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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A hydraulic detachable coupling, which can transmit rated torque in a manner stable to vibrations, and can fully withstand abnormal torque. For this purpose, in a hydraulic detachable coupling (4) mounted detachably on a rotor (1) of a steam or gas turbine or other machine, a coupling sleeve (4b), which is fitted on a shaft end portion of a casing penetrating shaft (2) in the rotor (1), includes a taper hole portion (4b-a) which is interference-fitted on a taper shaft portion (2a) of the shaft end portion by a hydraulic pressure, and a straight hole portion (4b-b) having teeth (13) engaging a plurality of teeth (12) formed in a straight shaft portion (2b) of the shaft end portion, the taper hole portion (4b-a) and the straight hole portion (4b-b) being located adjacent to each other.

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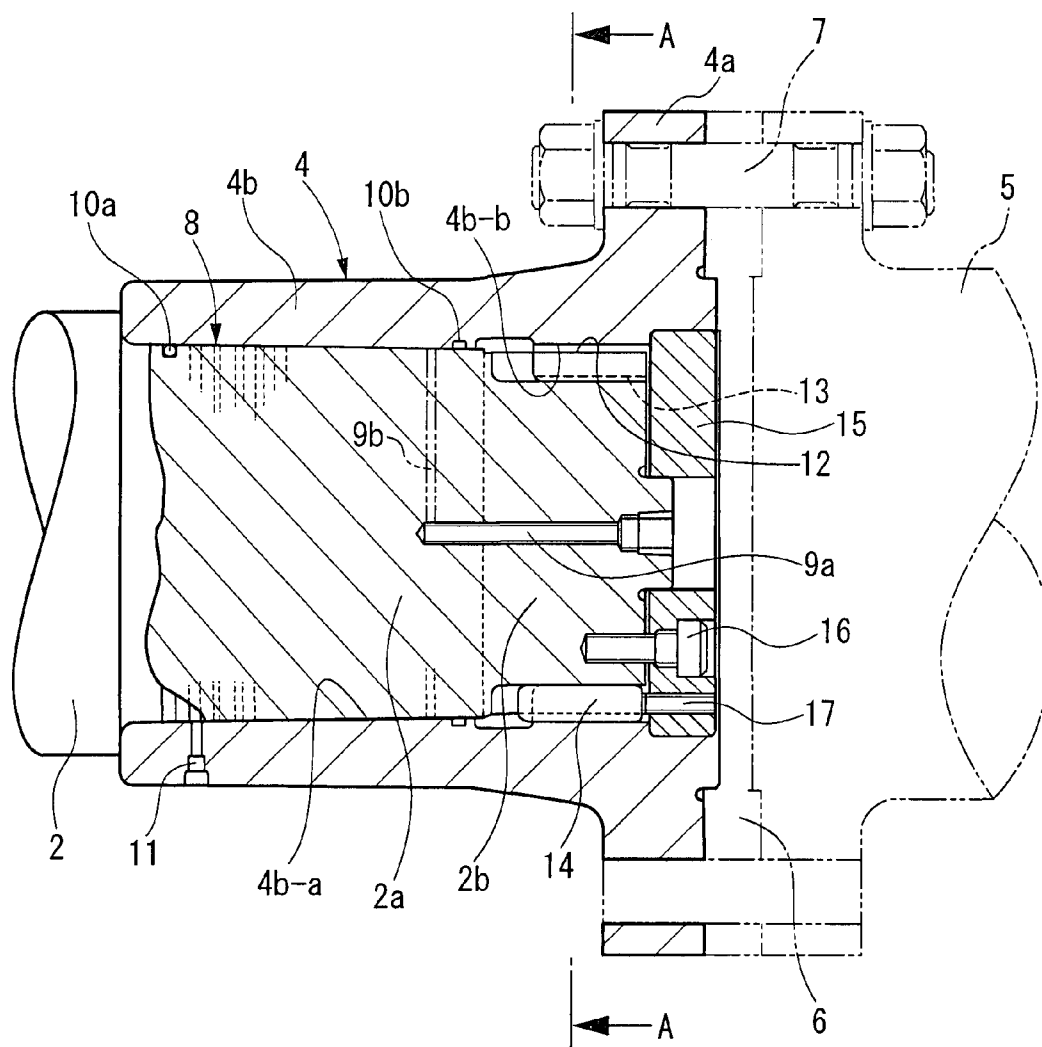


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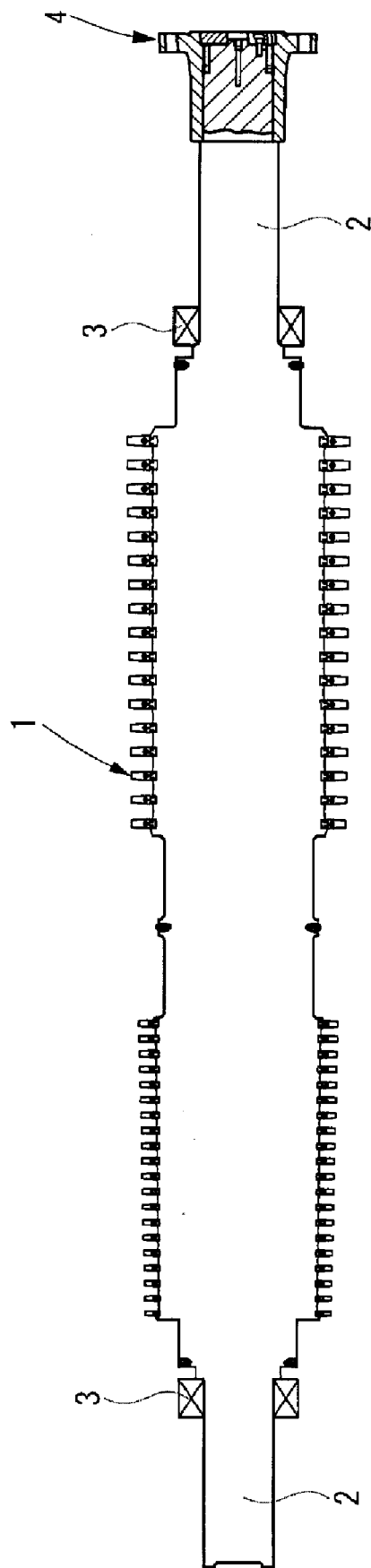


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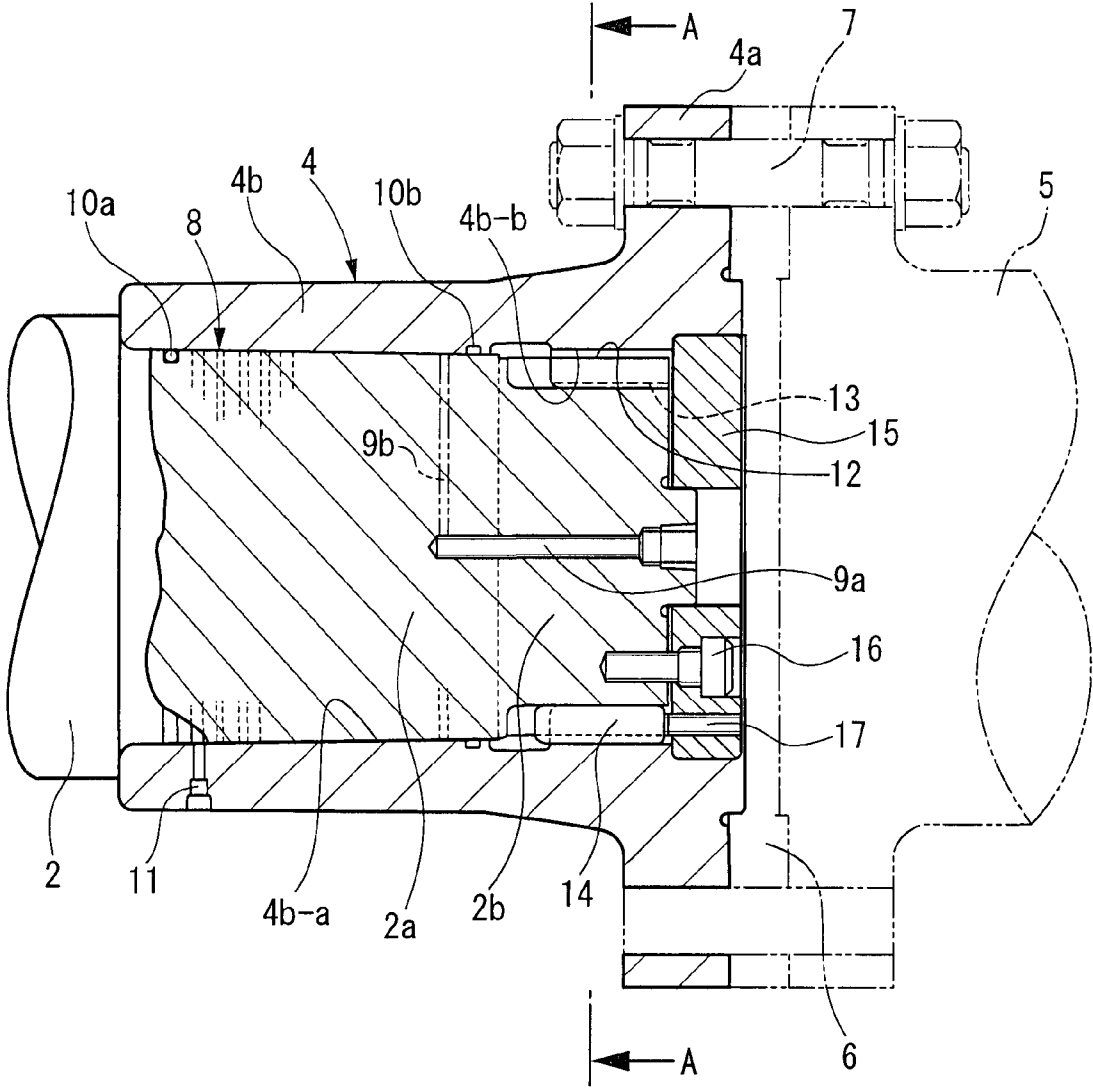


