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16:40 ~ 17:00	New technology of termite control for wooden structure	Sae-Min Yoon, Jung-Eun Park, Won-Joung Hwang, Yong-Seok Choi, Dong-Won Son, Jin-Young Chung	Dr. Sang Beom Park
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Abstract

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Jabon (*Anthocephalus cadamba*) is a promising fast growing wood species that is widely planted in community forests and industrial plantation forests but the wood has a relatively low density, durability, and mechanical properties which limited its application as structural timbers. One of the alternative utilizations of jabon wood is by converting into wood pellet for bioenergy. The aim of this study was to improve the properties of wood pellets from jabon through rapid torrefaction using Counter-Flow Multi Baffle (COMB) reactor, a pilot plant for torrefaction of biomass with a capacity of 20 kg/h that has a main advantage of performing torrefaction within a short period of time. Wood pellets were classified according to its length and then torrefied at 300°C with a residence time of 3 min. Torrefied pellets (black pellets) were successfully produced. The initial moisture content of the long and short pellets of 12.76% and 12.47% decreased up to 2.85% and 2.61% after torrefaction. Water immersion test for 1 min, 5 min, 30 min, 1 h, 6 h, 12 h, and 24 h showed that the raw pellets (control) fully disintegrated after 30 min, while black pellets showed no significant disintegration even after 24 h test which is an advantage for long period storage of pellets. The initial calorific values of long and short pellets of 17.69 MJ/kg and 17.35 MJ/kg increased up to 31.79 MJ/kg and 32.02 MJ/kg after torrefaction. The results proposed that rapid torrefaction using COMB could provide a great improvement in bioenergetic properties of wood pellets from fast growing species as jabon wood.

Keywords: *Anthocephalus cadamba*; Black pellet; Torrefaction; Wood pellet

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SOCIAL FORESTRY IN INDONESIA



Government target (2015-2019): allocating **12.7 million hectares** of state forest areas to be managed by communities through social forestry schemes.

Abundant forest biomass potential

- The use of forest biomass for energy is relatively small and restricted to domestic firewood and some small industrial plants.
- Indonesia is developing production of a modern bioenergy such as wood pellets derived from wood residues, but it was only 40 thousand tons in 2013 (FAO, 2016). About 37 thousand tons of that production were exported mostly to South Korea (94.4%) followed by Japan (2.2%), and European countries (<1%).

Biomass from Community Forests



Jabon (*Anthocephalus cadamba*)



1. Widely planted in community forests & industrial plantation forests
2. Rapid growth & harvested in short rotations: 5-7 years
3. Production: 20-23 m³/ha/year



Timber quality



1. Low density
2. Low durability
3. low mechanical properties
4. Limited its application as structural timbers.

Forest industry sectors should be encouraged to adapt to the use of the species from planted forests and develop suitable conversion technologies for production of value-added product.



Wood Pellet: low-cost and eco-friendly bioenergy

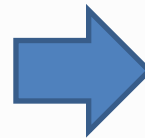
Objective



The aim of this study was to improve the properties of wood pellets from jabon (*Anthocephalus cadamba*) through rapid torrefaction using Counter-Flow Multi Baffle (COMB) reactor.



White Pellet



Black Pellet

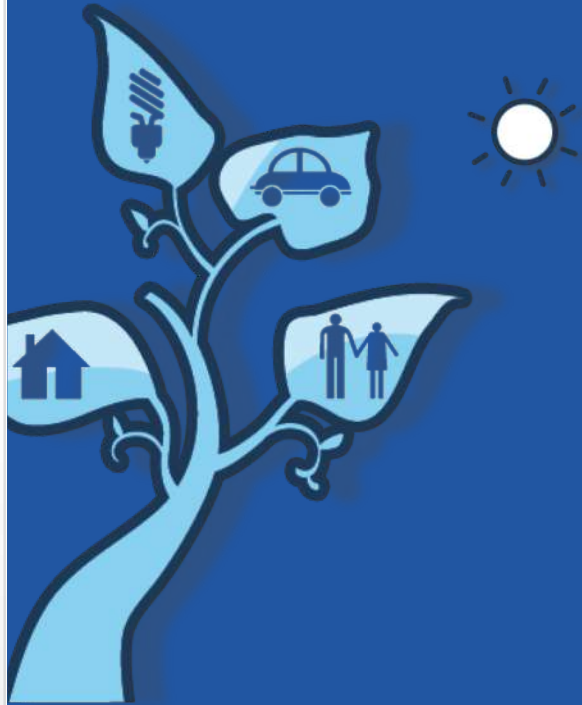
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Wood pellet from
sawdust of jabon wood:
sawmill waste

