

## Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$ Layered Double Hydroxide as Effective Adsorbent of Iron(II) From Aqueous Solution

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### Abstract

Layered double hydroxide (LDH) Ni/Cr intercalated  $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$  has been prepared using the coprecipitation method. Materials were characterized by X-ray, FTIR, BET, and pHpzc analyses. Material Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs exhibited a high surface area  $98.986\text{ m}^2\text{ g}^{-1}$  from  $11.030\text{ m}^2\text{ g}^{-1}$  for Ni/Cr LDH where the interlayer space was an increase from 7.99 to 10.87 Å with indicated that high crystallinity. Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs showed higher adsorption capacity for iron(II) is up to  $250\text{ mg g}^{-1}$ . Adsorption of iron(II) on LDHs has an endothermic process and classify as physical adsorption.

## 1. Introduction

Wastewater treatment is an important universal concern due to environmental impact and human health [1]. Wastewater is produced on a large and small scale from industry and domestic activities containing heavy metals and dyes [2]. The widest pollutants in wastewater are heavy metals. Heavy metals have a bad effects on the environmental and humans because heavy metals ion can be accumulated in the organism [3], so these problems are challenging researchers to overcome the heavy metal bad effect on the environmental. Various materials have been developed as adsorbents of heavy metals including organic and inorganic adsorbents [4, 5]. Organic adsorbents such as cellulose, lignin, chitin, chitosan, and algae have been used to remove heavy metals from wastewater [6–8]. On the other hand, inorganic adsorbents such as zeolite, activated carbon, clay, bentonite, montmorillonite, and also synthetic layer materials have been widely applied to remove heavy metal from aqueous solution [9–11].

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Synthetic layer materials are well-known as layered double hydroxide (LDH). LDH is hydro-talcite-like materials contains  $M^{2+}/M^{3+}$  metal ions and anion between interlayer space of LDH [12]. The anion of LDH can be found as nitrate, carbonate, sulfate, and also chloride depending on the synthetic precursor of materials. The general formula of LDH is  $[M^{2+}_{1-x}M^{3+}_x(\text{OH})_2]^{x+}(\text{An})_{x/n}n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  where  $M^{2+}$  is divalent, and  $M^{3+}$  is trivalent metal ions and  $\text{An}^-$  is interlayer anions with valence  $n$  [13]. A combination of  $M^{2+}$  with  $M^{3+}$  resulted in various kinds of LDH with unique physical and chemical properties [14].

LDH was applied in wide range of applications, including as an adsorbent of heavy metal ions. LDH of Zn/Al has been tested as a selective adsorbent for removal  $\text{In}^{3+}$  ion metal ion mixtures from aqueous solution [15]. As present by previous research, NiAl LDH which has been reported the adsorption capacity of Cu(II) removal is  $60\text{ mg/g}$  at pH 5 and 298 K.  $\text{MoS}_4$ -LDH towards  $\text{Ag}^+$  ion have been studied by Ma [16]. The adsorption process was carried out by pH 5.9 and obtained an adsorption capacity  $8.2\text{ mg/g}$ . Bin Ou et al. [17] reported that CoFe LDH has been examined to remove Cr(VI)

from aqueous solution. The adsorption process obtained adsorption capacity at equilibrium after 90 min is 33.5 mg/g. LDH nanosheets were used to remove Cr(VI) ion from aqueous solution with the fast process due to interaction such as electrostatic attraction, ion exchange, and hydrogen bonding between the metal ion and adsorbent [18]. On the other hand, LDH can be modified by intercalation and impregnation with other materials to increase the physical properties of the LDH such as surface area, structure stability, resistance to acid and also enhanced adsorption ability. The modification of LDH was widely conducted by various methods such as intercalation with anionic compounds, coating with metal oxide, composite and nanocomposite with several compounds.

