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# Aging of Adhesive Joints

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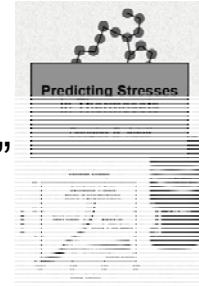


# DoD Interactions

## Nien-Hua Chao

*Picatinny Arsenal*

- delivered copy of “Predicting Stresses in Thermosets”
- advising on joint testing



## Timothy Woo

## John Osterndorf

*Picatinny Arsenal*

- discussion of JMP adhesives project
- why do we use the napkin-ring test geometry?

## Jennifer Cordes

*Picatinny Arsenal*

- help with polymer properties determination ([http://www.sandia.gov/polymer-properties/Classes\\_of\\_Polymers.html](http://www.sandia.gov/polymer-properties/Classes_of_Polymers.html)) and what can be done with SNL's predictive tools



# Adhesion Task Four-Question Chart

## What are you trying to do in this task?

- Measure and predict the critical stresses for adhesive de-bonding
- Measure and predict the change in de-bonding stress when components age in dry and humid environments
- Relate the de-bonding stress to processing history

## What makes you think you can do it?

- Leverages previous SNL-funded research on measuring and predicting adhesive strength
- Adhesion working group involves DOE and DoD members to direct goals and share knowledge/experience

## What difference will it make?

- Component designs can be more robust if de-bonding stress margins are known
- Knowledge of aging mechanisms improve material selection for given environments
- Processes can be defined to improve adhesive strength

## What / When / To Whom Will You Deliver?

- Deliverables are metrics and procedures to measure and predict de-bonding
- Delivery will be staged to provide capability on successively more difficult systems
- Adhesion working group will identify a DoD contact to share capabilities

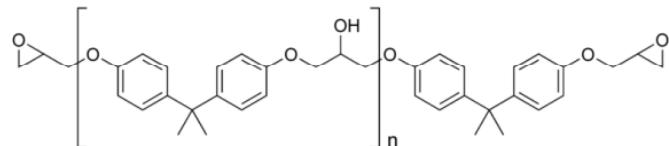


# Adhesive Joints

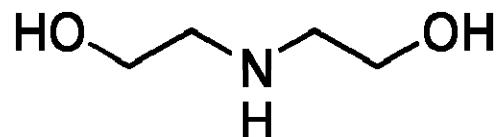


## Adhesive: 828/DEA

EPON® Resin 828  
Diglycidylether of Bisphenol-A

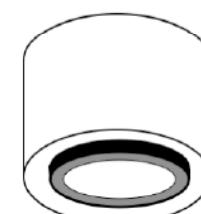


Diethanolamine

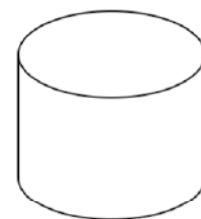


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[http://www.sandia.gov/polymer-properties/828\\_DEA.html](http://www.sandia.gov/polymer-properties/828_DEA.html)



Annulus with I.D. 0.65" and O.D. 0.75" so thickness of 50 mils. Height is also 50 mils



Bottom and top stainless steel plugs with 1 inch diameter.





# Discussion Topics

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- 1. Adhesive joint geometry and stress states**
- 2. Measuring and predicting the critical stress for debonding and how this changes with age in a humid environment**

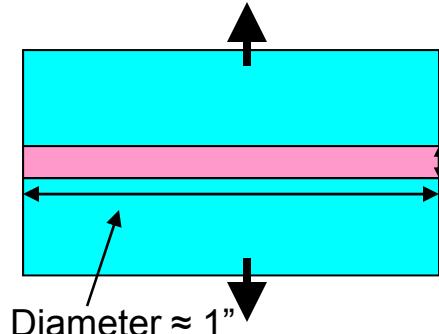


# Review of Test Geometry: Why the Napkin-Ring?

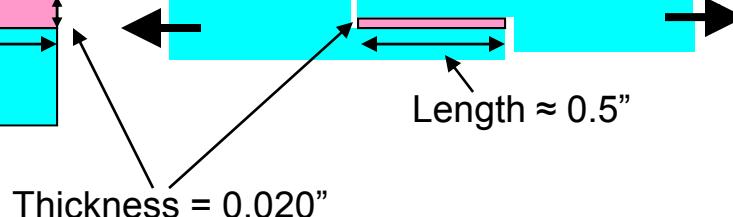
## Stress State of Adhesive During Cure and Cool-down

### ASTM Standards:

#### Butt Tension



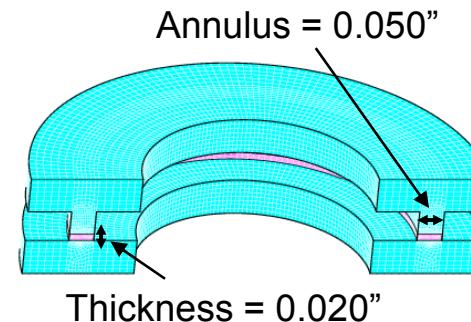
#### Lap Shear



Large diameter(length)-to-thickness ratio: ~25-50

- large aspect ratio in epoxy bondline leaves little free surface to relieve shrinkage strains
- constrained volume generates significant residual stresses during cure and cooling before any load is applied

#### Napkin-Ring



Relatively small annulus-to-thickness ratio: ~2

- more free surface and less volume constraint
- minimal cure and thermal stress build-up in adhesive before test loading

If residual stresses are high, then epoxy is closer to failure load

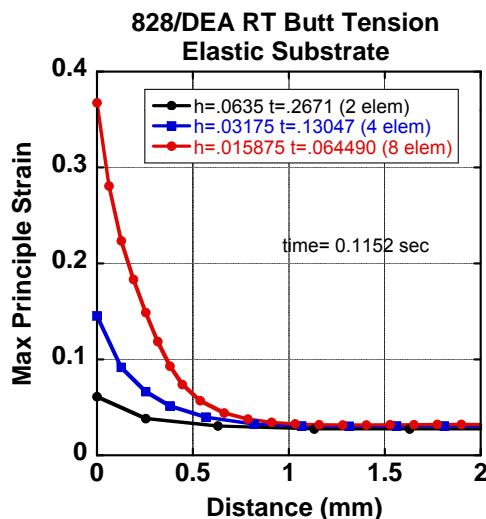
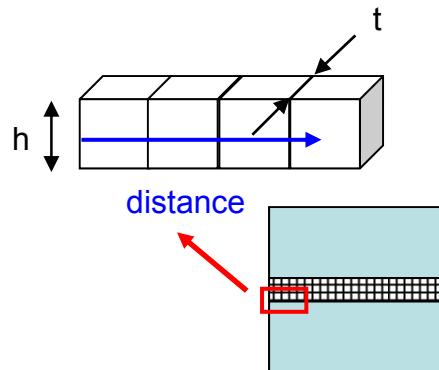


