

# Switchable Anti-biofouling Coatings

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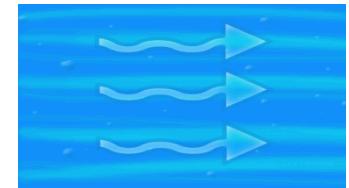
# Marine Hydrokinetic Technologies (MHK)

- Engineered turbines and buoys harvest energy from tides and currents
- Verdent RITE East River Project: 10 yr license for 30 Grid connected turbines
- Verdent Power: One turbine can power 20 to 30 homes (CBS News, 8/7/2013)

Wave



Tidal/Current



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# MHK Advanced Materials Program

**Challenges:** (1) environmental degradation (e.g., corrosion, biofouling, mineral fouling, sediment fouling/erosion, cavitation, etc.); (2) component materials reliability; (3) environmental impact (toxicity).

**Impact:** development cycle, component selection, performance, reliability, O&M, cost.

**Program Approach:** Industrial Guidance Technology Transfer Novel Materials & Coatings

## Novel Coatings Synthesis



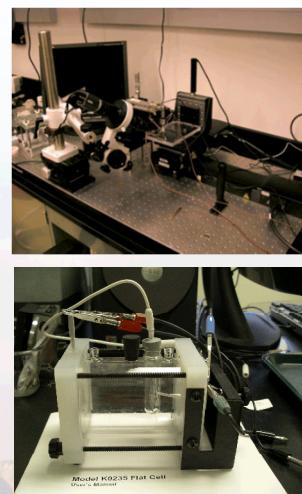
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## Biofouling Testing



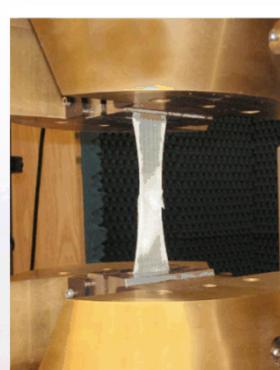
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## Corrosion/Reliability Testing



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## Composite Fabrication & Performance Testing



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## Environmental Monitoring



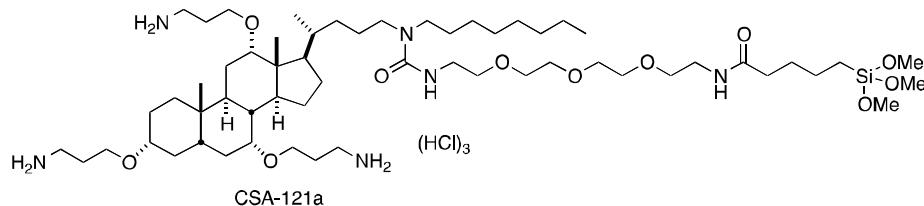
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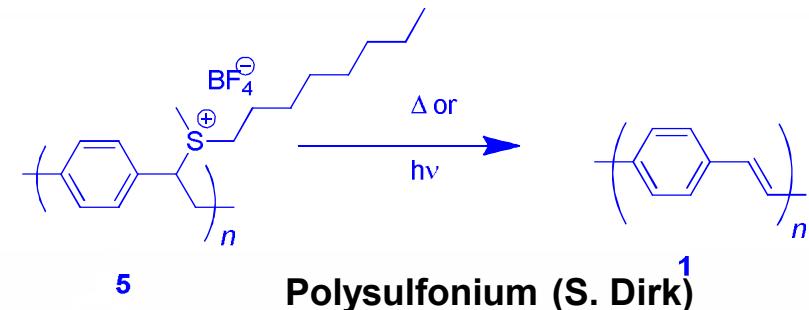
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# Coatings & Materials– R&D Examples

## Synthesis of Antifouling & Anticorrosion Coatings

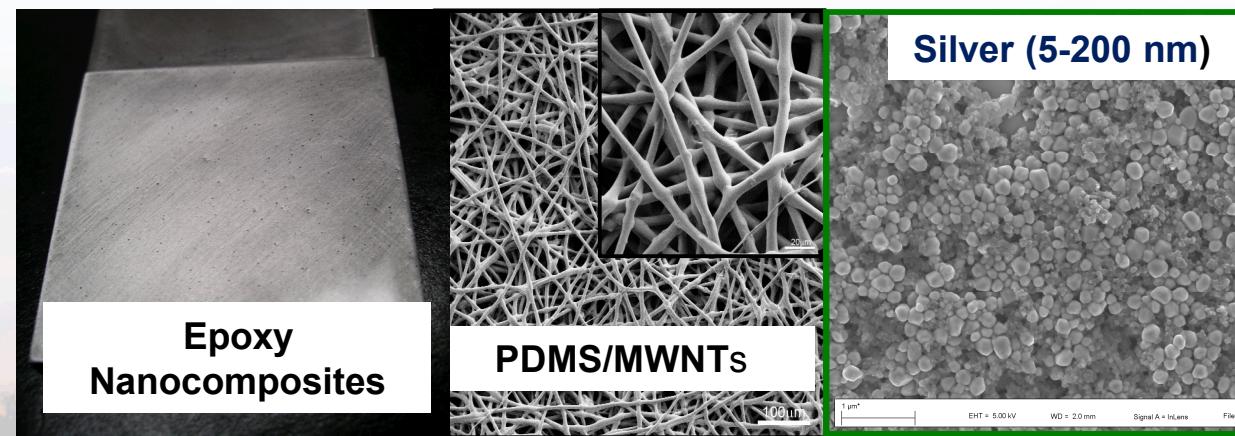
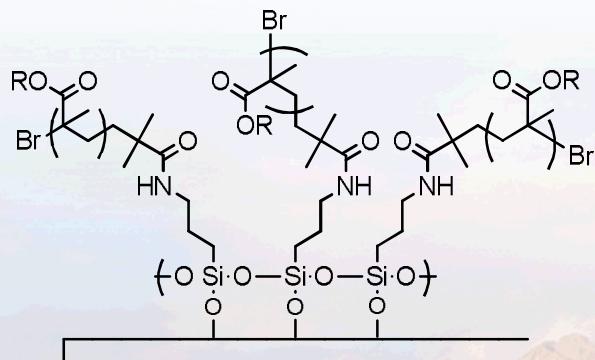


Ceragenins (P. Savage)



Polysulfonium (S. Dirk)<sup>1</sup>

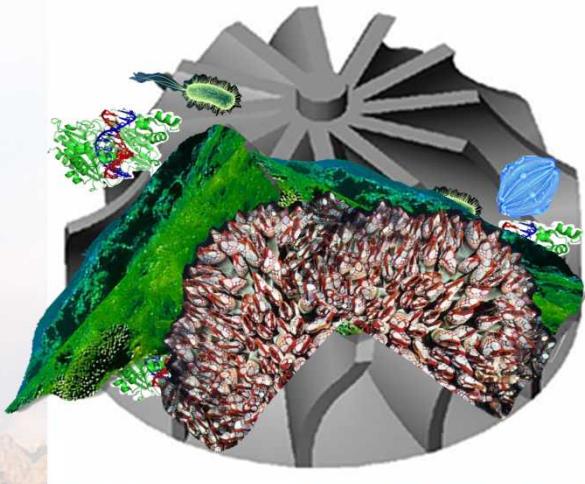
Zwitterionic (M. Hibbs)



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# Biofouling and MHK Technologies

- Fast accumulation of micro and macro organisms
  - Conditioning film, bacteria and single cell diatoms, biofilms, algae, barnacles
- Increases weight, hydrodynamic friction and corrosion
- Reduces efficiency of MHK technologies



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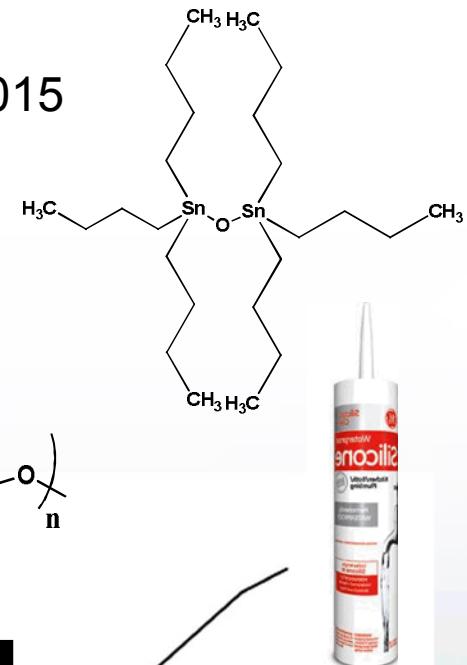
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# Anti-biofouling Coatings Overview

- Biofouling a problem for centuries
  - Coatings used to prevent/delay biofouling
  - US market for antibiofouling to reach \$978.7 million by 2015
- Traditional Commercial Coatings - Biocides
  - Leachable Cuprous Oxide
  - Mercury and lead
  - Tributyltin (TBT)
  - Environmental concerns
- Next Generation of Coatings – low toxicity
- Polysiloxanes
  - Ideal surface energy prevents adhesion, easy release
  - Water resistant
  - Intersleek 700 and 900



The Baier curve relating relative bioadhesion to coating surface energy [56].



