

Switchable Anti-biofouling Coatings

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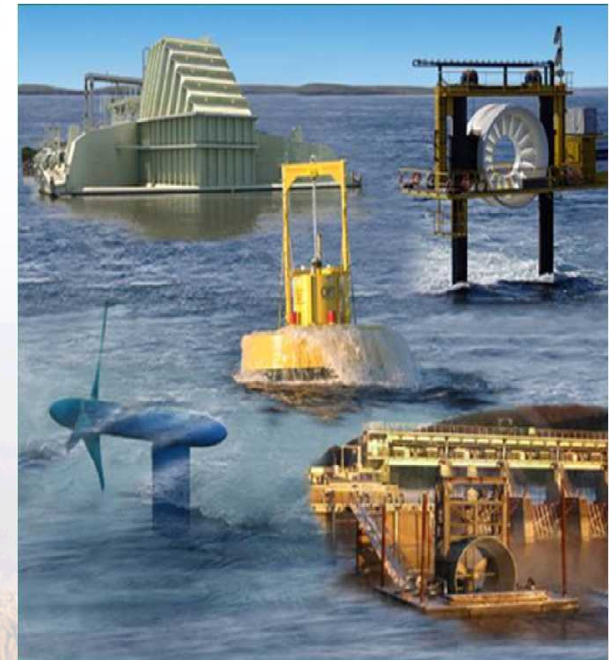
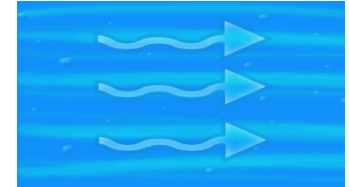
Marine Hydrokinetic Technologies (MHK)

- Engineered turbines and buoys harvest energy from tides and currents
- Verdant RITE East River Project: 10 yr license for 30 Grid connected turbines
- Verdant 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.

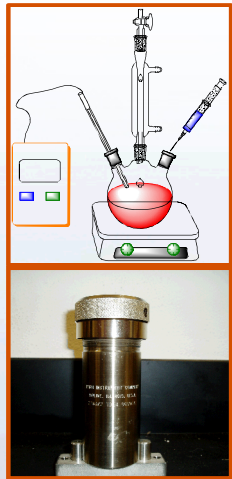
Program Approach:

Industrial Guidance

Technology Transfer

Novel Materials & Coatings

**Novel Coatings
Synthesis**



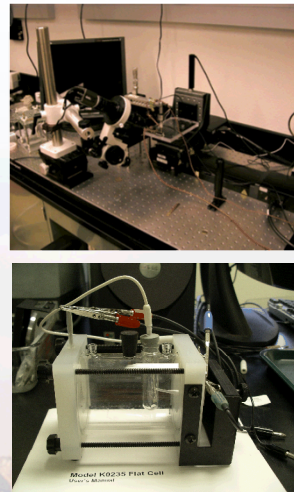
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**Biofouling
Testing**



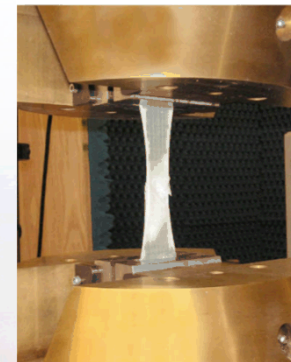
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**Corrosion/Reliability
Testing**



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**Composite Fabrication
& Performance Testing**



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**Environmental
Monitoring**



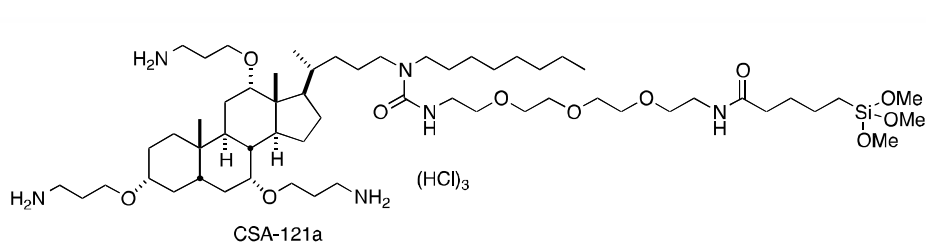
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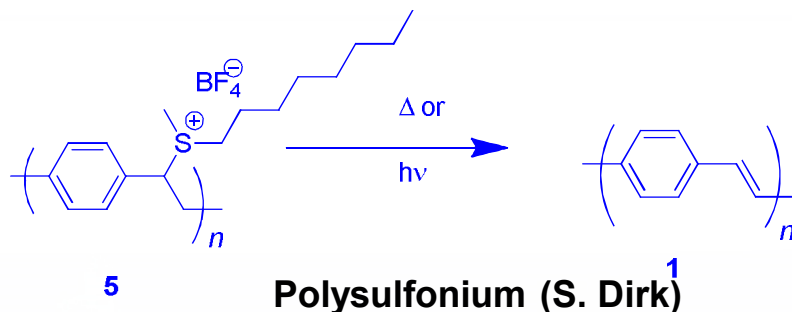
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Coatings & Materials– R&D Examples

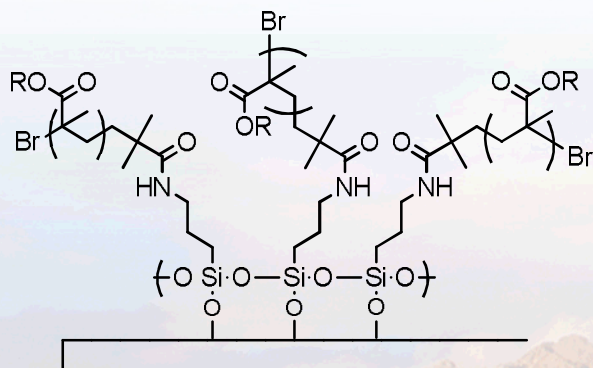
Synthesis of Antifouling & Anticorrosion Coatings



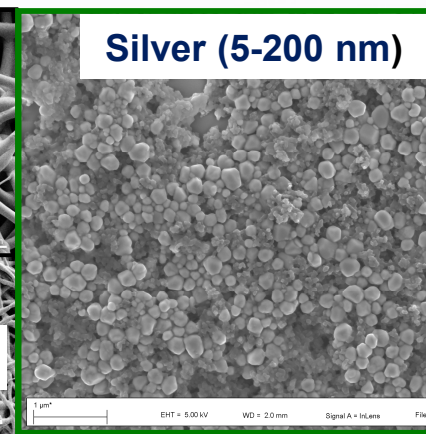
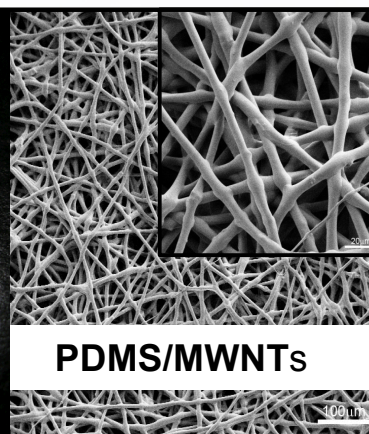
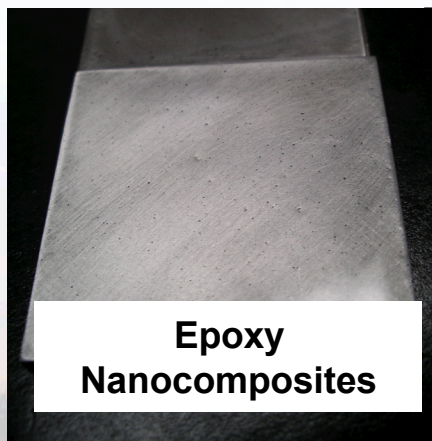
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Zwitterionic (M. Hibbs)

