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ABSTRACT Biogas is an alternative energy that can be a substitute solution for energy fuel that is cheap and environmentally friendly. The composition of biogas is CH₄, CO₂, N₂, H₂, O₂, and H₂S. CH₄ gas is the main element in biogas which has a high heating value. In addition to CH₄ gas which is very much needed, there are also CO₂ contents which actually disturb or damage. If this element is present in biogas, it will disrupt the combustion process itself. Therefore, efforts are needed to reduce CO₂ levels which are expected to increase the quality of biogas. [The study was conducted to reduce levels of CO₂ in biogas by using](#) coconut shell ash adsorbent. The method used in this study is pure research that is by taking into account the variation in the flow rate of biogas (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 lt / min) that passes through the adsorbent. Furthermore, purified biogas was obtained as many as 5 variations of biogas (AB₂, AB₄, AB₆, AB₈ and AB₁₀). The research was continued by testing purified biogas in the performance of combustion engines with variations in engine speed 1500, 2500, 3500 and 4500 rpm. Purified biogas with various variations shows a significant effect on engine torque. While all variations of engine speed show an increase in torque. Biogas obtained from the purification process shows that the greater the rate of biogas purification, the greater the torque produced. So if the torque of an engine increases in magnitude, it will indirectly be followed by the effective power that occurs will increase as well.

INTRODUCTION One of the developments in the area of small islands is in the construction of electricity facilities, because electrical energy is very supportive of economic development in the region, one of which is in supporting the development of factories and coldwater. As a result of the scarcity of petroleum energy sources and the higher world crude oil prices, this makes PLN the main difficulty in connecting electricity networks in the region. Another alternative that needs to be considered is the discussion of environmentally friendly alternative energy for electricity generator fuel, and as a very important consideration is the use of natural resources in the small island region as an alternative energy source to be developed. One alternative energy that is currently being developed is energy derived from organic materials, this is because organic compounds are classified as renewable energy. The existence of organic materials is easy to obtain and guaranteed continuity, besides the most important is that these organic materials are environmentally friendly. This is the main factor in the existence of organic materials considered as future energy in order to realize green technology. Biogas is a product of green technology that is now being developed. This is because the gas produced from biological processes (anaerobic digester) is able to produce gases such as CH₄, CO₂, H₂S, H₂O and other gases. In this case, of course what is used is methane gas (CH₄), because CH₄ has a heating value / heat that can be used as fuel. [Microbiological degradation of organic materials in anaerobic environments can only be](#) carried out [by](#) microorganisms that [are able to](#) utilize [molecules other than oxygen as hydrogen](#) acceptors. [Anaerobic decomposition](#) produces biogas consisting [of methane \(50-70%\), carbon dioxide \(25-45%\) and small amounts of hydrogen, nitrogen, hydrogen sulfide.](#) [The](#) purity of CH₄ produced from biogas is a very important consideration, because it affects the heating value / heat produced. So that the resulting CH₄ needs to be purified of other impurities. Impurity that influences the heating value / heat is CO₂, the presence of CO₂ in CH₄ gas is highly undesirable, because the higher the CO₂ content in CH₄, the lower the calorific value of CH₄ and very disturbing in the combustion process. This causes the CH₄ purity to be low. [CO₂ gas in biogas needs to be eliminated because it can reduce the heating value of biogas combustion.](#) In addition, [the](#) carbon dioxide ([CO₂](#))

