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### ABSTRACT

This experiment was carried out to reduce excess heat in solar panels and increase the output power generated by the 100 Wp monocrystalline solar panel by applying perforated aluminum plates as a Passive Cooling Technique on solar panels. The energy source used is 12 W halogen lamps as a substitute for solar energy and data collection is carried out with a solar panel rack height of 350 mm. The resulting data will be recorded automatically by a datalogger based on Arduino Mega 2560 and stored on a Micro SD Card which is generated via a computer. The perforated aluminium plate used has the length of 1000 mm, the width of 670 mm, the thickness of 2 mm, the hole diameter of 2.5 mm and the distance between the center points of the hole of 20 mm. In this experimental research, the best results of PV panels equipped with perforated aluminium plate are the voltage of 13.25 V, the current of 4.36 A, the under temperature of 32.0°C, and the output power of 57.77 W.

**Keywords:** Data Logger, Monocrystalline, Passive Cooling, Perforated Aluminium Plate, Photovoltaic

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a country that is located on the equator. Therefore, the mainland of Indonesia is irradiated by the sun for approximately 12 hours a day or most of the year. Solar energy in Indonesia has an intensity between 0.6-0.7 kW/m<sup>2</sup>. In sunny conditions, the surface of the earth receives ± 1000 W of solar energy/m<sup>2</sup>. Less than 30% is reflected back to the atmosphere, 47% is converted to heat, 23% is used for working circulation on the earth's surface, 0.25% is stored in wind, waves & currents, and 0.025% is stored for photosynthesis in plants. The amount of potential solar energy obtained by the earth in just 1 hour is equivalent to the amount of energy used by the world in over a year. Abundant potential of solar energy, photovoltaic (PV) technology is needed to convert solar energy into DC electrical energy. The use of PV also supports energy conservation programs, namely increasing energy efficiency, reducing the use of fossil fuels, and increasing the provision of environmentally friendly and renewable energy sources [1].

The development of the PV industry is very fast. One of them is the use of technology to convert direct

solar radiation into electrical energy by applying a silicon p-n connection. This technology utilizes radiation from sunlight to be used without the need to convert it into heat which can generate theoretically high efficiency [2]. The results of previous studies show that the current panel increases dramatically during 10am to 1pm due to increased sun intensity but starts to fall above 1pm to 5pm due to decreased sun intensity. And it has been simulated that when the temperature of the PV panel increases, the output power of the PV panel decreases and its performance decreases. Meanwhile, due to weather conditions and ambient temperature the output power output may decrease. The results show that the presence of solar radiation falling on the surface of the PV panel affects the ambient temperature and the temperature of the PV panel. One of the most important is the temperature effect, when high temperature will produce low voltage or vice versa [3].

In order to overcome the effect of PV panel temperature on the output of increased electric current, a cooling system is needed. The PV panel was modified by installing a cooling device on the back of the panel in the form of a perforated aluminum plate. The advantage

of using perforated aluminum plates as a cooling medium for PV panels is that they are practical, easy to manufacture, and do not require power due to free convection cooling. So that the plate surface is relatively lower temperature can dissipate heat on the surface of the PV panel, and the manufacture is simpler because it does not use transparent glass [4][5]. In research perforated plates were used in the drying process of agricultural products. For this reason, the authors took the initiative to conduct research in an effort to improve the efficiency and output power of solar panels through a study entitled "Datalogger Experimental Analysis Based on Arduino Mega 2560 on a 100 Wp Monocrystalline Solar Panel Using Perforated Plate".

## 2. PASSIVE COOLING TECHNIQUE

Passive cooling techniques can be divided into three main groups: air passive cooling, water passive cooling, and conductive cooling. Conductive cooling mostly ends with passive cooling of air, but an important difference is that the prevailing heat transfer mechanism of PV cells is conductive. worked on experimental studies on polycrystalline PV cells under controlled conditions 35.5°C [6].

Two PV cells are used: one with aluminum fins as a heat sink, with thermal grease applied and one without a heat sink. Lighting intensity varies from 200 to 800 W/m<sup>2</sup>. A relative increase in electrical efficiency of 9% has been obtained through the use of passive cooling with coolant. have shown that the depth of the flow channel under the PV cell has a significant effect on passive cooling, for a larger PV surface (1.95 m<sup>2</sup>). It has been shown that, for a length-to-depth ratio of 0.085, the PV module heats up 5-6°C when compared to the PV module in a normal installation. It was noted that the temperature difference increases with increasing insulation. In other words, passive flow channels can have the opposite effect on cooling the PV module [7].

Water passive cooling is somewhat more efficient, mainly because of the higher thermal capacity of water. Several studies have been made with front and back cooling, used a submerged technique to cool down the mono-crystalline PV module in water. The effect had limited success: the temperature was maintained at 30°C which in turn yielded a relative efficiency increase of 20%, but insulation intensity dropped with depth. However, at a depth of 4 cm, relative efficiency is increased by 11% [8].

## 3. METHODOLOGY

This experiment compares 2 monocrystalline solar panels 100 Wp, where one solar panel uses a cooling plate, while the other one without a cooling plate. The data to be measured are temperature, voltage, current, and radiation. The halogen lamps totaling 12 pieces

used have a capacity of 1000 Watts, mounted on top of the panel with a height of 35 cm from the solar panel.

Measurements are made using a datalogger, where the datalogger functions to record data using a sensor based on Arduino Mega-2560. The DS18B20 temperature sensor for measuring the temperature is installed on the top and bottom sides of the solar panel so that the temperature comparison between solar panels using cooling plate and without cooling plate is obtained. Furthermore, the resulting voltage is measured using the ZMPT101B Voltage Sensor and the current generated using the Current Sensor ACS712. So that the voltage and current on the solar panel using cooling plate and without cooling plate can be analyzed for comparison. All data measured using the sensor will be recorded by the datalogger and automatically stored on the Micro SD Card.

