

# Environment friendly synthesis of ZnO Nanoparticles from Plant Extract

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## ABSTRACT

This research consisted of the synthesis of nanoparticles and nanostructures, which included, first of all, the preparation of nano and environment friendly zinc oxide, as these oxides were reduced by nitrates and by the use of Spinach leaf extract, where this extract decreases the chemical content of the oxide. Additive compounds and convert these chemical compounds from nanoparticles and nanostructures during reduction, since this environment friendly method is considered safe, non-toxic or hazardous to the environment and is a method that is not costly, simple to prepare and highly effective. And it is possible to monitor the characteristics and properties of the resulting compounds and this process is used in many fields. Secondly, the synthesis, in proportions, and the preparation of the compounds by plant extract and by reduction, via various technologies, X-ray diffraction (XRD), transmission electron microscopy (TEM, these nanostructures have also been diagnosed, examined FT-IR). Particles on the surface of the zinc oxide reduced the structural, morphological and compositional properties of the prepared nanoparticles by the extract of the sespan leaves and the compositions.

*Key words: Environmentally friendly, Sesbania grandiflora, ZnO, Nanoparticles*

## Introduction

Green Chemistry focuses on producing ideal products in chemical reaction processes without creating harmful by-products. The integration of the concepts of green chemistry into nanotechnology has led to the identification of multifunctional environmentally friendly reagents that can act as a decreasing agency. Due to their attractive and special properties, ZnO Nanoparticles are synthesized widely (Saif *et al.*, 2016). Due to their superior photocatalytic performance, adequate band gap and photocorrosion stability, ZnO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, SnO<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> have been widely used as photocatalysts among many metal oxide semiconductors. In determining its photocatalytic activity, the bandgap energy, size, dispersion and surface area of zinc oxide

nanoparticles, which depend on the synthesis process (Raajshree and Brindha, 2018). Zinc oxide is used in various advanced applications such as electronic connections and sensors. Zinc oxide NPs are primarily used for oxidation dyes and organic inorganic pollutants in the fields of solar radiation conversion and water pollution compounds. It is a form (p) semiconductor compound and has a narrow band gap with a single structure of a slant (Bala, 2015).

## Materials and Methods

### Chemicals

All materials obtained are of the standard of analytical reagents and used without further purification. Sigma-Aldrich purchased zinc (II) nitrate hexahy-

drate ( $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 99%), and Scharlau got ethanol ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ , 99.5 percent), all solutions were prepared.

### Instruments

Via the XRD XRD-6000 diffractometer, Shimadzu-Japan, the crystal phase of as-synthesized nanomaterials was measured using Ni-filtered Cu K $\alpha$  irradiation ( $\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$ ) in the range of  $10^\circ$  to  $80^\circ$ . Transmission electron microscopy (TEM, Hitachi H-9500) and (MIRA3 TESCAN, Czech) observed the morphology and scale of as-prepared nanomaterials. was used to examine the elemental composition of as-synthesizing sur, the FTIR Shimadzu 8400s (Japan) spectrophotometer with a spectral range of  $4000\text{-}500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was used to classify functional groups and to determine the molecular structures of prepared materials. In the wavelength range of  $200\text{-}800 \text{ nm}$ , Shimadzu-Japan

### Synthesis of ZnO NPs

A facile rout was applied to synthesis of ZnO nanoparticles. Typically,  $0.5 \text{ g Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was dissolved into  $50 \text{ ml}$  of aqueous *Sesbania grandiflora* extract, followed by continuous magnetic stirring  $80^\circ\text{C}$  for about 4 hours for reduction into  $\text{Zn}^{+2}$  ions. Then, the solution was covered with a dense aluminum foil to avoid any photo interactions, and then was kept at room temperature for 24 hrs. The reaction mixture was centrifuged at  $6000 \text{ rpm}$  for 20 min. The obtained brown colored precipitate was repeatedly washed with DI and ethanol DIW to remove any adsorptive impurities and dried at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours to produce a pale white solid. The Reduction of zinc nitrate to zinc ions was confirmed by changing the color from yellow to white. White solid achieved is an indication of ZnONps synthesis. The obtained powder was then calcined at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours.

