

# Studi Pengaruh Jumlah $Ti^{3+}$ pada $TiO_2$ Nanotube Terdekorasi Nanopartikel Emas (AuNp) sebagai Katalis Reaksi Konversi Nitrogen Menjadi Amonia = Study of the effect the amount of $Ti^{3+}$ on $TiO_2$ Nanotubes Decorated with Gold Nanoparticles as Catalysts for Nitrogen Conversion to Ammonia

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## Abstrak

Amonia merupakan bahan kimia yang penting dan banyak digunakan dalam berbagai proses industri kimia. Amonia diproduksi dalam skala industri melalui proses Haber-Bosch. Dalam proses tersebut gas  $H_2$  dan  $N_2$  direaksikan pada suhu dan tekanan tinggi, serta menggunakan hidrokarbon dari minyak bumi sebagai sumber protonnya. Dalam penelitian ini, sintesis  $NH_3$  dilakukan secara fotokatalitik, dalam tekanan dan suhu ruang, menggunakan gas nitrogen dan sumber proton dari air. Pada penelitian sebelumnya digunakan fotokatalis  $TiO_2$  yang diperkaya dengan spesi  $Ti^{3+}$  yang disiapkan secara elektrokimia. Pada penelitian ini dilakukan pengembangan matrik sistem  $Ti^{3+}/TiO_2$  nanotube, dengan upaya meningkatkan populasi spesi  $Ti^{3+}$  dan mendekorasinya dengan nano partikel emas. Sistem fotokatalis  $Au/Ti^{3+}/TiO_2NT$  yang dihasilkan saat direndam dalam larutan 0,1 M  $Na_2SO_4$  dan dialiri gas  $N_2$ , serta disinari dengan sinar tampak menghasilkan  $NH_3$ , dengan konversi sinar ke produk ammonia sebesar 0.026%.

.....Ammonia ( $NH_3$ ) is an important chemical and is widely used in various industrial processes. Ammonia production in an industrial scale is conducted through the Haber-Bosch process, where in this process  $H_2$  and  $N_2$  gases are reacted in a high temperatures and pressures. In addition, in that process the hydrocarbon was used as proton precursor. In this research, the photocatalytic method of producing  $NH_3$  from water, as proton source, and  $N_2$  at atmospheric pressure and room temperature is being investigated. In the previous study, it was reported that a specific enriched  $TiO_2$  semiconductor material with  $Ti^{3+}$  showed its potential to photocatalytically convert nitrogen to ammonia, under UV irradiation. In this study, the photocatalyst matrix was improved by increasing the  $Ti^{3+}$  species population and decorating with gold nanoparticle. The resulted photocatalyst system, namely  $Au / Ti^{3+} / TiO_2-NT$ , then was immersed in 0.1M of  $Na_2SO_4$  solution, under  $N_2$  bubbling, and exposed by visible light, and consistently ammonia productions were observed. In the present condition an efficiency of solar to ammonia production was approximately 0.026% .