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ABSTRACT

This project report details the solar cell characteristics. The report provides insights into the project's Introduction about solar cell, Aim of experiment, Apparatus required, Formulae used, nature of graph obtained, circuit diagram and experimental connections, procedure followed, observation, results and conclusions.

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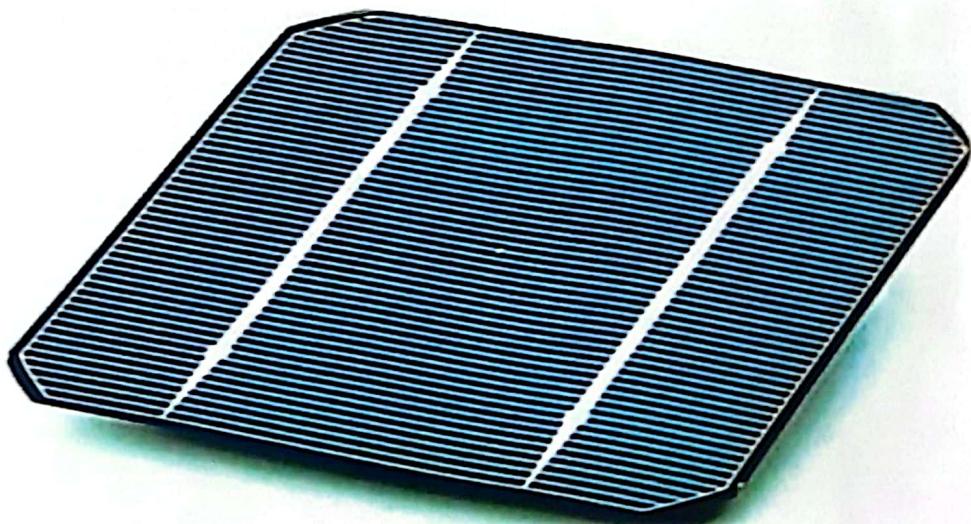
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INTRODUCTION

Solar Cell:

A solar cell is also called a photovoltaic cell .it is an electronic device that converts the energy of light directly into electricity by means of photovoltaic effect.

- It is a form of photo voltaic cell, a device whose electrical characteristics (such as current, voltage or resistance) vary when it is exposed to light.
- Individual solar cell devices are often the electrical building blocks of photovoltaic modules known collegially as “solar panels”.
- Almost commercial solar cells consist of crystalline silicon with a market share of 95%, cadmium telluride thin film solar cells account for the remainder.



Characteristics Of Solar Cell

The basic characteristics of solar cell are short circuit current (I_{sc0}), the open circuit voltage (V_{oc}), the fill factor (FF) and solar energy conversion efficiency. The influence of both the diode saturation current density and of I_{sc} on V_{oc} , FF and efficiency is analyzed for ideal solar cells.

Theory of solar cells explain the process by which light energy in photons is converted into electric current when photons strike a suitable semiconductor device. The theoretical studies are practical use because they predict the fundamental limits of a solar cell and give guidance on the phenomena that contribute to losses and solar cell efficiency.

Solar cell efficiency vary from 6% amorphous silicon –based solar cells to 44% with multiple junction production cells and 44.4% with multiple assembled into a hybrid package. Solar cell energy conversion efficiencies for commercially available multi crystalline Si solar cells all around 14-19%.

Working And Application:

Working:

When sunlight strikes a solar cell, electrons in the silicon are rejected, which results in the formation of "holes" the vacancies left behind by the escaping electrons. If this happens in the electric field, the field will move electrons to the n-type layer and holes to the p-type layer.

Applications:

Assembles solar cells are used to make solar modules that generate electrical power for sunlight, as distinguished from a "solar thermal module" or "solar hot water panel". A solar energy generates solar power using solar cell.

Applications of solar cells as an alternative energy source for vehicular applications is growing industry electric vehicles are operate of solar energy and sunlight are commonly referred to as solar cars. these vehicles use solar panels convert absorbed light into electrical energy that is then stored in batteries.