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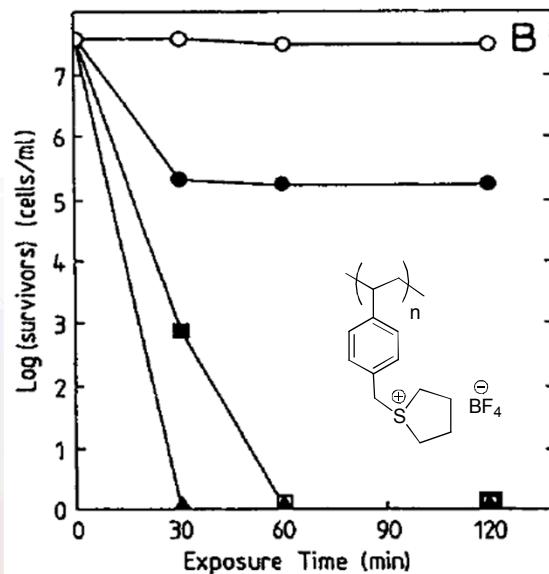
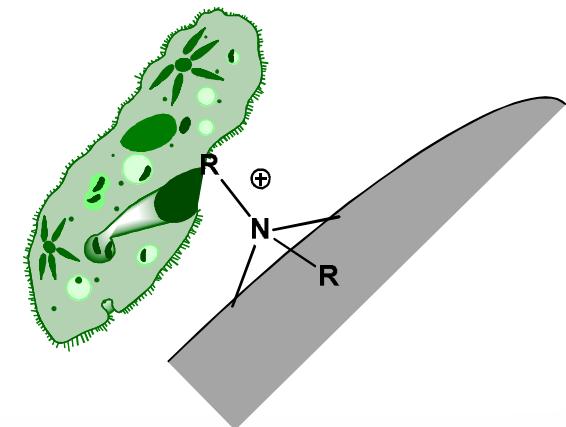
# A Better Coating

How can we build a better coating?

- Environmentally friendly— does not leach
- Antifouling –prevents microbial attachment
- Fouling release – Easy removal
- Switchable

## Antimicrobial Salts in Coatings

- Sulfonium
- Quaternary Ammonium
  - Low Toxicity
  - Antimicrobial
  - Good leaving groups



A. Kanazawa et. al, J. Polym. Sci. Part A: Polym. Chem. Vol. 31 (1993)



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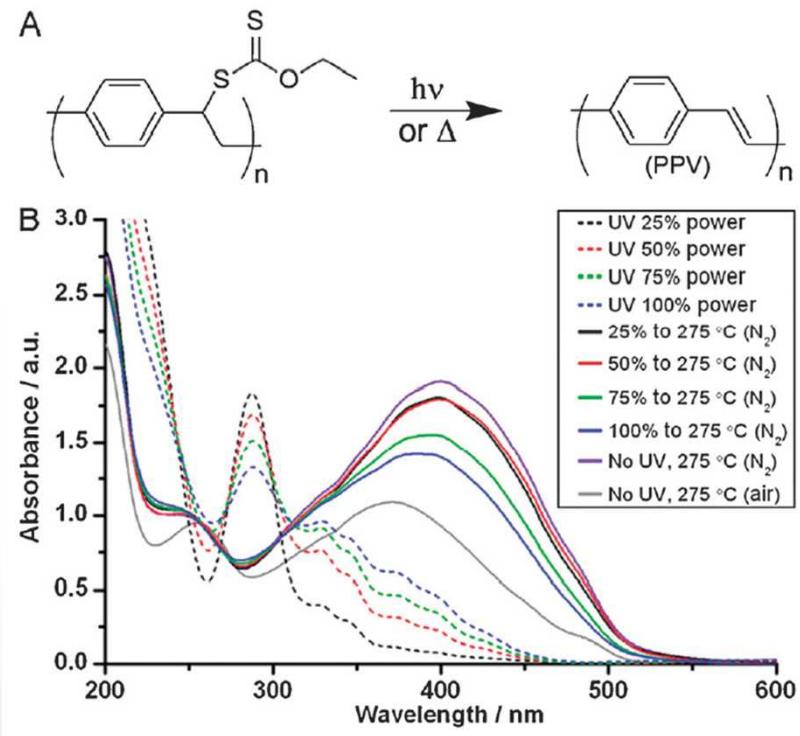
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# Switchable Chemistry

Previous work by our group:

Elimination of xanthate group results in p-phenylene vinylene (PPV)

- Thermally and photochemically switchable
- Elimination of xanthate group leads to a structural change and potentially a change in surface energy



R.S. Johnson et. al., *Chem. Commun.* 2011; R.S. Johnson et. al., *Adv. Mater.* 2010



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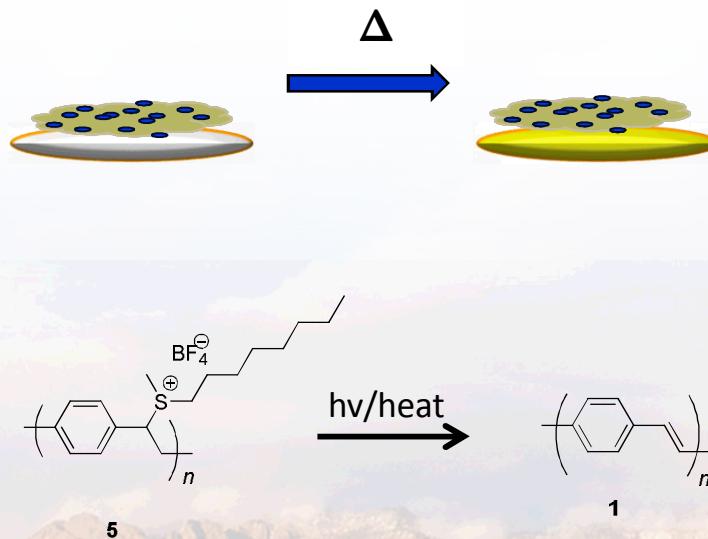


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# Proposed Mechanism

Polymeric salts act as a biocide and leaving group

- Salt and alkyl side chain acts as a biocide
- Heat conjugates material
- Accumulation removed by water shear force



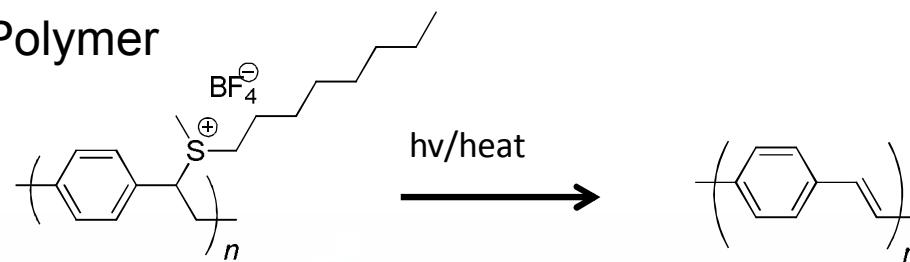
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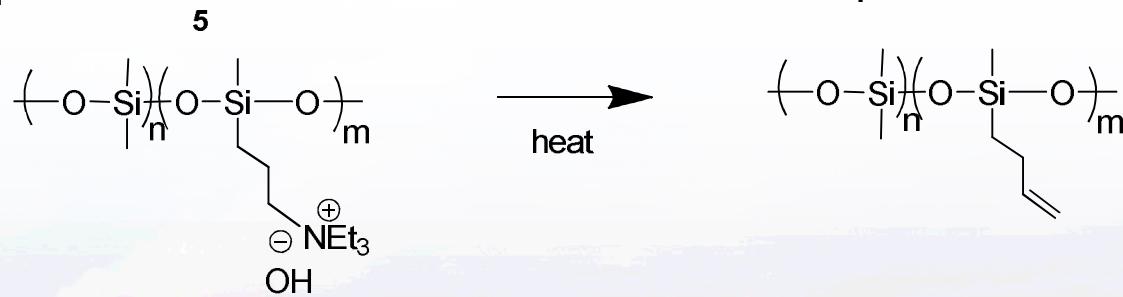
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# Three Versions of Salt Polymers Synthesized

