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## ABSTRACT

Permanent Magnet Linear Synchronous Motor (PMLSM) introduces excellent performances in terms static characteristics and thrust density compare to other types of linear motor. Previously, a Permanent Magnet Cylindrical Synchronous Linear Motor (PMCLSM) was designed and developed. However, measurement result shows that the thrust,  $F$  of the PMCLSM was saturated at the current,  $I$  lower than its estimated rated current. One of the factors that caused the saturation is the unbalanced dimensions between the stator yoke and the coil of the PMLCSM. Therefore, the PMLSM was designed in this research to overcome this problem. The design of the PMLSM was accomplished by modified the structure parameters of the PMLSM. It was completed in two stages. Each model of the PMLSM was simulated by using FEM software where the simulation outputs were analyzed and compared to identify the best model. In the first stage of the PMLSM design, the yoke thickness,  $t_y$  of the PMLSM was designed. From the simulation analysis, the PMLSM model with lower-side yoke thickness,  $t_{y2}$  is 3.0 mm was identified as the best model in the first stage of the PMLSM design. The model has an average thrust,  $F_{ave}$  of 167 N at the current,  $I$  of 3.0 A. The model was chosen based on its insignificant thrust reduction. For the second stage of the PMLSM design, the structure parameters of the selected model in the first stage of the PMLSM design was chosen as the reference. In the second stage of the PMLSM design, the design was focused on the slot opening parameters with two different permanent magnet magnetization direction arrangement. The parameters of the slot opening are slot opening length,  $l_t$  and slot opening height,  $h_t$ . Meanwhile, the permanent magnet arrangements varied are N-S axial arrangement and Halbach arrangement. Based on the simulation results analysis, the PMLSM with Halbach arrangement with a combination of slot opening length,  $l_t$  is 1.5 mm and slot opening height,  $h_t$  is 1.0 mm was identified as the best model in the second stage of the PMLSM design. The model hence selected for the fabrication. Since the PMLSM's driver design and development were not included in this research, the performance of the PMLSM was focused on the static characteristics. Therefore, the static thrust characteristics at each phase of the PMLSM was measured. The measurement results were then compared to the simulation outputs for result validation. However, due to the permanent magnet of the Halbach arrangement could not attached to the shaft permanently, the permanent magnet arrangement was changed to N-S axial arrangement. This is to ensure the sustainability of the PMLSM's function. From the measurement, it shows that the thrust,  $F$  of the PMLSM with axial arrangement was able to be captured at excitation current,  $I$  higher than 1.5 A. At the excitation current,  $I$  of 2.0 A, the static thrust produced by the PMLSM with axial arrangement for phase A is 154.82 N. As a conclusion, the PMLSM with axial arrangement was capable in overcoming the thrust saturation faced by PMCLSM.

