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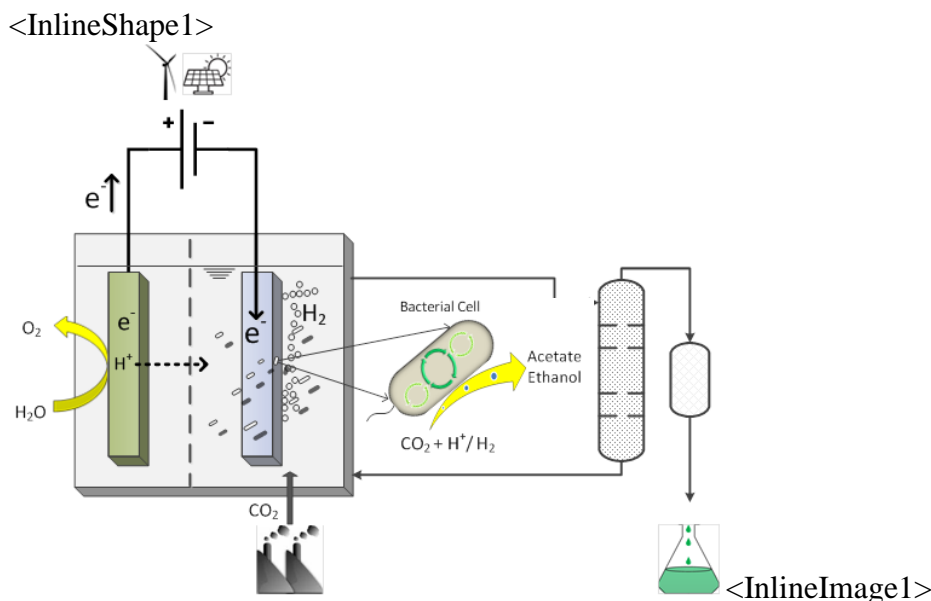
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## **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT**



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Bioelectrochemical reduction of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) to multi-carbon organic compounds particularly acetate has been achieved in microbial electrosynthesis (MES) using the reducing equivalents produced at the electrically polarized cathode. MES based on CO<sub>2</sub> reduction produced 7–10 g L<sup>-1</sup> acetate at the cathode while operating the CO<sub>2</sub> fed reactor in batch mode using the homoacetogenic activity enriched mixed culture. An integration of acetate extraction from the catholyte is interesting, firstly to recover the product and secondly to reduce the probable product inhibition due to the accumulation of fatty acids. We investigated acetate production from CO<sub>2</sub> in

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