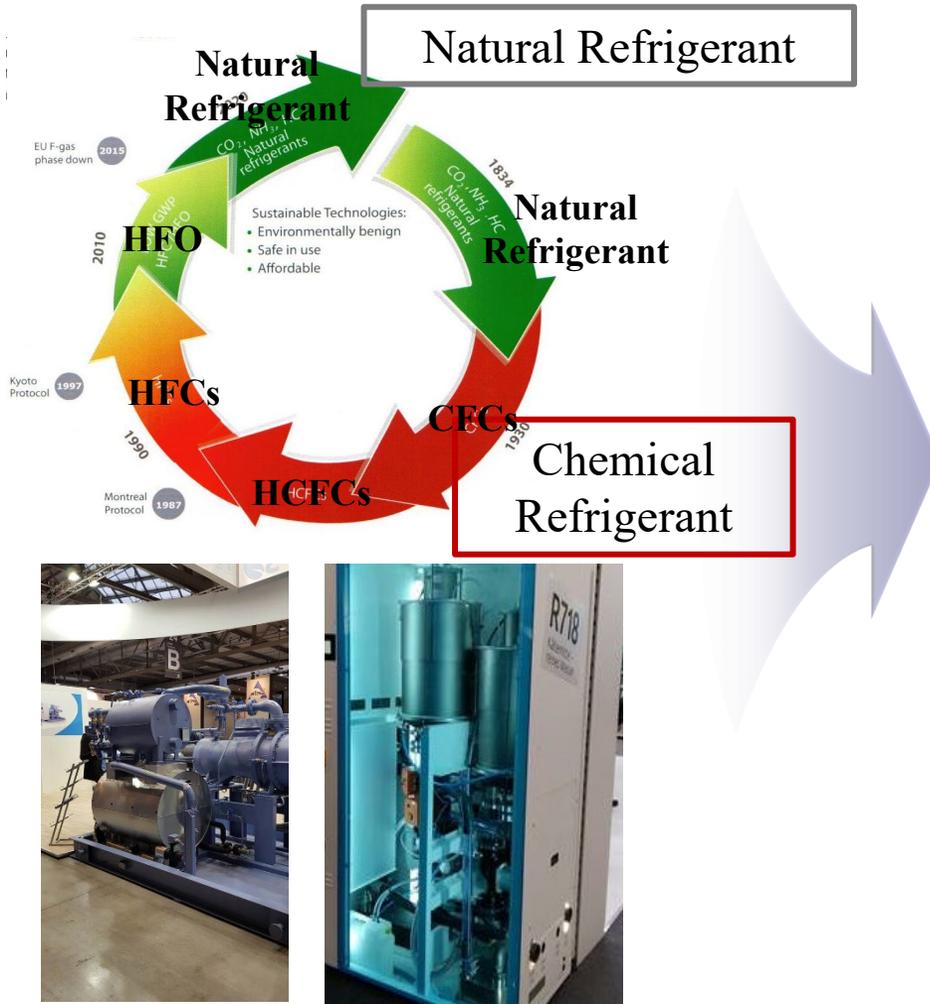


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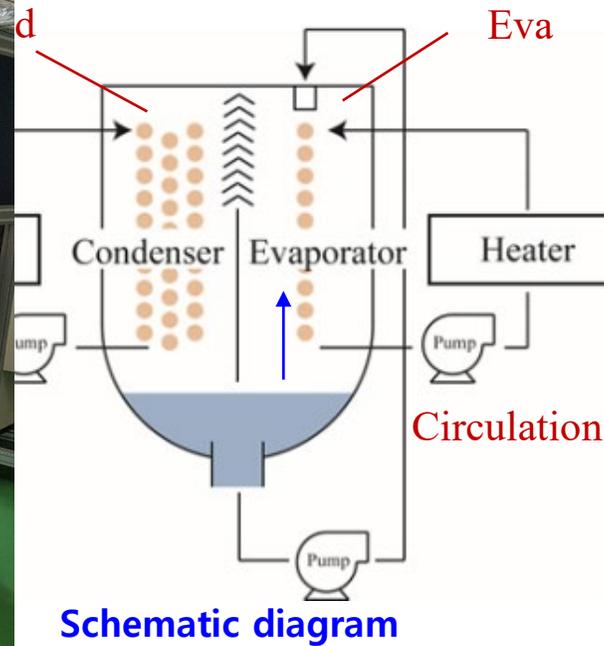
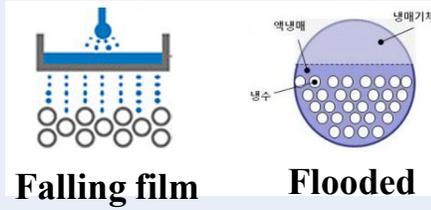
2 mm

Introduction



Evaporator

- Vacuum condition
- Falling film type
- Various heat transfer tubes



Chiller	0 ~ 1°C
Pressure (Shell)	0.8 ~ 1.3 kPa
Inlet T	12°C
Saturation T	5.4°C
Refrig flow rate	0.25 ~ 2.6 l/min
Cold water flow rate	7 ~ 22 l/min
