ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT & INSTRUMENTATION (BEC-29)



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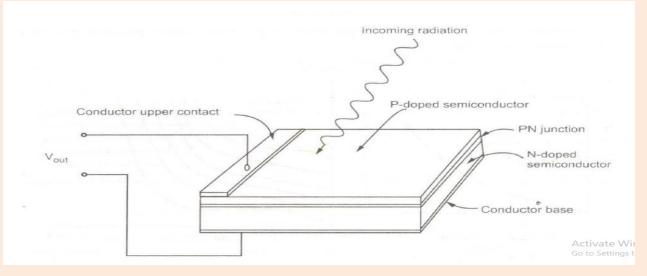
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Photo-Voltaic Cell

- Fig shows the typical structure of photovoltaic cell.
- It shows that cell is actually a PN-junction diode with appropriately doped semiconductors.
- When photons strike on the thin p-doped upper layer, they are absorbed by the electrons in the n-layer; which causes formation of conduction electrons and holes.
- These conduction electrons and holes are separated by depletion region potential of the pn junction.
- When load is connected across the cell, the depletion region potential causes the photocurrent to flow through the load.

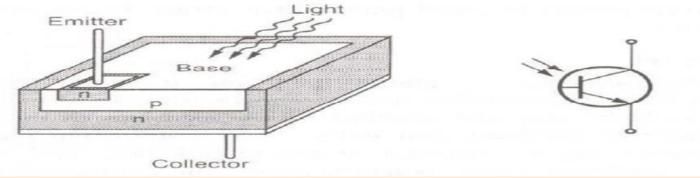


Phototransistors

- The photo transistor has a light sensitive collector to base junction. A lens is used in a transistor package to expose base to an incident light. When no light is incident, a small leakage current flows from collector to emitter called IeEO, due to small thermal generation. This is very small current, of the order of nA. This is called a **dark current**.
- When the base is exposed to the light, the base current is produced which is proportional to the light intensity. Such photo induced base current is denoted as I)...The resulting collector current is given by,

$$I_C \approx h_{fe} I_\lambda$$

• The structure of a phototransistor is shown in the Fig. while the symbol is shown in the Fig.



Assignment Questions

- Explain in brief the working of solar cell. State its applications.
- Explain the operation of a photodiode and phototransistor.
- State the advantages of Phototransistors.
- List the drawbacks of photodiode.

Conceptual Questions

- When the source of light is not sun light then the photo voltaic cell is used as _____
 - a) Photo diode
 - b) Photo voltaic cell
 - c) Photo detector
 - d) Photo transmitter
- The region where the electrons and holes diffused across the junction is called _____
 - a) Depletion Junction
 - b) Depletion region
 - c) Depletion space
 - d) Depletion boundary

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- The current produce by the solar cell can be given by _
 - a) $I_{L} I_{D} + I_{Sh}$ b) $I_{L} + I_{D} - I_{Sh}$ c) $I_{L} + I_{D} + I_{Sh}$ d) $I_{L} - I_{D} - I_{Sh}$
- The amount of photo generated current increases slightly with an increase in _____
 - a) Temperature
 - b) Photons
 - c) Diode current
 - d) Shunt current
- _____ is one of the most important materials is also known as solar grade silicon.
 - a) Crushed silicon
 - b) Crystalline silicon
 - c) Powdered silicon
 - d) Silicon

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- _ photo voltaic devices in the form of thin films.
- a) Cadmium Telluroide
- b) Cadmium oxide
- c) Cadmium sulphide
- d) Cadmium sulphate
 - _____ is a direct band gap material.
- a) Copper Indium Gallium Selenide
- b) Copper Selenide
- c) Copper Gallium Telluride
- d) Copper Indium Gallium Diselenide

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- Quantum dot solar cells are based on _____
 - a) Gratzel cell
 - b) Solar cell
 - c) Voltaic cell
 - d) Galvanic cell
- The quantum dot used are _____
 - a) Cds
 - b) CdTe
 - c) PbO
 - d) GaAs

THANK YOU