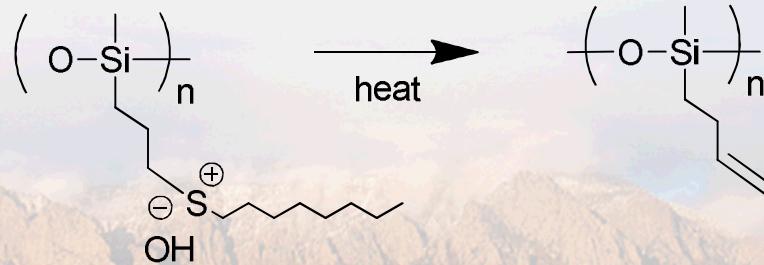
Sulfonium Polyphenylene Vinylene Polymer



Ammonium Silane Polymer and Copolymer

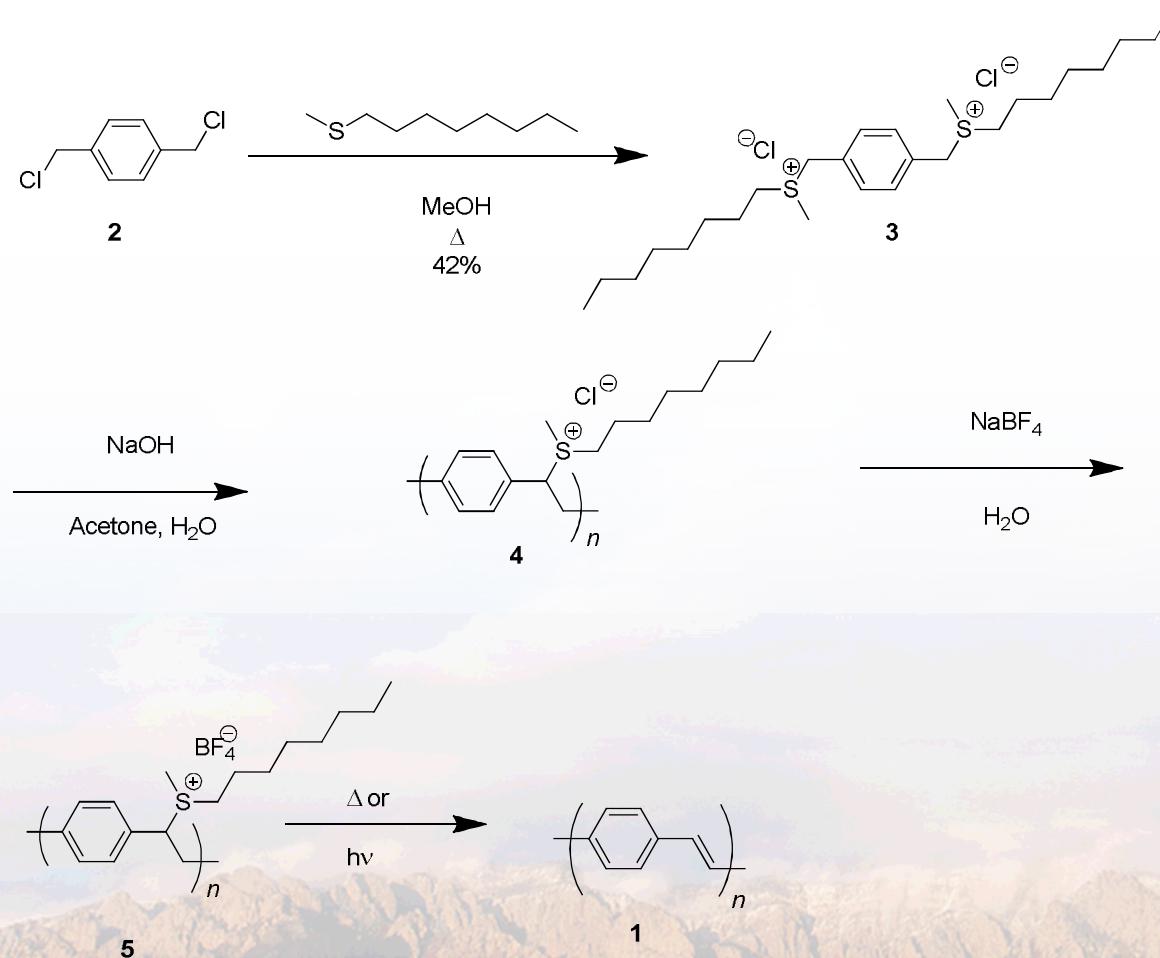


Sulfonium Silane Polymer



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# Initial Sulfonium Polymer Synthesis

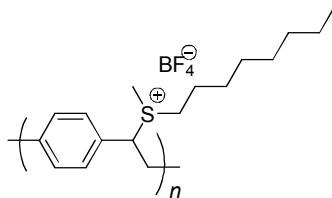


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# Evaluation Sulfonium Polymer Antibacterial Activity

