

# Photovoltaic cell



E [eV]



conductor

lot of  
electrons are free  
to move

semi-conductor

$e^-$

Conduction Band

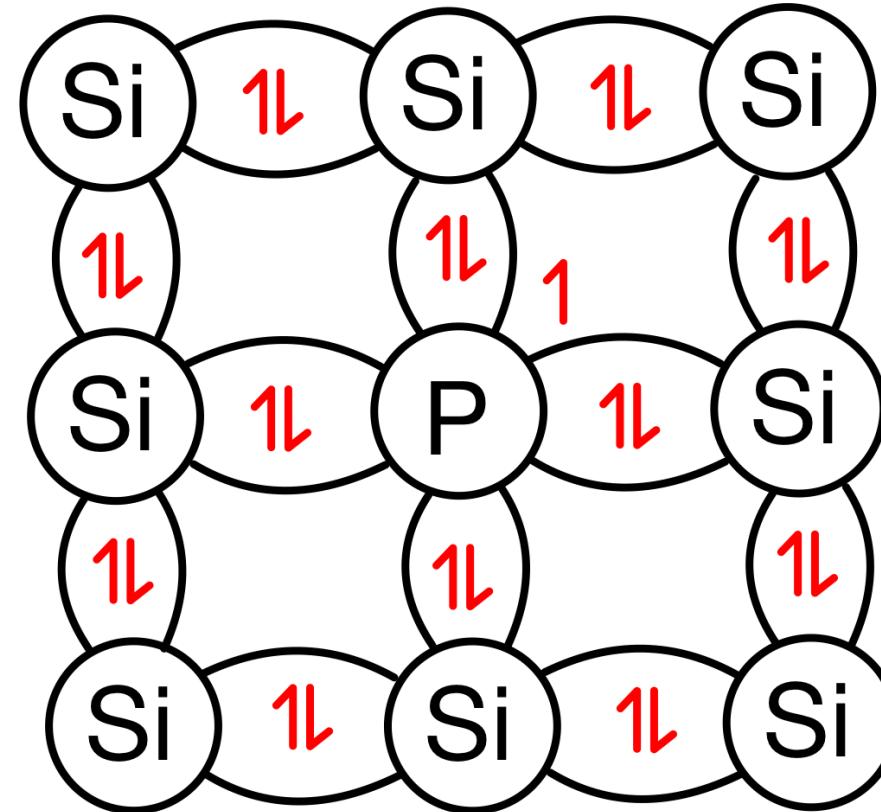
$h^+$  (holes)

Valence Band

# Doping = introducing charge carriers

## n-type

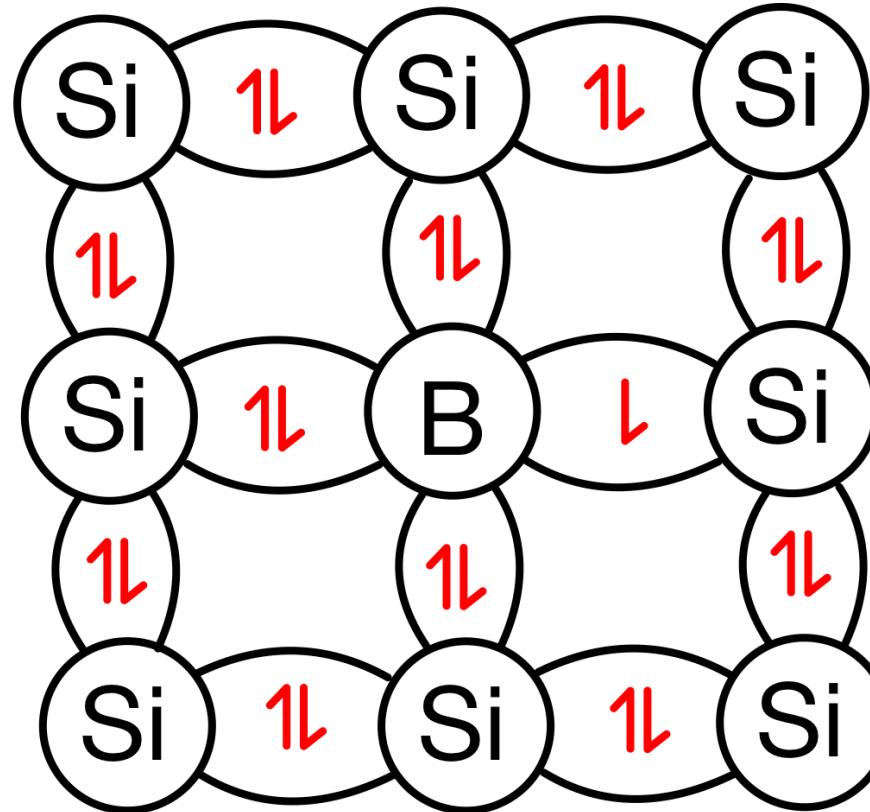
- Some silicones are replaced by phosphorus atoms.
- The excess of electron give rise to a free electron
- The Fermi level is above the middle of the band gap