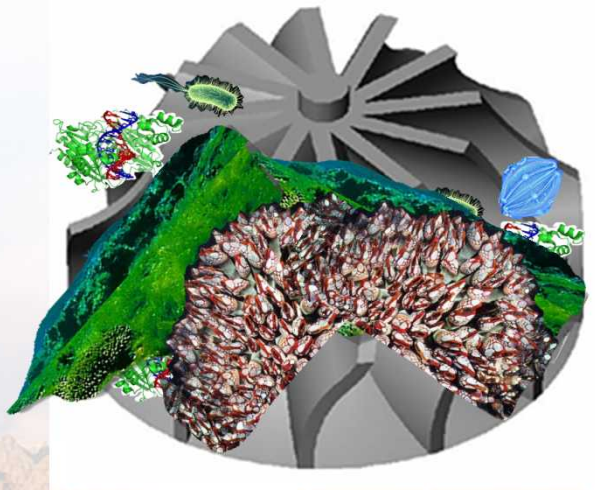


Nanobased Coatings (BAHS & Dirk)



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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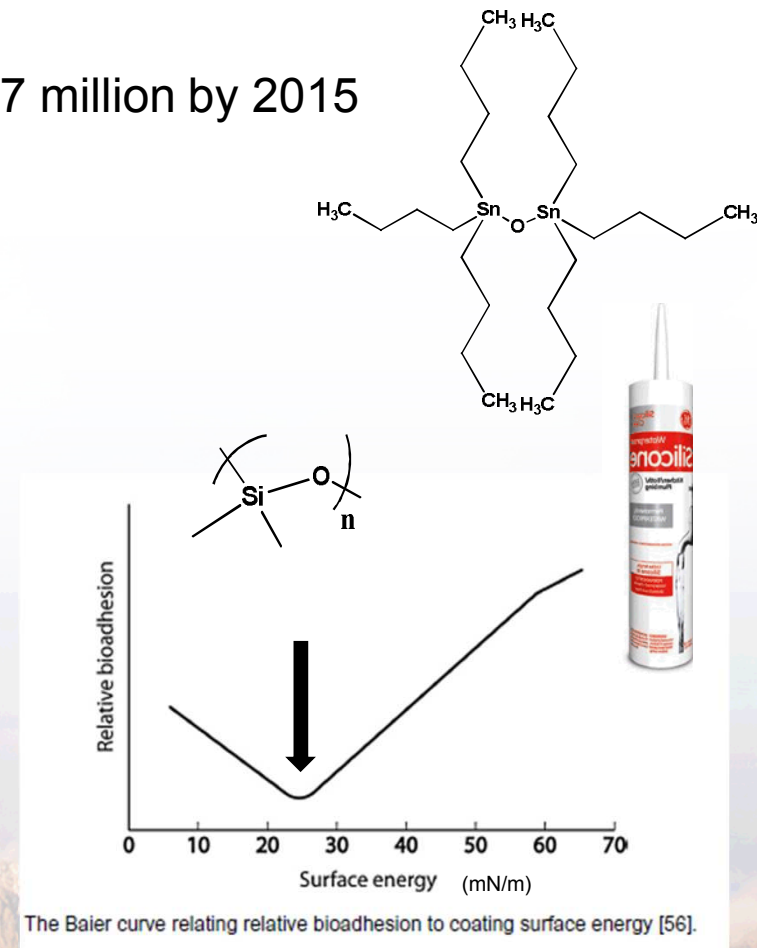
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Anti-biofouling Coatings Overview

- 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



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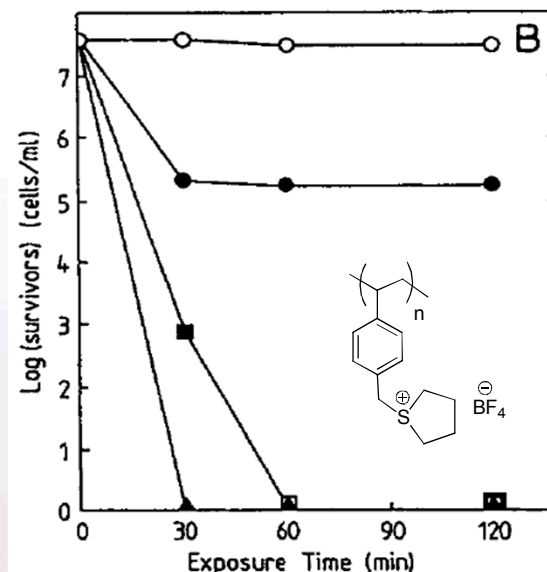
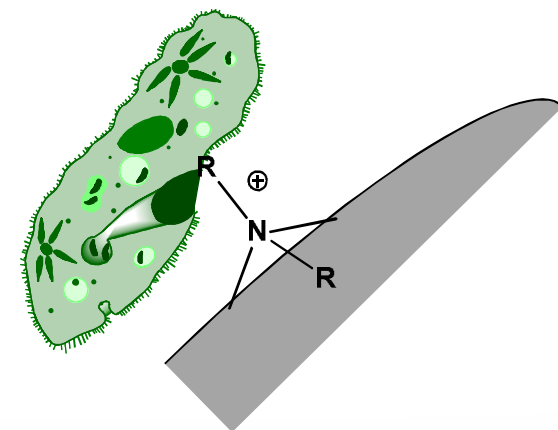
A Better Coating

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



(○) blank, (▲) 340 μM , (■) 34 μM ; (●) 3.4 μM ,

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



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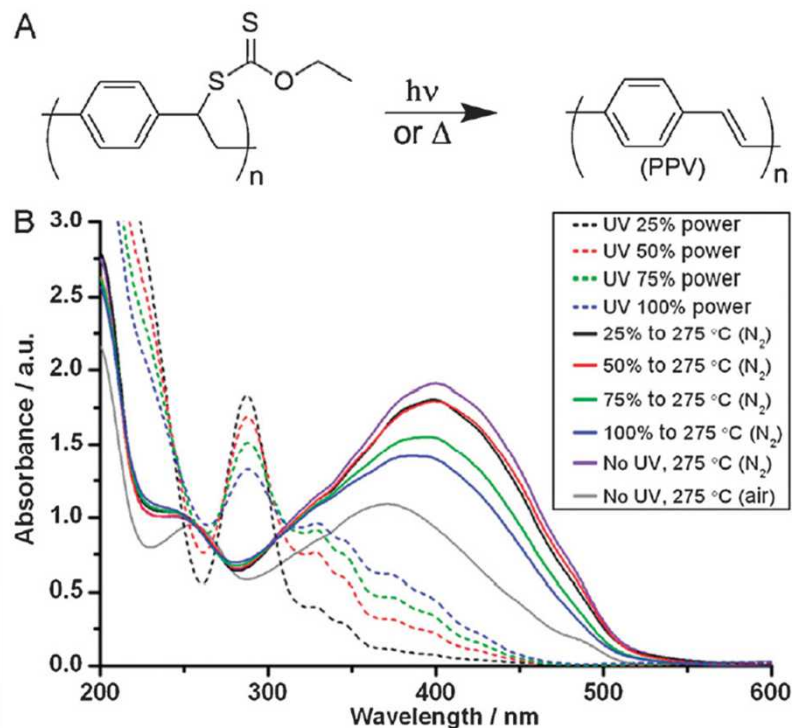


Switchable Chemistry

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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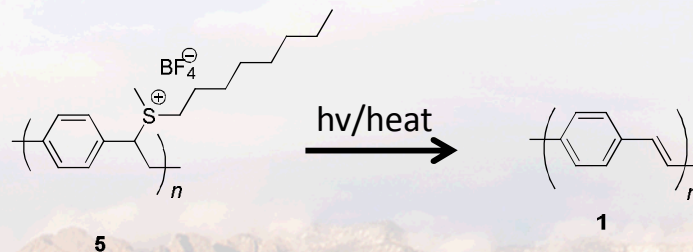
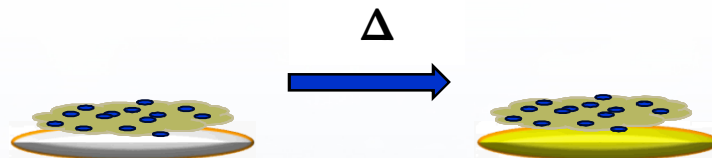


