

3M Adhesive Tapes Characterization, Modeling and Simulation

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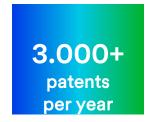
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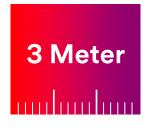


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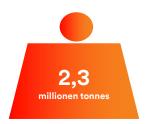
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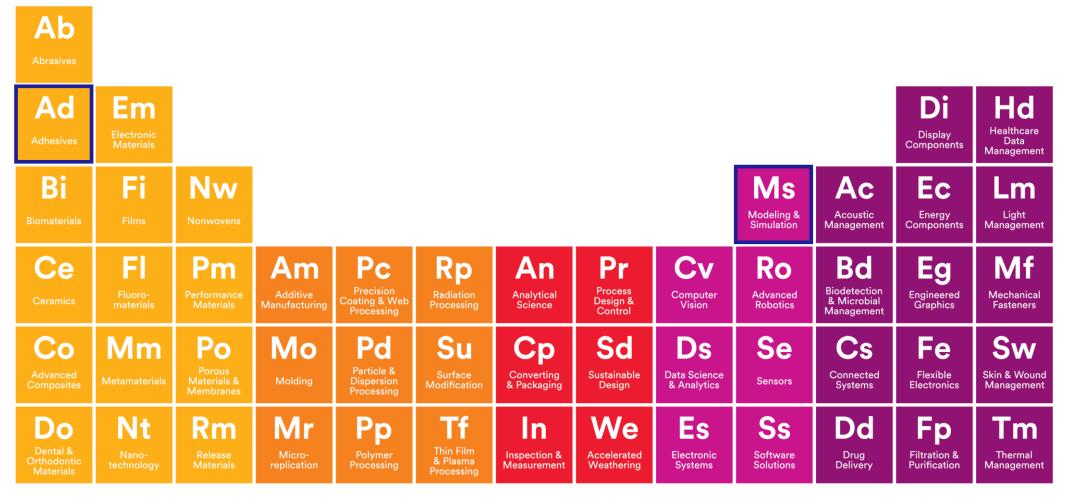


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Adhesives and Modeling – Two of 3M's Core Technologies



Materials Processing Capabilities Digital Applications

Agenda

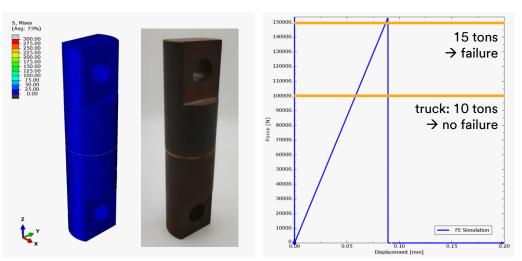
Intro on the Simulation of Adhesive Bonds

- Numerical Analysis of Structural Adhesives
- Numerical Analysis of 3M™ VHB™ Tapes
- Summary and Conclusion

Guinness World Record in Adhesive Bonding, 2013









Introduction on the Simulation of Adhesive Bonds

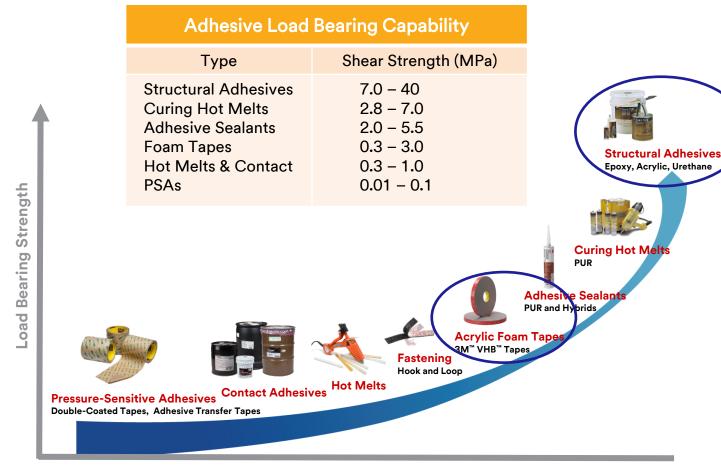
Overview of Adhesive Technologies

Why Adhesives?

