

Thesis Title	Adsorbent Preparation from Pyrolysis of Sawdust
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ABSTRACT

In this study, experiments were carried out to investigate the influences of various parameters of sawdust pyrolysis: pyrolysis temperature ranging 400-600 °C, hold time ranging 0.5-1.5 h, heating rate ranging 5-15 °C/min and particle size ranging <0.25-0.75 mm in order to gain the high-quality of chars. The chars were characterized based on proximate analysis and iodine adsorption. The optimum pyrolysis conditions considered by iodine adsorption number, it was found that at a temperature of 500 °C, a hold time of 1.0 h, a heating rate of 10 °C/min and a particle size of 0.25-0.50 mm, chars achieved the maximum iodine number at 494 mg g⁻¹.

Subsequently the activations were performed with steam at 700 °C. The studied variables were activation time ranging 0.5-2.0 h and chars from pyrolysis temperature ranging 400-600 °C. The iodine adsorption values were investigated. A zetameter was provided for investigating the ion types on activated carbon surface, and surface areas were characterized by SEM. The optimum activation condition was at activation time of 2.0 h and the char gained from pyrolysis temperature of 400 °C provided the maximum iodine number at 916.56 mg g⁻¹. The experimental results show that the activated carbon can be uses as an adsorbent.