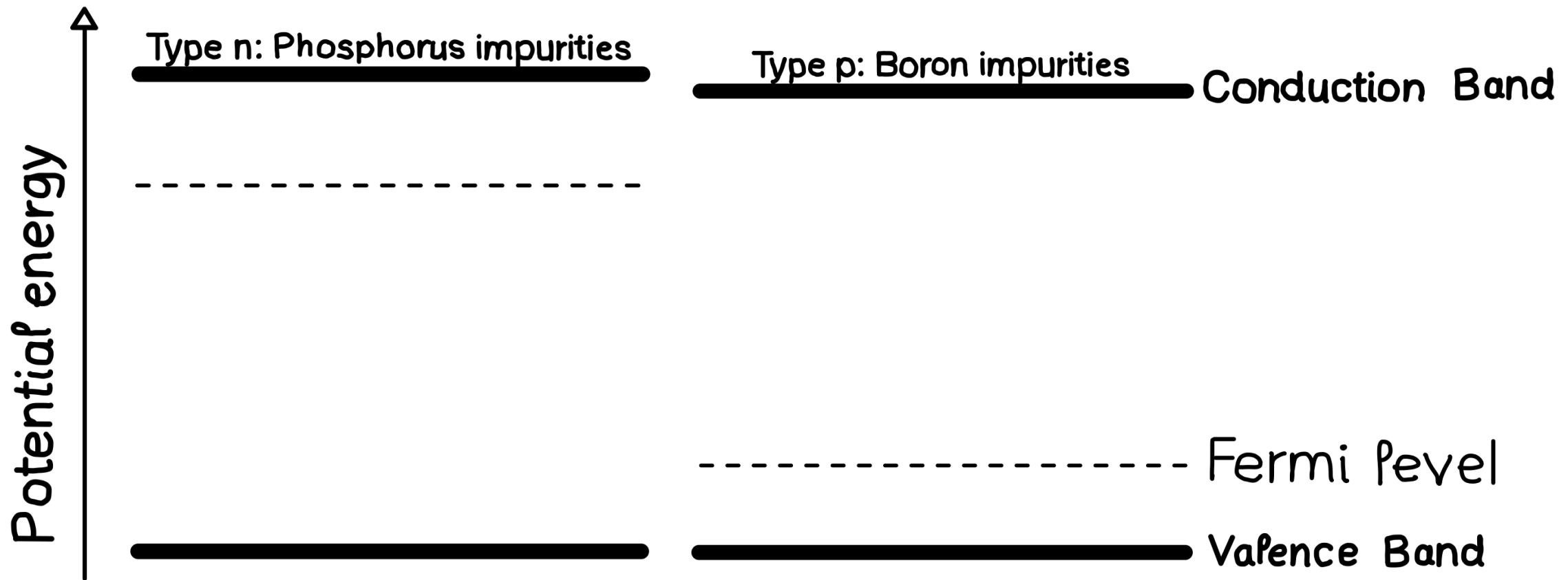
# Doping = introducing charge carriers

## p-type

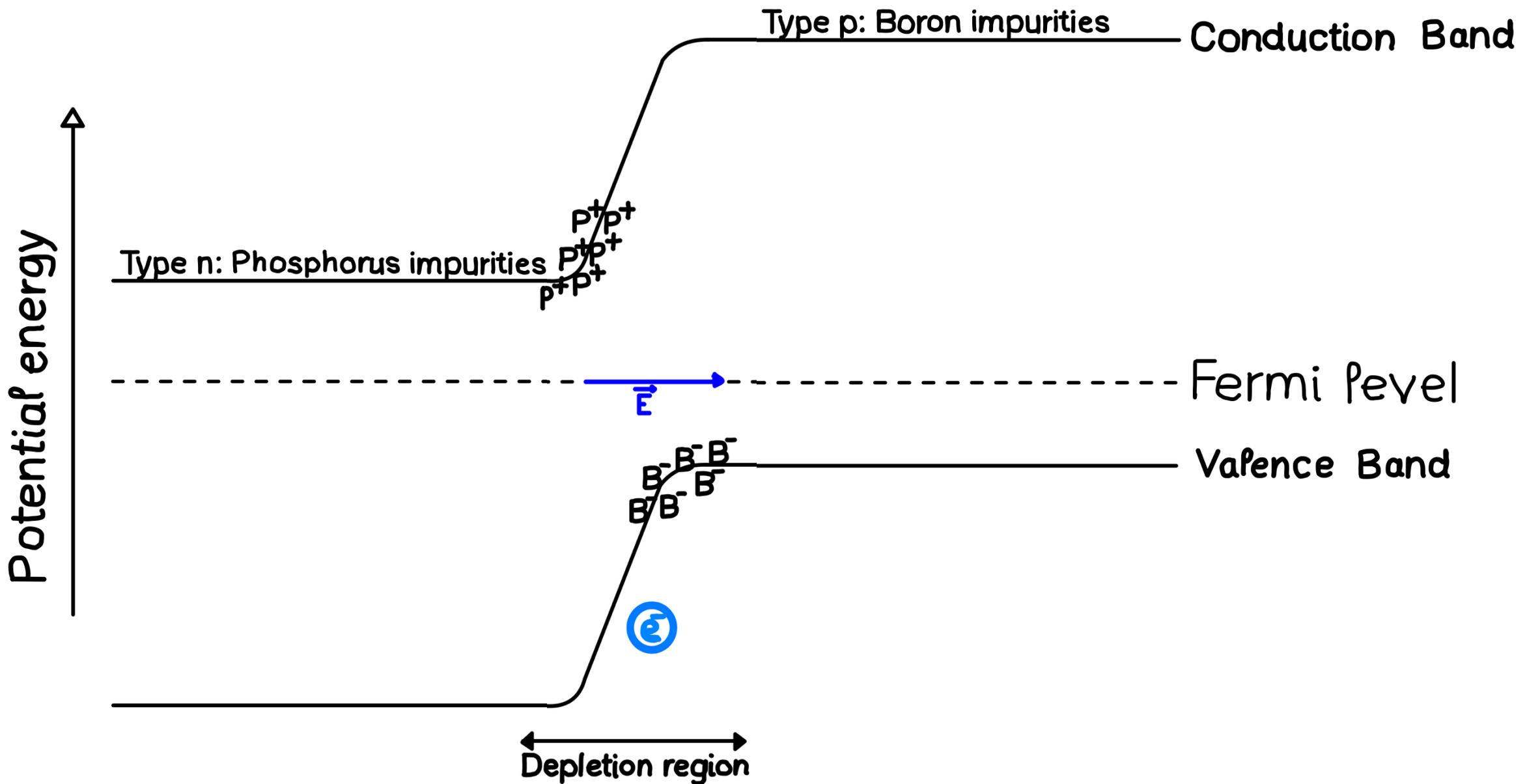
- Some silicon atoms are replaced by boron atoms.
- A lack of electron is called hole
- The Fermi level is below the middle of the band gap



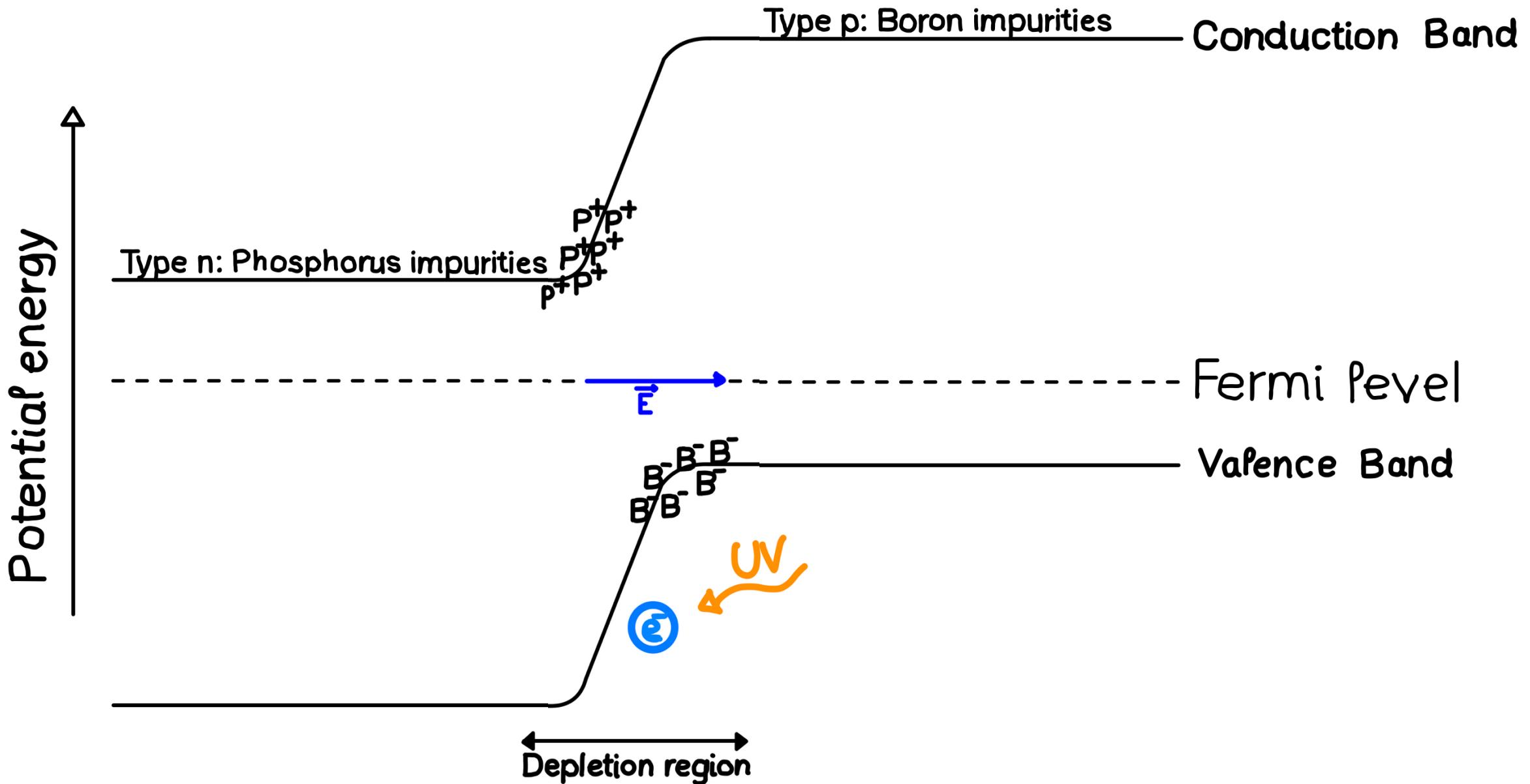
# P & N type semi-conductors Fermi levels

