

Direct Thrust Force Control (DTFC) 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 study, 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.

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 40 years and many articles have been written on their existing phenomena. By Mousaei and Shrifian, a special Linear Induction Motor with Hybrid secondary (HLIM) is designed for Textile application. By Shadabi *et al.*^[1], 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. By Yamazaki^[2], Amiri and Mendrela^[3], Laithwaite and Nasar^[4], Shiri and Shoulaie^[5], Yu and Fahimi^[6] and Woronowick and Safaei^[7], this phenomenon is studied and parameters of the motor are obtained considering it.

By Sarapulov *et al.*^[8] an equivalent circuit of π shape is presented and the parameters of the motor are calculated. By Zare-Bazghaleh *et al.*^[9] and Isfahani *et al.*^[10], 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 Hofmann, the end-effect in LLIM is studied. By Fujii and Harada^[11] a special form of secondary bars is considered that improves the motor performance and increases its thrust force. By Yamaguchi *et al.*^[12], a new method is presented for modelling a LLIM based on its magnetic equivalent circuit. By Naderi and Shiri^[13] with respect to the end effect, the linear induction motor is optimized and by oblique secondary bars the ripple flux density is reduced.

By Kazraji *et al.*^[14], the Fuzzy Predictive Force Control (FPFC) for speed sensorless 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. By Holakooie *et al.*^[15] the MRAS strategy control is examined and Results indicated that the proposed adaptation mechanisms improve performance of MRAS speed estimator. By Lin *et al.*^[16], a FPGA-based method is presented where with the adaptive backstepping 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 study, we first reviewed, simulated and optimized a HLIM using the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm Kennedy and Eberhart^[17] 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 a s 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.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Relationship of HLIM: In Fig. 1a, L and W_{se} are the primary length and the primary width, respectively. In Fig. 1b-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:

$$R_1 = \rho \frac{2N(L.W_{se})}{A} \tag{1}$$

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

Where:

- N = The number of primary coils
- A = Cross sectional of winding
- ρ = Resistance of primary coils
- f = Frequency
- P = The number of pole pairs
- λ_s = The groove specific magnetic conductivity
- λ_e = The magnetic conductivity of the end joints
- λ_d = The differential magnetic conductivity
- q = The number of grooves per motor phase that calculated as follows:

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

$$\lambda_e = 0.3\mu_0(3\beta-1) \tag{4}$$

$$\lambda_d = \mu_0 \frac{5g_{ei}}{5W_{se}+4g_{ei}} \tag{5}$$

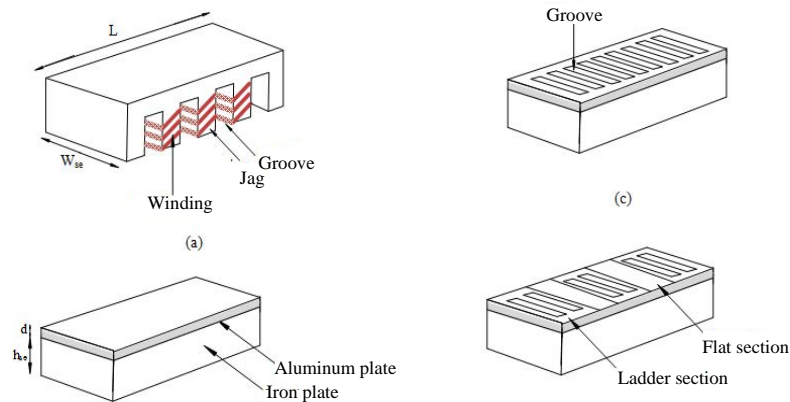


Fig. 1(a-d): Linear induction motor, (a) Primary, (b) Flat, (c) Ladder and (d) Hybrid secondary

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

Where:

- β = Step of winding to step of polar
- g_{ei} = Effective length of air gap
- h_s = Depth of primary groove
- m = The number of phases
- z = The total number of groove