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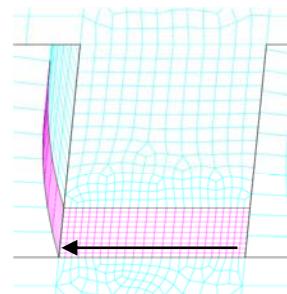
## Stress State of Adhesive During Load

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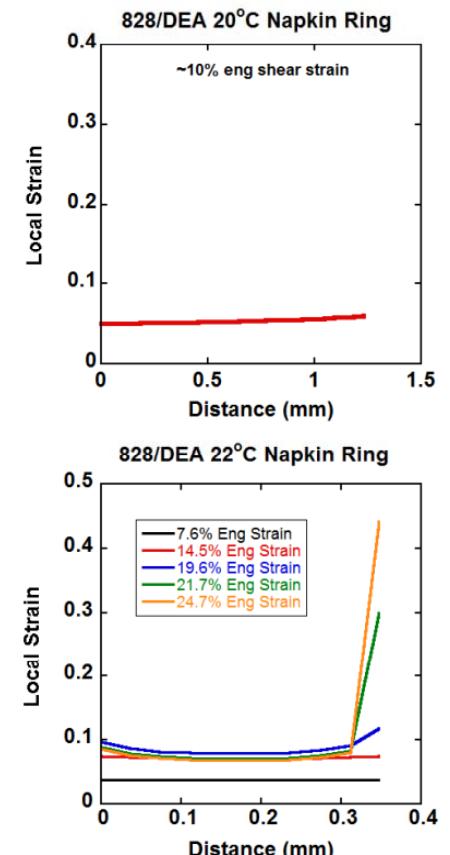
#### Butt Tension



- Sample has high stress/strain concentration at triple interface
- Model results are sensitive to mesh refinement at that point



#### Napkin-Ring

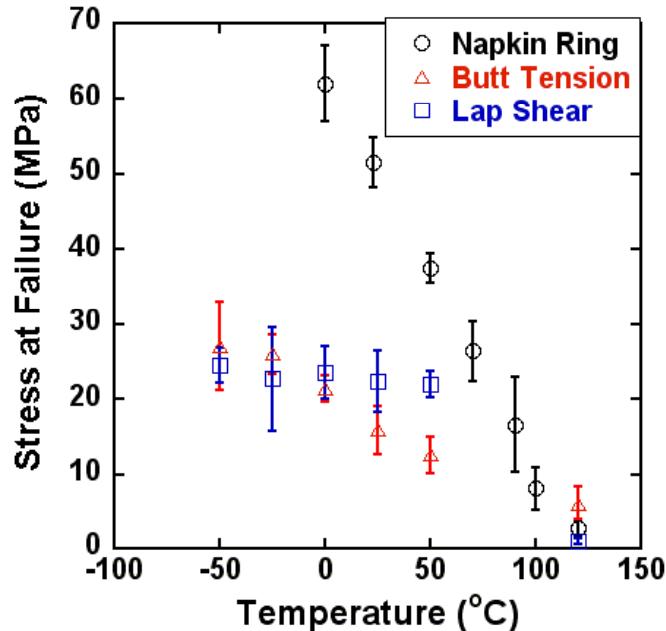


- Relatively uniform stress/strain distribution across entire bond



# Review of Test Geometry: Why the Napkin-Ring?

Assume: Stress = (Applied Load)/Area



- Cure/Thermal residual stresses in BT/LS are much higher than in napkin-ring, so epoxy is closer to failure point before additional mechanical load
- On loading BT/LS strains are concentrated at the triple interface rather than being distributed more uniformly like napkin ring
- BT/LS samples are more susceptible to edge defects



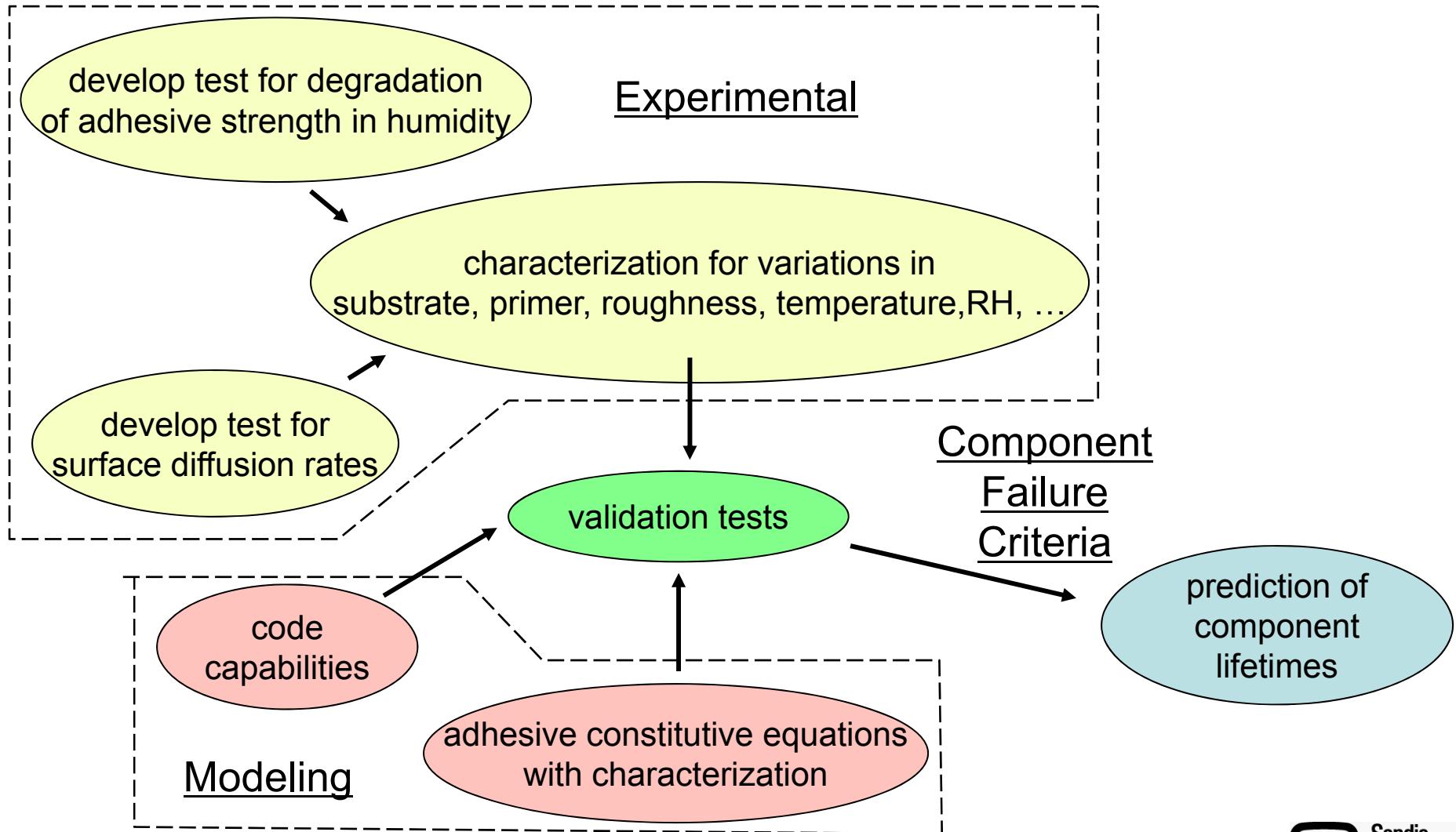
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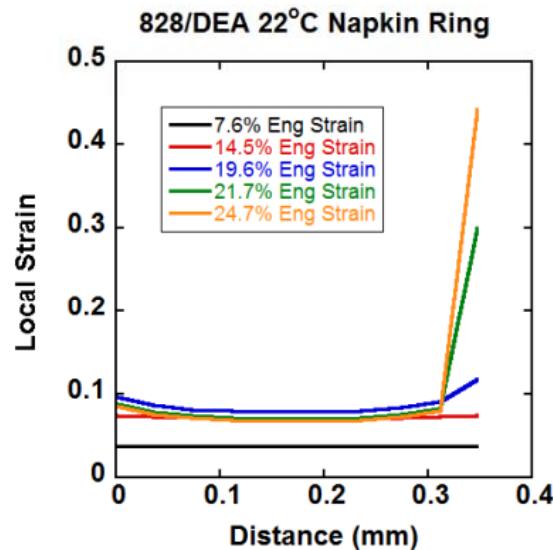
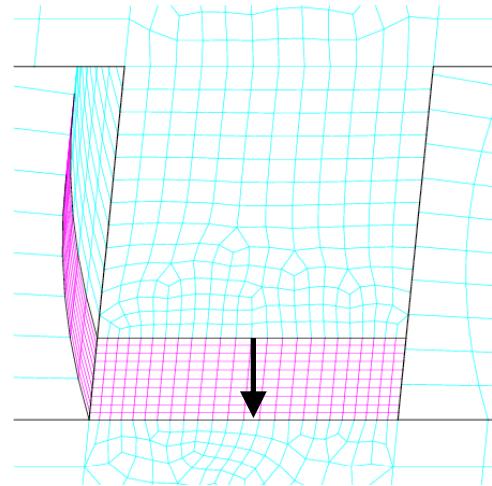
# Adhesive Joint Aging in Humid Environments





