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## THE SCIENCE OF HAIR CARE - A GOOD HAIR DAY

## The Use of Surface Analysis Techniques in Hair Product Development

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## Why surfaces are important?

- The surface controls factors such as:
  - Cleanliness
  - Biocompatibility
  - Adhesion strength
  - Wear performance
  - Wetting
  - Corrosion resistance
  - Optical properties e.g. colour/finish/shine
  - Electrical properties
  - Printability/paintability
  - . . . and many others

#### Problem solving on surfaces

 Surface analysis techniques measure the chemical and physical composition of the outermost atomic layers of a material

**Chemical Composition** 

Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)

X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) **Physical Characteristics** 

**Optical microscopy** 

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

Surface Metrology - 3D profiling White light interferometry AFM - Atomic Force Microscopy 3DSEM Stylus Profilometry (2D)

## Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)



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## SIMS modes and data output

- Static SIMS
  - Minimal surface disruption
  - Fingerprint spectrum
- Dynamic SIMS
  - High etching rate
  - Depth profiling
- Imaging SIMS
  - Elemental and molecular mapping
  - Distribution of species







## Dynamic SIMS vs static SIMS



Elemental information Depth profiling Quantification Bulk analysis ~10-30µm

Elemental + molecular information Qualitative/semi-quantitative Surface analysis ~1-2nm

- In SSIMS, the chemical integrity of the surface is preserved during analysis
- Each primary impact affects a pristine area

Atomic surface density ~10<sup>15</sup> at.cm<sup>-2</sup> Static limit ~10<sup>12</sup> ions.cm<sup>-2</sup>

## **Time-of-Flight SIMS**



- High sensitivity
  Parallel mass detection
- High mass resolution Accurate Mass analysis
- Mass accuracy
  1 10 ppm
  - 1 10 ppm
- Mass range
  Up to 10000 amu

Mass discrimination: the flight time of an ion varies as the square root of its mass

### **ToFSIMS - a mass spectrometry**

Detailed chemical and molecular structure information



## Hair analysis

- Fibres are generally difficult to analyse due to the curvature
- Mounting is a critical factor affecting the quality of images
  - Individual fibres mounted parallel against each other to form a "flat bed" and present a more uniform surface to minimise distortions due to field effects in the images



### Identification of an active on conditioned hair

Active: polymeric quaternary amino chloride



Intensity

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## **ToFSIMS** imaging

- Spatial distribution of species on the surface



Focused pulsed ion beam rastered over the surface

X, Y coordinates recorded with flight time of ions to produce mass resolved secondary ion images

Chemical mapping with sub-micron lateral resolution: < 200nm at best

Typically used for areas <  $150\mu$ m; larger areas (up to  $500\mu$ m) ~3 -  $5\mu$ m resolution used

- Retrospective analysis
- Spectrum-per-point (raw data) analysis
- Region-of-Interest reconstruction

## Silicone-containing shampoo on bleached hair

Field of view: 150.4 × 150.4 µm<sup>2</sup>



Total ion tc:44709739 Silicone (green) / Hair Substrate (red)

Silicone deposition is clearly identified and the signal intensity indicates how much silicone is present

### Hair section

- Microtoming of hair embedded in resin
- Determination of penetration of species into the hair shaft

Field of view:  $121.1 \times 121.1 \ \mu m^2$ 



## DSIMS

- Forces of electric field and magnetic field used for mass discrimination
- Scanned instrument
  - Higher primary ion doses hence more destructive and less suitable for organic materials
  - Elemental information mainly



# Depth profiling

Deuteration of small active molecules used in hair treatment

<sup>2</sup>H signal used to monitor penetration of species



Penetration deeper than 12 microns

### Hair section - imaging







#### Sample 1 pH2 left on

Rinsed

### Hair section - imaging





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#### Sample 2 pH2 left on

Rinsed

## Hair section - imaging







Sample 2 pH4 left on

Rinsed

## X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)

- Soft x-ray irradiation
- Ejects core level photoelectrons
  Characteristic binding energy for elements
- Outer level electron relaxes to fill hole
- X-rays emitted
- Internally captured Auger electron emitted



