

# Radel® PPSU magnet wire for power grid

a more sustainable solution with a lower carbon footprint than today's enamel magnet wire.

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I work **cross-functionally with R&I to design** innovative new products for the next generation of **transformers** and more widely for electrical machines.

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# SYENSQO



# Our foundations



The **Solvay Conference of 1911** stands as a beacon of visionary thinking and collaboration. Ernest Solvay brought together 24 of the world's most brilliant scientific minds together – including Albert Einstein and Marie Curie.

It was more than just a meeting of brilliant scientists—it was an **extraordinary convergence of explorers**, driven by a shared passion for unraveling the mysteries of the universe.

In the spirit of those pioneering minds, **Syensqo emerges as a brand that embraces the legacy of the Solvay Conference**, embodying the same adventurous spirit and forward-thinking mindset. Like those intrepid explorers who dared to push the boundaries of what was known, **Syensqo is embarking on its own odyssey of scientific discovery, exploring new territories and discovering transformative ideas.** 



# A pioneering legacy and a passion for science and bonding



Solvay innovates in social welfare (paid vacations, social security, 8hour day)



Ernest Solvav established the first Councils of Physics and Chemistry, which continue to bring together the brightest scientific minds today

1911 & 1922



Launch of PEEK, a very strong thermoplastic to replace metal for lighter, more fuelefficient planes

1978



First Chemistry for the Future Solvay Prize

2013



Solvay partners with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation: a bold step toward circular economy

2018



Prof. Katalin Karikó wins Solvay Prize on 100-year anniversary of the Solvay Conferences





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2022 **SYENS** 



1863

Ernest Solvay invents a new process for producing soda ash



1880

Solvay is the first industrial multinational operating simultaneously in the US and Europe



1965

Development of PSU, a revolutionary healthcare polymer used for hemodialysis membranes



1990

Rhodia, a future Solvay unit, invents precipitated silica for green tires



2015

Solvay flies around the world with Solar Impulse



2020

Solvay creates the Solvay Solidarity Fund, to help colleagues and communities facing hardship



Launch of our 4th Growth Platform on Renewable Materials and



2023

Launch of Syensqo





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## Global and close to our customers









ASIA-PACIFIC\*

36%
of net sales

12
industrial sites

3
major R&I centers

Source: internal analysis
\*includes Middle-East and Africa
Based on Syensgo 2022 audited combined financials

**AMERICAS** 

of net sales

industrial sites

major R&I centers

36



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# Your Partner for Innovation



### **Advanced Material Solutions**

### Our offer

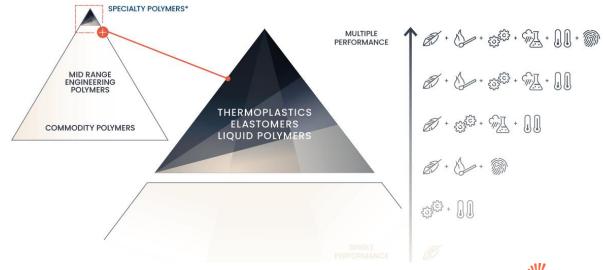
syensqo
manufactures the
industry's broadest
selection of specialty
polymers, which
includes highperformance
thermoplastics, fluids
and Elastomers.

### Your benefit

The wide portfolio makes it possible for our customers to work with a single supplier to solve a wide variety of design challenges.

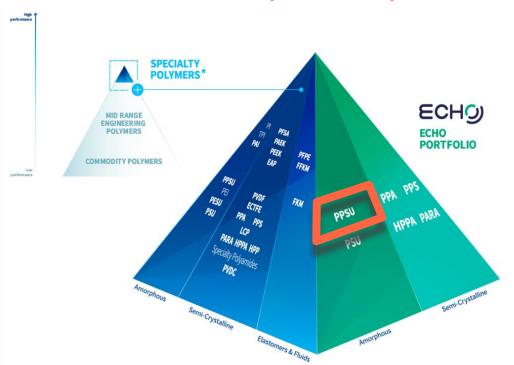
### Specialty

**Specialty polymers** are characterized by their ability to retain desirable mechanical, thermal, and chemical properties when subjected to harsh environments. Depending on the product, they also offer fatigue and wear resistance, flame retardant properties, corrosion protection, electrical inertness and dimensional stability.





