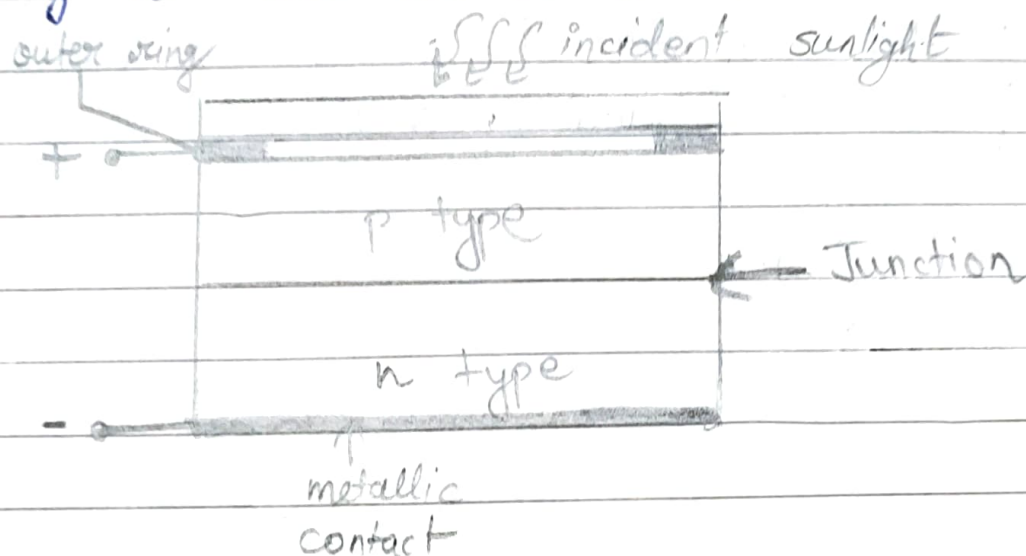


3. 1) What is photovoltaic effect? Draw I-V characteristics of solar cell and define fill factor.

→ ① Photovoltaic's effect is direct conversion of light into electricity at the atomic level.

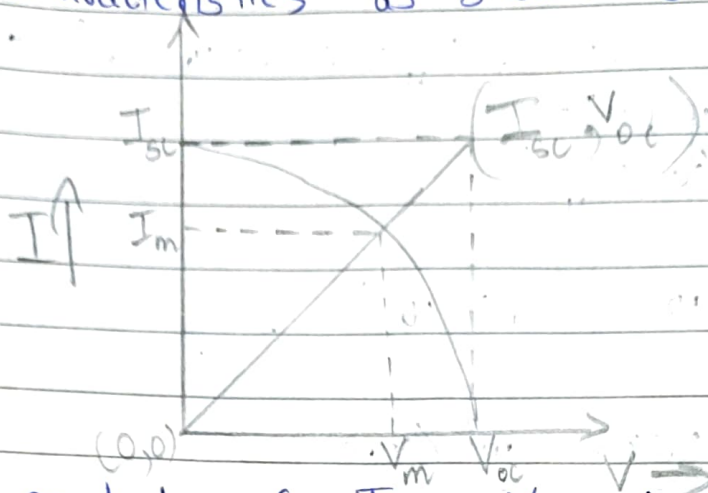


② When light falls on a p-n junction produces a potential difference across it.

③ This potential difference is capable of driving a current through an external circuit, producing useful work.

## I-V Characteristics of solar cell

- ④ When the solar cell is exposed to the light, its IV characteristics as shown in the below diagram



- ⑤ The product of  $I_{sc} \times V_{oc}$  gives the theoretical maximum power output from the solar cell.

- ⑥ However, the actual maximum power is less than this and is given by the product  $I_m \times V_m$ .