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Proposed Mechanism

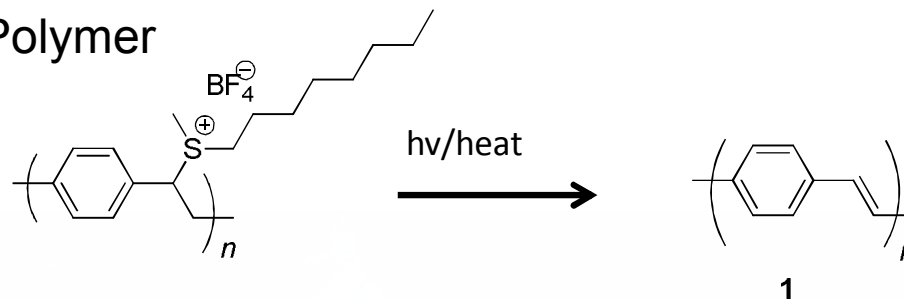
Polymeric salts act as a biocide and leaving group

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

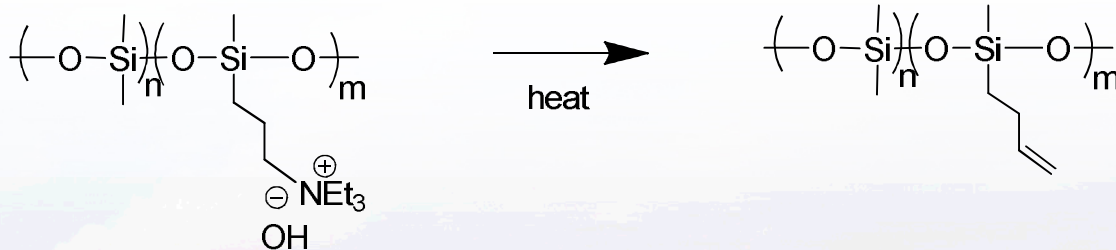


Three Versions of Salt Polymers Synthesized

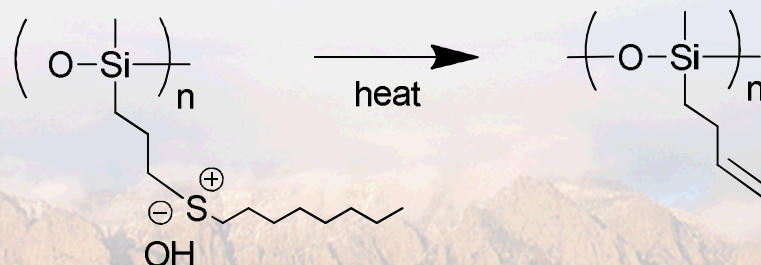
Sulfonium Polyphenylene Vinylene Polymer



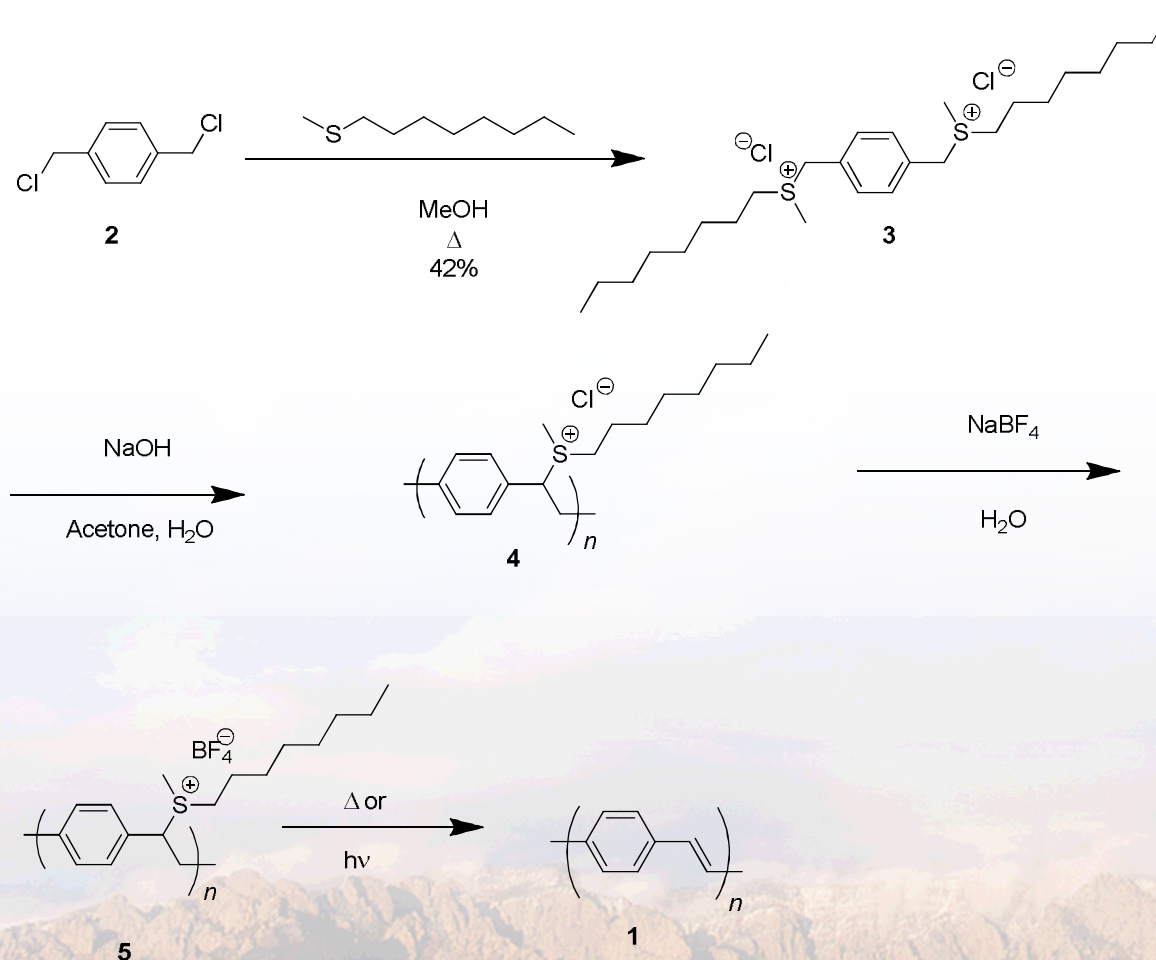
Ammonium Silane Polymer and Copolymer



Sulfonium Silane Polymer



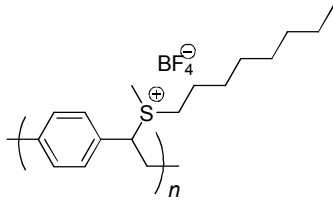
Initial Sulfonium Polymer Synthesis



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Evaluation Sulfonium Polymer Antibacterial Activity

