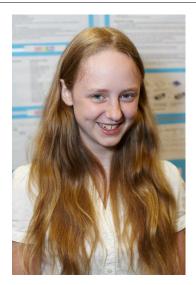




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Fun in the Sun - Improving the Efficiency of Grätzel Cells

Challenge: Energy

Category: Intermediate

Region: City: School:

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	\$300
Sponsor: Nuclear Waste Management Organization	
Western University Scholarship	\$1 000
Bronze Medallist - \$1000 Entrance Scholarship	
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