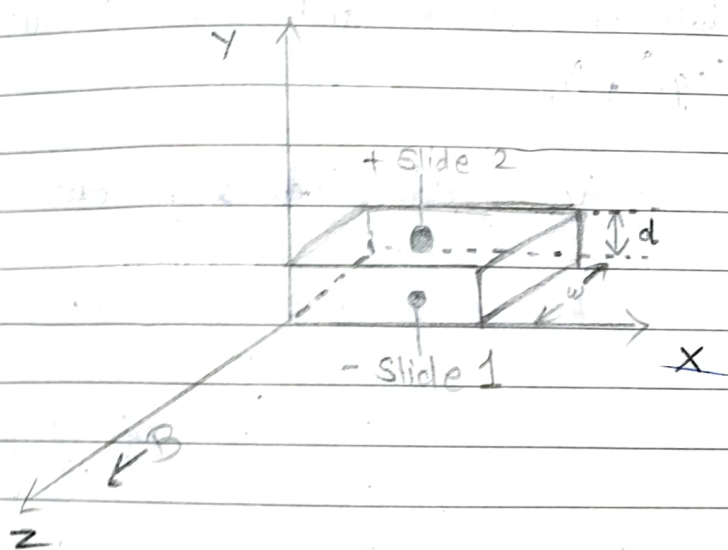
- ⑦ The fill factor is defined as the ratio of actual maximum power to ideal power i.e.

$$FF = \frac{I_m \times V_m}{I_{sc} \times V_{oc}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{I_m \times V_m}{I_{sc} \times V_{oc}} \times 100$$

Explain Hall Effect. Derive the equation of Hall voltage and Hall coefficient.

- Hall observed, when strip of semiconductor carrying current is placed in a transverse magnetic field potential difference was developed across strip.
- ② The direction of electric field developed because of induced potential depends on whether the current is due to electrons or holes.
- ③ In order to understand Hall effect consider a rectangular strip of n-type semi-conductor material.
- ④ Under the application of some potential difference, let current  $I$  flow through it along positive X-direction.
- ⑤ Let the magnetic field  $B$  act along the positive Z-direction as shown in diagram.



- ⑥ As the magnetic field is applied, the magnetic force acts along negative Y-direction.
- ⑦ As the semiconductor is n-type, the charge carriers are electrons.
- ⑧ Magnitude of force is given by  
$$F_y = B \cdot e \cdot v$$

①

$v$  = drift velocity,  
 $e$  = charge on electron.



- 9) Thus due to this force the electrons are forced to move in negative Y-direction and electrons soon obstructed by the walls of specimen.
- 10) If the side 2 is negative w.r.t side 1 then the charge carriers are holes i.e. the semiconductor is p-type and get accumulated there.
- 10) Because of charge accumulation towards side 1 it becomes negatively charged w.r.t side 2.
- 11) directed along negative Y-direction.
- 11) This electric field opposes further movement of electrons towards side 1.
- 12) In equilibrium condition the force due to electric field is balanced to the force due to magnetic field and the current flows in the positive X-direction only.
- 13) At this stage a steady potential difference is produced between side 1 and side 2 called as 'Hall Voltage',  $V_H$ .

Let  $E$  be electric field intensity due to  $V_H$

$$F_2 = eE \quad \text{(Electric force)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$eE = Bev$$

$$E = B.v$$

$$\text{But } E = \frac{V_H}{d}$$

$$\frac{V_H}{d} = B.v$$

$$V_H = B.v.d$$

$$\text{We know } I = nevA$$

$$v = \frac{I}{neA}$$

--- From eq (1) & (2)

--- (3)

--- (4)

--- (5)

--- (6)

Put (6) in (5) we get

$$V_H = B \left( \frac{I}{neA} \right) d = \frac{1}{ne} \frac{BId}{A}$$

$$V_H = \frac{1}{ne} \frac{BI}{w}$$

———— (6)

$$\left[ \frac{d}{A} = \frac{l}{w} \right]$$

The quantity  $\frac{1}{ne}$  is property of material of specimen and is called Hall coefficient

$$R_H = \frac{1}{ne}$$

———— (7)

$$V_H = R_H \frac{BI}{w}$$

Put (7) in (6)

b) State measures to improve efficiency of solar cell.

