

仓泵流态化浓相输灰数值模拟

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摘要:为了研究某煤粉工业锅炉房布袋除尘器仓泵充气输灰阶段内部粉煤灰的流化情况,合理设置仓泵的输灰时间,节约压缩空气用量,利用 Fluent 软件,采取数值模拟的方法,依据工业生产实际加入边界条件,进行非稳态计算,比较 0.4、1.0、1.6、2.2、2.8 和 3.4 s 等 6 个时刻仓泵内部的气固两相状态。研究发现:仓泵出灰量在很短的时间内即可达到最大,时间为 1.0 s,此段时间内仓泵气相回流较多,出灰管的入口速度矢量分布无规律;此后仓泵出灰量持续减少,在 3.4 s 基本结束。最后,推荐仓泵合适的加压输灰流化时间为 4~5 s。

关键词:粉煤灰;仓泵;流化;模拟

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Numerical simulation of dense phase pneumatic conveying for fluidizing transporter

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Abstract: In industrial pulverized coal boiler room, the fluidizing transporter of bag-type dust collector was used to transport the fly ash. In order to determine the most suitable blowing time and reduce the consumption of compressive air, the Fluent software was used to simulate the process in unsteady state and the boundary condition was set by reality in industrial production. The state of solid and gas phases of 0.4 s, 1.0 s, 1.6 s, 2.2 s, 2.8 s and 3.4 s after the start of blowing were compared in fluidizing transporter. The results showed that the fly ash amount reached to the maximum in 1.0 s after the start of pneumatic conveying. During this period, the fluidizing transporter was occupied by back flows of gas phase and the vector distribution of entrance velocity was irregular. The fly ash amount gradually decreased and basically ended at 3.4 s. At last, the appropriate length ranged from 4 s to 5 s.

Key words: fly ash; fluidizing transporter; fluidization; simulation

0 引言

气力输送是一种采用气流将固体物料通过管道输送到目的设备的技术^[1],具有自动化程度高、安全、环保等优点^[2-4],广泛应用于工农业生产。普遍认为固气质量比大于 20 即认为是浓相气力输送^[5]。与稀相气力输送相比,浓相气力输送的优点是颗粒对管道磨损轻,低能耗和输送效率高^[6-7]。在浓相

气力输送中,仓泵是重要的物料发送装置。按照出灰管的布置分类,仓泵可以分为上引式和下压式,其中上引式在工程中应用较为普遍。上引式仓泵工作流程主要有 4 个阶段:进料、充压流化、输送和吹扫^[8],关于仓泵的研究重点是通过优化仓泵的结构以得到最低发送速度、较高的输送能力和最稳定的输送状态,但浓相输送过程理论和应用研究还不成熟^[9-10]。

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煤粉工业锅炉工艺系统中,布袋式除尘器收集粉煤灰,通过仓泵流化将粉煤灰发送到灰塔中,本文选取某锅炉房在用除尘器仓泵作为研究对象,对仓泵的充压流化和输送阶段内部的气固两相状态进行数值计算,为实际生产提供指导。

1 数值计算理论模型

1.1 多相流模型

把多相流中的各相分别视为连续介质,用各相的体积分数描述其分布,继而导出各相的守恒方程并引入本构关系使方程组封闭,该种模型称之为多流体模型,两相流时即为双流体模型,该种方法即为欧拉-欧拉方法,其中又划分为 Mixture 模型、VOF 模型和 Euler 模型。Mixture 模型的相可以是流体或颗粒,且相互穿插,连续且统一;VOF 模型是应用于固定的 Euler 网格上的 2 种或多种互不相溶的流体的界面追踪技术,其追踪的目标就是在计算区域内的每一相体积分数;Euler 模型对每一项求解动量和连续方程,通过压力和相间的交换系数实现耦合过程。3 种模型的适用情况不同,其中 Mixture 模型适用于低载粉率的带粉气流、沉降过程和旋风分离器;VOF 模型适用于分层流、有自由表面流动;Euler 模型适合于流化床、颗粒悬浮等。对于仓泵的浓相流化而言,选择 Euler 模型是合适的^[11]。

1.2 控制方程

两相流的控制方程包括质量守恒方程和动量守恒方程,且无两相间质量传递^[12]。

气相连续方程:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_g \rho_g) + \nabla(\alpha_g \rho_g v_g) = 0 \quad (1)$$

表 1 湍流运动微分方程中各项的表达式及常数值

Table 1 Expression and constant value in turbulent motion differential equation

变量	意义	表达式
G_k	由平均速度梯度引起的湍流动能产生率	$G_k = \mu_t \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$
G_b	由浮力引起的湍流动能产生率	$G_b = \beta g_i \frac{\mu_t}{Pr_t} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}, Pr_t = 0.85, \beta = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T}$
Y_M	可压缩湍流脉动对总耗散率影响	$Y_M = 2\rho\varepsilon M_i^2$
μ_{eff}	有效湍流黏性系数	$\mu_{eff} = \mu + \mu_t, \mu_t = \rho C_\mu \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon}, C_\mu = 0.09$
α_k	湍流普朗特数	1.0
α_s	湍流普朗特数	$\alpha_s = \frac{\kappa^2}{(C_2 - C_1) C_\mu^{0.5}} = 1.3, \kappa$ 为卡门常数, 0.4