Efficient adsorption of Mn(II) was achieved by Mg/Al LDH intercalated with diethylenetriamine-pentaacetic acid [19]. The adsorption mechanism occurred between the carboxyl group of intercalant with the hydroxyl group of LDH, which was bind with manganese ion. Zn/Al LDH was also intercalated with thiocalix[4]arane anion by calcination/restoration into LDH. These materials were used as adsorbents of Pb<sup>2+</sup> and Cu<sup>2+</sup> with adsorption capacity (qm) for Pb<sup>2+</sup> and Cu<sup>2+</sup> up to 217 mg g<sup>-1</sup> and 125 mg g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively [20]. As reported by Oktrianty et al., [21] ZnCr LDHs intercalated with Keggin ion [ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> has higher adsorption capacity (76.9 mg/g) than ZnCr LDHs without intercalation (45.4 mg/g). On the other hand, modified zeolites and sands coated with Zn/Al LDH have a selective binding with cadmium in the existence of several ions such as K<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> [22]. Ca/Al LDH was intercalated with Keggin ion polyoxometalate K<sub>4</sub>[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] to form Ca/Al-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] as an effective adsorbent for iron(II) [23]. All results showed that LDH is an efficient material as an adsorbent of metal ions. Thus, research development of LDH is still conducted until this decade. As the brief researches as summaries before, the heavy metal ion in high level become toxic.

In this research, we conducted Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] was used as adsorbent of iron(II) from an aqueous solution. To our best knowledge, iron is the fourth most essential element [24]. Fe(II) is required for proper transport and storage of oxygen by means of hemoglobin and myoglobin while its oxidized forms, methemoglobin and metmyoglobin, which contain Fe(III), will not bind oxygen [25]. Furthermore, iron (II) in high concentration, need to be decreasing because it is

harmful and accumulated in the animal body [26]. Because of these findings, the way to remove Fe (II) is challenging the researcher to protect the environment. Materials Several factors of adsorption were studied, such as pH<sub>pzc</sub>, effect of adsorption time, effect of concentration of iron(II) and temperature, and also kinetic and thermodynamic properties were calculated based on experimental data.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1. Chemicals and instrumentations

Chemicals are supplied from Merck and Sigma Aldrich, such as nickel(II) nitrate, chromium(III) nitrate, sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate, sodium tungstate, sodium metasilicate, hydrochloric acid, and sodium chloride with pure analysis grade. Water was obtained from Purite® ion exchange water purification system at Universitas Sriwijaya. Nitrogen gas was supplied from a local supplier at Palembang, the capital city of South Sumatra, Indonesia. Characterization of X-ray analysis was conducted using XRD Rigaku Miniflex-600 with a scanning sample at 1 deg min<sup>-1</sup>. Analysis of IR was carried out using FTIR Shimadzu Prestige-21 by KBr pellet. The sample was scanned at wavenumber 400–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Analysis of nitrogen adsorption-desorption was carried out using the Quantachrome apparatus at 77 K. Concentration of iron(II) was analyzed using UV-Vis BioBase BK-UV 1800 PC spectrophotometer after complexation with 1,10-phenanthroline at wavelength 510 nm. Keggin ion was synthesized according to previous literature [27].

### 2.2. Synthesis of Ni/Cr and Preparation of Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] LDHs

Synthesis of Ni/Cr LDH was conducted by the coprecipitation method. Nickel(II) nitrate 0.3 M and chromium(III) nitrate 0.1 M were mixed with an equal amount with constant stirring. The solution of sodium hydroxide 1 M was added to the reaction mixture with an equal amount, and the pH of the reaction was adjusted to 10. The pH condition was arranged by the addition of or sodium hydroxide 0.1 M. The sodium carbonate solution 0.1 M was added after stable pH. The reaction was stirred for 17 h at 80 °C. The solid material was washed with water and dried at 110 °C overnight. The preparation of Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] was carried

out using the ion-exchange method. The gel form of Ni/Cr was added with 5%  $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$ . The mixtures were stirred for 24 h at room temperature under nitrogen conditions. The solid material was washed several times with water and dried at 110 °C overnight to form Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDH.

