Study of Valve Motion in Reciprocating Refrigerator Compressors Based on the 3-D Fluid-Structure Interaction Model

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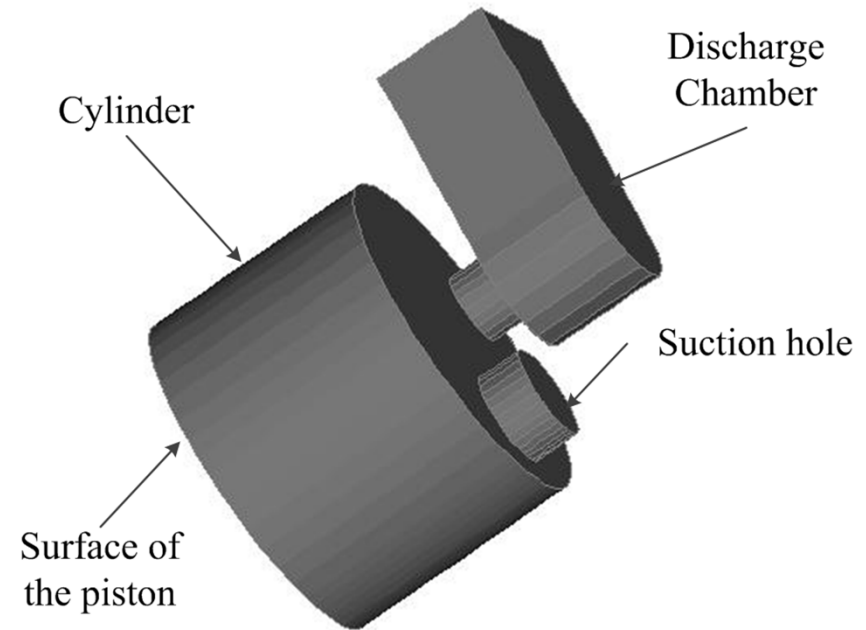*July 11 -14, 2016*

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1. Introduction

- The valves in a reciprocating compressor are main factor affecting the efficiency, reliability and noise

- Existing parameter model and one-dimensional method fails to predict the detail of the motion and deformation of the valve.

