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**Compound fault diagnosis and identification of hoist spindle device based on hilbert huang and energy entropy**

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**Abstract** Aiming at the complex fault signal components and difficulty in identifying the fault features of a hoist spindle device, this study proposes a method based on a filtering algorithm, Hilbert-Huang transform (HHT), energy entropy, and support vector machines (SVM). The filtering method is applied to the vibration signal under different fault conditions. Then, the Hilbert-Huang transform is applied to the noise-reduced signal. The empirical mode decomposition (EMD) method decomposes the noise-reduced vibration signal into a set of intrinsic mode functions (IMF). Then, the Hilbert transform (HT) calculates the envelope spectrum of the first few IMFs. Afterward, it evaluates and extracts the fault characteristic frequencies. Finally, the identification of different fault defect types is determined by combining the intrinsic modal energy entropy and SVM. The experimental results show that the method can accurately identify the faults in the rotor bearing system and is an effective fault signal processing method.

# **1. Introduction**

As the "throat" of the mine, a hoist is used to drive minerals, personnel, and important equipment by winding wire ropes [1, 2]. A series of mechanical failures inevitably occur in the bearing and the spindle of the spindle device. The rolling bearing can experience failure, which can be divided into an outer ring fault, an inner ring fault, a rolling element fault, and a comprehensive situation. In addition, the failure types of the main shaft can be divided into misalignment, bending, cracking, rubbing, loosening, and the like. The probability of a compound fault in a spindle device is higher than that of a single fault. However, few studies have discussed compound faults.

The fault diagnosis method based on vibration analysis is generally divided into three stages. The first stage is the vibration signal data acquisition. The second stage is signal processing, which can be divided into three types: time domain analysis [3], frequency domain analysis [4], and time-frequency domain analysis. In the last stage, the statistical features are extracted from the time domain, frequency domain, and time-frequency domain to obtain useful information. Time domain analysis is the simplest and most intuitive image. Frequency domain analysis methods typically diagnose mechanical faults by observing the frequency of fault characteristics in the vibration signal. For the non-stationary signal of mechanical vibration, several timefrequency analysis techniques are introduced for fault diagnosis [5], such as wavelet transform (WT), short-time Fourier transform (STFT) [6], Wigner-Ville distribution (WD), and Choi-Williams distribution (CWD). These methods cannot adaptively decompose signals in the timefrequency domain.

For example, the WT is known as the "mathematical microscope," which can provide localized information in the time domain and frequency domain. Many scholars have used it in the

© The Korean Society of Mechanical Engineers and Springer-Verlag GmbH Germany, part of Springer Nature 2021 time-frequency analysis of vibration signals. However, WT also has some problems. For instance, the selection of a basis function will influence the effect of the wavelet analysis. Meanwhile, the disadvantage of STFT is that the window size for all frequencies is fixed [7, 8].

Empirical mode decomposition (EMD), which is an adaptive method for time-frequency analysis proposed by Huang [9], can decompose the signal into a series of intrinsic mode functions (IMF) with different characteristic scales [10]. The EMD method has a wide range of applications in the diagnosis of rotor-bearing mechanical faults [11, 12]. Ming et al. [13] used the Hilbert envelope iterative calculation to separate the deterministic signal components in the signal gradually, eliminate frequency shift and DC offset, and extract fault features. Lei et al. [14] summarized the application of EMD in the fault diagnosis of rotating machinery from the perspective of rolling bearing, gear, rotor, and other key components.

Aiming at the problem on the difficulty to demodulate the fault information of the spindle device, the EMD and Hilbert envelope analysis are combined and applied to fault signal processing.

Support vector machine (SVM), proposed by Cortes and Vapnik [15], is an intelligent fault pattern recognition method developed on the basis of statistical learning theory. It adopts the principle of structural risk minimization and shows excellent characteristics in solving problems, such as small sample, nonlinear pattern, and high-dimensional pattern recognition [16, 17].

In this study, filter algorithm, Hilbert-Huang transform (HHT), energy entropy, and SVM are applied to the diagnosis and identification of a spindle-bearing compound fault. The structure of the rest of this paper is as follows. Sec. 2 introduces the basic analysis theory of EMD, Hilbert transform (HT), filtering algorithm, and energy entropy. The third section introduces the process of the method. The test equipment is introduced in Sec. 4. Then, the experimental results and discussion are sorted out in Sec. 5. Finally, the conclusion is drawn in Sec. 6.

