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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a silicone polymer comprising a sulfonic acid component formed from reactive components comprising (i) at least one silicone component and (ii) at least one sulfonic acid-containing component, wherein the sulfonic acid-containing component is comprised of a non-polymerizable, hydrophobic cation and a polymerizable sulfonic acid.

