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Welcome!

What is gunshot residue?

How is it analyzed?

How are the results used in forensic chemistry?

Recent developments

Q and A
• Physical
• Chemical
• Inorganic residues (particulate)
• Organic residues (mixture)

First law, second law, and PV work at their finest!
Inorganic Residues

GSR

- Particulates of oxides and sulfides
- Condensates, not crystalline
- Typically 1-5µm
- Bulk analysis using ICP-MS / elemental analysis
- Particle analysis SEM/EDS
- Well-established analytically and legally
GSR: Inorganic chemical evidence
Particulates from the primer

ASTM-1588
Images from SWGGSR.org

OGSR: Propellants

• Energetics
  Nitroglycerin
  Nitrocellulose

• Additives
  Stabilizers
  Plasticizers
  Flash suppressors
  Deterrents
  etc.

~ 10 million pounds produced each year
What was the original formulation of “gunpowder”?

- C and salt Peter
- C, S, and KNO₃
- C, S, and salt Peter
- C, S, and residues collected from animal dung
- More than one of the above

Energetics
Ancillary Ingredients

- Diphenylamine family
- Phthalates
- Centralites
- Dinitrotoluenes
- Etc.
- Typically < 2% by weight of propellant overall
- Plenty for our purposes
- Relatively consistent across propellant brands
- Lipophilic (😊)

Deposition: The Clock Starts

- Unburnt and partially burnt propellant
- Inorganic particulates (oxides and sulfides of Pb/Sb/Ba)
- Loss via secondary transfer
- Evaporative loss (compound dependent)
- Organic condensate and propellant particles
- Skin surface
- Permeation (compound dependent)

Skin surface (SC)
How samples are collected

Go ahead. Swab my hand. Do you feel lucky, punk? Well, do ya?

Example - Muslin

Large propellant residues (flakes) ~ 30X
One swab solution?

Audience Survey Question
ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

What chemical company was involved in a gunpowder plant explosion in 1818?

- Bayer
- Dow
- DuPont
- Tennent
- Eastman

Advantages of Targeting OGSR

- Condensates stick to the skin
- Not prone to secondary transfer
- Multiple target compounds
- Many options for chemical analysis
- No significant background concerns so far
- Can complement GSR depending on design
- Opens the door to screening assays beyond color testing (IMS today)
- Generalize to MS detection

How much are we talkin’ here?

- Diphenylamine (DPA) 0.115 µg
- Ethyl centralite (EC) 0.178 µg
- 2-Nitrodiphenylamine (2NDPA) 0.073 µg
- 4-Nitrodiphenylamine (4NDPA) 0.155 µg
- Dimethyl phthalate (DMP) 0.09 µg

- Forensically relevant concentrations
- Fully validated quantitative GC/MS SIM method
- Recoverable amounts, not absolute amounts
**Surprise number #1**

![Graph showing Drift time ms vs Intensity mV with peaks labeled as Calibrant, DMT, DPA, MC, and EC.]

**Surprise number #2**

![Diagram of skin layers with labels for Stratum corneum, Peripheral corneodesmosome, Lipid bilayer, Non-peripheral corneodesmosome, Corneocytes, Intercellular lipids, and Intracellular humectants.]
4NDPA: Initial deposited: 0.155µg

DPA: Initial deposited: 0.115µg

EC: Initial deposited: 0.178µg
Sorting it all out

- Peaks or patterns?
- What does it all mean?
- Organic or inorganic?

What is the forensic question and how can we best answer it?
**Additional References 1**

- **Recent review articles on GSR/OGSR:**


- **Websites:**
  - [www.swggsg.org](http://www.swggsg.org) Scientific Working Group on GSR
  - [http://www.nist.gov/forensics/osac/subs.cfm](http://www.nist.gov/forensics/osac/subs.cfm) NIST Organization of Scientific Area Committees (one on GSR)
Additional References 2

Recent publications from our group:


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