- 1) Concentration of light - By using parabolic light concentrator, the intensity of light of solar cell can be improved which increases efficiency of solar cell.

- 2) Solar tracker - Solar tracker is rotation of panel/array of solar cells so they always face the sun, this helps to increase maximum energy output.

- 3) Reflection - Solar cell efficiency can be improved by minimizing amount of light reflected.

- 4) Fill Factor - Fill factor refers to the utilization of available surface area and it ranges from 70-90%. Round/moon shaped solar cells have lower FF whereas square cells have more Fill Factor.

# Conductivity of Semiconductor intrinsic

(1) In SC,  $I$  is due to holes &  $e^-$

(2)  $I$  due to holes  
 $I_h = n_h e A v_h$

(3)  $I$  due to  $e^-$   
 $I_e = n_e e A v_e$

(4) Total  $I = I_e + I_h$

$$I = eA (n_e v_e + n_h v_h)$$

$$\frac{I}{A} = J$$

$$J = e (n_e v_e + n_h v_h)$$

But  $J = \sigma E$

$$\sigma E = e (n_e v_e + n_h v_h)$$

$$\sigma = e \left( n_e \frac{v_e}{E} + n_h \frac{v_h}{E} \right)$$

$$\sigma = e (n_e \mu_e + n_h \mu_h)$$

For intrinsic  $n_e = n_h = n_i$   
 $\therefore \sigma = e n_i (\mu_e + \mu_h)$

N Type  $n_e \gg n_h$   
 $\sigma = e (n_e) \mu_e$

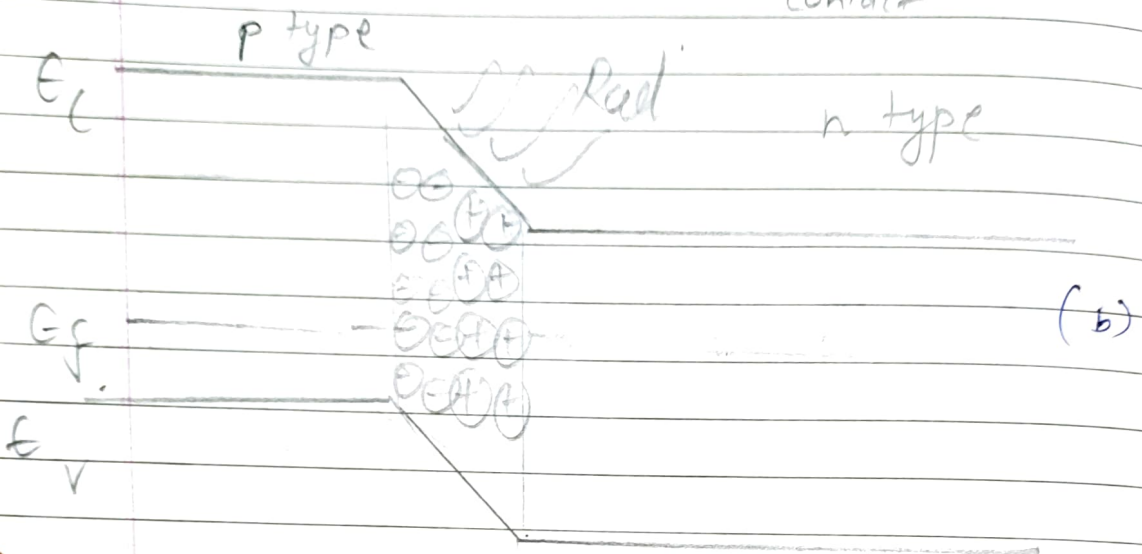
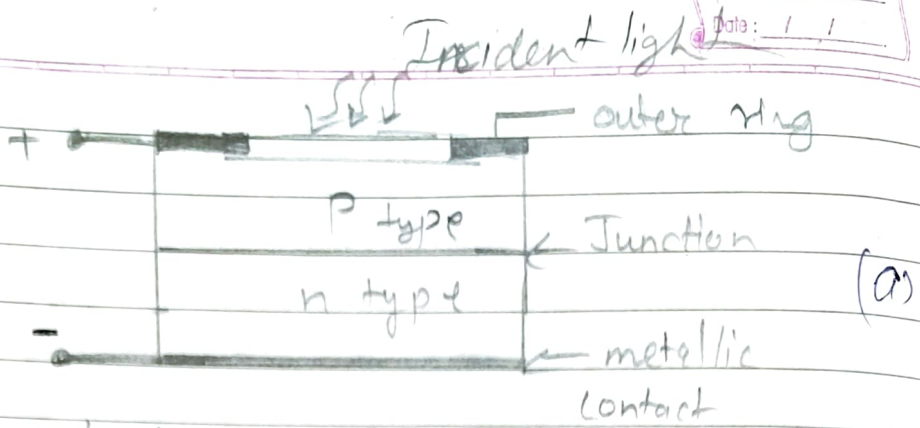
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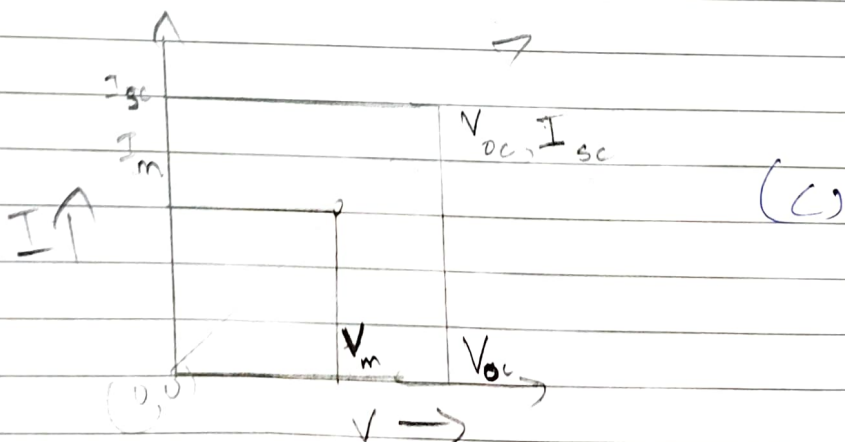
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- ① Photovoltaic Effect is direct conversion of light  $\rightarrow$  electricity.
- ② When light fall on P-N Jun<sup>n</sup> it generates  $V$
- ③ This  $V$  is capable of driving  $I$  through external circuit





