

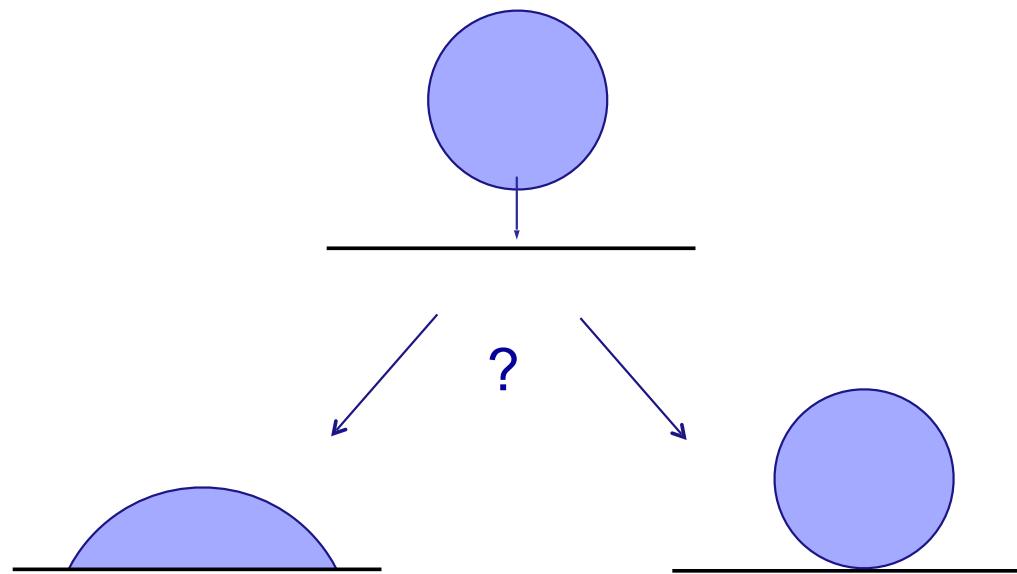
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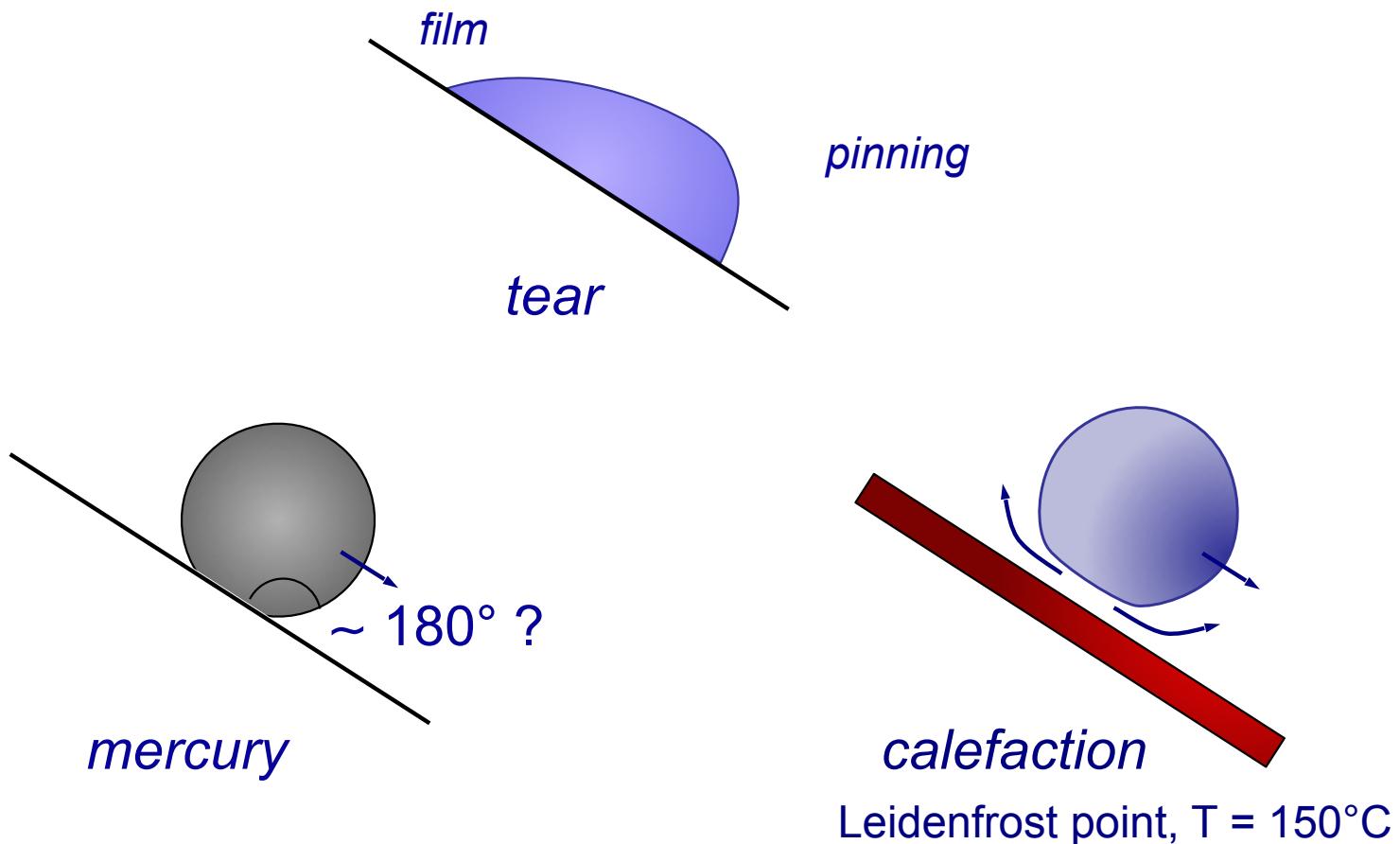


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# Rain droplet on a window



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## "Lotus" effect



*Setcreasea*



*Ginkgo Biloba*

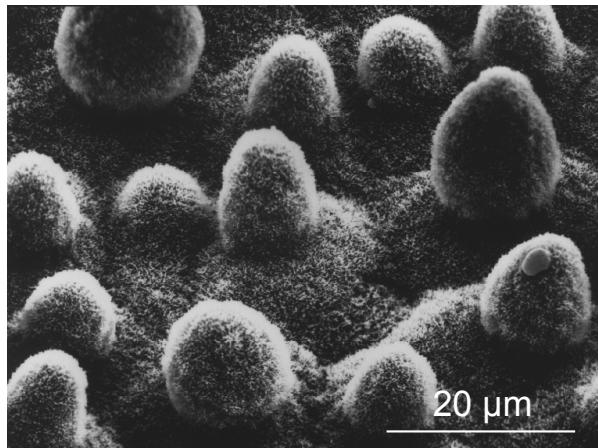
Natural water-repellent surfaces:  
some plant leaves  
insect wings  
water spiders silk nests...