Adhesive bonding is the key bonding technology for multi-material construction and an essential aspect for lightweight design

Advantages

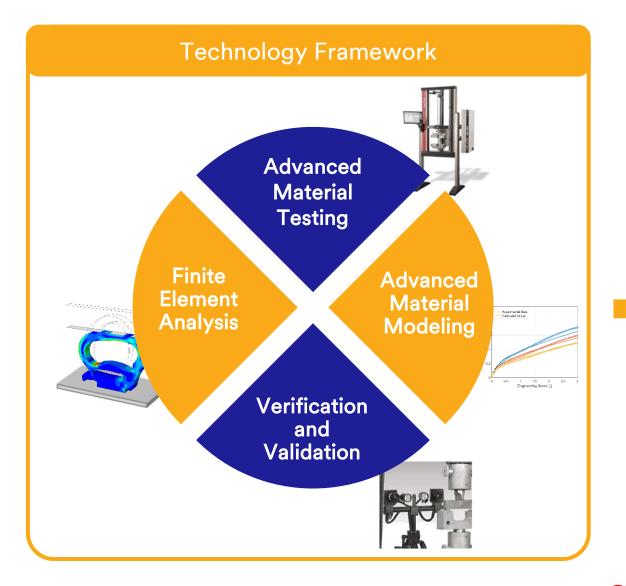
 Structural adhesives enable lightweight applications and simultaneously improve crash performance



Adhesive Technology

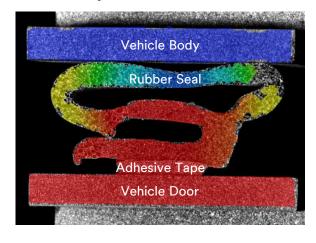


3M Technology Framework for Modeling and Simulation





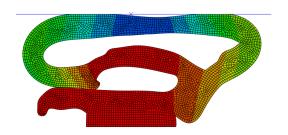
Experimental Test



Design evaluations can be performed ONLY IF prototype has been manufactured already!

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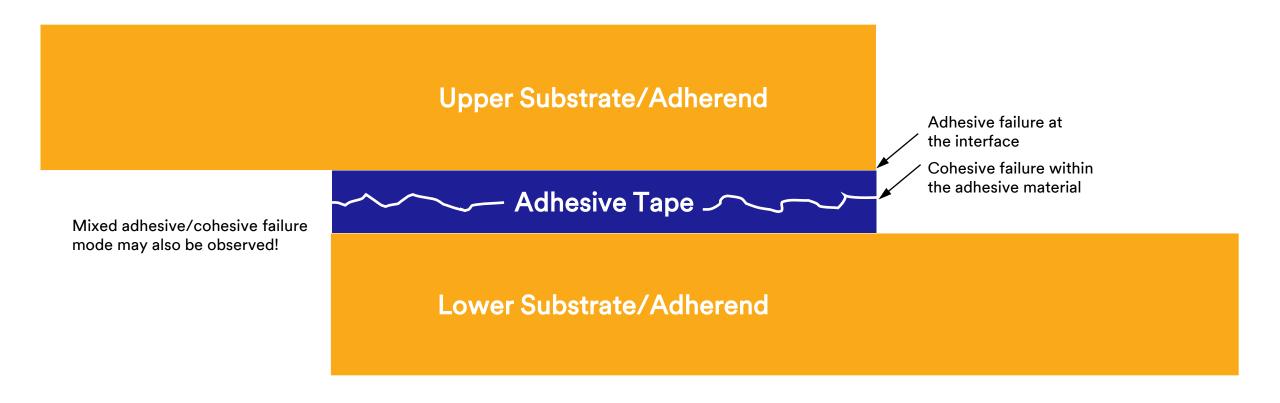
FE Simulation



Design evaluations can be performed BEFORE prototype is developed!



Important Prerequisite for Adhesive Failure Modeling



- ▶ Current simulation methods only consider the **COHESIVE** failure mode, i.e., failure of the adhesive material itself
- ▶ Interfacial ADHESIVE failure modes are out of scope Construction such that adhesive is the weakest link in the bond

Continuum Modeling vs. Cohesive Zone Modeling

Continuum Modeling Cohesive Zone Modeling

- Continuum modeling captures the real physics better
- Difficult to include failure and damage

- Straightforward to include damage and failure
- Cohesive zone modeling simplifies the real physics



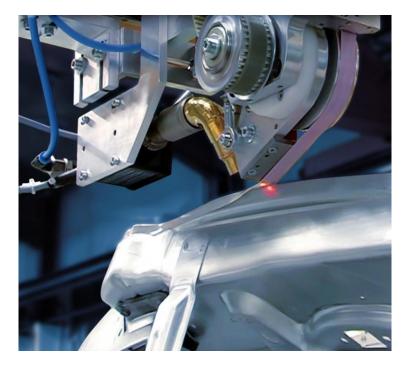


Numerical Analysis of Structural Adhesive Tapes

3M[™] Structural Adhesive Tapes

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- Single layer-epoxy based adhesive tape
- Structural bonding strength
- Bonding and isolation of dissimilar materials without additional e-coat
- Gap filling properties due to expansion function
- Can be applied without pumping, dosing or squeeze-out
- Compatible with most draw and lube oils

