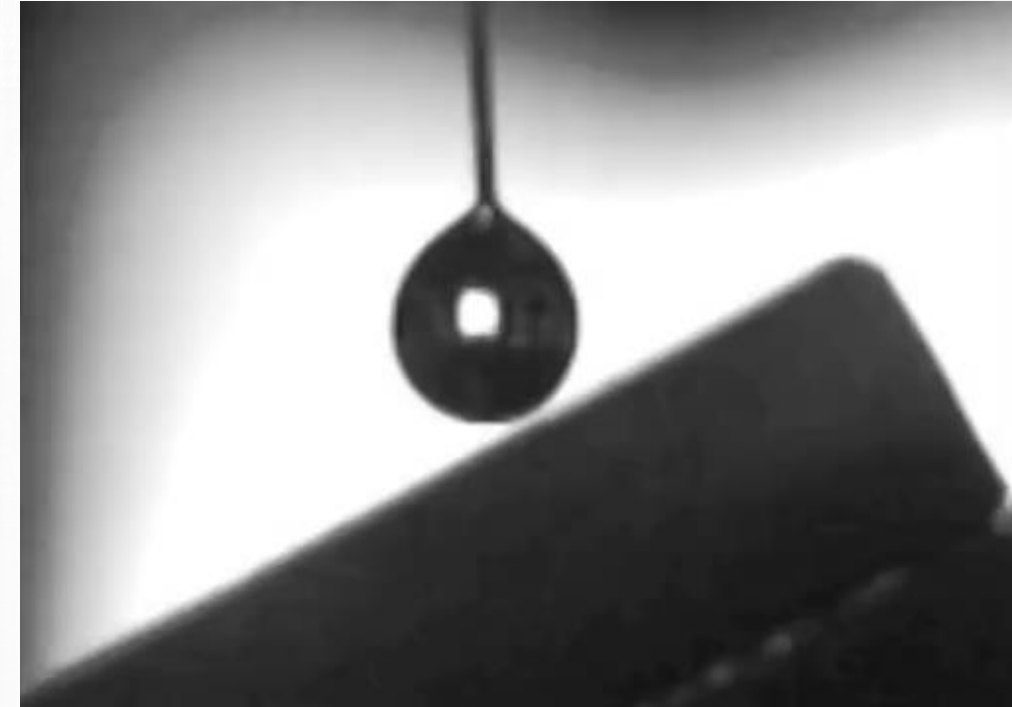




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Drop-impact



L. Rampel, *Wind Systems Magazine* (Issue date 24.10.2012) 22-24]

Condensation



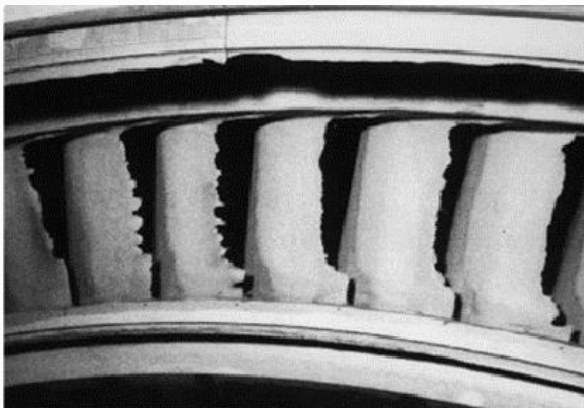
David L. Chandler, MIT News Office
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Icing



M. Alrefai, International Conference on
Renewable Energies and Power Quality, 2019

What about coatings?



A. Martínez et al., *J. energy power eng*,
2012, 4 (5), 365-371



Bob Garrard, Aviation Photos
(<https://www.flickr.com/people/23032926@N05/>)

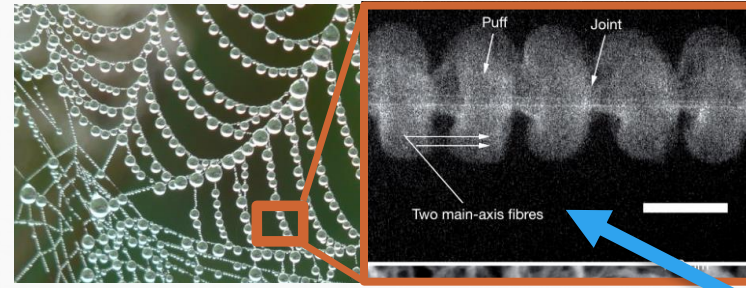
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“Lotus effect”

