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The studies on the hydrocracking process to obtain the fuel by cracking of the carbon chain from the hydrocarbon compound both in the form of gas and liquid fuels have been carried-out massively by researchers over three decade. In the present experimental study, heavy hydrocarbon represented by asphaltic base materials (named as Extracted Asbuton) and paraffinic (waxy residue from Cepu oil refinery) were used as the object of the study; by observing the differences of the reaction mechanisms and the results that can be obtained. Here the operational conditions such as pressure, temperature, and time as well as the kinds of catalyst were considered as the main parameters.

The experiments were carried-out under the similar operating condition such as temperature around  $350 - 500^{\circ}$ C, pressure around 5 up to 15 atmospheres, and evaporation time was (1 - 3) hours. As a result, it was obtained (a) the higher the temperature, pressure, and heating time, the higher hydrocracking conversion both of hydrocarbons, (b) reaction mechanism of hydrocracking by using asphalt extract as the material follows the Model 3 of the present work, in which asphalt vapor was trapped in catalyst surface, meanwhile the waxy residue followed the Model 1, (c) under the same condition, the conversion of asphalt extract was smaller than waxy residue, and (d) the conversion of asphalt extract using Pt/Pd catalyst was higher than  $\gamma$ -Alumina catalyst.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Recently, the process of hydrocracking has massively became the object of the study due to energy crisis around the world. The oil reserves in Indonesia are less than 50 billion barrels. However the effective reserves are only 1.6 billion barrels. From the economic energy calculation, by the improvement of energy need around 5-10%, the effective reserves of fossil oil will run out in several upcoming years, if there is no diversification extensification, and intensification in the aspect of energy.

A lot of efforts have been performed to solve these problems. Those are the conversion of the petroleum weight fraction or other alternative materials becoming fuel fractions, such as kerosene, gasoline, and diesel fuel, whereas these materials are extensively used for daily needs. In the case of the petroleum, there are some kinds of heavy fraction of oil that have also been converted, such as heavy petroleum residue, burning oil, waxy residue, and asphalt.

The other materials that are not from the area of oil refineries but have not been applied commercially are natural asphalt (Asbuton, Trinidad Asphalt), biomass, vegetable/animal oil (palm oil, castor oil, animal fat), etc.

Asbuton is a kind of rock or soil originally from Buton Island of Indonesia. From several locations, it contains around 10% until 40% of natural asphalt and the other natural minerals such as iron, alumina, silica, etc (Sarifudin, 2004). Asphalt reserve in Buton Island is around 650 million tons It can be found only 1.5 meter under the soil surface. The composition of the Buton asphalt and the result of extraction test is presented in Table 1.

Buton asphalt can be separated from

	Kabungka	Lawele	Waisiu
Raw Asphalt :			
Water	1.5%	2%	1.5%
Asphalt	17 – 39%	25 – 35%	35 – 37%
Organic Material	0.2 – 1%	0.5 – 2%	0.2 – 1%
Mineral Material	58 – 61%	65 – 75%	61 – 63%
Asphalt Extract :			
Sp. Gr. in 77°F	1.09 – 1.12	1.06	1.09
Penetration in 77°F	6 – 18	73	10
Fusing-point (R & B) °C	61 – 69	47	24
Ductility in 77°C	12 – 110	110	32
Insol. in . Nafta (88°C)	23.7 – 29%	25.7	25.9%
Extraction Test			
Asphalten		23 – 30%	
Sulfure		6 – 7%	
Acide level		6,2	
Saponification Value		14	

**Table 1.** The Composition and Buton Asphalt Extraction Test (Abraham, 2007)

their rocks by the extraction process. The researches use some solvents like : TCE, CCl4, naphta, hexane, and condensate. The derivative products of extracted buton asphalt can be used as reservoir partition material, vehicle layer material, ink material, paint material, bricket, and fuel.

The hydrocracking process is the most common method to get fuel from some kind of material, include asphalt and heavy fraction of petroleum. Hydrocracking can be defined as a cracking process of hydrocarbon compound catalytically by injecting hydrogen under а high temperature and high pressure to obtain some products. The main reaction in hydrocracking process is the reaction of cracking chain among C-C atoms that can be divided into three parts. Those are paraffin hydrocracking, hydro-dealcilation,

and hydro-decyclisation reactions. Hydrocracking process is used for feed with high content of aromatic compound that cannot be processed easily by using a conventional catalytic cracking process (Hatch & Matar, 2000).