固相连续方程为:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_s \rho_s) + \nabla(\alpha_s \rho_s v_s) = 0 \quad (2)$$

气相动量方程为:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_g \rho_g v_g) + \nabla(\alpha_g \rho_g v_g v_g) = \\ -\alpha_g \nabla p_g + \nabla \tau_g - \beta(v_g - v_s) + \alpha_g \rho_g g \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

固相动量方程为:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_s \rho_s v_s) + \nabla(\alpha_s \rho_s v_s v_s) = \\ -\alpha_s \nabla p_s + \nabla \tau_s - \beta(v_s - v_g) + \alpha_s \rho_s g \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

式中, ρ_g, ρ_s 为气相和固相密度, kg/m^3 ; α_g, α_s 为固相和气相体积分数; v_g, v_s 为气相和固相速度, m/s ; τ_g, τ_s 为气相和固相应力张量, N/m^2 ; p_g 为气相压力, Pa ; β 为多相间动量传递系数。

1.3 湍流方程

仓泵加压流化输送阶段气固两相在仓泵内含有许多漩涡,所以湍流模型选择 RNG $k-\varepsilon$ 模型^[13], 其中:

k 方程为:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho k u_i)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\alpha_b \mu_{eff} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right] + G_k + G_h - \\ \rho \varepsilon - Y_M + S_k \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

ε 方程为:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(\rho \varepsilon)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho \varepsilon u_i)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\alpha_e \mu_{eff} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_j} \right] + \\ \frac{C_{1e}\varepsilon}{k} (G_k + C_{3e}G_b) - \frac{C_{2e}\rho}{k} \frac{\varepsilon^2}{k} - R_\varepsilon + S_\varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

湍流运动微分方程中各项的表达式及常数值见表 1。

2 模型及边界条件

图1为1:1建立二维模型,其中出灰管直径77 mm,流化盘小孔径36 mm,仓泵出灰管入口截面距离流化盘高度300 mm。之所以采用二维模型主要原因是为了减少网格数量,从而减少计算量。将CAD绘出的仓泵二维结构图导入到Gambit中,注意需要将二维图形在CAD中首先转化为面域。采用非结构化网格,网格间距设定为5,划分的网格数量为7万。

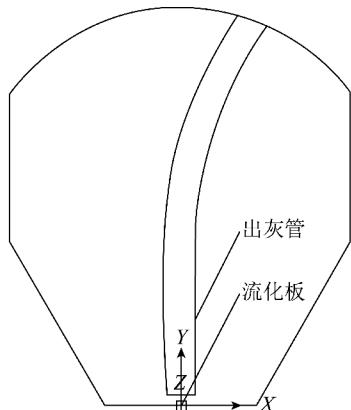


图1 上引式仓泵简化图

Fig. 1 Simplified diagram of upward fluidization pump

根据实际生产数据,入口边界类型设定为速度入口,速度为10 m/s^[14];出口边界为outflow;仓泵充压之前,粉煤灰初始状态为放置在流化板上,其堆积高度400 mm,粉煤灰的初始容积比例为0.63;设定压缩空气压力为0.4 MPa。粉煤灰的密度设定为2 050 kg/m³,颗粒粒径均值为0.03 mm^[15]。

3 验证与结果分析

本文模拟仓泵流化输灰阶段,采用非稳态隐式模拟方法,时间步长设置为0.02 s,在每个时间步长内迭代计算20次。为了验证模拟的准确性,采用压力验证的方法,将实际工业应用中的压力变送器所在的位置选取为监测点。将实际值与工业实测值进行对比,如图2所示。由图2可知,模拟值和实测值(由厂家提供)符合度很好,表明模型在一定范围内的正确性。仓泵出灰管气固质量流量如图3所示。

由图3可知,仓泵出灰量在0.4~1.6 s内随着时间变化而大幅度下降,在1.6~2.8 s出灰量维持平稳,在2.8~3.4 s内出灰接近结束。值得注意的是,在所观察的出灰时间段内,压缩空气流出质量基

