# Dexcom<sup>®</sup> Overlay Patch Performance Characterization



Dexcom provides an overlay patch that is placed onto a glucose monitor wearable to enhance the adhesion over time. Some patients have difficulty retaining the wearable onto their bodies.

This project is intended to design and determine a test method for comparing patch performance of the overlay on an Instron with LDPE plates, and developing a proposal of an on body working model to compare and correlate the results.

## Instron peel tester:

- Gather stress and strain data from a 90° peel test for a Single Column Instron 5943
- Able to statically hold a 2"x5"x0.25" LDPE panel,
- Adjustable perpendicularly to sample axis  $\pm 0.5$ "
- Able to withstand 2 lbf of pull force while maintaining a 90° angle between pulled material and substrate surface during test.

## On Body Design:

- Design a proposal of a device that gathers stress and strain data from an on-body peel test
- Pull axis must be perpendicular to skin at peel edge
- Able to withstand up to 2 lbf of pull force.



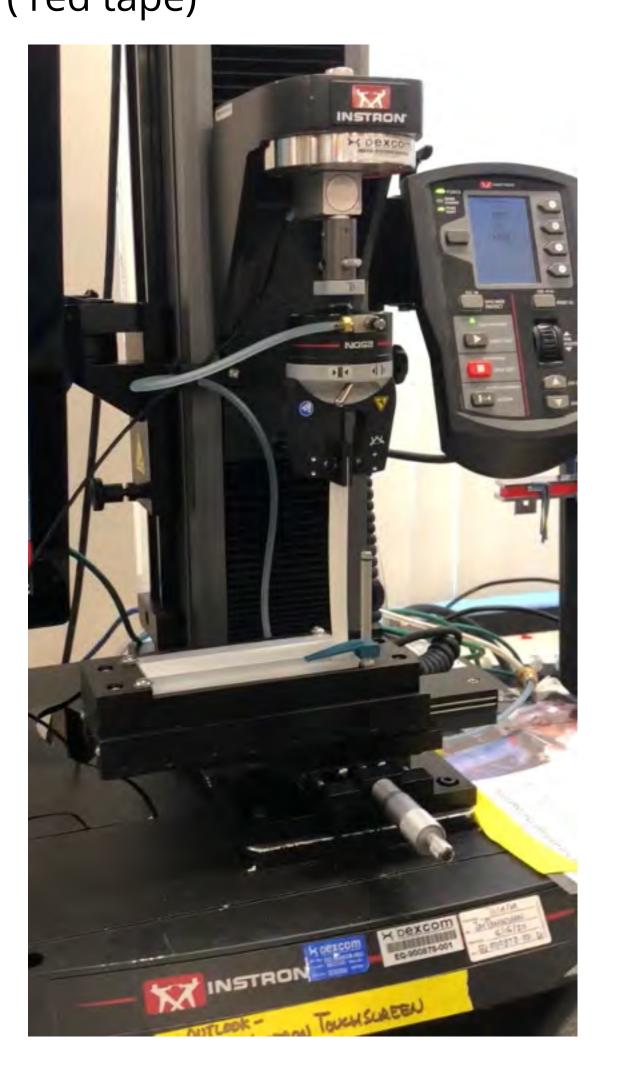
On Body Design

Instron Fixture

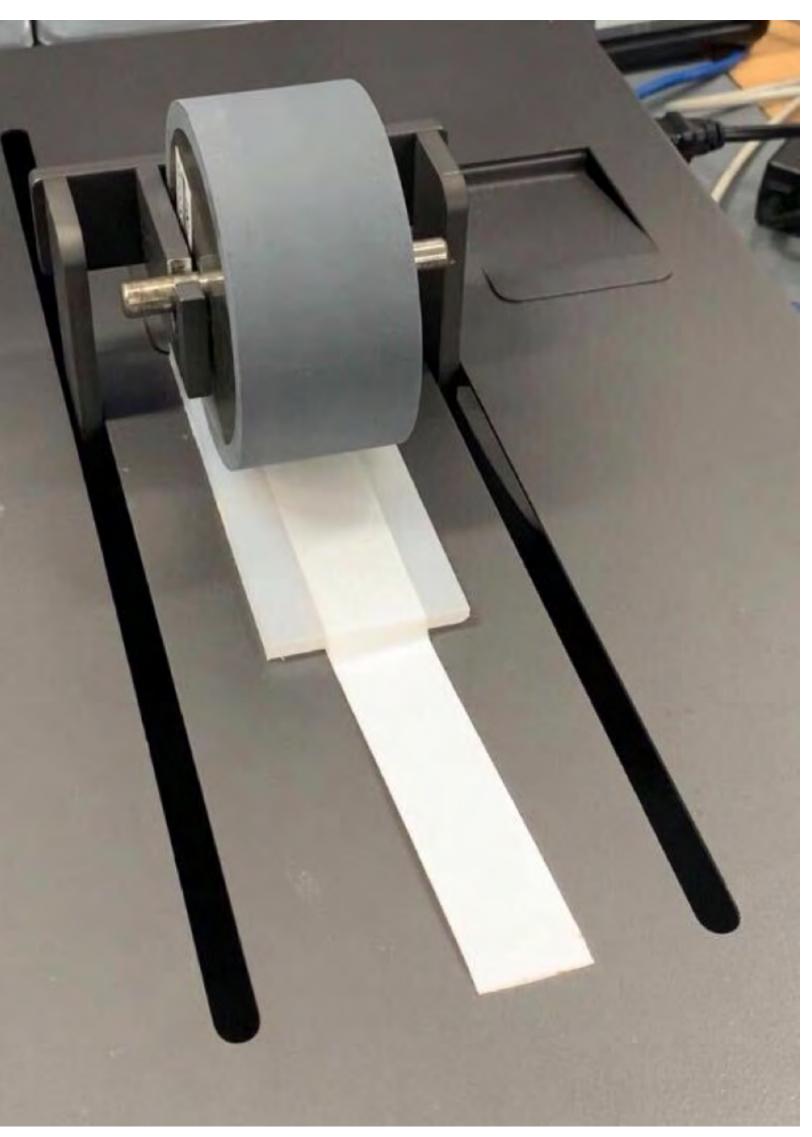
Peel testing with designed fixture was done and results were analyzed using **ASTM** standards



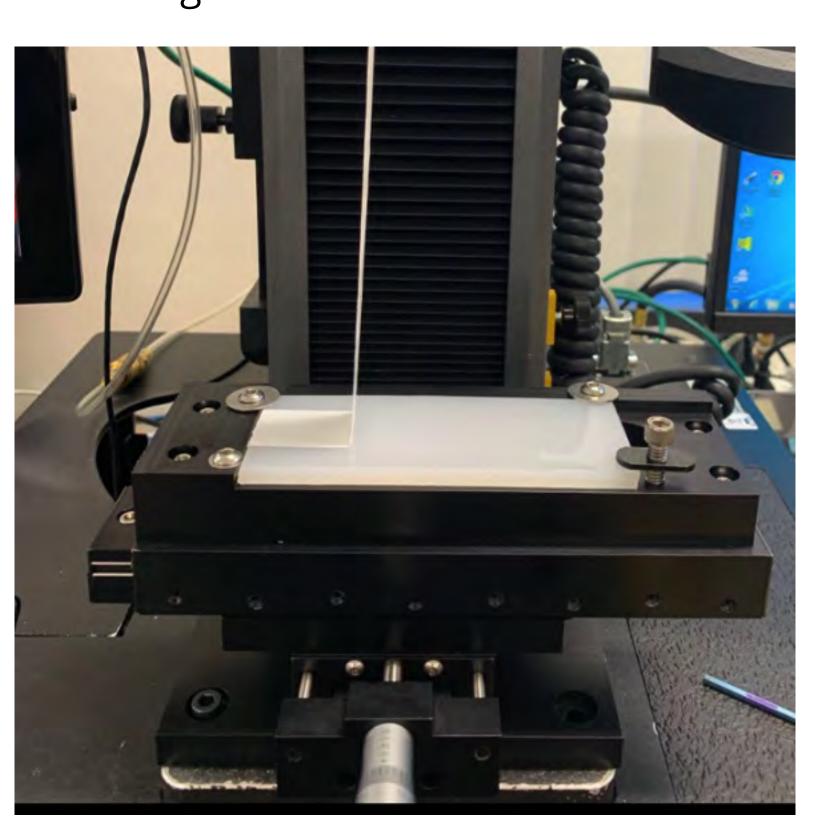
Sample Preparation - cutting samples and applying reinforcements ( red tape)



