

## CWSF 2012 - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island



### 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, TiO<sub>2</sub> suspension, type of TiO<sub>2</sub>, and type of solar cell) to optimize electrical energy produced. Results indicated that an absorbed, raspberry, anthocyanin, 1", nano-particle TiO<sub>2</sub> 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