- 3-D fluid-structure interaction model is thus necessary
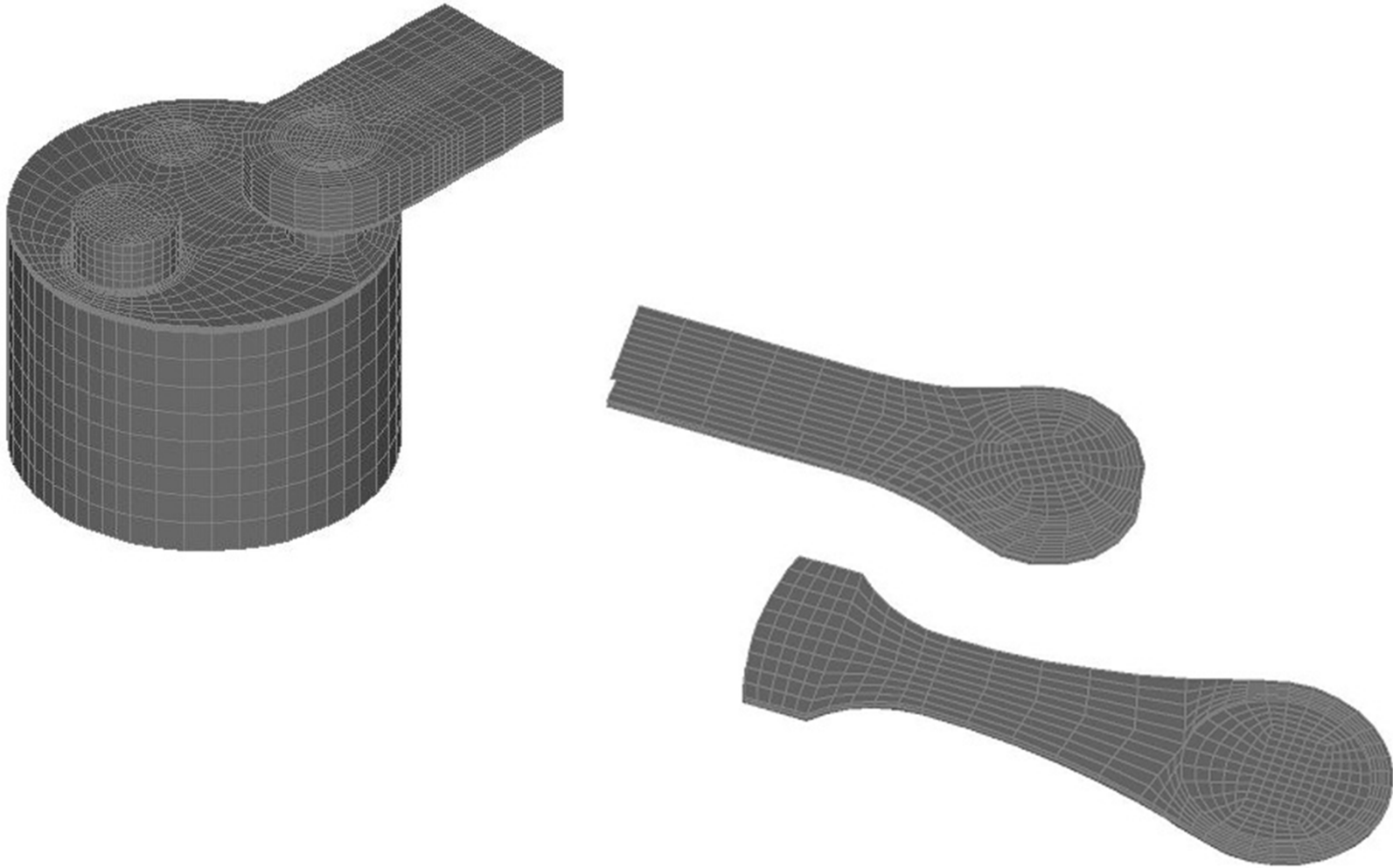
2. 3-D Fluid-Structure Interaction Model

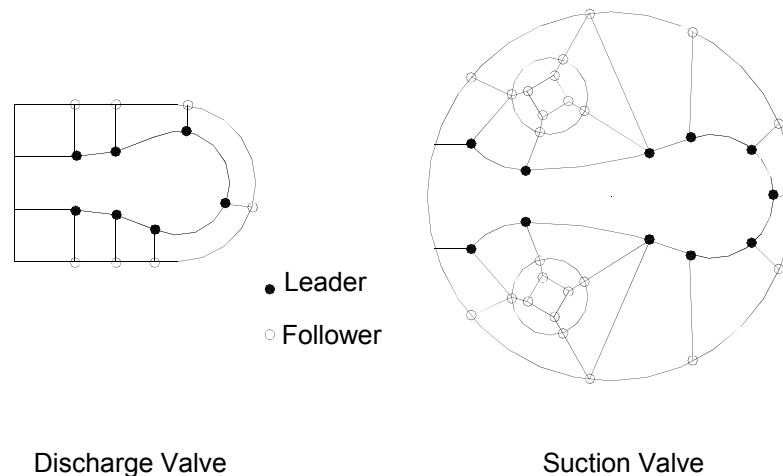| Parameters	Value
Diameter of the cylinder/mm	31
Stroke/mm	24
Diameter of the suction valve hole/mm	8.2
Diameter of the discharge valve hole/mm	5.6

