# Science of Hair Color

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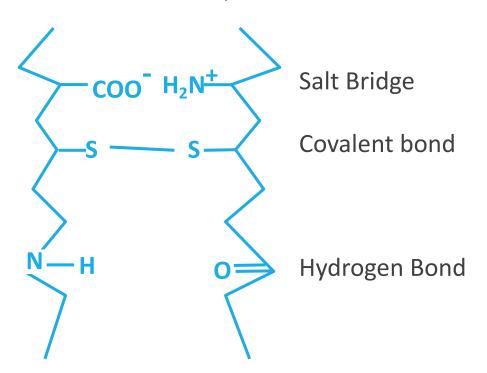
# Today We'll Talk About...

- Hair Lightening
- Types of Hair Colorants
- Hair Colorant Products



#### Hair Structure

Keratin is the overall protein structure of hair in the cortex.



#### Cortex

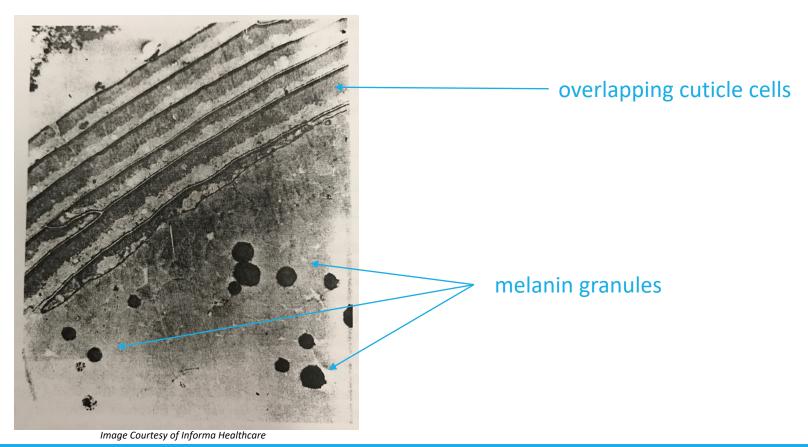
Melanin in the cortex responsible for natural color of the hair...

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{pheomelanin} \\ \text{H}_2\text{N} \\ \text{COOH} \\ \text{H}_2\text{N} \\ \text{COOH} \\ \end{array}$$

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### Cortex

Cross-section of natural brown hair.



### Cortex



more pheomelanin than eumelanin



more eumelanin than pheomelanin

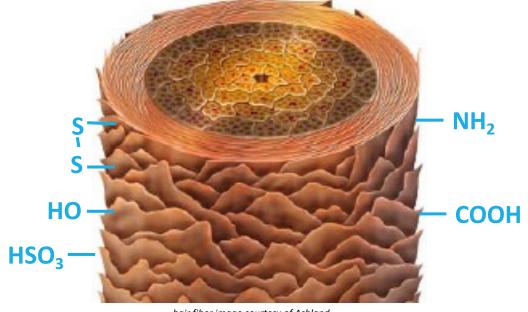


### Cuticle

Lots of charges exist on the surface of hair...

- Water
- UV
- Oxidation
- Increase in pH

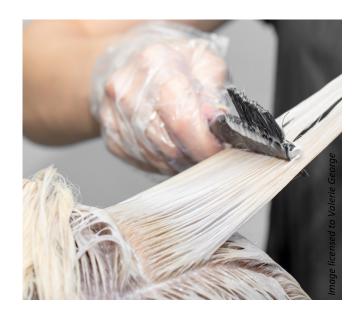
Change charge on surface of hair



hair fiber image courtesy of Ashland

#### Why lighten the hair?

Consumer wants lighter look



• Need to prepare the hair for application of a dye preparation





First step – remove pigment.

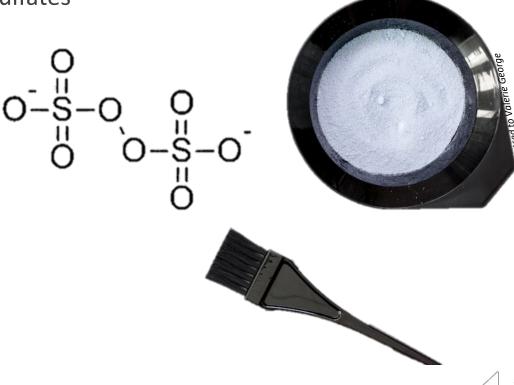
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- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is preferred ingredient
- Unclear mechanism on how it oxidizes melanin
- Consumers purchase developer solutions with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- Developer is a liquid or a cream
- Developer pH ~ 2.0 − 3.5
- Consumer developer is typically 20 Volume or lower

% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Volume Equivalent
1.5% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	5 Volume
3.0% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	10 Volume
6.0% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	20 Volume
9.0% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	30 Volume
12.0% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	40 Volume

Volume is # of liters of  $O_2$  in gaseous form released by the decomposition of one liter of  $H_2O_2$ solution.