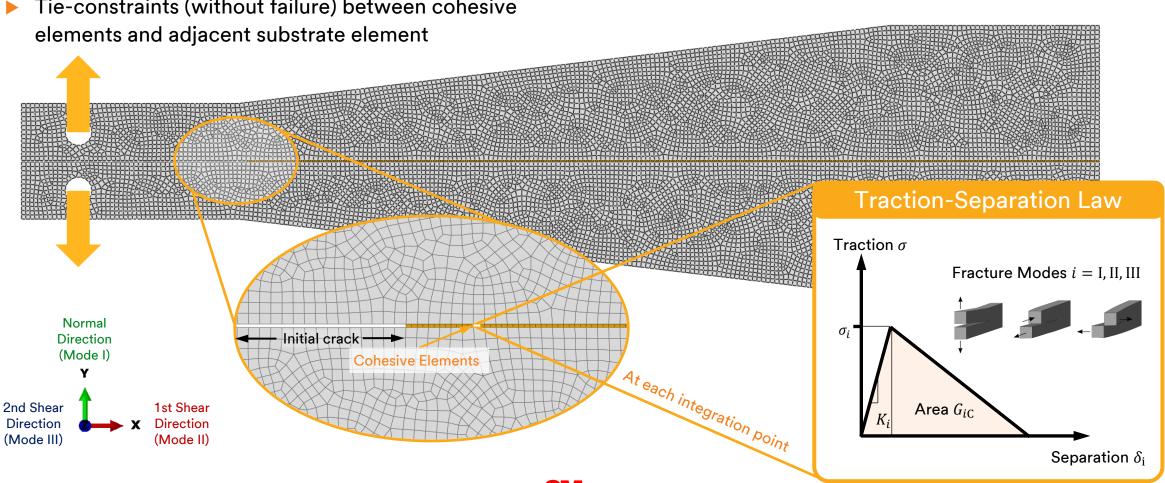


Automized application of a 3M™ Structural Adhesive Tape



Rule-of-Thumb: 2-5 cohesive elements per adjacent substrate element (Solids, Shells, etc.)

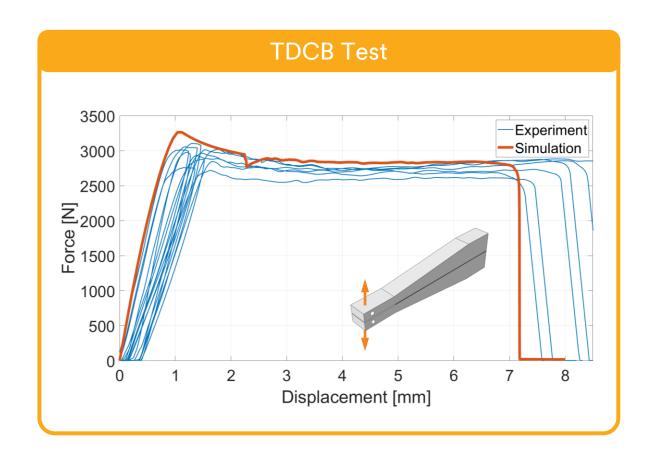
Tie-constraints (without failure) between cohesive elements and adjacent substrate element

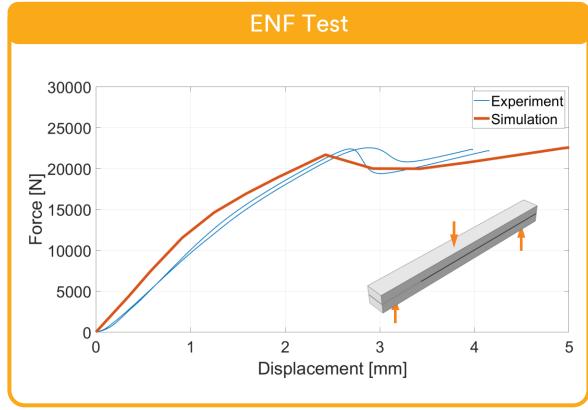


Required Tests for Cohesive Zone Modeling

Physical Effect	Test Name	Test Sketch	Material Parameter	Description	Symbol	Unit
Elasticity	Uniaxial Tension Test		Young's Modulus and Poisson's Ratio (Stiffness of the bulk material)	Resistance to elastic deformation and transverse contraction in tension	$K_{\mathrm{I}}, K_{\mathrm{II}}, K_{\mathrm{III}}$	МРа
Damage Initiation	Thick Adherend Butt Joint Tension Test		Tensile Strength	Maximum stress in laterally constrained tension	$\sigma_{ m I}$	MPa
	Thick Adherend Shear Test		Shear Strength	Maximum stress in shear	$\sigma_{ m II} = \sigma_{ m III}$	МРа
Damage Evolution	Tapered Double Cantilever Beam (TDCB) Test		Mode I Fracture Energy (Critical Energy Release Rate)	Resistance to crack propagation in Mode I (opening mode)	$G_{ m IC}$	N mm
	Tapered End- Notched Flexure (TENF) Test		Mode II Fracture Energy (Critical Energy Release Rate)	Resistance to crack propagation in Mode II (shear mode)	$G_{\rm IIC}=G_{ m IIIC}$	N mm