## ABSTRAK

*Motor Linear Segerak Bermagnet Kekal (PMLSM) mempunyai prestasi yang sangat baik dari segi ciri-ciri pegun dan ketumpatan teras berbanding motor linear jenis lain. Dalam kajian sebelumnya, Motor Linear Segerak Silinder Bermagnet Kekal (PMCLSM) telah direka dan dibangunkan. Namun, keputusan yang diukur menunjukkan teras,  $F$  yang dihasilkan PMCLSM tepu pada arus yang lebih rendah dari anggaran arus,  $I$  yang ditetapkan. Salah satu faktor penyebab ketepuan adalah ketidakseimbangan dimensi antara yok pemegun dan gegelung PMLCSM tersebut. Oleh itu, PMLSM telah direka bentuk dalam kajian ini bagi mengatasi masalah itu. Reka bentuk PMLSM telah dicapai dengan mengubah parameter struktur PMLSM itu. Ianya telah diselesaikan dalam dua peringkat reka bentuk. Setiap model PMLSM yang direka bentuk telah disimulasi menggunakan perisian FEM di mana hasil simulasi telah dianalisa dan dibandingkan untuk mencari model yang terbaik. Dalam peringkat pertama reka bentuk PMLSM, ketebalan yok pemegun,  $t_y$  telah direka. Daripada hasil simulasi, model PMLSM dengan ketebalan bahagian bawah yok,  $t_{y2}$  adalah 3.0 mm telah dipilih sebagai model terbaik dalam reka bentuk PMLSM peringkat pertama. Model ini mempunyai teras purata,  $F_{ave}$  sebanyak 167 N pada arus 3.0 A. Model ini dipilih berdasarkan penurunan terasnya yang tidak ketara. Untuk reka bentuk PMLSM peringkat kedua, parameter struktur PMLSM yang telah dipilih dalam reka bentuk PMLSM peringkat pertama telah dijadikan sebagai rujukan. Dalam reka bentuk PMLSM peringkat kedua, reka bentuk difokuskan kepada parameter pada pembukaan slot pemegun dengan dua susunan arah pemagnetan magnet kekal. Parameter pada pembukaan slot pemegun adalah panjang pembukaan slot pemegun,  $l_t$  dan tinggi pembukaan slot pemegun,  $h_t$ . Manakala, susunan magnet kekal yang diubah adalah susunan paksi N-S dan susunan Halbach. Berdasarkan analisa hasil simulasi, PMLSM dengan susunan Halbach yang mempunyai gabungan panjang pembukaan slot,  $l_t$  adalah 1.5 mm dan tinggi pembukaan slot,  $h_t$  adalah 1.0 mm telah dikenalpasti sebagai model terbaik dalam reka bentuk PMLSM peringkat kedua. PMLSM ini telah dipilih untuk difabrikasi. Memandangkan reka bentuk dan pembangunan pemacu PMLSM tidak termasuk dalam kajian ini, prestasi PMLSM hanya tertumpu kepada ciri-ciri pegun. Oleh itu, ciri-ciri teras pegun telah diukur pada setiap fasa PMLSM itu. Hasil yang diukur telah dibandingkan dengan hasil simulasi untuk pengesahan. Namun begitu, disebabkan magnet kekal dengan susunan Halbach tidak dapat melekat pada bahagian aci dengan kekal, susunan magnet kekal telah diubah daripada susunan Halbach kepada susunan paksi N-S. Ini bagi memastikan fungsi PMLSM tersebut dapat bertahan lama. Dari pengukuran, ia menunjukkan bahawa teras,  $F$  yang dihasilkan oleh PMLSM dengan susunan paksi N-S berjaya diukur pada arus,  $I$  yang lebih tinggi dari 1.5 A. Pada arus 2.0 A, teras pegun pada fasa A yang dihasilkan oleh PMLSM dengan susunan paksi N-S adalah sebanyak 154.82 N. Dengan ini, dapat disimpulkan bahawa PMLSM dengan susunan paksi N-S berjaya mengatasi masalah ketepuan teras,  $F$  yang dialami oleh PMCLSM.*

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

$a$	-	Coil area
$A$	-	Coil total area
AC	-	Alternating current
$B$	-	Magnetic flux density
$B_{mg1}$	-	Amplitude of the first harmonic of the air gap magnetic flux density
DC	-	Direct current
$E$	-	Electric field
$E_f$	-	No-load rms voltage induced
EMF	-	Electromotive force
$F$	-	Thrust
$F_{cog}$	-	Cogging force
$F_{dx}$	-	Electromagnetic thrust
$F_{dxrel}$	-	Reluctance thrust
$F_{dxsyn}$	-	Synchronous thrust
$F_{left}$	-	Force acting on the stator left-side end
$F_{max}$	-	Maximum thrust
$F_{min}$	-	Minimum thrust
$F_{right}$	-	Force acting on the stator right-side end
$F_{slot}$	-	Force acting on the stator slot
FEM	-	Finite Element Method

$G$	-	Motor constant square density
$h_{pm}$	-	Permanent magnet height
$h_{st}$	-	Stator height
$h_t$	-	Stator slot opening height
$H$	-	Magnetic field intensity
$H_c$	-	Coercivity
$H_{ci}$	-	Remnant intrinsic coercivity
$I$	-	Current
$J$	-	Current density
$k$	-	Magnetic susceptibility
$k_f$	-	Thrust constant
$k_m$	-	Motor constant
$k_w$	-	Armature winding coefficient
kg	-	Kilogram
$l_{ave}$	-	Stator average length
$l_i$	-	Stator core effective length
$l_{st}$	-	Stator length
$l_t$	-	Stator slot opening length
$l_{total}$	-	Stator total length
$L$	-	Inductance
LIM	-	Linear induction motor
LSM	-	Linear synchronous motor
LSTM	-	Linear stepper motor
$m$	-	Armature mass
m	-	Meter

