



# Advances in Fiber Technology for High- Performance Filtration

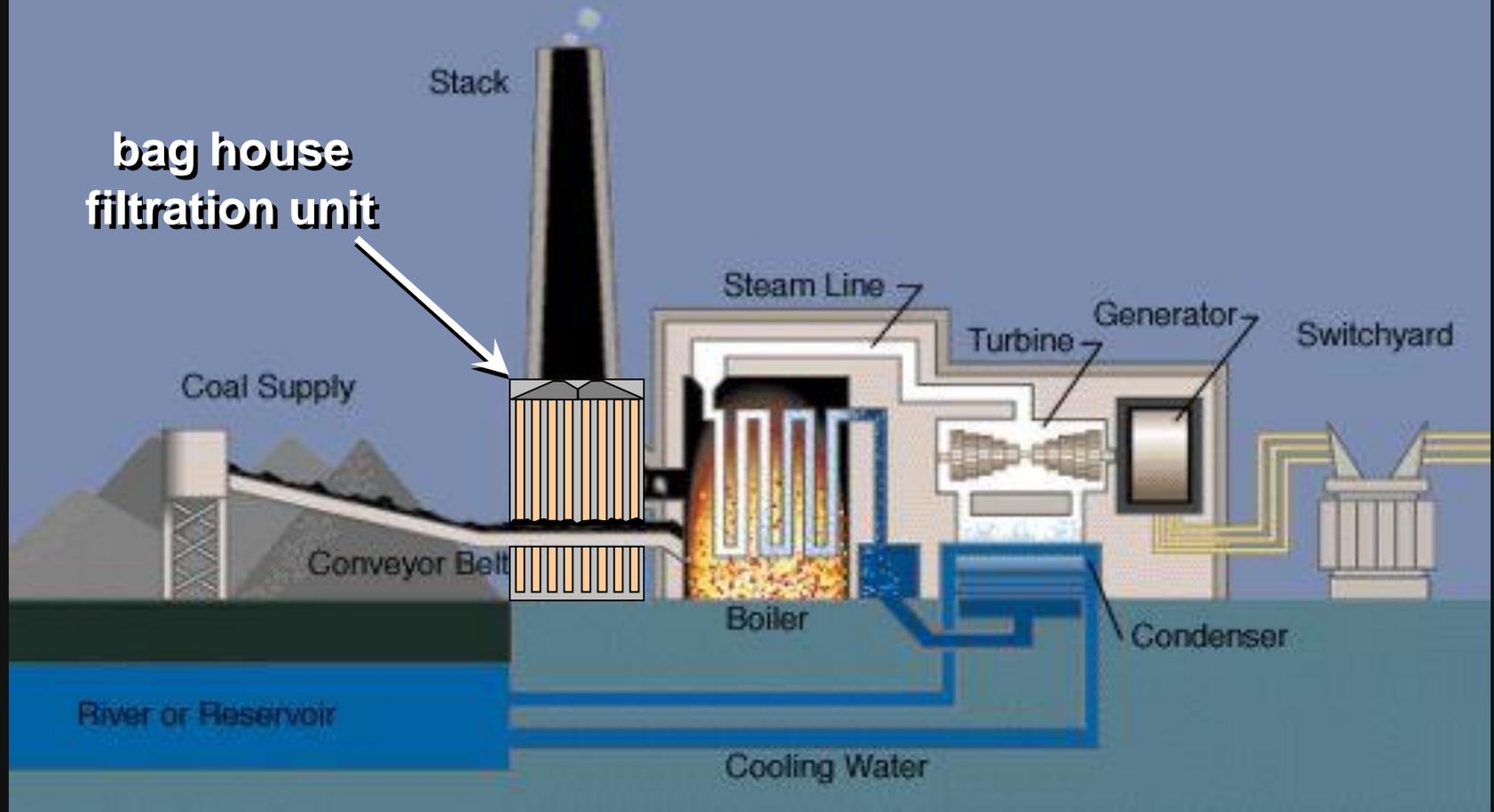
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