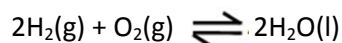


## Friday Worksheet

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### Fuel cells worksheet 1

- 1) A hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell can operate with an alkaline electrolyte such as potassium hydroxide. The overall reaction is given below



- a) Write the half-equation for the reaction that occurs at the cathode.
- b) Write the half-equation for the reaction that occurs at the anode.
- c) This hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell uses  $1.45 \times 10^{-5}$  mol of hydrogen gas per second of operation. What is the current produced by this cell?
- d) What is the maximum voltage predicted for one alkaline hydrogen/oxygen fuel cell under standard conditions?

$\text{O}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 4\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons 4\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$	+0.40
$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Cu}(\text{s})$	+0.34
$\text{Sn}^{4+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$	+0.15
$\text{S}(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$	+0.14
$2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2(\text{g})$	0.00
$\text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Pb}(\text{s})$	-0.13
$\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Sn}(\text{s})$	-0.14
$\text{Ni}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Ni}(\text{s})$	-0.23
$\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Co}(\text{s})$	-0.28
$\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}(\text{s})$	-0.44
$\text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Zn}(\text{s})$	-0.76
$2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$	-0.83

- 2) Which of the following are advantages of modern fuel cells over conventional methods of electricity generation.
- They generate very little noise.
  - They are a cheap source of electricity.
  - They enable electricity to be generated on site.
  - They have the potential to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere