

Fig 7.1. Circuit Diagram
for experiment

Load Resistance	Current (mA)	Voltage (V)	Power (mW)
10	23	0.25	5.75
22	23	0.35	8.05
33	23	0.65	14.95
47	22	0.95	20.9
68	19	1.4	26.6
82	19	1.45	27.55
100	17	1.5	25.5
150	12	1.6	19.2
220	8	1.65	13.2
470	4	1.7	6.8

Table 7.1. Observations

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Solar cell, light source (100 W), Ammeter, voltmeter, load circuit, connecting wires

Student Learning Objectives:

To draw the I-V characteristics of a solar cell and to find out its efficiency and form factor

Theory:

The maximum power generated:

$P_{max} = I_{mp} V_{mp}$, where I_{mp} and V_{mp} are the current and voltage corresponding to maximum power.

$$FF = \frac{V_{mp} \cdot I_{mp}}{V_{oc} \cdot I_{sc}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{P_{max}}{A_c \cdot I} \text{, where } A_c \text{ and } I \text{ are the area}$$

of the solar cell and the light intensity

Observations:

$$I_{sc} = 24 \text{ mA}$$

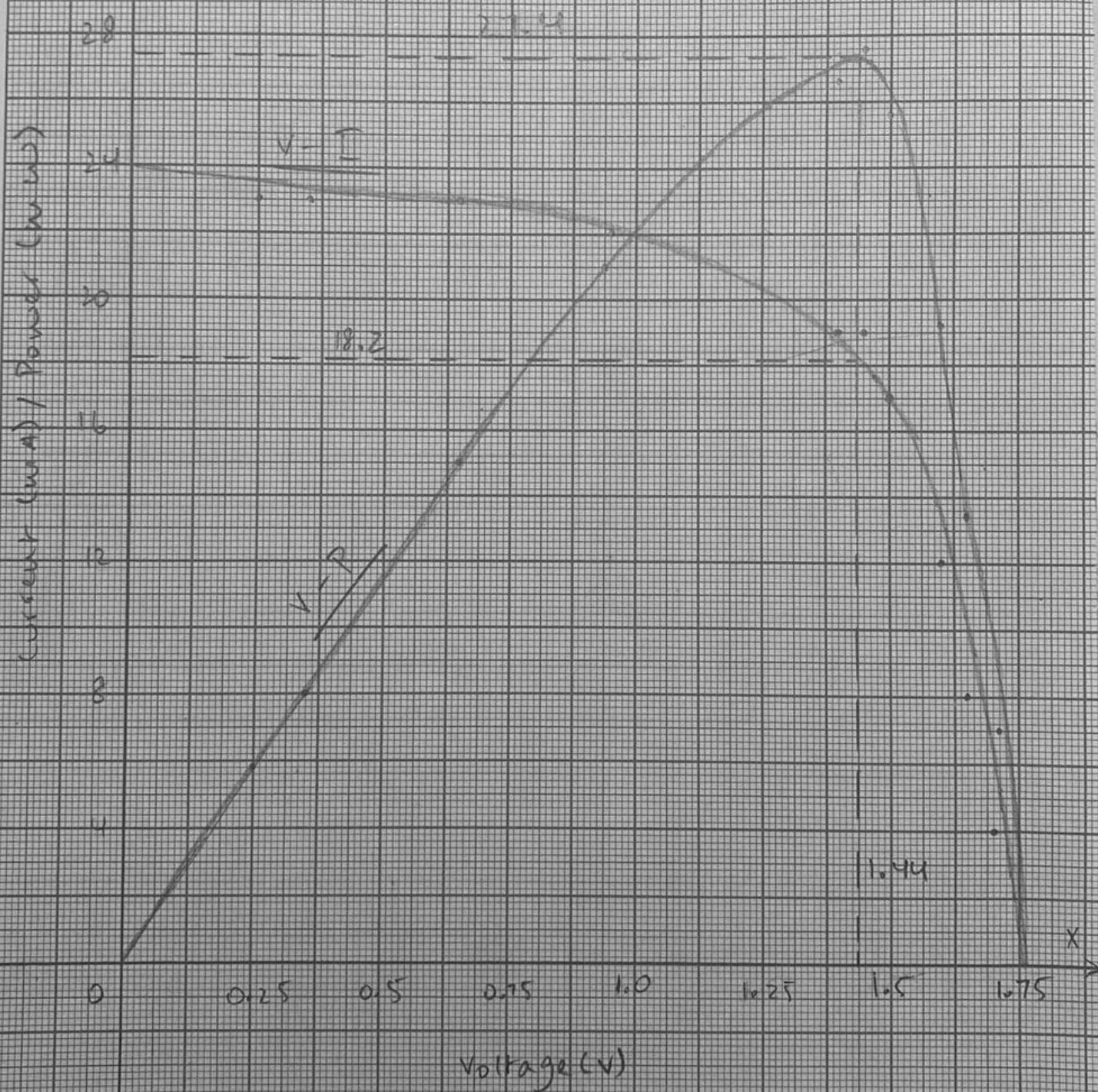
$$V_{oc} = 1.85 \text{ V}$$

For distance $x_1 = 9 \text{ cm}$

Scale

X-axis $\rightarrow 2 \text{ cm} = 0.25 \text{ V}$

Y-axis $\rightarrow 2 \text{ cm} = 4 \text{ mA} / 10 \text{ mW}$



$$I_{mp} = \cancel{27.4} \text{ mA} \quad 18.2 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{mp} = 1.44 \text{ V}$$

$$P_{max} = 27.4 \text{ mW}$$

$$\Omega = 131 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$A_c = 22.75 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^2 = 22.75 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

Results:

I-V characteristics of the solar cell were studied and the maximum power generated, form factor and efficiency were calculated.

$$\text{For } x_1 = 9 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Efficiency } \eta = 0.617$$

$$FF = 9.1 \times 10^{-6}$$