Catalytic cracking has some benefit in comparing to thermal cracking. Those are: 1) improving gasoline productivity and forming the components of the hydrocarbon compound that has anti knocking character, 2) It can obtain a high  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  (Hatch & Matar, 2000), The classification of the catalytic cracking reaction in several hydrocarbon is shown in Table 2.

The different kinds of raw materials, catalysts, and operating condition usually provide different results. This can be happened because of the different

Hydrocarbon Classes	Reaction Principles	Kesult
	Hydrokarbon releasing in	Paraffin with branches
	several different spots,	bond and olefin with ot
n-Paraffins and isoparaffins	releasing in the edge of C-	less than 3 carbon atoms,
	C bond does not generally	a small amount of
	happen	methane.
	Releasing /cutting ring and	Paraffin and olefin, a
Naphthene	branch bond	small amount of
		aromatic compound.
	Opening naptenic ring,	Paraffin compound,
Naphtheno-aromatic compound	extrication branch bond	olefin and aromatic.
	from aromatic ring.	
Aromatic compound without	Difficult	Carbon ( <i>coke</i> )
braches bond		
Aromatic compound with branches	Releasing of branch bond	Olefin compound and
bond	from aromatic ring	aromatic.
	Cutting hydrocarbon bond	Branches olefin
Olofin	in several spots.	compound, a small
Olenin		amount of paraffin
		compound.

 
 Table 2.
 Catalytic Cracking Reaction Based on Hydrocarbon Classes (Abdul H. and Kharim, 2010)



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(c)

Fig. 1: Structure of (a) Bitumen; (b) Asphalten; and (c) Paraffin Wax.

reaction mechanisms.

In the present experimental study, a comparison of hydrocracking process mechanism based on two kinds of heavy hydrocarbon fractions will be provided. The first is the extract of natural asphalt (Buton Asphalt) represented aromatic hydrocarbon; and the second is waxy residue (bottom result of raw paraffinic oil refinery). The chemical structure of both materials is shown in fig. 1.

Hydrocracking process of asphalt and waxy residue is the reaction of heterogen catalytic. In heterogen system, reactant and catalyst are in different phase. Here the reactant and product are in liquid and gas phase respectively. The catalyst used in the process of hydrocracking is bifunctional heterogen catalyst containing two kinds of active cores from H-H, C-H bond and C-C. Hydrocracking metal core is a metal mixture from Group VIII (Co, Ni) with group VI (Mo) in order to increase the hydrogenisastion reaction. Hydrocracking catalyst spesification depends on the feed which be processed and the required product. Usually for cracking of heavy fraction becoming gasoline, it needs hydrocracking catalyst with a high acid metal core, like Ni, Pd/ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub>.

Campbell I. A. and Christian P. C. (2012) reported that there are five significant stages to be occured during the process. Those are: 1) Reactant difusion or moving from stream phase to the active component of catalyst through catalyst pore structure; 2) Reactant chemisorption in the catalyst active component; 3) Chemical reaction of reactants to obtain the products, 4) Products desorption from catalyst active component; and 5) Products difusion or moving through catalyst pore structure to stream phase.

The reaction speed of asphalt hydrogenation is influenced by the partial pressure of hydrogen in linear ways (Sui et al., 2010). The consumed hydrogen during the process is only 10%, therefore the partial pressure of hydrogen is considered constant. The reported result shows that the reaction in thermal/pirolysis cracking process is first order pseudo reaction (Balci et al., 1993). In general, the factors affect the hydrocracking reaction rate are kind of space velocity, catalyst, and temperature pressure. The relationship between constants of chemical reaction rate with temperature generally follows the Arrhenius equation:  $k = A. e^{-E/RT}$ (1)

The average activation energy of the hydrocarbon cracking process is between 10-15 kcal/mol.