# Dry Adhesive Failure on Napkin-Rings

## Predicting the Critical Stress/Strain for Debonding



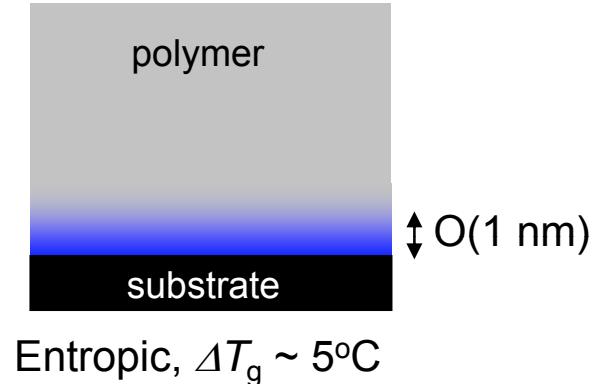
### Failure Mechanism:

- Highest stress regions at bonding interfaces
- Highest adhesive confinement at lower interface
- Polymer in interfacial region shows highest strains and yields prior to bulk polymer
- Premature yield concentrates strain in the interfacial region
- High strain concentrations further increase relaxation rates until strain levels are no longer sustainable

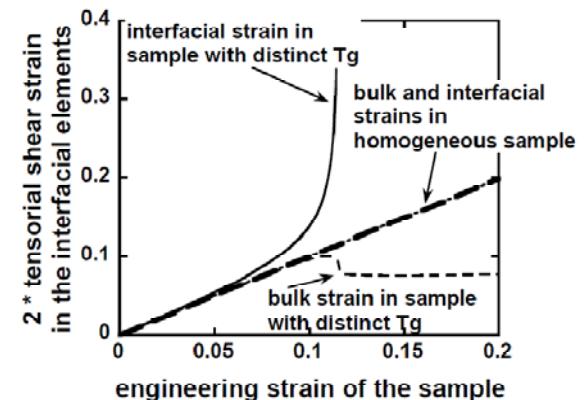
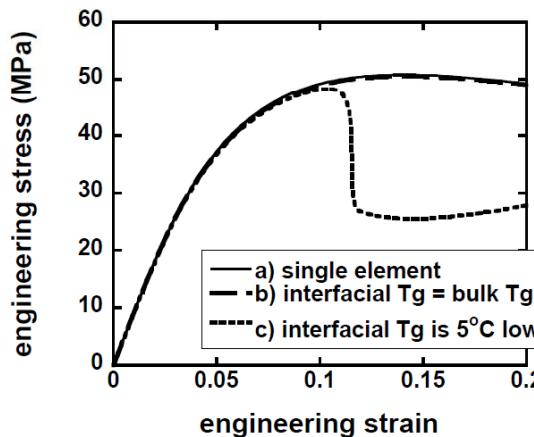