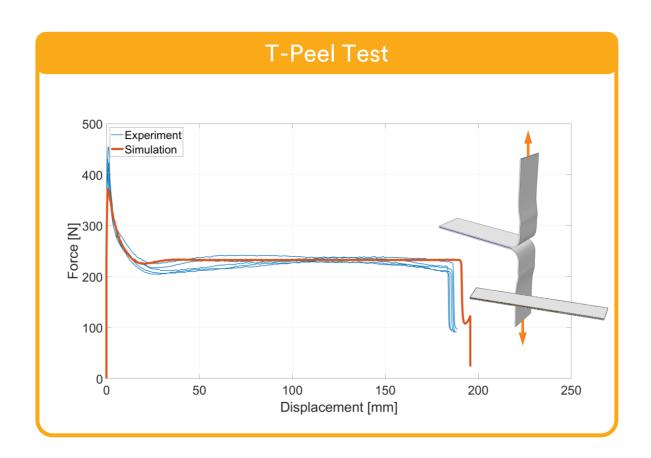
Verification of the Material Data Card

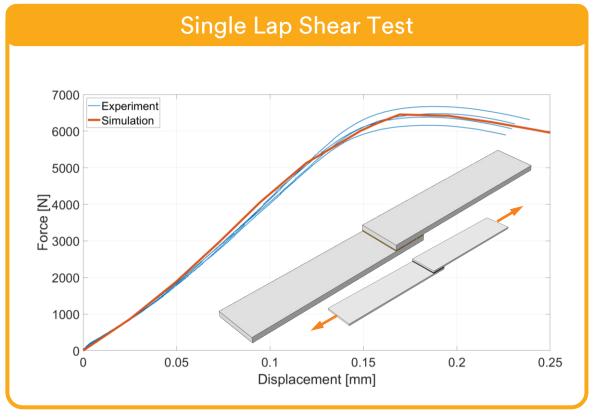




Excellent agreement between experimental test data and simulation for TDCB test, good agreement for the ENF test

Validation of the Material Data Card





- Excellent agreement between experimental test data and simulation for the T-Peel and the Single Lap Shear Test
- For both tests, the incorporation of an elastic-plastic material model for the adherends is crucial to get good agreement



Numerical Analysis of 3MTM VHBTM Tapes

Typical Properties of 3M™ VHB™ Tapes

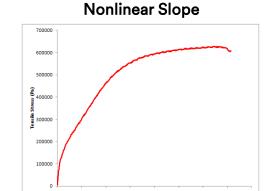
Common Questions by Customers

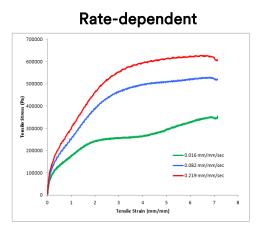
- ▶ Young's modulus E and Poisson's ratio ν ?
- Why are these are not given in your data sheets?

Answer by 3M – Our VHB Tapes are...

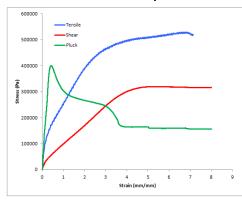
- Nonlinear elastic
- Viscoelastic (Time- and rate-dependent)
- Compressible
- Temperature-dependent
- ► That's what makes 3M VHB tapes unique
- ► That's what makes them challenging to model

