

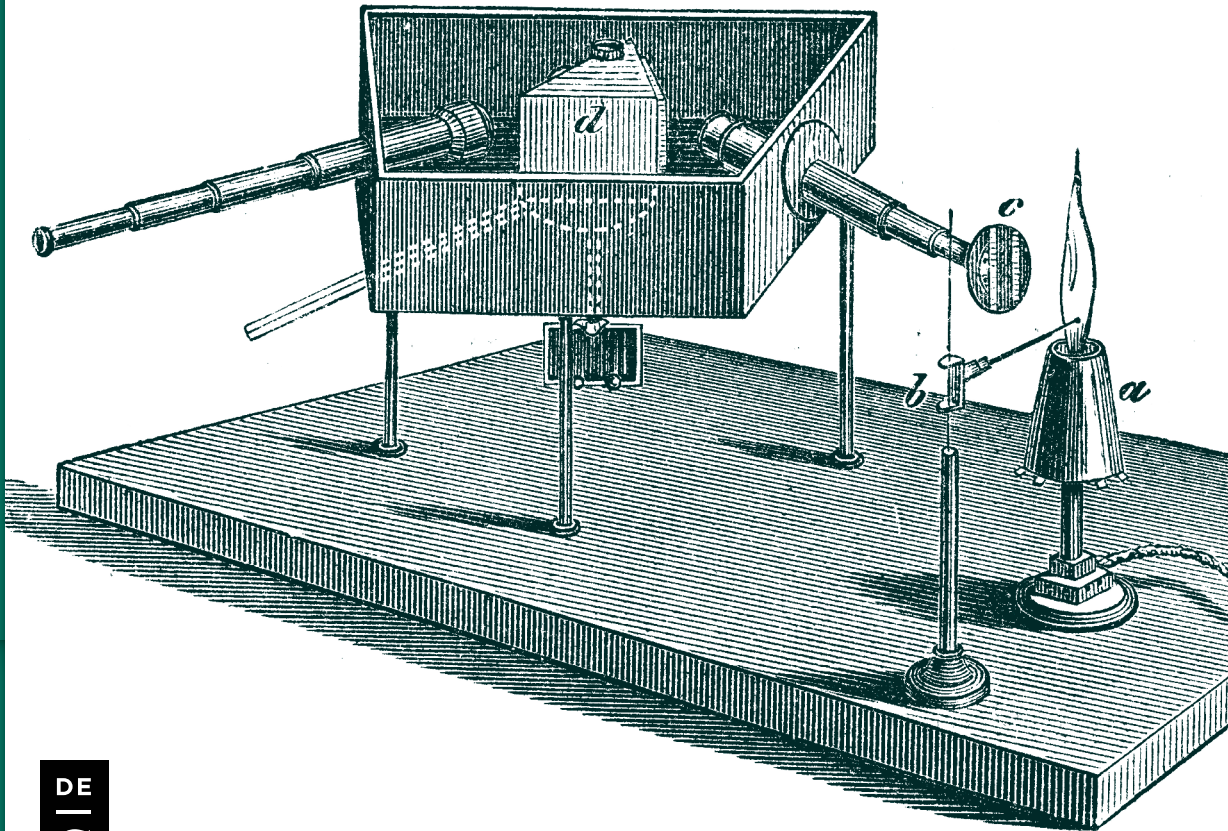
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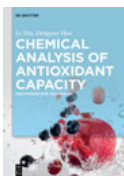
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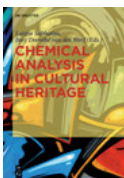
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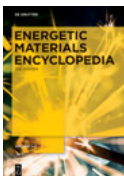
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Preface

The scientist has a lot of experience with ignorance and doubt and uncertainty . . .

[Richard Feynman, American physicist.], [10, 11, 12, 13, 14]

[. . .]

“Child,” said the Queen, “what do you want to do when you grow up?”

“I want to understand,” said Michael, almost without thinking.

“You want to understand?”

“Yes, your Majesty.”

“What do you want to understand?”

“Everything,” said Michael desperately. “I want to understand about people, I want to understand about machines . . . I – I want to know everything there is to know.”

The Queen patted his head. “You want too much child. You want far too much.”

[Edmund Cooper, *The Overman Culture*, 1971, 1974.], [15, 16, 17]

[. . .]

1.1 Intent

The intention of this book is to try to explain about science in legal processes and about law in the application of science – all developed from fundamental concepts; and to try to present this in a simple and understandable way. When, for some readers, more detail than wanted is offered, notation is also given about skimming or skipping, while still receiving some of the concepts. The science discussed centres around analytical chemistry; in the context of the legal systems historically derived from, and still related to, the *Common Law of England* – of Canada, USA, [18] UK and the Commonwealth. It is hoped that the various aspects of science and law explained in this book’s several chapters can come together to equip the reader with a good essential understanding of what forensic chemistry is about.

1.2 Wherefrom; why; audience

Throughout my practice of criminal law defence, I have taken particular interest in forensic science, as a chemist; and chemistry prompted my involvement in workplace health and safety law (part of labour law) as my first area of interest.

In past years, I have tried to explain forensic chemistry in various written formats; sometimes more successfully than at other times. Various scientific issues and explanations have appeared incidental to legal issues, in written court pleadings; or as my own notes. This book is to try to give a comprehensive general treatment of

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forensic chemistry's fundamental concepts;¹ with examples; and with many endnotes to help document what is presented and for further information that some readers might want [19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25].^{2,3}

In retrospect, this book is a kind of a law practice notebook [26]^{4,5} of forensics that, at various times I contemplated, and sometimes used – some-fewer times with some success – before the courts, including plea bargains that might not have otherwise happened. But even when not successful as before the courts, in whatever way, some presentations were successful in that they helped me better understand the science and the law; and maybe helped the judge understand it too – notwithstanding an adverse ruling. Such understanding is especially true for the very essentials of forensic science, that do not obviously show up in court presentations. And, importantly, inadequacies in past presenting might be prevented from happening again.

Hopefully, this book would be useful to lawyers, students and judges for when the law involves science. And to scientists, engineers, health practitioners and students, for when they would be concerned with legal matters. Also, importantly, it is hoped that this book would be of interest to citizens who should be the ultimate critics and overseers of public policy and governance.

2.1 An explain book

This book is designed to explain⁶ concepts of both science and law by way of presenting theory, with reference to simple examples [27, 28].⁷ Hopefully, readers would gain an appreciation of what forensic chemistry is about, along with important underlying concepts, and a knowledge of where to look for more details and how to understand them. Explanations of concepts of forensic methods are dealt with in Chapter 6.⁸

1 Forensic analytical chemistry; chemistry more generally. Otherwise than forensic – useful for understanding; & perhaps a few digressions. Preface 2.4.

2 The endnotes are intended for data of direct and relevant interest; also included are some of peripheral and allegorical interest. The footnotes are intended only for data of direct and relevant interest; usually for cross-referencing of topics within this book.

3 Endnotes and footnotes. Preface 1.2, Preface 2.1, Preface 3.1.

4 As a kind of law practice notebook. Author's biases. Preface 1.2, Chapter 6.

5 Author's biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 1, 4, 10 & 11.

6 An explain book. Not encyclopaedic. References. Preface 2, Preface 3.1, Chapter 6.

7 Endnotes and footnotes. Preface 1.2, Preface 2.1, Preface 3.1.

8 Concept. Scientific methods. Preface 2.1, Chapter 6.

I have tried to develop explanations carefully from essential concepts. I hope this would be especially helpful to readers with limited science or law backgrounds; what may be important to them may seem tedious and trite to the more experienced, who may want to skip through some of it. But, the more experienced might also see it as an important introductory formalism.

Readers with limited science backgrounds might safely only skim, for bare concept, if not skip over, the more detailed scientific explanations, without too much loss of meaning of the main theme text.

Also, explanations developed from essential concepts risk including too much tedious detail for the sake of comprehensiveness. Some readers may also want to skim or skip through some of this and go on to more directly related forensic matters.⁹

2.2 Gedankenexperiment

Some of the examples used to help explain theory are cited from real sources, and also sometimes from fictional literature [29].^{10,11} But, many other examples are as *Gedankenexperiment* [30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35] – thought experiments.¹² As used in this book, [36] these are fictitious examples concocted to illustrate the concepts that are attempted to be explained.

Thought experiments are for things and movements imagined as real – that could be real – but a description of how they logically must work is sufficient to consider the concepts. Thought descriptions are convenient; practical construction would be difficult and expensive – some so much so as to be effectively impossible in practice, or actually impossible; but are important in principle.

That parts of a *Gedankenexperiment* may be improbable – or beyond – perhaps over-concocted – should not detract from its usefulness as a tool of explanation – convenient for both author and reader. *Gedankenexperiment* also allows for convenient alternate variations for further explanation.

Gedankenexperiment is a concept borrowed from physics. Some famous examples (details beyond the scope of this book):

- The clock in the box [37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44] of Niels Bohr and Albert Einstein
- The cat that is/is not alive in another box, [45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56]¹³ of Erwin Schrödinger

⁹ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

¹⁰ *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

¹¹ Fictional literature. Christie. Poe. Preface 2.2, Chapters 5 & 8.

¹² Fictional literature. Ethylene glycol. CAS 107-21-1. Preface 2.2, Chapters 4 & 7.

¹³ Schrödinger's cat. Preface 2.2, Chapter 4.

- A *Jeans* cube [57, 58, 59, 60]
- The stone dropped from a moving railway carriage, measured with two clocks in different places of observation, of Albert Einstein [61, 62]

2.3 Ink analysis

In this book, ink analysis, for examination of suspected forged documents, is used for main examples,¹⁴ – chosen over the more recently popularly modern DNA [63, 64]¹⁵ analysis and proteomics, [65, 66] which would unnecessarily complicate the presentation of essential forensic principles with more complex chemistry.

However, document examination – of ink and otherwise – has a popularity of its own – with interesting historical stories – for famous fakes such as:

- Howard Hughes “Mormon will” [67, 68]
- Hitler diary [69]
- JFK-Marilyn Monroe papers [70, 71]
- Letter forgeries of Lee Israel [72, 73, 74, 75]

Perhaps the most famous document examinations involved the – *bordereau* and *petit bleu*, [76] and the letters forged by Colonel Hubert Henry, [77] offered as evidence against Captain Alfred Dreyfus – the Dreyfus Affair of the Third Republic of France [78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85].^{16,17}

. . . *J'accuse les trois experts en écritures, les sieurs Belhomme, Varinard et Couard, d'avoir fait des rapports mensongers et frauduleux, à moins qu'un examen médical ne les déclare atteints d'une maladie de la vue et du jugement. . . .*

[Émile Zola, “J’ACCUSE . . . !” Paris, *L’Aurore*, 13 January 1898] [86, 87, 88]

And, there are other famous documents of disputed or unresolved origins, such as:

- the Vinland Map [89, 90]
- from the Woodstock typewriter of the Alger Hiss trial [91, 92, 93] and
- assuming it is a kind of document – the Shroud of Turin [94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102]¹⁸ – perhaps the most difficult and controversial forensic problem imaginable (analysis not attempted here)

14 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

15 DNA. Importance in forensic science. Electrophoresis. Preface 2.3, Chapter 6.

16 Captain Alfred Dreyfus. *bordereau*, *petit bleu*. Colonel Hubert Henry. Preface 2.3, Chapter 1.

17 Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface 2.3, Chapters 1, 5, 8.

18 Shroud of Turin. Carbon-14. Preface 2, Chapters 3, 7.

2.4 View of science

This book is my construct of view for forensic science;¹⁹ others may view it differently and validly in their own ways. I concentrate on what I think most important, and hopefully know about well-enough to be able to explain to others, for overall understanding. Topics of lesser importance, in this context, but relevant, are explained in less detail or by reference to other literature, or are simply mentioned with references.

Although discussions and examples in this book are essentially directed toward forensic science concepts – with specialization in analytical chemistry – many of those concepts and practices are shared more generally, so that chemistry and other science concepts are sometimes referred to – with implications towards forensic analytical chemistry [103].^{20,21,22}

3.1 Not encyclopaedic

This book is intended neither as an encyclopaedic²³ reference nor as a handbook for specific methods; nor for hands-on directions for lab work. The explanations and examples presented here are intended to explain concept – hopefully helpful in understanding any forensic issue – and hopefully to give an understanding of forensics in general overall concept. However, many literature citations,²⁴ and examples are included.

3.2 SI and CAS [104]

Writing about science can be difficult-enough without the added confusion of historical units and naming systems. From at least the time of the French revolution, there have been organized efforts for standardized international scientific descriptors – the origin of the metric system.²⁵

19 Author's biases. Preface 1.2, Preface 2, Preface 4.1, Preface 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

20 Forensic analytical chemistry; chemistry more generally. Otherwise than forensic – useful for understanding; & perhaps a few digressions. Preface 2.4.

21 Forensic science. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 5.

22 Analytical chemistry. Expanded definition – more detail, and example. Preface 2, Chapter 1, 2, 5.

23 An explain book. Not encyclopaedic. References. Preface 2, Preface 3.1, Chapter 6.

24 Endnotes and footnotes. Preface 1.2, Preface 2.1, Preface 3.1.

25 SI CAS Preface 3.2, Chapters 3 & 4.

The editorial convention adopted for this book is to use *Le Système International*.^[104] SI definitions and conventions should be assumed. Generally, this is the modern internationally used metric system [105, 106, 107]. This is generally consistent with the Canada *Weights and Measures Act* [108, 109].

Further, chemical substances are described as according to the terminology and systems of the Chemical Abstracts Service of the American Chemical Society, along with molecular structural diagrams; or at least with reference to CAS. Again, generally, this is the modern internationally used system [110].²⁶

However, other historical systems persist, and sometimes remain more convenient, perhaps because everyone is so used to them; these others must, however be relatable to SI and CAS [111].

4.1 Bias

Within the context of my hopeful intention to present reasonable discussions, this book necessarily reflects my biases [112]^{27,28}:

- As a chemist, from before becoming a lawyer, I look for and raise scientific issues in my client’s cases. I think this is quite reasonable, although Crown counsel whom I encounter, and judges before whom I appear, often do not seem to concur – sometimes it seems to get on their nerves. Few judges,²⁹ Crown counsel or other defence lawyers, in my experience, show enthusiasm in trying to understand the world according to the concepts of physical science. Nor do they seem enthusiastic about understanding science as important beyond the legal issues before them – as an important aspect of human culture and civilization. Nor, sadly, does there appear the joy in understanding science as was apparent for Isaac Asimov and George Gamow and their readers [113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118].³⁰
- My law practice is to advocate as defence counsel.³¹ This at least raises what lawyers call a “reasonable apprehension of bias,” because that is the environment I work in. This does not mean to say that the work of prosecutors and law enforcement investigators is any less valid or, valuable. I have tried to give a balanced overview; readers should scrutinize and criticize this book on that basis.

26 Chemical names as used in this book. Preface 3.2, Chapter 4.

27 Author’s biases. Preface 1.2, Preface 2, Preface 4.1, Preface 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

28 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

29 *Daubert*. Judicial unfamiliarity with science Preface 4.1, Chapters 1 & 10.

30 Asimov. Gamow. Preface 4, Chapter 9.

31 Advocacy. Preface 4.1, Chapters 1 & 8.

- Topics dealt with in this book are mostly in the context of analytical chemistry for criminal law and workplace health and safety law.
- Clear, transparent and formal reporting³² of the science invoked in legal process are of paramount importance, as is the quality assurance process.³³ To obfuscate is wrong [119].
- Forensic scientists should always strive to do good science, be prepared to accept when they fall short and always continue to try to do better [120].
- In view of the danger of *quod volimus credimus libenter*, [121] a forensic scientist's work in a specific case should, in concept, be separated from the narrative being theorized for the related human story. This separation would be more difficult for the scientist involved in investigation, rather than for the later evaluation of results. As best as practicable, the scientist should be blind³⁴ to the related human story – to relieve a reasonable apprehension of bias. For example, [122] the forensic analytical chemist, who happens to hold war-on-drugs warrior opinions should not know that the analysis is for prosecution of a well-known drug dealer who deserves to go to jail; nor should the forensic analytical chemist, who happens to hold anti-war-on-drugs opinions, know that the analysis is for the victim of an unfair police sting, who has no criminal record at all.
- In a *free and democratic society*, [123, 124] fairly operated good process – in good faith – should be expected, with the state as fully accountable to its citizens. Accountability means transparency of process, so that the citizenry can scrutinize it. The workings of government should be clearly visible. Not only should forensic scientists try to do good science, but also be publicly³⁵ accountable. Effectively, the public accountability is a fundamental part of doing good science [125].
- Judges are bound by precedent authority; scientists must not be.³⁶ Although reliance by scientists on previously published works is necessary, and high regard for previous scientists' work is appropriate, and other scientists deserve deference, every science declaration is always, in some way, provisional, and should never be absolved or excused from explanation.

32 Lab documentation. Preface 4.1, Chapter 5.

33 Government enquiries: Preface 4, Chapters 8 & 9.

- Grange re Susan Nelles, 1984;
- Griffiths, re Gemma Ramlal, Health Canada, 2001;
- Goudge re Dr. Smith, Hospital for Sick Children, 2008;
- Lang re “Motherisk,” Dr. Koren Hospital for Sick Children, 2015;
- Gillese re Ontario Long-Term Care Homes murders, 2019.

34 *Justitia*. Blind. Preface 4.1, Chapters 5 & 8.

35 Public. Preface 4, Chapters 5 & 8.

36 Advocacy. Preface 4, Chapters 1 & 8.

- Science is explainable [126]³⁷ – its conclusions are to be accepted, in whole or part, or not, with explanations, given in good faith [127], based on factual (experimental) observations and measurements. Scientific explanations must make rational sense – supportable with mathematical expression; and scientists must address reasonable questions, rather than rely solely on authority. The opinion of a purported scientist who relies on authority at the expense of explanation should be avoided [128]. Science is *nullius in verba* [129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136].³⁸ *Ipse dixit* [137, 138, 139, 140, 141] is not good enough [142]. Unexplained science is bad science,³⁹ for that reason alone. This is necessarily a public process because explanations must be available to potential critics, who inconveniently and embarrassingly might sometimes turn out to be correct [143, 144].
- Sometimes satisfactory explanations remain elusive; the science is not advanced well enough.
- That justice is so often so elusive is no reason to stop striving. This is for good citizenship.

I hope readers would see these biases as consistent with the usually accepted ideas of science, justice, and democratic government that I try to express in the first nine chapters of this book.

4.2 Accuracy attempted

While I strive for accuracy, I cannot guarantee it [145, 146, 147, 148, 149].⁴⁰ I present what I write as reasonably reliable, based on, hopefully, sensible explanation and interpretation of searchable reference material. Readers should have a duty to criticize this book on that basis.

³⁷ Explanation. Preface 4.1, Chapter 10.

³⁸ *Nullius in verba*. Preface 4.1, Chapters 2, 5, 8.

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4.3 Additional bias

However, I have additional biases, from my litigation, over the years^{41,42,43,44}

- concerning the quality of science done by a Canadian federal government agency, [150] in relation to the war on drugs of abuse and recreation, and how federal criminal prosecution uses legislation to interfere with how the science is done and interpreted.⁴⁵ And concerning a serious quality assurance failure not adequately addressed by the Griffiths Report, 2001.⁴⁶
- And, concerning science and determining, within Canadian law, impaired driving.^{47,48,49,50}

Because these biases would be rather more controversial, the remaining two chapters, as essays, are set off at the end this book and labelled as “biased opinion – polemic.”^{51,52} Readers are invited to criticize on that basis.

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49 Chart – legislation. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11.

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52 Some science controversy remains. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 10, 11.

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- 145 Disclaimers, etc. – this book – *caveat emptor* – *caveat lector* – *caveat auditor*:
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146 *Caveat emptor* = let the buyer beware.

= *Caveat emptor, quia ignorare non debuit quod jus alienum emit* = Let a purchaser beware, for he ought not to be ignorant of the nature of the property which he is buying from another party.

Caveat lector = let the reader beware.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/caveat%20emptor>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caveat_emptor https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caveat_emptor#Caveat_lector

https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/caveat_lector

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/caveat> <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/caveat.asp>

147 *Caveat auditor* = . . . listener beware

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149 Disclaimers, *etc.* Error . . . , Not legal advice . . . Commercial products, . . . Preface 2, 4.3, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 9.

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Chapter 1

Science and law

“. . . criminal courts do not necessarily deal in truth, but they deal in evidence . . .” [1, 2]

“. . . I never for a second thought this could happen – that an innocent person could be found guilty. It was an atrocity, that this could happen. . . .” [3]

[. . .]

[Colonel Picquart:] “But if we discover Esterhazy was the traitor . . .?”

[General Gonse:] “. . . the Dreyfus case is over. The court has pronounced its verdict and that is the end of that.”

[. . .]

[Robert Harris, *AN OFFICER AND A SPY*, [an historical novel].] [4, 5]¹

1.1 Forensic science

1.1.1 Truth

Scepticism is the first step towards truth.

[Denis Diderot, *Pensées philosophiques*. [1746.]] [6, 7, 8]

This book deals with the theory, observations, methodology, documentation and reporting – and culture – of the systematic search for truth^{2,3} about human stories [9], as assisted by chemical science, as in relation to the law (and, sometimes, as apparently *versus* the law). As a particular forensic investigation would progress, theories of what happened would be developed, often starting with a site search,⁴ and continuing into a scientific laboratory, and perhaps eventually concluding in a courtroom, or before an administrative tribunal, or other official panel [10, 11, 12]. And then, perhaps occasionally, become famous, to be argued about in later eras by historians [13].

Consider as a fictitious example⁵ that someone is accused of forging a signature, on a document, using an eventually identifiable pen and ink.⁶ For legal purposes, handwriting, ink and video surveillance of the writing, can all come into evidence. But, a statement by the accused might not come into evidence if there were not a legal caution about the right to silence and legal advice [14, 15].

1 Captain Alfred Dreyfus. *bordereau, petit bleu*. Colonel Hubert Henry. Preface 2.3, Chapter 1.

2 Forensic science. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 5.

3 Legal/scientific truth. Chapters 1, 8, 11.

4 Site. *What it is*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

5 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

6 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.2 & 2.3.

Legal systems often deal with such scenarios in a seeking of legal truth – for a seeking of justice; scientific truth is sometimes sought as an aid – this is forensic science. But, these two truths may not quite be the same. That the disciplines of science and law may be called upon in addressing the same kinds of situation has attracted comment [16].

To continue the example [17]: Even if a forensic chemist could confidently [18] identify the ink on the document as having come from the pen found in possession of the accused, such scientific truth might not be allowed as evidence in court. Perhaps the judge would rule it inadmissible if the search was unlawful [19]. Or, perhaps the prosecution would fail if a statement of admission was made after accusation, but before the right-to-remain-silent caution.

To further continue the example: Crown counsel [20], perhaps too sure with scientific ink match evidence, fails to call corroborating handwriting and video identification evidence; an acquittal might result because the judge might find a reasonable doubt – the criminal law test. Or, alternatively, Crown counsel forgets to ask an eyewitness to identify the accused in court. This legal truth of “not guilty” might seem in contradiction with the scientific truth; but because of the policy intent of the criminal law rules of engagement, it runs parallel with the scientific truth.

A variation of the example: [21] Suppose that the ink match is allowed in evidence, but the accused testifies that signing was on behalf of a sometimes quite forgetful (now former) friend, with permission. And, suppose the judge accepts this as allowing for a reasonable doubt for the alleged criminal intention – *mens rea* [22] – and acquits on that basis. In this variation, the scientific and legal truths are not even in apparent contradiction because the science has not dealt with that part of the human story where the *moral focus* would be found.

1.1.2 Forensic science

Forensic^{7,8} is a Latin [23] derivation related to ancient Roman public, governmental, legal, *etc.* processes in the *forum* [24] = market place [25, 26, 27] – now associated with court-related and legal processes. *Forensic science* is the science application thereto.

Forensics, as used in this book [28], can include all science that is within the law:

- Legislation [29]
- Enforcement
- Scientific determination
- Determination of fact, law and legal concepts by courts and tribunals

⁷ Forensic science. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 5.

⁸ Analytical chemistry. Expanded definition – more detail, & example. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

For example [30] – a sequence of forensic science activities:

- Public discussion, politicking, editorializing and lobbying about an ink or art supply,⁹ for school use – thought by some to contain toxic components – thought by others to be harmless or reasonably manageable [31]
- Parliamentary committee hearings – with witnesses and advocates, and paid lobbyists.
- Parliament debating and enacting legislation [32] to restrict that ink or art supply, when for school use; and imposing labelling requirements; or not
- A government inspector investigating a particular school; a routine inspection; or from a citizen complaint
- A scientist working to identify the ink or art supply found at that school by the inspector – to determine what is in it; and intended for evidence; forensic report to be issued:
 - environmental measurements at the school
 - analytical chemical medical measurements of the students, *et al.*; with informed consent
- A government legal counsel determining to prosecute, or not, according to the legislation
- A trade union leader, representing the art teachers, determining to proceed, or not, with a workplace health and safety grievance, under the collective agreement
- And similarly for the housekeeping workers – of a different union and collective agreement
- Court and labour tribunal hearings (with legal counsel from all sides) and judgments on the matters – if it goes that far
- Students refusing to go to class out of concern about possibly toxic materials; debates at student council meetings
- A student parents group seeking a court injunction
- A workers compensation claim, years later, of a housekeeping worker
- A standards agency publishing an engineering or public health standard
- Reference to US CFR for engineering or public health requirements [33]

This book is mostly concerned with the scientist’s item- or site-specific part of the forensic process – mostly as analytical chemistry.

The term *criminalistics* [34, 35, 36] is often appropriately used because of the frequency of forensic science in criminal law, but is avoided in this book because of the author’s approach¹⁰ that science as applied to law includes rather more than only the criminal law and its enforcement. And, sometimes an investigation does

⁹ Art supply. Forbes art pigment collection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

¹⁰ Author’s biases. Preface 1.2, Preface 2, Preface 4.1, Preface 4.2, Chapters 10 & 11.

not initially reveal whether or not an occurrence was a crime – as in the 1996 TWA Flight 800 tragedy [37, 38] – and which government agency is the most appropriate to lead the investigation – the US National Transportation Safety Board or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Forensics draws from very many fields – an open-ended list of science and other pursuits – thus *forensic: engineering, medicine, accounting, art, optometry*, [39] *knot tying*, [40] *font*, [41, 42, 43, 44] *musicology*, [45] *literature criticism, etc.* Just about any human skill or interest can have *forensic* applications and can become a *forensic science*, perhaps to the surprise of the practitioner – for example, a literature professor asked to help identify a writer by language usage characteristics [46]. This book deals with only a narrow range of forensic science possibilities – those that mostly involve analytical chemistry.

1.2 Who decides

In the search for legal truth, it is the judge [47, 48] who, according to the applicable rules and procedures, would eventually determine where the *moral focus* is, in the various versions of the story placed before the court. In doing so, a scientific truth might be found as not as sufficiently part of the *moral focus*, so that for legal purposes, the validity of the scientific evidence and arguments would not be found as sufficiently relevant.

However, if the judge is persuaded that a scientific truth would be part of the *moral focus*, then whether or not the scientific evidence and arguments are correct must be dealt with. This is often obvious and assumed for non-novel [49, 50, 51, 52, 53]¹¹ – well-known and accepted – concepts. For example: That fingerprints, competently observed and evaluated are a super-excellent personal identifier.¹² But, otherwise, what of opposing sides' expert testimonies should be accepted as the *scientific truth* is still the job of the judge. That it would appear that some Canadian judges are not comfortable with an appreciation of at least high school level science and mathematics suggests that their gatekeeping might be problematic.^{13,14,15}

Thus, the judge is the determiner of both the legal truth and the scientific truth – the gatekeeper for the scientific thought that is allowed into the legal process.

11 Manarin, *Forensic Evidence* . . . , 2019. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

12 Fingerprint probability. Chapters 1 & 4.

Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6 & 9.

Fingerprint when. Chapters 7 & 8.

13 Science gate-keeping. Chapter 1.

14 Author's biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

15 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

But, what if the legal truth is determined incorrectly because the scientific “truth” was wrong?

Wrongly decided cases can be reconsidered in an appeal court system. However, since that system is mainly concerned with correcting errors of law (such as for jurisdiction and procedure), rather than errors of fact, a wrongly determined (by a trial court [54]) scientific truth may simply stay wrong within the legal system. The theory behind this is that all sides had their chance to bring out the truth of facts to the trial court, and as long as the proper legal procedure was followed, the appeal courts would be reluctant to interfere.

This means that an opposing side which fails in challenging wrong science, for whatever reason, may be stuck with it, if the court accepts it. Often, this would indicate failure in challenging the credentials of a biased or wrongly directed expert, or of an incompetent or fraud. But sometimes, it can be a failure of the legislation that imposed the defective science on the litigation process. And sometimes, a failure of the court or tribunal.

1.3 Justice and failed justice

[. . .]

[Dr.] Calgary.[.] . . . “But there is such a thing as justice . . .”

“I’ve always understood,” said Clegg. “that an English trial was as fair a thing as can be.”

“The finest system in the world can make a mistake,” said Calgary, “Justice is, after all, in the hands of men . . . fallible.” [55]

[. . .]

[Agatha Christie, *Ordeal by Innocence*, 1958.] [56]

If a law case would be determined on a wrong determination of scientific truth – is this still justice?¹⁶

Maybe yes. It might be justice in the sense that all had their fair chance [57] to present their version, in a fair system of legal procedure. Unlike scientists, whose declarations of scientific truth are always open to doubt and revision again and again over the years, decades and centuries, and whose declarations might include that there are not enough data for there to be a decent decision, judges often must decide and declare their view of legal truth relatively quickly, one way or another, even sometimes in the absence of truly compelling evidence, so that all involved can get on with the business of their lives. And, a judge is typically *functus officio* [58, 59, 60] after deciding a case. There is also the concept of *res judicata* = a thing adjudged; that a legal matter has already been decided – not to be considered

¹⁶ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface, Chapters 1, 5, 8.

again [61, 62, 63]. In this sense, unless it is so very important-enough for a special revisitiation, regrets would be left to historians to argue about [64].

But, then again, maybe not. It might not be justice if the scientific truth as accepted by the judge is too much at odds with generally accepted, and essentially undisputed, views of the scientific community. For example, if the trial judge accepts as true the “junk science”¹⁷ [65] of an incompetent or fraudulent “expert,” and if the appeal courts do not interfere, then justice may have failed.

This becomes most serious for criminal law, where there may be grave moral implications. Canadian [66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85], British [86, 87, 88] and US [89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95]¹⁸ histories are replete with controversies about serious injustices at law; for some of which there was actual innocence, for some procedural error, for some facts incorrect, and some remaining as for controversial arguments with voluminous literature.

Some of these controversies and injustices may be because of innocent error by scientists, lawyers, judges, police, parliamentarians, *et al.* But some because of sloppiness or a culture of sloppiness; or because of failure to strive for proper procedure. And some because of wilful wrongdoing. And some because of wilful wrongdoing that includes bigotry – both specific and systemic – such as the Dreyfus Affair.¹⁹ And, some in the context of long-standing regional bigotry – such as the trial at Scottsboro, Jackson County, Alabama, 1931, *et seq.* [96, 97, 98].

These cases should clearly warn that scientists, prosecutors, judges and police, can be wrong, if not oblivious to their limited abilities to determine physical reality [99], and that flaws of the “justice” system itself may impede their abilities to do otherwise. And defence lawyers can be unhelpful too. And Parliament, and the cabinet, can be at fault too, with unwise – if not frankly ignorant – legislation [100]. In the more extreme of criminal cases, a government that does not proactively try to address its legal system’s faults at determining physical reality engages in a kind of political repression.

And, in cases where an agency of the state is actually engaged in wrongdoing, the very moral legitimacy to govern may be drawn into question [101, 102, 103].

Such cases of failed justice can be difficult to correct; some may never be corrected and remain a blotch.

In the more important cases of failed justice, the best place to seek remedy may be in the context of a democratic society, which, curiously, shares with science, the concepts of published peer scrutiny (that is, for a democratic society, open, public processes where the peers are all citizens) of state affairs and officials, and for which everything should always be open to question, criticism, correction, revision, refinement or rejection.

¹⁷ Science – good, bad & junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11.

¹⁸ Sacco, Vanzetti. Chapters 1 & 5.

¹⁹ Captain Alfred Dreyfus. *bordereau, petit bleu*. Colonel Hubert Henry. Preface 2.3, Chapter 1.

Thus, when the judicial system, or the government, gets science wrong, and persists in it, the best place for remedy over the longer term may be found in the public processes of democracy – in the media, and in politics. Maybe remedy for injustice would eventually be found; maybe not; and maybe too late anyhow. What would remain might be only for historians to argue about [104].

1.4 Legal systems

1.4.1 Structure

Forensic chemical issues can arise in many legal contexts [105]. Some aspects of law dealt with here are obviously related to forensic chemistry – as for criminal law. Others are not quite so obvious – as for labour law. Canadian law is primarily referred to in this book, but to explain forensics, much is similar, if not the same, for US, British and Commonwealth law.

A practical working definition of law, hopefully sufficient for this book: [106, 107] The rules of society – of official status – local, provincial and national – and the methods and procedures of making, changing, interpreting and enforcing those rules; such rules as for the organization and administration of overlapping things and concepts for most everything that goes on in society.

Importantly, law, in this way, involves the peaceful settlement of disputes amongst those involved in it – by negotiations, tribunals and courts. By this process, many are not too happy with their results,²⁰ but accept them, to go on otherwise with life, in a more or less orderly community. This process is generally best seen as often containing uncomfortable compromises; and not as for “scorched-earth,” “winner-take-all,” “slash-and-burn,” “take no-prisoners,” “total war” victory; and perhaps should sometimes include some aspects of remorse and forgiveness [108]. The participants might have to deal with one another otherwise, on another day. Perhaps sometimes their lawyers have difficulty in persuading the participants – and themselves – to look to the other side as adversaries rather than “total deadly enemies.” Curiously, criminal law is often quite cordial in these regards; family law, sometimes, not so much so.

In modern times, all of this is usually within the structures of national states, which may be federal or unitary, and which usually have treaty arrangements amongst them. Generally, in Canada [109], the UK [110], the Commonwealth and the USA [111, 112, 113], there is a common law system; in continental Europe and elsewhere, a code law system.

Of particular interest for forensic chemistry are those aspects of legal systems for the administration of industry, commerce, labour, natural resources, public health,

20 Not liking the results at law. Chapters 1 & 5.

the environment and criminal law enforcement and judgment. This book is mostly concerned with aspects of criminal law and labour law as they would appear in courts and tribunals, and in the legislatures, governing cabinets and agencies that would bring the laws into effect; and in enforcement.

1.4.2 Categories of law mainly considered here

There are many categories of law that can be arranged in different and overlapping ways that can be confusing, if not contradictory. Of main concern, here, are those categories where a prosecutor or other government legal counsel seeks to rely on forensic evidence. For purposes here [114], this is mostly for criminal and regulatory/administrative law (mostly workplace health and safety). But other categories of law can also seek to rely on forensics.

Criminal law, administrative law:

1.4.2.1 Criminal law

Criminal law in Canada is determined by the federal Parliament [115, 116], but is generally administered by provincial authorities [117]. Generally, in theoretical concept, criminal law may be seen to derive from, and involve, considerations of serious transgressions against society and its morals [118].

In criminal law, the litigants are the state and accused. By this theory, the state is the aggrieved party in that it, in a sense, represents all of society who suffer wrongs. The actual individual victims are witnesses with personal remedies largely found in other forums, if found at all. The criminal law should not be seen as a vehicle for personal vengeance, although this is often the way it is seen; at least the vengeance would be moderated and state-administered. The criminal law does, sometimes, however, offer some aspects of restitution, but that is not its essential intent.

The discussion above is on the historical theory of the victim only as witness in criminal law. That role has, in recent years, and continuing, undergone changes in the USA and Canada, in the sentencing phases after conviction [119].

In Canada, there is a presumption of criminal innocence, unless and until all the elements of a crime, required to be proven by the state, beyond a reasonable doubt – rather strictly considered,^{21,22} [120] without the help of the accused – are proven in a procedurally correct court:

21 *Criminal law proof. Regulatory/administrative law proof.* Chapters 1, 10, 11.

22 *Criminal law proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered.* Chapters 1, 10, 11.

- *Actus reus* [121] – the physical facts of what happened
- *Mens rea* [122, 123] – the mental element – a criminal intent
- Forbidden by federal statute law – mostly the *Criminal Code* [124]

Criminal law can involve forensic chemistry in several ways, with respect to:

- The unlawful possession and use of explosive substances under the *Criminal Code* [125]
- The unlawful possession, use and trade, of various chemical substances proscribed under the *Food and Drugs Act* [126] and under the *Controlled Drugs & Substances Act* [127, 128]
- Toxicology, and its social and criminal implications [129]
- Analysis of evidence
- Law enforcement and legal representation

1.4.2.2 Workplace health and safety – regulatory

Canadian law has special provisions for what goes on in the workplace [130].^{23,24} Where there is a union or union-organizing activity, **labour law** regulates certain relationships between workers, employers, unions and the state. **Employment law** regulates in a non-union context – often for example, vacation pay, maximum hours, bounced employer pay-cheques, statute-governed dismissals, maternity leave, *etc.* – typically for less wealthy workers. Employment law can also involve the common law of *wrongful dismissal* – typically for more wealthy workers. The two terms – **labour law** and **employment law** – are sometimes used somewhat loosely and interchangeably.

Workplace health and safety law [131, 132, 133] may be regarded as an area of labour law. Although, as early as 1788, *An Act for the better regulation of chimney sweepers, and their apprentices* [134] regulated exposure to a workplace carcinogen, in England [135], extensive chemical-specific regulation is relatively new. In Ontario, for example, such regulation did not start until 1981, with lead Pb as a *designated substance* [136, 137], under the *Occupational Health & Safety Act* [138]. This *Act* was a major component of a new era of Canada-wide legislation, adding new dimensions to existing legislation that first appeared as the *Ontario Factories' Act* [139, 140] 1884. New was a shifting emphasis to include not only safety but also health, and for worker/employer participatory functions to supplement, with controversy, the older style theory of government enforcement. Along with new concepts and rules for worker rights, the workplace health emphasis necessarily meant dealing with chronic chemical toxicity; and participation meant that workers and employers were to be involved in workplace evaluation and decision making; not without controversy.

²³ Regularory law. Environmental & workplace health & safety. Chapters 1, 5, 9, 11.

²⁴ Labour relations and employment rights. Chapters 1 & 5.

Ontario's present *OH&S Act* can deal with chemicals in several ways that might result in forensic involvement, including:

- Allowing a *Director* at the Ministry of Labour to closely control biological, chemical or physical agents by issuing *orders* [141, 142]
- Allowing for assessment for hazardous materials [143]
- Allowing for regulations to require close control of *designated substances* [144], [145]
- Allowing for regulations [146], which in 1986 resulted in a control of exposure regulation [147] setting “. . . Out specific legal limits on exposures to more than 600 different toxic agents” [148]
- Requiring safety data sheets to be available [149, 150]
- Allowing for regulations to adopt by reference codes or standards, and require compliance thereto [151]
- The *OH&S Act* was amended in 1987 to provide for chemical *right-to-know*, as Ontario's part of the Canada-wide federal/provincial WHMIS scheme.²⁵ This is Canada's hazard communication standard.

In Canada, workplace health and safety law can be investigated and enforced by labour inspectors, who have rights to enter premises, issue orders and recommend prosecutions by government legal counsel – Crown counsel. Regulatory prosecution in court is similar to criminal law, but without the concept of *mens rea*; and is usually in the provincial legislative jurisdiction, although sometimes federal. As with criminal law, the litigants are the state and the accused; the accused are frequently corporations.

And, as with criminal law, the regulatory law standard of proof is as beyond a reasonable doubt – perhaps, in practice, not quite as strictly considered [152].²⁶

There are two alternative regulatory prosecutorial possibilities, depending on the nature of the alleged offence: [153]

- Strict liability offences – the *defence of due diligence* replaces *mens rea*.
- *Absolute liability* – neither *mens rea* nor *due diligence* are available for defence – it only matters that the event happened [154].

1.4.3 Some other categories – for mention here

1.4.3.1 Civil litigation – tort – contract

Tort [155, 156] is the law whereby a person (either natural or corporate) claiming injury to person, property or business, sues an allegedly offending other person for damages and may seek various judicial orders.

²⁵ Consumer protection. Hazard communication. WHMIS. Chapters 1 & 5.

²⁶ *Criminal law* proof. *Regulatory/administrative law* proof. Chapters 1, 10, 11.

Contracts [157] allow agreements to be made and enforced between persons. Contract law is often related to sale of goods law [158].

Tort and contract law are distinct from *criminal* and *regulatory* law. For *criminal* and *regulatory*, as indicated above, the litigants are the state and accused. For tort and contract, any aggrieved individual – and their adversaries – with acceptable standing before the court (which might – or not – include the state or its agencies), can be litigants, and can have the opportunity for remedy – sometimes achieved, but often not. This is called *civil litigation*. Such *civil* suits can involve chemicals [159], and chemists and engineers; and chemical forensic issues may arise – sometimes in a hugely tragic context [160]. Typically – but not always – *civil* and *criminal* lawyers don't mix their practices.

Canadian, UK, Commonwealth and US tort and contract law is based on the system of the *Common Law of England* – with some exceptions where it is code-based (at least historically) – Scotland, Louisiana [161] and the *Québec Civil Code* [162]. The common law system is largely a tradition of judicial history – *stare decisis* [163]. The code system – of the rest of the world – is largely by legislation. Both systems evolve with increasing similarities.

In this civil law, a judge may be called upon to decide, on a *balance of probabilities* (for criminal and regulatory it is the *beyond a reasonable doubt* test), who is liable for causing what damage to whom, to what extent and at what price. A theoretical intention would appear to be to encourage responsible behaviour, so that, for example, someone who is asked to supply a hazardous chemical to a child will be very, very careful [164, 165]. But, by a counter-theory, court decisions are sometimes seen as to not discourage innovation (risk taking). These civil suits rarely involve workplace injuries in Canada because of workers compensation law which bars most civil suits. Related to civil suits is **insurance law** – a commercial device to spread risk, which can often effectively place insurance companies in the role of enforcers of carefulness; and the insurer is often *subrogated* to act for the insured litigant (who perhaps might be surprised as to the on-behalf litigation positions).

1.4.3.2 Consumer protection

Consumer protection law²⁷ is for the public as it buys or rents goods and services, often for personal or family use. There are several branches. At the Canadian **provincial** level, there is legislation to protect consumers in a commercial sense, such as the Prince Edward Island *Consumer Protection Act* [166]. Also, at the

²⁷ Consumer protection. Hazard communication. WHMIS. Chapters 1 & 5.

provincial level are **product liability law** [167] and **personal injury and property damage law** [168], as under **tort law** in the common law system, and under the *Québec Civil Code* [169].

Consumer protection law includes the Canadian federal **Hazardous Products Act** [170] and regulations under it, for the health and safety of users of consumer goods. Much of this is chemically related. This *Act* would be enforced by federal inspectors, and by prosecutions for which chemical forensic evidence might be called for. This *Act* is also related to hazard communication law – **WHMIS**.

1.4.3.3 Sale of goods

Sale of goods law can also be related to consumer protection. Based on common law concepts – it is legislated at the provincial level [171] – for example, the New Brunswick *Sale of Goods Act* [172] – and governs the rights and duties of vendors and purchasers of goods (but not of services). Sale of goods cases can sometimes involve chemical toxicology, as in *Ashington Piggeries Ltd. et al. v Christopher Hill Ltd.* [173, 174, 175] where toxic animal feed was sold (See Fig. 1.1).

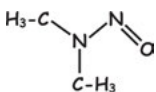


Fig. 1.1: Dimethylnitrosamine CAS 62-75-9 [176, 177, 178, 179]^{28,29,30}.

Or, an unintended chemical reaction, as in *Vacwell Engineering v BDH Chemicals* [180]–Judge Rees (See Fig. 1.2):

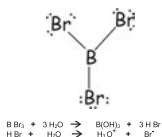


Fig. 1.2: B Br₃ CAS 10 294-33-4 [181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188].

[. . .]

. . . The claim arises out of an accident which happened on 26th April 1966 at Vacwell's laboratory premises . . . in the county of Surrey . . . when a Mr. Neale, who was in charge of Vacwell's applied physics department, was working side by side with a Russian physicist, Mr. Strouzhinski . . .

A sketch . . . shows Mr. Neale working at a sink on the left and Mr. Strouzhinski working at a sink on the right. The two sinks were made of a ceramic material and each was about 16 inches × 12 inches × 8 inches or 9 inches in depth. The operation in which the two men were engaged at the relevant time was that of putting into the sinks glass ampoules containing a

28 N-Nitrosodimethylamine CAS 62-75-9. Chapter 1.

29 Consumer protection. Hazard communication. WHMIS. Chapters 1 & 5.

30 Molecular structure. Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6.

chemical called boron tribromide. The sinks contained water . . . I find that there were in each sink at the relevant moment of time certainly more than 40 ampoules and there may well have been as many as 100 ampoules in each.

. . . As might be expected, Mr. Neale does not remember what happened immediately after the explosion. He says that there was sudden white flash, . . . There can be no doubt that a violent explosion had taken place as the two photographs exhibited demonstrate. A Mr. Horner, who was an assistant divisional officer of the London Fire Brigade . . . saw that the damage included part of the roof of the laboratory which had been blown off and that the partitioned walls were shattered and indented and there had been a violent explosion. As a result Mr. Strouzhinski was killed and Mr. Neale was injured. Fortunately Mr. Neale's injuries were such that he was only detained in hospital for about a week and was kept at home for only two weeks.

As a result of this accident, Vacwell claim damages from B.D.H., who were the suppliers of the ampoules of boron tribromide, alleging that there are breaches of contract and of duty at common law . . . The damages claimed by Vacwell in the action include a claim for £74,689 in respect of the damage to the laboratory premises caused directly by the explosion and, in addition, there is a claim for loss of profit in Vacwell's business amounting, I was told at the Bar, to some £300,000. The issues of fact and of law, therefore, have a considerable importance to the parties to this action.

[. . .]

1.4.3.4 Food and drug

Food and drug law may be regarded as a specialized area of consumer protection law and of health law, but as well, in Canada it can have aspects of criminal law to it.

US Food and drug law has its historical origins with the Chicago stockyards, the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt [189], and *The Jungle* [190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195]. The developing concepts likely carried into Canada. Curiously, Upton Sinclair's novel would appear as intended for social, economic, civic corruption and labour criticism, but it was widely seen as revealing extensive filth in US food production: [196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202]

[. . .]

. . . a man could run his hand over these piles of meat and sweep off handfuls of the dried dung of rats. These rats were nuisances, and the packers would put poisoned bread out for them; they would die, and then rats, bread, and meat would go into the hoppers together. This is no fairy story and no joke; the meat would be shoveled into carts, and the man who did the shoveling would not trouble to lift out a rat even when he saw one – there were things that went into the sausage in comparison with which a poisoned rat was a tidbit. There was no place for the men to wash their hands before they ate their dinner, and so they made a practice of washing them in the water that was to be ladled into the sausage. . . .

[. . .]

As with consumer protection law, food and drug law seeks the protection of the public, and much of the other law categories above are also applicable. However, there is Canadian federal legislation of particular interest: *Food and Drugs Act* [203] and *Controlled Drugs & Substances Act* [204, 205]. These statutes and regulations under them deal with *food purity* and *additives*, and with *controlled, restricted* and

narcotic drugs. Forensic chemistry should have a high profile in such law because of the substances being regulated or prohibited, as well as because of the analytical chemistry involved in administration and enforcement. In addition, the regulation of drugs often appears in the courts as part of Canada's criminal law.³¹

At the provincial level, food and drug law can be related to **public health law** [206] and to those aspects of **health care law** [207, 208, 209], which involve prescribing of medication and analytical chemistry procedures.

1.4.3.5 Environmental protection

Environmental protection law³² is frequently associated with both chemicals and chemists in the media and in the public mind. Although there was nineteenth-century industrial environmental legislation – for example the British *Alkali Act, 1863* [210] – modern Canadian regulation of chemicals to protect the environment dates from the 1970s. Presently, such legislation is the federal *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* [211], and various provincial statutes such as the Saskatchewan *Environmental Assessment Act* [212] and *Environmental Management and Protection Act* [213]. Enforcement of such legislation would require forensic involvement.

1.4.3.6 Hazard communication WHMIS

The **Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System**^{33,34} [214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219] is Canada's hazard communication standard. It is workplace chemical **right-to-know law**. Recommended in a 1985 federal report [220], it is Canada-wide federal/provincial-co-ordinated legislation that came into force on 31 October 1988. Generally, WHMIS seeks to give workers a right-to-know by:

- labels
- safety data sheets^{35,36} [221, 222, 223, 224]³⁷
- worker education

The legislative structure of WHMIS has its complexities. Generally, Canadian federal legislation is used to set standards; and for trade secrets (which can legitimately be valuable commercial property) to be withheld; and federal and provincial legislation for WHMIS application in the work place.

³¹ Drug law. Chapters 1 & 10.

³² Regulatory law. Environmental & workplace health & safety. Chapters 1, 5, 9, 11.

³³ Toxicology. Hazard communication. Chapters 1 & 11.

³⁴ Consumer protection. Hazard communication. WHMIS. Chapters 1 & 5.

³⁵ SDS. Chapter 1.

³⁶ SDS = Safety Data Sheet. Previously called MSDS = Material Safety Data Sheet.

³⁷ Disclaimers, *etc.* Error . . . , Not legal advice . . . Commercial products, . . . Preface 2, 4.1, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 9.

As allowed by the US *Constitution* [225], Article I, Section 8 – interstate commerce clause – there is a US Federal Hazard Communication Standard [226, 227, 228].

§ 1910.1200 Hazard communication.

(a) Purpose.

(1) The purpose of this section is to ensure that the hazards of all chemicals produced or imported are classified, and that information concerning the classified hazards is transmitted to employers and employees. The requirements of this section are intended to be consistent with the provisions of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), Revision 3. The transmittal of information is to be accomplished by means of comprehensive hazard communication programs, which are to include container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets and employee training.

(2) This occupational safety and health standard is intended to address comprehensively the issue of classifying the potential hazards of chemicals, and communicating information concerning hazards and appropriate protective measures to employees, and to preempt any legislative or regulatory enactments of a state, or political subdivision of a state, pertaining to this subject. Classifying the potential hazards of chemicals and communicating information concerning hazards and appropriate protective measures to employees, may include, for example, but is not limited to, provisions for: developing and maintaining a written hazard communication program for the workplace, including lists of hazardous chemicals present; labeling of containers of chemicals in the workplace, as well as of containers of chemicals being shipped to other workplaces; preparation and distribution of safety data sheets to employees and downstream employers; and development and implementation of employee training programs regarding hazards of chemicals and protective measures. Under section 18 of the Act, no state or political subdivision of a state may adopt or enforce any requirement relating to the issue addressed by this Federal standard, except pursuant to a Federally-approved state plan.

[. . .]

It should be noticed that hazard communication requirements do not necessarily mean that a worker would be in actual jeopardy; but rather the theory would seem to be that there is a reasonable concern, and the worker is entitled to be informed so as to self-decide, often in consultation with union or other worker advocates. For example, to continue the art forgery fictitious example [229] (in Chapter 3):³⁸ Suppose that the well-known, but long-dead, artist, whose possible work was being scrutinized, was also historically thought to have suffered copper Cu, arsenic As [230] and mercury Hg [231] poisoning related to the greens and reds of the painting. Hazard communication would imply that the forensic analytical chemist should be so informed, notwithstanding that there might not be an actual danger [232].

1.4.3.7 Workers' compensation

Workers compensation law can be related to forensic chemistry because of compensation for workplace injuries and diseases that are chemically caused.

38 Art forgery analysis. Chapters 1 & 3.

After observing systems elsewhere, including the German system established by Prince Otto von Bismarck [233, 234], Ontario Chief Justice Sir William Meredith [235], in his 1912 and 1913 reports, recommended what was to become the Ontario workers compensation system. It may be regarded as historic compromise between labour and capital that resulted in 1914 Ontario legislation [236, 237], and which was followed, and further developed over the years, in all provinces [238]. Workers [239] let go of their right to sue their employers (it became *barred by statute*) in exchange for compulsory no-fault insurance, financed by employers, and administered by a workers compensation board (now in Ontario: Workplace Safety and Insurance Board). Although often criticized from both sides, there is little serious effort by either side to return to **tort law** for legal remedy of workplace accidents or injuries.

Workers compensation law is related to OH&S law in that workers look to the WSIB for financial remedy for lost wages and for medical and rehabilitation costs after there has been an OH&S failure.

Workers compensation can deal with chemically caused injuries and diseases:

- the same way as for other workers' claims – WSIB determines if the injury or disease arose out of work; and there may be an onus, or onus reversal, on the worker to convince the WSIB of this;
- by a *presumption* that certain listed occupational diseases were caused by certain co-listed processes or chemicals [240].

WSIB evaluation of disease – which is often of a chronic nature – has been criticized by labour's side as inadequate.

1.4.3.8 Profession regulation

As with any **profession**, trade or calling, chemists and engineers are free to operate commercially, subject to legal and licensing requirements [241].³⁹ But, since many chemically related enterprises are legally dealt with under other professional or trade headings (such as teaching, clinical analysis, pharmacy, medicine, law), or are under a corporate or government umbrella, chemists *per se* [242] are left somewhat unregulated. Engineers can be regulated under the provincial designation of *Professional Engineer (P.Eng.)* [243]. But, particularly as regards as to chemists, Canadian law is rather less prominent.

A person may self-identify as chemist or engineer, either personally or within a corporate structure, and as such may consult, invent, direct a corporation, write, teach, sell, serve the state as a forensic scientist or testify as an expert witness, without the supervision or sanction of a chemical professional body. But not completely so.

What may not be done is claim to be a *Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.)*, [244] *Professional Chemist* or *Professional Engineer (P.Eng.)*, [245] without fulfilling the conditions

³⁹ Profession. Chapters 1 & 5.

set out in various provincial legislation that go with these titles (or other legislatively reserved titles).

In Québec, the *Professional Chemists Act* [246] restricts the “practice of professional chemistry” to members of the *Ordre des chimistes du Québec* [247]. For engineers in every province there are analogous legislated restrictions, for example, in the Ontario *Professional Engineers Act*. [248] However, the *Association of the Chemical Profession of Ontario Act, 1984* [249] appears to mostly reserve the terms *Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.)* and *Professional Chemist*.

These professional designations would appear to be less consequential than for the health sciences professions: Medical Doctor MD, Registered Nurse RN, Pharmacist, *etc.* – for which there are also legislation-required licensures. And, likewise, for various trades: electrician, plumber, and so on.

But, importantly, for many kinds of engineering work, a sign-off is required by a *P.Eng.* for the process to be legally valid or allowed. And there can be consequences if something goes wrong [250, 251].

1.4.3.9 Education

Education law affects students, teachers and administrators, chemical education included. There is provincial legislation for the organization and financing of schools [252], colleges [253] and universities [254], and for labour relations with their faculties and staff. And for licensing of teachers, pre-K–12. In addition, the Canadian provincial and federal financing of research at universities and other institutions [255, 256] can involve legal questions as to ownership, rights, duties and liabilities with respect to supplies, equipment, salaries, grants and students; and with respect to intellectual property.

Another aspect of education law – and with it, insurance law – that can be related to forensic chemistry is: **liability for student health and safety** [257]. For example, in *James et al. v River East School Division No. 9, et al.*, [258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263] there was facial scarring and serious eye injury of an 18-year-old student from nitric acid [264, 265] (See Fig. 1.3).



$\text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{NO}_3^-$ **Fig. 1.3:** Nitric acid. CAS 7697-37-2 63.013 g/mol.

spattering in a school chemistry lab experiment gone wrong, 22 September 1972. From the MANITOBA QUEEN’S BENCH – Judge Deniset, 1975:

[. . .]

The facts in the present case . . . are that a Grade XII student was instructed to conduct a laboratory experiment which was dangerous. It was foreseeable that an accident could happen. One did.

After this accident, better instructions were issued.

Goggles were available. None were recommended on this occasion by the teacher . . . His excuse that the students knew about the goggles and that none requested them, is not valid. The Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association does not recommend the use of helmets when playing league games. You put on a helmet, or you don't play.

Students must be told, when necessary "wear goggles."

I find here a failure to instruct properly, a failure to caution and to supervise properly and that an unfortunate and foreseeable accident occurred, and that it could have been avoided if the defendants had not been negligent and if . . . [the teacher] had not omitted to do what he should have done in the circumstances.

[. . .]

After due consideration of all these factors and the whole of the evidence regarding the injuries sustained by this young girl, I allow as general damages the sum of \$25,000.

Plaintiffs will have judgment for:	
Special damages	\$ 5,921.65
General damages	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	\$30,921.65

Plaintiffs will have their costs to be taxed.

Effective protective eyewear enforcement apparently did not quite reach the Toronto District School Board, as late as 2001, as appeared in a website photograph, Sir Robert L. Borden Business and Technical Institute. Students appeared as obviously doing chemistry lab without protective eyewear [266].

More recently, the (shouldn't have been so) popular Rainbow Demonstration was still being used in US schools as late as 2015. This involved a too-difficult-to-control use of a flammable liquid in a classroom demonstration that involved an open flame [267]. The important spectral principles, known from the nineteenth century, can be safely shown otherwise [268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274].⁴⁰

Lab safety [275, 276] extends to university labs, where there is now more widespread careful attention, especially after an incident in California: Professor Patrick Haran and UCLA were involved in serious and extensive litigation after the death, 2009, of an employed researcher. There were issues of a pyrophoric organo-lithium reagent (See Fig. 1.4), storage of a flammable liquid and worker oversight. This was most newsworthy because it involved issues of criminal responsibility [277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282].

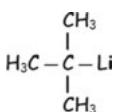


Fig. 1.4: *t*-Butyl lithium. CAS 594-19-4 *tert*-Butyl lithium. CAS 594-19-4 [283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288].

And, at Kingston, Ontario, 2018, there was criminal conviction of a Queens University graduate student for intentionally poisoning a coworker using chemistry-lab-obtained *N*-nitrosodimethylamine [289, 290, 291, 292] (See Fig. 1.5).

40 Bunsen, Kirchhoff. cover. Chapters 1 & 6.

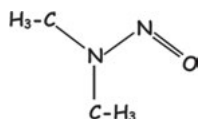


Fig. 1.5: *N*-Nitrosodimethylamine CAS 62–75-9 CAS 62–75-9.⁴¹

As news reported [293], there was effectively in-court mention of acute and latent toxicology [294] and of LD₅₀.⁴² The in-court evaluation of these topics would appear as problematic.^{43,44,45} However, more scientific interpretations would not likely have much benefited the accused, because *N*-nitrosodimethylamine is undoubtedly toxic in some way or another, and the central criminal law issue was intent to put the victim in harm's way with what was believed to be an effective poison.

Also reported within this Ontario case, were similar incidents in China. No reference was made to a toxic apple occurrence attributed to Robert Oppenheimer, when he was studying in England, ~1925 [295, 296, 297].

And, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 2019, a Lehigh University chemistry student was accused of poisoning a roommate with thallium [298].

1.4.3.10 Patent

Patents may be of interest to chemists and chemical engineers for commercial rights for their inventions of devices, processes or molecules [299]. The constitutional basis in the USA is found in Article I, Section 8: “The Congress shall have Power . . . To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.” Canadian Patent law is based on the federal *Patent Act* [300]. A patent is a kind of **intellectual property** right that may be sold or licensed by its owner.⁴⁶

While patents are declared in public documents, there is also a process of keeping **trade secrets** [301, 302] – for what is not patentable, or for what the owner does not want to patent for commercial or other reasons, such as when the patent process is too expensive. Trade secrets may be of interest in trying to protect inventions, processes and formulations – by simply not telling. (However, trade secret disclosure may be required under **WHMIS**.)

⁴¹ *N*-Nitrosodimethylamine CAS 62-75-9. Chapter 1.

⁴² Toxicology. LD₅₀. Chapter 1.

⁴³ Toxicology. Hazard communication. Chapters 1 & 11.

⁴⁴ Consumer protection. Hazard communication. WHMIS. Chapters 1 & 5.

⁴⁵ SDS. Chapter 1.

⁴⁶ Intellectual property. Chapters 1 & 5.

Patent and trade secret law can overlap with **employment law** [303] when, as often would happen, the chemist or engineer is not inventing independently, but as an employee, so that the employer may be the patent or trade secret owner, perhaps subject to the terms of a contract called a patent agreement.

Another kind of intellectual property that chemists and engineers can create is **copyright** – articles, books and computer software that they might write are protectable under the Canada federal *Copyright Act* [304, 305].

Also related is **trade mark law**, based on the Canada federal *Trade Marks Act*, [306] which deals with the legal reservation of various words and symbols for commercial purposes.

1.4.3.11 International arms control

International arms control law becomes a chemical forensics issue for the policies and practices for enforcement of the **Chemical Weapons Convention** [307]. This international treaty, ratified by Canada [308], includes as a method to control chemical weapons the international inspection of chemical industries to monitor certain chemicals and precursors [309].

1.5 The law of evidence

1.5.1 Evidence in court

There are many science-based facts that a Canadian court or tribunal would accept as obvious – not questioned – for example: That Toronto weather includes temperatures both above and below 0 °C, so that sometimes there is solid ice on the ground, and sometimes liquid water, sometimes both, sometimes none. And, for court-accepted weather facts of a particular day, the judge can take *judicial notice* [310] of an official weather report, or even a news report, offered by legal counsel of one or another of the participants; or perhaps just look out the courtroom window. But many other facts – essential to the litigation – must be proven to the court. This involves the law of *evidence* [311]⁴⁷ – and that is what is of concern here.

Generally, evidence into court can come by way of:

- Declarations referred to in legislation, for example: *Notices* under the *Canada Evidence Act* [312]. And, for example, police-seized business records [313].
- Documents of some legal status, for example: a *real property deed* and *mortgage*.
- Testimony – *viva voce* [314, 315] – of witnesses, called by one side or another. This is often how documents of legal status come before the court. And, usually the only way that other documents, physical items and recollections come before

⁴⁷ Evidence. Chapters 1 & 10.

the court. Such a witness is allowed to testify only for what is directly personally known and not heard from someone else – *hearsay* [316, 317] is not allowed. Nor is opinion allowed – that is reserved for an *expert*.

- Sometimes the litigants can agree about what should be accepted as evidence. This may be done by way of an *agreed statement of facts*.
- However, what the law is is not included as evidence. For example: That *peace officers* – police – have *Criminal Code* and *Highway Traffic Act* rights to stop and examine motor vehicles and drivers, within the legislated limits, as interpreted in case law, is a matter of law, rather than evidential fact. Law is not for a witness to determine; it is for the judge after hearing from the lawyers. However, sometimes what a witness would perceive of the law can be regarded as a fact offered before the court, but that perception can be wrong.

It is important to realize that the evidence presented is not automatically accepted as true or credible – determining that is the job of the judge, or tribunal panel – after hearing arguments of legal counsel. That is what the court or tribunal process is for.

The law of evidence has its complexities and complications – that can prompt much litigation – so that there are well-known and not-so-well-known – exceptions to the generalities above. But the above descriptions are generally applicable for purposes of this book. The exception of concern here is for *experts*, who may give *opinion evidence*.

1.5.2 Forensic expert witnesses

This *evidence* exception is that a witness, *qualified* by the court as an *expert*, may give *opinion evidence*, within the bounds of the expertise recognized by the court. [318, 319, 320, 321, 322]^{48,49,50,51}

Qualification is a formal process that would occur just before the anticipated *expert* testimony. Typically, the anticipated *expert* is sworn-in; the *curriculum vitae* and other credentials are presented and legal counsel seeking the expertise asks questions – direct examination – to try to persuade the judge to allow qualification. Other counsel, who would have seen the *CV, etc.* beforehand, then cross-examine [323] – perhaps to try to persuade the judge to not allow qualification.

If qualified by a decision of the judge, that witness would be allowed to give a scientific or engineering *opinion* to the court – within the bounds of the qualification –

48 Expert. Chapters 1 & 9.

49 DRE. Expert witness. Chapters 10 & 11.

50 Science gate-keeping. Chapter 1.

51 Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

and that testimony would be the next step. If not qualified, evidence would not be heard from that witness.

The now-qualified *expert* would then testify as to the science or engineering of concern to the case being heard. That testimony has a special status.

Legal counsel who sought the expertise would ask questions to support the eventual facts that would be argued. Opposing counsel would cross-examine – seeking flaws.

Opposing counsel may repeat the courtroom procedure by calling other *expert* testimony to try to counter the previously called *expert*.

This process of countering experts might sometimes look somewhat chaotic, if not ugly. And sometimes maybe it is. European courts are somewhat known to be kinder to experts, who have somewhat different – more independent – and perhaps more respected – functions there than in Canada, the USA and UK. Arguably, the European system would allow for a more credible version of testimony.

Also, expert witnesses can be expensive, perhaps prohibitively so for criminal accused who are poor.

The special status of the *expert opinion evidence* requires the judge to hear it as presentation of fact. But the judge is not required to accept it as correct, and that is why there may be a series of experts before the court, not agreeing with one another on various points. Opposing legal counsel would argue that the judge should be persuaded one way or another. The judge may reserve on ruling to a later time.

In practical terms, the judge may likely be persuaded, or not, largely based on the credentials used to qualify the *expert*, rather than understanding explanations of the actual science or engineering; and legal counsel would not be too likely to argue about the actual explanations; because few of them (except for practitioners of patent law) would have had too much science or engineering education. Like most of us, they would do what they know, and avoid what they do not.

Thus, sadly, the evaluation of unfamiliar scientific opinion evidence, based on a Judge's understanding of essential explanations by the expert witness, would not be too common in a Canadian court.⁵² Notwithstanding that this would require only a high-school-level appreciation of science and mathematics [324, 325, 326].

Much of the science and engineering expert evidence heard by the courts is well-known, not controversial, with little argument as to its validity. But some is not.⁵³ Science that is “novel” [327, 328, 329] = new to the legal system, presents the most difficult problems; judicial unfamiliarity with science does not help. [330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337]⁵⁴

The effective reliance on witness credentials rather than critical appraisal of science and engineering content is often satisfactory, but it does introduce potential

⁵² re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.2, Chapters 1, 10, 11.

⁵³ *R v Bingley*. Chapters 1, 11, Chapter 11 Appendix.

⁵⁴ *Daubert*. Judicial unfamiliarity with science Preface 4.1, Chapters 1 & 10.

problems when the science and engineering would be challenged – which does not happen too often.

However, in terms of fundamental scientific concept, reliance on credentials rather than explanation is a serious problem. [338] It is less than scientific. But that is how it is often done in Canadian courts.⁵⁵

Arguably, reliance on credentials rather than critically evaluated explanation can lead to acceptance of opinions as correct, when they are not. Perhaps, sometimes tragically. This can be by honest error, but some “experts” may actually be fraudulent, and some perhaps err because they misjudge their own knowledge range. [339, 340, 341, 342] And sometimes, what had been widely accepted can come into controversy as flawed process. [343, 344, 345] See also Chapter 8.⁵⁶

The above description is for courtroom process. Similar scenarios would play out when lawyers and administrators are involved with science and engineering for tribunal hearings, administrative decision-making and legislative drafting. And also for policy making.

1.6 Legislative process – policy making

Laws are like sausages. It's better not to see them being made.

[Likely not a true quote, apocryphal, attributed to Prince Otto von Bismarck, Chancellor, *Deutsches Reich*, 1871–1890.] [346, 347, 348]

Forensic science can come into the legislative process.⁵⁷ Policy making leads to proposals put before Parliament and the provincial legislatures, each in their respective jurisdictions, that would result in statutes, and resulting regulations. For example, the criminalization of possession and trade of certain molecules [349] or the outlawing of certain electric stun devices.

Mostly, Parliament seems to cope with the science satisfactorily; but sometimes not. Sometimes Parliament’s getting it wrong can lead to bad science in an important context; other times, merely to confusing results [350], that may not be too important. Thus, some science policy seems to need improvement, even without considering climate change issues.^{58,59}

⁵⁵ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁵⁶ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

⁵⁷ Legislative process – policy making. Preface 4.2, Chapters 1, 10, 11.

⁵⁸ Creationism. Climate change denial. Anti vaccine. Chapters 1, 2, 8.

⁵⁹ Some science controversy remains. Chapters 1, 2, 10, 11.

1.7 Advocacy

1.7.1 Lawyers

The role of lawyers – styled in Ontario as *barrister & solicitor* – sometimes called *counsel* – is to advocate on behalf of their clients [351].⁶⁰ There are some lawyerly *rules of engagement* that might seem strange to the rest of society. In a particular case, the lawyer would represent the client notwithstanding possible disapproval of the client's actions, and disagreement with the client's views.

And, in the criminal law context, although there are actually some innocent accused, the lawyer would still represent the client, even notwithstanding that the client may have privately revealed actual guilt [352], and even (hopefully rarely) having also revealed an unremorseful meanness of character. The state must prove its case *beyond a reasonable doubt*, without the help of the accused, who has a right to legal counsel, with a *presumption of innocence*. Innocent until the judge would say otherwise.

This is based on the theory that everyone has the right to robust representation within the justice system, so that it can function fairly – in overall concept. Some lawyers see this as a duty to society [353, 354, 355, 356]. To some extent, this is also reflected in some lawyers doing *pro bono* work [357, 358, 359].

The system includes, within lawyer/client privilege, confidentiality, at the option of the client. But it does not include frank misrepresentation by the lawyer to the court or other counsel. The tensions and quandaries within this system are governed by the lawyers' licensing agency – the Law Society of Ontario (until recently styled as the Law Society of Upper Canada): LSO (LSUC) rules of professional conduct [360, 361]. Other jurisdictions have similar lawyers' governing systems. Advocacy within these bounds – within these rules of engagement – especially by criminal defence counsel – can at times be particularly uncomfortable and problematic; but advocacy is an essential requirement of the job. [362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368]⁶¹

1.7.2 Forensic scientists

In contrast to lawyers, forensic scientists, while professionally engaged on a case, should not be advocates for anyone within the process, and as best as practicable, should be blind to the intricacies of the goings and comings of the human story being considered. The forensic scientist's only advocacy should be to remain true to

⁶⁰ Advocacy. Preface 4.1, Chapter 1, 8.

⁶¹ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

trying to do and report good science honestly. Well, this is a theory, anyhow – the scientist’s reality of employment may impose messy difficulties.⁶²

1.7.3 Dual rôle

However, the forensic scientist can possibly have dual roles as for [369]:

- Doing the analytical chemistry or other science, and reporting the results to be considered by a court or tribunal – as blind as practicable to other aspects, and
- Assisting investigators, including law enforcement, in developing the narrative of the human story [370].

It may be that a single forensic scientist, or team, can fulfil both roles for a particular investigation. But the inherent potential conflict [371, 372] might introduce a tension that should lead to two separate scientists or teams being engaged. The problem here may not be so much an actual conflict, but rather a reasonable apprehension of conflict. A practical problem may be added costs; and again, well, this is the theory, the scientist’s reality of employment.⁶³

All of this can be in addition to an academic research role which should not be of concern here.

1.7.4 Who talks to whom

It should be noted that lawyers, forensic scientists, and others involved in a forensic issue have separate roles that should be directed within each of their own frameworks of operation, along a chain of authority and chronology.

Thus, for example, a defence lawyer would appropriately address issues with Crown counsel, and not, at least initially, with the forensic scientist engaged by the Crown. And, similarly for Crown counsel for a defence-engaged expert witness. And, by this concept neither defence counsel nor Crown should independently approach the judge.

Everyone should work within the context of their own roles; to deviate from this formalism risks complications that may taint the whole process. For, example, a nightmare scenario: [373] A defence lawyer starts a discussion directly with a Crown forensic expert who inadvertently reveals privileged data; the lawyer would have now achieved a conflict, and may now have become a witness; and so too the forensic expert, as a witness of a different sort.

62 Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

63 Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

1.8 US *Qui tam*

Qui tam [374]⁶⁴ is a US anti-corruption federal legal process [375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380] that derives from the Civil War era. Federal legislation [381] provides for fines for anyone who does any business with the federal government fraudulently. The fines can be large – perhaps several times the amount of the fraud. There is a whistle-blower/bounty-hunter aspect, in that anyone who reports the fraud to the US Department of Justice can be rewarded with a proportion of achieved fines. Again, this can be large.

The whistle-blower/bounty-hunter might typically be someone with inside information – a disgruntled former – or soon-to-be-former – employee. Universities can also be liable [382].

Perhaps the theory would be that the rewards should be so large, because after blowing the whistle [383], the employee or student would be finished in that industry or entire profession or job description. The huge reward would replace becoming unemployable otherwise.

The bounty-hunter aspect is enhanced in that if the Justice Department does not proceed in federal court, the whistle-blower can self-proceed – thereby acting both for self and for the government [384].

Arguably, *qui tam* distorts the employer–employee relationship. Arguably, it should – in the absence of other process routes for employer–employee tension – for example, if there is no union collective bargaining or there is no effective government inspectorate. Critics have argued that the *Act* was in need of reform [385].

There are US law firms specializing in *qui tam* [386, 387] that would represent would-be whistle-blower/bounty-hunters, likely on a contingency fee basis. Arguably, this would further distort the employer–employee relationship.

There is apparently no *qui tam* equivalent in Canadian law [388]. Canadian government assurances to protect whistle-blowers would sound hollow in view of the US *qui tam* process. However, since many Canadian businesses contract with the US government, and Canadian universities do research financed by US government grants or contracts, the US *qui tam* process would be open to aspiring Canadian whistle-blowers/bounty-hunters proceeding in the US federal court, represented by US law firms.

⁶⁴ US *Qui tam*. Chapters 1, 8, 9.

1.9 Toxicology

[. . .]
 “. . . one of the cyanides. . . acts pretty well instantaneously”
 [Agatha Christie, *And Then There Were None*, 1939.]⁶⁵
 [. . .]

Forensics can be related to the *toxicology* of chemical substances, and to the *toxicology* of physical processes. Often, the law attempts to define, regulate and limit toxic effects on humans and our environment, sometimes with some success; sometimes following a disaster, with controversy. Some fundamental concepts, briefly summarized:^{66,67,68}

Chemical toxicology is described here as the study of harmful effects of chemical substances on biological systems – human, animal and plant. Although forensics is often popularly associated with harm to humans, there can also be harm to animals (wildlife; pets; and farm) and vegetation (wild; managed forests, wetlands, *etc.*; farm; and garden and lawn).

1.9.1 Acute, chronic, latent

There are categories of toxicity that overlap – often in complicated ways:

- A chemical substance that does quickly noticed damage is said to be *acutely* toxic. The damage can be injurious or lethal, or both. For example: the poisoned whiskey of Agatha Christie’s 1939 mystery – quoted above. Or, for example: The WWI chemical warfare gas chlorine Cl₂.⁶⁹
- *Chronic* toxicity goes over time; sometimes not noticed until much later – sometimes years. For example: The workplace hazards of benzene to the human blood system [389, 390, 391, 392].
- An acute toxic event can cause chronic results. For example: Many WWI veterans who suffered a Cl₂ attack had serious subsequent lifetime respiratory consequences. Or, for example: A traumatic injury with lifetime consequences [393, 394].
- Toxic results might not be perceived until after a long time. The mechanisms of damage for such a chronic effect might be as from a succession of small harms accumulated over time, or from a chemical presence that remains from a time ago that does not appear to take effect until later. This may be called *latent* toxicology. For example: Perhaps fibres of the workplace hazard asbestos [395, 396]

⁶⁵ Agatha Christie. Acute toxicology. Hydrogen Cyanide H-C≡N CAS 74-90-8. Potassium cyanide K⁺ CN⁻ CAS 151-50-8. Chapters 1 & 3.

⁶⁶ Pb Toxicology. Old-stock housing. Sample selection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

⁶⁷ Toxicology. Chapters 1, 3, 11.

⁶⁸ Toxicology. Hazard communication. Chapters 1 & 11.

⁶⁹ Fritz Haber. Cl₂. Chapters 1 & 4.

would remain microscopically embedded in workers' body tissue, long before active disease is noticed.

- Toxicology can also include alcohol and drugs of human abuse and addiction; side effects of medically prescribed pharmaceuticals; and iatrogenic effects.

Explaining and quantifying the toxicity of various substances can be difficult, because many of the mechanisms would be complex and not be fully known, if even slightly known. The actual biological significance of measurable data may remain obscure, or if known, may still be problematic.

And, complications of attribution can arise, as for example, when an insurer would co-attribute a worker's asbestos-caused cancer with tobacco smoking [397]. Generally, chronic and latent toxicity are the most difficult to assess. But so too, the acute; although graphically presented dose-response data⁷⁰ can be useful.

1.9.2 Evaluation: LD₅₀

Toxicity evaluation of substances can be attempted with multiple short-term exposures using experimental lab animals. More meaningful – but more complex and expensive – would be larger population and longer-time animal studies, and large population and long-time human epidemiological studies. Commonly encountered is the LD₅₀ test = the chemical dose to kill 50% of a population of lab animals within a set number of days [398, 399, 400]. LD₅₀ results have acute meaning, are at best limited and problematic, and are especially easy to misinterpret;⁷¹ in addition to being unkind to the rats, mice and rabbits.

LD₅₀, and other data, are often stated on safety data sheets^{72,73,74} in respect to hazard communication requirements.⁷⁵

Explaining and quantifying toxicity must be distinguished from identifying and measuring suspected toxins. The analytical chemistry is easier than the toxicology, but there are still problems, as for example, as indicated in Chapter 3, regarding the measurement of lead Pb in humans.⁷⁶ Blood Pb measurement for a particular person at a particular time may be easily and accurately done, but its toxicological meaning may be very difficult to reliably interpret.

⁷⁰ Dose / response. Chapters 1 & 8.

⁷¹ Toxicology. LD₅₀. Chapter 1.

⁷² SDS. Chapter 1.

⁷³ SDS = Safety Data Sheet. Previously called MSDS = Material Safety Data Sheet.

⁷⁴ Disclaimers, *etc.* Error . . . , Not legal advice . . . Commercial products, . . . Preface 2. 4.1, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 9.

⁷⁵ Toxicology. Hazard communication. Chapters 1 & 11.

⁷⁶ Pb toxicology. Old-stock housing. Pb Sample selection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

1.9.3 Workplace health, exposure limits

Law as related to toxicology can be found in several areas: Workplace health and safety, workers compensation, environmental, criminal, civil litigation. [401]⁷⁷ An aspect of this can be a prominent feature of workplace health regulation – the setting of chemical exposure limits – such as:

- Ontario *OH&S Act* control of exposure regulation [402].
- *Canada Labour Code* [403] occupational health and safety regulation [404], which references the Threshold Limit Values published by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists [405, 406]. These TLVs are found referenced in various other regulatory documents, in other jurisdictions, notwithstanding that they are not intended by ACGIH for such use.
- *Canada Criminal Code* limit on ethanol concentration allowed in blood, when operating a motor vehicle. [407]⁷⁸

Chemical exposure limits are especially problematic because, in reality, they do not – and in theory, arguably cannot – determine health effects with specific dividing lines. There would be a health relationship – but not too precise – because the science is not advanced well enough. And because, humans have differences, one from another, so that distributions within populations must be considered. And, because human exposures have so many different possibilities. And, because there should be, carefully included, some assumed science and arbitrary definitions. And, even if precision could be claimed by some scientists, universal agreement amongst others would, for legitimate reasons, be hard to find.

The limits are, at best, advisory for actual health purposes. The limits may be used for legal requirements, to trigger law enforcement and to trigger inspectorial interest, but this should not be confused with health *per se*. But they frequently are.

To its credit, ACGIH has tried to explain such concepts in its TLV book, offering its numbers as guides for professional occupational hygienists, and implying that its TLVs are best not used for law enforcement. This apparently did not persuade the Governor-in-Council for the *Canada Labour Code* regulations.

Exposure limits for law enforcement present another problem: measurement. While, *Criminal Code* ethanol in blood measurements, and technicians who measure, are defined in law that would effectively override scientific deficiency (if any), some other measurements would be poorly defined, if at all. And be poorly attempted.

And, exposure limits declared to trigger legal consequences as at “any detectable level” are especially problematic – and arguably ignorant – because modern

⁷⁷ *N-Nitrosodimethylamine* CAS 62-75-9. Chapter 1.

⁷⁸ Toxicology. Driving impaired. Chapters 1 & 11.

analytical chemistry can deliver measurements well below levels of toxicological meaning.⁷⁹

1.10 Hazards of found chemicals

Sometimes obviously suspicious, things or situations would appear to require determinations about chemical substances in an urgent context⁸⁰[408]. Law enforcement and other public service and safety personnel must decide what to do quickly, without the more careful chemical analysis that would follow later. These are situations that are potentially dangerous beyond usual workplace and public health and safety concerns – about drugs, toxins or explosives. Concerns would relate to:

- Facilities that make or store
- Sites of release or explosion
- Containment and isolation of the chemicals
- Isolation, care, and monitoring of people involved
- Restriction of other people
- Collection of evidence
- Public notices and statements

When these would be related to publicly known situations – such as a spill at a commercial site – the forensic scientist may be called upon to serve as indicated elsewhere in this book.

But when related to investigating and prosecuting criminal activity, it becomes more difficult. For example: What to do with found chemicals at a clandestine drug- or bomb-making lab, and how to interpret what is found for criminal prosecution; what is to be the role of the forensic scientist? [409] And, how to distinguish unusual but innocent activity [410, 411] from the actual criminal?

For both defence and Crown counsel, this may present difficulties of interpretation in the criminal law process, starting at the bail hearing [412].

Notes

1 Introductory quotes, *etc.* Preface.

2 From a trial lawyer's affidavit, used on appeal (by the appeal lawyer) – *R. v. K.*, [1995] 24 OR (3d) 199B204, at 201, Ontario Court of Appeal, 5 June 1995. The affidavit recounted the trial lawyer's advice, and resulting instructions, in a case where the client originally plead guilty for something he denied doing – as part of a plea bargain.

79 Too sensitive. Toxicology. Chapters 1, 3, 8.

80 Pb toxicology. Pb Sample selection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

- 3 Guy Paul Morin – quoted by Kirk Makin, Justice Reporter, “Stoic Morin breaks down relating terror of prison / On second day, as inmates lined corridors, ‘you could hear a pin drop’,” *The Globe and Mail*, 28 October 1997, page A12. www.theglobeandmail.com/.
- 4 Robert Harris, *An Officer and a Spy* [an historical novel – about the Dreyfus affair, 1890s, France, involving injustice, political wrong-doing, and forged documents – as a narrative of Colonel Georges Picquart], Hutchinson, Random House, London, SW1V 2SA; ISBN 978-0-09-194456-8; 2013.
- 5 At page 226.
- 6 Introductory quotes, *etc.* Preface.
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<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/573409-scepticism-is-the-first-step-towards-truth>
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<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/all-the-world-s-knowledge-in-28-volumes-diderot-s-radical-encyclop-die-1.5168887>.
- 9 Analytical chemistry and forensically related human story. Chapters 1 & 8.
- 10 Such as Parliamentary committees, Royal Commissions of Enquiry, coroners courts, *etc.* each with different sets of procedural rules.
- 11 And, sometimes a private arbitration panel – as would have been contracted for in advance by the parties. Such private arbitration is sometimes a good idea – but often not when one of the parties is an individual consumer as against a large business corporation.
- 12 See: Emily Flitter, “JPMorgan Chase Pushes an Arbitration Policy,” *The New York Times*, BUSINESS, 05 June 2019, page B3.
- 13 To be argued about by historians. Chapter 1.
- 14 Canada: https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Canadian_Criminal_Procedure_and_Practice/Arrest_and_Detention/Arrest_Procedure
https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Canadian_Criminal_Procedure_and_Practice/Arrest_and_Detention/Right_to_Counsel.
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Many Latin terms are used in the field of **forensic science** because forensics developed alongside the already established legal profession, which extensively uses phrases from the Latin language. The word forensic, itself, comes from the Latin word *forensis*, meaning of the forum. It originally applied to the marketplace areas within ancient Rome where many types of businesses and public affairs, such as governmental debates and actions by courts of law, were conducted. Entering the English vocabulary in 1659, the modern meaning of forensic is now limited to the areas of legal and criminal investigations.

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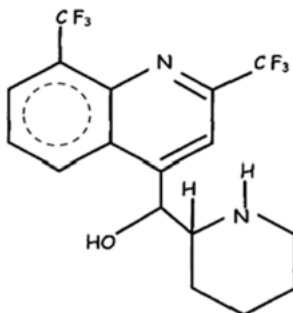


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Never can there come fog too thick, never can there come mud and mire too deep, to assort with the groping and floundering condition which this High Court of Chancery, the most pestilent of hoary sinners, holds this day in the sight of heaven and earth.

[. . .]

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[. . .]

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. . . .

[. . .]

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Minnie:

Ciò vuol dire, ragazzi, che non v'è, al mondo, peccatore cui non s'apra una via di redenzione. Sappia ognuno di voi chiudere in se questa suprema verità d'amore.

Which is to say, boys, that there is no sinner in the world for whom a path to redemption is not open. May each of you learn how to hold this supreme truth of love within you.

Apparently inspired from Biblical Psalms Chapter 51

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CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND

[. . .]

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

We, the People of the State of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty, and taking into our serious consideration the best means of establishing a good Constitution in this State for the sure foundation and more permanent security thereof, declare:

[. . .]

Art. 5. (a) (1) That the Inhabitants of Maryland are entitled to the Common Law of England, and the trial by Jury, according to the course of that Law, and to the benefit of such of the English statutes as existed on the Fourth day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-six; and which, by experience, have been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, and have been introduced, used and practiced by the Courts of Law or Equity; and also of all Acts of Assembly in force on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; except such as may have since expired, or may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution; subject, nevertheless, to the revision of, and amendment or repeal by, the Legislature of this State. And the Inhabitants of Maryland are also entitled to all property derived to them from, or under the Charter granted by His Majesty Charles the First to Caecilius Calvert, Baron of Baltimore.

[. . .]

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March 12, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Wednesday afternoon, an accident occurred during a routine, teacher-led, Grade 11 Science experiment that, regrettably, resulted in injuries to five students. Four of the students were treated at a local hospital and released, while the fifth student was transferred to Sunnybrook Medical Centre where she is in critical but stable condition.

I commend the actions of the classroom teacher and other staff, whose response quickly brought the situation under control and thank the members of Mississauga’s Emergency Services for their very rapid response to our call for aid. As a school community, we continue to pray for the full recovery of everyone who was affected and offer them every support we are able.

We strive to ensure that St. Marcellinus is a safe, healthy, caring and inclusive place to learn and work. As with all issues that take place within and outside of our school that impact our community, I wanted to bring this matter to your attention.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please continue to keep St. Marcellinus in your prayers and especially . . . and . . .

Sincerely,

. . .

Principal

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PART XX

Procedure in Jury Trials and General Provisions (continued)

Evidence on Trial (continued)

Expert testimony

657.3 (1) In any proceedings, the evidence of a person as an expert may be given by means of a report accompanied by the affidavit or solemn declaration of the person, setting out, in particular, the qualifications of the person as an expert if

- (a) the court recognizes that person as an expert; and
- (b) the party intending to produce the report in evidence has, before the proceeding, given to the other party a copy of the affidavit or solemn declaration and the report and reasonable notice of the intention to produce it in evidence.

Attendance for examination

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the court may require the person who appears to have signed an affidavit or solemn declaration referred to in that subsection to appear before it for examination or cross-examination in respect of the issue of proof of any of the statements contained in the affidavit or solemn declaration or report.

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PART 1

Interpretation

Definitions

1 (1) The following definitions apply in these Regulations.

[. . .]

ATE means an acute toxicity estimate, and includes the LD₅₀ and the LC₅₀, and the acute toxicity point estimate determined in accordance with the table to section 8.1.7. (*ETA*)

CAS registry number means the identification number assigned to a chemical by the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society. (*numéro d’enregistrement CAS*)

chemical name means a scientific designation of a material or substance that is made in accordance with the rules of nomenclature of either the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society, or the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, or a scientific designation of a material or substance that is internationally recognized and that clearly identifies the material or substance. (*dénomination chimique*)

[. . .]

LC₅₀ means the concentration of a mixture or substance in air that causes the death of 50.0% of a group of test animals. (*CL₅₀*)

LD₅₀ means the single dose of a mixture or substance that, when administered by a particular exposure route in an animal study, is expected to cause the death of 50.0% of a given animal population. (*DL₅₀*)

[. . .]

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Chapter 2

Essential concepts of forensic science

[. . .] [1]

“Please, your Majesty,” said the Knave, “I didn’t write it, and they can’t prove I did: ther’s no name signed at the end.”

“If you didn’t sign it,” said the King, “that only makes the matter worse. You must have meant some mischief, or else you’d have signed your name like an honest man.”

[. . .]

“That proves his guilt, of course,” said the Queen: “so, off with . . . [his head]”

[Alice at a court of justice.] [2]

[. . .]

“. . . a forgery. . . . written in a different hand again – but they’re not sure . . . The heading is in a different ink . . .”

[Agatha Christie, *Murder at the Vicarage*, 1930.] [3, 4]

2.1 Essential concepts and propositions

2.1.1 Essential concepts and propositions. Locard’s principle

As considered here [5]¹, the essential propositions of *forensic science*:

- Physical matter and things made of physical matter can be unique in ways that the forensic scientist tries to discover, categorize and measure; and also to determine or estimate the probability of occurrence. These efforts can help in trying to identify things and processes, and to narrate a theory of the human story.

For example [6]: Part of a forgery story of a written document could be revealed by way of the ink² that would have a particular chemical composition – describable as to what chemical substances are present and their proportions; and that ink’s find probability – is it commonly used by writers, or rarely; and also the paper, along with its physical structure.

- Every contact of such matter and things with other matter and things would leave its mark – by exchanges – which the forensic scientist also tries to discover, categorize and measure; again, potentially helpful for the narrative.

To continue the ink example: If the document was in a coat pocket, it could have on it traces of the lint from the garment’s fibres. And, traces from the paper fibres could be left in the garment’s pocket. And, there might be technology available to measure those exchanged traces; or maybe not (yet?). If the document had fallen on the floor, it would have traces of the building’s dust, and

1 Author’s biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

2 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

maybe left there, traces from paper fibres, or lint acquired from the coat pocket. Or, for another example [7]: In a two-car crash, each would then carry microscopic, if not obviously visible, paint fragments of the other.

- Many of the possible energy interactions involving matter and things may leave their mark, which the forensic scientist also tries to discover, categorize and measure. The energy interaction may have involved changed temperature, pressure, mechanical force, passage of electrical current, *etc.*; or collision with fundamental particles of physics or electromagnetic radiation.³

To further continue the ink example: If the document was exposed to a higher temperature than at its creation, or to intense light [8], the ink and paper may have been measurably changed. The intense light may have been exposure to direct sunlight [9, 10, 11, 12]. Or, in the other example, if the cars' velocities could be estimated – perhaps from the skid marks⁴ – or perhaps from carried electronic recording devices as part of a modern insurance package – the impact of the crash on the humans in the cars might be estimated [13].

- The forensic findings would then be used, along with other source data, to help to try to construct a theory of the related human story. That theory, even if appearing as obvious, would then be tested as against all indicators that investigators and scientists would be able to imagine, and perhaps theory alternatives would be needed. But perhaps a firm conclusion would be elusive.

For example: [14] A confession of the forger who created the document, or a witness report, might be sought to confirm scientific indicators of fraud, but the confession and witness report might be faulty [15, 16].

The above are adapted [17] from *Locard's Principle*^{5,6} [18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23] concerning the mutual exchanges when any two objects come in contact. In the early part of the twentieth century, Dr. Edmond Locard was director of a police scientific laboratory in Lyons, France. Inspired [24, 25] by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional Sherlock Holmes [26, 27, 28], Locard was a most significant early forensic scientist [29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43]. (See Fig. 2.1)

2.1.2 Forensic chemistry defined

In the previous Chapter, *forensic science* was described as associated with court-related and legal processes.⁷ *Forensic chemistry* is defined here as those aspects of

³ EM. Photons. Chapters 2 & 4.

⁴ Tire skid. Chapters 2, 3, 6.

⁵ Edmond Locard. Sherlock Holmes. Cocaine. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6.

⁶ Manarin, *Forensic Evidence* . . . , 2019. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

⁷ Forensic science. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

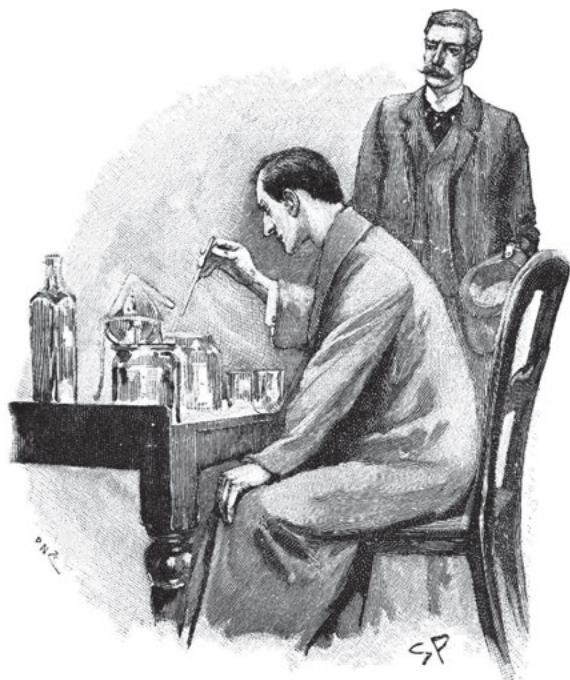


Fig. 2.1: Sherlock Holmes doing chemistry.
[Sherlock Holmes working hard over a chemical investigation.]

forensic science concerned with the qualitative and quantitative characterization of physical matter, its changes, and of related chemical reactions, kinetics, electromagnetic radiation and thermodynamics, and comparisons with other matter, including statistics of occurrence [44]. This largely involves *analytical chemistry* – with which this book is mostly concerned.

2.1.3 Analytical chemistry

Analytical chemistry^{8,9} = that branch of chemical science involving the chemical determination of substances, as to what they are (qualitative), how much (quantitative), and the uncertainty (See Fig. 2.2) [49, 50]. This definition may be expanded with some more detail so that **analytical chemistry** may be employed to chemically determine substances as to what they – (See Tab. 2.1)

⁸ Analytical chemistry. Expanded definition – more detail, and example. Preface 2, Chapter 1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

⁹ Trace metals with Pb. Chapters 2, 4.

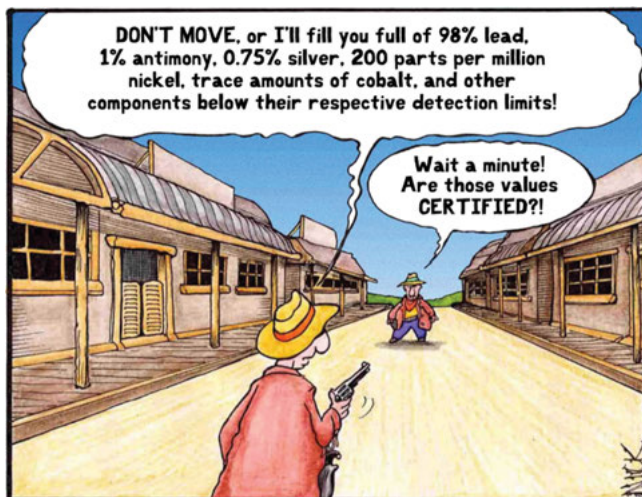


Fig. 2.2: Analytical chemists in the wild west.
[cartoon by Dr. Nick Kim, Wellington, New Zealand.] [46, 47, 48, 49]

Tab. 2.1: Analytical chemistry expanded definition.

– ① are,	}	Qualitative.	10
– ② were,			
– ③ might become;			
– ④ or not;			
– ⑤ and how much;	}	Quantitative.	
– ⑥ when;			
– ⑦ along with statements of uncertainty.			

For example (following through ① → ⑦ with the above definition) [51]: Ink [52] analysed as from writing on a paper [53] document might be determined to contain:^{11-12,13} [54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62]

10 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.2 & 2.3.

11 Most of the ink examples, throughout this book, are for ball point pen inks, but this example is for fountain pen ink. Different chemistries.

12 Qualitative. Quantitative. Error. Chapters 2 & 8.

13 Analytical chemistry. Error. Chapters 2 & 8.

- ① A ferric Fe^{+++} tannate – as an ionic oxidation product – as a solid – not water soluble [63, 64],
- ② that used to be, as its previously not-yet-oxidized water-soluble ferrous Fe^{++} tannate complex [65, 66, 67, 68] in water solution, as would be found in an older style fountain pen [69, 70],
- ③ and that might eventually chemically react with components of the paper, and photochemically react with light;
- ④ that does not contain the non-ionized organic-soluble (not water soluble) [71, 72] molecules of inks of modern ball point pens [73, 74];
- ⑤ with estimates of the density of the ink components found on the paper that might indicate component concentration of the ink that was in the fountain pen [75];
- ⑥ maybe with estimates of when it was written [76];
- ⑦ but without being sure of what the ink actually is – amongst several possibilities.

Such analytical chemical findings – of this example [77] – would then hopefully be useful in testing the theories of the human story being investigated. For the example, continued so as to try to date the document: A time-ago estimate might be made by finding a fountain pen ink (not ball point) that might be identified as commercially available not before a certain date, and not too likely used after a later date range. And the extent of the reaction with the paper might allow for another time-ago estimate.¹⁴

2.1.4 Science and chemistry

Even if not explicitly invoked in a forensic investigation, the above concepts of forensic science and chemistry should be understood in a broader context. Science is described here as the continuing pursuit of knowledge of the workings of the physical universe around us.

Observations and measurements are made. Then, theories are constructed to try to explain – account for – those observations and measurements – and to be able to make reliable predictions for the future and other circumstances. And, to explain reports of the past. The simplest theories that work are sought [78] and unnecessary components [79, 80, 81] are avoided. Scientific theories involve mathematical expression [82]. And, at least from the time of *Principia*, of Isaac Newton, encouraged by Edmond Halley [83], more than three centuries ago, scientists publish and argue about the explanations [84].

14 When. ink. Chapters 2 & 7.

Some theories become well established and undoubted – as for classical thermodynamics. Some theories should be thoroughly doubted quickly [85, 86]. But all theories are in some sense, tentative. For example, Newtonian physics might have long been regarded as the final word to describe gravitation and the motion of masses (such as the earth, moon and Newton’s apple [87]), but that changed with the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century observations of the submicroscopically small, and of the very, very fast. New theories were needed – and quantum mechanics and relativity emerged. Newtonian physics is still quite serviceable for much of science, but not completely for atomic and nuclear structures, nor for near the speed of light [88, 89, 90, 91].

Scientific theories should always be questioned and tested for new observations and measurements [92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99].¹⁵ And, as already noted above, theories, observations, measurements, and mathematical manipulations should be reported and published so that they can be argued about again and again, notwithstanding that legislators, judges and lawyers would be made uncomfortable. This is also analogously true for the transparency of parliamentary democracy.

Fortunately and conveniently, the forensic science concepts of this book are mostly settled. Mostly, but not entirely.^{16,17}

2.1.5 Science – good, bad and junk

In the Preface [100] and in Chapters 10 and 11, reference is made to good and bad science [101].^{18,19} Some further discussion is appropriate. The good faith process [102], argued by Lee Smolin [103], of developing and refining theories, referred to above, is the good science, and it can cope with the wrong as on the way towards the correct [104]. In doing good science, the scientist tries to explain and takes care with procedures and data; and is willing to argue when confronted with other opinions. And, for good science, there would always be tests to try to falsify – that is, to carry out experiments designed to reveal if the theory would be wrong [105, 106].

Bad science is to offer theory too remote from experimental observation – and mathematical expression – and importantly, to fail to do the processes of good science: explanations, care with the procedures and data, and efforts to falsify. Bad science may come along with a non-scientific agenda – as for creationism. This is sometimes

¹⁵ *Nullius in verba*. Preface 4.1, Chapters 2 & 5.

¹⁶ Some science controversy remains. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 10, 11.

¹⁷ Science. DRE. Chapters 2, 10, 11.

