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The faculty is highly committed to disseminating, imparting, and fostering intellectual development and research to meet the changing needs of the plantation and agriculture sectors. With this regard, numerous undergraduate and postgraduate programs have been offered by the government's intention to produce professionals and entrepreneurs who are knowledgeable and highly skilled in the plantation, agriculture, and agrotechnology sectors.

## PREFACE

International Agrotechnology Innovation Symposium (i-AIS) is a platform to be formed for students/lecturers/staff to share creativity in applying the knowledge that is related to the world of Agrotechnology in the form of posters. This virtual poster competition takes place on the 1st of December 2022 and ends on the 8th of January 2023. This competition is an assessment of students in determining the level of understanding, creativity, and group work for the subject related to agrotechnology and being able to apply it to the field of Agrotechnology. The i-AIS 2022 program takes place from December 1, 2022, to January 8, 2023. The program was officiated by the Dean of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology, namely Prof. Madya Ts. Dr. Azma Yusuf. The program involves students from faculties of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology (FPA) and HEP participating in i-AIS 2022, namely, the Faculty of Education and Pre-Higher Education. This program involves the UiTM student and some of the non-UiTM students which come from the international university and the local university. Two categories are contested, namely UiTM and non-UiTM. To date, students from these programs have shown remarkable achievements in academic performance and participation in national as well as international competitions.

This competition is an open door for the students and lecturers to exhibit creative minds stemming from curiosity. Several e-content projects have been evaluated by esteemed judges and that has led to the birth of this E-Poster Book. Ideas and novelties are celebrated, and participants are applauded for displaying ingenious minds in their ideas.

It is hoped that such an effort continues to breed so that there is always an outlet for these creative minds to grow.

Thank you.

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee  
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# EXTRACTION OF SILICON CARBIDE PARTICLES FROM RICE HUSK

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**ABSTRACT** - Two techniques were employed to extract SiC from rice husk. First method is carbonization process of rice husks in a vacuum at temperatures between 300°C - 700°C. Second method is carbonized rice husk was preformed carbothermal process in 90min at a temperature range of 1100°C to 1600°C. SiC formations are occurred at 1600 °C and above. Yield of SiC formation as a function of the pyrolysis temperature of the carbonized rice husk.

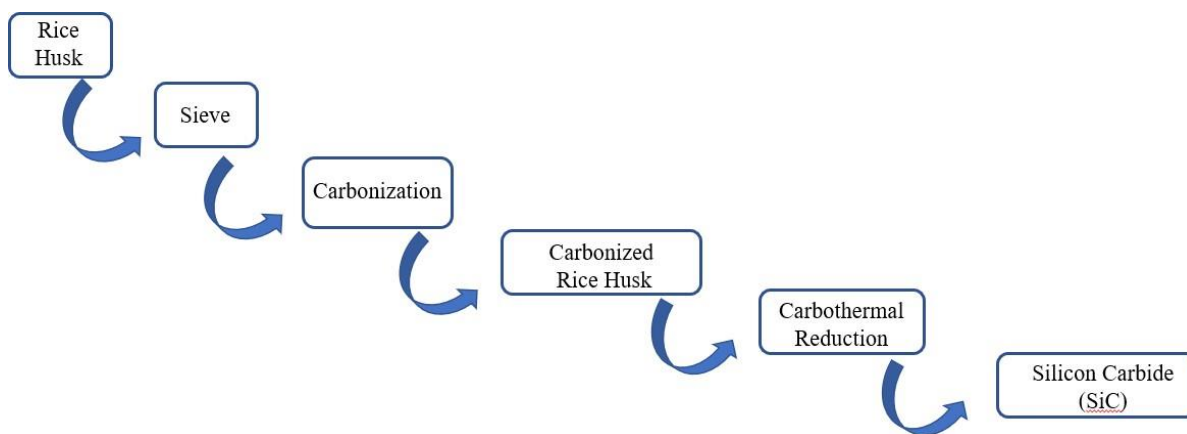
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## INTRODUCTION

Rice husk contains cellulose as its main constituent, an organic material that generates carbon and also has high silica content (13% to 29% by weight). The ash is mainly composed of silica (87% to 97% by weight), Silicon carbide it has various industrial applications, due to its high hardness, thermal and electrical conductivity, superior corrosion resistance, and resilience to thermal stress. The majority of the rice husk generated during milling is utilized as fuel in the paddy processing boilers, which utilize direct combustion and/or gasification to produce electricity.