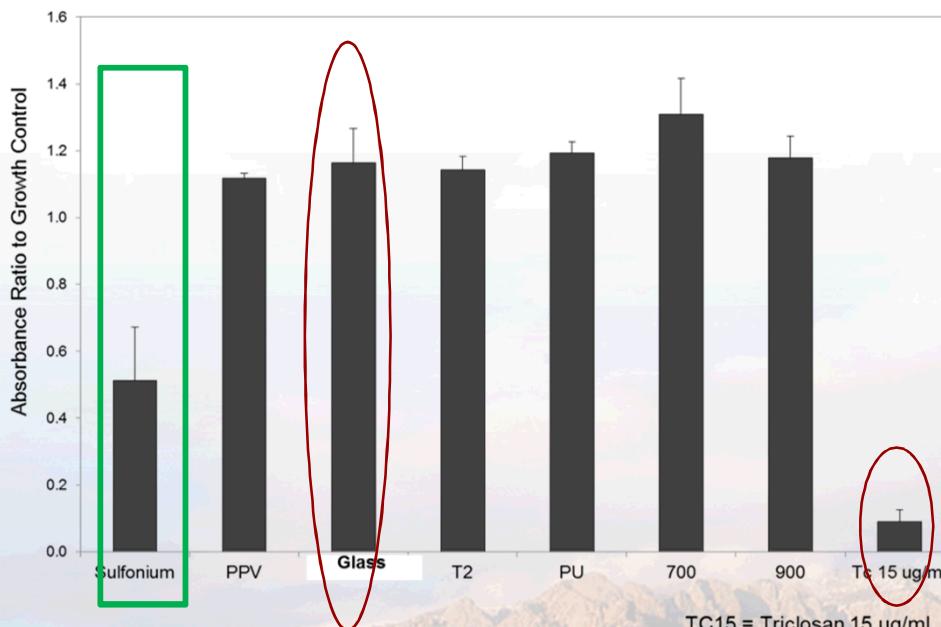


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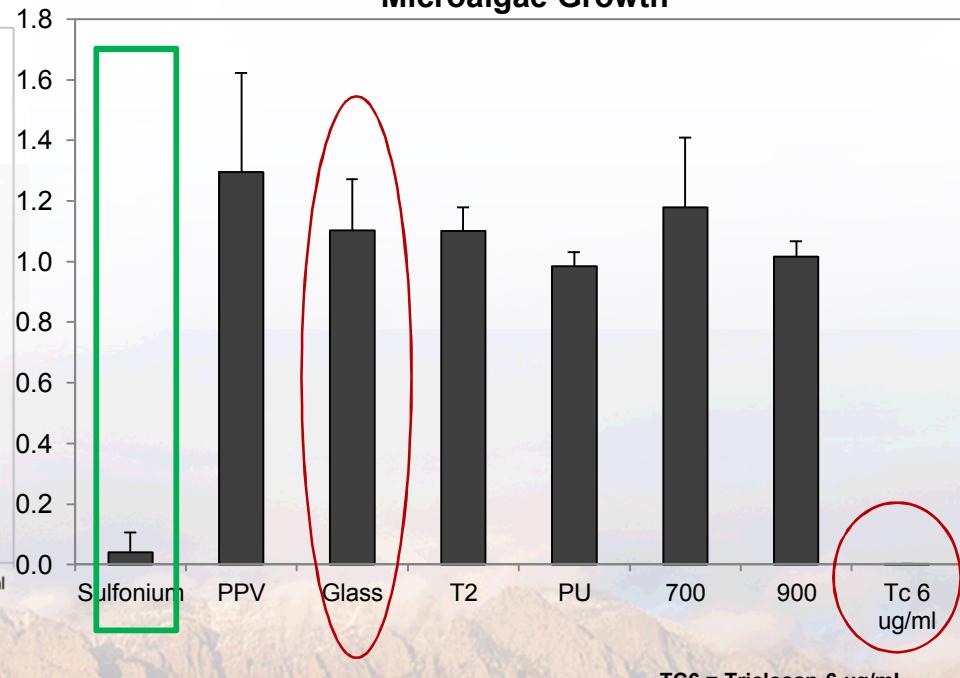
## Results:

- Effective antimicrobial for bacterial and microalgae
- Water soluble

### Bacterial Growth



### Microalgae Growth

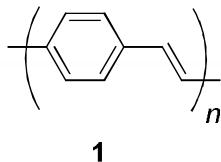


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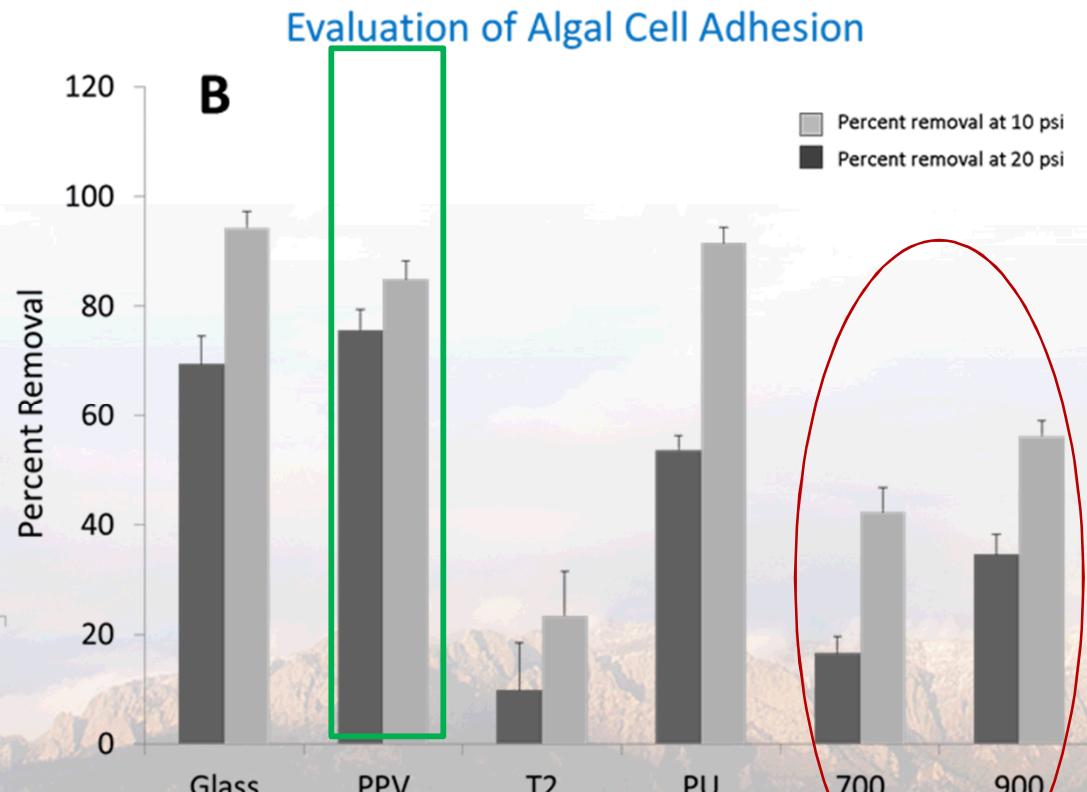
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# Evaluation of PPV Fouling Release



## Results:

- More fouling removed with fouling release coating than with current commercial coatings



# Summary of Polyphenylene Coatings

## Achieved:

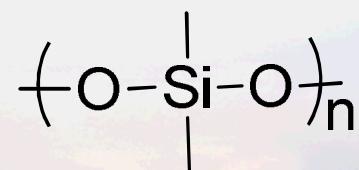
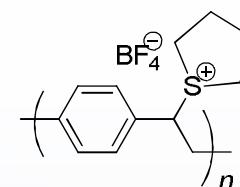
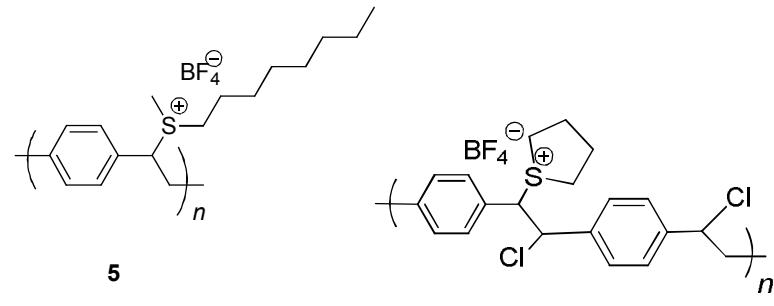
Good antimicrobial activity  
Great fouling release activity  
One way switchable

However:

Reduction in water solubility through co-polymerization, led to reduced solvent solubility

## Next approach:

- Siloxane backbone polymer
- Retain switchable properties

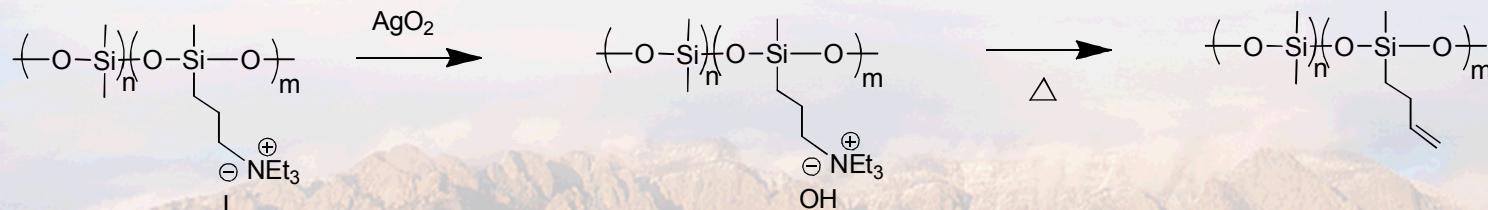
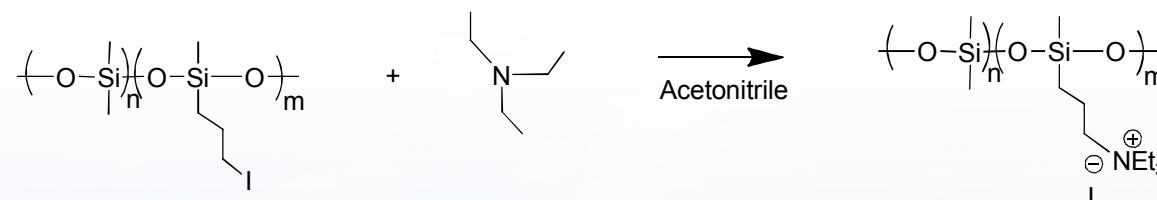
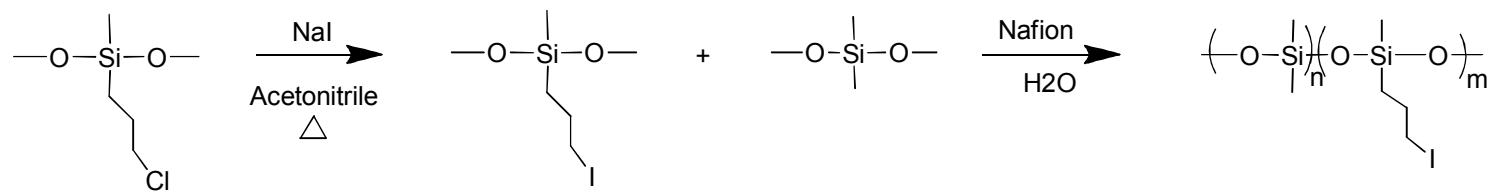