¹⁸ Science – good, bad and junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11.

¹⁹ Transparency. Opaqueness. Chapters 2, 5, 10.

called junk science [107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112]. As the former Governor General [113] seemed to try to express a few years ago, amid controversy [114, 115], we are confronted with ideas without scientific basis – astrology, for example [116, 117] – on which actual and serious decisions would be made.

Bad science includes that wrong ideas, contrary to Darwin's evolution theory, are presented as true alternatives in public education. From the time before H.L. Mencken, reporting in the *The Baltimore Evening Sun*, 1925, on *Scopes*, Dayton, Tennessee [118, 119, 120, 121], this remains a serious problem.

A newer version of bad science against Darwin is creationism [122]. And, similarly in other contexts, are climate change denial and anti-vaccine advocacy [123, 124, 125, 126].²⁰

Also, occasionally, a non-scientific opinion is presented in an otherwise scientific context. Sometimes, perhaps, this might be ok; other times, very problematic [127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142].

2.2 Forensics – recent historical

Forensic science applications are of theories constructed, in-specific, to account for data typically gleaned from a single recent, human-experienced, incident. That is, experimental work is essentially concerned with data from what is physically found, rather than from repeatable experiments of general concept.

As a recent historical practice, forensic science application is, on a very much smaller scale in analogy to other historical sciences – geology, astronomy and archaeology.²¹ Just as geologists look on and into the ground, astronomers at the heavens [143], and archaeologists at what bygone people left behind (for example, an ancient homestead or place of rituals) [144], for data to construct their theories of what happened to form the earth and the universe, and about how bygone people lived; so too do forensic scientists look at the remains of a human scene to help construct a theory of what happened there, when, and by whom. But while geology, astronomy and archaeology allow for general theories from repeated observations of a seemingly infinite number of similar events, forensic science differs in that it is typically evaluating a uniquely single event, offering perhaps only one chance to collect evidence.

This is to be contrasted with sciences such as physics [145, 146] and chemistry, wherefor experiments are designed, and the theory to be constructed, attempt to explain how things will always continue to happen, everywhere and everywhen in the universe, under certain conditions. These experiments can always be revisited

²⁰ Creationism. Climate change denial. Anti vaccine. Chapters 1, 2, 8.

²¹ Archeology. Carbon-14. Chapters 2 & 7.

by other scientists, elsewhere and elsewhen, completely re-doing them. In geology, astronomy and archaeology, experimental re-visitation is redone in the sense of taking another look at what natural and human history left behind. For forensic science, such re-visitation may not be feasible because the observation method may be destructive, and because such a small and unique part of the universe is being observed.

Forensic science is perhaps most closely related to archaeology – with a similar reliance on chemistry [147]. Perhaps, the differences are the age of the scene, who is interested, and why. For forensic science, the scene is typically more recent and of interest to contemporary parties who have some legal/personal/commercial/political concerns. For archaeology, the scene is often ancient and of interest to historians for academic purposes. Overlap is certainly possible – for example, who is actually buried in the grave attributed to President Abraham Lincoln’s assassin at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore [148, 149], is both a criminal law forensic and an archaeological historical question. And, sometimes forensic scientists might be assisted by their archaeological colleagues [150] and *vice versa*.

2.3 The essential propositions expanded

The nature of the discovery, categorization and measurement, as considered above, are considered in this book largely in the context of analytical chemistry. But, in a broader context, the essential propositions may be expanded.

2.3.1 What it is

A first task of the essential proposition is often related to determining *what it is* that is found at a search site²² – such as its physical description, chemical composition, and history [151]. Typically, this relates to a physical item – for example: a written document²³ at a fraud scene, a spent ammunition shell [152] at a bank robbery, an art forgery, or a chemical residue at an industrial explosion. Perhaps, the most modern example is the possibility to analyse for minute amounts of DNA or protein left at a scene [153].

But also, *what it is* may involve an altered condition of something – for example, corrosion of stone statuary [154] at a cathedral.

²² Site. *What it is*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

²³ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

The search site²⁴ or scene is typically geographical – for example: a room in a building in a city or a brownfield.²⁵ But not always – for example, it could be the bodies of surviving war veterans that carry imbedded shrapnel [155].²⁶

Or, more subtly, the site could be the bodies of people who suffer illness, with the illness being the *what it is* – for example, veterans exposed to chemical warfare substances [156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166],²⁷ explosion or artillery-caused concussive injuries [167], workers compensation claimants with work-related chronic soft tissue injury, respiratory tissue of workers with embedded asbestos [168], or inner-city children suffering the neurotoxic effects of lead poisoning from old-stock housing [169, 170, 171, 172, 173].²⁸

What it is may be natural, such as mud [174] from elsewhere transferred to the scene on shoes, or such as a blood stain. But it also might be human-fabricated [175] with a manufacture history, such as a spent ammunition shell or a discarded ballpoint pen.

What it is may have several aspects to it. For example, a found written item may be of interest because of – its/the:

- text (original or quoted, and if quoted, from where);
- text’s plain language, allegorical [176] or coded [177] meanings; or its social [178] or psychological [179] implications;
- official function (for example: a will, US Federal Reserve Note, Bank of Canada legal tender note, or a movie ticket);
- quirks (for example, written in mirror image, in imitation of Leonardo Da Vinci) [180];
- language in relation to its geographic location;
- method of inscription (handwritten with pen, pencil, crayon, spray paint [181], in the air, as revealed by video image, or by machine [182] or a transfer process);
- font [183, 184];
- the medium upon which it is written (paper, [185] walls, [186] tattoos on people, in a computer memory, *etc.*); or
- ink chemistry.

2.3.1.1 Manufacture history

The manufacture history²⁹ of *what it is* can be of special forensic interest because, not only are human-fabricated items so common, they can also be rather well documented. The technical specifications, history, production statistics³⁰ and perhaps, reference samples manufactured to be the same, may be kept in the records of:

24 Site. *What it is*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

25 Sample selection. Brownfield. Chapters 2, 3, 5.

26 Shrapnel. Chapters 2, 5.

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28 Pb toxicology. Pb Sample selection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

29 Manufacture history. when. Chapters 2, 7.

30 Occurrence probability – ink example. Find expectation. Chapters 2, 4, 9.

- The manufacturer (for example: for automotive body paint) [187].
- An industry or professional association (for example: SAE [188]).
- US FBI Standard Reference Files and Collections [189, 190, 191, 192].
- International Ink Library and Digital Ink Library [193], US Secret Service [194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199].³¹
- Other organizations' specialized libraries.
- A museum [200] (for example: cellulose nitrate artefacts at the Royal Ontario Museum [201], Toronto) [202].
- The Forbes art pigment collection [203, 204, 205, 206].³²
- Clothing labels, with records of manufacturers or suppliers [207].
- Private collections, for example: [208, 209, 210, 211]

Although some of such records may be legitimately held confidential for commercial or state secret purposes, they should typically be available to law enforcement agencies, and might be subpoenaed to legal process by others. But, often records are intentionally publicly available – such as:

- Patent documents (which are reported in the *Chemical Abstracts*) [212]
- Standard reference samples from US NIST [213]
- SDSs provided under US hazard communication requirements and WHMIS [214]
- Published engineering standards [215, 216]
- Published scientific and engineering literature
- *US Code of Federal Regulations* (as a specific example: the glass specifications noted on window corners, with a permanent label (US 16 *CFR* § 1201.5) at an Ontario courthouse) [217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222]

Although industrial entities are often reluctant to give out information for trade secret or legal liability reasons – some may take such pride in their product as to publish [223].

It is also possible that a forensic scientist could do original historical research – for example, data for a history of commercial printing inks could be obtained by analysis of samples from old books from a library [224].

Manufactured things can also include intentionally introduced *chemical tags* – for example in inks [225], or in explosives [226].

2.3.1.2 Qualitative identification

The *qualitative identification* of the chemical component(s) of *what it is* involves *comparative* and/or *absolute* identification. **Comparative identification** is to identify a single compound or a mixture as being the same as some other material, without necessarily having to know what, or exactly what it is. For example: the forensic

³¹ Ink reference standards. US International Ink Library. ATF. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 9.

³² Art supply. Forbes art pigment collection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

chemist might have merely determined that the ink of a document is identical to what came from a particular pen, or as on another document, or as from a reference material, without saying anything about the complexities of the mixture of molecules that constituted the ink, or the manufacturer's formulation.

The **absolute identification** of a chemical composition – such as for ink – would necessarily require more detailed information. This might involve various chemical and physical analyses to determine, from scratch, molecular structure; or the several molecular structures of the compounds of a mixture. By this definition, to absolutely identify a chemical substance is to observe and measure its fundamental properties, as would be expected from the theory of the molecular structure. It might, alternatively, involve use of standard reference samples for an absolute determination by comparative method, or further, alternatively, use both absolute and comparative methods in a complementary/confirmatory way.

For more on chemical identification see Chapter 4.³³

2.3.1.3 Chemical reactions in progress

It should also be noted that *what it is* might involve – and require – knowing more than merely the name of a compound and its molecular structure, or even knowing the several compounds of a mixture. The item found at the scene, in addition to having material existence, might also change over time.³⁴ Such changes would involve chemical reactions that have reached, or that are still proceeding towards a conclusion [227].

Such reactions in progress might involve not only the materials of the found item; but also, there may be a loss or gain of material. Also, there might be reactions with the environment of the find scene – such as the oxygen³⁵ of the air, photons from the sun, moisture, heat, forces of wind or water and biochemistry of bacterial action. Investigating these reactions can be more challenging than mere molecular determinations. Lab handling and storage might cause further and other reactions. Such possibilities strongly suggest that the forensic chemist take special care in the handling and storage of samples [228].

2.3.1.4 Energy phenomena

There is yet another investigatory area: Energy phenomena. These are energy interactions with physical matter that can sometimes be used to determine what a phenomenon was, and how much, for example:

- The application of force for physical breakage (*e.g.*, a broken window) [229]
- Imprint (a tire in mud) [230, 231, 232, 233]

33 Absolute identification of molecules. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6.

34 When. Chemical kinetics. Reactions in progress. Chapters 2, 4, 7.

35 CO₂ CO. Chapters 2, 3, 6, 8.

- Material transfer (a paint chip imbedded in a tree from a car that hit it)
- Transference of heat for an increase or decrease of temperature (a cold or hot object that was placed on a surface)
- Electromagnetic (visible light of a particular wavelength); [234] and sub-atomic particulate (α [235] and n [236] tracks in a polymer film) radiation³⁶ [237] and radioactivity(carbon-14 used to date an ancient document [238])
- Electric charge (left with footprints in a carpet [239])
- Sound, vibration, pressure and shock wave phenomena through fluids (such as: air or water) and solids (things of human construction [240], or seismic activity in the earth [241])
- Voice identification and evaluation [242]
- Magnetic field cartographic orientation of an ancient oven [243, 244]
- Microwave radiation suspected for diplomats' illness; and for police traffic radar operators³⁷
- Medical consequences of forces of acceleration and deceleration [245, 246]. For example, on a rocket sled [247, 248] of Col. John Stapp. Sudden start and stop with high velocity causes rapid acceleration and deceleration with great forces [249, 250, 251].

Much of the above are better dealt with by a physicist, medical researcher, or other scientist, or an engineer, rather than a chemist.

2.3.1.5 Corollaries

- Whose it was [252]
- Where it has been before [253]
- Related items [254, 255, 256, 257, 258]

2.3.2 How much

For each *qualitative* determination that the forensic chemist might do, a *quantitative* determination might also be called for. For example: mass (kg), absolute concentration (mol/L), relative concentration (mol%), force (nt), kinetic energy (joules), temperature (°C), wavelength (light colour; nm), radiation intensity, pressure (Pa), magnetic field strength, cartographic orientation, *etc.*

³⁶ Subatomic particles. Chapters 2, 4, 6.

³⁷ Microwave. Chapters 2 & 6.

2.3.3 Error

Sometimes forensic results can be quantified with great accuracy, but often not.^{38,39} Sometimes, the accuracy is so questionable that the resultant numbers should only be regarded as estimates, and sometimes, the very bases for estimation are questionable. And, sometimes an error can be of a qualitative nature.

Such issues of error are of essential importance to forensic science. These are dealt with in Chapter 8.⁴⁰

2.3.4 When

Timing is a special kind of quantification not mentioned above, but implied by the consideration of reactions in progress. Theoretically, all chemical reactions may be characterized by their chemical kinetics – the times taken for various quantities or concentrations of reactants, intermediates and final products to be depleted and created. These times might be measurable from quantity or concentration measures of chemical substances, and the forensic chemist might be able to help relate them to the when of a human story. As with all measurements, error is also of concern – see also Chapters 4, 7 and 8 [259].⁴¹

2.3.5 What happened

After considering, as above, what is found at a scene, how much, error possibilities, and when, the forensic chemist may be called upon to help explain how this would be related to the human story that left the scene behind.

This might be attempted by developing a chronological theory based on what is found, along with other information. As the theory develops, it might point to further examinations of what was initially found, further searches for other items to examine, and theory revision [260].

When a scene is first viewed, a preliminary theory of human stories and scientific explanation may often be implied; otherwise, the forensic scientist might not have much of an idea of what to do. For example, in the forensic ink example, the chemist would assume being called to examine ink on paper, and not an electronic facsimile. The obvious theory would be that a human hand linearly applied ink

38 Qualitative. Quantitative. Error. Chapters 2 & 8.

39 Measurement. Error. Chapters 2, 3, 8.

40 Error. Chapters 2, 3, 7, 8.

41 When. Chapters 2, 4, 7.

from a pen onto paper, and that it was not done by a machine all-at-once by photo reproduction. But, the forensic chemist must bear in mind that the obvious theory could possibly be wrong. This has implications on how to look for things at the scene, and the care to be taken.⁴²

Preliminary theory would thus be confirmed or replaced by a more firmly verified theory, or succession of theory refinements, which, hopefully, would eventually be able to uniquely and reliably account for the events and things of the human story.

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How police convinced a woman that her bad dream was an actual murder

When . . . was a teenager in Reykjavik in the 1970s, she and her boyfriend . . . were detained by police for running an embezzlement scam . . . questioning . . . soon veered toward two totally unrelated murder cases. . . . complex tale of forming false memories under police pressure, and giving testimony . . . Decades later, the case is widely seen as a vast miscarriage of justice.

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The ink of this example is as would be, or have been, found in older-style fountain pens; sometimes still used. Ink flows from a storage cavity within the pen through a narrow tube, and a point, onto the paper. Traditionally, for centuries, variations of that ink has been a water-soluble ferrous Fe^{2+} complex of tannin.

Tannin is class of molecules with polymeric arrangements of a sugar, gallic acid and polyphenolic molecules, historically derived from oak tree bark, or other plant materials.

Generally, when on the paper, the Fe^{2+} complex oxidizes on exposure to air, to not-water-soluble ferric Fe^{3+} tannate – the insolubility is related to its permanence. (An analogous oxidation occurs with Fe^{2+} in haemoglobin in blood $\rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$.)

Ink colour can be altered with the addition of dyes, which may fade over years, but the permanent ferric Fe^{3+} tannate remains.

Ball point pen inks are quite differently (than Fe-tannin) formulated – with organic (in chemistry terminology – mostly carbon C and hydrogen H) materials, and solvents. Most pens and their inks are now ball point – and analyses explained in this book are, generally, for ball point, rather than for fountain. There are now other kinds of writing and artists’ devices commercially available. Analyses for fountain pen ink could involve many properties – including the tannin composition molecular arrangements.

- 56 Tannin + iron sulfate $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{++} [\text{SO}_4]^{--} \rightarrow$ ferrous Fe^{++} tannate complex
 Ferrous Fe^{++} tannate complex + $\text{O}_2 \rightarrow$ ferric Fe^{+++} tannate
- 57 Tannic acid CAS 1401-55-4 $\text{C}_{76}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_{46}$ – a tannin – a large molecule 1701.20 g/mol
 contains one sugar unit and ten phenolic units (See Fig. 2.3a & b)

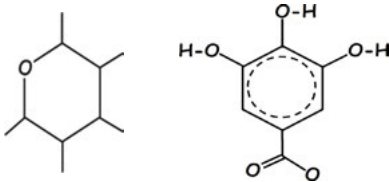


Fig. 2.3a & b: A tannin.

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 [. . .]
 . . . A gas plant was started at Edgewood, Maryland, in November, 1917. By March it was filling shell and before the war put a stop to its activities in the fall it was producing 1,300,000 pounds of chlorin, 1,000,000 pounds of chlorpicrin, 1,300,000 pounds of phosgene and 700,000 pounds of mustard gas a month. . . .
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 . . . Of the 925 cases requiring medical attention at the Edgewood Arsenal 674 were due to mustard. During the month of August 3½ per cent. of the mustard plant force were sent to the hospital each day on the average. But the record of the Edgewood Arsenal is a striking demonstration of what can be done in the prevention of industrial accidents by the exercise of scientific prudence. In spite of the fact that from three to eleven thousand men were employed at the plant for the year 1918 and turned out some twenty thousand tons of the most poisonous gases known to man, there were only three fatalities and not a single case of blindness. . . .
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 Edgewood Arsenal was apparently America's response to the work of Fritz Haber in Germany.
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 Haber's earlier work, resulting in the Haber-Bosch process, arguably meant that the Kaiser didn't run out of ammunition during WWI. The Haber-Bosch process is still important and used today for the production of fertilizers, dyes and explosives.
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Beilenson urges bill requiring lead tests for 1-, 2-year-olds Similar state measure not as far-reaching, says city health commissioner (Apr 13 2000)

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House OKs bill aimed at lead poison Tests would be required of city infants in first year (Mar 28 2000)

Lead fight takes wide approach City, state, federal agencies coordinate anti-poisoning efforts; A \$3.1 million boost; Baltimore prosecutes landlords, seeks to raise awareness (Mar 23 2000)

Plan calls for stricter lead test standards All children up to age 2 would be examined (Feb 29 2000)

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Standard reference files and collections

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- Adhesives
- Ammunition
- Checkwriter Standards
- Duct Tape/Electrical Tape
- Explosives and Related Items
- General Rifling Characteristics
- Hairs and Fibers
- National Automotive Image File
- National Automotive Paint File (Foreign and Domestic)
- National Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title
- National Motor Vehicle Altered Numbers File
- National Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) File
- Office Equipment Standards (typewriters, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Reference Firearms Collection
- Safe Insulation
- Safety Paper Standards
- Shoe Sole Design Standards
- Tire Tread Design Standards
- Watermark Standards

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 95% Cu 5% Sb and Zn
 27 995 000 Minted, Philadelphia.
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Chapter 3

Analytical approach

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[Dr. Armstrong] . . . *sniffing now at the glass* . . . very cautiously just touched the finger with the tip of his tongue [1, 2].

“. . . *one of the cyanides. No distinctive smell of Prussic Acid* [Hydrogen Cyanide $\text{H-C}\equiv\text{N}$ [3, 4]], probably Potassium Cyanide [$\text{K}^+ \text{CN}^-$ [5, 6]] . . .”

[Agatha Christie, *And Then There Were None*, 1939.] [7, 8, 9]^{1,2}

[. . .]

[*They go camping; set up their tent under the stars and retire for the night. Later Sherlock Holmes awakens, and then wakes Dr. Watson and asks:*

“*Look up at the stars – what do you deduce?*”

Dr. Watson: [philosophising at some length about the wonders of the universe, its immense size, and of the possibility of life on a hypothetical planet going around a distant star; . . .]

Sherlock Holmes: “You’ve missed it – Somebody’s stolen our tent!” [10, 11, 12, 13]

3.1 Analytical chemistry

As indicated in the previous chapter, the science of this book is mostly concerned with *analytical chemistry*.^{3,4} Forensic chemistry was discussed in the context of what was found at a site and the further forensic laboratory analyses that would follow to help construct a scientific theory to be invoked for a human story. This chapter examines how to deal with the sequence and progress of those analyses.⁵

3.1.1 Measurement

But first – when considering analytical chemistry – some comment about ***measurement***:

Although some *qualitative* analytical chemical determinations may be satisfactory for some people for some purposes, *quantitative* determinations – with numerical measurements – are often necessarily important.

1 Agatha Christie. Acute toxicology. Hydrogen Cyanide $\text{H-C}\equiv\text{N}$ CAS 74-90-8. Potassium cyanide $\text{K}^+ \text{CN}^-$ CAS 151-50-8. Chapters 1 & 3.

2 Agatha Christie – quotes Chapters 1, 2, 3, 7, 8.

3 Analytical chemistry. Expanded definition – more detail, and example. Preface 2, Chapter 1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

4 Forensic science. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

5 Analyses. Credibility. Chapters 3 & 5.

Measurements may be of a single characteristic of a single item – for example, the mass [14, 15, 16, 17] of something found at the site.⁶ Or, maybe a statistical determination composed of measurements of several – often many – of members of a group of things – for example, workplace chemicals measured as concentration levels in blood samples from workers. Further treatment of these concepts is considered in Chapter 8,⁷ with a discussion of error.

Most measurements are – or should be – in *Le Système International* [18, 19, 20] and its definitions and conventions should be assumed. Likewise, descriptions of chemical substances should be in terms used by the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society. However, if other persistent historical systems are used, they must be relatable to SI and CAS.^{8,9}

When measurements are reported, it is also important to include how the measurements were made, with what instrumentation; the SI units; and, if appropriate, comparison with published values [21, 22].

If numbers are logarithmic or exponential (which would not have SI or any other units), base 10 or e must be specified.¹⁰ And, without error estimates, many measurements are of limited value, some useless, and some worse than useless.^{11,12}

3.1.2 What the measurement means

When making measurements and considering the resulting data, it may also be important to consider actual meaning beyond the numbers. This would involve questioning why the measurements were made, and assumptions of concept [23].

For example [24]: A high school student writes a university-education-intended entry examination test. Typically, this would be a US-nationally-standardized, computer-marked, multiple-choice test (such as SAT or ACT) apparently purporting to determine some kind of fitness for success in a higher education institution. A result in the 99th percentile would be good; 30th percentile, not so.

But what is the test actually measuring [25]: Aptitude? Intellectual ability, aside from the subject matter? Knowledge of a body of subject matter? Speed in writing tests? Gaming ability? Financial ability of parents to pay for preparation training [26]? Experience in test-taking? Pre-trained ability to successfully write any test of that format? Some occurrence of chance?

⁶ Site. *What it is*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

⁷ Measurement. Error. Chapters 2, 3, 8.

⁸ SI CAS. Preface 3.2, Chapters 3 & 4.

⁹ Chemical names as used in this book Preface 3.2. Chapters 3 & 4.

¹⁰ Napier. \log_{10} \log_e . Chapters 3 & 6.

¹¹ Measurement. Error. Chapters 2, 3, 7, 8.

¹² Error. Chapters 2, 3, 7, 8.

Likely not being measured: Appreciation, love and respect of the subject matter. Resolve, in good faith, to try to better learn the subject matter in the future. Intellectual joy. Moral commitment.

Maybe not being fully measured: Prediction of future success in further education or eventual livelihood pursuit.

What the test result does provide is a ranking number for an administrator, or machine, to decide with, when there are too many applicants and too few seats. Perhaps the result would be little beyond a test result congratulatory – or regrets notice – system. Perhaps there is really little of cultural or intellectual importance to ranking students, anyhow [27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32]. Perhaps a decision process inspired by the biblical Gideon would have been good enough.¹³

(There, likely, are possible testing regimes that would actually be more useful for considered evaluations, helpful for academic pursuits, but maybe not as for the testing of this example.)

As another example, more directly related to forensic chemistry [33]: CO₂ is measured in a workplace atmosphere because that is the equipment available, for a situation when something else – gas or particulate – would actually be important to monitor.¹⁴

3.1.3 Counting measurement

Another kind of measurement: Things of the same kind, that are counted, as either present or not. Similarly for events. For example: A population census [34]. And, a count of disease-positive public health tests [35].

It should be noted that there can be errors in count or variations, if not confusion in definition, and things and events can be missed, or misattributed.

Precise details of definition of what is being counted can be problematic [36]. As can the methodology of the counting, which can include the combining of counts of different counters who might use differing definitions [37, 38] and methods; and might include counts at different times. Care as to definition and method should be taken when trying to combine counts of several sources [39].

3.1.4 Changed circumstances

Changes in circumstances can happen for counting measurements, and this may affect the evaluations; and should be taken into consideration for error assessment.

¹³ Selection protocol. Gideon. Chapter 3.

¹⁴ CO₂ CO. Chapters 2, 3, 6, 8.

For example: During the time window of a census of a defined geographic area, some people are born, others die, become too ill to participate, immigrate, emigrate, flee, or avoid or lie to the census taker (perhaps fearing the immigration officer). During a public health count, some people may be cured, others die, hide, or behave in intentionally unhealthy ways; the testing methods and protocols may change.

3.2 The things of evidential interest

It may be that things thought to be of interest by various investigators at a site¹⁵ – police, labour inspector, insurer – are brought to the forensic chemist. The investigators should be expert-enough to properly choose the items, care for them and document [40] what they do. Alternatively, they might consult with the forensic chemist, or someone specially trained in forensic chemical investigation and collection. They should know to take proper care to protect the scene.

Many kinds of things of evidential interest are typically well known, with extensive, established, explanatory and encyclopaedic literature [41, 42, 43, 44] – such as for ink, bullet and shell casings, paint chips, seized drugs, explosion residue and blood. These are things for which forensic science is advanced well enough that they may often be considered as obvious and standard. And, it would seem that the availability of science procedure largely drives what is looked for, and how it is dealt with. But, it must be remembered that as science advances, so do the lists of kinds of things of forensic interest. For example, DNA and protein material, not visible to the human eye, and not from blood, unthought-of of as evidence only a few decades ago, are now important.

Any search activity has the potential to change the site, and to thereby cause loss or destruction of evidence. Taking proper care to protect that evidential record, therefore, includes ample photography to record overview of where everything was, as well as for close-up detail and for what the human eye missed or could not see; and to document the forensic investigative process as it might deconstruct and reconstruct the scene. The least intrusive methods are preferred, but some level of intrusion is unavoidable.

Forensic scene photography¹⁶ should include not only the photographs themselves, but also information about the camera, its location and setup (which might include a labelled sketch or an overview photograph by another camera), and also information about the recording media (which used to be photographic film, but is now some version of digital electronic format). Also, as appropriate, a calibration device to show length and angle should be placed at the scene to appear in the

¹⁵ Site. *What it is*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

¹⁶ Photography. *f/d v2*. Chapters 3 & 6.

photographs, with a north-pointing arrow, a dated and encoded sign identifying the investigating agency and its photographer and a true-colour chart – all of this might be simply included in standard placards. Copies [45] of all the photographs should be readily available as referenced in the final report (but multiple repeats may wisely be avoided in the report).

What is chosen for forensic chemical analysis and how it is looked for would depend on a succession of progressively refined theories of the chronology of what happened, starting with a preliminary theory that may involve some reasonable speculation.

For example [46], for a highway crash where there is a skid,¹⁷ the investigators should naturally be interested in the road surface condition (wet?), the tire treads (worn?), and ethanol-in-blood concentration, or drug, of the driver (impaired?). The preliminary theory might turn out to be correct and sufficient: The crash resulted from a drunken driver with bald tires on a wet road. But maybe not. To continue the example alternatively: The driver was sober, the tires were new, the road was dry, and the crash was because of an oil slick leaked on the road by a tanker truck, and the forensic chemist would be able to help identify the manufacturer of the slick substance by way of mixture profile analysis;¹⁸ the police officer having taken a sample from the road surface for completeness of investigation, but not knowing its significance at the time.

3.3 What forensic aspects to concentrate on

Once something has been chosen for forensic analysis, the succession of progressively refined theories mentioned above now influences the choice of what the analysis should be. That is, what aspect of the item should the forensic chemist focus attention on, what should be left for later, left to others (such as biologists, physicists, electronic engineers), and what to be leave be.¹⁹ For example: For the forged document investigation²⁰ the forensic chemist would essentially be concerned with the chemical composition/mixture profile of the ink on the paper and in the pen, and on other documents written by the suspect. Otherwise, it is important to protect the examined item to preserve evidence that should be considered by other investigators [47] – for fingerprints, handwriting analysis, pollen or dust particles, bio-residue, paper fibre [48], *etc.*

¹⁷ Tire skid. Chapters 2, 3, 6.

¹⁸ Mixture. Chapters 3, 4.

¹⁹ What to concentrate on. Chapters 2 & 3.

²⁰ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* –continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

Thus, each investigation should be as carefully non-destructive as possible. For example: A handwriting expert who actually touches a questioned document may inadvertently put extraneous fingerprints on the paper, exuded bio-substances (later of concern for DNA or protein analysis), or add microscopic dust to its surface, thereby damaging those kinds of evidence.

An example of destructive investigation – not realized at the time – comes from archaeology – the nineteenth-century excavations of the site that included ancient Troy [49].

Another influence on the choice of analysis is the availability of lab facilities, equipment and personnel. For example: A labour inspector might use carbon dioxide measurements at the site – a workplace, to determine air quality, knowing that other factors should be taken into account, simply because CO₂-measuring equipment is all that is available. In such a situation, the inspector should clearly other investigators about the limitations of the measurements²¹ including that the measurements might not have relevant meaning.

3.4 Sample handling

As indicated above, there are possibilities that the item of interest could be contaminated by investigative process – the finding and subsequent handling and processing [50, 51, 52]. There can also be contamination from the environment in which it was found – increasingly over time and changing conditions – and from the lab environment in which it is stored, awaiting analysis.

Therefore, it is important that there be formal protocols for the collection, transport, storage and handling of forensic samples. Generally, this means they are brought into contact only with chemically inert and clean tools and containers. Although inertness and cleanliness are relative to the chemistry of the sample, tools and containers of glass, stainless steel and high molar mass polymers are commonly satisfactory. This also generally means that care be taken concerning ambient air, humidity, light and temperature [53]; and time – that the analysis be performed without undue delay. This also necessarily means clear and available documentation of all aspects of collection, transport, storage and handling, including the formal protocols.

The analysis should be as non-destructive of the sample as possible, or at least be minimally destructive, either in the sense that the analytical method is non-destructive *per se* (e.g., a spectrum of visible reflected light [54]²²), or that if it is possibly destructive, only the smallest portion of the total sample be used. Non-destructive

²¹ CO₂ CO. Chapters 2, 3, 6, 8.

²² Colour. Reflection spectroscopy. Chapters 3 & 6.

analysis leaves sample for further or other analyses; this is important for disputed forensic conclusions.

It is important to realize that proper preserving and handling for one kind of analysis may be destructive for another, so that one forensic scientist should be aware of precautions needed for colleagues' work. For example: As mentioned above, the preservation of fingerprint, dust or pollen evidence before handling a document for ink analysis.

It is also important to appreciate that preservation of the sample may be important for other kinds of analyses that might be thought of only in the future. For example: Preservation of bio-samples stored from long ago, before DNA science had been thought of [55].

Consideration should also anticipate that the scene may be difficult to preserve. For example: Tire marks on a roadway²³ – police cannot hold-up other traffic for too long. Such anticipation should include much photography.²⁴

The concern for non-contamination of sample has important legal significance [56, 57, 58]. Proper and careful handling and documentation, help protect the integrity and validity of the evidence that the legal authorities would be concerned with and may wish to argue about, and for which a judge may wish to hear argument [59].

There is another kind of evidential integrity and validity that legal authorities are especially concerned about – the *chain of custody*^{25,26} [60] of an item for forensic analysis. A secure chain means that after the item is initially found, it is kept in the secure custody of identified official personnel (for example: Locked in the personal-access-only locker of a police officer – only one lock and key – with the key kept personally; or otherwise by formally documented access protocol), and that transfer from one official person to another be receipted (*e.g.*, the police officer personally hands the item to the forensic chemist, who signs for it for secure custody in the chemist's personal-access-only locker). Such a secure chain necessarily includes documentation – by notations in both the police officer's and the chemist's notebooks, on the receipt, and/or the item's tag, label or container, or by formally documented access protocol. This might also include the possibility of court testimony of the official persons.

A simple break in the chain (*e.g.*, [61] the chemist left it out on the lab bench while at lunch) might cast a slight doubt on the evidence, that in criminal law cases can lead to dismissal of the charges. Defence lawyers would love this; the concept is so obvious to the judge, and so easy to understand, unlike many other aspects of forensic evidence. The judge need know nothing of science, or care, to reject the evidence.

23 Tire skid. Chapters 2, 3, 6.

24 Photography. f/d v2. Chapters 3 & 6.

25 Chain of custody. Chapters 3 & 5.

26 Manarin, *Forensic Evidence*, 2019. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

3.5 Site and lab work

Once the forensic chemist has custody of the *forensic item* or *sample* of interest from the site, the laboratory analytical sequence would start.²⁷ This would be guided by the lab's core documents and standard operating procedures, in consideration of published scientific literature.²⁸

3.5.1 Initial observations

As mentioned above, initial observations of the *forensic sample* are often obvious, and closely related to the preliminary theory and speculations. They may eventually confirm the preliminary theory – but further observations might lead elsewhere.

To continue the fictitious concocted example above: [62] The forensic chemist, having accepted custody of the suspected forged document contained in a clear polymer envelope [63] might notice:

- a machine-cut sheet of white paper, of standard size;
- onto which has been pre-printed a form in English, with check boxes to be filled in and a place for signature and dating;
- the pre-printed parts were mostly in Times New Roman font, with black printers' ink, with a few words in red Gothic;
- the pre-printed form has an identifier date in small Arial Narrow print at the bottom, along with other apparent coded indicators;
- the alleged forgery is near the bottom of the page, in a place for signature, in Roman-looking script, quite unintelligible, in light blue ink that appears to be handwritten with a ballpoint pen.

In another polymer envelope is:

- an ordinary-looking ballpoint pen that writes with light blue ink on white paper, which appears to the unaided eye to be the same as the ink on the questioned document;
- and that ink colour appears unusual – a lighter shade of blue – when compared to most blue ball pen inks.

These initial observations suggest continuing with an initial theory: the alleged forgery with light blue ball pen ink could have come from the accompanying pen. Obvious contrary theory possibilities might be immediately considered. For example [64]: If the date written on the document pre-dates ballpoint pens [65, 66] the initial theory would

²⁷ Site. *What it is*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

²⁸ Lab core documents. SOP, scientific literature. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8.

be challenged. And similarly, for example: If the ink writing obviously appears to have come from a fountain pen or an artist's device – with apparently different ink chemistry.

3.5.2 Sample selection

The next steps proceed with trying to confirm/deny/test the initial theory. The very next step would select and isolate that part of the sample to undergo chemical analysis. In a different context, selection protocols have, perhaps, biblical origin – how does Gideon choose only 300 of his too many soldiers [67, 68]?^{29,30,31}

Continuing the example [69]: According to the initial theory, the forensic interest is in the light blue allegedly forged signature and the ink in, and from, the pen – and for the time being, nothing else – other inks can be ignored.

If it is then assumed that all of the ink in the pen, and as a written on the paper, is homogeneous (that is, all the same), then the chemist may simply choose any part of the ink of the alleged forgery, to be compared with any sampling from the pen. This may well be a good assumption for this example. But more generally, sample selection can pose major problems, as for example for art forgery analysis³² or brownfield³³ survey, where homogeneity should not be assumed; or for quantitative determination where grains of one substance are mixed in with those of another (e.g., a large package of some cocaine in filler).

Where non-homogeneity is a possibility, sample selection, as a major problem, must be dealt with, by methods of considering statistical randomness and formal selection protocols – sampling plans may become important [70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80].³⁴

Consider another fictitious example: [81] A painting is offered for sale as newly discovered work by a well-known, but long-dead, artist. But, really [82], it is a high-quality forgery, with modern materials that would have been unknown to that artist.³⁵ A sceptical art appraiser, consulted by a potential buyer, is baffled by the authentic appearance of style and colour. And indeed, by eye comparison to a colour chart and surface reflection visible spectroscopy,³⁶ of selected parts of the painting confirm that if it is a

29 Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

30 Sample selection. Chapters 3, 5, 9.

31 Selection protocol. Gideon. Chapter 3.

32 Art forgery analysis. Chapters 1 & 3.

33 Sample selection. Brownfield. Chapters 2, 3, 5.

34 Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

35 Art supply. Forbes art pigment collection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

36 Colour. Reflection spectroscopy. Chapters 3 & 6.

forgery, it is forensically smart – except perhaps for some of the yellow areas [83, 84, 85], further forensic work is indicated.

Continuing the example [86]: On the advice of a forensic chemist, micro samples of the oil paint would be taken from the surface of the painting,^{37,38} grouped for colour by eye with comparison to a colour chart or with reflection visible spectroscopy and characterized by mass spectroscopy.³⁹ These would then be compared to similar samples taken from authenticated genuine paintings of the well-known artist.⁴⁰

But, this would be destructive testing, perhaps at its most frightening. Not only would damage be done to the suspected forgery, but also to genuine works of art that would be used as reference standards. And, even forgeries can be works of art. Such a destructiveness in this testing proposal would likely be sufficient cause to not do it; to try another method [87, 88, 89, 90, 91]. Destructiveness of testing methods was of concern for the scientific work done on the Shroud of Turin.⁴¹

Ideally, accepting temporarily, for the sake of argument, the concept of taking micro samples, many should be taken at random and by a formal protocol [92]. For example, a *Cartesian* grid [93] might be drawn on a photograph of the painting, and surface samples taken from the painting at regular x and y intervals. And since oil painting can involve several layers, there should also be z intervals (but $z \ll x = y$) [94].

Such selections would be assumed as random for the painting as a whole. But, there may be areas of the painting that are of special interest. The by-eye or the surface reflection visible spectroscopic results might suggest special attention for the yellows, so that they might be considered by a separate random choice protocol aside from the whole-painting x , y , z grid. What is described here would be expected to be a very difficult and time-consuming process.

However, there may be a further problem because a *Cartesian* grid might not actually be random for the painting as a whole. If the artist started the painting with a to-be-eventually-painted-over-grid [95, 96, 97, 98, 99], then a bias might be introduced. It might be better, but more difficult, to use another method for random site selection [100].

As another example: [101] Soil [102, 103, 104] samples taken in a brownfield [105, 106] in a three-dimensional *Cartesian* grid, to obtain random samples of suspected, previously left industrial or other wastes or pollutants, at various depths, at various times [107]. For such environmental studies, the randomness of sampling for the resulting data – the selection protocols – sampling plan [108, 109]⁴² – may be a most important consideration. There are the same problems as with the art forgery example.

37 Alert: this would be destructive testing that likely should not be done – read on.

38 Destructive and non-destructive testing. Chapters 3, 5, 8.

39 Mass spectroscopy. GC MS. Chapters 3, 6.

40 Alert: this would be destructive testing that likely should not be done – read on.

41 Shroud of Turin. Carbon-14. Preface 2, Chapters 3 & 7.

42 Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

In analogy to the artist's grid, there could have been prior engineering and landscaping plans involving a grid or actual selective land use [110, 111, 112]. And, the interpretation would be more difficult, because unlike art work, a soil and debris field may be slowly in motion, have continuing chemical and biological processes, have more added to it, have been rained on, pooped on by geese, *etc.*

Selection protocols can be even more difficult for suspected polluted water courses or bodies because of the fluidity, precipitation or settling of some substances as solids or denser liquids [113, 114], freeze and thaw *etc.* – so that the bottom might become a kind of underwater brown field.

Sometimes, it would be especially important for the randomness protocol to be secret – at least temporarily. For example [115]: For a horse race with financial benefits for winning ticket holders and horse owners. Which substances and horses would be subject to pre-race doping testing?

3.5.3 Sample selection – Pb in humans

Sample selection is particularly problematic for measuring and evaluating toxins in biological systems. For example: lead Pb, an anciently known and historically widely-used metal [116, 117].⁴³ Widely-used for: water municipal piping; sheathing for insulated electrical cable; architectural, automotive and other paints; ammunition; electrical solder; jewellery; toys; for burial containers of human remains; *etc.* Continuing legacies from these historical uses remain [118, 119, 120, 121].

Pb is known to be especially toxic to children [122, 123], whose sources may include architectural paint in old-stock housing, municipal water and toys. The analytical chemistry for Pb measurement is not too difficult. Pb concentration can be measured as in the blood system, but the sample selection as to when it is measured can be problematic, as is choosing which children would be measured, and from which neighbourhoods [124, 125].

But even more problematic is the health significance of blood Pb [126].

Blood Pb measurements are only indirect indicators of health harm. The health damage of concern for Pb in children is largely neurological. Pb exposure can vary over time, as can storage in and exchanges between various tissues, such as in bones. Neurological diagnosis can be difficult – including differentiation from other causes and health issues.

Pb is measured in blood because that is where it can be practicably done – to give readable numbers. Typically, other human body parts are not sampled (at least initially). The conclusions drawn must be in the context of the complexities noted above; such conclusion may be only unclear indicators [127].

⁴³ Pb toxicology. Pb Sample selection. Chapters 1, 2, 3.

3.5.4 Screening tests

With the selected sample part, the forensic chemist can now continue with further lab work, the first of which may be *screening tests*. These are quick and economical procedures – in terms of time, effort, resources, and cost – that can indicate a probably correct forensic answer or answer range, to confirm a speculation/suspicion of chemical identity, but with limited reliability. And, importantly, a screening test might allow the chemist to determine that the sample is not the speculated/suspected substance. *Screening tests* can allow the forensic chemist to decide which samples should be subjected to less economical but more reliable analysis.

For example, a forensic chemist asked to make a determination of an alleged heroin sample might use the Marquis test, Froehde's reagent or Mecke's test [128]. Such tests are sometimes called *colour* or *spot tests* because a colour change for a micro amount of sample – perhaps a drop (or few) of a solution on a spotting plate – might occur when a drop (or few) of a particular reagent is added (such as Froehde's reagent for heroin: purple → olive green on standing [129]). Commercially prepared kits for many of these tests are available; often used by law enforcement officers.⁴⁴

As another example, a screening test could be by simple thin layer chromatography (TLC) run on a small plate, such as might be done for an alleged cocaine [130, 131] sample, before mass spectroscopy or infrared spectroscopy would be done or, perhaps, avoided.

For the document forgery example mentioned above [132], a screening test would have already been done when the chemist initially observed the appearance to the eye of the light blue ink. Had the pen produced a darker blue line, or a green line, on the white paper (here a screening test), then the chemist could have quickly concluded [133] that this pen was not used for the alleged lighter blue forgery. Further screening tests might include examining the ink lines for obvious differences under ultraviolet light, or perhaps photography with various light sources, filters and photo-receiving media, and perhaps also by observing the ink drawn on white paper when subjected to heat, strong light or oxygen.

3.5.5 Analytical/instrumental methods

If a screening test is reliable enough for negative results – for example [134]: if the pen drew dark blue, or green – then more expensive analytical work can be avoided. Otherwise, it must be undertaken.

⁴⁴ Screening tests. Wet chemistry. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6.

In modern labs, this usually involves procedures with instrumentation (see in Chapter 6)^{45,46} to reveal characteristics that are uniquely and theoretically linked to molecular structure (see in Chapter 4).⁴⁷ Several methods might be used, in sequence or alternatively, for example: UV–visible spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy,⁴⁸ TLC, mass spectroscopy and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS).^{49,50}

Such procedures usually start by isolating and preparing part of the found sample. For example: [135] After being photographed [136] (to best preserve the evidence), there could be spectroscopic measurement of reflected light⁵¹ from a selected part of the light blue ink. This would be non-destructive.

Procedures could continue by again isolating and preparing part of the found sample for other kinds of analysis: The forensic chemist might scrape off [137, 138]⁵² with a clean sharp scalpel, a very small portion of the alleged forgery from the document, being careful to avoid any other ink. Then take a similar scraping from an apparently blank spot of the paper, as a control.

The two scrapings would then be put into a solvent – to dissolve [139] the ink – known to be non-reactive to ball pen ink, and transparent to visible and ultra-violet light – for example spectroscopic-grade cyclohexane: [140, 141, 142, 143, 144]^{53,54}

After removing any paper fibres [145], the two sample parts would then be put into two UV–visible spectral cells, which would then, in turn, be put into a UV–visible spectrophotometer – each run versus a pure cyclohexane blank [146].

A similar solvent extraction for UV–visible examination would also be done for ink lines from the pen – drawn on a small clean glass surface [147]. Similarly taken ink lines could be taken from another pen, as a comparison. All of the spectra would be compared to each other, and, importantly, to available ink industry reference spectra or standard samples.

These UV–visible spectra would have been run because of coincident convenience with the solvent extraction. Generally, however, UV–visible spectra are mainly useful as screening tests and not reliable for unambiguous identification of molecules.⁵⁵ And

45 Screening test → instrumentation. Chapters 3 & 6.

46 Chemical identification. Chapters 3, 4, 6.

47 Molecular structure. Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6.

48 *Genesis*. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4, 6.

49 Spoiler alert: The instrumental methods would be too extensive for ink analysis. TLC alone would be quite sufficient. Chapter 3.

50 Analytical/instrumental methods. Chapters 3 & 6.

51 Ink analysis. Reflection spectroscopy. Chapters 3 & 6.

52 Destructive and non-destructive testing. Chapters 3, 5, 8.

53 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

54 Screening test → instrumentation. Chapters 3 & 6.

55 UV. Chapters 3 & 5.

also, it is most likely that the inks are mixtures of different kinds of molecules, so that the forensic chemist would also want to do chromatographic analysis, with perhaps infrared spectral analyses or mass spectral analyses of the components of the chromatographically separated mixtures.

TLC [148] would be the method of choice for this analysis because of its sensitivity and economy. And because its use for ink analysis is well-published. TLC would allow separation of the different molecular components of the mixture and their removal for preparation for IR spectroscopy.

If it were found that the sample parts would be too small for TLC to be useful, then gas-phase column chromatography⁵⁶ might be tried; however, for GC, preserving the separated components of the mixture for IR analysis may be more difficult [149]. Another alternative would be to use GC in conjunction with mass spectroscopy [150]. GC-MS would be the best alternative for the most reliable determination; however, the equipment is more complex. For both TLC and GC, the ink samples from the UV-visible analysis can be used, still dissolved in the cyclohexane [151].

The TLC-separated components, as scraped from the TLC plate, could each be prepared for IR⁵⁷ by being mixed with Nujol to form a mull, or made into a KBr pellet [152], with the cyclohexane evaporated. Then, IR spectroscopy could be done.⁵⁸

3.6 Forensic conclusions

The results of the lab work hopefully imply logical conclusions.⁵⁹ For purposes of this fictitious example [153], assume that the ink of the alleged forged signature matches both the ink in the pen and the ink of an industry standard. Real-life forensic conclusions could perhaps (and wishfully) be similar but, alternatively, might indicate otherwise, or that other samples might be needed. In real life, there might also some doubt in the conclusion.

⁵⁶ GC. Chapters 3 & 6.

⁵⁷ IR. Chapters 3 & 6.

⁵⁸ Spoiler alert: The instrumental methods would be too extensive for ink analysis. TLC alone would be quite sufficient. Chapter 3.

⁵⁹ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

3.7 Analysis too extensive – too sensitive – or not enough?

3.7.1 Too extensive?

In general, the question of how extensive an analytical chemistry investigation is enough for a reliable conclusion is always on-going.^{60,61} However extensive it may have been, an opposing lawyer with a desperate case and a willing fee-paying client [154] may always want more. In the legal system, this decision, which is eventually the job of the judge or a tribunal panel, may depend as much on judicial policy as on science. It may also be influenced by how confused and impatient the judge or tribunal panel might be for all this.

Several issues can arise:

- First is the question of what level of chemical complexity is sufficient for chemical identification. As explained in Chapter 4,⁶² chemical substances can, in concept, be uniquely defined – quite exactly – including subtle details. For example [155], if there is a workplace regulation of *o*-xylene, and that molecule only, then the analysis must be so specific as to reveal only *o*-xylene and neither the quite similar *m*-xylene nor *p*-xylene.⁶³ Analysis that can not distinguish between the three is not sufficient. But, *o*-xylene-specific analysis need not go into still further details such as for isotope differences.

If, however, the regulation would be for any xylene (*o*-, *m*-, *p*-), then the less detailed designation would be ok.

- Second, even when a chemical substance with a very specific definition is being looked for, the analytical method need not always be the most exacting, depending on the context in which that substance would be found. Again, for the xylene example, if the analysis revealed xylenes – but not specific as to *o*-, *m*- or *p*- – and an inspector found a bottle with an *o*-xylene label, and none other at the site, for many purposes, this might be sufficient for a legal finding as specific to *o*-xylene.

To continue the above ink example [156]⁶⁴ the chemical identities of the components can remain unknown – and likely would actually be unknown, except in a general way. The presence of identifiable TLC patterns would be sufficient, because there would be a sufficiently comprehensively standard sample library for comparison. For this, the analytical chemistry to confirm or determine detailed molecular structure is not needed for the forensic conclusion.

60 Analysis – how extensive? Chapters 3 & 6.

61 Forensic chemistry choices. Chapters 3 & 4.

62 Chemical substances described. Chapters 3 & 4.

63 Xylene. 106.17 g/mol. Chapters 3 & 4.

64 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

Arguably, the ink analysis described above⁶⁵ is too extensive, and reliable conclusions could be drawn based on the TLC patterns alone,⁶⁶ without resorting to the more time-consuming and expensive spectroscopy [157]. This argument is supported by the observation of Brunelle and Cantu [158, 159, 160] that all of the ~3,000 inks then [161] in the ATF library⁶⁷ are distinguishable by TLC [162, 163, 164].

For the example here, for those readers who are persuaded that the spectroscopy can and should be avoided, or limited – restricted to only whole inks, this book at least provides information about the theoretically more complete spectral analysis.

To further continue the ink example [165]: Based on the TLC alone, and in the absence of any other evidence to contradict, the ink may now be identified as coming from the seized pen or from another pen of identical manufacture. Is this an absolute determination? No, but it provides a reasonable *moral certainty*; and it is not worth [166] the extra time, trouble or expense to do IR of each chromatically revealed component.

Would a complete spectral analysis provide an absolute determination? Yes, almost, but for this, some questions of uniqueness must be dealt with – in Chapter 4.⁶⁸

Another example where the analytical method need not be the most exacting, depending on the context in which the substance would be found, and for which there would be a sufficiently comprehensively standard sample library for comparison, is marijuana determination by the *Duqu nois-Levine* [167, 168] test and TLC. Bailey [169, 170] reported of using these methods, of limited specificity by themselves but in comparison with a large roster of other possible substances. His argument for the sufficiency of *Duqu nois-Levine* and TLC is persuasive.

3.7.2 Too sensitive?⁶⁹

Modern analytical chemistry can deliver results for very small samples and concentrations. Perhaps, sometimes in the range of $< 10^{-9}$ [171] moles [172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177] or moles/litre [178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183]. And, future analytical chemistry should be expected to get even better [184]. But, sometimes such small amounts – sometimes called trace – are so small as to be below what would be of forensic significance. The small amount may be from an already present background or otherwise of innocent origin. It also may be that the background can be of larger amounts.

⁶⁵ Ink analysis. Chapter 3.

⁶⁶ See [Spoiler alert](#), above: The instrumental methods would be too extensive for ink analysis. TLC alone would be quite sufficient. Chapter 3.

⁶⁷ Ink reference standards. US International Ink Library. ATF. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 9.

⁶⁸ Absolute identification of molecules. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6.

⁶⁹ Too sensitive. Toxicology. Chapters 1, 3, 8.

Examples:

- Poppy seeds found with usual foods can result in analytical chemistry reports for failed drug tests. Amounts of forbidden chemical would be below those for actual drug-abuse or health concerns. Injustice can happen, when test reports are used for parole applications [185] and child custody decisions [186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191].⁷⁰
- A comment that some US paper money – now all as Federal Reserve Notes – often bears some trace cocaine [192] – apparently turns out to have some validity beyond a cinema scene [193]. However, while such forensic findings may be evidence of actual criminal contact – for use or trafficking – it could also indicate innocent trace presence from when other not-so-innocent Notes previously passed through automatic counting machines used by banks. Arguably, even such traces can be discovered by modern analytical chemistry. Cocaine found on Federal Reserve Notes should be forensically evaluated with care [194, 195, 196].
- Exposure limits declared under the Canada *Criminal Code* for blood drug concentration, with consequences as at “Any detectible level,” [197] would appear to ignore that modern analytical chemistry can deliver measurements well-below levels of forensic or toxicological meaning.⁷¹ [198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208]
- Consider a contrived, fictitious example [209]: A geological engineer speculatively examines a site as a potential Silver Ag mine. Nothing to do with Uranium U or Thorium Th. Returning to home office, the engineer is stopped at an international border when a new improved supersensitive mass spectrometer reveals shoe-borne U-235 – the weaponizable atomic component, but in quantity 10^{-15} moles – far, far, far below the critical mass. But an “any detectible level” zero-tolerance policy leads to detention by law enforcement.
- But, sometimes very small amounts are not so small as to be below public health and forensic significance: biological contaminants in blood [210, 211].

3.7.3 Summary

To summarize, generally: chemical analysis, for qualitative identification, notwithstanding a very specific definition of what is being looked for, need not always be the most specific or exacting, depending on the context in which that substance would be found – including confirmation with other not completely specific tests. But this must be done with thoughtful care and is not licence to avoid more careful analysis needed otherwise.

⁷⁰ Poppy. Too sensitive. Chapters 1, 3, 8.

⁷¹ Toxicology. Chapters 1, 3, 11.

Similarly, lower detection limits should be reasonably related to actual forensics or toxicology; Canada's criminalization, in concept, of "any detectible level" would cause a serious problem for scientists, though apparently not so much for law-makers.⁷²

Notes

- 1 Introductory quotes, *etc.* Preface.
- 2 [Tasting the forensic evidence is not now regarded as appropriate analytical chemistry procedure.]
- 3 Hydrogen Cyanide $\text{H-C}\equiv\text{N}$ CAS 74-90-8 27.0253 g/mol.
- 4 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hydrogen_cyanide
- 5 Potassium cyanide $\text{K}^+ \text{CN}^-$ CAS 151-50-8 65.12 g/mol.
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potassium_cyanide https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyanide_poisoning
<https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/search/a?dbs+hsdb:@term+@DOCNO+1245>
https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/chemical_terrorism/cyanide_general.htm
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- 9 Agatha Christie, *Sleeping Murder: Miss Marple's Last Case*, HarperCollins Publishers, London, W6 8JB; 1976, 2002; ISBN 978-0-00-712106-9; pages 282, 283, 299.
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<https://www.sunnyskyz.com/funny-jokes/20/Sherlock-Holmes-and-Dr-Watson-Go-Camping>
<http://www.sherlockian-sherlock.com/sherlock-holmes-jokes.php>
<https://unijokes.com/joke-4856/>
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- 14 **Gram** is the SI measure of **mass**, but often referred to as **weight**. However, "weight" is so commonly used that it often passes without comment. From Newton's defining equation:

$$\text{weight} = \text{mass} \times \text{the acceleration of gravity on Earth.}$$

$$\text{weight (nt)} = \text{mass (kg)} \times 9.81 \text{ (m/sec}^2\text{)}.$$
- 15 John Kenkel, *Analytical Chemistry / Refresher Manual*, Lewis Publishers, Chelsea, Michigan 48118; 1992; ISBN 0-87371-398-2; Chapter 2.2 BALANCES, pages 18→24.
- 16 Richard Saferstein, *Criminalistics / An Introduction to Forensic Science*, Seventh Edition, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458; 2001; ISBN 0-13-013827-4; pages 91 and 92.
- 17 Mass, Weight. Chapters 3 & 8.

72 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1 & 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

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- 19 *Weights and Measures Act* RSC 1985, c. W-6. <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/W-6/page-1.html>
- 20 Measurement Canada, Ottawa K1A 0C9 <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/mc-mc.nsf/eng/home>
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 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helicopter_parent
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- 29 Shawn Hubler, “No SAT or ACT for University of California / . . . in Admissions,” *The New York Times*, 22 May 2020, pages A1 and A24.
- 30 See also: Brooklyn Neustaeter, CTVNews.ca Writer, HEALTH | Explainer, “Canadian doctor behind cognitive test says Trump’s score is ‘normal performance,’” 23 July, 2020. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/canadian-doctor-behind-cognitive-test-says-trump-s-score-is-normal-performance-1.5036251>
- 31 See also: Meredith Broussard, “When Algorithms Do The Grading / In-person final exams were canceled, so computers stepped in,” *The New York Times*, OP-ED, 09 September 2020, page A27.
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- 38 CDC NCHS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, US Department of Health & Human Services, Maternal Mortality <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/maternal-mortality/index.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/maternal-mortality/implementation.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/maternal-mortality/evaluation.htm>

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50 Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, *Report of the Kaufman Commission on Proceedings Involving Guy Paul Morin*, [1997], Executive Summary.

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<https://www.ontario.ca/feedback/contact-us?id=98538&nid=97157#contactForm>

51 [page 6]

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. . . The fibre evidence was contaminated within the Centre of Forensic Sciences. The timing and precise origin of the contamination cannot now be determined. However, it remains possible that this contamination tainted Ms. Nyznyk’s earliest findings. No inferences can safely be drawn from any alleged fibre similarities, given the existence of this in-house contamination.

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52 Morin. Fibre evidence contamination. Chapters 1, 3, 8.

53 – Especially for biological samples.

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55 See, for example: Michael Levenson, “DNA Profile Identifies Remains as Mother Who ‘Just Packed Up Her Stuff and Left’ [~50 years ago],” *The New York Times*, 28 March 2021, page 23.

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57 *Morin*. Fibre evidence contamination. Chapters 1, 3, 8.

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- 60 Manarin, *Forensic Evidence* . . ., 2019; [ASSUMPTION OF INTEGRITY chain of evidence], page 7.
- 61 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
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<https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/gideon-bible-story-summary-with-lesson/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gideon>
<https://www.bible.com/bible/114/JDG.7.NKJV>
- 68 A Hebrew - English Bible According to the Masoretic Text and the JPS 1917 Edition
<https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0101.htm> <https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0.htm>
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- 73 – Neil T. Crosby and Indu Patel, *General Principles of Good Sampling Practice*, published for the Laboratory of the Government Chemist by The Royal Society of Chemistry, Cambridge CB4 4WF, 1995. ISBN 0-85404-412-4. https://www.isbns.net/author/Indu_Patel
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- 76 – John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, LEWIS PUBLISHERS, INC.; CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 33431; 1987; ISBN 0-87371-097-5.
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- 80 – See also: ISO/IEC 17,25:2005 Clause 5.10.2 h
- 81 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 82 – “really” only in the context of this *Gedankenexperiment*.
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- 84 Yellow artists’ paints – historically, containing cadmium Cd
<https://news.artnet.com/art-world/7-deadly-art-materials-to-watch-out-for-1081526>
<https://www.jacksonsart.com/blog/2014/05/07/cadmium-crisis/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cadmium_pigments

- <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/art/features/cadmium-the-rare-paint-pigment-faces-a-europe-wide-ban-and-artists-are-seeing-red-9756636.html>
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- 86** *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 87** Niraj Chokshi, “How Art-Forgery Slueths Learned to Love the Bomb / The period of nuclear testing gave at least a temporary boost to radiocarbon dating,” *The New York Times*, SCIENCE, 11 July 2019, page D4.
- 88** Sophie Haigney, “Time Robs ‘The Scream’ of Its Color / Experts study how notable paintings lose pigment,” *The New York Times*, Arts, 19 February 2020, pages C1 and C2.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/07/arts/design/the-scream-edvard-munch-science.html>
- 89** Art analysis. Colour change. Chapters 3 & 7.
- 90** Raman spectroscopy. Paint analysis. Chapters 3 & 6.
- 91** See also: Cibebe Bugno Zamboni, Marcelo Miyada Redígolo, Vinicius Takami Miura, Isolda Costa, Maria Luiza Emi Nagai, Pablo Antonio Vásquez Salvador, Dalton Giovanni Nogueira da Silva, “Non-destructive analysis in the study of historical photographs by pXRF and ATR-FTIR spectroscopies,” *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, TECHNICAL NOTE, February 2021.
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<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1556-4029.14680>
- 92** That is, at random, using a formal protocol for a randomizing method – otherwise “random” and “formal protocol” would be in contradiction.
- 93** *Cartesian Grid*. Chapter 3, 6, 8.
- 94** – very difficult to do – but remember this is a *Gedankenexperiment*.
- 95** – although regular to the grid, they would be random to the painting. If however, if it is suspected that the artist might have used, or forger might have anticipated, random by x,y grid, the x,y coordinates should be chosen by a formal random number generation process.
- 96** For example, Graham Sutherland’s studies for his portraits of Winston Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook, *et al.*, appear to have a grid pattern.
- 97** (The not-well-received Churchill portrait is famous because Lady Churchill had it destroyed, before Sir Winston’s death. According to Sutherland: an “act of vandalism”.)
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graham_Sutherland
<https://www.pinterest.ca/car00672293/graham-sutherland-portraits/>
<http://beaverbrookartgallery.org/en/blog/sutherlands-studies-of-churchill-a-link-to-net-flix-and-british-history-righ/>
<http://beaverbrookartgallery.org/en/>
- 99** (There is no provenance question of the Sutherland works, Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 1C4. The example here is only to show an artist’s use of a grid in a study.)
<http://beaverbrookartgallery.org/en/collection/spoliation-research/http://beaverbrookartgallery.org/en/collection/spoliation-research/>
- 100** See: Keith, Lewis, 1991, page 16, *et seq.*
- 101** *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 102** Soil ≈ a top layer of the earth’s surface – of various kinds – easily crumbled – generally derived from weathering-in-place of previously-existing material, mixed with organic matter near the surface. Generally, soil may be considered as what land, in its top layer, is composed

of. In the context here potentially containing various pollutants, including dumpings from elsewhere.

- 103 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soil>
- 104 James Gilluly, A.C. Waters, A.O. Woodford, *PRINCIPLES OF GEOLOGY / Second Edition*, W.H. Freeman and Company, San Francisco and London, 1959; page 43, *et seq.*
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brownfield_land
- 107 various times ≈ different eras – including recent – of human-directed development.
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<https://books.google.ca/books?id=S6ylAwAAQBAJ&pg=PA79&lpg=PA79&dq=All+analytical+measurements+are+wrong:+it%27s+just+a+question+of+how+large+the+errors+are,+and+whether+they+are+acceptable&source=bl&ots=CEaUXpIpA6&sig=ACfU3U1E-lAgWh7C7M9UkyLtLXn3VMca76A&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewimw4KQsuPmA-hUC7qwKHQnAl0Q6AEwCnoECAGQAQ#v=onepage&q=All%20analytical%20measurements%20are%20wrong%3A%20it%27s%20just%20a%20question%20of%20how%20large%20the%20errors%20are%2C%20and%20whether%20they%20are%20acceptable&f=false>
- 109 [page 63.]

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3.4.8 Sampling Theory and Errors

The final results of an analytical determination will never be any more reliable than the reliability of the sampling. In fact, sampling is the most important step in an analysis. Many modern analytical techniques have errors < 5%, whereas poor sampling can result in errors ≥100%. If a sample was not properly collected or is not representative of the target population, then it doesn't matter how much QA/QC is performed by the laboratory or during other aspects of the investigation.

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- 110 As an example, see a sampling pattern, reported 2003, used to examine horticulturally-used land in New Zealand:
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<https://www.rsc.org/periodic-table/element/82/lead>
<https://www.ecowatch.com/coronavirus-plastic-use-2645882816.html>
<https://www.packagingnews.co.uk/features/history-of-the-world-in-52-packs-6-tooth-paste-tubes-03-09-2015>
<http://castboolits.gunloads.com/archive/index.php/t-11118.html>
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- 129 Siegel, Saferstein – see note above.
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- 131 TLC. Chapters 3 & 6.
- 132 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 133 – assuming here no fading or bleaching effects.
- 134 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 135 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 136 Such photography might also include photo-microscopy to record the mechanical tracks left by the pen point; and photographs of the fluorescence images of fingerprints found on the paper. Chapter 6.
- 137 The method described here is necessarily partially destructive of other aspects of the evidence. A method recommended by Brunelle (page 713) uses the blunted point of a hypodermic needle to punch out several small plugs of the paper bearing the ink writing; this method is also likely more convenient; but care should be taken not to capture any ink on the other side of the page.
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- 139 It is important that the ink of the sample dissolve completely, to assure that its components have not gone into solution selectively. See in note below.
- 140 Cyclohexane is chosen as the solvent because of its transparency in the UV–visible spectral region, and because as an organic solvent, the inks (also organic) are likely to dissolve in it. But cyclohexane is a non-polar organic, so that the solubility might not be too extensive. A better solvent to capture the inks in solution would be pyridine (recommended by R. L. Brunelle, in Richard Saferstein, ed., *Forensic Science Handbook* [Volume I], Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1982, Chapter 14, “Questioned Document Examination”; at page 713; but this polar organic solvent absorbs in the UV region. Pyridine UV absorption does not necessarily prevent the observation of a UV spectrum with pyridine as the solvent, but it makes it more difficult. The solvent absorption can be coped with by the match of the sample and blank cells. The difficulty with such a procedure is that if the match is off, the spectrum will be too; and keeping the match accurate becomes more difficult with increasing absorbance. A solvent/transparency compromise might be appropriate by using a pyridine/cyclohexane mixture (UV visible. Chapter 6) (Brunelle. Chapter 5)
- 141 Cyclohexane. CAS 110-82-7 C_6H_{12} 84.162 g/mol
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclohexane#:~:text=Cyclohexane%20is%20a%20cycloalkane%20with,which%20it%20is%20sometimes%20used\).](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclohexane#:~:text=Cyclohexane%20is%20a%20cycloalkane%20with,which%20it%20is%20sometimes%20used).)
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- 143 pyridine CAS 110-86-1 C_5H_5N 79.102 g/mol
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyridine>
- 144 <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C110861&Mask=400>
- 145 Perhaps by simply letting them settle to the bottom of the flask and removing the liquid above with a syringe.
- 146 See the above note re solvent choice.

- 147 The use of a glass surface would allow for easy recovery of the ink, but also requires an assumption that there is no reaction with paper fibre, or selective retention by the fibre. It is also necessary that there be a waiting time to allow the ink's solvent(s) to evaporate.
- 148 TLC. Chapters 3 & 6.
- 149 depending on whether or not the GC is set up for sample collection.
- 150 GC-MS. Chapters 3 & 6.
- 151 See note above.
- 152 See in Chapter 6.
- 153 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 154 For this lawyer, it would be of practical value that the “willing-fee-paying client” should actually be a “willing-wealthy-fee-paying client who has paid up-front,” having committed in writing to understanding that the legal advice was that the case was desperate with a loser defence; with no legal fee refunds.
- 155 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 156 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 157 – and arguably, not only do the UV-visible spectra only serve as screening tests, but they also invite possible solubility problems – see notes above.
- 158 Richard L. Brunelle and A.A. Cantu; in Geoffrey Davies, ed., *Forensic Science*, ACS Symposium Series 13, American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C., 1975, Chapter 14, “Ink Analysis – A Weapon Against Crime by Detection of Fraud,” pages 134→141, and references cited therein; page 136.
- 159 Richard L. Brunelle and Robert Reed, *Forensic Examination of Ink and Paper*, Hardcover (June 1984) Charles C Thomas Pub Ltd; ISBN: 0398049351 www.amazon.com \$82.95 https://www.amazon.com/Forensic-Examination-Paper-Richard-Brunelle/dp/0398049351/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=0398049351&qid=1565568517&s=gateway&sr=8-1.
- 160 Brunelle and Cantu. Chapters 3 & 4.
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- 162 <https://www.nist.gov/oles/forensic-database-questioned-documents-table>
<https://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/news/a13875/secret-service-ink-forensics-library/>
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1556-4029.2006.00144.x>
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- 170 K. Bailey Chapters 3 & 4.
- 171 $<10^{-9}$ = less than 10^{-9} = less than .000000001
- 172 1 mole = mass /molar mass
- 173 See: Isaac Asimov, *ASIMOV ON CHEM-ISTRY*, Anchor Books, Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975; ISBN 0-385-04005-9; Chapter 6 "To Tell a Chemist," page 89, *et seq.* (Originally appearing as an essay in *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, May 1965.)
- 174 Avogadro number = $N_o = 6.022\,140\,76 \times 10^{+23}$ molecules/mol
- 175 1 mole = $6.022\,140\,76 \times 10^{+23}$ particles.
- 176 <https://www.britannica.com/science/Avogadros-number>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avogadro_constant
- 177 Mole. Avogadro number. Chapters 3, 4, 7.
- 178 www.chem.agilent.com/

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Installation checkout specifications

EI scan sensitivity 100:1 S/N for 1 pg OFN
scanning from 50–300 amu at
nominal m/z 272 ion

[. . .] [page 2.]

[EI = electron impact] [S/N = signal / noise.]

[1 picogram pg = 10^{-15} kg]

- 179 www.chem.agilent.com/

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[. . .]

OFN Octafluoronaphthalene (calibrant)

[. . .] [page 12]

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To verify system performance

Materials needed

- 1 pg/ μ L. (0.001 ppm (OFN sample (5188–5348)

[. . .] [page 76]

[1 pg/ μ L. = 3.675×10^{-9} mol / litre]

- 180 https://www.agilent.com/store/en_US/LCat-SubCat2ECS_32500/GC-MS-Test-and-Performance-Samples

https://www.controlglobal.com/assets/Media/MediaManager/wp_071108_Shimadzu_Sensitivity.pdf

<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/Octafluoronaphthalene>

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181 Octafluoronaphthalene OFN $C_{10}F_8$ CAS 313-72-4 272.09 g/mol.

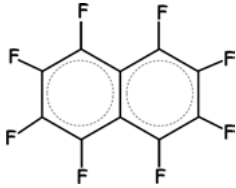


Fig. 3.1: Octafluoronaphthalene CAS 313–72-4.

182 Octafluoronaphthalene CAS 313-72-4.

$$1\mu\text{L} = 1\text{microlitre} = 10^{-6}\text{ L}$$

$$1\text{picogram (pg)} = 10^{-12}\text{ g}$$

$$10^{-12}\text{g}/272.09\text{g/mol} = 3.675 \times 10^{-15}\text{mol}$$

$$1\text{pg}/\mu\text{L} = 3.675 \times 10^{-9}\text{mol/L}$$

183 Octafluoronaphthalene CAS 313-72-4. Chapter 3.

184 Walter E. Harris, *Low Dose Risk Assessment*, Wuerz Publishing Ltd., Winnipeg, 1997; ISBN 0-920063-73-X; page 9, *et seq.*

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<https://www.drugfoundation.org.nz/matters-of-substance/november-2014/mythbusters-poppy-seeds/>

<https://www.usada.org/can-poppyseeds-cause-a-positive-drug-test/>

<http://time.com/5360817/poppy-seed-bagel-drug-test/>

<https://thetakeout.com/can-poppy-seeds-really-make-me-fail-a-drug-test-1832874359>

187 https://www.merx.com/English/SUPPLIER_Menu.Aspx?WCE=Show&TAB=1&PORTAL=MERX&State=7&id=262220&src=osr&FED_ONLY=0&ACTION=&rowcount=&lastpage=&MoreResults=&PUBSORT=2&CLOSESORT=0&IS_SME=N&hcode=ZUhLtqPAtqrMO%2FHKG3xQA%3D%3D

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https://journals.lww.com/drug-monitoring/Abstract/2003/12000/Impact_of_Lowering_the_Screening_and_Confirmation.11.aspx

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[Section 13.4] (d) When an HHS-certified laboratory reports a positive result for opiates on the primary (Bottle A) urine specimen, the MRO must determine that there is clinical evidence in addition to the urine test result of illegal use of any opium, opiate, or opium derivative (e.g., morphine/codeine) listed in Schedule I or II of the Controlled Substances Act. However, this requirement does not apply if the laboratory confirms the presence of 6-acetylmorphine (i.e., the presence of this metabolite is proof of heroin use) or the morphine or codeine concentration is equal to or greater than 15,000 ng/mL and the donor does not present a legitimate medical explanation for the presence of morphine or codeine at or above this concentration. Consumption of food products must not be considered a legitimate medical explanation for the donor having

morphine or codeine at or above this concentration.

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<https://www.gq.com/story/the-great-cocaine-treasure-hunt>
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contaminated_currency <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2009/aug/17/cocaine-dollar-bills-currency-us>
<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/cocaine-on-money/>
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contaminated_currency
- 197 Blood Drug Concentration Regulations: **SOR/2018-148**
<http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2018/2018-07-11/html/sor-dors148-eng.html>

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Blood Alcohol Concentration and Blood Drug Concentration

Summary offence

1 For the purpose of paragraph 253(3)(b) of the *Criminal Code*, the prescribed blood drug concentration for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is 2 ng of THC per mL of blood.

Hybrid offence – drugs

2 For the purpose of paragraph 253(3)(a) of the *Criminal Code*, the prescribed blood drug concentration for each drug set out in column 1 of the Table 3.1 to this section is set out in column 2.

Tab. 3.1: Blood Drug Concentration Regulations.

Item	Column 1 Drug	Column 2 Concentration
1	Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)	5 ng/mL of blood
2	Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)	Any detectable level
3	Psilocybin	Any detectable level
4	Psilocin	Any detectable level
5	Phencyclidine (PCP)	Any detectable level
6	6-Monoacetylmorphine	Any detectable level
7	Ketamine	Any detectable level
8	Cocaine	Any detectable level
9	Gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB)	5 mg/L of blood
10	Methamphetamine	Any detectable level

198 LSD CAS 50-37-3 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lysergic_acid_diethylamide

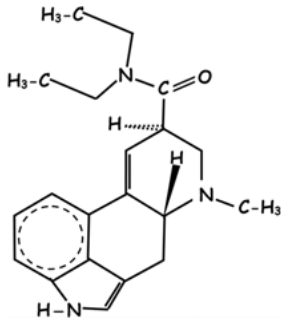


Fig. 3.2: CAS CAS 50-37-3.

Lysergic_acid_diethylamide LSD CAS 50-37-3 323.44 g/mol. C₂₀ H₂₅ N₃ O

199 Methamphetamine CAS 537-46-2 149.233 g/mol.

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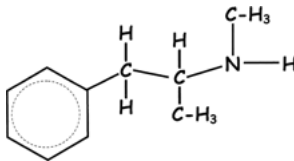


Fig. 3.3a: CAS 537-46-2.

$$C_{10}10 \times 12.011 = 120.11$$

$$H_{15}15 \times 1.008 = 15.12$$

$$N \ 1 \times 14.007 = 14.01$$

$$\Sigma \ = 149.24\text{g/mol.}$$

201 Methamphetamine hydrochloride CAS 51-57-0 185.694 g/mol. mp = 171-175 °C.

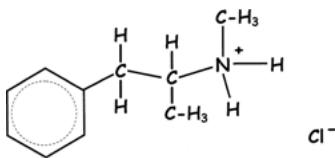


Fig. 3.3b: CAS CAS 51-57-0.

202 γ -Hydroxybutyrate GHB C₄H₈O₃ 104.10 g/mol CAS 591-81-1

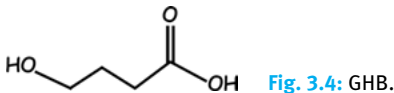


Fig. 3.4: GHB.

<https://www.drugs.com/illicit/ghb.html> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamma-Hydroxybutyric_acid

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- 204** Perrine, page 193, *et seq.* – at pages 194 and 196 **4–28**
- 205** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Methamphetamine>
- 206** US National Institute of Standards and Technology, Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory [http://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID = 537-46-2](http://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=537-46-2)
- 207** <http://www.cas.org/expertise/cascontent/registry/regsys.html>
- 208** http://jpub.nihs.go.jp/jp14e/14data/Part-I/Methamphetamine_Hydrochlori.pdf
- 209** *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 210** André Picard, *The Gift of Death / Confronting Canada's Tainted Blood Tragedy*, HarperCollins, Toronto M5R 3L2, 1995; ISBN: 0-00-255415-1.
<https://www.harpercollins.ca/9780006385752/the-gift-of-death/>
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http://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/200/301/hcan-scan/commission_blood_final_rep-e/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Commission_of_Inquiry_on_the_Blood_System_in_Canada

Chapter 4

Uniqueness of matter

[. . .] [1]

“Now, if you’ll only attend, Kitty, and not talk so much, I’ll tell you all my ideas about Looking-Glass House. First, there’s the room you can see through the glass – that’s just the same as our drawing room, only the things go the other way. . . . Well then, the books are something like our books, only the words go the wrong way. . . .”

“How would you like to live in Looking-Glass House, Kitty? I wonder if they’d give you milk in there? Perhaps Looking-Glass milk isn’t good to drink. . . .”

[. . .]

[Alice & Kitty & molecular chirality] [2, 3, 4]¹

. . . יְהִי אֹר; וְיִהְיֶה-אֹר

. . . “Let there be light.” And there was light.

[Genesis; electromagnetic waves, photons and spectroscopy.] [5, 6, 7]²

ANYONE WHO IS NOT SHOCKED BY QUANTUM THEORY HAS NOT UNDERSTOOD IT.

[Niels Bohr] [8, 9, 10, 11]

I don’t like it, and I’m sorry I ever had anything to do with it.

[Erwin Schrödinger] [12, 13, 14, 15]³

Nothing is real.

[John Lennon] [16, 17, 18, 19]

. . . Pepper spray is not a chemical irritant. It’s not chemical. . . . (See Fig. 4.1)

[US Attorney General William Barr, 2020.] [20, 21, 22].

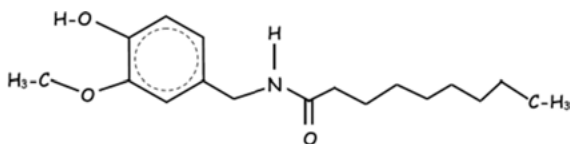


Fig. 4.1: CAS 2444-46-4.

¹ Alice’s Kitty’s Looking-Glass milk. Chirality. Chapter 4 intro. quote. Chapters 4 & 8.

² Genesis. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4, 6.

³ Schrödinger’s cat. Preface 2, Chapter 4.

4.1 Uniqueness of matter & chemical science

4.1.1 Questions about the uniqueness of matter

Questions in forensic science about the nature and uniqueness of matter essentially ask how to describe and define what a substance is, and if one substance is the same as another and what variations are allowed to still be considered same.^{4,5}

Also, importantly, forensic science is called on to characterize a sample on the basis of mixture proportions of its components.⁶

4.1.2 Chemical science

Chemical science is the study of the nature and identity of matter, [23] the reactions of various kinds of matter with other kinds, interactions of energy with matter, related electromagnetic radiation, thermal collisions and related energy and entropy changes. That study, when taken to the fundamentals of modern physics, can lead to some very strange concepts for those of us who persist in our everyday world (see the introductory quotes) [24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43].⁷

Fortunately, for this book, it is sufficient to consider that matter is composed of a hierarchy that starts with a few kinds (neglecting here, others of modern physics) of very small (submicroscopic) particles [44, 45, 46, 47, 48]⁸ that are the “building blocks” [49] for not quite-as-small things, which are, in turn, further larger “building blocks,” and so on, until there are items of human size experience. And further on, to items of planetary and cosmic dimensions [50].

4.2 Atoms, molecules, . . .

4.2.1 Atoms, molecules, . . . – Hierarchy

Further, fortunately, for both the author and the reader, forensic chemistry is usually concerned only with some parts of this hierarchy:⁹

- **Atoms**, which are assemblies of very small particles, are the “building blocks” for –
- **Molecules** and *crystal structures*, which are assemblies of atoms

4 What a substance is. Mixture proportion of components. Chapter 4.

5 Chemical substances described. Chapter 3 & 4.

6 What a substance is. **Mixture proportion of components.** Chapter 4.

7 Schrödinger’s cat. Preface 2, Chapter 4.

8 Fundamental particles. Chapters 4 & 7.

9 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

- Large numbers of *atoms* and *molecules* can, in bulk, be in various *phases*:¹⁰
 - *Gases* – variable of shape and volume, and able to flow
 - *Liquids* – variable of shape, but of definite volume, and able to flow
 - *Solids* – of definite shape and volume, and generally not able to flow
 - (Other phases, under various conditions of pressure and temperature that need not be considered here)

Within these parts of the hierarchy, there are also various possibilities, so that

- **Atoms** can have variation of *isotope*, some radioactive, some not.¹¹
- *Molecules* can have variation of *isotope* for the atoms within their structures; and can have *isomeric* variations of structure that may be neglected for some purposes, but not others.
- *Solids* are assemblies of molecules, atoms or *ions*, into groupings of definite bulk volume and shape, and which can have different internal arrangements (such as for different crystal structures) and linkages (hydrogen bonding, and polymerization). Some atoms and smaller molecules can be linked in long lines (and sometimes planes). These *polymers*, usually mostly of carbon and hydrogen, can be very large, with molar masses (g/mol) in the thousands. (In common language, many of these might be called plastics – although in more precise scientific language, there is an important distinction between thermoplastic polymers and thermoset polymers).¹² There are many naturally occurring biopolymers, but very many polymers of forensic interest are synthetic, often petroleum-derived.
- *Atoms and molecules* can be in *ionic* form – having additional or fewer electrons so that they carry an electrical charge. A molecule might also be called radical, [51] if it temporarily has an extra electron that is part of a chemical reaction mechanism [52].
- *Solutions* are volumes of liquids that contain *atoms, molecules, ions, etc.* as *solutes* at various concentrations, in various *solvents*. For example, common edible table salt [53, 54] = Na^+Cl^- is a solid ionic crystal matrix of sodium Na^+ and Cl^- . *Brine* = Na^+Cl^- as soluble in water H_2O , is an ionic *solution*. An example of an organic nonionic solution: *o*-xylene in n-heptane.^{13,14} (See Fig. 4.2a & Fig. 4.2b)

Solution concentrations are typically expressed as *moles/litre* or *grams/litre*. Much of practical and experimental chemistry is performed and observed

¹⁰ Phases. Melting points. Chapters 4 & 6.

¹¹ Isotope. Radioactive. Carbon-14. Chapters 4, 6, 7.

¹² Polymers. Chapter 4.

¹³ Molecular structural drawings. Chapter 4.

¹⁴ Chemical names as used in this book. Preface 3.2, Chapters 3 & 4.

as for solutes in solution – often quite dilute. One theoretical view of solutes, in dilute solution, is to consider them analogical to gas particles in a vacuum (the solvent assumed as a kind of nonexistent for this hypothetical purpose).

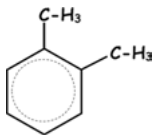


Fig. 4.2a: o-Xylene¹⁵.

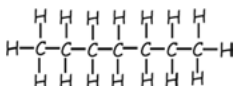


Fig. 4.2b: n-Heptane [55].

4.2.2 Energy relationships

The atoms, molecules and other assemblies of very small particles can interact with electromagnetic radiation; EM is often considered as photons [56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77]. This involves energy relationships. EM absorption and emission is observable and measurable with spectroscopic equipment. Spectroscopy is of essential [78] importance in every branch of chemistry – further described in Chapter 6.^{16,17} The EM continuum is usually described according to approximate categories [79] (See Tab. 4.1):

Tab. 4.1: Electromagnetic spectral regions.

		nm	1nm = 10 ⁻⁹ metre		
–	Gamma ray	γ	~.001		
–	X-ray		~0.1		
–	Ultraviolet	= UV	~200	→	~400 Electronic
–	Visible		~400	→	~800 Electronic
–	Infrared	= IR	~800	→	~100,000 Vibrational
–	Microwave		~10,000,000		Rotational
–	Radio		~1,000,000,000,000		

Energy interactions can also involve thermal collisions and vibrations of atoms and molecules. Thermodynamics is also of essential importance in every branch of chemistry, and every chemical reaction, solvation, change and interaction can be

¹⁵ Xylene. 106.17 g/mol. Chapters 4 & 4.

¹⁶ Genesis. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4, 6.

¹⁷ EM. Photons. Chapters 2 & 4.

thought of as of a thermodynamic process.¹⁸ However, although an important theoretical underpinning, it is often not of immediate practical concern to forensic science practice.

4.2.3 Periodic table

Although it may not too often be referred to for practical use in relation to much of forensic science, mention of the *Periodic Table of the Elements* is appropriately necessary.¹⁹ Each type of *atom* is called an *element*. All elements are to be found on the modern periodic table [80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92]. (See Fig. 4.3)

1 H																	2 He
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	57* La	72* Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	89* Ac	104* Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og
* 58 Ce	* 59 Pr	* 60 Nd	* 61 Pm	* 62 Sm	* 63 Eu	* 64 Gd	* 65 Tb	* 66 Dy	* 67 Ho	* 68 Er	* 69 Tm	* 70 Yb	* 71 Lu				
* 90 Th	* 91 Pa	* 92 U	* 93 Np	* 94 Pu	* 95 Am	* 96 Cm	* 97 Bk	* 98 Cf	* 99 Es	* 100 Fm	* 101 Md	* 102 No	* 103 Lr				

Fig. 4.3: Modern periodic table.

This is “periodic” because its arrangement has recurring trends of properties that can be simply shown. The present published version has 118 elements, the heaviest of which, newly discovered, created in modern nuclear reactors, are unstable, with very short lifetimes. Most elements are stable, or with longer lifetimes, naturally found, and are the substances of most of chemistry.

Every aspect of the study of chemistry involves *atoms* – defined by their number of *protons* = number of *electrons* = *atomic number*. The number of *neutrons* defines the various *isotopes* of an atom [93].

The atoms of the periodic table may be theoretically explained by starting with Hydrogen H, the simplest (top left on the table) – with only one proton, one electron and no neutrons; atomic number = 1. All other elements are describable by adding

¹⁸ Energy. Thermodynamics. Entropy. “Time’s Arrow.” Chapters 4, 6, 7.

¹⁹ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

(going to the right, and down the rows), in theoretical concept, one by one, protons with equal numbers of electrons. There are various numbers of neutrons. The three-dimensional geometric probabilities of electronic structures, outside the proton- and neutron-containing nucleus, are predictable (at least in approximation) from quantum mechanical considerations, and can be used to try to account for the table's periodic arrangement. Much of modern understanding of chemistry is related to this.

The periodic table is a most important accomplishment of science – and of human civilization. It was substantially advanced with the nineteenth-century work of Dimitri MendeléeV, [94, 95] well before the discovery of the neutron, the modern concept of atomic number and quantum mechanics. MendeléeV, was able to predict the existence of then yet to be discovered elements. Perhaps a modern – too whimsical – speculation is that the periodic table is so universal that humans and intergalactic aliens (if ever existent, if ever would meet) could recognize each other's periodic tables [96].

There is also a *Chart of Nuclides* that lists, with data, the known isotopes [97, 98, 99, 100].

4.3 Molecules, etc.

Although there must be no exclusion for other parts of the hierarchy, it is probably safe to say that forensic chemists are largely concerned with identification of molecules in their various forms, including ionic structures, and with mixtures of different molecules and ions. It is therefore appropriate to consider the theoretical characterization of molecules in some more (but not too much) detail:

4.4 Molecular structure

A chemical substance with a molecular structure may be said to be uniquely defined as a particular arrangement of its atoms and chemical bonds in three-dimensional space [101, 102]^{20,21}.

For a chemical compound, its component atoms are said to be connected by chemical bonds of various lengths and strengths [103]. Such bonding may be regarded as the various sharings of electrons by atoms, with the atoms being held in relative place ranges by physical forces. This can happen in several different ways that are not of immediate concern for purposes here.

20 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

21 Molecular structure. Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6.

A chemical's uniqueness is defined and described by its molecular structural drawing [104, 105]. A chemist tries to use this to explain the various properties of molecules.

A simple example:

Methane, [106] CAS Registry Number 74-82-8,²² is a central carbon atom C single bonded to four hydrogen atoms H – with equiangular = $109\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ bonds [107] – the tetrahedral bond angle [108]. The C-H single bond is a representation of a sharing of an electron pair, C:H, between the two atoms [109]. A molecular model may be used to artificially visualize *methane* (see Fig. 4.4) [110, 111].

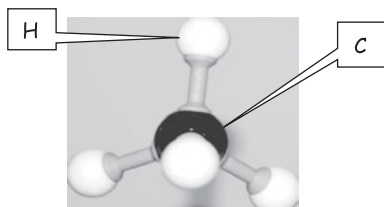


Fig. 4.4: Methane molecular model.

For convenience, a chemist might reduce this three-dimensional representation (see Fig. 4.5) to symbols on the two-dimensional plane of a printed page, usually simplified as shown in Fig. 4.6 [112, 113].

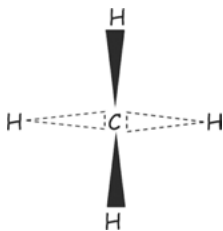


Fig. 4.5: Methane three-dimensional drawing.

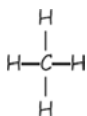


Fig. 4.6: Methane two-dimensional drawing.

And, a still further simplification, as shown in Fig. 4.7, makes printing on the plane of a page – as here – reasonably convenient.

²² SI CAS. Preface 3.2, Chapters 3 & 4.

CH₄ Fig. 4.7: Methane two-dimensional drawing simplified.

But it must be remembered that all these are short-hand drawings for three-dimensional assemblies. They are schematic representations, rather than actual pictures of a “true” reality.²³

Molecules are submicroscopically small. For example, the C-H *single-bond* shown above (called a σ – *sigma* bond)

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1.091 \text{ \AA} \text{ngstr\u00f6m units [114, 115, 116, 117, 118]} \\ &= 0.00000001091 \text{ metres} \end{aligned}$$

And there are very many of them. For example, 16 g of *methane* = 1 mol, [119, 120, 121] contains

$$\begin{aligned} &= 6.02214076 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules} = \text{Avogadro's number molecules/mol [122, 123, 124, 125].} \\ &= 602,214,076,000,000,000,000. \end{aligned}$$

For purposes here, the reader need not be too concerned about the intricacies of molecular structures; rather, it would be sufficient to realize that there are molecular structures and that their even subtle differences result in unique CAS *Registry Numbers*²⁴ that appear on legal lists.

However, **benzene** [126, 127, 128] CAS 71-43-2, and *benzenoid* compounds (also called *phenyl*) are so commonly found and important, that it is worthwhile to show the symbols here. *Benzene* is considered as a hexagonal [129] planar ring of *carbon* atoms with attached *hydrogens* (See Fig. 4.8):

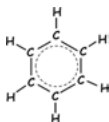


Fig. 4.8: Benzene.

The circular dotted line shown here inside and alongside the -C-C- single (σ – *sigma*) [130] bonds represents another kind of chemical bonding (π – *pi*) [131, 132, 133]. Benzene is often simply symbolized as in Fig. 4.9 [134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142].



Fig. 4.9: Benzene drawing simplified.

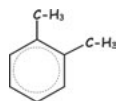
²³ Molecular structural drawings. Chapter 4.

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4.5 Subtle variations, etc.

4.5.1 Isomers, congeners, etc.

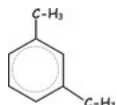
Arrangements of atoms into molecules can have infinite variations.^{25,26} Many with the same or similar number of atoms have very similar properties. Some contain the same number of the same atoms, but arranged differently – **isomers**. For example [143, 144, 145] (See Figs. 4.10, 4.11, 4.12.):



o-xylene

CAS 95-47-6

Fig. 4.10: *o*-Xylene [146].



m-xylene

CAS 108-38-3

Fig. 4.11: *m*-Xylene [147].



p-xylene

CAS 106-42-3

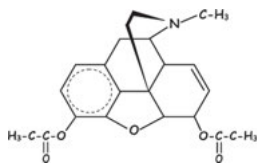
Fig. 4.12: *p*-Xylene [148]²⁷.

Others are related, so that they contain similar numbers of atoms with slightly different arrangements – **congeners** [149]. For example [150, 151] see Figs. 4.13, 4.14.

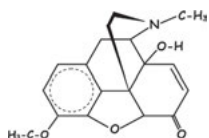
²⁵ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

²⁶ Identification of molecules. *CD&&S Act*. Chapters 4 & 10.

²⁷ Xylene. 106.17 g/mol. Chapters 3 & 4.



Heroin CAS 561-27-3 369.4 g/mol. **Fig. 4.13:** Heroin [152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158].



Oxycodone CAS 76-42-6 315.367 g/mol. **Fig. 4.14:** Oxycodone [159, 160].

Another example is two **allotropes** of the element phosphorus. An *allotrope* is something like an isomer or congener but refers to the arrangement of atoms, all of the same element [161]. For example: white and red phosphorus have different properties and very different toxicities. The less toxic red was eventually used in the manufacture of matches – preventing the development of “phossy jaw” in workers. General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, pioneered the use of red, rather than white, in its factory. Matches made with white phosphorus were specifically taxed in many countries to eliminate its use in favour of red [162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175].

4.5.2 Chirality

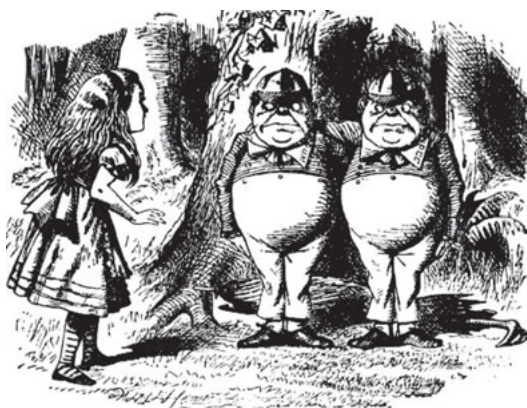


Fig. 4.15: Alice and Tweedledum and Tweedledee.
[Alice and Tweedledum and Tweedledee] [176, 177, 178].

For some molecules, there can also be subtle variation of molecular three-dimensional structure. The concept of *chirality*:²⁸ The nonsuperimposable mirror image of a molecule is a *different* molecule, albeit with a nearly identical repertoire of properties [179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191]. This is usually not of much concern for forensic analytical chemistry, but is an important concept when considering biological systems, including for pharmaceuticals and drugs of abuse and recreation – and Alice’s Kitty’s Looking-Glass milk.

This difference, for those systems where biological chemical reactions depend on chiral matching of reactants, can be profound. A working pharmaceutical or drug might be inert, or otherwise toxic, in its chiral version(s). There is no mention of this in the legislated lists of criminally forbidden molecules of the *Controlled Drugs & Substances Act*; most Canadian judges would not notice.²⁹

To explain chirality in more detail, consider the example of *glyceraldehyde*, the smallest of the sugar molecules, which has the structure (represented for three dimensions [192, 193]) [194] (See Fig. 4.16).

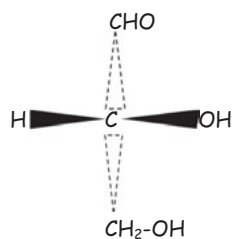


Fig. 4.16: Glyceraldehyde [195, 196, 197].

This three-dimensional arrangement in space defines this molecule uniquely [198], and the Chemical Abstracts Service of the American Chemical Society uses for this structure, the *CAS Index Name*: *(R)*-2,3,-dihydroxypropanl, and has assigned *CAS Registry Number*: 453-17-8. This molecule is commonly called *D-glyceraldehyde* and is conveniently represented on a two-dimensional page (Fischer projection [199]) as in Fig. 4.17.

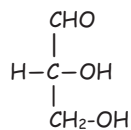


Fig. 4.17: Fischer projection.

²⁸ Alice’s Kitty’s Looking-Glass milk. Chirality. Chapters 4 & 8.

²⁹ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

But, this molecule was chosen as the example here, because it is a classic [200] of the two possibilities of *chirality* – shown on a two-dimensional page in a pseudo-kind of way (See Fig. 4.18):

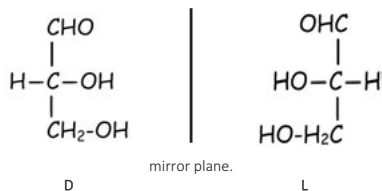


Fig. 4.18: D and L mirror plane [201].

D-Glyceraldehyde is shown on the side of the mirror plane labelled **D**. The structure shown on the other side of the mirror plane, labelled **L**, is called (*S*)-2,3-dihydroxypropanal or **L-glyceraldehyde**, CAS 497-09-6 [202]. The **L**-structure may be seen to be different from the **D** by constructing three-dimensional models of both *D*- and *L*-glyceraldehyde and trying to superimpose one on the other – it cannot be done – similar to left and right hands [203] (See Fig. 4.19).

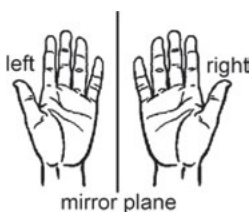


Fig. 4.19: Left and right hands [204, 205, 206].

Because of the similarities of these *two* molecules, a **racemic mixture** (both **D** and **L**) [207, 208]– (\pm)-2,3-dihydroxypropanal – would historically have often been used for reasons of economy [209]. This has been assigned CAS 56-82-6.

The central carbon atom in these chiral versions is called an *asymmetric carbon*, sometimes signified as C^* :³⁰ [210] (See Fig. 4.20)

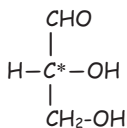


Fig. 4.20: Asymmetric carbon.

30 But beware about C^* symbolism – it has quite different definition/meaning in two unrelated contexts:

- C^* = an asymmetric carbon – indicating chirality.
- C^* = radioactivity of an atom – here carbon.

The property to notice is that for the view from the asymmetric C* – looking in the four tetrahedral directions – something different is seen in each direction.

4.5.3 Isotopes

There are other possibilities of subtle difference – such as for a molecule containing variations of *isotope* [211].

All atoms of each element are the same – as to the number of protons p^+ and electrons e^- . And the number of protons always = the number of electrons for a neutral (not ionized) atom. But atoms may also have varying numbers of neutrons, n , for what are called *isotopes*.

Molecules can contain atoms of isotopic variation. Because it is the electron configuration that determines chemical properties, the slight isotopic mass differences are usually related to small, often imperceptible, effects.

Some – not all – isotopes are radioactive – such as carbon-14; so that for example, a radioactive isomer of *D-glyceraldehyde* might be synthesized for specialized research purposes [212, 213] (See Fig. 4.21):

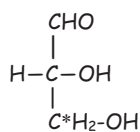


Fig. 4.21: With carbon-14.

– where C* here denotes carbon-14, a beta minus (β^-) emitter [214]³¹, [215].³²

4.5.4 Polymers

Another possibility of subtle difference is in *polymers*³³ – molecules composed of strings of repeats of smaller molecular units [216].

Ordinary-size *monomer* (monomer = $\times 1$) molecules, *dimer* (= $\times 2$), . . . , appear as assembled into very large molecules – *polymer* (= $\times n$), and can have molecular

³¹ Isotope. Radioactive. Carbon-14. Chapters 4 & 6.

³² but beware about C* symbolism – it has quite different definition/meaning in two unrelated contexts:

C* = an asymmetric carbon – indicating chirality.

C* = radioactivity of an atom – here carbon.

³³ Polymers. Chapter 4.

masses in the thousands, and beyond (n can be very large). *Polymers* are characterized [217] not only by the molecular structure of their monomers and their linkages, but also by the statistical spread of the large molecular masses, by inter-linkages and interactions of these large molecules, and by additives (as chemically part of the large molecules; or as other things mixed in, but not chemically combined). These characteristics vary according to the *formulations* of production. Although there are many polymeric natural products, it is synthetic polymers [218] that are often of forensic interest. These include all commercially produced plastics and thermosetting resins [219].

While there can be very great differences – both chemical and physical – amongst polymers – within any particular polymer group, subtle differences would always be expected. Often, this has to do with the length of the polymer chain, as characterized by the statistics of their properties.

4.5.5 Hydration of the chemical substance

Some chemical substances combine with water H_2O in a molecule-like arrangement, so that there are two possibilities. For example: for hexavalent chromium – Sodium dichromate [220, 221, 222] – shown here as *anhydrous* – without water molecules – $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ – 262 g/mol CAS 10588-01-9 (See Fig. 4.22):

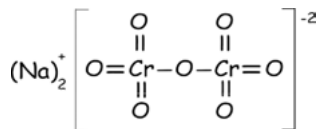


Fig. 4.22: Sodium dichromate.

But, it is usually as dihydrate – with water molecules $Na_2Cr_2O_7 \cdot 2H_2O$ – 298 g/mol CAS 7789-12-0. The detailed structures of the hydration are often not well known.

