

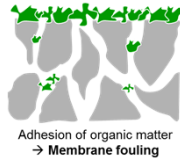
# MABMEM – A Toolbox for High Performance Ultrafiltration Membranes



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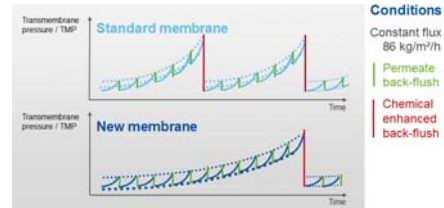
## Motivation



- Drinking water contamination with micro- and macro pollutants (e.g organic compounds, heavy metals)
- Membrane processes are already used for removal of organic compounds as pretreatment for water desalination
- Membrane processes suffer from efficiency losses due to fouling

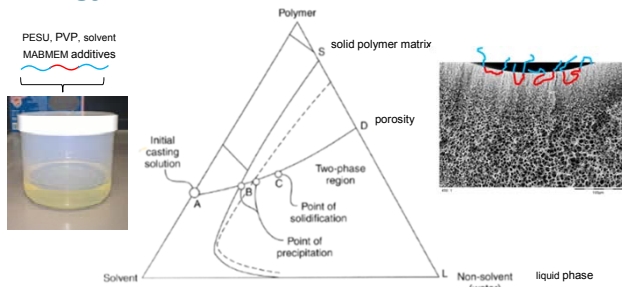
## Aim

Improve UF membranes to lower the costs of operations (reduced fouling / increased lifetime)



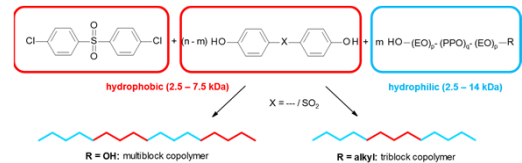
- Improve surface hydrophilicity; reduce the amount of irreversible fouling
- Design of polyphenylenesulfone (PPSU) polymer matrix

## Strategy



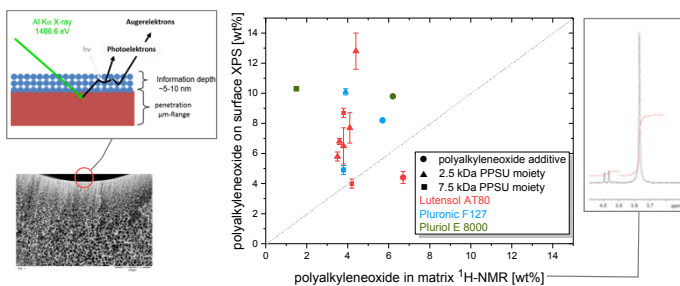
- Matrix approach for selective modification of membrane surface
- Additives in polymer dope solution agglomerate on membrane surface upon NIPS

## Additive toolbox for anti-fouling



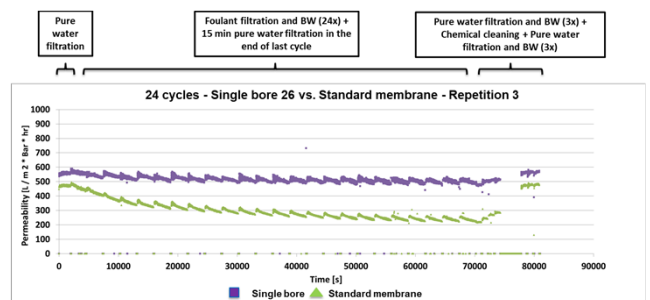
structure	type	molecular weight (M <sub>n</sub> )	PEO share	polyethersulfone X = -SO <sub>2</sub> - (PESU)			polyphenylenesulfone X = - (PPSU)		
				2.5 k	5.0 k	7.5 k	2.5 k	5.0 k	7.5 k
H(O-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> )-OAlkyl	Lutensol® AT80	~ 3500 g/mol	97 %	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Lutensol® AT50	~ 2500 g/mol	92 %	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Plurion® A 5010 E	~ 5000 g/mol	99 %	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H(O-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> )-OH	Plurion® E 8000	~ 8000 g/mol	100 %	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H[EO] <sub>n</sub> [PO] <sub>m</sub> [EO] <sub>n</sub> -OH	Pluronic® F127	~ 14000 g/mol	73 %	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Surface enrichment of additives



PPSU additives agglomerate on the membrane separation layer of PPSU single bore membranes

## Example for fouling result of PPSU membrane



Fouling with flower soil – PPSU with 6.3kPPSU/AT80 additive (SB 26)

## Demonstrator testing of development candidates Cooperation partners

Location: TBD Waste water

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Triflux testing equipment

