

Description

The present invention relates to a wobble plate type compressor, for use, for example, in a refrigeration system.

A wobble plate type compressor, which reciprocates pistons by converting the rotational movement of a cam rotor into nutational movement of a wobble plate, is well known. A variable capacity mechanism which changes the compression capacity is also well known, as shown in US-A-3 861 829. In this mechanism, piston displacement is altered by varying the angle of the inclined surface of the cam rotor by a pressure difference between the crank chamber, in which the cam rotor is disposed, and the suction chamber under the condition that the suction pressure is maintained at a predetermined level by controlling the amount of outflow refrigerant from the crank chamber. Thus, the compression capacity of the compressor varies with the piston displacement.

One of the disadvantages of the above mechanism is that the level of suction pressure at which the variable capacity mechanism starts its operation is not determined at a lower value, because the suction pressure of the refrigerant corresponds to the evaporating temperature of the refrigerant. If the suction pressure is determined at a lower value, freezing on the surface of the evaporator is generated. Thus, the pull-down characteristic of the compressor is not sufficient. Also, because the pressure in the crank chamber is controlling and the volume of the crank chamber is larger than that of the suction chamber, piston response to a change in the angle of the inclined surface of the cam rotor is not adequate. Furthermore, when the pressure difference between the crank chamber and the suction chamber changes, oil may flow into the crank chamber from the suction chamber.

GB-A-2 003 991 discloses a wobble plate type compressor with a variable capacity mechanism, the compressor comprising a cylindrical casing including a cylinder block and a crank chamber; a plurality of cylinders disposed within the cylinder block; a plurality of pistons, each reciprocatingly disposed in a respective one of the cylinders; a rotatable drive shaft supported on the cylindrical casing; a rotor mounted on and rotatable with the drive shaft, and having an inclined plate; and a wobble plate coupled to the pistons and being arranged to nutate in response to rotation of the rotor to reciprocate the pistons, the wobble plate being disposed on the inclined plate of the rotor, the variable capacity mechanism including a passageway interconnecting the crank chamber and a suction chamber, a valve element to control the opening and closing of the passageway, and a control device having a pressure detecting element to control the operation of the valve element; and, in accordance with the invention, such a compressor is characterised in that the angle of the inclined plate relatively to the drive shaft is variable by the variable capacity mechanism; and in that the pressure detecting element is responsive to the pressure in the crank chamber and arranged to control the valve element to maintain the pressure in the crank chamber substantially at a predetermined

level as a result of comparing the crank chamber pressure with a predetermined value.

Two examples of compressors constructed in accordance with the invention are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a vertical section through one compressor;

Figure 2 is a diagrammatic view an angle varying mechanism of the compressor of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is block diagram of a control device for the angle varying mechanism;

Figures 4a and 4b are graphs illustrating the change of suction pressure and pressure in the crank chamber with operating time;

Figure 4c is a graph illustrating the relation between the compressed volume and pressure difference between the pressure in the crank chamber and in the suction chamber; and,

Figure 5 is a partly section view of the variable capacity mechanism of the second example of compressor.

Figure 1 shows a wobble plate type compressor 1 which includes a front end plate 2, a cylinder casing 3 having cylinder block 31, a valve plate 4, and a cylinder head 5. The front end plate 2 is fixed on one end opening of the cylinder casing 3 by securing bolts (not shown). An axial hole 21 is formed through the centre of the front end plate 2 for the penetration of a drive shaft 7. A radial bearing 8 is disposed in the axial hole 21 to support rotatably the drive shaft 7. An annular sleeve portion 22 projects from the front end plate 2 and surrounds the drive shaft 7 for defining a seal cavity 23. The cylinder casing 3 is provided with the cylinder block 31 and a crank chamber 32. The cylinder block 31 has a plurality of equiangularly spaced cylinders 33.