AIM

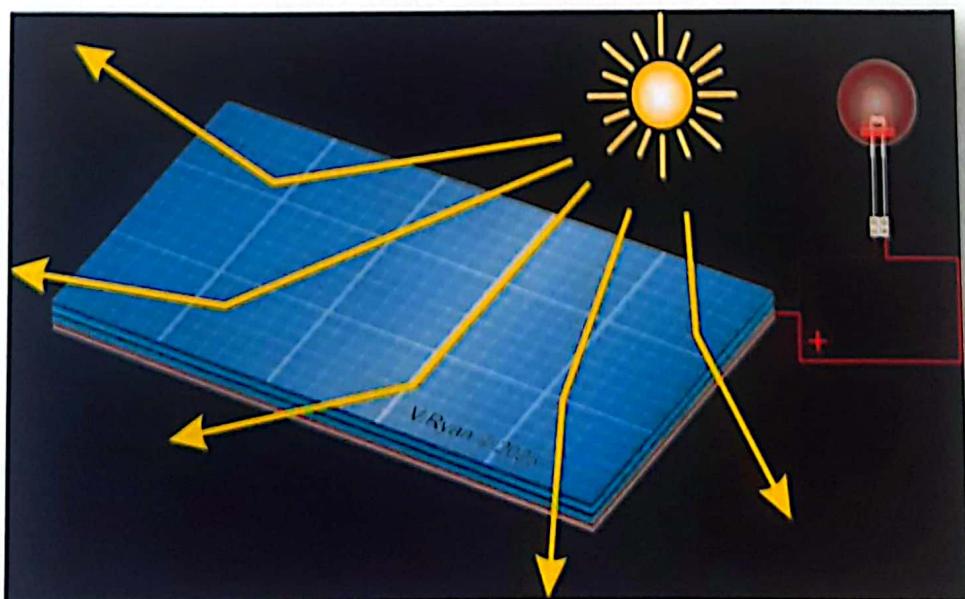
Study the characteristics of solar cell by finding open circuit voltage and short circuit current. Calculate the fill factor for a given distance between cell and source of light with help of voltage developed versus current graph.

APPARATUS

1.40W, 230v bulbs, connecting wires.