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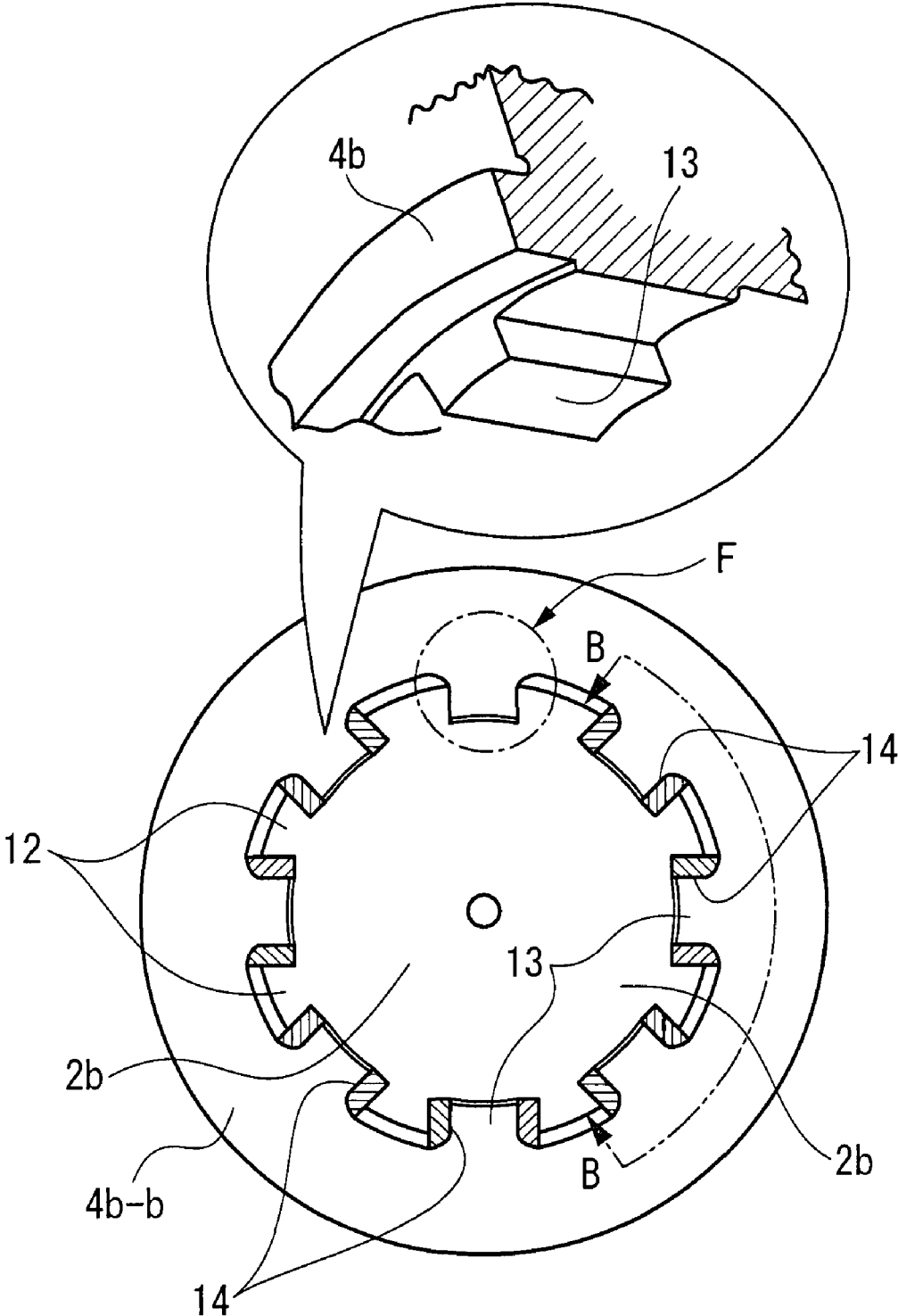


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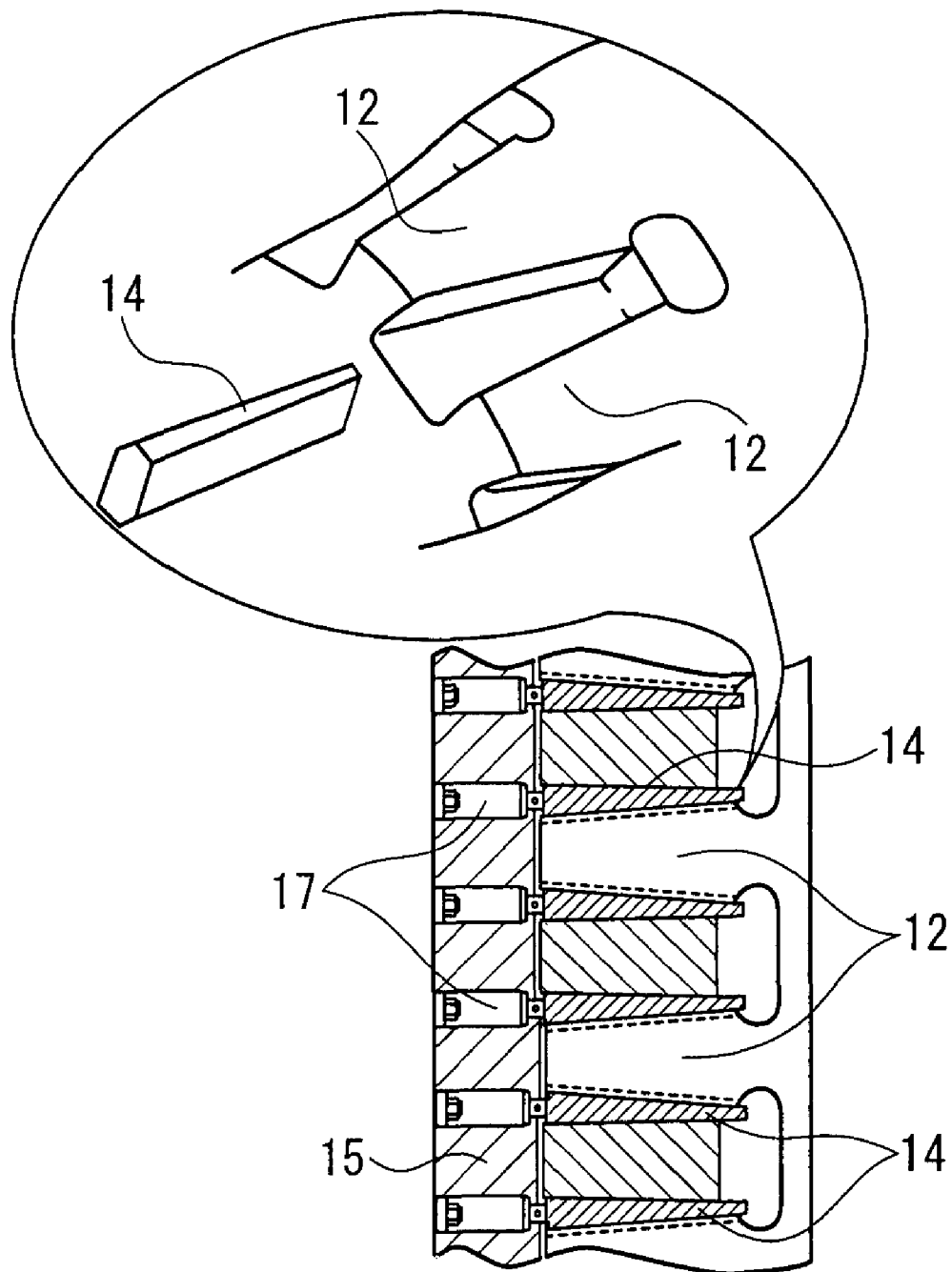