A cam rotor 10 is fixed on the drive shaft 7. A thrust needle bearing 11 is disposed between the inner wall surface of the front end plate 2 and the adjacent axial end surface of the cam rotor 10. An arm portion 101 of the cam rotor 10 extends in the direction of the cylinder block 31. An elongate hole 102 is formed on the arm portion 101. A cylindrical member 12, provided with a flange portion 121, is disposed around the drive shaft 7 and is nutatable supported on the drive shaft 7 through a spherical element 13 slidable fitted on the drive shaft 7. A second arm portion 122 is formed on the outer surface on the flange portion 121 of the cylindrical member 12 and faces the arm portion 101 of the cam rotor 10. A hole 123, formed in the arm portion 122, is aligned with the elongate hole 102. A pin 14, inserted through the hole 123, is slidably movable within the elongate 102. A ring-shaped wobble plate 15 is mounted on the outer surface of the cylindrical member 12 through a radial needle bearing 16. Also, a thrust needle bearing 17 is disposed in a gap between the flange portion 121 and the ring-shaped wobble plate 15. The other end of the drive shaft 7 is rotatably supported through a radial bearing 18 in the a central bore of the cylinder block 31. A sliding shaft 151 is attached to the wobble plate 15 and projects towards the bottom surface of the cylinder casing 3. The end of the sliding shaft 151 is slidably disposed in a groove 321 to prevent the rotation of the wobble plate 15.

One end of each of a plurality of piston rods 19 is rotatably connected to a receiving surface 152 of the wobble plate 15. The other end of the piston rod 19 is rotatably connected to its piston 20, which is slidably disposed in its cylinder 33.

Suction ports 41 and discharge ports 42 are formed through the valve plate 4. A suction reed valve (not shown) is disposed on the valve plate 4. A discharge reed valve (not shown) is also disposed on the side of the valve plate 4 opposite to the suction reed valve. The cylinder head 5 is connected to the cylinder casing 3 through a gasket and the valve plate 4. A partition wall 51 extends axially from the inner surface of the cylinder head 5 and divides the interior of the cylinder head 5 into two chambers: a suction chamber 52 and a discharge chamber 53. The suction chamber 52 is connectable with an external fluid refrigerant circuit through a fluid inlet port 60 formed on the cylinder head 5. The discharge chamber 53 is also connected with the external fluid circuit through a fluid outlet port 61 formed on the cylinder head 5.

A cylindrical bore 62 is formed in the cylinder block 31 and disposed therein is a bellows 63. The bore 62 communicates with the suction chamber 52 through a passage in the form of an aperture 64 formed in the valve plate 4, and also communicates with the crank chamber 32 through a connecting passage 65 formed in the cylinder block 31. The aperture 64 is normally closed by a needle valve element 631 attached on one end portion of the bellows 63. Therefore, the bore 62 is normally connected with the crank chamber 32 through the passage 65.

In operation, rotational motion is applied to the drive shaft 7 by a driving source and is transmitted to the cam rotor 10 from the drive shaft 7. The rotational motion of the cam rotor 10 is transmitted to the wobble plate 15 through the cylindrical member 12. The sliding shaft 151, connected to the wobble plate 15 and disposed in the groove 321, prevents the wobble plate 15 from rotating. The rotational motion transmitted from the cam rotor 10 and cylindrical member 12 is converted to nutational motion of the wobble plate 15. When the wobble plate 15 nutates, each piston 20 reciprocates within its cylinder 33 through its piston rod 19. Accordingly, refrigerant gas is sucked from the inlet port 60 through the suction chamber 52 and flows in turn into the cylinders 33 through the suction ports 41. Then, refrigerant gas is compressed in the cylinders 33 and is discharged into the discharge chamber 53 through the discharge ports 42. Compressed refrigerant gas in the discharge chamber 53 flows into the external fluid circuit through the outlet port 61.