Exemplary Stress-Strain Curves

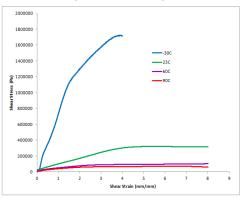




Deformation-dependent

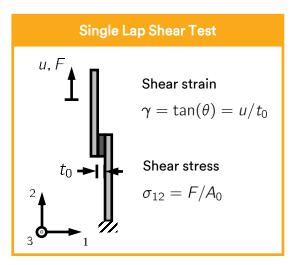


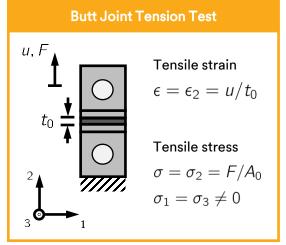
Temperature-dependent

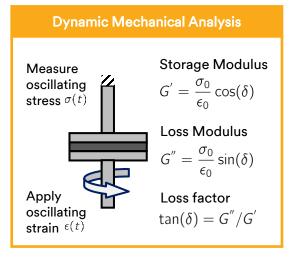


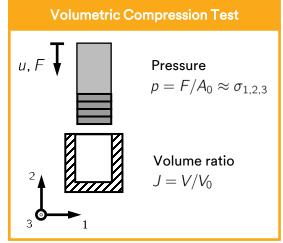


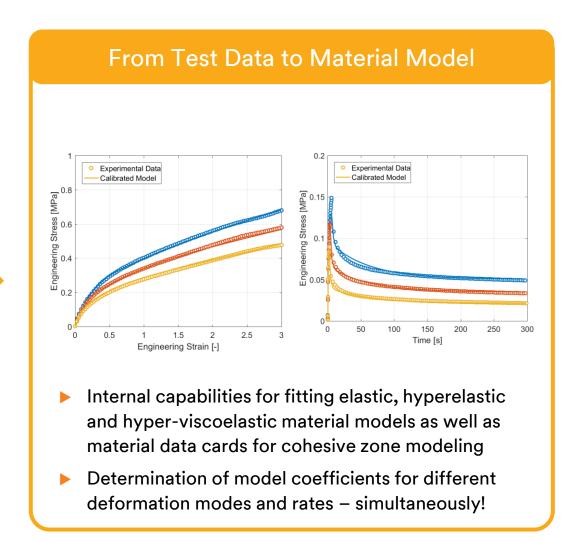
Required Tests for Hyperelastic-Viscoelastic Modeling











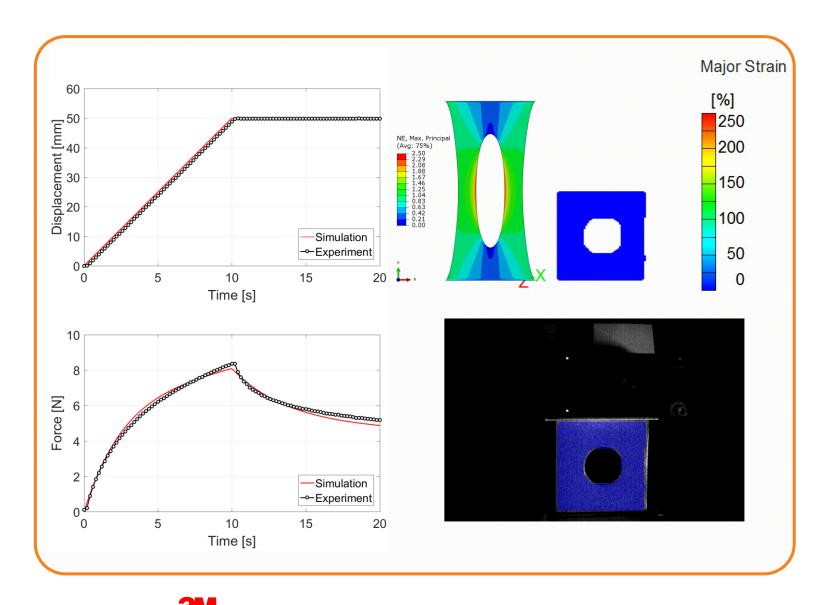
Viscoelastic Stress-Relaxation – Perforated VHB Strip

Experimental Test

- Ramp-hold test on perforated VHB strip
- Clear stress-relaxation behavior due to the viscoelastic nature of the VHB tape
- Tensile testing machine running synchronized to digital image correlation system GOM Aramis

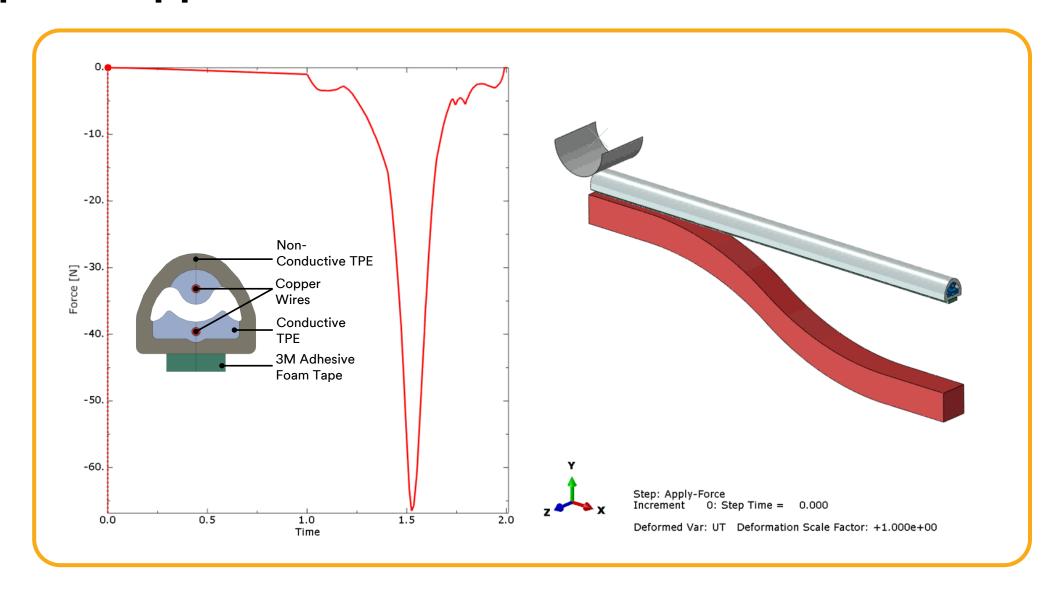
FE Simulation

- Excellent agreement between test and simulation result
- Hyperelastic-viscoelastic material model calibrated to rate-dependent test data