# Impacts



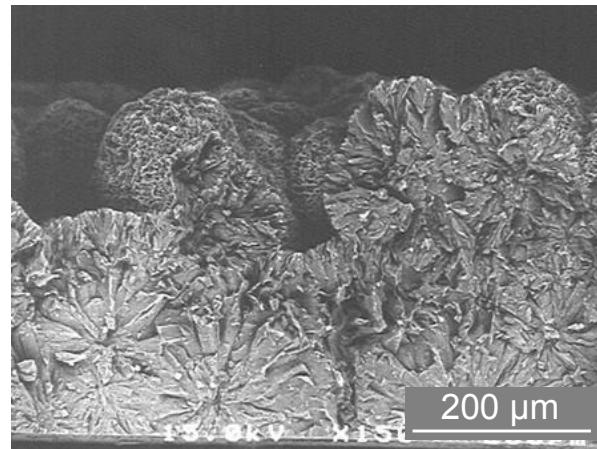
# Ingredients for super-hydrophobicity

Chemical hydrophobicity + Taylored surface



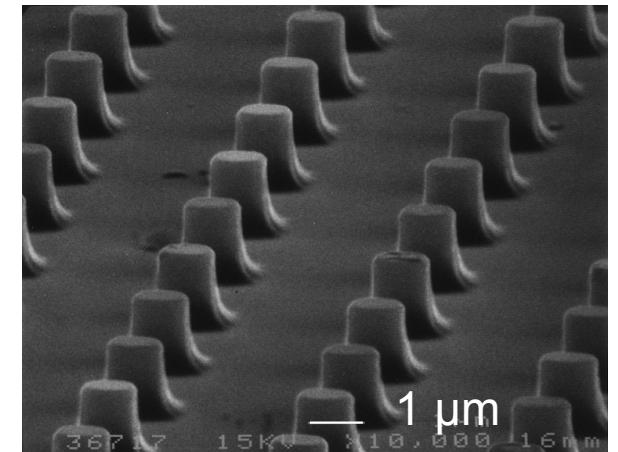
*Lotus leaf*

Barthlott & Neinhuis (1997)



hydrophobic wax

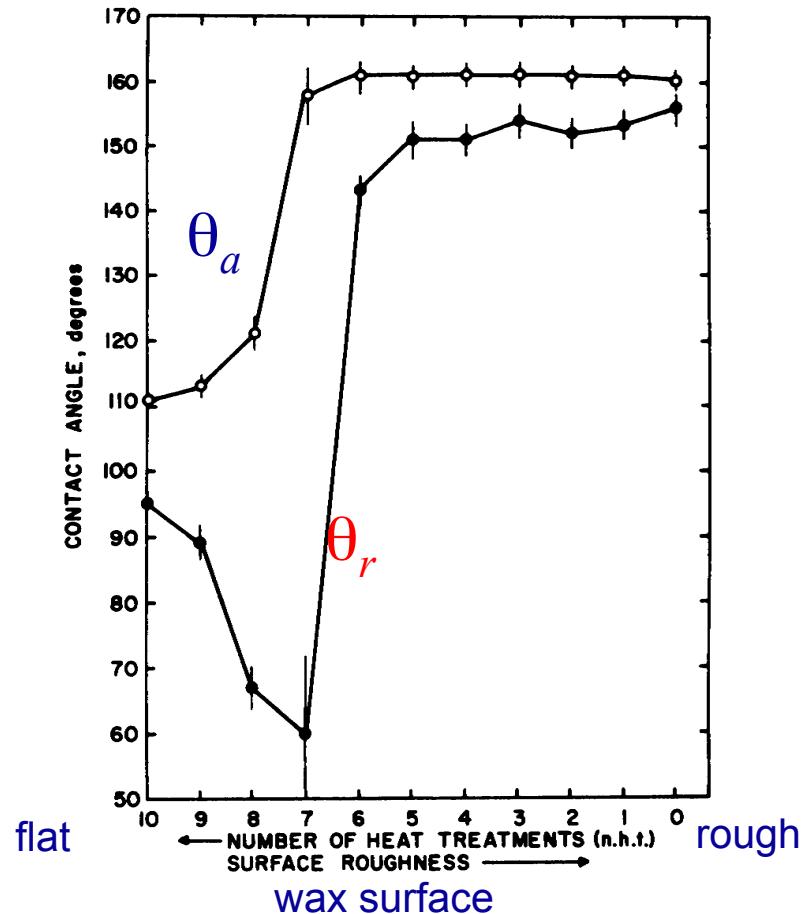
Onda et al. (1996)



*textured surfaces*

with C. Marzolin & D. Quéré  
recent insights: Mathilde Reyssat

# hysteresis $\leftrightarrow$ heterogeneities?



initially rough, then progressively heated up  
to smooth it down by partial melting

Dettre & Johnson (1964)

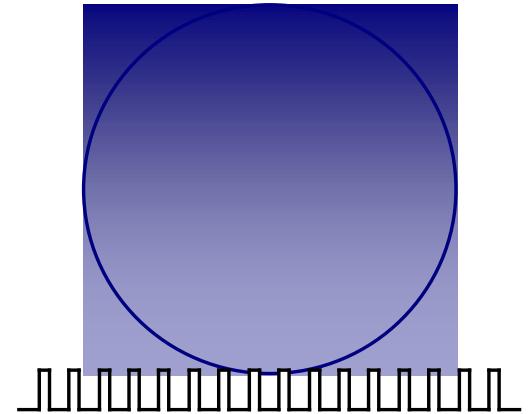
# Mechanism: fakir carpet



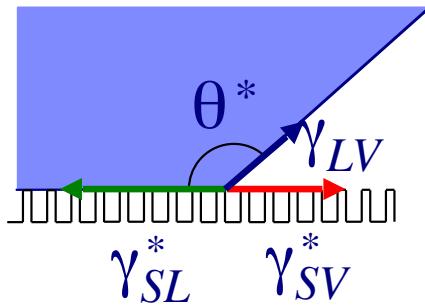
air trapped under the liquid



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# Macroscopic contact angle



$$\phi_S = \frac{\text{top of asperities}}{\text{apparent area}}$$

"effective solid" =  $\phi_S$  solid + (1- $\phi_S$ ) air

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_{SV}^* = \phi_S \gamma_{SV} + (1-\phi_S) \cancel{\gamma_{LV}} \\ \gamma_{SL}^* = \phi_S \gamma_{SL} + (1-\phi_S) \gamma_{LV} \end{cases}$$

$$\cos\theta^* = \frac{\gamma_{SV}^* - \gamma_{SL}^*}{\gamma_{LV}}$$

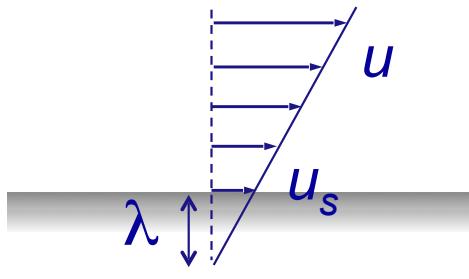
$$\cos\theta^* = -1 + \phi_S (1 + \cos\theta)$$

Cassie & Baxter (1944)

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\gamma_{SV} - \gamma_{SL}}{\gamma_{LV}}$$

angle on a flat surface  
of the same material

# Slippery surfaces



classical experimental facts:  $u_s = 0$

Navier's concept of possible slip (1823):

$$u_s = \lambda \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \Big|_{surf}$$

