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Abstract. Nowadays energy consumption has increased as a population increases with socio-economic developments and improved living standards. Therefore it is necessary to find a replacement for fossil energy with renewable energy sources, and the potential to develop is biofuels. Bio-oil, water phase, gas, and char products will be produced by utilizing *Spirulina platensis* (SPR) microalgae extraction residue as pyrolysis raw material. The purpose of this study is to characterize pyrolysis products and bio-oil analysis with GC-MS. The quality of bio-oil can be seen from the content of O/C, H/C components, higher heating value (HHV), oxygenate, aliphatic and aromatic compounds. Quality fuel is good if O/C is low, H/C is high, HHV is high, and oxygenate compounds are low but aliphatic and aromatic are high. Pyrolysis was carried out at a temperature of 300-600°C with a feed of 50 grams in atmospheric conditions with a heating rate of 5-35 °C/min. The equipment used was a fixed-bed reactor with an outer diameter of 44 mm, an inner diameter of 40 mm, and a reactor height of 600 mm. Before the reactor was used, the temperature rise characteristic of pyrolysis time was analyzed. The products of bio-oil were analyzed by GC-MS components to determine the content of C, H, O, N, S, oxygenate compounds, nitrogenate, aliphatic and aromatic. In the SPR pyrolysis, the higher the pyrolysis temperature, the the higher bio-oil yield will be to an optimum temperature, then lower. The optimum temperature of pyrolysis is 550 °C with bio-oil yield of 23.99 wt.%. The higher the pyrolysis temperature, the higher H/C, the lower O/C. The optimum condition was reached at a temperature of 500 °C with the values of C, H, O, and H/C & O/C are 37.00; 43.25; 17.34 wt.% , and 1.17 & 0.47. With an increase in temperature of 300-600 °C, HHV increased from 11.64 MJ / kg to 20.63 MJ / kg, the oxygenate compound decreased from 85.26 to 37.55 wt.%, There was a decrease in oxygenate compound around 55.96 %. Aliphatics and aromatics increased respectively from 5.76 to 36.72 wt.% and 1.67 to 6.67 wt.%.

Keywords: *Spirulina platensis* residue, oxygenate, aliphatic, aromatic

I. INTRODUCTION

Renewable energy sustainable with the production of heat and power available throughout the world can be obtained from biomass sources, one of which comes from microalgae. Microalgae development has many advantages over energy sources from other biomass, such as high biomass production rates, no competition with food, and no need for extensive land for growth [1,2].

Biodiesel production from microalgae by extraction produces solid residues table to be reused as a source of raw materials to produce biofuels [3]. Esterification of microalgae *Spirulina platensis* produces solid residues that can be called *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR). The advantage is that they still contain a lot of carbohydrates and high protein [4]. SPR processing by fermentation will produce ethanol, while processing by pyrolysis will produce biofuels (char, biogas and bio-oil). The use of microalgae with low lipid content such as *Spirulina platensis* (4-9% lipid) as pyrolysis feedstock is very beneficial because it can optimize the yield of bio-oil products by almost 40% [5,6].

Biomass pyrolysis generally involves two main steps: primary and secondary pyrolysis [7]. The main products of pyrolysis are non-condensable gases (for example, CO, CO₂ and H₂), light hydrocarbons (for

example, CH₄, C₂H₄), condensable gases (bio-oil and water phase), solid residues (char), and mineral ash. If the primary pyrolysis product undergoes further reactions at higher temperatures and a longer residence time secondary pyrolysis will occur [8].

Bio-oil is a liquid fuel made from biomass such as urban waste agriculture, agricultural and forestry by-products through biochemical or thermochemical processes [9], consisting of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen elements with little nitrogen and sulfur content. The largest organic components in bio-oil are lignin, alcohol, organic acids, and carbonyl. Bio-oil has a greater heating value than other liquid fuels containing oxygen (such as methanol) and its value is only slightly lower than that of diesel and other light fuel oil [10]. Bio-oil is a dark brown liquid that has a heat value of about half that of conventional petroleum fuels, while from the water phase we will get useful chemical products in the pharmaceutical field. Bio-oil usually produces a mixture of oxygenate components (alcohols, ethers, aldehydes, ketones, phenols, esters, and acids) and nitrogenates [2]. Microalgae pyrolysis from proteinaceous biomass (biomass with high protein content) is generally more stable, heating value is higher, and O content is lower than bio-oil from lignocellulose. From microalgae pyrolysis, linear hydrocarbons are produced in bio-oil from lipid, pyrolysis aromatic hydrocarbons are produced from protein pyrolysis, while glucose derivatives are produced by pyrolysis of carbohydrates [9,11].

The composition of compounds in bio-oil products derived from carbohydrates, proteins and lipids of each type of microalgae is different in both the type of compound and weight percent. Other things that affect the composition of bio-oil products are the composition of the types of microalgae used (C, H, O, N and S), pyrolysis temperature, heating rate, and catalyst usage. Bio-oil from microalgae has a higher heating value compared to biomass. The by-products of bio-oil products are charcoal and gas that can be reused as heating fuel in pyrolysis reactors and as products used for other purposes [12,13]. Bio-oil from microalgae has better quality than other biomass and can produce energy of 39.7 MJ/kg. The development of bio-oil can be a substitute for hydrocarbon fuels in the industry and effectively used as a substitute for diesel, heavy fuel oil, light fuel oil, and can be used in various types of boilers [14,15].

From the explanation above, the opportunity to utilize solid residues from the extraction of microalgae for fuel production by pyrolysis is very promising when considering the calorific value and composition of the bio-oil of the product. Identification of the composition of bio-oil compounds at various pyrolysis temperatures is important, so that efforts are made to upgrade bio-oil to be applied in the industry. In this research, characterization of *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR) microalgae pyrolysis products for the development of renewable energy will be conducted.

II. Material and Method

Material: *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR)

The byproduct of *Spirulina platensis* extraction is a solid residue dried first and called *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR). Before used for pyrolysis of SPR samples, ultimate, proximate and HHV were analyzed. Proximate and HHV analysis was carried out at Laboratorium Pangan dan Hasil Pertanian, Departemen Teknologi Pertanian dan Laboratorium Pangan dan Gizi from Pusat Antar Universitas (PAU), UGM. As for the ultimate (C, H, O, N and S), it was conducted at Laboratorium Pengujian, Puslitbang Tekmira, Bandung. The results of the SPR sample analysis are presented in Table 1 [14].

II.2. Method

Tool

SPR microalgae pyrolysis experiments were carried out with fixed-bed reactors made of stainless steel with dimensions: inner diameter = 40 mm, outer diameter = 44 mm and height = 600 mm. The SPR pyrolysis apparatus consisted of three (3) parts: a reactor equipped with a heater, condenser, and gas reservoir. A diagram of a fixed-bed SPR pyrolysis tool is presented in Figure 1.

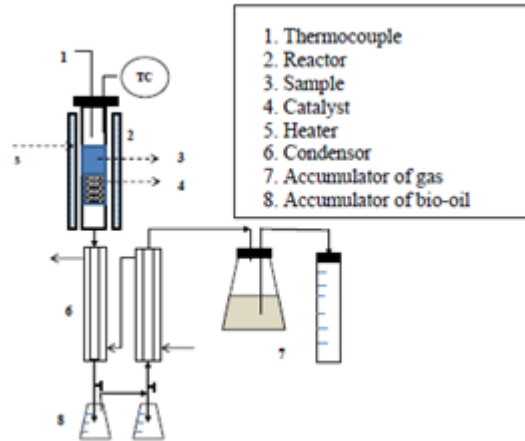


Figure 1. Network of SPR pyrolysis devices

Research Methods

Fifty (50) g of SPRs were put into the reactor, tightly closed and heated. The reactor was heated externally by an electric furnace and the temperature was controlled by a NiCr-Ni thermokopel placed outside the furnace. The samples tested were heated at a heating rate of 5-35°C/min from room temperature to 300 °C, then kept constant for 1 hour. The gas formed was condensed, the condenser came out, and the condenser was collected in an accumulator. Then, the amount of non-condensable gas product was measured. The experiments were repeated in the same way for temperatures of 400, 500, 550 and 600 °C.