The catalytic hydrocracking reaction that being studied is operated in fixed bed reactor with several assumptions as follow:

- Along the reactor: there is no gradient consentration in radial way, temperature gradient in radial or axial way. Therefore the constant of reaction speed is considered constant in every spot along the reactor with reaction speed equation suitable to kinetic models proposed.
- Gradient pressure in reactor is considered small compared to the change of operational speed, so it is ignored.

 The reaction is operated at fixed bed reactor with very small catalyst size, therefore, the diffusion speed of reactant molecule and product is relatively big compared to the chemical reaction speed. Therefore, the reaction speed mechanism deciding the process is chemical reaction speed.

The differential equation describing the converted reaction and the reaction of speed can be written in Equation (2).

$$d(X_A) = \frac{(-r_A)}{F_{AO}} dW$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

# Kinetic Model

The goal to make some reaction models of hydrocracking (model 1, 2, 3 and 4) is to predict the most suitable rate of reaction for optimum results of 4 reaction mechanisms models which are assumed. The optimum results are indicated from minimum SSE (sum square of error). The other goal is to obtain possible maximum conversion by variating some parameters existed in the equation, for example : increasing of pressure parameter will increased the conversion value, esc.

The real hydrocracking reaction is actually very complicated and complex, but in the model presented it is assumed that the hydrocracking reaction follows one order reaction toward asphalt vapor and one order toward hydrogen gas.

The process of asphalt hydrocracking follows the whole reaction as follow:

- $A + H_2 \iff Gas \tag{3}$
- $A + H_2 \iff Oil \tag{4}$

In this case, reactant substance and result substance is in the form of gas, while the catalyst is solid.

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According to Fogler (2005), around 75% of all the mechanism of heterogen reaction, surface reaction becomes a limited reaction in comparison to the adsorption or desorption.

De Pauw (1975) carried out a research of hydrocracking and isomerisation n-Pentane with pressured hydrogen using Platina/ Alumina catalysator. They showed that the hydrocracking reaction speed and isomerisation were controlled by the surface reaction n-pentane in  $Al_2O_3$  than in adsorption n-pentane in the catalyst surface.

Fogler (2005) showed that the mechanism and speed steps limited reaction between adsorbed toluena and  $H_2$  gas (Fogler, 2005). Based on the result of the similar researches, the models proposed in this research are assumed that the surface reaction is limit reaction.

There are the symbol reactions existing in the mechanism model with explanation : A= asphalt extract or waxy residue, H= Hydrogen, s= catalyst solid, Hs= bond hydrogen in the surface, As= asphalt extract or waxy residue bond with catalyst solid, Gs= gas bond with catalyst solid, Ms= oil bond with catalyst solid, G= gas, and M= oil. Furthermore, the preparation of the proposed model as follows:

#### Model 1:

Asphalt vapor and  $H_2$  gas are adsorbed in the catalyst surface, the adsorbtion of  $H_2$  is in the form of Hs.

The mechanism of reaction is as follow:

$$Gs \iff G + s \tag{9}$$

 $Ms \iff M + s \tag{10}$ 

Hydrocracking reaction is irreversible reaction, therefore

$$(-r_s)_G = \frac{K_{SG}K'P_AP_{H2}}{\left(1 + K_AP_A + K'_{H2}P_{H2}^{0.5} + K'_GP_G + K'_MP_M\right)^3}$$
(11)

In the same way as asphalt reaction into oil is as follows:

$$(-r_s)_M = \frac{K_{SM}K'P_AP_{H2}}{\left(1 + K_AP_A + K'_{H2}P^{0.5}_{H2} + K'_GP_G + K'_MP_M\right)^3} \quad (12)$$

#### Model 2:

A and  $H_2$  are adsorbed in the catalyst surface, the adsorption  $H_2$  is in the form of  $H_2$ s. the reaction mechanism is as follow:

$A + s \iff As$	(13)
$H_2 + 2s \iff 2 Hs$	(14)
$As + H_2 s \iff Gs + s$	(15)
$As + H_2s \iff Ms + s$	(16)
$Gs \iff G + s$	(17)
$Ms \iff M + s$	(18)

Hydrocracking reaction is irreversible reaction, therefore,

$$(-r_s)_G = \frac{K_{SG}K'P_A P_{H2}}{\left(1 + K_A P_A + K'_{H2} P_{H2}^{0.5} + K'_G P_G + K'_M P_M\right)^2}$$
(19)

It is similar to asphalt reaction becoming oil that obtains:

$$(-r_{s})_{M} = \frac{K_{SM}K'P_{A}P_{H2}}{\left(1 + K_{A}P_{A} + K'_{H2}P_{H2}^{0.5} + K'_{G}P_{G} + K'_{M}P_{M}\right)^{2}}$$
(20)

#### Model 3:

The material adsorbed is only A, while  $H_2$  is not adsorbed in the catalyst surface. The mechanism of the reaction is as follow.