$N$	-	Newton
$N$	-	Number of turns
$N_1$	-	Number of series per turn
NdFeB	-	Neodymium Iron Boron
$NI$	-	Magneto motive force
$P_{in}$	-	Input power
$P_{elm}$	-	Electromagnetic power
PAM	-	Permeance Analysis Method
PM	-	Permanent magnet
PMLSM	-	Permanent Magnet Linear Synchronous Motor
PMCLSM	-	Permanent Magnet Cylindrical Synchronous Linear Motor
$r_{mover}$	-	Mover radius
$r_{pm}$	-	Permanent magnet radius
$r_s$	-	Shaft radius
$r_{total}$	-	Total radius
rms	-	Root mean square
$R_1$	-	Armature winding resistance
$R_{T,st}$	-	Stator total resistance
$R_{y1}$	-	Permeance on the right-side and lower-side yoke thickness
$R_{y2}$	-	Permeance on the lower-side yoke thickness
$R_{y3}$	-	Permeance on the upper-side yoke thickness
$R_{slot}$	-	Permeance on the stator slot opening
SRLSM	-	Switched Reluctance Linear Synchronous Motor
$t_y$	-	Stator yoke thickness
$t_{y1}$	-	Upper-side stator yoke thickness

$t_{y2}$	-	Lower-side stator yoke thickness
T	-	Tesla
$T_c$	-	Curie temperature
$v_s$	-	Motor speed
V	-	Volt
$V_1$	-	Input voltage
$V_{mot}$	-	Motor volume
$w_c$	-	Coil width
$w_{pm}$	-	Permanent magnet width
W	-	Magnetic energy
W	-	Watt
Wb	-	Weber
$X_{sq}$	-	q-axis armature reactance
$X_{sd}$	-	d-axis armature reactance
$\alpha$	-	Load angle
$\beta$	-	Slot opening angle
$\delta$	-	Air gap length
$\mathcal{E}_F$	-	Measurement error of the thrust
$\xi$	-	Winding space factor
$\phi_c$	-	Copper wire diameter
$\Phi_c$	-	Flux induced by excited coil
$\Phi_f$	-	Flux induced by permanent magnet
$\Phi_{f1}$	-	Fundamental harmonic of the excitation magnetic flux density
$\rho$	-	Copper wire resistivity
$\tau$	-	Torque

$\tau_c$	-	Coil pitch
$\tau_{PM}$	-	Permanent magnet pitch
$\mu$	-	Permeability
$\Omega$	-	Ohm
$\Delta P_{1w}$	-	Armature winding loss

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Introduction

Over the years, linear motion is produced by a combination of rotational motor and motion translator. The motion translator such as ball screws, gears and belts are attached to the rotational motor shaft to convert rotational motion to linear motion (Wu and Yin, 2017). Despite vast applications of the linear motion system, it inherits several drawbacks such as low-acceleration performance, mechanical complexity and limitation, backlash and low impact load capacity (Huang et. al., 2012).

As an alternative, a linear motor is introduced to provide linear motion with the absence of all the mentioned motion translators. Due to the direct linear motion without motion translator, the linear motor can reduce some parts from its structure thus makes it has a simple structure, improve reliability and higher efficiency. Apart from that, it also has high dynamic response, high speed, high accuracy and vastly used in applications that require precise control (Wang and Howe, 2005).

Comprising of many advantages, linear motors are widely used in many industries for various type of applications. The implement of linear motors can be varied from low size system to large-scale high power applications. The examples of applications of linear motors for the low size system are the healthcare (Peng et. al., 2010) and household appliances (Suzuki et. al., 2017), (Kameda et. al., 2017). Meanwhile, large-scale applications including automated manufacturing (Gieras, 2013), embedded power generation (Yamanaka et. al., 2017), high-speed transportation (Inagaki et. al., 2017), and machine tools for various