4.5.6 Moisture content of the whole package: CH_3-CH_2-OH

Bulk amounts of some chemical substances also contain water [223, 224]. For many, but not all, purposes this does not matter much. For example: When ethanol – grain or drinking alcohol – CH_3-CH_2-OH in pure form – no water H_2O – is exposed to the moisture of the atmosphere it takes on ~5% water. It is said to be *hygroscopic*. Thus, when a container of absolute ethanol ≈100% is unsealed, it would soon diminish to ~95% [225]. For beverages – largely, water, anyhow this does not matter, but for ethanol to be used as a solvent in a spectral or chemical process, it might matter much.

4.5.7 Halide ions that balance charge

Many chemical substances are commonly available in both an ionized and nonionized [226] form – often this is for pharmaceutical purposes, and therefore, also for drugs of recreation and abuse. See for example, cocaine, below, for some data details.

The chemical difference is that the bridge nitrogen in the ionized form (shown in Fig. 4.23b, with detail in box) has taken on an additional hydrogen atom to give a positive charge at the nitrogen N^+ . This then is balanced by the presence of a chloride Cl^- . As ionized, the melting point would increase substantially; vaporization, even if possible without decomposition, would require still higher temperatures.

The cocaine –nonionized (shown in Fig. 4.23a) – with a lower melting point would, therefore, be more easily vaporized for inhalation to go into the blood system directly from the air/blood interface in the lungs [227]. The ionized form would have a different mechanism of entry [228].

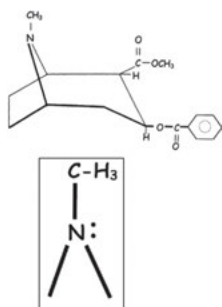


Fig. 4.23a: nonionized [229].

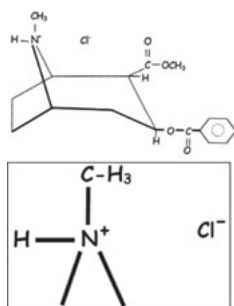


Fig. 4.23b: Ionized.

4.5.8 Virus mutations

Medical identification of a virus may include mutations of slightly different chemical structure [230, 231] that may change some of its properties, but would, (hopefully) likely, still allow the same vaccine to be used.

4.5.9 Sampling plan

The importance of sampling processes for the analytical chemistry of forensic evidence, described elsewhere in this book,³⁴ apply as well, to the subtle variations, *etc.*, described in this chapter.

4.5.10 Forensic chemistry choices

Whether or not to consider such subtleties – as *chirality, isomeric, isotopic, polymeric* differences, hydration, moisture content or halide ions – as different enough to attract forensic attention is a judgment call of the forensic chemist, in the context of the investigation.³⁵ This may also be influenced by anticipated concerns of the judge and the opposing lawyers, even if those concerns would not make scientific sense. In Canadian *Controlled Drugs & Substance Act* cases, judicial jurisdiction for discretion in molecular decision making is effectively removed by s.51; many judges would be oblivious of this.^{36,37}

What is a subtle difference that may be ignored in one context may be important in another. For example [232] an isotopic analysis for carbon-14 in *glyceraldehyde* would usually not [233, 234] be necessary; but if the forensic investigation relates, as a fictitious example, to a theft from a research lab that had *glyceraldehyde-carbon-14*, then it might constitute the most important piece of evidence.

34 Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

35 Forensic chemistry choices. Chapters 3 & 4.

36 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3.

37 Identification of molecules. *CD&&S Act*. Chapters 4 & 10.

4.6 Chemical names – CAS

The system, in concept, to uniquely define chemical substances by structure is described above. But, there are millions known, [235, 236] some with more than one name [237]. More are reported in world scientific literature daily. Systematic scientific chemical naming, [238] therefore, becomes critically important in keeping track of what is what. The Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society, provides the basis of a system used worldwide [239, 240, 241, 242, 243].^{38,39} Although systemic chemical names do not originate with CAS, the worldwide use of its *Registry Numbers* does.

Since 1907 [244], from Columbus, Ohio, the American Chemical Society has been involved with the *Chemical Abstracts* [245]. It has contained written abstracts and data of historic and recent chemical scientific articles in world chemical literature, and other sources.⁴⁰ Until 2010, it was published regularly and frequently as print on paper; data are now available continually by way of online systems [246].

A *Registry Number* is assigned sequentially as new substances enter the CAS system – daily by the thousands. Started in 1965, the CAS *Chemical Registry System*, today, continues to assign unique identifier numbers to newly reported substances. These are the *CAS Registry Numbers*; each new entry also would have a systematic chemical name.

Although there can be complications, the simple description above is mostly sufficient for purposes here, to understand the listing of distinctly different chemicals in legal lists. For example, from the (former) WHMIS INGREDIENT DISCLOSURE LIST [247, 248, 249] (See Tab. 4.2 for extracts.):

Tab. 4.2: Ingredient Disclosure List – extracts.

Item	Column I		Column II
	Ingredient		
	Chemical Identity	CAS* Registry Number	Concentration (%-weight/weight)
	[. . .]		
204. (67)	Boric acid	10043-35-3	1
205. (228)	Boric anhydride	1303-86-2	1
206. (1636)	Boron tribromide	10294-33-4	1
207. (1654)	Boron trichloride	10294-34-5	1

³⁸ SI CAS. Preface 3.2, Chapters 3 & 4.

³⁹ Chemical names as used in this book. Preface 3.2, Chapters 3 & 4.

⁴⁰ Scientific literature. Chapters 4 & 5.

Tab. 4.2 (continued)

Item	Column I		Column II
	Ingredient		
	Chemical Identity	CAS* Registry Number	Concentration (%-weight/weight)
208. (1674)	Boron trifluoride	7637-07-2	1
209. (1675)	Boron trifluoride diethyletherate	109-63-7	1
210. (1676)	Boron trifluoride dihydrate	13319-75-0	1
[. . .]			
216. (324)	Bromoacetone	598-31-2	1
217. (331)	Bromoacetyl bromide	598-21-0	1
[. . .]			

Even if another name is more popularly used – and the formal designations are often not used in Canadian legal proceedings – it is important to realize that a particular chemical substance may be uniquely described by its systematic chemical name, *CAS Registry Number* and its three-dimensional spatial structural diagram. From a scientific perspective, these formal designations should appear at least somewhere in the forensic documentation and report; otherwise detracts from credibility.

While the systematic name can tell a chemist about what the structural diagram would look like, the *CAS Registry Number* contains within it no structural or other chemical data, *per se*.



Fig. 4.24: CAS numbering.

A *CAS Registry Number* [250] has the general form described in Fig. 4.24. [251]:
 – ten digits or less, in three hyphenated parts. The last digit (on the right) is a *check digit* computed by formula from the previous digits (to its left) that allows for a 90% quick verification that $[\][\] \dots - [\][\] - [\]$ could really be in the CAS system. (A similar process is used to verify Canadian Social Insurance Numbers – so that if you try to make up a fake SIN, or get it wrong innocently, it would likely be noticed.)

To see how good a lead-in they are to scientific information, readers might simply try to enter any of the *CAS Registry Numbers* shown in this book as examples into almost any online search engine.

Further and more detailed information may be found at [252]:

<https://www.cas.org/support/documentation/chemical-substances/faqs#10>

Most recent US, EU and Canadian legislation include CAS *Registry Numbers*; some remaining Canadian legislation is not so updated [253].

Thus, the *Controlled Drugs & Substances Act* [254] still neither uses CAS *Registry Numbers* nor molecular structural diagrams. For example, from its *SCHEDULE I* of forbidden things:⁴¹

[. . .]

2. Coca (Erythroxyton), its prep-arations, derivatives, alkaloids and salts, including:

- (1) Coca leaves
- (2) Cocaine (benzoylmethylecgonine)
- (3) Ecgonine (3BhydroxyB2Btropane carboxylic acid)

[. . .]

Also, Canadian courts adopt some “street” terminology; and most judges and lawyers would likely be somewhat oblivious to the actual science of the criminally proscribed molecules they are litigating.⁴²

As further examples of CAS *Registry Numbers* and molecular structural diagrams, a simple conversion reaction [255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269]⁴³ [270, 271, 272] (See Fig. 4.25):

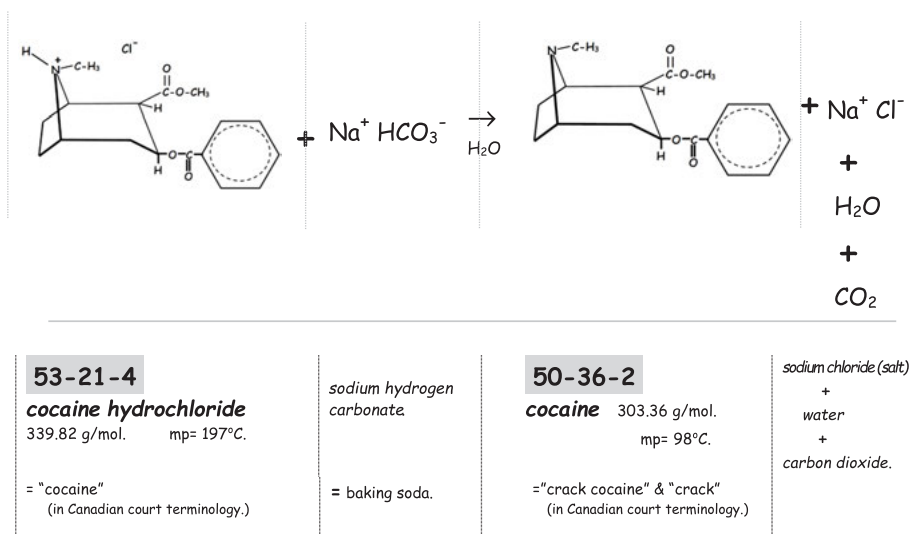


Fig. 4.25: Cocaine reaction CAS 50-36-2 [273, 274].

⁴¹ Alice's Kitty's Looking-Glass milk. Chirality. Chapters 4 & 8.

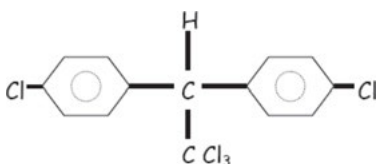
⁴² re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3.

⁴³ Edmond Locard. Sherlock Holmes. Cocaine. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6.

While all known chemicals should have systematic chemical names and CAS *Registry Numbers*, and be describable by three-dimensional structural drawings, at least one has a Limerick [275, 276, 277]:

*A mosquito was heard to complain
That a chemist had poisoned his brain
The cause of his sorrow
Was paradichloro
Diphenyltrichloroethane.*

Using this now as an example: several of the names are shown for this famous [278, 279] chemical pesticide commonly called *DDT* (See Fig. 4.26):



CAS 50-29-3 DDT p,p'-DDT
Dichloro-diphenyl trichloroethane
1,1,1-trichloro-2,2 bis(p-chlorophenyl)ethane

Fig. 4.26: DDT [280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287].

4.7 Identification of a molecule by its characteristics

Although, as indicated above, a molecule is defined by its structure, this is not of practical value without methods to know what that structure is.

Since molecular structures are too small to be seen by the human eye, even with powerful optical microscopes, these methods are related to expressions of physical effects by large numbers of the molecule.

An **absolute identification**, as mentioned in Chapter 2,⁴⁴ of a molecule may be made by examining a sufficient number of characteristics to make a unique theory-based determination.⁴⁵ For organic molecules, a common method is *infrared spectroscopy*, where the appearance of *absorption peaks* at certain *wave numbers* is uniquely associated with the *masses* of the atoms and the strengths and geometries of their *bonds*; and the absence of any extraneous peaks. IR is described in more

⁴⁴ Absolute identification of molecules. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6.

⁴⁵ Chemical identification. Chapters 3, 4, 6.

detail in Chapter 6,⁴⁶ along with a discussion of its limitations (for *chirality*, and instrumental sensitivity limits for very subtle differences).

Another theory-based molecular structural determination method is mass spectroscopy, often linked with gas chromatography. GC-MS is dealt with in Chapter 6.⁴⁷

However, such theory-based methods are usually not directly used for forensic determinations. Rather, an *absolute identification* is made using a *standard reference sample* [288] or *reference literature*.⁴⁸ With such references, a forensic chemist can let others do the theoretical determination of structure (often difficult, requiring special efforts, resources and skills), while merely confirming an identification, by comparison with the same method – an absolute determination by comparative method. Again, IR is a common technique, as is GC-MS – see Chapter 6.⁴⁹

References can also be used for comparison for other physical characteristics expressed by a molecule – such as chromatographic retention time or distance, UV-visible spectroscopic absorption,⁵⁰ melting point, solubility and refractive index – see Chapter 6. But, these methods are more appropriate as *screens*⁵¹ than for absolute determination [289, 290, 291].

4.8 Mixtures – mixture profile

Many, if not most, forensic samples are mixtures of molecules of different identities, so that even after the forensic chemist has decided on the level of molecular subtlety to be concerned with, there are then questions of what different molecules are present and of the significance, if any, of their proportions.^{52,53,54}

Identification of a forensic sample may depend on comparison of a mixture profile of its components with other evidential samples and reference standards. For example, a probability of finding trace metals in otherwise pure lead Pb, may help identify a bullet [292].⁵⁵

46 Molecular identification by IR. Chapters 4 & 6.

47 GC-MS. Chapters 4 & 6.

48 Lab core documents. SOP. Scientific literature. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8.

49 GC-MS. Chapters 4 & 6.

50 UV. Chapters 3 & 6.

51 Screening tests. Wet chemistry. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6.

52 What a substance is. Mixture proportion of components. Chapter 4.

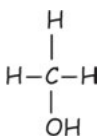
53 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

54 Mixture. Chapters 3 & 4.

55 Trace metals with Chapters 2 & 4.

4.8.1 Mixture profile – glycol example

Consider, as a fictitious example [293]⁵⁶, a forensic sample that would appear to contain what was intended to have been a single substance: A police detective has seized a bottle of *methanol* from the home of an arson suspect, and the forensic chemist is asked to compare this *methanol* with some unconsumed *methanol* – thought to have been intended as an accelerant – recovered from the fire scene. From the discussion above, the reader would know that all *methanol* is the same [294] (See Fig. 4.27):



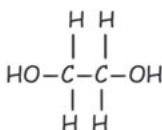
CAS 67-56-1

Fig. 4.27: Methanol.

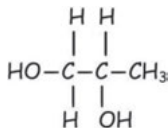
– a liquid. All methanol molecules in the container would be identical. No chirality; isotopic variations negligible.

What might be different, and what the forensic chemist would investigate here, are other non-*methanol* substances – additives or impurities – that are in with the *methanol*, for one reason or another. Since most commercially available *methanol* likely has at least a little of other things in it, the forensic chemist would also look for an identifiable pattern and then try to assess its uniqueness.

To continue the fictitious example [295]: The alleged arsonist acquired the *methanol* from a bulk supplier whose source was very pure. But that bottle had been used previously for an *ethylene/±propylene glycol* mixture (20/80 by mol) for use as antifreeze (See Figs. 4.28a & 4.28b).



Ethylene glycol. CAS 107-21-1

Fig. 4.28a: Ethylene glycol [296]⁵⁷.

±-Propylene glycol. CAS 57-55-6

Fig. 4.28b: ±-Propylene glycol [297].

⁵⁶ Occurrence probability – ink example. Find expectation. Chapters 2, 4, 9.

⁵⁷ Fictional literature. Ethylene glycol. CAS 107-21-1. Preface 2.2, Chapter 4, 7.

That former antifreeze bottle had not been cleaned. An analysis of the contents of that seized bottle now containing methanol showed (See Tab. 4.3):

Tab. 4.3: Methanol in seized bottle.

	mol% =
<i>Methanol</i>	97
<i>Ethylene glycol</i>	0.6
<i>±-Propylene glycol</i>	2.4

These results appear consistent with the suspected history of the bottle.

Analysis of unconsumed fluid from the fire scene showed (See Tab. 4.4):

Tab. 4.4: Methanol unconsumed at fire scene.

	mol% =
<i>Methanol</i>	95.5
<i>Ethylene glycol</i>	0.9
<i>±-Propylene glycol</i>	3.6

– which might be consistent with that mixture losing some of its *methanol* concentration by evaporation.

The question the forensic chemist should now consider is the uniqueness of the *methanol/ethylene glycol/propylene glycol* = 97/0.6/2.4 mixture, and the significance of

$$.6 / 2.4_{\text{seized bottle}} = .9 / 3.6_{\text{fire scene}} = 20 / 80_{\text{original antifreeze}}$$

To answer this, the forensic chemist must do more than just analyse in the lab. Perhaps with the help of the detective, they should try to determine the occurrence [298] of the 97/0.6/2.4 mixture in the bottle to other finds in the area [299] of the fire.

In one variation of this example, if it is found that the supplier routinely provided and used empty antifreeze bottles in which to sell other solvents, then the alleged arsonist's bottle of impure *methanol* would hardly be expected to be unique, and the forensic evidence would be of diminished prosecutorial value, particularly if there is no other evidence. The alleged arsonist's lawyer would like this.

But, in a contrary variation of the example, if the alleged arsonist already had an emptied antifreeze bottle, to be presented to and filled by the supplier, then the 97/0.6/2.4 occurrence might be quite unique. And, if the detective were to also seize a similar full bottle of antifreeze from the alleged arsonist's home, that the forensic

chemist determined was *ethylene glycol/propylene glycol* = 20/80, consistent with its own label, the alleged arsonist's lawyer [300] might wish to advise of the advantages of plea bargaining.

In the above example, the occurrence of *methanol/ethylene/propylene glycol* = 97/0.6/2.4 might be called a **mixture profile**, and, as indicated above, its uniqueness is a question of a probability of occurrence that must necessarily take the forensic chemist beyond the sample analysis at hand.

4.8.2 Occurrence probability – DNA; fingerprints

For example, in another context, for DNA [301] matching of human tissue, the frequency of the forensic results in the human population of concern should be considered. Assuming here, no arguments on the accuracy of the analysis, perhaps $<10^{-6}$ chance [302] of duplicate match would be considered good enough [303] for Crown counsel to feel confident that, aside from other factors, a jury could convict, based on corroborating evidence. And, for $<10^{-9}$, corroborating evidence would not be needed.

Similar reasonable speculative estimates would apply for fingerprints – consistent with no duplicate human fingerprints having ever been found [304, 305, 306]^{58,59}.

4.8.3 Occurrence probability – ink example

In the ink example⁶⁰ [307, 308], it may be necessary to consider the local popularity of the pen ink colour found in possession of the accused. If it is assumed here that the TLC patterns are a sufficient indicator to establish the identity of the ink [309], then it might be appropriate to survey the population of ballpoint pens that the accused could have had access to. That survey might be considered as from a sampling random grab [310] of pens from the regional population [311].

The ease or difficulty of doing such a survey may be related to the nature of the regional ink industry (*e.g.*, if there is only one pen and ink company that produces only a dozen different inks), and the writing habits of the region's citizenry (*e.g.*, if a large plurality use only dark blue ink). And, perhaps other factors, such as if the ink colour of interest is found in pens sold by a street vendor just outside where the forgery was alleged – very rare overall, but very common in the immediate neighbourhood

⁵⁸ Occurrence probability – ink example. Find expectation. Chapters 2, 4, 9.

⁵⁹ Fingerprint probability. Chapters 1 & 4. Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6 & 9. Fingerprint when. Chapters 7 & 8.

⁶⁰ Occurrence probability – ink example. Find expectation. Chapters 2, 4, 9.

of interest. Or, if that kind of pen can only be purchased abroad, so that kind of ink is found only in pens of a few recently returned travellers.

An alternative – and easier method – to estimate the local find expectation of the pen ink colour found in possession of the accused could be to examine already existing sales statistics.

To continue the ink example, for the alternative mentioned above, the regional banking industry (anti-fraud division) provides data [312] (See Tab. 4.5):

Tab. 4.5: Ink inventory.

Colours of the entire inventory of ballpoint pen inks [313]	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) × (10 ⁻⁶) =	[314, 315]
Royal blue	4	
Governor-General's vice-regal blue	3.1	
Bank examiner's blue-black	1.1	
Citizens' dark blue	14	
Copy editor's blue [a light blue ink]	0.1	61
Rose red	3	
Autumn red	3.2	
Poets' green	1	
Orange	0.1	
Traffic sign luminescent orange	1.2	
Leaf green	2	
Censor's black	5	
Σ =	37.8	

The forensic chemist does TLC analysis for samples of all of these inks, exactly repeating the method and specifications used for the case evidence (See above, & in Chapter 5 & references cited therein). There are, thus, 14 TLC patterns to compare, one with another – the 12 from the data chart above plus one from the pen and one from the questioned document. The TLC patterns may be considered as sufficient identifiers of each ink type.

61 Spoiler alert: the ink of interest in this *Gedankenexperiment*.

Suppose the chemist finds that all of the dozen industry-provided samples are different one from another, but that one of them – light blue – has a TLC pattern identical to that of the case evidence. An approximate inference might then be that, of a five-year local distribution of 37.8 million ballpoint pens, the light blue ink of copy editor's blue has a general find expectation of $0.1/37.8 \approx 0.27\%$ – that might safely be called as $<1/2\%$. But logically, this number would still have only an approximate and tenuous relationship to an actual occurrence probability expectation for the pen – and even within this *Gedankenexperiment* should be regarded with care.

Although the forensic chemist is entitled to conclude from this that light blue ballpoint ink is indeed rare, determining the significance of this to the law case would eventually be the job of the judge. The significance to the law case in this fictitious concocted example [316] would be that the pen of concern is unlikely to be in the possession of nearly everyone, so that the alleged forger is severely implicated. (The defence lawyer might want to privately review, again, to the accused, about the advantages of a plea bargain.)

As indicated in the Preface, fictitious examples as above are concocted [317] with simplicity in mind, so as to try to more clearly explain concept – here occurrence frequency. The oversimplification of this particular example must be emphasized. In particular, the small, finite and totally known number of ink colours should not be expected in real-life forensic work. More generally [318], such determinations could be very difficult, and completely satisfactory conclusions may be elusive.

Also, the above example only deals with the *presence* aspect of a *mixture profile*, because TLC, by appearance alone, does not so easily give *quantity* measurements (other than in a gross way). For ballpoint pen ink identification this is likely sufficient.⁶² For a *mixture profile* with both *presence* and *quantity* measurements, GC [319] would be an appropriate method – for example, to try to characterize retail-purchased gasoline samples [320].

4.9 Reactions in progress

What is found at the forensic scene may include things that are chemically changing in time – chemical reactions in progress [321].^{63,64} These problems in chemical kinetics are typically more challenging to the forensic chemist than merely identifying molecular compounds and mixtures. Experimental reality may be that such analyses may be very difficult to do, with little reference reported in chemical literature about the detailed chemical kinetic mechanisms.

⁶² Ink reference standards. US International Ink Library. ATF. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 9.

⁶³ When. Chemical kinetics. Reactions in progress. Chapters 2, 4, 7.

⁶⁴ Chemical kinetics. Reactions in progress. Chapters 2, 4, 7.

Notes

- 1 Introductory quotes, etc. Preface.
- 2 Alice to the black kitten in Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*, Signet Classics, The New American Library, New York City, 1960 & 1962; from . . . *Looking-Glass* . . . , “Looking-Glass House,” Chapter I, page 129. In modern biochemical terms, Kitty should have some very real concerns about the chirality of the looking-glass milk’s components.
- 3 And at page 127:
- 4 <https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/wp-content/uploads/2book2.jpg>
<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/wp-content/uploads/2book3.jpg>
<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/wp-content/uploads/2book4.jpg>
<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/pictures/tweedledum-tweedledee/>
<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/pictures/through-the-looking-glass/>
<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/faq/#copyright>
- 5 *Genesis* Chapter 1 1→6 בְּרֵאשִׁית.
- 6 A Hebrew–English Bible According to the Masoretic Text and the JPS 1917 Edition
<https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0101.htm> <https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0.htm>
- 7 Also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Let_there_be_light
- 8 John Gribbin, *In Search of Schrödinger's Cat/Quantum Physics and Reality*, Bantam Books, New York City, 10036; 1984; ISBN 978-0-553-34253-6.
- 9 John Gribbin, . . . *CAT* . . . , quoting Niels Bohr.
- 10 Gribbin, on back cover.
- 11 Several variations of this quote:
https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Niels_Bohr#:~:text=have%20understood%20it.-,Those%20who%20are%20not%20shocked%20when%20they%20first%20come%20across,not%20understood%20a%20single%20word.
- 12 John Gribbin, . . . *CAT* . . . , quoting Erwin Schrödinger.
- 13 John Gribbin, *In Search of Schrödinger's Cat / Quantum physics and reality*, Bantam Books, New York City, 10036; 1984; ISBN 978-0-553-34253-6.
- 14 Gribbin, . . . *CAT* . . . , on introductory page v.
- 15 Also: <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/393059-i-don-t-like-it-and-i-m-sorry-i-ever-had>
<https://www.quotetab.com/quote/by-erwin-schrodinger/i-dont-like-it-and-im-sorry-i-ever-had-anything-to-do-with-it>
<https://medium.com/starts-with-a-bang/einstein-schr%C3%B6dinger-and-the-story-you-never-heard-7588341288b9>
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- 18 Gribbin, . . . *CAT* . . . , on introductory page v.
- 19 Also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strawberry_Fields_Forever
<https://www.amazon.com/Nothing-Real-UK-BEATLES/dp/B00EV9416K>
- 20 Michael Tomasky, “Why Does Trump Lie? He has nothing but contempt for the institutions that exist to keep presidents in check,” *The New York Times*, Opinion, 11 June 2020.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/11/opinion/trump-lies.html>
 The lies and obfuscations pile up. No, it wasn’t tear gas used to clear Lafayette Park for President Trump’s Bible-waving photo-op last Monday night, Attorney General William Barr said on CBS’s “Face the Nation” on Sunday. Rather it was “pepper balls,” he said. “Pepper spray is not

a chemical irritant. It's not chemical." Wrong, according to The Washington Post; pepper balls are very much a chemical irritant. The paper awarded the nation's top law enforcement officer four Pinocchios for his claim.

21 Michael Tomasky, "Why Does Trump Lie? He has nothing but contempt for institutions that could expose him," *The New York Times*, OP-ED, 12 June 2020, page A25.

22 Pelargonic acid vanillylamide PAVA

N-[(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)methyl]nonanamide

Pelargonyl vanillyl amide CAS 2444-46-4 293.407 g/mol

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pepper-spray_projectile <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonivamide>

23 Of concern here is the *scientific* nature and identity of matter. Other natures and identities – of serious and important concern in their own contexts – are not of concern here – For example: That an item is kosher; manufactured in a union shop; not manufactured with child labour; ethically mined. However, forensic science may help in the determination/verification of such non-*scientific* natures and identities.

24 See John Gribbin, *In Search of the Big Bang/Quantum Physics and Cosmology*, Bantam Books, New York City, 10103; 1986; ISBN 0-553-34258-4.

25 Gribbin, . . . *BANG* . . . page xiii, *et seq.*; page 214 *et seq.*

26 See Lincoln Barnett, *The Universe and Dr. Einstein*, BANTAM BOOKS, New York City, 10019; . . . 1948 . . . Revised . . . 1979 . . . ; ISBN 0-553-13060-9.

27 Barnett, . . . *Universe* . . . , page 23 *et seq.*

28 Newtonian – classical – physics has a kind of theoretical determinism to it, in that, in concept, every particle in the universe would be either at rest or calculable as moving from somewhere in time and space of the past to a predictable somewhere in the future. This is understandable as a kind of imaginable physical mechanical working clockwork model – that is given mathematical expression.

Not so much so for modern physics: quantum mechanics deals in hypothetical probabilities of finding a particle anywhere in the universe, with a mathematical accounting that eludes a unique clockwork model that in some versions does not even need particles. And, similar for the mathematical expressions of general relativity, with its concepts of gravity-bending of space-time.

In this context, for those of us who persist in our every-day world, contemplating what is "real" can become disconcertingly confusing.

29 See: David Eliot Brody and Arnold R. Brody, *The Science Class You Wish You Had . . . / The Seven Greatest Scientific Discoveries in History and the People Who Made Them*, A Perigee Book, Berkley Publishing Group, New York City, 10016; 1997; ISBN 0-399-52313-8; Part Two. The Structure of the Atom, page 51, *et seq.*

30 Curiously, during the earlier years of the twentieth century, when quantum mechanics and modern physics were developing, the occult was also popular. While some of the developing concepts of modern physics might seem no less bazaar than some of the occult, modern physics has the advantage of being tested as against experimental observation, in the context of published scientific enquiry and mathematical expression.

31 See: Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King's crystal ball.

32 <https://www.elinorflorence.com/blog/mackenzie-king/>

33 Houdini Museum, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

<http://houdini.org/MackenzieKingandSpiritualism.html> <http://houdini.org/index2.html>
<http://houdini.org/>

34 <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/podcasts/Pages/mackenzie-king-against-his-will.aspx>

35 <http://houdini.org/MackenzieKingandSpiritualism.html>

- 36 <https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/023017/f1/xx014595-vx.jpg>
<https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/laurier-house/023017-3220-e.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crystal_ball
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<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/finding-wonder-in-the-face-of-existential-dread-grandeur-of-the-universe-gives-comfort-to-physicist-1.5532008>
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<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-relativity-revolution-albert-einstein-and-the-making-of-the-modern-world-1.5382204>
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- 43 Frederic Brown, “It Didn’t Happen,” in *Transit of Earth*, PLAYBOY SCIENCE FICTION, Playboy Press, Chicago, 60611; 1971; at pages 95→110.
<https://www.librarything.com/work/704545> <https://www.librarything.com/author/brown-fredric>
- Playboy Magazine*, October 1963. <https://www.librarything.com/work/5537527>
- 44 A universe of protons p⁺, electrons e⁻, neutrons n and photons is sufficient to explain much of chemistry, and many chemists, in practice, can be satisfied with only these. For this book this is satisfactory. But some of chemistry and most of physics requires rather more. Modern particle physics has a universe of many more kinds of fundamental particles, and there are substantial attempts to relate them to theories of radiation & wave mechanics, space and time, and to unify those theories.
- 45 Generally, the notation used here is that Roman or Greek letters symbolize a particle, or an assembly of particles into an atom or an ion, and are written with a subscript and a superscript. An additional + or – superscript is for the electrical charge. (Ions are atoms with too few or too many electrons for the atom to be of neutral charge; there are positive and negative ions; for example, Na⁺ Cl⁻.)

The subscript is the atomic number = the number of protons in an atom = the number of electrons. This is largely related to chemical properties, which are determined by electronic structure.

The superscript is the atomic mass number = a rounded number for the total of protons + neutrons in an atom or ion.

For example for the isotope of an element called cobalt-60



Co = Cobalt.

[Ar]3d⁷4s² = electron configuration.

60 = atomic mass number

58.93 = atomic mass (g/mol).

27 = atomic number.

This notation can be extended for fundamental particles themselves

proton (${}_1\text{p}^+$)⁺

electron (${}_1\text{e}^0$)⁻

neutron (${}_0\text{n}^1$)

electromagnetic radiation considered as photon (${}_0\gamma^0$)

46 Submicroscopic particles: p^+ , electrons e^- and neutrons n . Chapters 4 & 7.

47 Subtle variations, *etc.* Chapter 4.

48 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photon>

49 “Building blocks” = fundamental component units ≠ literally blocks.

50 <https://earthsky.org/space/what-is-the-electromagnetic-spectrum>

<https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/toolbox/emspectrum1.html>

<https://www.britannica.com/science/electromagnetic-spectrum>

51 here a scientific – not a political – term.

52 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radical_\(chemistry\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radical_(chemistry))

53 Mark Kurlansky, *Salt/A World History*, Alfred A. Knopf Canada, Toronto, 2002; ISBN 0-676-97268-3 www.randomhouse.ca

54 <http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Ideas/Full+Episodes/2010/ID/1472997791/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Ideas/Full+Episodes/2010/ID/1472997792/>

55 n-Heptane CAS 142-82-5 <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/Heptane>

56 Protons p^+ , electrons e^- , neutrons n , and photons $\text{h}\nu$: See notes above.

57 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photon>

58 (See Fig. 4.29)

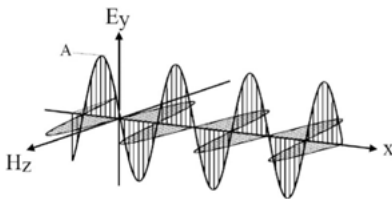


Fig. 4.29: EM wave shown in three dimensions.

“From Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository,” author = And1mu. 2016. “EM-Wave,” According to Commons terms; altered here. <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:EM-Wave.gif>

59 E_y = electric field strength vector (See Fig. 4.30).

H_z = magnetic field strength vector.

x = geometric direction of propagation.

λ = wavelength

A = amplitude

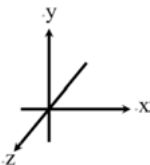


Fig. 4.30: xyz.

- 60 And Imu, "EM-Wave," Wikimedia Commons, 2016. copyright acknowledgement. Chapter 4.
 61 <https://www.mathsisfun.com/algebra/trig-sin-cos-tan-graphs.html> (See Fig. 4.31)

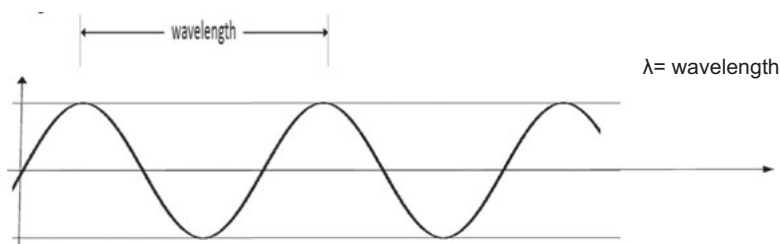


Fig. 4.31: Wave shown in two dimensions.

- 62 The fundamental physics of light can be puzzling and confusing. Light can be described as wave or particle phenomenon that can be explained alternatively – for different – but not contradictory – experimental observations – called wave/particle duality – complementarity – Copenhagen. The wave theory regards light as represented by propagation in space with electric field vectors E_y as a sine function, alternating at right angles as magnetic field vectors H_z – as presented by Maxwell. Often, only the electric is shown. The propagation in space is in the x direction – shown as geometric distance, or as time.

The wave version is experimentally observed with diffraction gratings.

The particle version is experimentally observed by assuming photons can impart momentum to electrons – as presented by Einstein.

Engineers involved with microwave and radio wave, *etc.* phenomena tend to refer to wave concepts – chemists and physicists involved with ultraviolet & visible light, infrared, *etc.* tend to refer to both photons and waves.

Although necessarily important as underpinning theory, these quantum mechanical concepts would not be of too much practical concern for applying forensic chemistry.

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- 64 "Spectroscopy/Molecular energy levels"; Wikiversity; April 2020. https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Main_Page
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Spectroscopy/Molecular_energy_levels
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Spectroscopy/Rotational_spectroscopy
<https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Welcome>
- 65 See John Gribbin, *In Search of the Big Bang/Quantum Physics and Cosmology*, BANTAM BOOKS, New York City, 10103; 1986; ISBN 0-553-34258-4.
- 66 Gribbin, . . . *BANG* . . . , page 216, *et seq.*
- 67 John Gribbin, *In Search of Schrödinger's Cat / Quantum physics and reality*, BANTAM BOOKS, New York City, 10036; 1984; ISBN 978-0-553-34253-6.
- 68 John Gribbin, . . . *CAT* . . . , page 159, *et seq.* "The Copenhagen Interpretation"
- 69 Werner Heisenberg, *Physics & Philosophy / The Revolution in Modern Science*, Harper Perennial, New York City, 10022, 1962, 2007; ISBN 978-0-06-120919-2.
- 70 Heisenberg, *Physics & Philosophy* . . . , page 18, *et seq.* " . . . Copenhagen Interpretation . . . "
- 71 "molecular structures" here = molecules, ions, atoms, their intermediary formations, *etc.*
- 72 EM spectrum. Magnitudes of things:
<https://earthsky.org/space/what-is-the-electromagnetic-spectrum>

- <https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/toolbox/emspectrum1.html>
<https://www.britannica.com/science/electromagnetic-spectrum>
- 73 See also: C.A. Parker, *Photoluminescence of Solutions/With Applications to Photochemistry and Analytical Chemistry*, Elsevier, Amsterdam . . . , 1968; at page 3 – Table 1 – “APPROXIMATE SIZES OF QUANTA.”
- 74 <https://calculator-converter.com/nanometers-to-meters.htm>
- 75 “Spectroscopy/Molecular energy levels”; Wikiversity; April 2020.
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Main_Page
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Spectroscopy/Molecular_energy_levels
- 76 “Spectroscopy/Molecular energy levels”; Wikiversity; April 2020.
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Main_Page
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Spectroscopy/Molecular_energy_levels
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Spectroscopy/Rotational_spectroscopy
<https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Welcome>
- 77 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microwave_spectroscopy
[https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry_Textbook_Maps/Supplemental_Modules_\(Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry\)/Spectroscopy/Rotational_Spectroscopy/Microwave_Rotational_Spectroscopy](https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry_Textbook_Maps/Supplemental_Modules_(Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry)/Spectroscopy/Rotational_Spectroscopy/Microwave_Rotational_Spectroscopy)
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/chemistry/microwave-spectroscopy>
- 78 Arguably metaphorically, with biblical reference.
- 79 EM spectrum. Magnitudes of things:
<https://earthsky.org/space/what-is-the-electromagnetic-spectrum>
<https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/toolbox/emspectrum1.html>
<https://www.britannica.com/science/electromagnetic-spectrum>
- 80 American Chemical Society – Periodic Table <http://acswebcontent.acs.org/games/pt.html>
www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/periodictable.html
- 81 https://www.store.acs.org/eweb/ACSTemplatePage.aspx?site=ACSACS_Store&WebCode=storeCatList&catKey=944d7d91-5947-42f3-aa4f-a5e0d897a8b3
- 82 <http://www.rsc.org/periodic-table/>
- 83 <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/periodictable.html>
- 84 Periodic table. Chart of nuclides. Chapters 4 & 7.
- 85 CBC Radio, 11 Mar 2019, Paul Kennedy, *Ideas / The Music of Matter: 150 years of the Periodic Table*
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas>
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-music-of-matter-150-years-of-the-periodic-table-1.5051355>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitri_Mendeleev
- 86 See also: Siobhan Roberts, “Reconsidering the Periodic Table / The chart of elements has served chemistry well for 150 years. But it’s not the only one,” *The New York Times*, 27 August 2019, page D3.
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- 88 American Chemical Society – Periodic Table
<http://acswebcontent.acs.org/games/pt.html> www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/periodictable.html
<http://www.rsc.org/periodic-table/>
- 89 Brookhaven National Laboratory – Chart of Nuclides <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/chart/>
- 90 Nuclides. Chapters 4 & 7.

- 91 See also: Oliver Sacks, *Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood*, Vintage, reprint 2002; ISBN-10: 0375704043; ISBN-13: 978-0375704048.
<https://www.amazon.com/Uncle-Tungsten-Memories-Chemical-Boyhood/dp/0375704043>
- 92 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uncle_Tungsten
- 93 Neutron. Atomic Number. Chapters 2, 4, 7.
- 94 J.P. McEvoy and Oscar Zarate, *→Introducing Quantum Theory / A Graphic Guide*, Icon Books Ltd.; 2013; ISBN 978-184046-850-2; re Dimitri Mendeléeiev – Periodic Table, page 100 *et seq.* (although Mendeléeiev would not have known of neutrons, nor of the modern concept of atomic number.)
- 95 Isaac Asimov, *Asimov on Chemistry*, Anchor Books, Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975; ISBN 0-385-04005-9; pages 100 and 101.
- 96 See: <https://www.ch.cam.ac.uk/news/would-alien-have-periodic-table-yes>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-47008289>
- 97 Brookhaven National Laboratory - Chart of Nuclides <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/chart/>
- 98 Brookhaven National Laboratory – Chart of Nuclides <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/chart/>
- 99 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon-14>

$$1/10^{12} = 1/10^{10}\%$$

- 100 Nuclides. Chapters 4 & 7.
- 101 Text, *etc.* here is adapted from previous writing by the author.
- 102 M.G., “the regulation of named chemicals – What are *CAS Numbers* – why are they used?” Toronto Workers’ Health & Safety Clinic *newsletter*, Vol. 16, No. 3, July 2008; pages 4→9.
- 103 This is an idealized generalization of chemical bonding. There are various other – sometimes apparently competing – more refined and detailed theories. What is presented here – as simplified – is thought by the author as sufficient for here. While some modern theoretical physicists would be looking for an elegant one-big-theory to explain everything of the universe, chemists – and other scientists and engineers – doing less-universal practical work, seem to be able to cope with an overlapping patchwork of lesser theories. But, the physicists shouldn’t be discouraged.
- 104 The molecular structural drawings here may vary somewhat from those found in CAS – in terms of spacing, symbols, and the showing of Π -bonding – but should be clearly identifiable as for the same molecule.
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- 107 Brown, at page 10 – sp^3 hybridization.
- 108 The central atom thought of as at the centre of a regular tetrahedron – with bonds pointing toward the four corners.
- 109 In the molecule of this example the bonds shown are single bonds – sharing a pair of electrons :
 Other molecules might contain double bonds = sharing two pairs of electrons ::
 And triple bonds \equiv sharing three pairs of electrons :::
- 110 *The Allyn and Bacon Molecular Model Set for Organic Chemistry*, 1984.
- 111 see also: John. W. Lehman, *Instruction Booklet for the Allyn and Bacon Molecular Model Set for Organic Chemistry*, Allyn and Bacon, Inc., Boston, 1984.
- 112 Where the dashed lines here represent the hydrogen as below the plane of the page, with the carbon in the plane of the page.

113 Where the solid lines here represent the hydrogen as above the plane of the page, with the carbon in the plane of the page.

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115

$$1 \text{ \AA} \text{ngstr\AA}m \text{ unit} = 1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ metre.}$$

$$1 \text{ nm} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ metre.}$$

116 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angstrom>

117 Anders Jonas \AA ngstr\AA m

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anders_Jonas_%C3%85ngstr%C3%B6m

118 Isaac Asimov, *Asimov's Biographical Encyclopedia of Science and Technology / Second Revised Edition*, Doubleday and Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 1982; ISBN 0-385-17771-2: Anders Jonas \AA ngstr\AA m [585]; pages 385 and 386.

119

$$1 \text{ mole} = \text{mass} / \text{molar mass}$$

120 See: Isaac Asimov, *ASIMOV ON CHEMISTRY*, Anchor Books, Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975; ISBN 0-385-04005-9; Chapter 6 “To Tell a Chemist,” page 89, *et seq.* (Originally appearing as an essay in *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, May 1965.)

121 Mole. Avogadro's number. Chapters 3, 4, 7.

122 <https://www.britannica.com/science/Avogadros-number>

123 Asimov, . . . *On Chemistry*, pages 11, 93, 96 – Avogadro's number.

124 Avogadro's number. Chapters 3, 4, 7.

125 <https://www.mathway.com/popular-problems/Algebra/226346>

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127 Benzene. CAS 71-43-2. Chapter 4.

128 Benzene. CAS 71-43-2 C₆H₆ 78.11 g/mol

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benzene>

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/benzenebenzene/basics/facts.asp#:~:text=Benzene%20is%20a%20chemical%20that,float%20on%20top%20of%20water.>

129 (An equilateral and equiangular hexagon – not exactly as drawn.)

130 Brown, at pages 142 and 143.

131 *sp*² hybridization.

132 Benzene (C₆H₆) with *sp*² hybridization and π bonding should not be confused with cyclohexane C₆H₁₂ with *sp*³ hybridization and σ bonding.

133 Cyclohexane. Chair and boat. CAS 110-82-7 C₆H₁₂. Chapters 4 & 6.

134 An alternative way often used to show benzene is as resonance structure, wherein the hexagonal ring would show double bonds, with two possibilities; the electronic structure (See Fig. 4.32) should actually considered as a kind-of averaging thereof, with no actual double bonds:

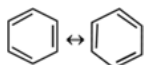


Fig. 4.32: Benzene resonance structure.

- 135 See: “A general chemistry Libretexts Textmap organized around the textbook / Chemistry: The Central Science / by Brown, LeMay, Busten, Murphy, and Woodward,” 2020, 2019.

[https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Map%3A_Chemistry_-_The_Central_Science_\(Brown_et_al.\)](https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Map%3A_Chemistry_-_The_Central_Science_(Brown_et_al.))

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“8.6: Resonance Structures”

[https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Map%3A_Chemistry_-_The_Central_Science_\(Brown_et_al.\)/08._Basic_Concepts_of_Chemical_Bonding/8.6%3A_Resonance_Structures#:~:text=Resonance%20structures%20are%20a%20set,fractional%20bonds%20and%20fractional%20charges.](https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Map%3A_Chemistry_-_The_Central_Science_(Brown_et_al.)/08._Basic_Concepts_of_Chemical_Bonding/8.6%3A_Resonance_Structures#:~:text=Resonance%20structures%20are%20a%20set,fractional%20bonds%20and%20fractional%20charges.)

“8.4: Molecular Orbital Theory”

[https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Book%3A_Chemistry_\(OpenSTAX\)/08%3A_Advanced_Theories_of_Covalent_Bonding/8.4%3A_Molecular_Orbital_Theory](https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Book%3A_Chemistry_(OpenSTAX)/08%3A_Advanced_Theories_of_Covalent_Bonding/8.4%3A_Molecular_Orbital_Theory)
“Two Theories of Bonding . . .”

[https://chem.libretexts.org/Courses/University_of_California_Irvine/UCI%3A_General_Chemistry_1A_\(OpenChem\)/041Two_Theories_of_Bonding%09_\(OpenChem\)](https://chem.libretexts.org/Courses/University_of_California_Irvine/UCI%3A_General_Chemistry_1A_(OpenChem)/041Two_Theories_of_Bonding%09_(OpenChem))

- 136 Naphthalene CAS 91-20-3 C₁₀ H₈ 128.174 g/mol (See Figs. 4.33a & 4.33b.)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naphthalene#:~:text=8-,.,fused%20pair%20of%20benzene%20rings.>

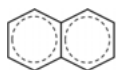


Fig. 4.33a: Naphthalene pi bonding structure.

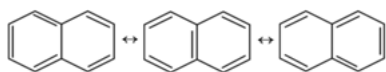


Fig. 4.33b: naphthalene resonance structures.

- 137 See also: An older view of describing molecular structure: R. B. Sandin & T. H. Evans, “The Structure of Some Naphthalene, Hydrindene and Tetralin Derivatives,” *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, Vol.61, 1939, pages 2916→2919; Department of Chemistry, University of Alberta (See Fig. 4.34).

<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/pdf/10.1021/ja01265a097>

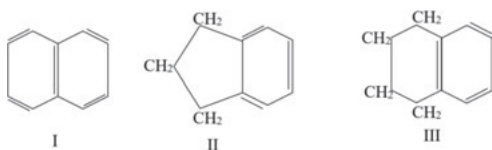


Fig. 4.34: *JACS*, 1939.

- 138 *JACS*, 1939, at page 2916.

. . . There is much chemical evidence in favor of the idea that the double bonds of naphthalene are not free to migrate and that the Erlenmeyer formula (I) is to be preferred. . . .

- 139 *JACS*, 1939, at page 2917.
 . . . An examination of Table I definitely points to the Erlenmeyer formula for naphthalene possessing a double bond common to both rings. . . .
- 140 Trying to interpret the molecular structures shown, *JACS*, 1939, into more modern terminology:
 I naphthalene
 II indane
 III tetralin
 – all of which are better described as for π bonding, or represented with resonance structures understood to not be with actual double bonds at fixed locations.
- 141 Linus Pauling's *The Nature of the Chemical Bond, and the Structure of Molecules and Crystals* was published 1939. See also: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Linus-Pauling>
<http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/coll/pauling/bond/>
<https://historyofinformation.com/detail.php?id=3956>
https://www.academia.edu/26073847/Pauling_L_The_nature_of_the_chemical_bond_Cornell_Univ_1960_
<https://www.abebooks.com/first-edition/Nature-Chemical-Bond-DUST-JACKET-PAULING/4881690120/bd>
- 142 Naphthalene. Double bond? CAS 91-20-3. Chapters 4 & 8.
- 143 *o*- = *ortho*-, *m*- = *meta*-, *p*- = *para*-
- 144 Xylene. 106.17 g/mol. Chapters 3 & 4.
- 145 http://www.chemgapedia.de/vsengine/vlu/vsc/en/ch/12/oc/vlu_organik/aromaten/aromaten/nomenklatur.vlu/Page/vsc/en/ch/12/oc/aromaten/aromaten/nomenklatur2/nomenklatur2.vscml.html
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arene_substitution_pattern
- 146 CAS 95-47-6 *o*-xylene 106.17 g/mol.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xylene> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O-Xylene>
- 147 CAS 108-38-3 *m*-xylene 106.17 g/mol.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xylene> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M-Xylene>
- 148 CAS 106-42-3 *p*-xylene 106.17 g/mol.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xylene> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P-Xylene>
- 149 <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/congener>
- 150 *Heroin*. Bail. CAS 1502-95-0 CAS 561-27-3. Chapters 4 & 5.
- 151 *Oxycodone*. CAS 76-42-6. Chapter 4.
- 152 Daniel M. Perrine, *The Chemistry of Mind-Altering Drugs / History, Pharmacology, and Cultural Context*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC, 1996; ISBN 0-8412-3253-9; page 63, *et seq.* – at page 63 2–29
- 153 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamorphine>
- 154 <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/drug-profiles/heroin#chemistry>
- 155 Perrine, Chapter 2.
- 156 *heroin-hydrochloride* CAS 1502-95-0 C₂₁H₂₃NO₅ · HCl 405.87 g/mol.
- 157 Paige Williams, “A Deadly Mistake / Addicts who share a lethal dose of drugs are being prosecuted as killers,” *The New Yorker*, 10 February 2020, pages 28→39, at page 30.
- 158 *Heroin*. Bail. CAS 1502-95-0 CAS 561-27-3. Chapters 4 & 5.
- 159 <https://chem.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/rn/76-42-6>
- 160 Paige Williams, “A DEADLY MISTAKE / Addicts who share a lethal dose of drugs are being prosecuted as killers,” *The New Yorker*, 10 February 2020, pages 28→39, at page 30.

- 161 https://www.google.ca/search?source=hp&ei=9L3cXYbnNYK6sgX48KXoBA&q=allotropes+definition&oq=allotropes&gs_l=psy-ab.1.2.0110.5485.5485.8803...0.0.0.81.81.1...0...2j1.gws-wiz.8pMcuXeviyM
- 162 white phosphorus P₄ (tetrahedral) CAS 12185-10-3 – very toxic.
- 163 red phosphorus (P₄)_n (P amorphous, polymer) CAS 7723-14-0 – not very toxic.
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_phosphorus#References
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_phosphorus#Red_phosphorus
<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/457568/phosphorus-P/280563/Properties-and-reactions#ref146121>
- 169 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berne_Convention_%281906%29
- 170 General William Booth, Salvation Army <http://www.britainunlimited.com/Biogs/Booth.htm>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Booth http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phossy_jaw
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_matchgirls_strike_of_1888 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salvation_Army
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- 173 <https://byjus.com/chemistry/red-phosphorus/>
<https://www.compoundchem.com/2014/11/20/matches/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Match>
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<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/faq/#copyright>
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for only one of the chiral forms – so that – from the introductory quote for this chapter – “Perhaps Looking-Glass milk isn’t good [for Alice’s Kitty] to drink . . .”

181 To recognize fragrances is reasonably inferred from biological process:

182 See: John Lanchester, “Scents and Sensibility / *What the nose knows*,” *The New Yorker*, Books, 10 March 2008 Issue (See Fig. 4.35.). <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2008/03/10/scents-and-sensibility>

183 In his *New Yorker* article, John Lanchester notes, for example, that the different spearmint and caraway smells come alternatively from the mirror images of otherwise-the same molecule.

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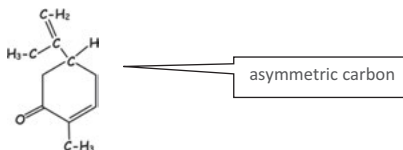


Fig. 4.35: Spearmint caraway.

185 Carvone <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carvone>

https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/_-_-Carvone#section=Top

186 [Carvone] [Spearmint] CAS 6485-40-1 (R) L

<http://www.commonchemistry.org/ChemicalDetail.aspx?ref=6485-40-1>

<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/aldrich/124931?lang=en®ion=CA>

187 [Carvone] [Caraway] CAS 2244-16-8 (S) D

<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/aldrich/435759?lang=en®ion=CA>

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<http://www.commonchemistry.org/ChemicalDetail.aspx?ref=99-49-0>

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190 http://www.chem.ucla.edu/~harding/tutorials/stereochem/id_mole_chiral.html

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chirality>

191 <https://www.acsh.org/news/2018/08/01/carvone-one-molecule-two-different-scents-and-flavors-13255>

192 Where the dashed lines here represent the hydrogen as below the plane of the page, with the carbon in the plane of the page.

193 Where the solid lines here represent the hydrogen as above the plane of the page, with the carbon in the plane of the page.

194 See:

– William H. Brown, *Introduction to Organic Chemistry*, 2nd ed., Willard Grant Press, Boston, 1978, page 302 *et seq.*

– Isaac Asimov, *Life and Energy*, Avon [1962]/Discus, New York City, 1972; Chapter 18, “The Workings of Enzymes,” at pages 251→254.

195 See: Brown, at page 302, 303.

196 (When an organic molecule such as this is considered, the naturally found atomic isotopes are usually assumed – so that it is carbon-12, oxygen-16 and hydrogen-1.)

197



198 Uniquely – but for chirality – read on.

- 199 For more detailed Fischer projection rules see: Brown, pages 202, 303.
- 200 Brown, page 303.
- 201 The mirror plane here is for a two-dimensional representation; a three dimensional model must be consulted. In the two-dimensional short-hand drawing here both molecules are identical – no matter how the atoms are placed in the two dimensional drawings to give an illusion of mirror reflection. Their chiral difference is revealed only by consultation with a three-dimensional model. See for example the *methane* model pictured above.
- 202 The older **D L** nomenclature, still often used, and used here, has been replaced by an **R S** nomenclature. See Brown at pages 302, 303; and page 94, *et seq.*
- 203 <https://chemistry.stackexchange.com/questions/66024/are-our-hands-really-chiral>
<https://i.stack.imgur.com/fo1k.png>
<https://www.chadsprep.com/chads-organic-chemistry-videos/stereoisomers/>
- 204 From Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository,” author = Furfur. 2017. According to Commons terms; altered here. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hand_drawing.png
- 205 The drawing here is altered for a person holding left & right hands in front of face – viewing the palms.
- 206 Furfur, “Hand drawing,” Wikimedia Commons, 2017 copyright acknowledgement. Chapter 4.
- 207 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racemic_mixture
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glyceraldehyde>
<http://www.chim.lu/ech0898.php>
<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/L-glyceraldehyde>
<http://www.chemspider.com/Chemical-Structure.71347.html>
- 208 See also: Brown, page 98.
- 209 In general, it is the D forms of sugars that are found in natural biological systems, and their chirality is appropriate to the enzymes of metabolism (and similarly, the L forms of amino acids are found in natural proteins). Syntheses by non-biological routes, that do not pay special attention to chirality, result in racemic mixtures – DL. Special methods are used to synthesize L sugars (and D amino acids). Historically, the relative ease of producing these different versions could be reflected in the pricing – for example, for *glyceraldehyde* (calculated for 5 g. from 1993–1994 *Janssen Chimica Catalog Handbook of Fine Chemicals*, Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V., Geel, Belgium; page 739): D US\$ 329.50, L US\$ 630., DL US\$ 51.50.
- 210 Glyceraldehyde can also be drawn as shown in Fig. 4.36.

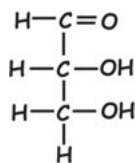
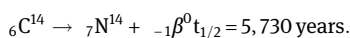


Fig. 4.36: Glyceraldehyde.

- 211 Submicroscopic particles: p^+ , electrons e^- , neutrons n . Chapters 4 & 7.
- 212 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 213 Although this is a fictitious example concocted for illustrative purposes here, it is possible that this molecule could actually exist.
- 214



- 215 The *isotope* of this example is radioactive; many *isotopes* are not.

216 For example, paraformaldehyde:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paraformaldehyde>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polymerization>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20080415161207/http://msds.chem.ox.ac.uk/PA/paraformaldehyde.html>

217 See Lawrence E. Nielsen, *Mechanical Properties of Polymers and Composites*, Volume 1, Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, 1974; and I.M. Ward, *Mechanical Properties of Solid Polymers*, Wiley-Interscience, London, . . ., 1971.

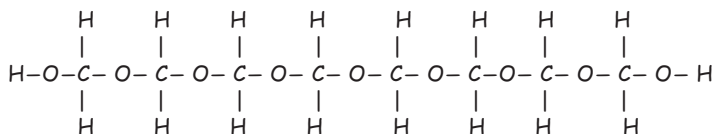


Fig. 4.37: Paraformaldehyde.

218 Polymers in museum. Chapters 2 & 4.

219 Both plastics (thermoplastics) and thermosetting resins are often simply referred to as “plastics”

220 Anhydrous – without water molecules $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ 262 g/mol CAS 10588–01-9

Dihydrate – with water molecules $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 298 g/mol CAS 7789–12-0

221 $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ Glenn Hess, “CHEMICAL HAZARDS [Oregon] Jury awards \$85 million to soldiers exposed to hexavalent chromium in Iraq,” *C&EN*, 12 November 2012, page 8.

222 Toronto Workers Health & Safety Clinic *newsletter*, 2012 12, Vol. 20, No.6.

223 Ethanol. $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-OH}$ CAS 64-17-5 46.07 g/mol

224 *Ethanol*. $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-OH}$ CAS 64-17-5. Chapters 1, 4, 11.

225 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethanol#Absolute_alcohol

<https://chemistry.stackexchange.com/questions/14392/ethanol-and-water-hygroscopic-equilibrium-concentration>

<https://www.scienceforums.net/topic/40271-difference-between-pure-ethanol-and-95/>

<https://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~rwest/wikispeedia/wpcd/wp/e/Ethanol.htm>

226 See: Isaac Asimov, *ASIMOV ON CHEMISTRY*, Anchor Books, Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975; ISBN 0-385-04005-9; Chapter 6 “To Tell a Chemist,” page 89, *et seq.* (Originally appearing as an essay in *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, May 1965.)

227 This is the author’s theory.

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232 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.

233 Hardly ever, if ever, in the author’s view. This example is over-concocted and over-fictionalized for illustrative purposes.

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<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/5808825/>

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<http://workers-safety.ca/features/newsletters/> <http://workers-safety.ca/index.html>
<http://newsletter.workers-safety.ca.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/#!/newsletters%2F>
- 236 See *CAS Registry Handbook*. According to the 1985 ACS Annual Report (*C&EN*, 21 April 1986, p. 44), the registry contained information on 7 454 721 substances and nearly 11.4 million names.
- 237 <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00026980.2020.1718303>
- 238 <https://vdocuments.site/systematic-nomenclature-of-organic-chemistry-.html>
- 239 Text, *etc.* here is adapted from previous writing by the author.
- 240 M.G., “the regulation of named chemicals – What are *CAS Numbers* – why are they used?” Toronto Workers’ Health & Safety Clinic *newsletter*, Vol.16, No.3, July 2008; pages 4→7.
<http://workers-safety.ca/features/newsletters/> <http://workers-safety.ca/index.html>
<http://newsletter.workers-safety.ca.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/#!/newsletters%2F>
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- 241 What are *CAS Numbers* . . . This is an instalment in a continuing series on the regulation of named chemicals, started in the April 2008 issue – Vol.16 No.2 – Toronto Workers’ Health & Safety Clinic *newsletter*, with the then intention to provide critical appraisals in a collection that might serve as reference material. The table of topics is found in that issue at page 6.
- 242 The general convention as typically used, at first use, at various places in this book, is that a substance would be identified by a common chemical name, followed by its symbols, CAS Registry number, with a structural diagram near-by. Thus, for example: “water H₂O, . . .” Subsequent use might simply use the common name or symbols.
- 243 See below.
- 244 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chemical_Abstracts_Service
- 245 <http://www.cas.org/>
- 246 Chemical Abstracts Service “CAS[®] / A DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY”
<http://www.cas.org/index.html>
 “CAS REGISTRYSM . . . CAS Registry Number[®] . . .” <http://www.cas.org/expertise/cascontent/registry/regsys.html>
 American Chemical Society <http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content>
- 247 *Hazardous Products Act*, SCHEDULE / INGREDIENT DISCLOSURE LIST, SOR/88-64 (in force 22 Mar 2006. 10 Feb 2015) – now repealed and replaced by SOR/2015-17.
<https://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/regu/sor-2015-17/latest/sor-2015-17.html>
https://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/regu/sor-88-64/latest/sor-88-64.html#fn_1-IDOEBABAABA
- 248 *Hazardous Products Act*, SCHEDULE / INGREDIENT DISCLOSURE LIST, SOR/2015-17.
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PART 1

[. .]

Interpretation

Definitions

1 (1) The following definitions apply in these Regulations.

[. .]

ATE means an acute toxicity estimate, and includes the LD₅₀ and the LC₅₀, and the acute toxicity point estimate determined in accordance with the table to section 8.1.7. (*ETA*)

CAS registry number means the identification number assigned to a chemical by the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society. (*numéro d'enregistrement CAS*)

chemical name means a scientific designation of a material or substance that is made in accordance with the rules of nomenclature of either the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society, or the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, or a scientific designation of a material or substance that is internationally recognized and that clearly identifies the material or substance. (*dénomination chimique*)

[. . .]

LC₅₀ means the concentration of a mixture or substance in air that causes the death of 50.0% of a group of test animals. (*CL₅₀*)

LD₅₀ means the single dose of a mixture or substance that, when administered by a particular exposure route in an animal study, is expected to cause the death of 50.0% of a given animal population. (*DL₅₀*)

[. . .]

249 B Br₃ CAS 10294–33-4. Chapters 1 & 4.

250 It is entirely numeric – not alphameric.

251 <http://www.cas.org/expertise/cascontent/registry/regsyst.html>

252 CAS Registry Number Verified Partner Program

A CAS Registry Number license is required anytime an organization will “publish” CAS Registry Numbers to the public or use them to

[. . .]

<https://www.cas.org/support/documentation/chemical-substances/cas-rn-verified-partner-program>

<https://www.cas.org/support/documentation/chemical-substances/faqs#10>

<https://www.cas.org/support/documentation/chemical-substances/faqs#13>

<https://www.cas.org/support/documentation/chemical-substances/faqs#10>

253 TWH&SLC *newsletter*, Vol.16 No.2, April, 2008, at page 7.

<http://workers-safety.ca/features/newsletters/> <http://workers-safety.ca/index.html>

<http://newsletter.workers-safety.ca.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/#!/newsletters%2F>

254 *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* – Statutes of Canada 1996 Chapter 19, Royal Assent 20 June 1996 – schedule I s.2(2). <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/c-38.8/text.html> <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/>

255 Daniel M. Perrine, *The Chemistry of Mind-Altering Drugs / History, Pharmacology, and Cultural Context*; American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C.; 1996; ISBN 0-8412-3253-9; page 188, *et seq.*

<http://www.inchem.org/> <http://www.inchem.org/documents/pims/pharm/pim139e.htm>

256 Yuji Nakahara and Akiko Ishigami, National Institute of Hygienic Sciences, Tokyo 158, Japan “Inhalation Efficiency of Free-Base Cocaine by Pyrolysis of ‘Crack’ and Cocaine Hydrochloride,” *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*, Vol. 15, May/June 1991; at page 105:

Preparation of crack

[. . .]

To three 5-mL aliquots of 34-mg/mL cocaine hydrochloride aqueous solution were added 1.5, 3, and 4.5 g of sodium bicarbonate. The mixtures in beakers were warmed on a hot plate for 1 h to remove water and prepare three types of white masses of crack (cocaine-sodium bicarbonate 1:10, 1:20, and 1:30).

[. . .]

<https://academic.oup.com/jat/article-abstract/15/3/105/757651?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

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<http://isomerdesign.com/Cdsa/backgrounder.php>
- 258 <http://www.inchem.org/> [50–36-2] [53–21-4] <http://www.inchem.org/documents/pims/pharm/pim139e.htm>
- 259 Farid J. Muhtadi and Abdullah A. Al-Badr, “**COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE**,” pages 151–231 in Klaus Florey, ed., *Analytical Profiles of Drug Substances / Volume 15* / Compiled under the auspices of the Pharmaceutical Analysis and Control Section / Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences; **Academic Press**, 1986, New York.
- 260 Terry Mills III & J. Conrad Robertson, *Instrumental Data for Drug Analysis* / Second Edition / Volume 1, **Elsevier**, New York, 1987; “**Cocaine**,” pages 524 and 525.
- 261 Ray H. Liu & Daniel E. Gadzala, *Handbook of Drug Analysis / Applications in Forensic and Clinical Laboratories*, American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C., 1997; ISBN 0-8412-3448-5; [several index entries].
- 262 Daniel M. Perrine, *The Chemistry of Mind-Altering Drugs/History, Pharmacology, and Cultural Context*; American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C.; 1996; ISBN 0-8412-3253-9; page 188, *et seq.*
- 263 <http://isomerdesign.com/cdsa/FullDisplay/index.htm>
<http://isomerdesign.com/Cdsa/> <http://isomerdesign.com/Cdsa/schedule.php?schedule=I§ion=2>
- 264 *CD&S Act* SC 1996, c. 19. s.4 Schedule I, item 2.
<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38.8/index.html>
- 265 <http://www.inchem.org/> [50–36-2] [53–21-4] <http://www.inchem.org/documents/pims/pharm/pim139e.htm>
- 266 Michael Hardwick, *The Complete Guide to SHERLOCK HOLMES*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London SW4 7TA, 1986; ISBN 0 297 78963 5.
- 267 Sherlock Holmes was a cocaine user – Hardwick, pages 39 and 80.
- 268 Hardwick, page 39: [THE SIGN OF THE FOUR]
[. . .]
[Watson:] ‘Which is it to-day,’ I asked, ‘morphine or cocaine?’
He raised his eyes languidly from the old black-letter volume which he had opened.
‘It is cocaine,’ he said, ‘a seven-percent solution. Would you care to try it?’
[. . .]
- 269 Hardwick, page 80: [The Yellow Face, Strand, 1893]
[. . .]
[Watson:] . . . Save for the occasional use of cocaine, he had no vices, and he only turned to the drug as a protest against the monotony of existence when cases were scanty and the papers uninteresting.
[. . .]
- 270 Michael Hardwick, *The Complete Guide to SHERLOCK HOLMES*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London SW4 7TA, 1986; ISBN 0 297 78963 5.
- 271 Sherlock Holmes was a cocaine user – Hardwick, pages 39 & 80.
- 272 Cocaine. CAS 53-21-4 CAS 50-36-2. Chapters 4, 6, 10.
- 273 [molecular mass] g/mol. [mp = melting point] °C.
- 274 (An abundance of baking soda may cause additional carbon dioxide to be formed when the cocaine is heated for smoking – giving a crackling sound – hence the name – see: Perrine, *The Chemistry of Mind-Altering Drugs* . . . ; page 188. It might be theorized that the creation of the

non-ionic form would allow lower temperature melting and vaporization, without decomposition, and thus greater and quicker absorption into the blood, in the lungs, of the user.)

- 275 According to <http://www.cs.rice.edu/~ssiyer/minstrels/poems/801.html>: – by Dr. D.D. Perrin, late 1950s, Department of Medical Chemistry, John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University, Canberra.

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<http://wonderingminstrels.blogspot.com/2001/06/mosquito-was-heard-to-complain-dr-d-d.html>

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- 280 *Silent Spring ACS Matters*, American Chemical Society Weekly Newsletter, 31 October 2012: “50 Years Later, Landmark Status for Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring*.”

- 281 www.acs.org/landmarks

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- 283 See also: Rudy M. Baum, Editor-in-chief, *Chemical & Engineering News*, FROM THE EDITOR, “Rachel Carson,” 04 June 2007, Vol.85, No.23, page 5. <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/editor/85/8523editor.html>

– and cited therein: Naomi Lubick, “DDT’s Resurrection,” *Environmental Science & Technology*, 2007, 41, 6323. <http://pubs.acs.org/subscribe/journals/esthag/41/i18/html/091507perspective.html>

- 284 See also: Linda Wang, “LANDMARK FOR [Rachel Carson’s 1962 book] ‘SILENT SPRING’ / Influential book catalysed the modern ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT,” *C&EN*, 26 Nov. 2012, page 38.

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<http://newsletter.workers-safety.ca.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/#!/newsletters%2F>

- 286 2012 12. Vol. 20, No. 6

- 287 DDT CAS 50-29-3. Chapter 4.

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- the US National Institute of Standards and Technology;
- the United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc.;
- the Sigma Chemical Company.

See also Byron Kratochvil and Alan Walton, “The Role of Reference Materials in Quality Assurance for Chemical Measurement,” *Canadian Chemical News*, May 1995, pages 40642, and references cited therein. See in Chapter 5.

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- 291 Brunelle & Cantu. Chapters 3 & 4.
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- 295 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 296 Ethylene glycol. CAS 107-21-1 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethylene_glycol
- 297 \pm -Propylene glycol. α -propylene glycol. CAS 57-55-6 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propylene_glycol
<http://www.commonchemistry.org/ChemicalDetail.aspx?ref=57-55-6>
- 298 Richard Saferstein, *CRIMINALISTICS / An Introduction to Forensic Science*, Seventh Edition, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458; 2001; ISBN 0-13-013827-4; page 64.
- 299 That area might be definable simply in geographic terms (such as, a certain neighbourhood of a municipal or rural region), but it might also be definable in social (the people the accused associates with) or economic (where the accused shops) terms.
- 300 After looking, unsuccessfully, for search warrant flaws.
- 301 Deoxyribonucleic acid. For a survey of this topic see Mark A. Farley & James J. Harrington, eds., *Forensic DNA Technology*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., Chelsea, Michigan, 1991. See also *C&EN* 20 Nov. 1989, pp. 18–30; *special report DNA Profiling*. See also other DNA references cited in Section 6.13.
- 302 That is, one chance in a million = $1/10^{+6} = 1/1,000,000 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$
- 303 – assuming here no quality assurance problems. See Chapters 5 & 8.
- 304 See:
 – D.A. Stoney & J.I. Thornton, “A Critical Analysis of Quantitative Fingerprint Individuality Models,” *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, Vol. 31, No. 4, Oct. 1986, pages 1187→1216.
<https://doi.org/10.1520/JFS11901J>.
https://www.astm.org/DIGITAL_LIBRARY/JOURNALS/FORENSIC/PAGES/JFS11901J.htm
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 – Joseph Polski, Ron Smith, Robert Garrett, *et al.*, “The Report of the International Association for Identification, Standardization II Committee,” Document No.: 233,980, 2011, Award Number: 2006-DN-BX-K249; a research report to US Department of Justice.
<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/233980.pdf>
https://www.academia.edu/30690748/On_the_Individuality_of_Fingerprints
- 306 – Richard Saferstein, *CRIMINALISTICS / An Introduction to Forensic Science*, Seventh Edition, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458; 2001; ISBN 0-13-013827-4; “FINGERPRINTS,” Chapter 14, pages 395→420. At page 397 – Galton [$< 64 \times 10^{-9}$].
- 307 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.
- 308 Being followed through in this chapter.
- 309 A good assumption.
- 310 (Metaphorically)
- 311 Richard Saferstein, *Criminalistics / An Introduction to Forensic Science*, Seventh Edition, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458; 2001; ISBN 0-13-013827-4; page 64.
- 312 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

313 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.

314 Different ways of presenting large numbers in a table. The first shown (at left in Table 4.6.), sometimes used by scientists, can be confusing to others.

315 1 million = 1,000,000 = 10^{+6} = one thousand thousand.

1 billion = 1,000,000,000 = 10^{+9} = one thousand million (short scale – now for both UK and USA use).

1 billion = 1,000,000,000,000 = 10^{+12} = one million million (long scale – no longer for UK use).

1 trillion = 1,000,000,000,000 = 10^{+12} = one million million (long scale).

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billion>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_and_short_scales#Current_usage

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names_of_large_numbers

316 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.

317 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.

318 See also:

- H.R. Lukens and D.E. Bryan, “The DS Method for Evidence Characterization,” *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, Vol. 19, No. 4, October 1974, pages 855 → 864.
- Neil T. Crosby and Indu Patel, *General Principles of Good Sampling Practice*, published for the Laboratory of the Government Chemist by the Royal Society of Chemistry, Cambridge CB4 4WF, 1995;
- Lawrence H. Keith, *Environmental Sampling and Analysis: A practical Guide*, Lewis Publishers, CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 1991.
- B. Budowle, A.M. Giusti, J.S. Wayne, F.S. Baechtel, R.M. Fournery, Dwight E. Adams, Lawrence A. Presley, Harold A. Deadman, and K.L. Monson, “Fixed-Bin Analysis for Statistical Evaluation of Continuous Distributions of Allelic Data for VNTR Loci, for Use in Forensic Comparisons,” *American Journal of Human Genetics*, 48,, pages 841→855.

Tab. 4.6: Presenting number multiples.

(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) × $(10^{-6}) =$	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) =	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) =	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) (millions) =	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) =
4	$4 \times (10^6)$	4 million	4	4,000,000
3.1	$3.1 \times (10^6)$	3.1 million	3.1	3,100,000
1.1	$1.1 \times (10^6)$	1.1 million	1.1	1,100,000
14	$14 \times (10^6)$	14 million	14	14,000,000
0.1	$0.1 \times (10^6)$	0.1 million	0.1	100,000
3	$3 \times (10^6)$	3 million	3	3,000,000
3.2	$3.2 \times (10^6)$	3.2 million	3.2	3,200,000
1	$1 \times (10^6)$	1 million	1	1,000,000
0.1	$0.1 \times (10^6)$	0.1 million	0.1	100,000

Tab. 4.6 (continued)

(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) $\times (10^{-6}) =$	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) =	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) =	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) (millions) =	(Totals of pen sales for most recent 5 years) =
1.2	$1.2 \times (10^6)$	1.2 million	1.2	1,200,000
2	$2 \times (10^6)$	2 million	2	2,000,000
5	$5 \times (10^6)$	5 million	5	5,000,000
$\Sigma = 37.8$	$\Sigma = 37.8 \times (10^6)$	$\Sigma = 37.8$ million	$\Sigma = 37.8$	$\Sigma = 37,800,000$

- Bruce Budowle and Alan M. Giusti, “Fixed Bin Frequency Distributions for the VNTR Locus D5S110 in General United States Reference Databases,” *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, Vol.40, No.2, March 1995, pages 236→238.

Major Nu En Huang and Bruce Budowle, “Fixed Bin Population Data for the VNTR Loci D1S7, D2S44, D4S139, D5S110, and D17S79 in Chinese from Tiwan,” *ibid.*, pages 287→290.

319 See Chapter 6.

320 Gasolines are mixtures of $C_4 \rightarrow C_{10}$ hydrocarbons (~boiling point range 40→180 °C), which may include additives and impurities. A GC *mixture profile* of all observable components, or even of a few selected component types, might be used to characterize each gasoline, or at least to distinguish one from another. Variations of ASTM D 5580-94 (1995 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards . . . Volume O5.03 . . .*, pages 7446751) *Standard Test Method for Determination of Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, p/m-Xylene, o-Xylene, C9 and Heavier Aromatics, and Total Aromatics in Finished Gasoline by Gas Chromatography* might be usable for such purpose.

321 When. Chapters 2, 4, 7.

Chapter 5

Site and lab procedure, and documentation

[. . .]

“I see you’re admiring my little box,” the Knight said in a friendly tone. “It’s my own invention – to keep clothes and sandwiches in. You see I carry it upside-down, so that the rain can’t get in.”

“But the things can get out,” Alice gently remarked. “Do you know the lid’s open?”

“I didn’t know it,” the Knight said, a shade of vexation passing over his face. “Then all the things must have fallen out! And the box is no use without them.” . . .

[Alice and the White Knight.] [1, 2]

[. . .]

5.1 To try to assure credibility – lab practices, etc.

In Chapter 3, the forensic chemist’s lab work was referred to – as for the progress of the analyses. But other considerations are needed for the credibility of the result.¹ That credibility is important for everyone who would scrutinize the process, and who might question the result, especially some of the law participants [3] who might not like the results.² These other considerations, which in a sense might seem somewhat removed from the actual science, are important.

As indicated in the Preface, although this book is directed towards forensic science³ – with specialization in analytical chemistry – much is shared with science more generally, so that chemistry and other science concepts are sometimes referred to – with implications towards forensic analytical chemistry.^{4,5}

The other considerations:

5.2 Site, lab, and samples

5.2.1 Site examination

Parts of an investigation that would later merge into forensic chemistry laboratory work would typically start at a site⁶ where an incident would have happened. This

¹ Analyses. Credibility. Chapters 3 & 5.

² Not liking the results at law. Chapters 1 & 5.

³ Forensic science. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

⁴ Analytical chemistry. Expanded definition – more detail, and example. Preface 2, Chapter 1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

⁵ Forensic analytical chemistry; chemistry more generally. Otherwise than forensic – useful for understanding; and perhaps a few digressions. Preface 2.4.

⁶ Site. *What it is*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

would be a known physical location – for example:⁷ The *Wagon Lit* compartment, First Class Berth No. 2, *Orient Express* [4], where a stabbed dead traveller [5] was discovered, and investigated by the famous Belgian detective [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] (See Figs. 5.1a & 5.1b).



Fig. 5.1a: Famous Belgian detective [12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17].

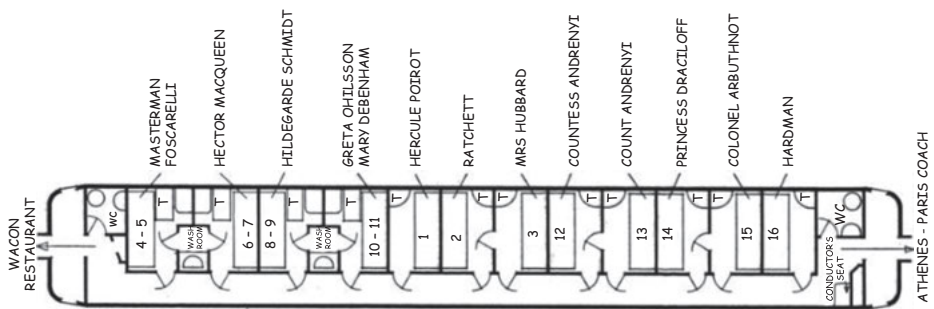


Fig. 5.1b: *Wagon Lit* [18, 19, 20].

⁷ Fictional literature. Christie. Poe. Preface 2.2, Chapter 5 & 8.

Or, for example [21]: An outside factory storage yard where there was an explosion. Sometimes, the location may be unknown as to the extent – for example: A chemical spill into the aquifer – ground water – how deep? – how wide-spread? – migrating in which direction(s)? – how fast? And sometimes, the location may be unknown – as for missing hazardous chemicals – known from inventory control where they came from, that they are missing, but not where they went [22, 23, 24].

There could be other kinds of sites – for example, within the bodies of workers harmed by exposure to hazardous chemicals; or shrapnel.⁸ Such exposures might be contemporary or from long ago, and could be on-going.

Procedure for examining and collecting evidence for a site with a known location and geometry – for example, the factory explosion – is perhaps easiest to visualize and describe. There would be an apparent debris area or field to photograph and measure, and from which, to collect items after documenting their locations (with care taken to avoid changing or contaminating the area). The area might actually be a volume – for example, an enclosed space – an inside storage room – wherein, the air might contain particulates or unusual gases and debris on walls, floor and ceiling. The area or volume examination would also have a time scale.⁹

There is reference literature [25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] for site examination. Fictional literature too: (See Fig. 5.2)¹⁰



Fig. 5.2: PURLOINED LETTER.

[Edgar Allan Poe, *THE PURLOINED LETTER*, 1845, 1910.] [31, 32, 33, 34]

8 Shrapnel. Chapters 2 & 5.

9 Time scale. Chapters 5 & 7.

10 Fictional literature. Christie. Poe. Preface 2.2, Chapters 5 & 8.

Nil sapientiae odiosius acumine nimio. — Seneca [35, 36, 37]

[. . .]

“. . . we searched every where. . . the entire building, room by room; devoting the nights of a whole week to each . . . the furniture of each apartment. . . opened every possible drawer; and I presume you know that, to a properly trained police agent, such a thing as a secret drawer is impossible. . . After the cabinets we took the chairs. The cushions we probed with the fine long needles you have seen me employ. From the tables we removed the tops.”

[. . .]

“Sometimes the top of a table, or other similarly arranged piece of furniture, is removed by the person wishing to conceal an article; then the leg is excavated, the article deposited within the cavity, and the top replaced. The bottoms and tops of bedposts are employed in the same way.”

[. . .]

“. . . we examined the rungs of every chair in the hotel, and, indeed the jointings of every description of furniture, by the aid of a most powerful microscope. Had there been any traces of recent disturbance we should not have failed to detect it instantly. A single grain of gimlet-dust, for example, would have been as obvious as an apple. Any disorder in the glueing – any unusual gaping in the joints – would have sufficed to insure detection.”

. . . looked to the mirrors, between the boards and the plates, and . . . the beds and the bed-clothes, as well as the curtains and carpets. . . .

“. . . then we examined the house itself. We divided its entire surface into compartments, which we numbered, so that none might be missed; then we scrutinized each individual square inch throughout the premises, including the two houses immediately adjoining, with the microscope, as before.”

[. . .]

“All the grounds are paved with brick. They gave us comparatively little trouble. We examined the moss between the bricks, and found it undisturbed.”

. . . papers, of course, and into the books of the library . . .

“. . . we opened every package and parcel; we not only opened every book, but we turned over every leaf in each volume, not contenting ourselves with a mere shake, according to the fashion of some of our police officers. We also measured the thickness of every book-cover, with the most accurate admeasurement, and applied to each the most jealous scrutiny of the microscope. Had any of the bindings been recently meddled with, it would have been utterly impossible that the fact should have escaped observation. Some five or six volumes, just from the hands of the binder, we carefully probed, longitudinally, with the needles.”

[. . .]

. . . We removed every carpet, and examined the boards with the microscope. . . .

. . . And the paper on the walls . . .

[. . .]

. . . into the cellars . . .

[. . .]

“. . . what would you advise me to do?”

“To make a thorough re-search of the premises.”

“That is absolutely needless,” replied G – . “I am not more sure that I breathe than I am that the letter is not at the Hotel.”

[. . .]

But, as in Poe’s famous story [38], something important really can be missed:

[. . .] [39]

. . . Mr. [B] . . . hid the tapes in the ceiling above the bathroom in the house . . . where he and Ms. [H] . . . were living, and police missed them during a 71-day search of the home [40].

[His lawyer] Mr. [M] . . . and Ms. [MacD] . . . acting on instructions received in a phone call from Mr. [B] . . ., entered the house . . ., and left with the six tapes in a shoe box. . . . [41, 42]¹¹

[. . .]

Although site examination is quite important, often with dedicated professionals, the focus of this book is on the analytical chemistry of some of what is found [43].

If there would be an on-site analysis, it should usually be for screening tests¹²—to go later for laboratory confirmation (positive or negative) [44]. For example [45], on arrest, an accused's seized bag of suspicious-looking substance might screen test positive for heroin, only to be revealed later, as not heroin [46] – perhaps, police misapplied the test kit [47] (unfortunately for the accused, at the bail hearing, only the screen results would have been available, but not yet the negative lab result, so that bail might be denied) [48].

Typically, a properly contained sample of something of apparent interest is brought from the site to the forensic analytical chemist at a laboratory.

5.2.2 General lab set-up

Mostly, a forensic chemistry lab would be expected to look like any other chemistry lab, with much of the same standard furnishings and equipment – such as bench tops, water lines and sinks, oxygen and gas jets, electrical outlets, balances, glassware, fume hoods, hazard warning signs, safety and first aid equipment, *etc.*; and various instrumentation.¹³ And, as with many labs, it may be the nature of the instrumentation that determines the lay-out. Lay-out would also be determined by the volume and routine-ness of the lab's work. There is reference literature on chemistry lab procedures [49].

5.2.3 Integrity of sample and analysis process

An important feature of a forensic chemistry lab relates to security – for the tracking of what and who goes and comes, and the barring of unauthorized what and who. This would also include tracking within the lab. And, all of this should generate a document trail.

¹¹ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface 2.3, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

¹² Screening tests. Wet chemistry. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6.

¹³ Forensic analytical chemistry; chemistry more generally. Otherwise than forensic – useful for understanding; and perhaps a few digressions. Preface 2.4.

This security is concerned with the integrity of the forensic sample and the analysis process – to make sure that it has not been interfered with, by accident or intent; and to assure that sample handling and analytical method are appropriate, and do not interfere with other aspects of the investigation. Part of this integrity is simply the sample chain of custody;¹⁴ other parts are found in various documentation.

There would be documentation as provided for in the lab's core documents, including its standard operating procedures:

5.3 Documentation

The credibility, reliability and integrity of the lab's eventual report depends not only on doing good science,¹⁵ but also necessarily includes documenting what is done and how.^{16,17}

The document trail [50] that would result in the lab's written report allows for an important concept: *Nullius in verba* [51, 52, 53, 54].¹⁸ Scientific results must be explainable and reproducible by other scientists elsewhere – on the basis of reports, as supported by documentation. For forensic science, a scarce availability of the samples – unpolluted – may make reproducing the work more difficult – perhaps, prohibitively.

Missing parts of the document trail should raise serious questions as to the credibility of the reported results.¹⁹

5.3.1 Lab's core documents and standard operating procedures

A forensic laboratory should have an array of documents related to control and recording of what the lab is supposed to do, and does do.²⁰ These core documents' various titles might include: *Operations Manual, Rules of Engagement, Directives, Organizational Manual, Lab Procedural Manual* [55], *Standard Operating Procedures; etc.* [56, 57, 58, 59, 60]. These might function as kind of lab-like constitutional and legislative documents – to borrow legal terms for analogy. For convenience, here, the acronym, **SOP** = standard operating procedures – is sometimes used kind of generally for any of these, without more careful definition. This acronym, here, may refer

¹⁴ Chain of custody. Chapters 3 & 5.

¹⁵ Science – good, bad and junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 8, 10, 11.

¹⁶ Forensic analytical chemistry; chemistry more generally. Otherwise than forensic – useful for understanding; and perhaps a few digressions. Preface 2.4.

¹⁷ Lab documentation. Preface 4.1, Chapter 5.

¹⁸ *Nullius in verba*. Preface 4.1, Chapters 2 & 5.

¹⁹ Author's biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

²⁰ Core documents. SOPs. Chapters 5 & 9.

to both the core documents array and to particular procedures, as the context would require. (Readers are cautioned that this use here may be at variance with others' use elsewhere – here, its use includes a more general sense.)

As indicated above, there should be core documents or SOPs – or SOP-related references – for

- security.

And, otherwise for almost every aspect of lab operation – such as:²¹

- Mission statement
- Chain of authority organizational chart within the lab;
 - where that lab fits within its controlling agency, and
 - where that agency fits within its larger administrative environment
- Memoranda of understanding [61, 62];
 - or contracts with other agencies
- Various forensic analysis methods [63] that the lab does
 - as to specific procedures that might be used within those analyses
 - as to general lab procedures [64]
- Method validations²²
- Handling procedures [65]
- Quality assurance – test samples, proficiency monitoring, peer review, *etc.*
- Accreditation and other credentials²³
- Processing of reports of work done – production, distribution – public and confidential
- Instrumentation list and library of manufacturer and supplier literature
- Instrument operation and maintenance
- Equipment, standard samples, reagents – purchases and rentals
- Sample acceptance, storage, retention and return
 - environmental-friendly disposal
- Lab personnel, and public health and safety
- Budgetary directives and documents
- Employee loyalty declarations and security clearances
- Workers' collective agreements
- SOP format
- *Etc.*

Some of these might effectively be set out in legislation – such as for measuring airborne concentrations under the Ontario *Occupational Health & Safety Act* [66]; and

21 Lab core documents. SOP, scientific literature. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8.

22 Method validation. Chapters 5 & 8.

23 Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

for the measuring of ethanol in breath and blood for drivers of motor vehicles in the Canada *Criminal Code* [67]²⁴ [68]. Or, an SOP might effectively be set out in an engineering-type standard [69].

SOPs might be required by agency or government policy for various specific reasons – such as, simply for economy (the same reagents can be purchased in larger lots at cheaper unit costs), or to forestall allegations of perceived unfairness (one accused's sample was analysed differently – with a different legal result).

Generally, the core documents and SOPs serve to contain the lab's processes within defined bounds with accessible instructions and useful record-keeping. The document trail of what the forensic lab does, and is supposed to do, facilitates good lab work.

While many possible variations are expected in core document and SOP format, content, and organization, and in procedure and performance, the concepts implied by the above list should apply to all forensic labs. When making a critical appraisal of a lab's work, these concepts should be looked for. For example, if it would be noticed that there is no mention of quality assurance documentation – by whatever description – in whatever equivalent terminology – wherever in the lab's systems – the lab's eventual report should be regarded as having seriously damaged credibility, for that reason alone, although Canadian courts might not notice.²⁵

Likewise, significant deviation from what is prescribed in core documents and SOPs, without considered and presented reasons, should be seen as damaging the lab's credibility and the value of its reports.

More about documentation – generally:

5.3.2 The scientific literature

Generally, the method, theory, and discussions about the scientific work done on something of forensic interest will have been reported somewhere in the scientific literature – contained in various textbooks or periodicals, or other formal publications.^{26,27} Such reference is necessary for the documentation assembled for the science to eventually support the theory of the related human story. Sometimes reports in popular literature and news items can be included, especially for an overview. All literature should be open to critical appraisal.

Thus, for the ink analysis example, [70] the forensic chemist might variously cite [71]:²⁸

²⁴ *Criminal Code* ethanol in blood. SOP. Chapters 5 & 11.

²⁵ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

²⁶ Lab core documents. SOP. Scientific literature. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8.

²⁷ Impairment and science literature. Chapters 5 & 11.

²⁸ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

- Richard L. Brunelle and Robert Reed [72, 73]
- Richard L. Brunelle and Kenneth R. Crawford [74]
- R. L. Brunelle [75]²⁹
- Richard L. Brunelle and A.A. Cantu [76]
- R.L. Kuranz [77]
- Joel Harris [78]
- Renna A. Merrill and Edward Bartick [79]
- Antonio A. Cantu [80]
- Antonio A. Cantu (US Senate Hastings Impeachment hearings) [81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86]³⁰
- Jane A. Lewis [87]
- Frank H. Norwitch and Howard Seiden [88, 89, 90]
- Paul L. Freese [91]
- Roger W Jones and John F McClelland [92]
- Mark Maremont [93]

If it happens that, in attending to a particular case, the forensic chemist makes a significant modification of reported methods, develops an essentially new method, or builds specialized equipment not otherwise available, then that would have to be set out in detail in the final forensic report.³¹ And, if the new method or equipment is significant enough, it should be published in the scientific literature [94, 95].

It should be emphasized that without reference to the chemical or other scientific literature or a reporting of a new method, chemical forensic conclusions should not be seen as worth much. Notwithstanding that such reference can be very brief [96] and might look perfunctory or *pro forma* [97], it is still necessary [98]. This is related to method validation.³²

5.3.3 Tags and receipts

5.3.3.1 Tags and receipts – on paper

As mentioned in above,³³ the chain of the forensic sample custody is important. That such a chain is unbroken would be evidenced by a system of tags and receipts, and notebook entries.

29 Destructive and non-destructive testing. Chapters 3, 5, 8.

30 US Senate Hastings Impeachment hearings, 1989. Chapters 5 & 9.

31 Forensic report. Chapters 5 & 9.

32 Method validation. Chapters 5, 8, 11.

33 Forensic sample chain of custody. Chapters 3 & 5.

To continue the ink example [99], the actual physical acceptance by the forensic chemist of the two clear polymer envelopes [100] would follow a procedure – perhaps:

- A police officer (badge [101]) enters the lab (after having presenting credentials and signing in at the security desk).
- And hands the two envelopes to the forensic chemist (employee No. [102]).
- The next entry box on the attached property tag is filled-in and they both initial it.
- The police officer leaves the lab (signing out at security) and makes police notebook [102, 103] notations.
- The forensic chemist makes a lab notebook entry – see below – and secures the samples in storage.

In this procedure, the tag would always travel with the item – and can also be photocopied for receipts. When (if) the chemist returns the item to the police, the next box is filled in, and so on, for all such transfers.

5.3.3.2 Tags and receipts – electronic

As with the lab notebook, dealt with just below, the system of tags and receipts may often include modern computer data-keeping and management. Similar concerns and cautions are appropriate.

5.3.4 Lab notebook

5.3.4.1 Lab notebook – on paper

A lab notebook^{34,35,36,37} is a chemist’s on-going record of work done; it is the essential reference for the reports to be written, and it is where to look to try to solve problems that might later arise, including from criticisms of the reports – even, years later. According to H.M. Kanare [104, 105, 106], “[t]he guiding principle for note keeping is to write with enough detail and clarity that another scientist could pick up the notebook at some time in the future, repeat the work based on the written descriptions, and make the same observations that were originally recorded.”

For disputed forensic conclusions, Kanare’s “another scientist” might not be so hypothetical – and might be called by an opposing lawyer to try to persuade a court, or public opinion, otherwise. And, historians and journalists might also be

34 Alert: See below.

Lab notebook. Electronic alternative. Chapter 5.

35 Forensic analytical chemistry; chemistry more generally. Otherwise than forensic – useful for understanding; and perhaps a few digressions. Preface 2.4.

36 Lab core documents. SOP. Scientific literature. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8.

37 Lab notebook. Chapters 5 & 9.

looking at the data, years later; see for example for Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Boston, 1920; [107, 108, 109]³⁸ and Steven Truscott, Ontario, 1959 [110, 111].

Generally, a lab notebook should have permanently bound and numbered pages, and be of substantial construction. It should also have identification/title pages, which include declarations of the lab's policy concerning notebooks and a clear indication or declaration of its importance as a valuable original document. While loose-leaf binders of lab notes, various kinds of file folders and releasable binders, and computer storage may sometimes be convenient or even appropriate, the older-style bound book has the advantage that separate pages cannot get mixed-up or lost by simple accident, and intentional tampering may be more difficult to cover up. And, even in situations where unbound notes are used, the forensic chemist might still be well-advised to keep a chronological registry of sample numbers, *etc.* in a bound diary calendar book, with cross-references to the other paperwork – as a kind of mini-lab notebook.

The contents and style of lab notebook entries would vary, depending on the work to be done, its repetitiveness, volume and routineness. Generally, the advice of Kanare [112], is worthwhile to consider, even if some of it might seem too fussy. If a forensic chemist is following a procedure from reference documents, such as a procedures manual [113, 114] or an SOP, a proper reference to such a document may be sufficient, provided it and the appropriate data, are clearly enough identified (for the “. . . other scientist”).

For large batches of routine forensic analyses, **check-box** and **fill-in-the-blank** kinds of **forms** or work sheets may be used, and may even be computerized. But, that convenience should not obscure from the forensic chemist, the problems of unbound notes indicated above; and although such forms might be contained within the lab's report, it should not be confused with that report itself.

An example, concocted fictionally for illustrative purposes here, [115] would show – possibly – what such a **form** might include: [116, 117]³⁹

- Descriptive title – for example:
LAB NOTES PROCESS SHEET FOR MARIHUANA DETERMINATION [118, 119, 120, 121]
- Location of the lab
- Case process number for the lab [] []; [122] for the Police [] []
- Various tag numbers [] [] [] [] [] []
- This PROCESS SHEET's control number [] []
- – page numbers [] → []
- Identification of where and when the sample for testing is from – for example:
Cst. [] [], [] [] Police, delivered, [] [] [] 20 [] [], [] [] [] []m [123]
- Analysed using procedures of SOP [] [] (which might follow methods and concepts presented by J.A. Siegel, [124] and by K. Bailey [125])

38 Sacco, Vanzetti. Chapters 1 & 5.

39 Report – Short Form. Chapters 5 & 9.

- Date, times and location of the analysis
- Identification of the analyst – [] [] [] []; employee identification [] [] []
- General appearance of the sample to be identified and/or photo:
- Mass = [] [] [] [] g [126]
- Dimensions = [] [] [] [] cm × [] [] [] [] cm × [] [] [] [] cm. Geometry: [] [] [] [] [127]
- [] [] [] °C [] [] [] [] % humidity
- Microscopy: plant material present? Cystolithic [128] hairs observed? Photo? Drawing?
- Duquéniois-Levine?
- TLC: Solvent = [] [] [] []? [129] Solvent mixture? Photo? Drawing?
- IR = infrared spectroscopy (usually not necessary for this kind of analysis – see both Siegel and Bailey, cited above)?
- Conclusion: the analysed sample – ✓
 - is is not marihuana – plant material.
 - does does not contain THC.
- Lab Accreditation = [] [] [] [] [130] Accrediting agency: [] [] [] []⁴⁰
- ISO: [] [] [] []
- Analyst credentialed? [] [] [] []
- Lab's exchequer or budgetary declaration?
- Interagency memorandum of understanding – legal citation?
- QA reports? Publicly available?
- Workplace health and safety; worker's compensation?
- This PROCESS SHEET's freedom of information status?⁴¹
- Confidentiality status? Until when?
- Legal declaration? Disclaimer?
- Relevant legislation citation: [] [] [] []
- Signed, dated and witnessed attestation? Anti-corruption declaration?
- Next administrative step?
- What to do with this form now? To whom does it go next? Does not go?
- Distribution?
- See notebook pages: [] [] [] → [] [] []

Another notebook-keeping practice would be to firmly attach experimental spectra, photographs, print-outs, and so on to the pages of the bound book; but if there are too many, this would be too cumbersome, and they should be archived elsewhere. At least, identification numbers and location instructions for these items should be recorded in the notebook. Leaving spectra and other data stored in operating or unsecured computer memories is asking for trouble.

40 Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

41 Freedom of info. legislation. Chapters 5, 8, 10.

A lab notebook would contain the kinds of data listed in the above **form**, but in the bound format mentioned above; the form might be attached within the notebook; perhaps, pre-printed on its pages. But, the lab notebook would also contain all of the other work that the analyst would do in chronological sequence and might note other steps not included in the form. If a form is used, that would also be noted in the notebook, if not attached within it.

Notwithstanding the above commentary, attaching other papers to lab notebook pages is obviously impracticable when there are very many analyses – perhaps many thousands, as for labs serving in the war on drugs. But the lab notebook should still record adequate references to the documents of analysis within a logical system of location codes; this would be practicable because the lab notebook would still record the work of the individual scientists during their workdays.

5.3.4.2 Lab notebook – electronic

With the advent of modern computer⁴² data-keeping and management, much of the commentary about lab notebooks above may be seen as becoming obsolete, if not already so. This is ok; especially for the very large numbers of analyses of large labs. However, the forensic scientist must be aware that the precautions inherent in the paper-based systems – readily available, reliable, tamper-resistant, easily readable, showable to the jury, *etc.* – are not lost with electronic data keeping – or are not brought into doubt – or are not unintentionally given over to the control of others not so concerned with the intricacies and special responsibilities of forensic science, and are not exposed to hackers. There is a kind of analogy with citizen voting – paper ballots remain the best device against fraud, mix-up, hacking and error.

The forensic scientist, ultimately responsible for the reported conclusions, is also to be held responsible for the integrity of the data keeping and processing. The advantage of the lab notebook is/was that gaffs could quickly look obvious; the scientist is directly responsible that the electronic record-keeping keeps to that standard. The forensic scientist should be careful not to lose – to the programmer or controller of the computer system, hackers [131, 132, 133], or biases within outside-sourced programmes [134] – the tight control that a physical lab notebook would provide. If the forensic scientist does not address this and is not completely confident of a computer equivalent of that tight control remaining, then there would be serious credibility loss [135]. And, if there were to be found a glitch, or hack into the computing process, or a bias within outside-sourced programmes, even indirectly, such occurrence must appear in the notes and report, and is relevant to be considered in any legal process.⁴³

⁴² See above. Lab notebook. Electronic alternative. Chapter 5.

⁴³ Glitch in computer process. Chapters 5 & 9.