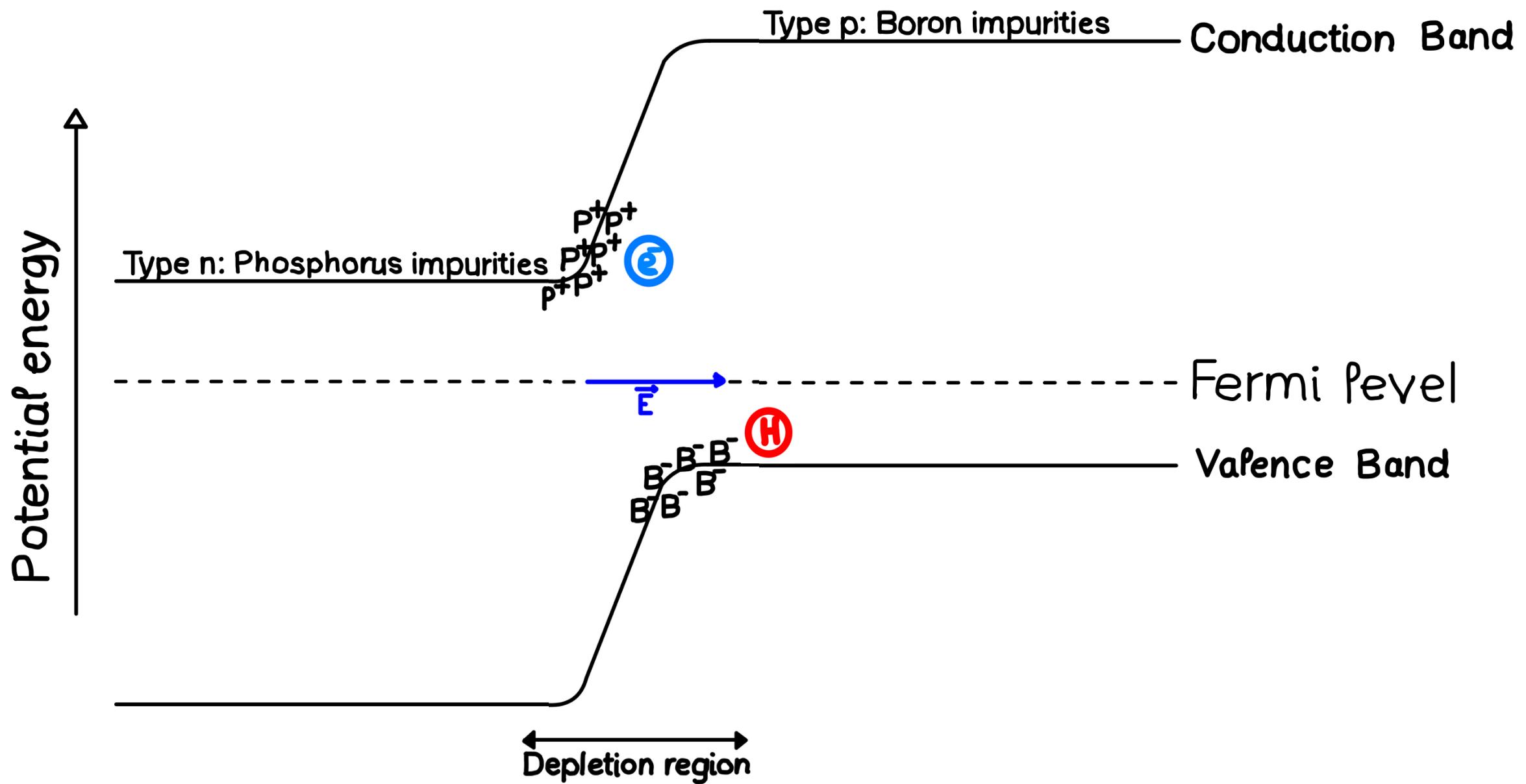


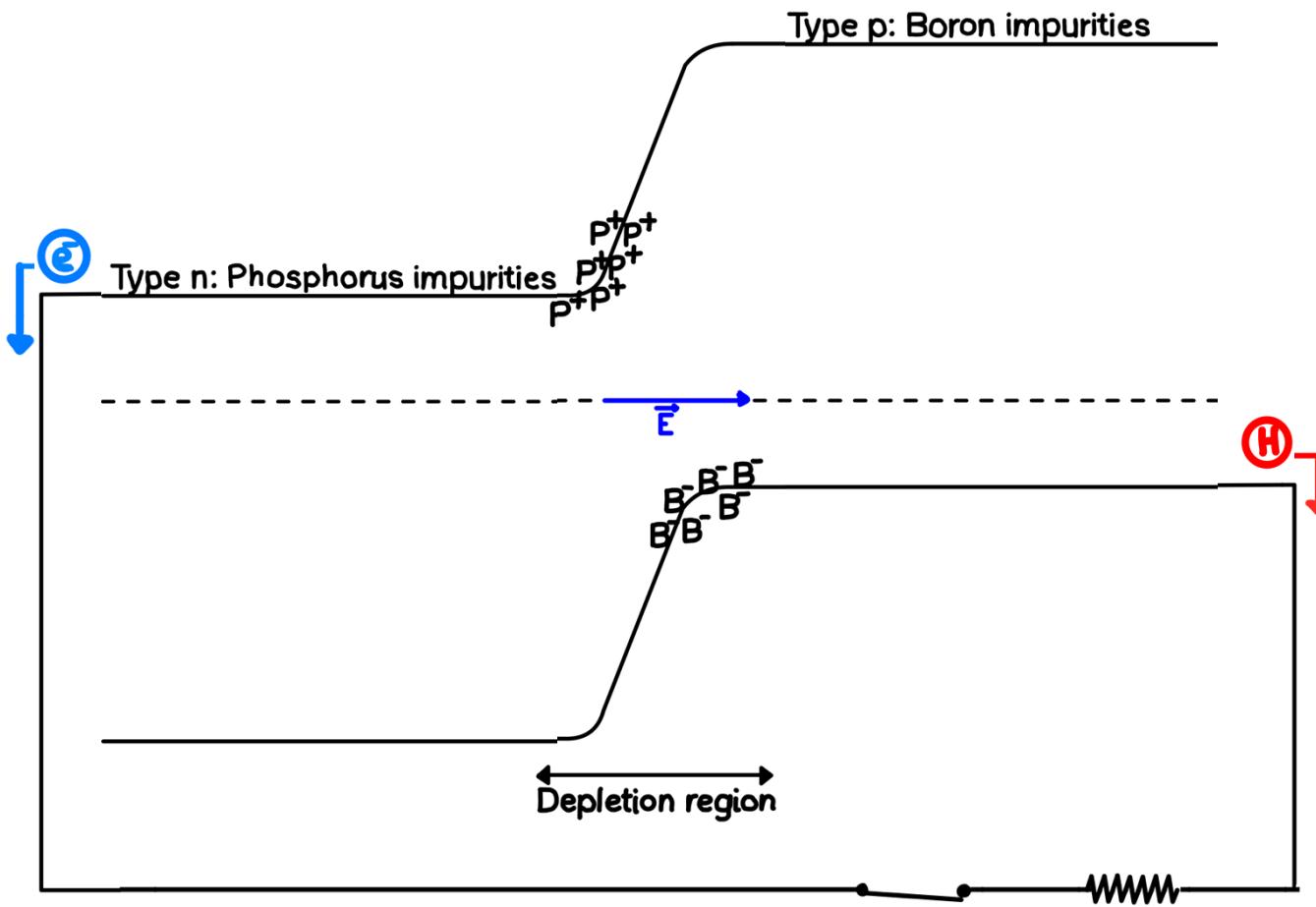
# Pn junction



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# Introduction

Goal:

- characterize the performance under varying conditions
- determine the properties and the best operating conditions