2.2 Boundary Conditions

- The motion equation of the Eccentric installed piston
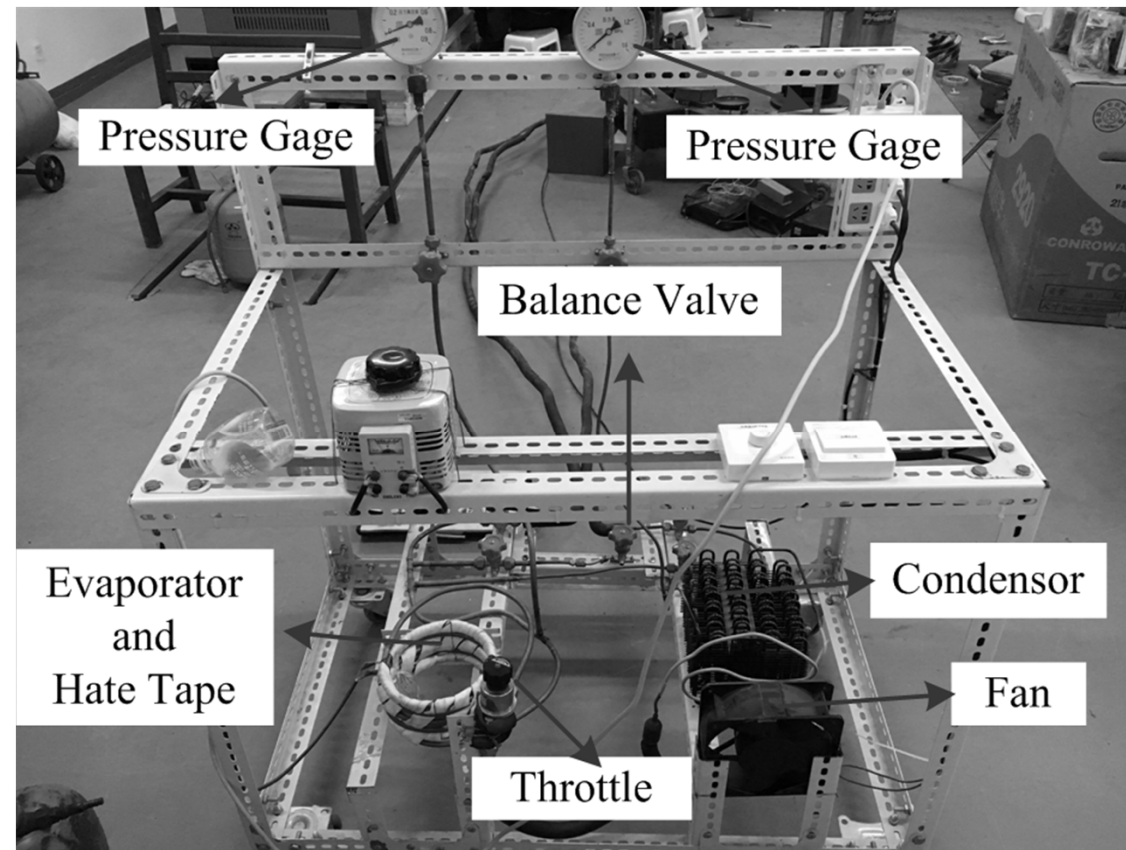
$$x = R[(1-\cos\alpha) + \frac{\lambda}{4}(1-\cos 2\alpha) - \lambda\eta\sin\alpha + \frac{\lambda^2\eta^2}{2(1+\lambda)}]$$
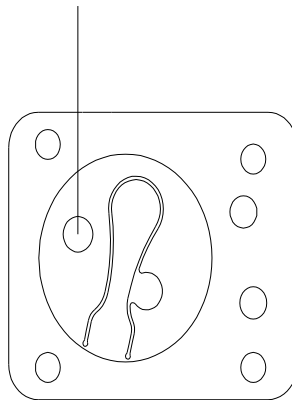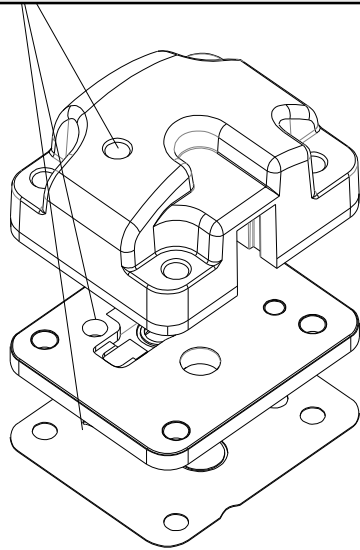
- Leader-follower condition of the valve

