

Durability of bonded aircraft structure

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- **Motivation and Key Issues:**

- Adhesive bonding is a key path towards reduced weight in aerospace structures.
- Certification requirements for bonded structures are not well defined.

- **Objective**

- Improve our understanding of adhesive response under static and fatigue loading.

- Effect of peel stress on static and fatigue response.
- Response in tension and shear, in bulk and thin bonds.
- Effect of joint toughness on fatigue life.
- Visco-elastic response in static and cyclic loading.
- Ratchetting in bulk tension and shear

- **Approach**

- Coupons with varying amounts of peel stress
- Bulk adhesives and thin bonds, plasticity models
- Damage models
- Non-linear viscoelasticity

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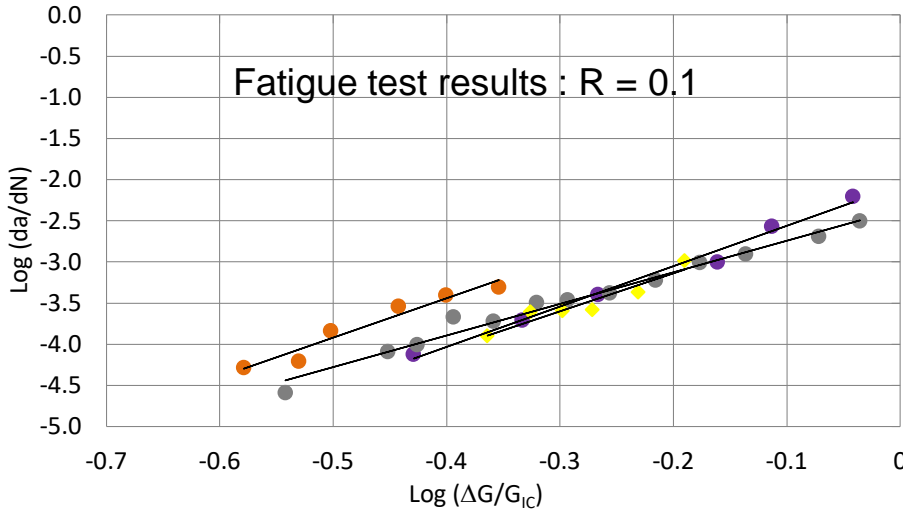
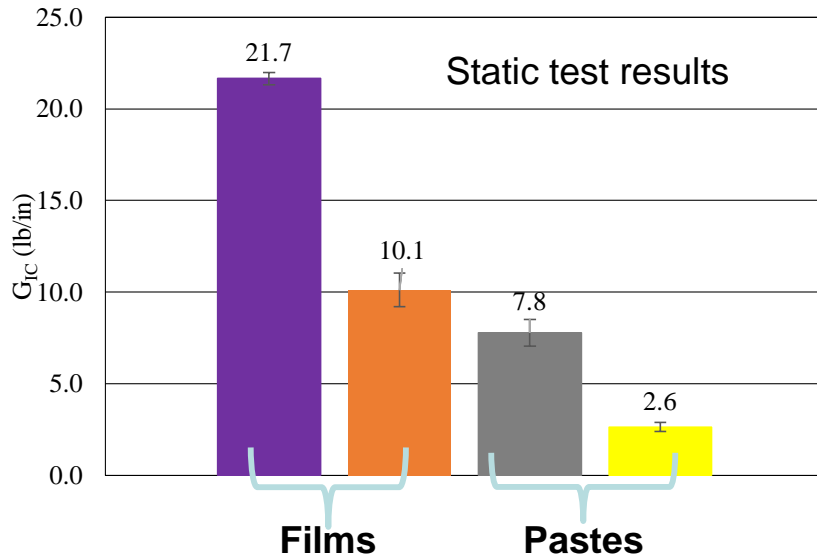
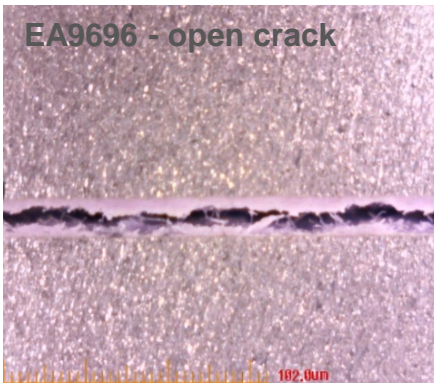
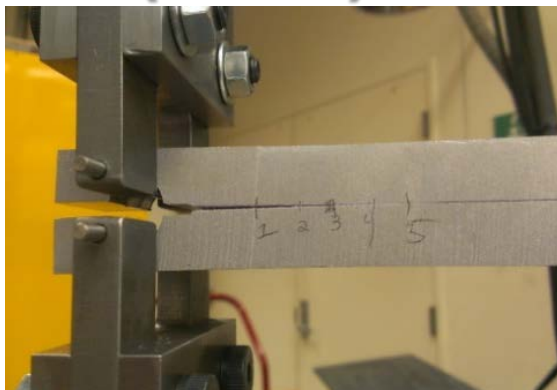
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Double Cantilever Beam (DCB)

- EA9696
- FM300-2
- EA9380.05
- EA9394

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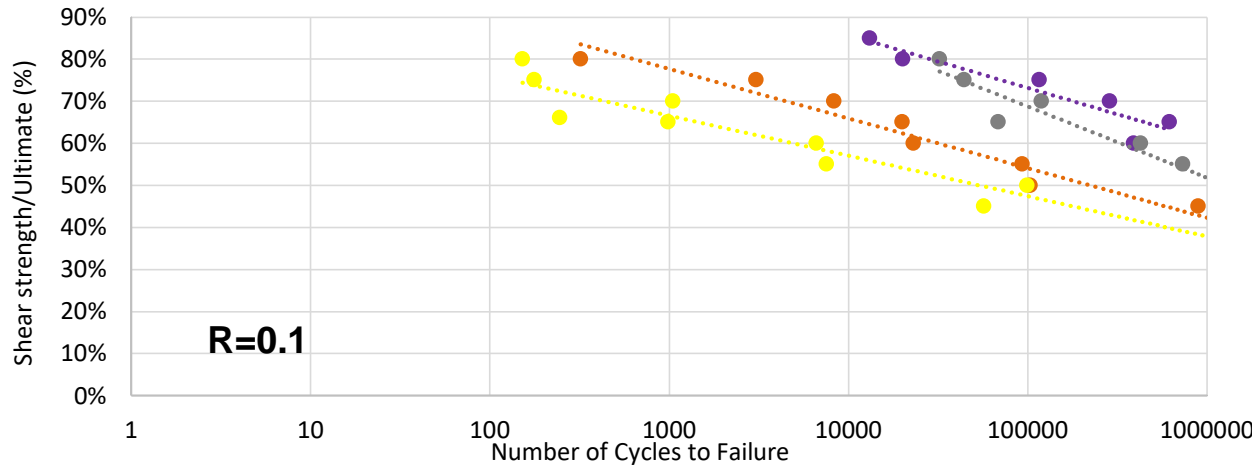
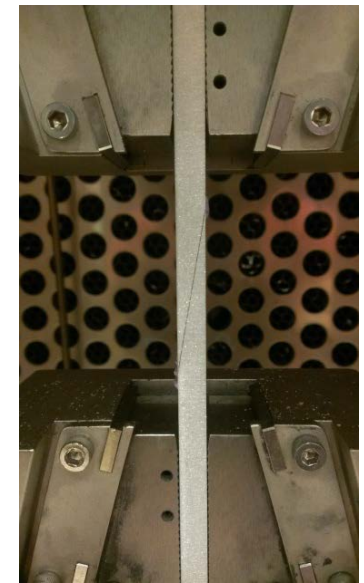
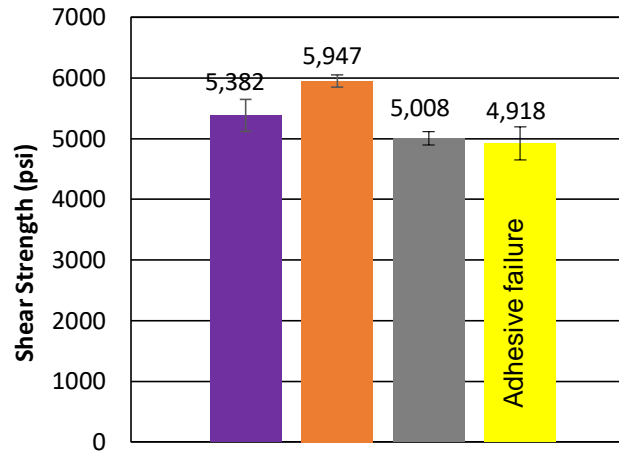
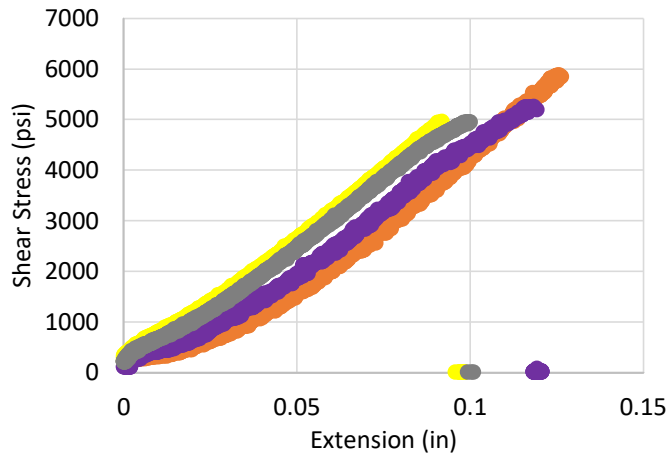
$$G_{1c} = \frac{[4L^2(\max)][3a^2 + h^2]}{[EB^2h^3]}$$



Observations :

