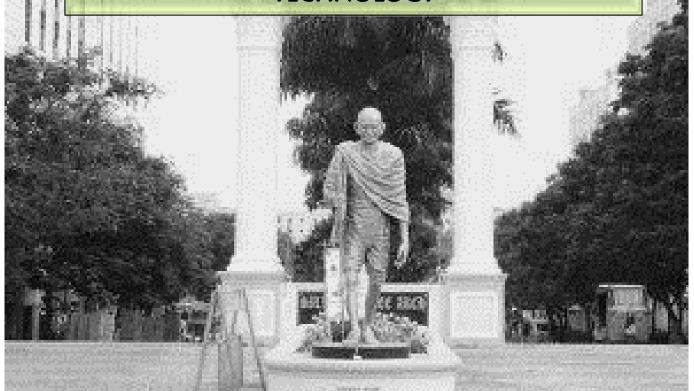


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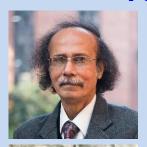


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Title: Power generation using parallel connected microbial fuel cells systems

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Abstract

The use of microbial fuel cells (MFCs) for the purpose of obtaining energy from nature has grown in the second decade of the 21st century¹. Due to the lack of fossil fuels and less and less available renewable energy sources, MFCs have great potential for obtaining small amounts of electricity². Increasing attention is focused on the use of such types of energy.

The aim of this paper is to analyse the current generation of two parallel-connected MFC cells and the power generation obtained in this way.

Collected sediment from the confluence of the River Sava and River Danube in Belgrade, Serbia, after the addition of sawdust, sulphate, and carbonate was left in a thermostat at 28 °C, and only after a month, two cells were formed. The system is made so that the MFCs are connected in parallel and the values of voltage, current, and power are measured on a set of different resistors³.

The measured values on the resistors were monitored for 5 days. The highest amount of measured voltage was 294.2 mV, reached on the third day after cell formation. The amount of current generated was 30 μ A, while the power reached its maximum at 0.8 μ W. These values were obtained for a total cell area of about 160 cm². These seemingly small amounts of electricity and power are sufficient to run some systems in wastewater treatment, so their amount should certainly not be neglected⁴.

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