- $A + s \iff As \tag{21}$
- $As + H_2 \iff Gs \tag{22}$
- $As + H_2 \iff Ms \tag{23}$

$$Gs \iff G + s \tag{24}$$
$$Ms \iff M + s \tag{25}$$

Hydrocracking reaction is irreversible reaction, therefore:

$$(-r_s)_G = \frac{K_{SG}K'P_A P_{H2}}{(1 + K_A P_A + K'_G P_G + K'_M P_M)}$$
(26)

It is similar to asphalt reaction becoming oil that obtain,

$$(-r_s)_M = \frac{K_{SG}K'P_A P_{H2}}{(1 + K_A P_A + K'_G P_G + K'_M P_M)}$$
(27)

#### Model 4:

With power law model, speed equation of asphalt hydrocracking reaction is:

$$(-r_{A1}) = r_{sG} = k_{SG} P^a{}_A P^b{}_{H2}.$$
 (28)

$$(-r_{A2}) = r_{sM} = k_{SM} P^{a}_{A} P^{b}_{H2}.$$
 (29)

From the explanation above, it can be assumed that:

- Reaction occurring in hydrocracking process of asphalt and wax residue will produce liquid phase of hydrocarbon compound and gas phase light hydrocarbon.
- Kinetic hydrocracking reaction of asphalt with Mo-Ni/γ-Alumina catalyst and waxy residue with Pt-Pd/ zeolite promotor catalyst follows one kinetic model proposed, and the constant of reaction speed is suitable to Arrhenius Equation.

#### **Experimental Method**

The main materials are Buton asphalt extracted, waxy residue, hydrogen and various catalysts, such as y-Alumina catalyst with metal promotor of Molibdenum Nickel (metal comparison Mo/Ni = 1/2 with the weight 1% and density of 0.4056 gram/cm<sup>3</sup>) for hydrocracking of buton asphalt and Pt/Pd catalyst with zeolite promotor (the comparison Pt/Pd = 2/1 and density of  $1.0528 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) for hydrocracking of waxy residue. The physical properties of Buton asphalt extract and waxy residue can be seen in the Table 3.

**Table 3.** Properties of Buton AsphaltExtract and Waxy Residue

Droportion	Buton Asphalt	Waxy
Properties	Extract	Residue
SG (60 °F)	1,013	0,9275
Flash Point	120	220
(Cleveland), $^{\circ}$ C	120	220
Water Content	-	Trace
Popotration	02	34,5 / 10
renetration	52	mm
Conradson		
Carbon Residue	-	3,731 %
(CCR)		
Moleculer		
Weight,	<1000	450
gram/mol		

The hydrocracking process of Buton asphalt extrat and waxy residue are carried out in a reactor unit made of stainless steel with diameter and height 4 cm. An arrangement of the instrument is shown in Figure 2.

The reactor column was equipped with electric heater to control the reactor temperature. Reactor column was also equipped with sensory thermocopel wire to determine the reactor temperature. While as the feed heater, it is used autoclave with diameter 7.5 cm and height 24 cm.

The result was obtained in the form of fraction of gas, liquid, and solid asphalt, the reaction residue inside the asphalt heater. Gas fraction coming out from the



Fig. 2: Schematic diagram of the experimental apparatus

reactor became the mixture of Hydrogen  $(H_2)$  of reaction residue and reaction result. Here, the gas as the reaction result was estimated/calculated from mass balance.

The whole process occurred in semibatch process. Here the material was 30 grams heated in the autoclave in the approximately temperature 400°C. In order to know the characteristics of the evaporation of asphalt in the autoclave, there was an experiment of heating without any catalyst with varied time of heating. Furthermore the relationship between the evaporated asphalt weight and the heating time is shown in Figure 3.