Also, for calculate the magnetization reactance, the following equation is used:

$$X_m = \frac{37.7f\mu_0 W_{se} k_w^2 N^2 \tau}{\pi^2 P g_{ei}} \quad (7)$$

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

Where:

- k_{sk} = Coefficient of secondary conductivity
- k_{iri} = Coefficient of iron conductivity due to the edge effect
- δ_s and δ_i = The depth of field penetration in aluminum and secondary iron

Respectively, obtained from the following equations:

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

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

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

Where:

- σ = The secondary aluminum conductivity
- σ_i = The secondary iron conductivity
- k_{tr} = A constant coefficient that depends on the motor quality
- μ_{ri} = 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:

$$R_{2LLIM} = \frac{W_{se} N^2 k_w^2 \tau_2 A_s}{P\tau d W_2 \sigma} (1+A_e) \quad (19)$$

Where:

- τ_2 = The secondary groove step
- A_s = The cross-sectional of the secondary groove
- A_e = A coefficient of resistance between the secondary grooves and obtained from the following relation

$$A_e = \frac{R_{s2}}{2R_b \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi P}{N_1}\right)} \quad (20)$$

Where:

- R_2 = The resistance of between of ladder
- R_b = The resistance of ladder
- N_1 = Number of grooves in the secondary.

Also, in LLIM, the secondary reactance is not zero and calculated as follows:

$$X_2 = 150.8\mu_0 W_{sc} N_1 k_w^2 f (\lambda_{s2} + \lambda_{s2} + \lambda_{d2}) \quad (21)$$

That λ_{d2} , λ_{e2} and λ_{s2} are the differential magnetic conductivity, end connections conductivity and the secondary groove conductivity, respectively^[11]. 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.

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:

$$U_{ds} = R_1 i_{ds} + R_{2HLIM} f(Q) (i_{ds} + i_{dr}) + \frac{d\lambda_{ds}}{dt} - \omega_e \lambda_{qs} \quad (24)$$

$$U_{qs} = R_1 i_{qs} + \frac{d\lambda_{qs}}{dt} + \omega_e \lambda_{ds} \quad (25)$$

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

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

$$\lambda_{ds} = L_1 i_{ds} + L_m (1-f(Q))(i_{ds} + i_{dr}) \quad (28)$$

$$\lambda_{qs} = L_1 i_{qs} + L_m (i_{qs} + i_{qr}) \quad (29)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

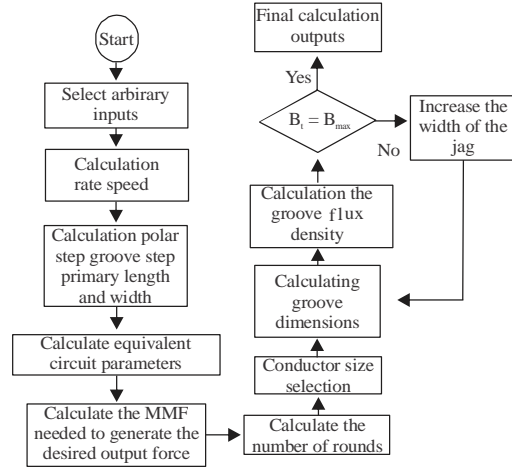


Fig. 2: Block design of optimization algorithm

Table 1: Rated motor input values

Specifications	Amounts
Voltage (V)	220
Thrust force (N)	30
Frequency (Hz)	50
Speed (m/sec)	2
Slip	0.2

After solving the above relationship, we have:

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

Optimization and design: The Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm^[17] 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 (Fig. 2). Table 1 shows the rated inputs for FLIM and LLIM. according to the values Table 1 and the proposed algorithm, the optimal values for the design of the linear induction motor are given in Table 2. Various variables can be considered to optimize the design. Table 3 values are obtained with consider the output power, speed and efficiency of the motor as objective function.