2. Solar cell



3. Resistance box



4. Voltmeter (0-3 v)



5. Milliammeter (0-25 mA)



FORMULAE

1. Ideal power of the cell = $V_0 \times I_s$,

Where V_0 – Open circuit voltage

I_s – Short circuit current

2. Useful power of the cell = $V_m \times I_m$,

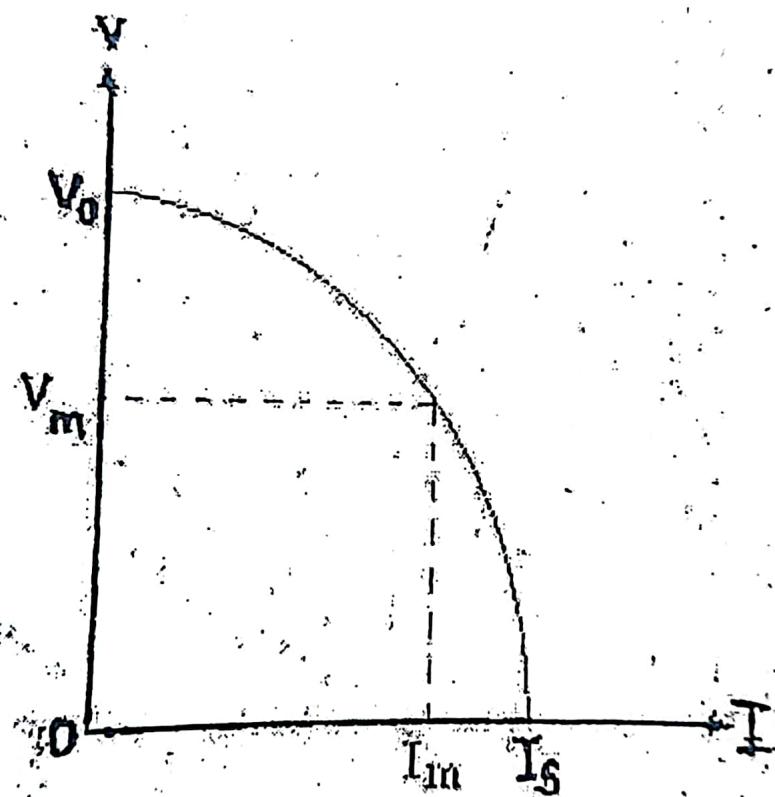
Where V_m – Voltage

I_m – Current

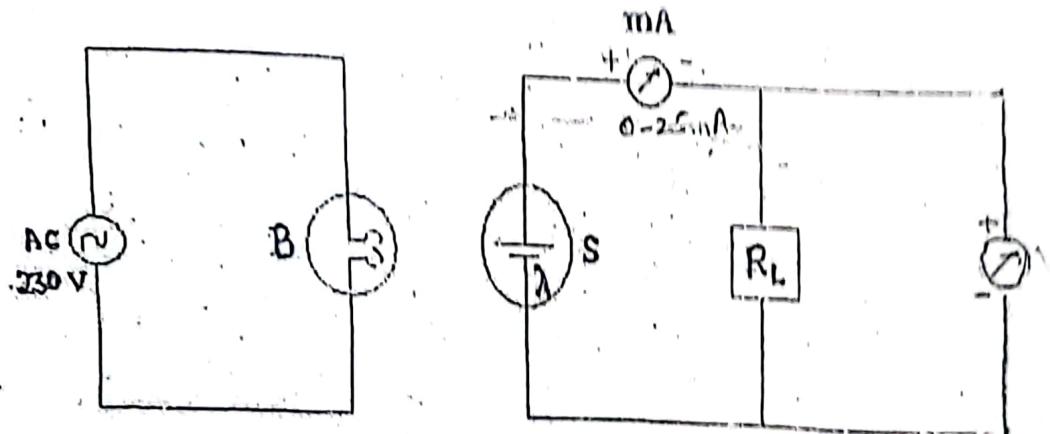
For the area of largest rectangle of V-I curve

$$3. \text{Fill Factor} = \frac{\text{Useful power}}{\text{Ideal power}} = \frac{V_m \times I_m}{V_0 \times I_s}$$

NATURE OF GRAPH



CIRCUIT DIAGRAM & EXPERIMENTAL CONNECTIONS



Where, B-Bulb, S-Solar cell, R_L-Load resistance, mA-Milliammeter & V-Voltmeter



PROCEDURE

1. Set up the circuit as shown in figure the solar cell power supply is connected to the bulb.
2. Place the solar cell at a particular distance from the variable light source
3. Vary intensity of the light source note down the voltage and current in the tabular column
4. Next note the short circuit current I_{sc} when the voltage across the solar cell is zero and open circuit voltage by removing the load resistance across the solar cell
5. Calculate power $P=VI$ for each reading
6. Plot the graph between the voltage versus current mark the maximum part.
7. Repeat the experiment by changing the distance between the solar cell and light source.