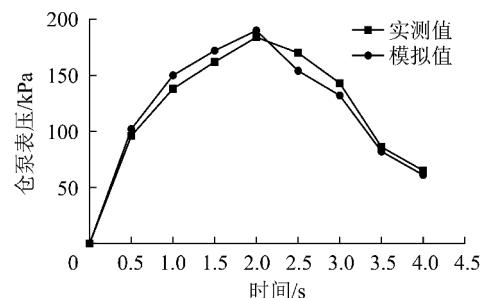


图2 仓泵内表压力随时间的变化关系

Fig. 2 Pressure vary with time in pump

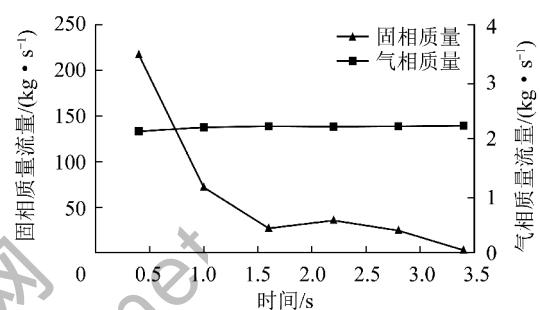


图3 仓泵出灰管气固质量流量

Fig. 3 Mass flow rate of the ash pipe in the pump

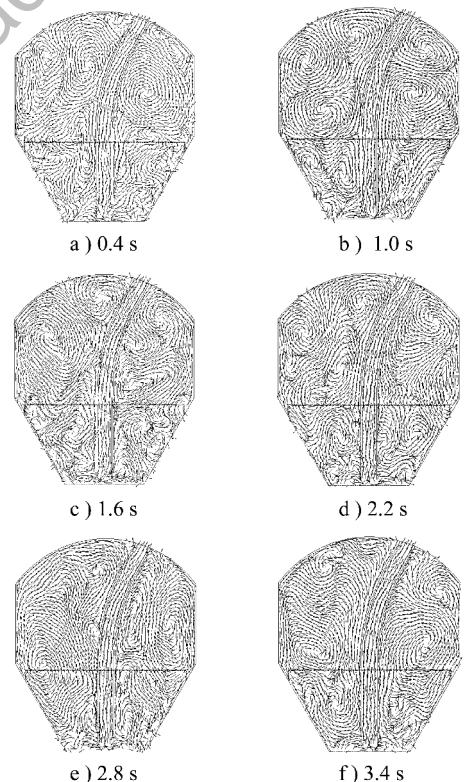


图4 仓泵内气相速度随时间变化

Fig. 4 Velocity vector of gas phase vary with time in the pump
本维持在2.0 kg/s左右。结合图4,在0.4 s和1.0 s时候,压缩空气速度矢量分布无规律,在出

灰管左右两侧出现较多的漩涡和回流,出灰管的入口速度分布也极不规律;在1.6、2.2、2.8和3.4 s四个时刻,仓泵内气体漩涡量减少,出灰管的气体入口速度分布呈现出左右对称,在出灰量上表现平稳,但随着时间的推移,仓泵内的灰量逐渐减少,此外气固比增大,输送的灰量也变得均匀。如图5所示,从不同时刻下固体的体积比可以看出,在0.4 s和1.0 s,灰量主要集中在仓泵出灰管两侧和出灰管内,由于重力的作用,灰主要集中在仓泵的下部;在1.6、2.2、2.8和3.4 s,灰分散在仓泵中下部,靠近仓泵的壁面和出灰管的壁面。

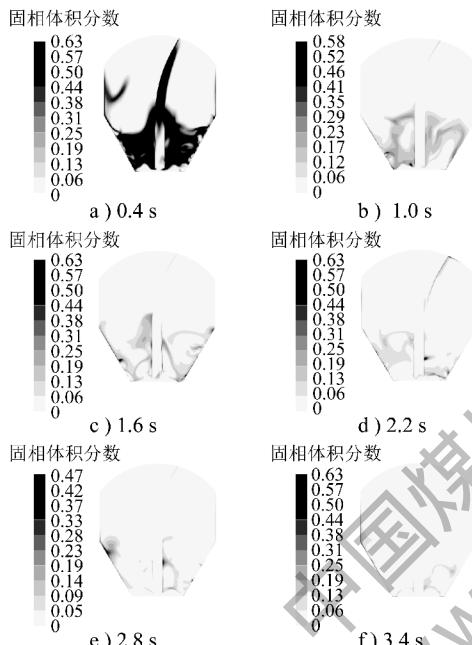


图5 仓泵内固相体积随时间变化

Fig. 5 Volume fraction of solid phase vary with time in the pump

4 结 论

1) 仓泵的流态化在0.4~1.0 s时间段内出灰量在高位值,1.0 s以后就会急剧下降,气固比逐渐减小,从浓相输灰逐渐变为稀相输灰,当时间达到3.4 s时仓泵出灰基本结束。所以仓泵在加压流化时间上设定为4~5 s比较合适。

2) 在出灰的初期,固相的浓度较大,仓泵内部气流的紊乱程度比出灰后期大,内部的旋流和回流较多。在出灰的后期,固相浓度较低,出灰管的气相入口速度矢量左右对称。

3) 仓泵在流化出灰的初期,粉煤灰弥散在仓泵的内部,随着时间的推移,由于重力的作用,粉煤灰

主要集中的仓泵的内壁和出灰管的外壁,位置在仓泵的中下部位。

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