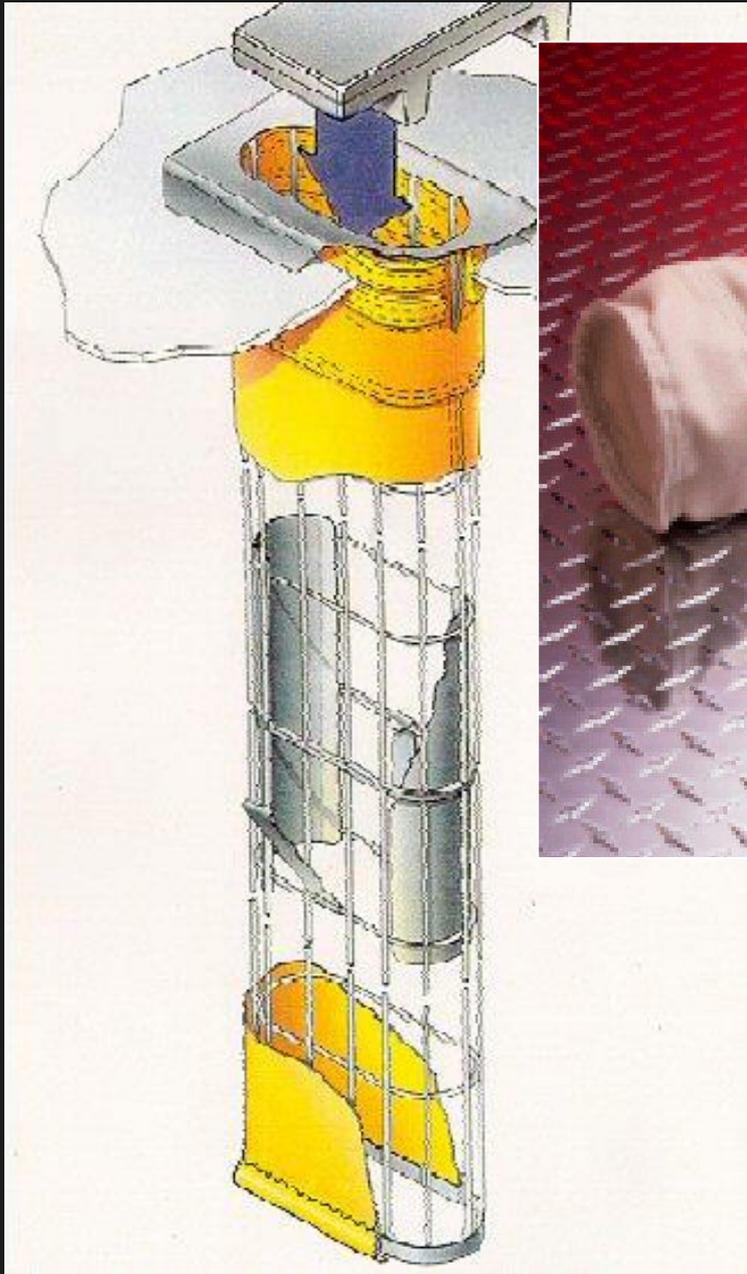
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# Coal-Fired Power Plant