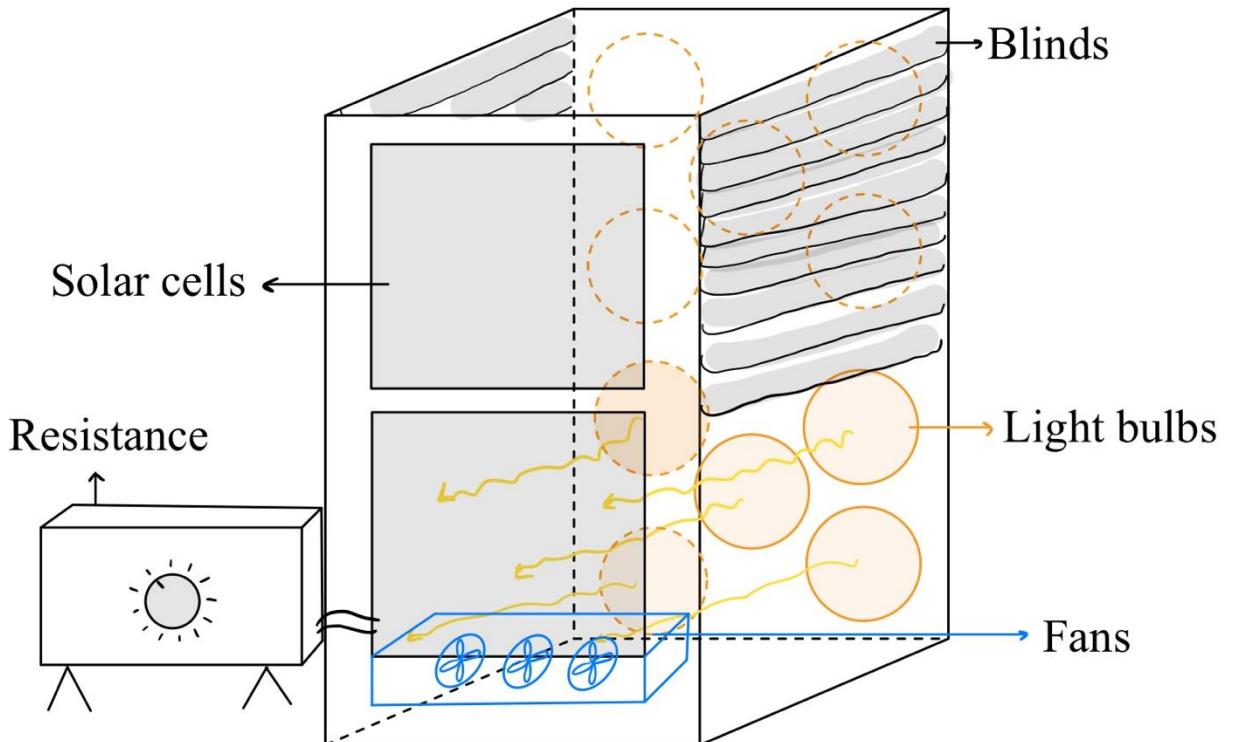
Current-voltage curve shows:

- short-circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ )
- Open-circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ )
- Fill factor (FF)
- Overall efficiency ( $\eta$ )

