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Topic:- Introduction of Peltier and Thomson effect.

⇒ Peltier effect is associated with an electric current which when is passed through two dissimilar conductor connected to form a thermo-couple, heat is evolved at one junction and absorbed at the other. The absorption and evolution of heat depends on the direction of flow of current.

⇒ Thomson effect is related to the emf that develops between two parts of the single metal when they are at different temp. Thus, Thomson effect is the

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absorption or evolution of heat along a conductor when current passes through it when one end of the conductor is hot and another is cold.

Peltier coefficient is defined as the amount of heat energy absorbed or evolved due to peltier effect at the junction of two dissimilar metals when one coulomb of charge passes through the junction. If a current density J is passed through a homogeneous conductor, the Thomson effect predicts a heat production rate \dot{q} per unit volume

$$\dot{q} = -kT \cdot \nabla T$$

∇T is gradient of temp T and k is the Thomson coefficient.