Re_f	0 ~ 70
Re_{tube}	0 ~ 35000



Heat transfer tubes

- Eva and Cond integrated system (Absorption refrigerator type)
- Eliminator
- Distributor (tray)
- Visualization

Evaporator

● Derivation of Correlation

● 10 kW experiments

- Friction coeff

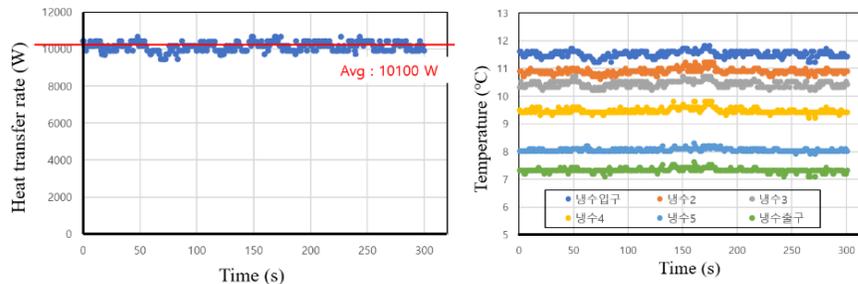
$$f = a Re_f^b$$

	Do (mm)	Din (mm)	a	b
Smooth	16.01	13.78	0.000734	0.0808
Endcross	15.94	13.79	0.00472	-0.0804
Low fin	15.85	11.97	0.0108	-0.109