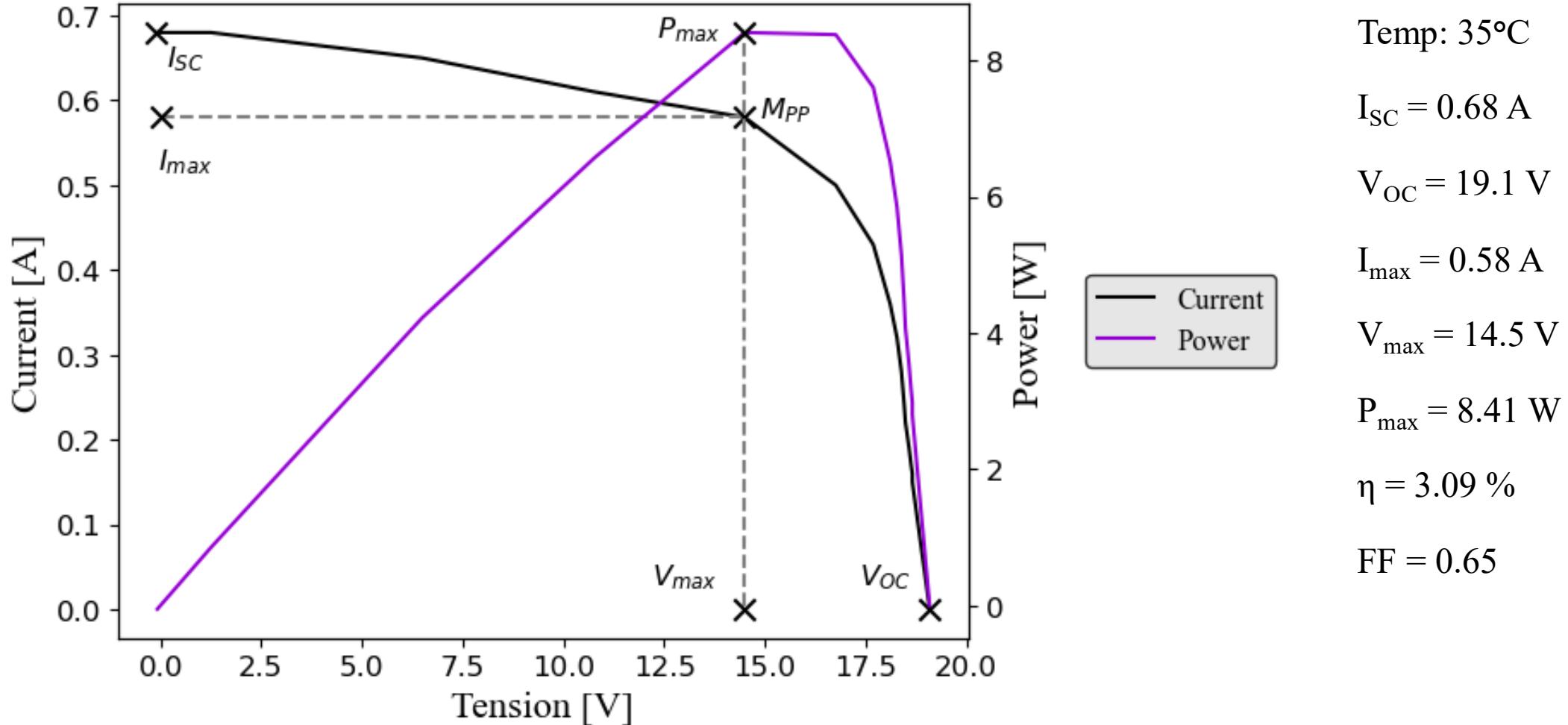
How does temperature and brightness affect these parameters ?

# Experimental part

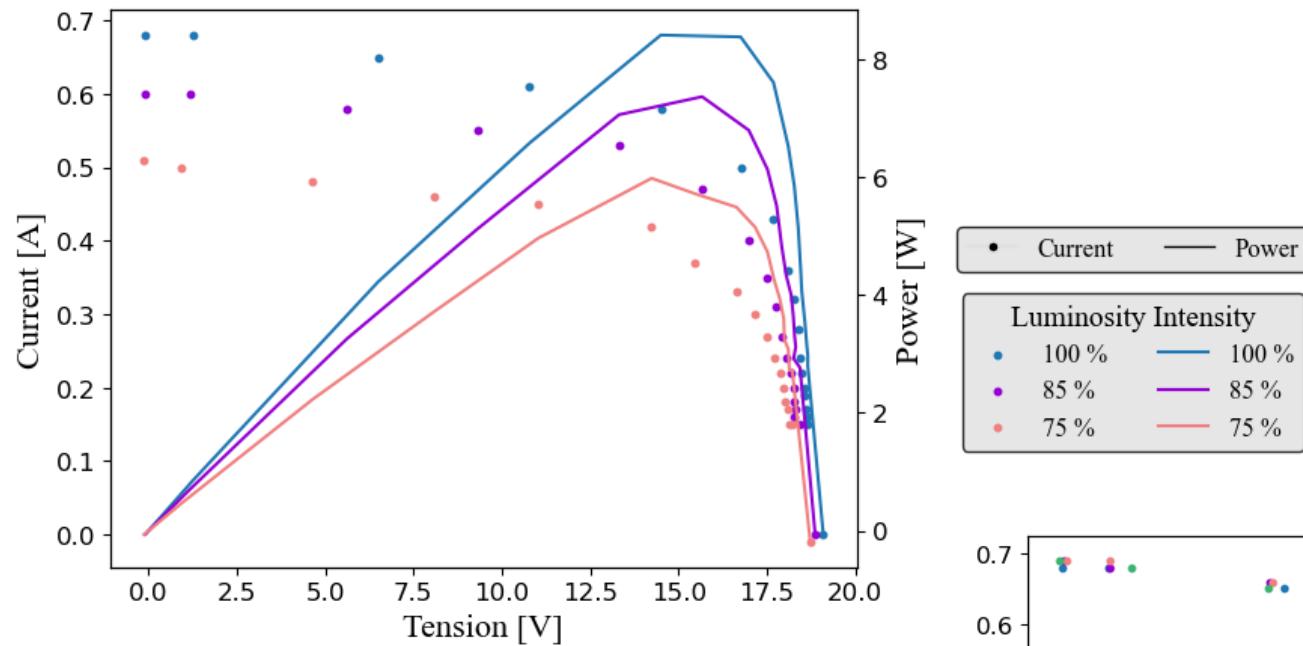
- Description of the apparatus
- Description of the manipulation
  - Constant intensity light = 100%, Temperature = 40, 45, 50 °C
  - Constant temperature = 35 °C, Intensity light = 75, 85, 100%
  - 6x 18 values taken