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# Ammonium Silane Polymer and Copolymer

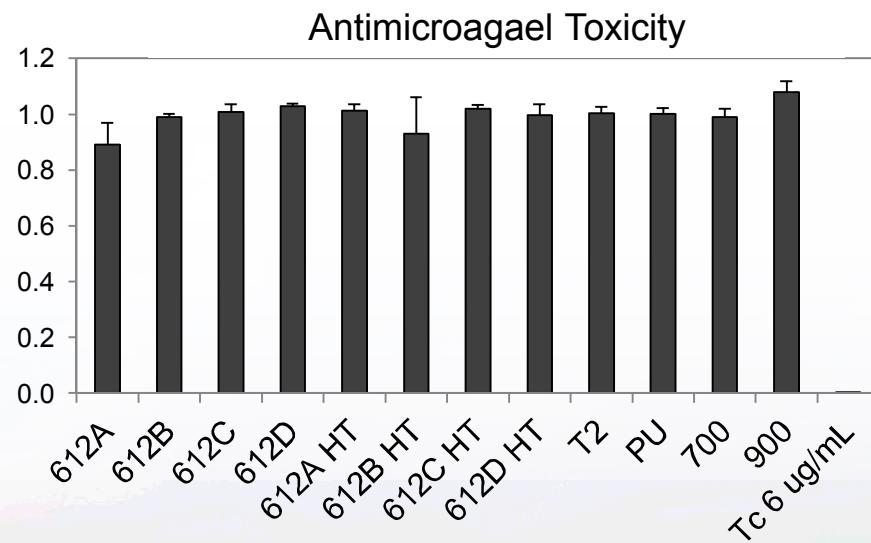
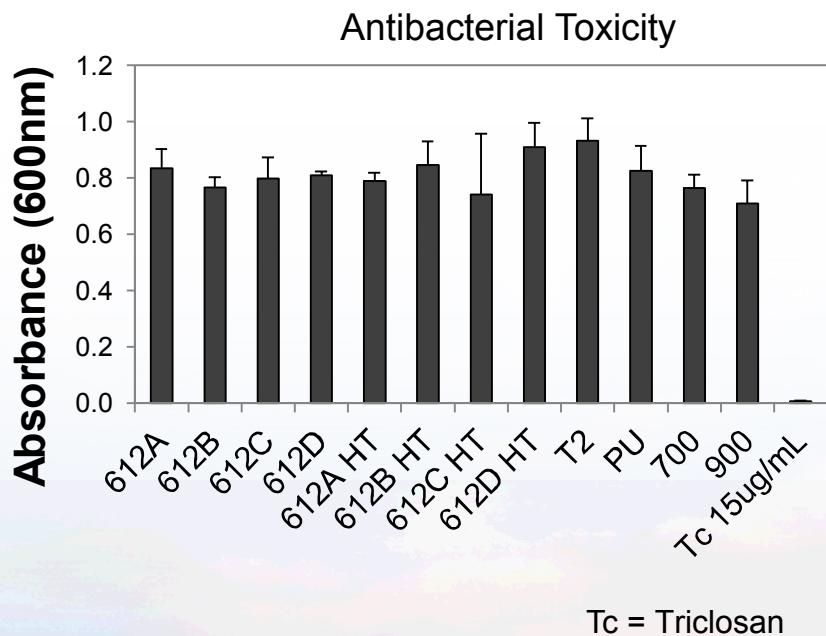


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# Leachate Tests Indicated No Water Solubility



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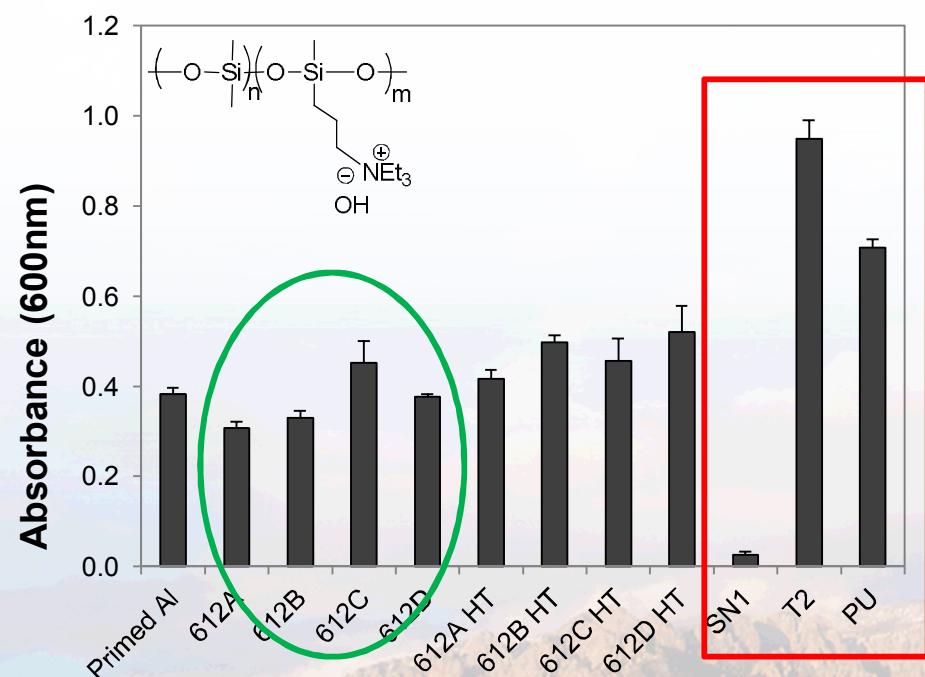


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# Effect of Coatings on Biofilm Growth (Before Switching)

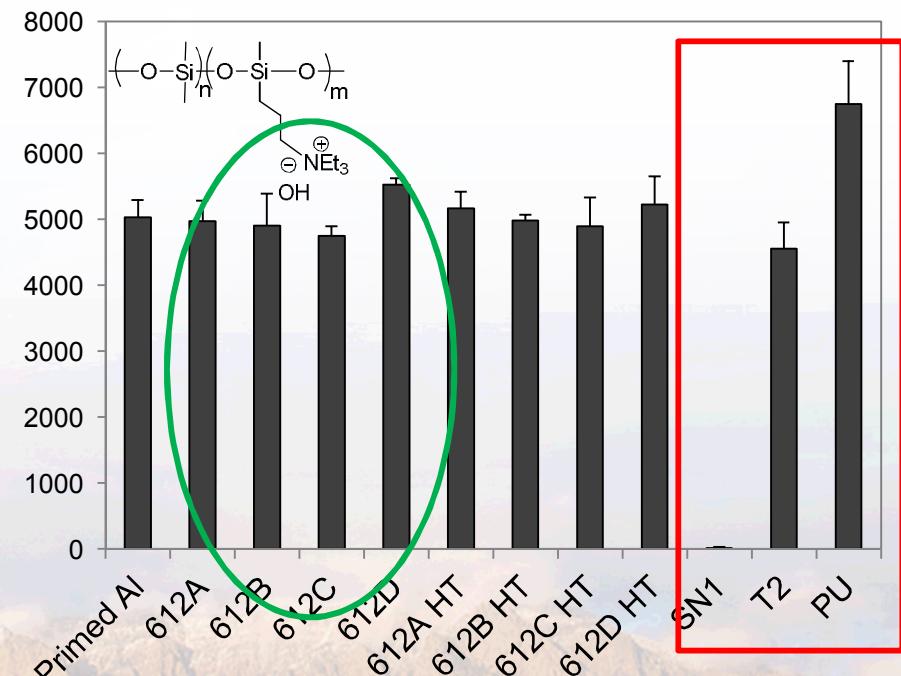
\*Fair established bacterial biofilm reduction