The nutational movement of the compressor will be explained with reference to Figure 2. During the compression stroke of each cylinder 33, the gas pressure in the cylinder acting against the front of the piston 19 is F_{pi} , and the gas pressure in all the cylinders 33 is $\sum F_{pi}$. For clarity, only one piston is shown, although any number may be used. The gas pressure urges the piston 19 to the left. The drag at contact point (P) between the pin 14 and the elongate hole 102 is FL , and the angle formed by the drag (FL) with the X-axis, which is the same direction as

the central axis of the drive shaft, is β . Therefore, F_p which is the force acting on the rear surface of the pistons 19 is calculated from the following equation:

$$F_p = P_c \cdot S \cdot n$$

wherein n is the number of pistons, P_c is the pressure in the crank chamber, and S is the area of a piston which receives the pressure in the crank chamber. The coefficient of friction between the drive shaft 7 and the spherical element 13 is expressed as μ , and the force component of the drag (FL) orthogonal to the drive shaft 7 is FR ($FR = FL \cdot \sin \beta$). The gross gas pressure $\sum F_{pi}$ can be determined from the following equation:

$$\sum F_{pi} = FL \cos \beta \pm \mu FR + F_p \quad (1)$$

where $-FR$ represents the direction of frictional force when the compressor is operated to reduce the capacity, and $+FR$ represents the direction of frictional force when the compressor is operated to increase the capacity.

Also, if the Y-axis distance between the point of action (P) of the force on the supporting portion of the pin 13 and the $\sum F_{pi}$ is L_f , the X-axis distance between the acting point (P) and the component force (FR) is h , the Y-axis distance between the point (P) and central axis of the drive shaft 7 is L , and the diameter of the drive shaft 7 is D_s , the equation for conservation of moment around the point (P) can be derived from equation (1) and is as follows:

$$(\sum F_{pi}) \times L_f + FR \times h = \pm \mu FR \times (L + D_s/2) + F_p \times L \quad (2)$$

The cylindrical member 12 and wobble plate 15 change their angle of inclination to conserve moment. As clearly understood from equation (2), a variation in the angle of inclination of the wobble plate is obtained by a change in the force F_p . Prior control devices normally change the force F_p by changing the pressure in the crank chamber while maintaining the suction pressure uniform. However, if a change of pressure in the crank chamber is used as the origin of varying the angle of inclination of the wobble plate, several disadvantages result, as mentioned above.

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the method of controlling the variable capacity of the above described compressor. The cylindrical bore 62 in which the bellows 63 is disposed is usually connected with the crank chamber 32 through the passage 65. Therefore, if the pressure P_c in the crank chamber exceeds the pressure within the bellows 63 owing to leakage past the pistons, the bellows 63 is retracted and opens the aperture 64. Thus, the gas in the crank chamber 32 flows out to the suction chamber 52 through the passageway 65, 62, 64. On the other hand, if the pressure in the crank chamber is less than the pressure in the bellows 63, the bellows 63 is extended. The aperture 64 is thus closed by the needle element 631 to cause an increase in the pressure P_c in the crank chamber 32 owing to leakage. The change of pressure in the crank chamber 32 can thus be maintained within a small range, i.e., nearly at a predetermined level (in Figure 3, the pressure P is the central point of the predetermined level). Therefore, the angle of inclination of the cylindrical member 12 and the wobble plate 15 is varied by the pressure difference

between the crank chamber 32 and the suction chamber 52, i.e., F_{pi} shown in equation (2) is changeable to change the moment around the point (p).

In operation of the refrigerant circuit including the above mentioned compressor, the pressure in the crank chamber (P_c) is initially dropped, but is quickly stabilized to maintain the predetermined level, as shown in Figure 4a. However, the suction pressure (P_s) of refrigerant is continuously reduced upon reduction of heat load, i.e. temperature in the refrigerated compartment.

After the passage of a predetermined time (t_0), i.e., when the suction pressure (P_s) has reached a point (a) in Figure 4a, the capacity control is operated to realize the equation (2). That is the angle of the cylindrical member 12 and wobble plate 15 is changed to reduce the capacity of the compressor. If the suction pressure (P_s) is increased owing to a decrease in the capacity of the compressor, and reaches the point (b) in Figure 4a, the reduction in the angle of the cylindrical member 12 and wobble plate 15 ceases. Therefore, the compressor still continues operation at the reduced capacity. Even if the capacity of the compressor is reduced, the heat load, i.e., the temperature in the compartment, may be gradually reduced, and the suction pressure is reduced (to point c) following the reduction of the heat load. Therefore, the angle of the cylindrical member 12 and wobble plate 15 is again changed to reduce the capacity of the compressor as explained above. Thus, the temperature in the compartment is maintained at a predetermined level. Some term of the equations (1) and (2), such as the frictional force term, are influenced by the change of angle. Therefore, the suction pressure (P_s) changes stepwise, as shown in Figure 4a.

