

The Microscope

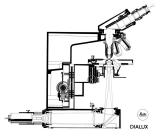
- Instrument that uses a lens or a combination of lenses to magnify and resolve the fine details of an object
- Early methods for examining physical evidence relied solely on the microscope.





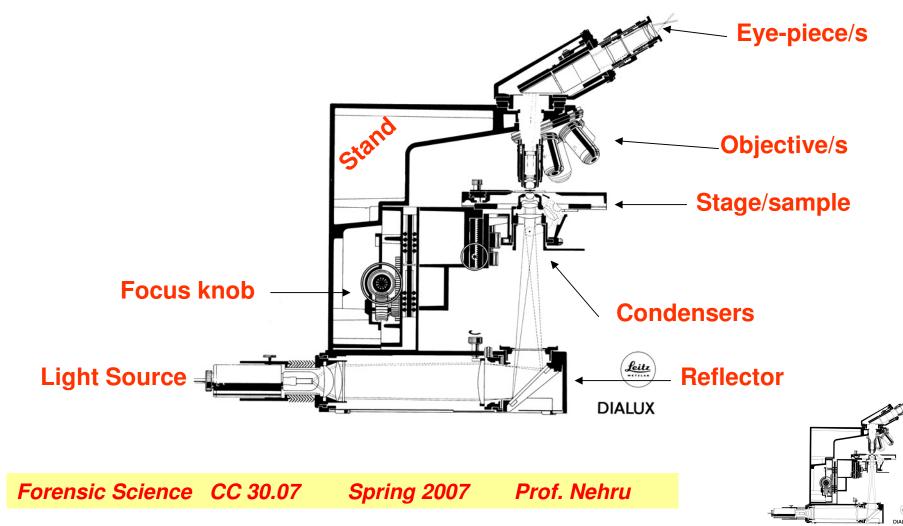
Microscope Parts

- Stage
- Specimen
- Objective
- Eyepiece/s
- Condensers
- Other accessories



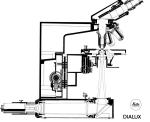


Leitz Microscope Parts



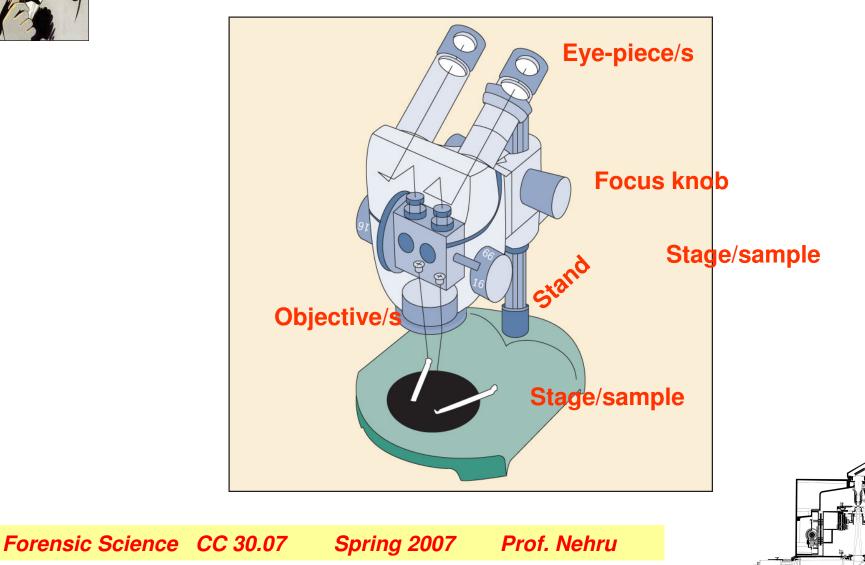


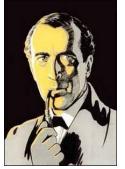
- Virtual image: magnified image seen by microscope
- Real image: image viewed directly
- The object to be magnified is placed under the lower lens, called the objective and viewed through the upper lens, called the eyepiece.
- Various types of microscopes are used to analyze forensic specimens.



