



# Skin Forum 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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## Penetrating the Stratum Corneum – Measurement, Modulation and Modelling



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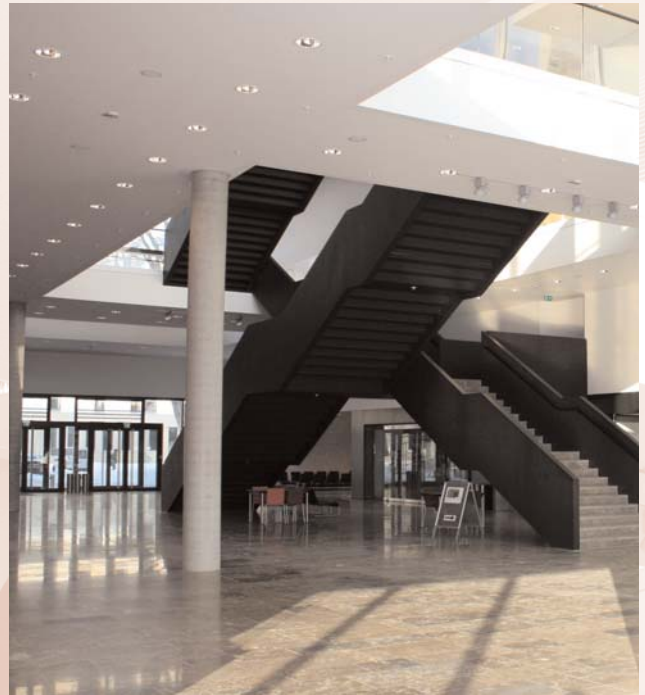
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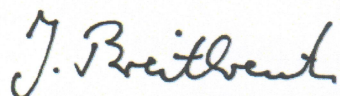
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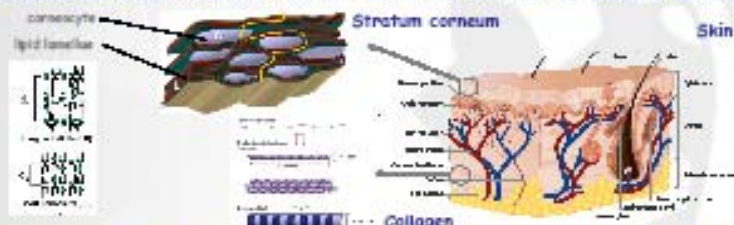
## USE OF SYNCHROTRON RADIATION FOR PROBING SKIN STRUCTURES AND THEIR FUNCTION

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### INTRODUCTION

The synchrotron radiation (SR) allows revealing the structure of matter from the subnano-to micrometer levels, as those of biological tissues<sup>1</sup>. Although scattering have been extensively used for this purpose, more and more spectroscopy and microscopy SR-based techniques are being used to study biological matter<sup>2</sup>. The scattering techniques help us to characterize small regions with ordered domains (lipid lamellae) or preferably molecular orientation (collagen) present in the skin; the spectroscopy (IR) and the microscopy are valuable tools for the chemical mapping of samples.



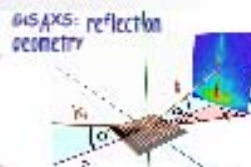
### MATERIALS & METHODS

Dermatomed skin, dermis and epidermis removed from pig skin<sup>3</sup>. DPPC/DHPC<sup>4</sup> (q=2, 20% w/v) applied on the skin; bicelles, and bicelles with fulleramic acid (Flu, 1%). d-DPPC/d-DHPC (q=3.5, 13%) deuterated bicelles on the skin for SR-IR.



Fluorinated lipid (Flu) is used to probe the penetration of a drug (Flu) into the skin. The fluorescence of Flu is detected by a confocal microscope.

(SR)-SAXS (BM16) at 1500/5000 mm sample-to-detector distance,  $\lambda=0.98$  Å; WAXS (BM16), at 300 mm,  $\lambda=1.38$  Å; GISAXS (BM16), at 2500 mm,  $\lambda=1.38$  Å; IR (SMIS) in transmission (coupled to confocal microscopy) and reflection geometry (ATR)



### RESULTS

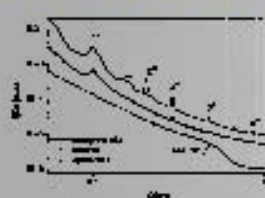


Figure 1: SAXS profile of skin layers

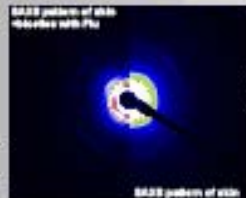


Figure 2: SAXS patterns of skin (right), and skin treated with bicelles containing Flu (left)

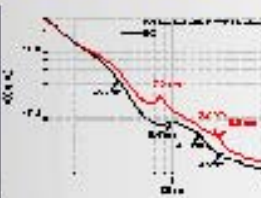


Figure 3: SAXS profile of SC, and SC treated with bicelles

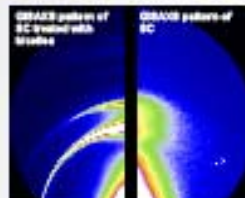
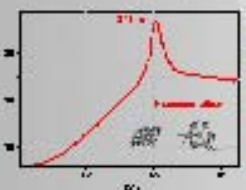
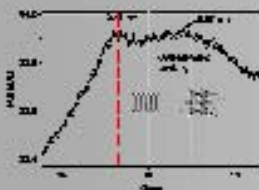


Figure 4: GISAXS patterns of SC (right), and SC treated with bicelles (left)

Scattering profiles of skin and dermis (Fig. 1) are dominated by collagen (d-spacing=63.4 nm); epidermis profile shows the SC lipids (LP~12 nm). Application of bicelles with Flu (Fig. 2): bicelles deliver the drug, and Flu increases the lateral order of collagen. SC profile (Fig. 3) shows bands associated to LP, SP, keratin, and crystalline cholesterol (see arrows).



Topical application of bicelles modifies the lipid SC organization. GISAXS is more sensible to the surface (Fig. 4) showing the changes induced by bicelles in the SC pattern.

WAXS is sensible to the lateral packing of SC lipids: SC presents an orthorhombic packing of lipids that changes to hexagonal after the treatment with bicelles.

Figure 5: WAXS profile of SC (left), and SC treated with bicelles (right)

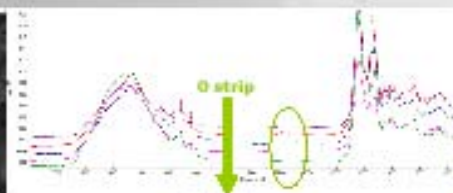


Figure 6: SC treated with d-bicelles: IR-confocal microscope in transmission mode (left) and ATR-IR in reflection mode (right)

IR in transmission mode (left): lipids are distributed mainly in the SC surface; in reflection mode (right): deuterated lipid from bicelles are detected up to the 4<sup>th</sup> strip.

**IN SUMMARY**, synchrotron sources are important tools for elucidating the structure of non-crystalline material and for the chemical mapping of biological tissues (even when the % of ordered regions represent a small fraction of the sample). Thus, scattering techniques allow us to characterize the structural modifications induced by topical agents (vehicles with/without drug), and IR allows knowing where and how deep the bicelles penetrate into the skin.

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