### 2.3. Determination of pHPzc

Analysis of pH point zero charges (pzc) was carried out at various pH under sodium hydroxide or hydrochloric acid solution into the solution of sodium chloride 0.1 M. The pH solution of sodium chloride was adjusted in the range pH 1-10 by using hydrochloric acid 0.1 M or sodium hydroxide 0.1 M solutions. LDH of Ni/Cr or Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs was added into the series of pH solution, then the solution mixtures were constantly stirred for 24 h. The solutions were filtered, and pH of the filtrate was determined by pH meter. The graph of pHPzc was obtained by comparison initial and final pH solution [28].

### 2.4. Adsorption studies

Adsorption of iron(II) on Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs was carried out using a batch small reactor system. The adsorption process was used UV-vis spectrophotometer for determination the Fe(II) ion in an aqueous solution after complexation with 1,10-phenanthroline at a wavelength 510 nm. The complexation of Fe(II)-1,10-phenanthroline was studied by Tosonian et al. [29], as much as 5 ml of Fe(II) solution was added into 10 M HCl 2 ml in another beaker, the solution

of 1,10-phenanthroline was dissolved by 10 mL HCl called ligand solution. Ligand solution was added dropwise into Fe(II) mixtures solution. The solution was added 10 ml buffer acetate 4.5. The solution was then shaken and allowed to stand for 30 min and then the absorbance was measured using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 450–560 nm. The adsorption study was studied through the effect of adsorption time, effect of iron(II) concentration, and temperature adsorption. Effect of adsorption time was investigated at various adsorption time i.e. 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 60, 70, 90, 120, 150, 180 min. Effect of iron(II) concentration was varied at 30, 50, 60, 70 mg g<sup>-1</sup> and at temperature 303, 313, 323, 333 K.

## 3. Results and discussion

The XRD powder patterns of Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs are shown in Fig. 1. Ni/Cr LDH has a diffraction peak at 11.07° (003), 22.40° (006), 34.48° (009), and 60.43° (110) JCPDS file no. 38-0487 as a similar report by Ibrahimnova et al. [30]. The well-ordered formation of layer material was indicated at 11.07° (003) with an interlayer distance 7.99 Å. Intercalation of Ni/Cr with  $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$  ion to form Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDH will shift the diffraction peak of (003) due to large ion exchange from nitrate to Keggin ion [31]. Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDH has diffraction peak at 8.13° (003), 18.37° (006), 34.39° (009), 60.43° (110), and 61.65° (113). The diffraction at 8.13° (003) has an interlayer distance of 10.87 Å. Thus the intercalation process will increase the interlayer distance of LDH.

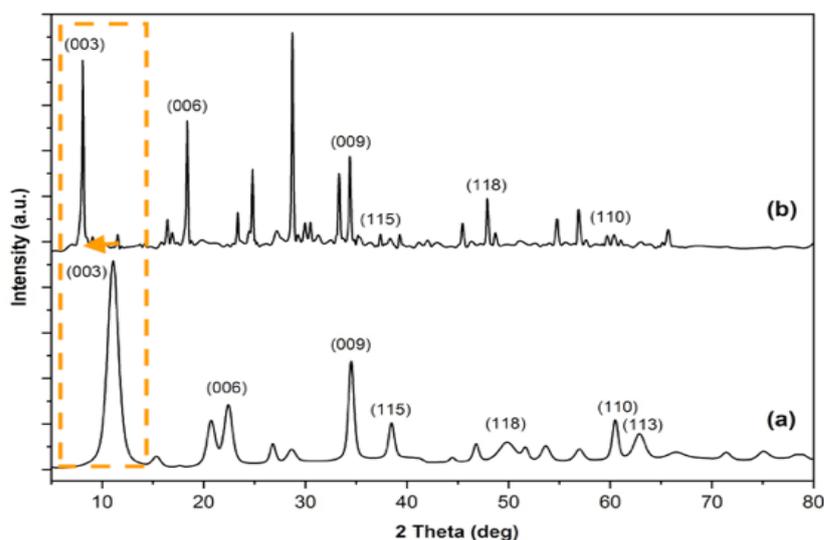


Fig. 1. XRD powder patterns of Ni/Cr (a) and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  (b) LDHs.