$\lambda$ : slip length

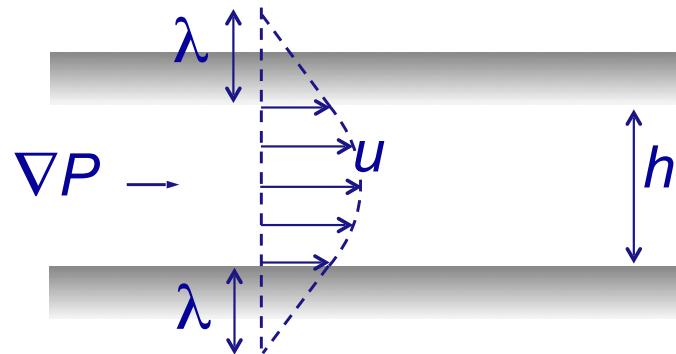
recent experiments and molecular dynamics simulations

- on smooth hydrophobic surfaces:  $\lambda \sim \text{nm}$
- on textured super-hydrophobic surfaces:  $\lambda \sim \text{texture size } (\mu\text{m})$

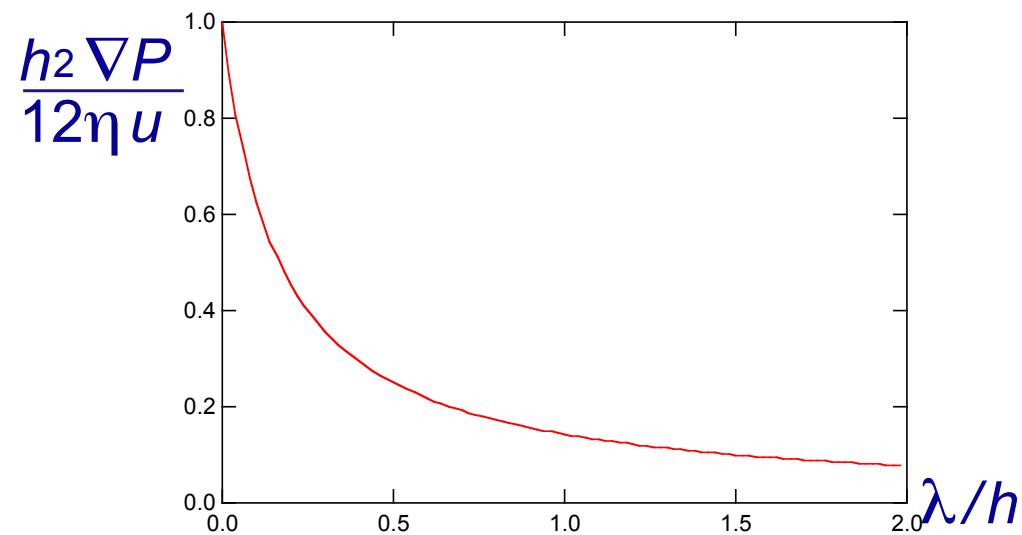
review J.Rothstein (2009)

# Drag reduction ?

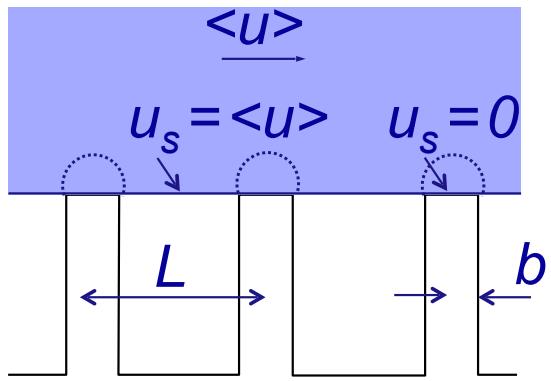
ex: Poiseuille flow between 2 plates



$$\nabla P = \frac{12\eta u}{h^2} \frac{h}{h+6\lambda}$$



# Slip length on textured surfaces



dilute pillars:

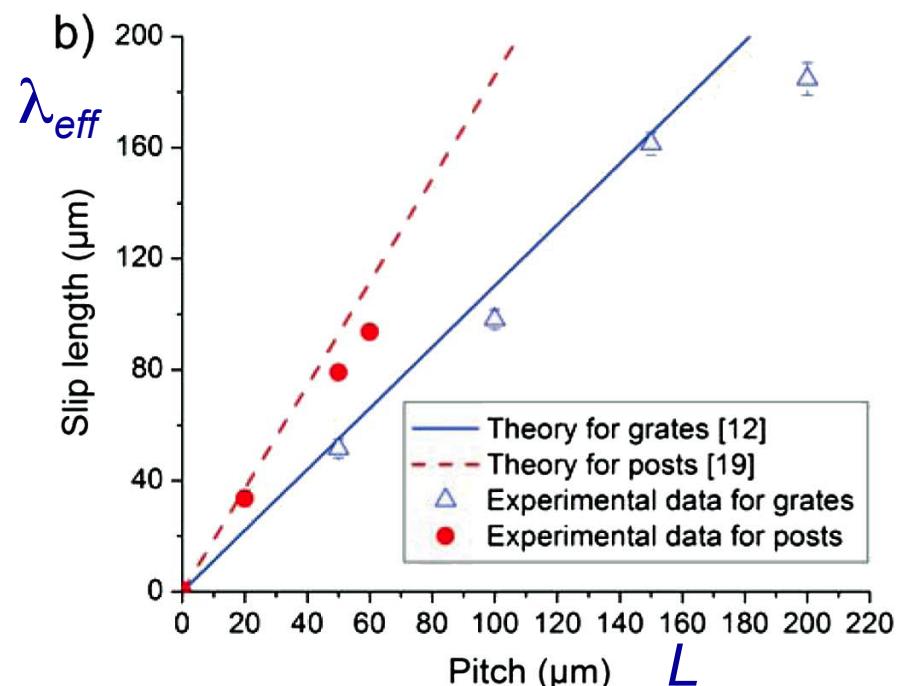
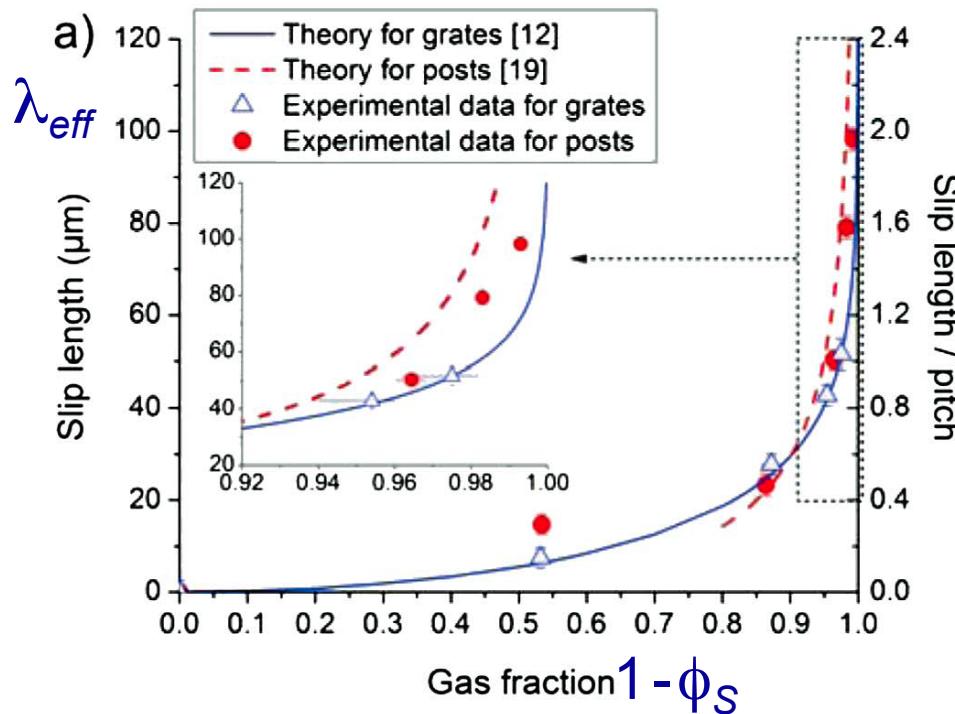
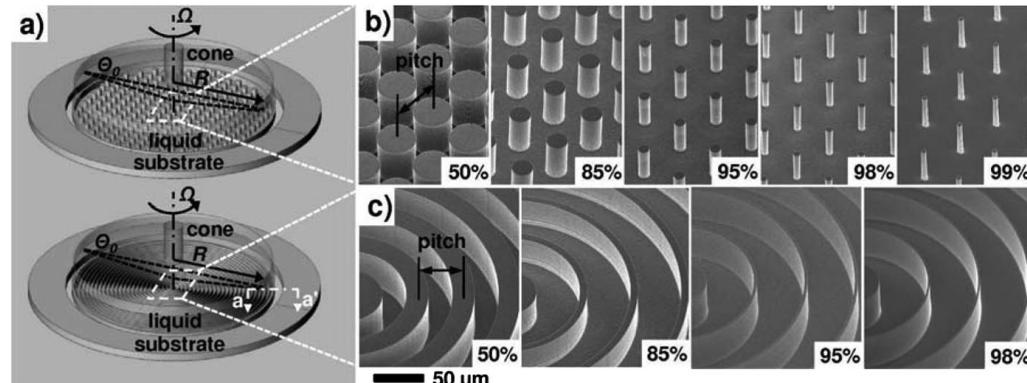
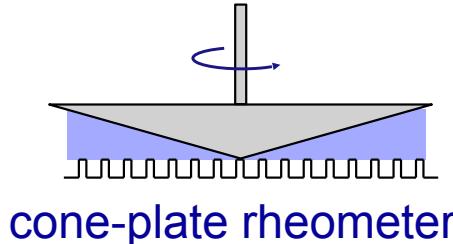
$$\langle \sigma \rangle \sim \phi_s \eta \frac{\langle u \rangle}{b} \sim \eta \frac{\langle u \rangle}{\lambda_{\text{eff}}}$$

