Solar Energy

Examining How Angle and Temperature Affect Solar Panels



Engaging in Argument from Evidence

1. Based on what you know about photovoltaic cells, why do you think you got these results?

Temperature and Output: What is the Optimal Temperature for Solar Panel Output?

Temperature and Output		
Time	Temperature (°C)	Voltage (Volts)
0:00	Room Temp.:	
0:30		
1:00		
1:30		
2:00		
2:30		
3:00		
3:30		
4:00		

Whole Class Data

Angle and Output: Whole Class		
Group	Angle – Max Voltage (°)	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Temperature and Output: Whole Class			
Group	Temp Max Voltage (°C)	Temp Min Voltage (°C)	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

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- 2. Based on the results of these studies, what recommendations would you give for setting up solar panels to produce the most energy?
- 3. How could growing crops under the solar panels affect the energy produced?