Chemical and bioenergy properties of jabon

Parameter	Value
Cellulose ¹	52.4 %
Pentosan ¹	16.2 %
Lignin ¹	25.4 %
Silica ¹	0.1 %
Extractives dissolve in ¹	
- Alcohol-benzene	4.7 %
- Cold water	1.6 %
- Hot water	3.1 %
- NaOH 1%	18.4 %
Ash contents ²	1.3 %
pH ²	5.0
Heating Value ²	19.15 MJ/kg (4,578 cal/g)

Note: ¹Martawijaya *et al.*, 1989; ²Wood Physics Laboratory, KNU.

Counter-Flow Multi Baffle (COMB) Reactor



**20 KPH COMB Reactor at Forest Products
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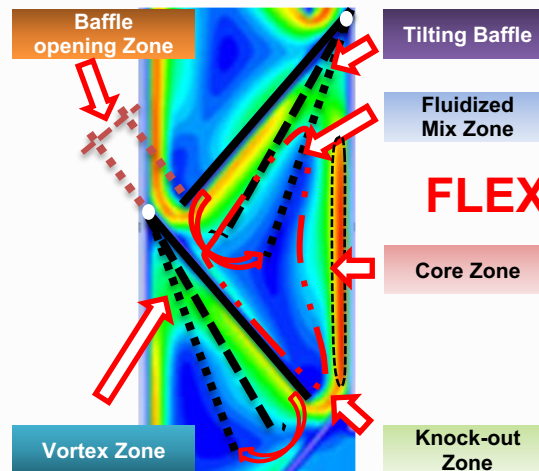
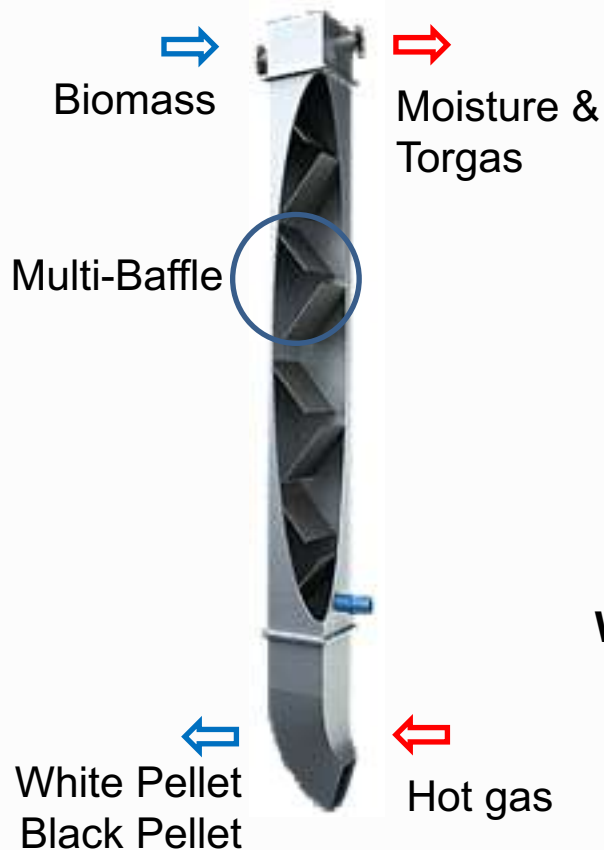


COMB Column

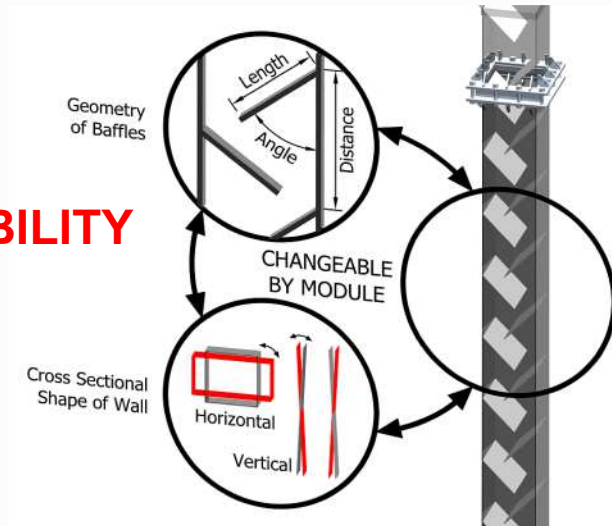


Fuel

COMB™ : Counter flow Multi-Baffle - Dryer/Pyrolyser



FLEXIBILITY



White Pellet



Black Pellet

- Low Gas to Solid ratio (G/S)
- Short residence time (~3min)
- Constant temperature difference (driving force) along the column
- Flexible & movable