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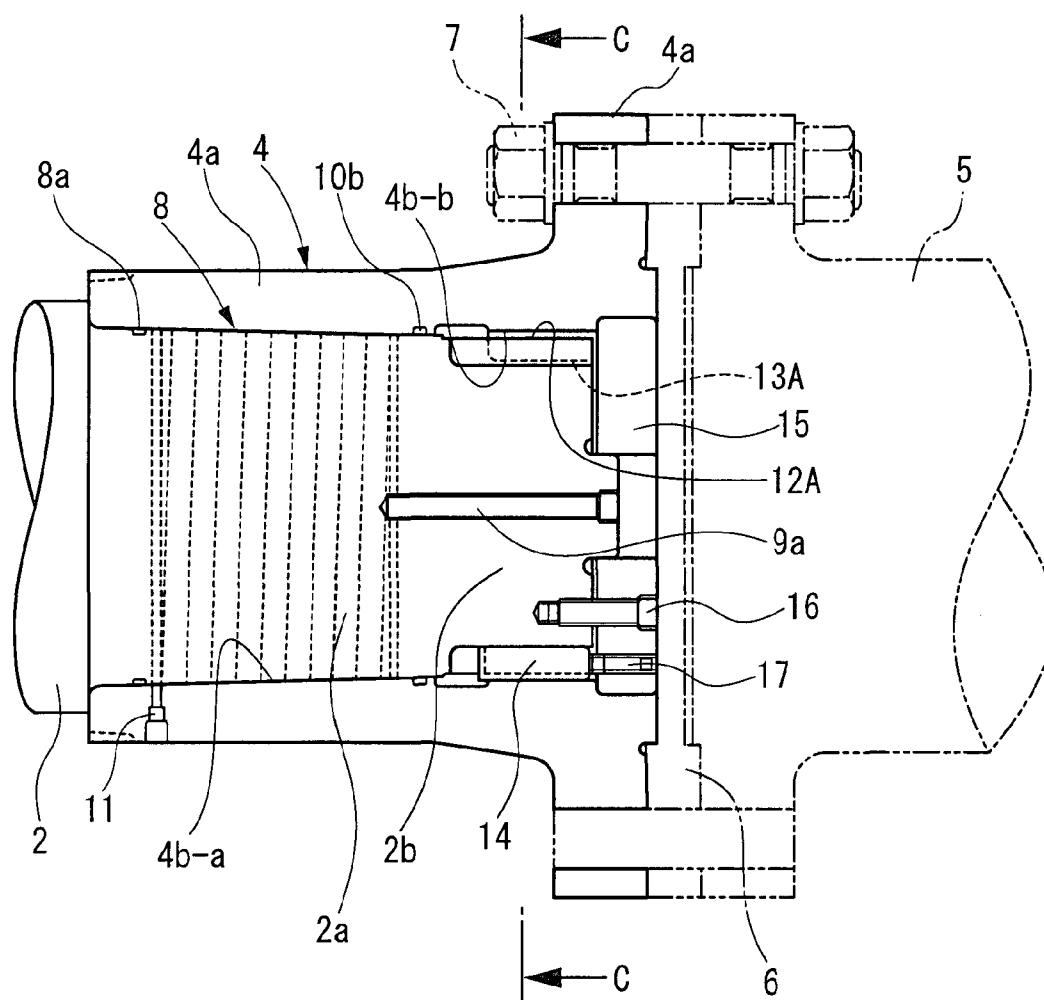


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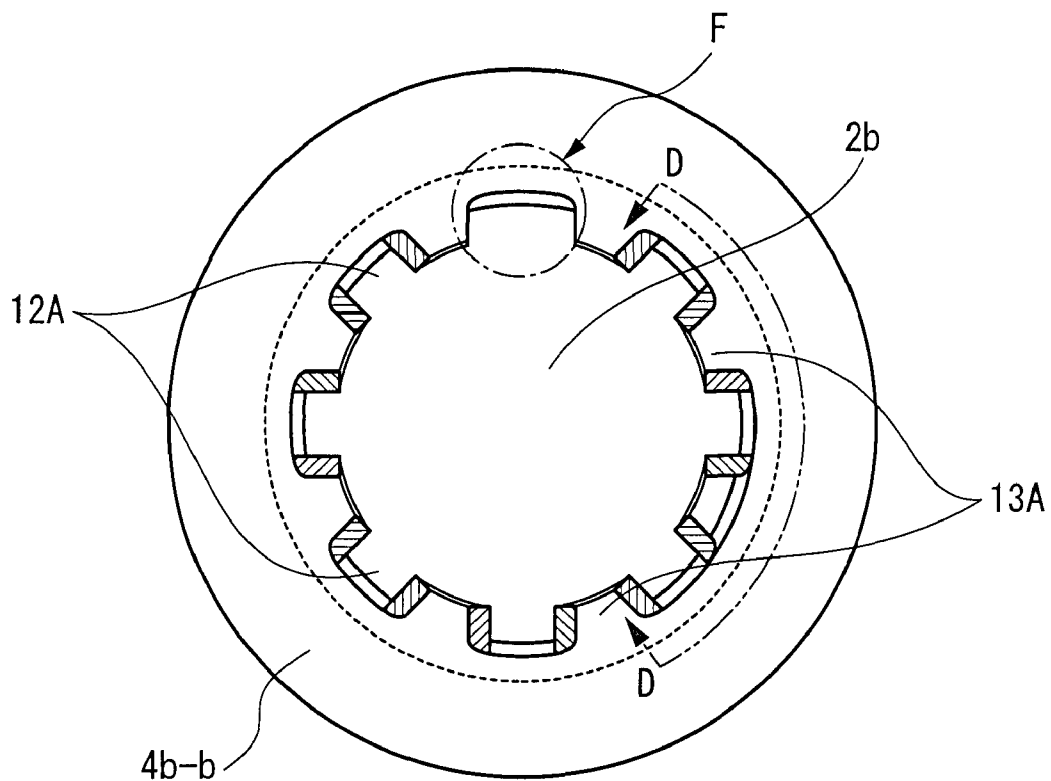


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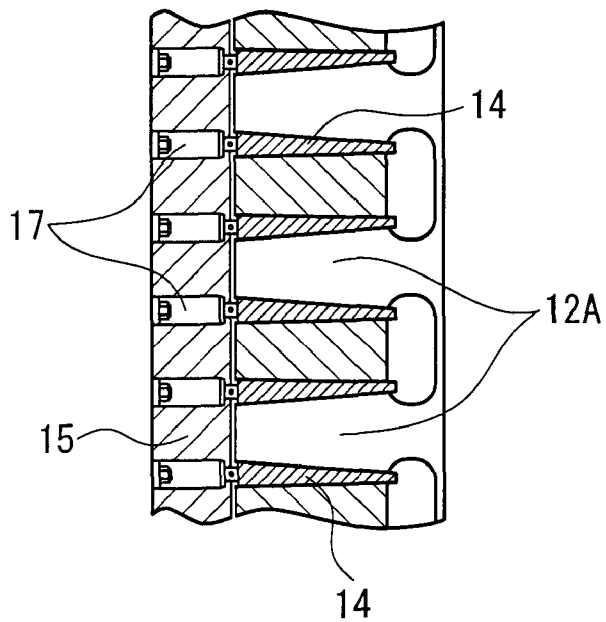


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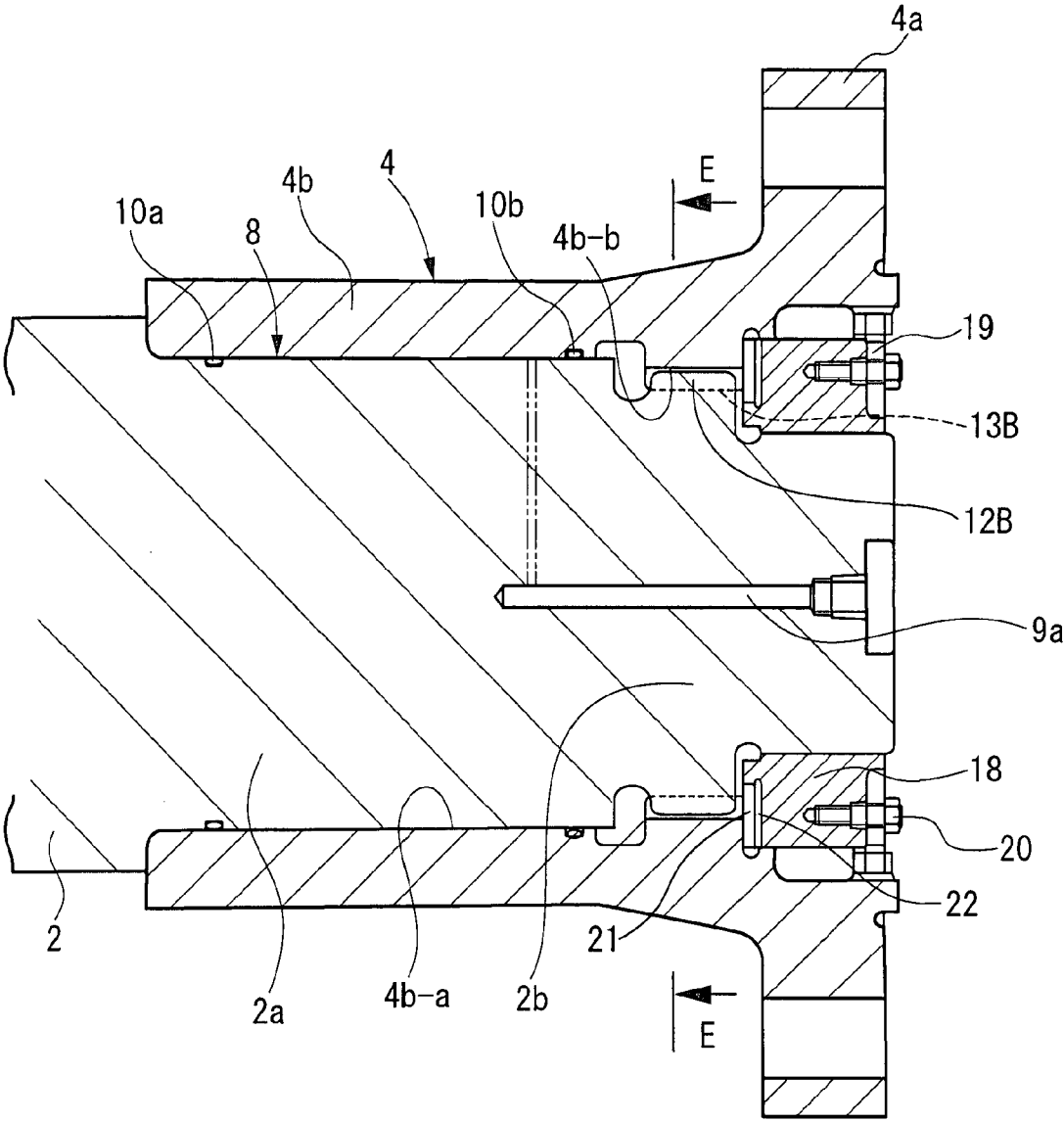




