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nasirpl@unimed.ac.id<br> **Abstract**. In this study, hydrodeoxyg<br>
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### 1. Introduction

The need for energy in the world continues to increase, while the supply of fossil fuels is running low and cannot be renewed. On the other hand, Indonesia is rich in lignocellulosic biomass which has the potential as an alternative energy source. Lignocellulosic conversion of foodstuffs such as cassava [1], sugarcane [2], and maize [3] have been converted into bioethanol, biomethanol and biodiesel fuels in the past few decades. However, in its development it is considered less effective because it can lead to an increase in food prices and a food crisis. For this reason, the use of lignocellulosic from agricultural and plantation waste can be used as a smart solution. Bio-oil as a condensation product from the combustion of lignocellulosic materials has the potential to be a renewable and environmentally



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stabilization or sobilization methods need to be carried out in order to maintain component stability and improve the quality of bio-oil. However, bio-oil cannot be used directly as fuel because of the high oxygen content (35-40%) so that the energy density (HHV) is still low ( $\sim$ 20 MJ/kg) far compared to fossil fuels for transportation **14 c**, and the energy compounds such that the further increase of form is set in the set of the set of the methods need to the methods need to increase the HDO process of the HDO process of the HDO process at all that

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process, activation process and calcination following the procedure carried out <sup>8</sup> [13]. Natural zeolite

A total of 1,214 grams of cobalt nitrate ( $Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O$ ) was dissolved in 500 mL of deionized water then put in a three neck flask and added 100 grams of active zeolite, then refluxed for 5 hours at 80 °C, then dried at 120 ℃ followed by the process Oxidation and reduction respectively with oxygen and hydrogen

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gas flow at a temperature of 500 °C for 2 hours to obtain a Co/ZAS catalyst.

A total of 0.92 grams (NH4)6Mo7O24.4H2O) was dissolved in 500 mL deionized water then added 100 grams of active zeolite. Then the mixture was refluxed for 5 hours at 80 °C, then dried at hours at a temperature of 80 °C, then dried at a temperature of 120 °C, followed  $A$  y an oxidation and reduction process at a temperature of 500 °C for 2 hours to obtain a CoMo/ZAS catalyst. The catalysts

## 9<br>2.4 Bio-oil Hydrodeoxygenation

elementary components  $(\hat{C}, H, O, N, S)$  by using CHN Analy 20 LECO-CHN 628, viscosity (Viscometer Ostwald), acid number (titr imetric method), and HHV by Sheng and Azvedo's formula alaned, then the **Forty** calusty *LZA*s added 0.57 grading then dissolved in denonized water. The mixture was refluxed for<br>dried at a temperature of 120 °C, follower was refluxed for<br>dried at a temperature of 120 °C, foll

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### 3. Result and discussion

#### 3.1 Crystallinity of catalyst

Figure 1, there are peaks with high intensity in the  $2\theta = 20-30^{\circ}$  zegion. Both Co/ZAS and Co-Mo/ZAS catalysts have almost the same diffrazeogram pattern. The peak with high intensity indicates the difference in intensity at the peak can provide information about the crystallinity of the catalyst so that the degree of crystallinity can be calculated. From the results of the calculation of the degree of crystallinity, it is known that the Co-Mo/ZAS catalyst has a degree of crystallinity of 42%, higher than that of Co/ZAS of 36%.

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Figure 1. Diffractogram comparison of Co/ZAS and Co-Mo/ZAS.

#### 3.2 Surface Morphology

The surface morphology of Co/ZAS and Co-Mo/ZAS catalysts was observed using SEM (Fig 2). The surface of the Co/ZAS catalyst tends to be more tenuous with better particle size homogeneity, while the Co-Mo/ZAS catalyst is denser and the grain size of the particles tends to be more diverse. This result is correlated with the catalyst crystallinity data which indicates that the denser catalyst surface gives a higher degree of crystallinity.



Figure 2. Surface morphology of catalysts (a) Co/ZAS and (b) Co-Mo/ZAS magnification of 1000x.

The analysis of the catalyst c<sub>46</sub> position was carried out using EDX which is summarized in Table 1. Co/ZAS catalyst has a lower Si/Al ratio when compared to the Si/Al ratio of Co-Mo/ZAS catalyst, this is related to the amount of outer Al that decays during activation process with mineral acids [19]. A high Si/Al ratio is also linear to a high degree of crystallinity. In addition, Co-Mo/ZAS catalyst also has fewer impurities. This will affect the surface morphology of the catalyst which is neater and cleaner so that the crystallinity of the catalyst is higher. The absence of Co metal observed in the Co/ZAS catalyst gives the possibility that very little metal is deposited on the zeolite or it could be that the metal that is absorbed int<sub>27</sub> he pores of the zeolite and is not on  $\frac{1}{27}$  surface of the zeolite. This indication is supported by the surface area and pore data of the catalyst in Table 3.

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Table 1. Composition of Co/ZAS and Co-Mo/ZAS catalysts.