# Dry Adhesive Failure on Napkin-Rings

A “Weak” Interfacial Layer will further Promote Failure at the Interface



Entropic,  $\Delta T_g \sim 5^\circ\text{C}$



Same failure mechanism, exacerbated by reduced polymer  $T_g$  at interface

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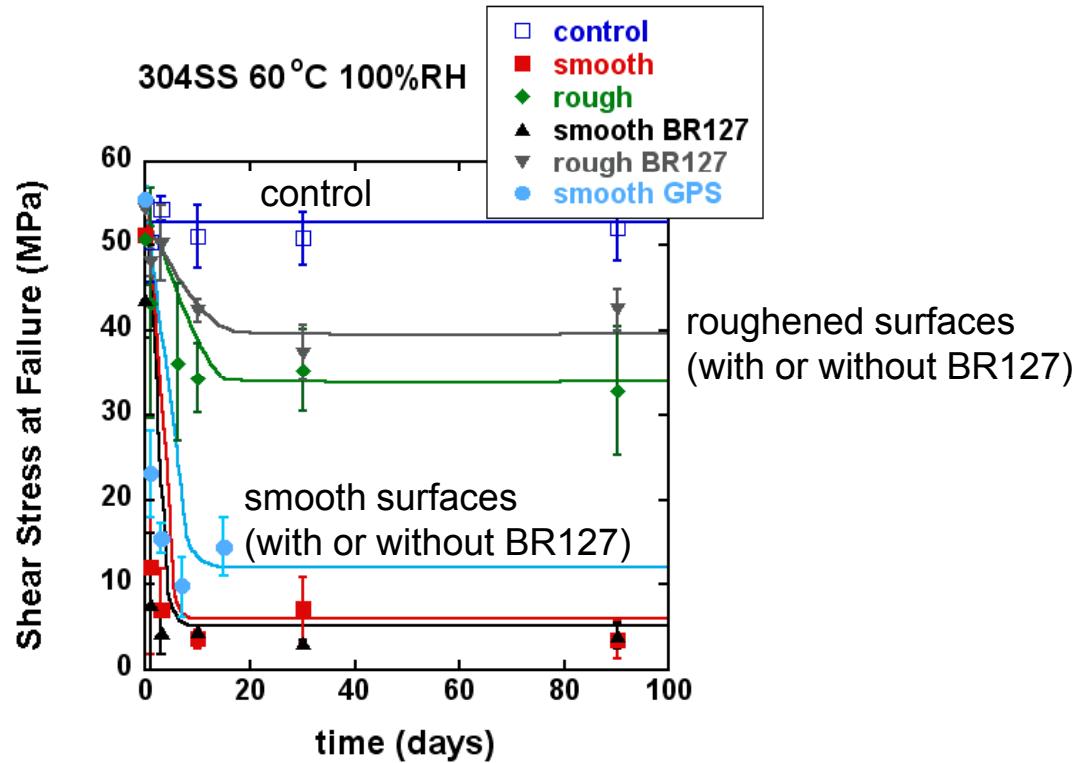
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# Wet Adhesive Failure on Napkin-Rings



828/DEA bonding 304SS of varied surface preparations



Effects of humidity can be measured:

- Equilibrium effect of water on bond strength reached in days
- Surface roughness critical in determining magnitude of water effect on bond strength

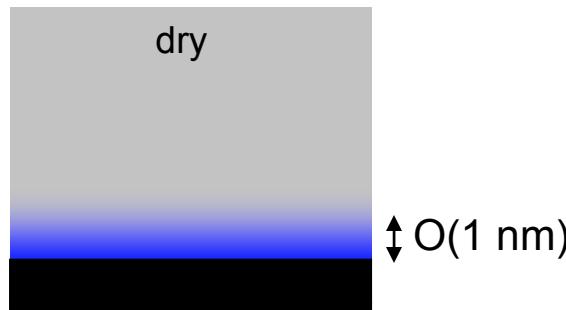
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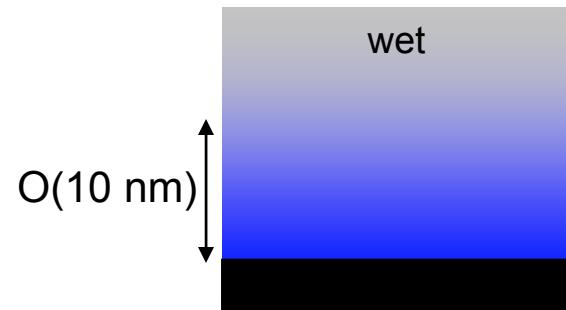
# Wet Adhesive Failure Mechanism



Reduced  $T_g$ : wet vs. dry

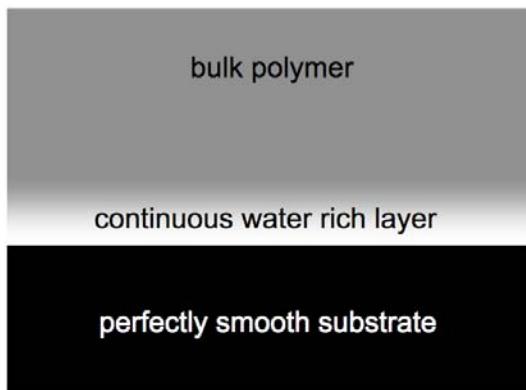


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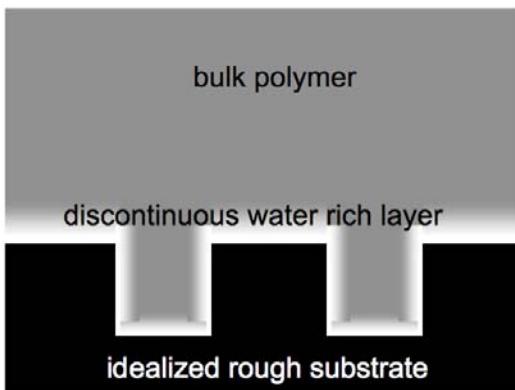


Plasticization,  $\Delta T_g \sim 50^\circ\text{C}$

Moisture Effects on Bond Strength: smooth vs. rough surface



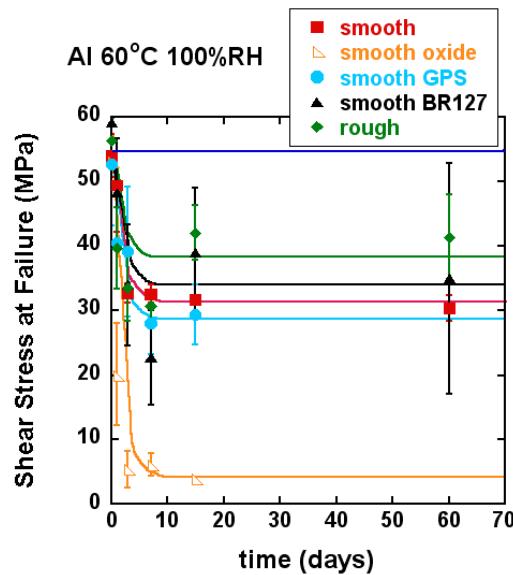
Clean break across reduced  $T_g$  interface