Based on the evaporation characteristic of asphalt in the autoclave, the condition likely to be constant was obtained in around 60 minutes reaction estimated in the 10<sup>th</sup> minutes until 70<sup>th</sup> minutes, in which material evaporation speed in that condition was almost constant, and the evaporated material during the time was considered to be able to represent the whole characteristic of the asphalt. By using this condition, it is expected that constant process assumption in the reactor was able to be close to reality.

Total asphalt Conversion  $(x_A)$  during hydrocracking reaction was calculated by following those equation:

$$X_A = \frac{W_{AO} - W_A}{W_{AO}} \tag{30}$$

While, asphalt conversion becoming gas was :

$$X_G = \frac{G}{W_{AO}} \tag{31}$$

Asphalt Conversion becoming oil was:

$$X_M = \frac{W_M}{W_{AO}} \tag{32}$$

With, 
$$X_A = X_G + X_M$$

The most suitable model for hydrocracking reaction was determined by

optimizing difference of constant reaction speed in line with the proposed model. Optimal value of this constants was done by using Hook Jeeves method. Asphalt conversion from the estimation result was calculated by using modified Euler method. Differential equation used to calculate asphalt conversion was:

$${dX_A}/{dW} = (-r_A)/F_{AO}$$
 (33)

where  $(-r_A)$  is a function of the constant of reaction speed,  $X_A$ , P, and T.

#### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The initial work in the present experiment was to determine the speed of gas flow (asbuton extract and waxy rsidue) on the basis of the heating time. Evaporated material composition in this condition was used as the standard composition of material feed before entering the reactor. From Figure 3, it can be obtained that gas speed of heated material was observed after 10 minute of the process.



**Fig.3:** Relationship between % Evaporated Asbuton Extract Weight and Heating Time.

Hydrocracking reaction was carried-out in abundant hydrogen condition, for saturing olefin and aromat compound, in order to avoid the formation of abundant carbon deposit in the catalyst. Oil content in the reaction was analyzed by using the gas chromatography (GC). Here the reaction was focused to maximize gasoline fraction as the result of main reaction. From the result of the study, the data are presented in the next sections.

#### Temperature

influences Reaction temperature convertion of hydrocracking reaction for kinds of the materials. three The experimental condition was under the pressure from 6 up to 14 bar and the increase of temperature for three materials (asbuton extract, waxy residue, catalyst Molibdenum-Nickel/y-Alumia, or PT/Pd-Zeolite). Probably the change of conversion by increasing temperature was caused by the rise of activation energy and reaction speed.

#### Pressure

Pressure also influences the convertion. It is shown by the rising conversion of processed three materials. In the temperature approximatelly 300°C until 500°C, conversion tendency of the materials increased because the concentration in the form of vapor became more dense as shown in Figure 4.



Fig. 4: Conversion Correlation and Temperature in Pressure 10 bars



(c)

**Fig. 5:** (a) Conversion from gas product; (b) Conversion from oil product; and (c) Total conversion from gas and oil product.

#### Conversion

In the present works, the reaction product consisted of liquid and gas. Total conversion was obtained from the number of the conversion of each liquid and gas product as shown in Figure 5.

#### Catalyst

In this research, two catalysts were used. Those are y-Alumina/Mo-Ni for asbuton extract and Pt-Pd/Zeolit for waxy residue and the other asbuton extracts. If it is analyzed from two kinds of asbuton using both two catalysts, it can be determined that asbuton kind with Mo/Ni y-Alumina catalyst resulted smaller conversion than Pt/Pd catalyst. Both of the catalysts in asbuton extract after being analyzed and calculated by showing the smallest correction have the same model which is Model 3.

hydrocracking process In the of asbuton extract with Pt/Pd, it was used two kinds of catalysts with different composition. The first catalyst used Pt/Pd with composition of 1:2 (much more than the Palladium metal), while the second catalyst used Pt/Pd with the composition 2:1 (much more than the Platinum). The comparison between operational temperature with conversion becoming oil and gas to each catalyst can be seen in the Figure 6.