5.3.5 Reference documents

Many documents can be conveniently shortened – and made more manageable – by referencing to other documents.⁴⁴ Even very specialized forensic work will include routine procedures, with routinely used chemicals and equipment. And, sometimes an entire kind of forensic work will be routine. Document referencing is a common practice in law, where, for example, the *Occupational Safety and Health Regulation*, [136] under the *Canada Labour Code* [137], contains building standards provisions, simply by referencing the *National Building Code* [138]. It is also a common engineering practice, where for example, specifications for certain equipment are sufficiently described by reference [139] to CSA [140] standards. There are several kinds of reference documents, including:

- A lab’s self-developed core documents and SOPs, perhaps compiled in a manual. For example: K Br pellet preparation for IR spectroscopy, [141] might simply be noted in the lab notebook and later in the report as SOP No. [] [142]. This is satisfactory as long as the SOP reference is clear, and the SOP, as at the time the work was done, is readily available [143].
- Documentation for standard reference materials – for which, if used, the documentation that accompanies them is essential. These standards are produced and distributed by various organizations, such as the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology [144], the United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc. [145], the American Petroleum Institute [146]. Often, commercially available materials from reputable suppliers may serve as standards, for example, the Sigma Chemical Company [147, 148]⁴⁵ Reference standards might also be in-lab produced.
- The scientific literature.⁴⁶
- Standards published by various organizations – a frequent engineering practice. These are published documents, with reference numbers, that address issues of definitions, engineering, compatibility, quality, health and safety, *etc.* For example – American National Standards Institute; American Society for Testing and Materials; [149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154]⁴⁷ International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [155, 156].

⁴⁴ Lab core documents. SOP, scientific literature. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8.

⁴⁵ Disclaimers, *etc.* Error . . . , Not legal advice . . . Commercial products, . . . Preface 2, 4.1.

⁴⁶ Lab core documents. SOP. Scientific literature. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8.

⁴⁷ Disclaimers, *etc.* Error . . . , Not legal advice . . . Commercial products, . . . Preface 2, 4.1.

5.3.6 Spectra and other instrumental print-outs

Very much of modern chemical analysis involves instrumentation and machine display and recording of data [157] – so that in the ink example, there might be IR spectra. As already noted above, an instrument's print-outs might be attached to the appropriate notebook page, or clearly cross-referenced there. The same procedure should be followed for photographs and drawings, or recorded in the electronic data-keeping equivalent.

5.3.7 Report

The forensic report – the statement of findings and conclusions – and a most important kind of document to be issued by the forensic lab – is dealt with as Chapter 9.⁴⁸

5.3.8 Quality

Throughout this chapter, it would be assumed that the lab is well run – its samples and equipment are handled in a careful and orderly way, with clean handling and good housekeeping, with good document control, and with a conscious, serious effort to produce a quality product: Reliably credible and clearly reported analytical chemistry results. All of this should be addressed by way of a quality assurance programme – see in this chapter and in Chapter 8.⁴⁹

5.3.9 Publication or other public access

There should be public accountability for forensics – of its reports and documents that lead to the reports. This is consistent with the usual practice – in principle, at least – of legal matters being open to public access [158]^{50,51}. The public nature of court process is seen to be essential for a *free and democratic society* [159, 160]. Depending on circumstances, this sometimes leads to actual public knowledge or even publication; notwithstanding that it would often seem that hardly anyone would be interested. The mechanisms of becoming public include that courts are public forums [161], the proceedings of which are recorded for transcription for anyone who

⁴⁸ Proper scientific report. *CD&S Act*. Health Canada. Preface 4.3, Chapters 5, 8, 9, 10, 11.

⁴⁹ Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

⁵⁰ Public. Preface 4, Chapters 5 & 8.

⁵¹ But see “However . . . confidentialities . . .” below.

pays the official court reporters' fees [162]. Also, anyone who pays the photocopying fees is normally entitled to copies of case documents.

Aside from court process, everyone has, with limitations, rights of access to government documents under the Canada federal *Access to Information Act*, [163] and its various provincial counterparts [164]; this can be disappointing.⁵² The US federal equivalent is the *Freedom of Information Act* [165].

Also, although the federal *Auditor General Act* [166], and its various provincial counterparts [167], would not give individuals rights of access to information, [168] published reports of these independent [169] agencies can be information sources.

However, within this public nature of the legal process, there can – and should – be considerable confidentiality. There is a necessary tension between the public and the confidential. This tension is further discussed below – in the more general context of transparency and opaqueness of government and other institutional process – secrecy.

5.3.10 Record and sample retention

The importance of documentation and the document trail is frequently indicated in this chapter. This is related to a concept that the documentation should have an independence from its issuer; and be available for some considerable time for the scrutiny of others, still independent of its issuer. This means that a forensic lab should have a record retention policy that declares explicit protocols for listing what records exist, for how long [170], and what their public/confidentiality status is [171].

There should also be protocols for records' ultimate archival status or disposal. And, if there is to be disposal, there should be protocols of method and documentation of execution.

Record retention should include data observed for the scientific measurements – in raw forms and, as appropriate, at various stages of processing. Much of these would not appear in the final report, but should be referenced in that report as archived and accessible.⁵³

The kinds of records contemplated here would include not only those of the scientific work, but also as related to lab administration and finance, and the tracking of samples, chemicals, equipment, personnel and records.

In the author's view, the record retention time should be as close to forever as practicable, unless there is a specific reason for earlier disposal (*e.g.*, a legal requirement to dispose – as distinct from a legal minimum retention time). Forestalling legitimate critics' scrutiny is not an acceptable reason. The reason for such long-term retention is so that others – often adversarial others – would have sufficient

⁵² Freedom of info. legislation. Chapters 5, 8, 10.

⁵³ Data archive. Chapters 5 & 9.

opportunity to research, even decades later, for either specific legal or political purpose, or for more general historical research [172]⁵⁴ [173, 174].

In the author's view, the long-term availability of forensic lab records for others' scrutiny is important for forensic credibility [175] and is a responsibility of lab leadership personnel discussed below.

The same concepts that apply for record retention should also apply to forensic samples – for the same reasons, although keeping physical property in storage may be difficult, perhaps prohibitively so.

5.3.11 Security

As mentioned above, security may be of special concern in a forensic lab. And, while it may be part of everyone's job, it may also be necessary that larger labs have security-dedicated personnel who are to act by formal, documented protocols of their own, and who are answerable directly to senior management. Such a security regime should generate its own documentation.

5.4 Lab organization

5.4.1 Legal/budgetary

As with any other institution, a forensic chemistry lab has a legal and physical existence. It may be part of a personal- or corporate-owned business or institution, or it may be operated by some level of government (a Ministry, board, or Crown corporation). It would have various ownership or lease rights to facilities, equipment, inventory, client lists and intellectual property;⁵⁵ and it would have financial accounting and employees (perhaps with a trade union).

While most of these matters would not be of great concern in evaluating a lab's forensic work, there should at least be some documentary appearance to identify them. Such identification can be important because it can carry the lab's reputation – good or bad. If the reputation is good, then, for a private or corporate lab, its trade name, marks and brand may become valuable intellectual property.

A lab's legal existence is also related to contract and tort law – in the ability to sue (*e.g.*, to collect its analysis fees) and to be sued (for wrong results that caused client damage, or correct results that damaged by being late). A lab's legal existence may also allow it [176] to be prosecuted by the Crown for regulatory infractions.

⁵⁴ Sacco, Vanzetti. Chapters 1 & 5.

⁵⁵ Intellectual property. Chapters 1 & 5.

5.4.2 Organization and leadership responsibility

All forensic labs (even including – although perhaps to a lesser extent – a one- or a few-person operation) should have a formal, documented organizational/management structure – with a system of core documents described above. This would usually be influenced by the legal structure. There should be a clear chain of authority, from operating personnel (chemists at the lab bench) to leadership personnel (a senior supervisor or lab director; a Minister of the Crown and deputies) [177, 178] (See Fig. 5.3).



"WE JUST DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH THINGS LIKE DOUBLE-BLIND TESTS AND PEER REVIEW. WE'RE JUST A LITTLE MOM-AND-POP LABORATORY."

Fig. 5.3: Lab core documents.

In the author's view, the responsibility that everyone in the lab bears for the production of reliably credible analytical results bears more heavily on the leadership personnel because they have control over the organizational functions, the pace of work, employee payment practices [179] and policies. As leaders, they should be identifiable and answerable for everything that happens on their watch. This is

important when something goes wrong – and proper answers are called for⁵⁶ – where the buck stops [180].

5.4.3 Personnel – scientific qualification

Although most anyone can be trained for specific forensic science tasks – and do them well – the usual qualification⁵⁷ for forensic science personnel would be a diploma or degree in chemistry or related science, engineering or technology – that, importantly, should include at least some exposure to humanities. These may be within college and university programmes that are forensic-science-directed. Such formal education should give the scientist an understanding, beyond mere technical skills, that may be necessary when the unexpected appears, when a philosophical overview would be needed; or if something goes wrong; for example, if a moral quandary arises – to identify and address it. Participation in professional organizations [181] and professional designations [182]⁵⁸ are also important.

With modern automated instrumentation, it is now possible, if not usual, for a forensic worker to be able to produce more, quicker and better work than was possible in previous eras; but possibly with less understanding; or even with no understanding at all.⁵⁹ [183, 184]

Care must be taken to avoid confusing uneducated presenting of results with an actual understanding of scientific concept and meaning. Simple procedural and mechanical training for a modern automated scientific instrument is not sufficient, and should not be confused with thoughtfully and professionally evaluated and explained evidence.

As an example, [185] in another context, consider a person who wants to write a will – to leave a fortune to good and loyal friends, and not to family. Quite impressive-looking forms might be purchased cheaply at stationary stores [186]; but this is no proper substitute for professional legal advice from a licensed and insured estates lawyer, who is responsible to navigate the sometimes subtle intricacies of a law area, wherein people have been known to viciously feud. The **Bold and Gothic** lettering of the store-bought form may eventually disappoint would-be heirs.

Perhaps, another analogy, from yet another context – In Disney's *Fantasia*, 1940, the sorcerer's apprentice does not appear to have yet got an adequate knowledge of the magic, needed when something goes wrong [187].

⁵⁶ Author's biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁵⁷ Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

⁵⁸ Profession. Chapters 1 & 5.

⁵⁹ Personnel – scientific qualification. Automated instrumentation. Chapters 5, 6, 8.

5.5 Ethics

A hallmark of a professional is to be held to act within proper ethical and professional bounds, and this relates to the practice of forensic science. Aspects of ethical issues are dealt with in Chapter 8.⁶⁰

5.6 Quality assurance

Modern commercial, industrial and laboratory practices should have a strong focus on producing quality products and services, and for assuring consumers of that quality. This not only looks at the technology of the products and services, but also the organizational functions to produce them. Various aspects of quality assurance are dealt with in the context of how to try to limit and cope with error, in Chapter 8.⁶¹

5.7 Other responsibilities

In a hopefully by-gone era, when the chemistry lab work was finished and reported, so too were the remains of the experimental work, no longer of concern. Nor were other aspects – both during the lab work and afterwards; no longer – hopefully – in our modern era.

While these other aspects – of importance on their own – are not of direct concern when considering forensic results, failures in these regards may enter into legal proceedings with the issue of credibility. And, even if lab personnel credibility survives exposure of such failures, it could lead to other legal activity and public policy criticisms in the context of these aspects.

5.7.1 Environmental: waste management

In that, hopefully, by-gone era, the liquid waste might simply have been poured down the drain, and the solid put out with the municipal trash.⁶² Such pollution, environmental [188] and waste management [189] matters are now not only regulated, but would now be properly seen as a lab responsibility – from the chemist at the lab bench to the leadership in the management and executive offices.

60 Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface 2.3, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

61 Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

62 Regulatory law. Environmental and workplace health and safety. Chapters 1, 5, 9, 11.

5.7.2 Workplace health and safety

Similarly, lab and other [190] forensic worker health and safety [191, 192], and workers compensation, have become relevant concerns that must be addressed.

For example:⁶³ Failure of chemistry lab ventilation, Nova Scotia, 2008, resulted in a worker fatality – lung failure after exposure to trimethylsilyldiazomethane (TMSD) (See Fig. 5.4).

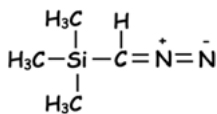


Fig. 5.4: TMSD CAS 18,107-18-1 114.22 g/mol [193, 194].

The lab operator plead guilty – under provincial regulatory legislation – to a charge of failing to provide proper workplace ventilation, resulting in a fine = [US \$47,000] [195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214].

5.7.3 Hazard communication: WHMIS

Related to worker health and safety and workers compensation, in Canada, the **Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System**, has become relevant to concerns that must be addressed in a chemistry lab. And, similarly in the USA for the Federal Hazard Communication Standard.⁶⁴

5.7.4 Labour relations and employment rights

And, similarly, labour relations and employment law have become relevant concerns that may arise in a chemistry lab.⁶⁵

5.7.5 Consumer protection

And, since commercially operated forensic labs produce a marketable product, consumer protection issues may also arise.⁶⁶ These labs should be held responsible, at

⁶³ Forensic analytical chemistry; chemistry more generally. Otherwise than forensic – useful for understanding; and perhaps a few digressions. Preface 2.4.

⁶⁴ Consumer protection. Hazard communication. WHMIS. Chapters 1 & 5.

⁶⁵ Labour relations and employment rights. Chapters 2 & 5.

⁶⁶ Consumer protection. Hazard communication. WHMIS. Chapters 1 & 5.

law, to not inflict their customers with defective product. This could be addressed by both government-inspected regulatory law, and by way of civil litigation in tort or contract. However, consumers might not be aware that the product would be defective.

5.8 Transparency and opaqueness of government and other institutional process – secrecy

5.8.1 Confidential *verses* public

As indicated above, for publication or other public access to forensic reports and other documents, there is a necessary tension between the public and the confidential. This extends into the more general context of transparency and opaqueness of government and other institutional process.^{67,68}

In Chapter 2,⁶⁹ it is argued that science progresses with the developing and refining of theories. In Preface 4, it is argued that this is a public process; so that proposed explanations are available to potential critics.⁷⁰ Also argued in Preface 4 is that there should be an accountability to the citizenry – the workings of the government should be clearly visible – transparency. Thus, the doing of science should be a public process, from both scientific and democratic perspectives.

However, forensic science, intertwined as it is with legal, institutional and personal processes, must necessarily include significant confidentialities. At least for some specific investigations, at least, temporarily. Transparency might only extend to particular participants, and in a required sequence. For example, in a criminal investigation, police would confide to Crown counsel; Crown, in-turn, to defence counsel; in-turn to the court; *et seq.* And, that chronological order of confiding must be maintained. The forensic lab would be part of all of this confiding.

But, these necessary confidentialities should not become an excuse for not explaining the science to those entitled to argue about it, when their time would come to do so. And, in due course, the confidentials should usually come into the public process.

In Chapter 10,⁷¹ it is opined that the Canadian government has been a pioneer in opaqueness. In the absence of any national security or privacy issues, there has been a failure of scientific disclosure and explanation – without justifiable reason. In this, Parliament has enacted anti-science legislation that allows bad science, and

67 Public. Preface 4, Chapters 5 & 8.

68 Health Canada. DAS. Ethics. Preface 4.3, Chapters 5 & 10.

69 Transparency. Opaqueness. Chapters 2, 5, 10.

70 Public. Preface 4, Chapters 5 & 8.

71 Transparency. Opaqueness. Chapters 2, 5, 10.

the government has invoked it to do bad science. It is bad science, at least for that reason alone, that the scientific disclosure and explanation is missing.⁷²

5.8.2 Temporary allowance

Confidentiality should temporarily apply for a specific forensic investigation that would involve a court or tribunal process, until those involved can consult, as needed, and so that the court or tribunal can decide.

Thus, there are some kinds of investigations for which temporary secrecy might be necessary – for selection protocols,⁷³ for sample taking. Examples:

- Doping testing for horse racing [215]. Which horses to be tested for what chemical, and when, should not be known by anyone but the testing personnel (and preferably, not even them), so that those who might profit from racing industry investment and bets cannot interfere.
- Brownfield testing for environmental regulation. What tested for, where, when, and how deep.⁷⁴
- Workplace drug testing. What tested for, where, when, and what job categories, at random, or for what reasons.
- Air purity testing at workplaces [216]. When and where.
- Food inspection, including storage temperature, at restaurants.
- Purity and process inspection at food processing plants.
- Purity and process inspection at pharmaceutical processing plants [217].
- Viscosity and evaporation characteristics testing for petroleum and other chemicals carried in highway and railway tankers [218].

Preferably, for all of these, what is tested for, where, when, in what ways, and under what circumstances, should be known only to the testing personnel. And, as far as practicable, not even to them – using selection protocols involving randomness that helps keep the tester blind.⁷⁵

5.8.3 Manhattan Engineer District

. . . the fear that Hitler's Germany would do it first. . . .

[Thomas Powers, *HEISENBERG'S WAR* . . . , 1993.] [219, 220]

⁷² re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁷³ Sample selection. Chapters 3, 5, 9.

⁷⁴ Sample selection. Brownfield. Chapters 2, 3, 5.

⁷⁵ Justitia. Blind. Preface 4.1, Chapters 5 & 8.

An historical example where scientific confidentiality from the public, and many others, [221] was needed is found in the work of the Manhattan Engineer District [222].⁷⁶ The U-235 critical mass for a workable atomic bomb would be a very real secret; well-known, years after WWII, to be only a few kilograms [223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233].

But, in Albert Einstein's famous letter to President Franklin Roosevelt, 1939 [234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239], Einstein, Leo Szilard, Enrico Fermi and Jean Frédéric Joliot-Curie, apparently thought it would be tonnes. Atomic research might provide for dangerous new weaponry, but Little Boy and Fat Man [240] in aircraft over Japan (not then yet even thought of) would not be possible [241].

But later, Manhattan-related work would reveal the few kilograms fact.

Although Alsos [242] later discovered insufficient Third Reich atomic progress, what Reich scientists knew, thought and intended, remains a puzzling controversy [243].

By one version, Werner Heisenberg, Otto Hann, Ernest von Weizsäcker, Paul Harteck [244, 245], Kurt Diebner, *et al.*, of the Third Reich's atomic project, apparently did not realize kilograms, rather than tonnes, until after Hiroshima [246, 247], when they heard a news report when they were interned at Farm Hall, with the British listening in [248]. They apparently thought that a deliverable atomic bomb would not have been possible; that not enough U-235 could be separated from U-238 [249]; and too heavy for any aircraft.

But, notwithstanding the controversy about what Reich scientists knew, thought and intended, the Allied secrecy about the U-235 critical mass seems to have been well justified (See Fig. 5.5).



Fig. 5.5: WWII poster [251].

⁷⁶ ${}_{92}\text{U}^{235}$ U-235 Einstein. FDR. Critical mass. Chapters 5 & 6.

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 - analysis for narcotic drugs,
 - ink identification,
 - analysis for organics in the city water and sewage systems,
 - forensic sample retention terms of reference,
 - analysis for pesticides in market-vended vegetables,
 - paint and pigment analysis.
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 - public access terms of reference for lab-generated documents,
 - forensic sample retention terms of reference,
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Measuring airborne concentrations

24. (1) An employer shall ensure that procedures for monitoring, sampling and determining airborne concentrations of a designated substance and worker exposure to airborne concentrations of a designated substance,
- (a) comply with,
 - (i) a standard method for workplace air sampling and analysis or another method recognized in industrial hygiene practice, and
 - (ii) the rules set out in Part I of Schedule 1; and
 - (b) are performed by, or under the direction of, a person who is qualified because of knowledge, training and experience in industrial hygiene practice.
- (2) If a direct-reading instrument is used to determine airborne concentrations of a designated substance, the employer shall ensure that the instrument is used, calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Posting of monitoring results

25. Whenever results become available under a control program that relate to the monitoring of airborne concentrations of a designated substance and worker exposure to airborne concentrations of a designated substance, the employer shall,
- (a) promptly post the results in a conspicuous place or places where they are most likely to come to the attention of workers who would be affected by them and leave them posted for no less than 14 days;
 - (b) provide a copy of the results to the joint health and safety committee; and
 - (c) keep the results for no less than five years.

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SCHEDULE 1

PART I**AIRBORNE MEASUREMENT AND CALCULATION OF EXPOSURE**

1. Airborne concentrations of a designated substance are expressed as,
 - (a) parts of the agent per million parts of air by volume (ppm);
 - (b) milligrams of the agent per cubic metre of air (mg/m^3); or
 - (c) fibres per cubic centimetre of air (f/cc).
2. In determining exposure to airborne concentrations of the designated substance, no regard shall be had to the wearing or use of respirators.
3. Air sampling of the airborne concentrations of the designated substance is not required for the full period of a work day or a work week if the air sampling is representative of airborne concentrations of the substance likely to be present during the full period.
4. The average concentrations of a designated substance to which a worker is exposed shall be determined from analysis of air samples taken as being representative of the exposure of the worker to the designated substance during work operations.
5. Subject to section 6 of this Schedule, the time-weighted average exposure to an airborne designated substance in a work day or work week shall be calculated as follows:
 1. The cumulative daily or weekly exposure shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$C_1T_1 + C_2T_2 + \dots + C_nT_n$$

where,

C_1 is the concentration found in an air sample, and

T_1 is the total time in hours to which the worker is taken to be exposed to concentration C_1 in a work day or a work week.

2. The time-weighted average exposure shall be calculated by dividing the cumulative daily exposure by eight and the cumulative weekly exposure by 40 respectively.
 6. A determination of time-weighted average exposure for extended work shifts may be calculated using the methodology set out in the Guide for the Adjustment of Permissible Exposure Values for Unusual Work Schedules (March 2015), published by Quebec's Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST), using the applicable TWA set out in Table 1 of this Regulation.
 7. Short-term exposures to the designated substance in any 15-minute period are determined from a single sample or from a time-weighted average of sequential samples taken during that period.
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<p>TO: (In the window envelope. Begin typing two lines below dots.)</p> <p>Special Agent in Charge Federal Bureau of Investigation 3801 Biscayne Boulevard Miami, Florida 33137</p>		<p>DATE: December 13, 1982</p> <p>YOUR: 21207081-D-UI</p> <p>RE: Apple Eye</p> <p>OUR: 2I-1028</p>	
<p>DATE EXHIBITS RECEIVED: December 8, 1982</p>		<p>TYPE OF EXAMINATION REQUESTED:</p> <p>Ink</p>	
<p>DELIVERED BY: S/A David Attenberger</p>			
<p>EXHIBITS:</p> <p>Q11 through Q13 - Three handwritten letters bearing questioned ink entries</p> <p><u>RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:</u></p> <p>Chemical and physical examinations were performed on the questioned ink entries appearing on Exhibits Q11 through Q13 and the results were compared with each other and with those from inks in our standard ink library.</p> <p>One class of ink prepared all the black non-ball point ink entries. Representative samples of this ink taken from each of Exhibits Q11 through Q13 contained characteristics which matched those of standard inks available prior to 1981. The blue ball point ink entry ("him") on the back of Exhibit Q-12 matched a standard ink available prior to 1981. Hence no conclusion can be made regarding the date or dates of preparation of Exhibits Q11 through Q13.</p> <p><u>DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE:</u></p> <p>The exhibits are being returned to you.</p> <p><i>Antonio A. Cantu</i> ANTONIO A. CANTU Chemical Physicist</p> <p>REVIEWED BY: <i>Daniel D. Garner</i> DANIEL D. GARNER, Acting Chief Forensic Science Branch Scientific Services Division</p> <p>Copy to: Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535 Attention: Laboratory Division Laboratory File #21207081 D UI</p>			
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Fig. 5.6: US Senate Hastings evidence forensic report.

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- 110** See: CANADIAN PRESS, “Samples sought by Truscott may be lost,” *The Globe and Mail*, 03 October 1997, page A10: “. . . A review by Ontario’s largest crime laboratory suggests it has lost semen samples that might have helped a man prove he was wrongly convicted of murder 38 years ago. No one at the Centre of Forensic Sciences is quite sure where the samples . . . are now, or whether they still exist Lawyers for Mr. Truscott, convicted of strangling 12-year-old Lynne Harper in 1959 and originally sentenced to death, asked the government for help in finding samples from the crime scene that could be submitted to a DNA test. They hope such a test would prove he did not kill the girl. Records at the centre suggest it once had semen samples found on the victim’s body . . . and those records indicate that any samples would have been returned to the Crown. . . .” See also Kirk Makin, “Many crime samples gone, coroner says / Case-by-case review, retesting called impossible; even some work seen as enormous task.” *The Globe and Mail*, 04 October 1997, page A6.
- 111** <https://www.cbc.ca/news2/background/truscott/>
https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2007/08/28/court_acquits_truscott.html
- 112** See the above note – the whole book.
- 113** For example, see:
- US FDA *Field Science – Laboratory Manual*, [2021].
- <https://www.fda.gov/science-research/field-science-and-laboratories/field-science-laboratory-manual>
- 114**
- AOAC International *Official Methods of Analysis, 21st Edition (2019)*
- [https://www.aoac.org/official-methods-of-analysis-21st-edition-2019/#:~:text=Official%20Methods%20of%20Analysis%20\(OA,comprising%20over%203%2C000%20validated%20methods.&text=Official%20Methods%20of%20Analysis%E2%84%A0,methods%20and%20consensus%20standards%20available](https://www.aoac.org/official-methods-of-analysis-21st-edition-2019/#:~:text=Official%20Methods%20of%20Analysis%20(OA,comprising%20over%203%2C000%20validated%20methods.&text=Official%20Methods%20of%20Analysis%E2%84%A0,methods%20and%20consensus%20standards%20available)
<https://www.aoac.org/>

115 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

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117 Readers are cautioned that this is a creation of the author, for illustration purposes, that has not been reality or lab-tested. Some of it might be regarded as too fanciful.

118 Tetrahydrocannabinol THC CAS 1972-08-3 314.469 g/mol. Δ^9 -THC. (See Fig. 5.7)

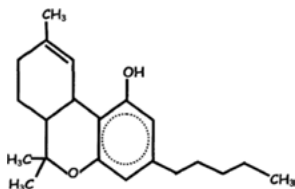


Fig. 5.7: CAS 1972-08-3.

119 Tetrahydrocannabinol THC CAS 1972-08-3 Chapters 5 & 9.

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- J.A. Siegel, "Forensic Identification of Controlled Substances," as Chapter 3 in R. Saferstein, ed., *Forensic Science Handbook* Volume II, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1988, pages 87→92.
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- K. Bailey, "The Value of the Duqu nois Test for Cannabis – A Survey," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 1979, 24(4), pages 817–841. (Keith Bailey, M.A., D.Phil., Chief, Drug Identification Division, Drug Research Laboratories, Health Protection Branch, Health & Welfare Canada, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa K1A 0L2.)
http://www.astm.org/SUBSCRIPTION/DIGITAL_LIBRARY/JOURNALS/FORENSIC/PAGES/JFS10911J.htm
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121 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetrahydrocannabinol> <http://www.commonchemistry.org/ChemicalDetail.aspx?ref=1972-08-3&terms=THC> <https://chem.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/rn/1972-08-3>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetrahydrocannabinol>

122 In the symbolism here: [] = an identification number.

123 In the symbolism here: [] [] [] 20[] []:[] []m. = a date: | day | month | year | time – am or pm. |

124 J.A. Siegel, "Forensic Identification of Controlled Substances," as Chapter 3 in R. Saferstein, ed., *Forensic Science Handbook* Volume II, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; 1988; ISBN 0-13-326877-2; pages 87→92; and references cited therein.

125 K. Bailey, "The value of the Duqu nois Test for Cannabis – a Survey," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 1979, 24(4), 817→841; and references cited therein.

126 In the symbolism here: []-[] = an SI quantity.

127 In the symbolism here: [] [] [] = a brief description of shape.

128 See:

- Gerald T.Mitosinka, John I.Thornton, Thomas L.Hayes, "The Examination of Cystolithic Hairs of Cannabis and other Plants by means of the Scanning Electron Microscope," *Journal of the Forensic Science Society*, Volume 12, Issue 3, July 1972, pages 521→529
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S001573687207173>
- Justin J. McShane, "The Myth of Specific Identification of Marijuana in Criminal Court. Part 3: What Is Microscopic Morphological Examination? Is It a "Good" Test?" [2012].

- <https://thetruthaboutforensicscience.com/the-myth-of-specific-identification-of-marijuana-in-criminal-court-part-3-what-is-microscopic-morphological-examination-is-it-a-good-test/>
- 129 In the symbolism here: [] [] [] [] = chemical names of solvents and % proportions.
- 130 In the symbolism here: [] [] [] = an identification number.
- 131 “LifeLabs paid ransom to cyber attackers who may have compromised personal information of 15 million Canadians / Customer information could include name, address, email, login, passwords, date of birth, health card number and lab test results,” *Financial Post*, Toronto. M4W3L4; 18 Dec. 2019.
<https://business.financialpost.com/technology/lifelabs-hack-may-have-compromised-personal-info-of-15-mln-canadians-2>
- 132 <https://www.lifelabs.com/>
- 133 LifeLabs. Chapters 5 & 9.
- 134 See, for example, in another context: CBC Radio, Ideas, “How algorithms create a ‘digital underclass’ / Princeton sociologist Ruha Benjamin argues bias is encoded in new tech,” September 2019. <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/how-algorithms-create-a-digital-underclass-1.5269959> <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas>
- 135 Notes. Signature. electronic. Chapters 5 & 9.
- 136 SOR/86-304, as am., s.2.2(1). <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-86-304/page-2.html>

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DIVISION I

Buildings Standards

- 2.2 (1)** The design and construction of every building, the construction of which begins on or after the day of the coming into force of this subsection, shall meet the requirements of the National Building Code.
- (2)** Every building, the construction of which begins before the day of the coming into force of this subsection, shall, if feasible, meet the requirements of the National Building Code.
- (3)** The renovation of any building or part of a building shall, if feasible, meet the requirements of the National Building Code.
- (4)** If it is not feasible for an employer to comply with the requirements of subsection (3), the employer shall, before the proposed renovations start, notify the work place committee or the health and safety representative.

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- 137 *Canada Labour Code* RSC, 1985, c. L-2 <https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/L-2/>
- 138 “. . . *The National Building Code of Canada 2015* . . . , published by . . . [National Research Council Canada] and developed by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, sets out technical provisions for the design and construction of new buildings. . . .”
<https://nrc.canada.ca/index.php/en/certifications-evaluations-standards/codes-canada/codes-canada-publications/national-building-code-canada-2015> <https://nrc.canada.ca/index.php/en/certifications-evaluations-standards/codes-canada-publications>
- 139 O. Reg. 213/91: CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, under Ontario *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, RSO 1990, c. O.1 s.26.1
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/910213%20>
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o01>

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(3) The components of any system listed in subsection (2) shall be designed by a professional engineer in accordance with good engineering practice, and shall meet the requirements of any of the following National Standards of Canada standards that are applicable:

1. CAN/CSA-Z259.1-05: Body Belts and Saddles for Work Positioning and Travel Restraint.
2. CAN/CSA-Z259.2.5-12: Fall Arresters and Vertical Lifelines.
3. CAN/CSA-Z259.2.2-98 (R2004): Self-Retracting Devices for Personal Fall-Arrest Systems.
4. CAN/CSA-Z259.2.3-99 (R2004): Descent Control Devices.
5. CAN/CSA-Z259.10-06: Full Body Harnesses.
6. CAN/CSA-Z259.11-05: Energy Absorbers and Lanyards.
7. CAN/CSA-Z259.12-01 (R2006): Connecting Components for Personal Fall Arrest Systems (PFAS).
8. CAN/CSA-Z259.14-01 (R2007): Fall Restrict Equipment for Wood Pole Climbing. O. Reg. 85/04, s. 5 (2); O. Reg. 443/09, s. 1; O. Reg. 345/15, s. 5 (2).

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- 140** Canadian Standards Association CSA Group, Toronto M9W 1R3
<https://www.csagroup.org/> http://www.companylisting.ca/Canadian_Standards_Association1/default.aspx
- 141** K Br. Nujol. IR. Chapters 5 & 6.
- 142** In the symbolism here: [] [] [] = an identification number.
- 143** That is available in the edition as it was at the date of the report – subsequent revisions are not satisfactory for this purpose.
- 144** US National Institute of Standards and Technology (formerly National Bureau of Standards), US Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899-0001.
 Standard Reference materials <https://www.nist.gov/srm>
- 145** United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc., 12601 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland, 20852-1790. US Pharmacopeia <http://www.usp.org/> <https://www.usp.org/reference-standards>
 USP Reference Standards <https://www.usp.org/reference-standards>
- 146** API, Washington, DC 20001-5571.
 API Standards <https://www.api.org/products-and-services/standards/purchase>
- 147** Sigma Chemical Company, St. Louis, Missouri, 63178.
- 148** See also Byron Kratochvil and Alan Walton, “The Role of Reference Materials in Quality Assurance for Chemical Measurement,” *Canadian Chemical News*, May 1995, pages 40–42, and references cited therein. See also Chapter 4.
- 149** ASTM, ASTM International, ASTM Headquarters, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, 19428-2959.
<http://www.astm.org/>
<https://www.astm.org/Standard/standards-and-publications.html>
https://www.astm.org/ABOUT/OverviewsforWeb2014/chemical_overview_2016.pdf
- 150** American National Standards Institute, ANSI Headquarters, 11 W 42nd Street, New York City.
<http://www.ansi.org/>
- 151** For example: ASTM D4236 – 94(2016)e1 / ASTM D4236 / “Standard Practice for Labeling Art Materials for Chronic Health Hazards”
<https://www.astm.org/> <https://www.astm.org/Standards/D4236.htm>
- 152** For example: Crayola crayons, as art materials, are sold in retail packaging with notice of ASTM conformity (as to labeling). “. . . Conforms to . . . ASTM D 4236 . . . ALL CRAYOLA ART MATERIALS ARE NONTOXIC . . . ”
<http://www.crayola.ca/about-us/product-safety.aspx>

<https://www.chemadvisor.com/Crayola/database/Crayola/msds/CRAY-024000400003.PDF>
 CRAYOLA LLC, Easton, Pennsylvania, 18044.

<https://shop.crayola.com/color-and-draw/crayons/classic-crayons-24-count-5230243023.html>

<https://shop.crayola.com/color-and-draw/crayons> <https://www.crayola.com/>

Crayola SDS <https://www.chemadvisor.com/Crayola/omms.pl> <https://www.chemadvisor.com/Crayola/database/Crayola/msds/CRAY-024000400003.PDF> https://canada.michaels.com/en/crayola-boxed-crayons-8ct/10620492.html?cm_mmc=PLASearch-_google_-MICH_Shopping_CA_N_CatchAll_N_N_N_N_-Generic&KPID=go_cmp-6523310328_adg-78089271573_ad-383778177991_pla-293946777986_dev-c_ext_prd-10620492&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI98a1o-2L7wIVi_DACH06QQW0EAQYAiABEgJyHFD_BwE <https://www.greenamerica.org/green-living/are-art-supplies-toxic>

- 153** ACMI = The Art and Creative Materials Institute, Inc. <https://acmiart.org/>
- 154** ASTM. Crayola label. Chapters 1, 5, 9.
- 155** ISO Central Secretariat address: International Organization for Standardization (ISO), 1, rue de Varembe, Case postale 56, CH-1211 Genève 20, Switzerland.
- 156** See Norm A. Hagan, *Symposium/A Guide to Accessing Standards Information in Canada*, SCC, Ottawa, ISBN 0-920360-40-8.
- 157** Not too many years ago this involved rolls of chart paper and an ink pen (or other writing system) that followed an electronic signal from a detector. Often problematic, because when, for example, a chromatographic signal would appear the pen would suddenly move faster and not work. And, when it did work, too many data-containing rolls of paper to unroll for reading, and then to store. Modern computer-received and recorded data systems avoid much of this.
- 158** Public process. Preface 4.1, Chapters 5, 8, 10.
- 159** –to borrow a phrase from the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (being Schedule B, Part I of the *Canada Act* 1982, including the *Constitution Act*, 1982 (1982 c. 11 (United Kingdom))), s. 1.
- 160** *Free & democratic society*. Canadian constitution. *Charter*. Preface 4.1, Chapter 5.
- 161** With some limitations – for example under the *Young Offenders Act*, RSC 1985, as am., c.Y-1, s.38 and 39; and the *Canada Criminal Code*, RSC 1985, c.C-46, as am., s.542(2) and 276.3. See also, Timothy Appleby, “[Hamilton] *Spectator* under fire for printing teen’s [criminal] record / Story about fugitive stirs police complaint,” *The Globe and Mail*, NATIONAL NEWS, 13 November 1999, page A11.
- 162** Typically several \$/page for transcription; less for subsequent copies thereof. Consequently, lawyers might quietly compete with one another to not be first to ask.
- 163** RSC 1985c. A-1.
- 164** For example: the Ontario *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, RSO 1990, c.F.31.
- 165** See, for example, on the Food and Drug Administration’s Internet site <http://www.fda.gov/>: “FDA’s Electronic Freedom of Information Reading Room” <http://www.fda.gov/foi/foia2.htm>; and “A Handbook for Requesting Information and Records from FDA,” <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/backgrounders/foiahand.html>
- 166** RSC 1985c.A-17. <http://legis.acjnet.org/>
- 167** For example: the Ontario *Audit Act*, RSO 1990, c.A.35. <https://www.gov.on.ca/MBS/english/publications/statregs/contents.html>
- 168** Although audit officials might exercise a discretion to investigate suggestions from the public.
- 169** They report directly to Parliament and the provincial Legislatures, rather than to the governments – for example: the federal *Auditor . . . Act*, s.3, 7 and 8; and the Ontario *Audit Act*, s.6 and 12.<http://legis.acjnet.org/>

- 170 See, for example, by analogy: ONTARIO REGULATION 490/09, *DESIGNATED SUBSTANCES, Occupational Health & Safety Act*. <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/R09490>
 – retention of exposure medical records – s.30 and 31. <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/090490#BK40>
- 171 s.25, s.29(3)(b), (6), (7)
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/090490#BK28>
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/090490#BK40>
- 172 See, for example:
 – Francis Russell, “Sacco Guilty, Vanzetti Innocent?.” *American Heritage*, June 1962, Volume 13, Issue 4. <https://www.americanheritage.com/sacco-guilty-vanzetti-innocent>
- 173 See also:
 – CANADIAN PRESS, “Samples sought by Truscott may be lost,” *The Globe and Mail*, 03 October 1997, page A10: “. . . A review by Ontario’s largest crime laboratory suggests it has lost semen samples that might have helped a man prove he was wrongly convicted of murder 38 years ago. No one at the Centre of Forensic Sciences is quite sure where the samples . . . are now, or whether they still exist Lawyers for Mr. Truscott, convicted of strangling 12-year-old Lynne Harper in 1959 and originally sentenced to death, asked the government for help in finding samples from the crime scene that could be submitted to a DNA test. They hope such a test would prove he did not kill the girl. Records at the centre suggest it once had semen samples found on the victim’s body . . . and those records indicate that any samples would have been returned to the Crown. . . .”
 – Kirk Makin, “Many crime samples gone, coroner says / Case-by-case review, retesting called impossible; even some work seen as enormous task,” *The Globe and Mail*, 04 October 1997, page A6.
- 174 See:
 – Robert A. Erlandson, “Request to dig up the remains in Booth grave will get a hearing in court,” *Baltimore Sun*, 15 November 1994, page 12B <https://www.sunspot.net>; “Cemetery chairman wants full hearing on Booth petition,” *ibid.*, 28 October 1994, page 6B; “Who’s buried in Booth’s grave? Historians, family want to check,” *ibid.*, 25 October 1994, page 1A.
 – Reuters, “New Scrutiny on John Wilkes Booth,” *The New York Times*, 25 October 1994, page A16.
- 175 And wilful misdirection or tampering is very serious misconduct – e.g., see Paul Koring and Jeff Sallot, “Top brass fostered secrecy, probe told / Papers renamed, colonel testifies / Access law scorned by senior officials, inquiry told.” *The Globe and Mail*, 30 August 1996, pages A1 and A4: “OTTAWA – Colonel Geof Haswell, the only officer charged to date in connection with document tampering, told the Somalia inquiry yesterday that the top brass and senior bureaucrats at National Defence Headquarters were obsessed with managing and controlling the flow of information. . . . The documents, sought by a C[anadian] B[roadcasting] C[orporation] reporter under the access law, were altered to make them conform to a previous batch that were released to the journalist informally. . . .”
 See also: Luke Fisher, “Somalia sideshow / An inquiry fixes on documents, not lives lost,” *MacLeans*, 02 September 1996, page 15.
- 176 As a *corporate person* – a corporate entity – as distinct from its shareholder owners, directors and employees – who might also be prosecuted in their own *natural person* capacities. The identity of the *corporate person* is sometimes hard to figure out – sometimes intentionally – it may be either the lab itself as an incorporated entity, or another incorporated entity that the lab is a part of.
- 177 <http://www.sciencecartoonsplus.com/gallery/chemistry/galchem2g.php#>
 S. Harris Chemistry Cartoons

- 178 Sidney Harris Chemistry Cartoon copyright acknowledgement. Chapter 5.
- 179 For example: That the chemist would be paid for piece work, or be salaried, may relate to quality issues when there a fast pace of work. An analogy from the mining industry: Underground workers who would drill for and install bolts to control rock blast, when paid per installed bolt (piece work) might be tempted to use shorter-than-required so as to be able to apparently do more. A difficult to catch safety hazard.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_bolt
<http://miningst.com/rock-bolting/material-for-installing-bolts/installation-and-procedures/>
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1674775517300239>
<https://www.e-mj.com/features/rockbolting-technology-keeps-mines-safe-and-secure/>
<https://www.contractortalk.com/threads/piece-work-good-or-bad.30889/>
- 180 President Harry Truman – desk sign. <https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/education/trivia/buck-stops-here-sign>
<https://featherfoster.wordpress.com/2017/08/21/harry-truman-poker-and-the-buck-stops-here/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buck_passing#%22The_buck_stops_here%22
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- 182 Such as *C.Chem.* or *P.Eng.*
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<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/ursula-franklin-massey-lecture-4-1.5843927>
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<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-humane-world-of-ursula-franklin-a-scientist-who-wanted-us-to-question-technology-1.5825485>
- 185 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 186 https://seniors.lovetoknow.com/Will_Kits
- 187 https://disney.fandom.com/wiki/The_Sorcerer%27s_Apprentice
<https://disney.fandom.com/wiki/Fantasia>
- 188 For example: *Environment Management Act, Statutes of British Columbia* 2003 c.53. <https://www.canlii.org/en/bc/laws/stat/sbc-2003-c-53/latest/sbc-2003-c-53.html>
- 189 See: ACS Task Force on Laboratory Waste Management, *Laboratory Waste Management: A Guidebook*, American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C., 1996.
- 190 See: F.C.G. Souter, C. Van Netten, and R. Brands, “Morbidity in Policemen occupationally exposed to fingerprint powders,” *Int. J. Environ. Health Res.*, 1992, 2(2), pages 114→119 (abstracted in *CA Selects / Forensic Chemistry*, ACS, CAS, Issue 7, 05 April 1993, page 6, 118: 108770 v, Columbus 43210-0012.
- 191 In a US context see:
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 - §29 CFR1910.1450, “Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories” (reprinted from the *Federal Register* by Young, *et al.*, Appendix D, pages 31–48)
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-retrieve.html#page1>
 - D.G. Schmidt, “The Role of the Chemical Hygiene Officer,” presented at a symposium of the ACS Division of Chemistry and the Law, ACS National Meeting, Orlando, 25 August 1996 (abstract published in the *CHAL newsletter*, Spring 1996, page 8; and in the *Book of Abstracts / Part I / . . .*, CHAL, 006).

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- A. Keith Furr, ed., *CRC Handbook of Laboratory Safety, 3rd Edition*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, . . ., 1990.

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194 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trimethylsilyldiazomethane>

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197 TMSD Jyllian Kemsley, “FIRM FINED FOR CHEMIST’S DEATH / SAFETY: Sepracor Canada admits lack of lab ventilation in worker fatality case,” *C&EN*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC, 20036, 09 MAY 2011, page 15.

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200 <http://www.amherstdaily.com/Manufacturing/2008-10-21/article-384925/Family-says-NS-pharmaceutical-worker-named-chemical-he-used-before-death/1>

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204 <http://www.canadaeast.com/front/article/666039>

205 <http://www.sepracorpharma.ca/>

206 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/story/2010/09/15/ns-sepracor-daigle-court.html>

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- 235** “Albert Einstein’s Letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt about the Atomic Bomb (1939)” in *The US Constitution and Other Key American Writings*, Word Cloud Press, San Diego, California, 92121; 2015; ISBN 978-1-62686-393-4 ISBN 978-1-62686-393-4; at pages 259 and 260.
- 236** Powers, pages 63 and 64.
- 237** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Einstein%E2%80%93Szilard_letter
- 238** https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Albert_Einstein_to_Franklin_D._Roosevelt_-_August_2,_1939
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<https://www.albuhistsoc.org/source-documents/fdrs-response-einstein-letter/>

- 240 Little Boy – Hiroshima 6 August 1945 Uranium -235 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Boy
 Fat Man – Nagasaki 9 August 1945 Plutonium https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fat_Man
 241 From the Einstein letter, 1939:

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This new phenomenon would also lead to the construction of bombs, and it is conceivable – though much less certain – that extremely powerful bombs of a new type may thus be constructed. A single bomb of this type, carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory. However, such bombs might very well prove to be too heavy for transportation by air.

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- 242 Also = the US military project, closely following (both in time and geography) the Allied invasion, to investigate Third Reich atomic progress. Powers, pages 369 and 370.
 243 Powers and other writers discuss this considerable controversy.
 244 John Cornwell, *Hitler's Scientists/Science, War and the Devil's Pact*, viking, New York City, 10014; 2003; ISBN 0-670-03075-9; page 222, *et seq.*, re Paul Harteck pages 224 and 417.
 245 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Harteck
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 Fat Man – Nagasaki 9 August 1945 Plutonium https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fat_Man
 247 See also: John Hersey, *Hiroshima*, Vintage Books, New York, 1946. 1973, 1985. ISBN 0-679-72103-7.
 248 Powers, page 441, *et seq.*
 249 Powers, page 445.
 250 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loose_lips_sink_ships https://olive-drab.com/gallery/description_0140.php <https://time.com/4591841/loose-lips-sink-ships-posters/>

But, yet, a few other scientific methods – of lesser general application – and with less direct – perhaps minimal – relevant to forensic analytical chemistry are also listed; these may be of interest to some readers.³ The methods are described only in bare outline, or merely referred to with literature references – to lead to further information, if the reader is interested. The remote relevance of some of these would simply be that they involve electromagnetic radiation concepts, and EM is so important otherwise for forensic analytical chemistry.

As indicated in Chapter 3,⁴ various methods can be used for chemical identification. These could be for unique, theory-based molecular absolute identification – directly, followed by confirmation by comparison to standard reference samples or reference literature. But, the theory-based molecular absolute identification is often not needed, and is avoided – as for ink analysis.⁵ Sometimes, identification efficiency can be increased by educated guess and screening tests – then, confirmed by more sophisticated methods.

In Chapter 4⁶ was mentioned the importance of the energy relationships of atoms and molecules with EM, and that this is observable and measurable with spectroscopic equipment. This is dealt with in several Chapter Sections immediately below. The concepts of EM spectroscopy are of fundamental importance for understanding forensic chemistry.^{7,8}

Also of fundamental importance for understanding forensic chemistry are the concepts of chromatography and mass spectroscopy. These are also dealt with immediately below.

The fundamentals – in the Sections immediately below – the most important and commonly used methods – comprise the essential concepts attempted to be explained in this chapter; they try to fulfil the intention of this book. The remainder of this chapter, while hopefully interesting and useful, and important in their own contexts, are not here the central focus.^{9,10}

Modern analytical chemical methods mostly involve instrumentation¹¹ – often with sophisticated built-in automation and computerized record keeping. But, in understanding the processes, it is important to separate, in thought, the fundamental principles of physics and chemistry from the automation. These fundamentals are what are of concern here.

3 As a kind of law practice notebook. Author's biases. Preface 1.2, Chapter 6.

4 Chemical identification. Chapter 3, 4, 6.

5 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

6 Energy. Thermodynamics. Entropy. "Time's Arrow." Chapters 4, 6, 7.

7 Bunsen, Kirchhoff. cover. Chapters 1 & 6.

8 Genesis. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4 & 6.

9 An exception to this is DNA analysis – very important in modern forensic science – but not dealt with extensively in this book.

10 DNA. Importance in forensic science. Electrophoresis. Preface 2.3, Chapter 6.

11 Screening test → instrumentation. Chapters 3 & 6.

Screening tests – many of which are of an older style wet chemistry – are not dealt with extensively here. They are, however, still often useful.¹²

Generally, the descriptions below flow from considering the analytical and instrumental chemical concepts, rather than from the forensic problem. The method is introduced with a summary of its basis – theoretical physical and chemical principles – in more detail for the most important and most commonly used – less so, otherwise. First dealt with are the most important; then, others (alphabetically).

The list here is certainly not exhaustive – reflecting what the author is aware of and considers most important, or is of some interest. Readers might consider this as always to be continued.

6.2 Most important & commonly used methods

The most important and commonly used scientific methods are listed next below. (Other methods follow further below.)

6.3 UV = Ultraviolet–visible spectroscopy

6.3.1 Theory

Atoms and molecules can interact with light^{13, 14} – that is, with electromagnetic radiation – often considered as photons – so as to absorb in the ultraviolet (~200 → ~400 nm) and visible (~400 → ~800 nm) wavelength regions of the spectrum – as described in Chapter 4.¹⁵

For ultraviolet–visible spectroscopy, absorptions may be explained in terms of energy *transitions*, upward within the molecules from one *electronic* energy level to another. This may be shown diagrammatically in an over-simplified [10] way (See Fig. 6.2):

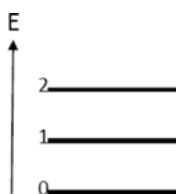


Fig. 6.2: Energy levels.

¹² Screening tests. Wet chemistry. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6.

¹³ UV. Chapters 3 & 6.

¹⁴ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

¹⁵ *Genesis*. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4, 6.

- where the 0 or *ground electronic* level is where nearly all the molecules of the light-absorbing substance are found at thermal equilibrium, at room temperature. The absorption process may, for example, involve the transition of a molecule from electronic energy level $E_0 \rightarrow E_1$ [11].

Generally, the various energy levels are associated with a probability of where a rapidly moving electron may be found in three-dimensional space, surrounding the atomic nuclei. A particular geometry would be associated with an energy level.

Electronic transitions may be illustrated in the simplest way by considering the *hydrogen* atom, and by the over-simplification of the *Bohr* model of the atom [12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18]:

A negatively charged *electron* \ominus orbits in one of several possible concentric rings around a nucleus (containing one positively charged *proton* \oplus); not in-between rings nor anywhere else unless freed entirely from the atom when that atom would be ionized. That Newtonian physics does not work here was a major innovation of Niels Bohr, 1913; it was a starting lead into the development of quantum mechanics in the years following. Diagrammatically (See Fig. 6.3):

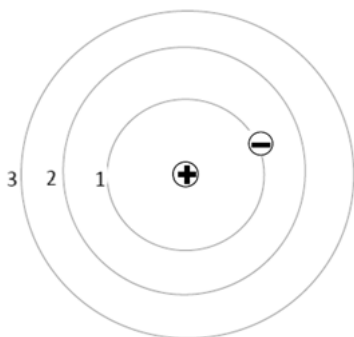


Fig. 6.3: Bohr atom – electron in most inner ring.

This is not to scale; including that the ring diameters would be thousands of times the size of the nucleus.

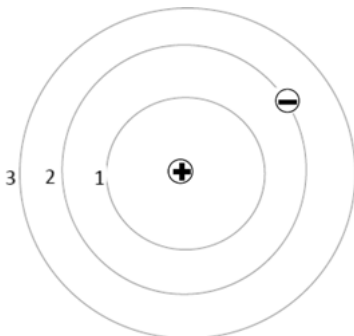


Fig. 6.4: Bohr atom – electron in next higher ring.

If the atom absorbs light of the correct energy magnitude, the electron jumps from one orbit to another – for example here, from the first → the second orbit (See Fig. 6.4):

No account is made for what might go on in-between during the transition. On the Bohr model's *energy level diagram*, this may be represented as [19] (See Fig. 6.5):

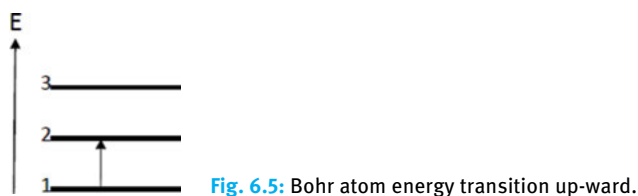


Fig. 6.5: Bohr atom energy transition up-ward.

The *energy* of this *transition* can be related to the wavelength of the absorbed light (See Tab. 6.1):

Tab. 6.1: $E = h\nu$.

$\Delta E = h\nu = hc/\lambda = hc\bar{\nu}$	
where ΔE	$= E_1 - E_0 = \text{Energy difference between levels}$ [21] (j.)
ν	$= \text{Frequency of the absorbed light}$ [22] (1/s)
λ	$= \text{Wavelength}$ [23] (nm)
$\bar{\nu}$	$= \text{Wavenumber} = 1/\lambda$ (1/cm)
h	$= 6.626 \times 10^{-34} = \text{Planck's constant}$ [24, 25] (j. s)
c	$= 2.998 \times 10^8 = \text{speed of light in a vacuum}$ [26] (m/s)

If the electron falls back down from the second → the first orbit, the atom emits light of that same energy.¹⁶

Modern instrumentation often refers to ν or $\bar{\nu}$, rather than λ ; both ν and $\bar{\nu}$ are conveniently directly proportional to the energies of transition, while λ is inversely proportional.

Systems more complex than a simple one-proton and one-electron atom, such as the organic molecules that forensic chemists are often called upon to identify, also have *electronic* energy levels, although not so easily theorized as the Bohr model, and are explained with more complex geometries. This involves values of $\bar{\nu}$, and includes that the theoretical probability of transition is related to the strength of absorption and the value of ϵ , defined below [26].

16 UV absorption, fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy. Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19.

UV absorption spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.3.1. The related fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.19. Some of the cited literature references apply for both Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19. Some of the Figs. are relevant to both Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19.

The Bohr model works well enough for the hydrogen atom – one proton and one electron – but not for experimental accountings and predictions of energy levels and the wavelengths of larger atomic and molecular systems. Satisfactory experimental correlations come from modern quantum mechanics, with the wave functions ψ of the Schrödinger wave equation [27]. But, the Bohr model sufficiently informs of the concepts of quantized energy levels, *etc.*, without the more complex mathematics of solving for ψ that is not needed for the forensics here.

When UV or visible light passes through an experimental sample in a transparent (to UV) container – a quartz-walled three-dimensional rectangular cell [28] – as dissolved in a liquid solvent – a liquid solution – measurements can be made [29] (See Fig. 6.6).

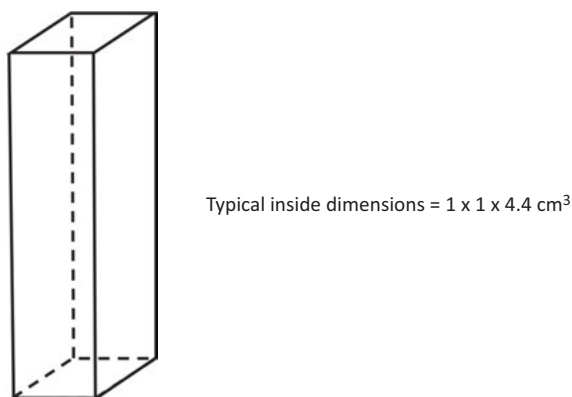


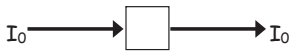
Fig. 6.6: Spectral cell.

Some of the entering light having intensity I_0 at wavelength λ is absorbed, so that its intensity is diminished to I by the time it leaves.



I is measured, diagrammatically (top view) shown above, by a photoreception device [30] that transfers the photon signal into an electrical signal, which is measured and recorded. Many measurements are made for multiple ranges of λ . Historically (with Beckman instrumentation) [31], this was a laborious process (plotting of data by hand, point by point, perhaps over several days), but now with automated instrumentation, it takes minutes or less.

I_0 is measured as the entering light passes through an identical reference cell – containing only the solvent – not absorbed, as shown below. This is observed at the same time, for each λ , when I is measured. Again, it is now automated (See Figs. 6.7 & 6.8 & Tab. 6.2).

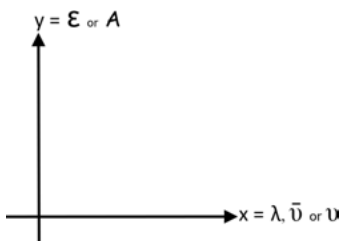
Fig. 6.8: Blank spectral cell $I_0 I_0$.Tab. 6.2: $T = e^{-A}$.

Then:		$T = I/I_0 = e^{-A} = e^{-\epsilon c l}$	At each λ of measurement.
Where	T	= <i>Transmittance</i>	
	I_0	= Incident light intensity	
	I	= Light intensity after absorption	
	λ	= <i>Wavelength</i>	(nm)
	e	= Natural or Napierian log base = 2.71828 [33, 34, 35, 36]	
and	A	= $\epsilon c l = \text{Absorbance}$ [37, 38]	
where	ϵ	= <i>extinction coefficient = absorptivity</i> [39]	($L \times \text{cm/mol}$)
	c	= Concentration of molecule in the solvent.	(mol/L)
	l	= Cell path length, usually = 1 cm	(cm)
So that	A	= $\log_e I_0 / I = (\log_e I_0 - \log_e I)$ [40, 41, 42]	
	ϵ	= $(\log_e I_0 - \log_e I) / c l = A / c l$	
	c	= $(\log_e I_0 - \log_e I) / \epsilon l = A / \epsilon l$	

ϵ is related to the probability of an electronic transition – of theoretical importance for understanding the molecule – but usually not needed for forensic considerations here.

A version of ϵ becomes the spectral y-axis. Thus, a spectral display may be as for ϵ or A , and may be expressed as \log_{10} or $\log_e = \ln$. For qualitative examination, the log base does not matter. But for quantitative, it does, when there is a comparison with literature-reported reference standards – and the forensic scientist would need to check on this.

The spectral x-axis is as λ , $\bar{\nu}$, or ν (See Fig. 6.9).

Fig. 6.9: $y = \epsilon$ $x = \lambda$.

With ϵ known, from literature reference or independent experiment, UV-visible spectroscopy can be conveniently used to measure the concentration c , with reasonable accuracy. These measurements are made at selected wavelengths, λ , at convenient locations on the spectrum – usually, at the top of an absorption peak.

Real molecules present spectra that can include several electronic transitions with different probabilities of transition that are related to different ϵ at various

wavelengths. And within the *electronic* energy levels are *vibrational* energy levels, related to modes of vibration of the various parts of the molecule (see IR spectroscopy below). And within the *vibrational* energy levels are *rotational* energy levels, related to modes of rotation of the molecule. Represented, oversimplified, in Fig. 6.10 [42]:

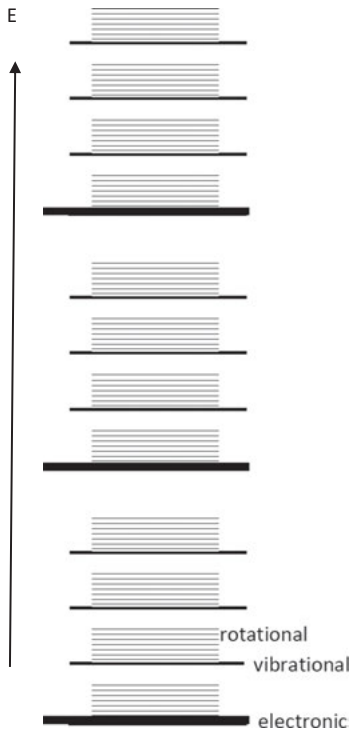


Fig. 6.10: Electronic vibrational rotational.

UV spectra result from transitions upward, usually between the ground electronic and vibrational level to various vibrational levels in the next higher electronic level. Represented, oversimplified, in Fig. 6.11 [43]:

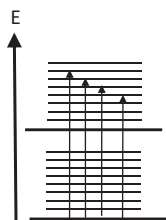


Fig. 6.11: Transitions for UV.

A UV spectral example: *ortho*-fused benzocyclooctene [44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57] (See Fig. 6.12).

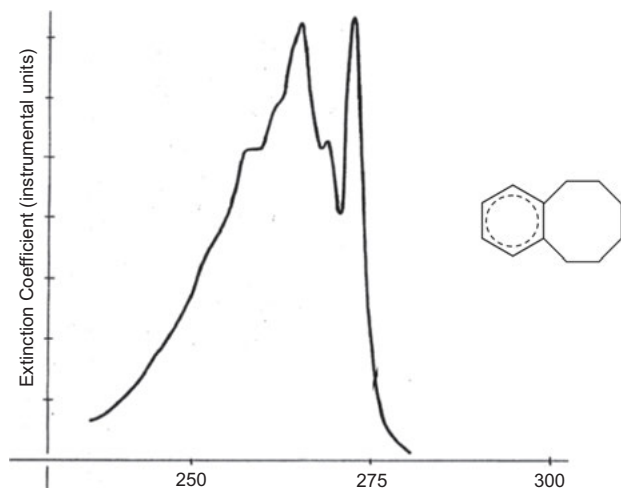


Fig. 6.12: *Ortho*-fused benzocyclooctene UV spectrum.

For another UV spectral example: *1-phenylnaphthalene* [58] (See Fig. 6.13.)



Fig. 6.13: Phenylnaphthalene.

See: US NIST Standard Reference Data (SRD) [59, 60, 61]

See also: *UV ATLAS of Organic Compounds*, 1966, from which data for ϵ may be obtained [62, 63].

6.3.2 To identify molecules – limited

Since the shape and magnitude of a spectrum results from the physical aspects of the molecule that generated it, such a spectrum may be used to identify that molecule.

The theory behind this is that, since atoms can be characterized by their atomic masses and since the energy-interaction-related geometric assembly of those atoms into a molecule consequently produces a unique [64] energy level diagram, the resultant spectrum would also be unique for that molecule, if the spectrum could be examined in sufficient detail.

But, for larger molecules, the UV–visible spectra typically do not show sufficient detail to view vibrational structure for a unique determination. This is related to spectral broadening with increasing molecular mass, and that higher molecular mass molecules are usually examined in solution, wherein there are solvent effects.

What this means for forensic chemistry is that while UV–visible spectroscopy might be useful to say that a substance is of a molecular category and is not of another certain molecule, it can usually not be used alone for unambiguous identification – either absolute or by comparison. For more unambiguous spectral identification, readers should look to other methods – such as IR – see below.

6.3.3 Instrumentation

The UV–visible spectrum (such as shown above) for molecules may be recorded by a *spectrometer* [65, 66]. In principle, in such an instrument, *monochromatic* [67] light of various wavelengths, within the range of wavelengths of the UV–visible spectrum, is directed through a sample of that substance. The part of the instrument that allows wavelength choice is called a *monochromator*.

Ideally, the light source produces *white* light – of all the wavelengths in the UV and visible range [68]. That source might be a high-pressure Hg–Xe arc lamp [69]; there are many other light source possibilities, including other kinds of lamps; and LASERS may be used to provide specific wavelengths (not *white*). The *white* beam is then *diffracted* from a *grating* [70], or in other, often older, instruments, *refracted* by being passed through a *quartz prism* [71] – to allow for wavelength choice [72]. A mechanical and geometric arrangement allows the beam to continue only as the chosen wavelength. It passes through the sample and the blank cells to a detector. See above. An electrical signal from the detector can then be processed to record the spectrum. There are very many commercially available *spectrometer* versions, with many different arrangements and with modern electronic controls. A simplified typical diagram, with prism, to explain the concept is given below – See Fig. 6.14 [73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79].¹⁷

In practice, the light source may not be uniform – there may be an emission spectrum, with various intensities; and the detector may have wavelength-dependent sensitivities; so that some instrumentation might have corrections to electrical signal leaving the detector.

As indicated, for a *spectrometer*, as shown here, it is assumed that the monochromatic light intensity, after it passes through the *blank cell*, is of intensity I_0 , same as

¹⁷ Bunsen, Kirchhoff. cover. Chapters 1 & 6.

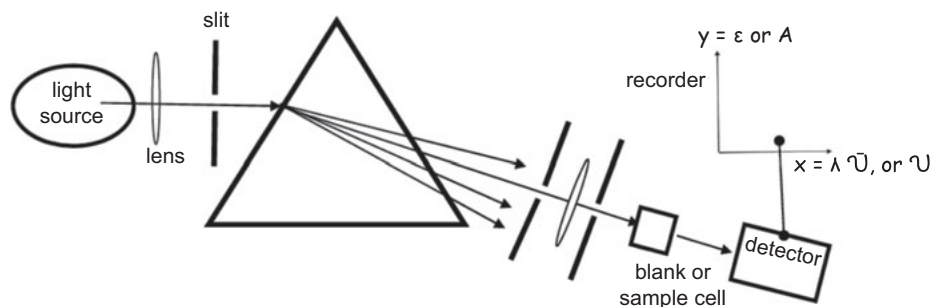


Fig. 6.14: UV visible spectrometer.

that would have entered the *sample cell*. Some of the I_0 is absorbed by the sample so that the intensity, on leaving, is I . Typically, the experimental arrangement is that the two cells are a matched pair [80]; the *blank cell* contains only the transparent solvent and the *sample cell* contains the sample dissolved in that solvent [81]. This is assumed equivalent to the sample being contained in an imaginary solvent and cell of total transparency (at the wavelength of interest).

Also, as indicated above, although ϵ is of theoretical importance [82] for interpreting spectral intensity, it is A or T that is often displayed as the y -axis of the spectrum. The forensic chemist can usually be content with this to determine the shape of the spectral peaks and to, thereby, determine their wavelengths. The peak wavelengths are used to identify the molecule [83]. The x -axis is the wavelength scale.

The above treatment assumes that the substance of interest is alone in the solvent and cell, or at least is not sharing space with other substances with which it might react, or which are not transparent in the appropriate wavelength range; also, usually in dilute solution. It is, therefore, necessary to ascertain purity, which can often be done conveniently by chromatography (see below), or sometimes even by critically examining the UV-visible or IR spectra. If such other substances are found, it may be possible to correct for them (by arithmetically correcting A , or perhaps by a physical correction, by adding the proper amount of the impurity to the blank cell), or by purification (usually, by chromatography) [84].

In spectral analyses, the possibility of absorbance by impurities is an ever-present problem that the forensic chemist must always look for and try to cope with. Often, the problem can be coped with but, sometimes, it is so bold that other techniques than spectral analysis should be used. A forensic spectral analysis that has not addressed potential impurity problems should not be used in evidence.

6.3.4 Concentration measurements

Although UV–visible spectral analysis should usually not be relied upon for unique molecular identification of a sample, it can be used to determine a concentration in solution [85], if there has been a unique identification, otherwise. In contrast, it is often inconvenient to rely on IR for such quantification.

See above for how to determine concentration – with the equations:

$$T = I/I_0 = e^{-A} = e^{-\epsilon cl}$$

$$c = 2.303(\log_{10} I_0 - \log_{10} I)/\epsilon l = A/\epsilon l \quad (\text{mol/L})$$

The choice of wavelength, λ , at which the concentration would be measured, is important for better accuracy. For example, to measure *1-phenylnaphthalene* dissolved in cyclohexane [86, 87, 88], choose a wavelength that would appear to optimize absorption intensity and flatness of curve, such as at $\lambda = 289$ nm in the spectrum referred to above, (See Fig. 6.13.).

In general, such ϵ_λ may be known from the chemical literature [89] (see above), or better yet, if possible, from measurements made from a standard reference sample with the same spectrometer [90] as used in the experiment that measures the sample, at nearly the same time.

The spectral cell path length = $l = 1$ cm is often sufficient for accurate results. Thus, if at $\lambda = 289$ nm, A of an unknown *1-phenylnaphthalene* sample is measured, then c can be calculated. (From the spectrum referred to above, it would appear that $\epsilon_{\lambda=289\text{nm}} \approx \mathbf{9,000}$ (L/mol cm) (expressed as for \log_{10})).¹⁸

The error in such measurement is influenced by the errors in determining A and l ; and by the accuracy of the literature reported ϵ_λ at the narrow range of wavelength that is called λ , and the flatness of the spectral curve at λ . Error [91] of \pm a few % is not untypical for such measurements.

An example of concentration measurement based on these concepts is found in the earlier versions of ethanol-in-breath measuring devices used to evidence impaired driving. Chemical reactions that involve ethanol and potassium dichromate result in changes in the transmission of visible light – ~ 420 nm – through the sample, which under standardized conditions can indicate concentration [92, 93].¹⁹

6.4 IR = Infrared spectroscopy

Very importantly, molecules' modes of energy involvement are related to the *vibrational* energies of the various force interactions – called *chemical bonds* – of the atoms of the

18 extinction coefficient = absorptivity. ϵ Chapters 6 & 8.

19 Concentration measurement – IR. Chapters 6 & 11.

molecule. The *vibrational* energy levels fit within the *electronic* levels shown above; this is related to IR spectroscopy.^{20,21,22}

(And, see below for yet another mode of energy involvement – related to the *rotation* of the molecule in space [94] – for microwave spectra.)²³

6.4.1 Theory

The same theory [95], described in above for UV–visible, can be applied to IR spectroscopy, except that the energy *transitions* of interest are within the *vibrational* levels of the molecule's (usually) *ground electronic* level; shown diagrammatically above.

Such transitions produce spectra in the infrared region, which is of particular interest here:

~800 → ~100,000 nm [96].

6.4.2 To identify molecules – almost uniquely

That same theory, as described above to use UV–visible spectroscopy to identify molecules, can be applied to infrared spectroscopy, except that **IR** can often be used, in practice, for unique molecular determination [97] (well, almost unique).²⁴

In practice, over the range of interest, there are often enough sharp-appearing IR peaks for a theory-based²⁵ molecular structural determination. Such a determination would take into account that various modes of *molecular vibration* will show up as peaks, in predictable wavelength regions, to indicate parts of a structure, and that the presence or absence of various peaks can indicate what that structure could and could not be.

Sometimes, if the molecule is simple enough, it is possible to uniquely assign it a molecular structure based on IR theory alone. For larger and more complex molecules, the possibilities for subtle variations of structure (see in Chapter 4) to go unnoticed, increase (and mirror images would always go unnoticed).

But, as mentioned in Chapter 4, most forensic molecular identifications are not theory-based directly, but are made using a *standard reference sample* or *reference literature*. Thus, if there are a sufficient number of IR peaks, if the wavelengths of all them of the

20 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

21 *Genesis*. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4, 6.

22 IR. Chapters 3 & 6.

23 Microwave. Chapters 2 & 6.

24 Molecular structure. Chapters 1, 3, 4.

25 Molecular identification by IR. Chapters 4 & 6.

unknown sample match all those of the *standard* or the *literature*, exactly, if there are no extraneous peaks, if there is no argument about the veracity of the *standard* or the *literature*, and if all instrumentations are of high enough resolution, then a unique absolute identification will have been made (except for some subtleties such as mirror image). The theory behind this is that even very slight changes in isotopic atomic mass – slightest of variations of molecular structure – would cause slight, observable, IR peak wavelength shifts.

Since, in real-life practice, unfortunately, the above qualifications may not be met and impurities can exist, the forensic chemist should always keep aware of the possibilities of mis-identification of molecular subtleties by IR. But, with care, IR is an excellently reliable method.

For an example of an IR spectra – of molecular simplicity:

H-Br *hydrogen bromide*. CAS 1003510-6 [98]

See: US NIST Standard Reference Data (SRD) [99, 100, 101, 102]

And, for an IR spectrum of greater complexity, such as likely to be encountered by the forensic chemist: *Cocaine* CAS 50-36-2²⁶ (See Fig. 6.15.)

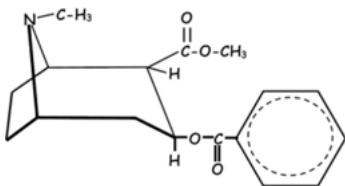


Fig. 6.15: Cocaine CAS 50–36-2.

See: US NIST Standard Reference Data (SRD) [103, 104, 105, 106, 107]

6.4.3 Instrumentation

Similar concepts of instrumentation, as described above for UV–visible, are applicable to IR with the light source – an electrically heated element – as the first major difference [108]. A second major difference is that the very many modern versions of IR spectrophotometers are often non-dispersive Fourier-transform IR (FTIR) [109] that use wavelength interference rather than diffraction grating [110, 111]. Many literature reports of IR-reference spectra are now of FTIR [112].

A third major difference between IR and UV–visible spectrophotometers is in the sample containers. As mentioned above, UV–visible samples are contained in quartz cells, typically of 1 cm path length. IR samples are often contained in **K Br pellets**

²⁶ Edmond Locard. Sherlock Holmes. Cocaine. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6.

[113] or in a mineral oil – **Nujol** [114, 115, 116]; both with typically shorter path lengths (~<2 mm) [117].

To make the pellets, the IR-transparent K Br powder is thoroughly mixed with the sample, and then pressed. Ideally, the resulting pellet appears to the human eye as a small transparent disc. A blank pellet can also be made.

To use **Nujol**, the sample is thoroughly mixed with the oil so that an evenly distributed viscous suspension results. This is then sandwiched between two smooth discs of IR-transparent NaCl [118]. A blank Nujol assembly can also be made.

6.4.4 Concentration measurements

In theory, the same method to determine concentration, as described for UV–visible can be used for IR, although, typically, not as conveniently, for practical reasons.

For both the KBr pellet and the Nujol, the sample preparation and concentration would be a function of sample preparation, rather than of the forensic problem; and maintaining and monitoring the sample path length would require extra attention or additional measurements [119], and the short path lengths, along with the sharpness of the samples' IR peaks [120], can introduce error problems.

However, reliable concentration measurements are made with an ethanol-in-breath measuring device, for which an IR beam passes through ethanol vapour as it moves through a length of tube [121, 122, 123].²⁷

6.5 TLC = Thin layer chromatography

6.5.1 Theory

The several components of a mixture of chemical compounds can often be separated and identified *chromatographically*. Such separation depends on each of the components entering the *mobile phase* of the chromatographic system and being carried in that phase over (or through, and in contact with) a *stationary phase*. The components' differing affinities to the *stationary phase* allow for their separation from each other as the *mobile phase* moves along because they travel at different speeds.

The mobile phase is typically a fluid flow of a gas or liquid. The stationary phase is, typically, a solid coated with a tightly attached liquid, into which the analysed compound dissolves, and then evolves. There are many variations.

Perhaps, the most easily recognizable example of chromatography to the non-chemist is the spreading and separation of colours [124] from an ink drop [125] placed

²⁷ Concentration measurement – IR. Chapters 6 & 11.

on a paper napkin. The paper structure, sub-microscopically coated with water, is the stationary phase; the capillary action of the water solvent of the ink is the mobile.

Paper chromatography – with a more sophisticated set-up than a napkin – can be used for chemical analyses with commercially available papers for the purpose.

Thin layer chromatography (TLC)^{28,29} [126] would be the next simplest, most convenient and most economical scientific chromatographic set-up. It is widely recognized as a very good method, within its limitations. A common TLC version uses silica or alumina spread for the stationary phase as a thin layer on a glass or polymer plate [127].³⁰ The mobile phase is a mixture of liquid organic solvents that are carried upward along the plate by capillary action.

As the mixture of components of the sample being examined – spotted at the end of the plate – are carried in solution in the mobile phase, they *adsorb* onto the surface of the stationary phase with different strengths, and, therefore, redissolve into the mobile phase at different rates. The result is that sample components travel at different rates up the plate, so that, after a time, they have travelled different distances.

6.5.2 To identify molecules – limited

These distances – called retention distances, or *retardation factors*, R_f – are characteristic of the components and, therefore, can be used as an aid to identify them.

But, since R_f is essentially only related to the strength of molecular attractions (often in non-standard experimental set-ups), it is too simple a measure for reliable unique identification of molecules, in comparison to reference materials. Since other corroborations are usually required, TLC [128] is often used as a screen test.

6.5.3 Set-up

To accomplish a TLC separation, a solution of the sample [129] is concentrated by evaporation and is then *spotted* (that is, deposited in drops) near (but not at) the very end of the plate.

That end of the plate is then placed downward into (but not as far in as the *spot*) a pool of the solvent mix that is used as the mobile phase. As the plate leans against its container, the mobile phase moves up the plate by capillary action. When the solvent front appears to be almost at the top of the plate, the plate is removed and the solvents are allowed to evaporate [130, 131].

28 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

29 TLC. Chapters 6 & 9.

30 Disclaimers, *etc.* Error . . . , Not legal advice . . . Commercial products, . . . Preface 2, 4.1, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 9.

Often, the travelled components – now separated as elongated spots – can be seen with the unaided human eye, such as for textile dyes or the components of ink. Diagrammatically [132] (See Fig. 6.16):

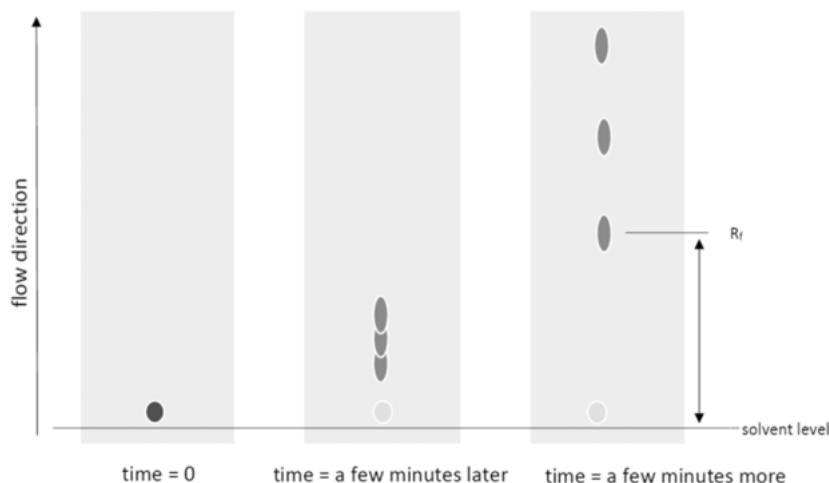


Fig. 6.16: TLC.

But, also often, they must be seen by a visualization process that might include a developing/colouring material being sprayed onto the plate or by viewing the plate under ultraviolet light to see shadows of the component spots against the luminescing background of a luminescing material mixed into the silica. And, sometimes as luminescence, directly from the spots.

6.6 GC = Gas chromatography

6.6.1 Theory

As with TLC (above), **gas chromatography** [133]^{31,32,33} involves both a stationary and a mobile phase for the separation of a mixture of chemical compounds. The GC-stationary phase is often a high molar mass liquid [134] adsorbed onto inert granular solid surfaces contained in a length of tubing. The mobile phase is usually a carrier gas of helium or nitrogen, flowing under pressure through the liquid-coated solid grains.

³¹ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

³² Gas chromatography. Chapters 6 & 8.

³³ GC. Chapters 3 & 6.

The sample mixture being examined is first vaporized (perhaps at an elevated temperature). As its components are then carried by the gas of the mobile phase, they dissolve into and evolve out of the stationary phase at different rates – depending on their relative solubilities. The result is that they travel through the mobile phase at different rates so as to end their journeys at different times – called *retention times*, t_R .

6.6.2 To identify molecules – limited

As with R_f of TLC (see above), *retention time* t_R is characteristic of the components and, therefore, can be used as an aid to identify them. But, also as with R_f , t_R is essentially only related to the strength of molecular attractions (often in non-standard experimental set-ups), so that it is too simple a measure for reliable unique identification [135]. Other corroborating measures are required.

Fortunately, the experimental set-up of GC often allows those other corroborations to be conveniently accomplished (below).

6.6.3 Set-up

To accomplish a GC separation, the liquid stationary phase, adsorbed onto its granulated solid support, is packed into a long (ranging from a few centimetres to several metres) narrow (a few millimetres or less) column (typically of coiled stainless steel or glass tubing) [136]. The stationary phase typically has a dry-sand-type look. The column is then fitted into instrumentation of commercially available manufacture – there are many variations – called a *gas chromatograph* – that allows the carrier gas to flow from a heated injection port through the column to a detector, recorder, and/or a sample collector. The GC includes gas flow controls and programmable temperature controls for the column. There are several different kinds of detectors to convert to an electrical signal [137]. The sample injection is usually by a syringe. The data readout from the recorder is called a *chromatogram* [138] – shown here, sketched diagrammatically [139] (See Fig. 6.17):

Ideally [140], each of the *peaks* shown above represents a component separated from the injected mixture. As indicated above, t_R can aid in the identification of the component.

As indicated above, t_R is considered to be a reasonably good indicator. Variations of instrumental design and conditions – length of column, nature of the packing, pressure, temperature, carrier gas, *etc.* – make use of reference literature less sure for identification. More sure identification can be achieved by injecting and comparing known reference standards that might be available. And further sure identification might be achieved by introducing a deuterated known of a suspected component into the

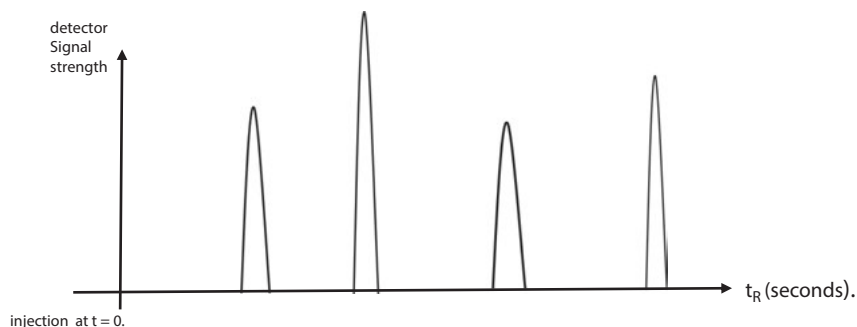


Fig. 6.17: Chromatogram.

sample being analysed; this slightly altered molecule should produce a peak very near the suspected component.

6.6.4 Quantity measurement

The vertical axis represents the strength of the detector signal so that, ideally [141], the area under the peaks shown above is proportional to the number of molecules detected for each peak. By comparing several peak areas and by calibration of the GC system with injections of known quantity, it may be possible to quantify the components of the mixture, within error ranges appropriate to the GC system. GC is often used for quantitative determinations, in conjunction with other more qualitatively reliable methods.

6.7 MS = Mass spectroscopy

6.7.1 Theory

Perhaps, the earliest version of mass spectroscopy [142] was developed by Ernest Lawrence – Manhattan Engineer District – that was used to separate ${}_{92}\text{U}^{235}$ from ${}_{92}\text{U}^{238}$ to accumulate weapon-grade uranium [143, 144, 145].³⁴ Modern versions of MS are now used extensively – for rather different intentions and purpose – to separate ion fragments of organic molecules as part of the process of identifying those molecules – and hence its importance for forensic analytical chemistry.³⁵

³⁴ ${}_{92}\text{U}^{235}$ U-235 Einstein. FDR. Critical mass. Chapters 5 & 6.

³⁵ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

For a simple version of mass spectroscopy [146], a small (often heated) sample of a single substance, in vapour phase, is fragmented and ionized [147] by collision with electrons of an electron beam and accelerated (now, as a number of ions) in an electric field (maintained at a voltage difference) through a strong magnetic field, at an angle [148]. The ions are affected by the magnetic field so that their lines-of-flight curve according to their mass-to-charge ratios, m/z [149, 150] – thus ending at different locations at a target; there, detected and recorded. A *mass spectrum* can thus be generated for the originally introduced sample – shown here by a schematic diagram [151, 152] (See Fig. 6.18):

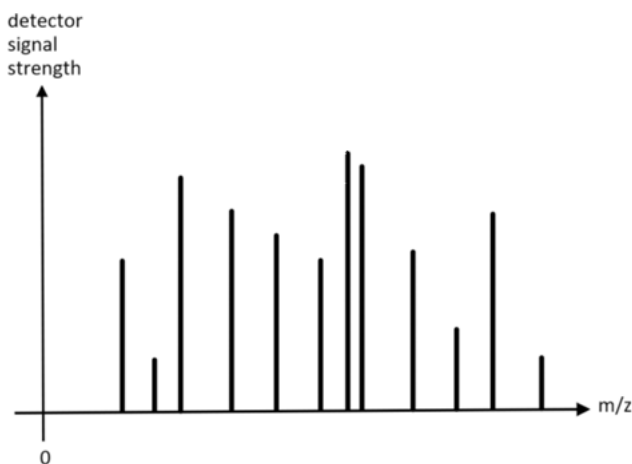


Fig. 6.18: MS.

The many fragments can be reviewed to try to theoretically reconstruct the starting molecule that would be identified; perhaps, something like solving a jigsaw puzzle with molecular structural diagrams.

See Fig. 6.19 for a simple example (not yet quite the jigsaw puzzle) – H-Br *hydrogen bromide* – CAS 10035–10-6 – 80.912 g/mol – a sketch of what a mass spectrum would look like – approximately to scale [153, 154, 155, 156, 157].

Each vertical line represents an ionized fragment of the molecule (assume, usually $z = +1$). The several fragments shown in this sketched MS might be identified as the two bromine isotopes in their natural abundances [158, 159].

For another example: *tetrahydrocannabinol* Δ^9 -THC 314.45 g/mol. CAS 1972–08-3 (See Fig. 6.20.)

See: US NIST Standard Reference Data (SRD) [160]³⁶, [161]

³⁶ <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?Spec=C1972083&Index=0&Type=Mass&Large=on>

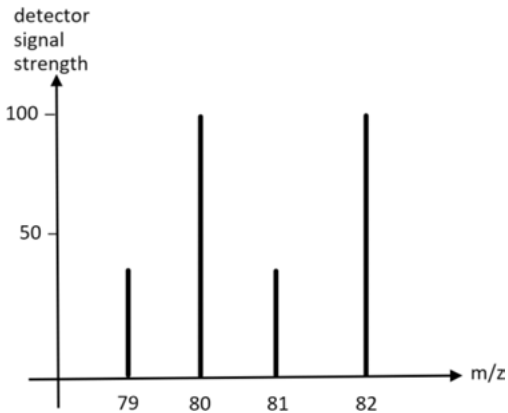


Fig. 6.19: H Br MS CAS 10035-10-6.

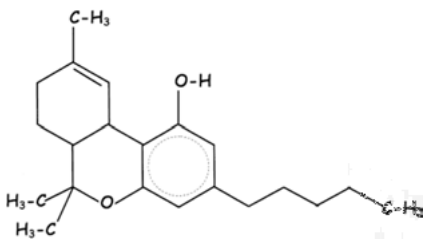


Fig. 6.20: THC CAS 1972-08-3.

Perhaps, in this example, two fragments could be speculated on and tentatively confirmed as shown in Fig. 16.21:

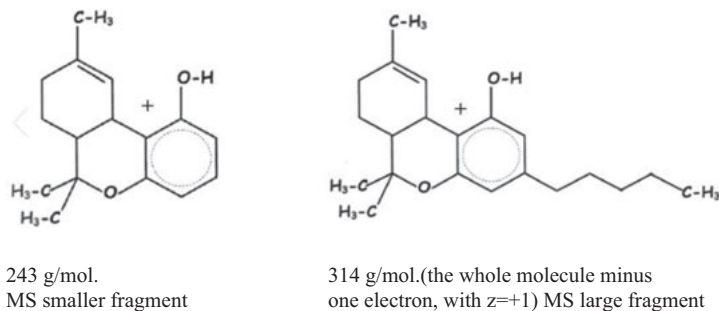


Fig. 6.21: THC fragments.

With enough fragments (more than the two shown here) identified in this way, a very sure determination of *tetrahydrocannabinol* can be achieved.

Another example: A large *cocaine* [162] fragment, with $z=+1$, might be theorized as shown in Fig. 6.22 a b c [163, 164, 165, 166, 167]:

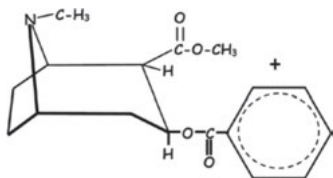


Fig. 6.22a: MS fragment structure.

C ₁₇	17 x 12.011	=	204.19
H ₂₁	21 x 1.008	=	21.17
O ₄	4 x 15.999	=	64.
N	1 x 14.007	=	14.01
	Σm	=	303.37 g/mol.
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	m/z	≈	303

Fig. 6.22b: Fragments g/mol.

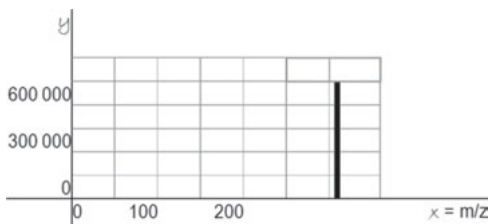


Fig. 6.22c: Sketched chart. [168]

Electron impact typically creates many ionic fragments – for a full ion scan MS analysis. But there are other, perhaps, described as milder, fragmentation methods – QqQ multiple reaction monitoring MRM, and selected reaction monitoring SRM [169, 170, 171, 172],³⁷ that result in fewer fragments – perhaps, only two or three. The fewer and selected fragments would be identified using an automated software library along with other data, such as chromatograph retention times.

6.7.2 To identify molecules – almost uniquely³⁸

From the displayed molecular mass data of the fragments and their relative abundances, a theory of molecular structural possibilities for the introduced sample can be constructed for a full ion scan MS analysis,. The whole (or nearly whole) molecular ion gives a good identity indicator because it essentially reveals the molar mass (or nearly so). It may be that the data – whole molecular ion, along with many fragments,

³⁷ GC-MS. Chapters 6 & 11.

³⁸ Analysis – how extensive? Chapters 3 & 6.

is sufficient to assign a molecular structure uniquely – questions of subtleties such as chirality may have to be resolved with additional information. As indicated in Chapter 4, to assign molecular structure is to identify a substance.

MRM and SRM, resulting in fewer fragments, provide a less sure identification. But when coupled with other data, such as chromatographic retention times, and compared with data in a large library, they can provide reasonably reliable identification.

6.7.3 Instrumentation

Instrumental set-ups for a number of modern versions of MS are described by Kenkel [173] and by Saferstein [174]. These employ the principles described above. There are many and varied commercially available systems.

A practical problem with forensic MS identifications is the questions related to sample purity and how to deal with a mixture of substances. A practical solution is to use GC to purify the sample or to separate the mixture – to be fed into an MS. Instrumentation is now available to automatically do this [175]. If MS can be used for an almost unique molecular identification, then **GC-MS** – combining MS analysis with GC *retention time* – effectively allows for a unique identification:

6.8 GC-MS = gas chromatography-mass spectroscopy

As indicated above, MS combined with GC, when used with a large library of molecular data, can provide an almost unique molecular identification. Variations of automated GC-MS instrumentation, with internal supplier-installed libraries and/or libraries of the analytical lab, are commercially available [176, 177].^{39,40,41}

These instruments allow a small sample into an injection port to quickly result in graphical and tabular data. Typically, GC data is shown with *retention times*, t_R , with MS data shown at each t_R . The t_R vs detector signal strength might be shown on a two-dimensional x,y Cartesian grid; and m/z at right angles on the third z Cartesian dimension [178]. Often, acceptably, this is as for MRM, rather than electron impact (See Figs. 6.23 & 6.24).

Such well-automated computer-driven instrumentation can also print out the molecular identities. But care is needed by the human chemist – not a robot – who would be signing-off on the report – to critically evaluate the results; automated

39 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

40 Mass spectroscopy. GC MS. Chapters 3 & 6.

41 GC-MS. Chapters 4 & 6.

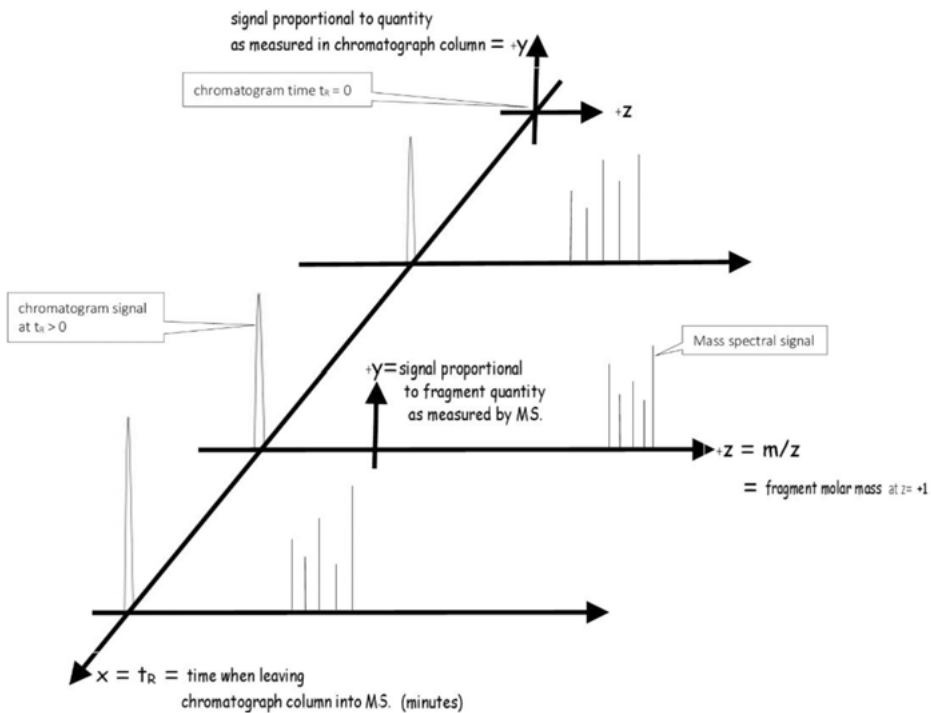


Fig. 6.23: GC MS sketch [179, 180, 181].



Fig. 6.24: Lunch.

[cartoon by Dr. Nick Kim, Wellington, New Zealand.] [182, 183]
 “Okay – who put my lunch through the mass spectrometer . . . ?”

equipment can get it wrong. Automated systems do not replace human-reasoned evaluations and explanations, and it is a serious error-in-principle for a court or tribunal to consider otherwise.⁴²

When properly applied and interpreted, GC-MS is amongst the best of the analytical chemical methods; and, with modern automated equipment, amongst the most convenient.

6.9 HPLC = high-performance liquid chromatography

HPLC is in concept similar to GC (see above), except that the mobile phase is a liquid, pressurized by a mechanical pump. HPLC can be used for qualitative identification and quantitative determination [184].

6.10 Other methods (alphabetically).

The most important and commonly used scientific methods are listed above; next below are **Other methods**.

6.11 Atomic absorption and emission spectroscopy

Spectral observation to identify atoms and atoms contained in molecules.

Ultraviolet and visible spectroscopy (see above), and emission spectroscopy (see below), are described as applicable for examining molecules, although the explanation above starts by explaining the oversimplified Bohr model of the simplest atom. This explanation is also appropriate for examining the spectra of atoms [185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191].

Typically, the experimental setups to observe atomic spectra seem simpler in concept than for molecules, and the resulting spectra are simpler in appearance. This would generally be related to atoms being smaller and seemingly simpler in construction than molecules. There are many variations of experimental setup.

Many of the atoms of the periodic table are solids when humans usually encounter them – often, spoken of as at room temperature. Thus, atomic absorption spectroscopy is typically done at elevated temperatures – vapourized in a flame. The atoms are excited by incoming light, from outside the flame, to a higher electronic energy level; the incident light absorption is measured as an intensity decrease, after

⁴² Personnel – scientific qualification. Automated instrumentation. Chapters 5, 6, 8.

passing through the flame. There is a system of slits and lenses. A record of this process, on a photosensitive surface, is the AA spectrum.

Similarly, for atomic emission spectroscopy, a minute amount of an element is introduced into the flame. At high temperatures, the atom is sent to a higher energy level; when it falls back down to a lower level, light is emitted, and it passes through a system of slits and lenses, to be recorded as an emission spectrum on a photosensitive surface.

Atomic emission spectroscopy derives from the nineteenth-century work of Robert Wilhelm Bunsen and Gustav Robert Kirchhoff, Heidelberg [192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197].⁴³

These AA and emission spectra, often, may be observed for atoms even when they are associated with other atoms as \pm ion pairs. Thus, for example, salt Na^+Cl^- would give its characteristic sodium yellow emitted light.

Atomic spectra may be useful to qualitatively identify metals, such as found in bullets from a crime scene and gunshot residue [198].

6.12 Boiling and melting point determination: temperature measurement to assist in identifying molecules

Substances exist in various *phases* [199]. When a *solid* is subjected to higher *temperature*, it turns into a *liquid* – *melting*.⁴⁴ Further increase – to *boil* – turns it into a gas – vapour. *Melting* and *boiling points* are listed in chemical literature references [200]. *Melting point* can be observed in a sample for a limited qualitative identification when the substance is pure. Alternatively, if the substance has been reliably identified otherwise, melting point may be a good indicator of purity [201].

Observation of a sample, melting in a small glass tube, can be simply done visually [202], often aided with a magnifier lens system (if not an actual microscope system), with a slow-enough temperature increase, with an electric or other heating arrangement.

Temperature is associated with atomic and molecular collisions and molecular vibrations. A high enough temperature can result in overcoming the bonding – attraction forces – that keep a substance, solid. Temperature measurement, °C [203], can be by visual observation of a mercury Hg thermometer in thermal contact with the substance or an electronic display from a thermocouple device. A simple indication of the accuracy of the Hg thermometer or thermocouple can be by measuring

⁴³ Bunsen, Kirchhoff. cover. Chapters 1 & 6.

⁴⁴ Phases. Melting points. Chapters 4 & 6.

the ambient temperature with another thermometer [204, 205]; and with a stirred ice and water mixture at 0 °C.

Melting point data assumes a transition from solid to liquid. But complications might arise because, for some substances, that transition does not happen – for example, sublimation from solid to gas – often determinable from a published *phase diagram* [206]. Phase changes are also related to ambient pressure. And for some, when the temperature is too high, the substance decomposes.

Melting point use in analytical chemistry is less popular with the advent of convenient modern instrumentation for other methods. But, for drama: *The French Connection*, 1971 [207, 208, 209] – opening scene.

Boiling point would not find much use in modern forensic analytical chemistry. Historically, water boiling point was used to determine altitude, by-way-of barometric pressure measurement [210, 211]. Also, for drama: *Mountains of the Moon*, 1990 [212, 213].

6.13 Centrifugal force measurement

Canadian [214] law criminalizes some automatically, or semi-automatically, openable knives – particularly including by “. . . centrifugal force . . .” [215, 216]⁴⁵ This should raise some issues of physics – both of theory and measurement. The author, as legal counsel, has tried to raise such scientific evidential issues – apparently, not too-well appreciated by Crown counsel. Typically, in the author’s limited experience, these criminal charges are of lesser importance than other charges of the same incident and fall-in – and may fall-away – with more global plea bargaining. For example: [217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226].

6.14 Carbon dioxide CO₂ measurement⁴⁶ [227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234]

6.15 Dogs

Molecules of gases and molecules that evolve from solids and liquids can be recognized in very low concentration by dogs [235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245].⁴⁷ Asta helped Nick Charles solve the crime in *The Thin Man*, 1934 [246, 247, 248, 249, 250]. Laika warned of an earthquake in “DOG STAR.” [251] Dogs can assist with source location and identifications of various substances by odour

⁴⁵ As a kind of law practice notebook Author’s biases. Preface 1.2, Chapter 6.

⁴⁶ CO₂ CO O₂ Chapter 2, 3, 6, 8, 10.

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signatures of single kinds of molecules and mixtures. This has forensic practical use for drugs, explosives, people, pollutants, human illness, various physical things, *etc.*

Also, but not chemically related, a help-dog, assisted a complainant-witness at a criminal trial, Dutchess County Courthouse, Poughkeepsie, New York, 2011; raising a defence appeal issue. News reported: “. . . comforts traumatized children and aided a teenager on the stand in a rape trial, . . .” “. . . Both prosecutors and defense lawyers have described [Rosie, a golden retriever therapy dog] . . . as adorable . . .” “. . . Cute as the dog was, the defense said, Rosie’s presence ‘infected the trial with such unfairness’ that it constituted a violation of their client’s constitutional rights. . . .” [252]

6.16 Electron microscopy

Electron microscopy allows for observation of various materials on scales smaller than would be allowed, with the wavelengths of light-dependent optical microscopes [253, 254, 255, 256].