### **2. Theoretical background**

### *2.1 Hilbert-Huang transform*

HHT includes empirical mode decomposition and HT.

The decomposition process of EMD is similar to the process of "screening." The specific decomposition process can be viewed in Refs. [18-20].

For the intrinsic modal function  $c<sub>i</sub>(t)$ , we can always have its Hilbert transformation as [21, 22]

$$
H\Big[c_i(t)\Big]=\frac{1}{\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{c_i(t')}{t-t'}dt'.
$$
 (1)

By this definition, we can obtain an analytic signal

$$
z_i(t) = c_i(t) + jH[c_i(t)] = a_i(t)e^{j\varphi_i(t)}
$$
 (2)

where amplitude  $a_i(t)$  is

$$
a_i(t) = \sqrt{c_i^2(t) + H^2 \Big[ c_i(t) \Big]}.
$$
 (3)

At this point, the Hilbert envelope spectrum of  $c<sub>i</sub>(t)$  can be obtained by applying fast Fourier transform to the amplitude of the analytic signal  $a_i(t)$ .

# *2.2 Intrinsic modal energy entropy*

The energy of each IMF is calculated as  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \ldots E_n$ , which represents the energy distribution of signals in different frequency bands. According to this calculation, the modal energy entropy is defined as follows [23, 24]:

$$
H_{EN} = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \log p_i \tag{4}
$$

where  $p_i = E_i/E$  represents the proportion of the energy of the ith IMF in the total energy.  $H_{EN}$  stands for energy entropy. According to the energy entropy value, the working state of the spindle device can be assessed.

# *2.3 Theoretical analysis of filtering algorithm*

#### *2.3.1 Noise reduction deviation mean square error*

For the  $x(t)$  of the vibration signal containing noise, after being decomposed by EMD, the low pass filter can be designed to

$$
LP_{k} = \sum_{i=k}^{n} IMF_{i}(t) + r_{n}(t).
$$
 (5)

Meanwhile, the high pass filter can be expressed as

$$
HP_p = \sum_{i=1}^p IMF_i(t).
$$
 (6)

Similarly, the band pass filter can be expressed as

$$
BP_b^q = \sum_{i=b}^q IMF_i(t)
$$
 (7)

where *p* and *q* are the upper truncation parameters of the filter; *k* and *b* are the lower truncation parameters of the filter.

Defining the noise reduction deviation mean square error  $MSE<sub>f</sub>$  of any algorithm  $f$  is

$$
MSE_{f} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{m} (y_{j} - x_{j})^{2}}{m}}
$$
 (8)

where  $x_i$  is the value of the noisy signal,  $m_i$  is the total number of sampled signals,  $y_i$  is the result of noise reduction, and  $j = 1, 2, \ldots m$ .

### *2.3.2 Filter smoothness*

If the two curves  $P(t)$  and  $Q(t)$  ( $0 \le t \le 1$ ) reach the same curvature at the combined point  $P(1)$  or  $Q(0)$ ,

$$
K_{p(1)} = \frac{|P''(1)|}{\left[1 + P'(1)\right]^{3/2}} = \frac{|Q''(0)|}{\left[1 + Q'(0)\right]^{3/2}} = K_{Q(0)},
$$
\n(9)

$$
P''(1) \approx \frac{P(1-2h) - 2P(1-h) + P(1)}{h^2},
$$
\n(10)

$$
Q''(0) \approx \frac{Q(0+2h) - 2Q(0+h) + Q(0)}{h^2}.
$$
 (11)

The smoothness of the filter curve  $f(x)$  at a point  $x_0$  can be obtained as [25]:

$$
SN\big|_{x=x_0} = f(x_0 + 2h) - f(x_0 - 2h) - 2[f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)]
$$
\n(12)

where *h* is the sampling step size.

The smoothness of a point is taken as an absolute value. Then, the smoothness of a line is added. *SMSE*, is written as

$$
SMSE_{f} = \sum_{j=3}^{m-2} |SN_{j}|
$$
 (13)

where *m* is the total number of sampled signals.

#### *2.3.3 Filtering algorithm decision criteria*

The filter algorithm is established as follows:

Restrictions, 
$$
\begin{cases} \min\{MSE_f\} \\ \min\{SMSE_f\} \end{cases}
$$
 (14)

The objective function of filtering algorithm *f* is defined as:

$$
\min\{f\} = \min\{\alpha MSE_f + (1 - \alpha)SMSE_f\}
$$
 (15)

where  $\alpha$  and 1− $\alpha$  are the influencing factors, and the selection weight depends on the specific requirements of signal processing.