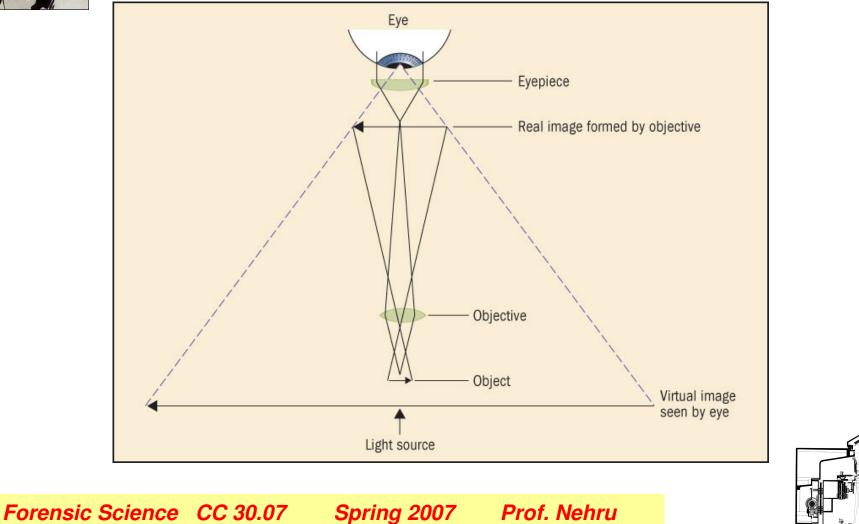


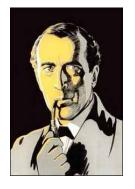
Stereoscopic Binocular





Principle of the Compound Microscope

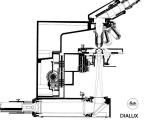




The Compound Microscope

- The microscope is consists of:
 - mechanical system which supports the microscope,
 - an optical system which illuminates
 the object under investigation

light passes through a series of lens
 to form an image of the specime

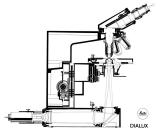




Magnification

The magnification of the image

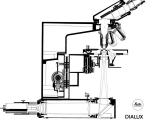
 (magnifying power of the objective lens)
 x (magnifying power of the eyepiece lens)





The Comparison Microscope

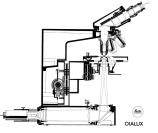
- The comparison microscope consists of two independent objective lenses joined together by an optical bridge to a common eyepiece lens.
- When a viewer looks through the eyepiece lens of the comparison microscope, the objects under investigation are observed side-by-side in a circular field that is equally divided into two parts.
- Modern firearms examination began with the introduction of the comparison microscope, with its ability to give the firearms examiner a sideby-side magnified view of bullets.

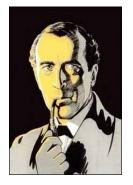




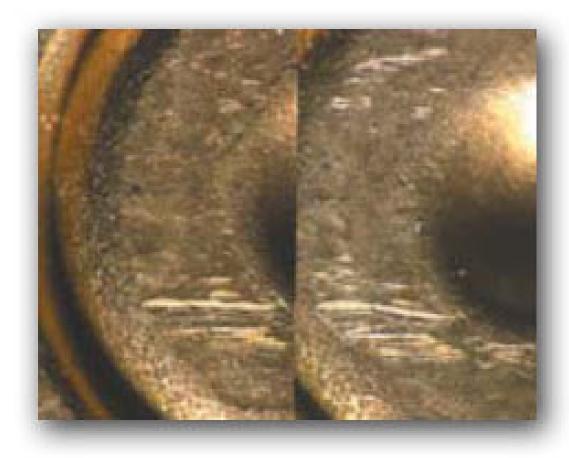
The Comparison Microscope



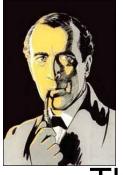




Bullet markings Photographed using Comparison Microscope

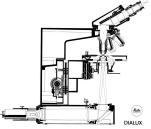


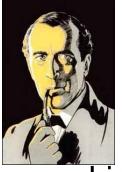




The Stereoscopic Microscope

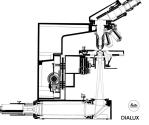
- The stereoscopic microscope is actually two monocular compound microscopes properly spaced and aligned to present a threedimensional image of a specimen to the viewer, who looks through both eyepiece lenses.
- It is particularly useful for evidence not requiring very high magnification (10x–125x).
- Its large working distance makes it quite applicable for the microscopic examination of big, bulky items.