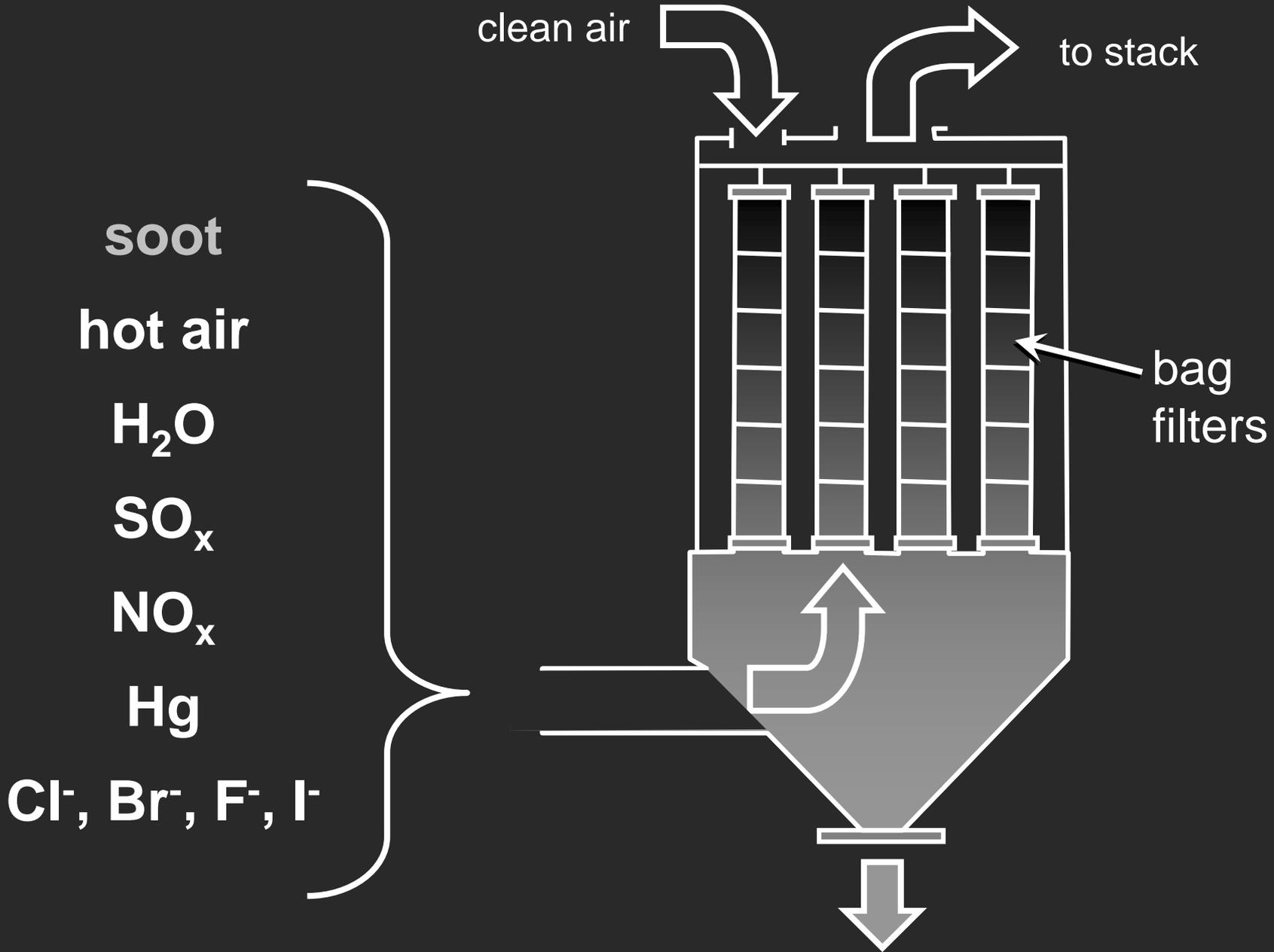


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Courtesy: Midwesco Filter Company

Courtesy: Southern Company



# Typical Baghouse Fabric

**needlepunched nonwoven – 16 oz./yd<sup>2</sup>**

**tightly needled for strength and  
to control permeability**

**optional scrim for dimensional stability**

**optional expanded PTFE laminate  
to limit penetration**

# Typical Baghouse Fibers

fiber	chemical resistance	cost/lb
Teflon <sup>®</sup>	good resistance pH 1-14	very high
P84 <sup>®</sup>	poor acid resistance	high
Kermel <sup>®</sup>	poor acid resistance	high
Nomex <sup>®</sup>	poor acid resistance	high
Glass	v. poor acid resistance	low