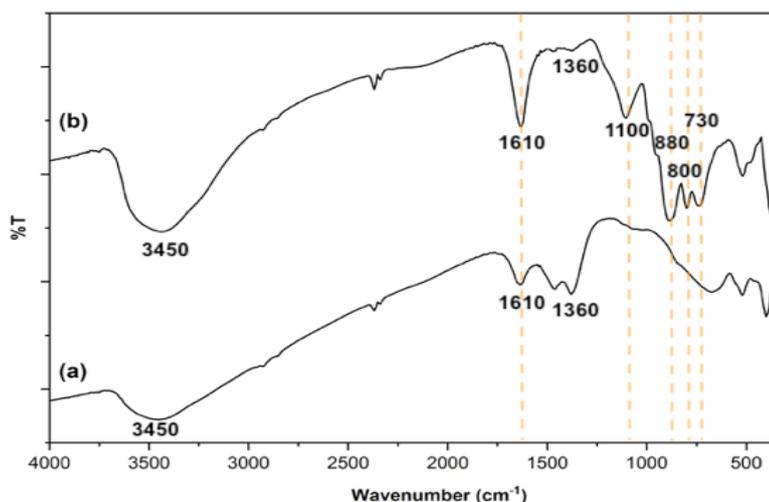


Fig. 2. FTIR spectra of Ni/Cr (a) and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  (b) LDHs.

The FTIR spectra of Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs are shown in Fig. 2. Material Ni/Cr has three parts region i.e., water molecules vibration at  $3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , the anion of nitrate and carbonate area at  $1360\text{--}1610\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and area of metal vibration at  $600\text{--}750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [29]. Intercalation of Ni/Cr with  $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$  ion resulting in significantly different IR spectra except for water molecules at  $3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The vibrations of anion nitrate and carbonate were changed to sharp one vibration at  $1660\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which was assigned as bending vibration of water molecules on the interlayer space of LDH. There were several vibration peaks at range  $800\text{--}1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to the vibration of Keggin ion ( $\nu\text{W}=\text{O}$ ,  $\nu\text{W}-\text{Oc}-\text{W}$ ,  $\nu\text{W}-\text{Oe}-\text{W}$ , and  $\nu\text{Si}-\text{O}$ ) [32].

The isotherm adsorption-desorption of nitrogen on Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs was shown in Fig. 3. The profile adsorption-desorption shows an H3 hysteresis loop on both Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  LDHs at  $P/P_0$  0.89. The isotherm is categorized as a type IV isotherm model, and LDHs have mesoporous type materials [33].

The BET analysis of LDH, as shown in Table 1, indicating increase surface area of Ni/Cr to Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  was equal with increasing interlayer distance of LDH as the data of XRD analysis. The pore volume was also increased after the intercalation process, caused that the layer of LDH's interlayer space was open due to intercalating wide anion. This phenom was also reported by [12] that LDH's interlayer space can be swelling according to intercalated anions.

The pH<sub>pzc</sub> analysis showed that the intersection point for Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  was achieved at pH 7 and 9, respectively, as shown in Fig. 4. There are no charges of materials at the

pH<sub>pzc</sub> point. The material will positively charge below the pH<sub>pzc</sub> value and vice versa. Thus adsorption of iron(II) will be conducted at pH 7 on Ni/Cr and pH 9 on Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$ .