Direct thrust force of HLIM: In the Direct Thrust Force Control (DTFC) method, speed and stator voltage of motor are calculated by the sensor^[1]. Then by relationships (Eq. 36-40), the flux linkage, θ and thrust

Table 2: Output values for optimal design of HLIM

Variables	Values	Variables	Values
Effective air distance	3.21 mm	Frequency	50
Number of pair poles	2	Number of rounds	316
Iron secondary thickness	15.9 mm	Number of grooves in each phase at each pole	3
Primary length	0.629 m	Primary width	106.48 mm
Secondary length	0.8 m	Secondary width	130.73 mm
Secondary groove width	5.2 mm	Secondary jag width	8.3 mm
Primary groove width	5.5 mm	Primary jag width	3 mm
n	70	m	51
Number of secondary bars	350	Primary groove depth	34.17 mm
G	5.79 mm	H	7.74 mm

Table 3: Switch table

Error status of	θ(1)	θ(2)	θ(3)	θ(4)	θ(5)	θ(6)
λ = 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
λ = 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

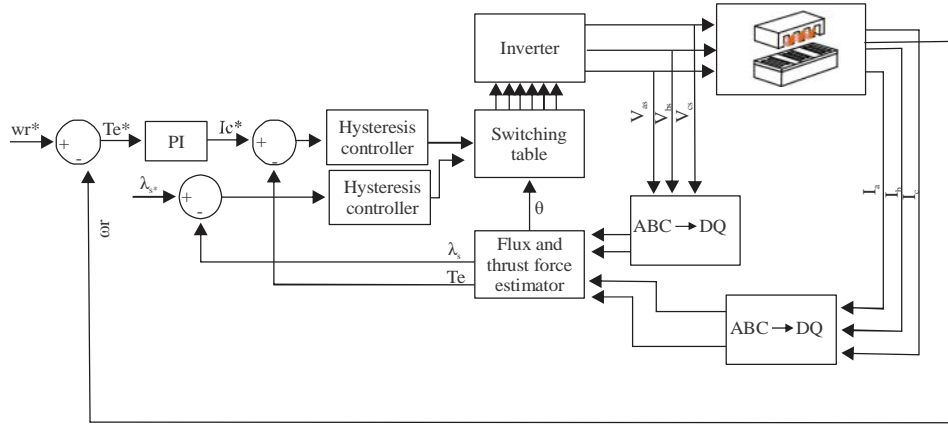


Fig. 3: Block diagram of DTFC

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:

$$F_e = \frac{3p\pi}{4\tau} \cdot \frac{L_m(1-f(Q))}{L_{2HLIM}-H_m f(Q)} \left(\lambda_{dr} i_{qs} - L_{2HLIM} \frac{f}{1-f} i_{qs} i_{ds} = m \frac{dV}{dt} + BC + F_L \right) \quad (36)$$

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

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

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

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

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this study, simulation results of HLIM, LLIM and FLIM will be presented. The main aim of this study is control of HLIM by the DTFC method. For this purpose, the reference value of LIM speed is selected 2 m sec⁻¹ that is equal to 7.2 km h⁻¹. For values of FLIM and LLIM, we have used the PSO algorithm and optimized them. This values listed in Table 4 and 5.

Figure 5-7 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.

Using (Eq. 36-40) and according to Fig. 7-9, HLIM, LLIM and FLIM can produce 33.4, 27.8 and 25.1 N,