# **3. The proposed method**

The flowchart of the proposed method is shown in Fig. 1, and the proposed fault diagnosis method is described as follows:

**Step 1.** Collect vibration signals under different conditions.

**Step 2.** Perform EMD decomposition of the original signal to obtain IMF components.

**Step 3.** Construct a low-pass filter to reduce the noise of the original signal.

**Step 4.** Perform EMD decomposition on the signal after noise reduction to obtain the IMF components.

**Step 5.** Perform envelope spectrum analysis on the selected



Fig. 1. The flow chart of compound fault diagnosis.



Fig. 2. Compound fault simulation test bench.

IMF.

**Step 6.** Extract energy entropy features from IMF, normalize the data, and divide them into training samples and test samples.

**Step 7.** Train the SVM model and import the test data into the trained classification model for predictive classification.

#### **4. Test bench setup**

To carry out fault diagnosis and identification, we built a simulation test bed for the hoist spindle device. The test equipment is shown in Fig. 2.

To develop new fault diagnosis methods, nine operating conditions were designed: (i) normal condition, (ii) bearing outer ring failure, (iii) bearing inner ring failure, (iv) rolling element failure, (v) spindle bending failure, (vi) spindle misalignment failure, (vii) spindle bending and misalignment, (viii) spindle bending and bearing outer ring failure, and (ix) spindle misalignment and bearing inner ring failure. The vibration data under nine working conditions were obtained from the experimental system for feature extraction and recognition.

The test bench was selected from the Panasonic model

Table 1. Specifications of the test bearing.

Feature	Detail	
Bearing type	SKF22207CA/W33	
Roller diameter/d	$8.2 \text{ mm}$	
Pitch diameter/D	55 mm	
Number of balls/N	30	
Contact angle/ $\theta$	n°	



Fig. 3. The object diagram of the roller bearing: (a) outer ring fault; (b) inner ring fault; (c) rolling element fault; (d) normal.

MSMF082L wire type motor; the rated motor speed was 3000 r/min, and the output power was 750 W. The servo motor speed was 20 r/min, and rotational frequency  $f_r$  was 0.33 Hz. The sample frequency was 5000 Hz. To simulate the lifting load of the hoist, the magnetic powder dynamometer was used to load the wire rope. The load size was adjusted and displayed by the NX6002 rotational speed and torque measuring instrument. The torque of the dynamometer was adjusted to 20 N⋅m under different fault states.

# **5. Experimental settings**

# *5.1 Typical failure test design of rolling bearing of spindle device*

The model specifications of the rolling bearings used in the test are shown in Table 1. In this test, linear fault defects were respectively processed on the outer ring, inner ring, and rolling elements of three different bearings. A single point of failure (slit width of 1.5 mm and depth of 1.5 mm) was machined on the outer and inner rings of the bearing by EDM, and a slit was cut longitudinally on the roller by wire cutting. The slit width was 1 mm, and the depth was 1 mm. The faulty bearing is shown in Fig. 3.

The fault characteristic frequencies of the outer ring, inner ring, and rolling element were 4.25 Hz  $(f_a)$ , 5.745 Hz  $(f_i)$ , and 1.093 Hz  $(f_c)$ , which can be calculated by the following formulas [26]:

$$
f_o = \frac{N}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{d}{D} \cos \theta \right) f_r \,, \tag{16}
$$







Fig. 4. Curves of MSE, SMSE, and objective functions.

$$
f_i = \frac{N}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{d}{D} \cos \theta \right) f_r, \qquad (17)
$$

$$
f_c = \frac{D}{2d} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{d}{D} \cos \theta \right)^2 \right] f_r \,. \tag{18}
$$

#### *5.1.1 Filtering processing*

Taking the outer ring fault as an example, 10240 sampling points were selected as signal analysis data. We abbreviated the following low-pass filter expression:

$$
LP3 = IMF_4 + IMF_5 + IMF_6 + IMF_7 + IMF_8
$$
  
+ 
$$
IMF_9 + IMF_{10} + IMF_{11} + res
$$
 (19)

$$
LP7 = IMF_s + IMF_s + IMF_{10} + IMF_{11} + res . \qquad (20)
$$

For the different influence factors of MSE and SMSE, the minimum value of the objective function was calculated, as shown in Table 2.

