

Appendix A

**Fuel Cell Stack Progress Report
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INTRODUCTION

In June of 1996 an interdisciplinary project was started with the purpose of designing a fuel cell stack that would power a locomotive. In Autumn of 1996, a group of students began to design a fuel cell stack, capable of delivering a certain power output and meeting size constraints. The specifications, findings and recommendations from first quarter of work follow.

SCOPE

Preliminary research lead the group to investigate the following issues:

A) Fuel Cell System Design Specifications

- System schematic
- Throughput rates of oxygen and hydrogen (stoichiometric and excess)
- Humidification requirements for each gas
- Time between refilling tanks carried on locomotive
- Best guess size of gas and humidification tanks
- Power requirements

B) Fuel Cell Stack Conceptual Design

- Layout of cells
- Materials used
- Cooling water and gas input and output locations
- Seals
- Layout of the stack
- Manufacturing; ease and cost

C) Water Management

- Removal of excess water
- Humidification of H₂
- Humidification of O₂
 1. Humidify at a low temperature, run low excess ratio
 2. Humidify at a high temperature, run large excess ratio

D) Heat Management

- Water requirements for cooling
- Size and type of pump
- Optimal operating temperature

PROCEDURES AND FINDING

Fuel Cell System Design Specifications

The needs of the system were carefully analyzed. It was determined that a cooling system, including a heat exchanger within the stack, a pump, and a radiator outside of the stack are needed. (See Figure 1.) In addition, the tanks containing the gases (H_2 and O_2), used to fuel the locomotive, will be made refillable so the tanks will be able to be carried. Humidification tanks are needed for each fuel gas. The possibility of recycling the H_2 gas was considered, which would call for a recycling pump.

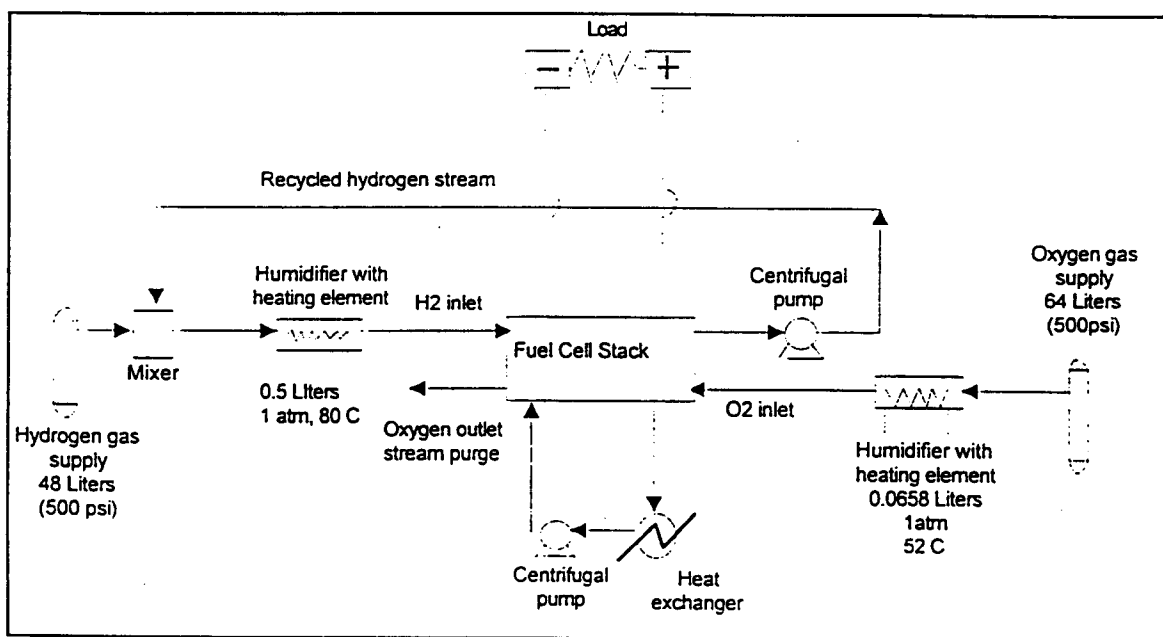


Figure 1. Schematic of Fuel Cell System

The initial working power specification for the power cell as dictated by the locomotive needs, was set at 5 kilowatts. The current density was set at one ampere per square centimeter of reaction area. Determining the throughput of the fuel gases through the system and water produced was the next priority. Stoichiometric requirements and water production were determined by using the current density, power requirements, and predicted efficiencies (See Appendix B).

To keep the cell from flooding, all of the water produced must be removed from the cell. The water can be removed by saturating the inlet oxygen gas, which is below the 100% saturation at 80 ° C, and/or by entrainment using

excess inlet oxygen to pull away the produced water. The humidification requirements are based on saturating the inlet oxygen gas. If excess oxygen entrains the produced water, a very large oxygen fuel tank and oxygen humidification section are required. If entrainment is used, it would be more feasible to use compressed air than oxygen. Unfortunately, the large portion of nitrogen in air can form a blanket over the membrane, impeding the reaction. For this project, this issue is best avoided by using oxygen.

Volume calculations of the humidification and the feed tanks were done at different saturation levels of the entering oxygen gas. Refilling time required between fuel and humidification tank was also considered. Originally, refilling the tank every hour was considered, but once the calculations were performed, and the tank sizes found to be rather large, the time was reevaluated. The tank sizes for fuel gases at 500 psi and humidification water at STP (standard temperature and pressure) were found based on a thirty minute refill time, predicted uptime of the cell of 50%, and excess oxygen 2.7 times the required to pull away all produced water. The results are as follows:

Volume of O ₂ humidification tank (in liters)	Volume of H ₂ humidification tank (in liters)	Volume of H ₂ fuel tank at 500psi (in liters)	Volume of O ₂ fuel tank at 500psi (in liters)
6.58E-02	0.5	48	64

The initial layout of the system involves determining relative size of the stack, and where the cooling system and humidification units should be in relationship to the stack. Based on one of the fuel cell stack designs, an initial layout was devised (See Appendix C).

Fuel Cell Stack Conceptual Design

The initial stack design was based on the Ballard fuel cell stack patents (patent # 5260143.) The membrane is sandwiched between two graphite coated aluminum plates, the cathode and anode. This pattern (the serpentine area), is repeated for 36 ten cm² cells, connected in series. In order to meet the initial voltage requirements of 48 volts, two stacks are connected in series.

The fuel cell plate contains two inlets and outlets for each gas and the cooling water. The serpentine represents the catalytic reaction area. See Figure 2.

