

# Post Lab Questions:

1. On a single graph, plot the three voltage/current curves with the voltage on the x axis. On another graph, plot the output power of the panel at each voltage level. Use a spread sheet program (such as Excel) to plot the data, **hand drawn curves are unacceptable**.

See attached graphs (attached 1)

2. Find the peak power point and fill factor for each curve.

$$120V = 0.103W$$

$$FF = 0.6999$$

$$100V = 0.0748W$$

$$FF = 0.6862$$

$$80V = 0.0388W$$

$$FF = 0.5071$$

3. Using your irradiance measurements and peak power points, calculate the maximum efficiency of your PV panel for each lighting level.

$$120V = \frac{P_{max}}{Area} / Irradiance = 0.0259$$

$$100V = 0.0255$$

$$80V = 0.0174$$

4. Plot the current of your solar cell versus the angle (in degrees with the angle on the x axis). On another graph, plot the current of the panel versus the cosine of your angle (in degrees with the angle on the x axis). Use a spread sheet program to plot the data, **hand drawn curves are unacceptable**. Describe the relationship shown by your graphs.

The more indirect the light is, the less current is produced.

(See attached graphs 4)

5. Plot the voltage/current curve of the fuel cell with the current on the x axis. On another graph, plot the output power of the fuel cell with current on the x axis. Use a spread sheet program (such as Excel) to plot the data, **hand drawn curves are unacceptable**.

6. Determine the efficiency of the fuel cell.

$$\eta = \frac{\text{Electrical Energy}}{\text{Energy Content of Hydrogen}} = \frac{V \cdot I \cdot t}{H_{OH_2} \cdot Vol_{H_2}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$H_{OH_2} = \text{Energy Density of Hydrogen} = 11920 \text{ kJ/m}^3$$

To get efficiency in percent, you will need to cancel units. Hint:

$$1 \text{ V} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{sec} = 1 \text{ J}$$

$$1 \text{ m}^3 = 10^6 \text{ mL}$$