1. EA9696 – High toughness
2. FM300-2 ≈ EA9380.05
3. EA9394 – Low toughness (adhesive failure)

Scarf Joint



- EA9696
- FM300-2
- EA9380.05
- EA9394

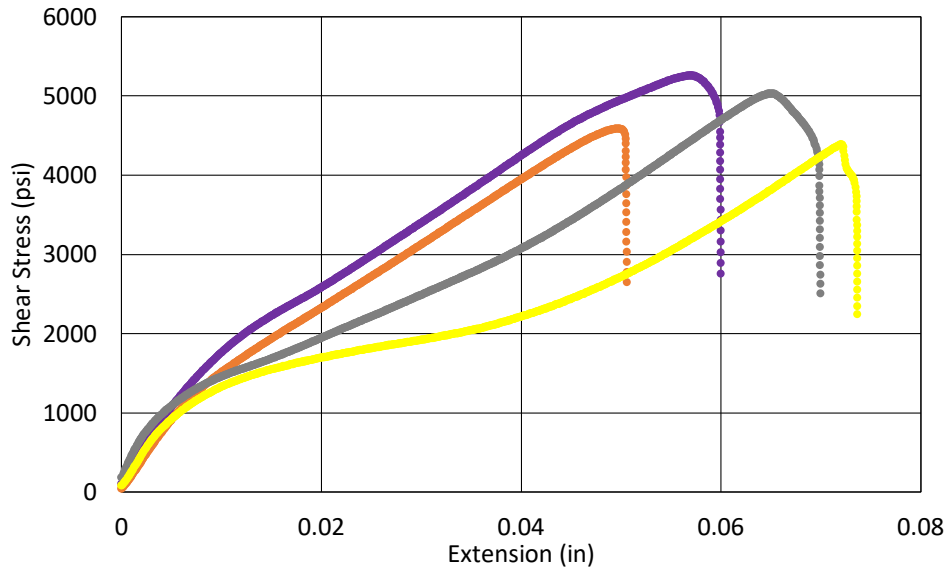
Static :

1. EA9696 and EA9380.05 show more softening
2. FM300-2 strongest
3. Static strength does not correlate well with G_{IC}

Fatigue :

1. EA9696 has highest fatigue life
2. EA9394 has shortest fatigue life
3. Fatigue life tends to correlate with G_{IC}

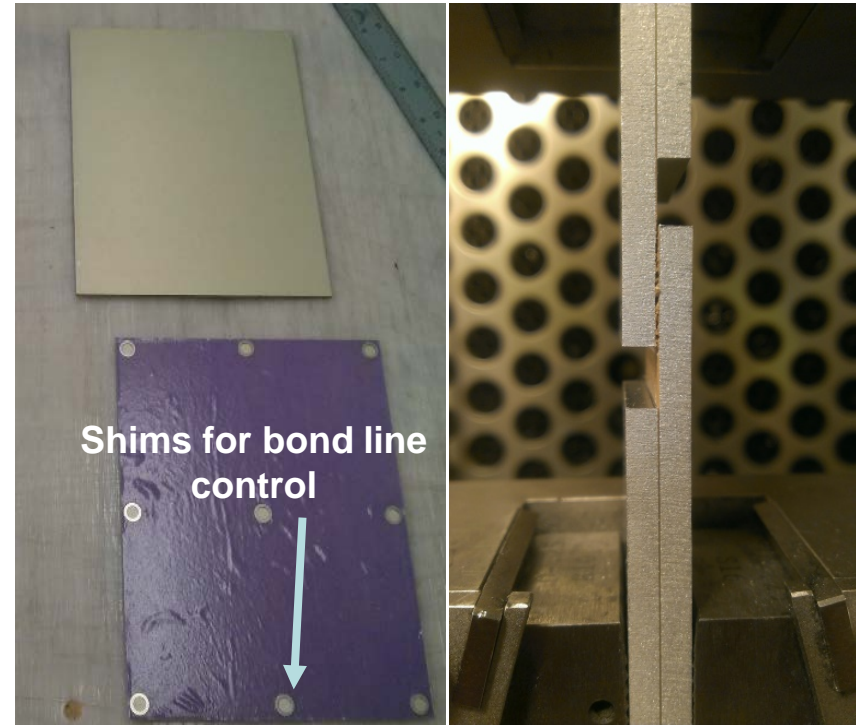
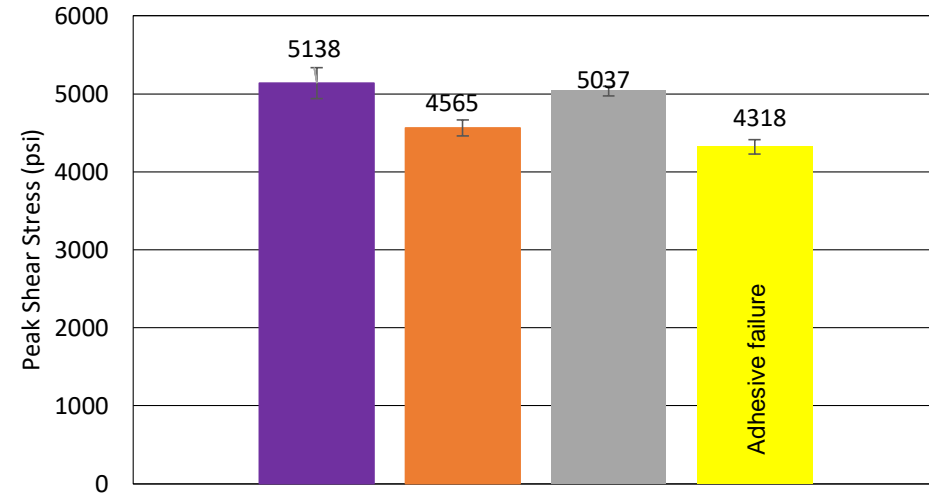
Wide Area Lap Shear - Static



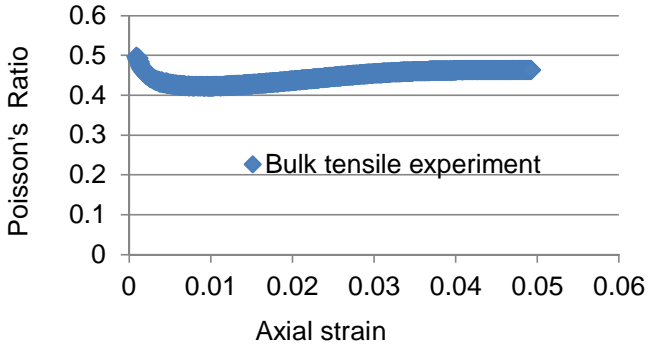
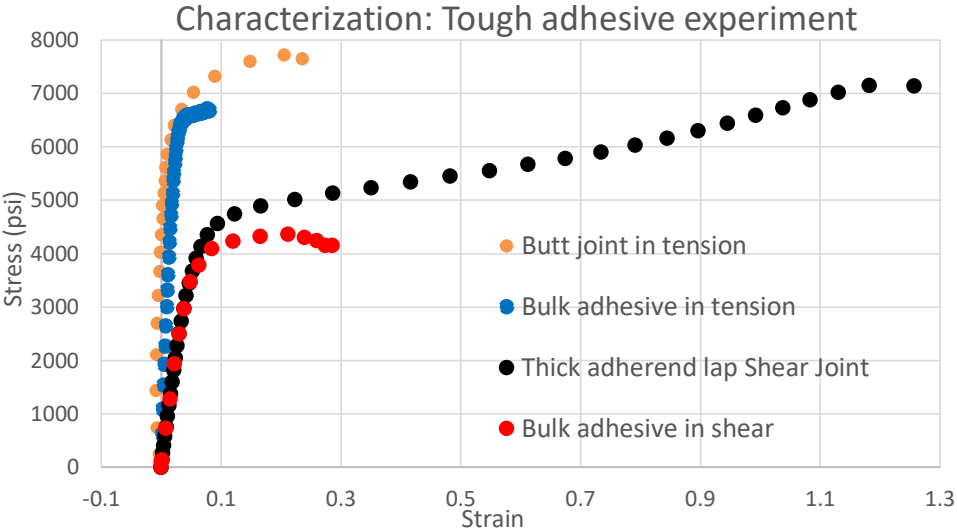
- EA9696
- FM300-2
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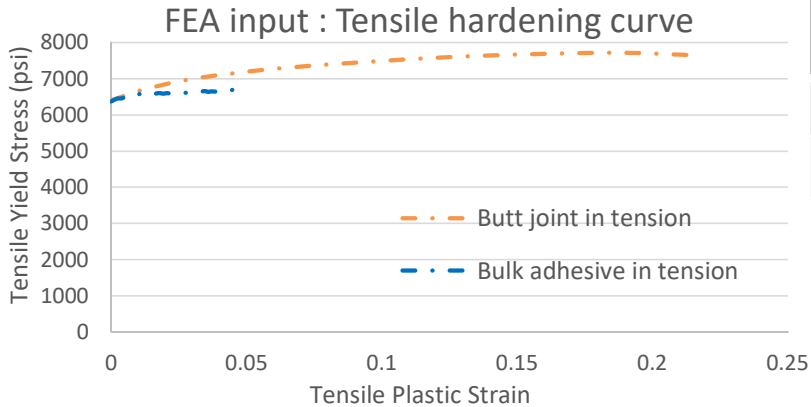
1. Higher toughness than scarf
2. Better correlation with G_{IC} than scarf



