
Connected solar cells

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1. If a 12 V module has 36 individual cells, then how many volts is a module with 54 cells?

- ☐ 6 V
- ☒ 18 V
- ☐ 24 V
- ☐ 36 V

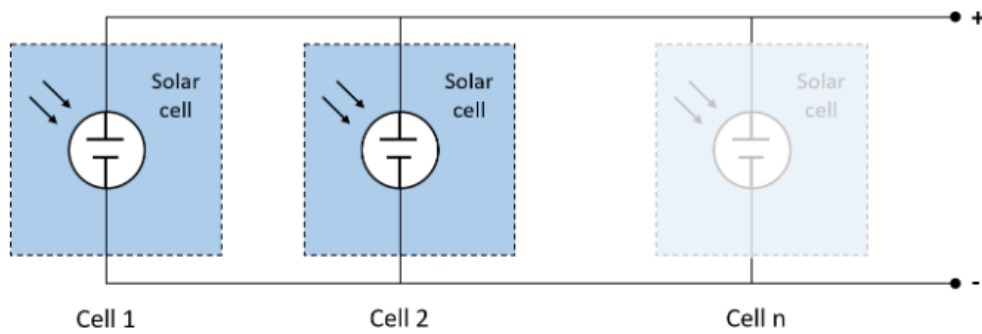
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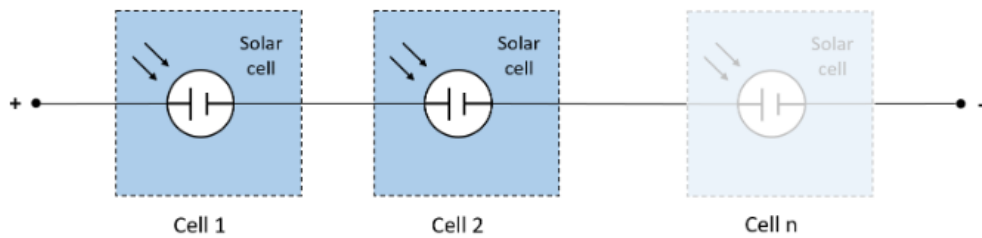
The voltage of a series connection of solar cells is the sum of the voltages from each individual cell.

2. Select the circuit in which the solar cells are connected in parallel.

☒ Circuit A



☐ Circuit B



✓ Correct

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Components connected in series are connected along a single path, while components

3. **Series connection**

Two solar cells (solar cell A and B) are connected in series. The solar cells have the following parameters.

Solar Cell A

- $V_{OC} = 0.5 \text{ V}$
- $I_{SC} = 1.2 \text{ A}$

Solar Cell B

- $V_{OC} = 0.6 \text{ V}$
- $I_{SC} = 1.0 \text{ A}$

What is the open circuit voltage and short circuit current of the series connection of solar cell A and B?

- ☐ $V_{OC} = 0.6 \text{ V}$ and $I_{SC} = 1.2 \text{ A}$
- ☐ $V_{OC} = 0.5 \text{ V}$ and $I_{SC} = 2.2 \text{ A}$
- ☐ $V_{OC} = 0.6 \text{ V}$ and $I_{SC} = 1.0 \text{ A}$
- ☒ $V_{OC} = 1.1 \text{ V}$ and $I_{SC} = 1.0 \text{ A}$

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For two cells connected in series, the current through the two cells is the same. The total voltage produced is the **sum** of the individual cell voltages. Since the current must be the same, a mismatch in current means that the **total current from the configuration is equal to the lowest current**.

4. What is the role of a bypass diode?

- ☐ Reduce current
- ☒ Limit effects of shading
- ☐ Increase current
- ☐ Prevent reverse current

✓ **Correct**

That is correct

You can read more about bypass diodes [here](#). And maybe revisit the [virtual instrument](#) featuring bypass diodes.