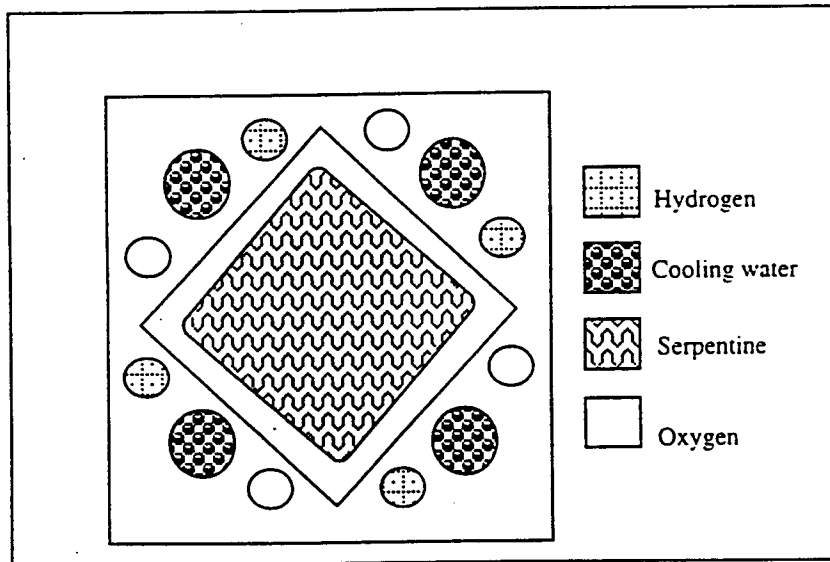


Figure 2. Diagram of fuel cell plate

With this design, seals are required for each plate at every gas or cooling water inlet and outlet, and between each plate. This amounts to an enormous number of seals and an increased probability of leaks.

The Penn State electrical engineering professor requested that the voltage of the fuel cell system be increased to 300-500 volts to meet a standard voltage range used in small motor drives. A minimum of 150 volts is required, which can be converted to approximately 300 volts with a DC-DC converter. To accomplish this the number of cells must be tripled. As a result, the number of seals must be tripled, which increases the probability of leaks. In addition, the cost of the fuel system will increase by one and one-half to three times the original price.

In a response to the increased cost and safety issues, the fuel cell stack design was reevaluated. To achieve a higher voltage with limited seals and lowered cost, a new design was created. With the new design, the cells are placed in

strips on a single membrane, assuming 350 volts, 1 Amps/cm², and an overall power of 4.8 kilowatts. A total of 500 cells are needed to obtain 350 volts, based on nominal voltage of 0.7 volts per cell. The area of each cell will be seven square centimeters. Each strip will contain two rows of 25 cells. According to size considerations, ten 80.5 cm (2.64 feet) by 8.4 cm strips will be stacked together with a one-half centimeter space between them in the long direction, and a one centimeter space in the narrow direction. A conductive surface will protrude from each cell to the edge of the strip, where a metal tab will extend through the outer casing of the strip. Wires outside of the strip casing will connect all of the individual cells in series. This will occur at each side of the strip. (See figure 3)

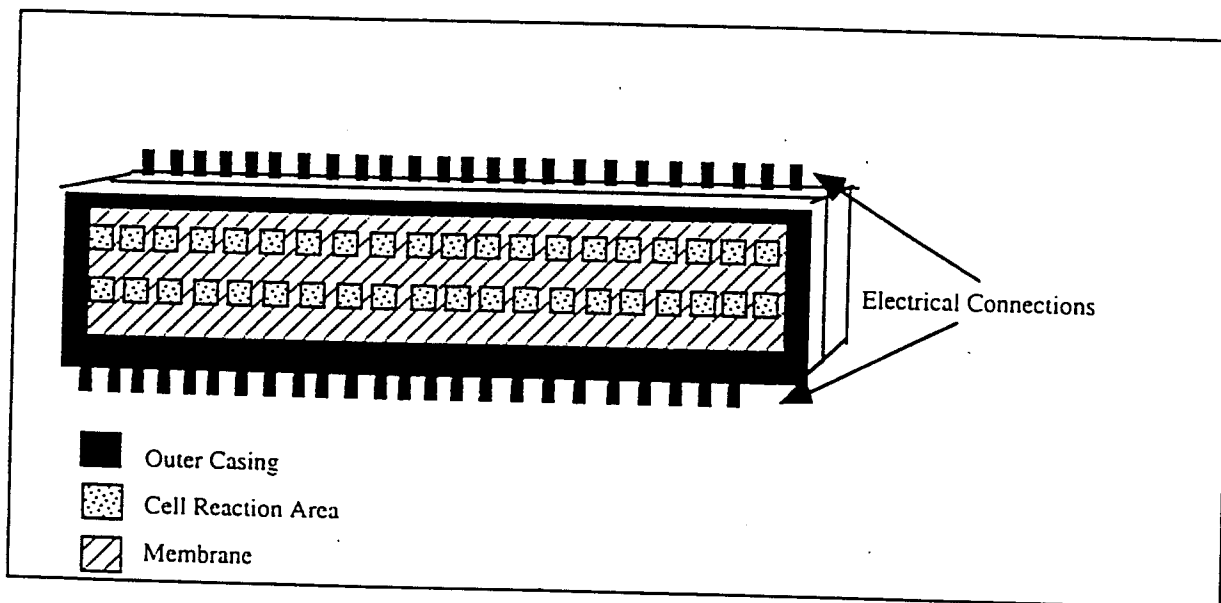


Figure 3. Diagram of "Strip Stack"

The oxygen will enter one side of the fuel cell strip stack, and the hydrogen to the other. The number of seals required are minimized. The casing material will to be a clear polymer. The posts will be epoxied into the case, eliminating the need for complex seals. The casing must be sealed together, and the inlet and outlet gas must be sealed off as well. The cooling water can run on plates on the backside of the strips, never passing into the reaction area. This design may prove to be advantageous for many reasons. Unfortunately, the spacing between cells is unknown, as there may be a problem with current leakage of cells. This is potentially the largest obstacle to successfully using this design.

Water Management

As stated before, all of the water produced must be removed from the cell, but the cell must not dry out. An experiment must be conducted to determine if the above described entrainment, or saturation should be used. To see the designed experiment, please see 'Proposal #1' (Houger.) It is predicted that the hydrogen will be humidified to 90-100% at 80 °C. without excess flow. The oxygen humidification and throughput are yet to be determined.

Heat Management

The estimated optimal operating temperature of the fuel cell is 80 °C, as based on work done by Dr. Gottesfeld at the Los Alamos National Laboratories (Gottesfeld.) This temperature must be achieved by having water flow by the hot faces of the stack. The total heat that must be pulled away based on maximum fuel cell capacity is 106 J/sec. The water required to do this is 93 L/sec, assuming a temperature increase from 60 °C to 80°C. The pump then must move 1.44 gallons/ minute. The required external radiator has not yet been researched.