6.17 Electrophoresis: DNA analysis

*Deoxyribonucleic acid*⁴⁸ is a large biomolecule, sometimes thought of as a kind of “blueprint” [257, 258] for all life on Earth. It is not an actual single specific molecule, but rather it is a specific kind of molecular structure. The DNA “central dogma” and its relationship to genetic expression has been known for more than five decades [259]. An important DNA property is that it is of two oppositely matching strands that self copy. Important aspects of *evolution* theory involve chance DNA changes and copying errors.

DNA works as a source for a template for the creation of other kinds of large molecules – *proteins* – that have two general functions: as the structural material of biological systems and as the substance of catalytic molecules called *enzymes* that typically govern the kinetic chemical processes of biology and botany. In a sense, *enzyme* activity is biological and botanical process. *Enzymes* function because of fittings of their molecular three-dimensional shapes – where chirality is important.

DNA [260] is a long twin-polymer chain composed variously of *adenine*, *thymine*, *guanine* and *cytosine*, [261] attached to a backbone of linked *glucose* [262] molecules. As a simplified description, A, T, G and C [263] form a kind of alphabet for the *genetic code*. The various sequencings of A, T, G and C, thousands of units long, in *chromosomes*, serve as the “blueprint” for the cascades of interactions of these

⁴⁸ DNA. Importance in forensic science. Electrophoresis. Preface 2.3, Chapter 6.

and other molecules, eventually resulting in controlling, building and maintaining life's structures and functions.

The entire DNA sequence in detail – the total *genome* – could, in theory, tell much, but not all, about the entity that contains it.

Technology to reveal the total *genome* in detail is available, but other analytical chemical determinations that would not actually reveal that detail are easier and cheaper to do, and these are used for DNA as a unique identifier. Thus, identification matches can be made with crime-scene-obtained DNA – a boon for forensic law enforcement [264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271].

In recent years and continuing, the cost of knowing the entire *genome* has been dropping to a personally affordable range [272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277] so that a retained bio-sample can be used to reveal much about a person – well beyond merely as an identifier. This might allow police to know their suspects, insurers their applicants, and employers their workers, better than ever before.

Such personal *genomic* data now raise human rights issues. Medical coverage and employment might be denied or allowed with discrimination, and privacy invaded. Data of some blood relatives – using familial DNA concepts – could become known, because they would biologically share some data [278, 279, 280]. Issues related to familial DNA have been discussed in Canada [281]. Familial DNA is now also used to help identify suspected criminals.

Methods of DNA identification, although far short of revealing the entire *genome*, are commercially available as systems that can identify with a very high probable certainty. Typically, these involve electrophoresis, which has similarities to TLC, but with paper or gel, with a voltage difference between its ends, and with sample migration involving an electrical charge [282, 283].

6.18 Electron spin resonance

Electron spin resonance, also called electron paramagnetic resonance, is a spectroscopic method that involves matter with unpaired electrons, observed in a magnetic field with microwave radiation, and in circumstances at which energy-level splitting is detected [284, 285]. ESR, of minimal interest for forensic analytical chemistry, has been used in archaeological dating studies (relating to long-ago temperature treatment of flint items) [286, 287, 288, 289].

6.19 Fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy

6.19.1 Theory

Fluorescence is the re-emission of light by molecules, after having absorbed electromagnetic radiation.⁴⁹ Re-emission is at longer wavelength = lower energy. With reference to the energy level diagram shown above for UV – Section 6.3.1⁵⁰ – fluorescence, for an organic molecule, may be shown; over-simplified as in Fig. 6.25 [290, 291].

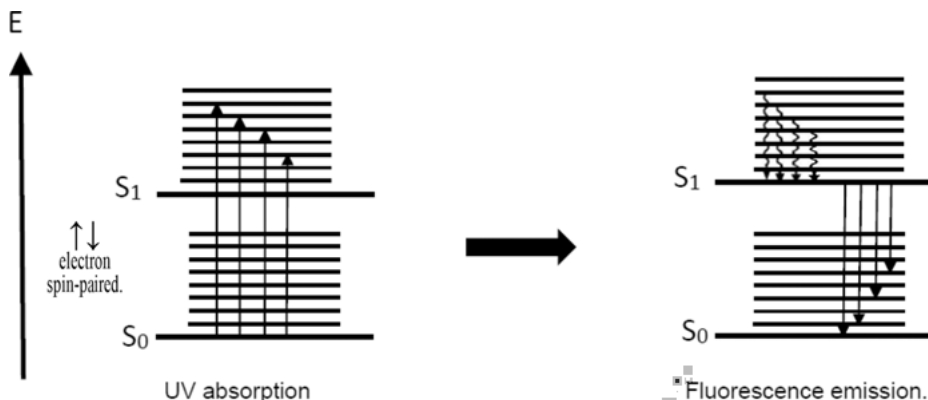


Fig. 6.25: UV absorption and emission fluorescence energy levels [292].

The transitions here are from a ground level molecule with electrons as spin paired $\uparrow\downarrow$ here – called a *singlet* state – to a first above level *singlet* – absorption – $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$. This is related to a $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition, associated with the π bonding of the benzene ring.⁵¹ Then, the re-emission is the fluorescence – $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$. $\pi^* \rightarrow \pi$.

For example, for *ortho*-fused benzocyclooctene [293, 294] (See Fig. 6.26):

Fluorescence is defined as $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$, a radiative transition, with no change in spin multiplicity and characterized by very short lifetimes $\sim 1 \times 10^{-9}$ second $\rightarrow \sim 1 \times 10^{-8}$ second [295]. *Fluorescence* lifetime can be used as an identifying characteristic of the molecule (historically, the lifetime was a defining characteristic).

⁴⁹ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

⁵⁰ UV absorption, fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy. Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19.

UV absorption spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.3.1. The related fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.19. Some of the cited literature references apply for both Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19. Some of the Figs. are relevant to both Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19

⁵¹ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

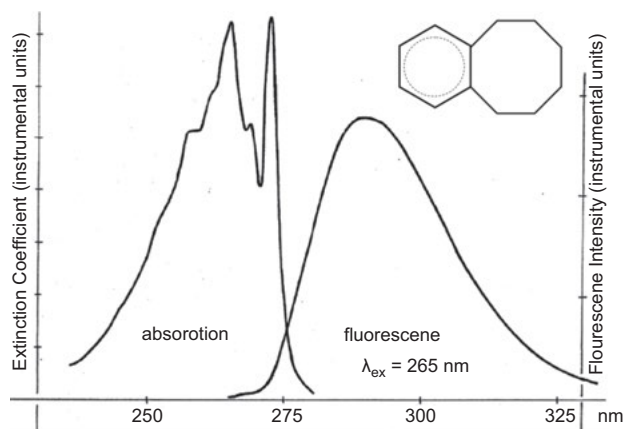


Fig. 6.26: Fluorescence spectrum ortho-fused benzocyclooctene.

Phosphorescence may be shown diagrammatically; over-simplified:

The transition is from a ground level molecule with electrons as spin-paired $\uparrow\downarrow$ – $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$, then, to an above ground level as spin-parallel $\uparrow\uparrow$ – called a *triplet* state – $S_1 \rightarrow T_1$, and, then, re-emission – *phosphorescence* – $T_1 \rightarrow S_0$ – $\uparrow\uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow\downarrow$.

Phosphorescence is defined as $T_1 \rightarrow S_0$, a radiative transition, with a change of spin multiplicity and is characterized by longer lifetimes $\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$ second $\rightarrow > 1$ second [298]. *Phosphorescence* lifetime can also be used as an identifying characteristic of the molecule (historically, it was a defining characteristic).

For example, for *ortho*-fused benzocyclooctene [299, 300] (See Figs. 6.27 & 6.28):

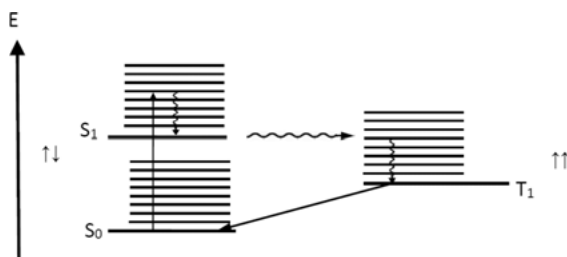


Fig. 6.27: Phosphorescence energy levels [296, 297].

Fluorescence and *phosphorescence* are both more generally described as **luminescence**. For heavier atoms and molecules, the theoretical distinctions between fluorescence and phosphorescence may break down and the term *luminescence* would be better used [301].

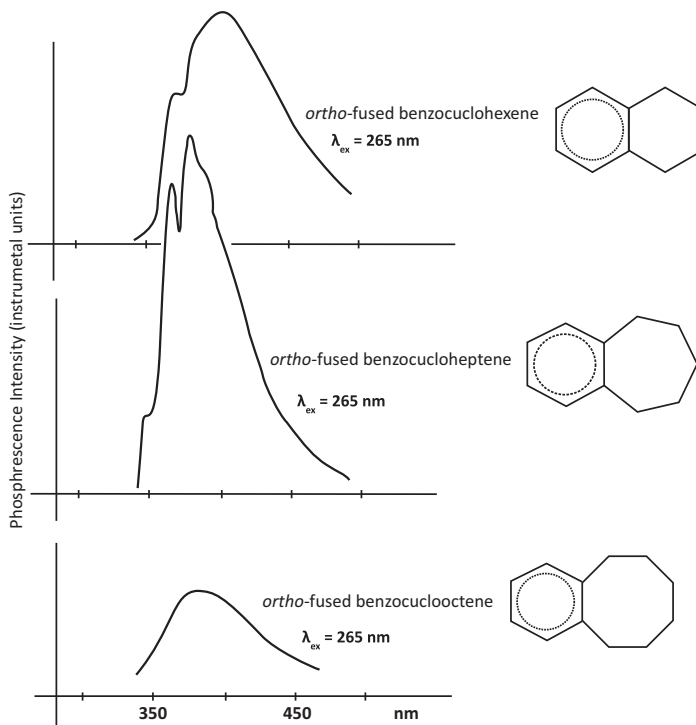


Fig. 6.28: Phosphorescence spectra.

6.19.2 To identify molecules – limited

As with UV and visible spectroscopy (Section 6.3.2), the use of fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy to identify molecules is of limited use, for similar reasons.

6.19.3 Instrumentation

Fluorescence may be measured by observing the re-emitted light as coming from the centre of the quartz sample cell. Light of a chosen wavelength, to excite fluorescence, is directed into the cell containing a solution of the molecules that are expected to fluoresce – observed at a right angles to the direction of the exciting light.

Because fluorescence is so sensitive to impurities, including atmospheric oxygen, the sample cell must have been air-evacuated and sealed. This somewhat cumbersome degassing process is not further described here. The particular problem with oxygen is that its ground-state triplet electronic configuration causes fluorescence quenching.

This too is not further described here. When preparing the fluorescence sample cells, care must also be taken that the solution is dilute enough to prevent self-re-absorption that would hide the fluorescence signal. This too is not further described here.

Fluorescence is observed and measured for several chosen exciting wavelengths. The fluorescence spectrum is observed with instrumentation that is similar to the spectrometer described above. However, the fluorescent light is scanned using the diffraction grating or prism for each of the chosen exciting wavelengths.

As for UV-visible spectrometers, there are very many commercially available versions of fluorescence-measuring instruments.

A simplified typical diagram to show the concept of observing fluorescence [302, 303] (See Fig.6.29):

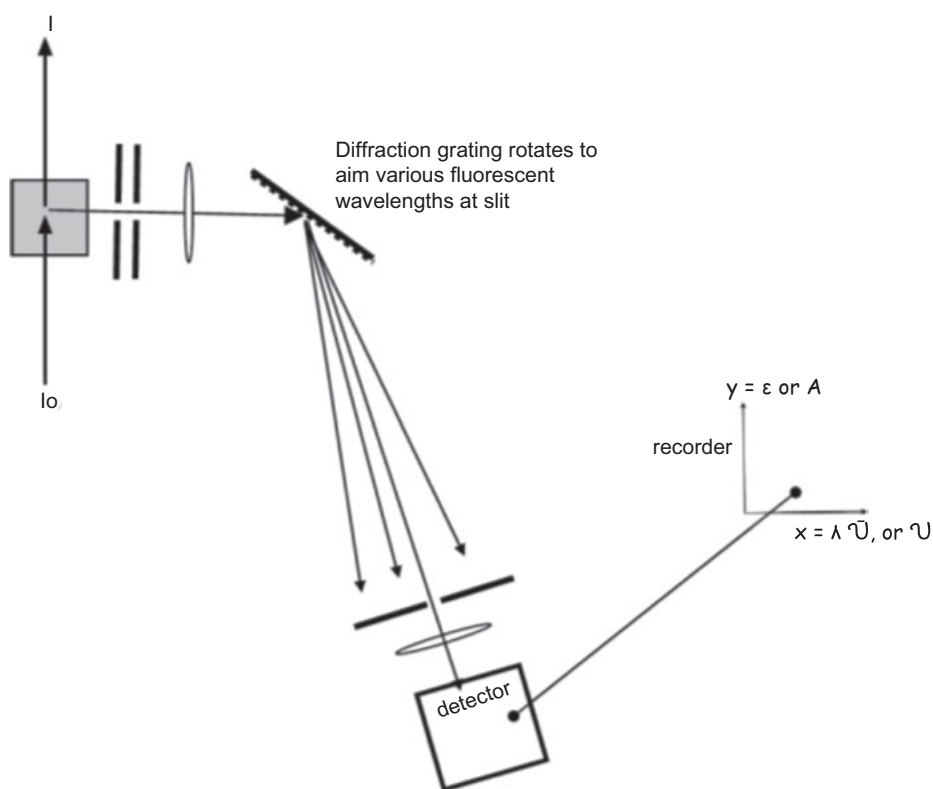


Fig. 6.29: Fluorescence, Phosphorescence spectrometer.

An example of a fluorescence spectrum is shown in Fig. 6.26, along with the related absorption spectrum. A kind of fluorescence efficiency can be measured as a *quantum yield* that can be used as an identifying characteristic of the molecule [304, 305, 306]:

$$\Phi_f = (\text{quanta of light fluoresced}) / (\text{quanta of light absorbed})$$

Fluorescence observation and measurement instrumentation might be modified to observe reflected light.⁵²

6.19.4 Application to forensic science

A frequent method to visualize, by eye, traces of substances left on a surface is to try to observe luminescence from ultraviolet light – for those substances that luminesce. This can include luminescence from bio-substances exuded from human skin and left as latent fingerprints; and luminescence from other substances, used to develop latent fingerprints [307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319].⁵³ Although luminescence may allow some identification of substance, its main use is often for visualization by eye and for photography. Similarly, luminescence can be used to observe TLC plates, and often the luminescence material would have been added to the thin layer so that the substance on the plate would be observed by a shadow.

6.20 Length measurement – tire skid

To estimate speed.

The length of a tire skid mark visible on a roadway can be used to calculate the speed of the vehicle just as the skid started when the brakes were applied [320, 321, 322, 323].^{54,55,56}

The length can be measured with the modern equivalent of a surveyor's Gunter's chain, [324] and a frictional drag constant would also be measured at the site [325, 326, 327]:

$$\text{car speed} = 15.946 \times \sqrt{((\text{drag constant}) \times (\text{skid distance}))} \text{ (km/hr)}$$

Modern computer monitoring and data keeping, perhaps, as part of an insurance package would make this method obsolete.

52 Colour. Reflection spectroscopy. Chapter 3, Chapter 6.

53 Fingerprint probability. Chapters 1 & 4. Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6 & 9. Fingerprint when. Chapters 7 & 8.

54 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

55 Tire skid. Chapters 2, 3, 6.

56 As a kind of law practice notebook Author's biases. Preface 1.2, Chapter 6.

6.21 Metal detection

Metallic elements of the periodic table have the property to conduct electricity – often explained by the concept of an “electron sea.” The outer electrons of these elements are thought of as flowing free of their individual atoms. This property may be detectable at a distance by observing interaction with an applied radiofrequency electromagnetic signal [328]. There are very many commercially available electronic – often hand-held – devices used as metal detectors, finding forensic use in security and item location. A related property of metals is the response to various manifestations of magnetism – related to metals’ spin pairings, or not, of outer electrons [329]. A simplest detection device may be an ordinary compass. Or, a hand-held magnet that can be used to distinguish between Canadian-minted silver Ag coins (before 1967) [330], and those of nickel Ni.

6.22 Microscopy – optical and photomicroscopy

Optical microscopy allows for observation to identify, match, measure and record very small things using visible light wavelengths [331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339].

6.23 Microwave spectroscopy

Energy transitions between molecular rotational energy levels are in the microwave spectral region [340, 341, 342].^{57,58} This EM radiation is the same as otherwise described in this book – which is why it is mentioned here – but at wavelengths longer than UV, visible or IR, as used for analytical chemistry. Microwave spectroscopy does not find much use for forensic analytical chemistry. It may be a forensic topic because of health physics concerns [343, 344, 345, 346, 347].

6.24 Neutron activation analysis

Neutron bombardment can cause a change in the atomic nucleus of atoms of a sample and the resulting γ radiation can indicate the identity of those atoms [348, 349, 350, 351]. A disadvantage of the method is that the neutron source would be from a nuclear reactor, typically at a large facility. Neutron activation analysis can

⁵⁷ Genesis. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4 & 6.

⁵⁸ Microwave. Chapters 2 & 6.

be used for qualitative identification of various materials, such as gunshot residue and metallic poisons [352, 353, 354].

6.25 NMR = nuclear magnetic resonance

NMR involves interaction of radiofrequency radiation with energy transitions that are related to the spin of atomic nuclei in an external magnetic field [355, 356]. It can be used for qualitative identification of organic molecules. NMR appears to not be commonly used for forensic applications; however, NMR-based imaging methods are widely used for medical diagnoses [357].

6.26 Photography

It may be assumed that hand-drawn representations of evidence, including for human face identification and depictions of past events, would have had a historic role in forensic science. That role has almost entirely been taken over by photography,^{59,60} [358] which now has a very prominent place in forensic science (although, in-court-drawn-artwork still appears in news reports). Photography is now essential to record a scene being investigated and to get a better than the human eye image of an object. And, real-time video recording of events being investigated is now routinely sought.

This has gone from mechanical devices dependent on photosensitive wet chemistry – labour-intensive [359] – to well-automated electronics accomplished with minimal human labour – or sometimes, even human thought.

Photography started in the nineteenth century [360] and by the early twentieth, mechanical cameras with photochemically producible images fixed on a physical surface were widely available. A latent image on the physical surface was then developed and fixed by wet chemical processes (with then under-appreciated chemical health hazards). Glass plates (fragile) with photosensitive coating were early-used surfaces, then, nitrate-based film (not fragile, but very flammable), and later, acetate (not flammable “safety film”). By mid-twentieth century, most films were acetate-based (breakage and flammability became forgotten problems). By the late twentieth and into the twenty-first century, electronic recording, processing and storage came to replace the physical and chemical (becoming – if not already – forgotten, by many people).

Essential photographic concepts remain from the early twentieth century and there are very many commercially available versions of photographic cameras, with

⁵⁹ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

⁶⁰ Photography. f/d v2. Chapters 3 & 6.

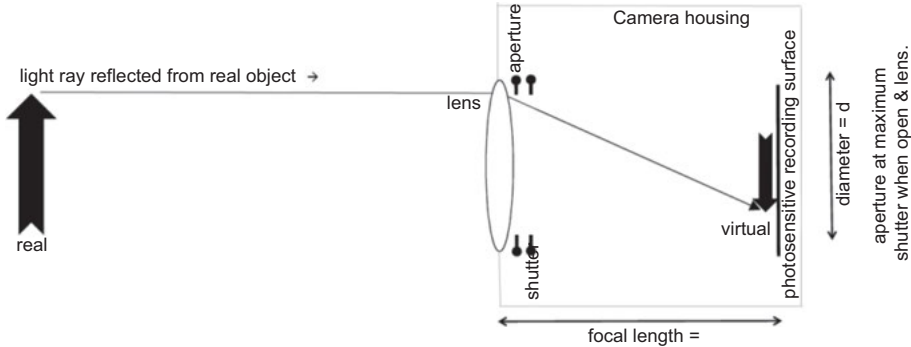


Fig. 6.30: Photo camera.

many different arrangements. A simplified typical diagram to schematically show some concepts [361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369] (See Fig. 6.30).

Light – from very many possible sources – reflected from the surfaces of a three-dimensional [370] real object, projects onto a surface within the camera as a two-dimensional virtual image.

The image-bearing light comes in through the front of the camera housing – through *lens*, [371] *aperture* and *shutter*; then onto a photosensitive recording surface.

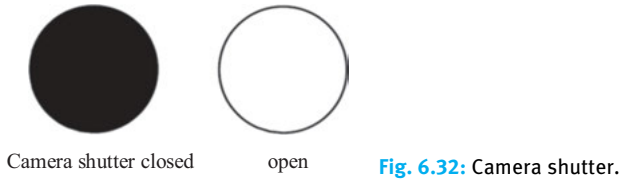
The *aperture* controls the amount of light coming into the camera – as light quantity/area [372]. The control can be by way of thin metal leaves, adjusted to reduce the circular entry area. This can be represented by focal length / diameter = f/d [373, 374]. This is often called an “f/number,” [375] “f/stop,” [376] or “f-stop” or “f stop.” “f/number” = f/d . *Aperture* front view [377] (See Fig. 6.31):



Fig. 6.31: Aperture [378].

For each “stop” setting, the light quantity / area decreases from a maximum “f/number” = $f/d = .5$. After this largest possible *aperture*, the subsequent smaller *apertures* are usually designated as “f/number” = 0.7, 1.0, 1.4, 2.0, 2.8, 4.0, 5.6, 8.0, 11.0, . . . For each of these, “f/number” = previous $\times \sqrt{2}$ [379]. And, each has $\frac{1}{2}$ the area of the previous to allow in half the amount of light [380].

The *shutter* can be open or closed to allow in the image for an amount of time, from a small fraction of a second to many seconds. This is the *exposure time*, usually in fractions of a seconds; [381] it is also a control of the amount of light coming in. The *shutter* may be of metal leaf design or otherwise, such as a kind of a fast-moving curtain (See Fig. 6.32).



After passing through the *lens*, *aperture* and *shutter*; the image then goes onto a photosensitive recording surface (See Fig. 6.33).



The “*lens speed*” [382] in this system is characterized by $f/d = \text{“f stop.”}$

The sensitivity of the photoreceiving surface, if chemical photographic, has a “*film speed*” [383]. The photography process can also be related to the chemical-in-water-solution development process, by controlling and monitoring temperature, concentration and process times.

The image-receiving film has a grain size; larger for faster films, but also resulting in poorer resolution.

To summarize, the interacting effective variations and controls of the light quantity coming into the camera, as appearing on the film, are:

- *Lens speed* – aperture.
- *Shutter speed*.
- *Film speed* – related to grain size and resolution.
- *Film processing* – choice of chemicals, temperature, concentration, time.

Before ~mid-twentieth century, most photography was only of black and white. Then, colour came to prevail.

Towards the end of the twentieth century and into the twenty-first, most of the machinery, control, processing and record-keeping of photographic imagery became computer electronic. Film use has disappeared, replaced by computer receptors and memory. The extensive automation of photography means that photographers of now can get better pictures, while getting away with being unaware of the above-described technical matters; but the essential concepts remain.

There has long been some possibility of manipulation of photoimages. One of the earliest and most famous was a published altered photograph of Theodor Hertzl [384, 385, 386, 387] shown standing near Kaiser Wilhelm II on horseback, near Jaffa, Ottoman Palestine in 1898. Hertzl, a well-known Austrian journalist, famous for his reporting and commentary of the Dreyfus affair and founder of

modern Zionism was interested in trying to persuade the German Emperor to suggest to the Ottoman Sultan to allow possible Jewish settlement in that region of the Sultan's empire. Hertzels was actually close near-by and did meet the Kaiser, but not as in the altered photograph – apparently, by modern standards, not too hard to notice as altered [388, 389, 390, 391].

But, with modern computerization, hard-to-notice fake photomanipulation becomes a most prominent possibility and concern. Modern photofakery is rapidly becoming more and more doable, with more sophisticated software becoming more easily available [392, 393]. This raises serious concerns about verifying and controlling the use of photographs as reliable forensic evidence.

6.27 Radar location of things

“Radio Detection and Ranging,” better known by its WWII-era acronym RADAR, [394] was extensively used in the defence of England, with electromagnetic radiation detected as reflected back from incoming *Luftwaffe* [395] attackers [396]. At radio-frequency wavelengths, electronic equipment operation is engineered in EM, rather than in photon terminology; it is the same as otherwise described in this book – but at much longer wavelengths than for analytical chemistry application.⁶¹

RADAR continues for many kinds of application in various legally defined and assigned wavelength regions. RADAR can be used to ground-penetrate so that the reflected EM radiation can be used to locate buried objects, including for archeological study of burial sites.

6.28 Radioactivity

As indicated in Chapters 4 and 7, many atomic isotopes are radioactive and many are not. Radioactivity, as considered here, involves processes producing [397]^{62,63}:

- α = alpha particles
- β^- = beta particles
- γ = gamma rays

These processes occur variously from elements of the periodic Table. The end result, in the time scheme of the universe, is an isotope of lead Pb.

61 Genesis. light. EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Microwave. Chapters 3, 4 & 6.

62 Isotope. Radioactive. Carbon-14. Chapters 4, 6 & 7.

63 Subatomic particles. Chapters 2 & 6.

For example, of forensic interest, are occurrences of radon gas and the subsequent radon daughters, which are of workplace and environmental concern [398, 399, 400, 401, 402].

Another example of forensic interest and of workplace concern, historically, was the use of radium in the painting of the glow-in-the-dark dials of watches and instrumentation – resulting in worker – “. . . radium girls . . .” – health harm and death [403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416].

Also, for example, carbon-14 dating – see in Chapter 7.

Radioactivity can be measured in several different ways with very many commercially available instruments – some hand-held.

Radioactive materials are also used for medical diagnosis [417] and treatment [418].

6.29 Radiofrequency tags

Much of modern equipment incorporates radiofrequency-activated devices for operation and identification. Also, radiofrequency tags are used to locate things [419]. These devices are often very small and energized to by the radiofrequency signal that would activate them.

6.30 Raman spectroscopy

Raman spectroscopy involves light scattering from a molecule with a change from the incident wavelength when scattered. In forensic science, it has been used for qualitative identification of paints and pigments, with the advantage that observation can be at a distance – an inherently non-destructive method [420, 421, 422, 423, 424].

6.31 Refractive index

In empty space – vacuum – a light beam travels in a straight line at constant velocity

$$c = 2.997\ 924\ 58 \times 10^{+8} \text{ m/s}$$

– which is also the maximum velocity possible according to relativity theory, which also states that that the velocity of a moving object is the same as measured by all observers, regardless of their own movements. This description is for both wave and particle theory of the physics of light [425].

When a light beam passes from empty space into a transparent medium [426] – such as water or glass – its velocity is reduced, with an associated change of angle [427, 428, 429] (See Fig. 6.34):

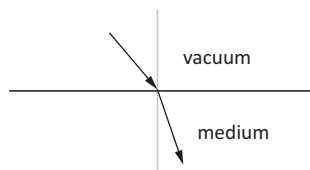


Fig. 6.34: Refractive index.

This is measured, at particular wavelengths, as *index of refraction* [430]:

$$= n = (\sin(\text{angle of incidence})/\sin(\text{angle of refraction}))$$

– a characteristic of the substance that is the medium and may be used for screening confirmation for qualitative identification, and as a purity check [431, 432].

The concept of light refraction is very important for optical-use materials of various kinds of silica glass and quartz in the construction of scientific instrumentation: prisms for spectrometers, lenses for hand-held magnifiers, lenses for telescopes and microscopes, lenses for photographic cameras, *etc.*

The physics essentials of lenses are often described as for thin lenses and simple schematic representations may be drawn as such. However, in various instrumentation and cameras, the lens would actually be a system that is a composite of several carefully engineered optical parts; and there are very many different arrangements that are commercially available.

6.32 Reflectance & colour

6.32.1 Reflectance spectroscopy

As indicated above, fluorescence spectral observation and measurement instrumentation might be modified to observe reflected light [433]. A fictionalized example [434] in Chapter 3 suggested that the colour of a surface could be examined for forensic identification purposes. A spectrum of reflected light could be compared to reflected light from other surfaces, including of standards that might include reference to colour charts [435, 436]^{64,65,66}.

When UV–visible *white light* [437] – or other incident light of selected wavelengths – is directed onto a surface, some of it would be absorbed, involving atomic and molecular energy processes (Assuming that the surface is not a totally reflecting mirror).

Such absorption might eventually result in photochemical reactions, or be re-emitted as fluorescence or phosphorescence, or somehow result in producing heat.

64 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

65 Colour. Reflection spectroscopy. Colour. Reflection spectroscopy. Chapters 3 & 6.

66 Ink analysis. Reflection spectroscopy. Chapters 3 & 6.

Some of the light might be *Raman*-scattered. But some – often much – of incident light would be reflected. That reflective process would be directed by the shape and texture of the surface.

Of interest here is the reflection of the source light at various wavelengths and intensities.

For instrumental spectral observation, a simplified typical diagram to show the concept of observing surface reflection spectra – indicated above as having similarities with fluorescence spectral observation and measurement instrumentation [438] (See Fig. 6.35):

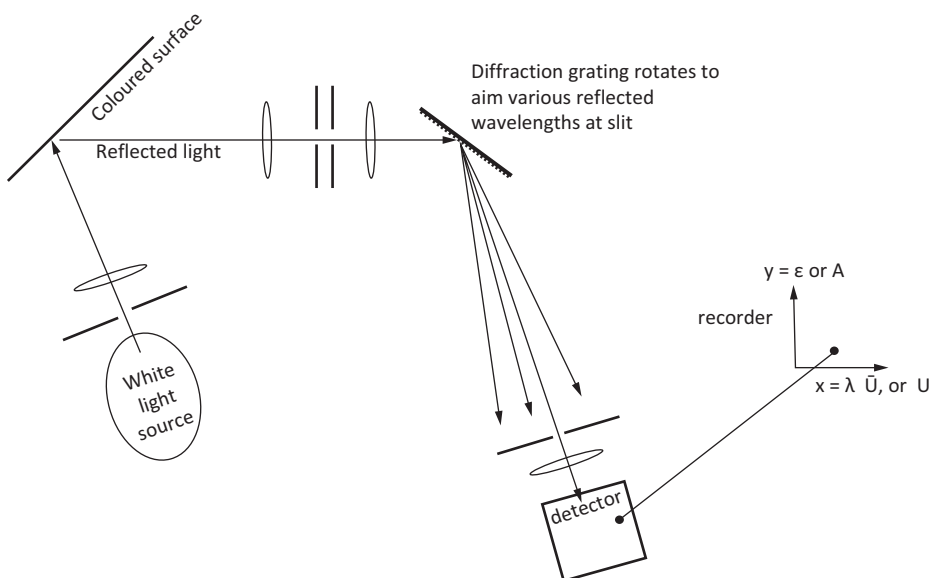


Fig. 6.35: Reflectance spectrometer.

Unlike absorption, fluorescence and phosphorescence spectra, for which the incident light beam passes through the sample and interacts with molecular orbital electrons, this reflection spectroscopy would not be so easily-related to a theory of the chemistry of the sample. Although, reflection would be related to surface processes, observation, to a great extent, would be related to the light source. Reflection would be components of the light source minus what had been absorbed at the reflection surface [439, 440]. Reflection spectroscopy can also be used to measure thickness of thin film coatings [441].

6.32.2 Visible light colour

Instrumentation as suggested above, which might be assembled from parts of other spectral equipment would not be commonly found or so much used in forensic science; it might not be much better than human visual comparisons (perhaps, aided with colour photography) to a colour chart.

For the reflected light, a distinction, in concept, must be made between instrumental spectral observation and what the human eye would see – as visualized within the complexities of the human photobiochemical-biophysical-optical system [442].

This is the concept of human-perceived colour [443, 444, 445].

Colour may be observed as light as perceived by the human eye –

- from a producing source – for example, a light bulb, the sun, a chemical reaction, such as the flame of a candle, or high-temperature-radiation from molten glass [446];
- from combined sources;
- having been affected by a substance as it passes through it – for example, white light entering a filter and seen coming out on the other side as green [447, 448, 449]; or
- having been affected by a substance after reflection from its surface from a light-producing source.

What the human eye would see as related to these processes would not be the same as instrumental-spectral observation. Photobiochemical-biophysical-psychological systems of human colour vision observe a conglomeration of wavelengths and intensities with those systems' own specialized terminology and measurement, while spectral instrumentation would observe a spectrum simply as wavelength *versus* signal intensity. While it might often appear to be the same as at a specific wavelength of the EM spectrum, a colour observed by the human eye is, often, rather a complex mixture of wavelengths and intensities.

However, colour comparisons of samples and references by human eye observation when viewed side-by-side, can be accurately done and might help with forensic identification using human observation and colour photography.

6.33 Thermoluminescence analysis

When the crystal structures of some substances, at high temperatures, are exposed to ionizing radiation in their environments, some electrons can be energized and remain trapped in crystal defects after cooling. If reheated at a later time, *thermoluminescent* light may be emitted and measured to calculate the time interval – for archaeological dating. The substances could include ceramics at the time of firing, or lava, or bone material. *Thermoluminescence* would be of minimal use for forensic analysis – it might be a method to identify fraudulently-claimed ancient pottery [450, 451, 452].

6.34 Viscosity measurement

Viscosity of chemical substances [453, 454, 455] can be measured for slow laminar flow of fluids. This includes organic chemical liquids. That viscosity is temperature-dependent, can have forensic meaning, at least in fictional literature [456, 457].

6.35 Wet chemistry – screening tests⁶⁷

As mentioned above [458], screening tests are not dealt with extensively here [459, 460, 461, 462, 463]. In analytical chemistry, these usually spot chemical reaction tests – often done as colour tests – often, conveniently-used commercially available kits [464, 465]⁶⁸ [466, 467, 468] – are usually not now used for reliable final determination.

In fictional literature, Sherlock Holmes has been illustrated as doing such a colour test (he had neither GC-MS, nor commercially available kits, nor used protective eyewear) [469]⁶⁹ [470, 471].

These – now screening – tests used to be the mainstay of analytical chemistry – sometimes called wet chemistry [472] because the colour producing chemical reactions were typically in water solution – or at least, in liquid solution. Screening, however, is still useful to the analytical chemist to avoid the more expensive analyses that would have been screened out.

An example: Used by police for quick in-the-field chemical confirmation colour tests of heroin – perhaps, not always quite correctly as according to kit instructions [473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486].

6.36 X-ray crystallography

X-ray diffraction patterns from crystal structures can be used in identification of substances [487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492].

⁶⁷ Screening tests. Wet chemistry. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6.

⁶⁸ Disclaimers, etc. Error . . . , Not legal advice . . . Commercial products, . . . Preface 4.

⁶⁹ Edmond Locard. Sherlock Holmes. Cocaine. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6.

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- 21 The Greek letter nu ν – not the Roman v .
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nu_\(letter\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nu_(letter)) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planck_constant
- 22 1 Ångstrom unit = 1×10^{-8} metre. <http://phycomp.technion.ac.il/~project-11/angstrom.pdf>
 1 nm = 1×10^{-9} metre.
- 23 See:
 – Walter J. Moore, *Physical Chemistry*, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1962 and 1963, pages 467 and 468.
 Isaac Asimov, *Asimov's Biographical Encyclopedia of Science and Technology / Second Revised Edition*, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 1982, pages 571→573 [887].
- 24 $h = 6.626\ 070\ 15 \times 10^{-34}$ joule x sec
- 25 $c = 2.997\ 924\ 58 \times 10^8$ m/s
- 26 After a molecule would go to a higher-than-ground energy level, it might return to ground level by a non radiative vibrational process, or be involved in other physical processes, or proceed to react chemically. The spectral absorption process as theorized here is only concerned with promotion from ground to higher energy level.
- 27 – or the matrix algebra of Werner Heisenberg.
- 28 M.G., A Survey of the photochemistry of the *ortho*-fused bezzocycloalkenes, UNB thesis, 1972. page 46.
ProQuest Dissertations and Theses; 1972; ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global UMI Number: DC54154
- 29 Quartz spectral cell. Chapter 6.
- 30 The historically-used phototube might now be replaced with other light-measuring devices.
- 31 Beckman DU 1941→1976. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DU_spectrophotometer
- 32 = 2.71828 . . . – see William K. Morrill, *Calculus*, D.Van Nostrand Company, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey . . . , 1956, page 125 *et seq.*
- 33 <https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/e-eulers-number.html> <https://www.mathsisfun.com/algebra/logarithms.html>
- 34 https://www.amazon.ca/i-Story-Number-ebook/dp/B003VIWZ8I/ref=pd_sbsd_14_2/143-3268445-8463047?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B003VIWZ8I&pd_rd_r=49d09250-f8bf-49d4-b2f9-46fd671c420a&pd_rd_w=WucJv&pd_rd_wg=tygY4&pf_rd_p=f30c29c2-eb2e-4217-8f50-c1711db4eaba&pf_rd_r=MVGQZ7JP78XHX7ZKH6TV&psc=1&refRID=MVGQZ7JP78XHX7ZKH6TV
- 35 Napier. \log_{10} \log_e . Chapters 3 & 6.
- 36 Jack G. Calvert and James N. Pitts, Jr., *PHOTOCHEMISTRY*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, 1966; page 21.
- 37 C.A. Parker, *Photoluminescence of Solutions / With Applications to Photochemistry and Analytical Chemistry*, ELSEVIER, Amsterdam . . . , 1968; page 16, *et seq.*

- 38 *extinction coefficient = absorbtivity*. ϵ Chapters 6 & 8.
- 39 Here as \log_e – elsewhere often as \log_{10} . – base e – base 10.
- 40 $\ln x = \log_e x = 2.302585093 \times \log_{10} x$
- 41 Napier. $\log_{10} \log_e$. Chapters 3 & 6.
- 42 “Spectroscopy/Molecular energy levels”; Wikiversity; April 2020.
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Main_Page
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Spectroscopy/Molecular_energy_levels
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Spectroscopy/Rotational_spectroscopy
<https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Welcome>
- 43 M.G., “A Survey of the photochemistry of the *ortho*-fused benzocycloalkenes,” UNB thesis, 1972. page 17.
- 44 *Ortho*-fused benzocyclooctene <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetralin>
- 45 *Orthofused-benzocycloalkene*. M.G., “A Survey of the photochemistry of the *ortho*-fused benzocycloalkenes,” UNB thesis, 1972. *ProQuest Dissertations and Theses*; 1972; ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global UMI Number DC54154
- 46 M.G., UNB, 1972, pages ii and 3. Abstract and molecular structures.
- 47 M.G., UNB, 1972, page 94. UV spectrum. Fluorescence spectrum.
- 48 M.G., UNB, 1972, pages 103 and 104. Phosphorescence spectra.
- 49 M.G., UNB, 1972, page 26. Quantum yield.
- 50 *Orthofused-benzocycloalkene*. M. Grossman, R. Kubela, G.P. Semeluk, and I. Unger, “Spectrofluorometric Studies. XI. Some Aspects of the Photochemistry of Ortho-fused Benzocycloalkenes,” Department of Chemistry, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick; *Canadian Journal of Chemistry*, 50, 3298 (1972), pages 3298→3303.
<https://www.nrcresearchpress.com/doi/pdf/10.1139/v72-528>
- 51 *Ortho*-fused benzocyclohexene *tetrahydroanthralene tetralin* CAS 119-64-2 132.2 g/mol
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetralin> <http://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/Tetralin>
- 52 *Ortho*-fused benzocyclopentene *indane* CAS 496-11-7 118.176 g/mol.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indane>
- 53 UV absorption, fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy. Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19.
 UV absorption spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.3.1. The related fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.19. Some of the cited literature references apply for both Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19. Some of the Figs. are relevant to both Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19.
- 54 <https://vdocuments.site/systematic-nomenclature-of-organic-chemistry-.html>
- 55 <https://vdocuments.site/systematic-nomenclature-of-organic-chemistry-.html>
- 56 *Orthofused-benzocycloalkene*. -alkene -pentene -hexene -octene Sections 6.3.1 & 6.19. (See Fig. 6.36.)

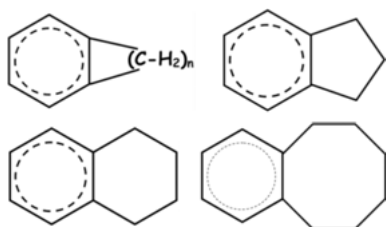


Fig. 6.36: Benzocycloalkenes.

- 57 See also: C. M. Humby, G. P. Semeluk and R. D. S. Stevens (1970) The Vapour Phase U.V. Spectra of Oriho Fused Benzocycloalkenes, *Spectroscopy Letters*, 3:4–5, 99–114, DOI: 10.1080/00387017008076300

- 58 <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/1-phenylnaphthalene>
<https://www.alfa.com/en/catalog/B21953/>
- 59 *1-phenylnaphthalene* 204.272 g/mol. CAS 605-02-7
- 60 NIST UV-visible spectrum <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/inchi?ID=C605027&Mask=400>
 UV absorption spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.2.1. The related fluorescence and phosphorescence spectroscopy is dealt with in Section 6.15.1. Some of the cited literature references apply for both Sections 6.2.1 & 6.15.1. Some of the Figs. are relevant to both Sections 6.2.1 & 6.15.1.
- 61 NIST Chemistry WebBook, SRD 69, National Institute of Standards and Technology, US Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899
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<https://www.nist.gov/topics/data/public-access-nist-research/copyright-fair-use-and-licensing-statements-srd-data-and>
- 62 *DMS / UV ATLAS of Organic Compounds / Vol. II*; Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, and Butterworths, London; 1966; E1/2.
 $\lambda = 289 \text{ nm}$. $\epsilon_{\lambda=289\text{nm}} \approx 9\,000$ (litres / mol cm) [\log_{10}]
- 63 $\Delta E = h\nu = hc / \lambda = hc\bar{\nu}$
 $\bar{\nu} = 1 / \lambda$
 $\bar{\nu} = 1 / 289 \text{ nm} = 1 / .000289 \text{ cm} = 34,602.076 \text{ 1/cm} \approx 34,600 \text{ 1/cm}$
- 64 – well, almost always: the subtle mirror image difference mentioned in 4.5 would theoretically produce an identical *energy level diagrams*.
- 65 <https://microbenotes.com/uv-spectroscopy-principle-instrumentation-applications/#:~:text=Principle%20of%20UV%20Spectroscopy,-Basically%2C%20spectroscopy%20is&text=When%20ultraviolet%20radiations%20are%20ab>
 sorbed,towards%20a%20higher%20energy%20state.&text=The%20absorption%20of%20ultra
 violet%20light,the%20identification%20of%20the%20compound.
- 66 <https://www.slideshare.net/mariomS7/uvvis-spectroscopy>
- 67 – that is, light of a **single wavelength**. Real practice approximates this with a narrow band of wavelengths. Typically, naturally observed light is *polychromatic* – i.e., light of many wavelengths, mixed together – often called *white* light. *Monochromatic* light is achieved with spectral instrumentation – such as the diffraction grating mentioned here.
- 68 Definition as used here *white light* = light of all wavelengths in the region of interest – here: UV and visible.
- 69 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xenon_arc_lamp
- 70 <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/refract>
<https://www.yourdictionary.com/diffraction>
https://www.ncnr.nist.gov/programs/CHRNS/pdf/Diffraction_of_Light.pdf
<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/waves/Lesson-3/Reflection,-Refraction,-and-Diffraction>
- 71 <https://www.spectroscopyonline.com/view/prisms>
- 72 See: Hazel Rossotti, *COLOUR / Why The World Isn't Grey*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540; 1983; ISBN 0-691-02386-7; at page 61.
<https://press.princeton.edu/books/paperback/9780691023861/colour>
- 73 This diagram is to describe concept; it is schematic; it is not to scale, nor in proportion; it is not as an engineering plan or design; none of its parts are presented here as an engineering plan or design.
- 74 The *white light* source, shown schematically, may include parabolic & other reflectors, lenses and slits that would help produce parallel *white light* rays narrowly directed towards the lens and slit system of the spectrometer, in front of the prism. Light rays are actually refracted as both entering and leaving the prism; shown here only as on entering.

75 (See Fig. 6.37.)

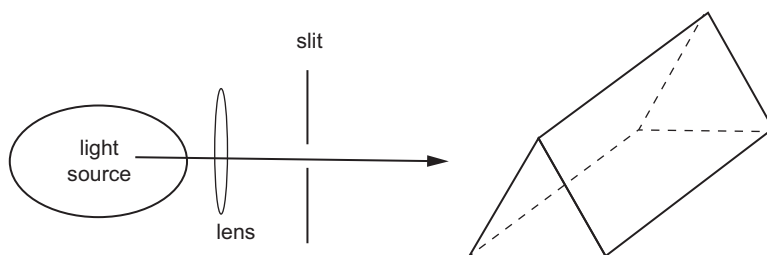


Fig. 6.37: Prism.

- 76 The lens and slit system of the *spectrometer*, just before the *white light* enters the prism, shown schematically, is also intended to produce parallel rays narrowly directed into the prism. In the prism, it is refracted; various wavelengths at slightly different angles.
- 77 The *white light* source, if a high-pressure Hg–Xe electric arc lamp would have a broad emission spectrum, that would likely be reported by the manufacturer, and could be verified by the *spectrometer* as without the sample to be examined. If of low pressure, only the Hg emission lines would appear. Other light source systems are possible, including LASER systems.
- 78 See: Jack G. Calvert and James N. Pitts, Jr., *PHOTOCHEMISTRY*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, 1966; page 6; page 725.
- 79 C.A. Parker, *Photoluminescence of Solutions / With Applications to Photochemistry and Analytical Chemistry*, ELSEVIER, Amsterdam ..., 1968; page 131, *et seq.*
See also: Rainwater, Zim, Perlman, cited below, pages 3, 43; & Rossotti, cited below, page 23.
- 80 Since in real life the two cells may be less than totally transparent (and there may be light reflection and scattering), the fact that they are matched allows for an assumption that they are completely transparent.
- 81 Since in real life the solvent may be less than totally transparent (and there may be light reflection and scattering), the same solvent in each of the two cells allows for an assumption of complete transparency (analogous to the matched cells). If the solvent absorbs significantly, then maintaining accurate intensity measurements can, in practice, become very difficult, or impossible.
- 82 See Jack G. Calvert and James N. Pitts, Jr., *Photochemistry*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, . . ., 1966, pages 170→173, particularly Eq.3–41.
- 83 – although the value of ϵ can also play a role in identification.
- 84 For a general reference see also Howard A. Strobel, *Chemical Instrumentation / A Systematic Approach to Instrumental Analysis*, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc., Reading, Massachusetts and London, England, 1960; Section 6-2, Beer's law, pages 150→155.
- 85 Quartz spectral cell. Chapter 6.
- 86 Cyclohexane. CAS 110-82-7 C_6H_{12} 84.162 g/mol chair and boat configurations (See Fig. 6.38.)



Fig. 6.38: Cyclohexane.

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclohexane#:~:text=Cyclohexane%20is%20a%20cycloalkane%20with,which%20it%20is%20sometimes%20used>).
- 87** Cyclohexane. Chair and boat. CAS 110-82-7 C₆H₁₂. Chapters 4 & 6.
- 88** *1-phenylnaphthalene* Solvent = “Light petroleum b.p. 100–120°”
- 89** See note above for *1-phenylnaphthalene*. Care should be taken to determine if the literature reports ϵ as for \log_e or \log_{10} . It does not matter which, except that it must be consistent as for this experiment.
- 90** – for which there need not be concern about \log_e or \log_{10} (see note above), except if ϵ is to be reported for use elsewhere.
- 91** See Howard A. Strobel, *Chemical Instrumentation / A Systematic Approach to Instrumental Analysis*, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc., Reading, Massachusetts and London, England, 1960; Chapter 6–4, Sources of error, pages 159→167.
- 92** See:
 – <https://www.mcgill.ca/oss/article/did-you-know-history/breathalyzer-there-was-drunkometer#:~:text=The%20first%20stable%20breathalyzer%20for,breath%20and%20acidified%20potassium%20permanganate>
- 93** – Richard Saferstein, *CRIMINALISTICS / An Introduction to Forensic Science*, Seventh Edition, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458; 2001; ISBN 0-13-013827-4; Chapter 10, FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY, page 265 *et seq.*; Chapter 5, ORGANIC ANALYSIS, page 136 *et seq.*
- 94** See: Walter J. Moore, *Physical Chemistry*, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1962 and 1963, pages 595 and 596.
- 95** – still an oversimplification that is good enough to explain the concepts needed here.
- 96** EM radiation. Photon. UV. IR. Chapters 3, 4, 6.
- 97** Karen Feinstein, *Guide to Spectroscopic Identification of Organic Compounds*, CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 33431; 1995; ISBN 0-8493-9448-1.
<https://www.amazon.com/Guide-Spectroscopic-Identification-Organic-Compounds/dp/0849394481>
<https://ulyse.univ-lorraine.fr/discovery/fulldisplay/alma991002610409705596/>
- 98** Hydrogen Bromide H Br CAS 10035-10-6
- 99** <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C10035106&Mask=80>
<https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?Spec=C10035106&Index=0&Type=IR&Large=on>
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- 101** <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C10035106&Mask=80>
- 102** See also: Gordon M. Barrow, *Introduction to Molecular Spectroscopy*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, . . ., 1962, FIG.7–3, page 137 – showing transition from 0 → 1 vibrational levels, for various rotational levels of H Br gas – related to the molecular linear stretching vibration.
- 103** This IR spectrum is of *cocaine* – non-ionized form.
- 104** NIST IR spectrum <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C50362&Mask=80>
<https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?Spec=C50362&Index=0&Type=IR&Large=on>
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- 106** See also: Terry Mills III and J. Conrad Roberson, Division of Forensic Sciences, Georgia State Crime Laboratory, Atlanta, *Instrumental Data for Drug Analysis*, Second Edition, Volume 1; Elsevier, New York, 1987, pages 524 and 525. For another example – *tetrahydrocannabinol* – see Volume 3, page 2195.
- 107** Cocaine. CAS 53-21-4 CAS 50-36-2. Chapter 4, 6, 10.
- 108** See: Brian C. Smith, *Fundamentals of Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, . . ., 1996, pages 42 and 43.
- 109** For a general treatment of FTIR see Smith, *Fundamentals* . . .
- 110** Smith, pages 8 and 9.
- 111** [https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry_Textbook_Maps/Supplemental_Modules_\(Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry\)/Spectroscopy/Vibrational_Spectroscopy/Infrared_Spectroscopy/How_an_FTIR_Spectrometer_Operates](https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry_Textbook_Maps/Supplemental_Modules_(Physical_and_Theoretical_Chemistry)/Spectroscopy/Vibrational_Spectroscopy/Infrared_Spectroscopy/How_an_FTIR_Spectrometer_Operates)
- 112** See: Mills and Roberson. See Smith, *Fundamentals* . . ., Preface.
- 113** See Smith, *Fundamentals* . . ., pages 88→93.
- 114** See Smith, *Fundamentals* . . ., pages 93→97.
- 115** Plough Inc., CAS 8012-95-1
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nujol> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nujol>
<https://www.bluffton.edu/homepages/facstaff/bergerd/classes/CEM222/Handouts/nujol.pdf>
<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/search?term=Nujol&interface=All&N=0&mode=partialmax&lang=en®ion=CA&focus=product>
- 116** K Br. Nujol. IR. Chapters 5 & 6.
- 117** [https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Analytical_Chemistry/Book%3A_Physical_Methods_in_Chemistry_and_Nano_Science_\(Barron\)/04%3A_Chemical_Speciation/4.02%3A_IR_Spectroscopy](https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Analytical_Chemistry/Book%3A_Physical_Methods_in_Chemistry_and_Nano_Science_(Barron)/04%3A_Chemical_Speciation/4.02%3A_IR_Spectroscopy)
<https://www.specac.com/en/documents/user-manuals/2i-03950-2-user-care-guide-for-7-mm-pellet-die-asse>
- 118** – being careful that it is dry – no water H₂O – so as to not dissolve and damage the Na Cl disks.
- 119** See Brian C. Smith, *Fundamentals of Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, . . ., 1996, Chapter 5, “Quantitative Analysis,” particularly pages 145→149.
- 120** – for comparison with the literature.
- 121** See, for example, for electrochemical and infrared analyses: *INTOX EC/IR II BREATH TEST OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL*, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Breath Alcohol Section, July 2008; Richmond, Virginia, 23219.
<https://www.dfs.virginia.gov/laboratory-forensic-services/breath-alcohol/publications-and-resources/instructionalmanualintoxecirii/>
<https://www.dfs.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/InstructionalManualIntoxECIRII.pdf>
- 122** See, . . . *Manual*, Virginia . . . 2008; at pages 23, 24, 25; Figures 9 and 10.
- 123** <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C64175&Type=IR-SPEC&Index=2>
- 124** “Chromatography” is related to “colour” – see *The Oxford English Dictionary / Second Edition*, Vol.III, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1989, page 185.
- 125** From an older-style fountain pen.
- 126** For a fuller treatment of TLC, see:
 – John Kenkel, *Analytical chemistry refresher manual*, Lewis Publishers, Chelsea, Michigan, 1992, pages 215→218; and pages 214→286 concerning chromatography more generally.

- Brian H. Kaye, *Science and the Detective / Selected Reading in Forensic Science*, VCH Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, Weinheim, Germany, 1995, pages 114→118.

Julian Tyson, *ANALYSIS / What Analytical Chemists Do*, Royal Society of Chemistry Paperbacks, Cambridge CB4 4WF; 1988, 1994; ISBN 0-85186-463-5; page 143, *et seq.*

- 127 Although they can be easily made in the lab – the silica gel or alumina coating is spread onto the glass in water suspension and then dried in an oven – these plates are commonly purchased in quantity ready to use – for example: See *MANDEL SCIENTIFIC COMPANY 1985* catalogue, Rockwood, Ontario NOB 2K0, for different kinds of plates of several manufacturers, pages 195→199. See also Kuranz – cited in Chapter 5.
- 128 TLC. Chapters 3 & 6.
- 129 Perhaps in a solvent of the mix that is to be the mobile phase.
- 130 The handling and evaporation of these solvent require appropriate work place health and safety precautions – and therefore reference to the SDSs.
- 131 SDS. Chapters 1 & 6.
- 132 This diagram is sketched to show concept – it is not of a real experiment.
- 133 For a fuller treatment see John Kenkel, *Analytical chemistry refresher manual*, Lewis Publishers, Chelsea, Michigan, 1992, Chapter 9 (pages 225–259).
- 134 Kenkel, page 235. This version of GC is also called gas liquid chromatography to indicate that the stationary phase is a liquid.
- 135 This may be seen by examining *retention times* tabulated for various substances in Gunter Zweig and Joseph Sherma, Eds.-in-Chief, *CRC Handbook Series in Chromatography*, CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 1972 – *e.g.*, Section A, Volume I, Table GC 21, page 26.
- 136 Although they can be made in the lab, these columns are commonly purchased ready for use – *e.g.*, see *MANDEL SCIENTIFIC COMPANY 1985* catalogue, Rockwood, Ontario NOB 2K0, pages 223 and 224.
- 137 Detector Signal strength is proportional to the quantity under the peak detected
 Detector Signal strength = moles detected × k
 Where k is a constant for the GC set-up, determined by independent calibration experiment.
- 138 See, for example: Diane L. Phillips, Ian R. Tebbett, Roger L. Bertholf, “Comparison of HPLC and GC-MS for Measurement of Cocaine and Metabolites in Human Urine,” *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*, Vol. 20, September 1996, pages 305→308, at page 306, Figure 2.
- 139 Sketched here in an idealized and simplified way (including that the peaked curves would not actually be so exactly symmetrical).
- 140 The treatment here is idealized for purposes of simple explanation – in practice other factors and complications can arise – see Kenkel – cited above in 6.5.1 – for a fuller treatment.
- 141 The treatment here is idealized for purposes of simple explanation – in practice other factors and complications can arise – see Kenkel – cited above in 6.5.1 – for a fuller treatment.
- 142 <http://aboutforensics.co.uk/mass-spectrometry/>
- 143 Gregg Herken, *Brotherhood of the Bomb / the tangled lives and loyalties of Robert Oppenheimer, Ernest Lawrence, and Edward Teller*, Henry Holt and Company, New York City, 10011; 2002; ISBN 0-8050-6588-1; page 45.
- 144 Thomas Powers, *HEISENBERG’S WAR / The Secret History of the German Bomb*, BACK BAY BOOKS, Little, Brown and Company, Boston, . . ., 1993; ISBN 0-316-71623-5.
- 145 Mention about Third Reich mass spectral possibilities. Powers, page 445.
- 146 The treatment here is idealized for purposes of simple explanation – in practice other factors and complications can arise – for a fuller treatment. See:
 – John Kenkel, *Analytical chemistry refresher manual*, Lewis Publishers, Chelsea, Michigan, 1992, Chapter 6.7, pages 162→165.

- Richard Saferstein, "Forensic Applications of Mass Spectrometry," as Chapter 3 in Richard Saferstein, ed., *Forensic Science Handbook* [Volume I], Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1982; pages 92→138.
- 147 –that is, made into charged particles.
- 148 The lines of force of that magnetic field are at right angles to the ions = initial lines-of-flight.
- 149 This ratio is the molar mass of the fragment divided by its charge. Since these are positive ions, z is >0 in multiples of the unit charge of an electron e^- – so that z is a small positive integer: usually +1 or +2; most usually +1. When $z = +1$, the ratio is then simply the molar mass; when $z = +2$, it is half the molar mass.
- 150 Mike Sargent (Ed.), *Guide to achieving reliable quantitative LC-MS measurements*, RSC Analytical Methods Committee, United Kingdom National Measurement System; 2013; ISBN 978-0-948926-27-3.
http://www.lgcgroup.com/our-science/national-measurement-laboratory/publications-and-resources/good-practice-guides/guide-to-achieving-reliable-quantitative-lc-ms-me/#.WM71_WcHx8
http://www.lgcgroup.com/LGCGroup/media/PDFs/Our%20science/NMI%20landing%20page/Publications%20and%20resources/Guides/AMC_LCMS_Guide.pdf
- 151 This sketched diagram is to describe general concept; not to scale; not drawn at to represent any particular real molecule.
- 152 The heights are proportional to quantity.
- 153 Relative Intensity v m/z = mass to charge ratio
- 154 <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C10035106&Mask=200#Mass-Spec>
<https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?Spec=C10035106&Index=0&Type=Mass&Large=on>
- 155 NIST Chemistry WebBook, SRD 69, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY, US Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899
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- 156 Brookhaven National Laboratory – Chart of Nuclides <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/chart/>
- 157 – see Chart of Nuclides:
 ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{71}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{72}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{73}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{74}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{75}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{76}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{77}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{78}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{79}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{80}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{81}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{82}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{83}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{84}$
 ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{85}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{86}$ ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{87}$
<https://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nudat2/reCenter.jsp?z=35&n=44>
- 158 <https://education.jlab.org/itselemental/iso035.html>
 [. .]
- Isotopes With A Known Natural Abundance**
Mass Number Natural Abundance Half-life
 79 50.69% STABLE
 81 49.31% STABLE
 [. .]
- 159 ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{79}$ $m = 79$
 ${}_{1}\text{H}^1 - {}_{35}\text{Br}^{79}$ $m = 80$
 ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{81}$ $m = 81$
 ${}_{1}\text{H}^1 - {}_{35}\text{Br}^{81}$ $m = 82$
- 160 <https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=1972-08-3+&Units=SI>
<https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C1972083&Units=SI&Mask=200#Mass-Spec>
<https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?Spec=C1972083&Index=0&Type=Mass&Large=on>

161 National Institute of Standards and Technology, US Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899.

<http://nist.gov/> <http://webbook.nist.gov/>

162 Cocaine CAS 50-36-2 303.36 g/mol

163 $m/z = \text{mass} / \text{charge}$.

164 The x-axis of the mass spectrum print-out, such as sketched here, only for one fragment, would be calibrated as for m/z . It would be most conveniently read as for $z = +1$.

165 The y-axis would indicate relative abundances of various fragments; not used in this calculation, except for the existence of the fragment. The y values shown here are contrived for convenience of example.

166 (See Fig. 6.39.)



Fig. 6.39: Electron impact.

167 1 eV = 1 electron volt

= energy acquired by an electron when accelerated through 1 volt

= 1.60×10^{-19} joule

= $.3824 \times 10^{-19}$ calorie.

168 This is a sketch to where the m/z MS peak would look like; not an actual spectrum.

169 Sargent (Ed.), *Guide . . .* pages 10, 60.

170 “. . . The traditional approach to mass spectrometry involves scanning a wide mass range to obtain a mass spectrum. However, for LC-MS applications QqQ instruments are typically operated in selected reaction monitoring (SRM) mode which is also called multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) by some suppliers. This involves continuously monitoring a small number of selected transitions (*i.e.* mass numbers) for each analyte, typically one precursor ion to a couple of product ions. . . .”

171 This involves the separated components from the sample mixture, delivered from the GC or LC line, being fragmented at MS entry by a method milder than electron impact, so that there only perhaps one or two fragment ions, which are characterized by m/z . The molecules are thus characterized by these m/z and the chromatograph retention times, and subsequently identified in a large computer-stored library. This is a reasonably good and reliable method.

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[...]

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[...]

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[. . .]

Definitions**84 (1)** In this Part,

[. . .]

prohibited weapon means

(a) a knife that has a blade that opens automatically by gravity or centrifugal force or by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife, or

(b) any weapon, other than a firearm, that is prescribed to be a prohibited weapon;

[. . .]

- 217 Text from a disclosure request letter – while the letter itself is a good candidate for simply being successfully ignored – a plea bargain beneficial to the accused might still result:
 [. . .]

- 218 . . . Crown,
 [. . .]

Toronto. . . .

RE: *R* v . . .

[. . .]

“butterfly knife – centrifugal force?

[. . .]

- 219 Our discussions at the judicial pre-trial, . . . July, included several issues, including one that we agreed was of lesser importance. In that context, here is my position on that issue:
 For disclosure and evidence, the Crown should provide a scientific or engineering description of how the “butterfly knife,” allegedly associated with my client,¹ would be “. . . a knife

that has a blade that opens automatically by gravity or centrifugal force or by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife . . . ”²

In doing so, I would suggest that the Crown would have to explain how the “butterfly knife” would be opened by a mechanism or process of *gravitational* or *centrifugal force*, rather than *impulse force*. To do this, I would suggest that the Crown would have to present a proper forensic report, by a properly qualified person, cross-examinable, who had studied physics or engineering, and the relevant English language terminology.

– According to the *OED*³ *centrifugal force* is a force “ . . . with which a body moving round a centre tends to fly off from the centre . . . ”

– According to Resnick & Halliday,⁴ and Tipler,^{5 6} *centrifugal force* is a *pseudo* or *fictitious* force, from the point of view an observer in a non-inertial frame; and there is a centripetal acceleration vector directed towards the centre.^{7 8 9 10}

As a general description, consider a mass *m*, attached to a strong massless string of radius *r*, rotating about a centre point, with a tangential velocity *v* (See Fig. 6.40). Thus:

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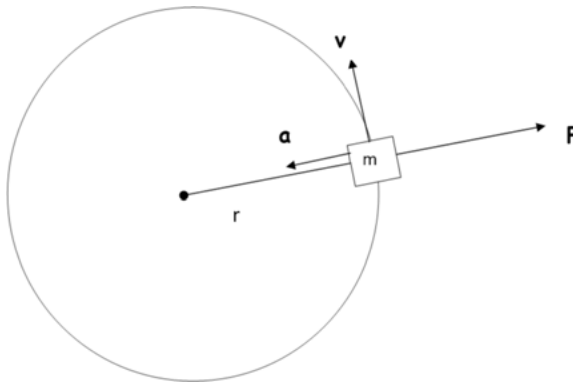


Fig. 6.40: Centrifugal force.

221 *centrifugal force* = mass × velocity² / radius

$$F = m v^2 / r \text{ (nt)} = (\text{kg}) \times (\text{m/sec})^2 / (\text{m}).$$

– A *gravitational force*^{11 12} would be experienced by a mass as an attraction between its centre of gravity towards that of the earth:¹³

222 (See Fig. 6.41.)



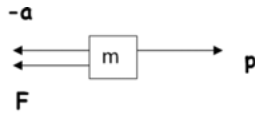
Fig. 6.41: m & F.

223 $F = m g = m \times 9.81 \text{ (nt)} = (\text{kg}) \times (\text{m/s}^2).$

– An *impulse force* would be experienced on a moving mass of momentum = *p* = *m v*, where there is a change in momentum.¹⁴

An *impulse force* would result from a mass moving along a straight line and being stopped¹⁵ in a short time *t*:

224 (See Fig. 6.42.)



$$\mathbf{p} = m \mathbf{v}$$

$$(d\mathbf{p}/dt) = m \times (d\mathbf{v}/dt) = m \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{F} \quad (\text{kg}) \times (\text{m}/\text{sec})/(\text{sec}) = (\text{nt}).$$

Fig. 6.42: $\mathbf{P} = m\mathbf{v}$.

225 – Other possible forces could be those of a *coil spring*^{16 17 18} or of an *expanding gas*^{19 20 21} in a piston, but these would be most unlikely to be of consideration here.

The Crown seems to have suggested that a police officer opening a knife with a flick would be sufficient to demonstrate *centrifugal* force. I would not agree. And that a flick would not necessarily be *centrifugal force* would be at issue before the court.

The defence position is that if the Crown is to eventually persuade the court that the “butterfly knife” is a “prohibited weapon,” within the meaning of the *Criminal Code*, it must do so with a consideration of the actual physics and engineering meaning of the English language words “centrifugal,” “pseudo” and “fictitious.” And it should do so with a witness who would have done a properly documented forensic study in a quality assured environment such as for ISO/IEC 17025: 2005.^{22,23}

I look forward to your comments and corrections to what I have suggested above. Thank You.

M . . . G . . . ,
Barrister & Solicitor.
Toronto,
. . . July 2009.

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10 The convention of the physics texts is used here that lighter typeface is used for scalar quantities – such as mass m – and heavier typeface is used for vectors – such as velocity \mathbf{v} . The arrow \rightarrow shows the direction of the vector.

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19 . . . $P = \mathbf{F} / A = (nRT / V)$

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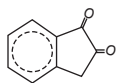


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car speed = 15.946 x (drag constant x skid distance)^{1/2} (km/hr)
that was said to be usable to calculate a car's speed from its visible tire skid marks and an experimentally found drag constant.
When the wheels lock and the skid starts – leaving a mark on the horizontal road surface – the frictional drag of the tires on the road will cause the car to decelerate in a straight line. The constant frictional drag force = - f = m × a = (w/g) × a
where: f = frictional drag force
m = car mass
a = acceleration (the car's deceleration = -a)
w = car weight
g = acceleration of gravity = 9.81 metres/sec²
Therefore: the car's deceleration = - a = - f × g/w [eq.1]³
Now, in general,
an accelerating body, here the car, may be described by: v_t = v_{t=0} + (a x t) [eq.2]
where: v_{t=0} = initial velocity
v_t = velocity at time t
t = time
When the wheels lock and the car starts into the skid, its velocity, which is sought to be calculated here v_{t=0}. The velocity when the car skids to a stop = velocity at time t = v_t = 0. Thus, 0 = v_{t=0} + (-a x t) [eq.3]
Combining equations [1] and [3]: v_{t=0} = f g t / w [eq.4]

During the time it takes to stop, the car will have an average velocity

$$= 1/2 \times (v_{t=0} + v_t) = 1/2 \times (v_{t=0} + 0) = v_{t=0} / 2 \text{ [eq.5]}$$

Now, in general:

$$\text{average velocity} = \text{distance (metres)} / \text{time (seconds)} = \text{length of skid} / t \text{ [eq.6]}$$

$$\text{Combining equations [5] and [6]: length of skid} / t = v_{t=0} / 2$$

$$t = 2 \times \text{length of skid} / v_{t=0} \text{ [eq.7]}$$

Combining equations [4] and [7]:

$$v_{t=0} = (f \times g \times 2 \times \text{length of skid} / w)^{1/2}$$

$$v_{t=0} = (f \times 9.81 \times 2 \times \text{length of skid} / w)^{1/2} \text{ [eq.8]}$$

Now, the frictional drag force results from the friction between the tires and the road, and would be expected to be a constant, here called the drag constant = f / w [eq.9]

This is a property between two material surfaces pressed against each other and may be measured by separate experiment.

Thus combining equations [8] and [9]:

the velocity of the car when it started into the skid

$$= (2 \times 9.81 \times \text{drag constant} \times \text{length of skid})^{1/2} \text{ (metres/second) [eq.10]}$$

$$= (2 \times 9.81 \times \text{drag constant} \times \text{length of skid})^{1/2} \times (60 \times 60 / 1000) \text{ (km/hr) [eq.11]}$$

$$= 15.946 \times (\text{drag constant} \times \text{length of skid})^{1/2} \text{ (km/hr) [eq.12]}^4$$

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371 the *lens* is sketched here as a single thin lens, but is actually often/usually a *lens* system of substantial complexity.

372 “ / ” here is to indicate mathematical division;).

373 “ / ” here is to indicate mathematical division;).

374 Sometimes *f* is represented as *f*

375 “ / ” here is **not** to indicate mathematical division;).

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Chapter 7

When

[. . .]
“ . . . *these two [stab] wounds . . .* ” . . . [1, 2, 3, 4]
[. . .]
“ . . . *the man was already dead . . .* ” [5]
[. . .]
*From the breast pocket . . . a gold watch . . . case . . . dented
savagely . . . hands pointed to a quarter past one.
. . . “ . . . the hour of the crime . . . ”* [6]
[. . .]
[Agatha Christie, *Murder on the Orient Express*, 1934.] [7,]

7.1 When – time: chemical kinetics

Time is of special concern in much of human culture [8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17].^{1,2} The very concept of history is of time. So too for forensic science.

Time is a special kind of quantification for aspects of the human stories that forensic science – particularly here as analytical chemistry – can help explain. This is related to the *chemical kinetics* [18, 19] of processes studied by the forensic chemist. Chemical kinetics deals with the times taken for various quantities or concentrations of reactants, intermediates and final products to be depleted and created. This is related to the *reactions in progress* mentioned previously.³ [20]⁴

Thus, the forensic chemist might be able to use a chemical reaction as a kind of clockwork [21, 22] or calendar to help determine the *when* [23] of a human story. The face of the clock or calendar pages (to continue the metaphor) would be the quantities or concentrations of chemical substances measured as created or depleted, as at a time $t = t$, advancing from a start time of $t_0 = 0$.

However, a chemical kinetic accounting of forensic measurements can be very complex, so that empirical methods – estimated conclusions from other experimental observations – would usually be required. The difficulty would arise not only from the often unknown details of the complexities of the chemical reaction mechanism but also from various and changing conditions of temperature, humidity, concentration, isolation of the sample, geometry, the container and contamination for the samples being examined.

1 When. Chemical kinetics. Reactions in progress. Chapters 2, 4, 7.

2 Time scale. Chapters 5 & 7.

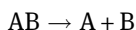
3 Chemical kinetics. Reactions in progress. Chapter 2, 4, 7.

4 Energy. Thermodynamics. Entropy. “Time’s Arrow” Chapter 4, 6, 7.

However, a review of some of the very fundamentals of kinetic theory would be helpful for understanding:

7.2 Fundamentals of chemical kinetic theory

Consider a hypothetical molecule AB that, at appropriate conditions, undergoes a chemical reaction – a decomposition – to deplete the reactant AB and to create products A and B [24]:



Assume that N molecules [25, 26, 27] of AB as a gas are alone in a closed container at concentration and temperature high enough for the particles of that gas (the AB molecules) to collide with one another frequently. Also assume that the container is large enough for reaction with and at the container walls to be neglected. Also assume that temperature is high enough to allow breaches of vibration energy thresholds to break the A–B bond, so that the reaction proceeds. But low enough so that the AB does not decompose or oxidize or otherwise react than as written above. And, also assume that the reaction proceeds to near completion [28, 29], so that eventually nearly all of AB is gone. These may not be unusual assumptions for a theoretical model, rather than for an actual forensic problem.

In such hypothetical circumstances, this reaction's progress over time to deplete AB and to subsequently create A and B may be expressed. At a particular temperature:

$$-(d[AB]/dt) = + (d[A]/dt) = + (d[B]/dt) = k \times [AB]$$

where the symbols mentioned in this equation are given in Tab. 7.1.

Tab. 7.1: Chemical kinetic symbols.

$d[]/dt$	= the calculus [30] notation for the incremental time rate of change of a chemical concentration (mol/L s [31]).
[]	= <i>concentration</i> (mol/L). (For the symbolism here, the empty space within the square brackets would contain the designation of the substance of interest – so that, for example, [Cl ⁻] would represent the concentration of chloride ions measured in mol/L.)
t	= <i>time</i> (s) [32]
k	= <i>rate constant</i> (1/s)

This simple differential equation [33] may be solved by exact or approximate methods; k may be determined by independent experiment. With k known, the times t it took for AB to be depleted and for A to be created might be calculated.

Such reactions can analogously occur with AB as solute molecules in liquid solution [34], or in more complex ways for AB as a solid [35].

Decompositions, such as above, are only one of very many of kinds of chemical reactions [36] possible, occurring in many different ways, and often involving rather complex geometries, other reactants, catalysts [37] and multistep mechanisms. Their kinetic expressions may likewise be complex, often with multiple rate constants ($k_1, k_2, k_3, \dots, k_n$) and other factors, in complex mathematical expressions.

In practical terms, the complexities of chemical kinetics essentially mean that forensically usable systems – with mathematical expression – for which there is a detailed theoretical understanding would be rare. Fortunately, as indicated above, such details of theory would typically not be necessary to know, because an empirical (based on controlled and documented experimental experience) approach is sometimes possible, so that only a general understanding of kinetic concepts is needed – as, for example, when a pathologist makes a determination of time of death [38]. Unfortunately, for many, if not most, other forensic problems, reliable detailed kinetic determinations – neither theoretical nor empirical – would be known. Perhaps a most enticing – and elusive – forensic problem is dating when fingerprints were laid down.⁵

However, there is one forensically usable system for which theoretical details are not only well known, but are also relatively simple – presented as a further explanation of theory:

7.3 Carbon-14 dating

The forensic method for which theoretical details are well known is carbon-14 dating.^{6,7} [39, 40, 41, 42]⁸ It is useful both because of ease of measurement, and because the nuclear processes on which it is based are generally independent of the forensic sample's temperature, humidity, concentration and contamination.

Carbon-14 dating is usually associated with archaeology⁹ – rather than forensics – but the concepts are essentially the same. Carbon-14 might be relevant to help test for fraudulently claimed antiques.

Carbon-14 dating is useful for things containing organic chemical substances – such as wood, paper, cloth of natural source, leather, and human and animal remains. “Organic” here means composed of the mostly carbon and hydrogen atoms

5 Fingerprint probability. Chapters 1 & 4. Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6 & 9. Fingerprint when. Chapters 7 & 8.

6 Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

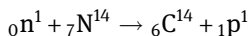
7 Isotope. Radioactive. Carbon-14. Chapters 4, 6, 7.

8 Shroud of Turin. Carbon-14. Preface 2. Chapters 3 & 7.

9 Archeology. Carbon-14. Chapters 2 & 7.

of organic chemistry; but these organics would also have been related to living systems.

The Earth's atmosphere is always bombarded by solar and cosmic radiation (somewhat directed by Earth's magnetic field). One result is a nuclear reaction in the atmosphere:¹⁰ [43, 44, 45, 46]



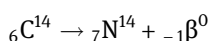
Where the symbols here are defined in Tab. 7.2.

Tab. 7.2: Atomic symbols.

n	= Neutron, atomic mass = 1 (g/mol), charge = 0.
N	= Nitrogen atom, atomic mass = 14 (g/mol), with 7 protons and 7 neutrons – this is the nitrogen isotope of predominant natural abundance on the Earth.
C	= Carbon atom, atomic mass = 14 (g/mol), with 6 protons and 8 neutrons – this carbon-14 is <u>not</u> the carbon isotope of predominant natural abundance (which is carbon-12) – carbon-14 abundance is rare on the Earth = $1 \times 10^{-10}\%$ [47, 48].
p	= Proton, atomic mass = 1 (g/mol), charge = +1.

The resulting carbon-14 combines chemically with oxygen in the atmosphere to form carbon dioxide CO₂, which is chemically essentially the same as for the more abundant – ~100% – carbon-12. CO₂, with both isotopic forms, mixed, interacts within the biosphere, so that C becomes incorporated into the biochemistry of plant tissue, by way of respiration. And, since animals eat plants, or eat other animals that have eaten plants, and there would also be exchanges with wastes and remains, both plants and animals have carbon-14-containing tissue – as a very small – but measurable – component of the total C.

But carbon-14 decays [49, 50]:



where: β = beta particle, atomic mass = 0, charge = -1. [51, 52, 53].

However, the decayed carbon-14 is always being replaced by fresh carbon-14 because living plants are always breathing, and living animals eating. Ideally, a steady-state concentration of carbon-14 is maintained – so long as the plant or animal lives. When they die, then there is no replacement carbon-14, and the remaining carbon-14 continues to decay. The carbon-14 concentration then decreases from the steady-state concentration that there was just before death.

10 Fundamental particles. Chapters 4 & 7.

Thus, kinetics for the above nuclear decay reaction can be used to determine the time since death. Since parts of previously living things are found archeologically, their time of death can help determine the when of a related story – of interest here, perhaps, of a human story.

A kinetic rate expression may be written and manipulated [54]:

$$-(d[C^*]/dt) = k \times [C^*]$$

$$\int (d[C^*]/[C^*]) = -k \int dt$$

where $[C^*]$ is the carbon-14 concentration.¹¹

Then

$$t = (1/k) \times \ln([C^*]_{t=0}/[C^*]) \quad [55]$$

where

$$[C^*]_{t=0} = [C^*]_0 \quad \text{at } t = 0$$

is a reference carbon-14 constant concentration over the time of the radiation bombardment of the Earth. (But $[C^*]_0$ is not really constant – see below.)

Define **half life**:

$t_{1/2}$ = the time it takes for half of the starting radioactive material to disappear.

$t_{1/2} = 5,730$ **years** = carbon-14 half-life determined by independent experiment.

$t_{1/2} = \ln(2/1)/k = 0.6931/k = 5,730$ [56, 57]

$1/k = 5,730/0.6931 = 8,267.21$

$t = 8,267 \times \ln([C^*]_0/[C^*])$ (years) [58]

Then: Knowing $[C^*]_0$ as a reference, and measuring $[C^*]$, t = time since death can be calculated.

In practice, $[C^*]_0$ and $[C^*]$ would not be known directly, but rather as proportions of the total carbon content of the samples for which the measurements would be made: $[C^*]_0/[C]_{\text{total}}$ and $[C^*]/[C]_{\text{total}}$ [59, 60]. An approximate sketch for carbon-14 exponential decay – for % of carbon-14 remaining – is shown in Fig. 7.1 [61].

To conveniently use carbon-14 for dating, $[C^*]_0/[C]_{\text{total}}$ should ideally be constant over the thousands of historical years for which the method is actually used. Reality is not so ideal – $[C^*]_0/[C]_{\text{total}}$ is not reliably constant, because the radiation flux and magnetic field may not be constant [62]. And, measurement is affected by the massive burning of fossil fuels since the later part of the eighteenth century (the industrial

¹¹ But beware about C^* symbolism – it has quite different definition/meaning in two unrelated contexts:

C^* = an asymmetric carbon – indicating chirality.

C^* = radioactivity of an atom – here carbon.

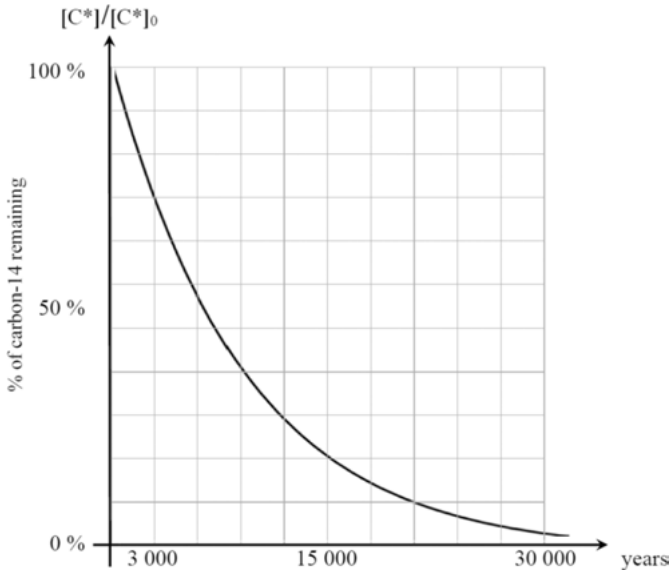


Fig. 7.1: Carbon-14 decay.

revolution's burning of coal would put much older carbon into the atmosphere; and more modern society also burns petroleum products) [63]; and because atomic bomb testing after WWII caused additional atmospheric radiation fluxes [64].

However, for particular time periods, $[C^*]_0/[C]_{\text{total}}$ can be set by calibration using artefacts of otherwise known human history (e.g., the binding or non-wood source [65] pages of an old book) or of otherwise known natural history (e.g., from identified tree rings [66]).

Although carbon-14 can often be used to determine t with reasonable accuracy – perhaps within a few percent [67] – care must be taken not to confuse t with the time ago of the related human story – they are not necessarily the same. As a fictitious example [68]: The carbon-14 dating of an ancient queen's wooden bowl might actually predate Her Majesty by decades, because, perhaps, wood of interior tree rings was used, or, perhaps, the wood – or the bowl itself – was somehow kept in storage for decades before her cipher was engraved into it. Care must also be taken to avoid errors that might be introduced into the measurement of t by the original craft processes – such as inlaying the bowl with wood of other source, or treating it with oils or colourants. Errors could also arise by environmental process, over the years, such as exposure to – and absorption of – the newer carbon of smoke.

There is ongoing controversy about the reliability of the carbon-14 dating of the Shroud of Turin.¹²

¹² Shroud of Turin. Carbon-14. Preface 2. Chapters 3 & 7.

7.4 About complex systems – empirically

As mentioned in above, the complex detail of kinetic theory is fortunately not always needed for chemical forensic determinations of time, because an empirical (based directly on documented experimental experience) approach may be possible. Such an empirical approach would need to be based only on a general understanding of kinetic concepts. Two examples:

7.4.1 Age of bread

Most everybody finds that bread tastes best just after it is baked; a day later, it may still taste good – but not as good (hence the day-old price reduction); within several days it becomes stale; and within several days more it may become mouldy [69]. It has aged with a sequence that could reveal an estimate of how old it is. In food science terms, a complex of biochemical reactions is occurring within the mixture of chemical compounds that comprise the bread, and between those compounds and things of the bread's environment (such as ambient moisture, oxygen, microorganisms (perhaps mould-causing), and photons from the sun). Also, the environment may influence these reactions in relation to catalytic factors, geometric shape, the container, barometric pressure and temperature; and insects and scavenging animals.

In principle, it is therefore possible to speak generally of bread ageing in terms of chemical kinetics. Such principle may be useful to the forensic scientist, even in the absence of chemical kinetic details. By an empirical approach, a forensic scientist (here best a food scientist), could experimentally produce a chart [70] of the some of the various stages of ageing of various kinds and brands of bread, with and without various preservatives, and under various conditions. Such a chart would also state defined protocols for scientific replication.

7.4.2 Pathology of time of death

More complex than bread, and compelling of more intense forensic attention, are dead human bodies. It is often possible to establish the time of death (*postmortem interval*) by applying the same general principles of chemical kinetic empirical observations, so that human [71] tissue decay, temperature [72] and parasite activity [73] may be indicators of time passage to a *forensic pathologist*. There is a substantial literature on the complex of pathological possibilities [74].

7.5 Examples

It may be worthwhile to try to apply, from general concept, new approaches to forensic problems. As with the examples of bread and human bodies, the details of complex chemical kinetic mechanisms may not need to be known. For example:

- “A Microspectrophotometric Method for Dating Ballpoint Inks – A Feasibility Study” [75];¹³
- “Determining the relative age of ball-point ink using a single solvent extraction mass-independent approach” [76];
- “Ink dating – the state of the art” [77];
- “A sequential multiple approach to determining the relative age of writing inks” [78];
- “Studies on Age Estimation Using Racemization of Aspartic Acid in Cementum” [79];
- “Kinetics of Ascorbic Acid Loss and Nonenzymatic Browning in Orange Juice Serum: Experimental Rate Constants” [80];
- “Initial Studies on Insect Succession on Carrion in Southwestern British Columbia” [81];
- “Estimating Maggot Age from Weight Using Inverse Prediction” [82];
- “Dating Flint Artifacts with Electron Spin Resonance: Problems and Prospects” [83, 84];
- Dating of ancient pottery by thermoluminescence [85];
- “Volume Traps – A New Retrospective Radon Monitor” [86];
- “Pollen key to discovering secret of mass grave in Magdenburg/New forensic method helps solve mystery of 32 young victims” [87].
- Use of dental x-ray to determine child age [88].
- Changes, over time, in materials used in art works [89, 90].
- And in fictional literature too:¹⁴ As in a story [91, 92] in which police forensics discovers a “nest of tiny spiders” in one of a pair of gloves – “Long time since a hand was in that glove” [93].

But, some research that would look promising and worthwhile does not yield hoped-for comprehensive results [94] – for example, the efforts to date fingerprints reported by E.R. Menzel [95, 96, 97, 98, 99]¹⁵ Although in principle, such dating, in some contexts, should be possible.

13 When. Ink. Chapters 2 & 7

14 Fictional literature. Ethylene glycol. CAS 107-21-1 Preface 2.2. Chapters 4 & 7.

15 Fingerprint probability. Chapters 1 & 4. Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6 & 9. Fingerprint when. Chapters 7 & 8.

7.6 Chemical markers of when (other than chemical kinetics)

So far, this chapter has dealt with determining the *when* of the human story by assuming that a chemical reaction progresses after an incident has occurred, and that the passage of time might be determined by consideration of chemical kinetics. But there is another possibility, not of *chemical kinetics*, to use chemical analysis to determine time – or time ranges.¹⁶ This relies on a known history of a chemical substance revealed by analysis – such substances might be called *chemical markers of when*.

As a fictitious example [100]: If a purported corporate share certificate were found to be printed with ink that was known to have not been manufactured until after the shares' supposed issue date, a forensic chemist should conclude that date is in contradiction – and a banker who allowed those shares as loan security might cry criminal fraud.

In this example, the *chemical marker* was the ink. In principle, anything manufactured can be, or contain, such *markers*. In Chapter 2, mention is made of manufacture history in the context of determining what an item is. That history might also be useful in determining the time range of manufacture – not before a certain date, and perhaps less likely after a certain date range.

Although the range might cover a lengthy period – for example, anything written with a ball point pen would likely have been done after about 1942, more probably after 1945, and more certainly not before 1939 [101] – it still might be a useful complement to other information.

To continue the example [102], if the ink manufacture and supply records show that the share certificate's ink was first formulated by the maker's chemists, during November 1995, and was first offered for sale to the printing industry the following month, any certificate with that ink purportedly issued before December 1995 should cause the loan banker very serious worry. If, however, in an alternative of the example, the records were to show that the ink was marketed between December 1932 and April 1933, and not afterwards, then the banker should still worry, but it would be possible for a certificate issued in 1996 to be genuine – printed from an old and until-then-forgotten can of that ink – further investigation would be appropriate.

Analogously, an environmental contamination might be dated [103].

7.7 Other than chemical markers of when

Chemical markers of when – other than of chemical kinetics – are mentioned above. The same concept of other markers might be considered even though not chemical. Two examples:

¹⁶ Manufacture history when. Chapters 2 & 7.

- In the *Crippen* murder case, a label found on a pyjama top, used to wrap a buried body part, was presented as evidence in court, London, 1910, of a date range [104, 105, 106, 107, 108].
- In a recent estate case, Ontario, evidence of fraud was accepted when expert evidence showed that the font came into use too late for it to have been honestly used for the questioned document [109, 110, 111, 112, 113].

7.8 Error

[. . .]

. . . “ . . . Clock overturned when he fell . . . the time of the crime . . . ”

[. . .]

. . . “But that clock, . . . always kept a quarter of an hour fast?”

[. . .]

[Agatha Christie, *Murder at the Vicarage*, 1930.] [114, 115]¹⁷

The indication in Chapter 2 that scientific quantification can sometimes be done with great accuracy, but often not, includes chemical kinetics, and error considerations dealt with in Chapter 8 should be applied [116, 117, 118]. That forensically applied chemical kinetics are usually empirically based (see above), rather than directly linked to theory, is an extra reason to take care. Also, as indicated above, care must be taken not to confuse a chemical kinetically determined t with the time ago of the related human story – they may be closely related – but are not necessarily the same.

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- 8 When. Chapters 2, 4, 7.

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- 20 In a philosophical sense “time’s arrow” may also be related to the thermodynamic concept of entropy.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entropy_\(arrow_of_time\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entropy_(arrow_of_time))
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- 25 For convenience, N may be assumed for purposes here to be of the order of magnitude of Avogadro’s number = $N_0 = 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 1 \text{ mol}$; for example = 18 g of water $\text{H}_2\text{O} \approx 18 \text{ mL}$.
- 26 Avogadro’s number. Chapters 3, 4, 7.
- 27 Symbol alert: The N and N_0 here refer to large numbers of atoms, molecules, particles; not to be confused with N for the nitrogen atom.
- 28 That is, the equilibrium constant = $K = \frac{[A] \times [B]}{[AB]}$ is very large and >1 .
- 29 Mole. Avogadro’s number. Chapters 3, 4, 7.
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- 31 Concerning moles see note above.
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- 42** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiocarbon_dating
- 43** submicroscopic particles: p⁺, electrons e⁻, neutrons n. Chapters 2, 4, 7.
- 44** Neutron. Atomic Number. Chapters 2, 4, 7.
- 45** ${}_6\text{C}^{12}$
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| C | = | Carbon. |
| [He] 2s ² 2p ² | = | electron configuration. |
| 12 | = | atomic mass number |
| 12.011 | = | atomic mass (g/mol). |
| 6 | = | atomic number. |
- 46** Periodic Table. Chart of Nuclides, Chapters 4 & 7.
- 47** Brookhaven National Laboratory – Chart of Nuclides <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/chart/>
- 48** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon-14>
- 49** See: Hiller and Herber, 1960; equation (16.34), at page 691.
- 50** For chemical kinetic observations it is always important to monitor temperature; however, not necessary here because this is a nuclear process.
- 51** β is beta particle, atomic mass number is 0, charge is -1.
Often written as β⁻ to show its minus 1 charge.
More completely written as ${}_{-1}\beta^0$.
- 52** A beta particle is the same as an electron:
 $m_e = 9.10938215 \times 10^{-31}$ kg, $m_p = 1.672621637 \times 10^{-27}$ kg
- 53** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beta_particle
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[https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Map%3A_Chemistry_-_The_Central_Science_\(Brown_et_al.\)](https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/General_Chemistry/Map%3A_Chemistry_-_The_Central_Science_(Brown_et_al.))
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- 60 Also, see, in analogy: Hiller and Herber, 1960; wherein Examples 16.6 and 16.7, at page 693, ancient and modern C-14 concentrations are taken as proportional to the measured rates of β^- appearing from the C-14 disintegrations ((disintegrations \times (minute \times gram of carbon))). The ancient would be from the sample being examined; the modern from a reference standard; to date the ancient. The modern would be assumed = the concentration when the sample would have been a part of something live.
- 61 See also
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<https://esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/infodata/isotopes/decay.html>
<https://study.com/academy/lesson/what-is-carbon-dating-definition-lesson-quiz.html>
<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/biology/chemistry-of-life/elements-and-atoms/a/atomic-number-atomic-mass-and-isotopes-article>
<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/collegealgebra2017/chapter/putting-it-together-exponential-and-logarithmic-equations-and-models/>
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<https://www.lallemandbaking.com/en/global/>
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- http://www.johnlewismemorystore.org.uk/page/dr_crippen_downed_by_jones_brothers_buyer
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawley_Harvey_Crippen <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/secrets/hawley-crippen/199/>
- <https://blablawriting.com/forensic-science-essay> <https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-10802059>

105 hyoscine CAS 51-34-3 C₁₇ H₂₁ N O₄ 303.35 g/mol (See Fig. 7.2).

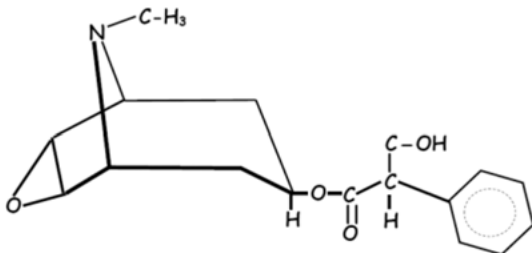


Fig. 7.2: Hyoscine CAS 51-34-3.

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Chapter 8

Error

All analytical measurements are wrong: it's just a question of how large the errors are, and whether they are acceptable [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].¹

Lab errors may void Ontario drug convictions [Toronto, 2001] . . . [7]² [8, 9]

[. . .]

. . . The fibre evidence was contaminated within the Centre of Forensic Sciences. The timing and precise origin of the contamination cannot now be determined. However, it remains possible that this contamination tainted Ms. N . . . 's earliest findings. No inferences can safely be drawn from any alleged fibre similarities, given the existence of this in-house contamination.

[. . .]

[Report of the [Ontario]Kaufman Commission on Proceedings Involving Guy Paul Morin, [1997]] [10, 11]

[. . .]

In March 1990, during the preparation for Guy Paul Morin's second trial, Crown attorney Susan MacLean learned that Sergeant M . . . had two notebooks for the Jessop investigation, containing a number of divergent entries for the same events. Following an investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police, Sergeant M . . . was charged with perjury and attempting to obstruct justice in connection, inter alia [12], with his evidence at the first trial relating to his notebook(s) and in relation to his evidence that a cigarette butt tendered as an exhibit at the first trial was the one found at the body site. The charges were judicially stayed in 1991 for reasons relating to Sergeant M . . . 's health. The Commissioner ruled, after receiving independent medical evidence, that Sergeant M . . . would not be compelled to testify at the Inquiry [13, 14, 15].

[. . .]

Four months after Ms. S . . . was released from prison . . . the result of the hearing was overturned. The drug test was faulty . . . [16]

8.1 Error – qualitative and quantitative

Analytical chemistry³ includes both qualitative and quantitative evaluations [17]. Both can have error – the uncertainty mentioned previously.^{4,5}

The first introductory quote above would appear to be for quantitative measurements for geological analyses. A more general recasting might be appropriate for forensic analytical chemistry:

¹ Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

² Fraud. Griffiths Report, 2001. QA failure. Gemma Ramlal, 2001. Annie Doukhan, 2012. Preface 4.3, Chapters 8, 9, 10.

³ Analytical chemistry. Expanded definition – more detail, and example. Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

⁴ Measurement. Error. Chapter 2, 3, 7, 8.

⁵ Analytical chemistry. Error. Chapters 2 & 8.

- **Analytical chemistry comes with doubt:**
- Qualitative determinations have at least a slight potential to be wrong as to what the examined substance is [18, 19, 20], with the question as to what extent this should be tolerated.^{6,7}
- Quantitative measurements are, in a strict sense, inaccurate as to how much there is of whatever that substance is qualitatively accepted to be, with the question of how much, and what kinds of, numerical error should be tolerated.
- Sample selection can be problematic.⁸
- Forensic analytical chemistry sometimes (not too often) is confronted with arguments, requirements and prohibitions that are other than of science.⁹
- An error statement – which is an estimation of what the errors and error possibilities are or could be, a discussion of the contributing factors, and what it all is thought to mean for the results – is essential to any analytical chemical report.^{10,11}
- **However, analytical chemistry can, with care, provide reasonably reliable and explainable data and conclusions – useful to help explain the forensic-related human story [21].**

Also, within this, it is important to discriminate between a reasonable treatment of uncertainty that strives for reliable data and conclusions, and animosity to science – such as for creationism, climate change denial [22], and anti-vaccine advocacy [23].^{12,13}

This chapter deals with error, first, in the context of the kinds possible – the next several sections; and then how to try to limit and cope with error possibilities – the remaining Sections.

8.2 Kinds of error – Systematic errors – bias

Systematic errors – sometimes called *bias* [24, 25, 26, 27, 28] – alter the quantitative measurement from being correct in a repeatable way due to some aspect of the measuring system. Often this would be sufficiently known to be prevented, or to be corrected by formula – perhaps adjusted for by automated instrumentation.

6 Qualitative ≈ what it is. Quantitative ≈ how much is there.

7 Qualitative. Quantitative. Error. Chapters 2 & 8.

8 Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

9 Legal/scientific truth. Chapters 1, 8, 11.

10 Qualitative. Quantitative. Error. Chapters 2 & 8.

11 Error report. Chapters 8 & 9.

12 Creationism. Climate change denial. Antivaccine. Chapters 1, 2, 8.

13 Science – good, bad & junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 8, 10, 11.

Perhaps a simplest example: A clock set as for 15 min ahead,¹⁴ [29] – correctable by simple formula:

$$\text{correct time(h, min)} = \text{time shown} - 15 \text{ min}$$

– or more simply, by comparison and resetting to <https://time.gov/>.

Another simplest example – of common relevance to analytical chemistry: A mass [30] determination of a single item with an un-zeroed balance or scale, so that it is always off by a constant amount. This particular *bias* should be routinely noticed and prevented because the first step before using any balance or scale is to check the calibration, and to ensure a zero setting at zero. If however, the error is made and discovered later – the simple formula [31]:

$$\text{correct mass} = \text{uncorrected mass} + c \quad (\text{kg})$$

where *c* can be either a positive or negative constant number [32].

Unfortunately, some *systematic* errors may be not so simple and obvious. For example: a gas chromatographic analysis¹⁵ of a mixture for which some of its components react with the column packing could introduce a *bias* for both quantitative and qualitative determinations [33, 34].

8.3 Kinds of error – Statistical errors –random

Statistical¹⁶ – also called **random** [35, 36] – errors alter quantitative measurements in ways that are not repeated (except by chance) for any particular measurement. These *random fluctuations* – *scatter* – that occur for any set of quantitative measurements can be dealt with by statistical methods that address the extent of the fluctuations, along with decision-making as to the limits of fluctuation that would be tolerated.

The fluctuations may result from both the making of the measurements, and from what is being measured.¹⁷

Again, as a simplest example: repeated mass measurements of the same item would yield variations that reflect the accuracy of the instrumentation. This would be dealt with by the mathematics of a *Gaussian* [37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47] *distribution* [48], also known as a *normal distribution* or a *bell curve* [49, 50].¹⁸

As a fictitious example [51] – five mass determinations repeated of that same single item (See Tab. 8.1.):

¹⁴ Error. Clock fast. Agatha Christie. Chapters 7 & 8.

¹⁵ Gas chromatography. Chapters 6 & 8.

¹⁶ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

¹⁷ Measurement. Error. Chapters 2, 3, 8.

¹⁸ *Gaussian* distribution. Chapters 8 & 11.

Tab. 8.1: Mass measurement [52].

x =	5.0031	g	1	n = 5 = the number of measurements
	5.0027		2	
	5.0035		3	
	5.0034		4	
	5.0030		5	
	25.0157	=	Σ	

can be characterized by a **mean**: [53, 54]

$$\bar{x} = ((\Sigma x_n)/n) = (25.0157/5) = 5.0031$$

And, deviations from the **mean** ($x - \bar{x}$) can be used to calculate a **standard deviation** [55]:

$$s = \sqrt{((\Sigma(x - \bar{x})^2)/(n - 1))} = \sqrt{(4.2 \times 10^{-7}/(5 - 1))} = \pm .00032 [56, 57, 58]$$

For such measurements, there is, in concept, a single true mass value that remains unchanged – the constant mass of the single item. The *scatter* results from the measuring process. The mathematical treatment tries to give a reliable number by a defined method that may be used for the measurement.