- Heat transfer coeff

$$h_0 \left(\frac{v^2}{gk^3} \right)^{1/3} = a Re_f^b Pr^c$$

	a	b	c
Smooth	0.0136	0.21	0.53
Endcross	0.134	0.14	0.53
Low fin	0.0268	0.395	0.53

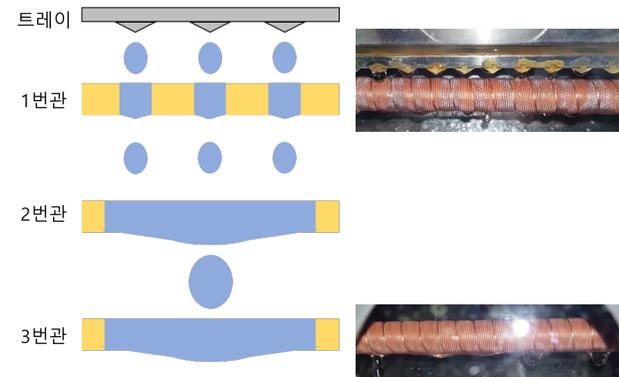


10 kW Eva performance test

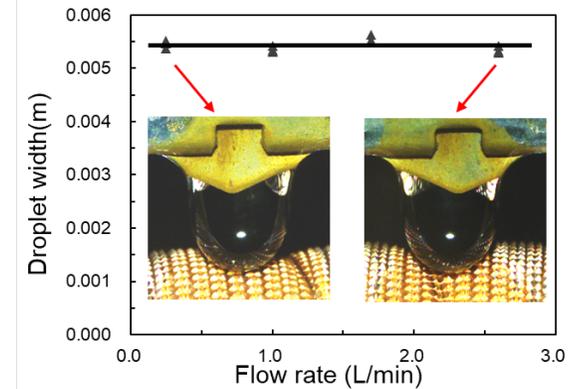
- Q : 10.1 kW
- U : 5,957 kW/m²K

● Visualization of the evaporation

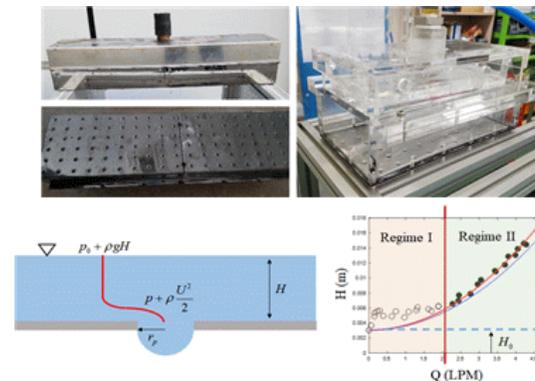
● Derivation of the theory (distribution)



Wetting on 1st and lower tubes



Droplet size difference (flow rate)



$$H = H_0 + \frac{\dot{V}}{2gA_p^2},$$

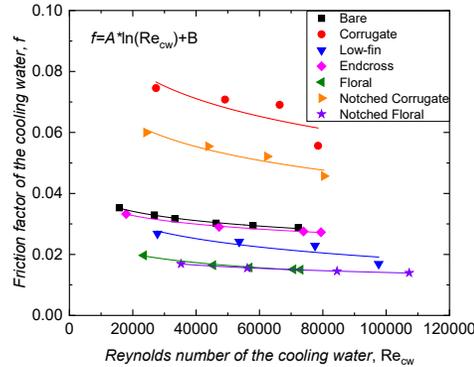
$$H_0 \propto \frac{\sigma}{r_p}$$

Investigation of the mechanism (Distributing tray)

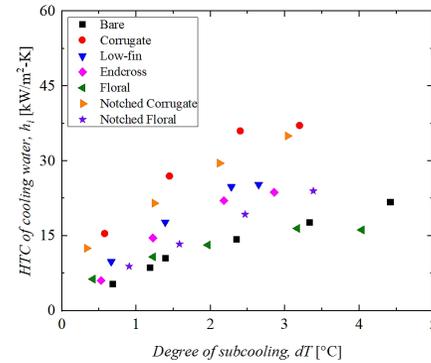
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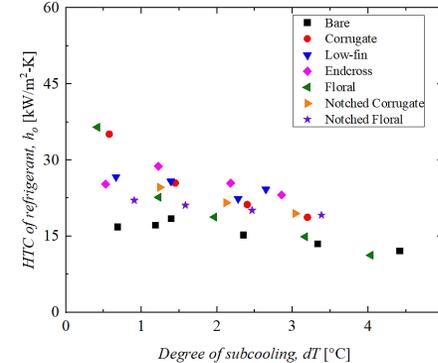
❖ Friction factor, Inner heat transfer coefficient, condensation coefficient



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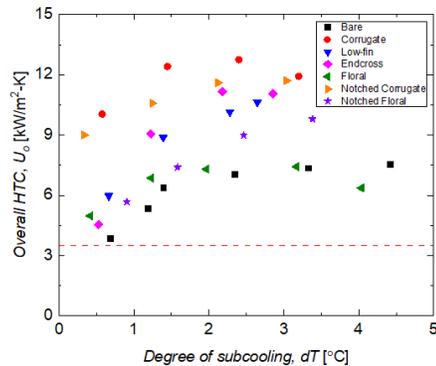