RECOMMENDATIONS / NEXT QUARTERS WORK

- Improve stack test stand
- Do cost comparison of the two different fuel cell stack designs
- Conduct water management, humidification, and heat management experiments. (as seen in proposal #1), a set of experiments for each type of fuel cell stack design
- Create and implement experiments to test interaction conductivity, and feasibility of new strip fuel cell stack design
- Contact material engineers to look into material choice on strip fuel cell stack design
- Look into various flow field techniques, and method to test efficiency for each stack design
- Research manufacturing and assembly techniques for stacks
- Research corrosivity and reliability of materials used to carry current from reaction area to outside of the casing of the strip stack design
- Research and experiment optimal seal designs, for any potential seals

WORK CITED

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Appendix B

Detailed Milling Instructions

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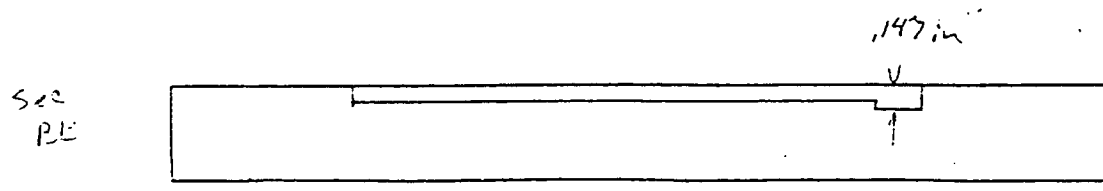
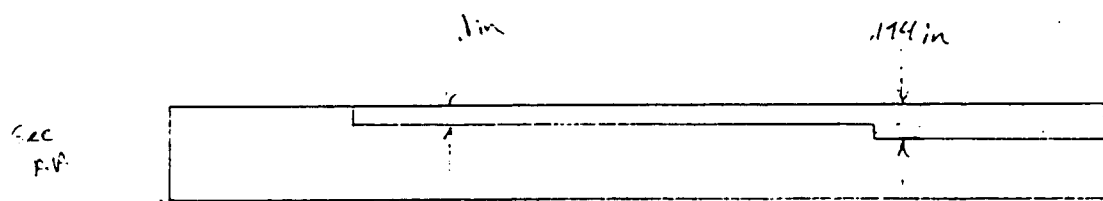
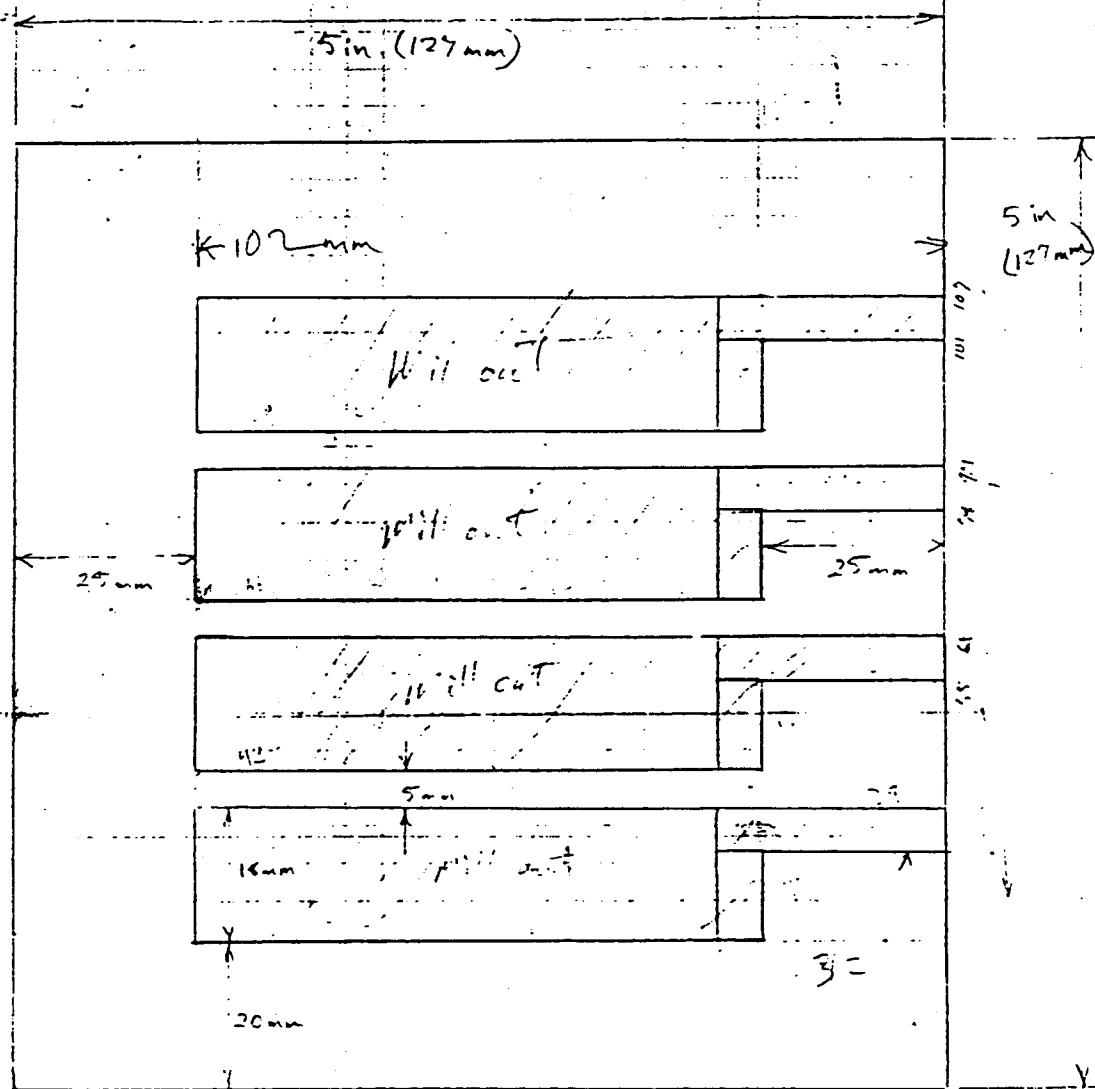
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Milling layout

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- ① start with $1/16$ end mill and out line everything at proper depth
- ② use $1/4$ end mill to remove the rest of the material.

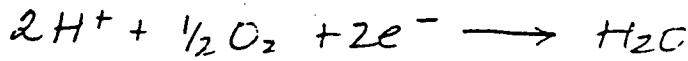
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Appendix C

Sample Calculations

At Max Capacity, 1 cell will produce 100 amps @ 1 amp/cm².