However, for many kinds of measurements, there may be many different true values for each of what is being measured, so that the *scatter* results from both measuring process and from actual variation in what is being measured. This might be regarded as a different kind of error. For example: a tabulation of heights and masses of a population of people [59] – each individual person may have been measured accurately [60], but everyone would be at least a little different, so that there would be an error range when considering the whole group. The analysis would then provide numbers that could be used to study the group.

As a fictitious example [61], suppose, for a particular organic [62] solvent, used in the paint industry, in-blood concentration ([] mg/mL) [63] measurements are made for a random sampling of factory workers.¹⁹ These might be important for a policy evaluation for occupational health and safety law [64]. Or for government inspectional enforcement. Or for union advocacy. Or for insurance coverage denial. Each worker surveyed would show a different number – because of *scatter* from the:

- measuring method,
- different exposures in the factory [65], and
- different personal metabolisms.

¹⁹ Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

The resulting data [66] can be tabulated [67] – including for known control samples – and arranged to be analysed within a *Gaussian distribution* [68, 69, 70, 71, 72] (See Tab. 8.2):

Tab. 8.2: Worker# and [] (mg/mL)known control sample#1 known control sample#2 [73, 74, 75].

Worker # =	In-blood concentration= [] (mg/mL) =	$x - \bar{x}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$
1	5.6	-0.79	0.62
2	7.2	0.81	0.66
3	4.0	-2.39	5.71
4	8.5	2.11	4.45
Known control sample#1	6.40		
5	6.3	-0.09	0.01
6	6.2	-0.19	0.04
7	7.8	1.41	1.99
8	4.7	-1.69	2.86
9	6.8	0.41	0.17
10	5.5	-0.89	0.79
11	6.1	-0.29	0.08
Known control sample#2	6.38		
12	7.1	0.71	0.50
13	5.1	-1.29	1.66
14	8.6	2.21	4.88
	$\Sigma = 89.5$		$\Sigma = 24.42$

From Tab. 8.2, [76] a *mean* and a *standard deviation* can be calculated:

$$\bar{x} = 89.5/14 = \mathbf{6.392857} \text{ [77, 78, 79]}$$

$$s = \sqrt{(24.42/13)} = \mathbf{\pm 1.371}$$

And the frequency of occurrence of conveniently chosen concentration ranges can be arranged graphically in Fig. 8.1 [80]:

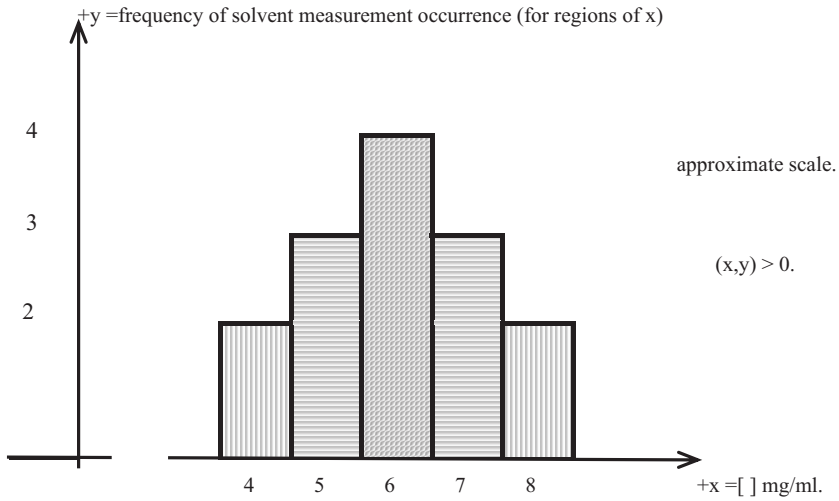


Fig. 8.1: Histogram.

Such a **histogram** [81] can then be idealized to a **Gaussian distribution** [82], also known as a **normal distribution** or a **bell curve** (See Fig. 8.2):

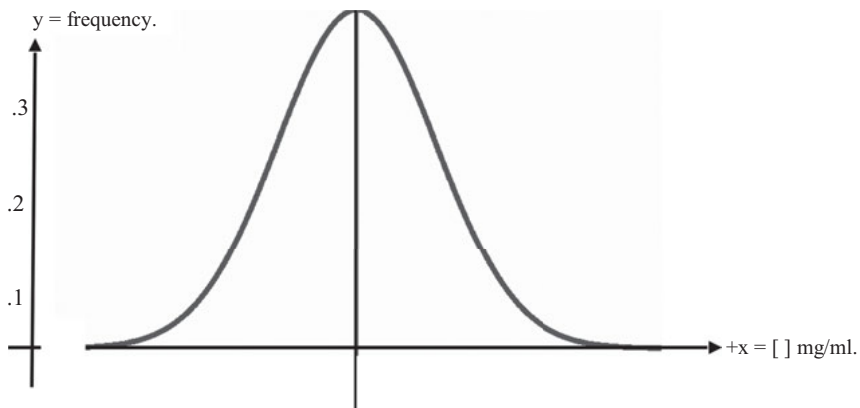


Fig. 8.2: Gaussian distribution.

A **Gaussian distribution** (Fig. 8.2) is appropriate for so many kinds of measurement that it is used as a part of a common method for experimental data statistics. Its x-axis can be recalibrated in terms of **standard normal deviate** [83, 84] (Tab. 8.3) numbers (Fig. 8.3):

Tab. 8.3: snd & known control sample#1 and known control sample#2 [85].

Worker # =	In-blood concentration = [](mg/mL) = x =	$x - \bar{x} =$	$(x - \bar{x})^2 =$	$(x - \bar{x}) / 1.37 =$ snd =
1	5.6	-0.79	0.62	-0.58
2	7.2	0.81	0.66	0.59
3	4.0	-2.39	5.71	-1.75
4	8.5	2.11	4.45	1.54
Known control sample #1	6.40			0.0073
5	6.3	-0.09	0.01	-0.07
6	6.2	-0.19	0.04	-0.141
7	7.8	1.41	1.99	1.03
8	4.7	-1.69	2.86	-1.24
9	6.8	0.41	0.17	0.2975
10	5.5	-0.89	0.79	-0.65
11	6.1	-0.29	0.08	-0.21
Known control sample #2	6.38			-0.0073
12	7.1	0.71	0.50	0.52
13	5.1	-1.29	1.66	-0.94
14	8.6	2.21	4.88	1.61
New mean as snd.		=	$(6.39 - 6.39) / 1.37$	= 0

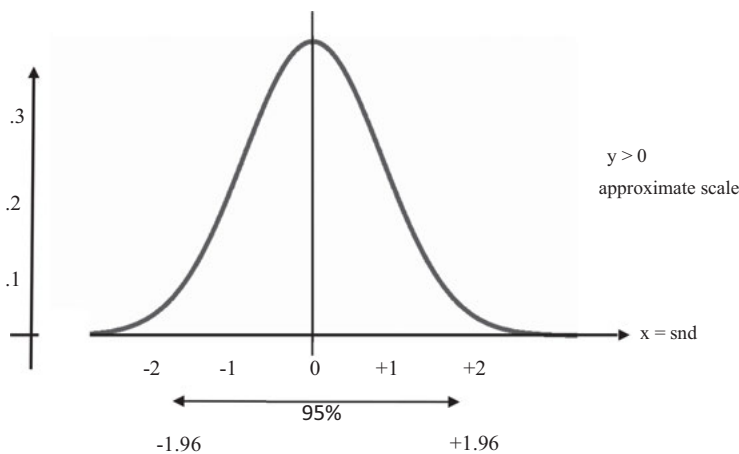


Fig. 8.3: Gaussian distribution snd.

The location of a particular data point can be related to the probability of finding such a value within the distribution. A **95% confidence interval** is included within 1.96 *snd* units [86] on either side of the *y*-axis. The choice of 95% is somewhat arbitrary – for many analytical purposes it satisfies most people:

When such a choice is made, it signifies the range of fluctuation that would be tolerated without a further critical evaluation of the data point. It may also be used for a quantitative critical tracking of further incoming data. To continue the example [87]: suppose the above data are charted, and then the next – the 15th measurement – is made and also charted in Tab. 8.4 [88].

Tab. 8.4: *snd* 15th.

Worker # =	In-blood concentration = [] (mg/mL) = $x =$	$x - \bar{x} =$	$(x - \bar{x})^2 =$	$(x - \bar{x})/1.37 =$ <i>snd</i> =
15	12.8	6.407143	41.05148	4.68

The enlarged chart – as **worker #** versus **snd** – would clearly indicate that this 15th measurement should be examined for error possibilities, and perhaps rejected as a data point. Although it is possible that it is correct [89], it would likely be associated with a non-statistical error (e.g., a blunder – in instrument calibration) or an anomaly (e.g., that worker had been using the organic solvent as a substance of abuse [90]; or that worker had been the sole-all-day occupant of a small and unventilated chemicals storage room).

Taylor describes the use of various forms of *control charts* [91], which differ Fig. 8.4 in that his are concerned with the tracking of *control samples* introduced to monitor the measuring system [92].

The above statistical treatment is appropriate for *quantitative* measurements. But quite often a forensic determination is *qualitative* only. To alternatively continue the above example [93], an insurer might be interested only in the answer to the question: Is there *any* solvent in blood present? Or analogously, a criminal law judge might be interested only in the answer to the question: Is there *any* cocaine in the seized sample?

The yes or no answer to these questions is not statistically determined in the manner indicated above, although statistical methods of control may well be appropriate to assure that the answer is correct, particularly in a large busy lab. See below.

The above kinds of statistical considerations of error would usually not be encountered directly in specific forensic science evaluations. But it is important to realize that they would help provide a theoretical underpinning for many analytical chemical results. Sometimes statistical analysis might arise when considering an ev-

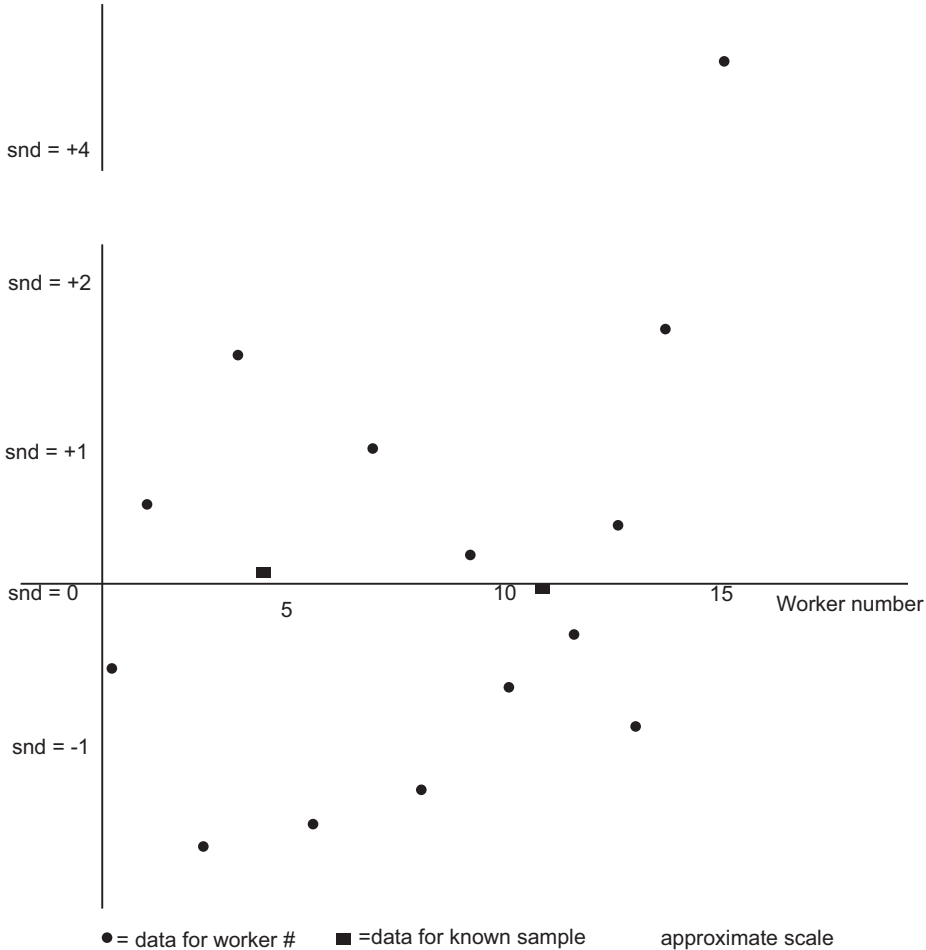


Fig. 8.4: Control chart.

identical concept before a court. For example: When the evidence of a DRE^{20,21} in an impaired-by-drug *Criminal Code* case would cite medical-type observations as not normal, an obvious next question from defence counsel should be about what is normal. The obvious answer should include reference to scientific literature of random studies evaluated with Gaussian mathematics. However, in Canadian criminal courts this would not likely happen;²² but the concepts are still important.

²⁰ Gaussian distribution. Chapters 8 & 11.

²¹ DRE. Statistical. Chapters 8 & 11.

²² Re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 1, 10, 11.

8.4 If theory is wrong or method insufficient

8.4.1 If theory is wrong

In the considerations, so far, for both *systematic* and *statistical* kinds of errors, it has been assumed that the scientific theoretical basis of the measurement is correct. But if the theory is wrong, the results will be wrong, or useless, no matter how good the measurements otherwise [94]. For example: If in the ink analysis²³ example, the document had been written with a fountain pen containing ink of inorganic components in water as the solvent [95], then TLC with organic solvents would not be expected to lead to the most meaningful results.

It is common in science that theory is wrong, and the progress of science is often related to correction and refinement of such theories [96]. A wrong theory in a forensic investigation may not be a complete disaster; it might possibly be treatable as a kind of *bias* [97] and be subject to correction. But the forensic scientist should always be on the lookout for wrong theory problems.

8.4.2 If method is insufficient

It may be that the theory is correct enough for forensic use, but that the method for applying it – including the instrumentation – is insufficient for the purpose. This requires making sure that the method and the instrumentation are valid for the purpose, either by the preparatory work of forensic lab itself, or by supporting literature. Such validation should be part of the lab's usual process.²⁴

Examples of insufficiency might be found when commercially available instrumentation is not critically appraised before use [98].

8.5 Graphical representation

8.5.1 Cartesian

Statistical data error is discussed above; now to consider how such data, along with the error, might be graphically represented: [99]²⁵

First, about graphical representation more generally. Often it is convenient to display scientific results as a tabulation of numerical values. And, further convenient to plot some of those values on a *Cartesian* grid (Fig. 8.5) [100, 101, 102]

²³ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

²⁴ Method validation. Chapters 5, 8, 11.

²⁵ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

- as an x,y plot [103] – that might result in a straight or curved line.

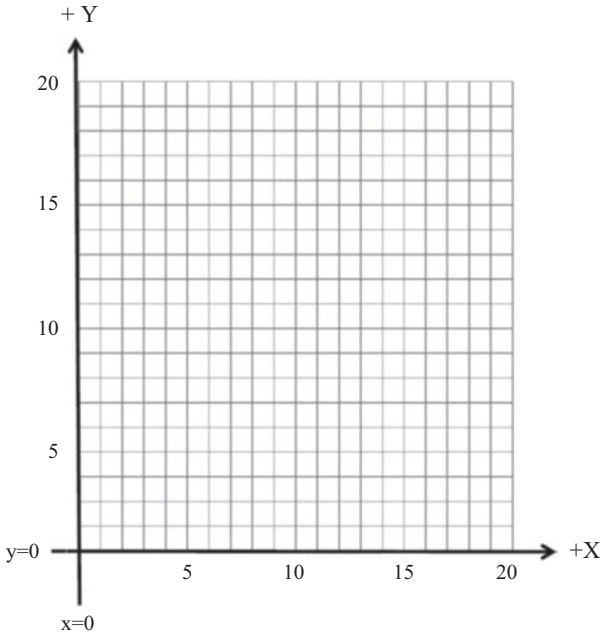


Fig. 8.5: Cartesian grid.

Often that resulting line can be found to have meaning, simply by visual inspection. For example [104]: a dose/response curve (Fig. 8.6) [105]²⁶ – with a gradient of increasing severity [106] between no effect and death that might be relevant to the

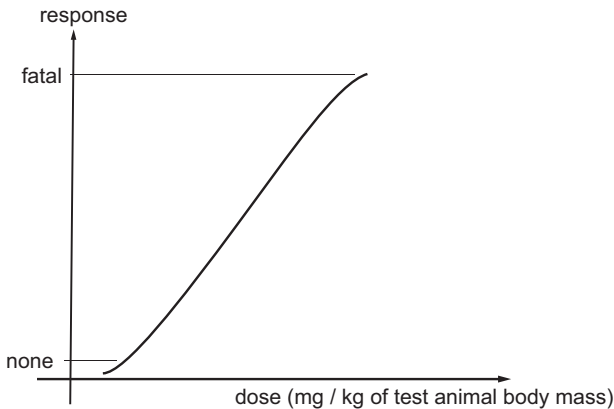


Fig. 8.6: Dose/response [107, 108].

²⁶ Dose/response Chapters 1 & 8.

acute toxicology of workplace chemical exposures, and might have a relevance in labour law litigation.

Often, that resulting line can be found to have meaning – as related to a mathematically supported theory – with arguments that the plotted line would “prove” the theory and allow for further data to be calculated. But also, sometimes, this seeking of a mathematically supported theory would fail.

Graphical representation considered as for general concept:

8.5.2 Straight line: $y = m \times x + b$

When observed data are to be tested against a theory with thought of mathematical expression, it is often convenient to look for algebraic rearrangement into a straight-line equation on the x,y grid, in the general form: $y = m \times x + b$ (Fig. 8.7) – shown here for a specific example [109] as for $y = 0.5 \times x + 5$ [110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115]²⁷:

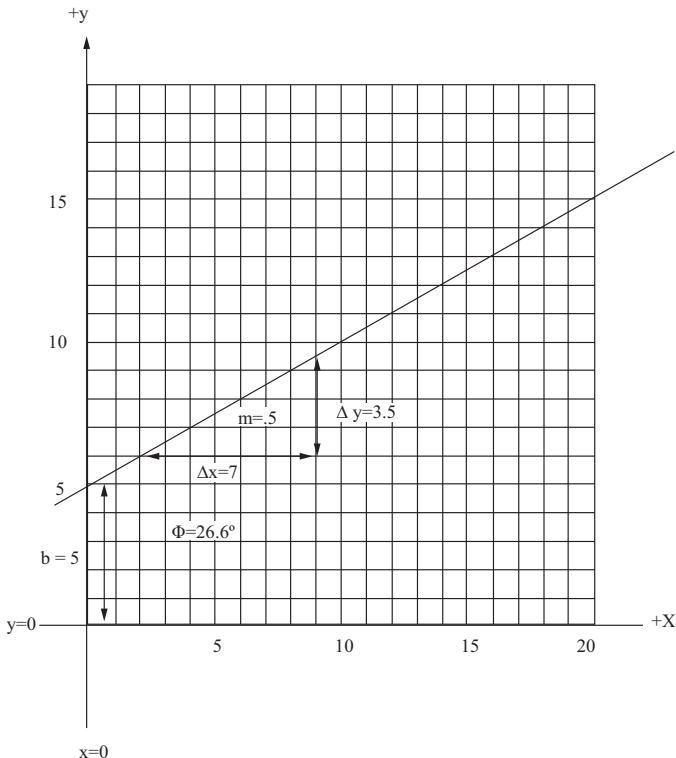


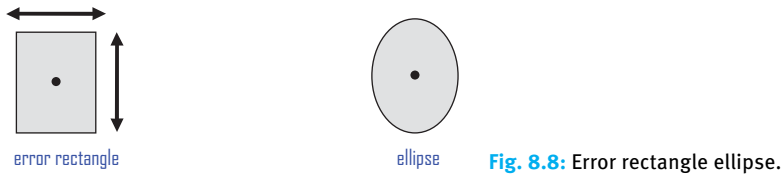
Fig. 8.7: $y = m \times x + b$.

²⁷ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

where x and y are values measured on the *abscissa* (horizontal) and *ordinate* (vertical) right-angled *axes*, m is the slope of the line $= \Delta y / \Delta x = \text{rise/run} = \tan \phi$ (where ϕ is the angle with the x axis) and b is the intercept with the y axis.

8.5.3 Error representation

Although often not stated, data that are plotted carry error.²⁸ This may be indicated in the data tabulation, and carried on into the graphical representation (Fig. 8.8) – shown as an “error rectangle” – or better, ellipse [116, 117, 118, 119].



A fictitious example, sketched, is illustrated in Fig. 8.9a & Fig. 8.9b: [120].

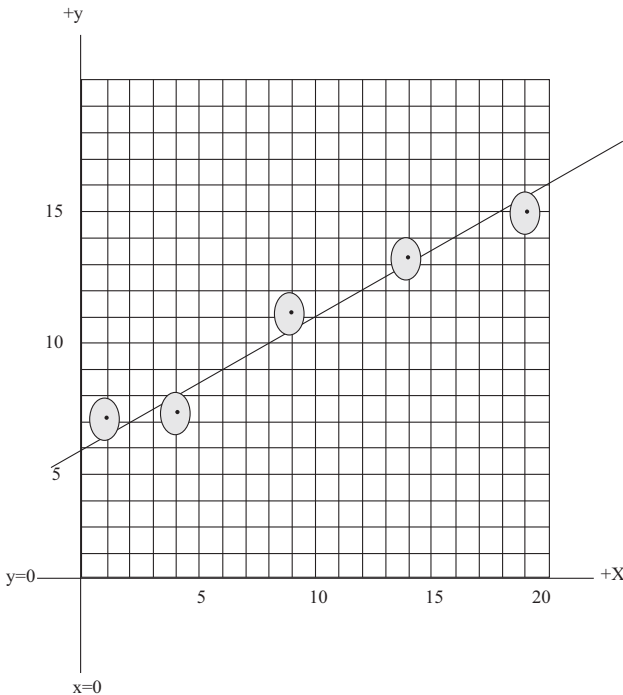


Fig. 8.9(a): Error shown on Cartesian grid.

²⁸ Too much scientific technical detail here? Preface 2.1.

$y = m \times x + b$ $y = .5 \times x + 5$			
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x=	error ±	y=	error ±
1.0	.6	5.5	.8
4.0	.6	7.0	.8
9.0	.6	9.5	.8
14.0	.6	12.0	.8
19.0	.6	14.5	.8

Fig. 8.9(b): $y = .5 \times x + 5$ table.

It may be sufficient to draw conclusions from a graphical representation by visual inspection – often obvious. But sometimes not, and even when obvious, formal mathematical method can be used. Thus, for straight-line plots – as above – *least squares* [121, 122] methods are often used to find a best fit for the data points. But care must be taken to be aware of outlier points, that if not deleted from the calculations (but not deleted from the record), would distort the conclusion. And further care must necessarily be stated for deletion decision-making.

Rod Pierce, *Math is Fun*, gives a formula for the slope for the “. . . the line of best fit for N points . . .” : [123]

$$m = (N\Sigma(xy) - \Sigma x\Sigma y) / N\Sigma(x^2) - (\Sigma x)^2$$

8.5.4 Further about graphical representation

The above treatments of graphical representations are for analyses related to straight-line geometry; the simplest and easiest to read and interpret. But other graphical geometries and related mathematics might be used; some graphical representation can continue to defy explanation; and some may convince the researchers that they got it wrong somewhere. There is also three-dimensional x, y, z mathematics.

Similar to the indication above, for statistical errors, these issues of graphical representations would usually not be encountered directly in specific forensic science evaluations. But again, it is important to realize that they can provide a theoretical underpinning for some analytical chemical results.

It should also be noted that some graphics may be so intuitively obvious as to be persuasive without showing the mathematics. For example: The patient data on the benefit of medical practitioner handwashing presented by Ignaz Semmelweis (Fig. 8.10) [124, 125, 126, 127].

Some pictorial representations may similarly be intuitively obvious, without mathematical analysis. For example: The carpentry and wood grain matches in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, 1932 [128, 129].

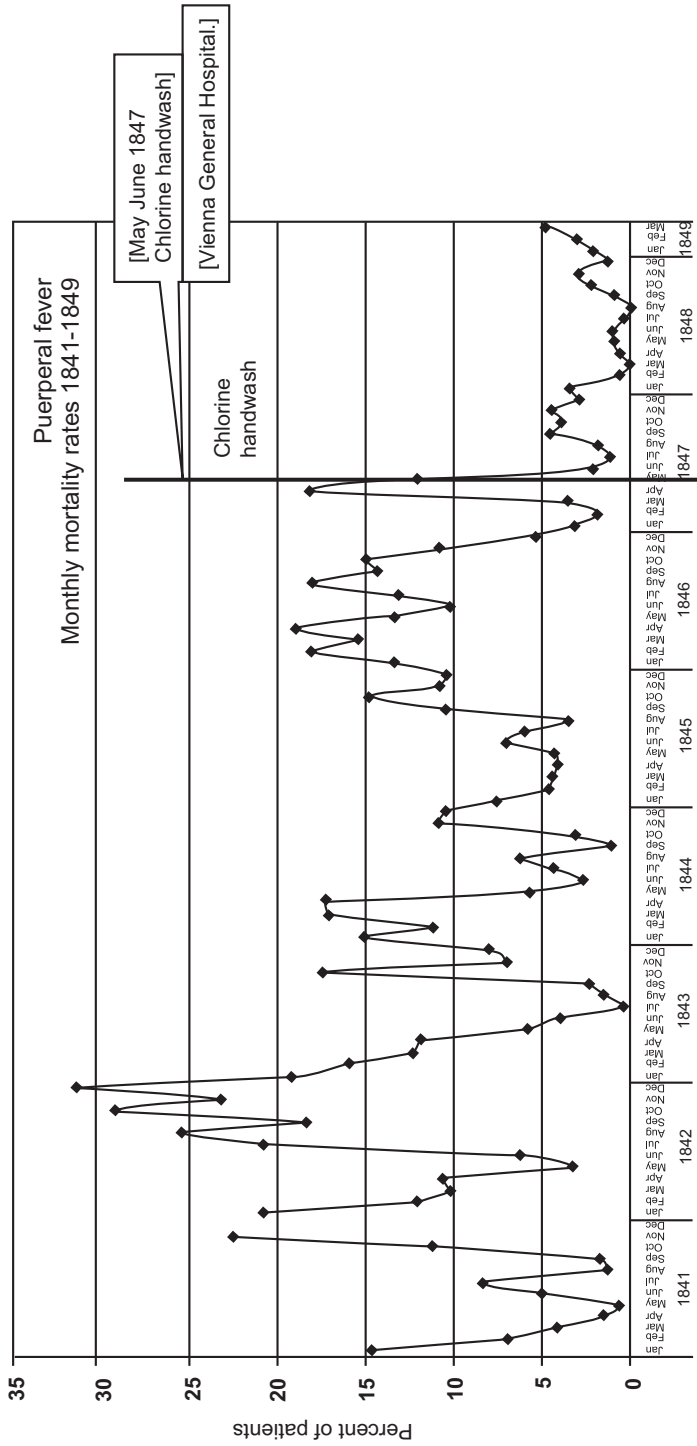


Fig. 8.10: Semmelweis.

8.6 Blunder

Even if the *systematic*, *statistical* and *theoretical* error possibilities are all under control, errors of *blunder* [131] can also happen. Possibilities abound, such as: [130, 132]

- sample mix-up so that the wrong sample is analysed;
- the correct sample is compared against the wrong reference standard;
- the wrong method is applied; wrong instrumentation is used;
- the correct sample is routed to the wrong scientist who performs analyses irrelevant to the case at hand;
- the sample experiences the wrong handling conditions (*e.g.*, stored in an oven rather than a refrigerator, or is accidentally spilled on the floor);
- there is a labelling failure (the “time-sensitive – do it now” sticker falls off and is mistakenly reattached to the next container whose “incubate for 3 weeks” sticker also fell off);
- there is a paperwork mix-up so that the correct work on the correct sample is reported for some other unrelated sample;
- one or the other, or both, the sample and the paperwork is lost;
- there are typographical/transcription errors in the final report (either originating there, or in prior paperwork). Often such simple errors are obvious and can be corrected and passed over with amusement, [133, 134, 135, 136] but sometimes not.

Any of these kinds of blunders can render the forensic work wrong and useless; or worse. How embarrassing! In a legal context can implicate or exonerate the wrong person. How tragic!

8.7 Ethical issues

How forensic evidence, including of experts, is brought before courts and tribunals was discussed in Chapter 1. There are not only error possibilities, but also ethical issues²⁹:

8.7.1 Ethics

As indicated in Chapter 5, a hallmark of a professional is to be held to act within proper ethical and professional bounds [137, 138]. This may be defined and taught by professional organizations [139]. For some professions, their ethics are given an authority of law, [140] which may to some extent be a trade-off for the state having granted a licencing regime that amounts to a monopoly [141] for commercial practice.

²⁹ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface intro. quote. Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

A theory behind these ethical regimes is that the professional's special knowledge and skill must be accompanied by a concept of public service and responsibility, which is linked to a professional obligation to always strive towards truth, and to otherwise try to be accountable to do a good job. Generally, for a forensic chemist, doing a good job includes producing and reporting reliably credible analytical results, in a proper way. It also includes proper accountability – especially when something goes wrong.

In the author's opinion, the ethical obligation of this theory should transcend contrary requirements of personal livelihood, employers, and sometimes of the community and the law – with the result that, if need be, the professional must speak out, and/or resign position. In workplace cultures of the real work-a-day world this can be a tall order, particularly when there is a high unemployment economy that sometimes happens [142]. It may therefore be understandable if an operating person shirks this ethical standard for fear of retribution; it is also, in some sense forgivable [143]. But, in such circumstances, there should not be a self-deception of functioning as an ethical professional. However, such a charitable approach should not be so readily applied to leadership personnel.

Fortunately, most practices of personal livelihood, employers, the community and the law are well allied with professional ethics, so that the negative possibilities referred to above should be rare. But it is the possibility that gives definition to the concept of ethical obligation.

Another aspect of ethics requires realistic reporting by the forensic scientist, to all concerned, of the true capabilities and limitations of a method, and not to exaggerate to anyone's advantage. Although the scientist should be well aware of a method's capabilities, investigators, and the citizen (by self, or through legal counsel) whose case is at issue, may not; ethics requires that they should have ready access to the scientist's report.³⁰

A forensic scientist should not be part of an exaggeration by others. For example, [144] if a factory inspector employs a forensic scientist (an occupational hygienist) to monitor CO₂,³¹ and then tells a worried worker that scientific air quality measurements prove there is no health hazard, that scientist is ethically bound to correct this, and should complain that the method is being seriously and wrongly overstated. This should be reported upward in the forensic agency's chain of authority, although it might be career limiting or damaging. This should also be of ethical concern to the factory inspectorate.

Ethical concerns about science-based subterfuge also extend to criminal investigations. If, in the ink example, [145, 146]³² a police officer tries to get the accused to

30 Proper scientific report. Chapters 5, 8, 9, 11.

31 CO₂ CO Chapters 2, 3, 6, 8.

32 Ink analytical chemistry as examples.

Preface 2, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 8, 9.

panic into a confession by claiming that they can “prove the accused was there then because of scientific dating of fingerprints on the counter top where forgery was done,” the forensic scientist, when/if learning of this, should complain that there is as yet no such method.^{33,34} [147] Even if the accused were actually guilty, and even if the “confession” would be an important economy in the constabulary’s “fight against crime,” the scientist should not compromise on ethics; and if otherwise, thinking that “fighting crime” is paramount, then there should not be claim to be an ethical scientist.

Another example of ethical concern is the use of “lie-detector” tests [148, 149]. These require the subject to submit to an interrogative session that most lawyers would often advise against, simply on the basis that those with legal problems should only communicate with those of authority through counsel. This is of particular concern for criminal investigations where even truthful statements can be used against accused, who might even be innocent. Of further ethical concern is any representation to accused of these tests as an error-free method of vindication.

Some other aspects of ethical issues:

8.7.2 Ethics and economy

Not surprisingly, better, more reliable, forensic work may be done if greater professional resources are expended, at greater cost; and conversely, less reliable if done on-the-cheap. This raises two ethical questions³⁵:

Do cases involving more important

- people
- issues

rate better, more costly, work?

The answer to the first question should be an obvious no [150, 151]. Actual practice frequently might not reflect this.

The answer to the second question is more difficult. Surely, there are gradients of importance in real-world decision-making: For example an ink investigation for a commercial forgery case is trivial relative to a murder investigation. Everyone whose case would be under forensic study is surely entitled to a high standard of investigation, even at considerable expense to the state. But also, the investigation of a murder should take extra care, at extra cost, because of the extra seriousness. Phrased another way: the forgery case deserves no less than proper care and

³³ Police trickery allowed. Chapter 8.

³⁴ Fingerprint probability. Chapters 1 & 4.

Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6 & 9.

Fingerprint when. Chapters 7 & 8.

³⁵ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface 2.3, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

expense, but the murder investigation deserves more; this is not such a satisfying answer. However, a forensic scientist who would do sloppy work in the forgery case, thinking it unimportant, commits an ethical transgression, notwithstanding that the lab results would turn out to be correct, and the accused would be found guilty anyhow [152].

An additional ethical concern here should be that the forensic scientist remains as blind as practicable to other reports of the case, public discussion and the accused's identity.

8.7.3 Ethical issues – forensic personnel

Even if all the error possibilities discussed above are under control, there are still possibilities that *ethical* issues could interfere with the reporting of correct forensic results.³⁶

Thus, if the forensic scientist learns that the case being worked on involves someone or thing with a relationship, this must be reported as a *potential conflict of interest*, so that any of the parties (including the scientist) who wish to argue a *reasonable apprehension of bias* can do so [153].

Such *conflict* might include if the subject of the case is: a family member, friend, enemy, or business rival; or is a business or other property in which there is a financial interest (e.g., if the scientist is a shareholder in the ink manufacturing or sales company).

These *conflicts* and *reasonable apprehensions* that occasionally do arise may be unavoidable surprises, and there is no *ethical* stigma for declaring them when discovered and withdrawing, if appropriate. Withdrawal is not always necessary. A typical *conflict* and *reasonable apprehension* would arise when the judge comes into the courtroom to start a criminal trial and notices that the accused used to be a client when the judge used to be defence counsel before appointment to the bench [154]. Sometimes the Crown and the new defence counsel will voice no objection, and sometimes otherwise. However, to be aware of a *conflict* and to not report it is *ethically* wrong.

While such *ethical* issues are not scientific errors, they have been dealt with here because if discovered too late they can, like errors, prevent forensic work from being used at law.³⁷

³⁶ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface 2.3, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

³⁷ Ethical. Chapters 1, 5, 8.

8.7.4 Ethical behaviour of the state

Another *ethical* issue involves the behaviour of the state – when its criminal law enforcement activities involve intentionally misleading the citizenry [155]. In some circumstances, Canadian law clearly allows, if not encourages, such subterfuge [156, 157, 158]³⁸

The question here is not the use of subterfuge-source data at law – it can sometimes legally be used in Canada – but rather whether or not the forensic scientist should want to be in the employ of the state – and part of the process – when it does so.

More broadly, the question is whether or not the citizenry should have confidence in the scientific declaration of state agencies. For example, the author has argued that Health Canada – Canada’s national health agency – has a tainted health-science credibility throughout the entirety of its systems because of its involvement in criminal law enforcement.³⁹

A corollary policy issue, that goes beyond forensic science ethics, is perhaps more important: If law enforcement personnel are allowed and encouraged to do subterfuge, then it becomes an effective part of their job description. If there then can develop a culture of deceit – where does it stop? [159].

8.8 Fraud

[160]

[. . .]

ז רגליהם, לרע נבצו, וימהרו, לשפך דם נקי: מחשבותיהם, מחשבות און-שד ושקר, במסלולם.

7 *Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity, desolation and destruction are in their paths.*

[161, 162] [Isaiah] [163, 164, 165, 166]

[. . .]

In consideration of indications above, there are, regrettably, issues that do involve *ethical* wrongs.^{40,41} Most regrettable of the various forms of scientific misconduct [167, 168, 169] is fraud. This is not unknown among scientists – forensic [170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175] and otherwise [176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187]. And, lawyers’ various misconducts [188, 189, 190, 191, 192]. Nor is it unknown amongst other participants – for example, Colonel Hubert Henry – of the Dreyfus Affair [193].

There is also the recent – and ongoing – story of Theranos [194, 195].

And, the bomb detector ADE 651 that was fraudulently fake [196, 197].

³⁸ Police trickery allowed. Chapter 8.

³⁹ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁴⁰ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface intro. quote. Preface 2.3, Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

⁴¹ Fraud. Griffiths Report, 2001. QA failure. Gemma Ramlal, 2001. Annie Doukhan, 2012. Preface 4.3, Chapters 8, 9, 10.

And, Annie Dookhan, Massachusetts Drug Lab [198].

And, in fictional literature, the “Infraredioscope,” 1953 [199].⁴²

Because one of the main attributes of any profession is reputation for credibility and integrity, the dishonesty of even a small minority is very, very serious, and very, very damaging.

8.9 Near-fraud

The fraud discussed just above would involve such actions as the actual wilful faking or altering of data [200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205] or reports, either directly or indirectly, and cover-up therefor. But, there is also the acquiescence others that might be described as *near-fraud* (although in some sense still fraud, albeit it of a lesser nature). This would include not reporting upward in the chain of authority when actual fraud is observed. It may also include – if there is intention to mislead – taking a wilfully cavalier or neglectful approach to the formalisms of science, its financing, [206] and its record keeping.

Near-fraud might also include – again with intention to mislead – being unresponsive or intentionally unclear, or unfairly demanding of bureaucratic precision, [207] to forestall legitimate requests of information [208, 209, 210]. Near-fraud might also include scientific negligence and sloppiness. For lawyers it might include what is called *sharp practice*.

Both fraud and near-fraud are characterized by some degree of wilfulness. Near-fraud, less serious in a moral sense, but still involving correctable behaviour.

8.10 How to try to limit and cope with error

8.10.1 Error control

It should first be noted that although careful work, including good organization and documentation, do facilitate good error control, they do not guarantee error-free work. It is always possible to miss something; that is why formal error control methods are so important. Good error control for quantitative measurements is always in the context of required-to-be-explained statistical uncertainty. This applies to forensic analytical chemistry measurements, as well as to theoretical studies [211].

It should also be noted that good error control does not remedy incorrect data to give it worthwhile meaning [212]. The analyst should, with avoidance in mind, be aware of the danger of *quod volimus credimus libenter* [213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218].

Good error control may be strived for by considering, with avoidance in mind:

⁴² Fictional literature. Christie. Poe. Preface 2.2, Chapters 5 & 8.

8.11 Quality assurance

8.11.1 Introduction

As indicated in Chapter 5, modern commercial, industrial and laboratory practices should have a strong focus on producing quality products and services, and for assuring consumers of that quality.⁴³ Not only to look at the technology of the products and services, but also the organizational functions that produce them [219, 220].

Thus, a forensic lab must have a consistently applied and well-documented quality assurance programme, without which results reported by that lab should not be seen as worth much, and should be looked at with scepticism, by judges and paying contracting clients, including taxpayers when government is involved.

This chapter part deals with quality assurance in the context of formalized processes.

The service of a forensic lab is the provision of a report (see Chapter 9)⁴⁴ of forensic results and conclusions that is reliably accurate; and well-explained in writing, to the contracting client, and to whomever else is entitled to the report. For a forensic lab that whomever else would be the various other parties,⁴⁵ and since many legal processes are essentially public,⁴⁶ the forensic report may become a public document.

8.11.2 ISO 9002. ISO/IEC 17025:2005

The International Organization for Standardization [221] publishes its 9000 series of standards for quality assurance [222]. **ISO 9002**, also published by the Canadian Standards Association as CAN/CSA-ISO 9002-94, [223] deals, in general terms, with the organizational structure and functions of a quality assurance programme.

ISO/IEC 17025:2005, [224, 225] applies specifically for laboratories that do testing.

ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and ISO 9002 are used here to show what a quality standard looks like, and what should go into a quality assurance regime. They are chosen here for convenience because they are so widely known. There is nothing especially magical about their particular wording – their essential features are found elsewhere [226] – what is important is the content [227]. Generally, some important concepts:

- Defined and documented quality policy – by management with executive responsibility and authority
- Functions of quality-directed personnel are defined and documented

⁴³ Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10 11.

⁴⁴ QA. Quality assurance. Report. Chapters 8 & 9.

⁴⁵ Advocacy. Preface 4.1, Chapter 1, 8.

⁴⁶ Public. Preface 4, Chapters 5 & 8.

- Management with executive responsibility and authority regularly reviews the quality system
- There must be a quality manual
- Documented procedures
- Definition and documentation for quality planning
- Requirements of work to be done for clients adequately defined and documented, and for the forensic lab capable of delivery
- Procedures to control documents and data; and to be documented
- Control of sample identification, movement and processing
- Documented procedures for validation, inspection and testing⁴⁷
- Results of analytical chemistry work inspected and tested
- Documented procedures for what to do when the inspection and testing reveal problems with the analytical chemistry work; and for prevention
- Documented procedures for the records related to all of this; and such record keeping is to be done
- Internal and external quality audits
- Documented procedures for personnel training and qualification, and accreditation
- Statistical techniques for controlling the quality processes; and documented

Generally, the above is reflected in the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 headings [228].⁴⁸ Generally, it would be similar to other ISO standards, such as ISO 9002. Such provisions would try to assure quality work by careful consideration of the processes that are accessible by comprehensive documentation and document control – to allow for scrutiny and correction. Much of this would seem intuitive by a science team dedicated to trying to do good work, and while stating so may seem repetitive and tedious, it is also important to state it formally.

Considerations of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and ISO 9002, *etc.*, lead to some other matters that should also be dealt with.

8.11.3 Public

Public scrutiny should be regarded as a potential method of error control.⁴⁹ However, this should be viewed in contrast to some needs for confidentiality, and there should be a reasonable approach to government secrecy – see in Chapter 5.

As indicated in Chapter 5, the forensic report may sometimes become a public document. Depending on the nature of the case, not only this report, but also other aspects of the forensic process may become public. ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and ISO

⁴⁷ Method validation. Chapters 5, 8, 11.

⁴⁸ Method validation. Chapters 5, 8, 11.

⁴⁹ Public. Preface 4, Chapters 5 & 8.

9002 do not appear to deal with this; their background assumptions would appear to be that the report and supporting information are the private business of the contracting parties – the forensic lab and its client – and that the lab and its personnel would hold all confidential at the pleasure of the client. The client may do anything it likes [229] with the report and supporting information – from publishing it by paid advertisement in *The New York Times* or posting it on the Internet, to trying to hide it forever.

But, since, as mentioned in Chapter 5, many government and legal processes are or should be essentially public, it may happen that others than the forensic lab and its client may be able to have access. While many litigants may wish otherwise, this is an important feature of the justice systems of Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States [230, 231].

Another cause for the forensic report and supporting information to become public, as a matter of public policy, is because of state treasure in the process – either directly as a part of the government structure, or indirectly as government-sponsored work, or even more indirectly where even a small amount of government money is in a larger project of mostly non-government money. In the United States, the involvement of federal government money has additional *qui tam* possibilities.⁵⁰

Public access to such reports and information may come quite easily and routinely – by:

- publication as public documents,
- releases to the media, including Internet,
- publication in scientific journals,
- grants of patents of invention,
- parliamentary statements, and
- replies to citizens' enquiries – either by direct process; or under freedom of information legislation.⁵¹

But when it is sometimes not so easy, [232] it is reasonable and responsibly democratic for the citizen to speculate that “Something is rotten . . .,” [233] and to investigate and raise a fuss – by:

- freedom of information process,
- litigation – as for disclosure to be provided to defence counsel,
- criticism in the media.
- political process.

However, when the controlling authorities do not want to disclose, the eventual disclosure, if it comes at all, would likely not be timely.

⁵⁰ US *Qui tam*. Chapters 1, 8, 9.

⁵¹ Freedom of info. legislation. Chapters 5, 8, 10.

8.11.4 Peer review

Peer review is an important part of the scientific process. It is usually the critical scrutiny by other scientists, knowledgeable in the field, that is required before publication in a scientific journal, [234, 235] or other publications, or the granting of research funds. It is typically a formalized process; sometimes uncomfortable to those being reviewed. While editors and granters would both have the final say for publishing or granting, and the author may reply, the process of referee comment is essential. However it can be time-consuming – and sometimes exasperating – and sometimes perhaps with ugly scenes.

Essentially, peer review is another opinion in a hopefully organized way. The concept is consistent with ISO 9002's quality audits.⁵²

While peer review would mostly be associated with science publications and research grants, it may also find a place in the approval process for forensic reports – most particularly reports that are non-routine.

8.11.5 Audits and scrutiny

Audits and scrutiny, internally, and done by an external agency, can be important to a lab's credibility [236]⁵³. These may be covered by effective inclusion in other error control methods. But they can also be done in addition, and independently

8.11.6 Accreditation

Also consistent with ISO quality audits, is the accreditation process for analytical labs [237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247]⁵⁴. In this process, an external agency [248] scrutinizes the lab and its personnel and subsequently accredits or certifies that lab, or not. Such accreditation is according to the terms and criteria of the accrediting agency, and care should be taken not to confuse the terms of one accreditation with another. For example, ISO 9000 series registration is not the same as accreditation of a lab for specific forensic analytical purposes.

There can also be accreditation processes of lab personnel.⁵⁵

⁵² Audit. Chapter 8.

⁵³ Audit. Chapter 8.

⁵⁴ Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

⁵⁵ Personnel – scientific qualification. Automated instrumentation. Chapters 5, 6, 8.

8.11.7 Document trail

One of the most essential aspects of any quality assurance programme is its documentation – see above, and in Chapter 5.⁵⁶ While that documentation does not guarantee quality, nor is it absolutely tamper-proof evidence, the absence of even part of it, or defects, clearly raises questions of credibility. Any inadequately explained break in the document trail – or even a break in its transparency – should be addressed.

8.11.8 Method validation

As indicated above, an important quality aspect is the assurance that the analytical chemistry method, and the related instrumental systems actually work – that they can be relied on to produce correct results.^{57,58} If there is some flaw to stand in the way, then the method is not valid and should not be used. Perhaps the method might be good enough to give approximations, but if so, that limitation must be stated.

Part of any quality assurance regime is a checking of the method. This should be by formal processes, documentation of which forms part of the record of the analysis. Method validation failure is a serious reason to not accept the analytical results, as is a failure to show the documentation.

8.12 Replication and multiple-blind check samples

The ideal concept of blind determinations is associated with law-related process. Ancient and subsequent imagery of *Justitia* survives – with blindfold, scales and sword [249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254].⁵⁹ By analogy, then, forensic analyses should be with the analysts being as blind as practicable to the related human story.

Applying this further: **Blind replication** of lab analyses and **multiple-blind check samples** can be important to avoid some kinds of error. These are based on the idea that such errors would be more likely caught if the same work is done again (perhaps several times) as remotely as practicable from the first time. These analyses-again would be for actual samples analyses and for created check samples.

⁵⁶ Lab core documents. SOP. Scientific literature. Chapters 3, 5, 8.

⁵⁷ Method validation. Chapters 5 & 8.

⁵⁸ Validation. DRE. Chapters 8 & 11.

⁵⁹ *Justitia*. Preface 4.1, Chapters 5 & 8.

Thus, for the forensic ink analysis used⁶⁰ as examples in previous chapters, the results from the procedure set out in Chapter 3, would have added reliability if two separate TLC plates were used. And more reliability still, if those second TLC procedures were done by a second chemist, blind to the work of the original chemist. And, even more reliability still could be achieved by having the second experiments done yet again by another chemist in another lab. And so on.

How far the so on should go becomes not as much a question of science, but rather a question of administrative feasibility as to time, cost and how much of the sample is left; and is ultimately a question of judicial interpretation as to necessity; and maybe judicial patience.

For a single case of only moderate importance, [255] such as the ink example, with well-documented lab work, in a reputable lab, by a reputable chemist, one set of experiments is arguably enough (and many chemists would routinely have done more than one spotting on the TLC plates, anyhow). It might well be reasonable for a judge to tell defence counsel that the once-only TLC work would stand, unless the defence itself arranges for additional work, or has acceptable specific reasons otherwise [256].

An extended kind of *replication* is for the forensic process to be repeated independently at several other labs [257]. In the ink example, this would not be too practicable because the destructive testing⁶¹ method used by the first lab might also be used by subsequent labs; the sample would go to being used-up.

However, for some processes, replication might be replaced by of some kind of proficiency monitoring. As for labs that do large volumes of routine analyses.

As a fictitious example: [258] Suppose a region economically depends on its paint industry to such an extent that to assure quality its government inspectors take dozens of samples daily from producers, wholesalers and retailers. At the end of each day, these samples are delivered to a government forensic chemistry lab (totalling more than 15,000 samples last year). For those samples not meeting the criteria set out in the legislated regulations, a *Certificate of Failure to Meet Standard* is forwarded to the Crown Attorney for prosecution for an absolute liability offence [259].

Thus, a team of chemists at the government lab continually does analyses on very many samples. It is dreary routine work, and no chemist can remember which sample was done by whom, or when – there are so many – it seems to go on forever. Therefore, the evaluation and legal process relies absolutely on the documentation.

60 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

61 Destructive and non-destructive testing. Chapters 3, 5, 8.

The reasonable question arises: For such a volume of routine work, with scant possibility of personal recollection, what are the chances of error – that something sometimes goes wrong – for example: a sample mix-up *blunder* (see above)?

In the author's view, the answer is: not zero; any claim to the contrary, in the real world, where absolute perfection is elusive, is absurd; perhaps in a fantasized alternative universe, but not here. Readers should examine this statement in the context of their own experiences with large institutions and their bureaucracies. Who has never heard of such an error – in analogy: at school, at work, with a public utility, with a government agency, [260] in news reports [261, 262, 263] with a large retailer, with professionals who serve the public, or as typos [264] in a reputedly published book? [265]

Rather, for such a high-volume lab situation, a statistical gauge [266] should be used, to try to obtain a reasonable assessment of what the error rate is, so that it can be reasonably coped-with. This may be called proficiency monitoring.

Such a statistical gauge could be a system of *multiple-blind check sampling*, by which known samples are prepared external to the group doing the analyses. These would then be distributed as though they were real, and the analytical results subsequently compared to the preparation records. Such a procedure might be regarded as a kind-of statistical substitute for *replicate* analyses.

Multiple-blind here means that although the group of analysts – the chemists – would know there would be checking, they would not know of – be blind to – some various aspects of the checking procedure. This would include as blind to some or all of:

- Which samples are for checks? [267]
- What would be in any check sample?
- How frequently check sampling is done?
- For how many check samples?
- How the check samples get into the analysis stream?
- What supervisory personnel, at what levels, administer the check sampling?
- To what extent supervisory personnel are blind to the details of the checking processes?
- Who gets to see the results of the check sampling, and when?
- Who determines the failure that the check sampling would be seeking; and the consequences?

Single-blind lab analyses here would mean that the analysts would know which samples are for checks, *etc.*, but would not know what is in them. (The term *double-blind* is often used for pharmaceutical trials for when neither the medical researchers nor the patients know, until revealed later, whether it is an active drug or *placebo*; not the situation here although similar in general concept, with similar terminology.)

To continue this example, [268] if, in due-course, the statistical report were to reveal an error rate of 5% (that is, the analysis is quantitatively off beyond \pm defined limits, or is qualitatively wrong), then everyone involved should have serious

concern about the lab's credibility, including industry owners, judges, insurance carriers and taxpayers, or others who are paying for the work. Product liability lawyers may start taking an interest.

But an error rate of, to alternatively extend the example, [269] 0.05% is not so easy to decide about. Perhaps a judge would allow the lab's work as credible, provided that there would be an adequate ISO 9002-type document trail (see above) for defence counsel and others to scrutinize. In the absence of the document trail, it is the author's view that no work of the lab should be accepted as credible; and likewise if there is no *multiple-blind* statistical gauge of error, or *replicate* analysis.

It should be noted that *single-blind check sampling* is not sufficient to gauge the error rate.⁶² Although single-blind sampling scrutinizes the proficiency of the chemist under certain conditions, it is not adequate to scrutinize the lab's *in-process* performance.

Generally, the use of replication and multiple-blind check samples is a realistic way to reduce the chance for error.

8.13 Some general advice

For some kinds of errors discussed above – **systematic, wrong theory, blunder**, and **ethical issues**, there is little effective advice other than to take care, to follow the quality assurance procedures – including SOPs and documentation referred to in Chapter 5 – and to do *replicate* analyses and *multiple blind check samples* referred to in this chapter, when possible. And not to be arrogant that errors cannot happen, but rather to be prepared to discuss probabilities.

Fraud and **near-fraud** (see above) are more difficult to deal with because both involve some elements of dishonesty/uncooperativeness on the part of someone who might well be trying to cover-up. A sometimes effective method to discover fraud and near-fraud is to look for irregularities in the document trail (see in Chapter 5), that might have been overlooked in a cover-up attempt, or be beyond its reach.

Perhaps a most newsworthy exposure of fraud and near-fraud is because of whistle-blowers, particularly in the United States under strengthened Civil War-era bounty hunter – *qui tam* – legislation.⁶³ Whistle blowers would often be disgruntled former employees, or soon-to-be former employees.

Statistical error (see above) can be dealt with by clearly defined decision-making as to the tolerable limits of fluctuation, and by control chart tracking.

⁶² Error. Sampling. Sampling plan. Chapters 3, 4, 8.

⁶³ US *Qui tam*. Chapters 1, 8, 9.

8.14 Critical appraisal – *nullius in verba*

As written above the service of a forensic lab is the provision of a report (Chapter 9) of reliably accurate results and conclusions – well explained in writing [270]⁶⁴ [271, 272].

Perhaps, a good indicator of quality processes with good error control is the appearance of that report. If the report is concisely written to convey meaning, presenting and interpreting the relevant data in a meaningful way, with convenient reference to other supporting and explanatory literature, and with an error discussion, then it is likely reliable. These criteria are not absolutely sure tests for reliability; but any of these criteria failure would be a good indicator of unreliability.

The above is consistent with the concept that an understandable meaningful report would allow for a meaningful critical appraisal – so that the reader can apply the concepts, as stated in Preface 4, that science is *nullius in verba*, and that *ipse dixit* is not good enough.

The above is also consistent with the concept implied by the Yiddish expression שֵׁכֶל *séchel* [273] – that what is presented is to be thought about and seems to make good sense [274, 275].

And, also consistent with the concept expressed by the fictional Prince Kinnall, quoted in Chapter 9.⁶⁵

Another indicator of forensic quality processes are the responses of the report's providers when asked reasonable questions that are reasonably answerable. Non-answers are perhaps suggestive of unreliability, as is arrogance or an anger response for asking [276].

Notes

- 1 Introductory quotes, *etc.* Preface.
- 2 “All analytical measurements are wrong: it’s just a question of how large the errors are, and whether they are acceptable.” M. Thompson, *Analytical quality control in theory and practice, Proceedings of the 3rd International Symposium on the Harmonization of Quality Assurance Systems in Analytical Chemistry*, 19–20 Apr., 1989, Washington, DC (ISO/REMCO 184): 183–189 (1989) – as quoted by W.M. Johnson in “Quality Control and Quality Assurance” – Chapter 8 in C. Riddle, ed., *Analysis of Geological Materials*, Marcel Decker, Inc., New York City, 1993, page 343.
- 3 (University of Toronto Library Catalogue
<http://search.library.utoronto.ca/details?3222369&uuid=cafac584-0da3-4769-b967-2d9f4401e598>
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⁶⁴ *Nullius in verba*. Preface 4.1, Chapters 2, 5, 8.

⁶⁵ Prince Kinnall. Chapters 8 & 9.

4 https://books.google.ca/books/about/The_Analysis_of_Geological_Materials.html?id=leJMMQAACAAJ&redir_esc=y

5 Also quoted elsewhere:

Virginia T. McLemore, Kathleen S. Smith, Carol C. Russell, editors, *Sampling and Monitoring for the Mine Life Cycle*, Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, 28 May 2014; page 79.

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6 Also quoted elsewhere:

Hydrometallurgy 2008: Proceedings of the Sixth International Symposium

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7 CBC News · Posted: Jun 24, 2001 10:38 PM ET | Last Updated: June 24, 2001

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/lab-errors-may-void-ontario-drug-convictions-1.283147>

Lab errors may void Ontario drug convictions [Toronto, 2001]

Botched paperwork at a federal lab may void thousands of drug convictions in Ontario.

Anyone convicted of a drug offence in Ontario during the past 12 years, even those now serving time, may be off the hook because of bungled paperwork at a federal drug lab.

The problem involves thousands of drug analysis certificates that Health Canada says might be not be accurate.

The certificates are issued in every case where suspected illegal drugs are found. They are used by courts to identify and determine the purity of various drugs.

“The chances are very good that if you just get in touch with a lawyer any lawyer that you will be out of jail very quickly,” said Alan Gold of the Criminal Lawyers Association.

The analyst at the centre of the controversy is Gemma Ramlal, who resigned from her Health Canada lab job two months ago. She now works at a grocery store. She denies any wrongdoing.

“I want to know how it took my supervisors so many years to figure out my work was wrong,” Ramlal said.

Dann Michols, assistant deputy minister at Health Canada, told CBC TV: “We trust ... the professionalism and training of the individuals to follow these procedures and only in this one case have we been disappointed.”

Ramlal had been doing the work for 12 years. Earlier this year, she went on vacation and another analyst took over and discovered some things were wrong with the certificates.

A review of Ramlal’s work discovered substances misidentified, data entry errors, wrong dates and instances when Health Canada procedures were not followed. The discovery casts doubt on some 16,000 certificates issued over the past 12 years.

8 See also: *The Globe and Mail*, NATIONAL NEWS/NATIONAL REPORT, 28 September 1998, page A6; CP. “. . . VANCOUVER. The overdose death of an employee of the [Health Canada] federal drug-testing lab has cast doubt on 20 years of drug convictions, lawyers say. . . .”

- 9 See also: Anne McLroy, Parliamentary Bureau, *The Globe and Mail*, Tuesday, 13 July 1999. “Safety defect found at high-risk laboratory/Winnipeg waste-water leak a ‘wake-up call’ for Ottawa [1999]. . . .”
- 10 Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, *Report of the Kaufman Commission on Proceedings Involving Guy Paul Morin*, [1997], Executive Summary, page 6.
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- 11 *Morin*. Fibre evidence contamination. Chapters 1, 3, 8.
- 12 [Latin] *inter alia* = among other things. <https://dictionary.law.com/Default.aspx?selected=996>
- 13 Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, *Report of the Kaufman Commission on Proceedings Involving Guy Paul Morin/Executive Summary*; Chapter V: The Investigation by Durham Regional Police and the Prosecution of Guy Paul Morin/“The Body Site.”
- 14 https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/about/pubs/morin/morin_esumm.html
- 15 <http://netk.net.au/Canada/Morin2.asp>
- 16 Jan Ransom, “Inmates Received Harsh Punishments Over False Positives for Drugs,” *The New York Times*, 21 November 2019, page A22.
- 17 **Analytical chemistry** is the branch of chemical science for the chemical determination of substances, as to what they are (qualitative), how much (quantitative), and the uncertainty. . . .
- 18 The potential to wrongly identify a substance could be related to very subtle molecular aspects – for example chirality. Or can be obvious – for example: Iron pyrite = iron disulphide = fool’s gold ≠ gold.
 $\text{Fe}^{+2}\text{S}_2^{-2}$ **At**
- 19 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyrite>
- 20 Alice’s Kitty’s Looking-Glass milk. Chirality. Chapters 4 & 8.
- 21 Analytical chemistry and forensically related human story. Chapters 1 & 8.
- 22 See: Hiroko Tabuchi, “Climate Denial Infuses Reports at U.S. Agency/An Official Under Trump Embeds Climate Denial Language in Scientific Reports,” *The New York Times*, 02 March 2020, pages A1 and A21.
- 23 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/23/health/anti-vaccination-movement-us.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaccine_hesitancy
- 24 See also: Julian Tyson, *ANALYSIS/What Analytical Chemists Do*, Royal Society of Chemistry Paperbacks, Cambridge CB4 4WF; 1988, 1994; ISBN 0-85186-463-5; Chapter 5 “Tools of the Trade,” at pages 117→133.
- 25 See also: Robert L. Peesok, Kenneth Chapman, Wade W. Ponder, *et al.*, *CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK/Guidebook for Industrial Chemical Technologists and Technicians*, American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C.; 1975, 1980; SBN 0–8412-0578-7; Chapter 12 “Use and Interpretation of Data.” pages 111→125.
- 26 See John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1987; page 7.
- 27 Farrington Daniels, J.W. Williams, Paul Bender, Robert A. Alberty, C.D. Cornwell, *Experimental Physical Chemistry, Sixth Edition*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York; 1962; Chapter 18, “Treatment of Experimental Data,” page 393, *et seq.*
- 28 Bias. Chapter 8.
- 29 When. Systematic error. Chapters 7 & 8.
- 30 Mass, weight. Chapters 3 & 8.
- 31 This systematic error would typically be linear; but possibly not – for example, it might change with ambient temperature or altitude.
- 32 And may be easily and quickly discovered by calibration experiment.

- 33 And for such an example, the “constant” may not actually be constant. Perhaps it might be a function of such properties as: temperature, column length, carrier gas pressure, how many previous times the column has been used.
- 34 And progressively render the column as not usable.
- 35 See John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1987; page 7.
- 36 Farrington Daniels, J.W. Williams, Paul Bender, Robert A. Alberty, C.D. Cornwell, *Experimental Physical Chemistry, Sixth Edition*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York; 1962; Chapter 18, “Treatment of Experimental Data,” page 393, *et seq.*
- 37 See: Betty R. Kirkwood, *ESSENTIALS OF Medical Statistics*, Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford, OX2 0EL; 1988; ISBN 0-632-01052-5; pages 10 and 11; page 21, *et seq.*
- 38 –after the mathematician Carl Fredr. Gauß, 1777–1855.
- 39 DEUTSCHE BUNDESBANK, Frankfurt am Main, Zehn – 10 – Deutsche Mark, 1999, Carl Friedrich Gauss.
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:10_DM_Serie4_Vorderseite.jpg
<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/note203955.html>
<https://www.ma-shops.com/cdma/item.php?id=214,688>
- 40 $y = (1/\sigma(\sqrt{2\Pi})) e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$ $e = 2.71828$
- 41 <https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/e-eulers-number.html>
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/algebra/logarithms.html>
- 42 $e = 2.71828\dots$ = natural or Napierian log base. See William K. Morrill, *Calculus*, D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., Princeton, N.J. ..., 1956, page 125 *et seq.*
- 43 Generally expressed: $y = (1/(\sqrt{2\Pi}))e^{-x^2/2}$
 $y = (1/(\sqrt{2\Pi}))\exp(-x^2/2)$
- 44 Carl Friedrich Gauss http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal_distribution
- 45 Jane Muir, “Carl Friedrich Gauss, 1777–1885,” in *OF MEN AND NUMBERS/THE STORY OF GREAT MATHEMATICIANS*, DOVER PUBLICATIONS, INC., New York, pages 157→183, 1996; ISBN-13: 978-0-486-28,973-1; ISBN-10: 0-486-28,973-7.
- 46 http://www.storyofmathematics.com/19th_gauss.html https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Friedrich_Gauss
- 47 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal_distribution https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Observational_error
- 48 For purposes here: $y = (1/(s(\sqrt{2\Pi})))\exp[-(x - \bar{x})^2/2s^2]$
 See John Keenan Taylor, *Statistical Techniques for Data Analysis*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 33421; 1990; ISBN 0-87371-250-1; 1990; pages 25 and 26.
 In the treatment here \bar{x} is used to approximate μ used by Taylor, and s is used to approximate his σ .
 Applying the data of the fictitious example here:
 $y = (.29) \exp[-(x - \bar{x})^2/3.74]$
- 49 It, kind of, looks like a bell.
- 50 Not to be confused with Richard J. Herrnstein and Charles Murray, *The Bell Curve / Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life*; Free Press, 1994; ISBN 0-02-914673-9. Nor with Charles Murray, *Human Diversity: The Biology of Gender, Race, and Class*, Twelve/Hatchette Book Group, New York City, 10104. January 2020. Neither recommended here.
<https://www.amazon.com/Charles-Murray/e/B000AP5UJQ>
https://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/23/magazine/23wwln_idealab.html
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Bell_Curve
- 51 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

- 52 Σ = math symbol *sigma* for a summation of a list of numbers.
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/algebra/sigma-notation.html>
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/letter-s.html>
- 53 *Mean* =
 $\bar{x} = (\Sigma x) / n$ Kirkwood, page 12.
 $\bar{x} = \mu$ Kirkwood, page 22.
- 54 \bar{x} “. . . spoken ‘x bar’. . .” Kirkwood, page 12.
- 55 *standard deviation* =
 $s = \sqrt{((\Sigma(x - \bar{x})^2) / (n - 1))}$ Kirkwood, page 14.
 $s = \sigma$ Kirkwood, page 22.
- 56 $\sqrt{}$ = math symbol for square root of a number.
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/square-root.html>
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/letter-s.html>
- 57 (See Tab. 8.5.)

Tab. 8.5: Standard deviation.

	$x =$	$\bar{x} =$	$(x - \bar{x}) =$	$(x - \bar{x})^2 =$
	5.0031	- 5.0031	= 0	0
	5.0027	- 5.0031	= -0.0004	0.00000016
	5.0035	- 5.0031	= 0.0004	0.00000016
	5.0034	- 5.0031	= 0.0003	0.00000009
	5.0030	- 5.0031	= -0.0001	0.00000001
$\Sigma =$	25.0157			0.00000042

- 58 $= \sqrt{(.00000042)/(5-1)}$
 $= \sqrt{(.00000042)/(4)}$
 $= \sqrt{0.000000105}$
 $= \pm.00032$
- 59 See, for example, Kirkwood, page 8, *et seq.*, for haemoglobin measure; and page 21 *et seq.*, for heights.
- 60 For purposes here “accurate” should be taken to mean as sufficiently so that no one is arguing about it. It is not intended to mean here as absolutely accurate, or that absolute accuracy can actually be surely known.
- 61 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 62 “Organic” here means a hydrocarbon composed mostly of C and H atoms, often with some other atoms. This is a chemical science definition and is not a now popularly used meaning for natural and safe. Many, if not most organics by the chemical science meaning would not be safe in the popular meaning; and many would not be natural.
- 63 [] is used to indicate a concentration – $[C_x H_y]$ – here an organic solvent in blood. Thus, for worker #1 tabulated below – $[C_x H_y] = 5.6$ milligrams of the organic solvent per millilitre of blood (which, by volume, is mostly water).
- 64 Such as in Ontario for lead in blood – R.R.O. 1990 Reg. 843 – under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.1. See M.G., *The Law of Occupational Health and Safety in Ontario*, 2nd ed., Butterworths, Toronto, 1994, Appendix II.
- 65 But some of these differences would not be random and should be tabulated in appropriate groupings, as best they are known. For example, different measurements for different work locations and exposure patterns in the factory (*e.g.* a sprayer vs a clerk in the front office vs a

- welder working on sprayed items) are not fully attributable to random scatter and are therefore not appropriate for a purely statistical treatment together. It would be a complicating factor that these may not all be known.
- 66 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 67 These data are concocted for illustrative purposes here; and in real life, a much larger sampling would be appropriate.
- 68 See: Betty R. Kirkwood, *ESSENTIALS OF Medical Statistics*, Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford, OX2 0EL; 1988; ISBN 0-632-01052-5; Chapters 2, 3 and 4, page 5, *et seq.*
- 69 See also: Julian Tyson, *ANALYSIS / What Analytical Chemists Do*, Royal Society of Chemistry Paperbacks, Cambridge CB4 4WF; 1988, 1994; ISBN 0-85186-463-5; pages 117→133.
- 70 See also: Robert L. Peesok, Kenneth Chapman, Wade W. Ponder, *et al.*, *CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK/Guidebook for Industrial Chemical Technologists and Technicians*, American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C.; 1975, 1980; ISBN 0-8412-0578-7; pages 122→125.
- 71 Assuming – for purposes of the example here – to illustrate statistical treatment – that most of the measured differences are from random scatter, and that the measuring method is very accurate.
- 72 *Gaussian* distribution
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/data/standard-normal-distribution.html>
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/letter-s.html>
- 73 Both the known control samples #1 and #2 are prepared to monitor the measuring instrumentation, and are not from the worker blood samples.
- 74 Since both of the known control samples #1 and #2 are set here for concentration = 6.390 mg/ml – their variation is entirely due to scatter in the measuring method. The results of 6.40 and 6.38 suggest an error of the measurement system of $\pm \sim .01/6.390 \approx \pm .2\%$.
- 75 Control samples #1 and #2 not included to calculate $\Sigma = 89.5$ and $\Sigma = 24.42$.
- 76 Not including the known control samples.
- 77 With the advent of modern calculators, it is most convenient to carry more decimal places than needed through the calculations, and to defer round-off decision-making for the extent of significant figures in the decimal string until the conclusion. The extra decimal places do not necessarily mean extra precision. See John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1987; page 10.
- 78 For purposes of this fictitious example a two decimal place round-off is used.
- 79 <https://brownmath.com/swt/symbol.htm>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal_distribution
<https://www.statlect.com/probability-distributions/normal-distribution>
- 80 <https://www.mathsisfun.com/data/standard-normal-distribution.html>
- 81 See also: Larry J. Goldstein and David L Schneider, *Finite Mathematics and Its Applications*, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632; 1980; ISBN 0-13-317263-5; at page 271, *et seq.*
- 82 Gaussian distribution – See notes above.
- 83 *standard normal deviate* =

$$\text{snd} = (x - \bar{x})/s$$

$$\text{snd} = (x - \mu)/\sigma$$

$$\text{snd} = z \quad \text{Kirkwood, pages 22 and 23.}$$
- 84 Such a recalibration results in the *mean* moving to $\bar{x} = 0.$
- 85 Since both of the known control samples #1 and #2 are set here for concentration = 6.390 mg/ml – their variation is entirely due to scatter in the measuring method. The results of 6.40 and 6.38 suggest an error of the measurement system of $\pm \sim .01/6.390. \approx \pm .2\%$.

- 86 Kirkwood, 25 and 26. See also John Keenan Taylor, *Statistical Techniques for Data Analysis*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1990, page 66→75.
- 87 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 88 For convenience here, this new 15th measurement is charted without calculating a new mean (which would be $\bar{x} = 6.82$), and therefore without recalculating the table above. In real life, beyond this example, such a recalculation should be done.
- 89 Fictitiously, within the context of this *Gedankenexperiment*.
- 90 For such substance abuse, the measurement would be anomalous only if the abuse were rare; such widespread abuse might increase the *mean*, but not necessarily the *scatter*. As an alternative example, if the survey were intended to monitor a suspected substance abusing population, a non-abusing but occupationally caused surveyee might present the anomaly.
- 91 See:
- John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1987; Chapter 14, “Control Charts,” pages 129→146.
 - John Keenan Taylor, *Statistical Techniques for Data Analysis*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1990, pages 151→154.
 - W.M. Johnson in “Quality Control and Quality Assurance” as Chapter 8 in C. Riddle, ed., *Analysis of Geological Materials*, Marcel Decker, Inc., New York City, 1993, pages 351→356.
- 92 For a general reference see also Howard A. Strobel, *Chemical Instrumentation / A Systematic Approach to Instrumental Analysis*, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc., Reading, Massachusetts and London, England, 1960; Chapter 2, ERRORS OF MEASUREMENT, pages 14→34.
- 93 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 94 “. . . No Matter How Carefully Incorrect Data Are Analysed The Results Are Meaningless . . .”
John Keenan Taylor, *Statistical Techniques for Data Analysis*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1990, page 20.
- 95 For example: See Ellen Rohde, Annette C. McManus, Carla Vogt, William R. Heineman “Separation and Comparison of Fountain Pen Inks by Capillary Zone Electrophoresis,” *Journal Of Forensic Sciences*, Vol.42, No. 6, November 1997, page 1004.
https://www.astm.org/DIGITAL_LIBRARY/JOURNALS/FORENSIC/PAGES/JFS14252J.htm
- 96 Naphthalene. Double bond? CAS 91-20-3. Chapters 4 & 8.
- 97 Bias. Chapter 8.
- 98 Poppy. Too sensitive. Chapters 3 & 8.
- 99 <https://www.mathsisfun.com/data/graphs-index.html>
- 100 https://www.eduplace.com/math/mthexp/g5/visual/pdf/vs_g5_37.pdf
https://mathinsight.org/cartesian_coordinates https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartesian_coordinate_system
- 101 Cartesian Grid. Chapter 3, 6, 8.
- 102 <https://www.mathsisfun.com/data/cartesian-coordinates.html>
- 103 Also x, y, z for three dimensions (Fig. 8.11):

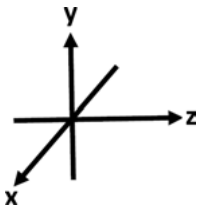


Fig. 8.11: X,y,z.

- 104 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 105 See: Michael A. Kamrin, *Toxicology/A Primer on Toxicology Principles and Applications/•Indoor and Outdoor Air/•Drinking Water/•Food/•Workplace Environment*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., Chelsea, Michigan, 48118; 1988; ISBN 0-87371-133-5; Chapter 2, “Chemical Individuality and Toxicology,” 2.5 “Dose–response,” page 12, *et seq.*, page 13, Figure 2.3.
- 106 The concept of severity of response remains numerically undefined here – not needed for the limited purpose of this illustration.
- 107 Hypothetically sketched here.
- 108 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 109 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 110 $y = mx + b$ See William K. Morrill, *Calculus*, D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., Princeton, N.J., ..., 1956, APPENDIX, page 496.
- 111 See: Rod Pierce, *Math Is Fun*, “Equation of a Straight Line,” November 2019.
 $y = m x + b$ https://www.mathsisfun.com/equation_of_line.html
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/> <https://www.mathsisfun.com/aboutmathsisfun.html>
https://www.mathsisfun.com/equation_of_line.html
- 112 See also: Larry J. Goldstein and David L Schneider, *FINITE MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS*, PRENTICE-HALL, INC., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632; 1980; ISBN 0-13-317263-5; at page 27, *et seq.*
- 113 See also: <https://www.nku.edu/~whitsonma/Bio150LSite/Lab%20%20Water/SpectrophotometryII.html>
- 114 See for example: “LEAST SQUARES: FITTING A CURVE TO DATA POINTS,” at page 3.1, equations (1) and (2) – wherein for a physics experiment an oscillating mass M hung on a spring of mass m has a period =
 $T = 2\pi[(M + m)/k]^{1/2}$. When rearranged as $T^2 = (4\pi^2/k) M + (4\pi^2/k) m$, it is in the general form of the straight line equation $y = m x + b$. (Equation symbols somewhat changed here to avoid confusion.) Actual data do plot as on a straight line – as illustrated on page 3–2.
<http://physics.ucsc.edu/~drip/133/ch3.pdf>
<https://scott.physics.ucsc.edu/>
<http://physics.ucsc.edu/~drip/133/>
- 115 See also: Harry F. Meiners, Walter Eppenstein, Kenneth H. Moore, John P. Nickol, *Analytical Laboratory Physics/Second Edition*, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; J.W. Edwards, Publisher, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan; 1956; Chapter III, “Graphing – Tabular Differences,” pages 45→64; at page 54. Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 59–15 190.
<https://www.amazon.com/Analytical-Laboratory-Physics-Harry-Meiners/dp/B001ESMLWC>
- 116 See: Harry F. Meiners, Walter Eppenstein, Kenneth H. Moore, John P. Nickol, *Analytical Laboratory Physics/Second Edition*, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; J.W. Edwards, Publisher, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan; 1956; Chapter III, “Graphing – Tabular Differences,” pages 45→64; at page 50. Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 59–15 190. <https://www.amazon.com/Analytical-Laboratory-Physics-Harry-Meiners/dp/B001ESMLWC>
- 117 See also: John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., an imprint of CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 33431; 1987; ISBN 0-87371-097-5; Chapter 10, “Principles of Calibration,” at page 102.
- 118 See also: UNSW Sydney, NSW, 2052, Australia, School of Physics, “Errors and Error Estimation/First Year Physics Laboratory Manual” [2021].
https://www.animations.physics.unsw.edu.au/sf/toolkits/Errors_and_Error_Estimation.pdf
<https://www.physics.unsw.edu.au/>
- 119 <https://www.mathsisfun.com/measure/error-measurement.html>
- 120 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

- 121 – Rod Pierce, “Least Squares Regression,” *Math Is Fun*, 2019.
<http://www.mathsisfun.com/data/least-squares-regression.html> <https://www.mathsisfun.com/> <https://www.mathsisfun.com/citation.php>
 – <https://faculty.elgin.edu/dkernler/statistics/ch04/4-2.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least_squares https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordinary_least_squares
- 122 http://www.storyofmathematics.com/19th_gauss.html https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Friedrich_Gauss
- 123 Rod Pierce, “Least Squares Regression,” *Math Is Fun*, 2019.
- 124 See, for example – “Simmelweis Reflex”: Nahlah Ayed, CBC, Ideas, “The dirt on handwashing: the tragic death behind a life-saving act,” May 2020, “Even with impeccable data, [Ignaz Semmelweis] the ‘saviour of mothers’ was shunned.”
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas>
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-dirt-on-handwashing-the-tragic-death-behind-a-life-saving-act-1.5587319>
- 125 <https://u.osu.edu/korzen.1/2016/11/26/the-semmelweis-reflex-or-semmelweis-effect-is-a-metaphor-for-the-reflex-like-tendency-to-reject-new-evidence-or-new-knowledge-because-it-contradicts-established-norms-beliefs-or-paradigms/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semmelweis_reflex https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignaz_Semmelweis
- 126 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Ignaz_Semmelweis
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Ignaz_Semmelweis#/media/File:Monthly_mortality_rates_1841-1849.png
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Monthly_mortality_rates_1841-1849.png
- 127 Semmelweis. Handwashing. Counting measurement. Preface 4.1, Chapters 3 & 8.
- 128 Richard Saferstein, *Criminalistics/An Introduction to Forensic Science*, Seventh Edition, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458; 2001; ISBN 0-13-013827-4.
- 129 Saferstein, *Criminalistics*. . ., 2001; pages 181→188.
- 130 Blunder. Chapter 8.
- 131 See John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1987, page 9.
- 132 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 133 Niraj Chokshi, “A Tiny Typo Repeated 46 Million Times Is Circulating in Australia,” *The New York Times*, BUSINESS, 11 March 2019, page B4. “. . . new \$50 dollar bills . . . spelling error . . .”
- 134 Engraved in stone, years ago, around the main hall, Union Station, Toronto, near the ceiling, are the Canadian cities historically served by the railway systems. Including “SAULT ST. MARIE” – likely better spelled “Sault Ste. Marie.”
- 135 https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b5/Typo_in_the_carvings_at_Union_Station.jpg
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Typo_in_the_carvings_at_Union_Station.jpg
<http://torontothendandnow.blogspot.com/2011/03/21-union-station-then-and-now.html>
- 136 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sault_Ste_Marie,_Ontario
- 137 See:
 – Oliver C. Schroeder, Jr., “Ethical and Moral Dimensions in Forensic Science,” as Chapter 3, pages 27→48, in Geoffrey Davies, Editor, *Forensic Science*, Second Edition, ACS Symposium Series, Volume 13, American Chemical Society; 1986; ISBN 0-8412-0918-9.
https://books.google.ca/books/about/Forensic_Science.html?id=5MXyAAAAAAAJ&source=kp_book_description&redir_esc=y

- 138** Brent Ostrum, 1aSCa2 “A Canadian perspective on forensic science versus pseudoscience,” ICA 2013 Montreal Montreal, Canada 2–7 June 2013 Speech Communication Session 1aSCa: Distinguishing Between Science and Pseudoscience in Forensic Acoustics I. <https://asa.scitation.org/doi/pdf/10.1121/1.4800649>
- 139** See:
- Patricia Hunter and George Atkinson, “The Science Ethics Forum at the University of Waterloo,” *Canadian Chemical News*, June 1995, pages 13 and 14;
 - “The Chemical Institute of Canada Code of Ethics / Code d’Éthique...,” *Canadian Chemical News*, June 1995, page 14;
 - Martin P.J. Kratz, “Ethics, Law and Moonlighting,” *Canadian Chemical News*, June 1995, pages 15 and 16.
 - Deborah Illman, “Courses Address Ethical Research Practices In The Chemical Sciences / #Chemistry Departments at Iowa and Maryland offer courses on scientific fraud; at Tennessee, casebook spurs ethics discussion,” EDUCATION, *Chemical and Engineering News*, 24 October 1994, pages 38 and 39.
 - “SYMPOSIUM: ETHICAL CONFLICTS IN THE FORENSIC SCIENCES,” *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, Vol.34, No.3, May 1989; Joseph L. Peterson, “Introduction,” pages 717 and 718;
 - Douglas M. Lucas, “The Ethical Responsibilities of the Forensic Scientist: Exploring the Limits,” pages 719→729;
 - Paul C. Giannelli, “Evidentiary and Procedural Rules Governing Expert Testimony,” pages 730→748;
 - Joseph L. Peterson and John E. Murdock, “Forensic Science Ethics: Developing an Integrated System of Support and Enforcement.” pages 749→762;
 - Mark S. Frankel, “Ethics and the Forensic Sciences: Professional Autonomy in the Criminal Justice System,” pages 763→771;
 - Michael J. Saks, “Prevalence and Impact of Ethical Problems in Forensic Science,” pages 772→793.
 - Special Communication: Papers Delivered at the Plenary Session of the 49th Annual Meeting, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New York NY on Ethics in Forensic Science, *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, Vol.42, No.6, November 1997:
 - Robert Weinstock, “Ethical Practice in the Forensic Sciences An Introduction,” page 1189;
 - Richard Rosner, “Foundations of Ethical Practice in the Forensic Sciences,” page 1191;
 - Jon J. Nordby, “A Member of the Roy Rogers Riders Club Is Expected to Follow the Rules Faithfully” page 1195;
 - F. M. Kamm, “Physician-Assisted Suicide and the Doctrine of Double Effect,” page 1198;
 - Ruth Macklin, “Ethics and Value Bias in the Forensic Sciences,” page 1203;
 - Don Harper Mills, “Comments from the Perspective of the AAFS Ethics Committee Chairman,” page 1207.
- 140** For example: for practice in Ontario under the *Medicine Act, 1991*, SO 1991c.30; and the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, SO 1991c.18, as am. Concerning ethics, see *...Professions Act*, Schedule 2, s.3(1)#2, #3, #5, and s.51(c). <https://www.gov.on.ca/MBS/english/publications/statregs/contents.html>
- 141** For example, *... Professions Act...*, s.27.
- 142** See Michael Heylin, *Chemical and Engineering News*, pages 10→16; and Madeline Jacobs, editor = s page, page 3.
- 143** See: Giacomo Puccini, *LA FANCIULLA DEL WEST (THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST)*, 1910.
<https://www.metopera.org/season/2018-19-season/la-fanciulla-del-west/>
<https://jhiblog.org/2018/12/17/variations-on-a-theme-by-puccini-theologizing-la-fanciulla-del-west/>

https://archive.org/stream/lafanciulladelwe00pucc/lafanciulladelwe00pucc_djvu.txt
Minnie:

Ciò vuol dire, ragazzi, che non v'è, al mondo, peccatore cui non s'apra una via di redenzione. Sappia ognuno di voi chiudere in se questa suprema verità d'amore.

Which is to say, boys, that there is no sinner in the world for whom a path to redemption is not open. May each of you learn how to hold this supreme truth of love within you.

Apparently inspired from Biblical Psalms Chapter 51 מִיִּלְיָדָי

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/psalms/51.html>

<https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt2651.htm>

144 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

145 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

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[. . .]

Years ago, when . . . was a member of the homicide squad, he had a murder suspect in his sights who he was sure – really sure – was guilty. But the man wouldn't crack.

. . . Go fetch the shoes you were wearing . . . Our crime lab has got some new fangled laser thing they want to use [emphasis added]. . . .

On getting home, the man scurried inside . . . did exactly what . . . had hoped he would do. He crept out and tossed his shoes into a nearby dumpster. Pounced on by waiting police . . . swiftly confessed.

There was, of course, no laser. The story was an out-and-out ruse – a wholly legitimate device in the complexities of police interrogations [emphasis added]. Nothing anywhere prevents law enforcers from deceiving a suspect to obtain information.

' . . . we can use trickery,' said Detective . . .

[. . .]

At the same time, however, two court cases this week illustrate some of the boundaries in a police interrogation.

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כִּי רָגְלֵיהֶם, לָרַע יָרוּצוּ; וַיִּמְהָרוּ, לְשֹׁפְרֵי-דָם טוּ
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[. . .]
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Disposition

[78] The Law Society of Ontario’s application for a permanent injunction prohibiting Mr. Kopyto from contravening s. 26.1 of the *Act*, and in particular:

- i. prohibiting Mr. Kopyto, and any business or business entity that he controls, from practicing law or providing legal services in Ontario, contrary to s. 26.1(1) of the *Act*, and
- ii. prohibiting Mr. Kopyto from holding himself out as, or representing himself to be, a person who can practice law or provide legal services in Ontario, contrary to s. 26.1(2) of the *Act* is **granted**.

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- 240** ANAB = ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board. <http://www.anab.org/about-anab/definitions>
- ANSI = American National Standards Institute.
- ASQ = American Society for Quality.
- 241** http://search.anab.org/public/organization_files/Centre-of-Forensic-Sciences-Toronto-Cert-and-Scope-File-04-18-2019_1555609155.pdf
- 242** **ISO/IEC 17025:2017** General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.
- 243** **ISO/IEC 17025:2017** revises and replaces **ISO/IEC 17025:2005**.
- 244** International Organization for Standardization, Geneva, Switzerland. <http://www.iso.org>
- ISO/IEC17025:2005** http://www.iso.org/iso/home/store/catalogue_tc/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=39883
- ISO/IEC 17025:2017** <https://www.iso.org/standard/66912.html>
- 245** International Organization for Standardization, Geneva, Switzerland. <http://www.iso.org>
- ISO/IEC 17025:2005** http://www.iso.org/iso/home/store/catalogue_tc/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=39883
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 - Kenneth J. Mintz, “Accreditation of a Testing Laboratory,” *Canadian Chemical News*, May 1995, pages 37→39.
 - Louisa Newbury, SOCIETY NEWS / PRESIDENT = S MESSAGE, *Canadian Society of Forensic Science Journal*, Vol.28, No.3, September 1995, page 229
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Justice#:~:text=Since%20the%2016th%20century%2C%20Lady,%2C%20power%2C%20or%20other%20status.
<https://www.heraldry-wiki.com/heraldrywiki/index.php?title=Ilshofen>
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:DEU_Ilshofen_COA.svg
<https://www.heraldry-wiki.com/heraldrywiki/wiki/Ilshofen>
- 251 Justitia – at Vancouver, with scales and blindfold, but with a scroll instead of her usual sword. “Scales of Justice, Vancouver Law Courts. The blindfolded Lady Justice symbolizes the impartial manner in which our laws are administered: blind to all considerations but the facts”
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/discover-canada/read-online/justice-system-images.html>
- 252 <http://www.inquiriesjournal.com/articles/896/the-visual-rhetoric-of-lady-justice-understanding-jurisprudence-through-metonymic-tokens>
- 253 <https://www.nvbar.org/about-us/our-mission/> <https://www.elevatedtitle.com/utah/utah-state-bar/>
- 254 <https://mdean.tripod.com/justice.html>
- 255 –the individual litigants may continue to vigorously disagree as to their cases’ importance.
- 256 –for example, if the lab accreditation had expired.
- 257 For example: for the Carbon-14 analysis of the Shroud of Turin. Preface 2, Chapters 3 & 7.
- 258 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 259 *Absolute liability offence*. Chapters 1 & 8.
- 260 Ivan Penn, “Steps taken to combat inmate release errors / Officials upgrading case review policies, computer tracking,” *Baltimore Sun*, 24 November 1997, pages 1B and 6B: “In response to concerns about mistaken release of four Maryland inmates, prison officials say they have established new policies ...” <https://www.sunspot.net>
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- 262 Mark Quinn, “By Chance: Switched at birth, they were brought together again by coincidence / 2 lives took a wrong turn early on. Some 50 years later, the N.L. men are struggling with the fallout,” CBC News, 11 December 2019. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/switched-at-birth-newfoundland-1.5366043>

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- 264 –hopefully not too many here.
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<http://www.infinityplus.co.uk/stories/offtrack.htm> 2021.
- 266 This was referred to in 8.3 with respect to **yes** or **no** analyses.
- 267 However, see the caution given by John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., 1987, page 146.
- 268 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 269 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 270 *Nullius in verba* ≈ We don’t take anybody’s word for it.
- 271 <http://royalsociety.org/> “The Royal Society’s motto ‘Nullius in verba’ roughly translates as ‘take nobody’s word for it’. It is an expression of the determination of Fellows to withstand the domination of authority and to verify all statements by an appeal to facts determined by experiment.”
- 272 Edward Neville da Costa Andrade, *Sir Isaac Newton / His Life and Work*, DOUBLEDAY ANCHOR, Garden City, New York; SCIENCE STUDIES SERIES, S42; reprinted from Macmillan Company, New York, and W. Collins Sons and Co, Ltd., London, first published 1954; page 60.
- 273 <https://en.wiktionary.org/w/index.php?title=%D7%A9%D7%82%D7%9B%D7%9C&oldid=46239729>
- 274 See also: “. . . if something doesn’t make sense, it doesn’t make sense. . . .”
- 275 Mark Carney, Lecture 2: “From Credit Crisis to Resilience,” December 2020, BBC Radio 4. Also, CBC Ideas. “THE REITH LECTURES 2020: HOW WE GET WHAT WE VALUE Reith Lecturer: Dr. Mark Carney, former Governor of the Bank of England Lecture 2: From Credit Crisis to Resilience TX: 09.12.2020 at 9am, BBC Radio 4”
 “. . . Bob Hurst . . . then one of the partners at Goldman Sachs. Bob’s rule was if something doesn’t make sense, it doesn’t make sense. . . . and it doesn’t make sense, ask the person to repeat the rationale, and if that response still doesn’t make sense, you should run . . .”
https://downloads.bbc.co.uk/radio4/reith2020/Reith_2020_Lecture_2_transcript.pdf
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000q3sp>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/43GjCh72bxWVSqSB84ZDjw0/reith-lectures-2020-how-we-get-what-we-value>
- 276 See also: William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, Act 3, Scene 2; ~ 1601; Queen Gertrude: “The lady doth protest too much, methinks.”
<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/protest-too-much>
<https://literarydevices.net/lady-doth-protest-too-much/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_lady_doth_protest_too_much,_methinks
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0271530920300264>
<https://interestingliterature.com/2020/11/methinks-the-lady-doth-protest-too-much-meaning-origin/>

Chapter 9

Report

[. . .]

The White Rabbit put on his spectacles. “Where shall I begin, please your Majesty?” he asked.

“Begin at the beginning,” the King said, very gravely, “and go on till you come to the end: then stop.”

[. . .]

[Alice at a court of justice.] [2]

[. . .]

Meanwhile in my office at the Port Judiciary I struggled to do the job my bondfather had given me. Each day a formidable stack of reports and memoranda reached my desk; each day I tried to decide which must go before the High Justice and which were to be ignored. At first, naturally, I had no grounds for judgment. Sevgorod helped me, though, as did several of the senior officials . . .

Most of the material submitted for the guidance of the High Justice was nonsense. I learned swiftly to detect that sort by a quick scanning, often by looking at a single page. The style in which it was written told me much: I found that a man who cannot phrase his thoughts cleanly on paper probably has no thoughts worth notice. The style is the man. If the prose is heavy-footed and sluggish, so too, in all likelihood, is the mind of its author, and then what are his insights into the operations of the Port Judiciary worth? . . .

[. . .]

[Fictional Prince Kinnall, as private secretary to the High Justice of the Port Judiciary.] [3, 4, 5, 6, 7]¹ [8]

Доверяй, но проверяй

[Russian proverb = *Trust, but verify* – quoted by President Ronald Reagan to General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev.] [9, 10, 11]

9.1 Report

The forensic scientist’s report [1]^{2,3} is a very important component of both science and law. It is the explained end-product of the scientific work done in a legal context.

That report is the professional written statement of findings and conclusions, and speaks both for the scientist and for the scientist’s employer [12]. It should contain, or refer to, all that is relevant to expressing the theory and conclusions of the science – as far as the scientist could know – including doubts and wonderings about unknowns.

The forensic science report would be used by prosecutors, police, defence lawyers, judges, and others, to help try to construct the theory of the human story of what happened. And maybe used by historians, long afterwards.

1 Prince Kinnall. Chapters 8 & 9.

2 Proper scientific report. *CD&S Act*. Health Canada. Preface 4.3, Chapters 5, 8, 9, 10, 11.

3 Forensic report. Chapters 5, 9.

The report should be as comprehensive as possible, be clear, cite all relevant documentation and state its limitations. It should deal with scientific matters in a proper scientific way. It should clearly indicate its authorship, its authorship responsibility and contact data. It should also identify the key participants in the forensic work.

The report should provide its readers not only with a clear idea of the issues to be addressed, but also ample information for a reader's critical appraisal that might suggest other conclusions to be argued about.

The report would be a formal written narrative with sufficient explanation so that a responsible reader, with some knowledge of science, but not necessarily closely familiar with the detailed science theory and facts, could gain a decent understanding of what is going on. That reader should be expected to have at least a high school-level appreciation of science and mathematics, and should not profess an animosity to science and mathematics.

The report must also be appropriate for an expert reader who would be closely familiar with the detailed science of concern.

A forensic science report would look like any proper science report⁴ – generally – as to content and organization. Although there are many possible formats, all science reports would be organized to explain what is being studied, in such a way that a critical reader or reviewer can know what challenging questions to ask, and could have those questions addressed.

A forensic science report should address, and neither hide, obscure nor obfuscate inconvenient relevancies, if such exist.

But, if it is in the midst of a public controversy, the report's authors should tread carefully – for example: In a report on the health physics of a particular nuclear power proposal, the report's authors should stick to just that. That report should not be seen as for advocacy – those are the roles of the public policy advocates and their adversaries. The report should not have a commercial advertising kind of tone; the reporting agency's website should not give the appearance of an advertising platform, or of brand promotion.

The concepts of science report writing are well known. Examples abound – including from the American Chemical Society, [13, 14] from the US *Code of Federal Regulations* for the EPA, [15] for high schools, [16] *etc.*, [17, 18, 19, 20].

As a further example: A text book experiment to measure enthalpy of combustion with a bomb calorimeter: [21, 22, 23]

And, further examples: As indicated in quality assurance standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005, including clauses 5.10.1, 5.10.2, 5.10.5 [24].

And, more further examples: reports as for cases that would appear before the Ontario Court – *FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT*, and *CFS REPORT*.⁵

⁴ *Proper scientific report. CD&S Act. Polemic. Health Canada. Preface 4, Chapters 9 & 10.*

⁵ Fire Marshall. CFS. Chapters 9 & 10.

But not from Health Canada,⁶ under the *CD&S Act*, nor from the *Criminal Code* DRE.^{7,8}

Individual report writers and their science-related agencies and corporate entities should be expected to be science report–literate. Documented scientific reporting goes back at least more than three centuries to *Principia*.⁹

As a science report, a forensic science report would include several necessary parts. Those parts would each be reasonably well-complete explanations, either by their own narrative, or by way of reference to reasonably readily well-available other documents. Descriptions of those parts follow in this chapter.

A forensic science report with missing parts should be accepted only provisionally, if at all, until it would become complete. But, report parts, by way of reference, if reasonably and readily available, should not be considered as missing.

However, reports for many purposes may be ok as in abbreviated or summarized format, so long as a fully proper scientific report exists somewhere and is reasonably readily available. For example: Most medical patients, and their physicians, are satisfied with lab results (often analytical chemistry) as brief data printout, because there is sufficient confidence in the lab’s, and the physician’s professionalism, in the physician’s explanation and in the government’s regulatory supervision. But, not always is such confidence warranted – for example: “Motherisk” laboratory at Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.¹⁰

And, again, in a medical context, there may be questions of confidence with data security [25].

As another example: It may be reasonably speculated that investors interested in Bre-X [26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32] gold Au mining assays (also analytical chemistry) should have (now in retrospect of the exposed fraud) insisted on proper scientific reports [33].¹¹

Some reports that are in the administrative context of an issuing agency – perhaps set out in law – would not necessarily qualify as a proper scientific report. Those agency-directed reports would be used for whatever the agency’s bureaucracy – or the law – requires, but are not necessarily reflective of proper science. For example: Health Canada’s *Certificates of Analyst*, as applicable at law, should not be confused with properly reported science.^{12,13,14}

Science and conclusions that would be conveyed by a forensic report that is not as a proper scientific report should not be seen as scientifically acceptable,

6 Health Canada DAS *Certificate of Analyst*. Chapters 9 & 10.

7 DRE. Chapters 9 & 11.

8 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.2, Chapters 10 & 11.

9 Newton. Haley. *Principia*. Chapters 9, 10, 11.

10 “Motherisk” Chapter 9 [see also other notes.].

11 Sample selection. Chapters 3, 5, 9.

12 Health Canada DAS *Certificate of Analyst*. Chapters 9 & 10.

13 Polemic. Health Canada. Preface 4, Chapters 10 & 11.

14 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

for that reason alone. A forensic report not in writing (as print-on-paper or as permanent electronic record) should not be seen as scientifically acceptable, for that reason alone. A mere presentation of recorded data is not an acceptable scientific report; it must come with reporting explanation and formalism.

That Canadian courts and legal process are entitled at law to proceed without a proper scientific report, and often do, is a matter for public policy debate. For example: Health Canada's *Certificates of Analyst* – see above.

Sometimes, there are publicly revealed tragic happenings that would/should have involved considerations of analytical chemistry, and for which there are government enquiries. And, for which journalists take notice. Within the resulting government-published enquiries there would/should have been presented and discussed issues of proper scientific reports, references to them, and mention of at least some science concepts. Examples:^{15,16}

Tab. 9.1: Tragic public happening enquiries.

Enquiry	Comment [34]
– Grange 1984 re Susan Royal Commission. Nelles.	An innocent nurse was accused of murder-by-poisoning babies. [35, 36, 37, 38] Eventually exonerated. For an issue where analytical chemistry would seem to be important, scant mention is made.
– Griffiths 2001 re Gemma Report. Ramlal.	A government chemist was involved with serious quality assurance failure. For an issue where analytical chemistry and QA would seem to be of fundamental and paramount importance, there was essentially no mention. Later comparison with a Massachusetts case, 2012, is appropriate. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54] ¹⁷

15 Government enquiries: Preface 4, Chapters 8 & 9.

- Grange re Susan Nelles, 1984;
- Griffiths, re Gemma Ramlal, Health Canada, 2001;
- Goudge re Dr. Smith, Hospital for Sick Children, 2008;
- Lang re “Motherisk,” Dr. Koren Hospital for Sick Children, 2015;
- Gillese re Ontario Long-Term Care Homes murders, 2019.

16 Proper scientific report. *CD&S Act*. Health Canada. Preface 4.3, Chapters 5, 8, 9, 10, 11.

17 Fraud. Griffiths Report, 2001. QA failure. Gemma Ramlal, 2001. Annie Doukhan, 2012. Preface 4.3, Chapters 8, 9, 10.

Tab. 9.1 (continued)

– Goudge Inquiry.	2008	re Dr. Smith.	An MD, acting in pathology, apparently made serious errors amid a disorganized administrative process. Apparently, no one of senior authority within the Ministry of the Attorney General actively intervened.	[55, 56, 57, 58]
– Lang report.	2015	re “Motherisk,” Dr. Koren.	An MD, in charge of a hospital clinic uses questionable tests and conclusions, with legal consequences for patients. Concepts of analytical chemistry and QA appear to be well-dealt-with in this report.	[59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73] ¹⁸
– Gillese report.	2019	re Long-Term Care Homes murders.	A nurse is convicted of a series of murders for which there is little specific direct physical evidence, other than to confirm the deaths, with an opportunity to murder. Essentially, conviction was based on her confession. There is no mention of analytical chemistry.	[74, 75, 76, 77]

After a proper scientific report would be issued, requests for relevant explanations are always in order, and the report’s writer and/or the issuing agency should always be willing to further explain, or argue about it; although within the chain of authority, and sequence, of the legal process. In this, it should be remembered that good science requires good faith explanation [78].