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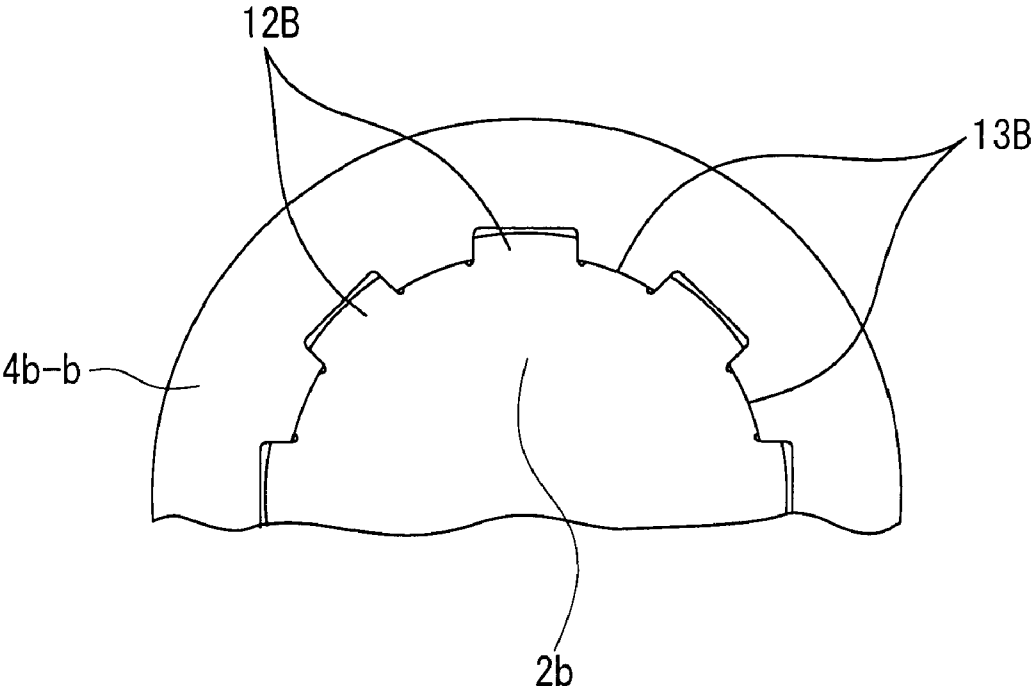


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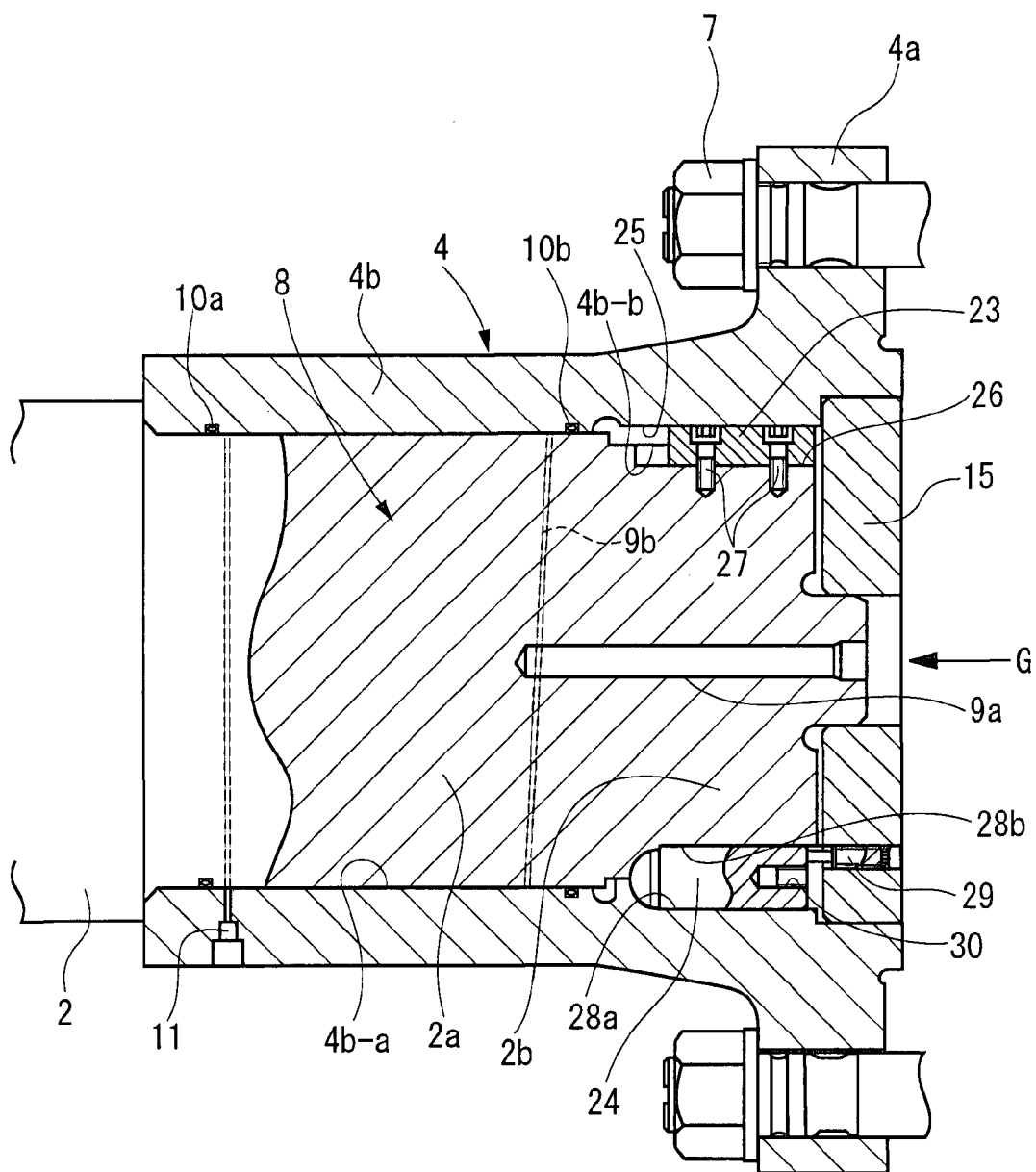


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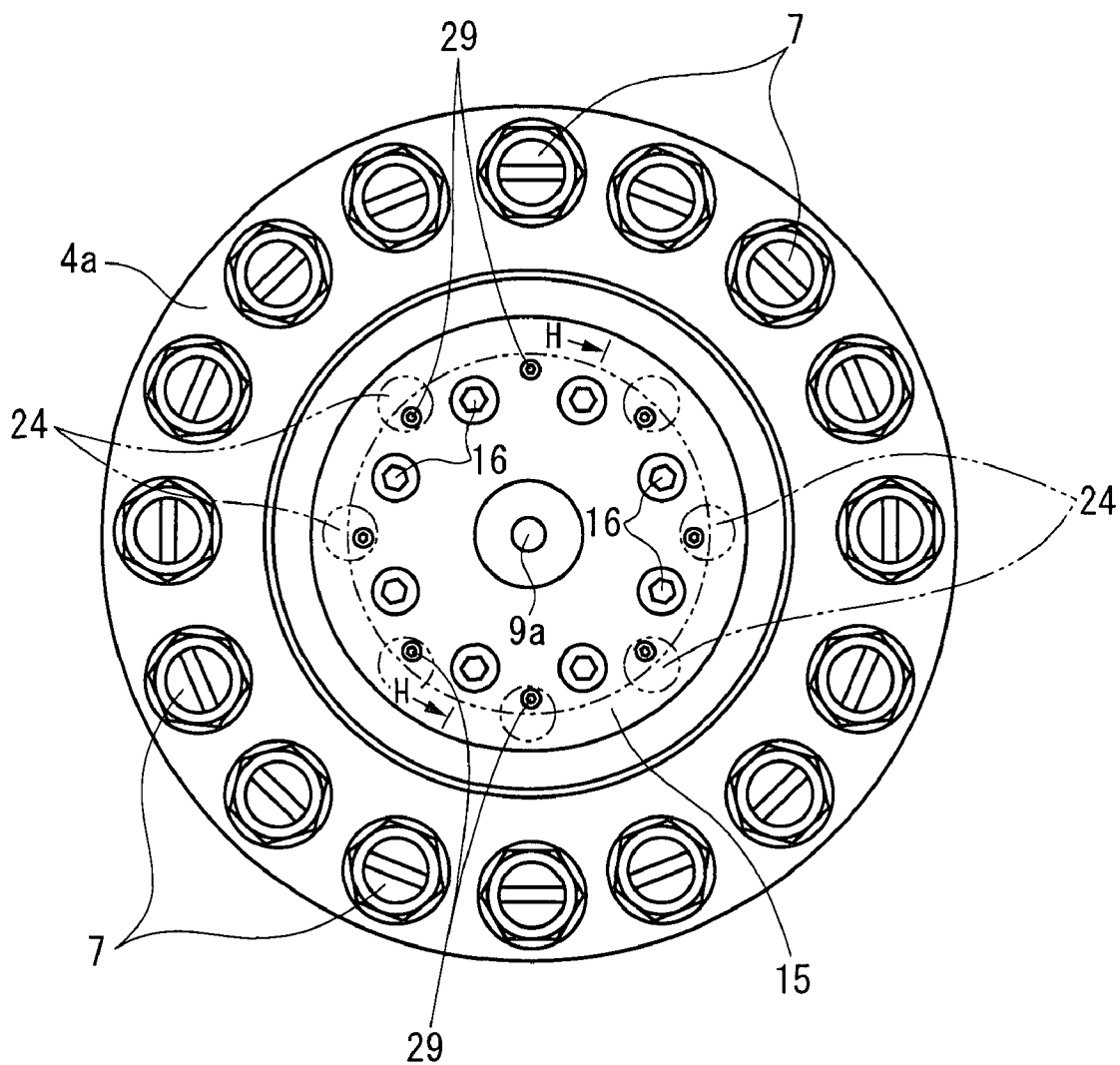