Max H₂O produced:

$$\left(\frac{100 \text{ amps}}{\text{cell}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ C/s}}{\text{amp}}\right) \left(\frac{1e^-}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}}\right) \left(\frac{1 H_2O}{2e^-}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6.023 \times 10^{23}}\right) \left(\frac{18 \text{ g}}{\text{mol}}\right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ mg}}{\text{g}}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9.34 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O}}{\text{cell} \cdot \text{second}}}$$

Max O₂ consumed:

$$\left(\frac{100 \text{ amps}}{\text{cell}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ C/s}}{\text{amp}}\right) \left(\frac{1e^-}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}}\right) \left(\frac{1 O_2}{4e^-}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6.023 \times 10^{23}}\right) = \frac{2.59 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol O}_2}{\text{cell} \cdot \text{sec}}$$

$PV = nRT$; Assume $v_{\text{in}} @ 80^\circ\text{C} = 353 \text{ K} \neq 3 \text{ atm} = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

$$V = \frac{nRT}{P} = \frac{(2.59 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}) (8.314 \text{ J/K} \cdot \text{mol}) (353 \text{ K})}{3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}} = \frac{2.54 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3}{\text{s} \cdot \text{cell}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ (O}_2 \text{ consumed)}}{\text{cell} \cdot \text{sec}}} = \frac{9144 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ O}_2 \text{ consumed}}{\text{cell} \cdot \text{hr}} \quad \text{if refill every hr.}$$

Max H₂ consumed:

$$\left(\frac{100 \text{ amp}}{\text{cell}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ C/s}}{\text{amp}}\right) \left(\frac{1e^-}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}}\right) \left(\frac{1 H_2}{2e^-}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6.023 \times 10^{23}}\right) = \frac{5.07 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol H}_2}{\text{cell} \cdot \text{sec}}$$

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If only refilled every hr,
 $\frac{18,280 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ H}_2 \text{ consumed}}{\text{cell} \cdot \text{hr.}}$

each cell = 100 cm

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400 volts DC.

4 Amps

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Humidity charts w/

Ideal Gas Law Calculation

$P_{H_2O}^*$ - balance on O_2 & air

②
13 atm.

solve for $P \rightarrow$ gas law to find volume O_2 .

$$\text{Hum} = \frac{P_{wv}^* / R_{wv} \cdot T}{P_{DA} / R_{DA} \cdot T}$$

$$H = \frac{P_{wv}^*}{P_{DA}} \left(\frac{M_{wv}}{M_{DA}} \right)$$

$P = P_{DA} + P_{wv}^*$ i.e. $P_{DA} = P - P_{wv}^*$
can use just one of these.

$$H = \frac{P_{wv}^*}{(P - P_{wv}^*)} \left(\frac{M_{wv}}{M_{DA}} \right) \frac{\text{kg water / kmol}}{\text{kg dry air / kmol}}$$

$$P_{wv}^* = 0.0007 T^2 - 0.109 T + 4.2332$$

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To find Amount of H_2O in w/ H_2

We use the fact that 1.1 to 2 moles of water are needed for each mole of H_2 .

Using the spreadsheet & H values we can heat the H_2 gas to $84^\circ C$ and humidify it.

$$\text{The } H_2O \text{ brought in is } \left(\frac{0.1342 \text{ mg}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{g}}{1000 \text{ mg}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{18 \text{ g}} \right)$$
$$= 7.46 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$H_2 \text{ in} = \left(\frac{0.01038 \text{ mg}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^2} \right) \left(\frac{\text{g}}{1000 \text{ mg}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{2 \text{ g}} \right) = 5.19 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$\frac{7.46 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{mol } H_2O}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}}{5.19 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{mol } H_2}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}} = 1.44 \frac{\text{mol } H_2O}{\text{mol } H_2} \text{ @ this}$$

Humidification.

$$\text{Hum}(O_2, 80^\circ C) = 0.604$$

so if $x = O_2$ flow out

$$H_2O_{out} = 0.604 x$$

Balance:

$$\text{Water in w/ } H_2 + \text{Water Produced} = \text{Water Out} \\ (O_2 \text{ is dry})$$

$$\text{Water in } H_2 + 0.09324 = 0.604 x$$

Water in w/ H_2 @ $84^\circ C$

$$H(84^\circ C) = \left(\frac{12.96 \text{ mg water}}{\text{mg } H_2} \right) (0.01038 \text{ mg } H_2) = 0.1345$$

$$0.134 \text{ mg water w/ } H_2 + 0.09324 \text{ mg } H_2O \text{ produced} = 0.604 x$$

$$x = 0.37622 \text{ mg } O_2 \text{ excess}$$

$$O_2 \text{ required} = 0.0803 \text{ mg/s}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{Total } O_2 \text{ in} = 0.4565 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$\text{Excess} = \frac{0.4565}{0.0803} = 5.7 \text{ excess Stoichiometric Requirement.}$$

Heat Management

Heat in

$$h(\text{H}_2 \text{ gas}) (\dot{m}_{\text{H}_2}) + h(\text{H}_2\text{O in H}_2) (\dot{m}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}) + h(\text{O}_2) (\dot{m}_{\text{O}_2})$$

84°C 84°C 24°C

$$\left(\frac{5049.7 \text{ J}}{\text{g}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ mg}}\right) (0.01038 \text{ mg}) + \left(\frac{2651.9 \text{ J}}{\text{g}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ mg}}\right) (0.1345 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O})$$
$$+ \left(\frac{322.4 \text{ J}}{\text{g}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ mg}}\right) (0.4595 \text{ mg}) = \boxed{0.5325 \text{ J/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

Heat Out

$$h(\text{O}_2 \text{ gas Excess}) (\dot{m}_{\text{O}_2 \text{ excess}}) + h(\text{H}_2\text{O prod}) (\dot{m}_{\text{H}_2\text{O prod}}) + h(\text{H}_2\text{O excess}) (\dot{m}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})$$

80°C 80°C

$$= \left(\frac{322.39 \text{ J}}{\text{g}}\right) \left(\frac{0.3792 \text{ mg O}_2}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}\right) \left(\frac{\text{g}}{1000 \text{ mg}}\right) + \left(\frac{2644.78 \text{ J}}{\text{g}}\right) \left(\frac{\text{g}}{1000 \text{ mg}}\right) (0.09324 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O prod} + 0.1350 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O})$$
$$\boxed{= 0.7236 \text{ J/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

Heat Produced

$$\Delta G = -nFE^\circ$$

$$E_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1.23 \text{ V}$$

$$F = 96,486 \text{ C/mole}^-$$

$$n = 2$$

$$\Delta G = (-2 \text{ mol}) (96,486 \text{ C}) (1.23 \text{ V}) = 237,355 \text{ J/mole}$$

$$\left(237,355 \text{ J/mole}\right) \left(5.19 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol H}_2\right) \left(\frac{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}{\text{mol}}\right) (0.83 \text{ efficiency}) = \boxed{1.03 \text{ J/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

Heat Transfer

Thermal Conductivity $1.39 \left(\frac{\text{Btu} \cdot \text{in}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{F}} \right)$

- Assume - no heat transfer through ends
 - single cavity $4 \text{ in} \times 4 \text{ in}$ (16 in^2)
 - thickness = $3/8 \text{ in}$



$$R = \frac{L}{KA} \quad L = 3/8 \text{ in} \quad K = 1.39 \quad A = 16 \text{ in}^2$$

$$1.39 \frac{\text{Btu} \cdot \text{in}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{F}} \left(\frac{1 \text{ ft}^2}{144 \text{ in}^2} \right) = 9.65 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{F}}$$

$$R = \frac{0.375 \text{ in}}{9.65 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{in} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{F}} \cdot 16 \text{ in}^2} = .243 \frac{\text{hr} \cdot \text{F}}{\text{Btu}}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = 4.12 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr} \cdot \text{F}}$$