## Meet our ECHO Portfolio More Sustainability, same performance



ECHOportfolio empowers the ambition towards a carbon-neutral future. This comprehensive selection of sustainable solutions is engineered with bio-based, recycled, and mass balance certified raw materials.

Delivering a performance equivalent to their originating counterparts, ECHO technologies provide high-quality, sustainable alternatives to reduce the industry's environmental impact.

Sustainability and circularity are at the core of how we design our technologies, manufacture our products, and ultimately work with our customers to reduce both our and their carbon footprints.



## **Application Development**

A new collaboration Model

#### **DESIGN APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT** VIRTUAL ENGINEERING STRATEGIC INITIATIVE Advanced part/system simulation and dedicate to anticipate solutions for emerging technologies tomorrow challenges of MEGATRENDS Support material characterization **ENSQO CUSTOMERS PROTOTYPING PERFORMANCE** PART MANUFACTURING MATERIAL & PART TESTING Extrusion (Film, Wire, Pipes), Advanced mechanical, thermal, Injection & Overmolding, Thermochemical, electrical and aging testing Forming and Coating



# Radel® PPSU



### Radel® PPSU

### Benefit

MATERIALS

ROCESSING

**Excellent Electrical Insulator** 

**Good Mechanical Performance** 

**High Thermal Stability** 

**High Chemical Resistance** 

Intrinsically Flame retardant

**Easy extrudability** 

No solvent content

**Less Energy-Intensive process** 

Wide range of coating thickness

Radel® PPSU is an amorphous

thermoplastic resins that offers high
performance in wire insulation
applications.





Radel PPSU on Copper Conductor

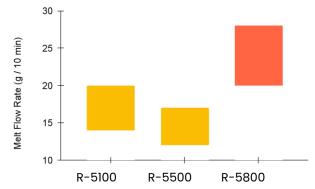




# Radel® PPSU portfolio

Form Pellets g/cm3 1.29 Density Glass Transition ٥С 220 Temperature Volume Resistivity ohms\*cm 9E+15 Dielectric Constanti 3.45 V0 Flame Retardant

Viscosity MFR<sup>ii</sup>



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Radel® PPSU

PolyPhenylSulfone



# Radel® PPSU in Transformers

Radel® PPSU is a good

candidate for wire

**insulation** in **power grid** 

applications.



Excellent Electrical Insulator Dk 3.45

Good mechanical performance

High Thermal Stability

Low dissipation factors

Resistance to Transformer Oils

Intrinsically Flame Retardant

#### Benefit

**Design Freedom** to reduce space by designing more Compact Devices

**High Flexibility &**Fairly **Easy to Strip** for Terminations

**High Tan Delta** 

**Thermal Class - 200°C**Low dissipation factors < 2% at 150°C

HDT =  $207^{\circ}$ C

For Oil Immersed Transformers
but not limited to

**VO-UL94** 

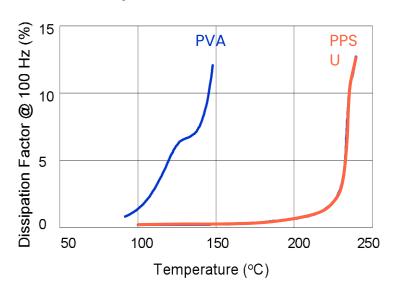
TRANSFORMER





# Radel® PPSU in Transformers

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Solvay INSUCON Presentation (2002) Foster and Boatwright, 1994 Data Courtesy of Hanover Manufacturing Corporation

