

## CALIFORNIA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR 2019 PROJECT SUMMARY

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## **Project Title**

# Archimedean Faucet: A Miniature Hydraulic Turbine

#### **Abstract**

### **Objectives**

The objective of this project was to produce an Archimedean Screw Generator in the form of a faucet the efficiently utilized the flow of sink water to generate electricity.

#### **Methods**

I used a 3D printed Archimedean Screw to convert the potential energy of flowing water into mechanical energy, which was then converted into electrical energy by a DC motor that operated as a generator. The entire system was contained in a 3D printed prism that served as the spout of the faucet.

#### Results

The third prototype of the Archimedean Faucet did not generate a sufficient amount of electricity because the Archimedean Screw, which the entire electrical generation is dependent on, did not rotate. However, I discovered that Archimedean Screw rotates when resistance is eliminated from the turbine.

#### **Conclusions**

I concluded that an Archimedean Screw Generator can be efficiently implemented to a faucet as long as the turbine rotation is maintained.

## **Summary Statement**

I designed a miniature Archimedean hydraulic turbine in the form of a faucet.

#### **Help Received**

I did not recieve any form of assistance in the research, design, or construction of the project.