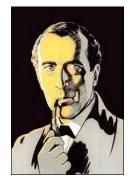




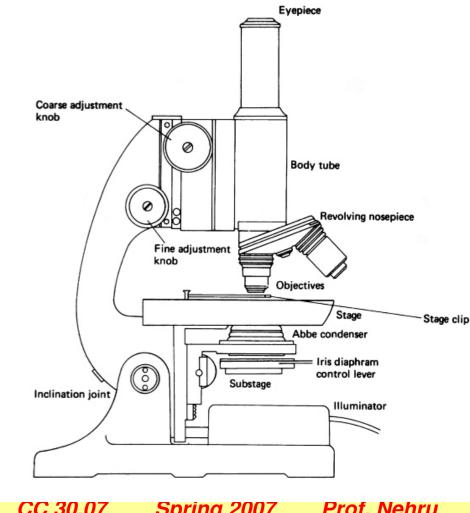
Polarizing Microscopy

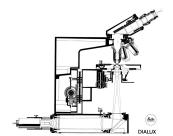
- Light that is confined to a single plane of vibration is said to be plane-polarized.
- The examination of the interaction of plane-polarized light with matter is made possible with the polarizing microscope.
- Polarizing microscopy has found wide applications for the study of *birefringent* materials; materials that split a beam of light in two, each with its own refractive index value.
- The determination of these refractive index data provides information that helps to identify minerals present in a soil sample or the identity of a man-made fiber.





The compound microscope





Forensic Science CC 30.07

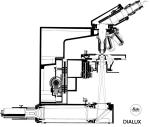
Spring 2007

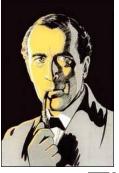
Prof. Nehru



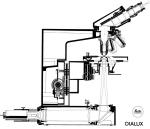
The Microspectrophotometer

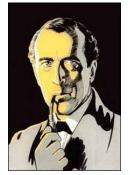
- The microspectrophotometer is a spectrophotometer coupled with a light microscope.
- The examiner studying a specimen under a microscope can simultaneously obtain the visible absorption spectrum or IR spectrum of the material being observed.
- This instrument is especially useful in the examination of trace evidence, paint, fiber, and ink evidence.





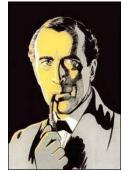
- The scanning electron microscope (SEM) bombards a specimen with a beam of electrons instead of light to produce a highly magnified image from 100x to 100,0000x.
- The bombardment of the specimen's surface with electrons normally produces X-ray emissions that can be used to characterize elements present in the material under investigation.



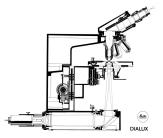


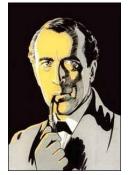




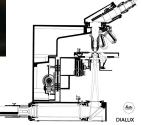










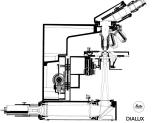




 Its depth of focus is some 300 times better than optical systems

at similar magnification

Magnification: up to about
 2 milli microns across –
 several thousand times
 the real size of the object



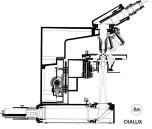


Milli-micron - mµ

- mil·li·mi·cron (mĭl'ə-mī'krŏn)
- (Abbr. mµ) A unit of length
- equal to one thousandth (10-3) of a micrometer

or

one billionth (10-9) of a meter; nanometer.





Refractometer