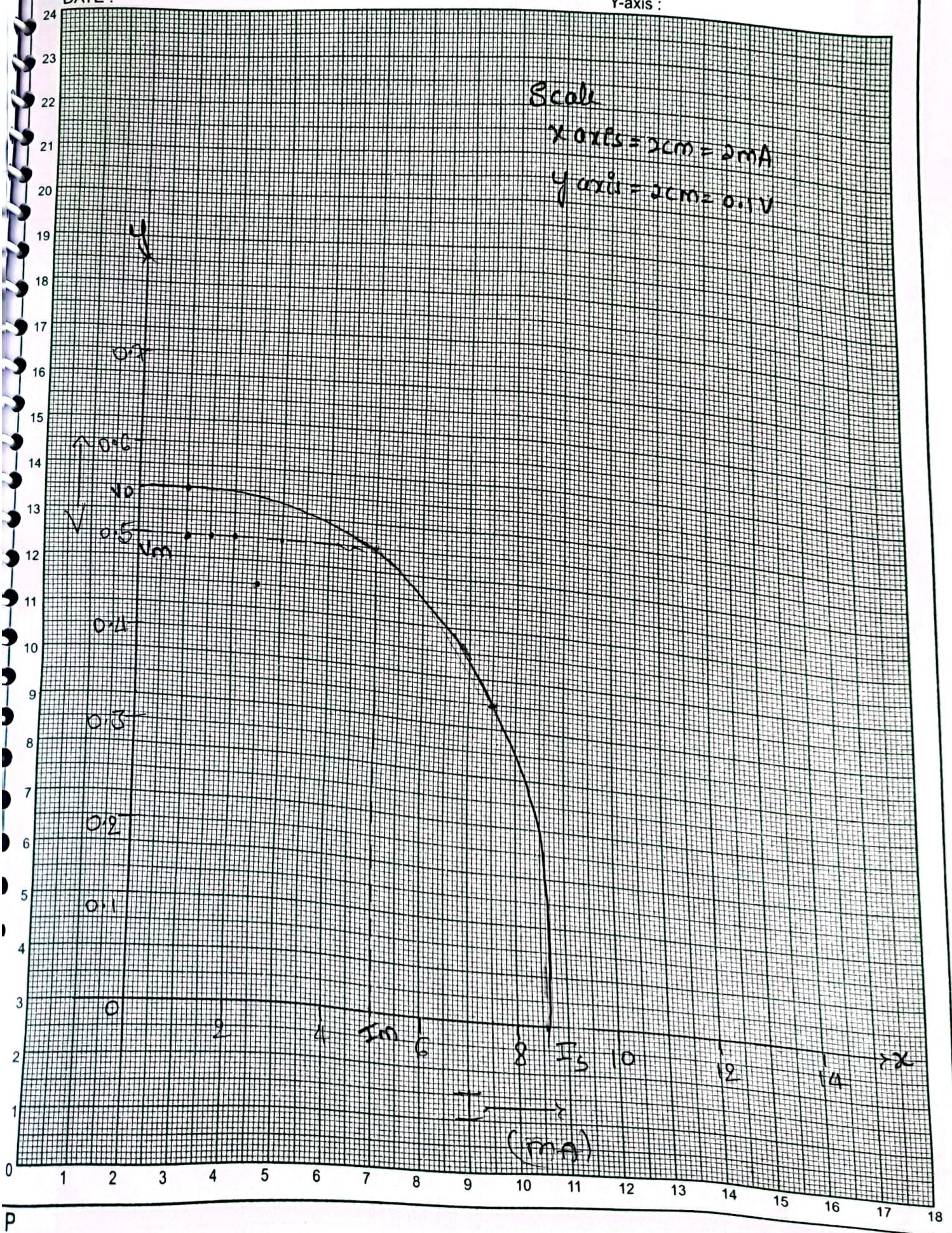
OBSERVATIONS & TABULAR COLUMN

1. Distance between lamp and cell, $d = 16 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$
2. Open circuit voltage, V_0 (when $RL = \infty$) = 0.55 V
3. Short circuit, I_s (When $RL = 0$) = 8.5 mA

Resistance R_L in ohms	Voltage V in volts	Current I in mA
50	0.35	7.5
100	0.5	5
150	0.45	2.5
200	0.5	3
250	0.5	1
300	0.5	2
400	0.5	1.5
500	0.5	1.5
600	0.55	1
700	0.55	1

EXPERIMENT NO. :

DATE :

SCALE X-axis :
Y-axis :

CALCULATION

1. Calculation Of Ideal Power:

From The Graph Of V-I: $V_0 = 0.55\text{v}$, $I_s = 8.5\text{mA}$

Ideal power of the cell = $V_0 \times I_s = 4.675\text{mW}$

2. Calculation Of Useful Power:

From The Graph Of V-I: $V_m = 0.5\text{ v}$, $I_m = 5\text{mA}$

Useful power of the cell = $V_m \times I_m$

= 2.5mW

3. Calculation Of Fill Factor:

$$\text{Fill factor} = \frac{\text{Useful power}}{\text{Ideal power}} = \frac{V_m \times I_m}{V_0 \times I_s}$$
$$= \frac{2.5}{4.675}$$
$$= \underline{0.53}$$

RESULT

Fill Factor of The Cell = 0.53

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