# Problems:

**cost/performance (value)**

**availability**

**filtration efficiency**

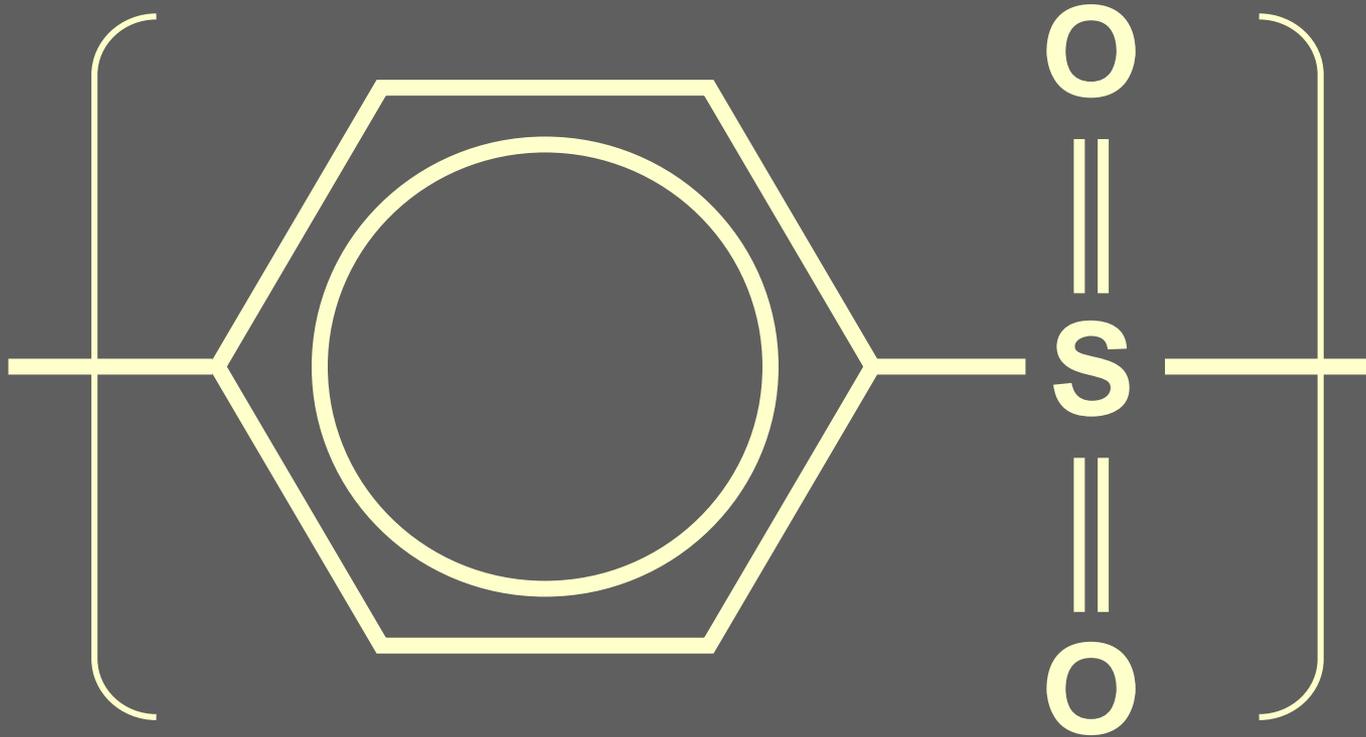
# Solution: PPS

(polyphenylene sulfide)

