

Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) of Proposed Linear Induction Motor with Hybrid Secondary (HLIM) Considering the End Effect

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Abstract: Nowadays, linear electric motors are used in industries and applications that require linear motion. Different classifications for linear motors can be considered that one of them is based on their secondary. They have two secondary types: Flat (FLIM) and Ladder (LLIM) secondary. LLIMs have more thrust force than FLIMs, however due to their higher design cost, they are less popular. In this paper we proposed a linear induction motor with Hybrid (HLIM) secondary and its relationships with consideration of the end effect. Then, this motor optimally designed using the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm. Next its output speed is controlled by the Direct Thrust Force Control (DTFC) method. According to the results, speed of HLIM reaches the desired speed in less time than and also less ripple than LLIM and FLIM. Also HLIM has more power factor as well as more thrust force and more efficiency than LLIM and FLIM. Also HLIM has less design cost than the LLIM and FLIM.

Keywords: Linear Induction Motors (LIMs), Hybrid Secondary, Direct Thrust Force Control (DTFC), Particle Swarm Optimization (SPO)

1. Introduction

Linear Induction motors (LIMs) are a subset of electric machines, that linear speed and force are generated by magnetic fields and unlike rotary electric motors, do not require mechanical devices to convert rotary motion into linear motion. Linear motors have been of much interest to researchers over the past forty years and many articles have been written on their existing phenomena. In [1], a special Linear Induction Motor with Hybrid secondary (HLIM) is designed for Textile application. In [2], a LIM is controlled by an improved Direct Thrust Force Control (DTFC), where by optimizing the PI controller, its speed reaches reference speed with less ripple than the non-optimized mode.

The End-effect is one of the most important phenomena in LIM that effects the performance of the motor. In [3-10], this phenomenon is studied and parameters of the motor are

obtained considering it. In [11], an equivalent circuit of π shape is presented and the parameters of the motor are calculated. In [12, 13], the motor design and optimization are discussed with different optimization methods and considering different objective functions.

Mostly cites articles focused on Linear Induction Motors with Flat (FLIMs) secondary, while Linear Induction Motor with Ladder (LLIMs) secondary can be better in some applications. In [14], the End-effect in LLIM is studied. In [15], a special form of secondary bars is considered that improves the motor performance and increases its thrust force. In [16], a new method is presented for modelling a LLIM based on its magnetic equivalent circuit. In [17], with respect to the end effect, the linear induction motor is optimized and by oblique secondary bars the ripple flux density is reduced.

In [18], the Fuzzy Predictive Force Control (FPFC) for speed sensor less control of single-side Linear Induction

Motor. The results showed that this control method has better performance in comparison to the conventional predictive control method. In [19], the MRAS strategy control is examined and Results indicated that the proposed adaptation mechanisms improve performance of MRAS speed estimator. In [20], a FPGA-based method is presented, where with the adaptive back stepping sliding-mode controller, the mover position of the FPGA-based LIM drive possesses the advantages of good transient control performance and robustness to uncertainties in the tracking of periodic reference trajectories.

Due to the above articles, has been less discussion about the DTFC method for HLIM. In this paper, we first reviewed, simulated, and optimized a HLIM using the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm [21], and its speed will be controlled by the DTFC and will be compared with two types of LLIM and FLIM. Then its output thrust force will be compared with two types of LLIM and FLIM. According to the results, the HLIM thrust force is more than FLIM and LLIM. Also, HLIM reaches the desired speed in less time than as well as less ripple than FLIM and LLIM. As well as according to the results HLIM has a higher power factor, higher thrust force and efficiency than LLIM and FLIM. MATLAB© software is used to check the results.