low Reynolds numbers  
→ Stokes flow (laplacian) ⇒ scale  $\sim b$

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}} \sim \frac{b}{\phi_s} \sim \frac{L}{\phi_s}$$

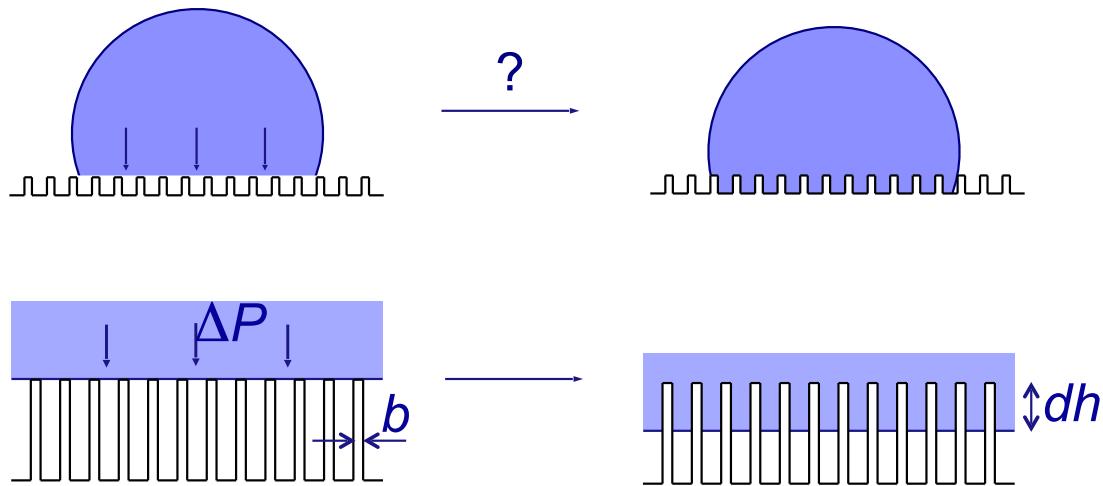
*Ybert & al. (2007)  
see also Lauga & al.*

# Slip length on textured surfaces



Lee & al. (2008)  
also PIV measurements e.g. P.Tsai & al. (2009)