✓ cost

✓ ? availability

? filtration efficiency



**Polyphenylene sulfide**

# PPS Properties

**good tenacity**

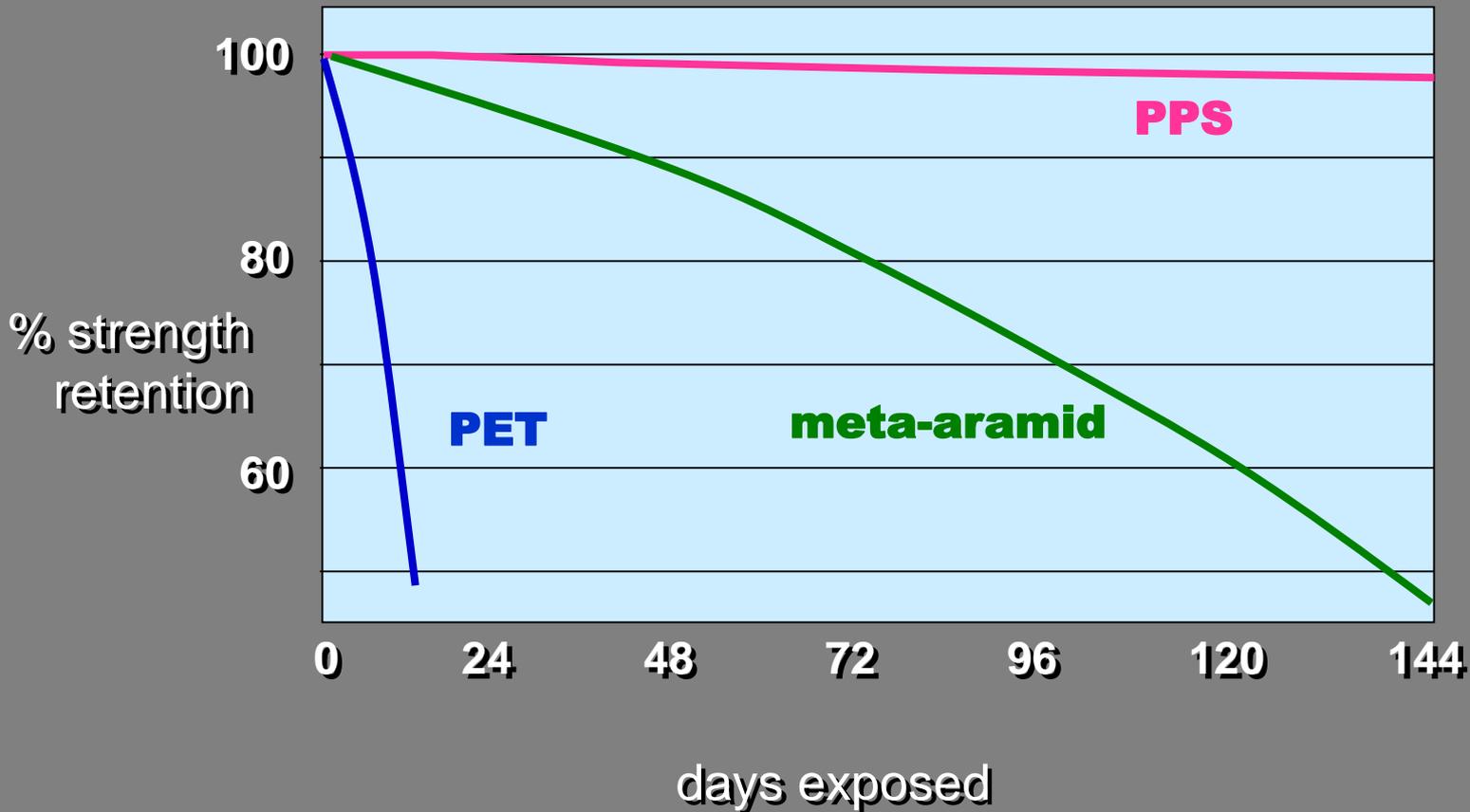