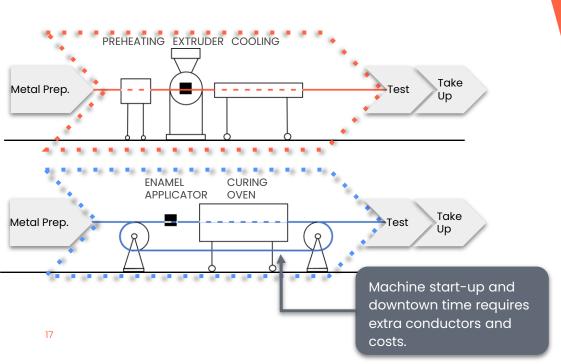




With a Tan Delta > 200°C Radel PPSU magnet wire offers a safety margin for the new transformers design.



# Thermoplastic vs Enamel: Easier Processability



Radel® PPSU is an amorphous thermoplastic resins applied by wire extrusion.

ROCESSING

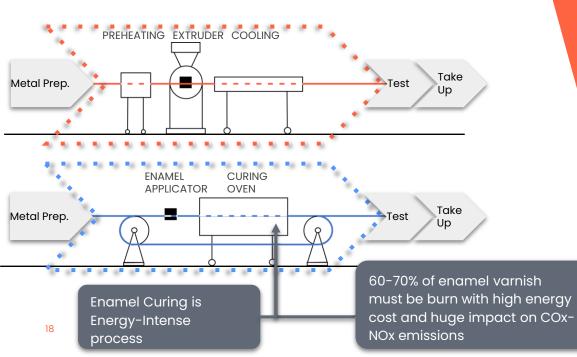
Easy extrudability with conventional extrusion equipment

100% Solid Content → Max Build-up

Cost efficiency by 1 step coating processing



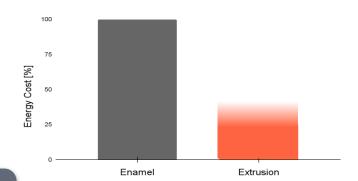
# Thermoplastic vs Enamel: Energy and Emission



Radel® PPSU is an extrudable resins:

100% solid content with NO solvent release

NO curing step  $\rightarrow$  energy saving.





### Radel® PPSU & Transformer LifeTime

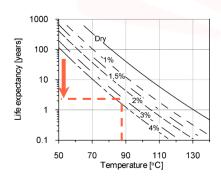
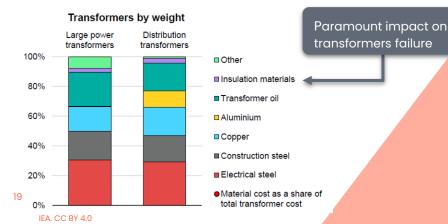


Fig. 13. Expected life for solid insulation and its dependence upon moisture and temperature.

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON POWER DELIVERY, VOL. 19, NO. 1, JANUARY 2004



Insulation Layer Oil Pollution\*

Electrical Paper Impacting Oil Quality

Radel PPSU High Chemical
Resistance

\*A humidity of 4% can shorten a transformer's operational lifetime by a factor of 40 (i.e., by 97.5%)

The oil-immersed transformers lifetime is significantly impacted by the insulation degradation

Radel PPSU minimize the degradation risk, reduce the maintenance shutdown time and related cost.





## Radel® PPSU & Thermal Conductivity

Insulation Layer

Thermal Conductivity

Electrical Paper

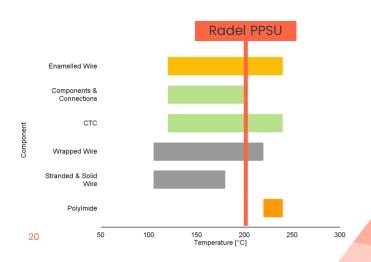
0.15 W/m\*K

Torlon PAI

0.25 W/m\*K

Radel PPSU

0.35 W/m\*K



In addition to improving copper slot fill, the higher thermal conductivity allows better heat transfer away from the magnet wire.





