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### Abstract

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Multistage centrifugal impellers with four different skew angles were investigated by using computational fluid dynamics. The purpose of this work is to investigate the influences of lean angle at the blade tip of the impeller inlet. Four variations of lean angles, that is, 8°, 10°, 15° and 20°, were made at first stage impeller. Reynolds Average Navier Stokes equation was used in simulation together with a shear-stress transport (SST) k-w turbulence model and mixing-plane approach, respectively. Three dimensional fluid flows were simplified using periodic model to reduce the computational cost and time required. A good performance was expected that the secondary flow can be effectively reduced in the flow passage of the impeller without excessive increase in manufacturing cost caused by the secondary flow. The results show that secondary flow affects the main flow intricately to form vortices or having non-uniform velocity in the flow passage, which in turn results in substantial fluid energy loss not only in the impeller but also in the guide vane downstream of impeller. The numerical solutions were performed and allowed the optimum design and operating conditions to be obtained. © 2012 Central South University Press and Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg.

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**Abstract:** In order to synthesize ZnO nanoparticles economically, industrial-grade zinc sulfate and urea were utilized to synthesize ZnO precursors in a stirred-tank reactor or a Teflon-lined autoclave at 100–180 °C under complete sealing condition. The ZnO precursors were calcined at 450 °C for 3 h to synthesize ZnO nanoparticles. The composition of the precursors and the formation mechanism of ZnO were studied by thermogravimetric analysis and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy. The results of X-ray diffraction, transmission electron microscopy and scanning electron microscopy of the ZnO powders demonstrate that high-purity zincite ZnO nanoparticles are synthesized. Orthogonal experiments were performed to find out the optimal conditions for the maximum yield and the minimum size. The effect of temperature on the size of ZnO nanoparticles was investigated. The results show that a higher temperature is propitious to obtain smaller nanoparticles.

**Key words:** ZnO; homogeneous synthesis; sealing condition; thermogravimetric analysis

## 1 Introduction

Zinc oxide (ZnO) with excellent electronic, optical and photocatalytic properties [1–3] has attracted much attentions in recent decades. Many methods, such as homogeneous precipitation [4], sol-gel processing [5], hydrothermal synthesis [6–7], vapor deposition [8], decomposition of organometallic precursors [9], gas expanding method [10], vapor transportation [11], hydrothermal oxidative pressure-relief route [12], solvothermal hot press (STHP) method [13] and interphase synthesis [14], have been developed to synthesize ZnO nanoparticles. Several morphologies of ZnO nanoparticles, e.g. nanorings [15], nanohelices [16], nanowire or nanobelts [17], flowerlike nanorod [18–19], nanotubes [20] and cone-shaped nanoparticles [21], have been obtained.

For the deposition method, oxygen pressure is a significant parameter on the formation and morphology of ZnO nanoparticles. Using pulsed laser deposition, QI et al [22] studied the effects of oxygen pressure on crystallinity and surface morphology of ZnO films, and

found that the surface morphologies depend significantly on the oxygen partial pressure. SINGH et al [23] reported the influence of oxygen partial pressure on the structural properties of the as-grown ZnO nanocrystalline thin films, and found that the films deposited at low oxygen partial pressure contained mixed phase (Zn and ZnO) and were randomly oriented while the films deposited at higher oxygen partial pressure were single phase (ZnO) and highly oriented along the *c*-axis. In the homogeneous precipitation, precipitators decomposed into acidic and/or alkali gases [24–25] at a high temperature, and the gases streamed out inevitably in the three-neck flask, and the yield of products became low. Therefore, it is necessary to reduce the loss of the gases in order to obtain a higher yield.

In this work, ZnO nanoparticles were synthesized utilizing industrial-grade raw materials via homogeneous precipitation under complete sealing condition. The composition of ZnO precursors and the formation mechanism of ZnO nanoparticles were studied via thermogravimetric analysis and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy. The effect of temperature on the size of ZnO nanoparticles was investigated.

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**Abstract:** A newly developed heuristic global optimization algorithm, called gravitational search algorithm (GSA), was introduced and applied for simultaneously coordinated designing of power system stabilizer (PSS) and thyristor controlled series capacitor (TCSC) as a damping controller in the multi-machine power system. The coordinated design problem of PSS and TCSC controllers over a wide range of loading conditions is formulated as a multi-objective optimization problem which is the aggregation of two objectives related to damping ratio and damping factor. By minimizing the objective function with oscillation, the characteristics between areas are contained and hence the interactions among the PSS and TCSC controller under transient conditions are modified. For evaluation of effectiveness and robustness of proposed controllers, the performance was tested on a weakly connected power system subjected to different disturbances, loading conditions and system parameter variations. The eigenvalues analysis and nonlinear simulation results demonstrate the high performance of proposed controllers which is able to provide efficient damping of low frequency oscillations.

**Key words:** gravitational search algorithm; power system stabilizer; thyristor controlled series capacitor; tuning

### 1 Introduction

When large power systems are interconnected by relatively weak tie lines in late 1950s, low frequency oscillations (LFOs) have been observed. These oscillations may sustain and grow to cause system separation if no adequate damping is available [1–2]. Such dynamic instabilities impose unnecessary limitations on power system operation. To provide fast damping for system and thus improve the dynamic performance, an auxiliary control signal in the excitation system and/or the governor system of a generating unit can be used. As the most cost-effective damping controller, power system stabilizer (PSS) has been widely used to suppress the LFO and enhance the system dynamic stability. The PSSs contribute in maintaining reliable performance of power system stability by providing a supplementary signal to the excitation system. Recently, the conventional lead/lag power system stabilizers (CPSSs) are extensively applied by power system utilities to damp out small oscillations. However, determining PSS parameters is a crucial step in the design process. A comprehensive analysis of the outcomes of various CPSS parameters is introduced on

the overall system dynamic performance of power system. Generally, it is agreed that the appropriate selection of CPSS parameters results in satisfactory performance during system upset. With growing transmission line loading over long distances, the request of PSSs might, in some cases, not provide enough damping for the inter-area power oscillations in a multi-machine system. In these cases, other efficient resolutions are needed to be investigated. Flexible AC transmission systems (FACTS) devices are one of the recent plans to alleviate such conditions by controlling the power flow along the transmission lines and improving power oscillations damping [3–4]. The application of FACTS controllers enhances the flexibility of operation by providing more options to the power system operators. One of the series FACTS devices for transient stability improvement is the thyristor controlled series capacitor (TCSC), which allows quick and continuous changes of the transmission line impedance [5]. TCSC has immense potential and application in precisely regulating the power flow on a transmission line, mitigating the sub-synchronous resonance, improving the transient stability and damping inter-area power swings. TCSC controllers help in enhancing and controlling the power flow through a line in the steady

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