Liquid products in the form of a mixture of bio-oil and the water phase were separated by decantation. After the experiment was finished, the amount of solids (char) left behind was taken and weighed. The total liquid products (bio-oil and water phase), char and gas are calculated by the equation [14]:

$$Y_L = (W_L/W_M) \times 100 \% \quad (1)$$

$$Y_{Bo} = (W_A/W_M) \times 100 \% \quad (2)$$

$$Y_A = (W_A/W_M) \times 100 \% = Y_L - Y_{Bo} \quad (3)$$

$$Y_C = (W_C/W_M) \times 100 \% \quad (4)$$

$$Y_G = 1 - (Y_L + Y_C) \quad (5)$$

In this case the Y_L , Y_A , Y_{Bo} , Y_C and Y_G notations are liquid product yields; water phase, bio-oil, char and gas. Meanwhile W_M , W_L , W_A , W_{bo} and W_C are respectively the initial SPR weight, the weight of the liquid product, the water phase, bio-oil, and char.

SPR pyrolysis conversion can follow the following equation.

$$X = \frac{W_{Bo} + W_A + W_G}{W_M} \times 100 \% \quad (6)$$

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

III.1. Characteristics of Spirulina platensis residue (SPR)

To discover the characteristics of composition of Spirulina platensis residue (SPR), proximate and ultimate analysis and heat value (HHV) were carried out. The analytical results were for components C (41.36 wt.%),

H (6.60 wt.%), and N(7,17 wt.%), O (35.33 wt.%). Meanwhile, for the proximate analysis the lipids at SPR (0.09 wt.%) were very low [5]. The full results of the SPR analysis are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Characteristics of *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR) [5,15]

Component	SPR
Composition analysis (wt.%)	
Lipid	0.09
Carbohydrate	38.51
Protein	49.60
Proximate analysis (wt%)	
Moisture	9.99
Ash	8.93
Volatile	68.31
Fixed carbon	12.77
Ultimate analysis (wt.%)	
Sulfur	0.55
Carbon	41.36
Hydrogen	6.60
Nitrogen	7,17
Oxygen	35.33
H/C, molar ratio	1.91
O/C, molar ratio	0.64
Higher heating value (MJ/kg)	18.21

III.2. Pyrolysis Equipment Characteristics

The performance of pyrolysis tool was tested by heating the instrument at a temperature of 0 - 300 °C with time from 0 minute to the time it reached a temperature of 300 °C, and then the temperature of the tool was held for approximately 60 minutes. The experiments were repeated for temperatures of 400, 500, 550 and 600 °C. The relationship between time and temperature of pyrolysis is presented in Figure 2.

From Figure 2, each pyrolysis temperature to be achieved requires different time. The higher the pyrolysis temperature desired, the longer it takes. At the pyrolysis temperature of 0 - 300 °C the time was reached in the minute 35, while at 400, 500, 550 and 600 °C it required successive times in the minutes 50, 55, 60, 64 and 70. Heating rate was the rate of heating, i.e. reached temperature was divided by time, and a range of 5-35°C / min was obtained.

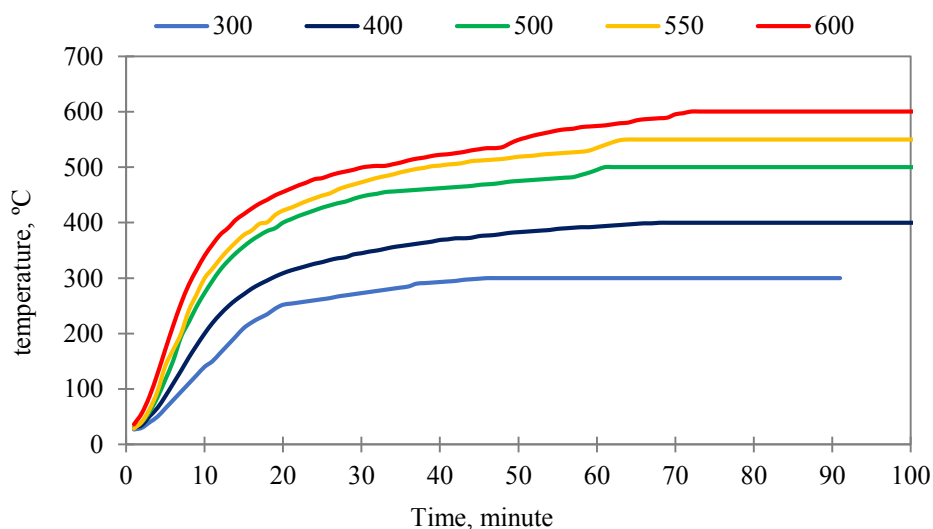
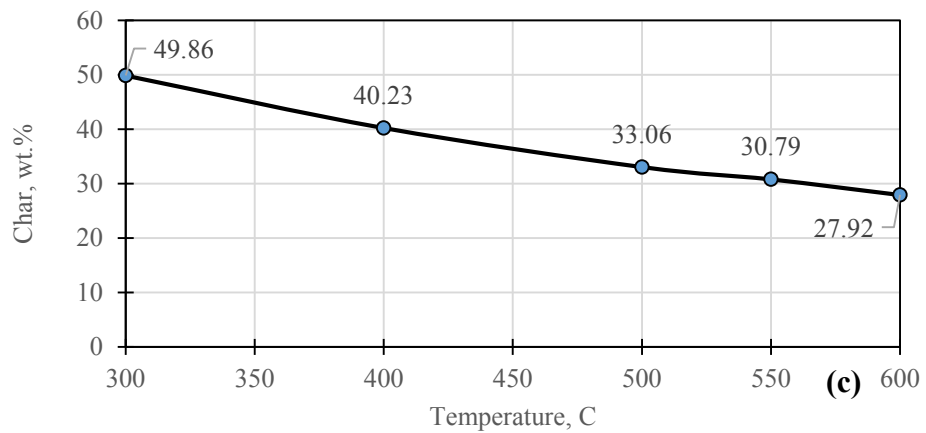
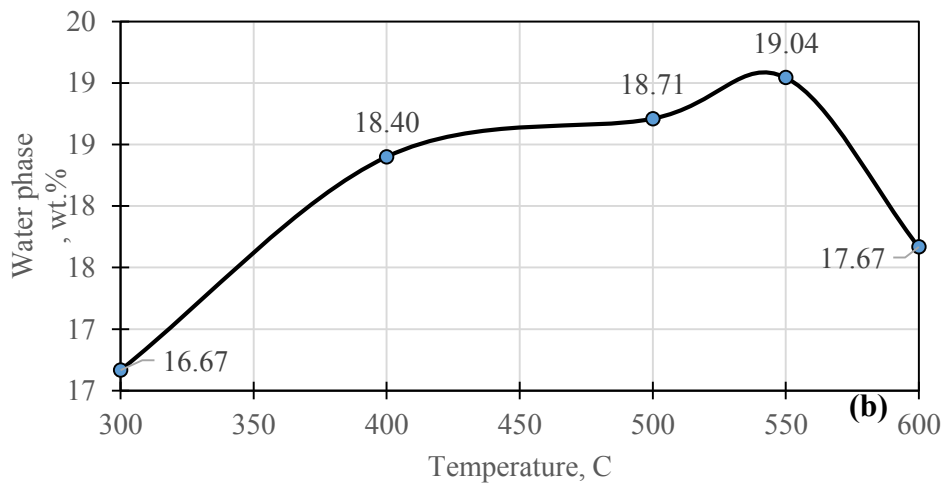
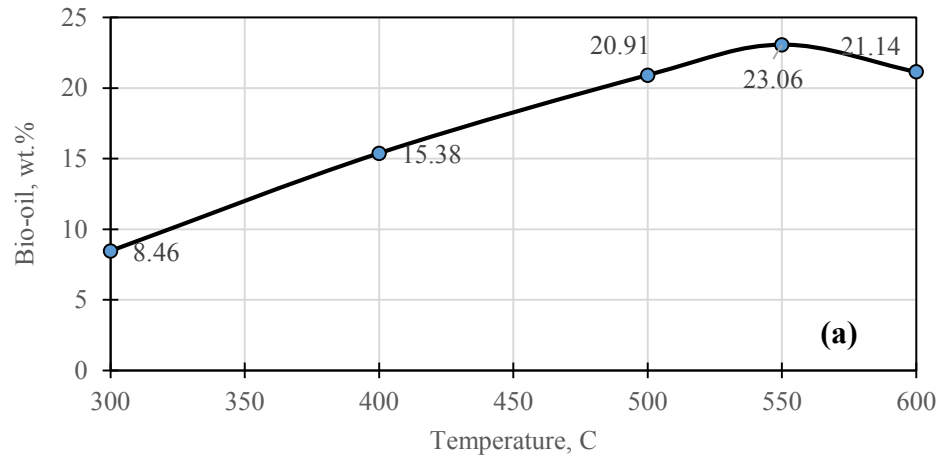