Free Convection, $\text{air} = 3.25 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}}$

$$R = \frac{1}{h_c A} \quad h_c = \frac{K}{L} \quad K_{\text{air at } 330 \text{ K}} = 0.287 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{mK}} \quad Pr = .69$$

$$B = 1/T = 1/330$$

$$v = 18.37 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

Assume Vertical Heated Plate

$$Ra_L = \frac{\beta \Delta T g L^3}{\nu^2} Pr = 53787$$

$$\psi = \left[1 + \left(\frac{.492}{.69} \right)^{9/16} \right]^{-16/9} = .343$$

$$Ra_L \psi = (.343)(53787) = 18449.1 \quad Nu_L = 0.68 + 0.67 (Ra_L \psi)^{1/4} = 8.49$$

$$h_c = \left(\frac{K}{L} \right) Nu_L = \left(\frac{0.287}{0.0254} \right) 8.49 = 9.59 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}} = .187 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr} \cdot \text{F} \cdot \text{ft}^2}$$

$$T_i = 80 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_o = 24 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\frac{1}{h_c A} + \frac{L}{KA} = \frac{1}{.187} + .243 \frac{\text{hr} \cdot \text{F}}{\text{Btu}} = 5.6 \frac{\text{hr} \cdot \text{F}}{\text{Btu}}$$

$$Q = UA \Delta T = \frac{1}{5.6 \frac{\text{hr} \cdot \text{F}}{\text{Btu}}} (100 - 80 \text{ } ^\circ\text{F}) = 18 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}} \left(\frac{.2931 \text{ W}}{\text{Btu/hr}} \right) = 5.27 \text{ W loss due to nat}$$

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Heat balanceHeat In

$$H_2 \text{ in} + O_2 \text{ in} + H_2 \text{ hum in} + O_2 \text{ hum in}$$

Heat Out

$$O_2 \text{ out} + H_2O \text{ prod out} + \cancel{H_2O} H_2 \text{ hum out} + O_2 \text{ hum out}$$

Heat Produced

$$1.03 \text{ J/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

So

$$\text{Heat in} + \text{Heat Produced} = \text{Heat Out}$$

$$H_2 \text{ in} + O_2 \text{ in} + H_2 \text{ hum in} + O_2 \text{ hum in} = 1.03 + O_2 \text{ out} + H_2 \text{ prod. out} + H_2 \text{ hum out} + O_2 \text{ hum out}$$

$$\hookrightarrow = 41.7 = W$$

Water balance

$$H_2O \text{ prod} + H_2O \text{ in} = H_2O \text{ out}$$

$$H_2O \text{ prod} = 0.09324 \text{ mg}$$

$$H_2O \text{ in} = O_2 \text{ hum} + H_2 \text{ hum}$$

$$H_2O \text{ out} = \cancel{H_2O} (O_2 * \text{hum})$$

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<u>H2</u> (mg/s*cm^2)	<u>T H2(C)</u>	<u>T (F)</u>	<u>p water</u>	<u>hum</u>	<u>lb water</u>	<u>h H2(J/g)</u>	<u>H2O</u> (mg/s*cm^2)	<u>heat H2O</u> (J/cm^2*s)	<u>heat H2O</u> (J/cm^2*s)
0.01038	24	75.2	0.3709	0.2330	5.32E-09	4188.1400	0.0024	0.0435	0.0061
<u>H2</u> (lb/s*cm^2)									
2.2836E-08	28	82.4	0.4164	0.2624	5.99E-09	4245.5800	0.0027	0.0441	0.0069
	32	89.6	0.5345	0.3396	7.76E-09	4303.0200	0.0035	0.0447	0.0090
	36	96.8	0.7252	0.4670	1.07E-08	4360.4600	0.0048	0.0453	0.0124
	40	104	0.9884	0.6488	1.48E-08	4417.9000	0.0067	0.0459	0.0173
	44	111.2	1.3242	0.8910	2.03E-08	4475.3400	0.0092	0.0465	0.0238
	48	118.4	1.7326	1.2025	2.75E-08	4532.7800	0.0125	0.0471	0.0322
	52	125.6	2.2136	1.5955	3.64E-08	4590.2200	0.0165	0.0476	0.0429
	56	132.8	2.7671	2.0870	4.77E-08	4647.6600	0.0216	0.0482	0.0563
	60	140	3.3932	2.7009	6.17E-08	4705.1000	0.0280	0.0488	0.0730
	64	147.2	4.0919	3.4716	7.93E-08	4762.5400	0.0360	0.0494	0.0941
	68	154.4	4.8632	4.4494	1.02E-07	4819.9800	0.0461	0.0500	0.1209
	72	161.6	5.7070	5.7114	1.30E-07	4877.4200	0.0592	0.0506	0.1556
	76	168.8	6.6234	7.3807	1.69E-07	4934.8600	0.0765	0.0512	0.2017
	80	176	7.6124	9.6664	2.21E-07	4992.3000	0.1001	0.0518	0.2648
	84	183.2	8.6740	12.9547	2.96E-07	5049.7400	0.1342	0.0524	0.3559
	88	190.4	9.8081	18.0448	4.12E-07	5107.1800	0.1869	0.0530	0.4970
	92	197.6	11.0148	26.9007	6.14E-07	5164.6200	0.2786	0.0536	0.7429
	96	204.8	12.2941	45.9905	1.05E-06	5222.0600	0.4764	0.0542	1.2735
	100	212	13.6460	116.5218	2.66E-06	5279.5000	1.2070	0.0548	3.2351

mass
balance
H2O carried
out
0.22746255

PRODUCED STREAM

heat prod.
(J/cm^2*s)
1.03

heat H2O
prod
0.2466

OUTLET STREAMS (T = 80 degree C)