Table 4: Output values for optimal design of LLIM

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

Table 5: Output values for optimal design of FLIM

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

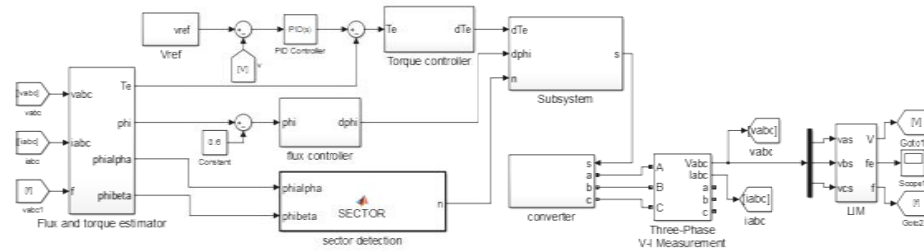


Fig. 4: Simulink model of DTFC for HLIM with end effects

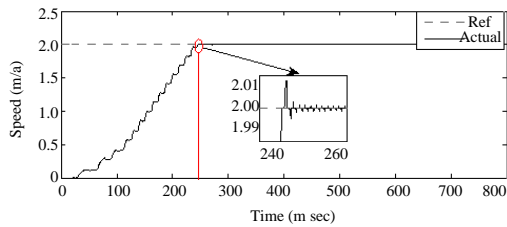


Fig. 5: Linear speed of HLIM

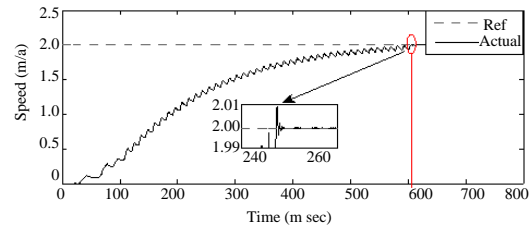


Fig. 7: Linear speed of FLIM

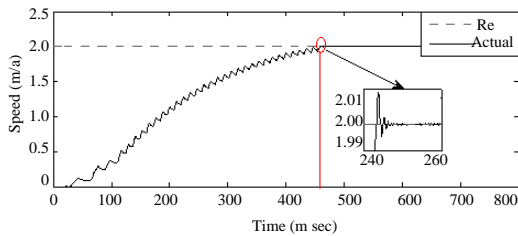


Fig. 6: Linear speed of LLM

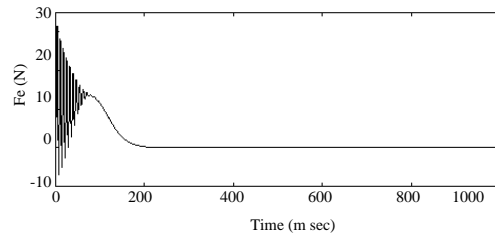


Fig. 8: Thrust force of HLIM

respectively. Also, these values obtained in the duration of 5.18 m sec for HLIM, 10.4 m sec for LLM and 15.72 m sec for FLIM.

As well as by Eq. 24-35, we can calculate current of HLIM, LLM and FLIM. Also, in the LIMs, the braking Force (F_b), efficiency (η) and power factor ($\cos \phi$) are obtained by the following (Eq. 3, 6):

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

$$\eta = \frac{F_e V}{2f(F_e + F_b) + 3R_1 i_{ds}^2} \quad (42)$$

Table 6: Output values for optimal design of HLIM

Variables	Thrust force (N)	Braking force (N)	Efficiency (%)	Power factors
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

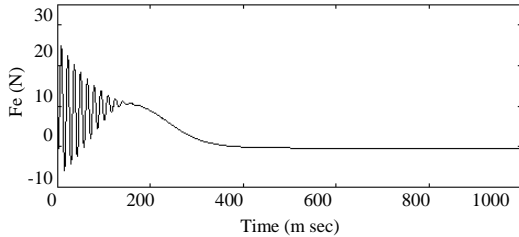


Fig. 9: Thrust force of LLIM

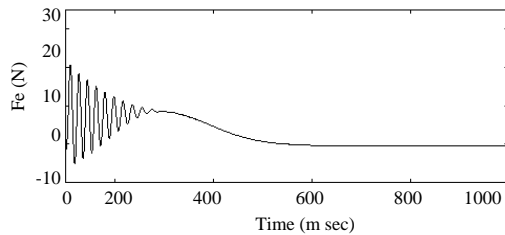


Fig. 10: Thrust force of FILM

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{2f\tau(F_e + F_b)R_i i_{ds}^2}{U_{ds}} \quad (43)$$

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

CONCLUSION

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 study we proposed a Linear Induction motor with Hybrid (HLIM) secondary and its relationships with consideration of the end effect.

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