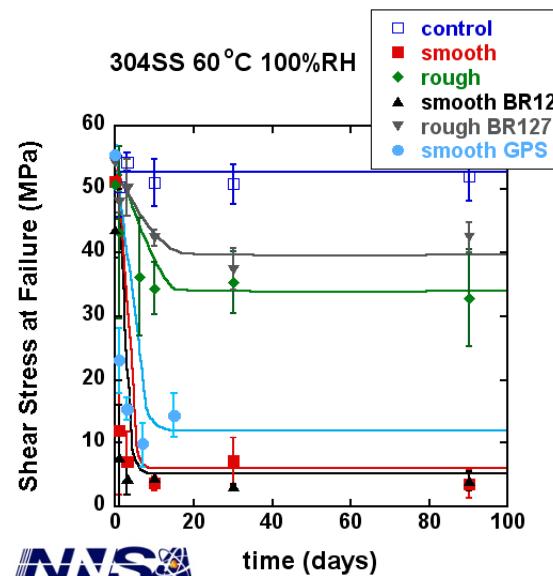
Bulk polymer must be traversed



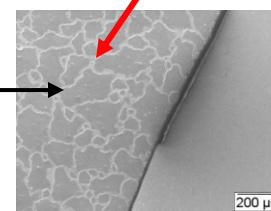
# Wet Adhesive Failure: Adherend Composition



decrease on rough aluminum  
decrease on smooth aluminum  
(with or without GPS or BR127)  
decrease on smooth oxide



decrease on rough steel  
(with or without BR127)  
decrease on smooth steel  
(with or without GPS)



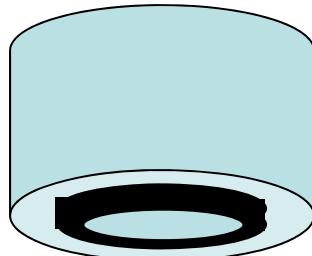
unbonded area

bonded area

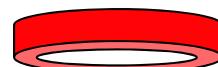
- decrease in strength on smooth surfaces is less for Al than steel
- GPS does not minimize loss of adhesive strength
- oxide layer on Al significantly decreases wet strength



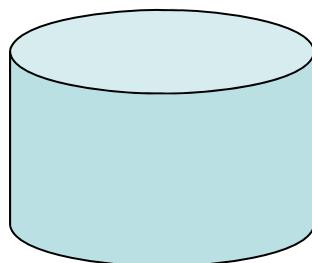
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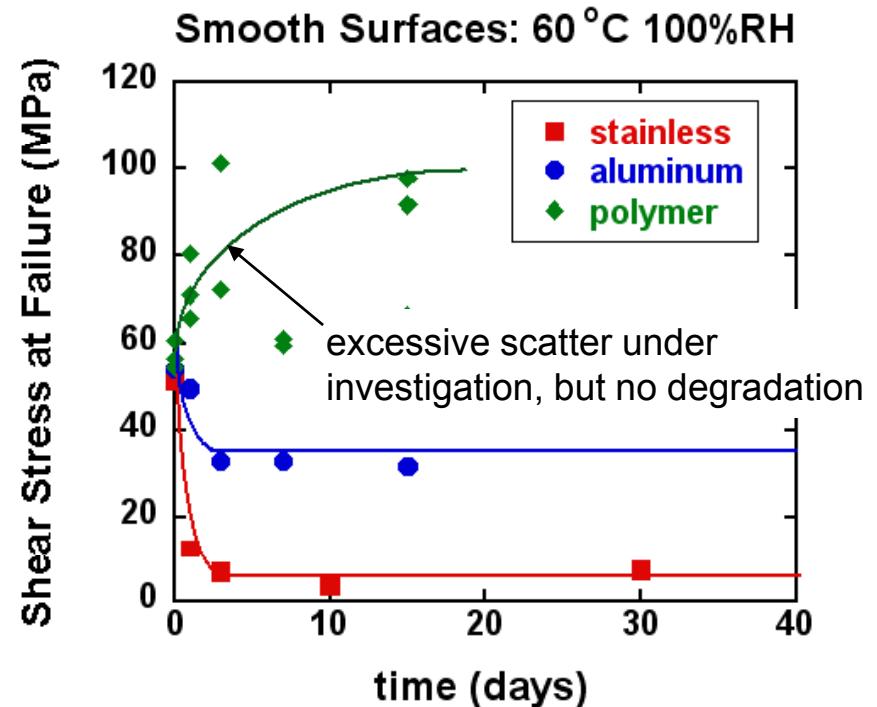
upper plug with annulus  
alumina-filled epoxy ( $T_g \sim 160^\circ\text{C}$ )



bonded adhesive  
unfilled epoxy ( $T_g \sim 70^\circ\text{C}$ )



lower plug  
alumina-filled epoxy ( $T_g \sim 160^\circ\text{C}$ )



polymer-polymer interfaces (e.g., adhesive to composite) show no degradation

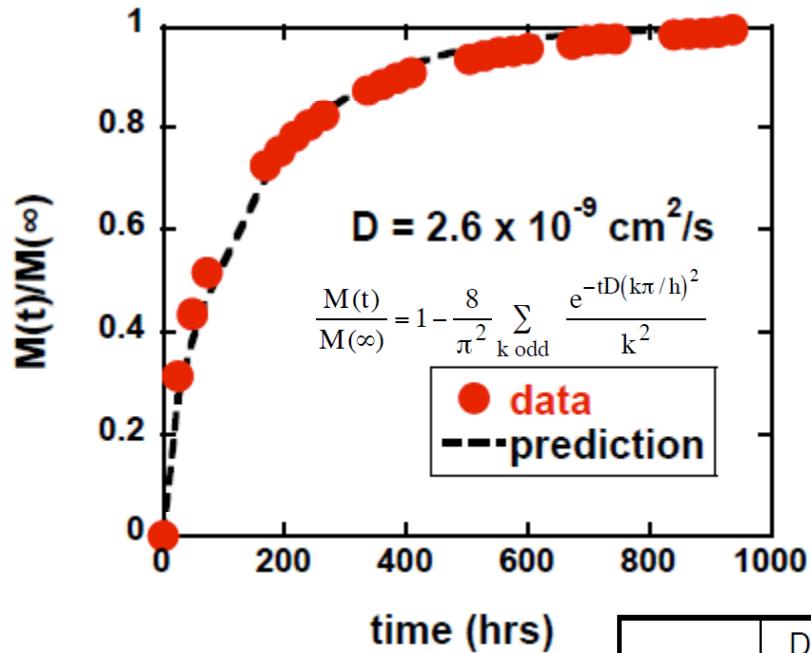
- no thermodynamic driving force for water to migrate to interface