### 3.3 Adsorption-Desorption Isotherm Analysis

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The graph of the adsorption-desorption isotherm of the Co-ZAS and Co-Mo/ZAS catal s is shown in Fig 3. Based on the IUPAC classifies tion, the graph of the isotherm is classified as type IV with a hysteresis loop at  $P/P_0$  between 0.4-0.9. The presence of a hysteresis loop on the isotherm graph indicates that the zeolite material has micro and mesopores.



The results of measurements of *Arrace* area, pore diameter, and total volume of the catalyst are summarized in Table 2. The pore sizes of the two catalysts are included in the mesoporous size (2-50) nm). The bearing of two metals generally has an effect on the characteristics of the zeolite. Co-Mo/ZAS has a specific surface area, pore diameter and total pore volume which is larger than zeolite which is only carried by Co metal. If two metals enter the zeolite pore, it can widen the pore diameter so that the pore size increases, the pore volume increases, and the specific surface area increases.



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Average pore diameter (nm)

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information about the route of reaction that may have occured. Both of atomic  $H/C$  ratio and O/C ratio decreased after HDO. The lower atomic H/C ratio of bio-oil product may be produced due to decomposition of the organic phase to gas phase [21]. This can be proven from the atomic H/C ratio of observed from the comparison of the molar ratios of  $\overline{H/C}$  and O/C in c<sub>2</sub>ch bio-oil which can provide 13<br>
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### Table 3. Physicochemical properties of HDO bio-oil.

<sup>a</sup> Calculated by difference in percentage.

<sup>b</sup> High heating value was calculated by using the following formula: HHV (MJ/ kg) = -1.3675  $(0.3137 C) + (0.7009 H) + (0.0318 O)$ 

Based on the data on the characteristics of the catalyst and the bio-oil analysis that has been done, the two catalysts have different characters and show different activities and product selectivity. This is closely related to the nature and character of each catalyst. Co/ZAS catalyst which has a smaller surface area, pore volume, and pore diameter shows better product selectivity in the water fraction product. Meanwhile Co-Mo/ZAS catalysts which have larger surface area and pores tend to produce products with larger molecules as organic fractions. The higher Si/Al ratio in Co-Mo/ZAS catalyst causes the catalyst to be more hydrophobic so that more organic phase products are produced than biooil products catalyzed by Co/ZAS.<sub>10</sub>

The compounds contained in raw bio-oil and HDO bio-oil are summarized in Table 4. Phenol compounds and their derivatives are the largest content in bio-oil. Based on the data in Table 4, the phenol content increased after HDO process. In addition, Phenol, 2,6-dimethoxy were reduced, especially in bio-oil catalyzed by Co/ZAS. Meanwhile, 1,4:3,6-Dianhydro-alpha-d-glucopyranose compounds did not appear again after HDO. In this case, the increase in certain compounds is related to the conversion of other compounds such as, the reduce of Phenol, 2,6-dimethoxy may undergo a demethoxylation reaction to Phenol, 2-methoxy- which then undergoes demethoxylation again to produce a more stable phenolic compound [21].





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Phenol, 2-methoxy $\frac{1}{30}$	5.958	1.70	1.67	2.60
3-Ethyl-2-hydroxy-2-cyclopenten-1-one	6.423		1.07	1.23
1,4:3,6-Dianhydro-alpha-d-glucopyranose	7.821	1.29		$\sim$
$\frac{1}{29}$ -Benzenediol	7.948	14.76	13.34	9.80
$1,2$ -Benzenediol, 3-methoxy	9.045	5.00	6.68	5.80
1,2-Benzenediol, 4-methyl-	9.664	3.15	3.61	3.20
Phenol, 2,6-dimethoxy-	10.847	11.99	9.32	10.27
4-ethylcatechol	11.828	1.20	1.25	1.54
$\frac{1}{6}$ , 4-Trimethoxybenzene	13.048	2.66	1.48	1.70
Benzoic acid, 4-hydroxy-, methyl ester	13.161		1.13	1.21
$1-(4-hydroxy-3-$ 2-Propanone,	14.428	1.34	1.13	1.32
methoxyphenyl)				

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#### 4. Conclusion

The deposition of Co and Co-Mo metals on natural zeolite produces catalysts with different characteristics and catalytic activity. Co-Mo/ZAS catalyst has better is rystallinity and surface morphology homogeneity than Co/ZAS catalyst. In addition, the value of surface area, pore diameter, and total pore volume of zeolite with two impregnated metals is greater than the value for zeolite with one impregnated metal. Co/ZAS catalyst showed high selectivity towards the aqueous phase. The biooil catalyzed by Co/ZAS has a higher HHV and a higher viscosity and lower oxygen content which is indicated by the degree of deoxygenation reaching 80% as a result of the release of hydrogen bound oxygen into water molecules, phenol compounds have improved due to demethoxylation reaction that occur in methoxyphenol compounds.

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