COMB Column

Process Condition



Parameter	Value
Feeder frequency (Hz)	17.6
Flow rate (cm ³ /min)	4.76
Column DP (mm.Aq)	302.7
Bag Filter DP (mm.Aq)	25.2
Gas cooler IN temperature (°C)	153.0
Bag filter IN temperature (°C)	46.3
ID fan inlet temperature (°C)	39.2
Column inlet temperature (°C)	334.7
Column top temperature (°C)	298.1
Column outlet temperature (°C)	237.9
Cyclone inlet temperature (°C)	203.6

Wood Pellet Evaluation



- **Moisture content**
- **Density**
- **Hygroscopic property**
- **Calorific value**

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Results



Visual appearance of the jabon wood pellet



	Raw Pellet	Brown Pellet	Black Pellet
Long			
Short			

Moisture content and density



Tabel 1. Moisture content and density of jabon pellets

Pellet Size	Sample	Moisture content (%)	Density (g/cm ³)		Density reduction (%)	
			Air dry	Oven dry	Air dry	Oven dry
Long	Raw pellet	12.76 (1.46)	1.18 (0.03)	1.05 (0.03)	-	-
	Brown pellet	5.17 (1.56)	1.01 (0.02)	0.96 (0.02)	14.67	8.51
	Black pellet	2.85 (0.64)	0.93 (0.03)	0.91 (0.03)	21.05	13.44
Short	Raw pellet	12.47 (1.09)	1.10 (0.09)	0.97 (0.07)	-	-
	Brown pellet	4.11 (1.53)	0.97 (0.07)	0.93 (0.05)	11.88	4.82
	Black pellet	2.61 (0.45)	0.78 (0.08)	0.76 (0.08)	28.74	21.85

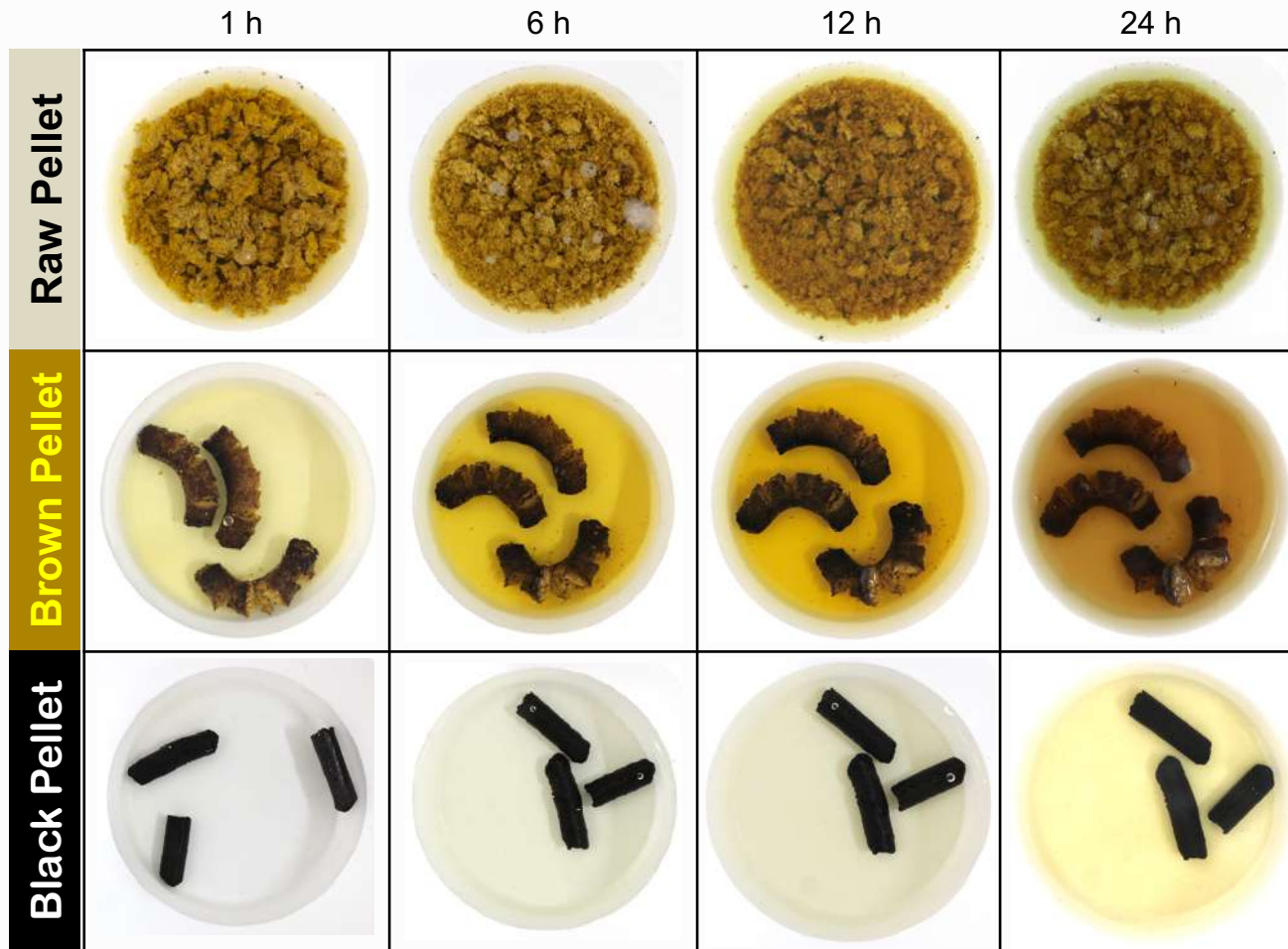
Notes: The means are averages of 3 replicates. Numbers in parenthesis are standard deviations.