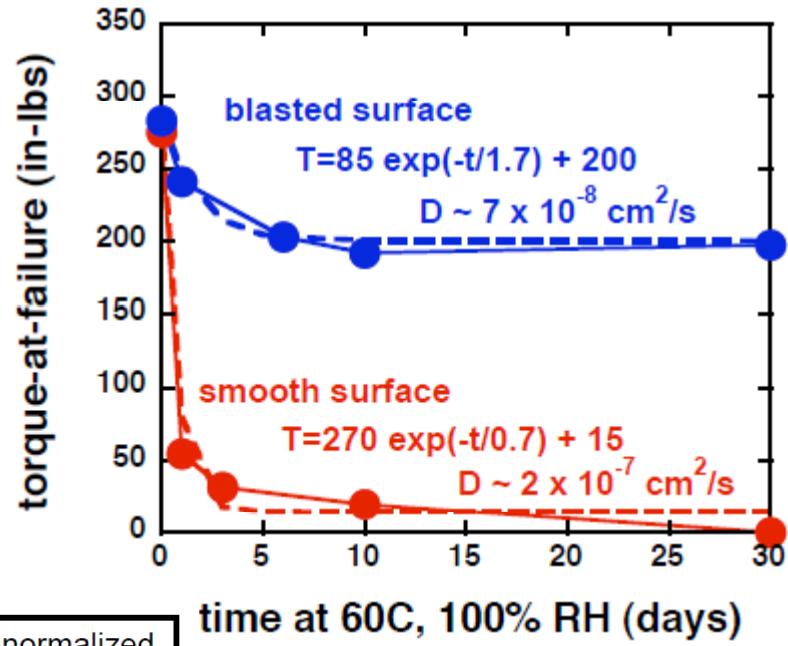
# Predicting Humid Joint Aging: Water Diffusion



Mass Gain: 60°C 100% RH



Napkin Ring Adhesion: 60°C 100% RH



	$D$ ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ )	normalized to bulk $D$
smooth	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$	62
rough	$6.8 \times 10^{-8}$	26
bulk	$2.6 \times 10^{-9}$	1

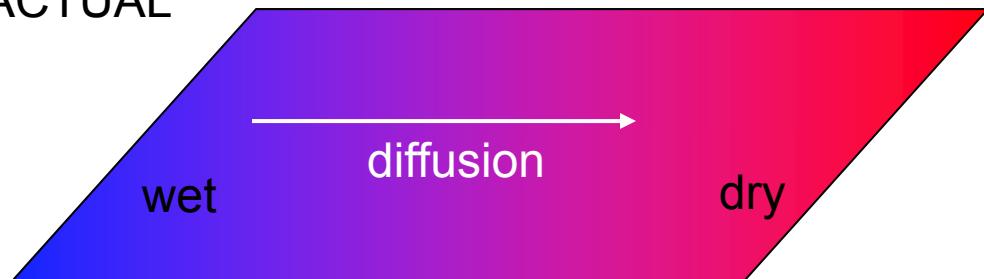
Interfacial diffusion  $\sim$ 50 times faster than bulk diffusion



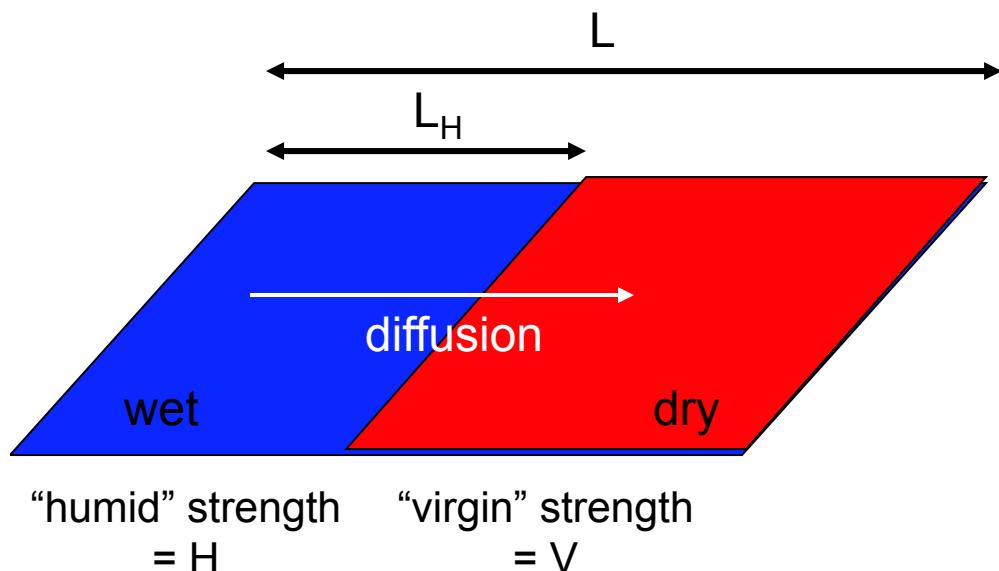
# Predicting Humid Joint Aging: Simplest Scheme



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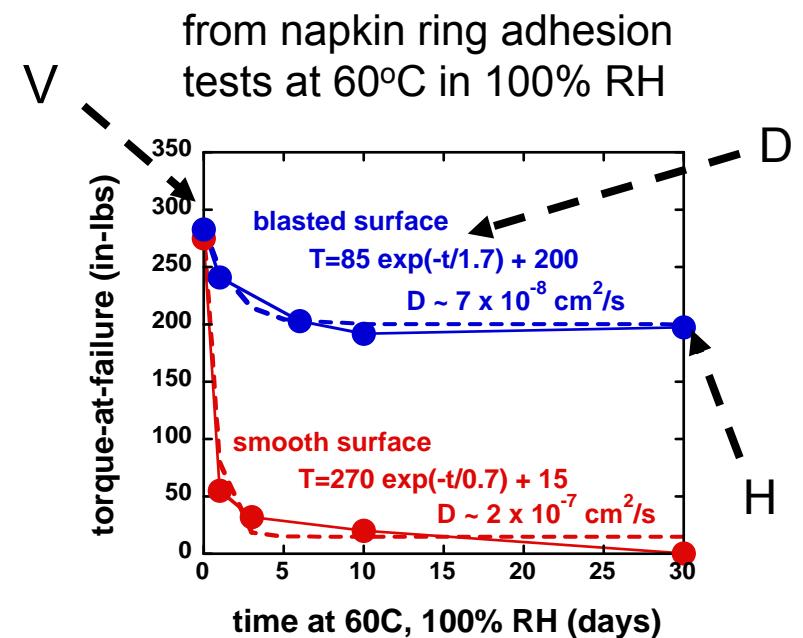
IDEALIZED