FEA Modeling of bulk adhesives and bonded joints



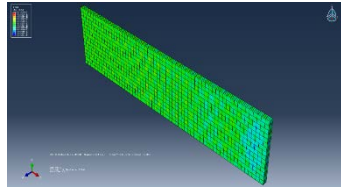
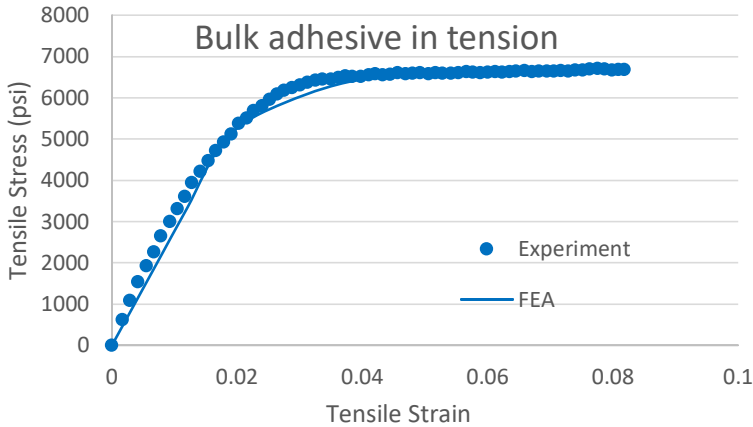
| Elastic properties | Adhesive | Adherend |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| E (Psi) | 277,000 | 10,600,000 |
| ν_e | 0.43 | 0.33 |



| Yield criterion | Linear elastic | Hardening curve | Drucker Prager yield constants |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| von Mises | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Drucker Prager | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

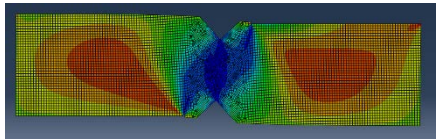
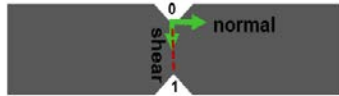
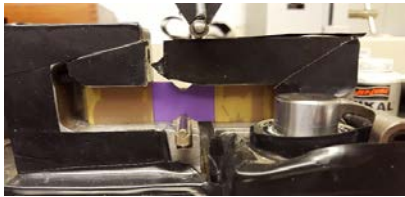
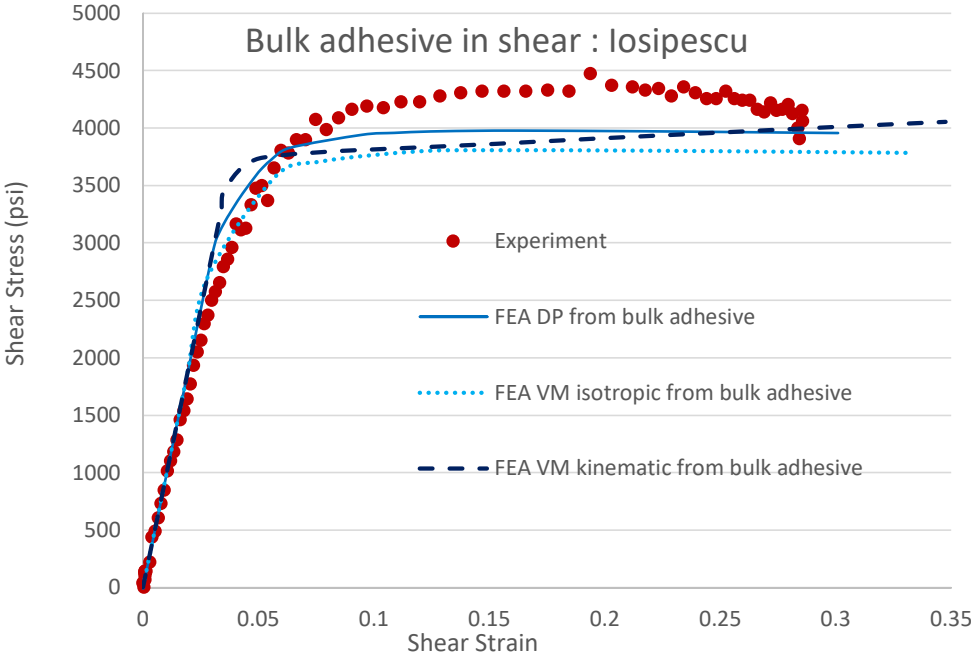
| Exponent Drucker Prager model | |
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| a (Psi^{-1}) | 0.00014 |
| b | 2 |
| Ψ | 3.50 |

FEA Modeling of bulk adhesives and bonded joints



Observations :

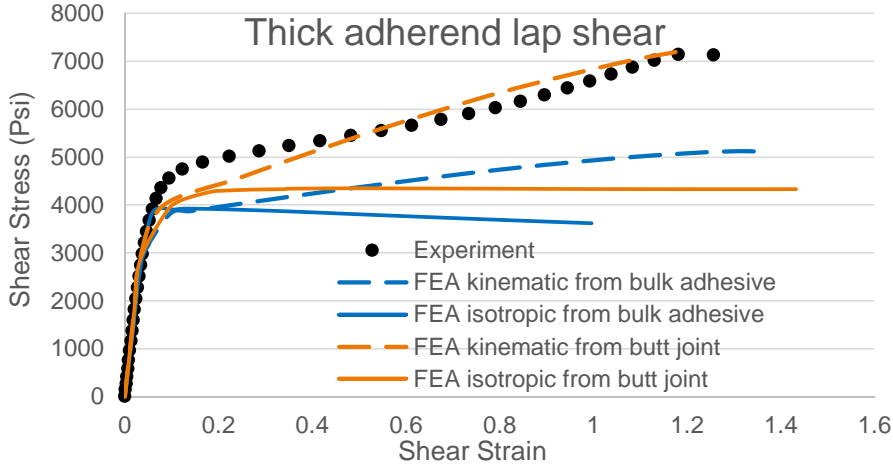
1. Not sensitive to yield criteria or hardening model.



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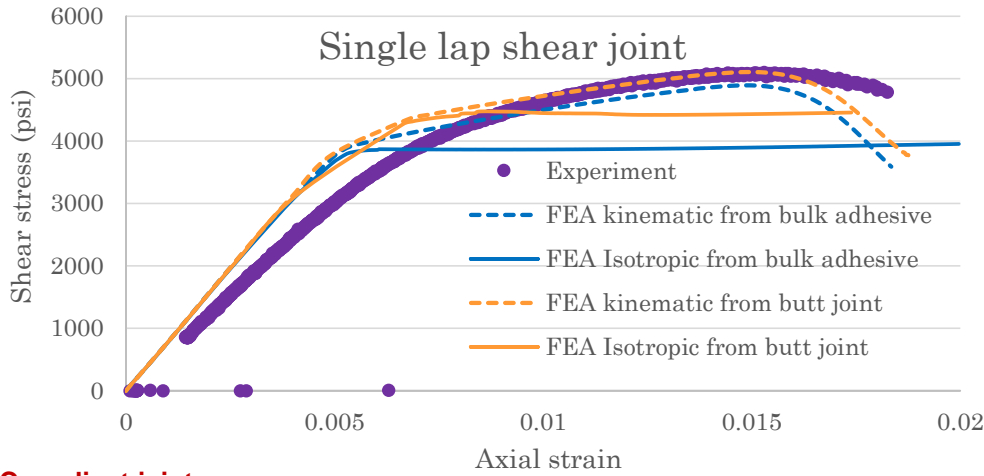
1. Pressure sensitive > elastic plastic (4% better) with isotropic
2. Kinematic > Isotropic (4% better) with von Mises yielding
3. Less sensitive to yield criteria and hardening model

FEA Modeling of bulk adhesives and bonded joints



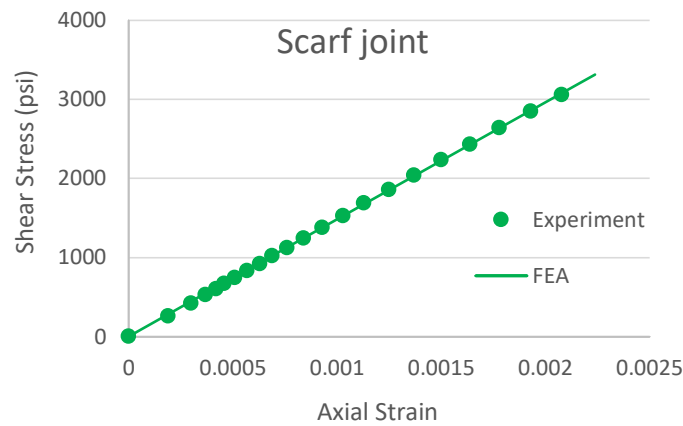
Stiff joint :

1. Kinematic > Isotropic, by 65%, for both thin film and bulk input
2. Thin film > Bulk form, by 40%, for both hardening type
3. Hardening model > Input property type > yield criteria



Compliant joint :

1. Thin film > Bulk form, better by (5% with Kinematic) and (13% by Isotropic)
2. Kinematic > isotropic , by 25% for both thin film and bulk form
3. Hardening model > input properties > yield criteria



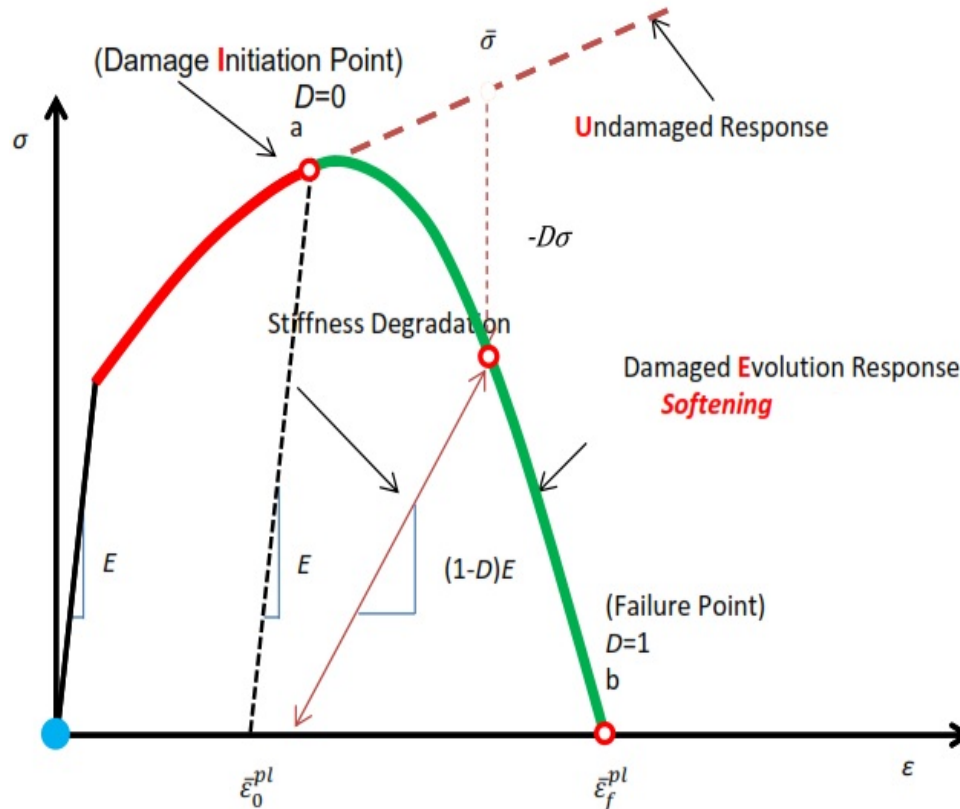
Joint in pure shear :

1. Toughened adhesive was linear in pure shear.
2. Independent of yield criteria or hardening model
3. Bulk input successful predictor.