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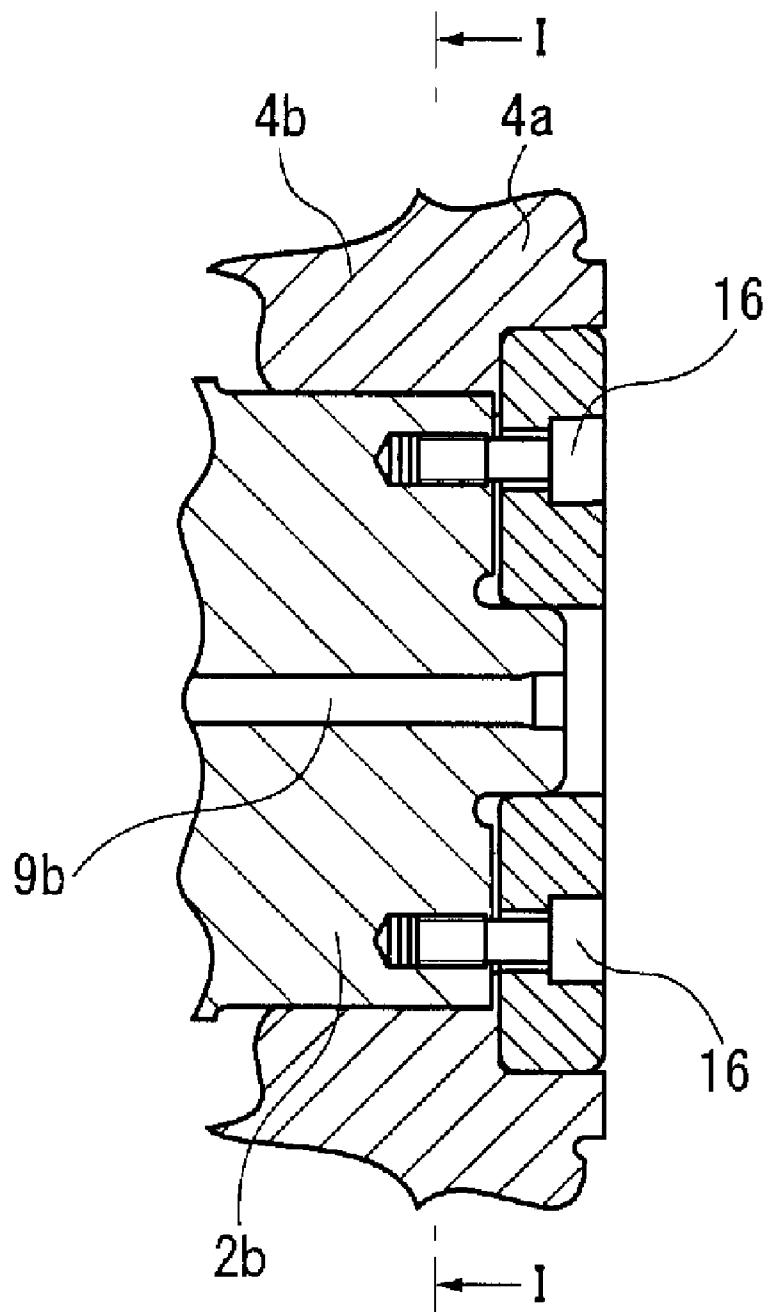


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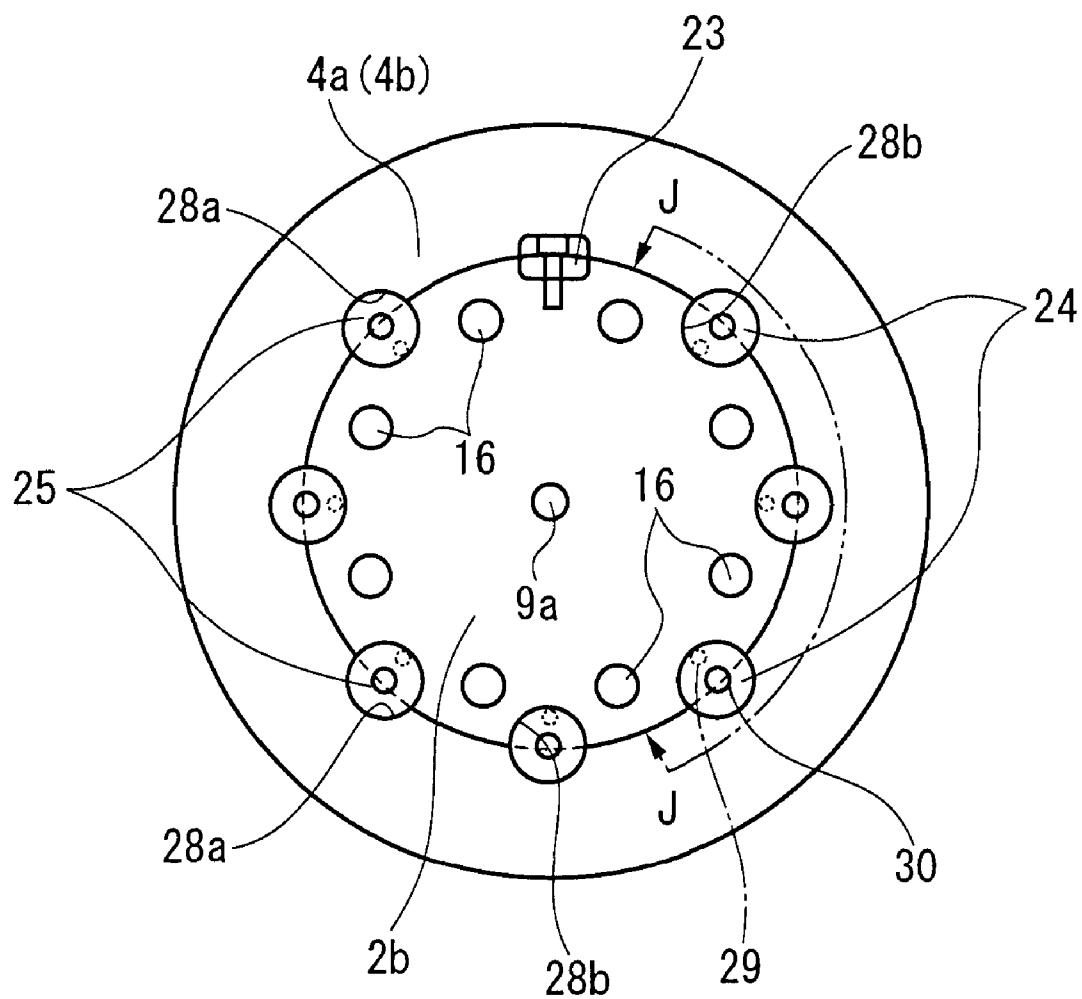


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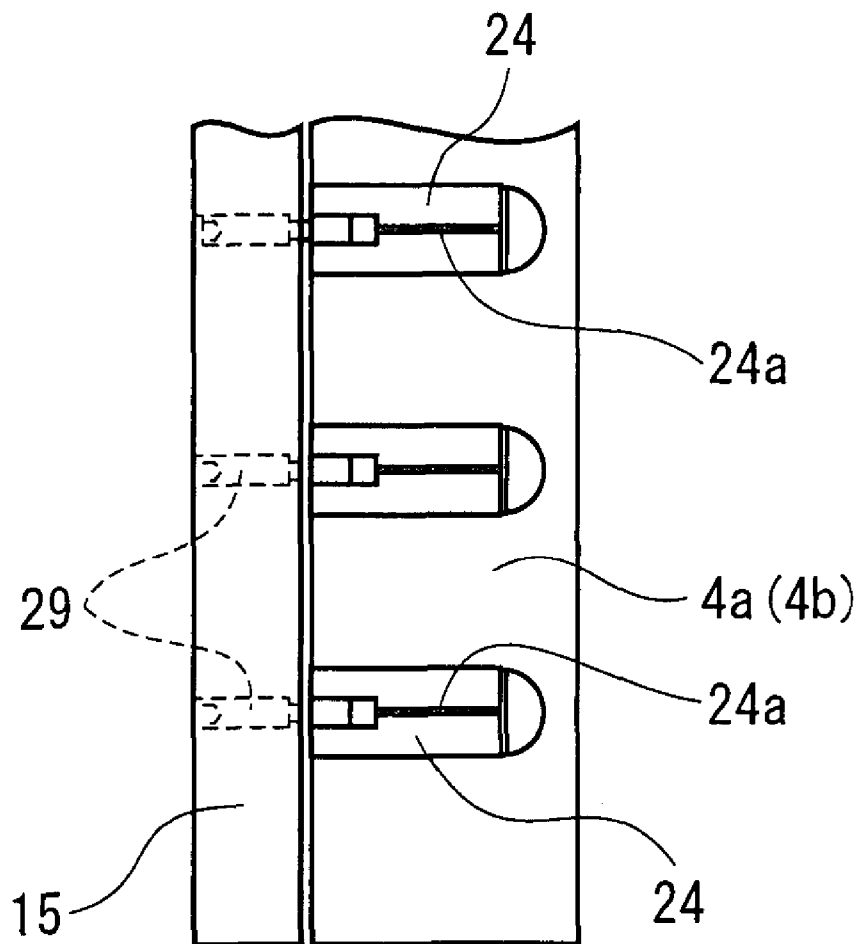