## Evaluation of Bacterial Biofilm Growth



\*No established microalgae biofilm reduction

## Evaluation of Microalgae Biofilm Growth

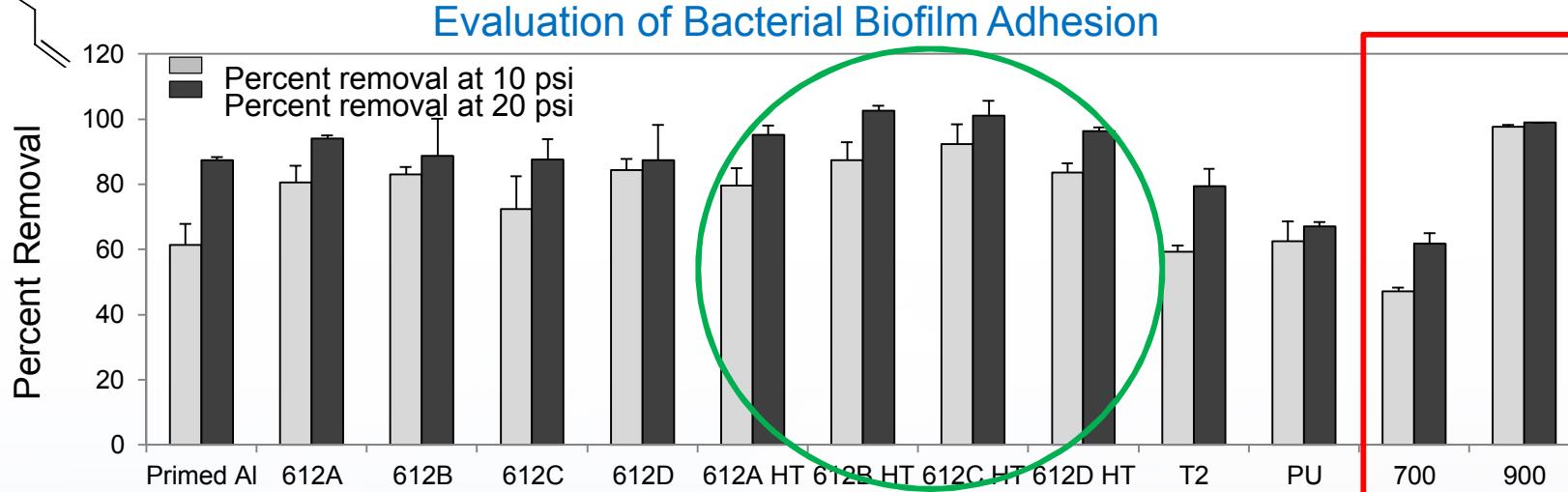
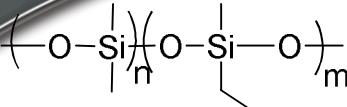


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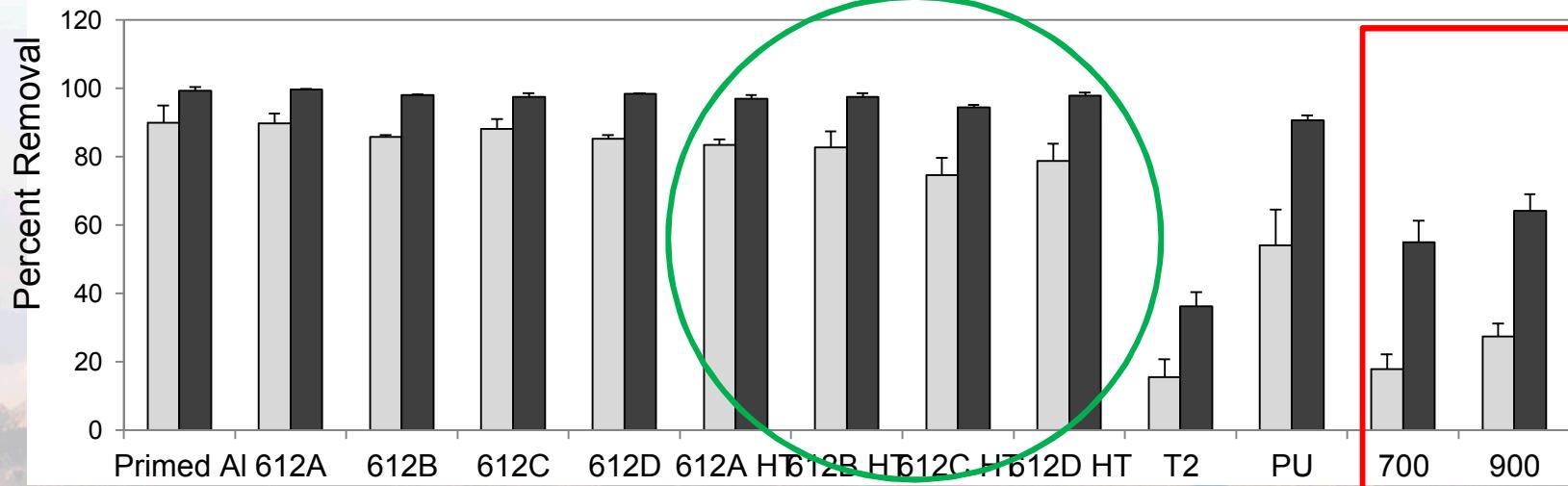


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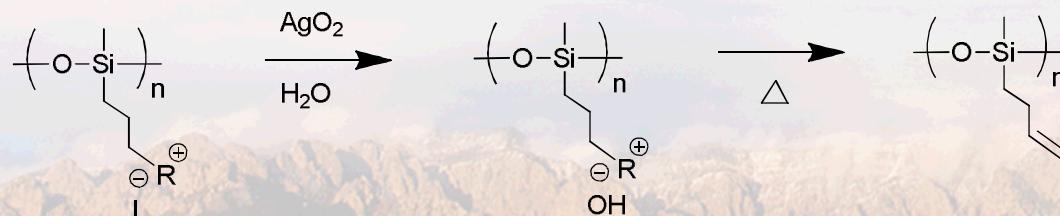
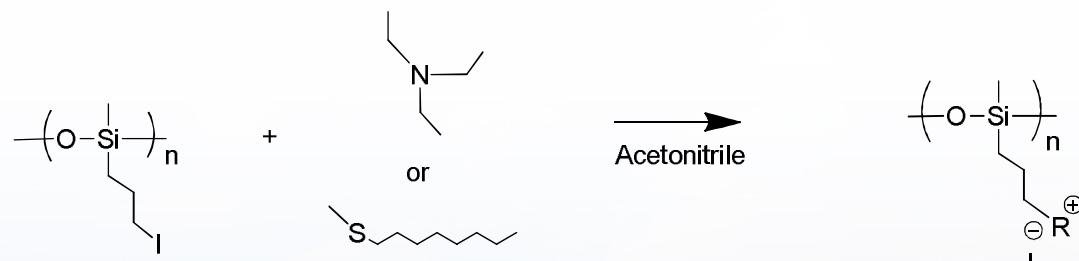
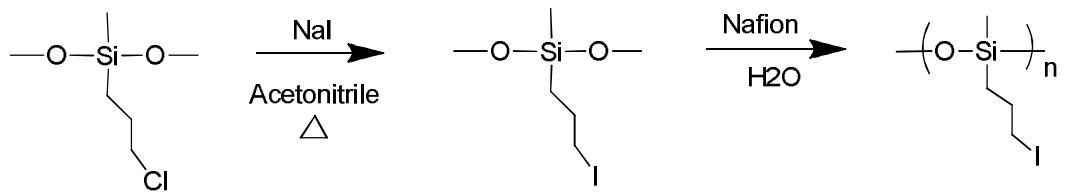
# Effect on Fouling Release (After Switching)