In the Figure 7, it can be seen that in operational temperature between 350-425°C, catalyst 1 shows a better conversion result than catalyst 2. This means that for the conversion of asphalt becoming oil, Palladium in Pt/Pd catalyst involved better in determining reaction result. On the other hand as shown in Figure 8, it can be seen that the trend of the asphalt conversion becoming gas in the catalyst 1 that was smaller than that of the catalyst 2. This means also that the tendency of gas formation is dominated by the working quality from Platinum metal in the catalyst Pt/Pd.



(a) Total Conversion BAE







(c) Conversion BAE becoming Gas **Fig.6 :** Conversion of BAE (10 bar Pressure)



Fig. 7: Correlation Graph between Temperature with Conversion becoming Oil in 10 atm Pressure



Fig. 8: Correlation Graph between Temperature and Conversion becoming Gas in 10 atm Pressure

Furthermore as shown in fig. 7 and 8, under a higher temperatures (between 400°C and 425°C) the conversions show the same results both in gas conversion and in oil conversion.

In the process of hydrocracking Buton Asphalt/Asbuton Ekstract (BAE) using Mo-Ni/γ-Alumina and the catalyst pressure condition was until 14 bars, the conversion was low. The simulation used four models. If the operational pressure is increased, the tendency of hydrocracking conversion BAE will also increase. Under the pressure from 80 bar until 100 bar, Model 3 shows the conversion was really significant almost similar to BAE conversion using the pressure of catalyst Pt/Pd of 6 until 14 bar.

The calculation result of asphalt hydrocracking reaction using model formulation obtained and extra-polated in 160 bar pressure with the operational condition was close to field data that can be seen in fig 9.

In the next section the data for asphalt



Fig. 9: Calculation Result of Extra-polation of Asphalt Conversion

**Table 4.** Test Result of Activity Mo-Ni / γ-Alumina catalyst (T=400°C,P= 10 atm)

Catalyst	Liquid Result, % wt	Gas Result, % wt	Cocas &Residue, %wt
Without any catalyst	20.49	28.63	50.88
$Mo_1$ -Ni <sub>4</sub> / $\gamma$ -Alumina	14.65	33.76	51.59
Mo <sub>1</sub> -Ni <sub>4</sub> /Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (6%)-γ-Al	13.57	34.49	51.94
Mo <sub>1</sub> -Ni <sub>4</sub> /Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (12%)-γ-Al	9.81	33.77	56.42

Information	Fogler (2005)	Present Work
<ul><li>Materials</li><li>Catalyst</li><li>Reactor</li></ul>	Toluene silica alumina Crystal fixed bed	Buton asphalt extract Molibdenum-Nikel/γ-alumia fixed bed
<ul> <li>Temperature, <sup>o</sup>C</li> </ul>	600	350 – 500
Pressure	1 – 20 atm	6 – 14 bar
Kinetic Model	Surface reaction between adsorbed toluene and hydrogen gas (not adsorbed on the surface of the catalyst)	Surface reaction between adsorbed asphalt gas and hydrogen gas (not adsorbed on the surface of the catalyst)
<ul> <li>Constanta reaction speed, ks {gram / (g catalyst. jam . atm)}</li> </ul>		$k_{sM} = 1.274 e^{-1837,41/T} \text{ or} = 0.155 (600^{\circ}\text{C})$ $k_{sG} = 2.839 e^{-3379,09/T} \text{ or} = 0.059 (600^{\circ}\text{C})$
• $K_T$ , $K_A$ (1/atm) • $K_B$ , $K_M$ (1/atm) • $K_G$ (1/atm)	0.004637 (600°C) 1.01 (in temperature 600°C) 1.26 (in temperature 600°C)	3.12 e $^{692,75/T}$ or = 6.899 (600°C) 0.157 e $^{1048,7/T}$ or = 6.817 (600°C) 4.499 e $^{362,8/T}$ or = 0.522 (600°C)

**Table 5.** The comparison with another research

with catalyst Mo-Ni/y-Alumina and Pe-Pd/Zeolit in conversion process of hydrocracking in BAE will be discussed. Table 4 shows the comparison of hydrocracking conversion process with the Mo-Ni/y-Alumina catalyst and Pt-Pd/Zeolit. Here Sarifudin (2004) has conducted an experimental work on the influence of the ratio Ni/Mo and the content Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> toward the character, activity, and selectivity of Ni-Mo/Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-γ-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst and modifies it to the cracking process of aspalten fraction from Buton asphalt. In the present experiment, the activity test of the catalyst was conducted under the temperature of 400°C and a pressure of 10 atm. The result of catalyst activity Mo-Ni /  $\gamma$ -Alumina can be seen in Table 4.

