ABSTRACT

The need for energy in the world will increase by the time, we cannot just rely on

fossil energy because its existence will run out in the near future. The use of energy

from biomass is the solution. Microbial Fuel Cell (MFC) is one of the solutions to

biomass energy utilization. In this study, the design of the MFC aim to produce

electricity is more constant. Semi-continuous system becomes a solution for

electricity that is relatively constant compared with using a batch-substrate system.

The construction of MFC uses a double chamber system consisting of a cathode

compartment with Cu electrodes and anode compartment using Zn electrodes and

substrate prepared by a fish pond sediment and spoiled rice. In building the system,

semi-continuous MFC's can be approved using a dispenser-like container to

facilitate substrate entering into the system. After the reactor is made, the voltage

can be read by the data logger or using a multimeter. The result of a semi-continuous

MFC reactor process is a graph of voltage output compared to the time spent stable.

the results of the semi-continuous MFC reactor is a voltage output graph compared

to a time that is close to stable where the value of the variance in the reactor with

the addition of 75 ml every three days has the closest value to zero which means

the most stable. The variance value at the most stable reactor has a variance value

of 0,00159 with average of voltage is 0,648V.

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