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ABSTRAK

Kajian analisis sampel karbon aktif yang diresapi dengan monoethanolamine (MEA), diethanolamine (DEA), dan piperazine sebagai penjerap karbon dioksida (CO_2) berpotensi dilakukan. Kapasiti penjerapan karbon aktif dapat ditingkatkan dengan memperkenalkan kumpulan amina pada permukaan penjerap. MEA, DEA, dan piperazine dipilih sebagai sebatian amino untuk proses pengikatan pada permukaan karbon aktif. Sintesis karbon aktif yang diresapi dibuat mengikut nisbah kepekatan dan campuran. Sifat fizikokimia karbon aktif yang diresapi dicirikan oleh difraksi sinar-x (XRD), Brunauer, Emmett dan Teller (BET), spektroskopi inframerah transformasi Fourier (FTIR) dan mikroskop elektron pengimbas pancaran medan (FESEM). Analisis XRD digunakan untuk menentukan jenis kehadiran sebatian di permukaan karbon aktif. Hasilnya menunjukkan bahawa sudut difraksi sekitar 21.54° hingga 22.18° dihubungkan untuk pirazol, etanolamina, dietanolamin, dan benzalazin yang membuktikan adanya hidrokarbon dan amina pada permukaan karbon aktif. Dari analisis BET, jumlah luas permukaan dan isi pori menurun dengan peningkatan kepekatan alkanolamin. Kehadiran kumpulan fungsional amida dalam analisis FTIR pada jalur 3288 cm^{-1} dan 1651 cm^{-1} untuk karbon aktif yang diresapi membuktikan bahawa terdapat tindak balas yang berlaku antara kumpulan karboksil pada permukaan karbon aktif dengan ikatan amina. Bagi analisis FESEM, ditunjukkan bahawa morfologi karbon aktif yang tidak diresapi mengandungi banyak liang di permukaannya sementara pori-pori pada karbon aktif yang diresapi dengan alkanolamin diisi dengan amina sesuai dengan kepekatan yang dipilih. Kajian kapasiti penjerapan CO_2 menunjukkan bahawa keadaan terbaik untuk proses penjerapan adalah pada suhu tempat tidur 25°C dan kadar aliran gas suapan 20 ml / minit . Sampel yang dipilih untuk kajian kapasiti penjerapan CO_2 adalah pada nisbah berat dan konsentrasi piperazin yang tertinggi, masing-masing pada 75% berat dan 1:2 nisbah karbon aktif kepada piperazin. Pengambilan CO_2 paling tinggi pada suhu dan kadar aliran ini untuk karbon aktif yang diresapi oleh piperazine diikuti oleh sampel regenerasi dan karbon aktif yang tidak diresapi iaitu masing-masing 145.42 , 95.81 , dan $42.00 \text{ mg-CO}_2 / \text{g-adsorben}$. Pemulihan regenerasi untuk karbon aktif yang diresapi oleh piperazine adalah lebih daripada 65%.

ABSTRACT

Characterization studies of impregnated activated carbon with monoethanolamine (MEA), diethanolamine (DEA), and piperazine as potential carbon dioxide (CO₂) adsorbent were conducted. The adsorption capacity of the activated carbon can be increased by introducing amine group on the surface of the adsorbent. MEA, DEA, and piperazine were selected as amino compounds for the binding process on activated carbon surface. The synthesis of impregnated activated carbon was prepared according to concentration and mixture ratio. The physicochemical properties of impregnated activated carbon were characterized by x-ray diffraction (XRD), Brunauer, Emmett and Teller (BET), fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) and field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM). The XRD analysis was used to determine the type of compound present on the activated carbon surface. The result revealed that the diffraction angles around 21.54° to 22.18° were linked for pyrazole, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, and benzalazine which prove the presence of hydrocarbon and amine on the activated carbon surfaces. From the BET analysis, the total surface area and pore volume decreased with increase in concentration of alkanolamine. The presence of amide functional groups in FTIR analysis at 3288 cm⁻¹ and 1651 cm⁻¹ band for the impregnated activated carbon proved that a reaction occurred between carboxyl groups on the activated carbon surfaces with amine bonded. As for FESEM analysis, it was shown that the morphology of the non-impregnated activated carbon contained many pores on its surface while the pores on the impregnated activated carbon with alkanolamine were filled with amines according to the selected concentration. The sample chosen for CO₂ adsorption capacity study was of the highest concentration and mixture ratio of piperazine, namely 75 wt.% and 1:2 activated carbon to piperazine ratio, respectively. The CO₂ adsorption capacity studies show that the best condition for adsorption process to take place was at bed temperature of 25°C and feed gas flow rate of 20 ml/min. The CO₂ uptake was highest at this temperature and flow rate for piperazine impregnated activated carbon followed by the regenerated sample and non-impregnated activated carbon which were 145.42, 95.81, and 42.00 mg-CO₂/g-adsorbent respectively. The regeneration recovery for the piperazine impregnated activated carbon was more than 65%.

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