According to the analysis of Table 2, in the low-pass filtering algorithms LP1-LP11 with 11 different effects, the objective function value of the algorithm LP3 appeared the most. The effect of the visible algorithm LP3 was stable and optimal. When the value was equal to 0.3, the curves of the MSE, SMSE, and objective functions of the 11 low-pass algorithms LP1-LP11 could be plotted, as shown in Fig. 4.



Fig. 5. Noise reduction comparison.

Fig. 4 demonstrates that the objective function obtained a minimum value at LP3. For comparison, we took LP2, LP3, LP4, and LP5 and drew the effect of noise reduction, as shown in Fig. 5. The noise reduction algorithm LP3 was used to reduce the noise of the noisy vibration signal, and the effect was the most optimal.

### *5.1.2 Hilbert-Huang transform analysis*

EMD decomposition was conducted for four kinds of bearing fault signals after noise reduction. We selected the first five IMFs and calculated the correlation between IMF and the original signal according to a cross-correlation pseudo-component determination method [27], as shown in Table 3.

As can be seen from Table 3, the correlation between the IMF1, IMF2, and IMF3 and the original signal was large. Hilbert envelope spectrum analysis was performed on IMF1, IMF2, and IMF3, respectively. Notably, the frequency of the fault signature was easy to extract from the Hilbert envelope spectrum. This spectrum is shown in Figs. 6-8.

Fig. 6 demonstrates that the three envelope spectra of IMF1, IMF2, and IMF3 had peaks at the frequencies of  $f_a$  and  $2f_a$ , which were the failure frequency of the outer ring calculated by the theoretical formula of 4.25 Hz. The three envelope spectra of IMF1, IMF2, and IMF3 in Fig. 7 indicated peaks at frequencies of  $f_i$  and  $2f_i$ , which were the fault frequency of 5.745 Hz calculated by the theoretical formula of the inner circle. As shown in Fig. 8, the three envelope spectra of IMF1, IMF2, and IMF3 had peaks at frequencies  $f_c$  and  $2f_c$ , which were consistent with the fault frequency 1.093 Hz calculated by the theoretical formula.

# *5.2 Fault test design of main shaft of hoist spindle device*

In this work, three kinds of fault tests, namely, typical spindle bending, spindle misalignment, spindle bending, and misalignment, were designed to explore the vibration characteristics of the spindle fault.

The bending failure of the spindle was extruded and bent by

Table 3. The number of interrelationships between the first five orders of IMF and the original signal.

IMF	Outer ring	Inner ring	Rolling element
IMF <sub>1</sub>	0.4011	0.4999	0.4606
IMF <sub>2</sub>	0.5397	0.4567	0.5680
IMF <sub>3</sub>	0.4093	0.4150	0.3902
IMF4	0.3814	0.3882	0.3823
IMF <sub>5</sub>	0.3730	0.3441	0.2665



Fig. 6. Envelope spectrum of outer ring.



Fig. 7. Envelope spectrum of inner ring.



Fig. 8. Envelope spectrum of rolling element.



Fig. 9. (a) Bending spindle; (b) faulty bearing housing.

pressing. The overall bending degree of the spindle was approximately 0.8 mm, as shown in Fig. 9(a). The bearing housing was made of aluminum alloy. The faulty bearing housing is shown in Fig. 9(b). The center of the mass position of the bearing hole of the fault bearing housing was 1.5 mm lower than that of the normal bearing housing. This size allows the simulation of the misalignment of the spindle caused by the deformation of the bearing housing.

The compound failure in this section presents the two failure forms of spindle bending and spindle imbalance in the same group of experiments at the same time. During the test, the normal spindle was replaced with the bending spindle, and the normal bearing block was replaced away from the servo motor end with the fault bearing block.

The Hilbert envelope spectrum of the first three signals is presented across Figs. 10-16. For comparison, Hilbert envelope demodulation was performed on the first three order IMFs of the normal spindle signal, and Hilbert envelope spectrum is shown in Fig. 11.

Fig. 10 shows that the Hilbert envelope spectrum of the spindle bending signal had a peak at the fundamental frequencies of 13.12 Hz, 12.21 Hz, and 12.51 Hz and at the double frequency of 25.02 Hz and 24.11 Hz. By comparing the envelope spectrum of the IMF of the normal bearing, the fundamental frequency and double frequency of characteristic frequency did not appear in the Hilbert envelope spectrum of the IMF of the normal bearing signal. Therefore, we can approximately believe that the characteristic frequency  $f<sub>b</sub>$  caused by spindle bending failure was approximately 12.5 Hz. The Hilbert envelope spectrum of the IMF of the misalignment signal in Fig. 13 shows that peaks appeared at frequencies of 7.935 Hz and 7.629 Hz. In addition, peaks appeared at the double frequencies of 14.34 Hz, 14.95 Hz, and 15.26 Hz. By comparison with Fig. 11, we can approximately assume that the characteristic frequency  $f_m$  caused by the misalignment fault of the spindle was approximately 7.6 Hz.