**low shrinkage**

**flame resistance**

**thermoplasticity**

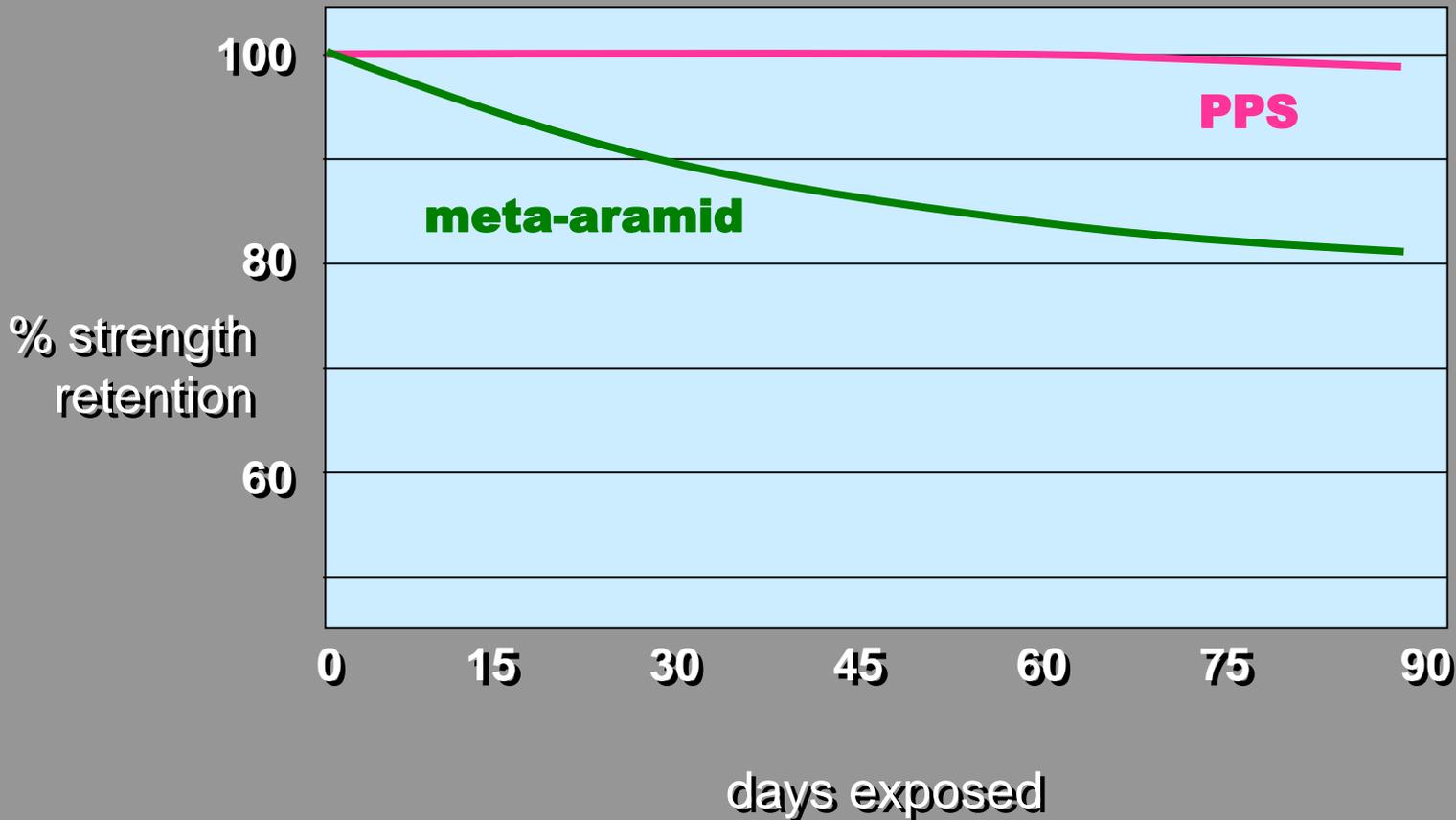
# PPS Wet Heat Resistance

160° C autoclave (6.5 kg/cm<sup>3</sup>)