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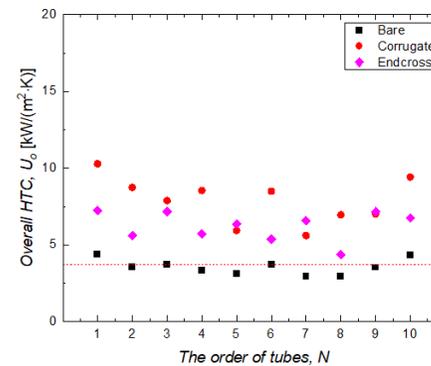


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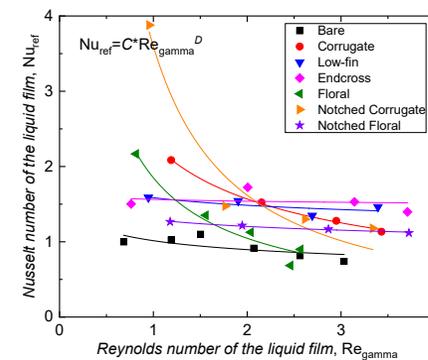
❖ Overall heat transfer coefficient and correlations



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< Dimensionless correlation >

Compressor

- Electrical insulation and leak test prior to compressor installation
- Compression efficiency : 75.1 %

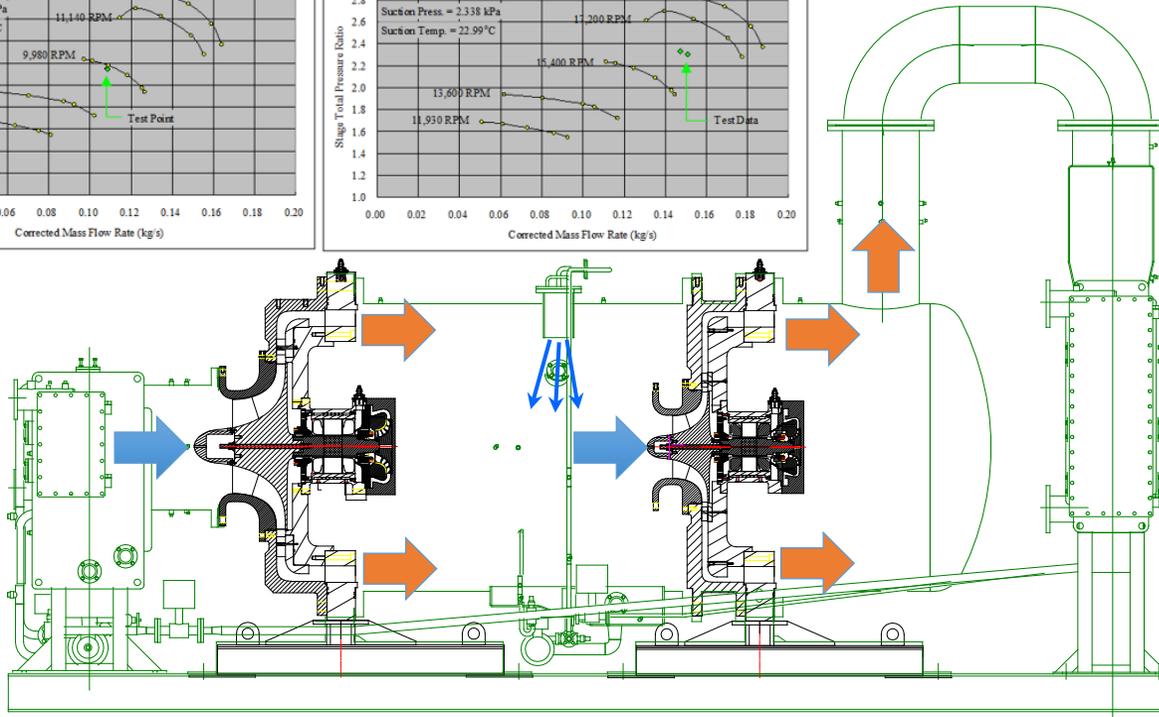
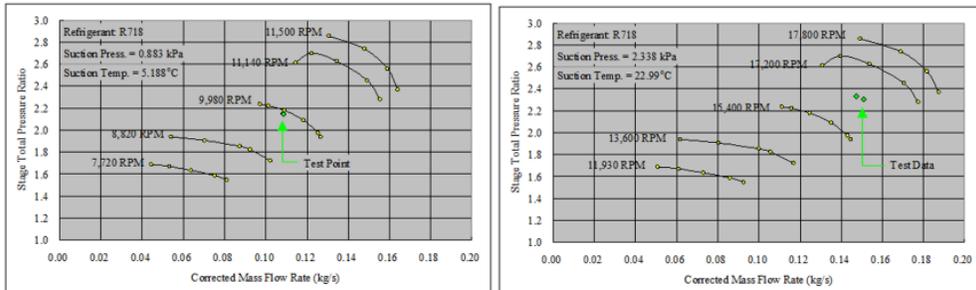