2. Relationship of HLIM, LLIM and FLIM

Figure 1 shows LLIM and FLIM:

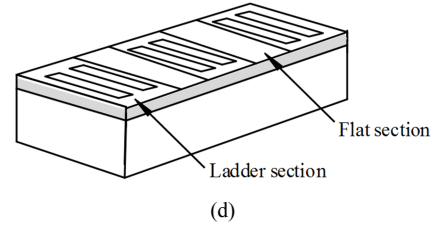
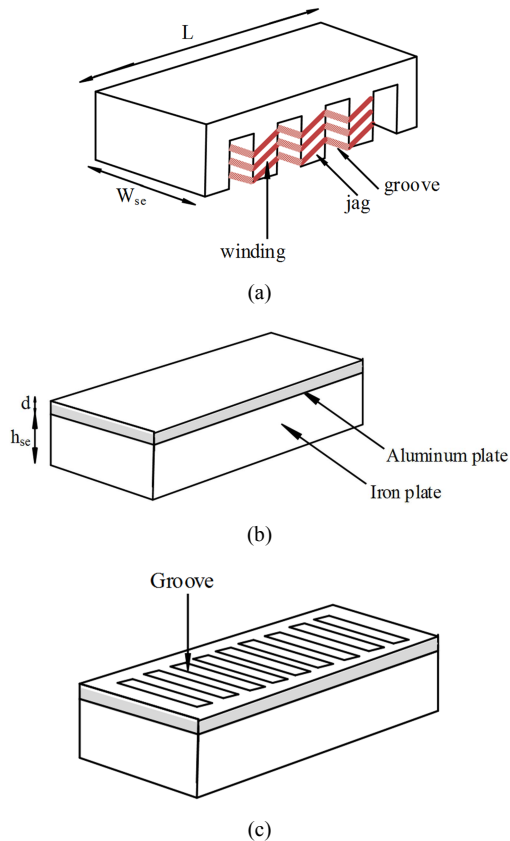


Figure 1. Linear Induction Motor: (a) Primary; (b) Flat; (c) Ladder; (d): Hybrid secondary.

In Figure 1 (a), L and W_{se} are the primary length and the primary width, respectively. In Figure 1 (b) and Figure 1 (c), d is the thickness of aluminum sheet and h_{se} is the thickness of iron sheet. For both types of flat and ladder secondary induction motors, the values of primary resistance and reactance as well as magnetization reactance are equal. Primary resistance and reactance are obtained from the following equations [4]:

$$R_1 = \rho \frac{2N(LW_{se})}{A} \quad (1)$$

$$X_1 = \frac{12.56f \cdot N^2 \left[\left(\lambda_s \left(1 + \frac{3}{2P} \right) + \lambda_d \right) \frac{W_{se} + \lambda_e \cdot L}{q} \right]}{P} \quad (2)$$

Where N is the number of primary coils, A is cross sectional of winding, ρ is resistance of primary coils, f is frequency and P is the number of pole pairs. λ_s is the groove specific magnetic conductivity, λ_e is the magnetic conductivity of the end joints and λ_d is the differential magnetic conductivity also q is the number of grooves per motor phase that calculated as follows:

$$\lambda_s = \mu_0 \frac{h_s(1+3\beta)}{12W_{se}} \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_e = 0.3\mu_0(3\beta - 1) \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda_d = \mu_0 \frac{5g_{ei}}{5W_{se} + 4g_{ei}} \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda_d = \mu_0 \frac{5g_{ei}}{5W_{se} + 4g_{ei}} \quad (6)$$

Where β is step of winding to step of polar, g_{ei} is effective length of air gap, h_s is depth of primary groove, m is the number of phases and z is the total number of groove. Also for calculate the magnetization reactance, the following equation is used:

$$X_m = \frac{37.7f\mu_0W_{se}K_w^2N^2\tau}{\pi^2Pg_{ei}} \quad (7)$$

Where K_w is the coefficient of winding and calculated using following relations:

$$K_w = K_p K_d \quad (8)$$

$$K_p = \sin\left(\beta \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \quad (9)$$

$$K_d = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}{q \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} \quad (10)$$

Where α is the electric angle of the groove in terms of electrical degree and we have:

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi P}{z} \quad (11)$$

For resistance of secondary in FLIM we have:

$$R_{2FLIM} = \frac{6W_{se}K_w^2N^2}{P\tau\sigma_{ei}d} \quad (12)$$

That σ_{ei} is the secondary conductivity that equivalent to:

$$\sigma_{ei} = \frac{\sigma}{k_{sk}k_{tr}} + \frac{\sigma_i\delta_i}{k_{tri}d} \quad (13)$$