Figure 2. Relationship between time and pyrolysis temperature

III.3. Product yield

Yield of the SPR pyrolysis product was calculated by equation (1-5). SPR pyrolysis experiment was carried out three (3) times, product yield was the average value and the results are shown in Figure 3.



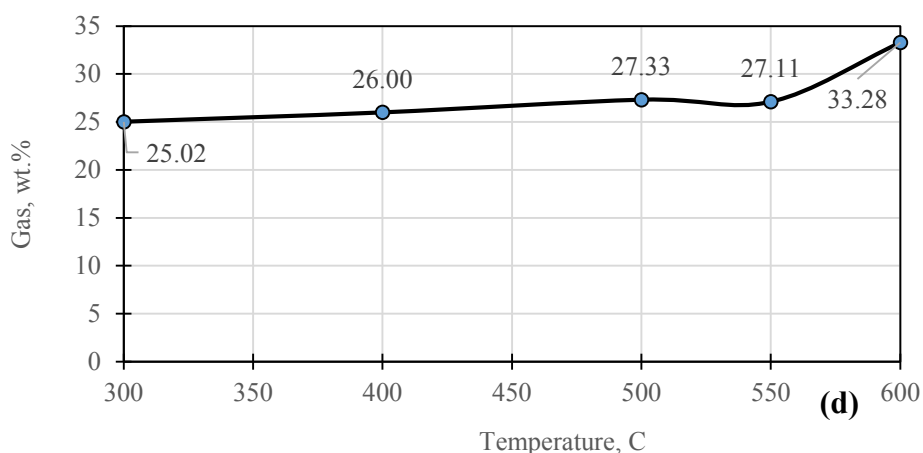


Figure 3. Relationship between the effect of temperature on product yield: (a) bio-oil, (b) water phase, (c) char, and (d) gas

From Figure 3 we can see the effect of temperature on the yield of bio-oil, water phase, char, and gas with a heating rate of 5-35 °C / min. From Figure 3 (a), the lowest bio-oil yield (8.46 wt.%) occurs at 300 °C but will rise sharply to 550 °C (23.06 wt.%) and then drops again at 600 °C (21.14 wt.%). Meanwhile in Figure 3 (b), the water phase from a temperature of 300 to 600 °C rises slightly then falls with the amount in the range of 16.17 to 19.04 wt.%. As for Figure 3 (c), the char yield at 300-600 °C falls sharply from 49.86 to 27.92 wt.%.

Yield of bio-oil and water phase above the optimum temperature of 550 °C will decrease due to secondary cracking (cracking, polymerization, condensation) reaction, because the liquid product in primary cracking will partially decompose into gas so that the yield of bio-oil and the water phase will go down. Yield water phase has increased because of temperature rise from 300-400 °C, then it is relatively stable at 400-550 °C and drops slightly above 550 °C. Yield from the water phase is influenced by the water content in the SPR (9.99 wt.% free water) and the reactions of water formation during pyrolysis (dehydration). According to Basu (2010), the average water content of tar in biomass is above 20 wt.% [5].

Gas yields increase relatively as temperature increases from 300-550 °C (25.52-27.11%), above 550 °C the increase in gas yield is relatively sharp ie from 27.11 to 33.28%. The addition of this gas is due to secondary cracking (cracking, polymerization, condensation) products in tar which produce gas called secondary gas. The total amount of non-condensable gas is the sum of gas produced from primary and secondary reactions, namely primary and secondary gases [5,6].

SPR pyrolysis conversion is calculated by adding the weight of bio-oil, water phase and gas divided by the initial weight of the SPR (Equation 6). The explanation of the increase in pyrolysis conversion at 300-600 °C can be seen in Figure 4. With the increase in pyrolysis temperature, the decomposition thermal SPR is more effective so that the weight of SPR decreases, resulting in an increase in conversion. Increases in liquid and gas products indicate that the speed of the decomposition reaction increases with increasing temperature[7].

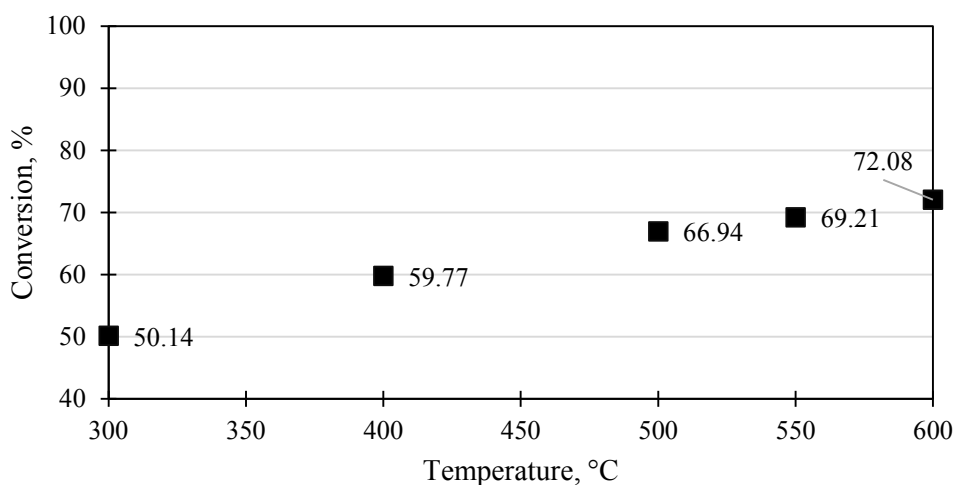


Figure 4. Effect of temperature on SPR pyrolysis conversion

III.4. Characteristics of Bio-oil

III.4.1. Effect of pyrolysis temperature on the composition of the bio-oil constituents (C, H, O, N, S)

The quality of bio-oil can be seen from the composition of bio-oil, namely the ratio of O/C and H/C. The following is the data on the composition of C, H, O, N, S and bio-oil constituent metals at pyrolysis temperatures of 300-600 °C compared to SPR biomass, presented in Figure 5. The values of C, H, O, N, S and metals are calculated from GC-MS and HHV results are calculated by the Dulong equation [16]. The optimum conditions achieved with C, H, and O values are 38.90 (400°C), 45.90 (500°C) and 2.10 wt.% (500°C), respectively.