From the envelope spectrum of the composite signal shown in Fig. 15, we found that the peak value appeared at 12.21 Hz, 12.82 Hz, and 13.12 Hz and at the double frequency of 24.41 Hz and 24.72 Hz. This outcome was consistent with the fault characteristic frequency of the bending fault. A peak also appeared at 7.019 Hz and 7.629 Hz in the envelope spectrum and at the double frequency of 14.34 Hz and 14.95 Hz. This frequency component was consistent with the frequency of the fault characteristic caused by the misalignment of the spindle.



Fig. 10. The envelope spectrum of bending fault.



Fig. 11. The envelope spectrum of normal signal.



Fig. 12. The original signal envelope spectrum of the bending fault.

To verify the correctness of the characteristic frequencies extracted from the IMF envelope spectrum further, we directly performed Hilbert envelope demodulation for the three signals to obtain the Hilbert envelope spectrum of fault signals. In the envelope spectrum of Fig. 12, the peak value was observed at the fundamental frequency of 12.51 Hz, and the peak value also appeared at the double frequency of 25.02 Hz. In Fig. 14,



Fig. 13. The envelope spectrum of the misalignment fault.



Fig. 14. The original signal envelope spectrum of the misalignment fault.

the envelope spectrum had an evident peak value at 7.935 Hz, and the peak value also occurred at the multifold frequency of 14.95 Hz, 19.84 Hz, and 32.96 Hz. From the envelope spectrum of the complex signal in Fig. 16, we also found the peak value at 7.935 Hz and 12.21 Hz and the double frequency of 14.95 Hz and 24.11 Hz.

Therefore, the fault frequency extracted from the IMF decomposed by EMD was consistent with the characteristic frequency observed in the Hilbert envelope spectrum directly obtained from the fault signal. This outcome further verified the accuracy of the fault frequency extracted from the main shaft fault signal by the EMD method.

In most cases, by comparing the features of the corresponding parts of the normal signal, the new frequency components can be approximately considered as the fault characteristic frequency.

# *5.3 Design of composite failure test for hoist spindle device*

According to the actual working conditions, this section designs two kinds of composite fault tests of the spindle bending and bearing outer ring (compound one) and the spindle mis-



Fig. 15. The envelope spectrum of the spindle composite fault.



Fig. 16. The envelope spectrum of the spindle composite fault original signal

alignment and bearing inner ring (compound two).

IMF1, IMF2, and IMF3 were selected for envelope spectrum analysis, as shown in Figs. 17 and 18.

From the envelope spectrum of IMF1 shown in Fig. 17, we can find evident peaks at 4.578 Hz and 4.883 Hz in the envelope spectrum and double frequency of 9.46 Hz and 10.38 Hz. These frequencies were close to the theoretical characteristic frequency of 4.25 Hz of the outer ring fault of the rolling bearing, which could be considered the frequency component caused by the outer ring fault of the rolling bearing. Peaks also appeared at 11.9 Hz, 12.21 Hz, and 12.82 Hz and the double frequency of 23.8 Hz, 25.33 Hz, and 25.63 Hz. These frequencies were close to the fault characteristic frequency of the spindle bending fault of 12.5 Hz. Hence, they can be considered the fault frequency components generated by the spindle bending fault.

In the envelope spectrum shown in Fig. 18, peak values were found at 7.019 Hz, 7.324 Hz, and 7.629 Hz, which were close to the fundamental frequency of the fault characteristic frequency of the spindle misalignment fault. Moreover, the two instances of the frequency component of 14.34 Hz appeared in the envelope spectrum, which was consistent with the misalignment of the spindle.

Peaks also appeared at 5.188 Hz and 5.798 Hz in the envelope spectrum, which could be considered the frequency component caused by the inner ring fault.

Therefore, the EMD decomposition was highly effective in extracting the characteristic frequency of the faulty center of the spindle and the characteristic frequency of the fault of the inner ring of the bearing.