## X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)

- Identification of all elements (except H and He)
- Conductors/insulators
- Elemental + chemical/oxidation states
- Quantification
- Surface specific (sampling depth <10nm)</li>
- Surface imaging
- Depth profiling
- Complementary technique to ToFSIMS which is more molecular specific

## Spectroscopy



## Quantification table output

|  | Tarnished Fluoropolymer coated samples |           |                          |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|-----------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Element                                  | 2-B1                                   | 2-B1 2-B2 |                          | 2D-1    | 1-BC1   | 1-DE1   |  |  |  |  |
| Carbon                                   | 32.9                                   | 32.4      | 35.0                     | 34.8    | 33.6    | 35.5    |  |  |  |  |
| σ  | 0.4                                    | 0.4       | 0.4                      | 0.4     | 0.4     | 0.4     |  |  |  |  |
| C-H/CH-CF                                | 2.0                                    | 1.7       | 3.4                      | 4.1     | 2.5     | 3.9     |  |  |  |  |
| C-O/CH-CF <sub>2</sub>                   | 1.5                                    | 1.2       | 1.8                      | 1.6     | 1.6     | 1.7     |  |  |  |  |
| C=O/CF                                   | 2.6                                    | 2.4       | 2.8                      | 2.9     | 2.9     | 2.9     |  |  |  |  |
| CF <sub>2</sub>                          | 23.4                                   | 23.8      | 24.2                     | 23.7    | 24.1    | 24.1    |  |  |  |  |
| CF <sub>3</sub>                          | 3.3                                    | 3.3       | 2.8                      | 2.5     | 2.6     | 2.9     |  |  |  |  |
| Fluorine                                 | 65.3                                   | 66.4      | 62.2                     | 62.2    | 64.2    | 61.6    |  |  |  |  |
| σ  | 0.4                                    | 0.4       | 0.4                      | 0.4     | 0.4     | 0.4     |  |  |  |  |
| Oxygen                                   | 1.9                                    | 1.2       | 2.9                      | 3.1     | 2.2     | 2.9     |  |  |  |  |
| σ  | 0.2                                    | 0.2       | 0.2                      | 0.2     | 0.2     | 0.2     |  |  |  |  |
| с-о-с                                    | 1.3                                    | 0.8       | 2.3                      | 2.5     | 1.6     | 2.4     |  |  |  |  |
| 0-CF <sub>2</sub>                        | 0.6                                    | 0.4       | 0.5                      | 0.6     | 0.7     | 0.5     |  |  |  |  |
| C-C/(CF <sub>2</sub> + CF <sub>3</sub> ) | 0.075                                  | 0.063     | 0.125                    | 0.154   | 0.092   | 0.142   |  |  |  |  |
| Tarnish Index                            | 2                                      | 4         | 5                        | 5       | 6       | 5       |  |  |  |  |
| Lucideon File                            | E5F0601                                | E5F0602   | <b>E</b> 5 <b>F</b> 0603 | E5F0604 | E5F0607 | E5F0608 |  |  |  |  |

## **XPS** imaging

Polypropylene mesh





Max. spatial resolution 3µm

PP substrate = red PEO coating = green

## Hair section

- Hair embedded in epoxy resin between PE plates
- Magnification of the section due to angle cutting



#### ~800µm x 800µm













Spatial resolution 3µm, at best

## Hair section - XPS / ToFSIMS comparison

#### Low resolution

Field of view: 500.0 × 500.0 µm²; Hair cross-section



#### High resolution

Field of view: 150.0 × 150.0 µm²; Hair cross-section



Field of view: 500.0 x 500.0 um<sup>2</sup>: Hair cross-section



## Metrology

- Optical microscopy / SEM have limited topographical information - qualitative
- Need to quantify the topography
- Historically, contact method such as stylus profilometry used but can be problematic for soft materials with damage to the surface investigated
  - Also, only 2D line scans were measured
- Investment in non-contact profiling techniques

## 3D non-contact profiling by WLI

- Conventional bright-field microscope with an interferometer objective
- A non-contact 3D surface profiling technique utilising white light interferometry (WLI)
- High spatial and depth resolution in combination with a wide scanning area

Height resolution ~1nm Lateral resolution 0.5µm Samples ~100µm to >10cm Field of view 60µm to >10cm



# 3D non-contact profiling by WLI

Quantitative measurement of surface topography and film thickness



Roughness parameters, grain and pore analysis, transparent film thickness; sample replication

