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TASK 1:

Provide a summary of the main concepts that went through about solar radiation

(formulas are not needed)

Solar radiation, often called the solar resource, is a general term for the electromagnetic

radiation emitted by the sun. Solar radiation can be captured and turned into useful forms of

energy, such as heat and electricity, using a variety of technologies. However, the technical

feasibility and economical operation of these technologies at a specific location depends on

the available solar resource.

About half of the radiation is in the visible short-wave part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

The other half is mostly in the near-infrared part, with some in the ultraviolet part of the

spectrum. The units of measure are Watts per square meter.

Solar radiation absorption is due to some atmospheric components, especially ozone, water

and carbon dioxide. Stratospheric ozone absorbs all the ultraviolet component of the solar

radiation for wave length less than 0.29µm, water vapour has important absorption bands in

the infrared field, centred at 1.0, 1.4 and 1.8 µm. Over 2.5 µm the atmosphere becomes

practically opaque to solar radiation for the strong absorption due to water and carbon

dioxide.

The maximum yearly average solar radiation density is the solar constant, which is the solar

irradiance, its value is 1367 W/m².

TASK 2:

Create a pdf file with screenshots of all of the steps we went through in the second lesson on open Studio