Compressor design

Geometry similitude method

Manufacture and assembly

Performance test

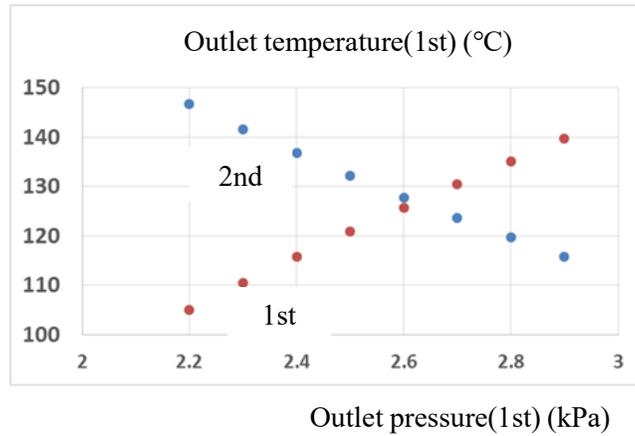
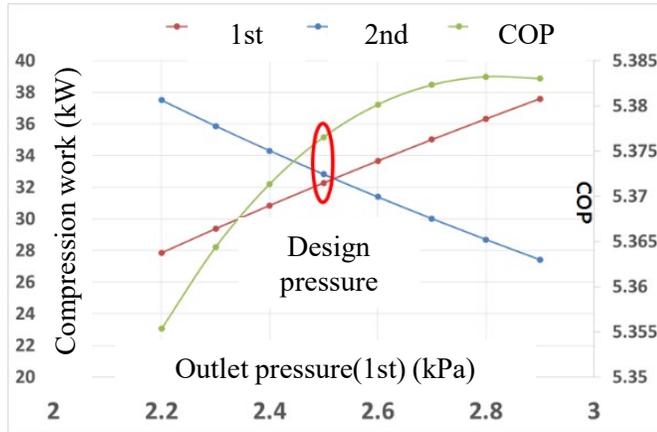


	1 st	2 nd
Revolutions (rpm)	10,000	16,300
Inlet pressure (kPa)	1.252	2.596
Inlet Temp (°C)	10.36	23.44
Power consumption(kW)	24.3	26.2

↓ Convert to the designed Inlet condition ↓

	1 st	2 nd
Revolutions (rpm)	9,911	16,292
Mass flow rate (kg/s)	0.1084	0.1473
Compression ratio	2.1486	2.3271
Power consumption (kW)	15.44	21.33
Efficiency(%)	75.85	74.35

System cycle



Comp efficiency : 70%