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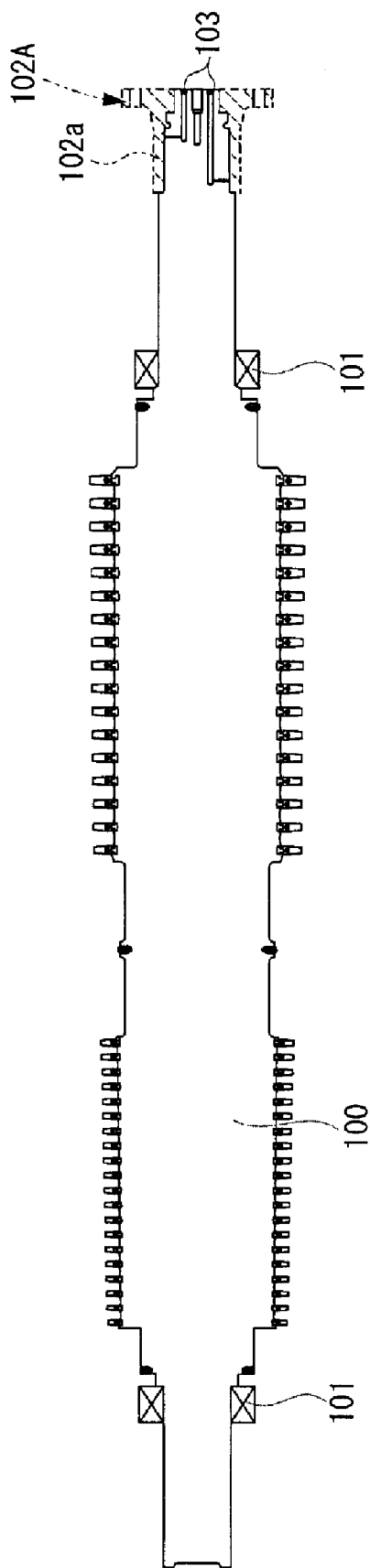
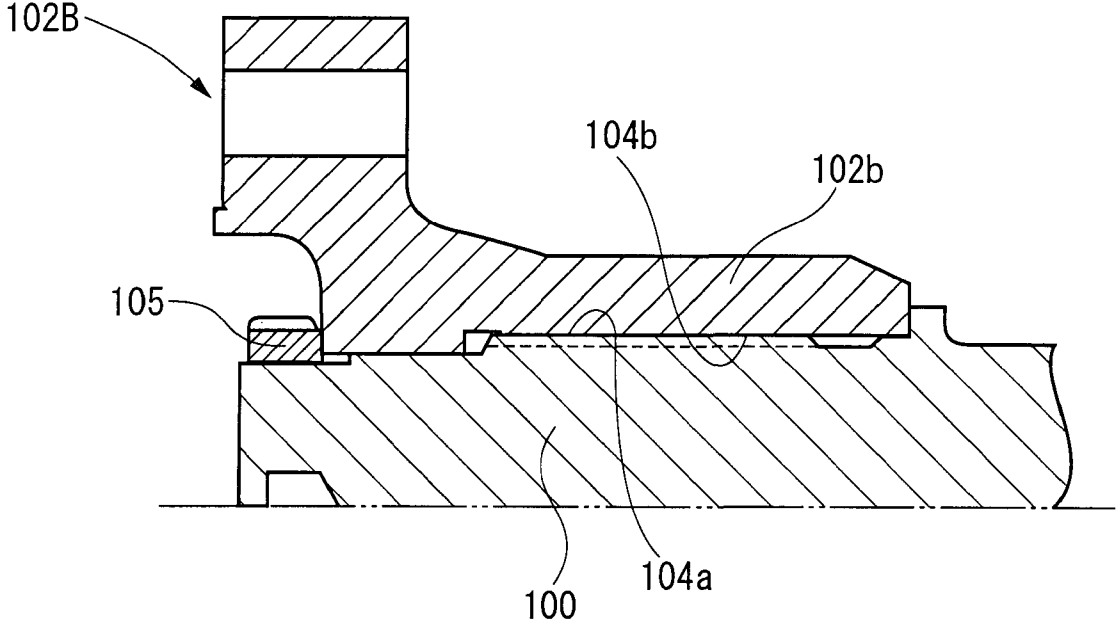


Fig. 16





## HYDRAULIC DETACHABLE COUPLING

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

**[0001]** This application is a continuation application of U.S. Non-Provisional application Ser. No. 12/304,844, filed Apr. 7, 2009, which claims the benefit of PCT application PCT/JP2007/053133, filed Feb. 21, 2007 and Japanese Application No. 2006-195204, filed Jul. 18, 2006, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

### TECHNICAL FIELD

**[0002]** This invention relates to a hydraulic detachable coupling preferred for use in a rotor of a rotating machine such as an electric generator, a steam turbine, a gas turbine, or a compressor.

### BACKGROUND ART

**[0003]** Generally, rotors of an electric generator, a steam turbine, a gas turbine, or a compressor, for example, are coupled coaxially by a rotor coupling (see Patent Document 1).

**[0004]** In the steam or gas turbine, gas seals (called mechanical seals) **101** may be installed at portions of a rotor **100** which penetrate a turbine casing, as shown in FIG. 15. These are 360° circular (endless) components fitted from the shaft ends of the rotor **100**. The gas seal **101** needs to be periodically detached and attached for maintenance and checkup.

**[0005]** To enable the gas seal **101** to be detached and attached, therefore, a rotor coupling **102A**, which is installed at the shaft end of the rotor **100**, is also designed to be capable of easy removal and reassembly. In the illustrated example, for instance, a coupling sleeve **102a** of the rotor coupling **102A** is increased in diameter by application of a hydraulic pressure (see hydraulic paths **103** in the drawing), and then the hydraulic pressure is released, whereby the coupling sleeve **102a** is interference-fitted (hydraulically fitted) to the shaft end of the rotor **100**. From this state, on the other hand, a hydraulic pressure is applied again to increase the diameter of the coupling sleeve **102a**, whereby the rotor coupling **102A** can be removed from the shaft end of the rotor **100**.

**[0006]** As shown in FIG. 16, moreover, there is a case in which an involute spline tooth portion **104a** cut in the outer periphery of the shaft end of a rotor **100**, and an involute spline groove portion **104b** cut in the inner periphery of a coupling sleeve **102b** of a rotor coupling **102B** are brought into splined engagement with each other, and prevented by a press nut **105** from disengagement.

**[0007]** Patent Document 1: JP-A-2003-65006

### DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

#### Problems to be Solved by the Invention

**[0008]** With the rotor coupling **102A** as shown in FIG. 15, rated torque in a shafting for driving the electric generator can be stably transmitted by a frictional force attributed to the interference fit. However, there has been the problem that the rotor coupling **102A** cannot withstand abnormal torque (usually, 5 to 10 times the rated torque) occurring in a short-circuit accident or asynchronous input which is a special accident of the electric circuit of the electric generator. That is, during the occurrence of abnormal torque, slip occurs at the surface of

pressure contact between the outer peripheral surface of the shaft end of the rotor **100** and the inner peripheral surface of the coupling sleeve **102a**, thereby inducing excessive vibration or damage.

**[0009]** The rotor coupling **102B** as shown in FIG. 16, on the other hand, can withstand abnormal torque because of its splined engagement, and can be easily attached and detached. However, if the rotor **100** has a shaft with a very large overall length (for example, exceeding 7 meters), as in an upsized steam or gas turbine or compressor, the rotor coupling **102B** has presented the problem that cutting of a spline, such as the spline tooth portion **104a** or the spline groove portion **104b** (by a gear cutting machine), in the shaft end is difficult from the viewpoint of equipment.

**[0010]** The present invention has been accomplished in the light of the above-described situations. It is an object of the invention to provide a hydraulic detachable coupling which can transmit rated torque in a manner stable to vibrations, and can fully withstand abnormal torque.

#### Means for Solving the Problems

**[0011]** A hydraulic detachable coupling according to the present invention, intended for attaining the above object, is a hydraulic detachable coupling mounted detachably on a rotating shaft of a rotating machine, comprising: a coupling sleeve which is fitted on a shaft end portion of the rotating shaft, the coupling sleeve including an interference fit portion which is interference-fitted on an outer peripheral surface of the shaft end portion by a hydraulic pressure, and an engagement portion which engages the outer peripheral surface of the shaft end portion at a plurality of locations in a circumferential direction, the interference fit portion and the engagement portion being located adjacent to each other.

**[0012]** The hydraulic detachable coupling is characterized in that the interference fit portion is a taper hole portion corresponding to a tapering-off taper shaft portion of the shaft end portion.

**[0013]** The hydraulic detachable coupling is also characterized in that the engagement portion is a straight hole portion having teeth formed therein, the teeth engaging teeth formed in a straight shaft portion of the shaft end portion.

**[0014]** The hydraulic detachable coupling is also characterized in that the teeth of the engagement portion, except for one of the teeth of the engagement portion making high accuracy engagement without clearance, engage a plurality of the teeth of the shaft end portion via taper spacers disposed on both sides of other of the teeth of the engagement portion.

**[0015]** The hydraulic detachable coupling is also characterized in that the engagement portion is a straight hole portion having keyways formed therein, the keyways corresponding to a plurality of keyways formed in a straight shaft portion of the shaft end portion.

**[0016]** The hydraulic detachable coupling is also characterized in that one of the corresponding keyways is a groove of a rectangular cross section into which a square key is inserted, and other of the corresponding keyways are taper grooves of a semicircular cross section into which round taper keys are inserted.