O2
(mg/s*cm^2)
0.3765

h O2 (J/g)
322.3920

heat O2
(J/cm^2*s)
0.1214

H2O prod.
(mg/cm^2*s)
0.0932

balance for
16 in^2 area
46.9768

h H2O (J/g)
2644.7840

balance 16
in^2 w/
cavity
41.7068

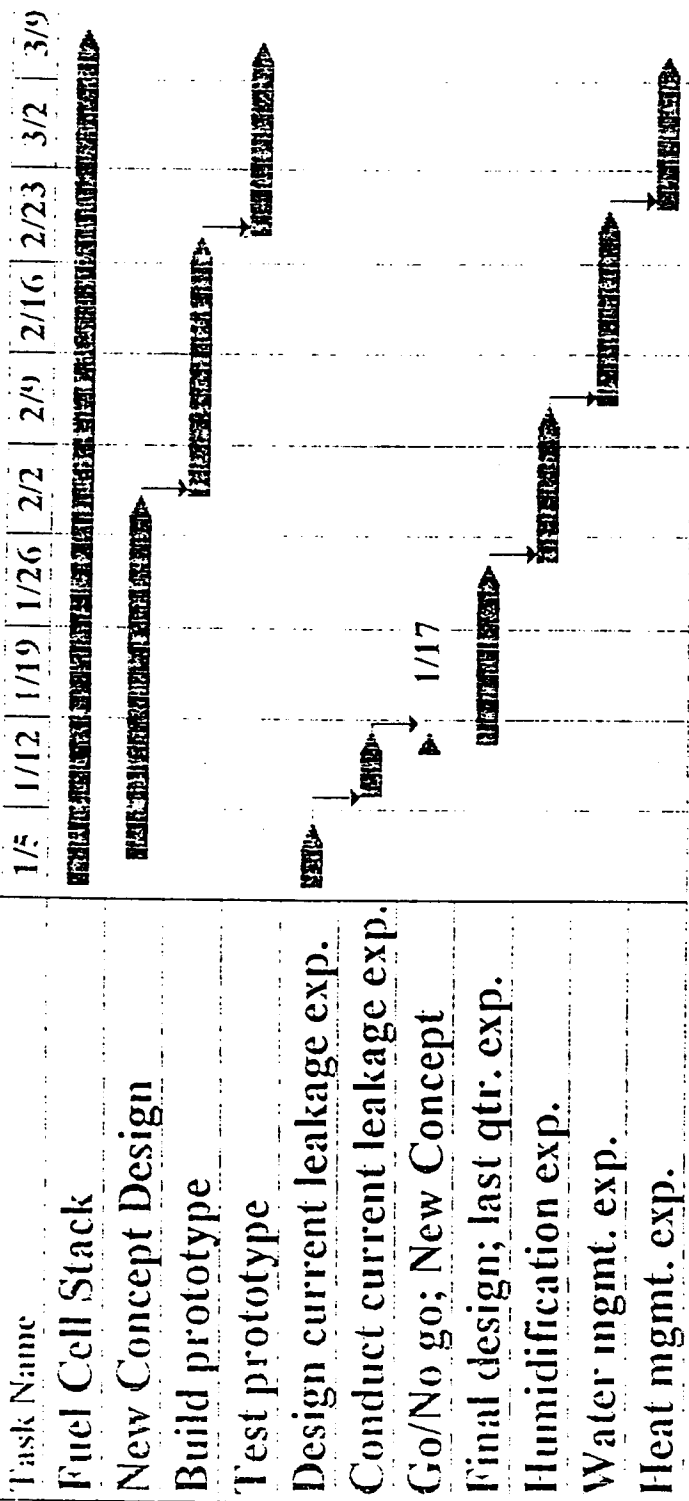
heat in
0.5325

balance
0.8389

Appendix D

Gantt Chart

Fuel Cell Stack Design



Appendix E

Trademarks

Araldite 2042; Ciba-Giegy, Corp.

Lexan; General Electric, Corp.

Nafion; Perma Pure, Inc.

Plexiglas; Atohaas Americas, Inc.

Weld-on 16; IPS, Corp.

Appendix F

Work Summary

**KevinHouger
Nicole Miller**

Work Summary- Kevin Houger

Appendix F

<i>Week</i>	<i>Efforts</i>	<i>Accomplishments</i>
1	Meet with team. Review Fall Quarters Recommendations.	Developed the Gantt Chart. Organized priorities
2	Design of current leakage exp. Conduct experiment	Designed and built the test stand Created wiring schematic
3	Review results of experiment Design prototype Research materials.	Designed the prototype.
4	Review materials Prepare Progress Report	Select Materials Turn in Progress Report.
5	Characterize the materials collected by group. Work on design.	Autocad drawing. Made measurements of materials. Made wiring harness. Tab design.
6	Find components for prototype. Work on getting space for group in the ILF.	Priced aluminum and Lexan sheets. Emailed Prof. Calkins about space.
7	Start building prototype. Discuss elements of prototype with group.	Worked in shop, made tabs. Located fittings.
8	Discuss flow of gases through plates. Develop milling procedures.	Ordered fittings. Located space in the ILF (no lock yet). Draw milling layout.
9	Work on adhesive test.	Talked with Tom Collins, he suggested contacting Port Plastics about Adhesives. They suggested Weld-on 16.
10	Work on prototype. Work with Weld-on 16. Work on report.	Tab grooves and recessed cell area milled into plates. Supply, feed, exhaust hole drilled. Adhesive test of Weld-on 16 started.
11	Work on report	Worked on final report. Work on report.

Work Summary- Nicole Miller

Appendix F

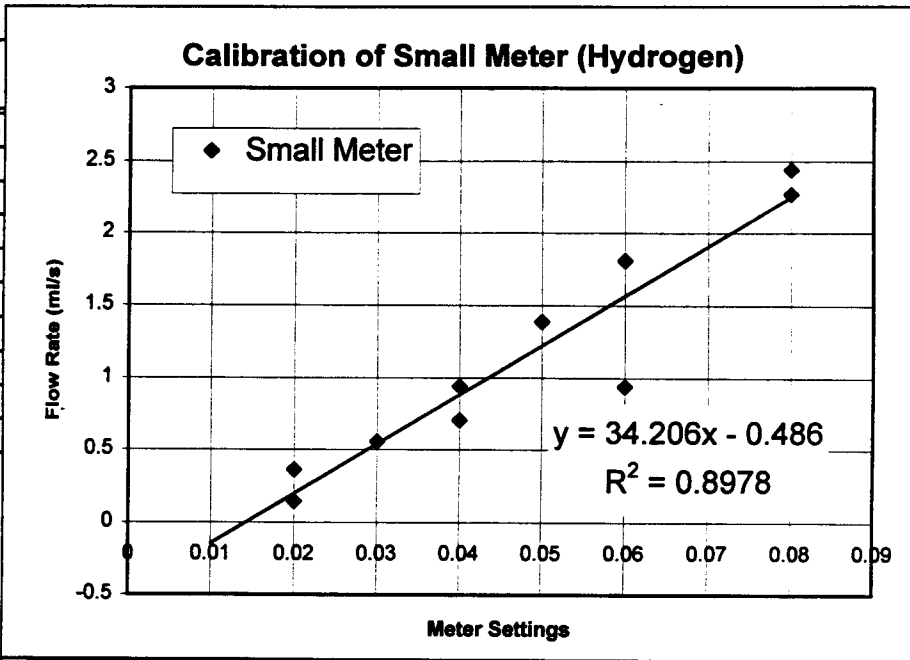
<i>Week</i>	<i>Efforts</i>	<i>Accomplishments</i>
1	Meet with team. Review Fall Quarters Recommendations.	Researched Fuel Cell Operation Organized priorities
2	Design of current leakage exp. Conduct experiment	Contributed to experiment Design Developed Experimental Procedures
3	Review results of experiment Design prototype Research materials.	Contributed to Design of the Prototype. Searched for Proper O-ring Materials
4	Review materials Prepare Progress Report	Chose and Picked up Seal Materials Wrote 50% of Progress Report
5	Characterize the materials collected by group. Work on design.	Contributed to Prototype Dimensions and geometry
6	Find components for prototype. Work on getting space for group in the ILF.	Emailed Prof. Calkins about space. Continued to work on prototype orientations/geometries.
7	Start building prototype Begin heat and water calculations using prototype Discuss prototype with group.	Began simple heat calculations Contributed 30% to water management spreadsheet .
8	Discuss flow of gases through plates. Develop milling procedures. More Calculations	Located space in the ILF (no lock yet). Modified water management spreadsheet. Heat - cavity calculations .
9	Modify water spreadsheet	Modify Spreadsheet based on $PV=nRT$ instead of extrapolating tables .
10	Work on prototype. Work on report.	Worked on final report. (heat and Background) Organized Oral Presentation
11	Work on report	Collaborated all members work. Formatted, did tables, appendices etc.(Approx. 10hrs on report alone)

