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ON THE COVER: Microbial fuel cells are used to simultaneously produce electrical power and achieve wastewater treatment. The cover of this issue shows some of these reactors as well as a conventional wastewater treatment plant. Bacteria grow on the anode and generate the current, while typically inorganic catalysts (sometimes precious metals) are used on the cathode for improving oxygen reduction kinetics. In this issue microorganisms were also used to improve oxygen reduction kinetics of the cathode. Power production was improved relative to non-catalyzed surfaces and cathodes containing platinum, but only if the cathode was kept separate from the anode solution. Photo credit: Dr. Michael Siegart, Penn State University.

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