Upon controlling the capacity of the compressor, the change of suction pressure compensated to the change of heat load is varied within a predetermined range, as shown in Figure 4b. That is, when the heat load, i.e. the temperature in the compartment, is reduced, the suction pressure (P_s) is changed as shown by dot and chain line in Figure 4b. On the other hand, when the heat load is increased, the suction pressure (P_s) is changed as shown by dotted line in Figure 4b.

As clearly shown in Figure 4b, the operational points to reduce the capacity, and to increase the capacity, are different from one another. As shown in Figure 4c, the difference between pressure in the crank chamber and in the suction chamber to cause change in the angle of the cylindrical member 12 and wobble plate 15, has a different characteristic when the capacity of the compressor is to be reduced or increased. That is the operation of varying the capacity of the compressor exhibits hysteresis. This hysteresis is caused by the frictional force and is determined by the angle β , the position of the connecting member between the rotor 10 and the cylindrical member 12, or the coefficient of friction μ . In the temperature control, the difference of the operational point generates a differential, i.e., the temperature in the compartment is variable because of the difference of the operational points. However, this temperature variation may be controlled within a small range by ap-

propriate selection of the parameters of equation, for example, the angle β , the coefficient of friction μ and the position of the connecting member.

Figure 5 shows another compressor with a different valve for controlling the capacity control mechanism. Similar parts are represented by the same reference numbers as in the compressor shown in Figure 1, and any description of two similar parts is omitted to simplify the description. An electromagnetic valve means 100 is disposed within the cylindrical bore 62, and a valve element 101 controls the opening and closing of the aperture 64. A pressure detecting means 110 is disposed on the cylindrical casing 3 to detect the pressure in the passageway 65, i.e., in the crank chamber 32.

The detection signal of the pressure detecting means 110 is input to a comparator 120 and compared with a predetermined reference voltage which corresponds to the predetermined pressure in the crank chamber 32. The output terminal of the comparator 120 is connected with a coil 141 of a relay 140 and a zener diode 150 through a relay controller 130. The relay 140 has a normal closed terminal, and one terminal is connected to a coil 102 of the electromagnetic valve means 100. Therefore, movement of the valve element 101, i.e. opening and closing of the aperture, is controlled by operation of the relay 140.

In operation, to maintain the pressure in the crank chamber uniform, if the pressure in the crank chamber 32 exceeds the predetermined pressure level, the detection signal of the pressure detecting means 110 is compared with a reference voltage level, and as a result, the higher level signal, such as a positive voltage, is output from the comparator 120. The positive voltage from the comparator 120 is amplified to exceed the voltage of the source by the relay controller 130. Therefore, current is supplied to the coil 102 of the electromagnetic valve means 100 through the zener diode 150. As a result of energization of the coil 102, the valve element 101 is attracted to open the aperture 63. At the time, the refrigerant gas contained within the crank chamber 32 flows out of the suction chamber 52 through the passage 65, bore 62 and aperture 63.

On the other hand, if the pressure in the crank chamber 32 is below the predetermined pressure level, the low voltage signal, such as zero or negative voltage, is output from the comparator 120. Therefore, the current from the power source is applied to the coil 141 of the relay 140 to energise the relay 140 and thereby open the relay 140. Thus, the valve element 101 is urged towards the valve plate 4 to close the aperture 63. The pressure in the crank chamber 32 can therefore be increased by leakage gas.

As mentioned above, the variable displacement (capacity) mechanism of this invention is controlled by change of suction pressure, while maintaining the pressure in the crank chamber at a predetermined level. The evaporating temperature of refrigerant for starting the operation of the variable displacement mechanism can be set at a lower level without generation of freezing on the evaporator. Therefore, the pull-down characteristic of the compressor is improved. Also, the pressure in the crank chamber is

usually uniformly maintained within a predetermined range so that oil contained within the crank chamber is prevented from flowing out.