**Evaluation of Algal Cell Adhesion**



# Ammonium and Sulfonium Silane Polymers



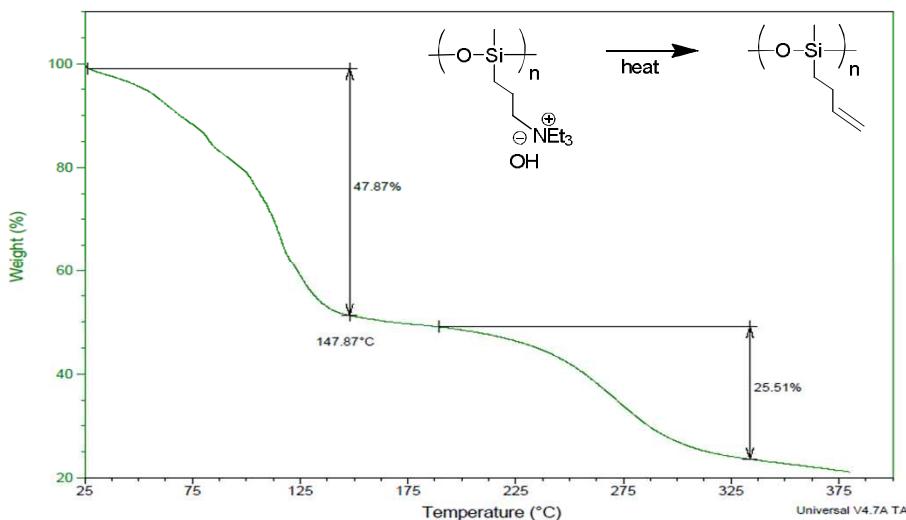
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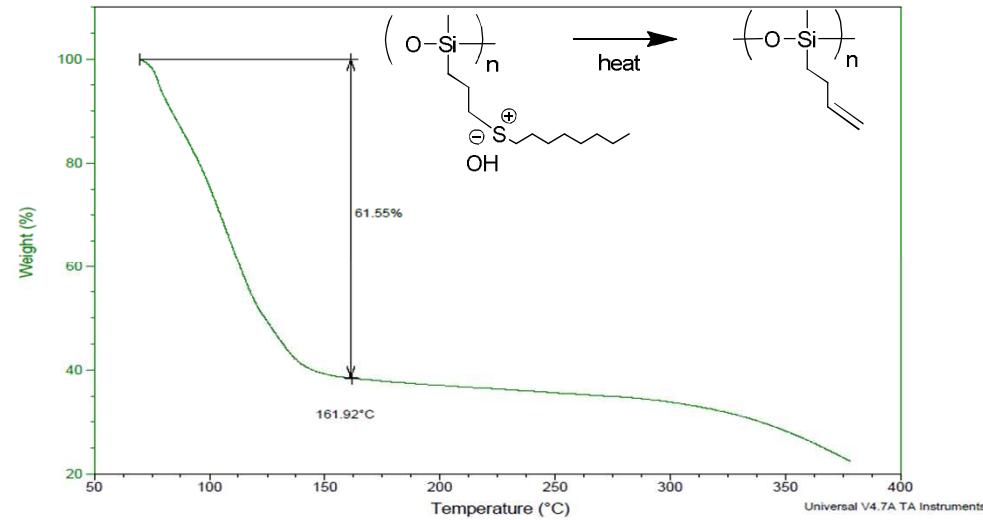
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# Polymer Characterization (XPS, TGA, IR)

## Ammonium-silane



## Sulfonium-silane



## XPS Analysis - Atomic Concentration [%]

Coating	C	N	O	S	Si	Salt/Si	Heat Treated Salt/Si
Ammonium	70	5	16	0	8	0.625	0.333
Sulfonium	69	1	15	7	9	0.778	0.384

Silane polymers analyzed by XPS, then heat treated for 30 minutes at 150° degrees and analyzed for salt loss

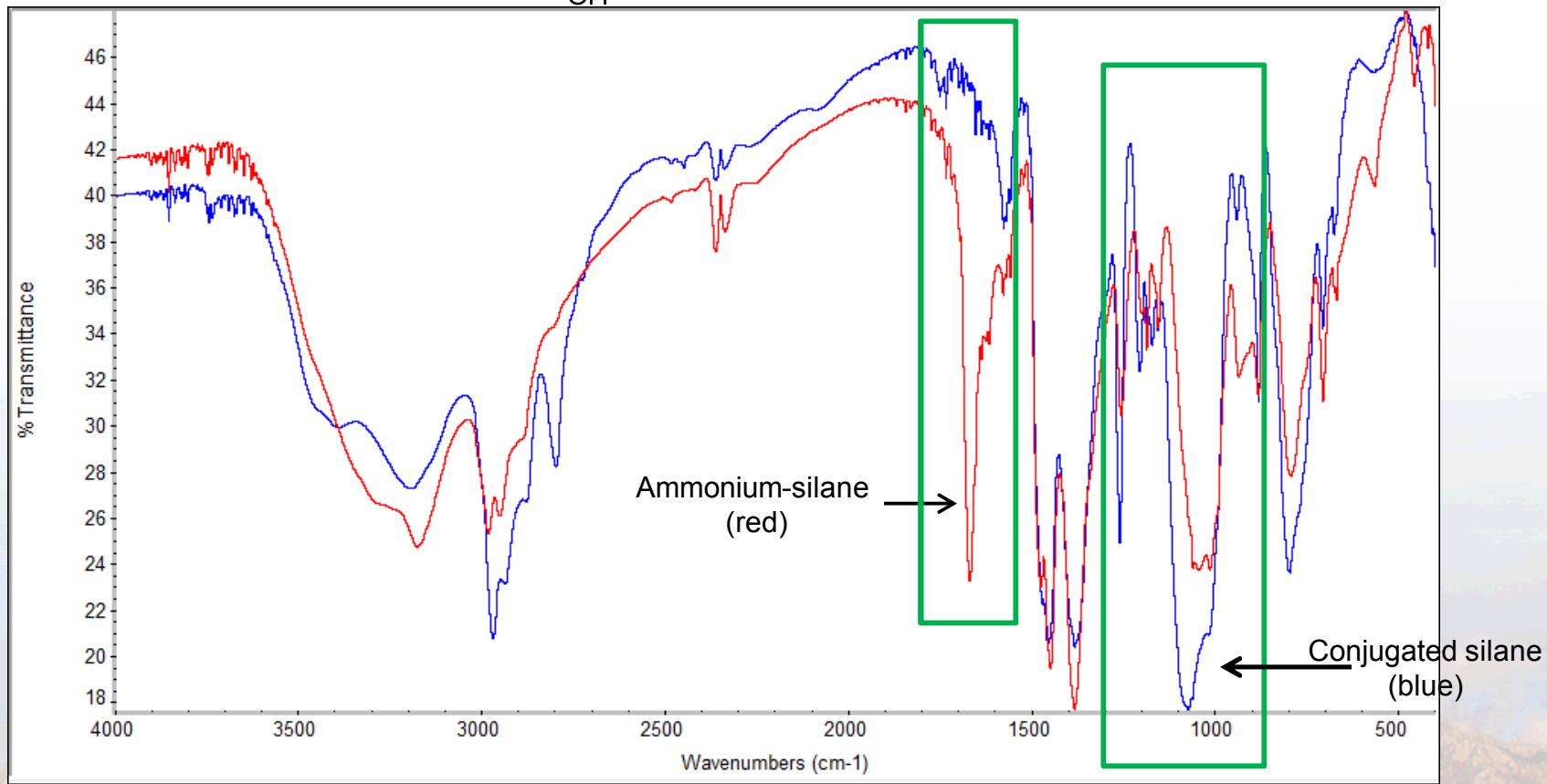
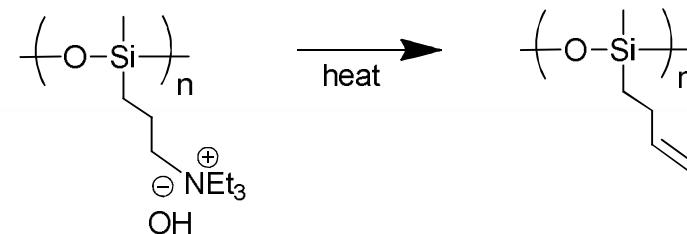