Leader

Follower

Discharge Valve   Suction Valve

Pressure sensor hole

Sensor

A   B

Empty Discharge chamber

Sensor

A   B

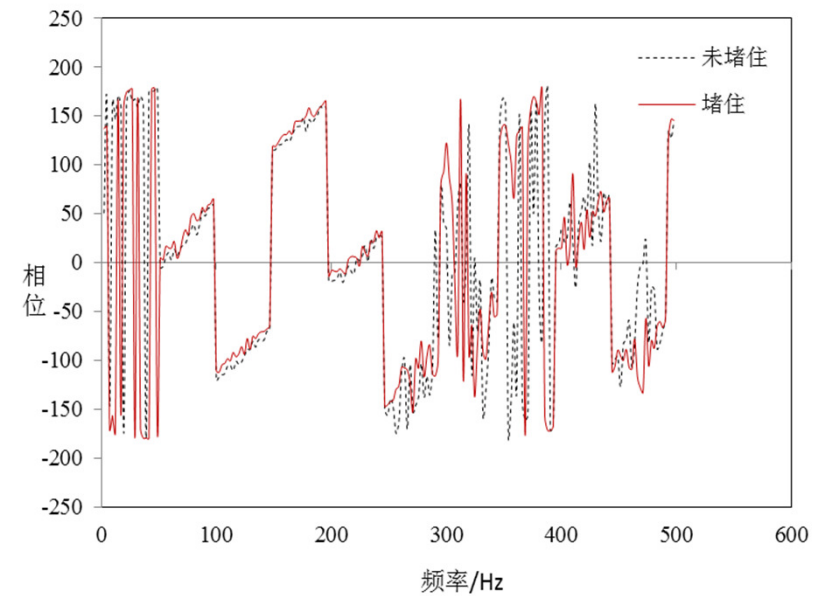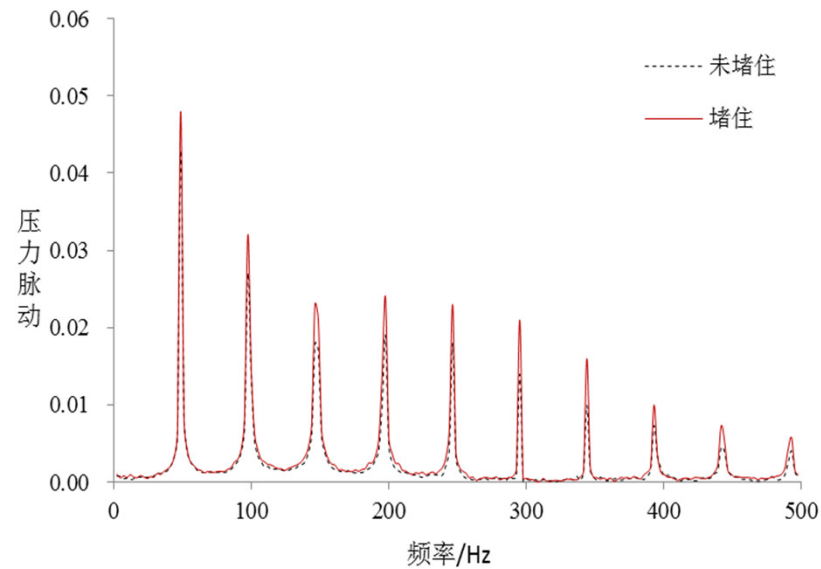**Jammed Discharge chamber**

● **pressure amplitude-frequency, phase-frequency characteristic analysis**

● 实验与模拟结果对比（P-V图）

气体阻力损失	实验值	模拟值
进气阻力损失/MPa	0.013	0.010
排气阻力损失/MPa	0.054	0.063
指示功率/W	114.8	112.6

4 Simulation results of the valve motion

➤Highest valve velocity is 0.85m/s。
➤Valve impact velocity of the valve seat is0.2 m/s
➤Valve motion frequency 250Hz。