Where k_{sk} is coefficient of secondary conductivity, k_{tri} is coefficient of iron conductivity due to the edge effect, δ_s and δ_i are the depth of field penetration in aluminum and secondary iron, respectively, obtained from the following equations:

$$k_{sk} = \frac{d}{\delta_s} \left[\frac{\sinh(\frac{2d}{\delta_s}) + \sinh(\frac{2d}{\delta_s})}{\cosh(\frac{2d}{\delta_s}) - \cosh(\frac{2d}{\delta_s})} \right] \quad (14)$$

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$$\delta_i = Re \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{\tau}\right)^2 + j\frac{\omega\mu_{ri}\mu_0\sigma}{k_{tri}}}} \right] \quad (16)$$

$$\delta_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{\tau}\right)^2 + \mu_0\pi f\sigma}} \quad (17)$$

That σ is the secondary aluminum conductivity, σ_i is the secondary iron conductivity, k_{tr} is a constant coefficient that depends on the motor quality, and μ_{ri} is the relative magnetic permeability coefficient of the secondary iron.

In FLIM, secondary inductance can be ignored. In the other words:

$$X_{2FLIM} \approx 0 \quad (18)$$

In LLIM the secondary resistance will be as follows:

$$R_{2LLIM} = \frac{W_{se}N^2K_w^2\tau_2A_s}{P\tau dW_2\sigma} (1 + A_e) \quad (19)$$

Where τ_2 is the secondary groove step, A_s is the cross-sectional of the secondary groove. A_e is a coefficient of resistance between the secondary grooves and obtained from the following relation:

$$A_e = \frac{R_{s2}}{2R_b \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi P}{N_l^2}\right)} \quad (20)$$

Where R_2 is the resistance of between of ladder, R_b is the resistance of ladder, and N_l the number of grooves in the secondary. Also in LLIM, the secondary reactance is not zero and calculated as follows:

$$X_2 = 150.8\mu_0W_{se}N_lK_w^2f(\lambda_{s2} + \lambda_{e2} + \lambda_{d2}) \quad (21)$$

That λ_{d2} , λ_{e2} and λ_{s2} are the differential magnetic conductivity, end connections conductivity and the secondary groove conductivity, respectively [15].

According to the mentioned relations, for secondary resistance and reactance of proposed HLIM, we will have:

$$R_{2HLIM} = GR_{2FLIM} + HR_{2LLIM} \quad (22)$$

$$X_{2HLIM} = GX_{2FLIM} + HX_{2LLIM} \quad (23)$$

Where G and H, are Flat section and Ladder section length, respectively.

3. Dynamic Model of HLIM

In order to obtain the HLIM model in a d-q reference frame, first the stator voltage equation should be introduced:

$$U_{ds} = R_1i_{ds} + R_{2HLIM}f(Q)(i_{ds} + i_{dr}) + \frac{d\lambda_{ds}}{dt} - \omega_e\lambda_{qs} \quad (24)$$

$$U_{qs} = R_1i_{qs} + \frac{d\lambda_{qs}}{dt} + \omega_e\lambda_{ds} \quad (25)$$

$$U_{dr} = R_{2HLIM}i_{dr} + \frac{d\lambda_{dr}}{dt} - (\omega_e - \omega_r)\lambda_{qs} \quad (26)$$

$$U_{qr} = R_{2HLIM}i_{qr} + \frac{d\lambda_{qr}}{dt} + (\omega_e - \omega_r)\lambda_{dr} \quad (27)$$

$$\lambda_{ds} = L_1i_{ds} + L_m(1 - f(Q))(i_{ds} + i_{dr}) \quad (28)$$

$$\lambda_{qs} = L_1i_{qs} + L_m(i_{qs} + i_{qr}) \quad (29)$$

$$\lambda_{dr} = L_{2HLIM}i_{qr} + L_m(1 - f(Q))(i_{ds} + i_{dr}) \quad (30)$$

$$\lambda_{qr} = L_{2HLIM}i_{qr} + L_m(i_{qs} + i_{qr}) \quad (31)$$

$$f(Q) = \frac{1 - e^{-Q}}{Q} \quad (32)$$

$$Q = \frac{(nG + mH)}{VL_{2HLIM}} R_{2HLIM} \quad (33)$$

In the above relationships, n is number of flat sections and m is number of ladder sections. According to relationships (5), (6) and (16) we have:

$$Q = \frac{(nG + mH)(GR_{2FLIM} + HR_{2LLIM})}{V(GL_{2FLIM} + HL_{2LLIM})} \quad (34)$$

After solving the above relationship, we have:

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{V^2(GL_{2FLIM} + HL_{2LLIM})} (nG^2R_{FLIM} + nHR_{LLIM} + mHGR_{FLIM} + mH^2R_{LLIM}) \frac{dV}{dt} \quad (35)$$

4. Optimization and Design

The Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm [21] is used to design and optimize the motor. In this algorithm, arbitrary inputs are first given and based on the condition that we place at the end of the algorithm, equivalent circuit parameters of motor are design and obtained. Here, first, inputs such as voltage, frequency, rated speed and rated slip are considered. Then, according to the following algorithm, the required outputs for the motor design are calculated:

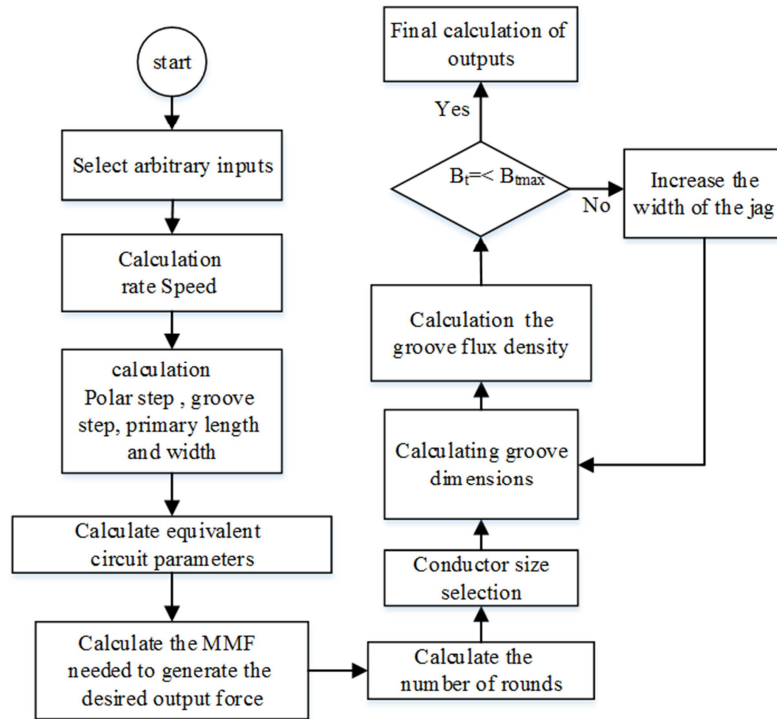


Figure 2. Block Design of Optimization Algorithm.

The following table shows the rated inputs for FLIM and LLIM:

Table 1. Rated motor Input Values.

Specifications	Amounts
voltage (V)	220
thrust force (N)	30
frequency (Hz)	50
speed (m/s)	2
slip	0.2
voltage (V)	220
thrust force (N)	30

According to the values of table 1 and the proposed algorithm, the optimal values for the design of the linear induction motor are given in the following tables. Various variables can be considered to optimize the design. The

following table values are obtained with consider the output power, speed and efficiency of the motor as objective function:

Table 2. Output values for optimal design of HLIM.