From Figure 5 it can be seen that the composition of C, O, and N bio-oil products is smaller than the SPR biomass due to a reduction in C, O and N because cracking, large molecules (proteins and carbohydrates) are cut into smaller molecules by releasing gases such as CO, CO₂, H₂, and others. The higher the cracking temperature, the faster, more the large molecules are cut, so that O decreases and H rises.

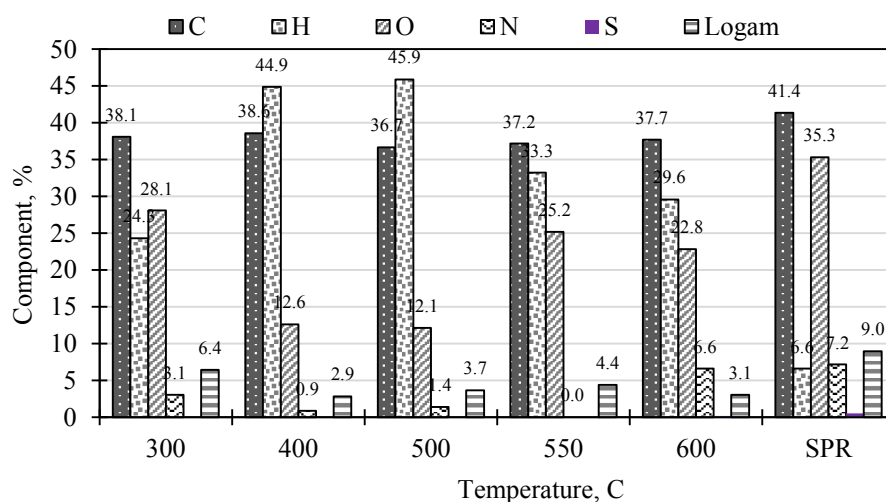


Figure 5. Effect of temperature on bio-oil composition

III.4.2. Effect of temperature on O / C, H/C, and HHV

The effect of temperature on H/C and O/C is presented in Figure 6, while the effect of temperature on HHV can be seen in Figure 7. From Figure 6 it can be seen that O/C and H/C bio-oil from temperatures of 300-600 °C in the range 0.33-0.78 and 0.64-1.25. O/C range value in bio-oil is lower than SPR of 0.85, while the value of H/C range of bio-oil is higher than SPR which is 0.16. This indicates that with SPR pyrolysis a better quality bio-oil is produced, the higher the temperature, the lower O/C, the higher H/C. The optimum conditions are reached at 500 °C, ie O/C and H/C values are respectively 0.33 and 1.25. From Figure 7 it can be seen that the rise in temperature causes the HHV to rise to an optimum temperature, ie at 600°C HHV value is 20.71 MJ / kg.

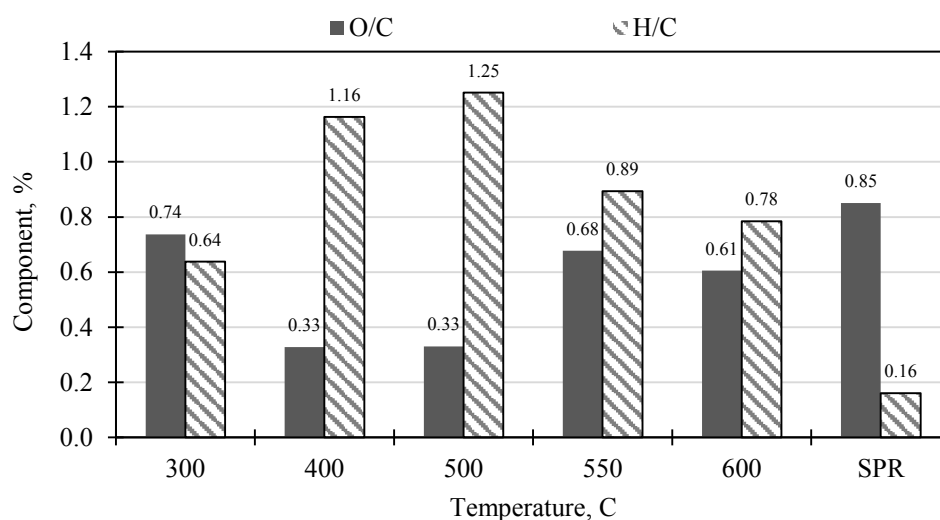


Figure 6. Effect of temperature on O/C and H/C ratio of bio-oil

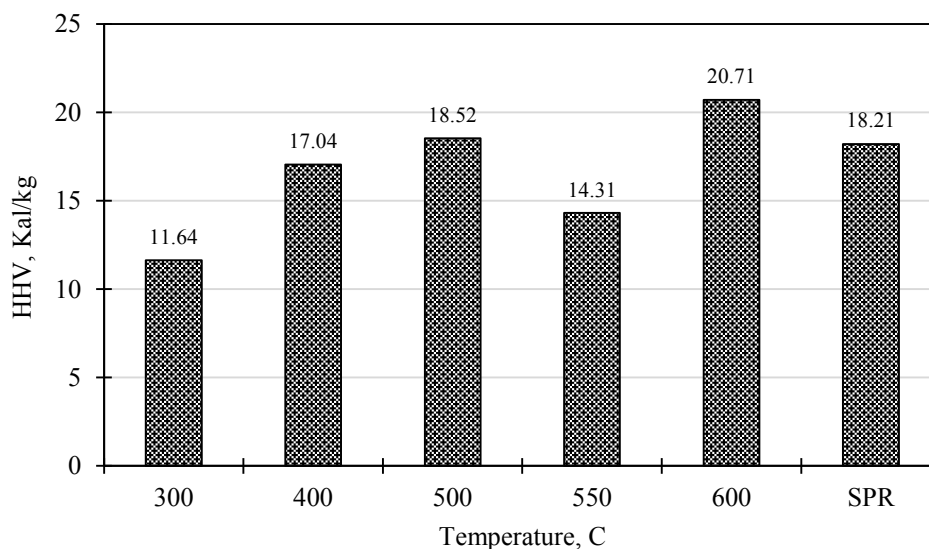
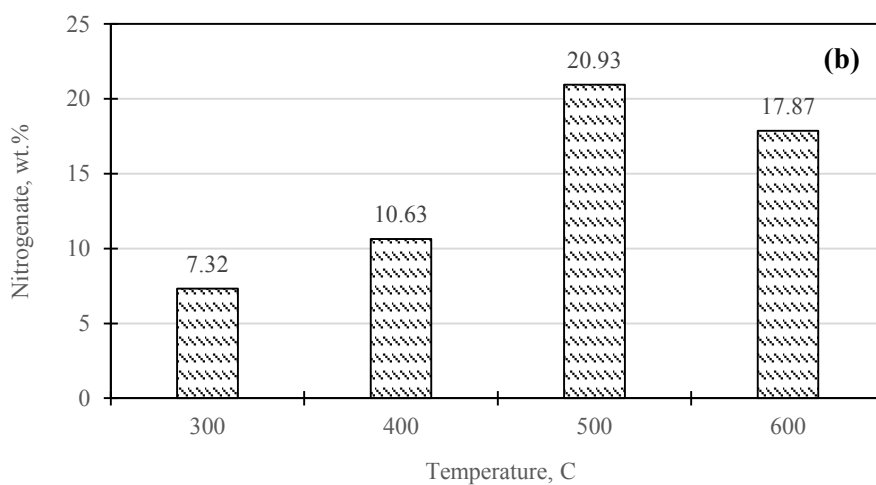
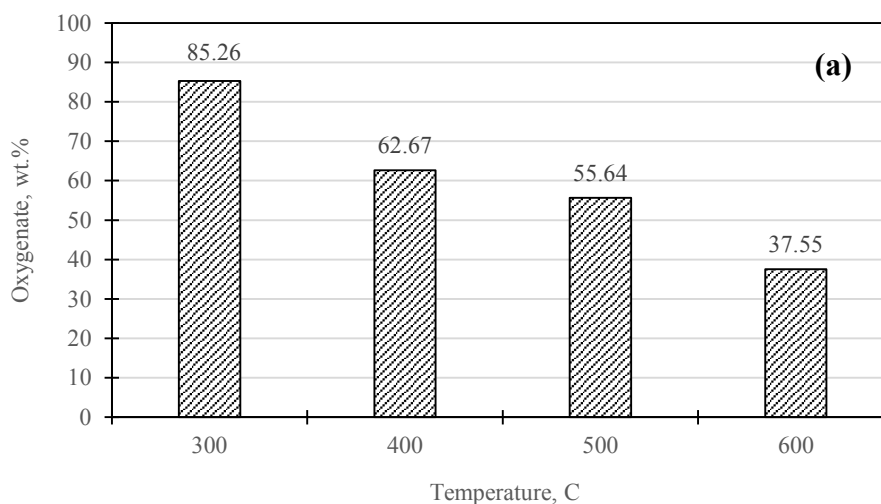


