

WV ENGR 10 : Solar Cell Characterization Lab

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Solar Intensity measured with solar meter (W/m^2) 725 , Cell area (m^2) 0.00341, Power (Watt) 2.47

A. Single Cell Measurements				
	Voltage V	Current mA	Power mW	Comments
1	1.17	56	80	
2	1.57	56	200	
3	2.7	55	160	
4	3.66	54	200	
5	5.06	46	240	Maximum Power
6	5.15	37	200	
7	5.35	29	160	
8	5.51	21	120	
9	5.62	14	80	
10	5.72	7	40	

B. Serial Cell measurements				C. Parallel Cell Measurements			
	Voltage V	Current mA	Power mW		Voltage V	Current mA	Power mW
1	2.4	24	70	1	2.49	66	170
2	3.98	23	100	2	2.96	66	200
3	5.7	22	130	3	3.4	66	230
4	7.6	21	160	4	3.9	65	260
5	9.88	20	190	5	4.62	63	290
6	10.35	18	180	6	4.95	52	260
7	10.4	17	170	7	5.08	45	230
8	10.53	16	160	8	5.17	38	200
9	10.6	15	150	9	5.27	31	170
10	10.66	13	120	10	5.35	25	140

D. Weight Lifting Experiment		
	Circle the selected set up bellow:	
1	Cell Combination:	(a) 4 Series (b) 4 Parallel (c) 2S/2P
2	Gear Rotation	(a) 30:1 (red) (b) 190:1 (gray)
3	Spool Diameter	(a) Smaller (b) Larger
4	Selected Weight:	100g
5	Power @ 15 sec:	0.231W
6	Height @ 15 sec:	37cm

Write a tech. report on this project as specified in lab guidelines and include:

- Plots of V vs. I and P vs. I for all cell combinations tested (3), use Excel and fit a curve to the data points.
- Determine
 - Efficiency of the solar cell (output power/input power)
 - Efficiency of the motor/ gear-head assembly?