Specifications	Amounts
effective air distance	3.21mm
number of pair poles	2
iron secondary thickness	15.9mm
primary length	0.629m
secondary length	0.8m
secondary groove Width	5.2mm
primary groove width	5.5mm
frequency	50
number of rounds	316
number of grooves in each phase at each pole	3
primary width	106.48mm
secondary width	130.73mm
secondary jag Width	8.3mm
Primary jag width	3mm
m	51
primary groove depth	34.17mm
H	7.74mm

5. Direct Thrust Force of HLIM

In the Direct Thrust Force Control (DTFC) method, speed and stator voltage of motor are calculated by the sensor [2]. Then by relationships (36-40), the flux linkage, θ and thrust force are estimated. Next, compared with real and reference

value of the flux linkage and thrust force. Then they are passed through the hysteresis controllers. Then using the switching table for selection the inverter's switch on and off to provide the demand voltage. Figure 3 shows the DTFC method.

Table 3. Switch table.

Error status of		θ (1)	θ (2)	θ (3)	θ (4)	θ (5)	θ (6)
$\lambda = 1$	$T_e = 1$	2	3	4	5	6	1
	$T_e = 0$	0	7	0	7	0	7
	$T_e = -1$	6	1	2	3	4	5
$\lambda = 0$	$T_e = 1$	3	4	5	6	1	2
	$T_e = 0$	7	0	7	0	7	0
	$T_e = -1$	5	6	1	2	3	4

$$F_e = \frac{3p\pi}{4\tau} \cdot \frac{L_m(1-f(Q))}{L_{2HLIM}-H_{mf}(Q)} (\lambda_{dr}i_{qs} - L_{2HLIM} \frac{f}{1-f} i_{qs}i_{ds}) = m \frac{dv}{dt} + BV + F_L \quad (36)$$

$$\lambda_{ds} = \int (U_{ds} - R_1 i_{ds} - R_{2HLIM} f(Q) i_{ds}) dt \quad (37)$$

$$\lambda_{qs} = \int (U_{qs} - R_1 i_{qs}) dt \quad (38)$$

$$\lambda_{qs} = \sqrt{\lambda_{ds}^2 + \lambda_{qs}^2} \quad (39)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{qs}}{\lambda_{ds}} \right) \quad (40)$$

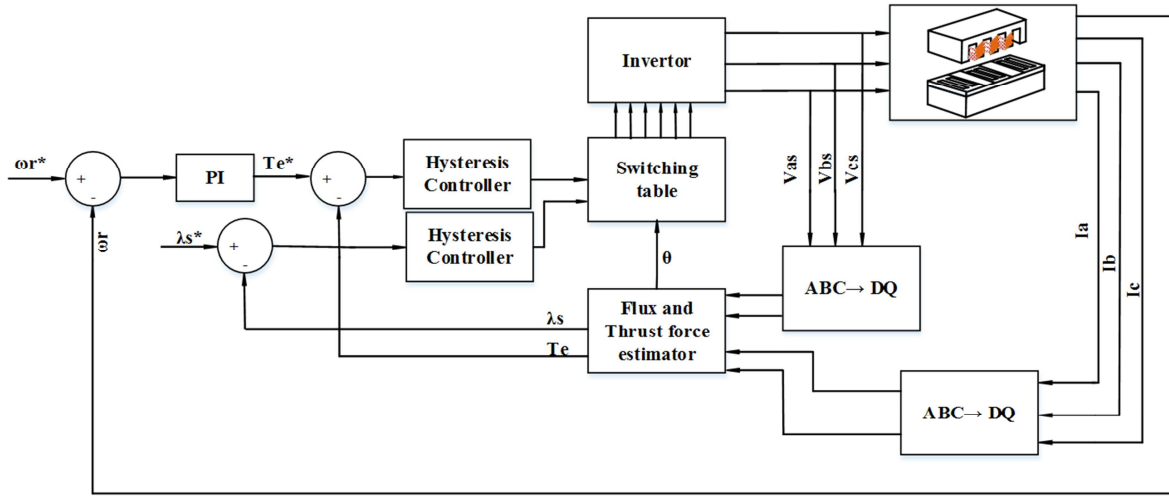


Figure 3. Block diagram of DTFC.