Figure 7. Effect of temperature on HHV bio-oil

III.4.3. Effect of temperature on four (4) bio-oil functional groups

From the research results, bio-oil products are analyzed by GC-MS and obtained more than 100 kinds of components, but can be categorized into 4 functional groups namely oxygenate compounds (ether, ester, alcohol, acid, aldehyde, ketone and phenol), nitrogenate, aliphatic, and aromatics (mono aromatic and poliaromatic) which are presented in Figure 8.



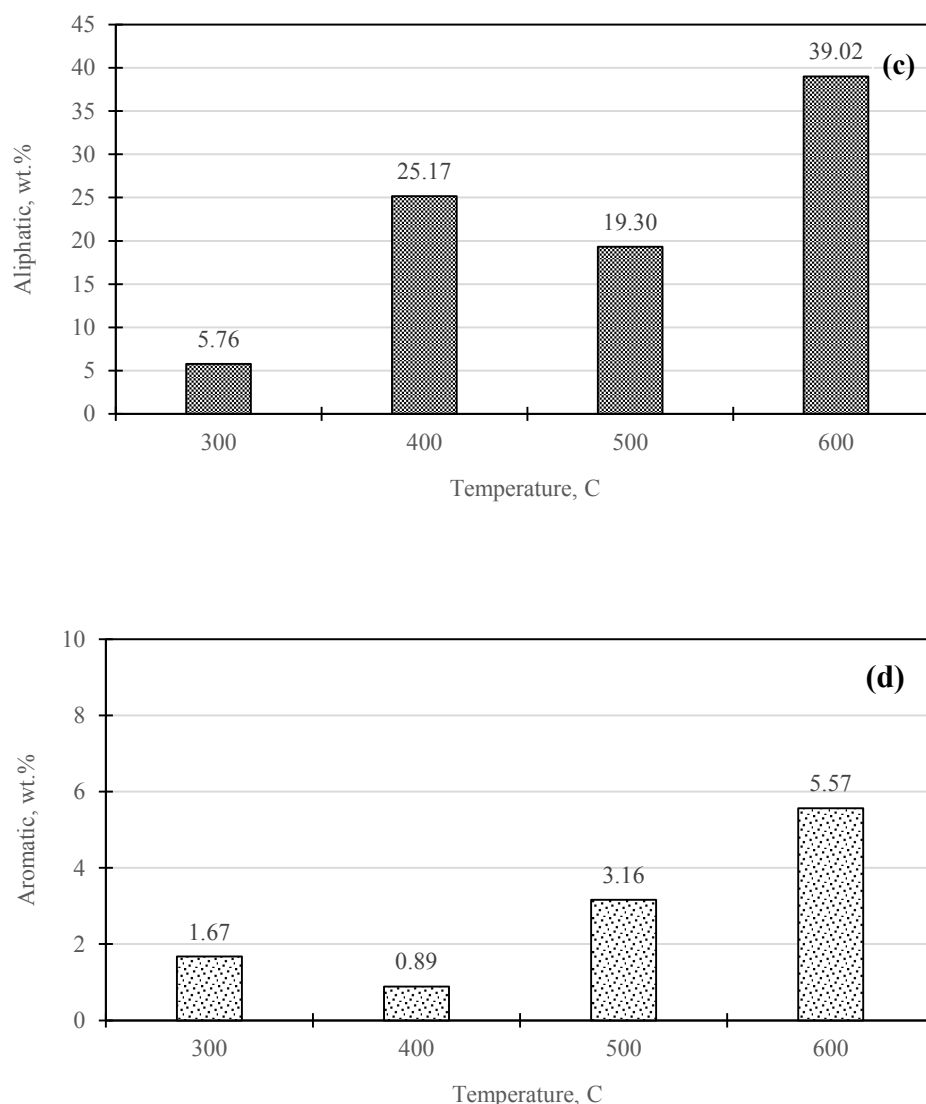


Figure 8. Effect of temperature on the functional groups making up bio-oil: (a) oxygenate, (b) nitrogenate, (c) aliphatic and (d) aromatic

Bio-oil from the pyrolysis of microalgae is a complex mixture of organic materials containing nitrogenated compounds (amides, amines, pyrroles, indoles, pyridines, pyrazines, imidazoles, and their derivatives), oxygenated compounds (carboxylic acids, ketones, and phenols), and hydrocarbons (benzene, toluene, and xylene) [2].

From Figure 8 (c) it can be explained that on the aliphatic compound the higher the pyrolysis temperature (300-600 °C), the higher it is (5.76-39.02 wt.%). Aliphatic compounds (alkanes and alkenes) are formed by a series of reactions from carbohydrates. The first step is (i) the hydrolysis and cracking reactions produce anhydrosugars and furfurals, (ii) the decarboxylation and deoxygenation reactions produce ketones, aldehydes, acids and alcohols. The second step is continued by cracking to form olefin. Aliphatic can also be produced from protein by cracking followed by deoxygenation (2). The higher the pyrolysis temperature, the faster the decomposition, the more aliphatic formation produces NH₃ and long chain olefins (Jafarian and Tavasoli, 2018). A non-significant aromatic increase (Figure 8 (d)) indicates that the cyclization of olefins is less effective even though the pyrolysis temperature is raised.