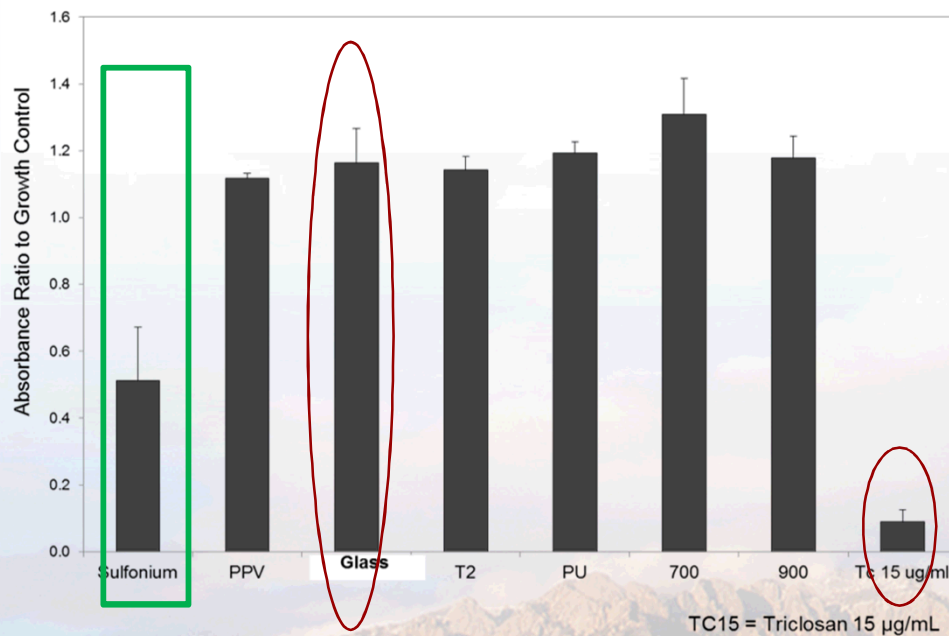


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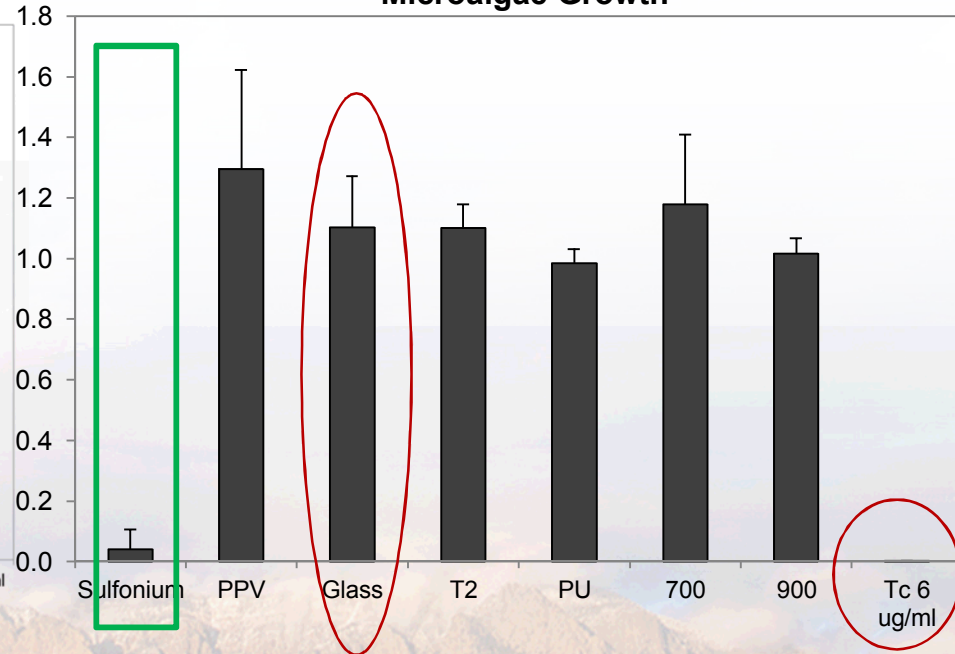
Results:

- Effective antimicrobial for bacterial and microalgae
- Water soluble

Bacterial Growth



Microalgae Growth

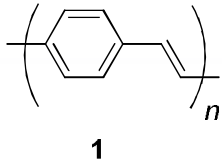


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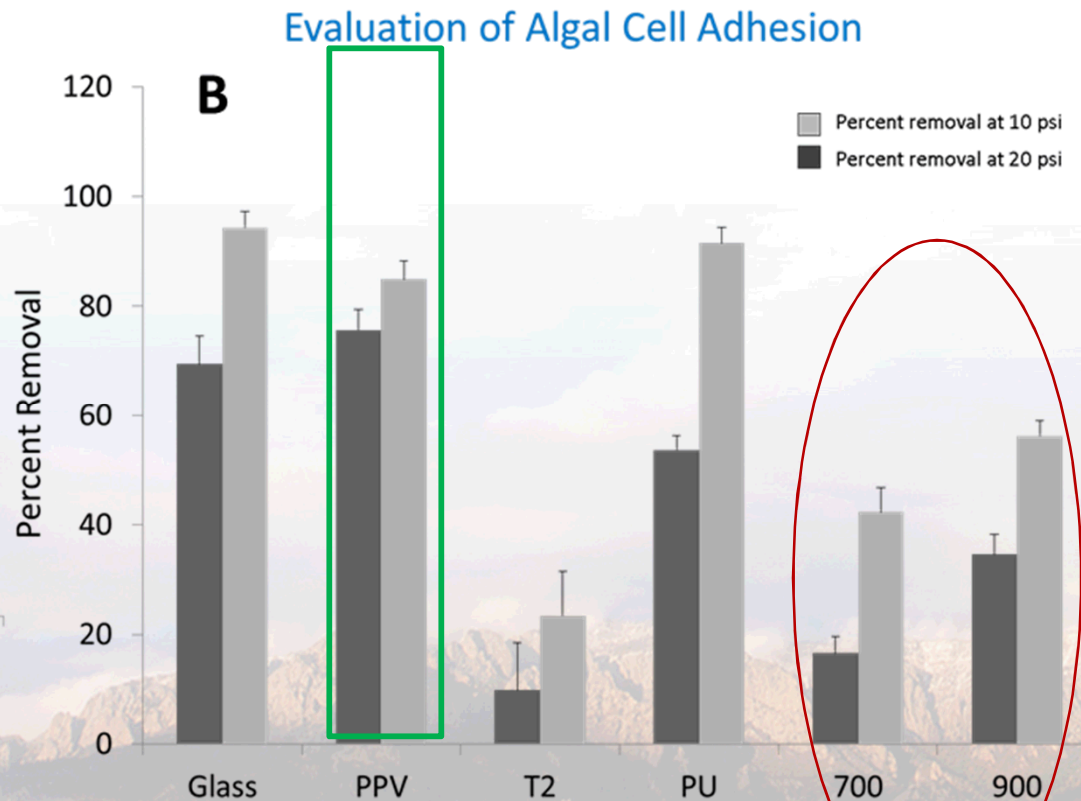
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Evaluation of PPV Fouling Release



Results:

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

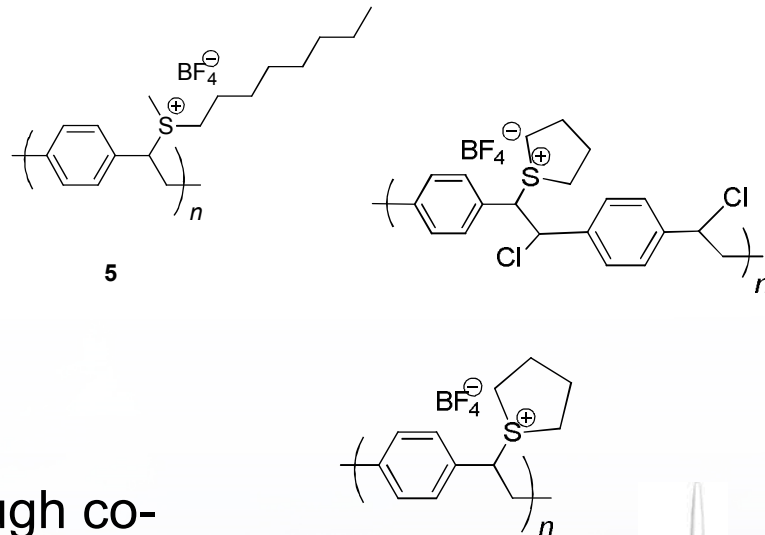


Water Jet Treatments

Summary of Polyphenylene Coatings

Achieved:

Good antimicrobial activity
Great fouling release activity
One way switchable

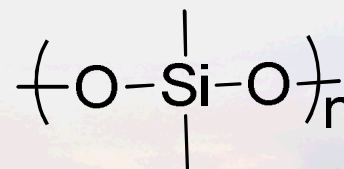


However:

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

Next approach:

- Siloxane backbone polymer
- Retain switchable properties

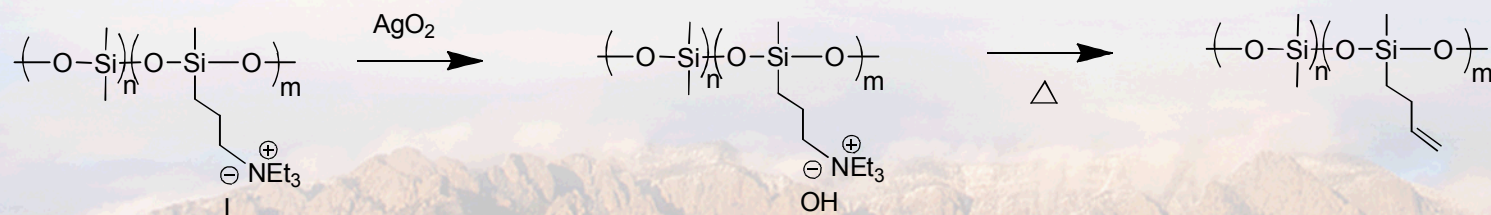
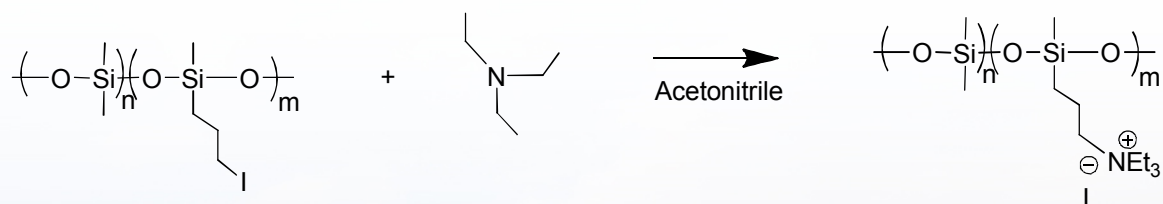
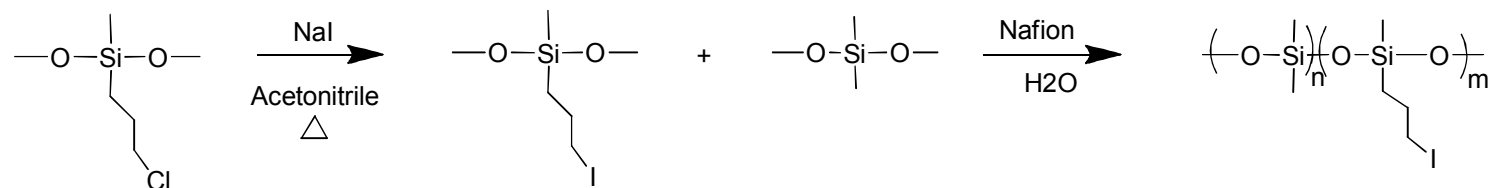


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Ammonium Silane Polymer and Copolymer

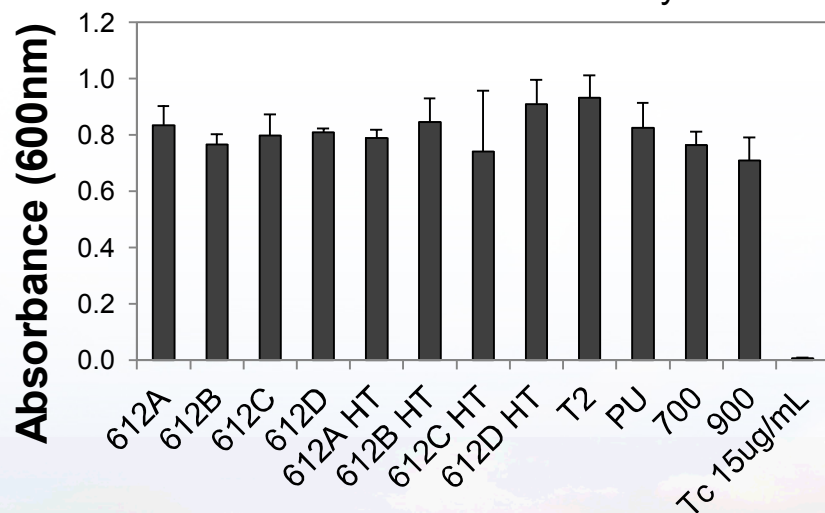


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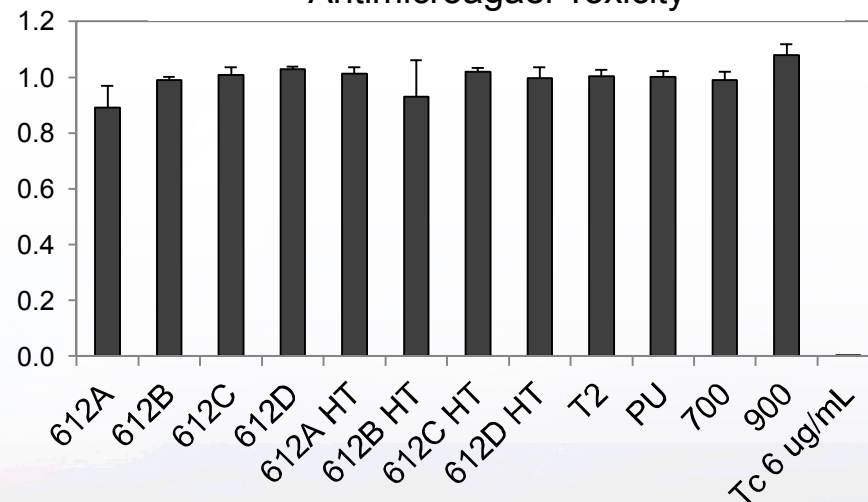


Leachate Tests Indicated No Water Solubility

Antibacterial Toxicity



Antimicroagael Toxicity



Tc = Triclosan



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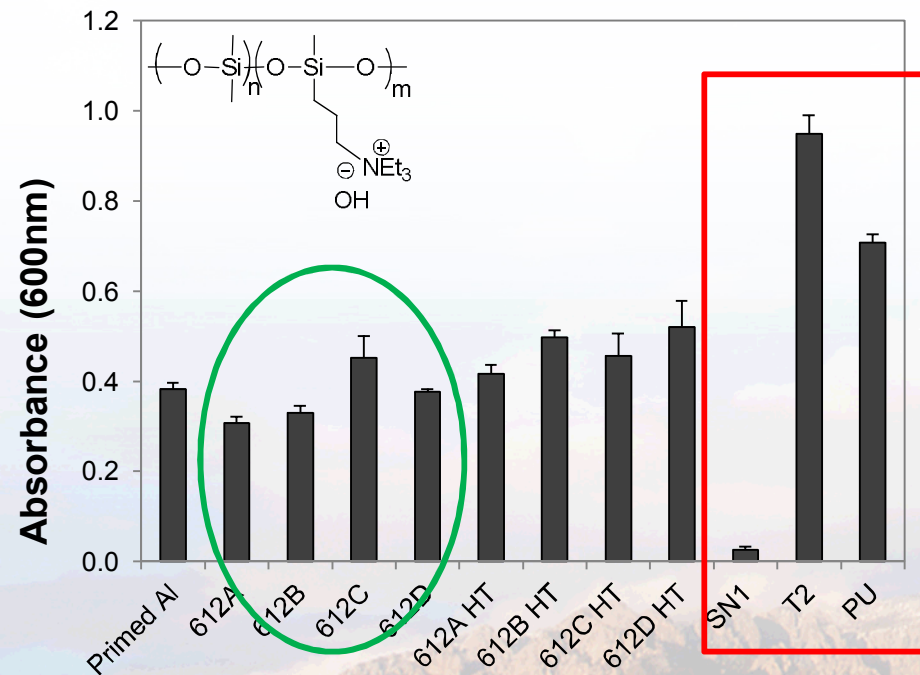


Effect of Coatings on Biofilm Growth (Before Switching)

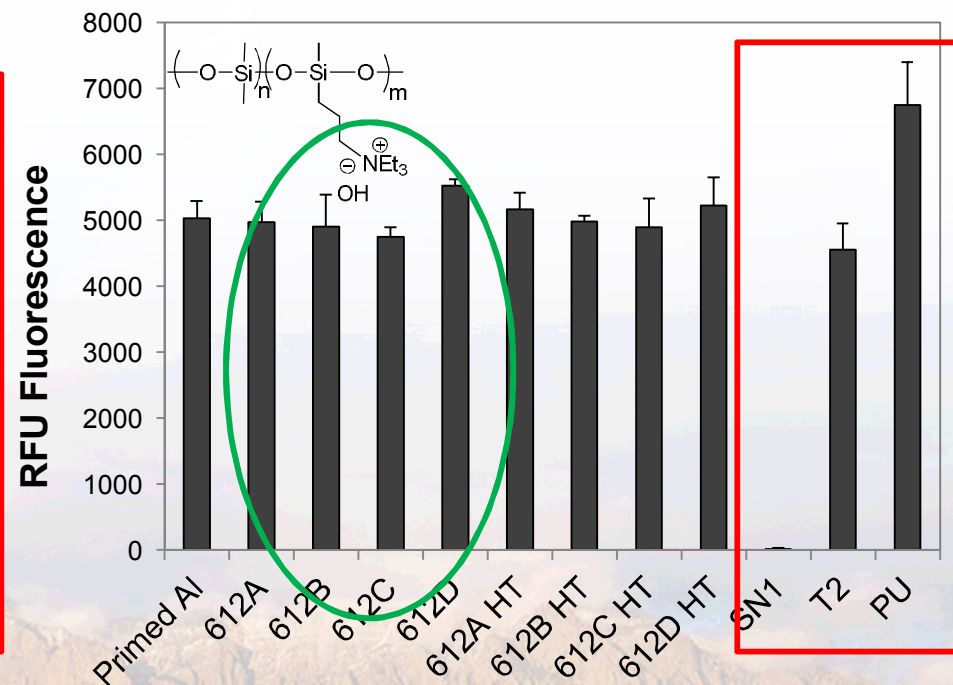
*Fair established bacterial biofilm reduction