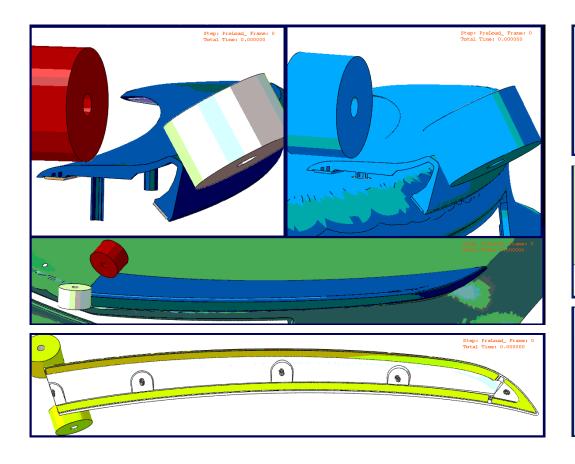


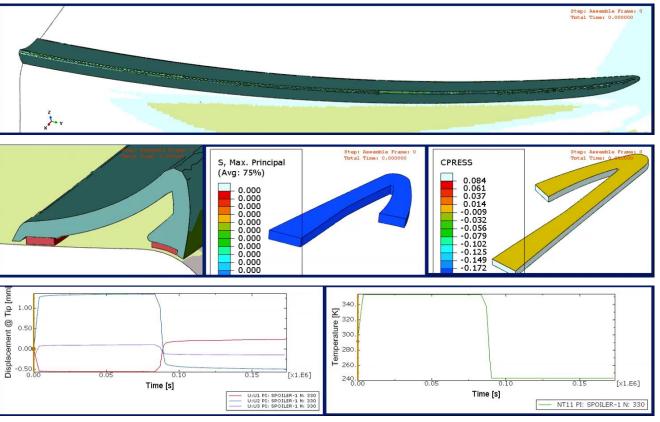
Required Application Pressure for Bonded Rubber Tubes