The other work from Fogler (2005) for kinetic model of hydrocracking reaction of more simple hydrocarbon compound that belongs one kind, which to is reaction of hydrocracking toluene compound with hydrogen gas obtaining benzene and methane in fixed bed reactor with silica alumina crystal catalyst in reaction temperature 600°C as follow:

$$C_6H_5CH_3 + H_2 \longrightarrow C_6H_6 + CH_4 \quad (34)$$

$$(-r_T) = \frac{1.4 x \, 10^{-8} P_{H2} P_T}{(1 + 1.01 P_T + 1.26 P_B)} \tag{35}$$

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No.	Parameter	Asbuton Extract (BAE)	Waxy Residue
1.	Materials	Asbuton Extract	Waxy residue
2.	Catalyst	γ-Alumina with	Pt/Pd with promotor Zeolit
		promotorNi/Mo	
3.	Evaporation Time of	100 minutos	120 minutos
	Materials	190 minutes	120 minutes
4.	Temperature	350 - 500 °C	300 – 450 °C
5.	Pressure	6 – 14 bar	6 – 12 bar
6.	Reaction Mechanism	Model 3 (only asbuton vapor	Model 1 (Waxy residue vapor and
		adsorbed on the catalyst	hydrogen gas adsorbed on the
		surface. H <sub>2</sub> was not adsorbed).	catalyst surface. Hydrogen was
			adsorbed in the form of Hs).
7.	The Equation of Kinetic F	Reaction :	

**Table 6.** Kinetic Model Comparison obtained by this Experiment

Model 1 (for waxy residue) :

$$(-r_s)_M = \frac{K_{SM}K'P_A P_{H2}}{\left(1 + K_A P_A + K'_{H2} P_{H2}^{0.5} + K'_G P_G + K'_M P_M\right)^3}$$

Model 3 (for buton asphalt) :

$$(-r_s)_M = \frac{K_{SG}K'P_A P_{H2}}{(1 + K_A P_A + K'_G P_G + K'_M P_M)}$$

Where  $k_s = 1.4 \times 10^{-8}$  mol toluene/(g catalyst.s.atm),  $K_T = 1.01/atm$ , and  $K_B =$ 1.26/atm.

The comparison between the present research result and Fogler (2005) can be seen completely in Table 5.

Table 5 shows that the constant reaction speed of this research result was bigger than that of the result by Fogler (2005). This shows that Molibdenum-Nikel/ $\gamma$ -alumina catalyst wich was used in this reserach has a bigger activeness than that of the catalyst of silica alumina crystal. Molibdenum-Nikel/γ-alumina catalyst was heterogeneous bifunctional catalyst containing two kinds of active cores, which are Mo-Ni and acid core Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

### CONCLUSION

From the obtained result during the present research, it can be concluded as follow:

- 1. Asphalt hydrocracking reaction using Molibdenum-Nikel/y-alumina catalyst and PT-Pd/zeolit produced gas fraction and oil fraction of hydrocarbon compound. The reaction speed increases with the of increase temperature and pressure in the reaction.
- 2. Conversion of asphalt hydrocracking reaction using catalyst Molibdenum-Nikel/ $\gamma$ -alumina was lower than that of catalyst Pt/Pd under the same temperature and pressure. The conversion increases to be similar to the reaction of the catalyst Pt/Pd if the pressure was increased becoming more than 100 bars.
- 3. Buton asphalt hydrocracking reaction in fixed bed reaction using catalyst Molibdenum-Nikel/y-alumina became surface reaction between adsorbed asphalt vapor with hydrogen gas that

was not adsorbed on the surface of the catalyst.