## "Fat fakir"



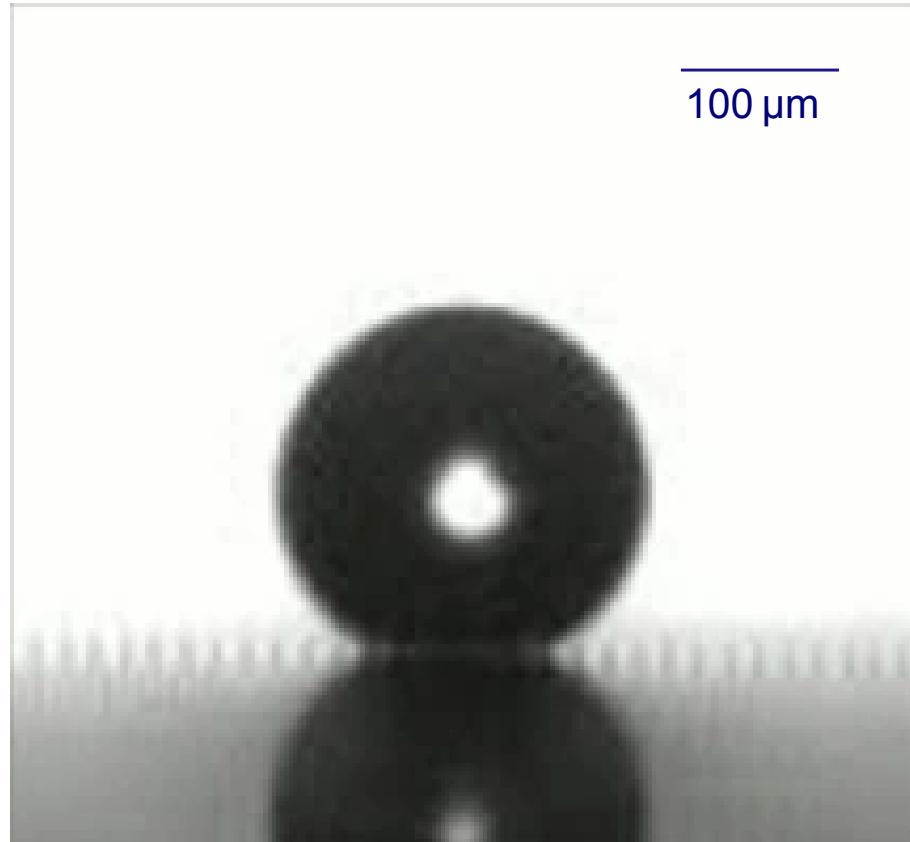
$$dV = A(1-\phi_s)dh$$

$$dS = 2A \frac{\phi_s}{b} dh \text{ (pillars surface)}$$

$$\Delta P dV = (\gamma_{SL} - \gamma_{SV}) dS = \gamma \cos\theta dS$$

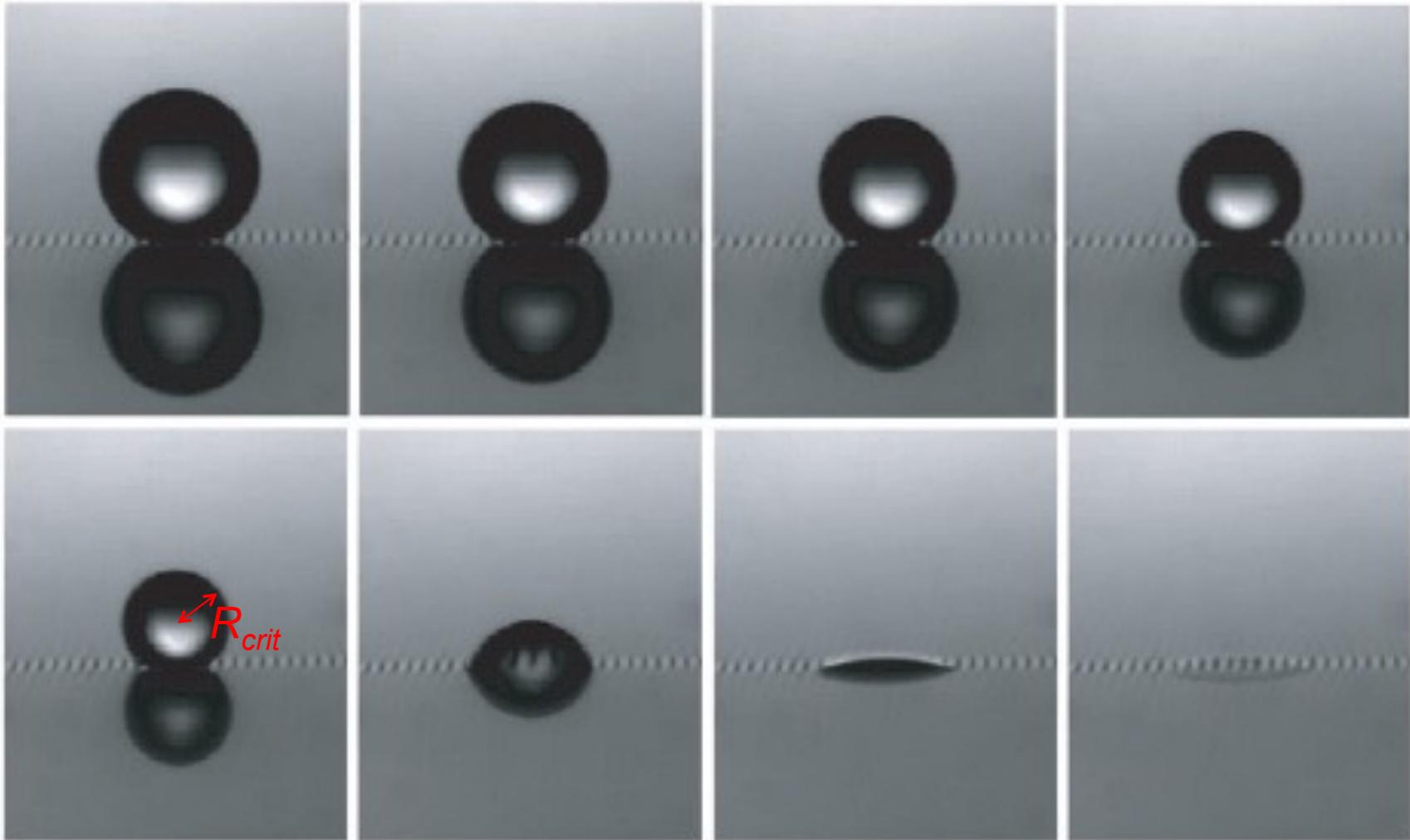
$$\Delta P_{crit} = \frac{2\gamma}{b} \frac{\phi_s}{1-\phi_s}$$

# From big to skinny fakirs



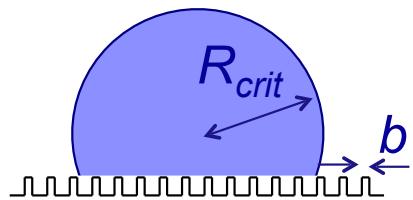
*Mathilde Reyssat et al. (2008)*

## Critical radius



## 2 scenarios

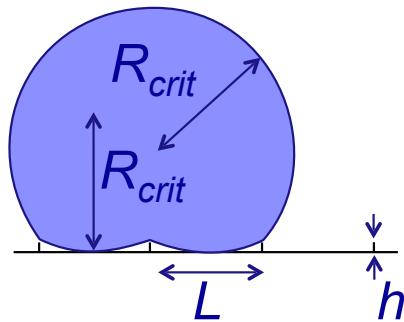
### Critical pressure



$$\frac{2\gamma}{R_{crit}} = \Delta P_{crit} ? \rightarrow R_{crit} = b \frac{1-\phi_s}{\phi_s}$$

*usually too small*

### Touch down



$$R_{interface} = R_{macroscopic}$$

$$R_{crit} \sim \frac{L^2}{h}$$

*Reyssat et al. (2008)*

# A metastable state ?



roughness factor:

$$r = \frac{\text{actual area}}{\text{apparent area}}$$

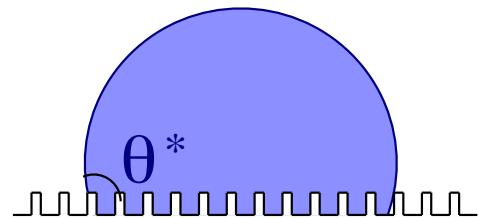
$$\Delta E_s = (r - \phi_s)(\gamma_{SL} - \gamma_{SV}) - (1 - \phi_s)\gamma_{LV}$$

$$\Delta E_s < 0 \text{ if } \theta < \theta_c,$$

$$\cos \theta_c = - \frac{1 - \phi_s}{r - \phi_s}$$

with U.Thiele & D.Quéré

## Wenzel regime



liquid inside the roughness  
 $\Rightarrow$  actual surface amplified

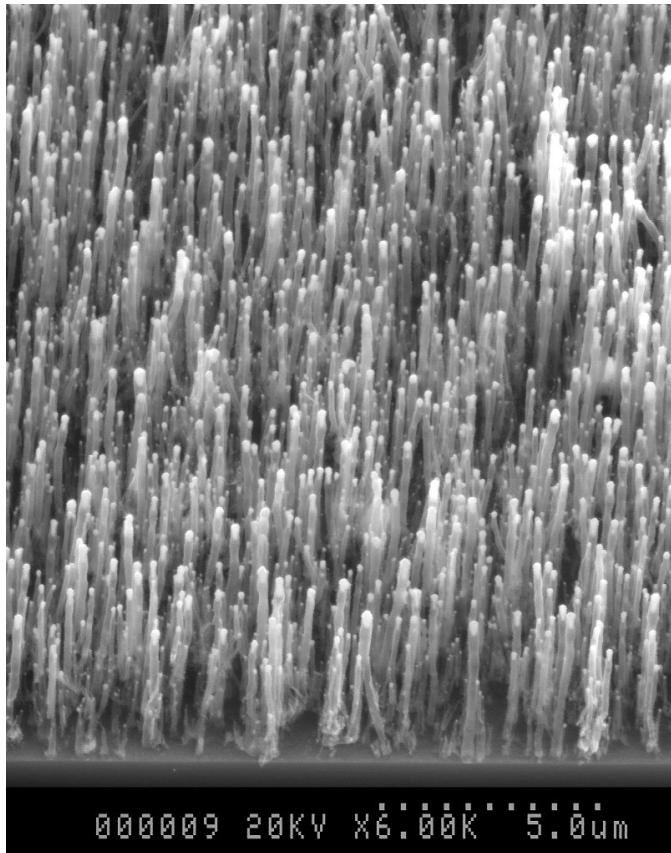
"effective solid" =  $r$  solid

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_{SV}^* = r \gamma_{SV} \\ \gamma_{SL}^* = r \gamma_{SL} \end{cases}$$