To verify the extracted fault frequency components further, the relevant IMFs were selected on the basis of the kurtosis principle to reconstruct the signals; then, the reconstructed signals were analyzed [28]. For the IMF decomposed by EMD, we only selected the first five IMF and calculated their kurtosis, as shown in Table 4. As the table presents, the kurtosis values of IMF1, IMF2, and IMF3 were larger and greater than 3.

Table 4. The kurtosis of the IMF.





Fig. 17. The envelope spectrum of compound one.



Fig. 18. The envelope spectrum of compound two.

Therefore, the first three IMFs could be selected for reconstruction signals, and Hilbert envelope spectrum analysis could be performed on the reconstructed signals, as shown in Figs. 19 and 20.

Fig. 19 reveals that the Hilbert envelope spectrum of reconstructed signals showed clear peak values at 4.883 Hz and double frequency of 9.46 Hz, which were close to the characteristic frequency of bearing outer ring fault. These frequencies could be considered the failure frequency of the bearing outer ring. Moreover, the peak value could be observed at 13.73 Hz, which were close to the fault characteristic frequency of spindle bending at 12.5 Hz. This observation indicated that the reconstruction signal could show the fault characteristic frequency of spindle bending.

In the Hilbert envelope spectrum of the reconstructed signal in Fig. 20, the peak occurred at 6.104 Hz and the double frequency of 10.07 Hz, which was close to the fault characteristic frequency of the inner ring of the bearing. Moreover, peaks appeared at 7.019 Hz and 14.95 Hz, which could be considered the characteristic frequency of the misalignment fault. The accuracy and reliability of extracting fault feature frequencies



Fig. 19. Hilbert envelope spectrum of the compound one reconstructed signal.



Fig. 20. Hilbert envelope spectrum of the compound two reconstructed signal.



Fig. 21. The curve of energy entropy under different states.



Fig. 22. Test classification results.

#### by EMD were also verified.

The characteristic frequencies observed in the envelope spectrum of reconstructed signals were basically consistent with those observed in the Hilbert envelope spectrum of IMF, which further verified the accuracy and reliability of extracting fault characteristic frequencies using EMD.

# *5.4 Study on fault identification of spindle device based on intrinsic mode energy entropy and SVM*

From the previous fault data samples, 40 groups of data segments were randomly selected for each fault sample, with a length of 2048 points. According to the formula, we calculated the energy entropy for the first five IMFs of each group of signals. The average value of energy entropy in different fault states is shown in Fig. 21.

The first three IMF energy entropy values of normal signal, inner ring fault signal, outer ring fault signal, rolling element fault signal, compound one fault signal, and compound two fault signal were selected, respectively, to form the feature vector.

For the six states, 30 sets of data were selected as training samples for each state, and the remaining 60 sets of data were used as test samples. The training samples were input into SVM for training. Furthermore, radial basis function (RBF) and the cross-validation search algorithm were used in the model.

Then, 60 groups of test sample data were input into the model for fault prediction and classification. The test results are shown in Fig. 22, where 1 represents the normal state, 2 represents the inner ring fault, 3 represents the outer ring fault, 4 represents the rolling body fault, 5 represents the compound one fault, and 6 represents the compound two fault. The accuracy rate is 73.3 % (44/60).

# **6. Conclusion**

On the basis of the above fault simulation test and data analysis, the following conclusions are obtained:

1) By decomposing the original vibration signals to obtain IMF, as well as selecting and combining them, different lowpass filtering algorithms can be constructed. By balancing MSE and SMSE and selecting the influencing factors, the optimal filtering algorithm can be determined. The improved algorithm is composed of the remaining modal components and the residual after removing the first three modal components.

2) To solve the problem that fault vibration information is difficult to demodulate, EMD method and envelope spectrum analysis are applied to the fault diagnosis of the hoist spindle device. Applying the EMD method and envelope spectrum analysis to the fault diagnosis of the hoist spindle device can effectively demodulate the fault vibration information. The IMF components are obtained by decomposing the signal after noise reduction. In addition, the first three IMF components with large correlation coefficients are selected for envelope spectrum analysis, which can effectively extract the fault characteristic frequency.

3) The energy entropy values of signals under different fault states are evidently different from the energy entropy values of normal signals. Using the energy entropy value as the feature vector, combined with the SVM method, can effectively identify the working state of the spindle device.

This study can provide an important reference for the fault diagnosis of the spindle device of the hoist. Moreover, our findings have certain practicability in the field.

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