The oxygenate compound (Figure 8 (a)) decreases (85.26-37.55 wt.%) with an increase in temperature (300-600 °C). This can be explained by the increase in temperature, cracking of oxygenate compounds (phenol, ketone, aldehydes, acids and alcohols) faster so that oxygenate compounds are cut into aliphatic and aromatic by releasing CO, CO₂ gas etc. The nitrogenate compound (Figure 8 (b)) is produced from cracking protein, the increase in the number of nitrogenate compounds (7.32-20.93 wt.wt.%) is caused by the deamination reaction, and Mailard's reaction with carbohydrates produces Amadori compounds [2].

Decomposition will also produce lighter hydrocarbon compounds, methane, hydrogen, CO₂ and CO, indicated by an increase in gas yield. This happens because at high temperatures the acid group instability occurs so that the oxygenate function group decomposes to form CO and CO₂. The decrease in oxygenate compounds indicates that the quality of bio-oil is getting better with an increase in pyrolysis temperature which is optimum at 600 °C (37.55 wt.%).

IV. CONCLUSION

1. Pyrolysis of *Spirulina platensis* residue produces bio-oil, water phase, char, and gas products. Bio-oil, char and gas can be used as fuel, while the water phase is used as chemicals. The oxygenate and O/C compounds are quite low, and HHV is quite high, so bio-oil has the potential as a profitable new renewable energy (EBT) fuel.
2. Effect of pyrolysis temperature
 - a. In pyrolysis without catalyst, the higher the pyrolysis temperature, the lower bio-oil yield will be to an optimum temperature, then decrease. The larger the grain size, the lower the yield of bio-oil, water phase and gas will be, otherwise the higher the char yield will be. The optimum pyrolysis temperature is 550°C (23.99 wt.% bio-oil) and at 600 °C (33.28 wt.% gas).
 - b. The higher the pyrolysis temperature, the higher H/C, the lower O/C. The optimum conditions are reached at a temperature of 500°C, the values of C, H, O, and H/C & O/C are 37.00; 43.25; 17.34 wt.% and 1.17 & 0.47.
 - c. HHV increases from 11.64 MJ/kg to 20.63 MJ/kg with an increase in temperature from 300 to 600 °C.
 - d. Oxygenate compounds decrease with an increase in temperature, ie from an average of 85.26 (300°C) to 37.55 wt.% (600°C), a decrease in oxygenate compounds is around 55.96%. Aliphatics and aromatics increase from 300-600 °C, respectively from 5.76 to 36.72 wt.% and 1.67 to 6.67 wt.%.

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Abstract. Nowadays, energy consumption has increased as a population increases with socio-economic developments and improved living standards. Therefore, it is necessary to find a replacement for fossil energy with renewable energy sources, and the potential to develop is biofuels. Bio-oil, water phase, gas, and char products will be produced by utilizing *Spirulina platensis* (SPR) microalgae extraction residue as pyrolysis raw material. The purpose of this study is to characterize pyrolysis products and bio-oil analysis with GC-MS. Quality fuel is good if O/C is low, H/C is high, HHV is high, and oxygenate compounds are low, but aliphatic and aromatic are high. Pyrolysis was carried out at a temperature of 300-600°C with a feed of 50 grams in atmospheric conditions with a heating rate of 5-35°C/min, the equipment used was a fixed-bed reactor. The higher the pyrolysis temperature, the higher the bio-oil yield will be to an optimum temperature, then lower. The optimum temperature of pyrolysis is 550°C with a bio-oil yield of 23.99 wt%. The higher the pyrolysis temperature, the higher the H/C, the lower O/C. The optimum condition was reached at a temperature of 500°C with the values of H/C, and O/C is 1.17 and 0.47. With an increase in temperature of 300-600°C, HHV increased from 11.64 MJ/kg to 20.63 MJ/kg, the oxygenate compound decreased from 85.26 to 37.55 wt%. Aliphatics and aromatics increased, respectively, from 5.76 to 36.72 wt% and 1.67 to 6.67 wt%.

Introduction

Renewable energy sustainable with the production of heat and power available throughout the world can be obtained from biomass sources, one of which comes from microalgae. Microalgae development has many advantages over energy sources from other biomass, such as high biomass production rates, no competition with food, and no need for extensive land for growth [1,2].

Biodiesel production from microalgae by extraction produces solid residues to be reused as a source of raw materials to produce biofuels [3]. Esterification of microalgae *Spirulina platensis* produces solid residues that can be called *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR). The advantage is that they still contain a lot of carbohydrates and high protein [4]. SPR processing by fermentation will produce ethanol, while processing by pyrolysis will produce biofuels (char, biogas, and bio-oil). The use of microalgae with low lipid content such as *Spirulina platensis* (4-9% lipid) as pyrolysis feedstock is very beneficial because it can optimize the yield of bio-oil products by almost 40% [5,6].

Biomass pyrolysis generally involves two main steps: primary and secondary pyrolysis [7]. The main products of pyrolysis are non-condensable gases (for example, CO, CO₂, and H₂), light hydrocarbons (for example, CH₄, C₂H₄), condensable gases (bio-oil and water phase), solid residues (char), and mineral ash.

If the primary pyrolysis product undergoes further reactions at higher temperatures and longer residence time, secondary pyrolysis will occur [8].

Bio-oil is a liquid fuel made from biomass such as urban waste agriculture, agricultural, and forestry byproducts through biochemical or thermochemical processes [9], consisting of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen elements with little nitrogen and sulfur content. The largest organic components in bio-oil are lignin, alcohol, organic acids, and carbonyl. Bio-oil has a greater heating value than other liquid fuels containing oxygen (such as methanol), and its value is only slightly lower than that of diesel and other light fuel oil [10,11]. Bio-oil from microalgae has a higher heating value compared to biomass. Bio-oil from microalgae has better quality than other biomass and can produce energy of 39.7 MJ/kg. The development of bio-oil can be a substitute for hydrocarbon fuels in the industry and effectively used as a substitute for diesel, heavy fuel oil, light fuel oil, and can be used in various types of boilers [12-15].

From the explanation above, the opportunity to utilize solid residues from the extraction of microalgae for fuel production by pyrolysis is very promising when considering the calorific value and composition of the bio-oil of the product. Identification of the composition of bio-oil compounds at various pyrolysis temperatures is important so that efforts are made to upgrade bio-oil to be applied in the industry. In this research, the characterization of *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR) microalgae pyrolysis products for the development of renewable energy will be conducted.

Material and Method

Material: *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR). The byproduct of *Spirulina platensis* extraction is a solid residue dried first and called *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR). Before used for the pyrolysis of SPR samples, ultimate, proximate, and HHV were analyzed. Proximate and HHV analysis was carried out at Laboratorium Pangan dan Hasil Pertanian, Departemen Teknologi Pertanian, and Laboratorium Pangan dan Gizi from Pusat Antar Universitas (PAU), UGM. As for the ultimate (C, H, O, N, and S), it was conducted at Laboratorium Pengujian, Puslitbang Tekmira, Bandung.

Method: SPR microalgae pyrolysis experiments were carried out with fixed-bed reactors made of stainless steel with dimensions: inner diameter = 40 mm, outer diameter = 44 mm, and height = 600 mm. The SPR pyrolysis apparatus consisted of three (3) parts: a reactor equipped with a heater, condenser, and gas reservoir [3].

Research Methods

Fifty (50) gram of SPRs were put into the reactor, tightly closed and heated. The reactor was heated externally by an electric furnace, and the temperature was controlled by a NiCr-Ni thermocouple placed outside the furnace. The samples tested were heated at a heating rate of 5-35°C/min from room temperature to 300°C, then kept constant for 1 hour. The gas formed was condensed, the condenser came out, and the condenser was collected in an accumulator. Then, the amount of non-condensable gas product was measured. The experiments were repeated in the same way for temperatures of 400, 500, 550, and 600°C.