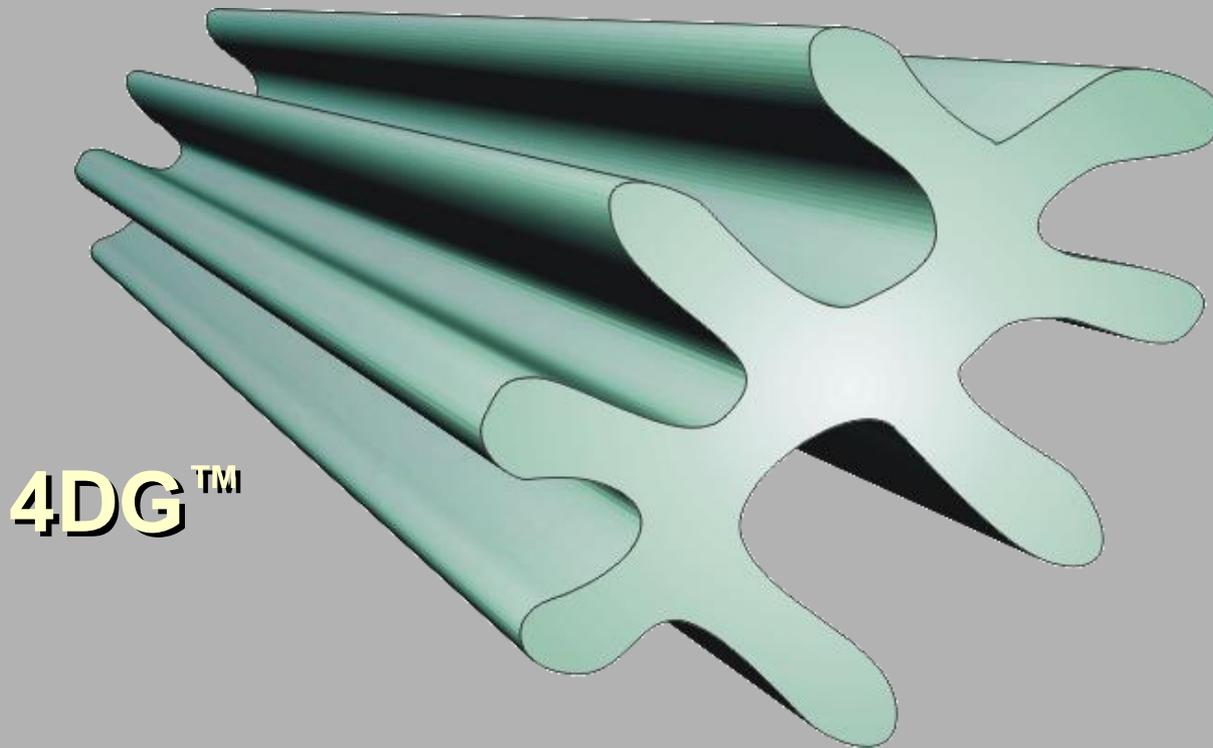


# PPS Chemical Resistance

48% Sulfuric Acid



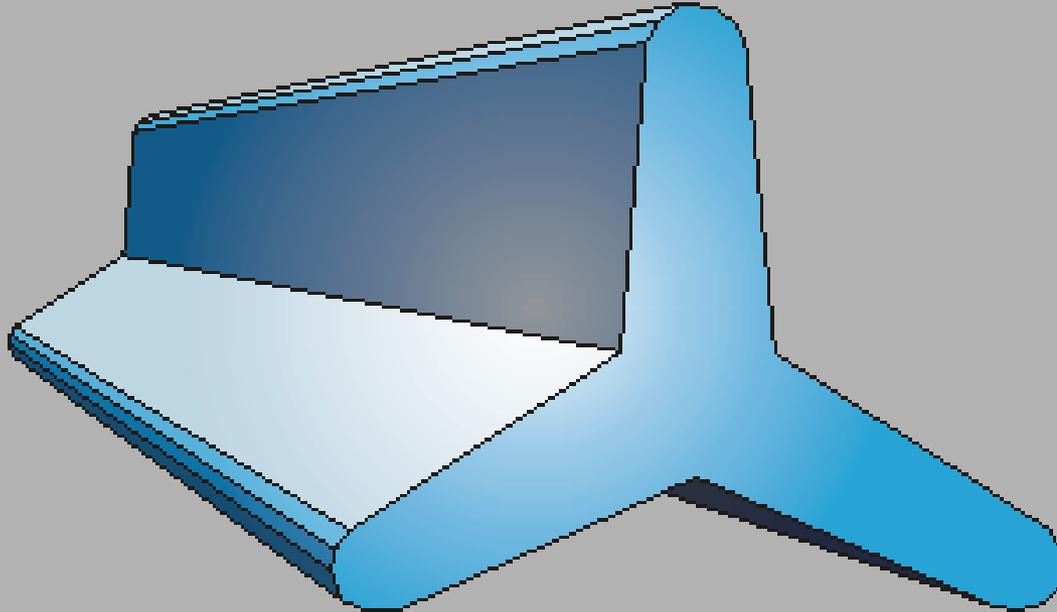
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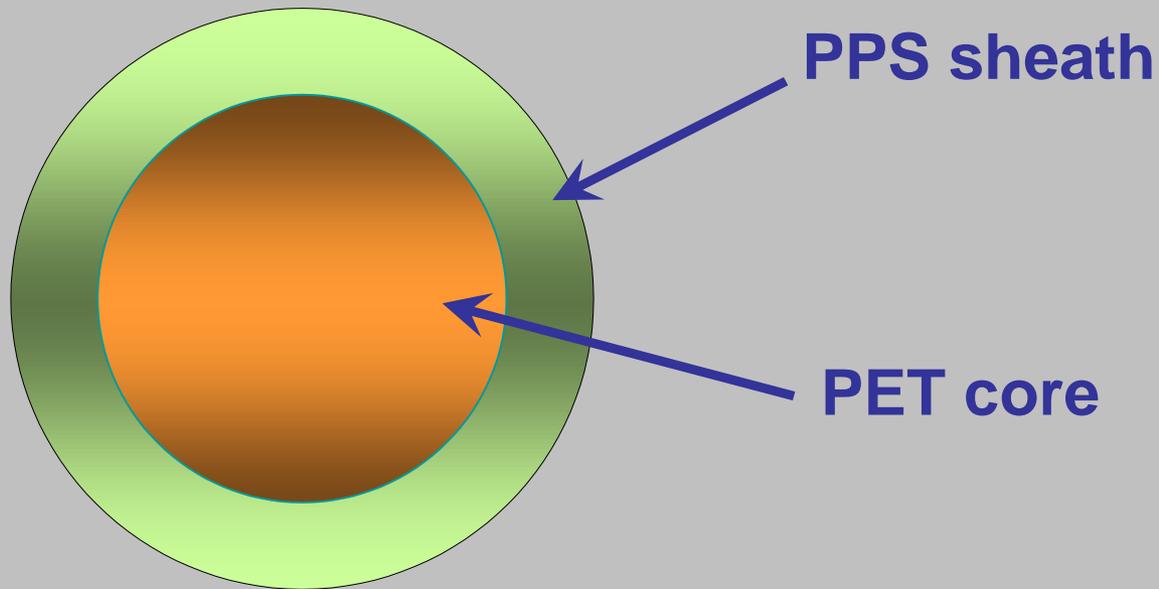
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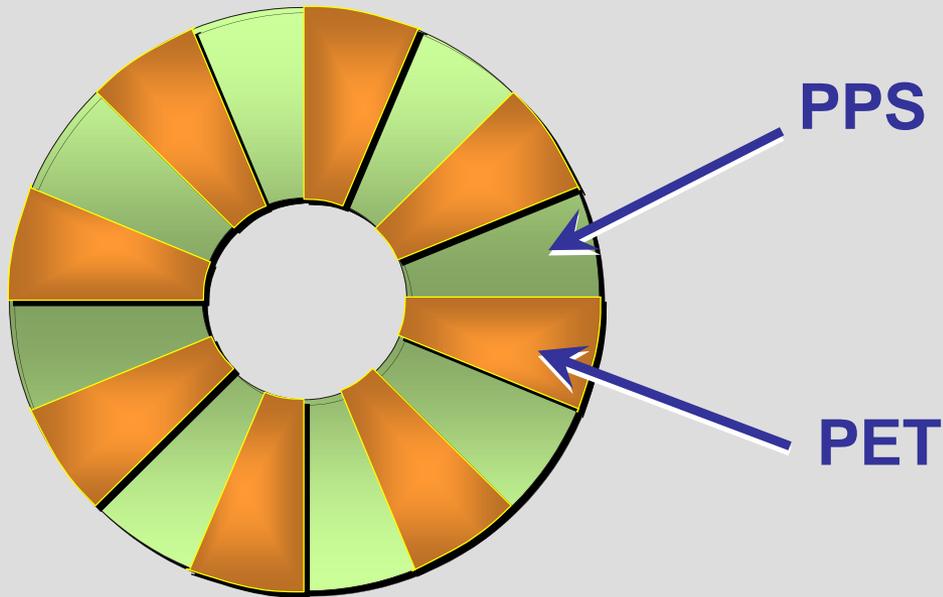