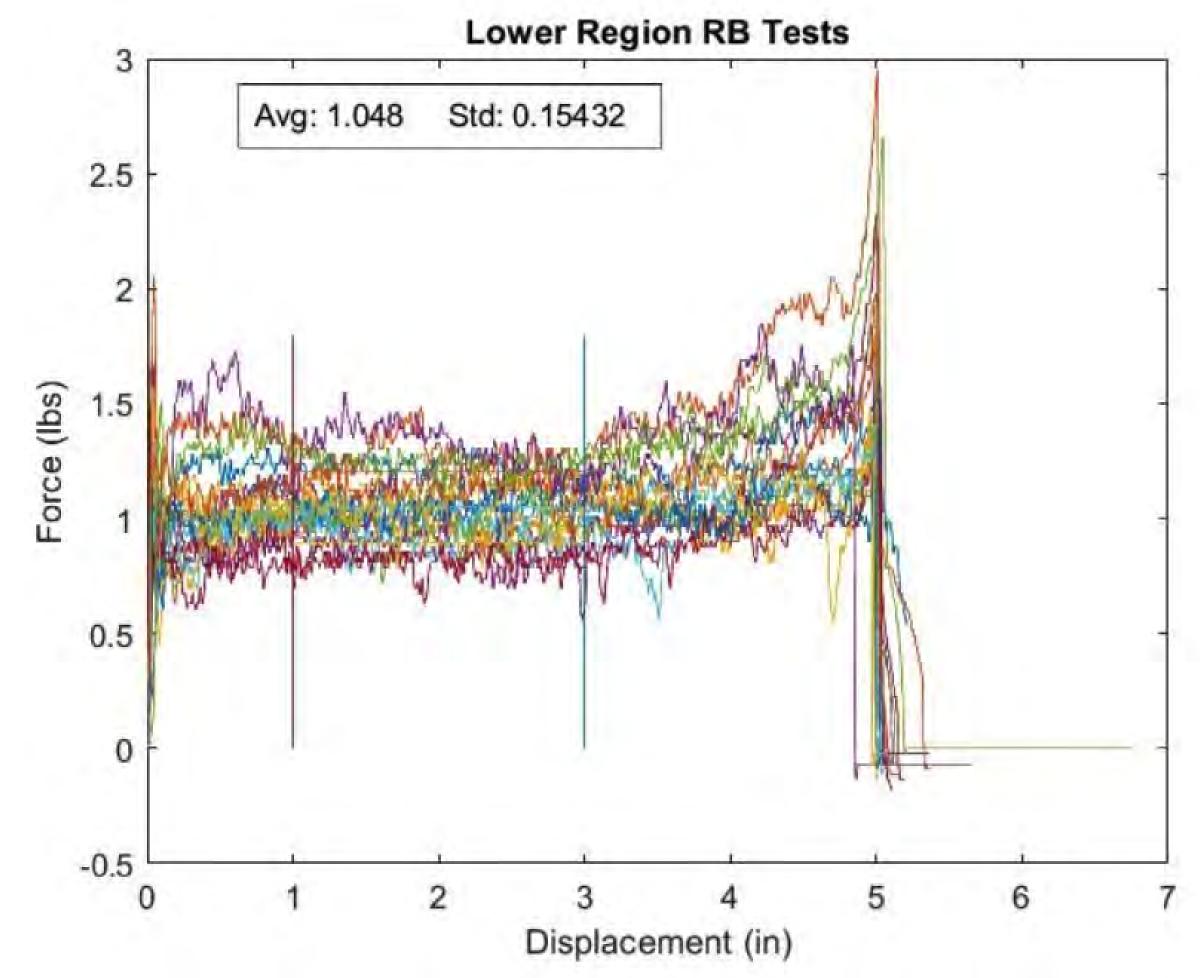
Test setup



Sample Preparation - adhering samples to LDPE plates by rolling



Peel test done as seen patch is peeling at 90°



Compilation of data, average: 1.048 lbf



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