Liquid products in the form of a mixture of bio-oil and the water phase were separated by decantation. After the experiment was finished, the number of solids (char) left behind was taken and weighed. The total liquid products (bio-oil and water phase), char, and gas are calculated by the equation [14]:

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In this case, the Y_L , Y_A , Y_{Bo} , Y_C , and Y_G notations are liquid product yields; water phase, bio-oil, char, and gas. Meanwhile, W_M , W_L , W_A , W_{Bo} , and W_C are respectively the initial SPR weight, the weight of the liquid product, the water phase, bio-oil, and char.

Results and Discussion

Characteristics of *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR)

To discover the characteristics of the composition of *Spirulina platensis* residue (SPR), proximate and ultimate analysis and heat value (HHV) were carried out. The analytical results were for components C (41.36 wt%), H (6.60 wt%), and N (7.17 wt%), O (35.33 wt%). Meanwhile, for the proximate analysis, the lipids at SPR (0.09 wt%) were very low, and HHV (18.21 MJ/kg) [3-5].

Product yield

The yield of the SPR pyrolysis product was calculated by equation (1-5). SPR pyrolysis experiment was carried out three (3) times, product yield was the average value, and the results are shown in Fig. 1.

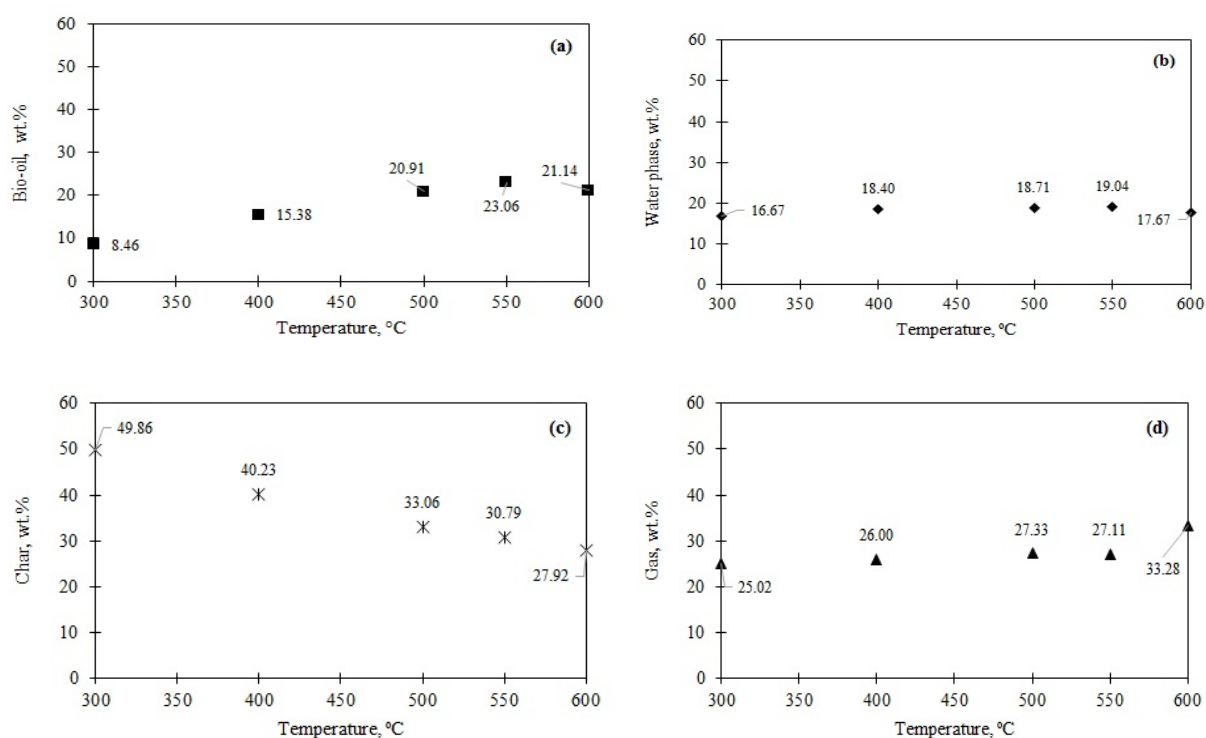


Fig. 1. Relationship between the effect of temperature on product yield: (a) bio-oil, (b) water phase, (c) char, and (d) gas

From Fig. 1, we can see the effect of temperature on the yield of bio-oil, water phase, char, and gas with a heating rate of 5-35°C/min. From Fig. 1(a), the lowest bio-oil yield (8.46 wt%) occurs at 300°C but will rise sharply to 550°C (23.06 wt%) and then drops again at 600°C (21.14 wt%). Meanwhile, in Fig. 1(b), the water phase from a temperature of 300 to 600°C rises slightly, then falls with the amount in the range of 16.17 to 19.04 wt%. As for Fig. 1(d), the char yield at 300-600°C falls sharply from 49.86 to 27.92 wt%. The yield of bio-oil and water phase above the optimum temperature of 550 °C will decrease due to secondary cracking (cracking, polymerization, condensation) reaction, because the liquid product in primary cracking will partially decompose into gas so that the yield of bio-oil and the water phase will go down. The yield water phase has increased because of temperature rise from 300-400°C, then it is relatively stable at 400-550 °C and drops slightly above 550°C. Yield from the water phase is influenced by the water content in the SPR (9.99 wt% free water) and the reactions of water formation during pyrolysis (dehydration).

From Fig. 1(c), gas yields increase relatively as temperature increases from 300-550°C (25.52-27.11%), above 550°C the increase in gas yield is relatively sharp from 27.11 to 33.28%. The addition of this gas is due to secondary cracking (cracking, polymerization, condensation) products in tar, which produce a gas called secondary gas. The total amount of non-condensable gas is the sum of gas produced from primary and secondary reactions, namely primary and secondary gases [5,6].

Characteristics of Bio-oil

Effect of temperature on O/C, H/C, and HHV: The effect of temperature on H/C and O/C is presented in Fig. 2(a), while the effect of temperature on HHV can be seen in Fig. 2(b). From Fig. 2(a), it can be seen that O/C and H/C bio-oil from temperatures of 300-600°C in the range 0.33-0.78 and 0.64-1.25. O/C range value in bio-oil is lower than SPR of 0.85, while the amount of H/C range of bio-oil is higher than SPR, which is 0.16. This indicates that with SPR pyrolysis, a better quality bio-oil is produced, the higher the temperature, the lower O/C, the higher H/C. The optimum conditions are reached at 500°C, i.e., O/C and H/C values are respectively 0.33 and 1.25. From Fig. 2(b), it can be seen that the rise in temperature causes the HHV to rise to an optimum temperature, ie, at 600°C HHV value is 20.71 MJ/kg.