Appendix B: Data from Experiments 1a & 1b

CALIBRATION

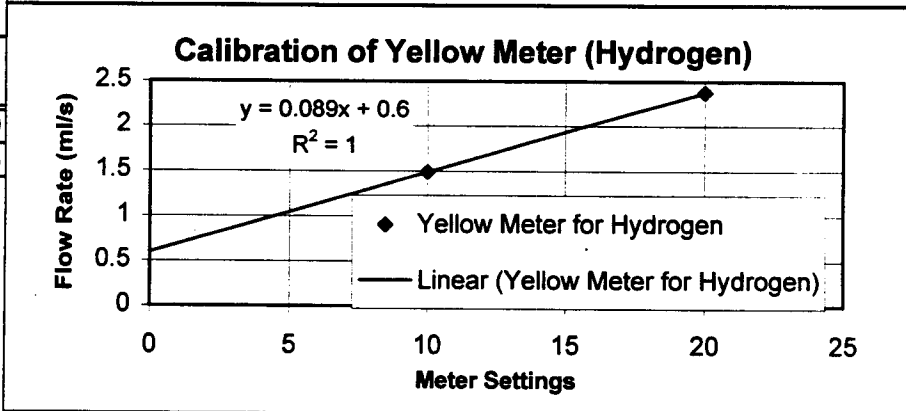
SMALL METER

Meter Setting	Flow Rate ml/s
0.02	0.145
0.02	0.362
0.03	0.555
0.04	0.704
0.04	0.943
0.05	1.39
0.06	0.94
0.06	1.81
0.08	2.27
0.08	2.44

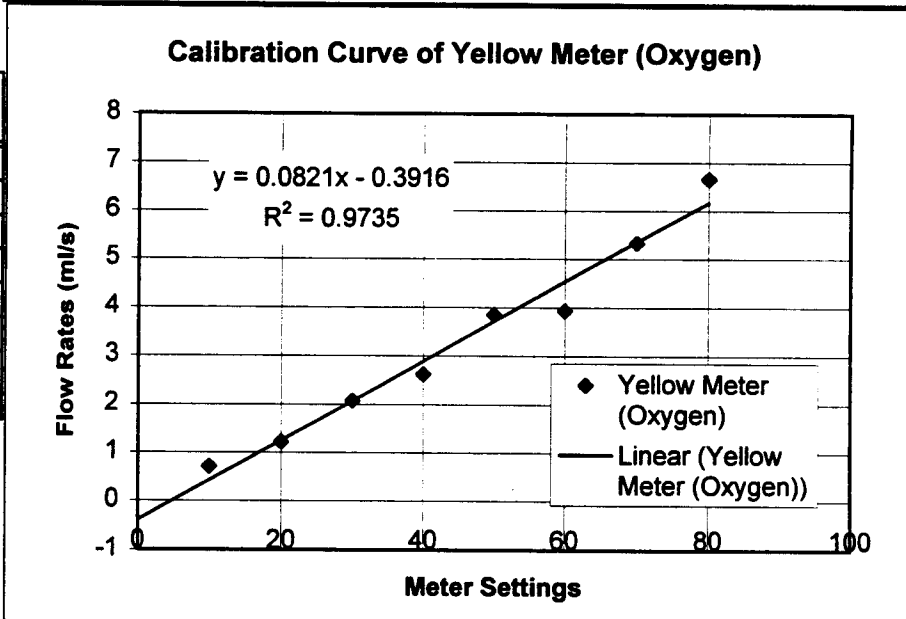


YELLOW METER

Meter Setting	Flow Rate ml/s
10	1.49
20	2.38



Meter Setting	Flow Rate ml/s
10	0.714
20	1.22
30	2.08
40	2.63
50	3.85
60	3.93
70	5.33
80	6.66



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FUEL CELL STACK GROUP

Names:

Experiment# _____

Date 5/21/97 Time 9:38

		Resistance in ohms								
		1	5	10	25	35	50	65	80	100
Series		0.016	0.11	0.286						
Parallel		0.072	0.444							
INDIVIDUALS	Cell 1	0.016	0.125	0.236						
	Cell 2	0.02	0.145	0.243						
	Cell 3	0.031	0.189							
	Cell 4	0.026	0.167							
Total		0.093	0.626							

Comments: Started first run with membrane rotated 180 degrees. At 10 ohms reduced Vari-Ac to 40

Needed to refilled oxygen humidification supply

Experiment# _____

Date _____ Time 9:40

		Resistance in ohms								
		1	5	10	25	35	50	65	80	100
Series										
Parallel										
CONNECTED	Cell 1	-0.628	-0.811	-0.339						
	Cell 2	-0.026	0.042	-0.025						
	Cell 3	0.356	0.461	0.344						
	Cell 4	0.333	0.41	0.311						
Total		0.035	0.102	0.291						

Comments: Vari-Ac H2=60, O2=60, PH2=9lb, PO2=10.5lb, Flow stopped in 10ohm readings clogged?

At 5ohms: 1&2=0.062V, 1-3=0.039, 1-4=0.028V

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Names:

Experiment# _____

Date _____ Time _____

		Resistance in ohms								
		1	5	10	25	35	50	65	80	100
Series		0.023	0.107	0.227	0.5	0.706	0.935	0.935	1.285	1.515
Parallel		0.082	0.408	0.66	0.825	0.867	0.881	0.881	0.903	0.916
INDIVIDUALS	Cell 1	0.02	0.089	0.188	0.416	0.553	0.682	0.750	0.8	0.837
	Cell 2	0.023	0.118	0.221	0.463	0.568	0.686	0.775	0.801	0.844
	Cell 3	0.031	0.148	0.275	0.521	0.631	0.715	0.78	0.801	0.834
	Cell 4	0.027	0.123	0.236	0.495	0.636	0.731	0.775	0.793	0.814
Total		0.101	0.478	0.92	1.895	2.388	2.814	3.08	3.195	3.329