Hygroscopic property: Long pellet



	Before immersion	Start	1 min	5 min	30 min
Raw Pellet					
Brown Pellet					
Black Pellet					

Hygroscopic property: Long pellet

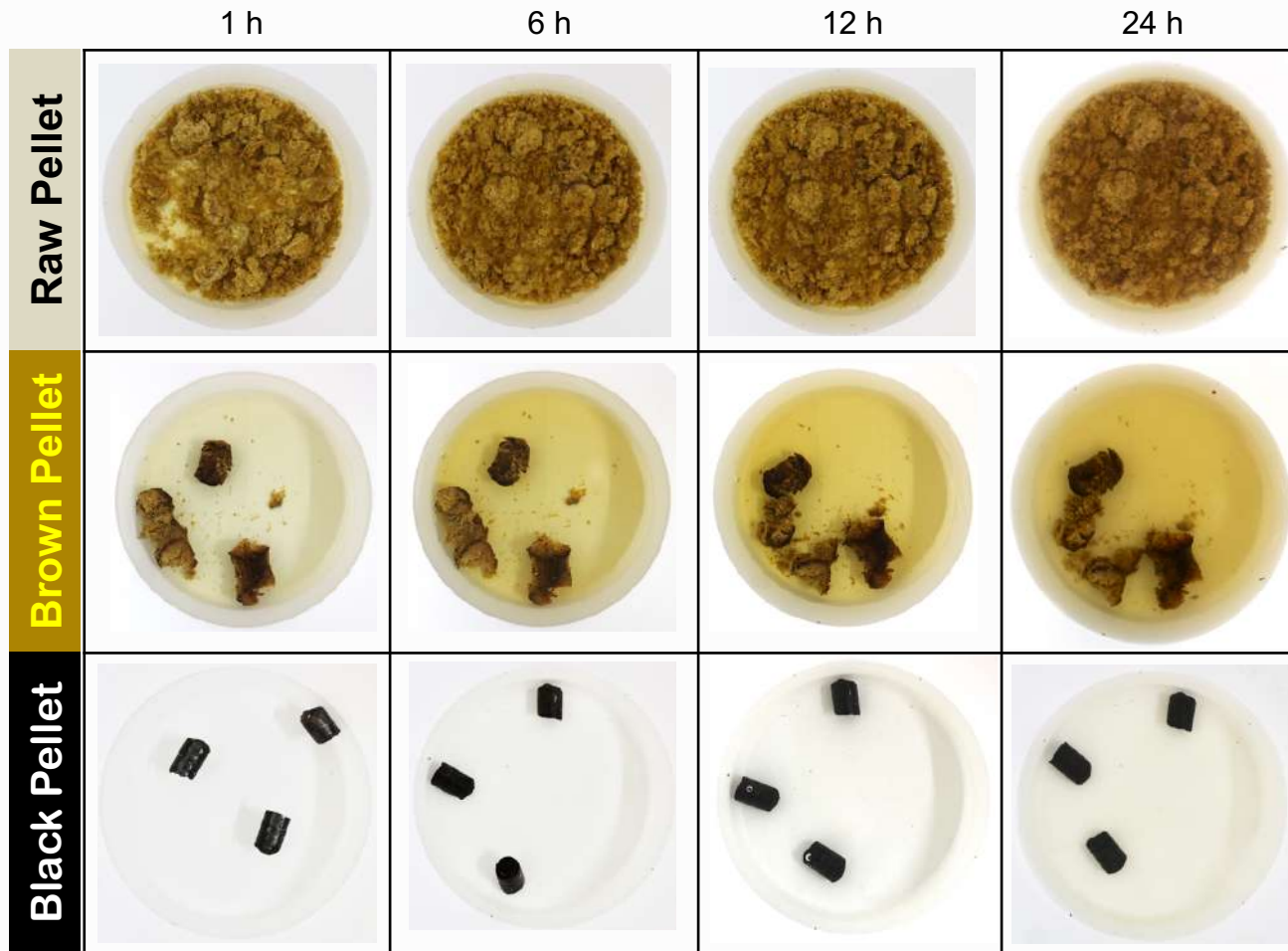


Hygroscopic property: **Short pellet**



	Before immersion	Start	1 min	5 min	30 min
Raw Pellet					
Brown Pellet					
Black Pellet					

Hygroscopic property: **Short pellet**



Calorific value

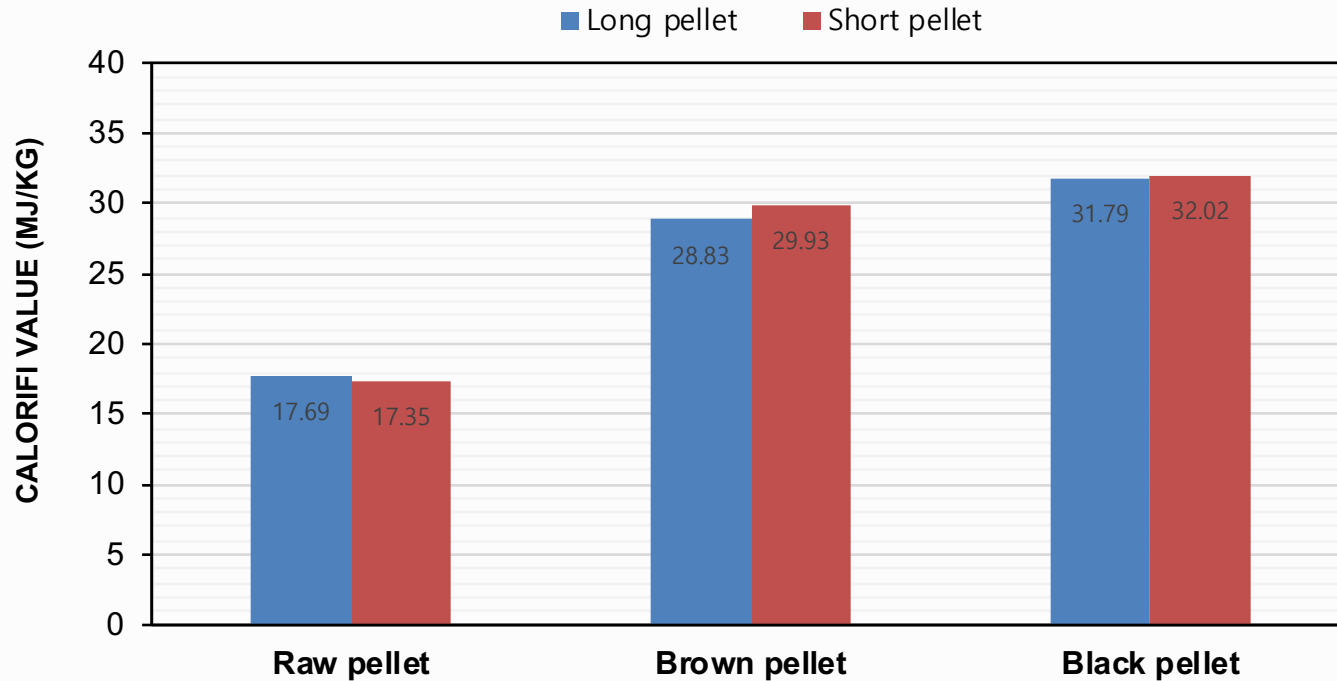


Figure 1. Calorific values of jabon pellets

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Thank you for your attention!

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