### Radel® PPSU film

### Mechanical & Electrical Performance

### Ajedium™ PPSU - Thickness 100 μm

Property*	Test Method	Units	Performance
Tensile Modulus	ASTM D882 <sup>i</sup>	kpsi	328
		GPa	2.26
Tensile Strength at Break	ASTM D882 <sup>ii</sup>	kpsi	11
		МРа	76
Tensile Elongation at Break	ASTM D882 <sup>ii</sup>	%	140-150
Column Strength		N	8-10
Breakdown Voltage	ASTM D149	kV - 23°C	11.8
Dielectric Strength	ASTM D149 iii	kV/mm - 23°C	116.71
PDIV	ASTM D1868 iv	Vpeak - 23°C	1158

<sup>\*</sup> PRELIMINARY TDS



- The high mechanical Strength and Flexibility made the Radel PPSU the right candidate for the Transformer magnet wire.
- Radel PPSU can be film extruded too with a range thickness down to 25 um.



i - Grip Separation: 2", Strain Rate: 10 in/in-min

lii - 1/2" diameter cylindrical electrodes, 500 V/s rise rate

ii - Grip Separation: 10", Strain Rate: 0.1 in/in-min

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>IV</sup> - 25mm cylindrical electrodes, 20 V/s rise rate, 5 pulses > 100 pC

### Radel® PPSU ECHO

More Sustainability, same performance





(resin + compounding)



Fossil
Substitution
Up to 38%

Product Carbon
Footprint Reduction
———

**Up to 7%** 

>80%
of Innovation
pipeline focused on
sustainable solutions



# A 30 years successful story



## ReaMagneFlex: a successful case on the market

MAGNEFLEX represent a product family of aluminum conductors insulated with a Radel® PPSU.

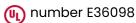
**Insulation Material** 

Magnet Wire

Transformer



#### Radel® PPSU







Sample Courtesy of REA MAGNET WIRE



#### **REA MagneFlex**

number E130577



**Application: Transformer** 

- General
- Utility Distribution
   Transformers
- Utility Power Transformers
- Specialty Transformers

It was introduced in 1994, with a 30 year successful story.



## **Rea** MagneFlex

**ESIGN** 

TURES AND BENEFITS

INSULATION: Radel® PPSU
THERMAL CLASS: 200 °C
CONDUCTOR: Aluminum

Typical SHAPE: Round 2-6 AWG

Shaped Width 3.2-17.8

Thickness 1.9-8.9

INSULATION Thickness: 0.1-0.25 mm

Provides uniformity of insulation thickness
Excellent resistance to stress cracking
Excellent dielectric properties
Up to 100% reduction in test failures
Increased winding speeds
Lower water absorption
Lower total unit cost
Extremely durable
Easy to strip

REA MagneFlex represent a reliable and sustainable application case of thermoplastic resin as electrical insulation for Power Distribution Transformers market.





Sample Courtesy of REA MAGNET WIRE



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# Key Takeaways



# Key Takeaways

Radel® PPSU is an amorphous thermoplastic resins that offers high performance in wire insulation applications for Power Grid Applications, and represent a more sustainable solution than today's enamel magnet wire technology.

# PERFORMANCE

Radel® PPSU offers excellent Electrical Insulation Properties combined with high mechanical performance and resistance to insulating oils.

It ensure **High Flexibility** & Fairly Easy to Strip for Terminations.

With Thermal Class 200°C it offers a safety margin for new transformers design vs std enamel.

It **minimize the transformer oil degradation risk**, with benefit on the transformer lifetime, the maintenance shutdown time and related cost.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Radel® PPSU can be easily extruded by conventional extrusion equipment, with significant energy savings and no solvents.

#### 100% solid content

- NO solvent release and related COx-NOx emissions
- Max Build-up

NO curing step needed, with benefit of a **lower energy-Intense process compare to enamel** 

Cost efficiency by 1 step coating processing

### CASE HISTORY

REA MagneFlex represent 30ys application case of Radel PPSU







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