## Results and Discussion

### X – ray Diffraction pattern (XRD)

The crystal structure is determined via the XRD technique. The Debye-Scherer equation further utilizes the crystal size as follows.

$$D = k\lambda / \beta \cos\theta \dots\dots\dots (1-1)$$

Where: D/the size of the Nanoparticle. Nanoparticle K /is a unitless constant that depends on the form of the crystal and is always at an aver-

age height in the range of  $= 0.9 \beta / \text{apex distance}$ . Prague / Prague corner. The pure zinc oxide X-ray diffraction pattern, prepared in a reductive and environment friendly manner, was shown in the figure with simple and sharp peaks at angles  $31.7438$ ,  $34.3975$ ,  $36.2155$ . (Hosseini *et al.*, 2015).

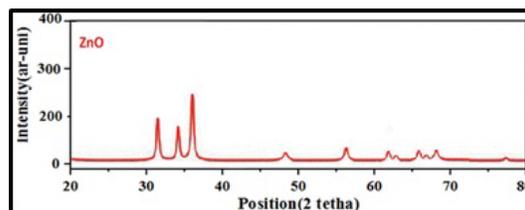


Fig. 1. XRD of NPS

### Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

transmission electron microscopy (TEM) is used. A detailed picture using a transmission electron microscope of the prepared zinc oxide particles under analysis. In order to study the crystal structure, surface form, shape, size and distribution of crystals With respect to the prepared zinc oxide minerals, it is between approximately spherical and hexagonal. The average size of nanoparticles ranges between  $20\text{-}100 \text{ nm}$ , (Xu *et al.*, 2005).

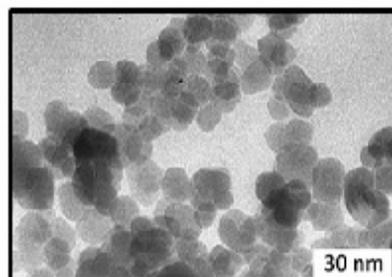


Fig. 2. TEM image of ZnO

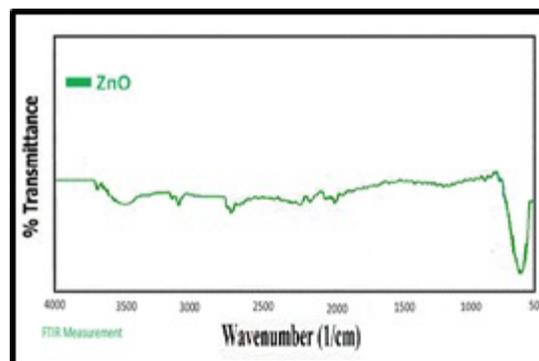


Fig. 4. FTIR image of ZnO nanoparticles

**Table 1.** Statistical values for ZnO NPs

Material	2 $\theta$	FWHM	Lattice Strain	Intensity I/I <sup>o</sup>	d-spacing A%	Crystal Size nm	Average Size nm
ZnO	17.58	2.47840	100	0.0066	0.49680	36.2155	19.213
	19.009	2.81658	66	0.0070	0.45390	31.7438	
	21.05	2.62238	54	0.0058	0.41290	34.3975	

### Fourier transforms infrared spectroscopy (FT – IR)

In the frequency range restricted between 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup>, FTIR spectra revealed zinc oxide as the spectrum was taken. The presence of a beam centered at 1000-464 cm<sup>-1</sup> belonging to (Zn-Zn-O) was disclosed in the infrared spectrum, ZnO. For all different ratios,) A wide peak at 3,380-3660 indicates the presence of the water active group, OH, which is a wide band (Mohammadi *et al.*, 2018).

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