Claims

1. A wobble plate type compressor with a variable capacity mechanism, the compressor comprising a cylindrical casing (3) including a cylinder block (31) and a crank chamber (32); a plurality of cylinders (33) disposed within the cylinder block; a plurality of pistons (20), each reciprocatingly disposed in a respective one of the cylinders; a rotatable drive shaft (7) supported on the cylindrical casing; a rotor (10) mounted on and rotatable with the drive shaft, and having an inclined plate (121), a wobble plate (15) coupled to the pistons and being arranged to nutate in response to rotation of the rotor to reciprocate the pistons, the wobble plate being disposed on the inclined plate of the rotor; the variable capacity mechanism including a passageway (64, 62, 65) interconnecting the crank chamber (32) and a suction chamber (53), a valve element (631, 101) to control the opening and closing of the passageway, and a control device (63, 100) having a pressure detecting element (63, 100) to control the operation of the valve element characterised in that the angle of the inclined plate (121) relatively to the drive shaft is variable by the variable capacity mechanism; and in that the pressure detecting element (63, 100) is responsive to the pressure in the crank chamber and arranged to control the valve element to maintain the pressure in the crank chamber substantially at a predetermined level as a result of comparing the crank chamber pressure with a predetermined value.

2. A compressor according to claim 1, wherein one end of the casing (3) is closed by a valve plate (4) and cylinder head (5), the suction chamber (53) being formed in the cylinder head and the passageway (64) extending through the valve plate.

3. A compressor according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the passageway (64, 62, 65) extends through the casing (3) and the valve element (631, 101) is disposed in the passageway.

4. A compressor according to claim 3, wherein the passageway comprises a cylindrical bore (62) formed in the cylinder block (31), a first passage (65) interconnecting the crank chamber (32) and the bore (62) and a second passage (64) interconnecting the bore (62) and the suction chamber (52); the valve element (631, 101) being disposed in the cylindrical bore (62).

5. A compressor according to claim 4, wherein the pressure detecting element comprises a bellows (63), and the valve element (631) is attached on one end portion of the bellows to control the opening and closing of the second passage (64).

6. A compressor according to claim 4, wherein the valve element comprises an electromagnetic valve (101), and the pressure detecting device is a pressure sensor (10) disposed in the first passage (65).

Patentansprüche

1. Taumelscheibenkompressor mit einem Mechanismus für veränderliche Fördermenge, mit einem zylindrischen Gehäuse (3) mit einem Zylinderblock (31) und einer Kurbelkammer (32), einer Mehrzahl von Zylindern (33), die in dem Zylinderblock angeordnet sind, einer Mehrzahl von Kolben (20), von denen jeder in einem entsprechenden der Zylinder hin- und herbewegbar angeordnet ist, einer drehbaren Antriebswelle (7), die auf dem zylindrischen Gehäuse gelagert ist, einem Rotor (10), der auf der Antriebswelle befestigt und mit dieser drehbar ist und der eine geneigte Platte (121), eine Taumelscheibe (15), die mit den Kolben verbunden ist und so angeordnet ist, daß sie die Kolben als Antwort auf die Drehung des Rotors hin- und herbewegt, aufweist, wobei die Taumelscheibe auf der geneigten Platte des Rotors angeordnet ist, wobei der Mechanismus für veränderliche Fördermenge einen die Kurbelkammer (32) und eine Ansaugkammer (53) verbindenden Durchgang (64, 62, 65), ein Ventilelement (631, 101) zum Steuern des Öffnens und Schließens des Durchgangs und eine Steuervorrichtung (63, 100) mit einem druckerfassenden Element (63, 110) zum Steuern des Betriebs des Ventilelements aufweist, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Winkel der geneigten Platte (121) durch den Mechanismus für veränderliche Fördermenge gegenüber der Antriebswelle veränderbar ist und daß das druckerfassende Element (63, 110) auf den Druck in der Kurbelkammer antwortet und so angeordnet ist, daß es das Ventilelement steuert, um den Druck in der Kurbelkammer als ein Ergebnis eines Vergleichs des Kurbelkammerdrucks mit einem vorbestimmten Wert im wesentlichen auf eine vorbestimmten Höhe zu halten.