*No established microalgae biofilm reduction

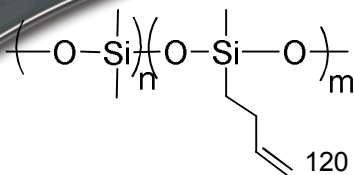
Evaluation of Bacterial Biofilm Growth



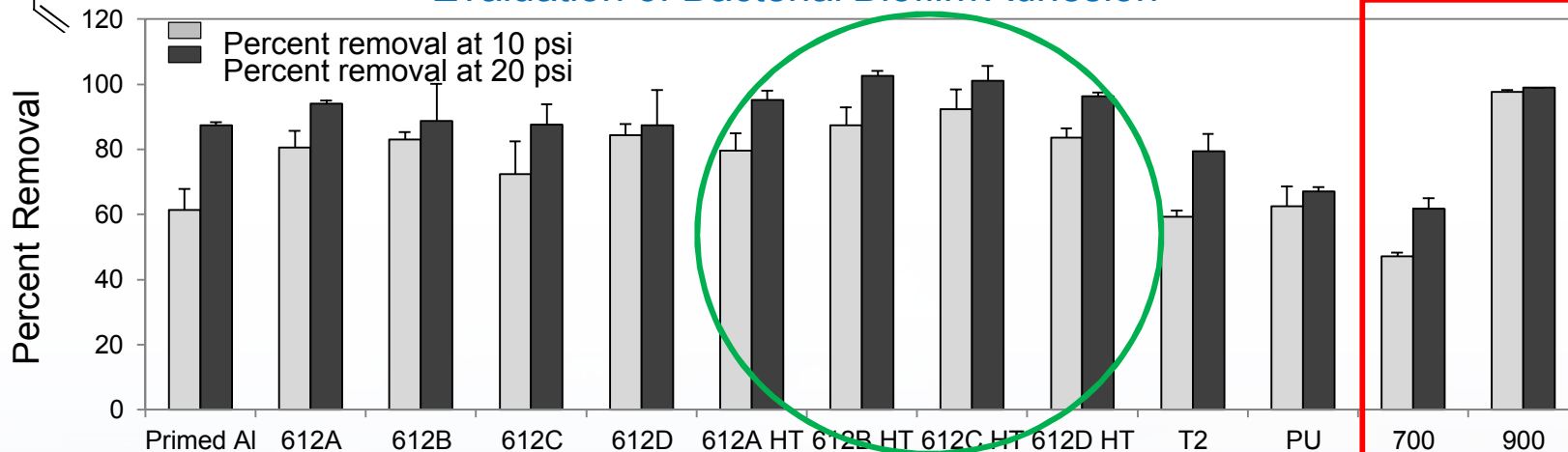
Evaluation of Microalgae Biofilm Growth



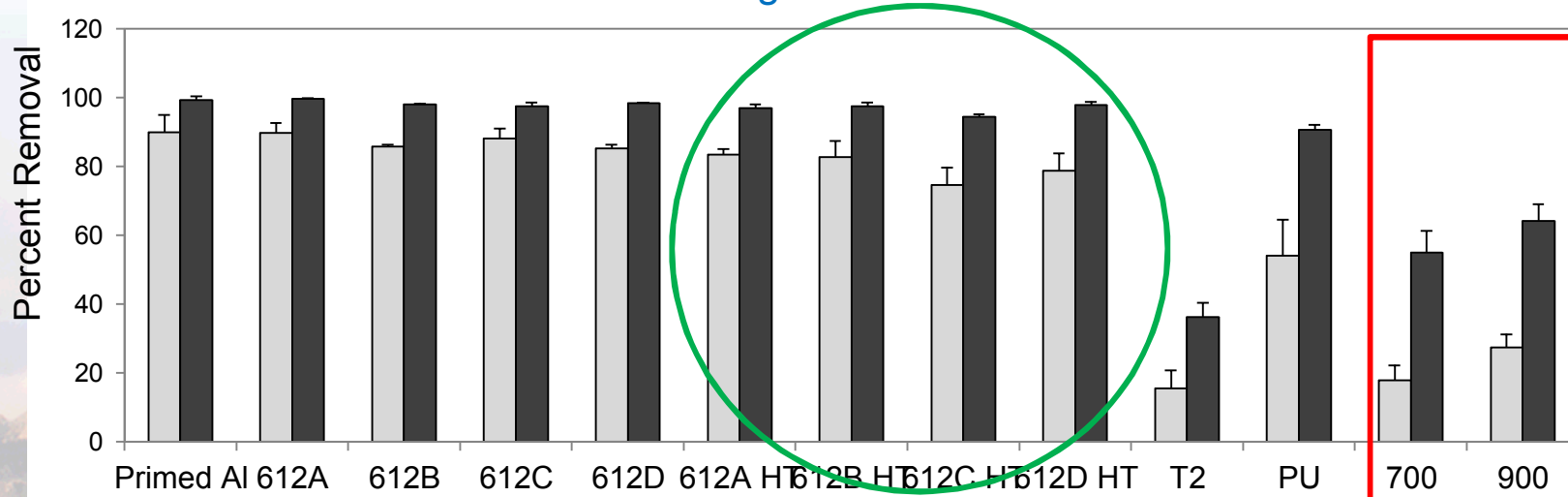
Effect on Fouling Release (After Switching)



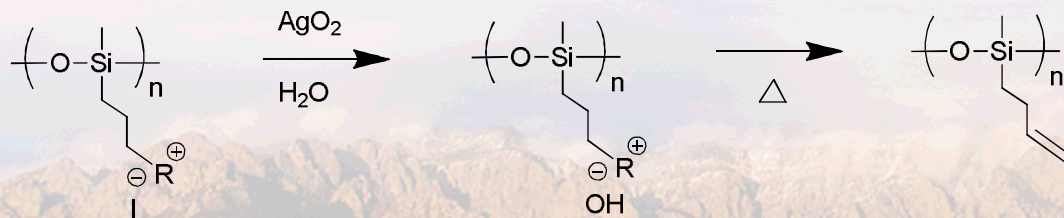
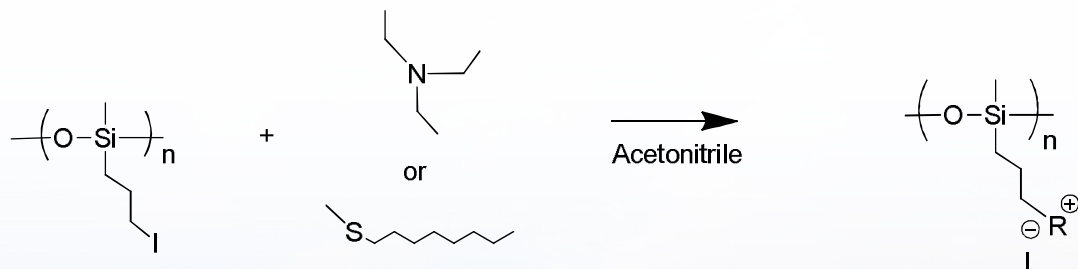
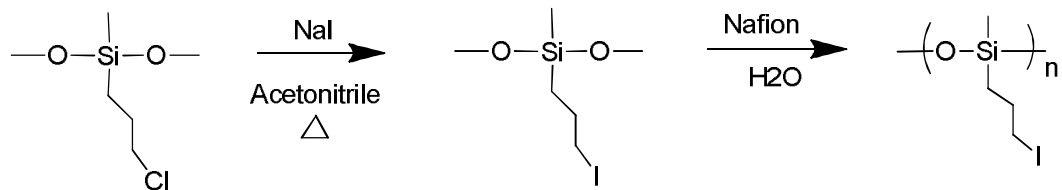
Evaluation of Bacterial Biofilm Adhesion