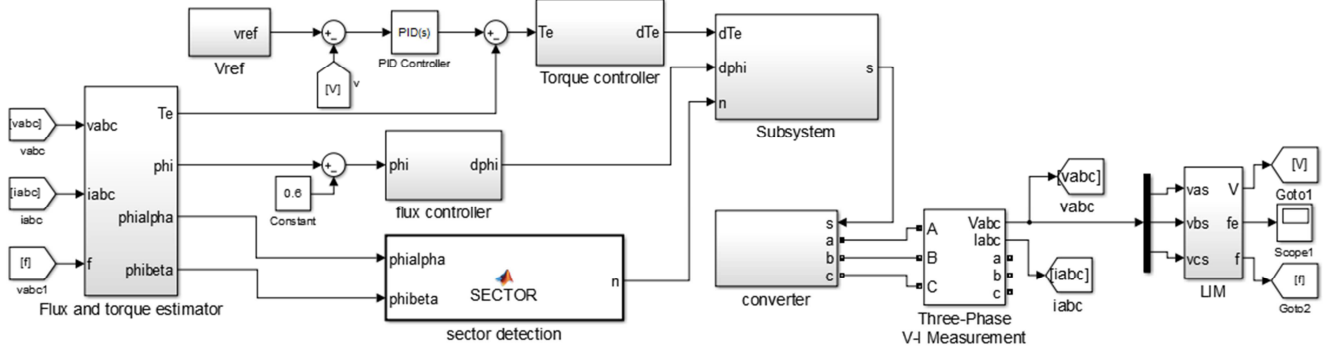


Figure 4. Simulink model of DTFC for HLIM with End effects.

6. Simulation Results

In this section, simulation results of HLIM, LLIM and FLIM will be presented. The main aim of this paper is control of HLIM by the DTFC method. For this purpose, the reference value of LIM speed is selected 2 m/s that is equal to 7.2 km/h. For values of FLIM and LLIM, we have used the PSO algorithm and optimized them. This values listed in the tables 4 and 5.

Table 4. Output values for optimal design of LLIM.

Specifications	Amounts
width of Primary jag	4 mm
Primary groove width	5.7 mm
Groove depth	21.3 mm
Groove width to step ratio	0.6365
Secondary iron thickness	14.6 mm
Motor length	0.3 m
Number of secondary bars	218
Secondary groove Width	4.3 mm
Frequency	50
Effective air distance	2.5 mm
Number of pair poles	2
Number of turns	316
Number of grooves in each phase at each pole	4
Primary width	68.3 mm
Secondary jag width	7.14 mm

Table 5. Output values for optimal design of LLIM.

Specifications	Amounts
Jag width	4 mm
Groove width	7.3 mm
Groove depth	30.1 mm
Groove width to step ratio	0.7
Secondary iron thickness	15.9 mm
Motor length	0.251 m
Frequency	50
Air gap	2.72 mm
Number of pair poles	2
Number of turns	267
Number of grooves in each phase at each pole	3
Primary width	67.21 mm

Figures 5 to 7 show HLIM, LLIM and FLIM respectively. Speed of HLIM achieving reference speed in 0.247 sec and with 0.04% ripple and speed of LLIM in 0.466 sec and 0.74% ripple, reaches the desired speed. Also speed of FLIM reaches the desired speed in 0.618 sec and with 0.76% ripple.

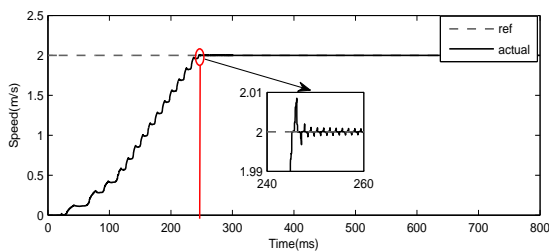


Figure 5. Linear speed of HLIM.

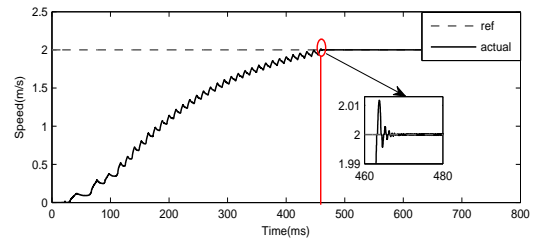


Figure 6. Linear speed of LLIM.

