# THE NATURE OF SCIENCE

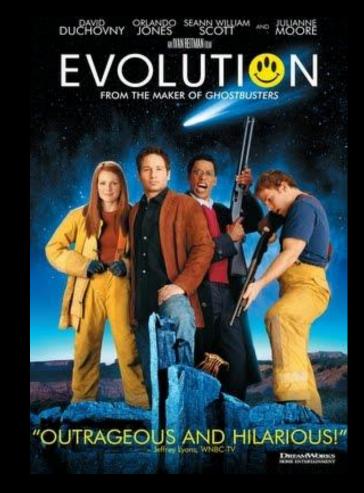
IPC Chapter 1 – Section 1

### What Is Science?

- Science is the use of scientific inquiry to form testable explanations and make predictions about studying the natural world.
- Major categories of Science:
  - Life science (living things)
  - Earth science (Earth and space)
  - Physical science (matter and energy)
- Science changes as more is learned (ex. Atomic theory)

### **Scientific Method**

- Ask Questions and State the Problem
- Research and Gather Information
- Form a Hypothesis
- Test a Hypothesis
- Analyze the data and Form Inferences
- Draw Conclusions
  - Eliminate bias
- Peer review



### Data collection during experiments

- <u>Accuracy</u> how close a group of measurements are to the real or accepted value
- <u>Precision</u> how close a group of measurements are to each other.
- Organize your data as you are recording it. (Data tables)

### In the Lab

- Use reusable equipment and tools
- Use small quantities of resources
- Dispose of wastes properly

Room Temperature				
Time (min)	Classroom Temperature (°C)			
	Α	В	С	
0	16	16	16	
5	17	17	16.5	
10	19	19	17	
15	20	21	17.5	
20	20	23	18	

### Lab Safety

- MSDS sheets (Material Safety Data Sheets)
- Safety Symbols







### Material Safety Data Sheet Eugenol MSDS

#### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Eugenol Catalog Codes: SLE1156

CAS#: 97-53-0

RTECS: SJ4375000

TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Eugenol

Cl#: Not available. Synonym: Hydroxy-1-methoxy-2-allyl-4-benzene

Chemical Formula: C10H12O2

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Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients		
Composition:		
Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Eugenol	97-53-0	100

Toxicological Data on Ingredients: Eugenol: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 1930 mg/kg [Rat]. 3000 mg/kg [Mouse]. 2130 mg/kg [Guinea pig].

#### Section 3: Hazards Identification

#### Potential Acute Health Effects:

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

#### Potential Chronic Health Effects:

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to lungs, the nervous system, mucous membranes. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

#### Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact: Check for and remove any contact lenses. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

### **Evaluating Scientific Explanations**

- Analyze (break down the scientific explanation into its parts)
- Evaluate (study the scientific explanation and its parts; consider what you know about the topic; look at the scientific methods used to support the explanation)
- Critique (review and consider the merits and faults of the explanation and its parts)

### **Using Models**

- Models are used to represent things that are too large or too small
- Models are also used to explain difficult concepts
- Models can also simulate real world situations

### **Scientific Theory**

- Is NOT a guess
- Is an explanation of some aspect of the natural world that has been substantiated through repeated experiments or testing.
  - Ex) the theory of plate tectonics

## Scientific Law

- A statement about what happens in nature that seems to be true all the time.
- Tell you what will happen under certain conditions
- Don't explain why or how something happens

### **Limitations of Science**

- Science doesn't answer questions about emotions, values, or beliefs
- In order for something to be science, it must be able to be tested and found to be supported or not supported.