EXAMPLE CALCULATION

$$\text{total strength} = H \left( \frac{L_H}{L} \right) + V \left( \frac{L - L_H}{L} \right)$$

$$\text{where } L_H = (Dt)^{1/2}$$

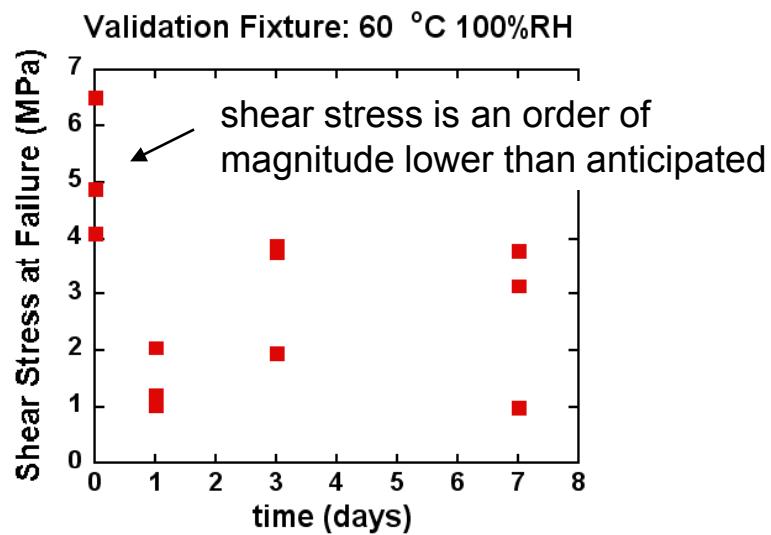
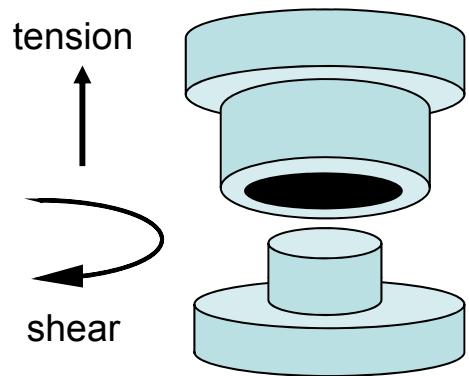




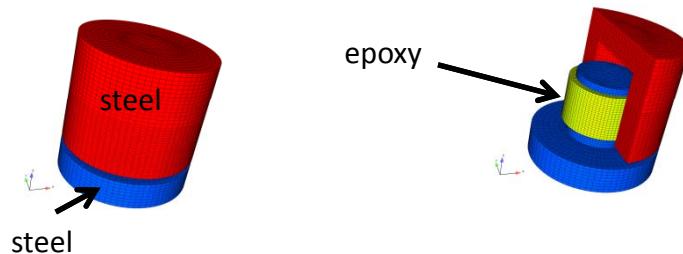
# Testing Predictions: Validation Geometry



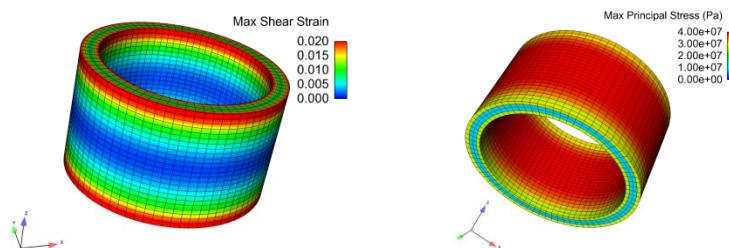
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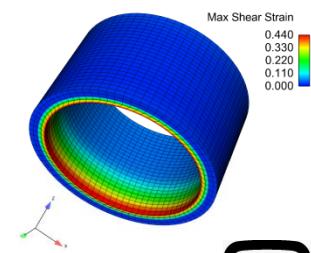
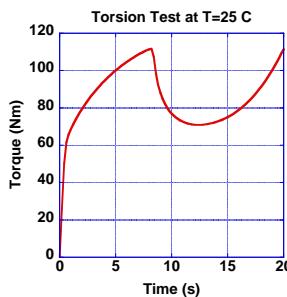
## Stress Analysis



### Thermal Stress/Strain

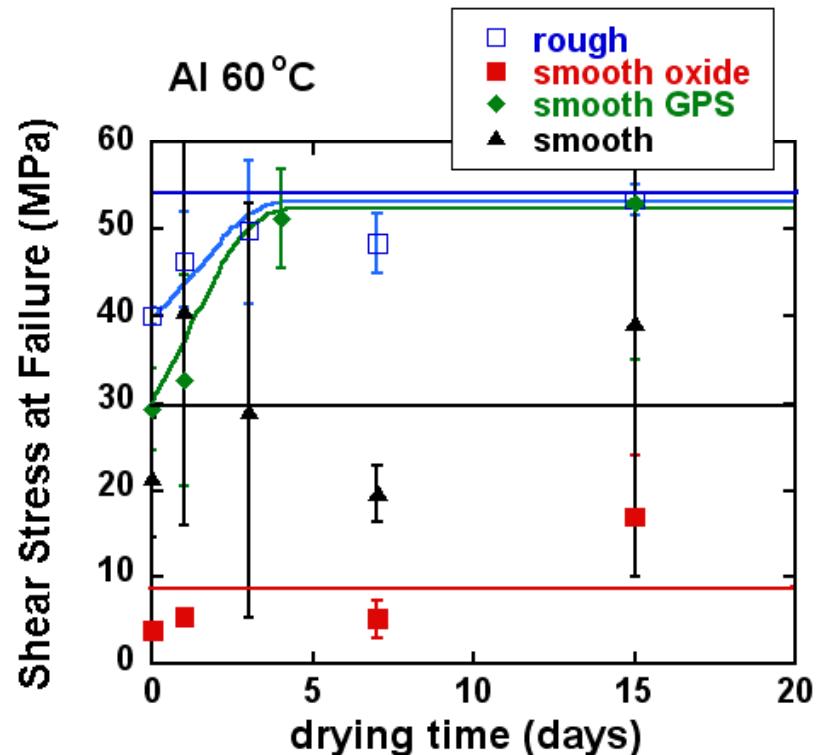
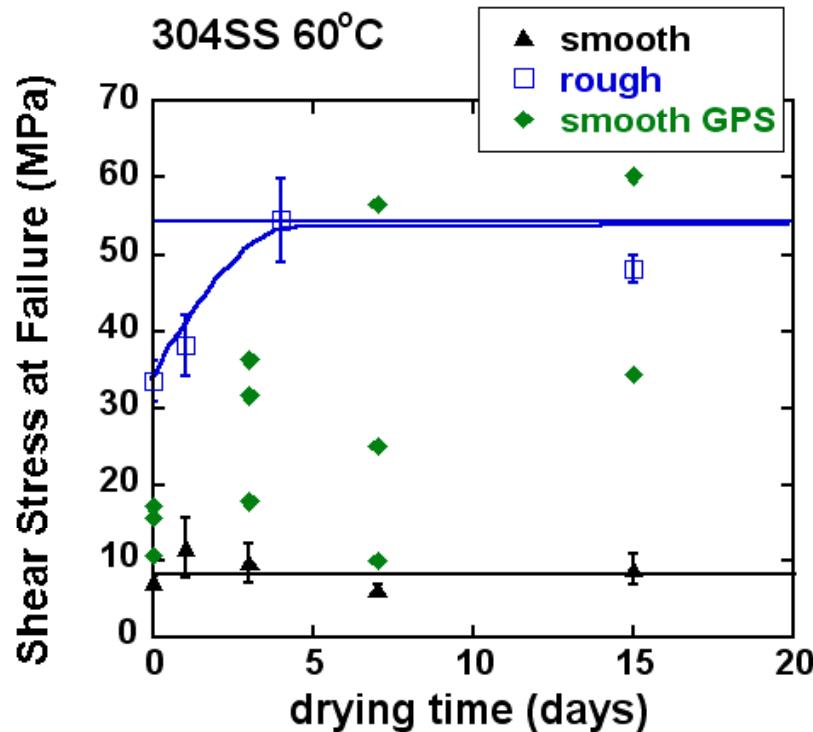