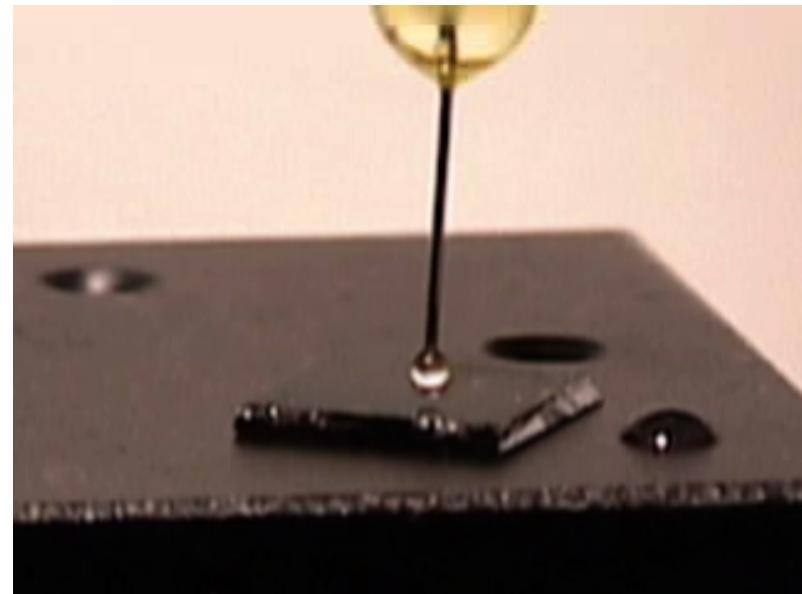
$$\cos\theta^* = r \cos\theta$$

Wenzel (1949)

# Super-hydrophilic surfaces ?



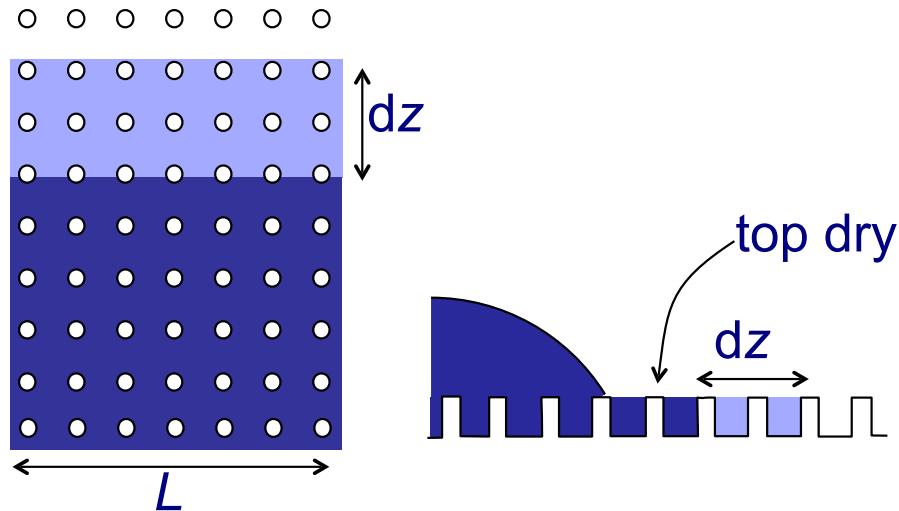
Nanotubes forests



with K.Teo, K.Lau, M.Chhowalla, G.A.G. Amaretunga, W.I. Milne, G.McKinley & K.Gleason

*imbibition dynamics*  $\Rightarrow$  Mathilde & Étienne Reyssat

## Condition for imbibition



$$\phi_s = \frac{\text{top of asperities}}{\text{apparent area}}$$

$$r = \frac{\text{real area}}{\text{apparent area}}$$

$$\frac{dE_s}{L} = (r - \phi_s) (\underbrace{\gamma_{SL} - \gamma_{SV}}_{\text{top dry}}) dz + (1 - \phi_s) \gamma_{LV} dz$$

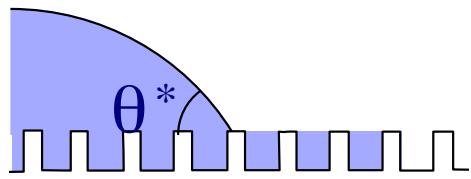
imbibition if  $dE_s < 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta < \theta_c$