Often a forensic report is presented to a court or tribunal by way of expert¹⁹ testimony. While the oral testimony of an expert witness is often appropriate and helpful for a court or tribunal, and required; if that expert refers to a specific examination or observations, done by or on behalf of that expert, a written report would also be necessary. Without the written report, the expert’s testimony should not be seen as acceptable, for that reason alone.

Some of the above description may seem somewhat too fussy, redundant, tedious. But, it is very important.

¹⁸ “Motherisk” Chapter 9 [see also other notes].

¹⁹ Expert. Chapters 1 & 9.

Descriptions of each of the report parts that must appear – by way of direct narrative or reference – for purposes of a forensic analytical chemistry proper scientific report as contemplated in this book:

9.2 Title, . . .

The report must declare at its beginning – or, if not at the actual beginning, referenced from the beginning, or otherwise obviously displayed: [79]

- A meaningful title.
- The author(s).
- Their government agency or corporate entity; the supporting or financing agency or entity.
- The key participants in the forensic work.
- An effective date of report issue; and indications as to when the work reported on was actually done.
- Various identifying code, classification, and cataloguing numbers.
- If acronyms are used – defined.
- An indication (often obvious) that the report is of a prepared form or is *de novo* [80].

Also:

- The report should be signed by its authors, and others of answerable responsible authority, involved in its work.²⁰ In this regard, those in responsible authority must be clearly defined and identified; a nebulous team with no one clearly designated to meaningfully respond to enquiries or criticism does not satisfy this. The person of responsibility would typically be the analytical chemist who did or directed the work and authored the report.

Some comment is appropriate about the mechanics and meaning of a signature: A personally handwritten name, initials or mark – to affirm as true the document being signed [81, 82, 83]. Although sometimes of great historical significance, [84, 85, 86, 87] document signing is often as routine business, but still of significance in its own context.

The signature would be inscribed nearby words to indicate: The place, jurisdiction, date and time of signing; and that it's original or an official copy. Impliedly, if not explicitly, it would be for the entire document, including boilerplate [88]. As a practical matter, typically, if the document is type-set (black), the ink

20 Signed report. Chapter 9.

signature would be in colour (blue). The signature might be witnessed and attested to with another's signature; sometimes in affidavit form, sworn under oath.

For a forensic report, the signature would mean that the signer, having the authority to sign, had examined the report, mindful of its meaning, including at the moment just before signing. The subsequent signing – just after – would represent personal approval, attestation, affirmation, responsibility, commitment, *etc.* This symbolic formality – of a human hand, directed by a mindful human brain – is quite important; casual, *pro forma*, meaningless signing should not happen; nor for purposes here should there be signing-in-blank, nor other-than-actual dating. Signing must not be delegated to a robot [89].

In more ordinary every-day language, the signing process described above would be to assure that someone of responsible authority was actually “mind-ing the store” [90].

In our modern electronic document era there are equivalent alternatives to signing by a brain-directed human hand using a physical pen exuding chemical-substance ink [91]. Such equivalents must include that the electronic signing be of analogous criteria as above.

The above – perhaps too fussy and idealized – commentary would often be of little remarkable necessity. But then there are *facsimile* signatures – with neither explanations nor indications on the document or obviously elsewhere of the criteria above. If the forensic report is with a facsimile signature, it should be evaluated and proven with the same criteria as above: caused to be by a human hand, directed by a mindful human brain, and taking-on responsibilities.

If the facsimile signature is otherwise – perhaps somehow found to be automatically applied, electronically, with the computer production of the report – the report should not have been issued. This is a problem to be addressed when computer systems are involved in the forensics process [92].

Sometimes, Canadian law bypasses these concepts.^{21,22}

For example [93] for the forensic ink analysis used²³ as examples in previous chapters, and being followed through in this chapter: Title:

21 Health Canada *DAS Certificate of Analyst. CD&S Act* s. 51. Chapters 9 & 10.

22 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, and others Preface 4.1, 4.2, Chapters 10 & 11.

23 Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

FORENSIC REPORT for Police File [REDACTED].
 DETERMINATION OF INK ON A DOCUMENT & IN A PEN.

This report issued [REDACTED] 202[REDACTED], [REDACTED]:[REDACTED] [REDACTED]m. EST [94].
 For forensic science work done
 [REDACTED] 202[REDACTED] → [REDACTED] 202[REDACTED], [REDACTED]:[REDACTED] [REDACTED]m. EST.

Authorizing signature: _____
 (as at the issue date above, as for this entire report. Σpages=[REDACTED].)
 (The signer self-declares to be a person of answerable responsible authority.)
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Analytical Chemist. Employee id # = [REDACTED].
 Personnel involved as key participants in this forensic work:
 Analytical chemist signing above.
 & others: _____

Forensic Service Agency,
 Ministry of the Solicitor General.
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [95]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [96]
 This lab's file number for this work = [REDACTED].

9.3 Abstract

An abstract is a very brief summary near the beginning of the report. It is usual in science; in published law reports it is analogous to a “head note.”

For example, for the forensic ink analysis used²⁴ as examples in previous chapters, and being followed through in this chapter [97]:

Abstract: From items provided by police, TLC and IR analyses were done for ink and ink-writing, with comparison for light blue ball point pen ink to standard reference materials. It was concluded that all three (ink, writing and reference) are the same. Statistical data also indicates that the ink is not usually found.

9.4 Contents outline

A contents outline, somewhere near the beginning of the report, allows for a convenience of reading – with emphasis indicated for where most readers would likely be most interested. For example: Selected from the paragraph headings of this chapter – for the forensic ink analysis used as examples in previous chapters, and being followed through in this chapter [98]:

²⁴ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

Contents outline:

- **Problem to be addressed**
- Re Theory of the human story being investigated
- Science theory
- Items for analysis
- Equipment and reagents
- Analysis
- Error statement
- SOPs, *etc.*
- **Conclusion**
- Quality assurance
- Environmental and workplace health and safety
- Legal and disclaimer
- Control of distribution
- Data archival
- Finance
- Language

9.5 Problem to be addressed: blind?

The problem to be addressed should be very briefly stated. It involves the human story that is being sought for which forensic science is being applied. It is usually and mostly not a treatment of the scientific issues. And, importantly, the forensic scientist should try to be blind, as best as practicable, to the human story, to relieve apprehension of bias.

For example for the forensic ink analysis used²⁵ as examples in previous chapters, and being followed through in this chapter [99]:

Problem to be addressed: An ink-writing – alleged as a forgery, and a pen containing ink, were analyzed as to identify the ink as from the pen, or not; and to determine the popularity of that pen and ink in the region of the alleged offence.

The forensic analytical chemist, although having knowledge that an alleged forgery was being investigated, in a criminal or civil law process, had no other involvement in that investigation; nor contact with police personnel other than to receive the physical evidence; nor contact with Crown office personnel other than to receive notice of a trial date for testimony.

²⁵ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

9.6 Re Theory of the human story being investigated

The human story being investigated is often very interesting. But that story – aside from how it might inform about the scientific problem – essentially should not be of concern to the forensic scientist. And, as just indicated, the forensic scientist should try to be blind, as best as practicable, to it, to relieve apprehension of bias.

For example for the forensic ink analysis used as examples in previous chapters, and being followed through in this chapter [100]:

Re Theory of the human story being investigated: Personnel at this lab, although aware that a criminal or civil legal issue (more likely criminal) is being investigated, do not have detailed knowledge of the allegations of incident; nor express any opinion therefor. Nor have any known contact with anyone connected with the incident, other than police & Crown office personnel as noted above in “Problem to be addressed.”

9.7 Science theory

The theoretical scientific basis for the forensic work reported – and hence for the conclusion – must be stated. It would usually be concisely summarized in the report, with references as found in chemical literature – textbooks or journal articles, or government or corporate scientific reports, or in US Patents. Or, the theory might be found by reference to the examining lab’s own SOPs that would refer to the scientific literature.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [101]:

Science theory: The conclusions are based on analysis by TLC,²⁶ with comparisons to reference standards, and the US International Ink Library,²⁷ as reported by [REDACTED] & [REDACTED], “[REDACTED] [REDACTED],” [REDACTED], Vol. [REDACTED], No. [REDACTED], pages [REDACTED]→[REDACTED], [REDACTED] 19[REDACTED]; [102] and as presented in this lab’s SOP [REDACTED]. Some IR spectra were also observed for conformation. Assumptions were made to estimate the occurrence probability of the pen of interest in the geographical region, based on industry-provided sales data.

9.8 Items for analysis

The source, handling, storage and otherwise care of the items being analysed must be stated [103]. This would include registry within the lab’s numbering/cataloguing/recording systems, and would refer to police systems. Reference would also be made to the lab notebook.²⁸ Photographs would also be included.

²⁶ TLC. Chapters 6 & 9.

²⁷ Ink reference standards. US International Ink Library. ATF. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 9.

²⁸ Lab notebook. Chapters 5 & 9.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [104]:

Items for analysis:

- 1 single sheet of paper [1.00] x [1.00] cm² with light blue writing apparently from a ball point pen.
- 1 ball point pen. Markings on the pen: [pen company] [product identification numbers] engineering standards reference = [105]

(Item identification numbers: [100], [100].)

(See photos as figs. [100], [100] – below)

(Lab notebook ref.: pages [100], *et seq.*)

9.9 Equipment and reagents

Much of the equipment and chemicals used would be more or less routine for most chemistry labs. Only those specific for the analysis reported need be mentioned.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [106]:

Equipment and reagents: Surgical-type clean sharp scalpels were used to scrape from the ink lines.

Commercially prepared TLC plates, of [lab supply company], catalogue number [100] [100], were used.

TLC solvents of [chemical supply company], catalogue numbers [1000], [1000], [100] [100], were used. Production and lot numbers: [1000], [1000]. All were of “spectral grade.” None contained any preservatives that would be of concern for this analysis. All were used as supplied without further treatment.

The IR instrument used was of [instrument manufacturing company], catalogue number [1000]; modified in this lab as described in SOP [100].

K Br pellets were pressed as set out in SOP [100].

Refer to SOPs [100], [100], [100] for more details.

9.10 Analysis

The analysis that led to the conclusion would be concisely described in the report, so that others would be able to critically appraise what was done, and repeat it, notwithstanding that such repetition would usually not be necessary.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [107]:

Analysis: The items for analysis were photographed – see figs. [] – of the ink-writing on the paper, and from the pen.

The pen and ink appeared to be of a standard ball point type – see figs.: [] – as confirmed by the analysis here.

The analysis of the ink taken from the paper followed SOP no. [] – TLC (using SOP no. [] – solvent mix []); and whole ink IR (using SOP nos. [] & []). TLC plate photos and IR spectra are shown as figs. [].

The analysis of the ink taken from the pen was the same as just above.

All inks from the items for analysis were found to be identical – by both TLC and IR; to each other, and to US International Ink Library, Reference Standard Sample: [] – light blue. No matches were found with any other ink as reported in the US International Ink Library.

These findings were consistent with data from the pen manufacturing company identified from markings on the pen.

The data described above are set-out as tables [], [], [].

Ink industry production and sales statistics, bank-industry-published (ref. []), for various inks are also presented as table []. These statistical data indicate that the light blue ink is rarely found in the region.

Care was taken to preserve other-than ink evidence – such as handwriting, fingerprints (on paper & pen), and pen ball microscopic markings. Before starting any ink work, close-up colour photographs and photomicrographs were made to best preserve such evidence (as indicated in the conclusion), should further work be required. The fingerprint photography used a laser light source ($\lambda = []$ nm) to try to activate a fluorescence response range ($\lambda = [] \rightarrow []$ nm) (also as indicated in the conclusion). That no fingerprint images were observed by this process does not exclude fingerprint possibilities that might be revealed by other process not attempted in this lab. (Lab notebook ref.: page [], *et seq.*)

9.11 Error statement

As indicated in Chapter 8,²⁹ consideration of error in scientific evaluations is important. This should be reflected in the forensic report.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [108]:

Error statement: As appropriate for this work, the chemical analyses were all of a qualitative nature, without numerically precise determination of ink component quantities. The validity of the analyses methods for use here is supported by reports in the scientific literature – cited in SOP no. [].

The ink and bank industry-published statistical data are only indirectly related to pen use quantities, so that the probability of light blue ink use should be regarded as only an approximate estimate.

²⁹ Error report. Chapters 8 & 9.

9.12 SOPs, etc.

Full copies of all SOPs,³⁰ and as appropriate other of the lab's core documents, referred to in the report must be readily available, either as appended to the report, or as separately available, perhaps in an SOP manual, or other of the lab's manuals. Although much of this would be of little interest to the report's readers, it should be available to whomever would want to refer to it, for whatever reason. This should be regarded as routine. SOP and document unavailability or secrecy, without explanation, should be seen as detracting from the credibility of the report.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [109]:³¹

SOPs: The full texts of all SOPs referred to in this report are either as Appendix [] to this report, or are downloadable from the lab's public-access website www.[][][] []. None of these SOPs contain sensitive state or personal information; all are public documents, with routine copyright requirements. All of the lab work reported herein conformed to these SOPs, without variation.

9.13 Conclusion

If not the most important part of the report, the conclusion would likely be the most attractive to readers who would want to know what happened. (Some of those readers might be hard-pressed, anyhow, to thread through what might to them be the tedious technical detail of the report's other parts.)

The report-interested would include: Crown and defence counsel, and law enforcement, insurance investigators, *et al.* The forensic report does not necessarily say what happened for the theory of the human story, but it offers to help determine how that story might have happened, or not.

Crown and defence counsel would use the forensic conclusion in pursuing their arguments, or dropping them, or looking elsewhere still seeking to understand unknowns. Defence counsel, after seeing the report, and sharing it with client, might want to more carefully explain the advantages of a plea bargain; or alternatively, the wonders and risks of a contested trial. Crown counsel, after seeing the report, might want to drop the case; or alternatively confidently proceed to trial.

A report example, from US Senate hearings, 1989, stating conclusions:³²

[. . .]

Q11 through Q13 – Three handwritten letters bearing questioned ink entries

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

³⁰ Core documents. SOPs. Chapters 5 & 9.

³¹ Variations of Ink analytical chemistry – as examples – *Gedankenexperiment* – continue throughout this book. Preface 2.3 & 2.2.

³² US Senate Hastings Impeachment hearings, 1989. Chapters 5 & 9.

Chemical and physical examinations were performed on the questioned ink entries appearing on exhibits Q11 through Q13 and the results were compared with each other and with those from inks in our standard ink library.

One class of ink prepared all the black non-ball point ink entries. Representative samples of this ink taken from each of Exhibits Q11 through Q13 contained characteristics which matched those of standard inks available prior to 1981. The blue ball point ink entry (“him”) on the back of Exhibit Q12 matched a standard ink available prior to 1981. Hence no conclusion can be made regarding the date or dates of preparation of Exhibits Q11 through Q13 [110].³³

[. . .]

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [111]:

Conclusion: The ink of the writing on the questioned document, and the ink in the pen, are the same, and are identified as a light blue ink of [XXXXXXXX] [ink manufacturing company], catalogue number [XXXXXX]; [XX XXX] 19[XX], lot [XXXX]. And further identified as an ink in the US International Ink Library – reference identification [XXXXXX] – with no other US International Ink Library find.

From published sales data (see attached table [XX]), it may be inferred that this light blue ink is rather rarely found in the region – having an occurrence probability expectation of <1/2% (but this number would have only an approximate and tenuous relationship to actual occurrence probability expectation and should be regarded with care).³⁴

The pen was of [XXXXXXXX] [pen manufacturing company], catalogue number [XXXXXX]; assembled containing the here-identified ink, [XX XXX] 20[XX], lot [XXXX].

No forensic conclusions are drawn here concerning any other factor – most particularly concerning handwriting, fingerprints and pen ball microscopic markings. However, before starting any other work at this lab, close-up colour photographs and photomicrographs were made to best preserve such evidence (see photos of fig. [XX]), should further work be required.

No forensic ink indications were sought as to when the document was made, although ink and pen manufacture historical data (see attached table [XX]), might be suggested as for limiting *not-before* date ranges.

The fingerprint photography (of paper and pen) was done to help avoid damaging possible fingerprint evidence while analysing ink samples. That photography used laser and other light sources to try to activate fluorescence response, as noted above; according to the methods of E. Roland Menzel, [112, 113] and Keith Beesly, Savvas Damaskinos and A.E. Dixon [114].³⁵ No treatment was done to the items for analysis to try to enhance fingerprint observation. As indicated above, that no fingerprint images were observed by this process does not exclude fingerprint possibilities that might be revealed by other process not attempted in this lab.

It should be noted in regard to forensics other than for ink, that this lab does not perform such further work. Only the ink analysis as described above was done.

³³ Ink reference standards. Chapters 2 & 9.

³⁴ Occurrence probability – ink example. Find expectation. Chapters 2, 4, 9.

³⁵ Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6, 7, 9. Fingerprint probability. Chapters 1 & 4. Fingerprint visualization. Fluorescence & phosphorescence. Chapters 6 & 9. Fingerprint when. Chapters 7 & 8.

9.14 Quality assurance

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [115]³⁶:

QA: The formal Quality Assurance system in place for this report, and for the work done for this report, is described in SOP [] [], *et seq.* This lab's quarter-yearly QA evaluation reports are public documents available at www.[] [] [] [] [].

9.15 Environmental and workplace health and safety

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [116]³⁷:

Environmental and workplace health and safety: Environmental and workplace health and safety practices of this lab, in-place for this report, and for the work done for this report, are described in SOP [] [], *et seq.* and SOP [] [], *et seq.*; which include applicable requirements of law, and management/trade union collective agreements, as indicated in those SOPs. There is no related litigation going on; nor grievance proceedings.

9.16 Legal and disclaimer

[. . .]
the large print giveth
and the small print taketh away
 [117, 118, 119, 120, 121]
 [. . .]

Legal and disclaimer concepts may apply to forensic science reports. But first, some **general commentary**:

Books, [122, 123]³⁸ other publications, legal documents, [124, 125, 126] *etc.* [127, 128] often contain various legal disclaimers that would appear to try to limit the responsibility and liability of the writer/publisher/issuer; and would make various declarations of claimed fact, intent and legal rights, *etc.*; including government science publications [129, 130, 131]. There may be legitimate purpose to this, in that it would avoid misleading readers and users of the publication [132].³⁹ But, also it can obfuscate, and be used as a less-than-legitimate excuse or ruse to avoid or evade responsibility and liability. Sometimes, similarly, in another context – as

³⁶ QA. Quality assurance. Report. Chapters 8 & 9.

³⁷ Regulatory law. Environmental & workplace health & safety. Chapter 1, 5, 9, 11.

³⁸ Disclaimers, *etc.* Error [. . .], Not legal advice [. . .] Commercial products, [. . .] Preface 2, 4.1, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 9.

³⁹ Ethics. Lawyers. Experts. *Etc.* Preface. Chapters 1, 5, 8, 9.

for agreeing to website terms and conditions – the reader might be given what might appear to be a choice, but in view of a vastly superior bureaucratic advantage – perhaps including massive and complex contract wording – is not really fairly so [133].

Scientific instrument manufacturers may also have their own legal and disclaimer. For example, [SCIEX]: “For Research Use Only. Not for use in Diagnostic Procedures” [134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140]. The consequences of a forensic lab violating this are not indicated. This would appear to have a relevance for measurements made in an impaired by drug case [141].

Sometimes declarations and disclaimers might be placed by a publisher, on legal advice, beyond the wishes or concerns of the writer, perhaps added in a final stage without the prior knowledge of the writer. Some may see this as just legal boilerplate [142] that does not too much matter – no need to worry – which might be true unless/until – hopefully rarely – someone of authority thinks it does matter – and then the legal advisors might take over, to the chagrin of others.

Applying these concepts to forensic science reports: Care needs to be taken that the declarations and disclaimers do not negate, or muddle, what is being reported. For example, [143] “E&OE” [144] (usual for Canadian lottery tickets; [145] unheard of for a forensic report) [146] at the end of a report finding a criminalized molecule, with a prison term possibility, would raise questions of what the report is actually saying, and who is to finally determine the correctness, or not, of the finding. Such a forensic report, with “E&OE” un-explained, should not be used for criminal court purposes.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [147]:

Legal: This report is, at its time of issue, according to its context, the final determination of this agency’s investigation, results & conclusions; *functus officio*, [148] unless otherwise court-ordered, for example as when an author of the report is testifying in court. Otherwise, revisitation by this agency of anything within this report would be as investigation *de novo*, [149] and must be by formal written request, stating reasons, and indicating budgetary allowance.

© 2021 Ministry of the Solicitor General. Licence *gratis*, [150] for all purposes of legal process. Confidential to the litigants until legal processes, and appeal periods would be completed. Then, unless otherwise labelled, and when anonymized as to the people referred-to within it, this report may be considered as a public document.

9.17 Control of distribution: public document? Confidential? Freedom of information

Often, best practice might be similar to the example [151] being followed through in this chapter [152]:

Distribution: As originally signed,[153] this report first goes to Crown counsel (by-way-of the police agency that delivered the items investigated to this lab), to convey copies to other

litigants, and then to the court or tribunal, if and when appropriate. This report is confidential, depending on court orders; until litigation and appeal periods would be completed; and afterwards as a public document when anonymized as to the people referred-to within it.

9.18 Data archival

As indicated in Chapter 5, the scientific data should be retained – in its raw forms and, as appropriate, at its various stages of processing, even though much of those might not eventually appear in the report, or perhaps anywhere else. Those data should be referenced in the report as archived and accessible.⁴⁰

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [154]:

Data archival: The scientific data upon which this report is based, including data not actually appearing herein, has been archived and is available as data archival ref. [REDACTED], to be retained there until [REDACTED] 20[REDACTED].

(Lab notebook ref.: page [REDACTED], *et seq.*)

9.19 Finance. US *Qui tam*

The financing of the report's issuing agency, and more specifically of how the report came to be, should be stated.⁴¹ This may be very brief, but should be sufficient to allow critics to be able to otherwise access relevant financial statements, contracts with supporting external agencies, and with participating contractors. This should include government contract reference numbers, if they exist. Critics should be entitled to be legitimately interested in considering various legal processes, including US *Qui tam*.

For the fictitious example being followed through in this chapter [155]:

Financial: This report is produced by the Forensic Service Agency, Ministry of the Solicitor General, from 20[REDACTED] budgetary provision [REDACTED]. No other funding is involved. All forensic work was done at government facilities, by regular government employees – of civil service designation; no private contractors were involved.

9.20 Clarity and quality of writing

As indicated above, in this chapter, a forensic science report should give a clear idea of the issues addressed, concisely written, with clear and ample referencing. Clarity and quality of writing takes practice that sometimes is not taught well enough along with the rest of a science and engineering education; but is very important.

⁴⁰ Data archive. Chapters 5 & 9.

⁴¹ US *Qui tam*. Chapters 1, 8, 9.

Perhaps, the quote of the fictional Prince Kinnall,⁴² is worthwhile for some guidance. Perhaps, the popular science writings⁴³ of Isaac Asimov [156] and George Gamow [157, 158] are worthwhile to try to emulate.

9.21 Language

turn the box around

[Pierre Trudeau, 1979(?), to a heckler complaining about French on his cereal box.] [159]

Generally, the report would be in English in most of Canada's provincial jurisdictions, in French in Québec, and both languages federally and New Brunswick. Other local practices might provide for various languages, either routinely, or on request. In modern Canada this usually seems to be no longer contentious [160].

For the example being followed through in this chapter [161]:

Language: Disponibles en français.

Traducción al español disponible.

Verfügbar in Deutsch und Englisch

9.22 Format & Short form

9.22.1 Format

Any number of formats and styles for forensic reports may be appropriate – depending on the standards and practices of the issuing agencies and their writers. What is important is that, in principle, the elements of the above discussions are addressed.

9.22.2 Short form

For some forensic work, where very many reports would be routinely issued for very many of the same kind of analyses, a short form [162] format, relying on overall reference documents, might be appropriate, so long as those references, and other, documents, are easily and readily available; and so long as the essential criteria of this chapter, as indicated above, are met by the references.

⁴² Prince Kinnall. Chapters 8 & 9.

⁴³ Asimov. Gamow. Preface 4, Chapter 9.

Notes

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- 3 Robert Silverberg, *A Time of Changes*, Warner Books, Inc., New York City, 10103; 1971; ISBN 0-446-34061-8 (an enlarged version from *Galaxy Science Fiction*, Universal Publishing and Distribution Corporation, 1971).
- 4 Silverberg, Chapter 27, at page 89. Kinnall Darival, tells part of his story.
- 5 He is a fugitive prince of the province of Salla, on the continent Velada Borthan, on the planet Borthan, far from Earth and settled from there long ago. He left Salla eventually arriving in Manneran, a city in a province of that same name, and the most important port and commercial centre of Velada Borthan. He became private secretary to his bondfather, Segvord Helalam, High Justice of the Port Judiciary, and in that very important position prospers, before having a great fall.
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- 7 <http://www.majipoor.com/pub.php?id=1347> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Silverberg_bibliography
https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Robert_Silverberg https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Silverberg
- 8 Robert Silverberg. copyright acknowledgement. Chapter 9
- 9 Доверя́й, но проверя́й = *Doverýáy, no proveryáy* = Trust, but verify.
 Russian proverb. https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trust,_but_verify
- 10 Suzanne Massie and President Ronald Reagan. President Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev.
- 11 https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trust-but-verify-an-untrustworthy-political-phrase/2016/03/11/da32fb08-db3b-11e5-891a-4ed04f4213e8_story.html
<http://www.suzannemassie.com/>
<https://www.coastreporter.net/robert-massie-who-popularized-russian-history-dead-at-90-1.24025805>
- 12 = A government Ministry, an independent or quasi-independent agency of the state, or a charitable institution, that would serve government or public processes; or a private corporation or private business that would serve private business or corporate purposes, or serve government Ministries or state agencies by contract.
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- 14 "Preparing a Research Report," ACS Committee on Professional Training, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC; August 2015.
<https://www.acs.org/content/dam/acsorg/about/governance/committees/training/acsaproved/degreeprogram/preparing-a-research-report.pdf>.
- 15 40 US CFR §160.185 EPA PESTICIDE PROGRAMS – GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE STANDARDS – Reporting of study results. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/40/160.185>.
- 16 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3528086/>
<https://science-fair.org/students-parents/writing-abstracts/sample-sr-high/>
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- 19 <https://www.elsevier.com/connect/11-steps-to-structuring-a-science-paper-editors-will-take-seriously>.
- 20 See also: John Keenan Taylor, *Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements*, Lewis Publishers, Inc., CRC Press; Boca Raton, Florida, 33431; 1987; ISBN 087371-097-5; Chapter 22, "Reporting Analytical Data," pages 197→207; at "REPORT FORMAT," pages 205, 206, 207.
- 21 Farrington Daniels, J.W. Williams, Paul Bender, Robert A. Alberty, C.D. Cornwell, *Experimental Physical Chemistry, Sixth Edition*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York; 1962.
- 22 Daniels, *et al.*; Chapter 2, "Thermochemistry," page 15, *et seq.*: Using an experiment to measure enthalpy of combustion with a bomb calorimeter as an example description of a lab process.
- 23 R.S. Jessup, *Precise Measurement of Heat of Combustion with a Bomb Calorimeter*, US Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards, Monograph 7, 26 February 1960; Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.; 25c. <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/MONO/nbsmonograph7.pdf>.
- 24 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
 ISO/IEC 17025:2005(E)

[. . .] [page 20]

5.10 Reporting the results

5.10.1 General

The results of each test, calibration, or series of tests or calibrations carried out by the laboratory shall be reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously and objectively, and in accordance with any specific instructions in the test or calibration methods.

The results shall be reported, usually in a test report or a calibration certificate (see Note 1), and shall include all the information requested by the customer and necessary for the interpretation of the test or calibration results and all information required by the method used. This information is normally that required by 5.10.2, and 5.10.3 or 5.10.4.

In the case of tests or calibrations performed for internal customers, or in the case of a written agreement with the customer, the results may be reported in a simplified way. Any information listed in 5.10.2 to 5.10.4 which is not reported to the customer shall be readily available in the laboratory which carried out the tests and/or calibrations.

[. . .]

5.10.2 Test reports and calibration certificates

Each test report or calibration certificate shall include at least the following information, unless the laboratory has valid reasons for not doing so:

- a) a title (e.g., “Test Report” or “Calibration Certificate”);
- b) the name and address of the laboratory, and the location where the tests and/or calibrations were carried out, if different from the address of the laboratory;
- c) unique identification of the test report or calibration certificate (such as the serial number), and on each page an identification in order to ensure that the page is recognized as a part of the test report or calibration certificate, and a clear identification of the end of the test report or calibration certificate;
- d) the name and address of the customer;
- e) identification of the method used;
- f) a description of, the condition of, and unambiguous identification of the item(s) tested or calibrated;
- g) the date of receipt of the test or calibration item(s) where this is critical to the validity and application of the results, and the date(s) of performance of the test or calibration;
- h) reference to the sampling plan and procedures used by the laboratory or other bodies where these are relevant to the validity or application of the results;
- i) the test or calibration results with, where appropriate, the units of measurement;
- j) the name(s), function(s) and signature(s) or equivalent identification of person(s) authorizing the test report or calibration certificate;
- k) where relevant, a statement to the effect that the results relate only to the items tested or calibrated.

[. .] [page 22]

5.10.5 Opinions and interpretations

When opinions and interpretations are included, the laboratory shall document the basis upon which the opinions and interpretations have been made. Opinions and interpretations shall be clearly marked as such in a test report.

[. .]

- 25 LifeLabs. Chapters 5 & 9.
- 26 Bre-X, the gold mining fraud – not Brexit, the EU leaving – which sounds almost the same, but is not.
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- 28 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bre-X>.
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- 30 Charles Lewis, “De Guzman Story Has Shades of Cooper / ‘Vanishing’ Standard,” *Financial Post*, 01 August 2007, page FP3.
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- 32 Bre-X. Chapters 8 & 9.
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- 34 This synoptic commentary is opined by M.G.

35 Grange Royal Commission – re Susan Nelles:

- 36** The Honourable Mr. Justice Samuel G. M. Grange, Supreme Court of Ontario, Commissioner; *Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Certain Deaths at the Hospital for Sick Children and Related Matters*, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General; Toronto, 1984; ISBN 0-7743-9968-6.
<https://archive.org/details/reportofsickkids00onta>.
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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/lab-errors-may-void-ontario-drug-convictions-1.283147>

Lab errors may void Ontario drug convictions

Botched paperwork at a federal lab may void thousands of drug convictions in Ontario.

Anyone convicted of a drug offence in Ontario during the past 12 years, even those now serving time, may be off the hook because of bungled paperwork at a federal drug lab.

The problem involves thousands of drug analysis certificates that Health Canada says might be not be accurate.

The certificates are issued in every case where suspected illegal drugs are found. They are used by courts to identify and determine the purity of various drugs.

“The chances are very good that if you just get in touch with a lawyer any lawyer that you will be out of jail very quickly,” said Alan Gold of the Criminal Lawyers Association.

The analyst at the centre of the controversy is Gemma Ramlal, who resigned from her Health Canada lab job two months ago. She now works at a grocery store. She denies any wrongdoing.

“I want to know how it took my supervisors so many years to figure out my work was wrong,” Ramlal said.

Dann Michols, assistant deputy minister at Health Canada, told CBC TV: “We trust . the professionalism and training of the individuals to follow these procedures and only in this one case have we been disappointed.”

Ramlal had been doing the work for 12 years. Earlier this year, she went on vacation and another analyst took over and discovered some things were wrong with the certificates.

A review of Ramlal’s work discovered substances misidentified, data entry errors, wrong dates and instances when Health Canada procedures were not followed. The discovery casts doubt on some 16,000 certificates issued over the past 12 years.

- 41** www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/archives/releases/2001/2001_40e.htm.
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- 43** “Report to the Attorney General of Canada: Advice and Recommendations Respecting Certain Certificates of Analyst Issued by Health Canada,” by the Honourable W. David Griffiths, Q.C., May 23, 2001. http://www.canada.justice.gc.ca/en/news/nr/2001/doc_26438.html.
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 “Announcement concerning the Toronto Drug Analysis Service Laboratory” http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/2001/2001_40_e.html.
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46 Drug evidence questioned

VANCOUVER. The overdose death of an employee of the [Health Canada] federal drug-testing lab has cast doubt on 20 years of drug convictions, lawyers say.

The federal Justice Department is reviewing drug cases where Henry Sadowski handled the evidence, after the lab chemist died in May, 1997, of a drug overdose. Tests showed Mr. Sadowski, 51, had snorted a lethal mixture of cocaine and heroin, called a speedball.

An autopsy revealed he had been using the drugs for some time.

Now lawyers who defend people on drug charges are wondering whether Mr. Sadowski fudged his reports. "How do we know what he analyzed and what he put up his nose?" defence lawyer Ken Young said. CP

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RELEASE OF REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF ANALYST ISSUED BY HEALTH CANADA

OTTAWA, June 7, 2001 – Today, the Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, released a report by the Honourable W. David Griffiths containing advice and recommendations respecting certain Certificates of Analyst issued by Health Canada. The Department of Justice is moving to implement the recommendations in this report.

Health Canada recently identified concerns with some of the Certificates of Analyst issued by one analyst in the Toronto Drug Analysis Service Laboratory. Certificates of Analyst are used to prove the nature of substances in drug prosecutions.

From the time that the problem was identified, no further certificates were issued by this analyst. Prosecutors were instructed not to use certificates issued by this analyst in ongoing cases. On April 19, 2001, officials from the Department of Justice and Health Canada issued a media release and held a technical briefing in Toronto to ensure that those who might be affected could be made aware of the issue.

At that time, the Honourable Mr. Griffiths, a retired judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal, was asked to provide advice and recommendations to the Attorney General of Canada on the steps to be taken to deal fairly and expeditiously with those who may be affected. In preparing his report, Mr. Griffiths consulted with members of the defence bar and prosecutors. Prominent criminal lawyer Mark J. Sandler assisted Mr. Griffiths with his report.

Health Canada retained the services of Dr. Joel Mayer, Deputy Director of Scientific Affairs at the Ontario Centre for Forensic Sciences. Dr. Mayer was asked to verify the methodology used by Health Canada to identify questionable certificates and will also advise Health Canada on changes and improvements to its Drug Analysis quality assurance systems.

Dr. Mayer's report will be made public shortly.

Health Canada reviewed the work of the analyst and determined that there were problems with 192 certificates regarding the nature of the substance and 13 certificates regarding the purity of the substance. Dr. Mayer found the methodology used by Health Canada to review the work of the analyst acceptable. The Griffiths report makes recommendations with respect to those and other certificates issued by the analyst.

In keeping with the recommendations made by Mr. Griffiths, the Department of Justice Canada will notify each accused found guilty of an offence to which one of the identified certificates relates. Further steps would be taken if a request for relief is made.

For those who have been found guilty of an offence where the case involved a certificate issued by the analyst, the Griffiths report sets out a range of possible remedies that may be available depending on the circumstances of the case. These include: an extension of time in which to file an appeal; an appeal to set aside a conviction and enter an acquittal or a stay of proceedings or order a new trial; a direction from the Minister of Justice for a new trial or appellate hearing under s.690 of the Criminal Code; a pardon, repayment of any fine paid or release from custody, where appropriate.

With respect to cases currently before the courts, the Department of Justice has been identifying those cases involving certificates issued by the analyst in question, making disclosure to the defence, and taking steps to deal with such cases based on the individual circumstances. Mr. Griffiths has approved the steps undertaken by the Department of Justice in ongoing cases.

All persons who have been found guilty of an offence pertaining to an illicit drug between June 1, 1988 and May 31, 2001, and who wish to determine whether their Certificate of Analyst is one of those in question, should access the following web site: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/expo. This site lists the numbers of all certificates prepared by this analyst. Individuals without Internet access can contact the Department of Justice by phone (416) 973-0957 or by facsimile (416) 973-8253.

A copy of the report by Mr. Griffiths can be found on the Department of Justice website at canada.justice.gc.ca/en/news/nr/2001/doc_26438.html. The Department of Justice is moving to implement the recommendations in this report and remains committed to taking all necessary steps to ensure that public confidence in the integrity of the justice system is maintained.

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OVERVIEW

Most drug prosecutions involve, as a substantive component, proof of analysis and identification of a substance forming the subject matter of the Crown’s allegations. To establish this element, the Crown generally tenders a Certificate of Analyst which states that a designated analyst has examined the substance and found it to contain a controlled substance. A sample copy of such certificate is attached as “Appendix A”. Analysts who prepare these certificates are designated by the Minister of Health and are employed in various Health Canada Drug Analysis laboratories. Recently, Health Canada identified concerns with some of the certificates issued by one analyst in the Toronto Drug Analysis Service laboratory. This analyst was employed by Health Canada since June 1982, and was working for the Drug Analysis Service laboratory since June 1988. After March 8, 2001, when the concerns were identified, no further certificates were issued by this analyst.

An internal review by Health Canada of the certificates issued by this analyst and any available supporting documentation was recently completed. As I shall point out later in this report, this review process has identified a number of problematic certificates.

As well, Dr. Joel Mayer, Deputy Director, Scientific Affairs at the Ontario Centre of Forensic Sciences has been retained by Health Canada to review the methodologies used by Health

Canada to assess the work of the individual in the Toronto laboratory, analyze the processes used by Health Canada to review the work of all other analysts in the Toronto and all other laboratories across Canada, advise Health Canada on changes and improvements that must be made to its Drug Analysis operations and quality assurances systems and oversee the implementation of the plan to prepare the Drug Analysis Laboratories to seek and obtain accreditation from international bodies.¹ I am advised that, while Dr. Mayer has not completed his entire work for Health Canada, he has reviewed and favourably passed upon the criteria used by Health Canada in evaluating the acceptability or unacceptability of certificates issued by the subject analyst.

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Earlier in May

we posted information regarding Federal Drug Agent Gemma Ramlal. This agent has been suspended for improper work practices.

Alan Gold, Frank Addario and Leslie Pringle met with Justice Griffiths and others to discuss this issue. Justice Griffiths has been retained by the Justice Department to investigate this issue with stakeholders and make recommendations.

Here is the letter written from CLA following this meeting.

The Honourable Mr. Justice P. Griffiths

Dear Justice Griffiths;

The Criminal Lawyers Association is pleased to offer its assistance and advice concerning this unprecedented situation in the criminal justice system. By way of summary of, and addenda to the comments made at our meeting this past Tuesday, we offer the following.

We reiterate the general observation that how the criminal justice system responds is itself important as a matter of principle. At issue is a state employee, hired and supervised by the state, for whose malfeasance the state must accept full responsibility. The state’s laboratory facilities, including staffing, are a crucial component of the criminal justice system. If one of the employees becomes ‘tainted’, the system must demonstrate in no uncertain terms that it accepts full responsibility and will completely and exhaustively rectify the wrong-doing. This appears to be the first time such a situation has arisen; consequently it is especially vital to set a definitive precedent that

will send a message to state institutions as to how seriously such an episode is to be viewed.

We also restate the fundamental premise that this analyst's certificates are now to be viewed as blank pieces of paper. They cannot be seen as having any valid content whatsoever. In on-going cases, the state will simply have to carry on the case, if it can, by means of another, untainted analyst.

In closed cases, the situation must be viewed as one where a "hole" or "gap" in the Crown's proof has now materialized. It is important that "begging the question" not occur by any assumption, express or hidden, that the substance in any case is in fact an illicit drug based upon the conduct of the defence or accused. In any case involving this analyst, at least *prima facie* there is no proof of the illicit drug. It follows that:

1. In any extant appeal case the Crown must agree the gap exists so that *prima facie* the appeal must be allowed, and the argument must then be over whether a) the now-absent certificate matters, or the proviso can be applied, or b) whether an acquittal or merely a new trial is the appropriate remedy;
2. In any unappealed past case, concluded outside the appeal period, it should be turned into an extant appeal by the Crown's agreement to an extension of time to appeal. Thereafter the matter comes within 1.
3. It should be irrelevant whether the accused's plea was not guilty or guilty at trial, so long as this analyst's certificate was part of the trial record, or the accused can show the analyst's certificate was part of their case.

A guilty plea in our view does not affect the applicable approach because a nature of the substance in a drug case is an essential element of the offence and it is rare in our caselaw for a drug to be proved by circumstantial evidence without any certificate. Even in guilty pleas judges rely on the certificate in accepting the accused's guilty plea. The fact that the nature of a drug is almost inevitably proved by certificate evidence is a reflection of the trust and respect that the laboratory services were held by all involved in the criminal justice system, as well as defence counsel's appropriate standard of behaviour, encouraged by judges and prosecutors, not to waste time litigating such issues. When the trust turns out to have been betrayed, it is completely indefensible to use defence counsel's cooperation to try to minimize the effect of the certificates turning "blank". Fairness and logic dictate that we simply now do not know what the substance was. It should not matter whether the plea was guilty or not guilty.

4. Steps should be taken to bring the situation to the attention of any person who may have been affected by this analyst's certificates as follows:

- a. all current cases should have full disclosure made, and a promise of Department of justice cooperation;
 - b. all possible efforts to identify accused and past cases involving this analyst should be carried out, and any accused so located should be treated as in a.
 - c. the entire situation should be publicized as widely as possible so that any person that may be able affected is made aware of the situation. A contact person should be set up so that anyone making inquiries could be given whatever assistance is possible to ascertain if the analyst was involved in their case.
 - d. any person able to show that the analyst was involved in their case should then be assisted to obtain an appellate remedy as in 2. above.
5. As indicated, regarding cases that have concluded at the trial level, whether last week, last year, or a decade ago, we regard the appellate remedy as the most convenient and appropriate. Once completed (at the trial level) cases have reached the point where this analyst is identified as involved, an extension of time should be consented to by the Department of Justice and an

appeal launched, either in the Court of Appeal or the Summary Conviction Appeal Court.

6. Once an appeal is launched then the Department of Justice can consider its response. It seems to us the possibilities break down into several categories.

- a. consent to admission of fresh evidence of certificate invalidity and consent to acquittal being entered;
- b. consent to admission of fresh evidence of certificate invalidity and consent to new trial being ordered (whether or not the accused chooses to go further and seek an acquittal on appeal)
- c. contested appeals where the Crown opposes fresh evidence only on the basis it would not make any difference because of Crown's responding fresh evidence of new, independent analysis or examination of available material allows acceptance of this analyst's results, or based upon trial record conviction was inevitable and proviso should be applied.

For reasons we stated, we would urge the Crown to be generous, rather than niggardly in its approach to these cases, and allow acquittals to go in all but the clearest cases where the public interest is definite in requiring a new trial or opposition to a successful appeal.

For category b. cases, we submit the Crown should only take this position where it is clear there is a reasonable prospect of conviction on the same theory as at the first trial. In other words, we would be against new trial sought on the basis that a "trafficking in marihuana" case could be retried as a "trafficking in a substance held out to be marihuana". That is an unfair second bite for the Crown and an unfair second trial for an accused who is in no way at fault for this analyst's malfeasance.

For category c. cases, we submit the Crown should only try to finalize the matter in the appeal court in the clearest of cases. A *post-facto* assessment of the tainted analyst's work claiming confirmation is inherently suspect, and would require substantial evidentiary procedures at the appeal level. Even an independent confirmatory analysis, given the circumstances, could reasonably be viewed as warranting testing by the defence at trial. We urge that the trial forum would be more appropriate for exploration of such matters and so the Crown should not in general rely on these factors in seeking to defeat an appeal, though there would be a basis for proceeding with a new trial.

Finally, we reiterate our position that all costs, including transcripts of past cases, occasioned by this forensic disaster, should be borne by the federal government. We are especially concerned that the Ontario Legal Aid plan not become charged with the expense occasioned as that would be an unfair and undeserved charge on an already tightly stretched budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views. The Criminal Lawyers Association wishes you well in carrying out your challenging and highly important mandate and assures you of our continuing cooperation.

Yours truly,

Alan D. Gold

53 [slightly edited] [re Griffiths Report, etc.]

Letters to the Editor

Cheating on Drug Tests

About 10 years ago, I defended a client in Toronto, charged with possession of cocaine. Resulting from a subpoena I had sought, the Health Canada Analyst who did purported analytical chemistry for that case testified at trial. Despite my efforts, the judge found my client guilty.

The Analyst who testified was Gemma Ramlal.

I mostly agree with Alan Gold's letter, for the CLA, copied in *For The Defence*.¹ But unfortunately, the Health Canada lab did not maintain my “. . . trust and respect. . .”² As a chemist, from before becoming a lawyer, the word pair that would be increasingly appropriate would be “shocked and appalled.” And, after a few years of my professional encounters with the federal government's purported forensics, no longer shocked.

There may be some implication that Ms. Ramlal should take most of the blame. She should not. Whatever she may have done, or not, she was a very minor player.

What she was allegedly involved in should hardly have been possible in a modern analytical chemistry lab, with a proper quality assurance programme. The quality assurance failure of the purported analytical chemistry of Health Canada's unaccredited, secrecy shrouded, forensic labs, invited, if not made inevitable, whatever Ms. Ramlal is accused of.

The major responsibility is with the lab supervisors, and the federal Ministers of the Crown on whose watches it happened. Ms. Ramlal is apparently a convenient fall guy in a very serious system failure.

The government position³ would minimize the damage – that this was a

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specific one-person problem at a specific site that will be attended to. . . .⁴ Whatever Ms. Ramlal is alleged to have done would likely be only a small part of major and general quality assurance failure. And, such failure in the forensics system taints the credibility of purported science everywhere in Health Canada's systems.⁵

A recent survey in *The Economist*⁶ opines that justice in the USA has been a major victim, as collateral damage,⁷ in the war on drugs. I argue that in Canada there is another major victim: the scientific credibility of the national health ministry.

This raises the question of why Health Canada is purporting to do analytical chemistry in the war on drugs in the first place. The US FDA is not so involved.

This ethical curiosity for Health Canada has been government policy for years.⁸ In my opinion, a health agency has no business being involved, even remotely, in criminal law enforcement that includes police subterfuge; and subterfuge in criminal law enforcement is also lawful government policy in Canada.⁹

As criminal defence lawyers, we naturally, and properly, address the issues surrounding Ms. Ramlal in a criminal law context, for our clients. But, we must also recognize when these issues have broader implications. I argue here that the issues of quality assurance failure in a national health ministry, and that ministry's ethical mis-direction, are actually of competing importance with the criminal law issues, if not more important.

A national health ministry with tainted scientific credibility is a national disaster. Why risk relying on any of its purported scientific pronouncements? Canadians would be well advised the seek their answers to health science questions elsewhere – the US FDA would be a good place to start.

In another context, the importance of credible behaviour by health agencies was exemplified by President Clinton, when apologizing to the Tuskegee victims.¹⁰ That tragedy of deception continued for decades as a tragedy of failure of trust in professional health providers.¹¹

For a health agency, everything it is accountable for must be governed by health agency standards – even non-health lab activities. Otherwise, its credibility everywhere in its systems – including its health activities – suffers. Health Canada's involvement in the war on drugs has tainted the credibility of purported science everywhere in its systems. This is serious and long term damage.

M. Grossman,
Barrister & Solicitor

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- 104 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
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- 114 K.M. Beesley, S. Damaskinos, A.E. Dixon, “Fingerprint Imaging with a Confocal Scanning Laser Microscope,” *Journal of Forensic Sciences* Volume:40 Issue: January 1995, pages:10→17 NCJ Number: 153,150 <https://www.ncjrs.gov/index.html>.
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- 120 *Job*, 1:21, Bible, King James Version: “The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.” <https://www.kjvsayings.com/phrase/the-lord-giveth-and-the-lord-taketh-away&>.
- 121 *Job* Chapter 1
 21 And he said; naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither; the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
<https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt2701.htm>.
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124 [. . .]

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January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

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125 E&OE = Errors and Omissions Excepted.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Errors_and_omissions_excepted <https://dictionary.com/bridge.org/dictionary/english/e-oe>.

126 See notes below:

127 Food wrappers, dry cleaner tickets, websites, [. . .].

128 Legal disclaimer. MD. Chapters 9 & 11.

129 *GUIDE TO THE DRUGS DIRECTORATE LABORATORY ACTIVITIES QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM*; Minister of National Health & Welfare Canada, Minister of Supply & Services Canada; February 1991; Catalogue No. H42-2/26-1990; ISBN 0-662-57250-5.

130 [inside front cover page – reverse:]

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131 Health Canada Guide. Chapters 5 & 9.

132 E&OE. Chapter 9.

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http://legcounsel.house.gov/Comps/FDA_CMD.pdf.
- 141 Arguably, a forensic lab analysing for drugs in blood drawn by medical personnel for an impaired by drug case would be doing a kind of medical diagnosis; and forensic labs would usually not be doing research, within the meaning of how SCIEX instrumentation would usually be used. If instrumentation with such a requirement would be used, that should be stated in the forensic report, along with an explanation of what it means for the forensic study, and the consequences.
- 142 https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boilerplate_text.
- 143 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 144 See note above.
- 145 https://www.olg.ca/content/dam/olg/web/product/instant/products/chrome-2154/Chrome_2154_Actuals.pdf
<https://www.olg.ca/en/instant/play-the-bigger-spin-3148/how-to-play.html>
<https://www.olg.ca/en/instant/play-wild-side-2239.html>.
- 146 E&OE never seen by the author in a forensic report.
- 147 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 148 *functus officio*. Chapters 1 & 9.
- 149 Latin – *de novo* = from new; from the beginning; anew; starting from the beginning.
- 150 Middle English, Latin – *gratis* = without monetary charge; free; no payment required. Here = no copyright restriction, except as indicated.
- 151 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 152 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
- 153 Signed report. Chapter 9.
- 154 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.
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- 156 Notwithstanding his humorous suggestion, in his own biographical synopsis, *Asimov's Biographical Encyclopedia of Science and Technology / Second Revised Edition*, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 1982; ISBN 0-385-17771-2: ABOUT THE AUTHOR, Isaac Asimov; at page 900: “[. . .]autobiography – the self-indulgent product of a man who cheerfully admits that nothing much has ever happened to him, but insists he can hide that fact by clever writing. [. . .]”.
- 157 George Gamow, *One Two Three [. . .] Infinity / Facts and Speculations of Science*, Bantam Books, New York City, 10016, April 1967; copyright 1947, 1961 by the author; page 142, *et seq.*
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- 159 Jane Koustas, *Robert Lepage on the Toronto Stage: Language, Identity, Nation*, McGill-Queen's Press, 2016; ISBN 978-0-7735-4674-5; Notes / INTRODUCTION

8 Indeed, some may recall Pierre Trudeau's quip during a campaign in British Columbia. When a heckler complained that he was tired of seeing French on his cereal box every morning, Trudeau advised him to "turn the box around," suggesting yet another way of redeploying the box!

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- 160 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/new-bilingualism-taking-hold-in-canada/article4650408/>
<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/conrad-black-pierre-trudeau-was-a-dilettante-but-a-successful-one>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_bilingualism_in_Canada
<https://www.amazon.ca/Oh-Canada-Quebec-Requiem-Divided/dp/0140168176>.

- 161 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2h.

- 162 *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across The 8th Dimension*; 1984; W.D. Richter, Director; with Peter Weller, Ellen Barkin, John Lithgow, Jeff Goldblum, Christopher Lloyd, *et al.*; Sherwood Productions and Twentieth Century Fox; USA. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Adventures_of_Buckaroo_Banzai_Across_the_8th_Dimension
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- 163 *Gedankenexperiment*. Preface 2.2.

- 164 Readers are cautioned that this is a creation of the author, for illustration purposes, that has not been reality or lab-tested. Some of it might be regarded as too fanciful.

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- 168 Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) CAS 1972-08-3. Chapters 5 & 9.

Chapter 10

Essay – biased opinion – polemic. Canada

Controlled Drugs & Substances Act – *ipse dixit*

This Chapter addresses some forensic issues of the War on Drugs [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].^{1,2,3,4}

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It is [US] constitutional black letter law. To obtain a criminal conviction, the prosecution must prove every element of the offense, by proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The Constitution [Sixth Amendment] entitles a defendant to confront and cross-examine all witnesses against him. Yet, for the past thirty years, state legislatures have quietly approved laws that cheat the Constitution. These laws fly, undetected, beneath the constitutional radar, violating fundamental constitutional rights.

... these ... [are characterized] as forensic *ipse dixit* statutes, because the bare assertion of an uncrossexamined state witness becomes, *ipse dixit*, an adjudicated fact. ... The forensic *ipse dixit* statutes deprive defendants of the right to confrontation and relieve the government of its burden of proof. ... also discourage vigorous defense advocacy, promote carelessness and fraud in crime laboratories, and increase the likelihood of wrongful convictions and sentences. ...

...
[Pamela R. Metzger, Tulane University, 2006.] [6, 7, 8, 9]^{5,6,7}

...
Confrontation is designed to weed out not only the fraudulent analyst, but the incompetent one as well. Serious deficiencies have been found in the forensic evidence used in criminal trials. One commentator asserts that “[t]he legal community now concedes, with varying degrees of urgency, that our system produces erroneous convictions based on discredited forensics.” Metzger ... One study of cases in which exonerating evidence resulted in the overturning of criminal convictions concluded that invalid forensic testimony contributed to the convictions in 60% of the cases. Garrett & Neufeld ...

...
[Justice Antonin Scalia, *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, US Supreme Court, 2009.] [10]⁸

...
“When I use a word,” Humpty Dumpty said, in a rather scornful tone, “it means just what I chose it to mean – neither more nor less.”

1 Polemic. Health Canada. Preface 4, Chapters 9 & 10.

2 Author’s biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

3 Legislative process – policy making. Preface 4.3, Chapters 1, 10, 11.

4 Ontario Court proceedings, May and June 2018. Chapter 10, Chapter 10 Appendix.

5 *Melendez-Diaz*. Justice Scalia. US Constitution confrontation clause. *ipse dixit*. Tulane professor Metzger. Chapters 10 & 11.

6 Criminal law proof. *Regulatory/administrative law*. Chapters 1, 10, 11.

7 Criminal law proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered. Chapters 1, 10, 11.

8 *Melendez-Diaz*. Justice Scalia. US Constitution confrontation clause. *ipse dixit*. Tulane professor Metzger. Chapters 10 & 11.

“The question is,” said Alice, “whether you can make words mean so many different things.”

“The question is,” said Humpty Dumpty, “which is to be the master – that’s all.”

“... They’ve a temper, some of them -- particularly verbs: they’re the proudest – adjectives you can do anything with, but not verbs – however I can manage the whole lot of them! Impenetrability! That’s what I say!” (See Fig. 10.1.)

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Fig. 10.1: Alice and Humpty Dumpty [11,12,13,14].

[Alice and Humpty Dumpty.] [15].⁹

...

Where, in proceedings under subsection (1), a court concludes that evidence was obtained in a manner that infringed or denied any rights or freedoms guaranteed by this Charter, the evidence shall be excluded if it is established that, having regard to all the circumstances, the admission of it in the proceedings would bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

...

[Canadian Charter s.24(2).] [16].

10.1 War on drugs

In the United States, the criminal law war on drugs of abuse and recreation continues, even as politics and policies to which it is related – from the Nixon, Rockefeller and

⁹ Alice and Humpty Dumpty. Chapter 10.

Reagan eras – are, in a bipartisan way, more recently, somewhat going towards an apparent decline. There seemed to have been a belated realization [17, 18, 19] that a health care treatment approach might be better. Both the decriminalization of marijuana in a few states (federal prohibition remaining) and the opioid crisis have affected attitudes.

Similarly in Canada. But, notwithstanding the recent decriminalization of marijuana in Canada, and a serious opioid crisis too, Canada retains, in policy and practice, *criminalized molecular offences* [20, 21]. Perhaps it is now pursued somewhat more mildly, and there are drug treatment courts, and supervised injection sites; but criminal law enforcement, court judgement and imprisonment still continue [22]. For example, it remains a crime to possess cocaine [23, 24] and, worse, to trade in it [25]. Police stings can still result in convictions.

The criminal law of concern for this polemic is the Canada federal ***Controlled Drugs & Substances Act*** [26, 27], its relevant case law and government practice.

But there is an aspect of Canadian government policy, beyond the law as it now is, that should be considered. It is in that obscure corner – the law of evidence and forensic analytical chemistry – for argument here.¹⁰

Lawyers' defences should include evaluating the analytical chemistry of the government's lab process. This does not happen (“ . . . What, never? / No, never! / What, never? / Well, hardly ever! . . .”); [28] the law severely discourages it.

Even accepting, for the sake of argument, that the war on drugs is wise – that it should be enforced and prosecuted vigorously, and harshly for deterrence, and for moral purpose – it should not be done, as Canada does, with bad and unethical science. Nor should it be done without protections to which US accused are *Sixth Amendment*-entitled – the right to confront your accuser, including the chemist who says it is a drug [29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35].¹¹

Mostly of concern in this polemic is the defective way that the scientifically purported proof of criminally forbidden substance is reported by the government to the accused, and presented in the law courts. So defective, that it would be better described as *not* reported under legally provided guise. A *proper scientific report* is not available, and might not even exist.¹²

10.2 Quest for a *proper scientific report*

The importance of a *proper scientific report* is presented in Chapter 9 [36].¹³

¹⁰ Evidence. Section 1.5, Chapter 10.

¹¹ *Melendez-Diaz*. Justice Scalia. US Constitution confrontation clause. *ipse dixit*. Tulane professor Metzger. Chapters 10 & 11.

¹² Some science controversy remains. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 10, 11.

¹³ *Proper scientific report*. *CD&S Act*. Polemic. Health Canada. Preface 4, Chapters 9 & 10.

That a *proper scientific report*, related to enforcement of the *CD&S Act*, is not available, and maybe never has been, is the central issue of this polemic, and is the essential reason to opine that the government of Canada, in this regard, does bad science.¹⁴ This is mostly a matter of policy rather than law.

That a *proper scientific report* cannot be found by defence counsel and writer of this polemic requires explanation as to how it was sought.

The *Certificate of Analyst*, produced by Health Canada – the national health agency – and presented by federal Crown counsel to the court as proof of substance, is not a *proper scientific report*. It could and should be, but it is not – apparently by government intention.

The *CD&S Act* has been used as Canada's criminal law war on drugs instrument [37]. *CD&S Act* s.51 [38–39]¹⁵ alters the normal law of evidence [40],¹⁶ so that the Crown's mere presentation of a *Certificate of Analyst* [41, 42]¹⁷ is sufficient to support conviction. No explanation of science is required, and it is government practice and apparent policy to not provide it.

CD&S Act s.51 relieves judges in Canadian courts of some jurisdiction in matters of fact and law, in favour of government-appointed *Analysts*; and Parliament intended it so. It is also apparent federal government policy to remove quality-of-science issues from *CD&S Act* considerations. The *CD&S Act* [43] and regulations [44] effectively allow that whatever the *Analyst* might know of analytical chemistry, or do, need not be revealed.

It should be noticed that nothing that would be kept secret by way of *CD&S Act* s.51 would involve either national security or trade secret concerns. Nor would any documentation be expected to be other than routine activity of a modern analytical chemistry laboratory.

Non-disclosure of science, and science-based procedure, by the Canadian government, and non-explanation are achieved by:

- The *Certificate of Analyst* does not describe the analytical chemistry beyond declaring the result.¹⁸ Neither CAS numbers, nor molecular structural diagrams, ever appear on any *Certificate*.
- The Crown sometimes does not respond to requests.
- There is never revelation of a *proper scientific report*, and no indication that such a report would exist (in contrast with a *FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT* [45])

¹⁴ Science – good, bad and junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10.

¹⁵ Drug law. Chapters 1 & 10.

¹⁶ Identification of molecules. *CD&S Act*. Chapters 4 & 10.

¹⁷ Health Canada DAS *Certificate of Analyst*. *CD&S Act* s. 51. Chapters 9 & 10.

¹⁸ Health Canada DAS *Certificate of Analyst*. Chapters 9 & 10.

and a CFS *REPORT*, [46]^{19,20} both routinely disclosed in other kinds of cases). It is a reasonable speculation that it does not exist.

- There is sometimes no revelation of forensic data or documents, after being requested. However, occasionally, there would be some, which although somewhat helpful (for guessing), does not tell a full-enough, or sufficiently coherent, story to be a *proper scientific report*.
- Legislation [47] is used in a way that effectively denies access, encouraging opaqueness. Notwithstanding its public statement, [48] Health Canada seems to be a pioneer in opaqueness [49, 50, 51].²¹
- The federal freedom-of-information regime [52] is not designed for such disclosure. FOI sometimes may be used to obfuscate, and for the government to hide behind *FOI* as a ruse [53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61].²²

The quest for a *proper scientific report*, by pursuing each of these non-disclosure achievements, is an adventure – with obstacles more difficult than in the *Pet Shop* [62] or *Cheese Shop* [63]. Invoking the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* [64, 65, 66] invites further adventure:

- A *Charter* s.7 “security of the person” [67, 68] application would be problematic because of the very nature of *Charter* litigation. Purported citizens’ rights can be in convoluted language, with escape clauses that hinder enforcement. Humpty Dumpty might well be consulted.²³ There also appears to be government and court reluctance to allow the *Charter* for positive rights advancement. And, *Charter* litigation is expensive and protracted – it is neither for the poor nor for those in a hurry, and people detained pre-trial in jail without bail tend to be both poor and in a hurry to be somewhere else.

The quest for a *proper scientific report* should not be such an adventure, effectively blocked by law apparently intended to block.

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לֹא תִּקַּח מִן־עֵינַי, לֹא תִּקַּח מִן־עֵינַי

. . . Before the blind, do not put a stumbling block . . .

[. . .]

[Leviticus Chapter 19 [69, 70, 71, 72] וְלֹא תִּקַּח מִן־עֵינַי]

¹⁹ Health Canada DAS *Certificate of Analyst*. Chapters 9 & 10.

²⁰ Fire Marshall. CFS. Chapters 9 & 10.

²¹ Transparency. Opaqueness. Chapters 2, 5, 10.

²² Freedom of info. legislation. Chapters 5, 8, 10.

²³ *Alice and Humpty Dumpty*. Chapter 10.

10.3 Bad science – *ipse dixit*

Parliament and the government have something of a tradition with bad science [73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79]^{24,25,26,27,28} – perhaps pioneered with the Health Canada Drug Analysis Service under the *CD&S Act*. With *CD&S Act* s.51, DAS need not reveal its analytical chemistry, and apparent federal government policy is to not reveal it in a meaningful and coherent way. Nor does the government seem to care.²⁹ *CD&S Act Certificates of Analyst*, science unexplained, and ISO out of compliance^{30,31} are the essential evidence for conviction and imprisonment. Even the guilty deserve better.

Tulane University law professor Pamela R. Metzger³² in “Cheating the Constitution,” [80] develops an analysis of “forensic *ipse dixit* statutes” – in her opinion *Sixth Amendment* [81] unconstitutional. (Her paper is referred to by Justice Antonin Scalia in *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts* [82].³³) Canadian *CD&S Act* s.51 is *ipse dixit*, [83, 84] without *Sixth Amendment* remedy.

Included with the bad science tradition was a serious quality assurance failure that came to public attention some years ago³⁴ – within in the chemical analyses of a *DAS Analyst*. While that *Analyst* apparently then ceased government employment, there were apparently no publicly reported serious consequences for senior officials on whose watches it happened. The resulting *Griffiths* report inadequately addressed QA. Comparison with a similar adventure, years later, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is appropriate – the chemist there eventually served prison time, and the lab was shut down. With the secrecy-enabling *CD&S Act* s.51 still operative, the same conditions that lead to *Griffiths* remain today.

A *CD&S Act*-accused person, in modern Canada, remains in jeopardy of imprisonment because of defective lab process, with a reasonable apprehension of at least some defect somewhere:

24 Author’s biases. Preface 1.2, Preface 2, Preface 4.1, Preface 4.3.

25 Science – good, bad and junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11.

26 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

27 DAS and bad science Preface 4.1, Chapters 10 & 11.

28 Science – good, bad and junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 8, 10, 11.

29 Health Canada. DAS. Ethics. Preface 4.3, Chapters 5 & 10.

30 **Alert:** But see Catch-22 – below.

31 DAS. Catch-22. Chapters 10 & 11.

32 DAS. Catch-22. Chapters 10 & 11.

33 *Melendez-Diaz*. Justice Scalia. US Constitution confrontation clause. *ipse dixit*. Tulane professor Metzger. Chapters 10 & 11.

34 Fraud. *Griffiths* Report, 2001. QA failure. Gemma Ramlal, 2001. Annie Doukhan, 2012. Preface 4.3, Chapters 8, 9, 10.

There are anecdotal reports of serious forensic lab flaws from Ontario, [85, 86, 87, 88] British Columbia, [89, 90] and Massachusetts; [91, 92, 93] in addition to commentary [94] and cited references, [95, 96] in *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, [97] with the opinion of Justice Antonin Scalia [98] for the US Supreme Court [99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106].

Justice Scalia refers [107] to Pamela R. Metzger, “Cheating the Constitution.”³⁵ Although not specifically mentioned by Justice Scalia, Tulane University law professor Metzger [108] developed an analysis of “forensic *ipse dixit* statutes” – in her opinion *Sixth Amendment*-unconstitutional [109] in the United States.³⁶ *CD&S Act* s.51, as Canadian forensic *ipse dixit* legislation, without *Sixth Amendment* remedy, should be unconstitutional too – although for different reasons in the context of Canadian law.

An example of the related “principles of fundamental justice,” of *Canadian Charter* s.7, may be found in *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*,³⁷ reaffirmed and extended in *Bullcoming v New Mexico*, [110, 111] wherein the US Supreme Court interprets the *Sixth* (and *Fourteenth*) *Amendment* – “[i]n all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right . . . to be confronted with the witnesses against him” [112] – to include the government analytical chemist. Thus, an accused has, in effect, a right to reports, data and explanation by the analytical chemist who determined the molecule of concern. That right might be achieved by *Sixth Amendment* confrontation in the United States; there is apparently no Canadian equivalent.

To be scientifically accepted, a scientific declaration is published so that it that can be questioned, corrected and improved on, or maybe abandoned.³⁸ This has been usual practice for at least the more than three centuries since the publication of *Principia*, by Isaac Newton, encouraged by Edmond Halley [113].³⁹ The Parliament of Canada seems to have missed this when enacting *CD&S Act* s.51.

CD&S Act s.51 allows the Canadian federal state to “prove” drugs, merely on the signature of a shrouded government appointee, by way of a Health Canada *Certificate of Analyst*, without explaining the forensic analytical chemistry. This is bad science – of a policy that is anti-science – because science (like democracy) requires explanation to be presented for argument by everyone.⁴⁰

35 *Melendez-Diaz*. Justice Scalia. US Constitution confrontation clause. *ipse dixit*. Tulane professor Metzger. Chapters 10 & 11.

36 *Melendez-Diaz*. Justice Scalia. US Constitution confrontation clause. *ipse dixit*. Tulane professor Metzger. Chapters 10 & 11.

37 *Melendez-Diaz*. Justice Scalia. US Constitution confrontation clause. *ipse dixit*. Tulane professor Metzger. Chapters 10 & 11.

38 Science. DRE. Chapters 2 & 10.

39 Newton. Haley. *Principia*. Chapters 9, 10, 11.

40 Explanation. Preface 4.1, Chapter 10.

That the *Certificate* might usually turn out to be correct does not fix the problem. It is not a *proper scientific report*; it does not explain what was done (although further data that is sometimes provided can be helpful for guessing).

The absence of explanation is of itself the bad science. The Canadian government should not do bad science, and Parliament should not allow and encourage it. That people are sent to prison on this basis makes it worse.

The normal law of evidence is short-circuited by *CD&S Act* s.51. *CD&S Act* s.51 should be repealed.⁴¹

Such repeal might be expensive, but, by analogy, comment by Justice Scalia, in *Melendez-Diaz*, is instructive: “The [US Constitution] confrontation clause may make the prosecution of criminals more burdensome, but that is equally true of the right to trial by jury and the privilege against self-incrimination.”

10.4 ISO out of compliance? & Catch-22

10.4.1 ISO out of compliance?

Every *Certificate of Analyst* issued by Health Canada would appear as obviously out of compliance,⁴² as a “test report,” with its lab’s accreditation, [114, 115, 116, 117, 118] as according to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 [119] Clause 5.10.2 e – “identification of the method used” [120, 121] is missing.

And, would be further out of compliance in that neither Health Canada, nor the federal Crown office as its *CD&S Act* gatekeeper, are willing to engage in science-based conversation to explain – as would appear required by Clause 5.10.1 [122].

That the Standards Council of Canada – the “national accreditation body” [123] – would not agree with these assessments is a further problem that should be examined. It is a rather serious problem because engineering and laboratory standards credibility is so important to the national economy.

10.4.2 Catch-22

However, in regard to the *Certificates*, as apparently ISO out of compliance, there is effectively a Catch-22 = CAN-P-1578, Section 5.10.1 [124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129].⁴³

In relation to Ontario Court proceedings, May and June 2018, [130, 131]⁴⁴ federal Crown counsel [132] informed that [133, 134, 135, 136, 137] “Canadian Procedural

⁴¹ Evidence. Chapters 1 & 10.

⁴² **Alert:** But see below.

⁴³ DAS. Catch-22. Chapters 10 & 11.

⁴⁴ Ontario Court proceedings, May and June 2018. Chapter 10, Chapter 10 Appendix.

Document CAN-P-1578 . . . Section 5.10.1 . . . states: ‘Certificates of Analyst are legal documents. As such, information contained in these reports is directed by the appropriate laws of the land.’ . . . supersedes any requirement which may arise under ISO/IEC 17025 to provide information beyond that statutorily required by the CDSA, namely, the Certificates.”

CAN-P-1578 [138] “is one of several [documents] issued by the Standards Council of Canada to define the policies, plans, and procedures established by the Council to help achieve its mandate.” [139] As the accrediting agency, SCC would appear to have some authority to supersede ISO/IEC 17025. But the *CD&S Act* s.51(1) as the “laws of the land” does not require secrecy. It allows secrecy. It is a government policy that invokes s.51 that imposes the secrecy.

The government could reveal a *proper scientific report*, or “test report,” if it wanted to; it does not. A reasonable speculation is that no such report exists. Why else would the government strive so hard to keep secret such a routine document?

Is government policy of secrecy for a *proper scientific report*, or “test report,” “laws of the land”? Apparently yes. Catch-22.

Resulting from Ontario Court proceedings, May and June 2018,⁴⁵ the presiding Justice [140] agreed entirely [141, 142] with the federal Crown [143]. The Justice effectively found that adequate science was done, and was sufficiently reported to the court. The *Certificates of Analyst* that would later be considered by the court would be safe from challenge; unassailable evidence of a criminally forbidden molecule.

Neither a *proper scientific report*, nor a “test report,” was ever revealed. Effectively, the Justice, May and June 2018, [144] created case law that the government policy of secrecy is of “laws of the land.” Catch-22. Other courts may later differ, but that is how it is now.

As indicated above, [145] the central issue of this polemic, and the essential reason to opine that the government of Canada does bad science, is that a *proper scientific report* is not available. And that this is mostly a matter of policy rather than law. These issues might be argued in court again, but the public political forum [146] is the most important – Parliament should repeal *CD&S Act* s.51.

10.5 Unethical science

The unethical science mentioned above is from the mere fact of Health Canada’s involvement in the criminalized war on drugs [147].

The *CD&S Act* is essentially of the criminal law, rather than of health law. Quite simply, a national health agency should not be involved in criminal law enforcement with police subterfuge – stings – even indirectly, and even in a remote and obscure

⁴⁵ Ontario Court proceedings, May and June 2018. Chapter 10, Chapter 10 Appendix.

corner of its systems. To do so is a serious ethical wrong that taints everything else it might stand for. The Supreme Court of Canada allows, [148] if not encourages, stings; but that should be the work of a police agency, not a health agency. By analogy, the US FDA and DEA are separate agencies.

Health Canada should be removed from involvement in the criminal law war on drugs.⁴⁶

Another ethical issue: Neither Health Canada, nor its DAS, explains the science it purportedly does. Opined here as a general proposition: State treasure should be allotted neither to any state agency, nor to any private entity, that does not, when asked, willingly explain the purported science being financed; except for very good reason – not found within the war on drugs.⁴⁷

Health Canada should, when asked, always willingly explain its purported science.⁴⁸

10.6 Lawyers, judges and parliamentarians

In a Canada that claims world-class status as a modern industrial nation, it should not be too much to ask that lawyers and judges who would be involved in a process that sends people to prison for *criminalized molecular offences* have some idea about molecular science. So too for the parliamentarians who enacted the legislation.⁴⁹

They should have at least a high school–level appreciation of science and mathematics. Experience in Ontario Court suggests they do not. A result of *CD&S Act* s.51 is that a shrouded government appointee can effectively make decisions of law and fact to which most everyone involved, including the trial judge, is oblivious. However, the severest criticism here is for defence lawyers who should pursue these matters more vigorously.

10.7 Recommendations. Repeal *CD&S Act* s.51 because it is anti-science. Do not allow Catch-22

Parliament is constitutionally entitled to enable bad and unethical science, and the government is lawfully entitled to follow its lead.^{50,51,52} Both do so. The courts

⁴⁶ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁴⁷ Health Canada. DAS. Ethics . Preface 4.3, Chapters 5 & 10.

⁴⁸ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁴⁹ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁵⁰ Author's biases. Preface 1.2, Preface 2, Preface 4.1, Preface 4.2.

⁵¹ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁵² DAS. Catch-22. Chapters 10 & 11.

are entitled allow this to go on; and to shy-away from understanding the science. They do both.⁵³

Perhaps the most serious policy problem is that Canadian legislators, judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers – and the government itself [149, 150, 151] – seem content that inadequately considered science comes into law, and is accepted on authority, without apparent care for understanding – for concepts that would require high school–level appreciation of science and mathematics. Maybe they are simply ignorant – science is too-alien a culture, or genuinely anti-science, or chem-know-phobic, [152] or do not care.

Public regard for science is important public policy; Canadian legislators, judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers – and the government itself – should try to do better. Even for the guilty, criminal conviction and jail should at least come with the courtesy of the judge having some clue of the science.

Both law and practice should be changed:

- *CD&S Act* s.51 should be repealed. Because it is anti-science, because it effectively prevents providing a *proper scientific report* to give explanation. And because it unfairly distorts the law of evidence.⁵⁴
- As already opined above:⁵⁵ Health Canada should, when asked, always willingly explain its purported science.
- Health Canada should be removed from criminal law involvement.
- The Standards Council of Canada accreditation of the Health Canada DRUG ANALYSIS SERVICE – TORONTO LABORATORY should be re-examined by an external engineering or analytical chemistry consultant. Perhaps overseeing ISO standards for Canadian agencies should be redirected from SCC to ANAB, Cary, North Carolina. (Ontario CFS is accredited to ANAB, that binds CFS to ISO/IEC 17025:2017, with a published SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION.)⁵⁶
- ISO/IEC 17025 should not be used with a Catch-22.
- Law education should include some science.
- There should be generous federal government financing for local school boards to allow judges, parliamentarians and Crown & defence counsel, to attend high school science and math courses.⁵⁷

⁵³ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁵⁴ Evidence. Chapters 1 & 10.

⁵⁵ Health Canada. DAS. Ethics. Preface 4.3, Chapters 5 & 10.

⁵⁶ Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

⁵⁷ *Daubert*. Judicial unfamiliarity with science. Preface 4.1, Chapters 1 & 10.

Appendix: A law case

[. . .]

. . . the production of a [Controlled Drugs & Substances Act, s.51(1)] certificate in and of itself establishes the scientific underpinnings of the conclusions set out therein. . . .

[From the judicial Ruling copied below.] [153]

[. . .]

In this chapter, [154] a critical appraisal is made of a case, Toronto, Old City Hall, May and June 2018, that effectively determines how a particular scientific process is regarded at Canadian law. That Ruling [155] states the law – at least for the time-being – maybe a very long time, if not forever. Although the ruling is from a lower court, it is comprehensive [156]⁵⁸ [157].

Parliament’s and the government’s intentions are interpreted by courts so as to make the law. But that is not the same as good science policy [158]. The Ruling: [159, 160]

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE

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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE S.R. CLARK

on 01 June 2018, at TORONTO, Ontario [161]

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[Presentation for the Federal Crown by Roger Flaim, Senior Counsel, Department of Justice Canada, Ontario Regional Office, Toronto M5H 1T1; as counsel for Health Canada.]

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FRIDAY, 01 JUNE 2018

R U L I N G

CLARK, J. (Orally):

The defendants □□□□□□ and □□□□□□ are charged with a number of drug related offences on or about □□□□ □□, 2017. I believe there are companion provincial charges as well. The trial is scheduled to commence on □□□□ □□, 2018. Three weeks have been set aside for this matter.

Counsel for □□□□□□, Mr. Grossman, has brought a pre-trial motion, originally dated October 16th, 2017, seeking a ruling in the form of a *Charter*-based declaration

58 Ontario Court proceedings, May and June 2018. Chapter 10, Chapter 10 Appendix.

that the certificate of analyst not be allowed as sufficient, by itself, evidence of criminal molecular presence in a police-seized item, and that the Crown provide a proper scientific report that tells a sufficiently coherent story of the analytical chemistry, or to inform the court that such a report does not exist.

There are other motions as well set out in the defence *factum* dated April 25th, 2018, that are not the subject of today's proceedings, such as an application seeking to cross-examine the analyst. This may well be entertained and dealt with on a separate and subsequent date.

More simply put, the defence seeks disclosure of some further evidentiary or scientific basis for the certificates of analyst prepared by Health Canada's Drug Analysis Service, . . . dated May 1st, 2017, which provide or confirm that samples provided by the Toronto Police Service to the DAS were analyzed and found to contain cannabis. Counsel for the co-accused and the provincial Crown attorney's office have been properly served with this application. Counsel for the co-accused has chosen not to participate in these proceedings. Mr. Lockner, the provincial Crown, is present to at least accept this ruling today. The following is the defence position on this motion as this court understands it.

The defence essentially acknowledges that s. 51 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, . . ., provides a rebuttable presumption that the certificate of analysis upon presentation to the court is sufficient to support the conviction and that no explanation of science is required. That it is the government practice and policy not to have to provide same. However, there are situations where there should be a full or sufficiently coherent story or report or records relating to the analysis of the substances and a position on the analytical chemistry. The legislation effectively denies access to this in the view of the defence. The defence, therefore, seeks an order requiring the Crown and Health Canada to provide an analytical chemistry of the government's lab process pursuant to s. 7 of the *Charter of Rights*, relating to the security of the person, and to be able to determine if there have been any defective lab processes. The defence argues, essentially, that any *bona fide* and properly functioning lab would have this documentation, and that it would be readily available, and that it is not out of the ordinary to expect same. The defence counsel has requested this and received it on other occasions the court has been told. Defence further submits that this should be routinely provided, and in its absence, unexplained science is bad science. The defence therefore has a right to a proper scientific report or data and an explanation by the analyst who has determined the molecules of concern. If not, the certificate of analysis should not be allowed or admitted as sufficient, by itself, evidence. Furthermore, on a s. 24(2) *Charter* analysis, the manner of obtaining the evidence and denial of the *Charter* right to production by non-disclosure of reports or data or any explanation should result in the certificate of analysis being inadmissible in the trial.

In essence the defence challenges the accuracy of the certificate of analysis, which may possibly contain substances misidentified or data entry errors or wrong dates, or that certain Health Canada procedures were not followed. All of this is

being sought pursuant to what the defence submits is the Crown *Stinchcombe* disclosure obligation as first party records. What this should include, therefore, is be copies of test reports, or identification of methods used, copies of related data records of the analyses of the police seized samples, copies of the related standard operating procedures or SOP and a review worksheet.

The . . . [Public] Prosecution Service of Canada, (. . . Federal Crown) opposes the application, substantially, on two grounds. First, s. 51(1) of the *CDSA*, does not require production of same. The defence has received the certificates as part of the Crown’s *Stinchcombe* disclosure obligations and has been advised of its intention to rely on same at trial. They will presumably be then admitted into evidence pursuant to s. 51, which provides a certificate or report prepared by an analyst under s. 45(2), is admissible in evidence in any prosecution for an offence under this act or any other act of Parliament, and in the absence of evidence to the contrary is proof of statements set out in the certificate or report, without proof of the signature or official character of the person appearing to have signed it. Notwithstanding this express statutory authority, the defence now applies, without any evidentiary basis according to the prosecution, for an order for further disclosure to allow for, as they claim, evaluation and decisions about further proceedings.

The Crown contends, however, that speculation about the outcome of evaluation or the possibility of further proceedings does not amount to evidence to the contrary required by the *CDSA*. Therefore, to order such production would be to effectively nullify s. 51(1). The Crown submits further that if the defence position is that no evidence is required or needed to obtain disclosure regarding the science that underlies the certificates, the defence ought to be challenging the constitutionality of the *CDSA*, itself.

The second position advanced in response to the defence application is that in any event, any application for disclosure by the defence, can or must only be done through a third party records application, as this is not part of the Crown’s *Stinchcombe* disclosure obligations. This should be properly the subject of what is more commonly referred to as an *O’Connor* application, in which case the defence is required to serve and file the appropriate materials on Health Canada. The court made an endorsement in this matter on May 7, 2018, to the effect that Health Canada should be served with this particular application, resulting in this ruling today.

On May 29th, 2018, Mr. Flaim, appeared as counsel for the Attorney General of Canada, representing Health Canada as the third party record holder when this motion was argued. Bound, written materials, titled, *Response of the Attorney General of Canada on Behalf of Health Canada*, have been filed for the court’s consideration. It should be noted that Mr. Flaim is in attendance in court today. It should also be noted that on a strictly voluntary and without prejudice basis, given that the trial is imminent, commencing . . . [], Mr. Flaim, has taken a pragmatic approach in an effort to stave off any delay in the trial proceedings by disclosing the notes created by the analyst in this case setting out the scientific tests conducted, underscoring that this is, in the court’s language, a “one-off” situation.

In the analysis of this issue the court will deal with the two issues in reverse order. The first issue, is whether the records sought are subject to *Stinchcombe* or *O'Connor*, that is, first party or third party records. This is a third party records matter for the following reasons. In the context of disclosures from Health Canada's . . . DAS, a determination of this distinction is critical. This court has been advised that to date, this rather novel issue has not been considered by any other courts in Ontario. It has, however, been recently decided in the British Columbia Supreme Court, in the case of *R. v. Koumoutsidis*, 2017 BCSC 2129. Paragraph 18, provides as follows:

In this case, the records are held by Health Canada. The records sought are clearly held and maintained outside of the control of the investigative agency involved, [namely, in that case the Surrey RCMP]. On the hearing of this application counsel for the accused appeared to acknowledge this position. Thus, the records are third party records and the *O'Connor* rules apply.

This court substantially agrees with the written submissions set out by counsel, Mr. Flaim, in the response materials. Thus, a proper application of the principles that distinguish first party disclosure, or *Stinchcombe*, from third party disclosure, *O'Connor*, clearly establishes that records held by the DAS are held by a third party and thus, their disclosure is subject to the *O'Connor* regime. An *O'Connor* application imposes a significant, but not onerous burden on an applicant to establish that the records sought are likely relevant. This common law standard has been amended by the requirement of s. 51(1) of the *CDSA* for an evidentiary basis on which disclosure should be ordered. Moreover, in contrast to an application for further *Stinchcombe* disclosure, an *O'Connor* application must be served on the third party record holder, in this case, Health Canada. This requirement grants Health Canada standing to advance important policy issues expressed in the *CDSA* that should or would inform any decision to order further disclosure. As confirmed by the Ontario Court of Appeal in the case of *R. v. Jackson*, 2015, ONCA, 832, at paragraph 80 and 82:

For the purposes of first party [. . .] disclosure, the term “the Crown” refers to the prosecuting Crown only, not to all Crown entities, [such as departments and agencies of the Federal government].

[. . .] *Stinchcombe* disclosure [. . .] extends only to material relating to the accused's, [or the defendant's case] in the possession or control of the prosecuting Crown entity. This material is commonly described as the “fruits of the investigation”, that is to say, material gathered during the investigation of the offence [for] which [an] accused is charged.

The documents the defence seeks, those setting out some scientific basis for the certificates are not in the possession or control of the prosecuting Crown entity. They are not “fruits of the investigation”, insofar as they were not gathered during the investigation of the offence with which the defendant is charged. Indeed, s. 45(2) of the *CDSA* only authorizes the analyst to produce a certificate or a report, each of which are in a prescribed form and do not encompass or contemplate working notes made in the preparation of either document. The “fruits of the investigation” that have been gathered and are in the possession and control of the Federal Crown

are limited to the certificates. These have been disclosed pursuant to *Stinchcombe*. Any documentation held exclusively by the DAS is thus, only available by way of the *O'Connor* application. There is no merit to the defence assertion, therefore, that accreditation standards, such as those promulgated by the International Organization for Standardization or ISO, that apply to DAS laboratories mean that police or the Federal Crown have obvious and complete access rights to the information sought by the defence. The DAS is accredited by the Standards Council of Canada and must meet both the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 regarding general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration as asserted by the defence, and at the same time these certificates were produced the requirements of Canadian procedural document certificates were produced. The requirements of Canadian procedural document or CAN-P-1578, regarding guidelines for the accreditation of forensic testing laboratories, and in particular Appendix 6, dealing with drug chemistry, which is an amplification of the ISO standard, s. 5.10.1 of this standard provides that:

[As Read] Certificates of Analyst are legal documents, as such, information contained in these reports is directed by the appropriate laws of the land.

This qualification supersedes any requirement which may arise under ISO/IEC 17025, to provide information beyond that statutorily required by the *CDSA*, namely, the certificates.

The requirement for applicants or defendants to bring an *O'Connor* application is consistent with two critical features that govern the work of the DAS to the *CDSA*. First, the need to meet a threshold of likely relevance, as opposed to mere relevance. This is consistent with the requirement in s. 51(1), for an evidentiary basis that justifies going behind or beyond the certificates. The requirement of s. 51(1) amends the common law requirement for likely relevance, insofar as it must be founded on an evidentiary basis. In any event, in both cases more is required than a demonstration of bare relevance that would apply to *Stinchcombe* disclosure. Second, one of the objectives of the *CDSA* is to create a management scheme that permits proof of the results of the analysis of seized substances, without the necessity of requiring Health Canada to take steps beyond what is required by the *CDSA* in every case where an accused or counsel makes a document request. There is also a logical or practical reason for this position.

The Crown, Mr. Flaim, has submitted to the court that there are two further underpinnings. One, relates to efficiency. From paragraph 38 of the *Koumoutsidis* case, it is stated that, “[Every] year, Health Canada receives approximately 120,000 drug samples for analysis.” This would equate to approximately 450 such requests per juridical day. The second underpinning relates to affordability.

In support of this, Justice Ramsay, in the case of *R. v. Buffone and Kompon*, June 1st, 2017, decision of the Superior Court of Justice in Welland, Ontario, at pg. 2, line 10, stated:

[As Read] The purpose of s. 51 of the *CDSA* is to allow the Federal government to prove drug offences with an affordable number of analysts which would not be possible if they were liable to be compelled to testify in any and every case at the request of the accused.

Mr. Flaim submits, therefore, that it is a science lab and should not have to account for its work by going to court. This significant policy concern is reflected in s. 5.10.1 of the CAN-P-1578, which amends what information must otherwise be provided to those under applicable accreditation standards. Moreover, this policy concern has long been recognized by the courts, albeit in the context of considering whether leave should be granted to cross-examine DAS analysts. Mr. Flaim has cited in his written materials, which this court also endorses, various passages from the case of *R. v. Howden*, [1997] O.J. No. 4727, at Tab F of the respondents record, at paragraphs 8–10:

[As Read] It is apparent from the authorities that evidence to the contrary must be evidence which calls into question the correctness of the very analysis which is being tendered by the Crown.

The defence in certain cases may wish to retain their own defence expert. Another example is if the defence suspects or knows that the substance might not test because it was either some form of cutting agent such as baking powder. This might provide an evidentiary basis or informational basis at least on which to bring such an application. In conclusion, this court rules that disclosure from DAS is subject to the third party *O'Connor* disclosure regime.

Turning to issue two, whether this motion meets the requirements of any such *O'Connor* application, the procedure for same has been summarized in the case of *R. v. McNeil*, [2009] 1 SCR 66, 2009 SCC 3, at paragraph 27, as follows:

- 1) The accused first obtains a subpoena *duces tecum* identifying the documents sought and serves it on the third party record holder.
- 2) The accused then brings an application, served on the Crown and the third party record holder, supported by appropriate affidavit evidence, showing that the records sought are likely to be relevant in his or her trial.
- 3) The judge addresses any questions of privilege, and if no privilege is a bar release, proceeds to determine whether production should be compelled in accordance with the two-stage test established in *O'Connor*.
- 4) At the first stage, the judge rules on whether the documents are likely relevant based on the applicable test. If so, the judge proceeds to the second stage to resolve whether, and to what extent, production should be ordered to the accused in order to protect any privacy rights or privileges that may exist in the documents.

The present application complies with none of the foregoing requirements. It does not contain a subpoena by which specific documents or classes of documents are identified. It is unsupported by any affidavit evidence on which the statutory requirement for evidence to the contrary might be satisfied, that is, evidence of an

issue with the certificate. Even if the court were to dispense with the need for an application record that meets the formal requirements of an *O'Connor* application, the court must not overlook the lack of evidentiary basis for the disclosure sought in this case. Under the first stage of the *O'Connor* regime, the applicant has the onus of satisfying the court that the third party records are likely relevant to the proceedings. In *O'Connor*, the court set out at paragraph 140, as paraphrased, that this must be accompanied by affidavit evidence which establishes to the court's satisfaction that the information sought is likely to be relevant. Likewise, in the same case, at paragraph 20, again paraphrased, the accused must bring a formal written application supported by affidavit, setting out the specific grounds for production. Similarly, in the *McNeil* case at paragraph 28, also paraphrased, one of the important considerations is that the applicant must, therefore, justify to the court the use of state power to compel their production. It is important for the effective administration of justice that criminal trials remain focused on the issues to be tried, and that scarce judicial resources not be squandered on what has been referred to as, "fishing expeditions" for irrelevant evidence. The likely relevance threshold reflects this gatekeeper function. In *McNeil*, at paragraph 29, also paraphrased, is that courts should screen these applications in an effort to prevent the defence from engaging in either speculative, fanciful, disruptive, unmeritorious, obstructive and time consuming requests for production. The importance of preventing unnecessary applications for production from consuming scarce judicial resources cannot be overstated. In this case, the defence adduces no credible grounds for the likely relevance of the records sought. Rather, the defence advances two fundamentally flawed propositions according to the Crown.

First, the defence states that there is no evidence before the court of science involvement. The *CDSA* states otherwise. Pursuant to ss. 44 and 45, the minister delegates individuals with scientific qualifications to act as analysts and those analysts carry out analyses or examinations at DAS laboratories which operate according to the previously referenced accreditation standards applicable to drug chemistry. Pursuant to s. 51(1) of the *Act*, a certificate or report prepared is admissible in evidence for the proof of the statements set out therein. Accordingly, the production of a certificate in and of itself establishes the scientific underpinnings of the conclusions set out therein. Second, the defence alleges that production is required for evaluation and decisions about further proceedings. This is tantamount to an admission by counsel that the request for documents is premised on purely speculative grounds. The defence speculates that the evaluation of documents supporting the certificate may yield some unspecified information of some unspecified value in relation to some unspecified issue that may or may not inform some unspecified further proceedings. This falls short of establishing relevance, much less likely relevance. It is, in the words of Mr. Flaim, and indeed, supported by the court, "a prototypical or proverbial fishing expedition." The Crown points out that in *Koumoutsidis*, the court overlooked the threshold that applicants must meet in establishing likely

relevance before ordering the disclosure of the notes created by an analyst during analysis of a sample submitted by police. In *Koumoutsidis*, the court noted, at para. 34, that it would be very difficult for the defence to verify the accuracy or determine the nature of the analysis carried out because of the limited disclosure the defence receives in a drug prosecution. In the present case this court is not unsympathetic to the position of the defence. It might be referred to, without simplifying matters too much, as a “chicken or egg” type of argument. One could ask, rhetorically, how does one know what to challenge unless given the necessary information through disclosure? This position, however, undermines the express statutory presumption that Parliament has imposed in s. 51(1). The Crown submits, therefore, that to no[t] follow this provision would effectively allow an applicant to dispense with the requirement to articulate a credible basis of likely relevance. This is not a precedent that should be followed in Ontario. This court agrees.

In conclusion, this court rules that the certificates provided under the authority of the *CDSA* are documents in the possession or control of a third party and are thus subject to disclosure based only a properly constituted *O'Connor* application. This requires an evidentiary basis on which the court may order disclosure. In the result, this defence application, as presently constituted is dismissed, without prejudice to the defence to bring a further third party records application.

Thank you very much for your attendance today. As I say, if I had more time, I think my ruling could have been much more concise and tighter for lack of a better expression but I hope that that is of some assistance to the parties moving forward. Thank you.

Notes

- 1 Chapters 10 and 11 are composed and presented as “Essay – Biased Opinion – Polemic.”
- 2 *ipse dixit* ≈ he himself said it – an assertion without proof. See notes below.
- 3 *CD&S Act* – *ipse dixit*. Chapter 10, Chapter 10 Appendix.
- 4 *CD&S Act*. Chapters 1 & 10.
- 5 Introductory quotes, *etc.* Preface.
- 6 Pamela R. Metzger, *Tulane University*, 2006.
- 7 Pamela R. Metzger, “Cheating the Constitution,” *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 59 *Vand. L. Rev.* 475 (2006).
[http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-\(2006\).pdf](http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-(2006).pdf)
<https://scholarship.law.vanderbilt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1589&context=vlr>
- 8 Metzger, at page 476.
- 9 Professor Pamela R. Metzger copyright acknowledgement. Chapter 10.
- 10 Justice Scalia, *Melendez-Diaz*, page 13.
- 11 Lewis Carroll, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*, Signet Classics, The New American Library, New York City, 1960 and 1962.
- 12 Carroll, . . . -*Glass* . . . , “*Humpty Dumpty*”, Chapter VI, at page 183.

- 13 <https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/pictures/tweedledum-tweedledee/>
<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/pictures/through-the-looking-glass/>
<https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/faq/#copyright>.
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<https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/275921-the-road-from-massachusetts-v-epa-through-the-looking>
<https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/06pdf/05-1120.pdf>
<http://www.law.harvard.edu/faculty/freeman/vermeule.freeman.paper.pdf>.
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- 17 See: Wm. F. Buckley Jr., Ethan A. Nadelmann, Kurt Schmoke, Joseph D. McNamara, Robert W. Sweet, Thomas Szasz and Steven B. Duke, “The War on Drugs Is Lost,” *National Review*, 12 February 1996, pages 34–48 <http://www.nationalreview.com/12feb96/drug.html> www.nationalreview.com.
- 18 A. Robert Kaufman, “Attack the profit, not the fact, of drugs,” OPINION-COMMENTARY, *The Baltimore Sun*, 10 December 1996, page 21A. www.sunspot.net.
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- 30 *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, reaffirmed and extended by *Bullcoming v New Mexico* – in the US Supreme Court.
- 31 *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, 2009. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/07-591.ZS.html>
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/pdf/07-591P.ZS>
<http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/08pdf/07-591.pdf> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/>.
- 32 *Bullcoming v New Mexico*, 2011. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/9-10876.ZS.html>
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- 33 Adam Liptak, “Supreme Court Ruling Accepts No Substitutes in Crime Lab Testimony,” *The New York Times*, 24 June 2011, page A16.
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- 35 *US Sixth Amendment*. Chapter 10.
- 36 Some of this is reworked from court pleading documents from the author’s law practice.
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- 38 *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* SC 1996, c.19.
<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38.8/index.html>
<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38.8/index.html>
<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38.8/page-9.html#h-19>.
- 39 *CD&S Act* s. 51.

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Designation of analysts

44 The Minister may designate, in accordance with the regulations made pursuant to paragraph 55(1)(o), any person as an analyst for the purposes of this Act and the regulations.

Analysis

45(1) A peace officer, inspector or prescribed person may submit to an analyst for analysis or examination any substance or sample of it taken by the peace officer, inspector or prescribed person.

Report

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(2) An analyst who has made an analysis or examination under subsection (1) may prepare a certificate or report stating that the analyst has analysed or examined a substance or a sample thereof and setting out the results of the analysis or examination.

Certificate of analyst

51(1) Subject to this section, a certificate or report prepared by an analyst under subsection 45(2) is admissible in evidence in any prosecution for an offence under this Act or the regulations or any other Act of Parliament and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, is proof of the statements set out in the certificate or report, without proof of the signature or official character of the person appearing to have signed it.

Attendance of analyst

(2) The party against whom a certificate or report of an analyst is produced under subsection (1) may, with leave of the court, require the attendance of the analyst for the purpose of cross-examination.

40 *R v ██████████*, 2017, Ontario Court, Justice Kearney, Brampton L6W 4T1, 02 February 2017 (copied in full below), at paragraph [7]:

[7] Parliament has provided an evidentiary shortcut that enables the Crown to put before the court expert opinion evidence as to the nature of the substance analyzed.

41 For example: English language text from a Health Canada DAS *Certificate of Analyst* used for a *CD&S Act* case:

42 Health Canada – Drug Analysis Service No.-N° ██████████
2301 Midland Avenue
Toronto Ontario M1P4R7

Certificate of Analyst

██████████ being a person on the staff of the Department of Health duly designated as an Analyst under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, and also duly designated as an Analyst under the Food and Drugs Act, do hereby certify:

1. That at the Health Canada laboratory in Toronto in the province of Ontario on the █ day of ██████ 2009 there was delivered by Depository box from Toronto Police Service a sealed and unopened package which bore the following identification marks, initials or numbers: ██████ ██████
2. That I did take possession of the sealed and unopened package on the █ day of ██████ 2009.
3. That I did open the said package and did remove therefrom a sample for analysis.
4. That I duly analysed and examined the said sample and I found it to contain a controlled substance within the meaning of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, to wit:

Methamphetamine (N, α-dimethylbenzeneethanamine)

5. That this certificate is true to the best of my knowledge and skill.
Dated at Toronto, Ontario
This █ day of ██████ 2009
██████
revision: DAS-SAD 03-2009a Analyst – Department of Health

43 *CD&S Act* s. 44. <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38.8/page-9.html#h-19>.

44 *Qualifications for Designations as Analysts Regulations* SOR/98-594
<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-98-594/page-1.html#h-1>
<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38.8/index.html>.

45 Ontario Office of the Fire Marshall.
https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/FireMarshal/OFMLanding/OFM_main.html.

46 Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Centre of Forensic Sciences, Toronto M3M 0B1.

47 *CD&S Act* s.51.

48 Opaque here, notwithstanding the government's transparency claims otherwise:

<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/home-accueil/rto-tor/index-eng.php>

http://hc-sc.gc.ca/home-accueil/alt_formats/pdf/rto-tor/2015-18-fap-cpa-eng.pdf

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About Health Canada

Regulatory transparency and openness

The Government of Canada is making more data and information available to Canadians than ever before. Canadians are also being offered more opportunities to participate in discussions on government policies and priorities.

As a regulator, Health Canada plays an important role in protecting the health and safety of Canadians and is committed to greater transparency and openness to further strengthen trust in our regulatory decisions.

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49 See also: Steve Chapman, “[Canada] Controlled Drugs and Substances Act / Definitions and interpretations,” *Isomer Design*, Toronto M5B 2R3; 02 December 2015, January 2021: [e-mail exchanges with Health Canada – extracts].

<http://isomerdesign.com/Cdsa/>

<http://isomerdesign.com/Cdsa/definitions.php>

<http://isomerdesign.com/Home/index.php>

https://rocketreach.co/isomer-design-profile_b5cd7f63f42e0b04

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4./>

50 See also: M.G., *SOME RECENT CANADIAN JUDICIAL DECISIONS RELEVANT TO FORENSIC CHEMISTRY*, presented at a Chemistry and the Law session, 217th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Anaheim, California, 22 March 1999. (CHAL: <http://membership.acs.org/C/CHAL/> . ACS: www.acs.org . *Chemical & Engineering News*, 01 March 1999, page 94. <http://pubs.acs.org/cen> .).