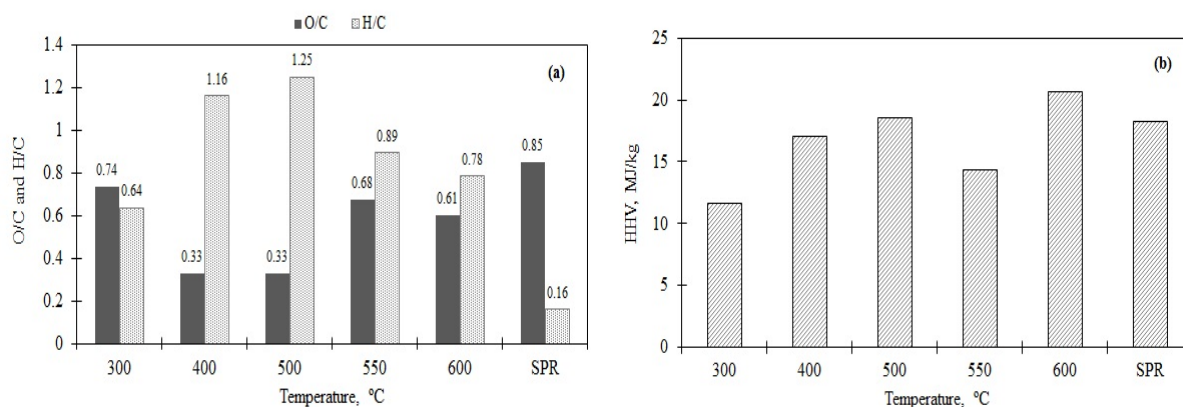


Fig. 2. Effect of temperature on (a) O/C and H/C ratio of bio-oil, (b) HHV

Effect of temperature on four (4) bio-oil functional groups. From the research results, bio-oil products are analyzed by GC-MS and obtained more than 100 kinds of components, but can be categorized into 4 functional groups namely oxygenate compounds (ether, ester, alcohol, acid, aldehyde, ketone and phenol), nitrogenate, aliphatic, and aromatics (mono aromatic and polyaromatic) which are presented in Fig. 3.

The oxygenate compound (Fig. 3(a)) decreases (85.26-37.55 wt%) with an increase in temperature (300-600°C). This can be explained by the rise in temperature, cracking of oxygenate compounds (phenol, ketone, aldehydes, acids, and alcohols) faster, so that oxygenate compounds are cut into aliphatic and aromatic by releasing CO, CO₂ gas, etc. The nitrogenate compound (Fig. 3(b)) is produced from cracking protein, the increase in the number of nitrogenate compounds (7.32-20.93 wt.wt%) is caused by the deamination reaction, and Maillard's reaction with carbohydrates produces Amadori compounds [2].

From Fig. 3 (c), it can be explained that on the aliphatic compound, the higher the pyrolysis temperature (300-600°C), the higher it is (5.76-39.02 wt%). Aliphatic compounds (alkanes and alkenes) are formed by a series of reactions from carbohydrates. The first step is (i) the hydrolysis and cracking reactions produce anhydrosugars and furfurals, (ii) the decarboxylation and deoxygenation reactions produce ketones, aldehydes, acids, and alcohols. The second step is continued by cracking to form olefin. Aliphatic can also be produced from protein by cracking, followed by deoxygenation (2). The higher the pyrolysis temperature, the faster the decomposition, the more aliphatic formation produces NH₃ and long-chain olefins [16]. A non-significant aromatic increase (Fig. 3(d)) indicates that the cyclization of olefins is less effective even though the pyrolysis temperature is raised [16].

Decomposition will also produce lighter hydrocarbon compounds, methane, hydrogen, CO₂, and CO, indicated by an increase in gas yield. This happens because, at high temperatures, the acid group instability occurs so that the oxygenate function group decomposes to form CO and CO₂. The decrease in oxygenating compounds indicates that the quality of bio-oil is getting better with an increase in pyrolysis temperature, which is optimum at 600°C (37.55 wt%).

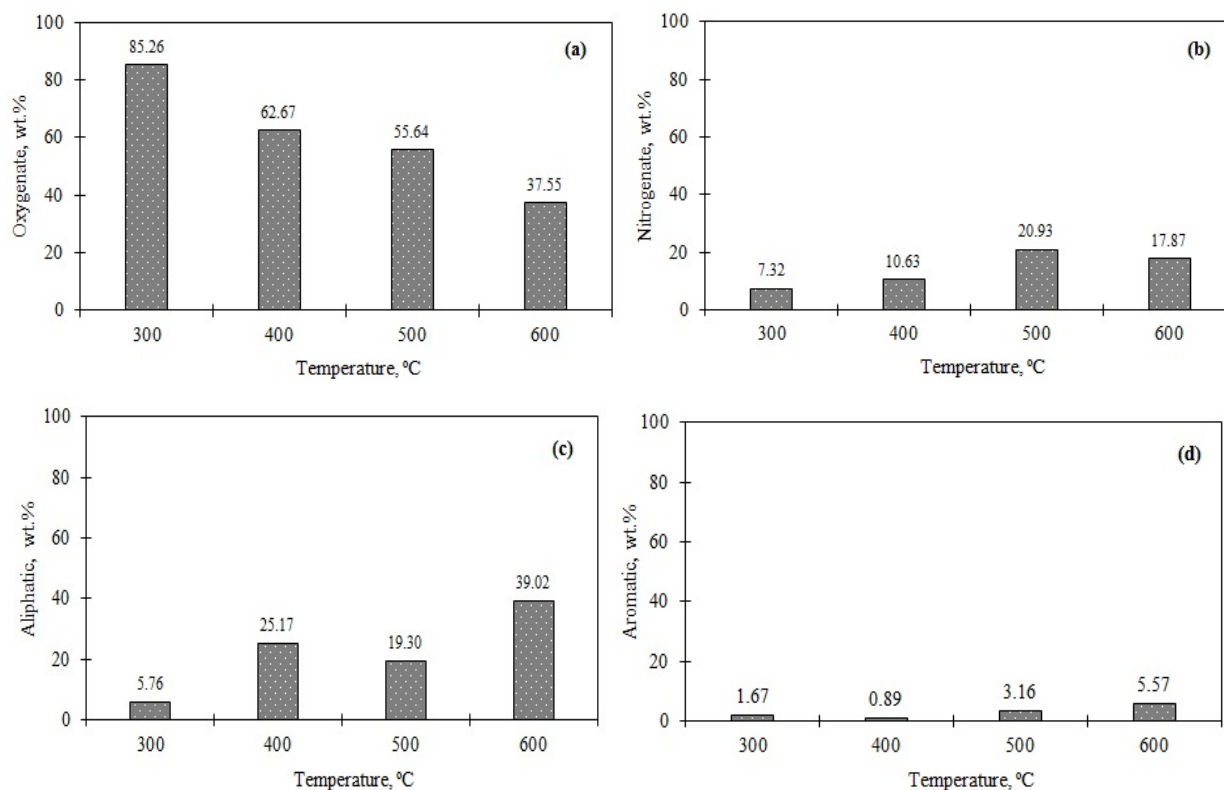


Fig. 3. Effect of temperature on the functional groups making up bio-oil: (a) oxygenate, (b) nitrogenate, (c) aliphatic and (d) aromatic

Conclusion

The oxygenate and O/C compounds are quite low, and HHV is quite high, so bio-oil has the potential as a profitable new renewable energy (EBT) fuel. In pyrolysis without catalyst, the higher the pyrolysis temperature, the lower the bio-oil yield will be to an optimum temperature, then decrease. The optimum pyrolysis temperature is 550°C (23.99 wt% bio-oil) and at 600°C (33.28 wt% gas). The higher the pyrolysis temperature, the higher the H/C, the lower O/C. The optimum conditions are reached at a temperature of 500°C, the values of H/C and O/C are 1.17 and 0.47. HHV increases from 11.64 MJ/kg to 20.63 MJ/kg, with an increase in temperature from 300 to 600°C. Oxygenate compounds decrease with an increase in temperature, ie, from an average of 85.26 (300°C) to 37.55 wt% (600°C), a decrease in oxygenating compounds is around 55.96%. Aliphatics and aromatics increase from 300-600°C, respectively, from 5.76 to 36.72 wt% and 1.67 to 6.67 wt%.

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