

# Pengaruh jenis larutan elektrolit dan penambahan jumlah bakteri terhadap produksi listrik pada microbial fuel cell

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Kebutuhan akan listrik telah menjadi kebutuhan krusial masyarakat Indonesia. Akan tetapi, sumber daya untuk menghasilkan energi listrik saat ini, bahan bakar fosil, diprediksi akan habis dalam waktu belasan tahun ke depan. Dengan sebuah pengembangan teknologi terkini, Microbial Fuel Cell yang menggunakan mikroba untuk memecah suatu substrat yang akan menimbulkan beda potensial dan menghasilkan listrik. Variasi yang dilakukan adalah variasi elektrolit dan penambahan jumlah bakteri. Eksperimen menggunakan elektrolit Kalium Persulfat ( $K_2S_2O_8$ ) menghasilkan densitas daya lebih tinggi dibanding menggunakan Kalium Permanganat ( $KMnO_4$ ) yaitu  $3,01 \text{ mW/m}^2$ . Sedangkan, penambahan jumlah bakteri sebanyak 1% medium adalah kondisi yang mampu menghasilkan densitas daya optimum yaitu  $66,33 \text{ mW/m}^2$  dengan efisiensi coloumbicnya 4,48%. Selain memproduksi listrik, Microbial Fuel Cell juga terbukti menurunkan kadar COD jika substrat yang digunakan adalah limbah cair seperti limbah cair tempe pada penelitian ini yang dapat penurunan terbesarnya mencapai 42,97% pada variasi penambahan jumlah bakteri sebanyak 10% medium

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