51 See also: M.G., “POLICY / What’s Up with Canadian Science?,” letter to the Editor, *C&EN*, Volume 92, Issue 2, 13 January 2014.

<https://cen.acs.org/articles/92/i2/s-Canadian-Science.html>

<https://cen.acs.org/articles/91/i43/Acrimony-Canadian-Science.html>.

52 *Access to Information Act* RSC 1985 c. A-1 as amended.

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1/> <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1/page-1.html>.

53 M.G., “[*R v Filsinger’s Organic Foods*] – Ministry of Labour inspections – Clinic’s *Freedom of Information* request –” *Toronto Workers’ Health & Safety Legal Clinic newsletter*, August 2012, Vol. 20 No.4, Pages 1→4. <http://workers-safety.ca/features/newsletters/> <http://workers-safety.ca/index.html>.

54 At page 4:

Some comment on the FOI process.

The analysis and commentary above is in the context of problems with using FOI-source data, and some explanation is appropriate.

Many *FOI*-data-seekers are simply looking for copies of some of their government-held personal data. Much of this is quite routine and practical, and confidentiality requirements quite acceptable. Others are looking for specific uncontroversial historical data; this too may not be much of a problem, if the data still exists. And, others are looking for data for purposes of some legal process. These *FOI*-data-seekers would typically know what documents they are looking for, and when-from.

However, *FOI*-data such as for our Clinic's request about Filsinger's is in a different category. We are not actually that much interested in released documents. Rather we seek answers to reasonably relevant questions in a public policy conversation. For example: How many Raven tanks were in use at Filsinger's at the time of the tragedy?^[1] . . . These are questions from citizens who may be publicly criticizing government policy. In a free and democratic society,^[2] . . . official persons of the Crown should make reasonable efforts to try to give answers. The reality of modern Canada is that they sometimes don't. And they sometimes obfuscate, and sometimes hide behind *FOI* as a ruse.

But *FOI* personnel are not in the business of answering questions. They are in the business of providing document copies, or declining to provide them for statutory reasons. They would not normally be expected to delve into what the documents might mean in a public policy conversation.

In this context, *FOI*-released documents are requested by citizens to search for answers that the documents might reveal, or might imply. But for citizens to use the *FOI* process, it helps to know which documents to request. But if they knew that – if government officials simply answered reasonably relevant questions – citizen activists wouldn't need *FOI*. The result is that to get actual answers the citizens may have to go on fishing expeditions – and perhaps play Monty Python's *Pet Shop*^[3] . . . or *Cheese Shop*^[4] . . . with government officials – often for unknown documents, and then hope those documents would reveal answers. The results are often unsatisfactory.

So, for the worker tragedy at Filsinger's, our Clinic made our *FOI* request; we got what we got; and we have to try to make the best of it. In this context, the analysis and commentary above, hopefully, makes a reasonable contribution to the public conversation on workplace health and safety. So, perhaps that secret MOL “. . . hygienist report . . .”^[5] . . . would reveal something interesting, but we will have to make do without it.

MOL=Ontario Ministry of Labour.

FOI=Ontario Freedom of Information Act.

55 . . . [1]See above at page 2.

56 . . . [2]to borrow a phrase – *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* C being Schedule B, Part I of the *Canada Act* 1982, including the *Constitution Act*, 1982 (1982 c. 11 (United Kingdom), s. 1. <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/charter/>.

57 . . . [3]Monty Python <http://www.montypython.net/scripts/petshop.php>.

58 . . . [4]Monty Python <http://www.montypython.net/scripts/cheese.php>.

59 . . . [5]See in this *newsletter*, mid-July, Vol.20, No.3, page 4. . .

60 Obfuscation. Preface 4. Chapter 10.

61 Health Canada Preface 4.3, Chapters 8 & 10.

62 Monty Python <http://www.montypython.net/scripts/petshop.php>.

63 Monty Python <http://www.montypython.net/scripts/cheese.php>.

- 64 *Constitution Act, 1982*, SCHEDULE B, PART I, *CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS*.
- 65 *Constitution Act, 1867* (originally called *The British North America Act, 1867*; [United Kingdom] 30 and 31 Victoria, c. 3.). http://www.solon.org/Constitutions/Canada/English/http://www.solon.org/Constitutions/Canada/English/ca_1867.html.
- 66 *CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS* <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Const/page-15.html>.
- 67 “7. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.”
- 68 *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Const/page-15.html>

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Enforcement of guaranteed rights and freedoms

24. (1) Anyone whose rights or freedoms, as guaranteed by this Charter, have been infringed or denied may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain such remedy as the court considers appropriate and just in the circumstances.

Exclusion of evidence bringing administration of justice into disrepute

(2) Where, in proceedings under subsection (1), a court concludes that evidence was obtained in a manner that infringed or denied any rights or freedoms guaranteed by this Charter, the evidence shall be excluded if it is established that, having regard to all the circumstances, the admission of it in the proceedings would bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

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- 69 “. . . Before the blind, do not put a stumbling block . . .”.
- 70 *Leviticus* Chapter 19 ויקרא
- יד לא תקלל חרש-וּלְפָנַי עֹר, לא תתן מְכַשֵׁל; וְנִרְאָתָּ מֵאֲלֹהֶיךָ, אֲנִי יְהוָה.
14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.
- 71 A Hebrew – English Bible According to the Masoretic Text and the JPS 1917 Edition
<https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0319.htm> <https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0.htm>.
- 72 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stumbling_block#:~:text=Bible%20use-,Hebrew%20Bible,\(Leviticus%2019%3A14\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stumbling_block#:~:text=Bible%20use-,Hebrew%20Bible,(Leviticus%2019%3A14)).
<https://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Leviticus%2019:14&version=nrsv>.
- 73 Some of this is reworked from: *R v . . .*, APPLICATION, Toronto, . . . 2017.
- 74 *ipse dixit* ≈ he himself said it – an assertion without proof.
- 75 <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Ipse+Dixit> = “. . . [Latin, He himself said it.] *An unsupported statement that rests solely on the authority of the individual who makes it . . .*”.
- 76 Latin. Preface 4.1.
- 77 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ipse_dixit = “. . . Ipse dixit (Latin for ‘he himself said it’) is an assertion without proof; or a dogmatic expression of opinion . . . The fallacy of defending a proposition by baldly asserting that it is ‘just how it is’ distorts the argument by opting out of it

- entirely: the claimant declares an issue to be intrinsic, and not changeable . . . Cicero (106–43 BC) . . . *De Natura Deorum* . . .”.
- 78 Pamela R. Metzger, “Cheating the Constitution,” *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 59 *Vand. L. Rev.* 475 (2006).
[http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-\(2006\).pdf](http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-(2006).pdf).
- 79 Pamela R. Metzger, Robert A. Ainsworth Professor in the Courts, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70,118.
- 80 Pamela R. Metzger, “Cheating the Constitution,” *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 59 *Vand. L. Rev.* 475 (2006).
[http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-\(2006\).pdf](http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-(2006).pdf)
<https://litigation-essentials.lexisnexis.com/webcd/app?action=DocumentDisplay&crawlid=1&doctype=cite&docid=59+Vand.+L.+Rev.+475&srctype=smi&srcid=3B15&key=a3451eb0837c27980952c88f2a612b09>.
- 81 <http://www.archives.gov/index.html>
<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>.
- 82 **Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts**, US Supreme Court, 2009; at page 13, last paragraph.
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/07-591.ZS.html> <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/pdf/07-591P.ZS> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/08pdf/07-591.pdf> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/>.
- 83 <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Ipse+Dixit> = “. . . [Latin, He himself said it.] An unsupported statement that rests solely on the authority of the individual who makes it . . .”.
- 84 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ipse_dixit= “. . . **Ipse dixit** (Latin for ‘he himself said it’) is an assertion without proof; or a dogmatic expression of opinion . . . The fallacy of defending a proposition by baldly asserting that it is ‘just how it is’ distorts the argument by opting out of it entirely: the claimant declares an issue to be intrinsic, and not changeable . . . Cicero (106–43 BC) . . . *De Natura Deorum* . . .”.
- 85 “Report to the Attorney General of Canada: Advice and Recommendations Respecting Certain Certificates of Analyst Issued by Health Canada,” by the Honourable W. David Griffiths, Q.C., May 23, 2001.
- 86 2001 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/lab-errors-may-void-ontario-drug-convictions-1.283147>.
- 87 **CBCnews | Canada**

Lab errors may void Ontario drug convictions

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Anyone convicted of a drug offence in Ontario during the past 12 years, even those now serving time, may be off the hook because of bungled paperwork at a federal drug lab.

. . . thousands of drug analysis certificates . . .

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- 88 There are also examples, in other contexts, of problematic results from insufficiently scrutinized analytical chemistry. See for example: Rachel Mendleson, *Toronto Star* [many reports re Motherisk] http://www.thestar.com/authors.mendleson_rachel.html . Or, if gold mining is to be scrutinized by government financial regulators: Douglas Goold and Andrew Willis, *The Bre-X Fraud*, McClelland and Stewart, 1998; ISBN 10: 0771033346 & ISBN 13: 9780771033346.
- 89 *The Globe and Mail*, National News / National Report, 28 September 1998, page A6.

90 Drug evidence questioned

VANCOUVER. The overdose death of an employee of the [Health Canada] federal drug-testing lab has cast doubt on 20 years of drug convictions, lawyers say.

The federal Justice Department is reviewing drug cases where Henry Sadowski handled the evidence, after the lab chemist died in May, 1997, of a drug overdose. Tests showed Mr. Sadowski, 51, had snorted a lethal mixture of cocaine and heroin, called a speedball.

An autopsy revealed he had been using the drugs for some time.

Now lawyers who defend people on drug charges are wondering whether Mr. Sadowski fudged his reports. “How do we know what he analyzed and what he put up his nose?” defence lawyer Ken Young said. CP

- 91 Carmen Drahl, “DOOKHAN NAMED ‘SOLE BAD ACTOR’ / FORENSIC SCIENCE: Inspector general faults management neglect for Massachusetts crime lab scandal,” *Chemical and Engineering News*, 92(10), American Chemical Society, Washington, DC 20,036, 10 March 2014, page 6.
- 92 See also: Andrea Widener and Carmen Drahl, Washington, DC, “FORCING CHANGE IN FORENSIC SCIENCE / SCANDALS IN LABS across the country illustrate the need to reform the discipline, but change has been slow in coming,” *C&EN*, 92(19), 12 May 2014, pages 10→14. <https://cen.acs.org/articles/92/i19/Forcing-Change-Forensic-Science.html>

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Pinpointing Red Flags In Massachusetts Drug Lab Scandal

Disgraced forensic chemist . . . was sentenced to prison more than five months ago. Yet her saga continues to roil both her home state . . . and the forensics community, providing a very public example of the need for reform in forensic science.

. . . fabricated drug test data and lied under oath. . . cases involving more than 40,000 individuals . . . Massachusetts has set aside \$30 million to review.

. . . report . . . Inspector General . . . revealed a rash of management failures at the . . . now-shuttered drug lab . . . failed to provide proper chemistry training, and they ignored the concerns . . .

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- 93 Jess Bidgood, “*Massachusetts Justices Clear Way for New Trials in Cases Chemist May Have Tainted*,” *The New York Times*, 19 May 2015, page A11.
- 94 *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts* Pages 13→15. <https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/08pdf/07-591.pdf>.
- 95 Pamela R. Metzger, “*Cheating the Constitution*,” *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 59 Vand. L. Rev. 475 (2006).
[http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-\(2006\).pdf](http://federalevidence.com/pdf/2008/01-Miscell/Metzger-59-Vand.-L.-Rev.-475-(2006).pdf)
<http://www.law.tulane.edu/tlsfaculty/profiles.aspx?id=450&vpubcat=Articles>
<https://litigation-essentials.lexisnexis.com/webcd/app?action=DocumentDisplay&crawlid=>

1&doctype=cite&docid=59+V and.+L.+Rev.+475&srctype=smi&srcid=3B15&key=a3451eb0837c27980952c88f2a612b09.

- 96 Brandon L. Garrett and Peter J. Neufeld, “Invalid Forensic Science Testimony and Wrongful Convictions,” *Virginia Law Review*, Volume 95 March 2009 Number 1. http://www.law.virginia.edu/pdf/faculty/hein/garrett/95va_1_rev1_2009.pdf
http://www.law.virginia.edu/pdf/faculty/garrett/falseconfess/appendix_.pdf
<https://content.law.virginia.edu/faculty/profile/blg2n/1165630>.
- 97 *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, US Supreme Court, 2009. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/07-591.ZS.html>
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/pdf/07-591P.ZS> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/08pdf/07-591.pdf>
<http://www.supremecourt.gov/>.
- 98 Pages 1→23.
- 99 *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, No. 07–591.
- 100 –see Adam Liptak, “Justices Rule Crime Analysts Must Testify on Lab Results,” *The New York Times*, 26 June 2009, pages A1 and A16. See also Linda Greenhouse, “. . . Crime Lab Reports,” *The New York Times*, 18 March 2008, page A19.
- 101 <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/> <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/08slipopinion.html>
<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/08pdf/07-591.pdf>.

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- 102 The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution,[* **] made applicable to the States via the Fourteenth Amendment, . . . provides that “[i]n all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right . . . to be confronted with the witnesses against him.” In *Crawford*, after reviewing the Clause’s historical underpinnings, we held that it guarantees a defendant’s right to confront those “who ‘bear testimony’” against him.[***]

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In short, under our decision in *Crawford* the analysts’ affidavits were testimonial statements, and the analysts were “witnesses” for purposes of the Sixth Amendment. Absent a showing that the analysts were unavailable to testify at trial *and* that petitioner had a prior opportunity to cross-examine them, petitioner was entitled to “‘be confronted with’” the analysts at trial. . . . [****]

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- 103 * <http://www.archives.gov/> http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/index.html <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/>.
- 104 ** <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution>.
- 105 *** *Melendez-Diaz* at page 3.
- 106 **** *Melendez-Diaz* at page 5.
- 107 At page 13, last paragraph.
- 108 Pamela R. Metzger, then Professor, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70,118; now Professor, Dedman School of Law, and Director of the Deason Family Criminal Justice Reform Center, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 75,275.
- 109 <http://www.archives.gov/index.html> <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>.

- 110 *Bullcoming v New Mexico*, 2011. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/9-10876.ZS.html>
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/pdf/9-10876P.ZS> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-10876.pdf> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/>.
- 111 Adam Liptak, "Supreme Court Ruling Accepts No Substitutes In Crime Lab Testimony," *The New York Times*, 24 June 2011, page A16.
- 112 <http://www.archives.gov/index.html> <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>.
- 113 Sir Isaac Newton, *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy), Royal Society, London, 1687. See Edward Neville da Costa Andrade, *Sir Isaac Newton / His Life and Work*, DOUBLEDAY ANCHOR, Garden City, New York; SCIENCE STUDIES SERIES, S42; reprinted from Macmillan Company, New York, and W. Collins Sons and Co, Ltd., London, first published 1954; page 70, *et seq.*
- 114 Regarding ISO/IEC 17025:2005, Clauses 5.10.1 and 5.10.2 e – that require that there be a "test report" that includes ". . . identification of the method used." That "test report" is not provided to Defence counsel, and perhaps it does not exist. Defence counsel, as ". . . members of the legal profession; Canadian justice system . . .," are "CLIENTS SERVED," according to the DAS Lab's SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION, and thereby a "customer" in ISO Clause 5.10.1.
- 115 DAS – Toronto Laboratory, Standards Council of Canada Accredited Laboratory No.607, Toronto M1P 4R7
<http://scc.ca/>.
- 116 Text of SCOPE OF ACCREDIATION:.
- 117 **SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION**

Health Canada
DRUG ANALYSIS SERVICE – TORONTO LABORATORY
2301 Midland Ave.
Scarborough, ON
M1P 4R7

Accredited Laboratory No. 607

(Conforms with requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005, RG-FORENSIC)

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CLIENTS SERVED: Police officers, both RCMP and Municipal, in Ontario and other provinces, as well as members of other enforcement agencies; members of the legal profession; Canadian justice system

FIELDS OF TESTING: Forensic

FORENSICS DISCIPLINE(S): Forensic Drug Chemistry

PROGRAM SPECIALTY AREA: Forensic

INITIAL ACCREDITATION: 2006-08-29

MOST RECENT REACCREDITATION: 2018-11-04

ACCREDITATION VALID TO: 2022-08-29

SCC Group Accreditation:

This laboratory is a part of a Group Accreditation with the following facilities in accordance with SCC's policy on Group Accreditation documented in the Accreditation Services

Accreditation

Program Overview.

– 15858 SANTÉ CANADA, SERVICE D'ANALYSE DES DROGUES – LABORATOIRE DE MONTRÉAL, 1001, rue Saint-Laurent ouest, Longueuil, QC, J4K 1C7, Accredited Laboratory No. 709

– 15885 Health Canada, DRUG ANALYSIS SERVICE, 3155 Willingdon Green, Burnaby, BC, V5G 4P2, Accredited Laboratory No. 716

FORENSICS

Forensic Drug Chemistry

Description of Activities:

The Drug Analysis Service, Toronto Laboratory, carries out the following examinations / analyses:

Identification and quantification of controlled and non-controlled drugs, according to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the Food and Drugs Act, and other related substances in or on powders, pharmaceuticals, plant materials and miscellaneous exhibits.

Techniques for which laboratory is accredited:

- a. Gas chromatography
- b. High performance liquid chromatography
- c. Infra-red spectrometry
- d. Macroscopic examination
- e. Mass spectrometry
- f. Micro-chemical tests
- g. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
- h. Optical microscopy
- i. Sample preparation, extraction, separation and general chemical and physical tests
- j. Thin layer chromatography

Notes:

RG-FORENSIC: SCC Requirements and Guidance for the Accreditation for Forensic Testing Laboratories

ISO/IEC 17025:2005: General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories

Elias Rafoul, Vice President

Accreditation Services

Date: 2020-08-18

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Number of Forensic Techniques: 10

SCC 1003-15/747

Partner File #0

Partner: SCC

118 <https://www.scc.ca/en/accreditation/laboratories/health-canada-drug-analysis-service-toronto-laboratory>

https://www.scc.ca/en/system/files/client-scopes/ASB_SOA_15747_Scope_v4_2020-08-13.pdf.

119 ISO/IEC 17025:2005, "General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories," International Organization for Standardization, Genève 20, Switzerland. www.iso.org.

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5.10.2 Test reports and calibration certificates

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Each test report or calibration certificate shall include at least the following information, unless the laboratory has valid reasons for not doing so:

e) identification of the method used;

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- 121** International Organization for Standardization, Geneva, Switzerland. <http://www.iso.org>
ISO/IEC 17025:2005 http://www.iso.org/iso/home/store/catalogue_tc/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=39883.

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- 122** 5.10 Reporting the results
 5.10.1 General

The results of each test, calibration, or series of tests or calibrations carried out by the laboratory shall be reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously and objectively, and in accordance with any specific instructions in the test or calibration methods.

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The results shall be reported, usually in a test report or a calibration certificate . . . , and shall include all the information requested by the customer and necessary for the interpretation of the test or calibration results and all information required by the method used. This information is normally that required by 5.10.2, and 5.10.3 or 5.10.4.

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- 123** Standards Council of Canada, Ottawa. K1P 6L5 <http://www.scc.ca/en/accreditation>
<http://www.scc.ca/en/accreditation/laboratories> <http://www.scc.ca/en/forensic>
<http://palcan.scc.ca/SpecsSearch/GLSearchForm.do> <http://www.scc.ca/en>.
- 124** Catch-22. An exception to a rule or arrangement that the would-be-beneficiaries are informed of later-on, so that they do not actually benefit. The disappointed would-be-beneficiaries are not entitled to explanation.
- 125** Joseph Heller, *CATCH-22*, Dell Publishing Co., Inc., New York City, 10017; 1955, 1961; New Dell Edition, 1985; ISBN 0-440-11120-X.
- 126** Joseph Heller, *CATCH-22*, Chapter 39, page 416:

[. . .]

“They don’t have to show us Catch-22,” . . .
 “The law says they don’t have to.”
 “What law . . . ?”
 “Catch-22.”

[. . .]

- 127** <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/catch-22>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catch-22_\(logic\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catch-22_(logic)) <https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Catch-22>.
- 128** *Catch-22*, Paramount Pictures, 1970. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catch-22_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catch-22_(film)).
- 129** https://www.scc.ca/en/system/files/publications/ASB_RG_Forensic-Laboratories_v1_2017-07-17.pdf.

- 130 *R v ██████████*, Ontario Court proceedings, Old City Hall, Toronto; 29 May 2018 (argument); 01 June (judgment).
- 131 Ontario Court proceedings, May and June 2018. Chapter 10, Chapter 10 Appendix.
- 132 For the case then being litigated, counsel for Health Canada, acting for Health Canada, was effectively also acting for the federal Crown.
- 133 Response of the Attorney General of Canada on Behalf of Health Canada, 23 May 2018; for Court proceedings, Toronto, 29 May 2018 (argument); 01 June (judgment).
- 134 Paragraphs 17 and 18, pages 8 and 9.

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17. There is no merit to the Applicant’s assertion that accreditation standards (such as those promulgated by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)) that apply to DAS laboratories mean that police or PPSC “have obvious and complete access rights” to the information sought by the Applicant.¹⁰ The DAS is accredited by the Standards Council of Canada and must meet both the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 (*General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration*, as asserted by the Applicant), and, at the time these Certificates were produced, the requirements of Canadian Procedural Document CAN-P-1578 (*Guidelines for the Accreditation of Forensic Testing Laboratories*, and in particular Appendix 6 thereof, “Drug Chemistry”), which is an amplification of the ISO standard.¹¹ Section 5.10.1 of this latter standard states:

Certificates of Analyst are legal documents. As such, information contained in these reports is directed by the appropriate laws of the land.¹²

18. This qualification supersedes any requirement which may arise under ISO/IEC 17025 to provide information beyond that statutorily required by the CDSA, namely, the Certificates.

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¹¹ As stated in, for example, *Health Canada Internal Audit: Audit of Regional Laboratory Activities (July 2016)*, available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/healthcanada/corporate/transparency/corporate-management-reporting/internalaudits/2016/audit-regional-laboratory-activities-july2016.html> Note: CAN-P-1578 has since been replaced by the Standard Council of Canada’s *Requirements and Guidance for the Accreditation for Forensic Testing Laboratories* (July 17, 2017) although, for the purposes of this application, the relevant sections remain materially unchanged.

¹² Standards Council of Canada’s *Guidelines for the Accreditation of Forensic Testing Laboratories*, CAN-P-1578, Appendix 6, “Drug Chemistry”, Respondent’s Record, Tab E, section 5.10.1, available at:

https://www.scc.ca/sites/default/files/migrated_files/DLFE-433.pdf

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136 Government of Canada

Home → Departments and agencies → Health Canada → Health Canada’s transparency → Health Canada’s corporate management reporting → Health Canada internal audits → 2016 Final Report: Audit of Regional Laboratory Activities – July 2016
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/corporate/transparency/corporate-management-reporting/internal-audits/2016/audit-regional-laboratory-activities-july-2016.html>

Accreditation Services SCC Requirements and Guidance for the Accreditation for Forensic Testing Laboratories 2017–07-17

https://www.scc.ca/en/system/files/publications/ASB_RG_Forensic-Laboratories_v1_2017-07-17.pdf

Guidelines for the Accreditation of Forensic Testing Laboratories CAN-P-1578 May 2009 Program Speciality Area – Forensic Testing Laboratories (PSA-FT)

http://www.jtc1sc34.org/en/c/document_library/get_file08cd.pdf

SCC Requirements and Guidance for the Accreditation for Forensic Testing Laboratories This document replaces CAN-P-1578.

<https://www.scc.ca/en/about-scc/publications/scc-requirements-and-guidance-for-accreditation-for-forensic-testing-laboratories>

Accreditation Services SCC Requirements and Guidance for the Accreditation for Forensic Testing Laboratories 2017–07-17

[ASB_RG_Forensic-Laboratories_v1_2017-07-17.pdf](https://www.scc.ca/en/system/files/publications/ASB_RG_Forensic-Laboratories_v1_2017-07-17.pdf)

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https://www.scc.ca/en/system/files/publications/ASB_RG_Forensic-Laboratories_v1_2017-07-17.pdf

137 <https://www.scc.ca/en>.

138 Guidelines for the Accreditation of Forensic Testing Laboratories CAN-P-1578 May 2009 Program Speciality Area – Forensic Testing Laboratories (PSA-FT)

http://www.jtc1sc34.org/en/c/document_library/get_file08cd.pdf

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5.10 Reporting the results

5.10.1 Certificates of Analyst are legal documents. As such, information contained in these reports is directed by the appropriate laws of the land.

5.10.2 Where feasible, court testimony of Analysts shall be monitored on an annual basis.

139 CAN-P-1578, May 2009, FORWARD.

140 Judges of the Ontario Court are referred to as “Justice.”.

141 Defence arguments not accepted by the Judge: Ruling by The Honourable Justice S.R. Clark, 01 June 2018, Old City Hall, Toronto, Ontario Court Of Justice, *Her Majesty The Queen v M . . .* ; Court File No. 17–15,007,031.

142 Text copied as Chapter 10 Appendix.

143 For the case then being litigated, counsel for Health Canada, acting for Health Canada, was effectively also acting for the federal Crown.

144 See note above.

145 Section 10.2.

146 Public process. Preface 4.1, Chapters 5, 8, 10.

147 RCMP mou. Chapters 5 & 10.

148 *Rothman v The Queen* [1981] 1 SCR 640 at page 697.

<http://scc-csc.lexum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/2514/index.do>.

149 But apparently not including the former Governor General herself – on other science issues – although there were criticisms concerning issues of vice-regal protocol.

150 <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/11/06/opinion/science-v-religion-and-new-governor-general-under-fire>

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/11/04/news/payette-takes-climate-change-deniers-and-horoscopes-science-conference>

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-julie-payette-speech-oversteps-her-role>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/governor-general-speech-julie-payette-climate-change-1.4384481>

<https://www.gg.ca/en> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor_General_of_Canada.

- 151 Governor General. Chapters 2, 10, 11.
- 152 chem-know-phobia = a fear of a knowledge of chemistry.
- 153 [From the judicial ruling copied here, 3rd from last paragraph, 2nd and 3rd sentences.].
- 154 *CD&S Act – ipse dixit*. Chapter 10, Chapter 10 Appendix.
- 155 Canadian and Ontario criminal law cases may be titled as *HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN verses* [accused defendant], abbreviated as *R v []*. *R = Regina* = Queen. Sometimes phrased as Her Majesty The Queen in right of Canada, or as Her Majesty The Queen in right of Ontario. In other eras: *R = Rex* = King.
- 156 Forensic Chemistry. Chapter 10. Appendix. A law case. **Notes:**
- 157 Introductory quotes, *etc.* Preface.
- 158 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.
- 159 Copied here with minor editorial adjustments as to format, *etc.*; for academic and public discussion purposes. **This copy is not for official Ontario court purposes.** Official copies must be obtained from the official court reporter, or otherwise as according to accepted court practice (which can be confusing); fees may apply.
- 160 The copyright claim here is for the commentary and arrangement only, and does not include the ruling itself.
- 161 Court File No. 17-15007031.

Chapter 11

Essay – biased opinion – polemic. Canada *Criminal Code* – driving impaired by drug – science?

Quod volimus credimus libenter [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

11.1 Forensic question

The Canada *Criminal Code* criminalizes^{1,2,3} [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32] drug-impaired driving.⁴ This is as distinct from regulatory law.⁵ For purposes here, this may be rephrased: «Driving while ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug» is a crime.

The forensic question to be addressed, in the Canadian criminal law context, with its proof beyond a reasonable doubt test, strictly considered:^{6,7} **«How to determine ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug?»** [33, 34]^{8,9,10,11}

1 *Criminal Code*, as newly amended **s.320.14(1)** <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-69.html#h-121308>

[. . .]

Operation while impaired

320.14 (1) Everyone commits an offence who

(a) operates a conveyance while the person's ability to operate it is impaired to any degree by alcohol or a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug;

[. . .]

2 Toxicology. Driving impaired. Chapters 1 & 11.

3 Chart – legislation. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11.

4 Alert: “impairment” is to be tediously defined and argued about in this polemic.

5 Regularory law. Environmental & workplace health & safety. Chapters 1, 5, 9, 11.

6 *Criminal law* proof. *Regulatory/administrative law* proof. Chapters 1, 10, 11.

7 Criminal law proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered. Chapters 1, 10, 11.

8 Drug-impaired driving. A court pleading. DRE Preface 4.3, Chapter 11, Chapter 11, Appendix.

9 Author's biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

10 Polemic. Health Canada. Preface 4, Chapters 9, 10.

11 Legislative process – policy making. Preface 4.3, Chapters 1, 10, 11.

<https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110718812-011>

Within the framework of the DRE regime – the law process, procedure and judgement discussed here,^{12,13,14,15,16} no other question or issue need be considered in detail for this polemic.

11.2 Newly enforced law

11.2.1 – pre-pandemic

Although drug-impaired driving legislation has been in place for several years, law enforcement and prosecution in Ontario seem more newly popular – expected to increase now that recreational marijuana is legalized – to and remain until automation of motor vehicle operation. And, there is a new and an important Supreme Court of Canada case law.

When police investigate – at a routine road or street stop, or for bad driving, or at a crash scene – the possibility of impairment is a top agenda item – and should be. Until recently the impairment was typically regarded as ethanolic, [35] but impairment was usually not sought to be proven at law; rather a machine-measured amount of over 80¹⁷ [36] was criminalized by definition, so that the rather more difficult judgement of impaired need not be addressed. While this procedure is well accepted, for ethanol-impaired driving,¹⁸ albeit with some dissent, and with complexities of heavy-duty litigation; [37] for drug-impaired it is not.

Procedures for drug-impaired driving impose a newer and more controversial regime, and this is what this polemic is about.¹⁹ The simplicity of finding criminal guilt by something machine-measured does not apply. For this, Parliament is legally and constitutionally entitled to criminalize highway traffic safety, notwithstanding that a federal-provincial regulatory approach might be more sensible, effective, and life-saving, and less damaging to the concept of *mens rea* [38] – and less expensive.

Parliament is also entitled to distort the law of evidence, for ease of conviction, facilitated with bad science²⁰ to be applied to determine criminality; and the Supreme Court of Canada is entitled to allow this. Both Parliament and the Court have done so.

12 The process of law, procedure and judgement discussed here is referred to as the DRE process. And, depending on the context, DRE may also refer to the police officer who would conduct parts of the process.

13 DRE. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11.

14 DRE = Drug Recognition Expert.

15 DRE *Criminal Code* provisions, etc. Chapter 11, Appendix.

16 *Criminal Code* ethanol in blood. SOP. Chapter 5 & 11.

17 Over-80 ≥80 mg ethanol /100 ml in blood. Chapter 11.

18 *Criminal Code* ethanol in blood. SOP. Chapters 5 & 11.

19 Some science controversy remains. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 10, 11.

20 Science – good, bad & junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 8, 10, 11.

11.2.2 – now-pandemic

The “Red Death” had long devastated the country. No pestilence had ever been so fatal, or so hideous. . . . [39] *[Edgar Allan Poe, 1842.] [40]*

(This polemic was researched pre-COVID-19 pandemic, so that arguments here do not address a rather changed world, wherein the face-to-face, up-front person-to-person, examinations should not be happening otherwise than in a strictly disciplined actual health sciences context. What this holds for future DRE law enforcement, and prosecutions, is not speculated here.)

11.3 Science literature

From a forensic science perspective, the answer to «How to determine ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug» should include some reference, within the course of the legal process, that is sufficiently relevant to science literature.²¹

This is problematic for Canadian criminal law.

To be sure, impaired driving is a very serious public safety issue – calling for prompt and definitive police action, and follow-up, whenever and wherever noticed. For *regulatory law* purposes – to determine, restrict and forbid drug-impaired drivers – in addition to obvious and intuitive observations – there is ample scientific [41] and reliable popular literature. But while this should lead to prompt regulatory law action, science-based support is apparently not well available to satisfy the *criminal law* test of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered.^{22,23}

Arguably, criminal law proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered, is intended as a difficult barrier – to be extra careful to protect the innocent, and secure their freedom. While it may have practical regulatory aspects, «criminal law» is essentially a moral-based construct. A crime is a serious intentional transgression against society and its morals.

Significant here: The «criminal law test» of «proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered». Beyond strong indicators. Not the balance of probabilities of civil litigation.

Science literature–reported support of the DRE process is not found to satisfy the criminal law test. Or, if it does, it remains unrevealed by Crown prosecution counsel. Although there are science references within the DRE process²⁴ – cited in a US NHTSA *Manual* [42] – that should be reliably considered as for real negative

21 Impairment & science literature. Chapters 5 & 11.

22 *Criminal law* proof. *Regulatory/administrative law* proof. Chapters 1, 10, 11.

23 Criminal law proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered. Chapters 1, 10, 11.

24 DRE. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11.

effects of drugs on human performance – this is not the same as proof beyond a reasonable doubt, at criminal law, of «ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug». Negative effects, measured and interpreted scientifically, may be well on the way to convince a judge to convict of crime – but not yet – some more is needed.

That needed more:

11.4 How to determine «ability to drive» and «impairment»?

How to scientifically determine «ability to drive» and «impairment»? The needed more would require assuming definitions [43] of what «ability to drive» is, and what «impaired» means, and how they would be measured. This is a difficult problem in toxicology.²⁵

This problem is apparently not addressed in statute, regulation or case law; nor in the DRE literature [44, 45]. This problem, not only elusive to frame as a question, is even more elusive to answer. An answer would have to include the prior-agreed-to definitions and assumptions.

Although indications of human impairment are often obvious, actual measurable determination is difficult.²⁶ It is difficult even with ethanol, [46, 47, 48, 49, 50] for which judgement about impairment is accepted – consistent with cultural historical experience. That would appear to be why breath measuring technology [51, 52] and over-80 [53, 54]²⁷ legislation [55, 56, 57, 58, 59] were invented. The technical measurements are held to be sufficient on their own, at law, without the judge having to decide on «ability to drive» and «impairment».

But with drugs of abuse and recreation it is so much more difficult to decide. Analytical chemistry may easily be able to determine the presence of drugs, in blood, but not so easily in target organs. Observed altered body appearance and performance and sloppy behaviour can indicate likely impairment – but with problematic amounts of doubt.

There is no scientifically reliable measure for impairment found within the course of the legal process because impairment is not well-enough defined; and such definition would have to include prior unimpaired performance measures – perhaps with a motor vehicle driving virtual simulator [60, 61, 62]. There is apparently no adequate reference to the science literature – found within the legislation, case law, or DRE literature for the measurement of impairment in this context.

²⁵ Toxicology. Hazard communication. Chapters 1 & 11.

²⁶ Toxicology. Chapters 1 & 11.

²⁷ Over-80 80 mg ethanol /100 ml in blood. Chapter 11.

Sometimes doubt about impairment can be minimized, within the court's other evidence processes – by stark observations, and admissions of fact of the accused. But often not. It is a judgement call for the judge, and that is what the judge is for. However, in many cases the problematic amounts of doubt remain; and, again, that is what this polemic is about.

By this polemic, impairment is not, by the DRE process,²⁸ sufficiently well enough scientifically measured – see below.

11.5 Bad science

The DRE process is bad science.²⁹ That bad science is the determination of «ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug» – a crime – by police officers who are government-appointed for the purpose of pronouncing opinions without explanation supported by sufficient scientific literature, using methods beyond the bounds of science practice, and who do not have the education and years of supervised clinical practice of real health science professionals (such as MDs & RNs).

The DRE evaluation, as a kind of analytical chemistry and health science clinical diagnosis, is also bad science simply because of – and if only – the severely hindered opportunity for scrutiny. Quite simply, science should be seen as badly-done unless there is a formal proper scientific report,³⁰ and the opportunity for scientific conversation with explanation.³¹ This is not the DRE process.

Notwithstanding the more than three centuries after publication of *Principia*, by Isaac Newton, encouraged by Edmond Halley, [63]³² the Parliament of Canada, the Governor-in-Council and the Supreme Court are entitled in law and constitution to ignore usual scientific practice of reporting and explanation. And do so ignore.

28 DRE. Scientific measurement. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11.

29 Science – good, bad & junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11.

30 Proper scientific report. *CD&S Act*. Health Canada. Preface 4.3, Chapters 5, 8, 9, 10, 11.

31 Science – good, bad & junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11.

32 Newton. Halley. *Principia*. Chapters 9, 10, 11.

11.6 DRE opinion

The Supreme Court of Canada, 2018, in *R v Bingley*,³³ [64] unfortunately gives the DRE process legal credibility, so that DRE decisions support the criminal conviction and imprisonment of citizens without sufficient scientific reporting, or otherwise scientific, clinical and courtroom controls.^{34,35,36}

The criminal law proof is sought in court for impaired by drug by Crown counsel – in two stages:

- **First**, the opinion of a *Criminal Code*–created “Drug Recognition Expert,” a police officer accredited by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CHIEFS OF POLICE, [65] is taken to be a presenter of reliable science by operation of law. Actual expertise need not be shown to the court.

That this “Expert” [*sic erat scriptum*] [66, 67] might or not actually be knowledgeable would remain unrevealed.

The DRE [*sic*] has the special status in court of an expert witness – entitled to give opinion evidence. That opinion establishes drug impairment [68, 69, 70].

The accused person will have been subjected to personal performance tests, and examinations, as set out in a regulation [71] under the *Criminal Code*.³⁷ (But not a vehicle driving simulator.) The DRE opinion would lead to demanding a urine or blood sample.

- **Second**, an opinion is given by an actual scientist from the Ontario Centre of Forensic Sciences, based on CFS-done analytical chemistry of the urine or blood. Work by CFS appears as well done, and with professional integrity that importantly includes a willingness to engage in scientific conversation, including discussing disagreements with some of its conclusions. The work of CFS is not challenged here.

However, once the presence of drug is CFS- confirmed, it is largely the DRE opinion from DRE observations that prevails. And that leads to the central question of this polemic: How to determine «ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug»? In court, this is essentially done by the DRE; and not CFS; and effectively not by the Judge, after hearing from the DRE.

But, in reality, toxicology can be difficult.

³³ *R v Bingley*. Chapter 11, Chapter 11, Appendix.

³⁴ DRE = Drug Recognition Expert.

³⁵ This process of law, procedure and judgement discussed here is referred to as the DRE process. And, depending on the context, DRE may also refer to the police officer who would conduct parts of the process.

³⁶ DRE. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11.

³⁷ DRE *Criminal Code* provisions, etc. Chapter 11, Appendix.

Analytical chemistry to determine blood system drug is not too difficult – with modern automated GC- or LC-MS.³⁸ In contrast, the interpretation of how to define and interpret «impaired» is exceptionally difficult and problematic. This is a problem in toxicology.

In a Canadian legal context, the answer to «How to determine ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug»? – as a policy matter – is dictated by Parliament (statute = *Criminal Code*), the Governor-in-Council (regulation under statute), [72] and the Supreme Court of Canada (*Bingley*). They are entitled by law and constitution to be science-avoidant, if not science-ignorant; and possibly anti-science; and they effectively direct Judges to accept the DRE opinion as legal truth.³⁹

11.7 Result of the DRE opinion

The *Criminal Code*, its regulation, and Supreme Court of Canada decision in *R v Bingley*, when read together,⁴⁰ allow the DRE opinion its special legal status. That opinion can support conviction and imprisonment of a citizen.

The DRE report and testimony has its complexities, but it is essentially the single phrase in the written report and testimony: [73] “opinion that [accused] is impaired by drug and not fit to drive” – that effectively requires the court to find criminal guilt [74, 75].

With the *Bingley*-determined special status as expert [*sic*] by operation of law, without actual meaningful qualification (as otherwise should be usual for expert witnesses),⁴¹ Defence counsel may be reduced to asking about scraps of data, of uncertain meaning, that in an other-than-law-court context would seem foolish.

Bingley allows the DRE as expert [*sic*] not only to conduct the tests, but also for the interpretation of the results, [76] notwithstanding that the scientific meanings are missing in the legislation. *Bingley* also effectively recognizes that Parliament [77] and the Governor-in-Council [78] are entitled to legislate, notwithstanding that they might get the science wrong, and that *Bingley* enforcement of even wrong science is law in Canada. That the DRE process is bad science has been argued above.⁴²

³⁸ GC-MS. Chapters 6 & 11.

³⁹ Legal/scientific truth. Chapters 1, 8, 11.

⁴⁰ DRE *Criminal Code* provisions, etc. Chapter 11, Appendix.

⁴¹ DRE. Expert witness. Chapters 1, 11.

⁴² Science – good, bad & junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 8, 10, 11.

11.8 Criticisms of the DRE process^{43,44}

The arguments here, while in the context of law, are essentially of policy-directed issues. As argued in this polemic,⁴⁵ impairment cannot be adequately scientifically measured by the DRE process – and, in principle, the DRE report should not be scientifically relied on because –

- For each of the tests and examinations set out in the *Criminal Code* regulation, [79] and for the apparent DRE practice of combining the results for a concluding opinion, adequate supporting references to the health sciences literature are missing – for the Canadian criminal law test of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, strictly considered. In a forensic science context this is a very serious failing. Parliament, the government and the Supreme Court seem oblivious to this.⁴⁶
- Canada *Criminal Code* s.320.12 (d)⁴⁷ is inadequate for scientific method validation.⁴⁸
- «Impairment», however defined, cannot be reliably measured, within the DRE process, because there are scant prior basis measurements – as for comparison with (at least one of):
 - The accused in the known absence of drugs.
 - Published scientific studies as to what is normal.
 - At least some medical history (more adequate than known from the DRE process).
- «Ability to drive» is not measured by the DRE; neither before nor after. This would require some kind of simulator machinery [80].
- The DRE training and literature do not adequately address that the test and examination results are difficult to interpret because observations and measurements of humans can have a broad range of non-drug possibilities. There are scant DRE statistical discussions; and none of *Gaussian* (normal (bell curve)) or other distributions.^{49,50}
- How, at law, to interpret the results meanings of the tests and examinations listed in the *Criminal Code* regulation, [81] is missing. That interpretation role is simply given to the DRE.
- The DRE police officers who act as expert [*sic*] do so devoid of the education and years of supervised clinical practice of real health science professionals.

43 Author's biases. Preface 1.2, 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

44 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

45 DRE. Scientific measurement. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11.

46 re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

47 Validation. DRE Chapters 8 & 11.

48 Method validation. Chapters 5, 8, 11.

49 *Gaussian* distribution. Chapters 8 & 11.

50 DRE. Statistical. Chapters 8 & 11.

- The validation of the DRE method, as apparently implied in the IACP DRE *International Standards*, [82, 83, 84] with a specific literature reference, [85, 86] appears as problematic [87, 88, 89, 90, 91].
- The DRE process is not externally scrutinized with a quality assurance regime. In contrast, CFS is accredited to ANAB for ISO/IEC 17025:2017.⁵¹
- The invasion of the federal *Criminal Code* into the regimes of the provincial health sciences professions presents a problem. What the DRE does to the accused looks something like a health examination that should not be done except with Ontario-legislated licensure [92, 93]. And, generally, only a licensed Medical Doctor is entitled to diagnose [94, 95, 96, 97, 98].
- The DRE process presents something of a public health risk; even before the COVID-19 Pandemic. (For example, if the DRE does not use the medical equipment – such as the blood pressure cuff – in a proper hygienic way.)
- The DRE training and literature do not appear to sufficiently qualify the DRE to distinguish human illness from drug impairment.
- The DRE, as a police officer, investigating a person known to be charged with a crime, is not a neutral observer. There is a reasonable apprehension of inherent built-in bias. *Quod volimus credimus libenter* [99, 100]. Someone else should do the evaluation, with bias-control protocols, and as multi-blind as practicable.
- The DRE observations and measurements are made by only one person – in only one session – by a process that is inherently difficult to repeat.
- The IACP DRE “12-step” [101, 102, 103, 104, 105] mentioned frequently in *Bingley* should be scientifically explained; along with its provenance, in more detail than “Nothing in or about the DRE protocol is new or novel. The DRE protocol is a compilation of tests that physicians have used for decades to identify and assess alcohol- and/or drug-induced impairment” [106].
- The DRE process of performance tests, and even the few invasive health history questions, as a criminal law adventure, is insulting to the dignity of innocent citizens. And, even the guilty deserve better.

11.9 Parliament and government, and bad science – a tradition

[. . .]

It is recognized and declared that . . . an evaluation conducted by an evaluating officer [=DRE] is a reliable method of determining whether a person’s ability to operate a conveyance is impaired by a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug.

[Canada *Criminal Code* s.320.12 (d)] [107]⁵²

[. . .]

⁵¹ Accreditation. QA ISO. ANAB. Chapters 5, 8, 10, 11.

⁵² Validation. DRE. Chapters 8 & 11.

As opined in Chapter 10, Parliament and the government have something of a tradition with bad science. Professor Metzger’s analysis of “forensic *ipse dixit* statutes” should also be considered as for the *Criminal Code* drug-impaired driving provisions.^{53,54}

The DRE process is likely not junk science;⁵⁵ the personal performance and health science-appearing examinations are likely able to give some – if also problematic – indications of a drug-impaired condition. But without science-based explanation, and scrutiny by cross-examination, it is reasonable to speculate about junk; *Bingley* encourages that speculation.

11.10 Most-serious policy issues

The policy issues above are in the context of the question posed at the beginning of this polemic: «**How to determine ability to drive is impaired to any degree by a drug**»?

- Without adequate reference to the scientific literature, and observations and measurements done properly scientifically, there is not a satisfactorily scientific answer for this question in the Canadian criminal law process.
- But, perhaps the most serious policy problem is that Canadian legislators, judges, prosecutors, and defence lawyers – and the government itself [108, 109, 110] – seem content that inadequately considered science can come into law, and be accepted on authority, without apparent care for understanding – for concepts that would require high school level appreciation of science and mathematics.⁵⁶ Public regard for science is important public policy; Canadian legislators, judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers – and the government itself – should try to do better. Even for the guilty, criminal conviction and jail should at least come with the courtesy of the judge having some clue of the science.
- Impaired driving, surely a public safety menace, is obviously *malum in se* [111, 112, 113]. But if Parliament and the Governor-in-Council are intent on making it *malum prohibitum*, at *criminal* law, then they should do so with science-compatible legislation. But the science issues for impaired by drug would be so difficult that, for most situations provincial *regulatory* law – rather than federal *criminal* – would be so much better, and would avoid many of the problems argued about above.

⁵³ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁵⁴ DAS & bad science Preface 4.1, Chapters 10 & 11.

⁵⁵ Science – good, bad & junk. Preface 4, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11.

⁵⁶ re criticism of Health Canada, Judges, *et al.* Preface 4.1, 4.3, Chapters 10 & 11.

Appendix: [114] A court pleading [115]

[. . .]

“Mine is a long and a sad tale!” said the Mouse, turning to Alice, and sighing.

“It is a long tail, certainly,” said Alice, looking down with wonder at the Mouse’s tail; “but why do you call it sad?” And she kept on puzzling about it while the Mouse was speaking, so that her idea of the tale was something like this (See Fig.11.1): –

[Alice, the Dodo, Mouse, *et al.* – a long and sad tale]

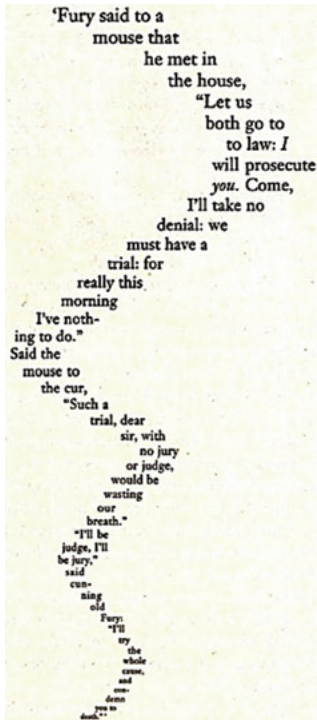


Fig. 11.1: Appendix a long and sad tale [116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122].

[. . .]

In this chapter,⁵⁷ argument is offered critical of the DRE process. Copied below, anonymized and slightly edited is the text of an example of an actual Defence-offered court pleading [123, 124, 125]. The Crown responded by bringing an APPLICATION [126] seeking Summary Dismissal, which the presiding judge accepted; [127, 128] what Defence was seeking was effectively found to not be worthy of consideration.

⁵⁷ Drug-impaired driving. A court pleading. DRE. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11, Appendix.

□□ [] 2020.

Her Majesty the Queen

-- and --

[] = APPLICANT.

APPLICATION

Charter s.7 - SOR/2008-196.

Form 1[...]

APPLICATION

(Rule 2.1 Criminal Rules of the Ontario Court of Justice.) [...]

[modified here by counsel.] [...]

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE
Toronto. M3J 2V5

Court File No. _____

BETWEEN :

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

-- and --

[] = APPLICANT.

1. NEXT COURT DATE AND LOCATION.

[] 2020 [...]

-- for an APPLICATION re *Charter s.7* -- SOR/2008-196.

[], Toronto. []

2. CHARGES.

Drive impaired by drug. [...]

Criminal Code.

s.253(1)(a). [...]

Fail to comply recognizance. [...]

Criminal Code.

s.145(3).

3. APPLICANT = [] . [...]

4. APPEARANCE BY COUNSEL.

[]

&

M. Grossman, Barrister & Solicitor,

[...]

[...]

5. CONCISE STATEMENT OF THE SUBJECT OF APPLICATION

This APPLICATION is concerned with how subjecting citizens to evaluations according to regulation SOR/2008-196, which are without scientific validation, would be unlawful by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. [...] As *Charter*-unlawful, the results of the SOR/2008-196 tests and procedures should be excluded as evidence in this trial.

And even aside from *Charter* issues, evidence from SOR/2008-196 should be considered as having negligible weight, in regard to *Bingley*,⁶⁹⁷ because of the lack of scientific validation.

6. GROUNDS TO BE ARGUED IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION⁶⁹⁸

– The legislation and case law for prosecution and judgment of driving impaired by drug (See Tab.11.1.)

58 *R v Bingley* Chapters 1, 11, Appendix.

59 DRE *Criminal Code* provisions, etc. Chapter 11, Appendix.

Tab. 11.1: Appendix DRE legislation chart.

	Old		New
– <i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 253(1)(a)	≈	s. 320.14(1)
– <i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254(2)	≈	s. 320.27(1)(a) and (c)
– <i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254(3.1)	≈	s. 320.28(2)
– <i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254(3.4)(a)	≈	s. 320.28(4)
– <i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254.1(1)	≈	s. 320.38
– <i>Criminal Code</i>			s. 320.11
– <i>Criminal Code</i>			s. 320.12
– SOR/2008-196	(but not SOR/2018-148 here because of 2 hour limit . . .)		
– <i>R v Bingley</i>			[129]

– when read together, allow the DRE^[. . .] opinion^[. . .] special legal status in a process that would give the appearance of health science observation and decision making.

But nowhere within these legislative provisions and case law, nor in related published DRE literature,^[. . .] is found reference to verified scientific validation of the tests and procedures that would be relied on. Nor health science meanings of the tests and procedures. Nor personnel of actual health science expertise or licensure.

The science is either actually absent, or unrevealed in such a way that the court should regard it as absent.

These absences of scientific validation, meaning, expertise and licensure expose the accused citizen to a *Charter* s.7 “security of the person”^[. . .] situation, because that citizen (the APPLICANT) is in jeopardy of imprisonment from an evaluation process with a reasonable apprehension of significant defect.

Judgment in *Bingley* “. . . That Parliament has established the reliability of the 12-step^[. . .] [130] drug evaluation by statute^[. . .] . . . [131]”^[. . .] [132] should not survive a *Charter* s.7 analysis, because *Bingley* appears unaware that actual scientific validation, meaning, expertise and licensure are absent; and *Bingley* is not *Charter* reliant. The cross-examination suggested by *Bingley*^[. . .] [133] would allow questioning about data scraps of limited and uncertain meaning without challenge to the very basis of the DRE process.

The problems of wrong scientific determinations, in a different context, are argued by US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia^[. . .] [134] in *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*.^[. . .] [135] Although *Melendez-Diaz* addresses issues not before the court here, and Ontario is not a *Sixth*^[. . .] (and *Fourteenth*) Amendment jurisdiction, Justice Scalia’s commentary,^[. . .] and cited references,^[. . .] are persuasive when trying to apply *Charter* s.7 to Canadian legislation that exposes the accused to unverified science performed by personnel without actual scientific expertise and experience. Such exposure “. . . would bring the administration of justice into disrepute . . . ,” within the meaning of *Charter* s.24.^[. . .] [136]

In this argument it should be noted that the *Criminal Code*-created “Drug Recognition Expert” has status merely by operation of the legislation, and that the DRE is not actually a presenter of reliable health science. Similarly, accreditation^[137] by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE^[138] has no health science status.

Further, it should be noted that the IACP statement,^[137] [137] in its International Standards,^[138] [138] that “DRE training has been validated through both laboratory and field studies conducted by Johns Hopkins University . . . ,” is inconsistent with Bigelow, *et al.*,^[139] [139] Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 1985, who apparently conclude^[140] otherwise. Nor does Heishman, *et al.*, . . . [140, 141] 1996, appear to fulfill the IACP claim.^[141]

Further, while the DRE PARTICIPANT’S MANUAL,^[142] does refer to three of the tests as having “. . . been scientifically validated . . . ,” for alcohol,^[143] no actual health science literature is cited, for either alcohol^[144] or drugs.

There is another science-related problem with the DRE procedure that should draw *Charter* attention – in relation to a reasonable expectation, for natural justice, that the tests and procedures of SOR/2008-196 should be administered by a neutral observer, within an externally scrutinized quality assurance regime.

But, the DRE, as a police officer, investigating a citizen known to be charged with the crime of driving impaired, is not a neutral observer. There is a reasonable apprehension of inherent built-in bias – a reasonable apprehension for *Quod volimus credimus libenter*.^[145] Someone else should be doing the evaluation, with stated bias-control protocols.

And, in contrast with the Ontario CFS,^[146] which is accredited to ANAB, with a published SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION,^[147] that binds CFS to ISO/IEC 17025:2017,^[148] the DRE process is not QA externally scrutinized.

In *R v [redacted]*, 2017, Old City Hall, Her Honour Justice C. A. Nelson, in view of *Bingley*, did not allow Defence questions about scientific basis^[149] in cross-examination of the DRE. *Charter* issues were not raised in that case. In *R v [redacted]*, 2018, Old City Hall, Her Honour Justice M. Greene, with *Charter* issues raised, would not allow Defence questions about scientific basis, because of the lack of evidence brought by Defence, but would have allowed re-opening^[150] the issue with a proper evidentiary foundation.

Also, in *R v [redacted]*, Her Honour, giving judgment orally, would allow Defence to ask questions about scientific basis in cross-examination of the DRE in relation to weight, but this is not repeated in her written Reasons for judgment. Her Honour, orally, did not elaborate, but such cross-examination of the DRE^[151] in relation to weight would appear to reasonably extend what is allowed by *Bingley*.^[152] [142] As it actually turned out in [redacted], no questions were asked, because Crown counsel eventually did not call the DRE to give any evidence.

In the case before this court – *R v [redacted]* – defence seeks to establish that the DRE process is without scientific basis by calling evidence from the DRE himself, and from the CFS scientist. This would be as evidence-in-chief on this motion,^[153] and as cross-examination at the hearing part of the trial.^[154]

It is anticipated that the lack of DRE scientific basis would be sufficient to persuade of *Charter* s.7 violation; and alternatively that the DRE expertise, existent only by operation of legislation, is mostly actually a vacancy and should be afforded negligible evidential weight.

Within the Supreme Court of Canada's judgment in *Bingley*, there is an especially difficult interpretation issue. Although frequent reference is made to the "12-step," as a central feature of the DRE process, actually finding its provenance^[...] is problematic. The "12-step" is not mentioned in the legislation. The "12-step" appears in the DRE literature only once^[...] – with neither explanation nor reference. The "12-step" does not appear as disclosed in this case.

Where "12-step" is found is on a printed card^[...] provided by a police DRE – disclosed in another and unrelated case.^[...] It is also found, in another version, on the IACP^[...] website.^[...] Neither version has verified reference to scientific validation or literature.

While the "12-step" has similarities to the text of the regulation, they are not congruent. Correlating what is in the regulation with the "12-step" is difficult; as is knowing which "12-step" version should be regarded as primary. Defence here argues that if the "12-step" featured in *Bingley* is to have meaning in the case before this court, it should be unambiguously identified in the legislation, and its provenance declared.

«**To summarize**»: *Charter* s.7 should be interpreted to require that a citizen charged with the crime of driving impaired by drug not be placed in jeopardy by a process that gives the appearance of health science observation and decision making, but is devoid of scientific validation, meaning, expertise, licensure, neutrality and external QA scrutiny. And, aside from the *Charter*, there should be sufficient weight of valid scientific evidence before a finding of guilt.

7. FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE APPLICATION.

- The APPLICANT is charged with a *Criminal Code* offence = Drive impaired by drug.
- SOR/2008-196 tests and procedures were conducted and reported.
- An evaluating police officer^[...] reported an opinion^[...] of impaired by drug.
- Analytical chemistry was reported and interpreted by CFS.^[...]

8. LEGISLATION, MATERIALS, CASE LAW, EVIDENCE TO BE RELIED ON IN THE APPLICATION.

- *Criminal Code*.
- SOR/2008-196.
- SOR/2008-196 tests and procedures report.
- *Charter* s.7 & s.24; and related case law.
- CFS report.

- *R v Bingley*.⁶⁰
- *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*.
- US Constitution, Sixth Amendment.
- Oral testimony – anticipated – of the CFS scientist^[· ·] – about the scientific meaning of “impaired,” and how it would be defined and measured.
- Oral testimony – anticipated – of the DRE police officer^[· ·] – about the scientific bases of the DRE process – including:
 - the meaning of “impaired” and how it would be defined and measured as referred to and interpreted in the scientific literature;
 - scientific validation – or not – of the DRE process;
 - the meaning of “. . . the DRE range.” in respect to scientifically published studies for Gaussian distributions of large randomly chosen populations; ^[· ·] and
 - the provenance of the “12-step.”

9. REMEDY SOUGHT – ALTERNATIVELY, if necessary, as appropriate –

- Defence seeks a *Charter*-based declaration that the results of the SOR/2008-196 tests and procedures not be allowed as evidence before this court, nor the report thereof, because of no scientific basis of the DRE process.
- Defence seeks a declaration that the results of the SOR/2008-196 tests and procedures, and the report thereof, be regarded as of negligible evidential weight before this court, because of no scientific basis of the DRE process.
- Defence seeks a *Charter*-based judicial ruling that, at the trial hearing, □ [], the DRE may be cross-examined on the science bases of the DRE process, so that the court can determine its scientific validity, if any.
- Defence seeks a *Bingley*-based judicial ruling that, at the trial hearing, □ [], the DRE may be cross-examined on the science bases of the DRE process, so that the court can determine the weight that testimony should be given.
- Defence seeks a judicial ruling that, at the trial hearing, [], the DRE may be cross-examined on the “12-step,” so that the court can determine, its provenance – scientific and otherwise, which version is primary, and how it would be related to the regulation and *Bingley*.

Toronto,

[] 2019.

Counsel for the APPLICANT.

60 *R v Bingley* Chapters 1 & 11, Chapter 11, Appendix.

Notes

- 1 *Quod volimus credimus libenter* ≈ believe what we want to believe.
- 2 *Quod volimus credimus libenter* = we always believe what we want to believe. Robert Harris, *Archangel*, Berkley Publishing, New York City, 1998; Arrow, 2009; ISBN-10: 0099527936, ISBN-13: 978-0099527930.
<https://www.amazon.ca/Archangel-Robert-Harris/dp/0099527936>
<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/377660-quod-volimus-credimus-libenter-we-always-believe-what-we-want>
- 3 Robert Harris, *Archangel*, Arrow Books, The Random House Group Limited, London SW1V 2SA; 1999; ISBN 0-09-28241-0; at page 48: “. . . ‘*Quod volimus credimus libenter*’ . . . ‘we always believe what we want to believe’ . . .”
- 4 https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Julius_Caesar: Julius Caesar, *Commentarii de Bello Gallico* [= *Commentaries on the Gallic War*], Book I, Ch. 14, translated by W.A. McDevitte and W.S. Bohn: “*Fere libenter homines id quod volunt credunt*” = In most cases men willingly believe what they wish.
- 5 Latin. Preface 4.1.
- 6 Introductory quotes, etc. Preface.
- 7 Chart – legislation. Preface 4.3, Chapter 11. (See Tab, 11.2.)
- 8 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impaired_driving_in_Canada
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Tab. 11.2: DRE legislation chart.

	Old		New
–	<i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 253(1)(a)	≈ s. 320.14(1)
–	<i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254(2)	≈ s. 320.27(1)(a)&(c)
–	<i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254(3.1)	≈ s. 320.28(2)
–	<i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254(3.4)(a)	≈ s. 320.28(4)
–	<i>Criminal Code</i>	s. 254.1(1)	≈ s. 320.38
–	<i>Criminal Code</i>		s. 320.11
–	<i>Criminal Code</i>		s. 320.12
–	SOR/2008-196	(see also SOR/2018-148.)	
–	<i>R v Bingley</i>		

«DRE legislation chart». (up-dated here to March 2020.)

Canadian legislation & case law for prosecution & judgment of driving impaired by drug –

– when read together, allow the DRE opinion special legal status in a process that would give the appearance of health science observation and decision making.

- 10 This chart was compiled by the author as up-dated to March 2020:

- 11 The *Criminal Code* amended so that:

s.253(1)(a), *et seq.* → s.320.11, *et seq.* – coming into force as of 21 June 2018.

- 12 *Criminal Code* (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46, as am.) – old [as of before 21 June 2018.] –

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-56.html#docCont> https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018_21/page-1.html#h-2

[. . .]

253 [Repealed, 2018, c. 21, s. 14]

253.1 [Repealed, 2018, c. 21, s. 14]

254 [Repealed, 2018, c. 21, s. 14]

254.01 [Repealed, 2018, c. 21, s. 14]

254.1 [Repealed, 2018, c. 21, s. 14]

255 [Repealed, 2018, c. 21, s. 14]

255.1 [Repealed, 2018, c. 21, s. 14]

[. . .]

– new –

[320.11, *et seq.* – came into force as of 21 June 2018.] <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-69.html#docCont>

13 *Criminal Code* (RSC, 1985, c. C-46, as am.) – new [as of 21 June 2018.] –

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-70.html#h-121277>

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/sidl-rlcfa/> <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2018/2018-07-11/html/sor-dors148-eng.html>

[. . .]

– 320.11 – PART VIII.1 – Offences Relating to Conveyances

– 320.11 -Interpretation

– 320.12 -Recognition and Declaration

– 320.13 -Offences and Punishment

– 320.27 -Investigative Matters

– 320.31 -Evidentiary Matters

– 320.36 -General Provisions

14 *Criminal Code* as newly amended s.320.14(1) <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-69.html#h-121308>

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[. . .]

Operation while impaired

320.14 (1) Everyone commits an offence who

(a) operates a conveyance while the person’s ability to operate it is impaired to any degree by alcohol or a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug;

(c) subject to subsection (6), has, within two hours after ceasing to operate a conveyance, a blood drug concentration that is equal to or exceeds the blood drug concentration for the drug that is prescribed by regulation; or

[. . .]

16 blood Drug Concentration Regulations: **SOR/2018-148** <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2018/2018-07-11/html/sor-dors148-eng.html> (See Tab. 11.2.)

[. . .]

Blood Alcohol Concentration and Blood Drug Concentration

Summary offence

1 For the purpose of paragraph 253(3)(b) of the *Criminal Code*, the prescribed blood drug concentration for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is 2 ng of THC per mL of blood.

Hybrid offence – drugs

2 For the purpose of paragraph 253(3)(a) of the *Criminal Code*, the prescribed blood drug concentration for each drug set out in column 1 of the table to this section is set out in column 2 (See Tab. 11.3).

[. . .]

17 *Criminal Code* as newly amended s.320.27 (1) (a) & (c)

Tab. 11.3: Any detectable level.

[. . .]

Item	Column 1 Drug	Column 2 Concentration
1	Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)	5 ng/mL of blood
2	Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)	Any detectable level
3	Psilocybin	Any detectable level
4	Psilocin	Any detectable level
5	Phencyclidine (PCP)	Any detectable level
6	6-Monoacetylmorphine	Any detectable level
7	Ketamine	Any detectable level
8	Cocaine	Any detectable level
9	Gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB)	5 mg/L of blood
10	Methamphetamine	Any detectable level

[. . .]

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[. . .]

Investigative Matters

Testing for presence of alcohol or drug

320.27 (1) If a peace officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person has alcohol or a drug in their body and that the person has, within the preceding three hours, operated a conveyance, the peace officer may, by demand, require the person to comply with the requirements of either or both of paragraphs (a) and (b) in the case of alcohol or with the requirements of either or both of paragraphs (a) and (c) in the case of a drug:

(a) to immediately perform the physical coordination tests prescribed by regulation and to accompany the peace officer for that purpose;

(b) to immediately provide the samples of breath that, in the peace officer's opinion, are necessary to enable a proper analysis to be made by means of an approved screening device and to accompany the peace officer for that purpose;

(c) to immediately provide the samples of a bodily substance that, in the peace officer's opinion, are necessary to enable a proper analysis to be made by means of approved drug screening equipment and to accompany the peace officer for that purpose.

[. . .]

19 *Criminal Code* as newly amended **s.320.28 (2)**

20 [320.28]

[. . .]

Evaluation and samples of blood – drugs

(2) If a peace officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has operated a conveyance while the person's ability to operate it was impaired to any degree by a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug, or has committed an offence under paragraph 320.14(1)(c) or (d) or subsection 320.14(4), the peace officer may, by demand, made as soon as practicable, require the person to comply with the requirements of either or both of paragraphs (a) and (b):

(a) to submit, as soon as practicable, to an evaluation conducted by an evaluating officer to determine whether the person's ability to operate a conveyance is impaired by a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug, and to accompany the peace officer for that purpose; or

(b) to provide, as soon as practicable, the samples of blood that, in the opinion of the qualified medical practitioner or qualified technician taking the samples, are necessary to enable a

proper analysis to be made to determine the person's blood drug concentration, or the person's blood drug concentration and blood alcohol concentration, as the case may be, and to accompany the peace officer for that purpose.

[. . .]

21 *Criminal Code* as newly amended s.320.28 (4)

22 [320.28]

[. . .]

Samples of bodily substances

(4) If, on completion of the evaluation, the evaluating officer has reasonable grounds to believe that one or more of the types of drugs set out in subsection (5) – or that a combination of alcohol and one or more of those types of drugs – is impairing the person's ability to operate a conveyance, the evaluating officer shall identify the type or types of drugs in question and may, by demand made as soon as practicable, require the person to provide, as soon as practicable,

(a) a sample of oral fluid or urine that, in the evaluating officer's opinion, is necessary to enable a proper analysis to be made to ascertain the presence in the person's body of one or more of the types of drugs set out in subsection (5); or

(b) the samples of blood that, in the opinion of the qualified medical practitioner or qualified technician taking the samples, are necessary to enable a proper analysis to be made to ascertain the presence in the person's body of one or more of the types of drugs set out in subsection (5) or to determine the person's blood drug concentration for one or more of those types of drugs.

[. . .]

23 *Criminal Code* as newly amended s.320.38. <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-73.html#docCont>

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[. . .]

Regulations

320.38 The Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) prescribing the qualifications required for a peace officer to act as an evaluating officer and respecting the training of evaluating officers;

(b) prescribing the blood drug concentration for a drug for the purpose of paragraph 320.14(1)(c);

(c) prescribing a blood alcohol concentration and a blood drug concentration for a drug for the purposes of paragraph 320.14(1)(d);

(d) prescribing the blood drug concentration for a drug for the purpose of subsection 320.14(4);

(e) prescribing the physical coordination tests to be conducted under paragraph 320.27(1)(a); and

(f) prescribing the tests to be conducted and procedures to be followed during an evaluation under paragraph 320.28(2)(a) and the forms to be used in recording the results of the evaluation.

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25 *Criminal Code* as newly amended s.320.11

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[. . .]

PART VIII.1

Offences Relating to Conveyances

Interpretation

Definitions

320.11 The following definitions apply in this Part

conveyance means a motor vehicle, a vessel, an aircraft or railway equipment. (*moyen de transport*)

evaluating officer means a peace officer who has the qualifications prescribed by regulation that are required in order to act as an evaluating officer. (*agent évaluateur*)

[. . .]

27 *Criminal Code* as newly amended s.320.12

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[. . .]

Recognition and Declaration

Recognition and declaration

320.12 It is recognized and declared that

(a) operating a conveyance is a privilege that is subject to certain limits in the interests of public safety that include licensing, the observance of rules and sobriety;

(b) the protection of society is well served by deterring persons from operating conveyances dangerously or while their ability to operate them is impaired by alcohol or a drug, because that conduct poses a threat to the life, health and safety of Canadians;

(c) the analysis of a sample of a person's breath by means of an approved instrument produces reliable and accurate readings of blood alcohol concentration; and

(d) an evaluation conducted by an evaluating officer is a reliable method of determining whether a person's ability to operate a conveyance is impaired by a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug.

[. . .]

29 *Criminal Code* regulation **SOR/2008-196** <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2008-196/page-1.html#s-3>

30 Evaluation of Impaired Operation (Drugs and Alcohol) Regulations**SOR/2008-196**

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Registration 2008-06-11

Evaluation of Impaired Operation (Drugs and Alcohol) Regulations

P.C. 2008-1033 2008-06-11

Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, pursuant to section 254.1 of the *Criminal Code*, hereby makes the annexed *Evaluation of Impaired Operation (Drugs and Alcohol) Regulations*.

Qualification Required of Evaluating Officer

1 An evaluating officer must be a certified drug recognition expert accredited by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Physical Coordination Tests

2 The physical coordination tests to be conducted under paragraph 254(2)(a) of the *Criminal Code* are the following standard field sobriety tests:

(a) the horizontal gaze nystagmus test;

(b) the walk-and-turn test; and

(c) the one-leg stand test.

Evaluation Tests and Procedures

3 The tests to be conducted and the procedures to be followed during an evaluation under subsection 254(3.1) of the *Criminal Code* are

(a) a preliminary examination, which consists of measuring the pulse and determining that the pupils are the same size and that the eyes track an object equally;

(b) eye examinations, which consist of

(i) the horizontal gaze nystagmus test,

(ii) the vertical gaze nystagmus test, and

(iii) the lack-of-convergence test;

(c) divided-attention tests, which consist of

(i) the Romberg balance test,

(ii) the walk-and-turn test referred to in paragraph 2(b),

(iii) the one-leg stand test referred to in paragraph 2(c), and

(iv) the finger-to-nose test, which includes the test subject tilting the head back and touching the tip of their index finger to the tip of their nose in a specified manner while keeping their eyes closed;

(d) an examination, which consists of measuring the blood pressure, temperature and pulse;

(e) an examination of pupil sizes under light levels of ambient light, near total darkness and direct light and an examination of the nasal and oral cavities;

(f) an examination, which consists of checking the muscle tone and pulse; and

(g) a visual examination of the arms, neck and, if exposed, the legs for evidence of injection sites.

Coming into Force

4 These Regulations come into force on July 2, 2008.

31 **R v Bingley** = *Her Majesty The Queen v Bingley* 2017 SCC 12 Supreme Court of Canada, 23 Feb. 2017. <https://scc-csc.lexum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/16417/index.do?r=AAAAAQAHYmluZ2xleQE>

32 (see also SOR/2018-148.)

33 Drug-impaired driving. Chapter 11.

34 *Criminal Code*, as newly amended **s.320.14(1)** <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-69.html#h-121308>

[. . .]

Operation while impaired

320.14 (1) Everyone commits an offence who

(a) operates a conveyance while the person's ability to operate it is impaired to any degree by alcohol or a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug;

[. . .]

35 For whatever reason, the Canada *Criminal Code* uses “alcohol” a chemically general term, rather than “ethanol,” which specifically refers to the intoxicating substance intended for legal application.

36 Over-80 ≥80 mg ethanol /100 ml in blood. Chapter 11.

37 See: Joseph F. Kenkel, *Impaired Driving in Canada*, 5th Edition, LexisNexis Canada <https://store.lexisnexis.ca/en/categories/shop-by-jurisdiction/federal-13/impaired-driving-in-canada-5th-edition-skusku-cad-01005/details>

38 *mens rea*. Chapters 1 & 11.

39 The Works of Edgar Allan Poe, **THE MASQUE OF THE RED DEATH**

<https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/147/the-works-of-edgar-allan-poe/5383/the-masque-of-the-red-death/>

<https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/147/the-works-of-edgar-allan-poe/>

40 See also: Mary Shelley, *The Last Man*, 1826.

[https://mary-shelley.fandom.com/wiki/The_Last_Man_\(1826\)](https://mary-shelley.fandom.com/wiki/The_Last_Man_(1826))https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Last_Man

41 References cited in: NHTSA, *Participant Manual / Drug Recognition Expert Course*, Revised:10/2015.

www.nhtsa.gov

https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/dre_7-day_participant_manual-tag.pdf <https://www.nhtsa.gov/search?keywords=participant+manual>

42 References cited in: NHTSA, *Participant Manual / Drug Recognition Expert Course*, Revised:10/2015. www.nhtsa.gov https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/dre_7-day_participant_manual-tag.pdf <https://www.nhtsa.gov/search?keywords=participant+manual>

43 – and perhaps some of those definitions would be somewhat arbitrary.

- 44 NHTSA, *Participant Manual / Drug Recognition Expert Course*, Revised:10/2015. [www.nhtsa.gov https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/dre_7-day_participant_manual_tag.pdf](https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/dre_7-day_participant_manual_tag.pdf) <https://www.nhtsa.gov/search?keywords=participant+manual>
- 45 The DEC Program Technical Advisory Panel of the IACP Highway Safety Committee, *The International Standards of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program*, Revised October 2017. <https://www.theiacp.org/sites/default/files/all/i-j/International%20Standards%20of%20the%20DECP%20October%202017.pdf>
- 46 M.G., *The Law of Occupational Health and Safety in Ontario, Second Edition*, Butterworths, Toronto and Vancouver, August 1994, ISBN 0-409-90414-7; Chapter 10.3.f.
- 47 Toronto Workers Health & Safety Legal Clinic *newsletter*, 2010 10. Vol.18 No.4. pages 5 & 6.
- 48 Stacey Cowley & Jessica Silver-Greenberg, “Paying Dearly for a Defective Breath Test / A Linchpin of the Criminal Justice System Is Often Unreliable,” *The New York Times*, 04 November 2019, pages A1, A14, A15, A16.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/03/business/drunk-driving-breathalyzer.html> “*These Machines Can Put You in Jail. Don’t Trust Them.* / Alcohol breath tests, a linchpin of the criminal justice system, are often unreliable, a Times investigation found.”
- 49 Ethanol. CH₃-CH₂-OH CAS 64-17-5 46.07 g/mol (See Fig. 11.2.)

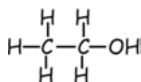


Fig. 11.2: Ethanol. CAS 64–17-5.

<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/Ethanol>

- 50 *Ethanol*. CH₃-CH₂-OH CAS 64-17-5. Chapters 1, 4, 11.
- 51 Such as listed in Canada *Approved Breath Analysis Instruments Order*, SI/85-201 – see in note below.
- 52 Concentration measurement – IR. Chapters 6 & 11.
- 53 Measured as 80 mg ethanol/100 mL in blood.
- 54 80 mg/100 mL = .8 g/L
.8 g/L/46.07 g/mol = 0.0173648795311 . . . mol/L.
- 55 *Criminal Code* as newly amended **s.320.14(1)** <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-69.html#h-121308>

[. . .]

Operation while impaired

320.14 (1) Everyone commits an offence who

(a) operates a conveyance while the person’s ability to operate it is impaired to any degree by alcohol or a drug or by a combination of alcohol and a drug; [or]

(b) subject to subsection (5), has, within two hours after ceasing to operate a conveyance, a blood alcohol concentration that is equal to or exceeds 80 mg of alcohol in 100 mL of blood;

[. . .]

- 56 *Approved Breath Analysis Instruments Order* SI/85-201 *Criminal Code*
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SI-85-201/page-1.html>

Approved Breath Analysis Instruments Order

SI/85-201

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Short Title

1 This Order may be cited as the *Approved Breath Analysis Instruments Order*.

Approved Instruments

2 The following instruments, each being an instrument of a kind that is designed to receive and make an analysis of a sample of the breath of a person in order to measure the concentration of alcohol in the blood of that person, are hereby approved as suitable for the purposes of section 258 of the *Criminal Code*:

- (a) to (c) [Repealed, SOR/2012-237, s. 1]
- (d) to (g) [Repealed, SOR/2013-107, s. 1]
- (h) Intoxilyzer® 5000 C;
- (i) [Repealed, SOR/2012-237, s. 1]
- (j) [Repealed, SOR/2013-107, s. 1]
- (k) BAC Datamaster C;
- (l) Alco-Sensor IV-RBT IV;
- (m) [Repealed, SOR/2013-107, s. 1]
- (n) Alco-Sensor IV/RBT IV-K;
- (o) Alcotest 7110 MKIII Dual C;
- (p) Intoxilyzer® 8000 C;
- (q) DataMaster DMT-C;
- (r) Intox EC/IR II; and
- (s) Intoxilyzer® 9000.

57 *Approved Screening Devices Order SI/85-200 Criminal Code*

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SI-85-200/page-1.html>

58 *Approved Drug Screening Equipment Order SOR/2018-179 Criminal Code*

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2018-179/page-1.html>

59 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impaired_driving_in_Canada

60 <https://www.nhtsa.gov/research-data/driver-simulation>

61 https://www.ckas.com.au/driver_training_simulators_43.html?gclid=EAIaIQobChMivMW-vcGB7gIVdOW1Ch3QFADeEAAYASAAEgK5vvD_BwE

62 *The Sunday Edition*, “Michael Enright piloted a Boeing 777 and landed it in Lake Ontario,” CBC Radio · 14 December 2018.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/the-sunday-edition-december-16-2018-1.4928642/michael-enright-piloted-a-boeing-777-and-landed-it-in-lake-ontario-1.4928645>

63 Sir Isaac Newton, *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy), Royal Society, London, 1687. See Edward Neville da Costa Andrade, *Sir Isaac Newton / His Life and Work*, DOUBLEDAY ANCHOR, Garden City, New York; SCIENCE STUDIES SERIES, S42; reprinted from Macmillan Company, New York, & W. Collins Sons & Co, Ltd., London, first published 1954; page 70, *et seq.*

64 *Her Majesty The Queen v Bingley* 2017 SCC 12 Supreme Court of Canada, 23 February 2017.

<https://scc-csc.lexum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/16417/index.do?r=AAAAAQAHYmluZ2xleQE>

65 IACP = INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CHIEFS OF POLICE, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 200, Alexandria, Virginia, 22,314. <http://www.theiacp.org/> <http://www.theiacp.org/Drug-Recognition-Expert-Section>

<https://www.theiacp.org/sites/default/files/all/i-j/International%20Standards%20of%20the%20DECP%20October%202017.pdf>

66 *sic erat scriptum* = thus it had been written. Used here in an ironic-critical sense to imply that the government-created “expert” would be lacking in actual expertise.

<https://etymologyotd.com/2017/10/02/sic-short-for-sic-erat-scriptum-latin-for-thus-it-had-been-written-read-more/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sic> <https://www.theguardian.com/notesandqueries/query/0,5753,-23558,00.html> https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/sic#Etymology_1 <http://mymemory.translated.net/en/Latin/English/sic-erat-scriptum>

- 67 **DRE** = Drug Recognition Expert = a designation of a police officer by operation of law. See in *R v Bingley*, at paragraphs [20] and [21]:

[. . .]

[20]The DRE, literally, is a “drug recognition expert”, certified as such for the purposes of the scheme. It is undisputed that the DRE receives special training in how to administer the 12-step drug recognition evaluation and in what inferences may be drawn from the factual data he or she notes. It is for this limited purpose that a DRE can assist the court by offering expert opinion evidence.

[21]While a DRE’s evaluation certainly has an investigative purpose, their application of the 12-step drug recognition evaluation and determination of impairment is relevant evidence and can assist the trier of fact. The DRE’s opinion is based on his or her specialized training and experience in conducting the evaluation. By reason of this training and experience, all DREs undoubtedly possess expertise on determining drug impairment that is outside the experience and knowledge of the trier of fact.

[. . .]

- 68 – and the category of drug.

- 69 *DRUGS THAT IMPAIR DRIVING / PARTICIPANT’S MANUAL*, [US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Transportation Safety Institute, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, February 2006], HS178A R2/06.; “SESSION VI / DRUG CATEGORIES AND THEIR OBSERVABLE EFFECTS.”

[http://www.wsp.wa.gov/breathtest/docs/webdms/DRE_Forms/Manuals/drugs/Participant%20Manual%20\(Drugs\)%20-%20February%202006.pdf](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/breathtest/docs/webdms/DRE_Forms/Manuals/drugs/Participant%20Manual%20(Drugs)%20-%20February%202006.pdf)

- 70 *DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing / March 2013 Edition / Guide*, International Association of Chiefs of Police & US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; “C. Drug Categories and Their Observable Effects / Seven Categories of ‘Drugs;’ ” HS 178 R5/13, page 11 of 29.<https://oag.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/oag/publication/attachments/2013%20NHTSA%20SFST%20participant%20Manual.pdf>

- 71 *Criminal Code* regulation **SOR/2008-196** <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2008-196/page-1.html#s-3>

- 72 In the Canadian system, Parliament (= Commons, Senate & Monarch (represented by the Governor General)) enact statutes. The Governor-in-council – effectively the cabinet – brings regulations into effect. Both statutes and regulations (to specifically implement parts of the statutes) are considered as legislation. The use of the term legislation should be considered here in this context.

- 73 – effectively, in these or similar words:

- 74 DC # , Traffic Services, Toronto Police.

- 75 **9. DRE Opinion**

[. . .]

In the opinion of DC [], the evaluating DRE Officer, at the time of the evaluation, subject’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by a combination of drugs from Cannabis and Central Nervous System Depressants categories.

[. . .]

76 Bingley paragraphs [20] & [21]:

[. . .]

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[. . .]

77 *Criminal Code* RSC 1985 c.C-46, as am., s.254(3.4)(a) <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/page-57.html#docCont>

78 *Criminal Code* regulation SOR/2008-196 <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2008-196/page-1.html#s-3>

79 *Criminal Code* regulation SOR/2008-196.

80 (– or a road test – not recommended in these circumstances.)

81 *Criminal Code* regulation SOR/2008-196 – cited & quoted in a note below.

82 The DEC Program Technical Advisory Panel of the IACP Highway Safety Committee, *The International Standards of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program*, Revised October 2016.

<https://www.theiacp.org/sites/default/files/all/i-j/International%20Standards%20of%20the%20DECP%20October%202017.pdf>

83 IACP = INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CHIEFS OF POLICE, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 200, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314. <http://www.theiacp.org/> <http://www.theiacp.org/Drug-Recognition-Expert-Sectionhttp://www.theiacp.org/Portals/0/documents/DRE/International%20DEC%20Program%20Standards%20October%202016.pdf>

84 NHTSA, *Participant Manual / Drug Recognition Expert Course*, Revised:10/2015. www.nhtsa.gov https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/dre_7-day_participant_manual-tag.pdf <https://www.nhtsa.gov/search?keywords=participant+manual>

85 *International Standards* at page 4.

86 Bigelow, *et al.*

87 The apparently implied validation of the DRE method appears defective. According to the IACP DRE International Standards:

. . . Initially developed by the Los Angeles, California, Police Department, DRE training has been validated through both laboratory and field studies conducted by Johns Hopkins University.

[. . .]

But, Bigelow, *et al.*, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, 1985, apparently conclude otherwise.

Nor do Heishman, *et al.*, Baltimore, 1995, satisfy this.

88 George E. Bigelow, Warren E. Bickel, John D. Roache, Ira A. Liebson, Pat Nowowieski, “Identifying Types of Drug Intoxication: Laboratory Evaluation of a Subject-Examination Procedure,” Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, US DOT HS 806 753, May 1985.

<http://www.decp.us/DREpdfs.htm> http://www.decp.us/pdfs/Bigelow_1985_DRE_validation_study.pdf

89 Bigelow, *et al.* at page 16:

90 CONCLUSIONS

This laboratory simulation study does not represent a direct test of the validity of these or related behavioral examination procedures for detecting and identifying drug intoxication in field situations. It does, however, provide valuable scientific information concerning the potential accuracy and utility of such procedures.

91 [. . .]

Stephen J. Heishman, Edward G. Singleton, & Dennis J. Crouch, "Laboratory Validation Study of Drug Evaluation and Classification Program: Ethanol, Cocaine, and Marijuana," *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*, Vol. 20, October 1996; pages 468-483. [1995 SOFT meeting, Baltimore.]

92 Ontario *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* [. . .]

PROHIBITIONS

Controlled acts restricted

27. (1) No person shall perform a controlled act set out in subsection (2) in the course of providing health care services to an individual unless,

(a) the person is a member authorized by a health profession Act to perform the controlled act; or

(b) the performance of the controlled act has been delegated to the person by a member described in clause (a).

Controlled acts

(2) A "controlled act" is any one of the following done with respect to an individual:

1. Communicating to the individual or his or her personal representative a diagnosis identifying a disease or disorder as the cause of symptoms of the individual in circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that the individual or his or her personal representative will rely on the diagnosis.

[. . .]

Offences

40. (1) Every person who contravenes subsection 27(1) . . . is guilty of an offence . . .

[. . .]

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91r18>

93 Ontario *Medicine Act, 1991* [. . .]**Scope of practice**

3. The practice of medicine is the assessment of the physical or mental condition of an individual and the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of any disease, disorder or dysfunction.

Authorized acts

4. In the course of engaging in the practice of medicine, a member is authorized, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on his or her certificate of registration, to perform the following:

1. Communicating a diagnosis identifying a disease or disorder as the cause of a person's symptoms.

[. . .]

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91m30>

94 And, when an MD would be involved, as sometimes happens, to sign-off for the taking of a blood sample – lawfully demanded by the DRE – there would be an apparent potential ethical conflict of interest. This would arise because the MD would have been ministering to the accused in a hospital emergency room as a patient. That same MD should not then act effectively

in the service of law enforcement with regard to that patient. If police need a sign-off for the blood taking, they should hire their own MD.

95 English text from CFS form, 2015:

96 Ontario Centre of Forensic Sciences . . . Certificate of a Qualified Medical Practitioner (S.258(1) (h)(i) and (ii))

[. . .]

I _____ a person duly qualified by provincial law to practice medicine in the Province of Ontario and being therefore a qualified medical practitioner as defined in subsection 254(1) of the Criminal Code.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

[. . .]

9 **THAT** I caused samples of blood to be taken under my direction by a qualified technician (blood samples) as defined in subsection 254(1) from a person identified to me as _____

9 **THAT**, before the said samples were taken and at the times the said samples were taken, I was of the opinion that the taking of blood samples from the said person would not endanger the life or the health of the said person;

[. . .]

Dated . . . _____ at . . . _____ . . . Ontario _____

[. . .]

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97 From a medical report of an MD, 2015: “ . . . The police approached me and asked for me to sign a form stating that the they could get blood from . . . They stated that . . . had consented . . . I asked . . . about this . . . [understood & consented] . . . I . . . [signed] the form .”

98 Legal disclaimer. MD. Chapters 9 & 11.

99 *Quod volimus credimus libenter* = we always believe what we want to believe. Robert Harris, *Archangel*, Berkley Publishing, New York City, 1998; Arrow, 2009; ISBN-10: 0099527936, ISBN-13: 978-0099527930.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Archangel-Robert-Harris/dp/0099527936>

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/377660-quod-volimus-credimus-libenter-we-always-believe-what-we-want>

100 https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Julius_Caesar: Julius Caesar, *Commentarii de Bello Gallico* [=Commentaries on the Gallic War], Book I, Ch. 14, translated by W.A. McDevitte and W.S. Bohn: “*Fere libenter homines id quod volunt credunt*” = In most cases men willingly believe what they wish.

101 [Toronto Police DRE – from a law case case.] [Not to scale here.] (See Fig. 11.3.)

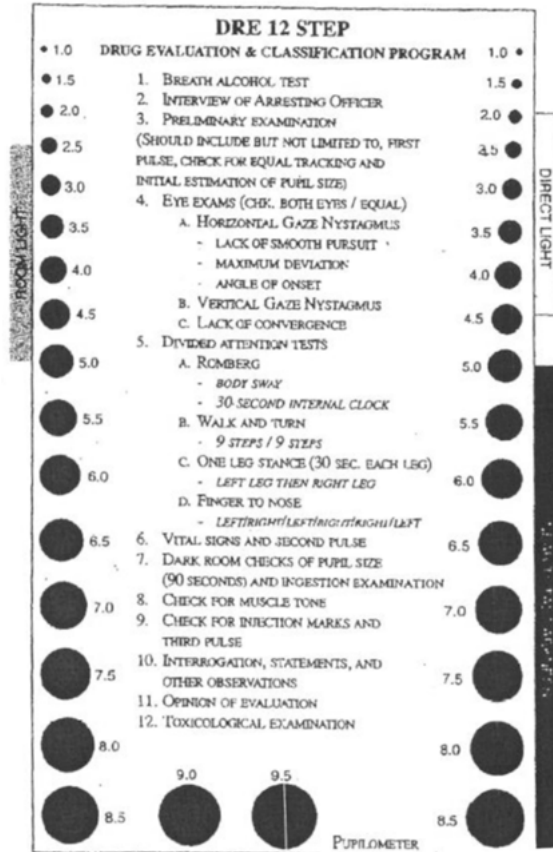


Fig. 11.3: Pupilometer.

- 102 (That printed card, also doubling as a “PUPILOMETER” is without US FDA cfr reference, nor with manufacture specifications, as a medical device.)
- 103 IACP = INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 200, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314. <http://www.theiacp.org/> <http://www.theiacp.org/Drug-Recognition-Expert-Section>
- 104 [IACP 12 STEP; February 2021, & previous] <https://www.theiacp.org/12-step-process>
- 105 [. . .]

12 Step Process

The DRE protocol is a standardized and systematic method of examining a Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) suspect to determine the following: (1) whether or not the suspect is impaired; if so, (2) whether the impairment relates to drugs or a medical condition; and if drugs, (3) what category or combination of categories of drugs are the likely cause of the impairment. The process is *systematic* because it is based on a complete set of observable signs and symptoms that are known to be reliable indicators of drug impairment.

The DRE evaluation is *standardized* because it is conducted the same way, by every drug recognition expert, for every suspect whenever possible.

The 12-Step DRE Protocol

The DREs utilize a 12-step process to assess DUID suspects:

1. Breath Alcohol Test

The arresting officer reviews the subject's breath alcohol concentration (BrAC) test results and determines if the subject's apparent impairment is consistent with the subject's BrAC. If the impairment is *not* explained by the BrAC, the officer requests a DRE evaluation.

2. Interview of the Arresting Officer

The DRE begins the investigation by reviewing the BrAC test results and discussing the circumstances of the arrest with the arresting officer. The DRE asks about the subject's behavior, appearance, and driving.

3. Preliminary Examination and First Pulse

The DRE conducts a preliminary examination, in large part, to ascertain whether the subject may be suffering from an injury or other condition unrelated to drugs. Accordingly, the DRE asks the subject a series of standard questions relating to the subject's health and recent ingestion of food, alcohol, and drugs, including prescribed medications. The DRE observes the subject's attitude, coordination, speech, breath and face. The DRE also determines if the subject's pupils are of equal size and if the subject's eyes can follow a moving stimulus and track equally. The DRE also looks for horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN) and takes the subject's pulse for the first of three times. If the DRE believes that the subject *may* be suffering from a significant medical condition, the DRE will seek medical assistance immediately. If the DRE believes that the subject's condition is drug-related, the evaluation continues.

4. Eye Examination

The DRE examines the subject for HGN, vertical gaze Nystagmus (VGN), and a lack of convergence.

5. Divided Attention Psychophysical Tests

The DRE administers four psychophysical tests: the Modified Romberg Balance, the Walk and Turn, the One Leg Stand, and the Finger to Nose test.

6. Vital Signs and Second Pulse

The DRE takes the subject's blood pressure, temperature, and pulse.

7. Dark Room Examinations

The DRE estimates the subject's pupil sizes under three different lighting conditions with a measuring device called a pupilometer. The device will assist the DRE in determining whether the subject's pupils are dilated, constricted, or normal.

8. Examination for Muscle Tone

The DRE examines the subject's skeletal muscle tone. Certain categories of drugs may cause the muscles to become rigid. Other categories may cause the muscles to become very loose and flaccid.

9. Check for Injection Sites and Third Pulse

The DRE examines the subject for injection sites, which may indicate recent use of certain types of drugs. The DRE also takes the subject's pulse for the third and final time.

10. *Subject's Statements and Other Observations*

The DRE typically reads *Miranda*, if not done so previously, and asks the subject a series of questions regarding the subject's drug use.

11. *Analysis and Opinions of the Evaluator*

Based on the totality of the evaluation, the DRE forms an opinion as to whether or not the subject is impaired. If the DRE determines that the subject is impaired, the DRE will indicate what category or categories of drugs may have contributed to the subject's impairment.

12. *Toxicological Examination*

The toxicological examination is a chemical test or tests that provide additional scientific, admissible evidence to support the DRE's opinion.

Nothing in or about the DRE protocol is new or novel. The DRE protocol is a compilation of tests that physicians have used for decades to identify and assess alcohol- and/or drug-induced impairment.

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- 106** [IACP 12 STEP; February 2021, & previous] <https://www.theiacp.org/12-step-process> [at last paragraph]
- 107** Canada *Criminal Code* s.320.12 (d) – See in notes above.
- 108** – but apparently not including the Governor General (as she then was) herself – on other science issues – although there were criticisms concerning issues of vice-regal protocol.
- 109** <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/11/06/opinion/science-v-religion-and-new-governor-general-under-fire>
<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/11/04/news/payette-takes-climate-change-deniers-and-horoscopes-science-conference>
<https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-julie-payette-speech-oversteps-her-role>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/governor-general-speech-julie-payette-climate-change-1.4384481>
<https://www.gg.ca/en> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor_General_of_Canada
- 110** Governor General. Chapters 2, 10, 11.
- 111** Latin. Preface 4.1.
- 112** *Malum in se* = wrong of itself; naturally wrong.
Malum prohibitum = wrong because it's prohibited by law.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malum_in_se https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malum_prohibitum
- 113** See: Joel Coen, *True Grit*, Paramount Pictures, 2010; Jeff Bridges, Hailee Steinfeld, Matt Damon, Josh Brolin. https://www.scripts.com/script/true_grit_22307 Script pdf page 32: [Mattie Ross explains this concept to US Marshal Rooster Cogburn.]
- 114** FORENSIC CHEMISTRY. Chapter 11, Appendix. A court pleading. – Notes
- 115** Introductory quotes. Preface.
- 116** Alice, the Dodo, Mouse, *et al.*, . . . in Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass*, Signet Classics, The New American Library, New York City, 1960 & 1962; from . . . *Wonderland* . . ., “A Caucus-Race and a Long Tale,” Chapter III, page 35.
- 117** <https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/pictures/alices-adventures-in-wonderland/>
- 118** [typeset as a mouse tail.]
- 119** – “Fury said to a mouse, That he met in the house, ‘Let us both go to law: I will prosecute you.– Come, I’ll take no denial; We must have a trial: For really this morning I’ve nothing to do.’ Said the mouse to the cur, ‘Such a trial, dear sir, With no jury or judge, would be wasting our breath’ ‘I’ll be judge, I’ll be jury,’ Said cunning old Fury; ‘I’ll try the whole cause, and condemn you to death’.”

- 120 [perhaps similar to a damped trigonometric function.] $y = e^{-x} \cos(2\pi x)$
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damped_sine_wave#:~:text=A%20damped%20sine%20wave%20is,than%20it%20is%20being%20supplied.https://www.graphpad.com/guides/prism/8/curve-fitting/reg_damped_sine_wave.htmhttps://calculushowto.com/damped-sine-wave/
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/physics/spring.html>
- 121 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Mouse%27s_Tale <http://bootless.net/mouse.html>
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- 123 This text copy of a Defence APPLICATION has been anonymized and otherwise edited – the format has been simplified and that APPLICATION’s endnotes have been removed (and place-indicated as ^[· ·]). Endnotes, footnotes, and pagination, appearing in this Appendix are as for this book and not as appeared in the original of the APPLICATION to the ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE. (A table of legislation appearing in the original of the APPLICATION appears in this text copy as a Figure.)
- 124 APPLICATION [Form 1, Rule 2.1, Criminal Rules . . . , modified by counsel], ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE, Toronto M3J 2V5; BETWEEN: Her Majesty The Queen – and – ■■■■■■ = APPLICANT; re *Charter* s.7 – SOR/2008-196; ■■■■■■ 2019; next court date = ■■■■■■ 2020.
- 125 Canadian & Ontario criminal law cases may be titled as *HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN* versus [accused defendant], abbreviated as *R v []*. *R* = *Regina* = Queen. Sometimes phrased as Her Majesty The Queen in right of Canada, or as Her Majesty The Queen in right of Ontario. In other eras: *R* = *Rex* = King.
- 126 ■■■■■■ 2019.
- 127 ■■■■■■ 2019.
- 128 The trial proceeded to start, ■■■■■■ 2020.
- 129 ***R v Bingley*** 2017 SCC 12 Supreme Court of Canada, 23 February 2017.
<https://scc-csc.lexum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/16417/index.do?r=AAAAAQAHYmluZ2xleQE>
- 130 [“12-step” not explicitly mentioned in the regulation, but apparently that is what the regulation procedure is called, as in *Bingley*.]
- 131 [Perhaps better described as by the Governor-in-Council by regulation, as authorized by statute.]
- 132 ***Bingley***
- [. . .]
- [32] That Parliament has established the reliability of the 12-step drug evaluation by statute does not hinder the trier of fact’s ability to critically assess a DRE’s conclusion of impairment or an accused person’s right to test that evidence. Cross-examination of the DRE may undermine his or her conclusion. Evidence of bias may raise doubt about the officer’s conclusion. The officer may fail to conduct the drug recognition evaluation in accordance with his or her training. A DRE may draw questionable inferences from his or her observations. Bodily sample evidence obtained under s. 254(3.4) may refute the DRE’s assessment, as may evidence of bystanders or other experts. It will always be for the trier of fact to determine what weight to give a DRE’s opinion. Any weight given to a DRE’s evidence will necessarily respect the scope of the DRE’s expertise and the fact that it is not conclusive of impairment.
- [. . .]
- 133 ***Bingley*** at paragraph [32].
- 134 *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, pages 1→23.
- 135 *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts*, US Supreme Court, 2009. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/07-591.ZS.html>

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/pdf/07-591P.ZS> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/08pdf/07-591.pdf>

<http://www.supremecourt.gov/>

- 136** *CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS* <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Const/page-15.html>

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Enforcement of guaranteed rights and freedoms

24. (1) Anyone whose rights or freedoms, as guaranteed by this Charter, have been infringed or denied may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain such remedy as the court considers appropriate and just in the circumstances.

Exclusion of evidence bringing administration of justice into disrepute

(2) Where, in proceedings under subsection (1), a court concludes that evidence was obtained in a manner that infringed or denied any rights or freedoms guaranteed by this Charter, the evidence shall be excluded if it is established that, having regard to all the circumstances, the admission of it in the proceedings would bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

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- 137** *International Standards*, at page 4.

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Since 1984, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has supported the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program, often referred to as the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training Program. Initially developed by the Los Angeles, California, Police Department, DRE training has been validated through both laboratory and field studies conducted by Johns Hopkins University.

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