$$\cos\theta_c = \frac{1 - \phi_s}{r - \phi_s}$$

$r \rightarrow \infty$  porous media: rise if  $\theta < 90^\circ$

$r \rightarrow 1$  flat surface: rise if  $\theta = 0$

## Contact angle on an imbibed surface

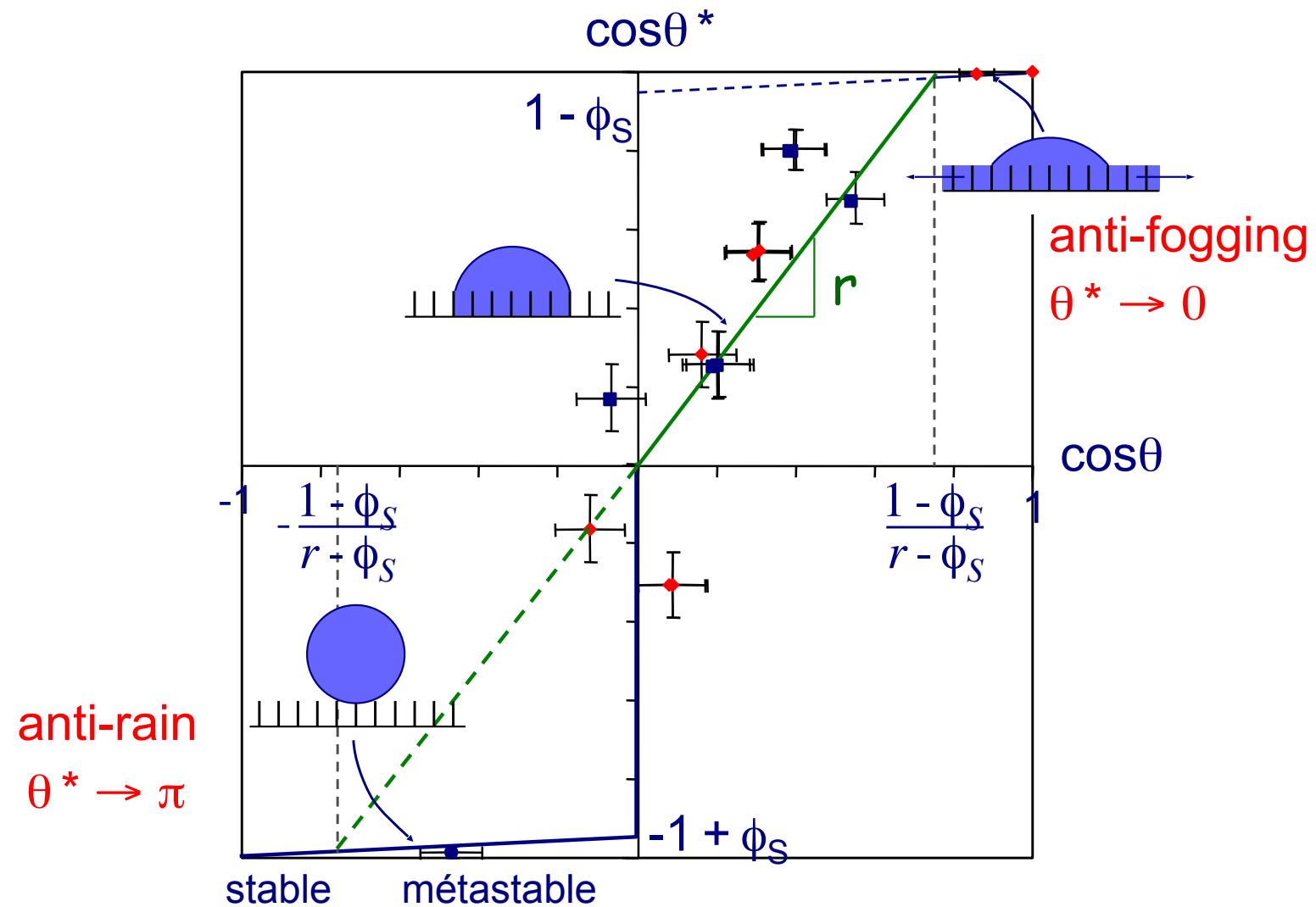


"effective solid" =  $\phi_S$  solid + (1- $\phi_S$ ) liquid

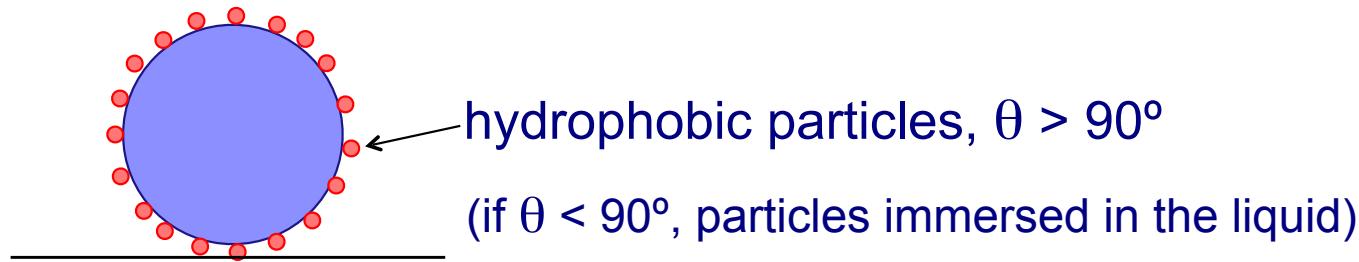
$$\begin{cases} \gamma_{SV}^* = \phi_S \gamma_{SV} + (1-\phi_S) \gamma_{LV} \\ \gamma_{SL}^* = \phi_S \gamma_{SL} + \cancel{\phi_S \gamma_{LL}} \end{cases}$$

$$\cos\theta^* = 1 - \phi_S (1 - \cos\theta)$$

# From anti-rain to anti-fog materials



## Coated droplets



Adhesion of the particles?



$$\Delta E_s/S = \gamma_{sv} + \gamma_{lv} - \gamma_{sl} = \gamma_{lv} (1 + \cos\theta) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  always some adhesion

# Liquid marbles

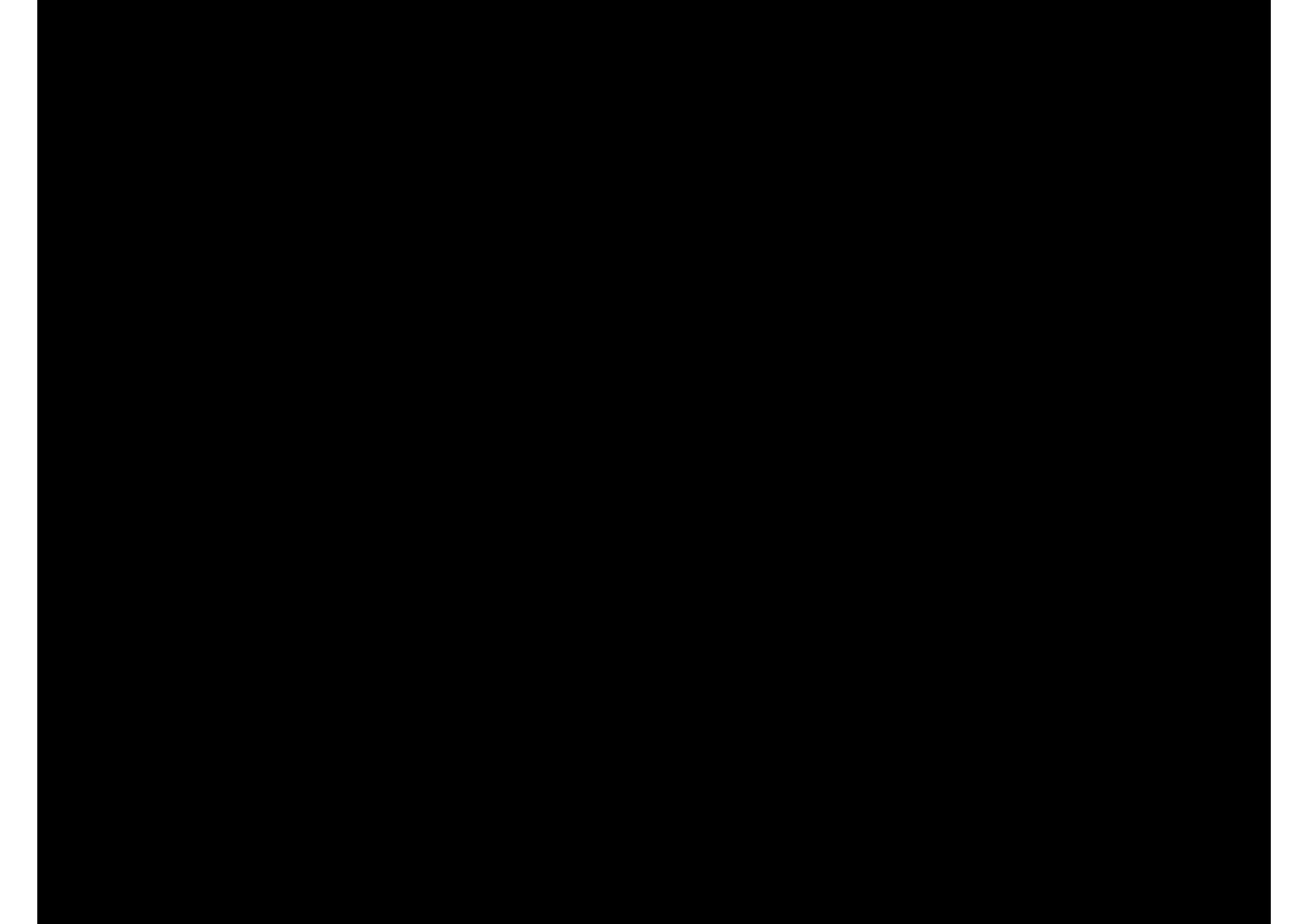
shape: centrifuge forces / surface tension  
 $\underbrace{\rho R^2 \omega^2}_{\gamma/R}$