) gas content [in biogas](#) is quite large at around 30-45% so that the heating value of biogas combustion will be reduced considerably. The heating value of pure methane gas combustion at a pressure of 1 atm and a temperature of 15.5°C is 9100 Kcal / m³ (12,740 Kcal / kg). While the heating value of biogas combustion is around 4,800 - 6,900 Kcal / m³ (6,720 - 9660 Kcal / kg) [1]. Purified biogas by using Ca (OH) 2 solution, biogas purification was carried out by using absorbent concentration variation, namely Ca (OH) 2 solution 0.1, 1.5, and 2.5 M. Gas chromatography test results showed gas after filtered is 100% of the area, whereas before refining methane gas is 82.46% of the area [2]. The process of purification and packaging of biogas pressures and their applications in the process of generating electricity and replacing fossil fuels. The results show that biogas purification is close to 100% CH₄ with the efficiency of electricity and combustion results in car engines reaching 97%. Bajracharya (2009) has done biogas purification and increased pressure in its storage system, showing the level of heating efficiency increased to 97%. This shows the success of biogas purification by using CaO, Ca (OH) 2 and NH₄OH as CO₂ absorbent and H₂S gas absorber [3]. The research [was conducted to reduce CO₂ levels in biogas](#) by [using](#) coconut shell ash adsorbent. Biogas flow rate is varied with 5 variations (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 lt /min) when passing through the adsorber, then analyzed the levels of CO₂ absorbed and CH₄ (methane) produced using the gas chromatography test equipment. The main component contained in coconut shell ash contain silica. Silica in coconut shell ash has the ability to absorb water vapor contained in biogas. The increase in CO₂ gas levels and CH₄ gas levels is more due to the reduced levels of water vapor in biogas so that the percentage of CO₂ and CH₄ volumes changes by the percentage of the volume of water vapor that can be absorbed by coconut shell ash. In the process of biogas purification with a flow rate of 10 lt / min which is passed into the coconut shell ash, the data obtained for methane gas content is 40,954% while CO₂ gas is 34,894%, this shows that an increase in methane gas levels by an average of 2, 62%, while carbon dioxide gas levels also increased by an average of 3,82% [4].

RESEARCH METHODS The research method that will be used to achieve the research objectives is to perform engine performance testing to determine the effect of CO₂ in biogas on the performance of the combustion engine, viewed from engine speed (1500, 2500, 3500 and 4500 rpm) and smoothness of engine speed, this stage is carried out at energy conversion laboratory. The material needed in this study is biomass from cow manure. Furthermore, mix cow dung waste and water with a ratio of 1: 1, stirring until dissolved. The mixture is put in a storage tank (digester). Then all the channels and holes are closed so that no air enters the system. The mixture of impurities with water is allowed to stand for ± 2-3 weeks to form biogas. The study continued with testing the biogas fuel in the performance of the combustion engine, seen from engine speed (1500, 2500, 3500 and 4500 rpm), braking force and fuel consumption. The variable recorded is the amount of braking force and fuel consumption for two minutes. Tests carried out on the engine by injecting biogas through the intake manifold using a conversion kit, while the carburetor here only serves to regulate the air supply into the combustion chamber. Variables chosen include: fixed variable: biogas composition consisting of a mixture of gases CH₄, CO₂, H₂S, H₂O and others, Operating temperature (Top): At room temperature (30°C). While the variables change: engine speed: 1500, 2500, 3500 and 4500 rpm

1 2 3 4 6 5 Figure 1. Conversion kit equipment. 1. flow meter, 2. valve regulator, 3. throttle valve, 4. gas regulating on the engine (gas pedal), 5. intake manifold, 6. purified biogas in the tube Figure 2. Installation of combustion engine testing The specifications of the equipment used in this study are shown in table 1. Name Specifications Combustion engine 100 cc Spring balance 0 - 30 kg Pulley radius 15 cm Flowmeter 0 - 30 lt/min Biogas purifier Coconut shell ash Table 1. Equipment and materials

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Measurement of engine torque can be done by means of the engine shaft given a brake which is connected by loading. Loading is carried out until the engine shaft almost stops spinning. The maximum load that is read is the braking force that is the same magnitude as the rotating force of the engine shaft. [Torque is a measure of the engine's ability to do work](#), so [torque is](#) an energy. [Torque magnitude is](#)