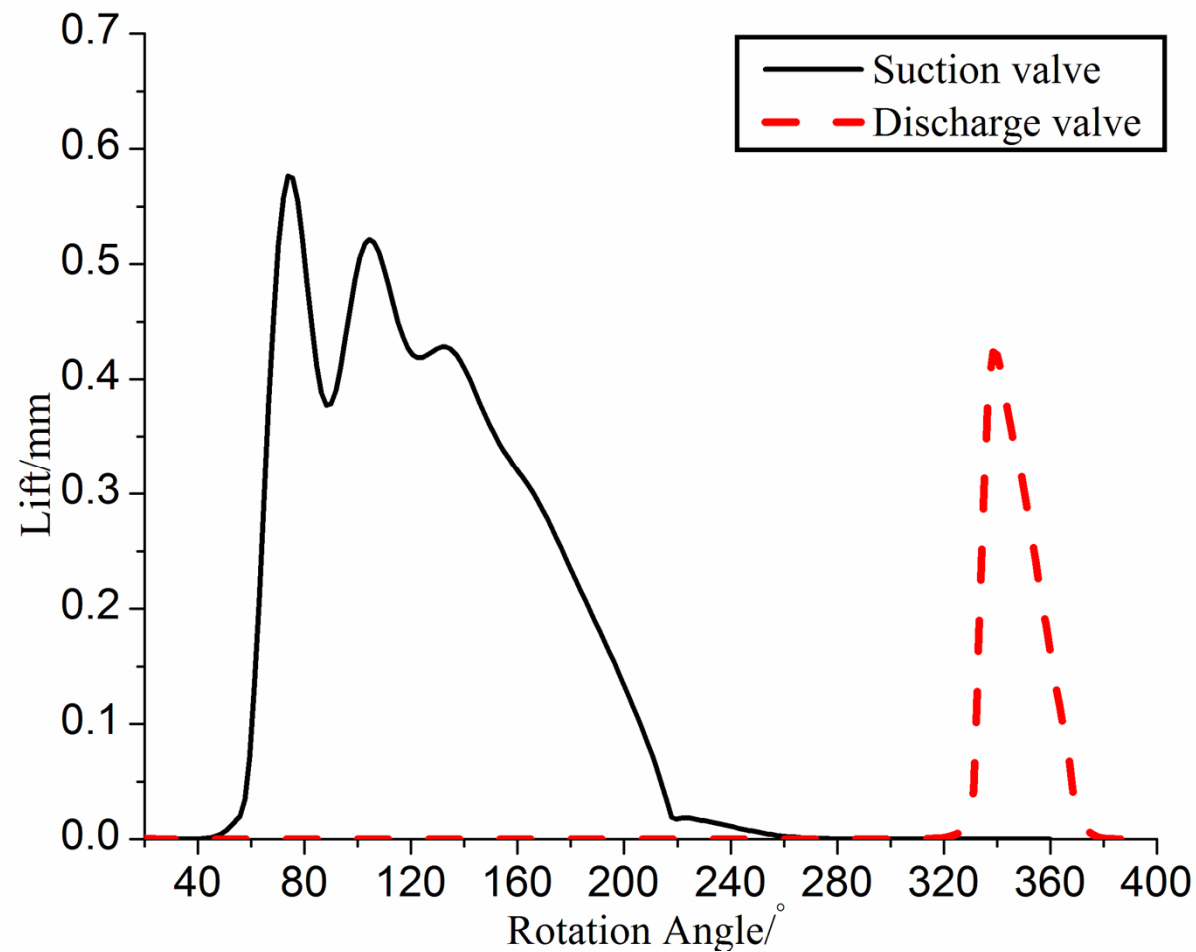➤ Opening angle are almost same;
➤ Thinner valve plate results in higher Lift, and small closure angle
➤ The closure angle is bigger for thick valve(more serious delayed effect)

Valve plate thickness /mm	0.152	0.203	0.254
Closure angle /°	203.4	214.2	219.6

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Closure angle /°	379.8	387.0	408.6

4.4 Reasons for the delayed closure

- The pressure difference acting on the valve plate is higher, which preventing the closing

- It is resulted by the smaller gas flow area during the suction and discharge process

5. Conclusions

- A three dimensional fluid-structure interaction model of small refrigerator reciprocating compressor was established, and validated by experiments

- Simulation of the valve motion showed that:

- increased thickness of the valve could result in increased delay of its closure.

- The lower lift of the thicker valve results in lower flow area, which leads to higher pressure difference preventing the valve closure.

- It is conflict to traditional prediction that thicker valve would results in advanced closure