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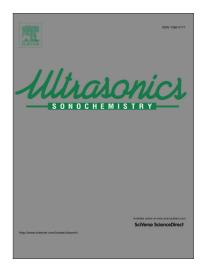
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ABSTRACT

Ultrasound was applied simultaneous with adsorption process in most of the previous study.

However, this method is not practical to treat huge amount of coloured wastewater effluent.

In this study, the efficiency of ultrasound pre-treated peanut husk powder at different power

levels (1.5–3.5 W) in dye adsorption with several conditions of initial dye concentration (20–

100 mg/L), contact time (0.5–5 h), solution pH (2–8), and dosage (0.1–0.3 g) was study and

compared with ultrasound simultaneous adsorption process and the control. Adsorption

efficiency of indirect ultrasound pre-treated peanut husk powder has increased 25.78%, 13.64%

and 1.5% compared with the control, ultrasound simultaneous adsorption and direct

ultrasound pre-treated sample respectively at 60 mg/L of initial dye concentration. Indirect

ultrasound pre-treated sample at 3.5 W has achieved the highest adsorption efficiency of

89.96% at solution pH 8 and 94.83% at 0.3 g dose for 3 h. The surface feature and textural

properties of samples were characterized by using scanning electron microscopy and surface

characterization analyser. The result indicated that more porous structure was created on the

ultrasound pre-treated sample at increasing power levels.

Keywords: Ultrasound; Adsorption; Peanut husk powder; Dye

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