[a derivative quantity commonly used to calculate the energy](#) produced [from](#) objects that rotate [on its axis](#). The value of the torque released by the test combustion engine can be determined by multiplying the braking force, the length of the torque gauge and the torque correction factor from the data obtained previously. 25 20 Ori AB6 AB2 AB8 AB4 AB10 Torsi (Nm) 15 10 5 0 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 4500 5000 Putaran Mesin ([RPM](#)) [Figure 3](#). The [relationship between engine speed and torque](#) Based on the research data, the relationship between the variation of the biogas purification rate and torque (Figure 3) shows that of the five purified biogas shows the effect on the torque of the combustion engine in all variations of engine speed. All variations of engine speed show an increase in torque for the use of all variations of biogas fuel with an average increase of 3%. The greater the rate of biogas purification, the greater the torque of the combustion motor produced. This can occur because purified biogas already has good quality compared to before purified. 10000 9000 8000 Effective Power (Watt) 7000 6000 5000 4000 3000 2000 1000 0 Ori AB2 AB4 AB6 AB8 AB10 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 4500 5000 Engine [Speed \(rpm\)](#) [Figure 4](#). [Relationship between engine speed and effective power](#) The relationship between variations in the rate of biogas purification with effective power as shown in Figure 4 shows that the five purified biogas does not show a significant effect on the effective power generated by the engine at all engine speeds. This research shows an increase in effective power is higher along with the greater rate of biogas purification with an average increase of 3%. This is more because the methane gas content in biogas increases along with the increasing rate of biogas purification which means that purified biogas already has good quality compared to before purification. 0.60 Ori 0.50 AB2 SFCE (lit/hr.watt) 0.40 AB4 AB6 0.30 AB8 AB10 0.20 0.10 0.00 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 4500 5000 [Engine Speed \(rpm\)](#) [Figure 5](#). [Relationship between engine speed and specific fuel consumption](#) effective [Figure 5](#) shows that the five purified biogas shows a significant effect on the SFCE generated by the engine on various engine speeds. The smaller SFCE of a fuel shows that the fuel is of better quality. This implies that the consumption of biogas used per hour to produce every kWatt of axle power or effective power for the same rotation on an engine is less. As for the fuel consumption will increase along with the increase in engine speed (figure 6), this shows that the higher the engine rotation of a combustion engine, the greater fuel consumption will be followed, although fuel consumption rises but also followed by an increase in shaft power or effective power . 1200 Ori 1000 AB2 Fuel Consumption (lit/hr) 800 AB4 AB6 600 AB8 AB10 400 200 0 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 4500 5000 [Engine Speed \(rpm\)](#) [Figure 6](#). The [relationship between engine speed and fuel consumption](#) CONCLUSION The five purified biogas variations show a significant effect on the torque produced by the engine in all rotation variations. All variations of engine speed show an increase in torque for the use of all variations of biogas fuel, which is an average of 3%. Biogas obtained from the refining process shows that the greater the biogas purification rate, the greater the torque produced when the fuel is used to drive the engine at all engine speeds. While effective power has a close relationship with torque, if torque is multiplied by engine speed, then the shaft power or effective power will be obtained. So if the torque of an engine increases in magnitude, it will indirectly be followed by the effective power that occurs will increase as well. References [1] Harasimowicz, M., P. Orluk, G. Zakrzewska-Trznadel and A.G. Chmielewski, Application of Polyimide Membranes for Biogas Purification and Enrichment, Journal of Hazardous Materials, 2007, vol. 144, pp. 698 – 702. [2] Naqibatun Nadliriyah dan Triwikantoro, 2014, "Pemurnian Produk Biogas Dengan Metode Absorpsi Menggunakan Larutan Ca(OH)₂", Jurnal Sains dan Seni POMITS vol 3 no 2, 2014, pp.107-111. [3] Ofori dan Kwofie (2009), Water Scrubbing: A Better option for purification and Biogas storage, Journal World Applied Science (Special issue for Environment), 122-125 [4] Sutanto R and Nurchayati, "Effect of Flow Rate Biogas in Purification Carbon Dioxide Process with Coconut Shell Ash Adsorbent," The International Journal of Engineering and Science (IJES), vol. 8, Issue. 9, Series. I, pp. 46-49, 2019, doi: 10.9790/1813-0809014649. [GSJ, Volume 8, Issue 2, February 2020 ISSN 2320-9186 4706 GSJ, Volume](#)

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