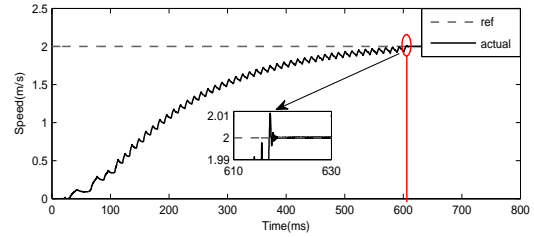


Figure 7. Linear speed of FLIM.

Using Equations (36-40) and according to Figures 7 to 9, HLIM, LLIM and FLIM can produce 33.4, 27.8 and 25.1 N, respectively. Also these values obtained in the duration of 5.18ms for HLIM, 10.4ms for LLIM and 15.72ms for FLIM.

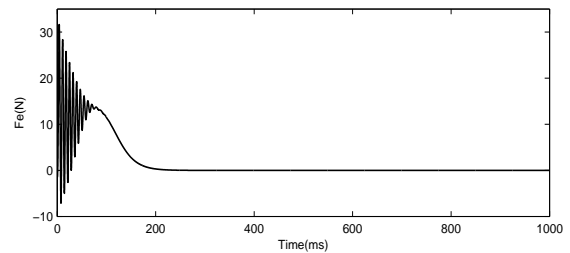


Figure 8. Thrust force of HLIM.

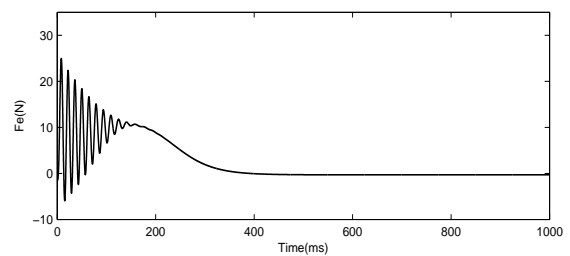


Figure 9. Thrust force of LLIM.

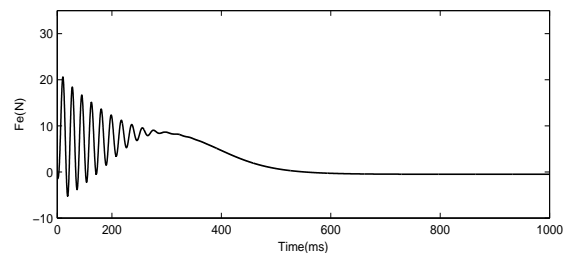


Figure 10. Thrust force of FLIM.

As well as by equations (24) to (35), we can calculate current of HLIM, LLIM and FLIM. Also in the LIMs, the braking force (F_b), efficiency (η) and power factor ($\cos\phi$) are obtained by the following equations [3, 6]:

$$F_b = \frac{3R_{2LIM}(i_{ds}+i_{dr})^2}{2f\tau} \quad (41)$$

The above relationships have used for HLIM, LLIM and FLIM and the results are given in Table 6.

Table 6. Outputs of HLIM, LLIM, FLIM.

	Thrust Force (N)	Braking force (N)	Efficiency (%)	Power factor
FLIM	25.1	0.32	54.2	0.463
LLIM	27.8	0.91	65.8	0.527
HLIM	33.4	1.12	72.3	0.618

7. Conclusions

The Linear Induction Motors with Ladder secondary (LLIMs) have more Thrust Force than Linear Induction Motors with Flat secondary (FLIMs). However due to their higher design cost, they are less popular. In this paper we proposed a Linear Induction motor with Hybrid (HLIM) secondary and its relationships with consideration of the end effect. Then, this motor optimally designed using the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm. Next its output speed is controlled by the Direct Thrust Force Control (DTFC) method. According to the results, speed of HLIM reaches the desired speed in less time than and also less ripple than LLIM and FLIM. Also HLIM has more power factor as well as more thrust force and more efficiency than LLIM and FLIM. Also HLIM has less design cost than the LLIM and FLIM.

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