$$\Omega = \frac{\rho R^2 \omega^2}{\gamma}$$

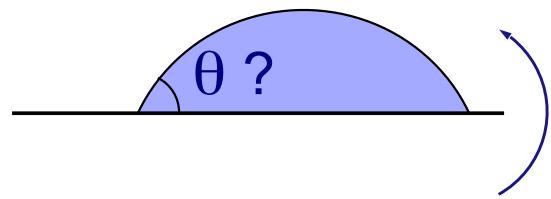
$\Omega \ll 1 \Rightarrow$  sphere

$\Omega \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  peanut, doughnut

$\Omega \gg 1 \Rightarrow$  breakup



# A well defined contact angle?



Young's relation:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\gamma_{SV} - \gamma_{SL}}{\gamma_{LV}}$$

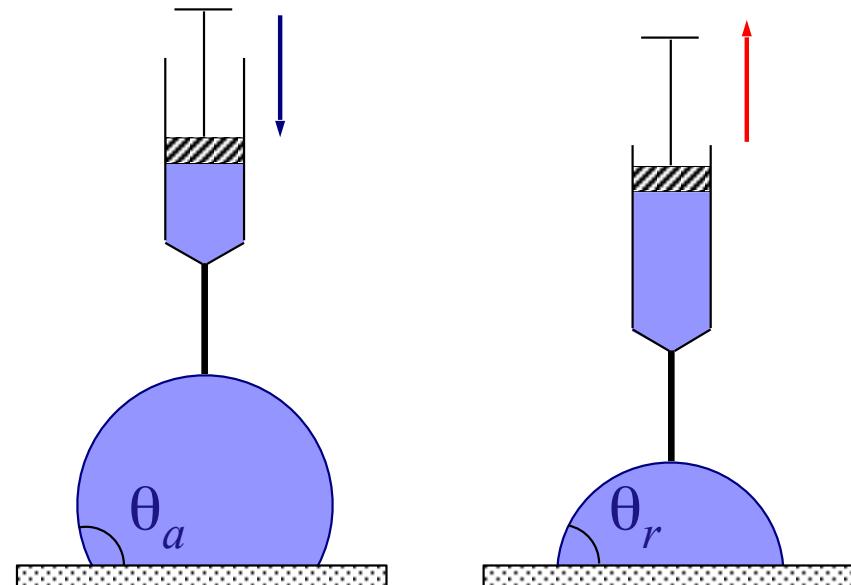


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# Contact angle hysteresis



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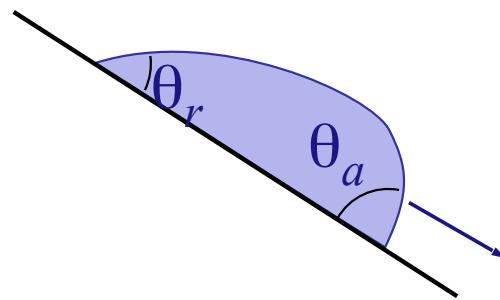


$$\theta_a > \theta_{Young} > \theta_r$$

→ hysteresis

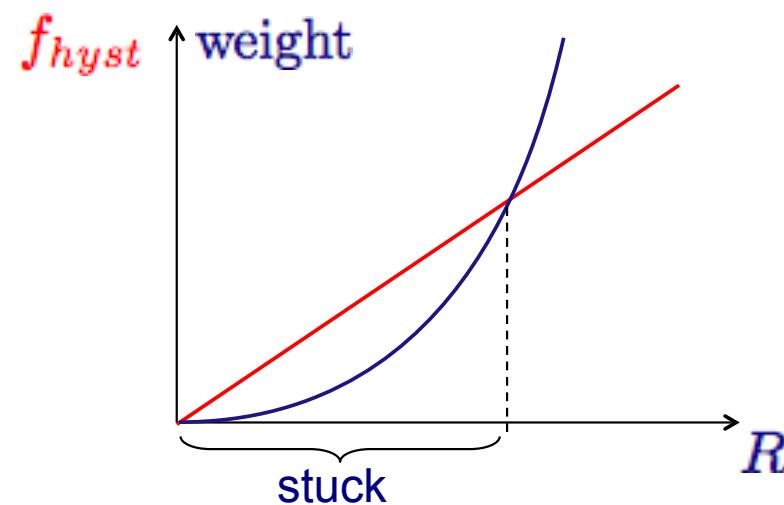
"clean" surface:  $\theta_a - \theta_r \sim 5^\circ$

## Droplet sticking on a window

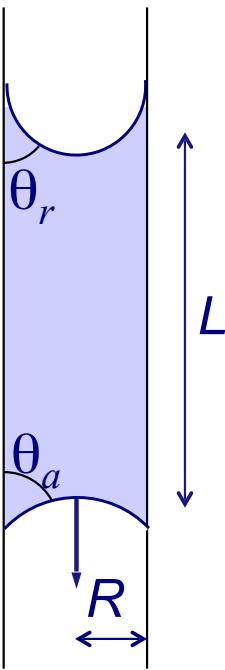


$$f_{hyst} \sim R\gamma (\cos \theta_r - \cos \theta_a)$$

$$\text{weight} \sim R^3 \rho g \sin \alpha$$



# Index in a straw



balance for:

$$2\pi R \gamma (\cos \theta_r - \cos \theta_a) = \pi R^2 \rho g L$$

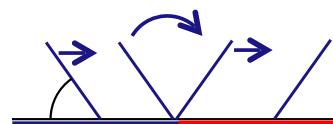
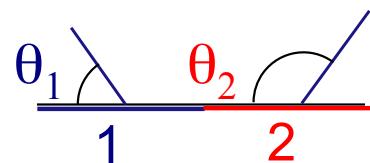
moves if:

$$L > \frac{2\gamma}{\rho g R} (\cos \theta_r - \cos \theta_a)$$

# Origin of hysteresis

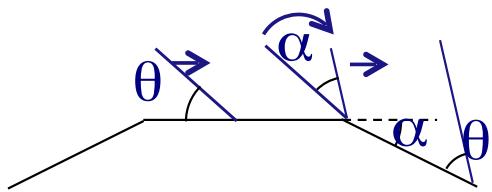
heterogeneities on surfaces:

→ chemistry

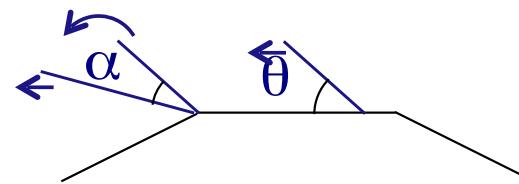


$$\begin{cases} \theta_a = \theta_2 \\ \theta_r = \theta_1 \end{cases}$$

→ geometry



$$\theta_a = \theta + \alpha$$



$$\theta_a = \theta - \alpha$$