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# Infrared Spectroscopy



# Coating Incorporated with Epoxy and Paint

## Incorporate the Sulfonium-Silane polymer in Epon 8021

## Incorporate the Ammonium-Silane polymer in Intersleek 970 Paint

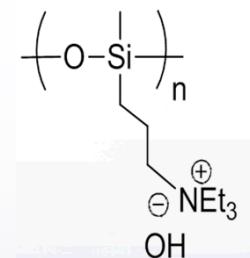
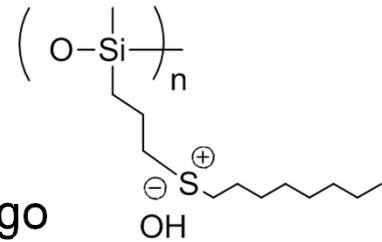
Brush incorporated coatings onto primed aluminum panels to undergo testing:

## PNNL Open Water Testing

- Up to 90 days exposure
- Fouling accumulation
- 1", 3", 6" panel coupons

## NDSU Testing

- Short-term testing
- Fouling accumulation
- Fouling release



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- Place holder for new data being delivered at the end of this week showing results for coating when incorporated with epoxies and paints



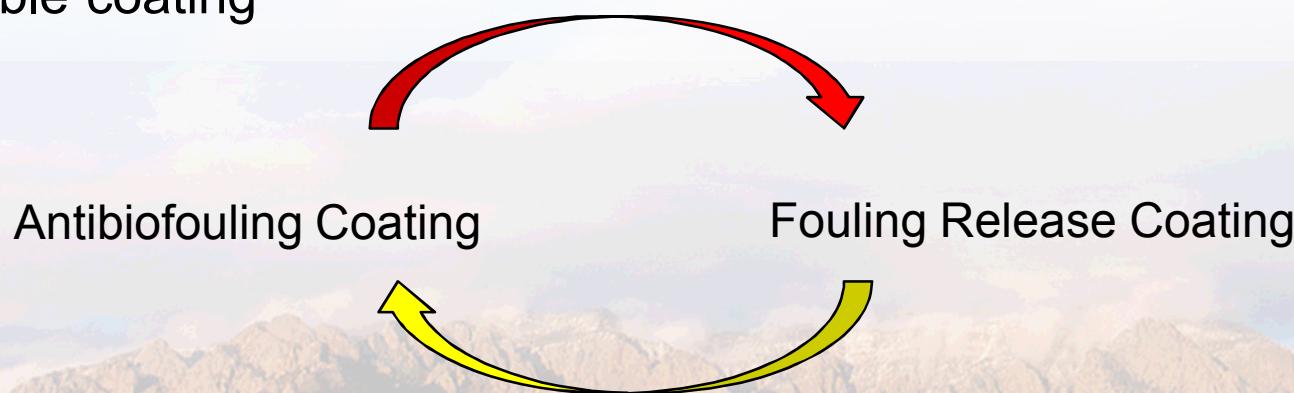
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# Summary of Silicon based Coating

- ❖ Silicone-based coatings synthesized performed as well, or better, than current commercial fouling release coatings
- ❖ Incorporated with epoxy and paint to increase longetivity

Currently undergoing open water testing an Pacific Northwest National Labs

\*Ultimate goal is to synthesize an effective antifouling reversible, switchable coating



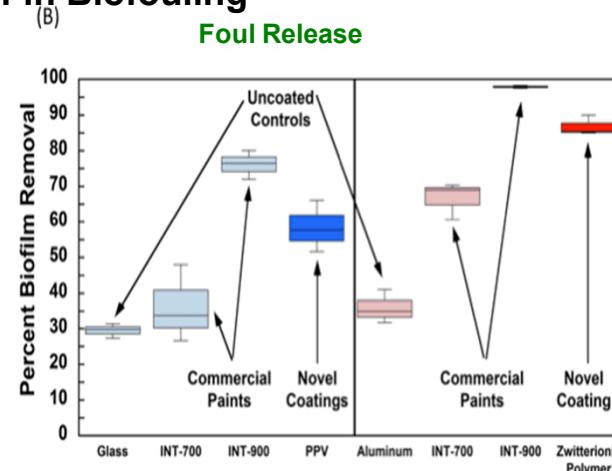
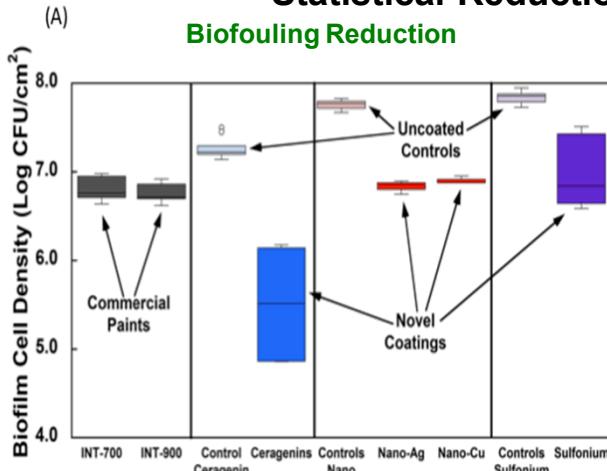
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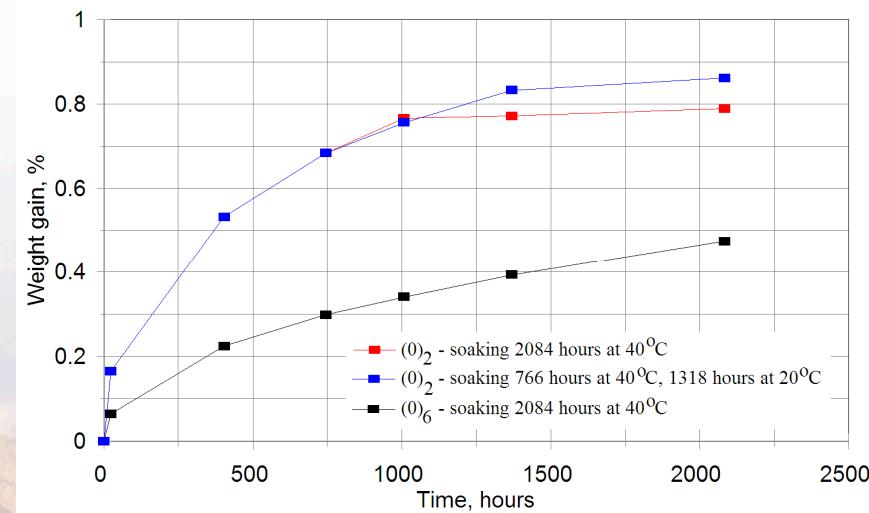
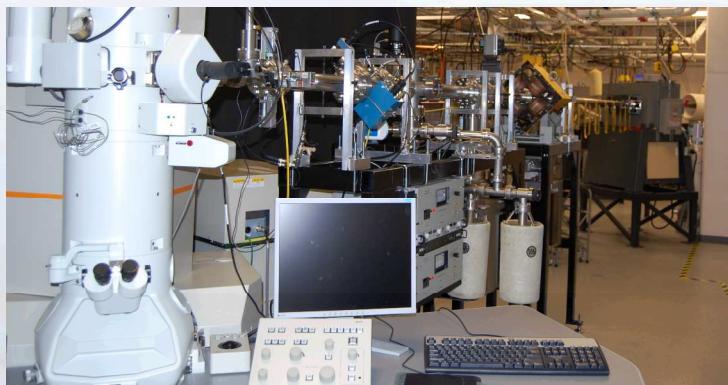
## Novel Antifouling Coatings Development: Show Significant Statistical Reduction in Biofouling



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Performance Testing wind-based  
composites for MHK technology  
Transfer & Diffusion Modeling

## Understanding Corrosion & Biofouling Processes at the Nano to Micron scale with In situ TEM



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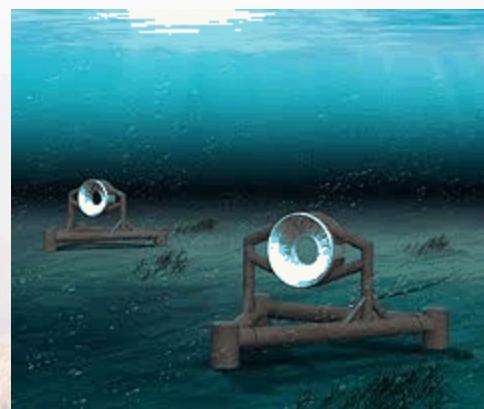


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