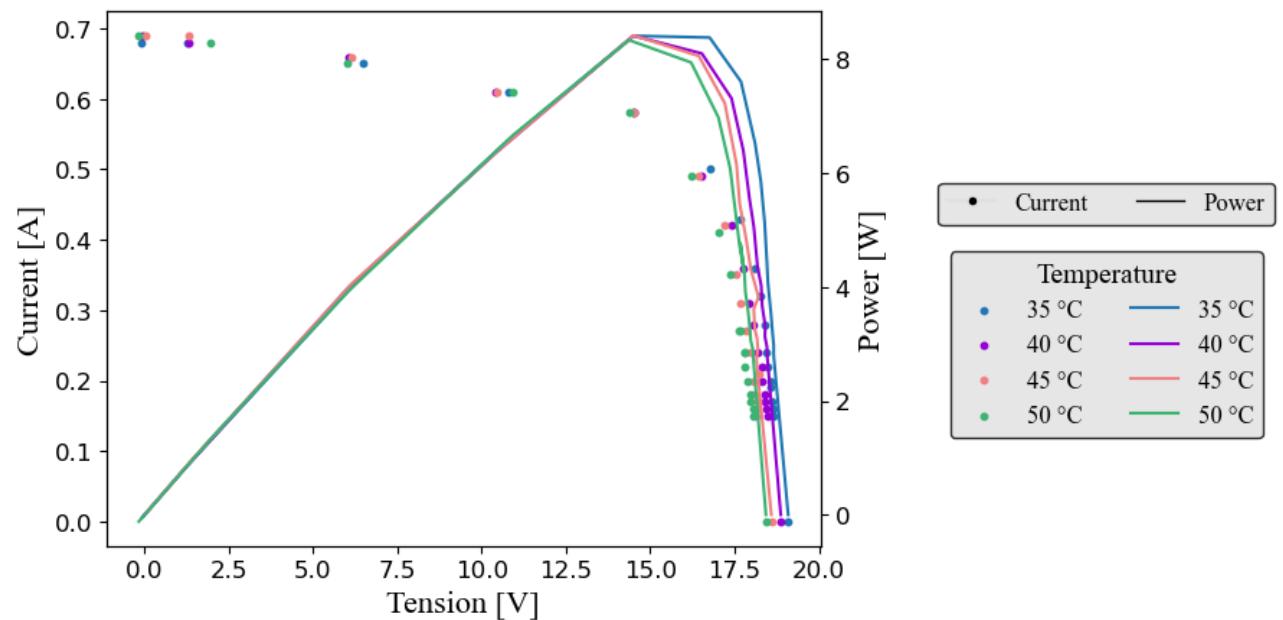
# Results & Discussion



# Influence of the temperature and light intensity

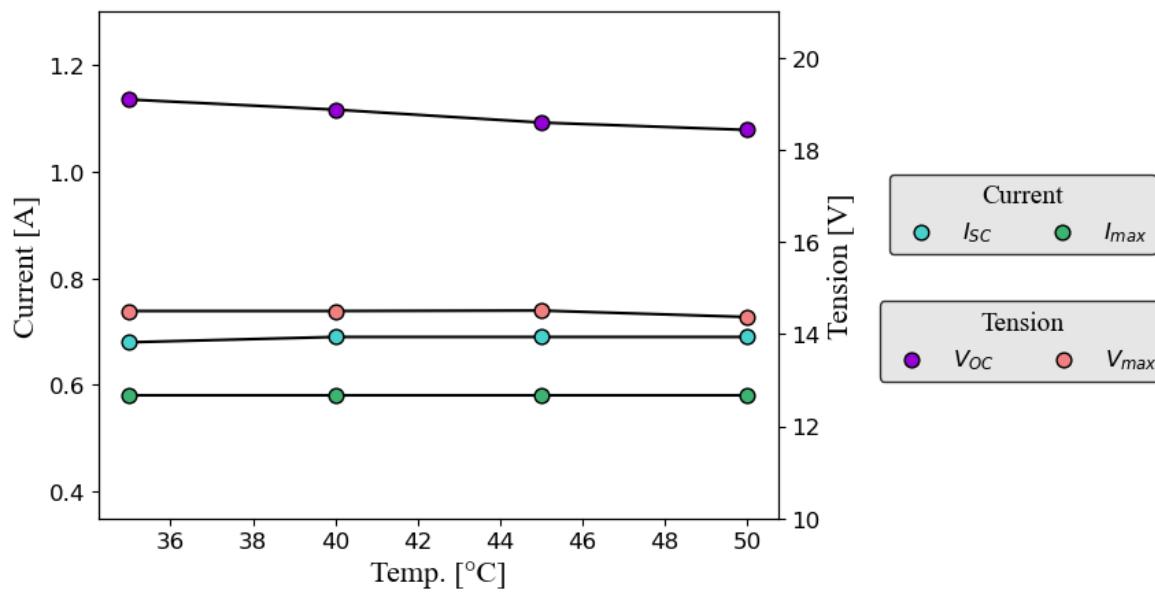


*Power:*

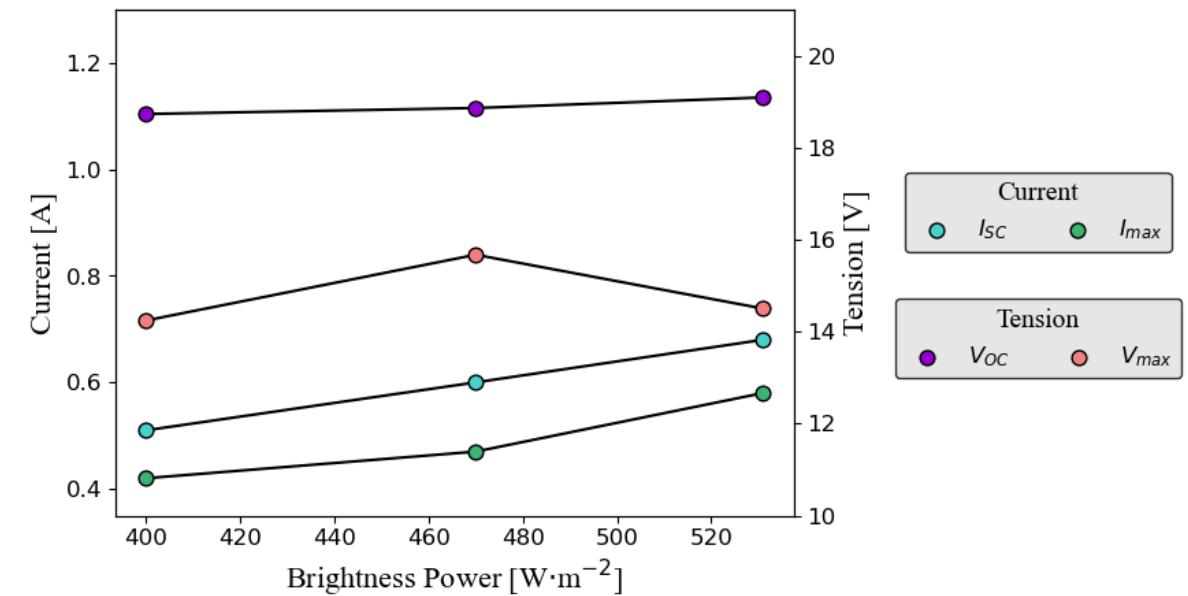


# Interest parameters

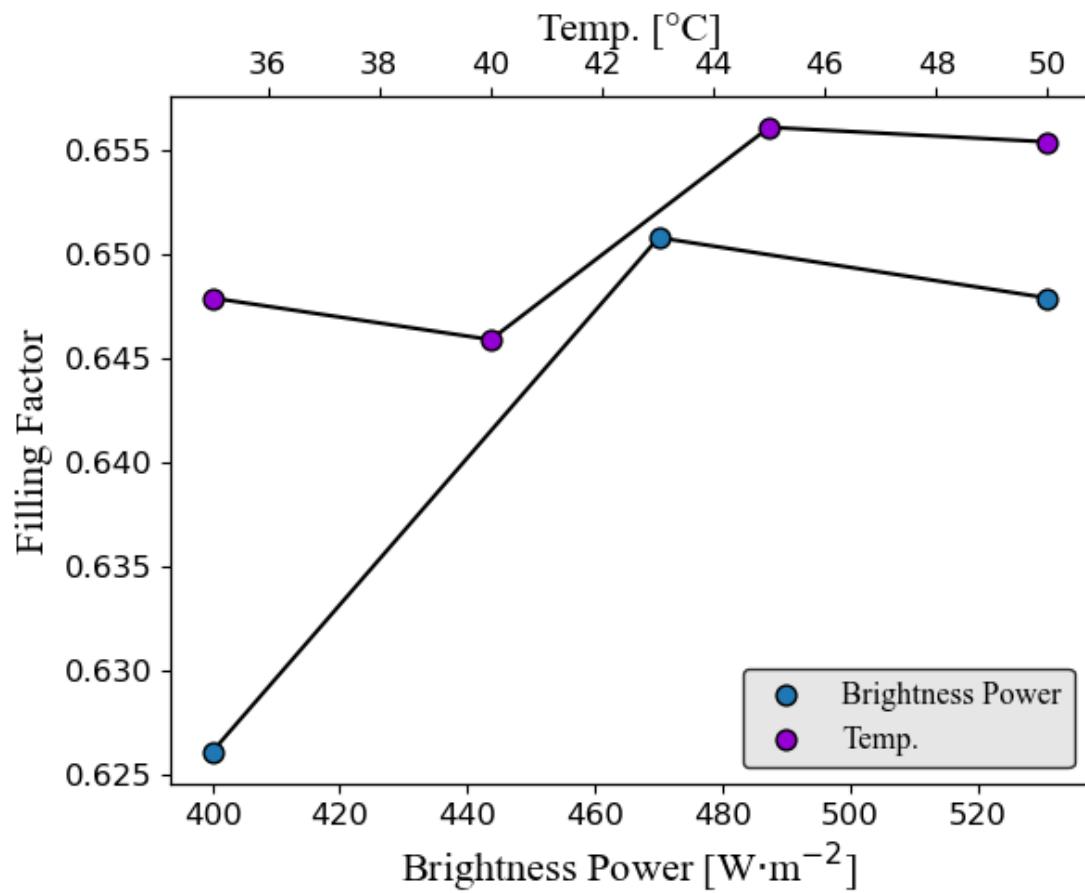
Temperature:



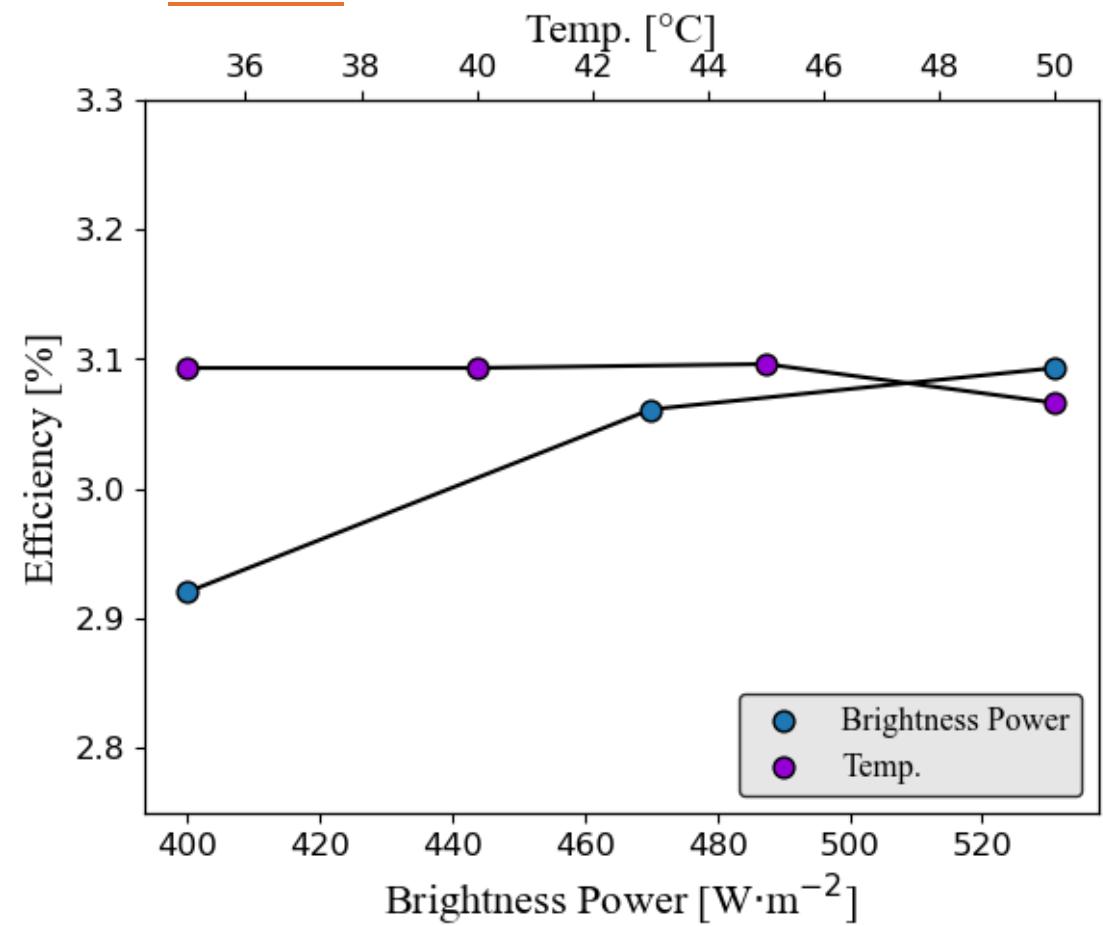
Luminosity intensity:

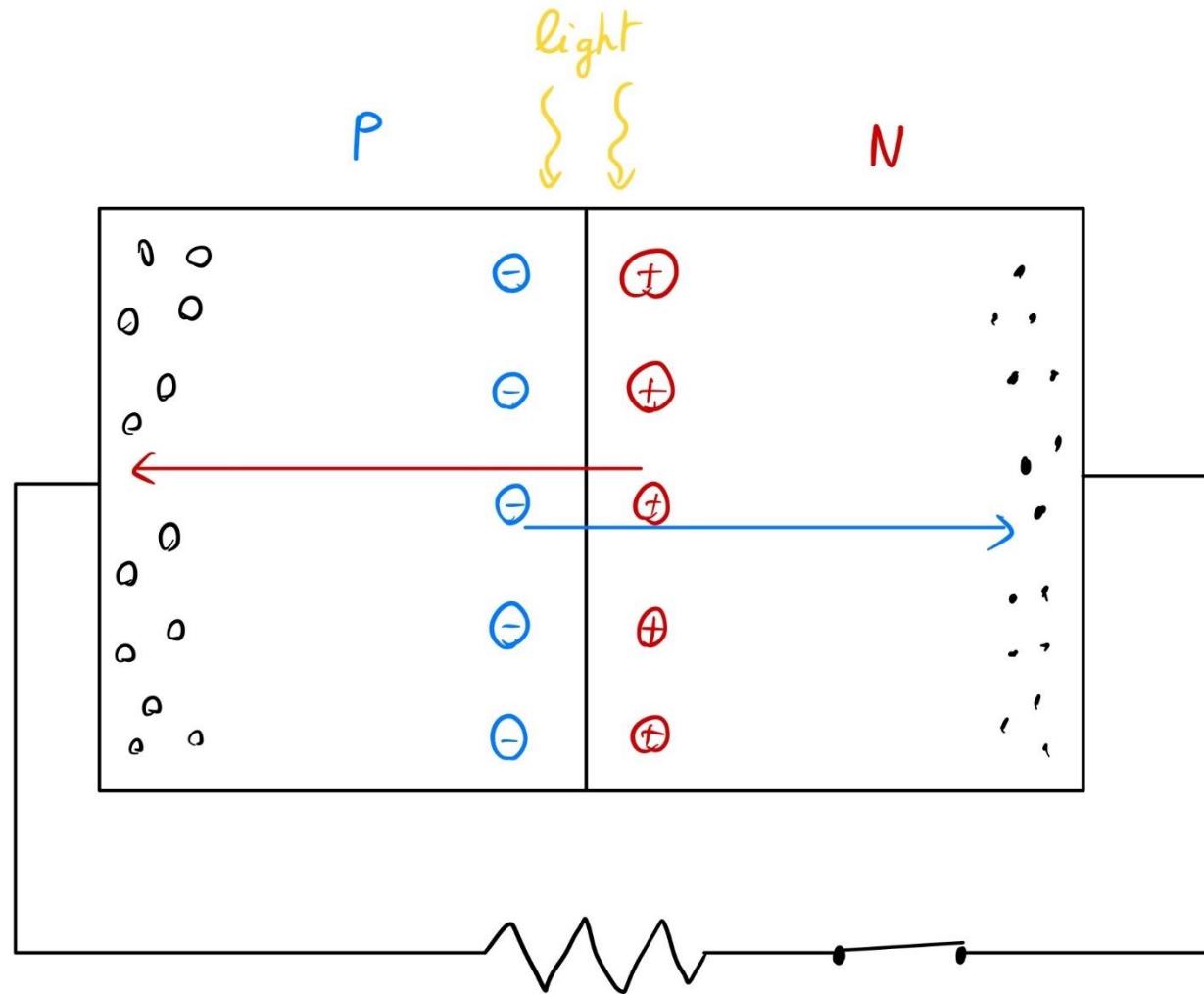


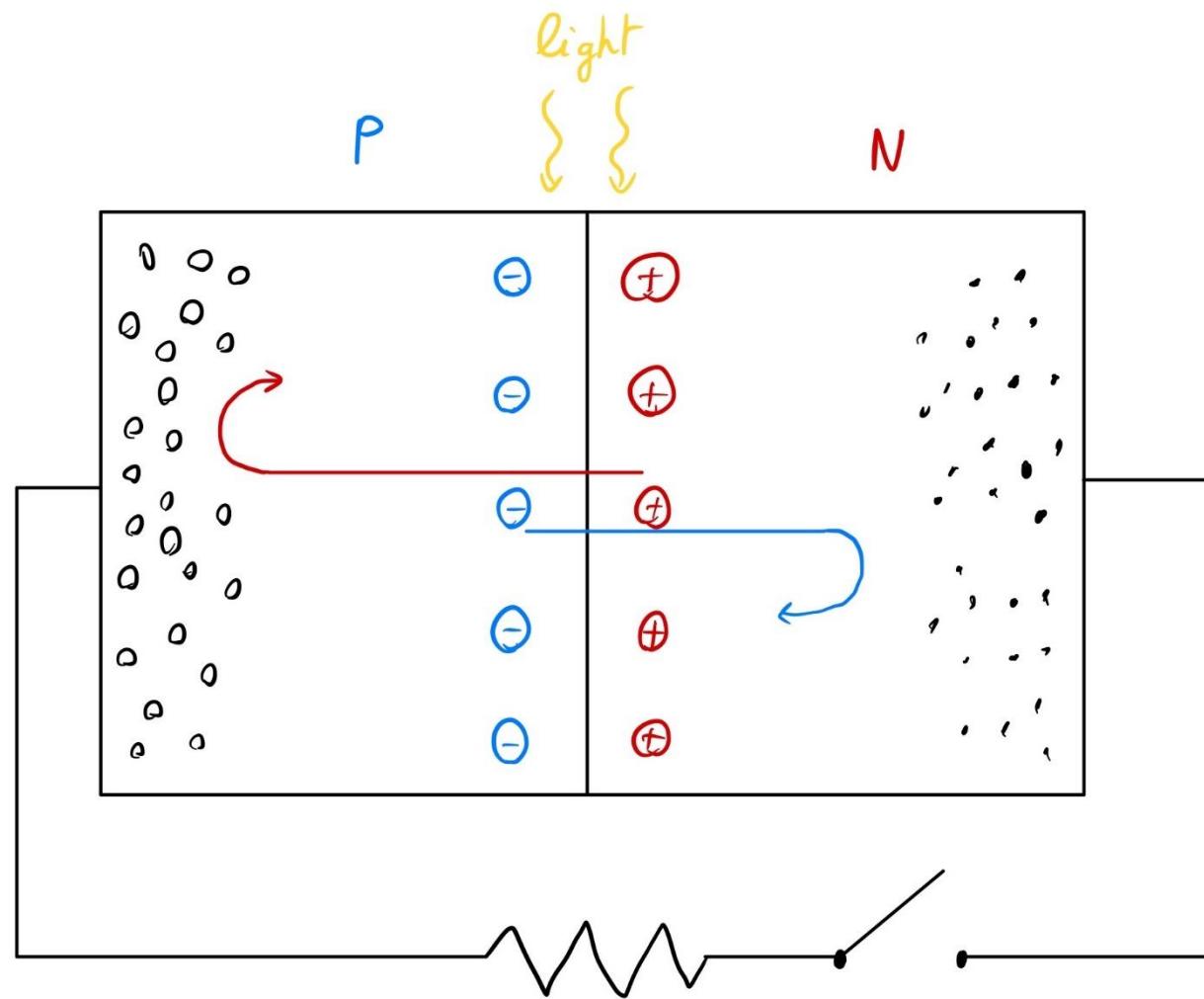
### Filling Factor:



### Efficiency:







# Conclusion

- The performance of the panel is affected by its age and usage.
- Optimal conditions: high intensity light and low temperature locations
- $\uparrow$  light intensity  $\rightarrow$  cst open circuit tension (Voc),  $\uparrow$  short circuit current (Isc).
- $\uparrow$  temperature  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  open circuit tension (Voc), cst short circuit current (Isc).

# Recommendations



# Attachments

- Literal formulas:

- Power:  $P = VI$

- Efficiency:  $\eta = \frac{P_{max}}{P_{light}S_{panel}} = \frac{I_{max}V_{max}}{P_{light}S_{panel}}$ ,

$$S_{panel} = 0.512 \text{ m}^2$$

$$P_{light} = 531 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$$

- Filling factor:  $FF = \frac{P_{max}}{I_{sc}V_{oc}} = \frac{I_{max}V_{max}}{I_{sc}V_{oc}}$

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Interest parameters as a function of the light intensity and the temperature.

	Intensity [W/m <sup>2</sup> ] (T=35 °C)			Temperature [°C] (I=100%)		
	531 (100%)	470 (85%)	400 (75%)	40 °C	45 °C	50 °C
$I_{sc}$	0.68	0.6	0.51	0.69	0.69	0.69
$V_{oc}$	19.1	18.9	18.7	18.9	18.6	18.4
$I_{max}$	0.58	0.47	0.42	0.58	0.58	0.58
$V_{max}$	14.5	15.67	14.24	14.5	14.51	14.37
FF	0.65	0.65	0.63	0.65	0.66	0.66
$\eta$	0.0309	0.0306	0.0292	0.0309	0.031	0.0081