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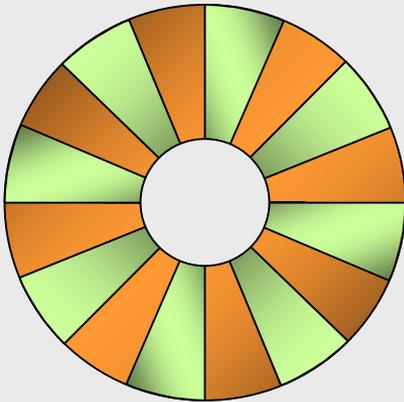


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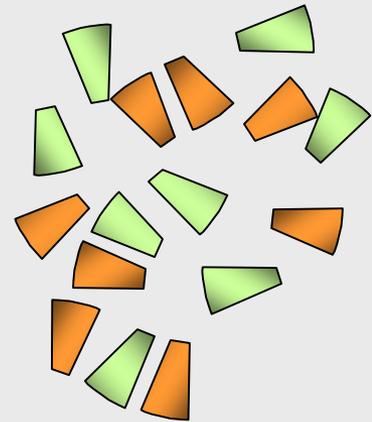


# Bicomponent Fibers

3 denier



0.19 denier



# **Solution: PPS**

**(polyphenylene sulfide)**

- ✓ **cost**
- ✓ **availability**
- ✓ **filtration efficiency**
- ✓ **healthy lungs**