

### CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

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**Project Number** 

# S0802

#### **Project Title**

## Water Works: The Effect of the Density of Water on the Wattage Output of an Hydroelectric Generator

#### **Objectives/Goals**

Abstract

I was trying to find out if a higher density liquid would create a higher electrical output when passed through an hydroelectric generator at the same rate of flow as a lower density liquid.

#### Methods/Materials

I concocted three solutions - water, water with 1/2 the maximum soluble amount of sugar, and water with the maximum soluble amount of sugar - and ran them through a homemade hydroelectric generator.

#### Results

The results show that the highest density liquid created considerably more electricity than the medium density liquid or the lower density liquid.

#### Conclusions/Discussion

There are no major outliers in the data, and the results support my hypothesis.

#### **Summary Statement**

I built a hydroelectric generator and tested it's electrical output based upon the density of the liquids that I ran through it.

#### **Help Received**

Borrowed Equipment from Tam High Science Department; Sister (Freshman at Harvey Mudd) helped with technical details; Cousin (Phd from Cornell) helped with density related problems.