## Effect of conditioning

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#### Unwashed hair 48 hours



#### Conditioned hair

## Effect of conditioning: roughness parameters

| Description               | Sample | Reading | Ra    | Ry    | Rz    | Sample<br>Mean Ra | Sample<br>Mean Ry | Sample<br>Mean Rz | Batch Mean<br>Ra | Batch Mean<br>Ry | Batch Mean<br>Rz |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Male 50s                  |        | а       | 0.27  | 1.64  | 1.30  | 0.25              | 1.45              | 1.20              | 0.25             | 1.45             | 1.20             |
|                           |        | b       | 0.23  | 1.24  | 1.10  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 1      | с       | 0.25  | 1.46  | 1.20  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| Female 20s<br>Conditioned |        | а       | 0.24  | 1.76  | 1.53  | 0.21              | 1.34              | 1.13              | 0.21             | 1.34             | 1.13             |
|                           |        | b       | 0.19  | 0.98  | 0.86  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 1      | с       | 0.20  | 1.27  | 1.01  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| Female 20s<br>Blonde Dyed |        | а       | 0.16  | 1.10  | 0.91  | 0.20              | 1.22              | 0.99              | 0.20             | 1.22             | 0.99             |
|                           |        | b       | 0.29  | 1.65  | 1.30  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 1      | с       | 0.15  | 0.90  | 0.75  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| Male 20s                  |        | а       | 0.189 | 1.38  | 1.06  | 0.18              | 1.25              | 1.02              | 0.19             | 1.28             | 1.01             |
| Conditioned               |        | b       | 0.143 | 0.861 | 0.75  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 1      | с       | 0.209 | 1.5   | 1.25  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.186 | 1.3   | 0.911 | 0.19              | 1.25              | 0.95              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.221 | 1.27  | 1.01  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 2      | с       | 0.168 | 1.18  | 0.931 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.225 | 1.59  | 1.13  | 0.22              | 1.69              | 1.25              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.214 | 1.72  | 1.27  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 3      | с       | 0.235 | 1.76  | 1.35  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.209 | 1.35  | 1.14  | 0.19              | 1.11              | 0.94              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.177 | 0.909 | 0.814 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 4      | с       | 0.177 | 1.06  | 0.875 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.186 | 1.32  | 0.982 | 0.17              | 1.13              | 0.86              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.139 | 0.98  | 0.726 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 5      | с       | 0.17  | 1.09  | 0.885 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| Male 20s                  |        | а       | 0.196 | 1.6   | 1.08  | 0.25              | 1.63              | 1.29              | 0.22             | 1.41             | 1.11             |
| hours)                    |        | b       | 0.345 | 1.8   | 1.53  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 1      | с       | 0.223 | 1.5   | 1.25  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.219 | 1.57  | 1.22  | 0.22              | 1.58              | 1.15              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.235 | 1.93  | 1.31  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 2      | с       | 0.207 | 1.25  | 0.916 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.26  | 1.51  | 1.26  | 0.22              | 1.31              | 1.07              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.189 | 1.18  | 0.909 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 3      | с       | 0.205 | 1.25  | 1.04  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.188 | 1.36  | 0.883 | 0.19              | 1.28              | 0.96              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.215 | 1.45  | 1.1   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 4      | с       | 0.168 | 1.02  | 0.885 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | а       | 0.225 | 1.13  | 1.04  | 0.23              | 1.23              | 1.07              |                  |                  |                  |
|                           |        | b       | 0.266 | 1.62  | 1.31  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|                           | 5      | с       | 0.185 | 0.94  | 0.871 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |

Decrease in roughness values by 9% – 13% upon conditioning

### Scale height and particle measurement



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### Scale height and particle measurement



### Atomic force microscopy



## **Common AFM modes**

- Surface topography
  - (Contact and non-contact modes)
- Friction force
  - (Lateral force measurement)
- Hardness
  - (Force v distance curves)
- Electrical conductivity
- Magnetic force
- SEM resolution but in air or under liquids

## AFM of human hair (10 microns scan)

#### Before conditioner



#### After conditioner



### AFM of human hair (10 microns scan)

#### After conditioner

#### Isometric view





Line trace

# Stitched images



## Any questions?



## Thank you

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