**[0017]** The hydraulic detachable coupling is also characterized in that the coupling sleeve is prevented from slipping

off the rotating shaft, by slipping-off preventing means secured to the shaft end portion.

#### Effects of the Invention

[0018] According to the features of the present invention, the interference fit portion by the hydraulic pressure can stably transmit rated torque while maintaining satisfactory shaft vibration characteristics, whereas the engagement portion can sufficiently deal with abnormal torque. As a result, a hydraulic detachable coupling having high durability and involving low vibration can be realized.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0019] FIG. 1 is a side view of a rotor and a coupling showing Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

[0020] FIG. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of a coupling portion in FIG. 1.

[0021] FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken on line A-A in FIG. 2.

[0022] FIG. 4 is a sectional view taken on line B-B in FIG. 3.

[0023] FIG. 5 is a sectional view of a coupling portion showing Embodiment 2 of the present invention.

[0024] FIG. 6 is a sectional view taken on line C-C in FIG. 5.

[0025] FIG. 7 is a sectional view taken on line D-D in FIG. 6.

[0026] FIG. 8 is a sectional view of a coupling portion showing Embodiment 3 of the present invention.

[0027] FIG. 9 is a sectional view taken on line E-E in FIG. 8.

[0028] FIG. 10 is a sectional view of a coupling portion showing Embodiment 4 of the present invention.

[0029] FIG. 11 is a view taken in the direction of an arrowed line G in FIG. 10.

[0030] FIG. 12 is a sectional view taken on line H-H in FIG. 11.

[0031] FIG. 13 is a sectional view taken on line I-I in FIG. 12.

[0032] FIG. 14 is a sectional view taken on line J-J in FIG. 13.

[0033] FIG. 15 is a side view of a rotor and a coupling which represent a conventional example.

[0034] FIG. 16 is a sectional view of another coupling according to the conventional example.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NUMERALS

- [0035] 1 Rotor
- [0036] 2 Casing penetrating shaft
- [0037] 2a Taper shaft portion
- [0038] 2b Straight shaft portion
- [0039] 3 Gas seal
- [0040] 4 Rotor coupling
- [0041] 4a Coupling flange
- [0042] 4b Coupling sleeve
- [0043] 4b-a Taper hole portion
- [0044] 4b-b Straight hole portion
- [0045] 5 Rotor
- [0046] 6 Spacer
- [0047] 7 bolt
- [0048] 8 Spiral groove
- [0049] 9a, 9b Hydraulic path
- [0050] 10a, 10b O ring

- [0051] 11 Residual oil blowing hole
- [0052] 12, 12A, 12B Tooth
- [0053] 13, 13A, 13B Tooth
- [0054] 14 Taper spacer
- [0055] 15 Press plate
- [0056] 16 Clamping bolt
- [0057] 17 Spacer hold-down screw
- [0058] 18 Press nut
- [0059] 19 Whirl-stop washer
- [0060] 20 Bolt
- [0061] 21 Coned disk spring
- [0062] 22 Liner
- [0063] 23 Square key
- [0064] 24 Round taper key
- [0065] 25, 26 Groove of rectangular cross section
- [0066] 28a, 28b Taper groove of semicircular cross section
- [0067] 29 Key hold-down screw
- [0068] 30 Screw hole

#### BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0069] A hydraulic detachable coupling according to the present invention will now be described in detail by embodiments using the accompanying drawings.

#### Embodiment 1

[0070] FIG. 1 is a sectional view of a rotor and a coupling showing Embodiment 1 of the present invention. FIG. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of a coupling portion in FIG. 1. FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken on line A-A in FIG. 2. FIG. 4 is a sectional view taken on line B-B in FIG. 3.

[0071] As shown in FIG. 1, 360° circular (endless) gas seals (called mechanical seals) 3 are detachably (removably) installed at casing penetrating shafts 2 in right and left portions of a rotor (rotating shaft) 1.

[0072] A rotor coupling 4 is mounted at the shaft end of one of the casing penetrating shafts 2. One end of a rotor 5 (see FIG. 2) is coupled to the same shaft by a bolt 7 via a spacer 6 (not absolutely necessary) through the intermediary of a coupling flange 4a of the rotor coupling 4. The rotor couplings 4 may be provided on both of the casing penetrating shafts 2 (i.e., at opposite end portions of the rotor 1).

[0073] The rotor coupling 4 is composed of a hydraulic detachable coupling. That is, as shown in FIG. 2, the shaft end of the casing penetrating shaft 2 is constituted of a taper shaft portion 2a of a tapered form having a slightly smaller diameter than that of the casing penetrating shaft 2, and a straight shaft portion 2b connected to the leading end of the taper shaft portion 2a. A taper hole portion (interference fit portion) 4b-a, which is formed on the inner peripheral surface of a coupling sleeve 4b of the rotor coupling 4 in correspondence with the taper shaft portion 2a, is detachably mounted on the outer peripheral surface of the taper shaft portion 2a by an interference fit attributed to a hydraulic pressure.

[0074] In detail, a spiral groove 8 is formed on the outer peripheral surface of the taper shaft portion 2a, and the spiral groove 8 is supplied with a pressure oil from the end surface side of the straight shaft portion 2b via hydraulic paths 9a, 9b during mounting and removal of the rotor coupling 4. In FIGS. 2, 10a and 10b denote O rings which are located on both sides of the spiral groove 8 and are provided on the outer peripheral surface of the taper shaft portion 2a and on the

circumferential surface of the taper hole portion *4b-a*. The numeral **11** denotes a residual oil blowing hole formed in the coupling sleeve *4b* in order to recover the pressure oil after mounting or removal of the rotor coupling **4**.

**[0075]** In the present embodiment, the straight shaft portion *2b*, and a straight hole portion (engagement portion) *4b-b* of the coupling sleeve *4b* formed in correspondence therewith establish a structure in which teeth **12** and **13** formed therein engage each other.

**[0076]** As shown in FIGS. **3** and **4**, the teeth **12** formed in the straight shaft portion *2b* are formed with a fanning cross section, and the teeth **13** formed in the straight hole portion *4b-b* are formed with a rectangular cross section. In each portion of their engagement, taper spacers **14** having a cone angle close to the angle of friction are interposed on both sides of each tooth, except at one location where the straight shaft portion *2b* and the straight hole portion *4b-b* mesh with high precision without clearance for phase alignment during mounting of the rotor coupling **4**. For this purpose, both side surfaces of the tooth **12** formed in the straight shaft portion *2b* are formed as taper surfaces corresponding to the taper spacers **14**.

**[0077]** In FIG. **2**, the numeral **15** denotes an annular press plate (slipping-off preventing means) which is secured by a clamping bolt **16** to the end surface of the straight shaft portion *2b* of the casing penetrating shaft **2** in order to prevent the rotor coupling **4** from slipping off after the rotor coupling **4** is mounted. The numeral **17** denotes a spacer hold-down screw which is screwed into the press plate **15** in order to push in the taper spacer **14**.

**[0078]** Because of the above configuration, when a pressure oil is supplied from a hydraulic pressure supply source (not shown) to the spiral groove **8** of the taper shaft portion *2a* via the hydraulic paths *9a, 9b*, with most of the coupling sleeve *4b* of the rotor coupling **4** being loosely fitted on the taper shaft portion *2a* and the straight shaft portion *2b* of the casing penetrating shaft **2**, the diameter of the coupling sleeve *4b* (taper hole portion *4b-a*) is increased by the hydraulic pressure.

**[0079]** When, in this state, the rotor coupling **4** is pushed in by a suitable means, the coupling sleeve *4b* (taper hole portion *4b-a*) is fitted deeply (to a maximum) on the taper shaft portion *2a*. Then, the supply of the pressure oil is stopped and, at the same time, the hydraulic paths *9a, 9b* are switched to a drain side to discharge the pressure oil. By so doing, the coupling sleeve *4b* (taper hole portion *4b-a*) is interference-fitted on the taper shaft portion *2a*. At the time of discharge of the pressure oil, pressurized air is blown in through the residual oil blowing hole **11** to discharge the residual oil.

**[0080]** On this occasion, at the straight shaft portion *2b* of the casing penetrating shaft **2** and the straight hole portion *4b-b* of the coupling sleeve *4b*, their teeth **12** and **13** engage in the circumferential direction, with the taper spacers **14** being interposed therebetween. For this engagement, phase alignment is carried out at the one location, i.e., an engagement portion F where high accuracy engagement takes place without clearance.

**[0081]** After the rotor coupling **4** is interference-fitted, the press plate **15**, which engages the rotor coupling **4** in a slipping-off preventing direction, is clamped by the bolt **16** onto the end surface of the straight shaft portion *2b* of the casing penetrating shaft **2**. By so doing, the interference-fitted state of the rotor coupling **4** is maintained. Moreover, the taper spacer **14** is pushed in deeply by the spacer hold-down screw

**16** which is screwed into the press plate **15**. Then, one end of the rotor **5** is coupled to the coupling flange *4a* of the rotor coupling **4** by the bolt **7** via the spacer **6**.

**[0082]** On the other hand, with the press plate **15** being detached along with the spacer hold-down screw **16**, the pressure oil is supplied again from the hydraulic pressure supply source (not shown) to the spiral groove **8** of the taper shaft portion *2a* via the hydraulic paths *9a, 9b*. As a result, the diameter of the coupling sleeve *4b* (taper hole portion *4b-a*) is increased by the hydraulic pressure, whereby the interference-fitted state of the coupling sleeve *4b* (taper hole portion *4b-a*) is released.

**[0083]** Then, simply upon supply of the hydraulic pressure, the rotor coupling **4** is easily disengaged, together with the taper spacers **14**, from the casing penetrating shaft **2**, for example, by pulling the rotor coupling **4**. Thus, the gas seals **3** can be disengaged from the casing penetrating shaft **2** for replacement and maintenance.