Progressive damage modeling

Aim: Identify failure criterion for adhesive joints under cohesive damage and validate with experimental results in ABAQUS



Considerations:

- 2D, plane strain
- Cohesive zone damage model with a traction-separation description of the interface element
- Compare load-displacement response with experiment and analytical results
- Analytical results are plotted based on Timoshenko beam theory (E is the substrate modulus)

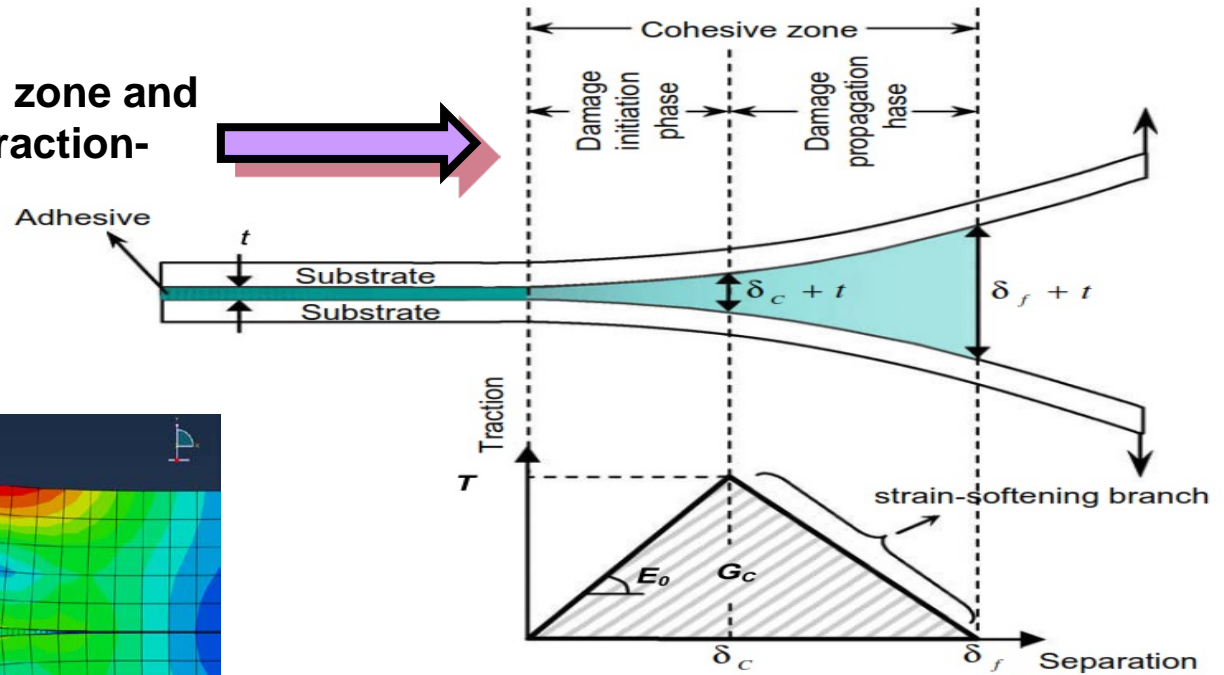
$$P^{\text{Timo}} = \frac{bh}{2a} \sqrt{\frac{G_c E h}{3 \left(1 + \frac{(1+\nu)}{5} \left(\frac{h}{a} \right)^2 \right)}} \quad y^{\text{Timo}} = 4a^2 \sqrt{\frac{G_c}{3 E h^3}} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{3(1+\nu)}{5} \left(\frac{h}{a} \right)^2 \right)}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(1+\nu)}{5} \left(\frac{h}{a} \right)^2}}$$

ABAQUS Inputs

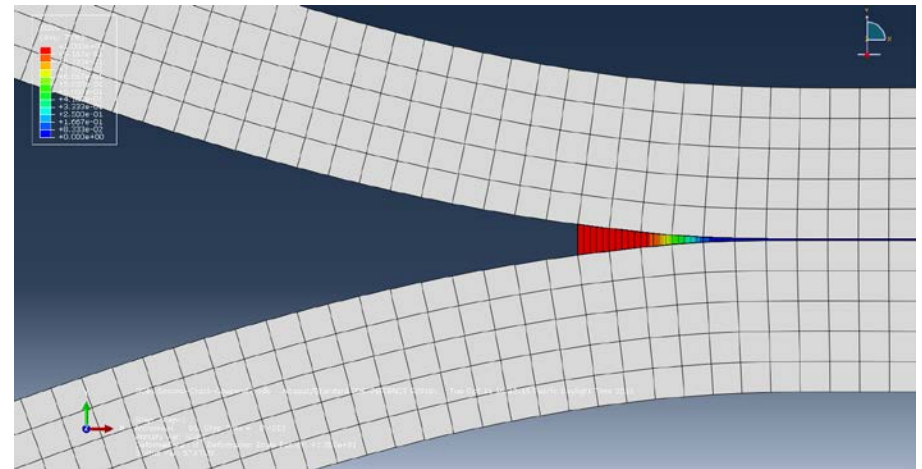
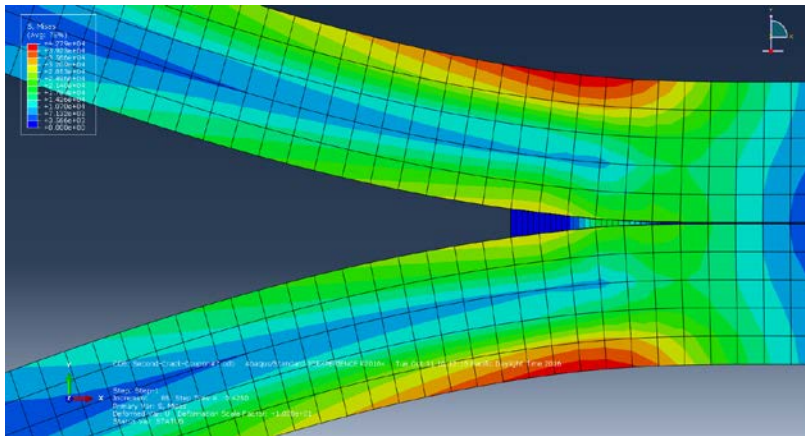
| | |
|------------|---------------------|
| σ_y | Interface Strength |
| E | Interface Stiffness |
| G_{Ic} | Fracture Toughness |

Damage modeling with cohesive elements in ABAQUS

Schematic damage process zone and corresponding bi-linear traction-separation law



von Mises stress Field



Displaying cohesive elements:
They are removed, while failing
SDEG (Scalar stiffness degradation)

$$0 < D < 1$$

Damage modeling with cohesive elements in ABAQUS

- ✓ CZM combines a strength based failure criterion to predict the **damage initiation** and a fracture mechanics-based criterion to determine the **damage propagation**.
- ✓ 2D meshing by using COH2D4(adhesive) and CPE4(adherends) four-node linear plane strain elements
- **Damage initiation:** (linear part)

☐ Maximum nominal stress (Pure Mode)

Damage initiates when either of the peel or shear components of traction exceeds the respective critical value.

$$\max \left\{ \frac{t_n}{t_n^0}, \frac{t_s}{t_s^0} \right\} = 1, \quad t_n^0 = \text{tensile strength}, \quad t_s^0 = \text{shear strength}$$

Damage modeling with cohesive elements in ABAQUS

- **Damage evolution:** (Softening part)

Energy based evolution model:

☐ Pure Mode (Mode I or Mode II)

