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Changing the Absorption and Desorption Properties of Human Hair by Ion-Induced Matrix Modification

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Content

- Keratin composition of hair
- Chemical oxidation of hair
- Effects of pH adjustments on the hair matrix
- Modification of absorption and desorption properties of hair
- Conclusions





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Morphological Structure of Human Hair



• Semi-crystalline intermediate filaments (IFs) are embedded in an amorphous matrix



Morphological Structure of Human Hair

"Simplified Models"



- 2PM: IFs and amorphous matrix are mainly responsible for the hair strength
- 3PM: The interface contributes significantly to the fiber stability



Composite structure of Human Hair

Fiber reinforced composite





SEM of transverse section of sheeps wool: IFs (approx. 8 nm diameter) by Parry 1997

• Semi crystalline IFs are embedded in the amorphous protein matrix



Composite Structure of Human Hair Matrix



- KAP keratin associated proteins with high content of cystine
- Matrix stabilizes the embedded semi crystalline IFs
- Formation of cysteic acid due to chemical treatments
- Penetrable by water and the swelling component in hair
- Area for oxidative dye reactions



Materials and formulation

• Hair Samples:

Kerling European Hair 7.0

• "Ultra Bleaching" (commercial product):

potassium persulphate mixed with a hydrogen peroxide solution (9%) in a ratio of 1:2, pH-value of 10.2-10.5 for 45 minutes



virgin/ untreated



ultra-bleached



Cleavage of S-S bonds in the KAP-Matrix



• Bleaching leads to cleavage of cystine and the formation of cysteic acid (pKa1.3)



Formation of cysteic acid

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{R-S-S-R} \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow & 2 \times \text{R-SO}_3^- \\ \text{Cystine} & & \text{Cysteic acid} \end{array}$





Effects on the swelling behavior



• Bleached hair swells approx. 50% more than virgin hair



Effects on color retention



• Bleached hair losses approx. 50% more color than virgin hair



Effects on the thermal stability



• The denaturation temperature decreases strongly with bleaching



The "Self Recovery Phenomenon"

Tensile and DSC measurements on ultra bleached hair



T_D increases and break extension decreases over a period of 6 months



Time-Related Inner Structural Changes Hypothesis



 Formed cysteic acid dives a reorganization process of the secondary protein structure within the amorphous matrix



Influence on the uptake of Cu²⁺ ions

 EDX analysis of Cu atoms on 2 x bleached hair with and without pretreatment of 1 % EDTA before applying 1 % Cu(II)SO₄



 EDTA and acetic acid pretreatments at pH 4.4 reduces the Cu uptake of hair up to 65 %



Ionic-Modification of Matrix Hypothesis



 Adjustment of an isoionic pH value and the presents of multivalent ions stabilizes the hair matrix by the formation of ionic bonds



Determination of Color Retention Method

Hair Color: Schwarzkopf Igora Royal Shades: 6-88 (dark red), 6-99 (violet), 9-98 (violet red) 7-77 (copper), 4-88 (dark red), 5-88 (dark red) 6-68 (red brown), 0-88 (light red)

Shampoo: 2% cocoyl amphoacetate, 4% cocoamidopropyl betain, 8.8 % LES

Beaker Screening test: 20 % shampoo solution for 4 hours stirring

Ultra sonic washing simulation: 2,5 % shampoo solution 5 min ultra sonic bath (3 hand washes)

Hand washes on strands: 0,05 g shampoo/g hair, 30 sec shampooing, 30 sec application, 1 min rinse off







Color Retention and Color Shift

CIE-L-a-b Color Analysis



$$dE = \sqrt{\left(\left(L_{c} - L_{s}\right)^{2} + \left(a_{c} - a_{s}\right)^{2} + \left(b_{c} - b_{s}\right)^{2}\right)}$$







Influence of pH on color shift ΔE_{CS} and color retention ΔE_{CR}



- Strong differences between ΔE_{CS} and ΔE_{CR}
- Highest color stability at pH 4.5 in the range of the isoionic point of hair



Influence of pH on color ΔE_{CS} and denaturation T_D



• Thermal stability and color stability show maxima at pH 4.5



Influence of organic acids on the color shift ΔE_{CS}



- Significant differences between organic acids
- Ca lactate shampoo shows the strongest effect



Influence of organic acids on the color shift ΔE_{CS}





Influence of oxidative hair color



- Effects based on pH depend strongly on the hair color
- Ca lactate shows an increase of color retention on all tested shades



Hand washes with commercial shampoos

• hair strands after 12 hand washes with commercial shampoos



without Ca lactate at pH 4.75 w

with Ca lactate at pH 4.5





Conclusion



- The amorphous matrix is the key target of the inner hair structure for cosmetic treatments
- Oxidative treatments lead to unstable matrix conditions
- Ionic induced matrix modification can re-stabilize the inner hair structure and improve the retention of oxidative colors at the same time
- Hair treatments of pH 4.5 show a maximum effect on bleached hair
- The color retention strongly depends the choice of organic acid and the ions
- Strong effects could be found for **Ca lactate**