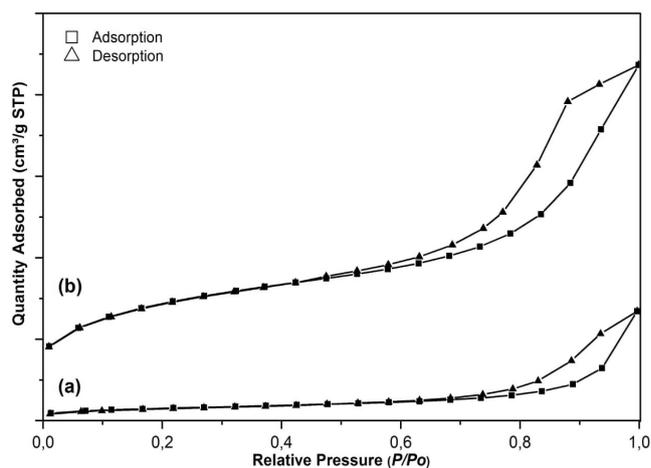


Fig. 3. The nitrogen adsorption desorption on Ni/Cr (a) and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  (b).

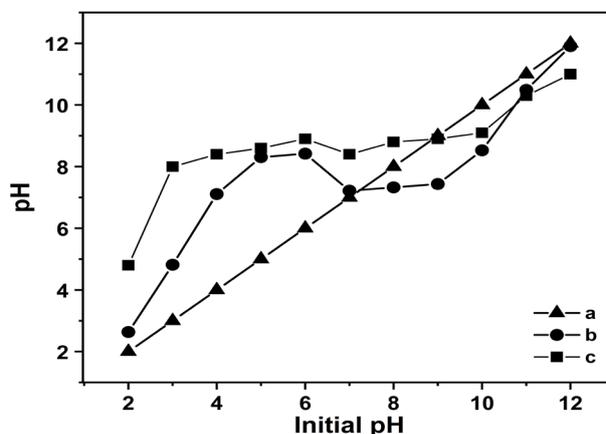


Fig. 4. pH<sub>pzc</sub> graph: initial pH (a), Ni/Cr (b) and Ni/Cr- $[\alpha\text{-SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]$  (c).

**Table 1**  
BET Analysis of LDH

Properties	LDHs	
	Ni/Cr	Ni/Cr- [ $\alpha$ -SiW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ]
BET Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	11.030	98.986
Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ), BJH	0.042	0.135
Pore diameter (nm), BJH	15.124	5.457

The adsorption of iron(II) was studied firstly through the effect of adsorption time, as shown in Fig. 5. The adsorption of iron(II) was increased with increasing adsorption time and reach equilibrium at the same time for both Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] LDHs. The equilibrium was achieved at 70 min. Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] LDH has a higher adsorption amount than Ni/Cr LDH at the same adsorption time.

The data of adsorption time was calculated using pseudo first-order and pseudo second-order [31] in Eqs. 1 and 2 to obtain the kinetic adsorption model, as shown in Table 2.

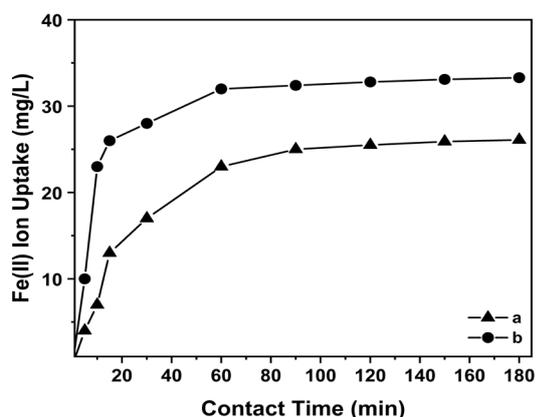


Fig. 5. Effect of adsorption time on Ni/Cr (a) and Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] (b) LDHs.

Pseudo first-order kinetic model:

$$\log(q_e - q_t) = \log q_e - \left( \frac{k_1}{2.303} \right) t \quad (1)$$

where:  $q_e$  is adsorption capacity at equilibrium (mg g<sup>-1</sup>);  $q_t$  is adsorption capacity at  $t$  (mg g<sup>-1</sup>);  $t$  is adsorption time (minute); and  $k_1$  is adsorption kinetic rate at pseudo first-order (minute<sup>-1</sup>).