- 4. The constants value of reaction speed was influenced by temperature and it followed Arhenius equation.
- 5. Kinetics equations of asphalt hydrocracking reaction becoming oil and gas are as follow:
  - (a) Asphalt hydrocracking reaction becoming oil

 $(-r_s)_M = \frac{\{1.274e^{-1837.41/T}\}3.12e^{692.75/T}P_AP_{H2}}{(1+3.12e^{692.75/T}+0.157e^{1048.7/T}+4.499e^{362.8/T}.P_M)}$ 

with the error 4.121 %.

(b) Asphalt hydrocracking reaction becoming gas

 $(-r_{\rm s})_{G} = \frac{\{2.839e^{-3379.09/T}\}3.12e^{692.75/T}P_{A}P_{H2}}{(1+3.12e^{692.75/T}P_{A}+0.157e^{1048.7/T}+4.499e^{362.8/T}.P_{M})}$ 

With the error 5,221 %.

### NOMENCLATURE

А	: Arrnenius constant
Ε	: Activation energy, (cal/gmol)
AE	: Asbuton Extract
<b>F</b> <sub>Ao</sub>	: feed flow rate of raw mater

- *F*<sub>Ao</sub> : feed flow rate of raw material gas in the reactor, ( gram wax / hour)
- *k*<sub>a</sub> : constant of the adsorption rate of raw material onto the catalyst surface
- k<sub>G</sub> : constant of the desorption rate of raw material from the catalyst surface
- *k*<sub>H2</sub> : constant of the adsorption rate of hydrogen gas onto the catalyst surface

- *k*<sub>M</sub> : constant of the desorption rate of product from the catalyst surface
- *k*<sub>SA</sub> : constant of the reaction rate of raw material to gasoline and gas onto the catalyst surface
- k<sub>SM</sub> : the constant of the reaction rate of raw material to gasoline onto the catalyst surface
- *k*<sub>SG</sub> : the constant of the reaction rate of raw material to gas onto the catalyst surface
- *K*<sub>A</sub> : the equilibrium constant of the adsorption rate of raw material onto the catalyst surface
- K<sub>H2</sub> : the equilibrium constant of the adsorption rate of hydrogen gas onto the catalyst surface
- *K<sub>G</sub>* : the equilibrium constant of the desorption rate of gas product from the catalyst surface
- K<sub>M</sub> : the equilibrium constant of the desorption rate of gasoline product from the catalyst surface
- *P<sub>A</sub>* : the partial pressure of waxy gas in phase gas, atm
- *P*<sub>G</sub> : the partial pressure of gas product in phase gas, atm
- P<sub>H2</sub> : the partial pressure of hydrogen gas, atm
- *P<sub>M</sub>* : the partial pressure of gasoline gas in phase gas, atm

-*r*<sub>A</sub> : the adsorption rate of raw material onto catalyst surface, ( gram of wax reacted / hour /

#### gram of catalyst)

- r<sub>G</sub> : the desorption rate of gas product from catalyst surface, ( gram of gas product / hour / gram of catalyst)
- -r<sub>H2</sub> : the adsorption rate of hydrogen gas onto catalyst surface, ( gram of hydrogen gas reacted / hour / gram of catalyst)
- *r<sub>M</sub>* : the desorption rate of gasoline product from catalyst surface, (
   gram of gasoline product / hour / gram of catalyst)
- r<sub>SG</sub> : the hydrocracking reaction rate of raw material to gas, (gram of gas product / hour / gram of catalyst)
- r<sub>SM</sub> : the hydrocracking reaction rate of raw material to gasoline, (gram of gasoline product / hour / gram of catalyst)
- *R* : Ideal gas constant, cal/gmol.K
- SSE : Sum Square of Error
- *T* : Absolute temperature, K
- W : Catalyst weight, gram
- *W*<sub>A0</sub> : Raw material to inlet reactor, gram
- *W<sub>A</sub>* : Unreacted raw material weight (in autoclave after hydrocracking process finished), gram
- $W_{G}$  : Gas product weight, gram
- $W_M$  : Gasoline product weight outlet

reactor, gram

- *X*<sub>A</sub> : Conversion of raw material for hydrocracking reaction
- *X*<sub>G</sub> : Conversion of raw material to gas
- *X<sub>M</sub>* : Conversion raw material to gasoline

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