

CWSF 2012 - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island



Fun in the Sun - Improving the Efficiency of Grätzel Cells

Challenge: Energy

Category: Intermediate

Region:

City: ,

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Abstract: The effectiveness of Grätzel cells was examined, testing ten independent variables (type of pure dye, mixed berry dyes, dye preparation, surface area, dye pigments, light source, dyeing process, TiO₂ suspension, type of TiO₂, and type of solar cell) to optimize electrical energy produced. Results indicated that an absorbed, raspberry, anthocyanin, 1", nano-particle TiO₂ cell, placed in a sunny location is the most efficient Grätzel cell.

Awards	Value
Excellence Award - Intermediate - Bronze Medal Sponsor: Nuclear Waste Management Organization	\$300
Western University Scholarship Bronze Medallist - \$1000 Entrance Scholarship Sponsor: Western University	\$1 000
Total	\$1 300