**[0084]** In the present embodiment, while the rotor **1** is rotating, the rotor coupling **4** deals with rated torque (normal torque) by use of frictional torque at the interference fit portion between the taper shaft portion *2a* of the casing penetrating shaft **2** and the coupling sleeve *4b* (taper hole portion *4b-a*) under the hydraulic pressure, and deals with abnormal torque, such as one during short-circuiting of the electrical generator, by utilizing the portion of engagement between the teeth **12** and **13** of the straight shaft portion *2b* of the casing penetrating shaft **2** and the straight hole portion *4b-b* of the coupling sleeve *4b*.

**[0085]** Thus, in the rotor coupling **4**, the interference fit portion due to the hydraulic pressure has an interference margin sufficient for the rotor **1** and the rotor coupling **4** to act as a single elastic body in response to the lateral vibration of the shaft, so that stable shaft vibration characteristics are obtained. A steam turbine and a gas turbine generally rotate at a high speed and, in order for them to be kept with minimal vibration, their axes have to be held in position relative to each other at the portion of coupling between the adjacent rotors, and this state has to be stably maintained. In the present embodiment, the interference fit portion is subject to fitting of the taper surfaces, and thus functions effectively.

**[0086]** In response to abnormal torque, such as that in the short-circuiting accident of an electric generator, which is considered to occur several times or less frequently during the total life of the steam or gas turbine, the portion of engagement between the teeth **12** and **13** resists the marked slip of the rotor coupling **4**, and this is capable of preventing damage which makes the continued use of the rotor **1** difficult. On this occasion, the portion of engagement between the teeth **12** and **13** is brought into engagement by the taper spacers **14** without play. Thus, all the teeth can be simultaneously resistant during abnormal torque.

**[0087]** Furthermore, of the portions of engagement between the teeth **12** and **13**, only one engagement portion F undergoes high accuracy engagement without clearance. Therefore, an indexing mechanism as in a gear cutting machine is not required. Even if the rotor **1** has a considerably long shaft, it can be processed easily by an ordinary processing machine. In other words, the introduction of equipment, which is expensive, but is used with a low frequency, can be avoided. This is very advantageous in the cost of production.

**[0088]** The reasons why the taper spacers **14** are disposed at positions on both sides of the tooth at the portion of engagement between the teeth **12** and **13** are as follows: Abnormal

torque in a short circuit of the electrical generator as an accident appears as a positive-negative alternate load, which has to be coped with by such disposition. Also, accidental detachment has to be prevented under an abnormally heavy load. Moreover, when the taper spacers **14** are mounted, their thickness adjustment is easy to make because no play is present. When the taper spacers **14** are dismounted, they are easy to withdraw. To fulfill all of these requirements, it is preferred to adopt an angle close to the angle of friction as the inclination of the spacer.

#### Embodiment 2

**[0089]** FIG. 5 is a sectional view of a coupling portion showing Embodiment 2 of the present invention. FIG. 6 is a sectional view taken on line C-C in FIG. 5. FIG. 7 is a sectional view taken on line D-D in FIG. 6.

**[0090]** This is an embodiment in which at the portions of engagement between the teeth **12A** and **13A** in Embodiment 1, the teeth **12A** formed in the straight shaft portion **2b** are changed from a fanning cross sectional shape to a rectangular cross sectional shape. Other features are the same as those in Embodiment 1. Thus, the same members as those in FIGS. 2 to 4 are assigned the same numerals as in these drawings, and duplicate explanations are omitted.

**[0091]** According to this embodiment, the advantage that the strength of the teeth **12A** formed in the straight shaft portion **2b** can be enhanced is obtained, in addition to the same actions and effects as those in Embodiment 1.

#### Embodiment 3

**[0092]** FIG. 8 is a sectional view of a coupling portion showing Embodiment 3 of the present invention. FIG. 9 is a sectional view taken on line E-E in FIG. 8.

**[0093]** This is an embodiment in which at the portions of engagement between the teeth **12B** and **13B** in Embodiment 1, the teeth **12B** formed in the straight shaft portion **2b** and the teeth **13B** formed in the straight hole portion **4b-b** are engaged with each other, without using the taper spacers **14**, after processing by an ordinary processing machine such as a lathe, and then performing polishing. In this case, it cannot be expected for all the teeth to resist abnormal torque simultaneously. However, because of the ductility of the rotor **1** and the rotor coupling **4** comprising an alloy steel, the load is borne, first of all, by the tooth having a little play, sequentially by the tooth having more play, and finally by all the teeth. Thus, no problem is posed.

**[0094]** In this embodiment, moreover, slipping-off of the rotor coupling **4** is prevented by a press nut (slipping-off preventing means) **18** which is screwed to the shaft end of the straight shaft portion **2b**, rather than by the press plate **15**. In FIG. 8, the numeral **19** denotes a whirl-stop washer which engages the rotor coupling **4** to carry out whirl-stopping of the press nut **18**. The whirl-stop washer **19** is secured to the press nut **18** by a bolt **20**. The numeral **21** denotes a coned disk spring, and the numeral **22** denotes a liner.

**[0095]** In this embodiment as well, the same actions and effects as those in Embodiment 1 are obtained.

#### Embodiment 4

**[0096]** FIG. 10 is a sectional view of a coupling portion showing Embodiment 4 of the present invention. FIG. 11 is a view taken in the direction of an arrowed line G in FIG. 10. FIG. 12 is a sectional view taken on line H-H in FIG. 11. FIG.

**13** is a sectional view taken on line I-I in FIG. 12. FIG. 14 is a sectional view taken on line J-J in FIG. 13.

**[0097]** This is an embodiment in which the engagement structure by the teeth **12** and the teeth **13** at the straight shaft portion **2b** and the straight hole portion **4b-b** in Embodiment 1 is changed to an engagement structure by a square key **23** and round taper keys **24**.

**[0098]** That is, at the straight shaft portion **2b** and the straight hole portion **4b-b**, one of keyways corresponding to each other is formed into grooves **26**, **25** of a rectangular cross section into which the square key **23** is inserted, while the other seven keyways corresponding to each other are formed into taper grooves **28a**, **28b** of a semicircular cross section into which the round taper keys **24** are inserted (see FIGS. 10 and 13).

**[0099]** Here, the grooves **26** and **25** of a rectangular cross section are machined before the rotor coupling **4** (strictly, the taper hole portion **4b-a** of the coupling sleeve **4b**) is mounted on the casing penetrating shaft **2** (strictly, the taper shaft portion **2a**) by interference fit under the hydraulic pressure. After the square key **23** is mounted in the groove **26** of the rectangular cross section on the side of the casing penetrating shaft **2** (strictly, straight shaft portion **2b**) by bolts **27**, the rotor coupling **4** is axially plunged and pressed in, with the square key **23** serving as a guide for phase alignment. On the other hand, after the rotor coupling **4** is mounted on the casing penetrating shaft **2** by the interference fit under the hydraulic pressure, the taper grooves **28a**, **28b** of the semicircular cross section are formed by co-machining of the rotor coupling **4** and the casing penetrating shaft **2**. Then, the round taper keys **24** are inserted into taper grooves of a circular cross section which are formed from the taper grooves **28a** and **28b** of the semicircular cross section.

**[0100]** In FIG. 10, the numeral **29** denotes a round taper key hold-down screw which is screwed into the press plate **15** to hold down the round taper key **24**, and the numeral **9a** denotes a screw hole for connection of a pressure oil supply pipe. In FIG. 14, the numeral **24a** denotes an air vent passage for use during insertion of the round taper key **24**. The screw hole **30** is used also in separately screwing a bolt into it and pulling out the bolt when the round taper key **24** is to be detached. Other features are the same as those in Embodiment 1. Thus, the same members as those in FIG. 2 are assigned the same numerals as in this drawing, and duplicate explanations are omitted.

**[0101]** According to the present embodiment, while the rotor is rotating, the rotor coupling **4** can deal with rated (normal) torque by use of frictional torque at the interference fit portion between the taper shaft portion **2a** of the casing penetrating shaft **2** and the coupling sleeve **4b** (taper hole portion **4b-a**) under the hydraulic pressure, and can deal with abnormal torque, such as one during short-circuiting of the electrical generator, by utilizing the engagement structure attributed to the square key **23** and the round taper keys **24** at the straight shaft portion **2b** of the casing penetrating shaft **2** and the straight hole portion **4b-b** of the coupling sleeve **4b**. The same actions and effects as those in Embodiment 1 are obtained.

#### INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

**[0102]** The hydraulic detachable coupling according to the present invention is preferred for use in coupling the rotors of a rotating machine coaxially.

1-4. (canceled)

5. A hydraulic detachable coupling mounted detachably on a rotating shaft of a rotating machine, comprising:

a coupling sleeve which is fitted on a shaft end portion of the rotating shaft,

the coupling sleeve including

an interference fit portion which is interference-fitted on an outer peripheral surface of the shaft end portion by a hydraulic pressure, and

an engagement portion which engages the outer peripheral surface of the shaft end portion at a plurality of locations in a circumferential direction, the interference fit portion and the engagement portion being located adjacent to

each other, wherein the engagement portion is a straight hole portion having keyways formed therein, the keyways corresponding to a plurality of keyways formed in a straight shaft portion of the shaft end portion.

6. The hydraulic detachable coupling according to claim 5, wherein one of the corresponding keyways is a groove of a rectangular cross section into which a square key is inserted, and other of the corresponding keyways are taper grooves of a semicircular cross section into which round taper keys are inserted.

7. (canceled)

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