Datalogger Based on Arduino Mega 2560 can be seen in Figure 1.

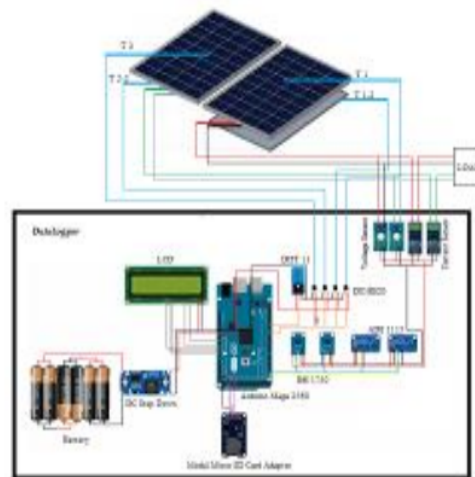


Figure 1 Datalogger Wiring Scheme

### 3.1 Research Block Diagram



Figure 2 Research Block Diagram

A perforated plate is applied to the bottom of the 100 WP monocrystalline solar panel. The increase in the trigger is used so that the heat in the solar panel does not overheat and can increase the voltage, current, and output power of the solar panel. Measurements are made

using a datalogger by measuring the resulting voltage and current then calculating the power from the output of the solar panels. The datalogger is also used to measure the intensity of the sun and also the temperature on the solar panels.

### 3.2 PV Panel

Two units of monocrystalline photovoltaic panels with a capacity of 100 wp for 2 units, mounted parallel to the panel rack, one of which is installed perforated aluminum plate on the back

The specifications of the PV panels are explained in Table 1.

**Table 1.** The specifications of the PV panels

Electric Rating	Specification
Max. Power (Pmax)	100 Wp
Optimum Operating Voltage (Vmp)	18.10 V
Optimum Operating Current (Imp)	05.52 A
Open-circuit Voltage (Voc)	22.10 V
Short-circuit Current (Isc)	05.85 A
Power Tolerance (Pmax)	0~+3%
Modul Dimension (mm)	1000 x 670 x 30
Wiegth	8 kg
Max. Series Fuse Rating	10 A

### 3.3 Cooling Media

Cooling media using perforated aluminum plates described in Table 2 and Figure 3.

**Table 2.** Dimensions of aluminum perforated plates

Name of Parts	Specification
Dimension	1000 x 670 x 30 mm
Hole Diameter	2.5 mm
Distance Between Holes	20 mm
Number of Holes	1551
Arrangement of Holes	In Line



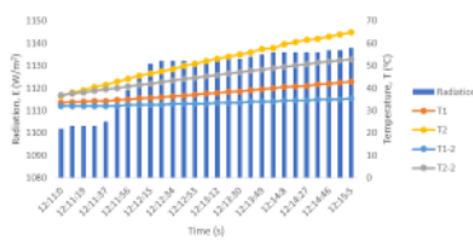
**Figure 3** Perforated Aluminium Plate

## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

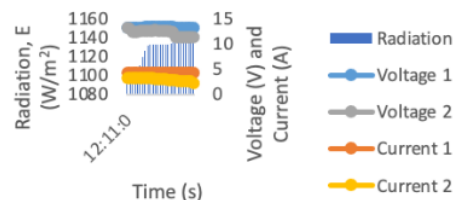
Results show the comparison of PV panel temperatures show in Figure 4. The upper (T1) and lower (T1-2) surface temperatures of the solar panel

using a perforated plate showed 42.88°C and 35.50°C respectively at 12:15:05 pm. Meanwhile, the upper (T2) and lower (T2-2) surface temperatures of the solar panel without perforated plates showed 65.00°C and 52.94°C respectively at 12:15:05 pm.

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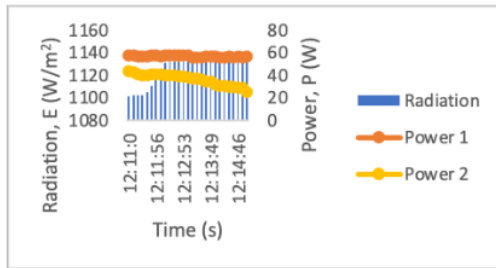
**Figure 4** Comparison between upper and under surface temperatures (T1 and T1-2) of PV panel using perforated plate and upper and under surface temperatures (T2 and T2-2) of PV panel without perforated plate



**Figure 5** Comparison between (Voltage 1 and Current 1) of PV panel using perforated plate and (Voltage 2 and Current 2) of PV panel without perforated plate

Figure 5 shows the increase in voltage and current, where the highest Voltage 1, Voltage 2, Current 1 and Current 2 are 13.25 V, 13.11 V, 4.36 A, and 3.34 A, respectively.

Figure 6 shows the highest Power 1 of 57.77 W, and the highest Power 2 of 43.78 W.



**Figure 6** Comparison between (Power 1) of PV panel using perforated plate and (Power 2) of PV panel without perforated plate

## 5. CONCLUSION

PV panels equipped with passive cooling method using perforated aluminum plate with hole diameters of 2.5 mm can increase voltage by 8.87% compared to PV panels without perforated aluminium plate.

In addition, PV panels equipped with perforated aluminum plate can reduce the temperature of the under panel by 26.07% compared to PV panels without perforated aluminum plate.

Also, this experimental research shows the increase on current and output power of PV panels equipped with perforated aluminum plate by 43.87% and 56.00%, respectively, compared to PV panels without perforated aluminium plate.

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