Evaluation of Algal Cell Adhesion



Ammonium and Sulfonium Silane Polymers



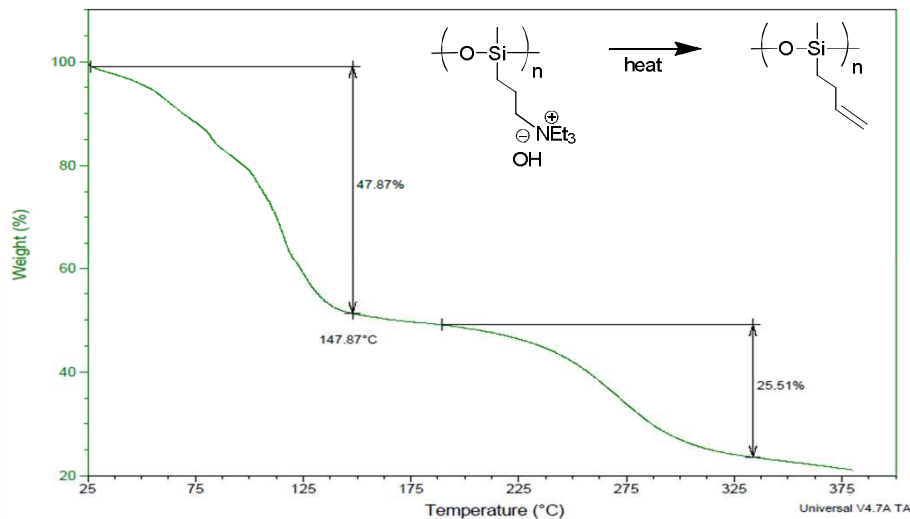
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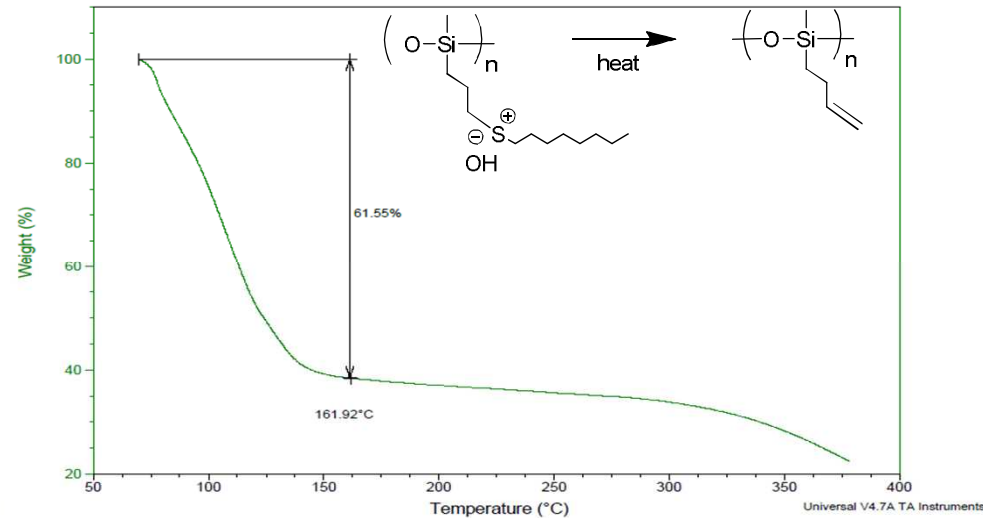
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Polymer Characterization (XPS, TGA, IR)

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

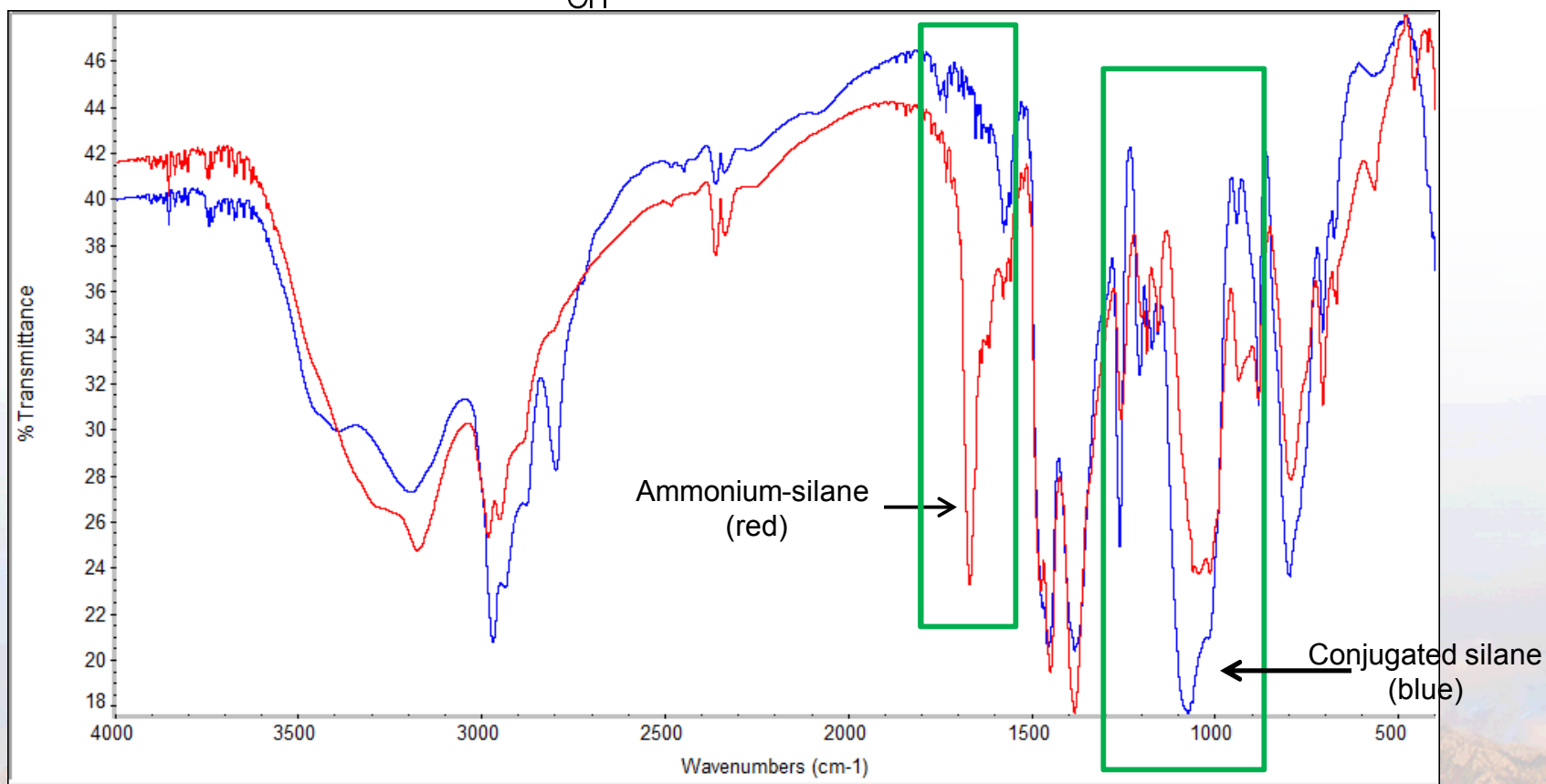
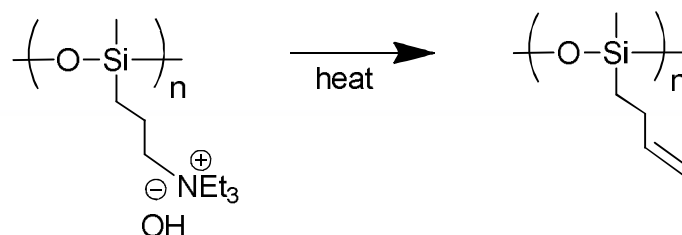