Pseudo second-order kinetic model:

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{1}{q_e} t \quad (2)$$

where  $q_e$  is adsorption capacity at equilibrium (mg g<sup>-1</sup>);  $q_t$  is adsorption capacity at  $t$  (mg g<sup>-1</sup>);  $t$  is adsorption time (minute); and  $k_2$  is adsorption kinetic rate at pseudo second-order (g mg<sup>-1</sup> minute<sup>-1</sup>).

Table 2 showed that the adsorption process is followed pseudo second-order with  $R^2$  is close to one. The  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  values indicate the constant adsorption rate for iron(II) on LDH. The  $k_2$  value is higher than  $k_1$  value shows adsorbent Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] has higher reactivity toward iron(II) than adsorbent Ni/Cr. The effect of concentration of iron(II) and temperature adsorption is shown in Fig. 6.

Figure 6 showed that the adsorption of iron(II) was increased by increasing the concentration of iron(II). The adsorption of iron(II) on Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] has higher than Ni/Cr for all temperature conditions. The amount of adsorption was slightly increased by increasing temperatures. The effect of temperature on the adsorption phenomena was indicated that the viscosity of the solvent, which iron(II) heavy metal ion has great mobility and the adsorption might be favorable at high temperatures. Isotherm adsorption can be obtained from data in Fig. 6 by using Freundlich and Langmuir isotherm

**Table 2**  
Kinetic model adsorption of iron(II) on LDH

Kinetic Adsorption Model	Kinetic Parameter	LDH	
		Ni/Cr	Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ]
Pseudo First-Order	$Q_{e \text{ Exp}}$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	135.274	172.260
	$Q_{e \text{ Calc}}$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	121.899	127.057
	$R^2$	0.951	0.988
	$k_1$ (min <sup>-1</sup> )	0.0438	0.0507
Pseudo Second-Order	$Q_{e \text{ Exp}}$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	135.274	172.260
	$Q_{e \text{ Calc}}$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	166.667	200.000
	$R_2$	0.996	0.998
	$k_2$ (g mg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> )	0.0002	0.0006

models, as shown in Eqs. 3 and 4 as similarly reported by Siregar et al. [34]. The isotherm adsorption of iron(II) on LDH was presented in Table 3.

Langmuir equation:

$$\frac{C}{m} = \frac{1}{bK} + \frac{C}{b} \quad (3)$$

where  $C$  is a saturated concentration of adsorbate;  $m$  is the amount of adsorbate;  $b$  is the maximum adsorption capacity ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ), and  $K_{ML}$  is the Langmuir constant ( $\text{L mg}^{-1}$ ).

Freundlich equation:

$$\log q_e = \log K_F + 1/n \log C_e \quad (4)$$

where  $q_e$  is adsorption capacity at equilibrium ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ );  $C_e$  is the concentration of adsorbate at equilibrium ( $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ), and  $K_F$  is Freundlich constant.

Adsorption of iron(II) on LDH follows the Langmuir isotherm model for all temperature conditions indicated that adsorption of iron(II) on LDH was monolayer adsorption process. The adsorption capacity of iron(II) on Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] was up to  $250 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ . Then adsorbent Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] is potential adsorbent for removal heavy metal from aqueous solution.

The thermodynamic parameter as shown in Table 4 was obtain using thermodynamic Eqs. 5–6.

$$\ln K_{ML} = \frac{\Delta S}{R} - \frac{\Delta H}{RT} \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{ML} \quad (6)$$

where  $T$  is the temperature (K);  $R$  is the gas constant ( $8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ), and  $K_{ML}$  is the modified

