Chem531 Prelab 4 (Experiment #9)

1. You prelab reading suggests that F₂ cannot be prepared by chemical process from fluoride. Justify this statement.

2. Describe the concept of an overvoltage and why it is important to consider for the production of K₂S₂O₈ from KHSO₄⁻. Make sure to include the appropriate electrochemical equations.

3. The desired current density for this experiment is 1.0 amp cm⁻². Calculate the actual current needed to generate this value given the dimensions of the Pt wire stated in the procedure.

4. Using your current density of 1 amp cm⁻², and assuming an electrolysis time of 30 minutes and a 71% efficiency, calculate the expected yield of potassium persulfate.