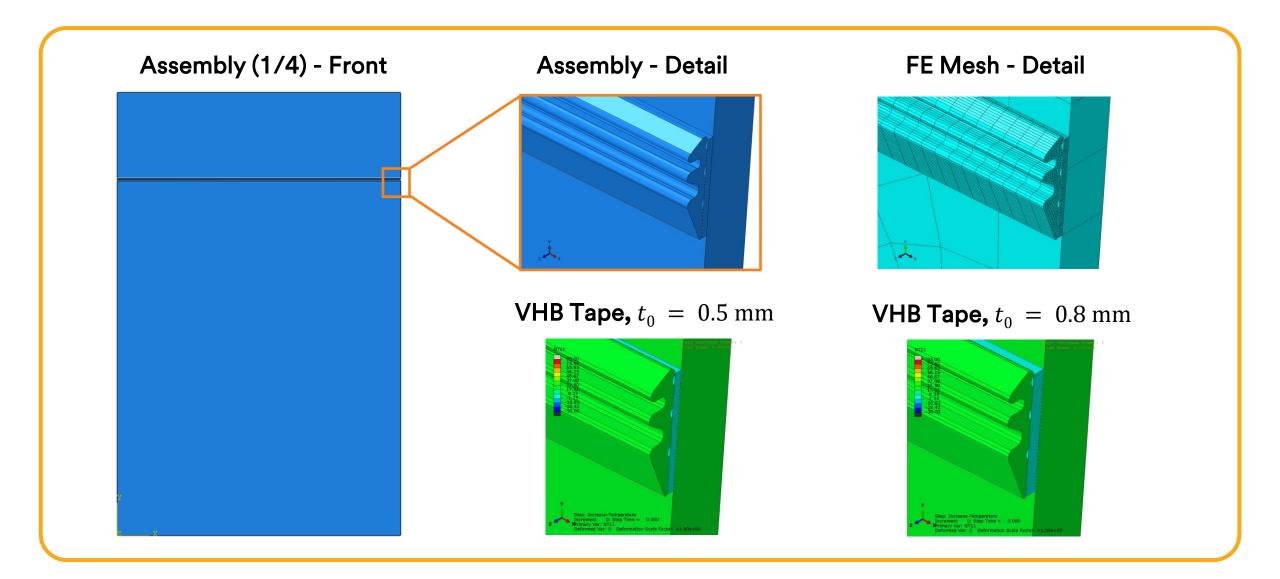


Spoiler Attachment Modeling

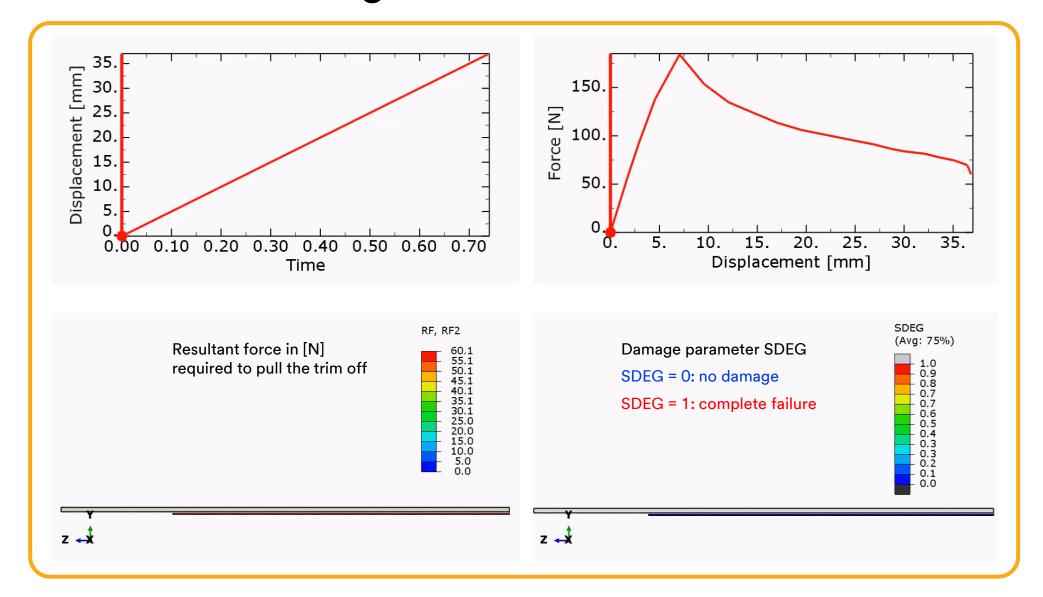




CTE Mismatch of Metal Profile bonded to Glass Panel

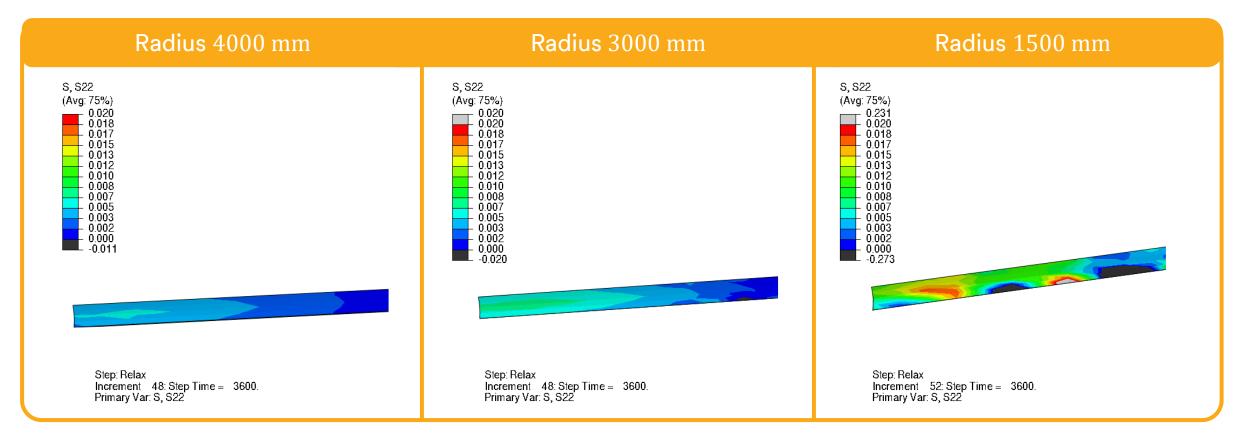


Static Failure Modeling for VHB – Interior Trim Pull-Off



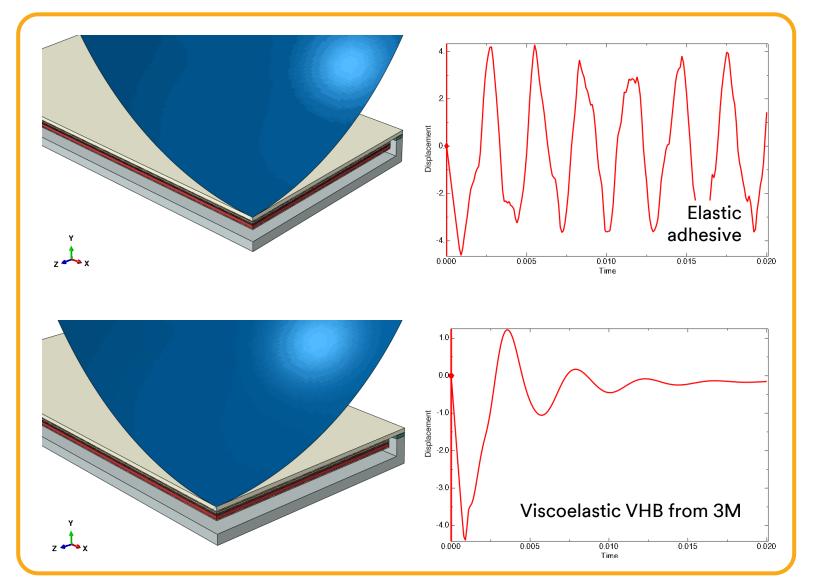
Curved Displays – Tensile Stresses in VHB Tapes





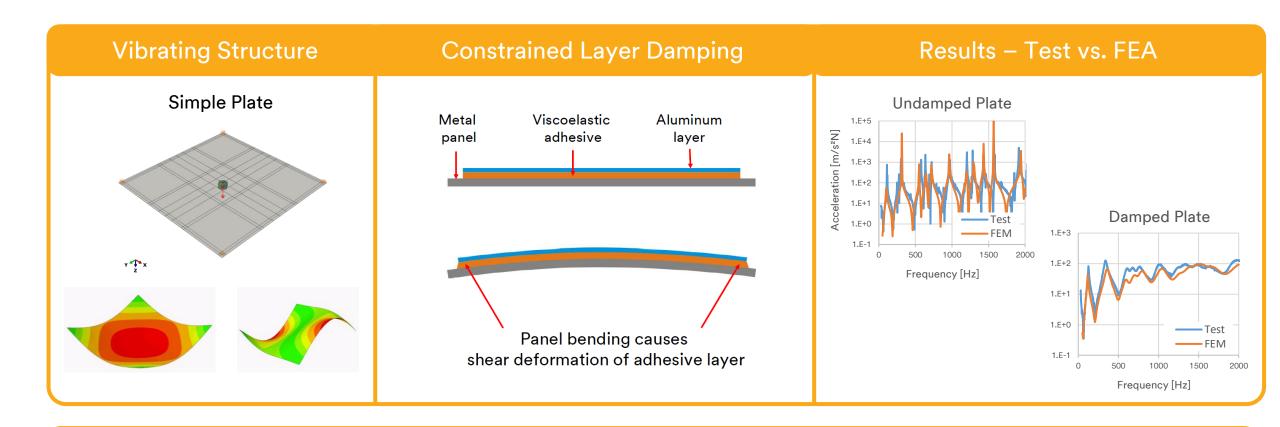


Head Impact Test Simulation – Elastic Adhesive vs. VHB





Constrained Layer Damping for Vibrating Structures



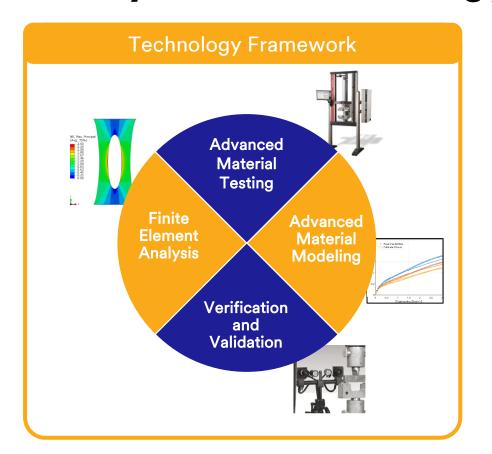
Goal I: Reduce noise effectively with constrained layer damping
Goal II: Ideally applied at the right places with the least amount of material



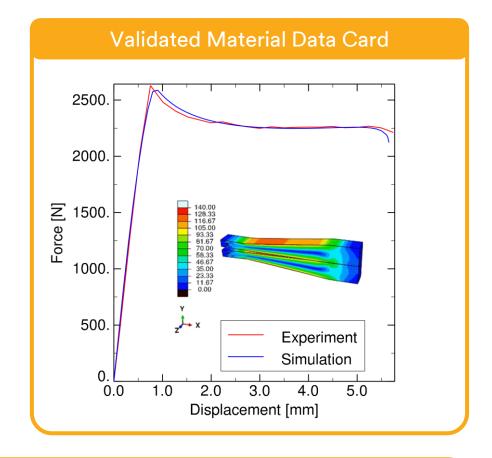


Conclusion and Summary

Summary – 3M Technology Framework







- The choice of a suitable material data card depends on your particular application.
- 3M website: Finite element material model for pressure sensitive adhesives (PSAs)
- ▶ We support you with questions around characterization, modeling and simulation! Get in touch with us!

Thank You!

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