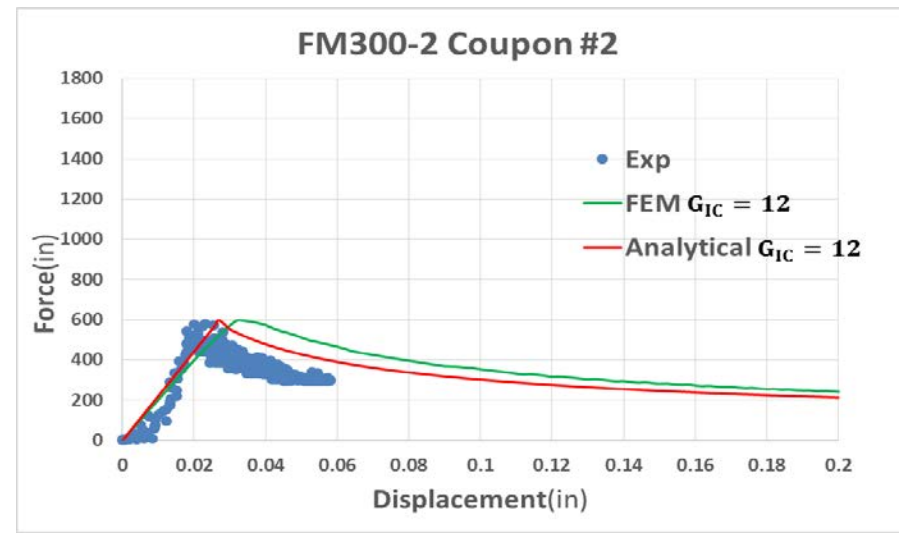
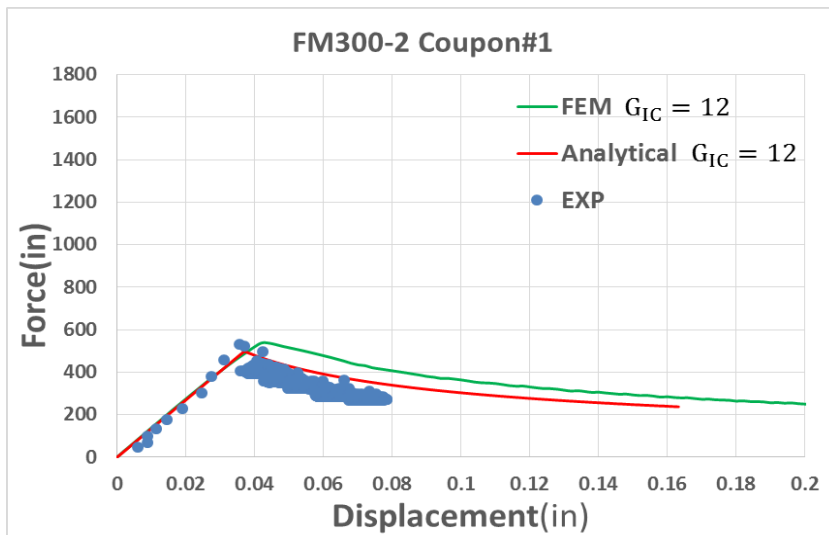
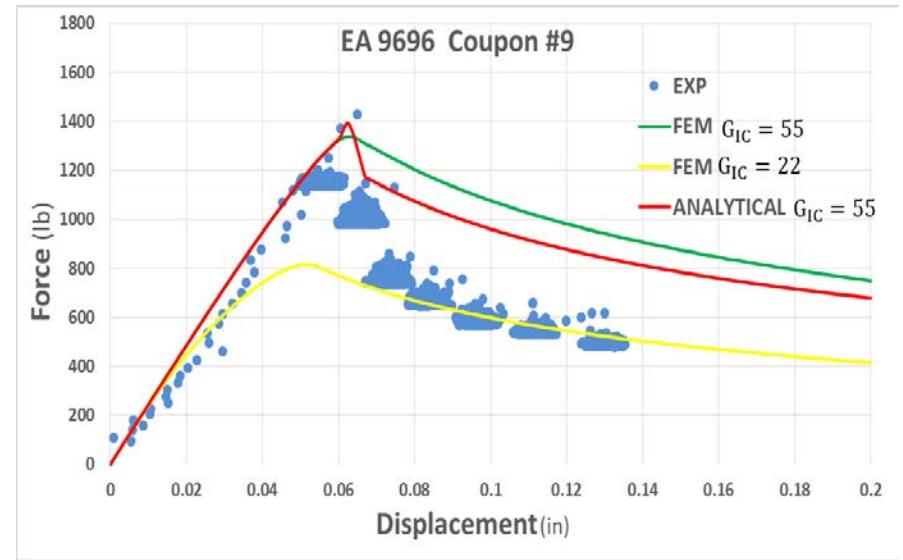
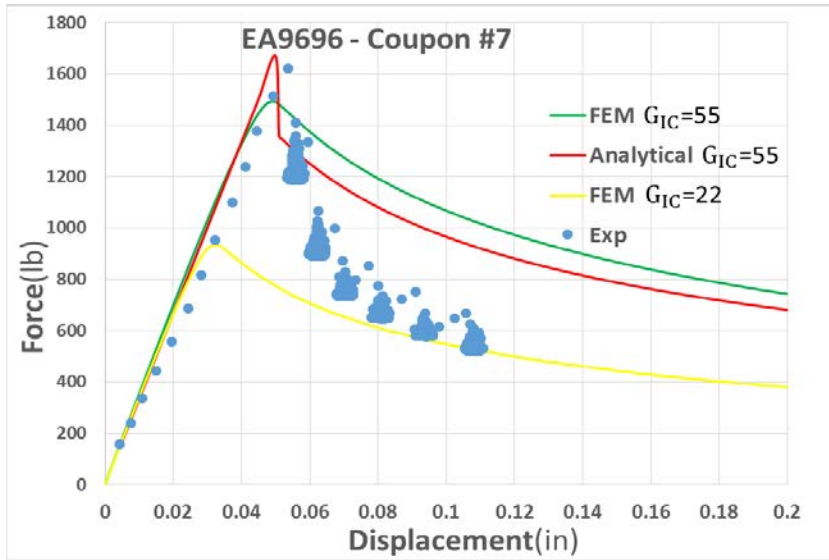
Damage propagates when either the normal or shear components of energy release exceeds the respective critical value.

$$\left\{ \frac{G_I}{G_{Ic}}, \frac{G_{II}}{G_{IIc}} \right\} = 1, \text{ (Fracture energy is equal to the area under the traction-separation curve)}$$

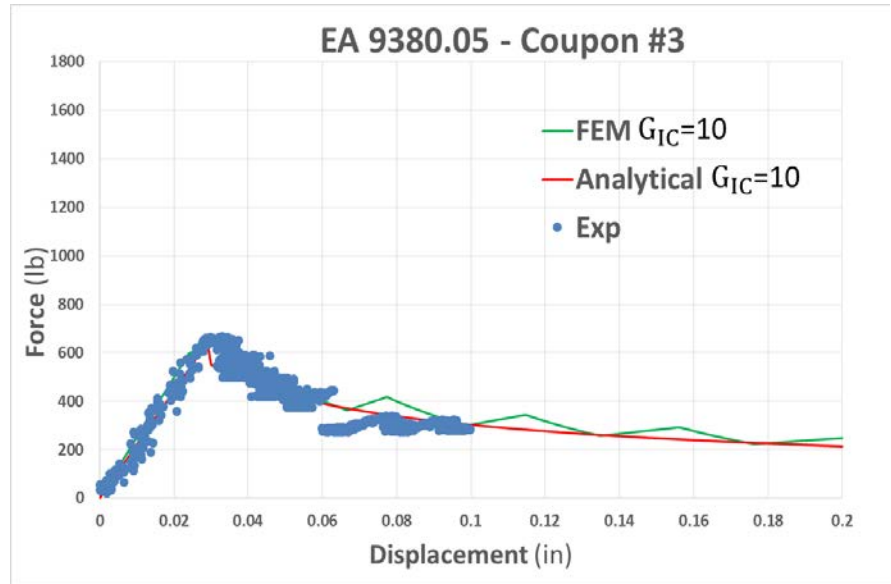
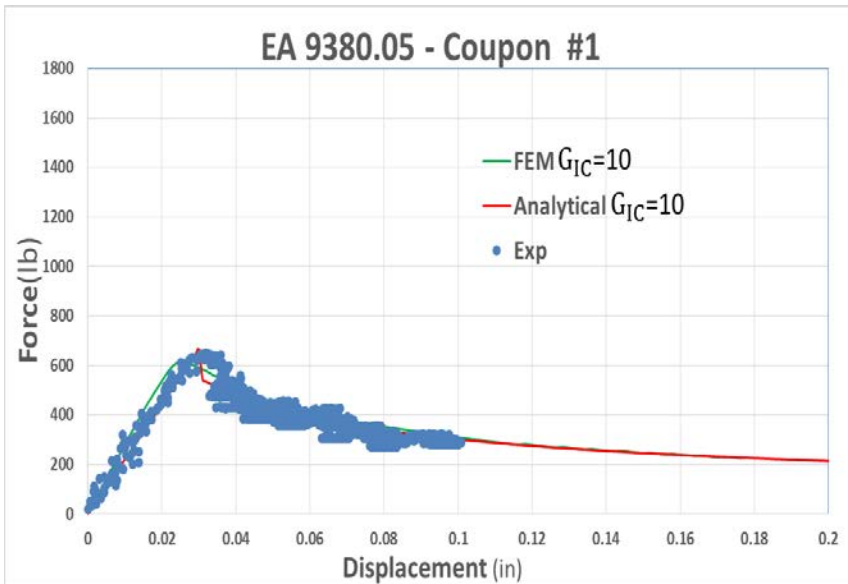
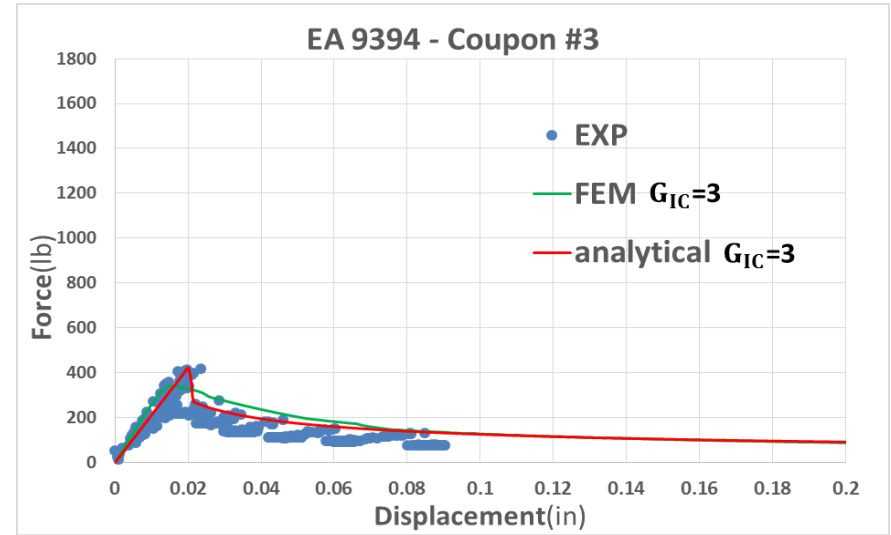
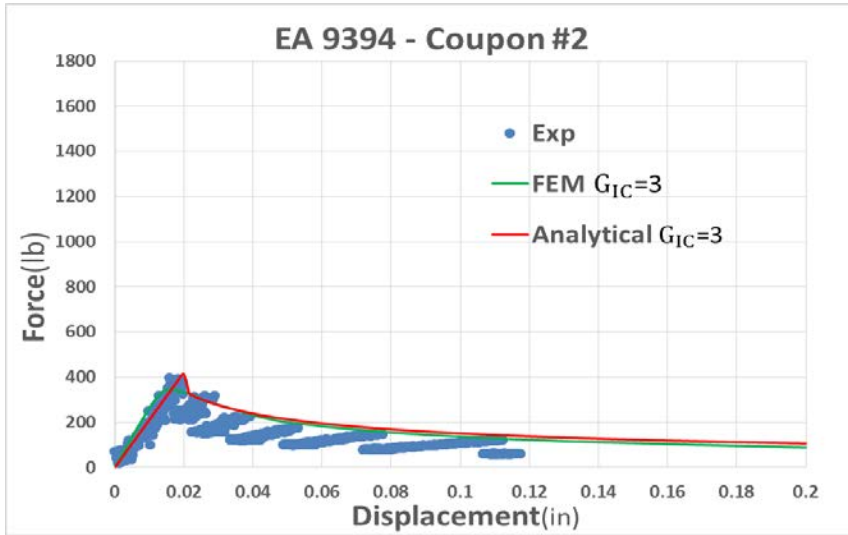
| | Tensile Modulus E (ksi) | Tensile Strength σ_0 (Psi) | Fracture Toughness G_{Ic} (lb/in) |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| EA 9696 | 277 | 6660 | 22-55 |
| FM300-2 | 400 | 7450 | 12 |
| EA9394 | 615 | 6675 | 3 |
| EA 9380.05 | 290* | 7000* | 10 |