### Rotational Loading Strain





# Can Adhesive Joints be “Healed”



- Original strength is regained on rough surfaces
- No regaining of strength on smooth, unprimed surfaces
- GPS allows regaining of original strength on smooth Al but scattered results on steel



# Summary

- Failure isn't truly adhesive failure, typically the polymer fails cohesively and this can occur in a weak interfacial layer
- Loads to adhesive failure do depend on the joint geometry...choose carefully
- Napkin-Ring geometry is an excellent tool to characterize wet adhesive failure: fast (~2 weeks to equil.), directly yields stress-to-failure, simplicity allows mechanistic interpretation
- Bonding materials and surface preparation significantly affect the role of moisture on adhesive strength
- Degradation effects of moisture can be healed in some cases



# Adhesion Task: Major Results to Date



1. Napkin ring test is an excellent metric for monitoring adhesion aging
  - a. Simple and fast (~2 weeks to equilibrate)
  - b. Directly yields stress at failure for predictive capability
  - c. Simplicity allows mechanistic interpretation
2. Developed mechanism and predictive tool for dry environments
3. Developed mechanism and predictive tool for humid aging without corrosion or silane primers
  - a. Swelling of epoxy at interface due to preferential water absorption
  - b. Depressed yield stress of swollen polymer leads to reduced strength
4. Bonding materials and surface preparation significantly affect role of moisture on adhesion
  - a. Al surfaces (without corrosion) less susceptible to adhesive degradation than SS
  - b. Rough surfaces less susceptible to adhesive degradation than smooth surfaces
  - c. Polymer-polymer interfaces show no adhesive degradation
5. Degradation effect of moisture on adhesion can be “healed” by drying in some cases



# Adhesion Task Milestones/Deliverables for FY12-16



Task #	Milestones/Deliverables	Date
1	<i>Prove adhesive degradation validation geometry: FEA stress analysis of bonding geometry and experimental evaluation of virgin stress at failure</i>	<b>FY12</b>
2	<i>Validate predictions of adhesive degradation in humid environments: smooth stainless steel surfaces</i>	<b>FY13</b>
3	<i>Present results to DoD interested parties (Picattiny? Redstone?). Gather feedback and learn history of adhesive issues</i>	<b>FY14</b>
4	<i>Refine predictions of adhesive failure: napkin ring tests to identify additional parameters necessary for predictive model (e.g., critical humidity levels, environmental effects on degradation rate, resin cure stresses, thermal stresses, and/or dynamic loadings)</i>	<b>FY14-15</b>
5	<i>Validate refined prediction of adhesive failure</i>	<b>FY16</b>



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# Back Up Slides



# Adhesion Task GOTChA

**Goal:** -----

Predict de-bonding of adhesively bonded components

**Objective:** -----

Develop a straightforward experimental test, unravel the underlying mechanisms, develop a predictive approach, and implement it in a computational procedure

**Challenges:** -----

experimental

mechanism

theory

computational

validation

**Approach:** -----

napkin ring test

NLVE polymer model

finite element stress prediction

**Tasks:** -----

develop experimental path

assess sensitivities

develop computational approach



# Adhesion Task

## JMP Five Year Plan for FY12-16



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Principal Investigator: **Jamie Kropka, SNL-ABQ, 505-284-0866, 505-844-2894, jmkropk@sandia.gov**

Customer	Collaboration
<b>Tom Erickson US Army Redstone 256.876.0218 Tom.Erickson@us.army.mil</b>	<b>Adhesive degradation in munitions. Transition: present summary of work completed to characterize adhesive degradation (FY14)</b>
<b>Sergio Gonzalez Sandia National Labs 505.845.2393 slgonza@sandia.gov</b>	<b>Adhesion of UV-cured coatings to PWBs and degradation of the adhesion in humid environments</b>
<b>Barbara Wells Sandia National Labs 505.844.4642 bjwells@sandia.gov</b>	<b>Adhesion and adhesive failure of thermosets</b>



# Project 'Name' Schedule (Example)



	FY11				FY12				FY13				FY14				FY15			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Project Milestones									Deliverable A				Deliverable B							
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Include this slide the Back Up Slides for ongoing projects with updated out year



# Project 'Name' Funding and Tasks

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Planned:

FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
\$K	\$K	\$K	\$K	\$K

Historical:

prior FYs	FY06	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
\$K	\$K	\$K	\$K	\$K	\$K

Tasks *	Funding**
1. Task Title	
2. Task Title	
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X. Task Title	
<b>Total FY12 Project Funding</b>	

\*Indicate a new task by an "\*" next to title, \*\*Indicate any previous-year task that was terminated as \$ 0K

Values include the total of both DoD and DOE \$s



# Project 'x-short title' - Key Personnel

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Name	Org	Role
<i>Jane/John Doe (e-mail &amp; phone number)</i>	<i>DOE Lab</i>	<i>Task Leader for Task X</i>
	<i>DOE Lab</i>	<i>Task Leader for Task Y</i>
	<i>DoD Lab</i>	<i>(Define area of responsibility or interest: Tasks X, Y, Z)</i>
	<i>University</i>	
	<i>Etc.</i>	

## Instructions:

- Explicitly identify the 'Task Leader', even if that person is also the Project Leader
- Include key collaborators even if they are not at a DOE lab or not directly funded by the JMP
- Examples only shown above – not all orgs will apply to each task
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# Project 'Name' – Major Result

## Date

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### FY10

- **Bonding materials and surface preparation significantly affect the role of moisture on adhesion**
  - **Corrosion on Al surfaces significantly decreases wet adhesive strength**
  - **Al surfaces (without corrosion) are less susceptible to adhesive degradation than SS**
  - **Rough surfaces are less susceptible to adhesive degradation than smooth surfaces**
  - **Polymer-polymer interfaces show no adhesive degradation**
- **Degradation effects of moisture on adhesion can be “healed” by drying in some cases**
  - **Original adhesion strength is regained on rough surfaces**
  - **GPS (silane coupling agent) allows regaining of original strength on smooth Al**



# Project 'Name' Schedule (Example)



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