Comments: Var-Ac H2=52, O2=52, PH2=12, PO2=8 lbs

Experiment# _____

Date _____ Time _____

		Resistance in ohms								
volts		1	5	10	25	35	50	65	80	100
Series		0.023	0.107	0.227	0.5	0.706	0.935	0.935	1.285	1.515
Parallel		0.082	0.408	0.66	0.825	0.867	0.881	0.881	0.903	0.916
CONNECTED	Cell 1	-0.634	-0.78	-0.428	-0.313	-0.151	-0.037	-0.037	0.125	0.264
	Cell 2	0.005	0.143	0.055	0.13	0.138	0.189	0.189	0.253	0.306
	Cell 3	0.382	0.451	0.39	0.399	0.386	0.432	0.432	0.465	0.468
	Cell 4	0.275	0.356	0.234	0.26	0.327	0.36	0.36	0.431	0.482
Total		0.028	0.17	0.251	0.476	0.7	0.944	0.944	1.274	1.52

Comments: _____

FUEL CELL STACK GROUP

Names:

Experiment#

Date 5/21/97 Time 11:57

		Resistance in ohms								
		1	5	10	25	35	50	65	80	100
Series		0.036	0.15	0.257	0.538	0.716	0.844	1.077	1.354	1.48
Parallel		0.134	0.474	0.69	0.846	0.852	0.879	0.897	8.906	0.915
INDIVIDUALS	Cell 1	0.028	0.124	0.208	0.49	0.486	0.646	0.726	0.777	0.818
	Cell 2	0.03	0.132	0.234	0.48	0.557	0.666	0.752	0.802	0.84
	Cell 3	0.042	0.178	0.303	0.565	0.624	0.719	0.768	0.803	0.835
	Cell 4	0.044	0.173	0.292	0.58	0.61	0.71	0.764	0.81	0.825
Total		0.144	0.607	1.037	2.115	2.277	2.741	3.01	3.192	3.318

Comments: TO2=60C, Started over after gas clogged, PH2=9lb, PO2=10-9lbs, Var H2=60

Var O2=40, take to 50 after it fell to 50C. The voltage started high then dropped off.

Experiment#

Date Time

		Resistance in ohms								
		1	5	10	25	35	50	65	80	100
Series		0.036	0.15	0.257	0.538	0.716	0.844	1.077	1.354	1.48
Parallel		0.134	0.474	0.69	0.846	0.852	0.879	0.897	0.8906	0.915
CONNECTED	Cell 1	-0.435	-0.404	-0.31	-0.222	-0.122	-0.108	0.052	0.13	0.194
	Cell 2	-0.042	-0.033	-0.031	0.048	0.08	0.156	0.183	0.247	0.3
	Cell 3	0.189	0.3	0.304	0.42	0.43	0.489	0.493	0.519	0.526
	Cell 4	0.325	0.29	0.309	0.282	0.317	0.31	0.348	0.438	0.465
Total		0.037	0.153	0.272	0.528	0.705	0.847	1.076	1.334	1.485

Comments: The voltage increased as Pressure increased in the H2 side when it is dead ended.

When the H2 side is purged, the voltage increases.

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CALCULATIONS

POTENTIAL

CONNECTED									
Series		Cell 1		Cell 2		Cell 3		Cell 4	
i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts
0.023	0.023	-0.634	-0.634	0.005	0.005	0.382	0.382	0.275	0.275
0.021	0.107	-0.156	-0.780	0.029	0.143	0.090	0.451	0.071	0.356
0.023	0.227	-0.043	-0.428	0.006	0.055	0.039	0.390	0.023	0.234
0.020	0.500	-0.013	-0.313	0.005	0.130	0.016	0.399	0.010	0.260
0.020	0.706	-0.004	-0.151	0.004	0.138	0.011	0.386	0.009	0.327
0.019	0.935	-0.001	-0.037	0.004	0.189	0.009	0.432	0.007	0.360
0.014	0.935	-0.001	-0.037	0.003	0.189	0.007	0.432	0.006	0.360
0.016	1.285	0.002	0.125	0.003	0.253	0.006	0.465	0.005	0.431
0.015	1.515	0.003	0.264	0.003	0.306	0.005	0.468	0.005	0.482

CONNECTED									
Series		Cell 1		Cell 2		Cell 3		Cell 4	
i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts
0.023	0.001	-0.634	0.402	0.005	0.000	0.382	0.146	0.275	0.076
0.021	0.002	-0.156	0.122	0.029	0.004	0.090	0.041	0.071	0.025
0.023	0.005	-0.043	0.018	0.006	0.000	0.039	0.015	0.023	0.005
0.020	0.010	-0.013	0.004	0.005	0.001	0.016	0.006	0.010	0.003
0.020	0.014	-0.004	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.011	0.004	0.009	0.003
0.019	0.017	-0.001	0.000	0.004	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.007	0.003
0.014	0.013	-0.001	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.007	0.003	0.006	0.002
0.016	0.021	0.002	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.006	0.003	0.005	0.002
0.015	0.023	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.005	0.002	0.005	0.002

INDIVIDUALS									
Parallel		Cell 1		Cell 2		Cell 3		Cell 4	
i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts	i, amp	V,volts
0.082	0.082	0.020	0.020	0.023	0.023	0.031	0.031	0.027	0.027
0.082	0.408	0.018	0.089	0.024	0.118	0.030	0.148	0.025	0.123
0.066	0.660	0.019	0.188	0.022	0.221	0.028	0.275	0.024	0.236
0.033	0.825	0.017	0.416	0.019	0.463	0.021	0.521	0.020	0.495
0.025	0.867	0.016	0.553	0.016	0.568	0.018	0.631	0.018	0.636
0.018	0.881	0.014	0.682	0.014	0.686	0.014	0.715	0.015	0.731
0.014	0.881	0.012	0.750	0.012	0.775	0.012	0.780	0.012	0.775
0.011	0.903	0.010	0.800	0.010	0.801	0.010	0.801	0.010	0.793
0.009	0.916	0.008	0.837	0.008	0.844	0.008	0.834	0.008	0.814

INDIVIDUALS									
Parallel		Cell 1		Cell 2		Cell 3		Cell 4	
i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts	i, amp	P, watts
0.082	0.007	0.020	0.0004	0.023	0.0005	0.031	0.0010	0.027	0.0007
0.082	0.033	0.018	0.002	0.024	0.0028	0.030	0.0044	0.025	0.0030
0.066	0.044	0.019	0.004	0.022	0.0049	0.028	0.0076	0.024	0.0056
0.033	0.027	0.017	0.007	0.019	0.0086	0.021	0.0109	0.020	0.0098
0.025	0.021	0.016	0.009	0.016	0.0092	0.018	0.0114	0.018	0.0116
0.018	0.016	0.014	0.009	0.014	0.0094	0.014	0.0102	0.015	0.0107
0.014	0.012	0.012	0.009	0.012	0.0092	0.012	0.0094	0.012	0.0092
0.011	0.010	0.010	0.008	0.010	0.0080	0.010	0.0080	0.010	0.0079
0.009	0.008	0.008	0.007	0.008	0.0071	0.008	0.0070	0.008	0.0066

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