* Found through iteration

Static Test on DCB (2coupons per Adhesive)



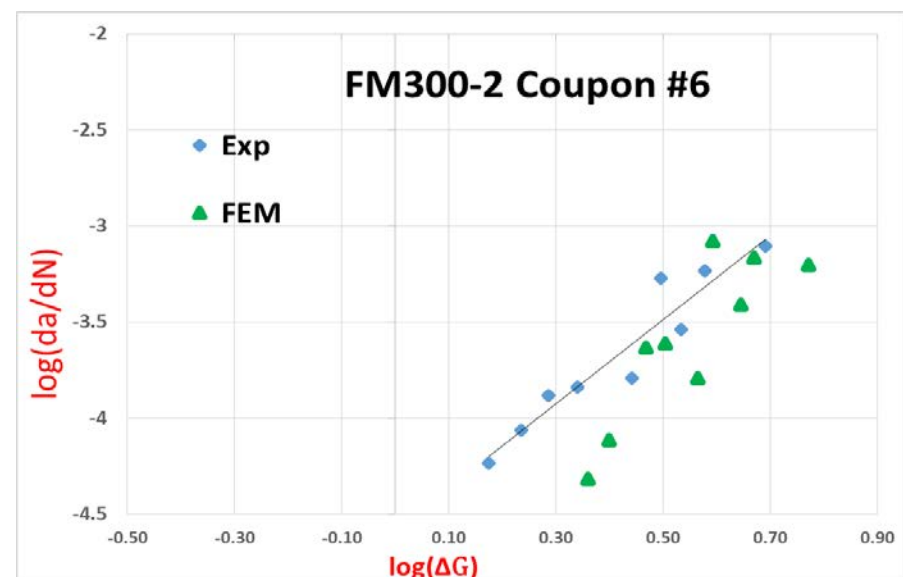
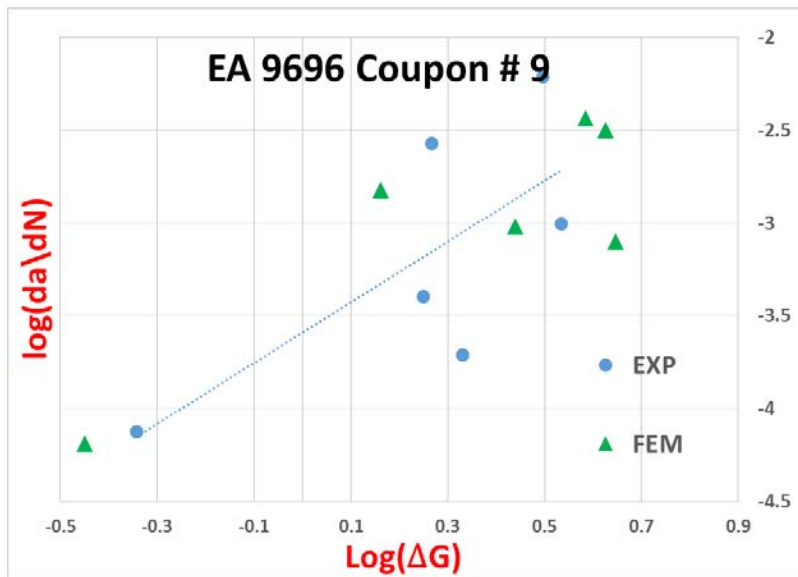
Static Test on DCB (2coupons per Adhesive)



Fatigue Test on DCB – experiments and FEM models

- Paris law $\frac{da}{dN} = C G^m$

| (da/dN-G) Plot | FM300-2 | EA9696 |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| EXP | $C=3 \times 10^{-5}$, $m=0.762$ | $C=7 \times 10^{-5}$, $m=1.0864$ |



Time Dependence

Aims:

- Influence of toughening agents
- Find nonlinear threshold.
- Determine how ratcheting behavior occurs under repeated loading.

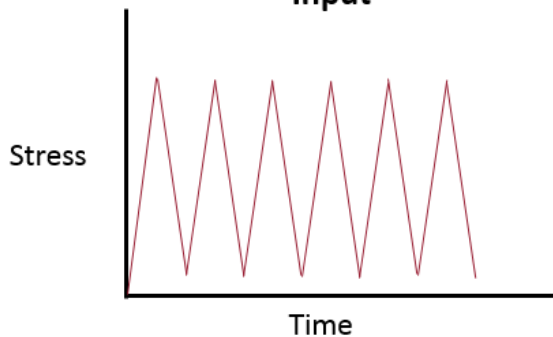
Ratcheting: Increase in peak strain per cycle with repeated loading.

Approach:

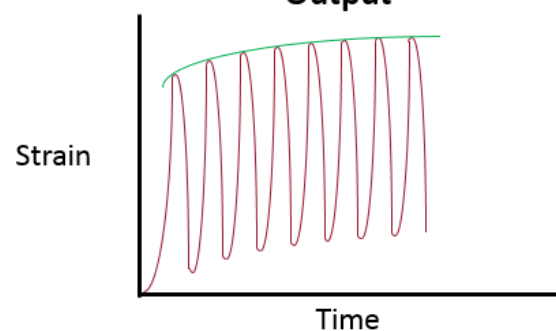
- Bulk adhesives
- Creep at different durations and stress levels.
- Fit response to linear and nonlinear viscoelastic models.
- Compare load response with linear model to find nonlinear and ratcheting thresholds and determine how nonlinear model predicts strain.

Cyclic Loading

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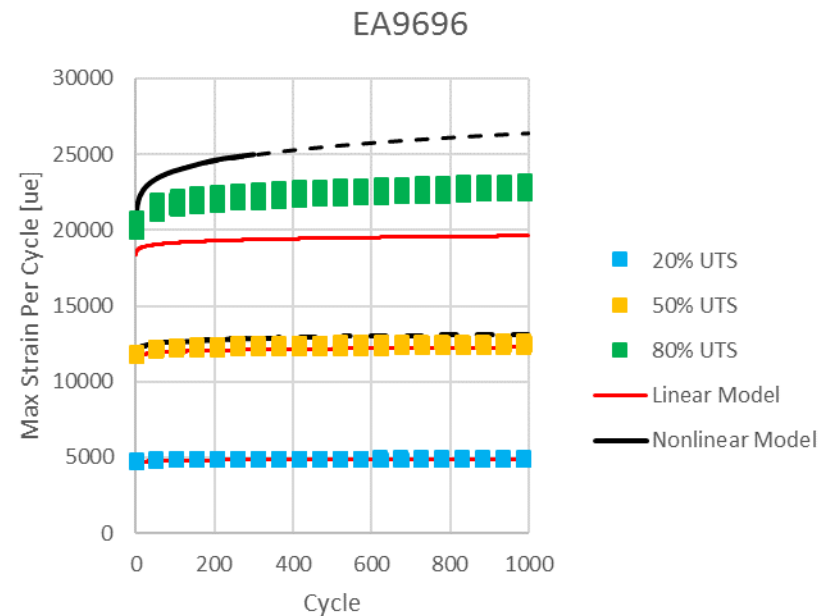
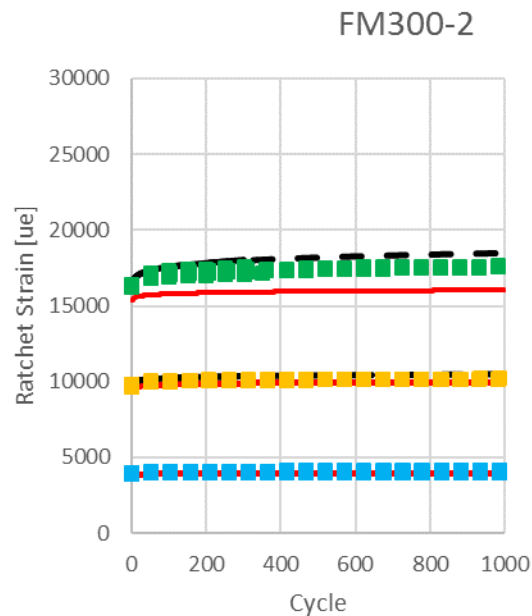