- Bleach is the preferred vehicle for hair lightening
- Main ingredients are ammonium and potassium persulfates
- Typically powder format
- Mixed developer + bleach has a final pH ~ 10-11
- 30 or 40 Volume H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> used
- Application Time < 50 minutes</li>
- Lift up to 7 levels



Hydrogen Peroxide & Bleach are not selective!

- Reacts with all structural components of the hair
- Damages hair while decolorizing melanin
- Increased solubility because of free acid groups (cysteic acid)
- Increased porosity -> easy in, easy out
- Hair feels like it's easily going to break, difficult to comb
- Damage may not be uniform

#### Hair Colorants

Types of Colorants Used to Color Hair

- Pigments
- Acid Dyes
- Basic Dyes
- Nitro Dyes
- Oxidative Dyes

## Pigments

- Color additives that are insoluble in medium used
- Opaque
- Synthetic or Natural
- Lakes, Toners, True Pigments
- Iron Oxides



# Acid Dyes

- Temporary to Semi-permanent
- No lightening effect
- Anionic character
- Water-soluble
- Bright colors
- Best at pH 2-4

#### Acid Orange 7



#### Acid Violet 43





# Basic Dyes

- Temporary to Semi-permanent
- No lightening effect
- Cationic character
- Water-soluble
- Stable pH 4 − 9
- Good for natural coloring



### Nitro Dyes

- Semi-Permanent
- No Lightening Effect
- Non-ionic
- Poor water solubility
- Extremely affinitive for hair

HC Blue 2

3-Nitro-4-hydroxylpropyaminophenol

**HC Yellow 4** 



- Permanent
- No lightening effect\*
- No intrinsic color
- Oxidizer required
- Two dyes required to make one color base (primary), coupler (secondary)
- Long-lasting





m-Aminophenol

4-Amino-2-Hydroxytoluene



p-Phenylenediamine (PPD)

$$H_2N$$

1-Hydroxyethyl-4,5-Diamino Pyrazole Sulfate (WP5)

Base + Coupler



m-Aminophenol

PPD

$$\begin{array}{c} OH \\ + \\ + \\ NH_2 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} H_2N \\ + \\ NH_2N \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} H_2N \\ + \\$$



m-Aminophenol

WP5

Base + Coupler

4-Amino-2-Hydroxytoluene PPD

WP5





#### Oxidative Colorants



# Other Required Oxidative Color Ingredients

Alkalizer ...... Ammonia, MEA, Aminopropanol

• H2O2 ...... 5, 10, 20 Volume

Antioxidant ... Protects the dyes from oxidizing in the formula

Chelator......
 Remove metals from solution

Hair......
 Need hair to put all these ingredients on!



# Temporary Hair Color

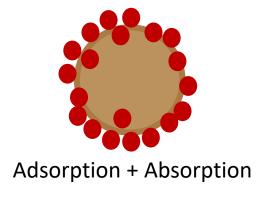
- Pigments
- Pearls
- Basic Dyes
- Acid Dyes





#### Semi-Permanent Hair Color

- Basic Dyes
- Acid Dyes
- Nitro Dyes







#### Demi-Permanent Color

- Oxidative Dyes
- Nitro Dyes
- Basic Dyes
- Adsorption + Absorption

- Alkalizer
- Anti-oxidants
- Chelators
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



#### Permanent Color

Oxidative Dyes

- Alkalizer
- Anti-oxidants
- Chelators
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>







# Soapbox Time



#### PPD

#### Bandrowski's Base

## PPD & Black Henna

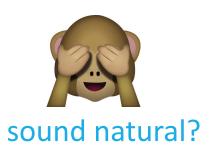






#### Natural Hair Color

- Alkalizer
- Dyes
- Antioxidants
- Chelators
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>





#### Natural Hair Color





#### How to Become Blonde Naturally 1. Boil 2 tablespoons of chamomile in

- 4 cups of water for about 5 minutes.
- 2. Cool and filter.
- 3. To ensure that the color is intense, use more chamomile and less water -300 ml, and simmer for 15 minutes.
- 4. Moisten your hair along the entire length to achieve a rich color.

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