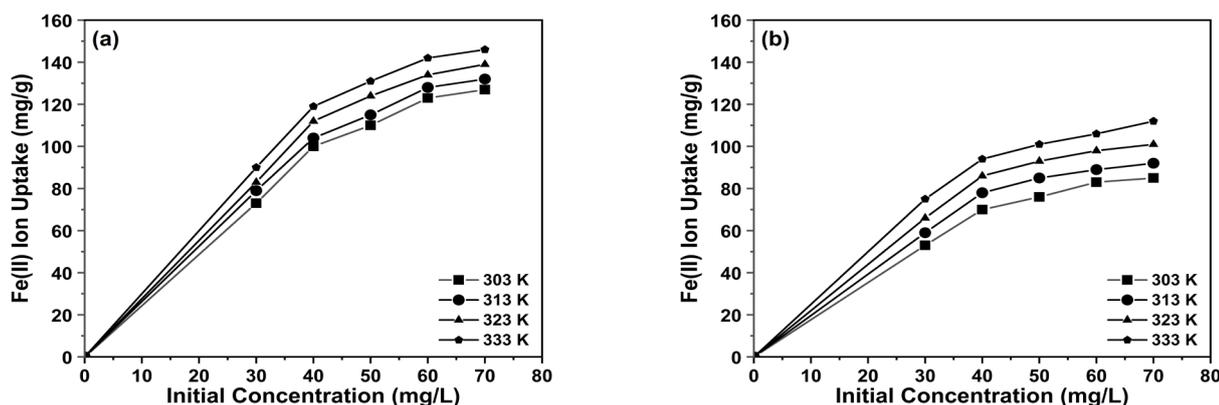


Fig. 6. Effect of iron(II) concentration and temperature adsorption on Ni/Cr (a) and Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] (b) LDHs.

**Table 3**  
Isotherm adsorption of iron (II) on LDH

Ni/Cr	Isotherm	Isotherm Parameter	Temperature (K)			
			303	313	323	333
Langmuir	Langmuir	$q_{max}$ ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ )	166.667	200.000	200.000	200.000
		$k_{ML}$ ( $\text{L mg}^{-1}$ )	0.035	0.033	0.036	0.035
		$R^2$	0.811	0.865	0.891	0.921
	Freundlich	$k_F$ ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ )( $\text{L mg}^{-1/n}$ )	13.397	15.417	16.943	15.922
		$n$	1.862	1.931	1.972	1.852
		$R^2$	0.748	0.787	0.808	0.882
Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ]	Langmuir	$q_{max}$ ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ )	250.000	250.000	250.000	250.000
		$K_{ML}$ ( $\text{L mg}^{-1}$ )	0.036	0.039	0.043	0.048
		$R^2$	0.974	0.988	0.993	0.995
Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ]	Freundlich	$k_F$ ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ )( $\text{L mg}^{-1/n}$ )	21.135	22.909	25.704	28.576
		$n$	1.996	2.041	2.137	2.247
		$R^2$	0.944	0.966	0.972	0.970

**Table 4**  
Thermodynamic parameter

LDH	$\Delta G^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )				$\Delta H^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta S^\circ$ (J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )
	303 K	313 K	323 K	333 K		
Ni/Cr	-1.723	-2.016	-2.309	-2.602	7.149	0.029
Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ]	-2.822	-3.059	-3.295	-3.532	4.354	0.024

Langmuir constant. The modified Langmuir constant was obtained from Table 3. The data in Table 4 show adsorption of iron(II) on Ni/Cr and Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] LDHs have  $\Delta H^\circ$  values in the range 4.354–7.149 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. That energy is classifying as physical energy adsorption. The negative values of  $\Delta G^\circ$  for all temperature conditions showed that adsorption of iron(II) on LDH was a spontaneous process. The negative value of  $\Delta S^\circ$  shows to increase in the randomness of the adsorption process between iron(II) and LDHs.

#### 4. Conclusion

Ni/Cr LDH was successfully synthesized via a facile coprecipitation method under alkaline conditions. Further modification of the synthesized Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] was successfully performed by intercalating by Keggin ion SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub><sup>4-</sup> with Ni/Cr-LDH. The success of the intercalation was confirmed by the increase in the interlayer space or interlayer gallery and increasing the surface area. The surface area of LDH after intercalation was increased from 11.030 to 98.986 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> equal with an increasing interlayer distance of LDH from 7.99 to 10.87 Å. Adsorption of iron(II) on Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] LDH were categorized as physical adsorption with an adsorption capacity is up to 250 mg g<sup>-1</sup>. Thus Ni/Cr-[ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] is a potential adsorbent for removal iron(II) from aqueous solution.

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