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Infrared Spectroscopy



Coating Incorporated with Epoxy and Paint

Incorporate the Sulfonium-Silane polymer in Epon 8021

Incorporate the Ammonium-Silane polymer in Intersleek 970 Paint

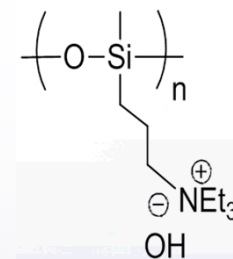
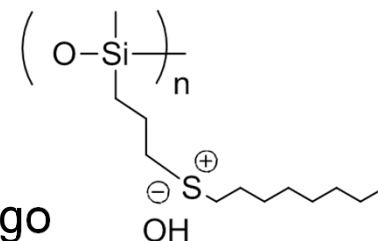
Brush incorporated coatings onto primed aluminum panels to undergo testing:

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**

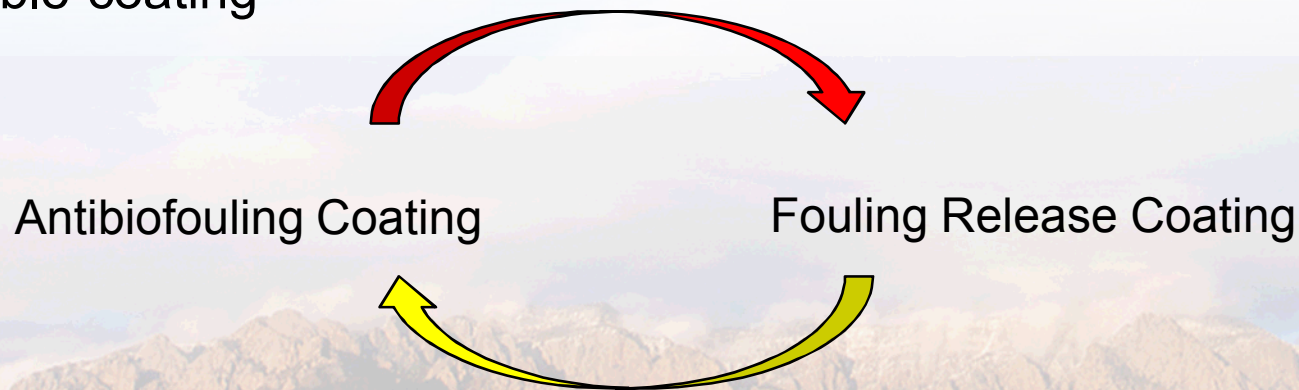


Summary of Silicon based Coating

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

Currently undergoing open water testing at Pacific Northwest National Labs

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



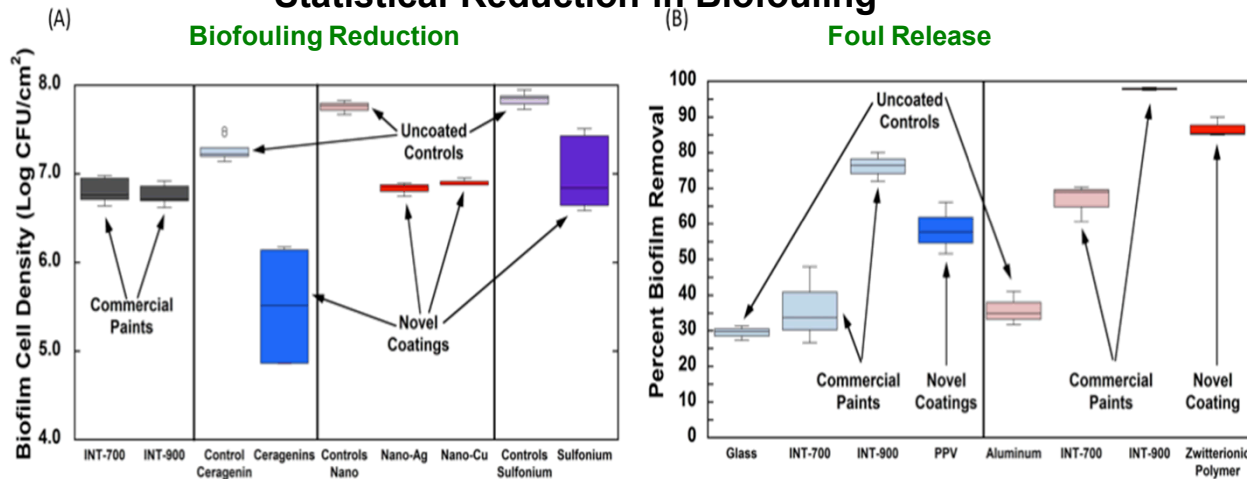
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Advanced Material Program

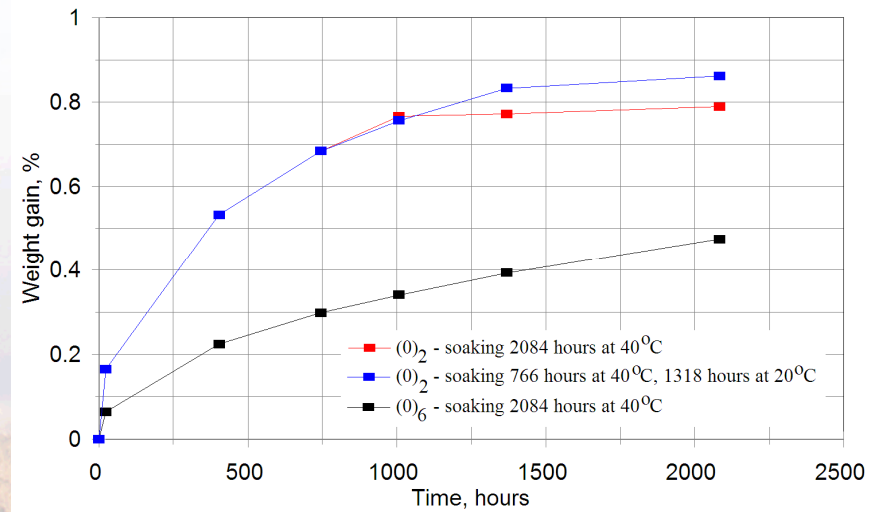
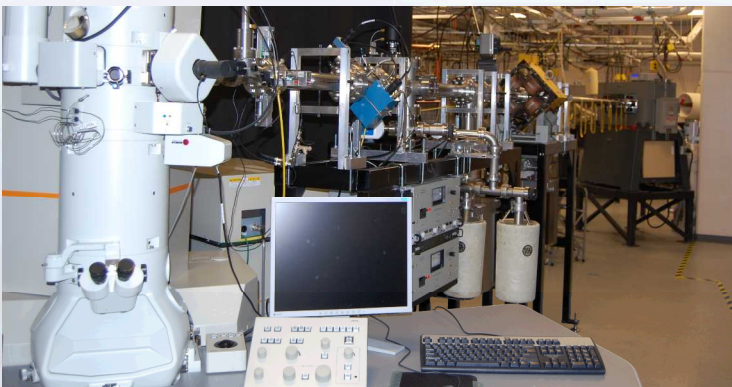
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Performance Testing wind-based composites for MHK technology
Transfer & Diffusion Modeling

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



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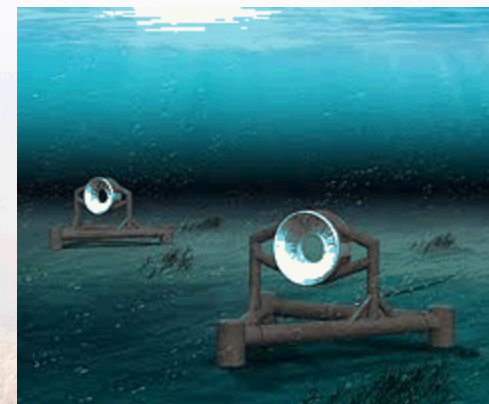


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