$$P = VI$$

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- ① T-V characteristics in figure (c)
- ② Product of  $I_{sc} \times V_{oc}$  give theoretical max of power O.P of S.C - T.P
- ③ Actual Power is less than this  $n$  is given by  $I_m \times V_m$  - A.P
- ④ FF is ratio of A.P to T.P  

$$FF = \frac{I_m V_m}{I_{sc} V_{oc}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{A}{T} \times 100$$

Ways to improve efficiency of S.C

- ① S.C efficiency can be improved by minimising reflected light.
- ② FF refers to utilization of available surface area. It ranges from 70-90%. Round / moon shape S.C have  $\downarrow$  FF whereas square shaped have greater FF.
- ③ Solar trackers is rotation of panel/array of S.C so they always face  $\nearrow$  sun. This helps to give max energy output.
- ④ By using parabolic light concentrator the intensity of light can be improved which  $\nearrow$   $\eta$  of S.C.

Applications

- ① S.C can be used for street lighting
- ② In Dry areas with abundant sunlight, Solar powered Drip Irrigation provides minimal usage of  $H_2O$ .
- ③ Solar panels are only source of power for satellites.
- ④ Solar Home System is effective way of capturing sunlight & storing the produced electricity and later using it for household purposes.

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Available in ample quantity

Space Consumption is more

Free energy which can  
be trapped easily

Installation + Initial cost  
High

Clean way to produce  
electricity.

Production is  $\downarrow$  during  
winter.

Helps to achieve  
sustainable development

Disposal of battery  
is difficult