2. Kompressor nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß ein Ende des Gehäuses (3) durch eine Ventilplatte (4) und einen Zylinderkopf (5) abgeschlossen ist, wobei die Ansaugkammer (53) im Zylinderkopf gebildet ist und der Durchgang (64) sich durch die Ventilplatte hindurch erstreckt.

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4. Kompressor nach Anspruch 3, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Durchgang eine im Zylinderblock (31) gebildete zylindrische Bohrung (62), einen die Kurbelkammer (32) und die Bohrung (62) verbindenden ersten Kanal (65) und einen die Bohrung (62) und die Ansaugkammer (52) verbindenden zweiten Kanal (64) aufweist, wobei das Ventilelement (631, 101) in der zylindrischen Bohrung (62) angeordnet ist.

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6. Kompressor nach Anspruch 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß das Ventilelement ein elektromagnetisches Ventil (101) aufweist und daß die Druckerfassungsvorrichtung ein im ersten Kanal (65) angeordneter Drucksensor (10) ist.

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Revendications

1. Compresseur de type à plateau oscillant muni d'un mécanisme à capacité variable, ce compresseur comprenant un carter cylindrique (3) contenant un bloc de cylindre (31) et une chambre de manivelle (32); un certain nombre de cylindres (33) disposés à l'intérieur du bloc de cylindre, un certain nombre de pistons (20) montés chacun de manière à pouvoir effectuer un mouvement de va-et-vient dans l'un, correspondant, des cylindres; un arbre d'entraînement rotatif (7) monté sur le carter cylindrique; un rotor (10) monté sur l'arbre d'entraînement de manière à être entraîné en rotation par celui-ci, et comportant une plaque inclinée (121), un plateau oscillant (15) couplé aux pistons et se montant de manière à effectuer un mouvement de nutation en réponse à la rotation du rotor faisant aller et venir les pistons, le plateau oscillant étant disposé sur la plaque inclinée du rotor; le mécanisme à capacité variable comprenant un passage (64, 62, 65) reliant entre elles la chambre de manivelle (32) et une chambre d'aspiration (53), un élément de soupape (631, 101) destiné à commander l'ouverture et la fermeture du passage, et un dispositif de commande (63, 100) muni d'un élément de détection de pression (63, 110), destiné à commander le fonctionnement de l'élément de soupape, compresseur caractérisé en ce qu'on peut faire varier l'angle de la plaque inclinée (121) par rapport à l'arbre d'entraînement au moyen du mécanisme à capacité variable; et en ce que l'élément de détection de pression (63, 100) est sensible à la pression régnant dans la chambre de manivelle est se monte de manière à commander l'élément de soupape pour maintenir la pression dans

la chambre de manivelle exactement à un niveau prédéterminé du fait de la compression de la pression dans la chambre de manivelle avec une valeur prédéterminée.

2. Compresseur selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce qu'une extrémité du carter (3) est fermée par une plaque de soupape (4) et une tête de cylindre (5), la chambre d'aspiration (53) étant formée dans la tête de cylindre et le passage (64) traversant la plaque de soupape.

3. Compresseur selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 et 2, caractérisé en ce que le passage (64, 62, 65) passe à travers le carter (3), et en ce que l'élément de soupape (631, 101) est disposé dans ce passage.

4. Compresseur selon la revendication 3, caractérisé en ce que le passage comprend un alésage cylindrique (62) formé dans le bloc de cylindre (31), un premier passage (65) reliant la chambre de manivelle (32) à l'alésage (62), et un second passage (64) reliant l'alésage (62) à la chambre d'aspiration (52); l'élément de soupape (631, 101) étant disposé dans l'alésage cylindrique (62).

5. Compresseur selon la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que l'élément de détection de pression est constitué par un soufflet (63), et en ce que l'élément de soupape (631) est fixé sur une partie d'extrémité du soufflet pour commander l'ouverture et la fermeture du second passage (64).

6. Compresseur selon la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que l'élément de soupape est constitué par une soupape électromagnétique (101), et en ce que le dispositif de détection de pression est un détecteur de pression (10) disposé dans le premier passage (65).

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