Output



Nonlinear Ratcheting

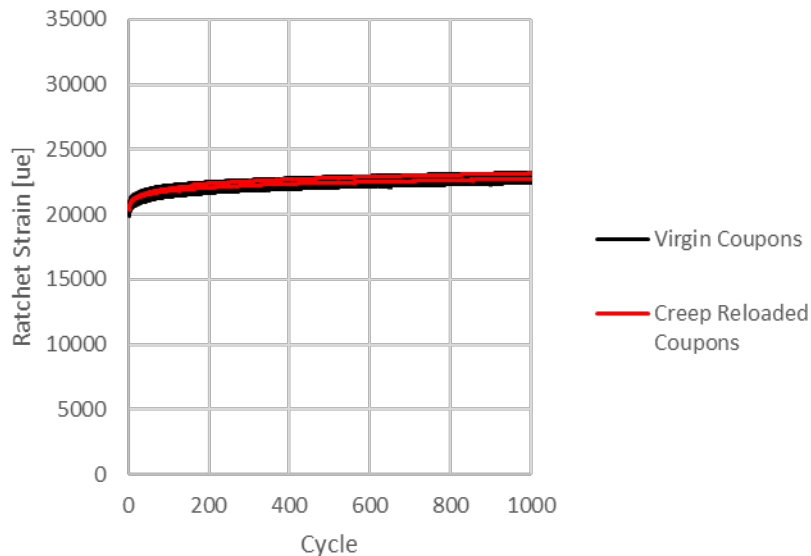
- Nonlinear viscoelastic model over predicts strain at high stress, while linear model under predicts strain.
- Why is nonlinearity higher in creep than ratcheting?



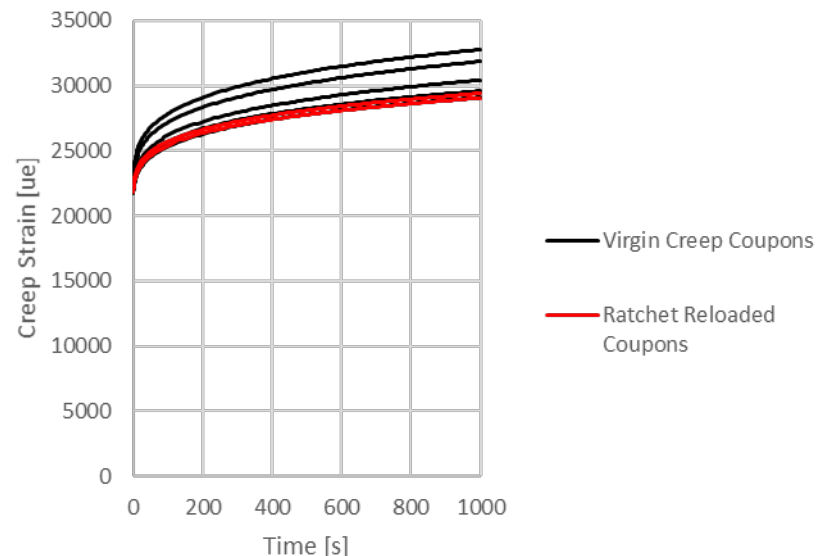
Reloading

- The difference in ratcheting is not due to variation in coupons but a difference in how the material behaves in static versus cycled loading.

Creep Coupons Reloaded in Ratcheting



Ratchet Coupons Reloaded in Creep



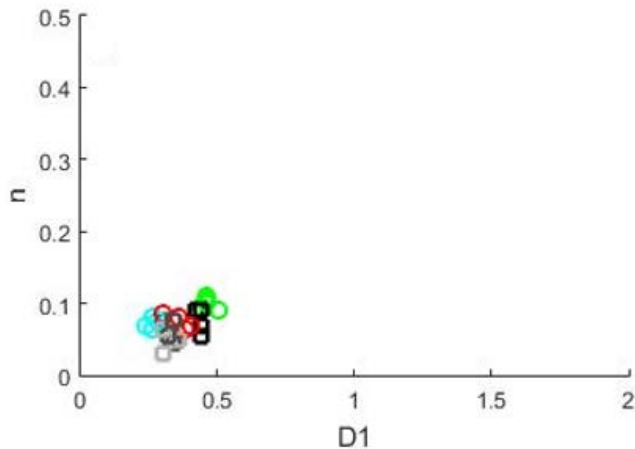
Power Law Model

Both creep and ratcheting were fit to a viscoelastic power law.

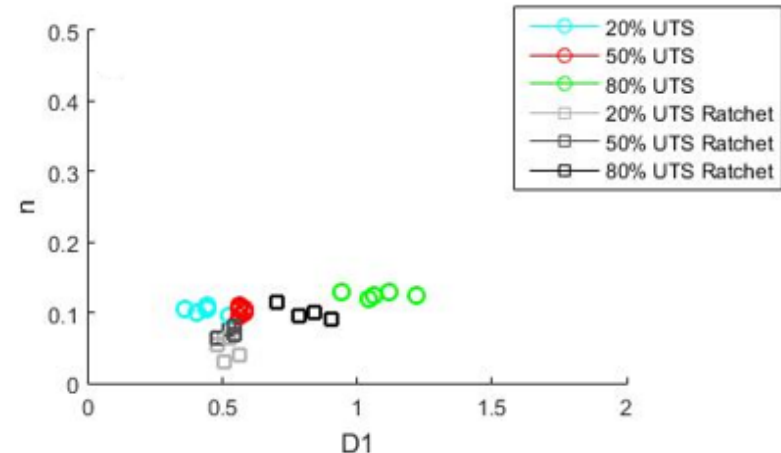
- Elastic compliance, D_0 , was constant across all stress levels and for both creep and ratcheting.
- Creep and ratcheting showed a different time dependent response, shown by the coefficients D_1 and n , which was more significant in the toughened adhesive.

$$D(t) = D_0 + D_1 t^n$$

FM300-2



EA9696



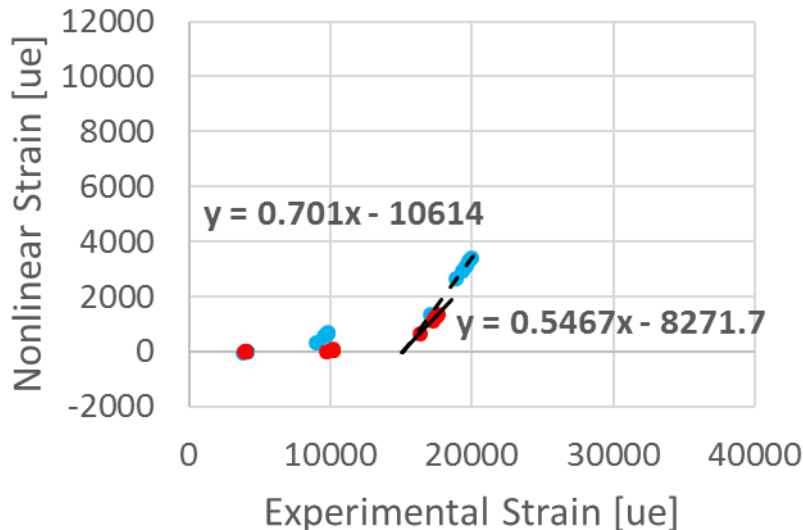
Nonlinear Strain

- Nonlinear strain was observed to increase linearly with total strain.
- Ratcheting had a smaller increase in nonlinear strain with total strain than creep
 - Why?

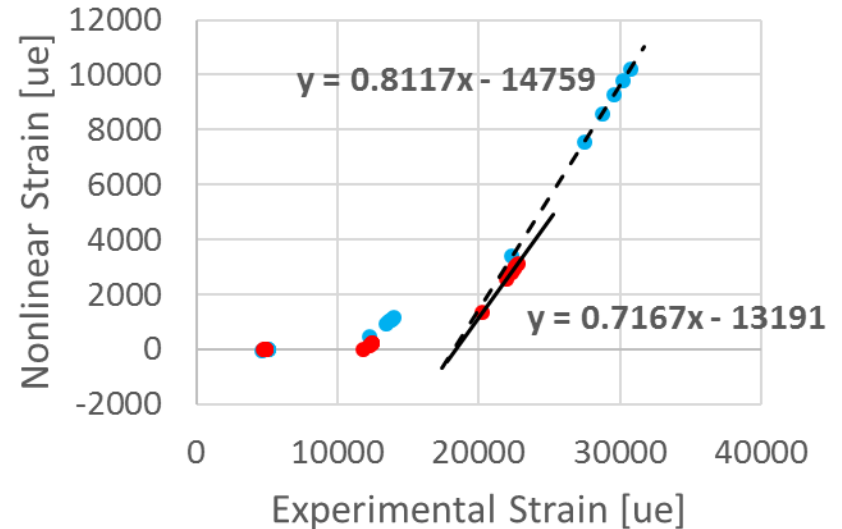
$$\epsilon_{\text{nonlinear}} = \epsilon_{\text{exp}} - \epsilon_{\text{linear}}$$