## METHODS AND MATERIALS

### PROCESS FLOW CHART



## RICE HUSK

Rice husk affects the soil and the area where it is dumped. Now a day's disposal of rice husk is a major challenge, alternatively for business usages in many industrial applications.



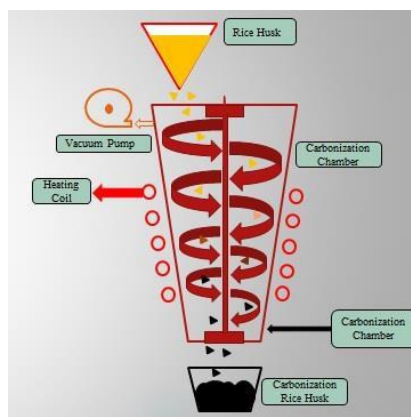
## SIEVE



By using the sieve the dust, small rice husk particles and foreign materials were removed.

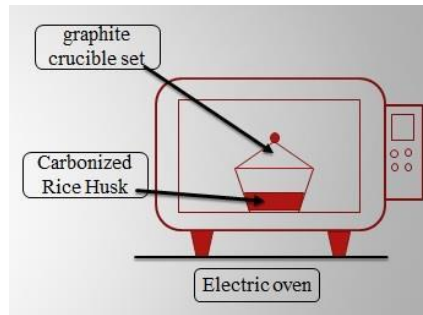
## CARBONIZATION PROCESS

It is the process to activate the carbon presents in the rice husk. The rice husk was fed from top of the vacuum chamber. The process was done in the steel chamber and wounded by heating coil and the temperatures maintained at 300°C to 700°C. The carbon particles were noticed after the heat treatment for the duration of 40 min.



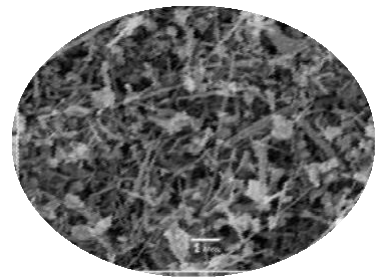
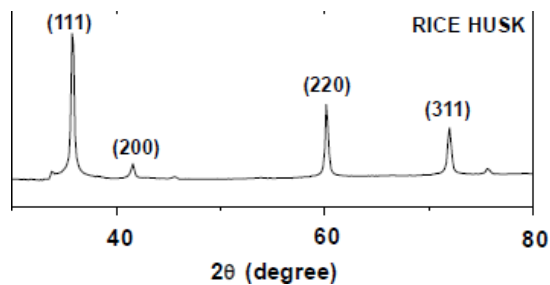
## CARBOTHERMAL PROCESS

The collected carbonized rice husk was kept inside the graphite small crucible. The graphite small crucible was kept inside the larger crucible and then covered with graphite powder. Now the entire crucible was allowed for heating 90min duration maintained the temperature range of 1600°C Then, the residual carbon was removed when the temperature was maintained at 700°C for 24 Hr. This process was called as carbothermal.



## RESULT

The pyrolysis of rice husk: crystallization of amorphous silica, crystallization of amorphous carbon, and the reduction of  $\text{SiO}_2$  to form SiC particles and whiskers. It was observed that about 29.9% to 43.5% of the initial mass was converted into a final product of SiC. The XRD patterns of pyrolyzed rice husk intensities of SiC peaks were found to be higher in treated rice husk.



XRD Patterns SEM Image

## DISCUSSION

The silica content was considered as of the remaining mass after oxidation, It may be observed that as the carbonization temperature increased. The rice husk carbonized at 400 °C containing approximately carbon and silica was used for silicon carbide synthesis

## CONCLUSION

There could also be a reduction in the cost of the raw material since the rice husk is in most cases considered as waste and due to the intimate contact between silica and carbon, The rice husk has a high surface area which can lead to the formation of SiC at lower temperatures. The SiC phase was identified by X- ray diffraction analysis; therefore, it was possible to obtain the SiC from rice husk.

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