■ Ratchet
■ Creep

FM300-2

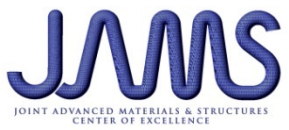
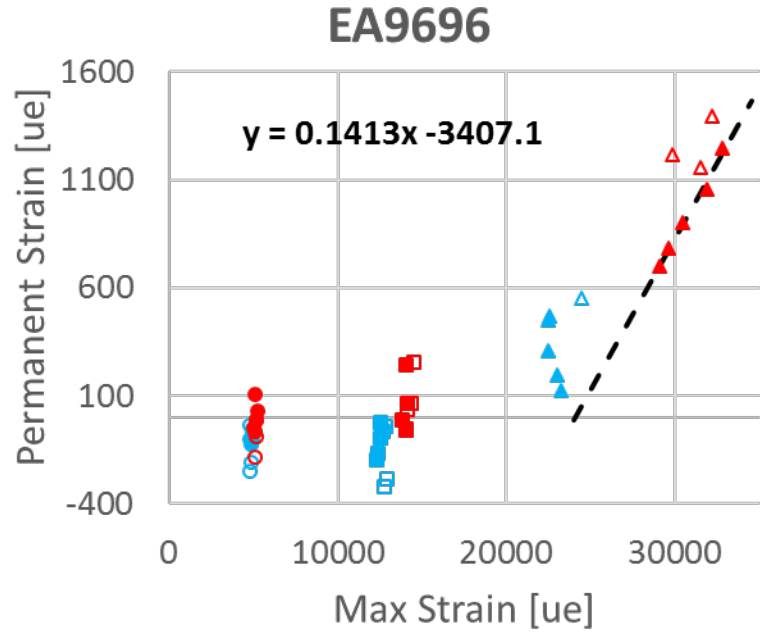
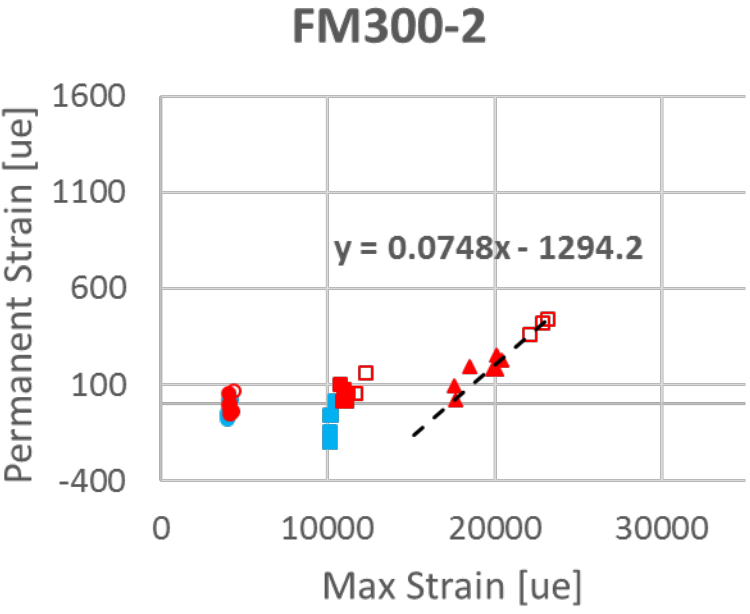


EA9696



Permanent Strain

- The toughened adhesive showed significantly more permanent strain than the standard adhesive.
- Both adhesives showed lower permanent strain from ratcheting, and a linear relationship between permanent and total strain.



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|----|---------|
| ■ | Creep |
| ■ | Ratchet |
| 22 | |

Schapery Nonlinear Model

A different approach to nonlinear viscoelasticity is being investigated.

Current Approach:

$$\varepsilon(t) = \int_0^t F_1(t - \xi_1) \dot{\sigma}(\xi_1) d\xi_1 + \int_0^t \int_0^t F_2(t - \xi_1) \dot{\sigma}(\xi_1) \dot{\sigma}(\xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2 + \int_0^t \int_0^t \int_0^t F_3(t - \xi_1) \dot{\sigma}(\xi_1) \dot{\sigma}(\xi_2) \dot{\sigma}(\xi_3) d\xi_1 d\xi_2 d\xi_3$$

where F_1 , F_1 , and F_1 define the nonlinearity.

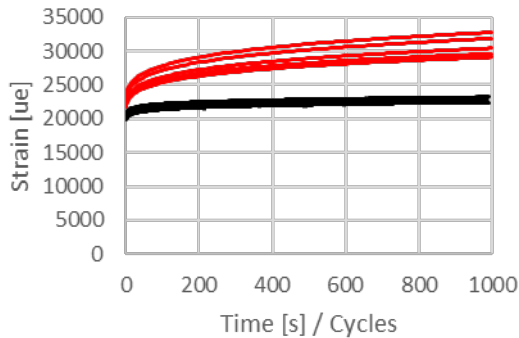
Schapery Approach, single integral with more nonlinear coefficients:

$$\varepsilon(t) = g_0 D_0 \sigma_0 + g_1 \int_0^t \Delta D(\varphi - \varphi') \frac{d(g_2 \sigma_0)}{d\tau} d\tau$$
$$\varphi = \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{a_\sigma} \text{ and } \varphi' = \varphi(t) = \int_0^\tau \frac{dt'}{a_\sigma}$$

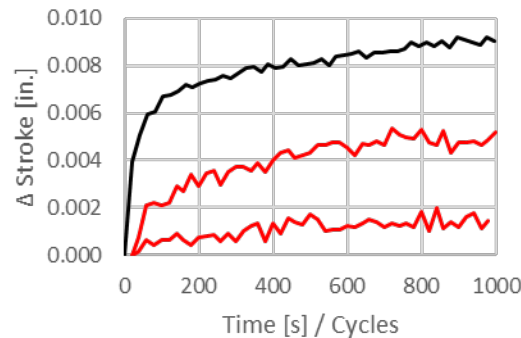
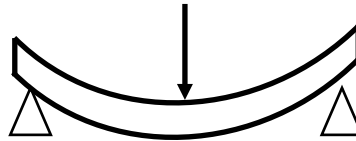
where g_0 , g_1 , g_2 , and a_σ define the nonlinearity.

Viscoelastic Response in Shear

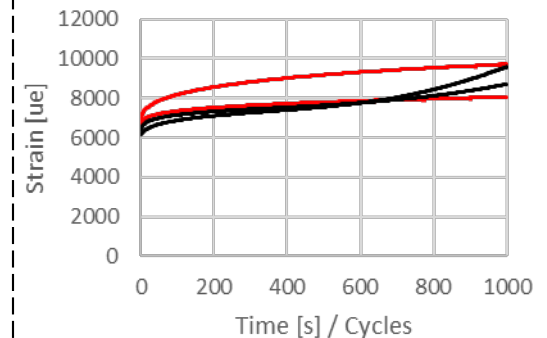
Bulk Tension



End Notch Flexure (unnotched)

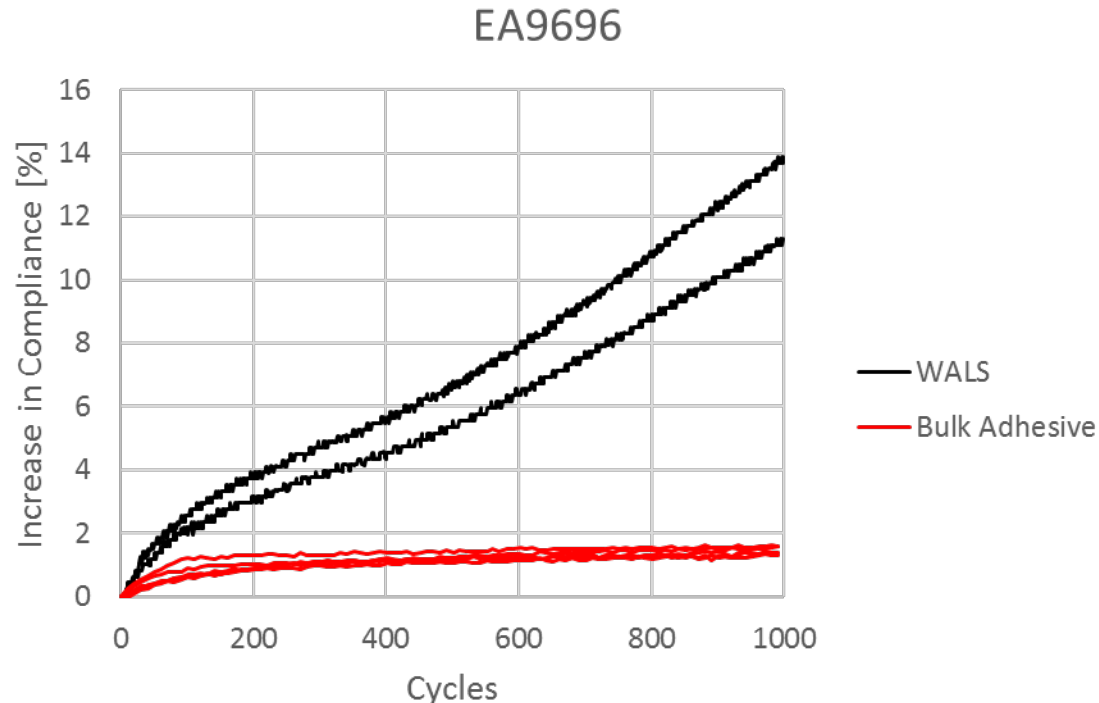


Wide Area Lap Shear



Viscoelastic Response in Shear

- Damage occurred in the WALS ratchet coupons while bulk resin coupons showed very little damage.



Observations

- G_{IC} tends to be a good indicator of fatigue performance
- Fatigue response depends more on adhesive toughness than bond thickness or temperature.
- Toughest adhesive (EA9696) did not have constant G_{IC}
 - Could not describe crack growth with linear fracture mechanics
- DCB crack growth followed Paris and were reproduced from FEA
- von Mises stress describes adhesive yield behavior
- Adherend void bridging increases plastic strain over bulk
- Adhesives tend to follow a kinematic hardening law
- Linear viscoelasticity under predicts ratchet strain while nonlinear model over predicts it.
- Nonlinear viscoelastic strain increased with total strain similar to permanent strain.
- Ratcheting in shear is more severe than bulk tension

Next Steps:

- Measure elastic and strength of EA 9380.05
- Static and Fatigue ENF simulation
- Consider a combined isotropic/kinematic hardening law
- Investigate ratcheting response in shear, numeric modelling
- Compare the nonlinear Schapery model with the triple integral model to determine if it fits the response in ratcheting better