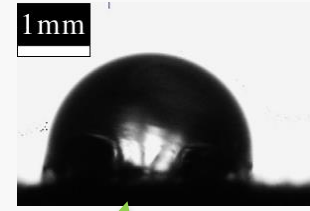


H. Zhang et al., *Colloids Surf A: Physicochem. Eng. Aspects*, 413, 2012

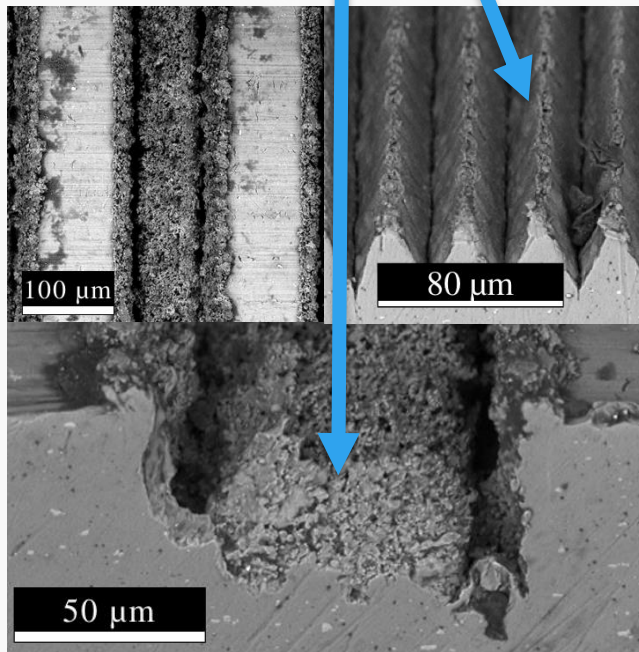
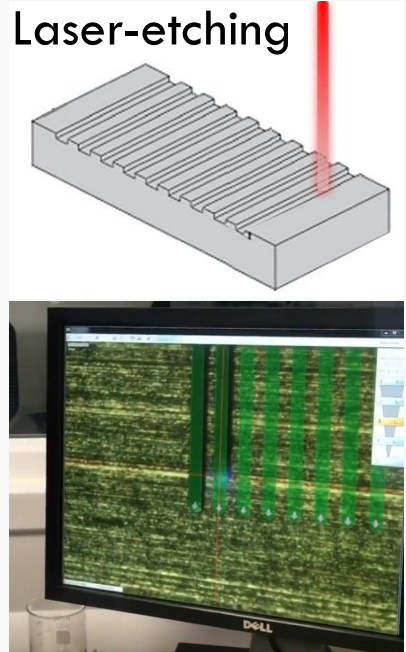
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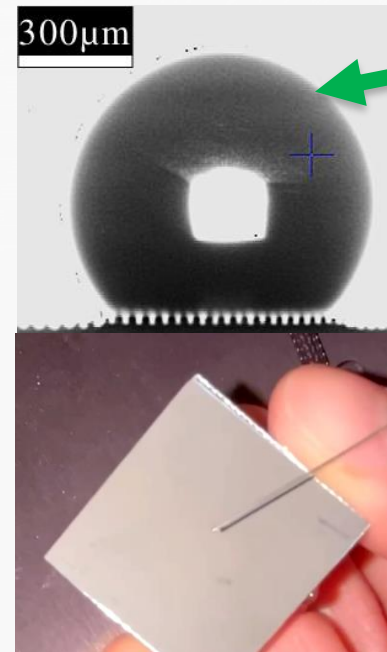
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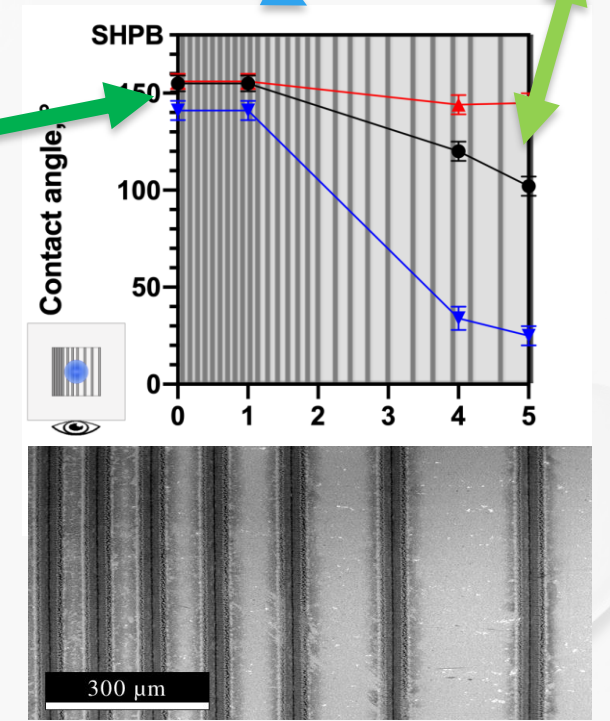
Laser-etching



K. Misiuk et al., *Langmuir*, 2022
 DOI:10.1021/acs.langmuir.1c02517



No coatings!



K. Misiuk et al., *Langmuir*, 2022
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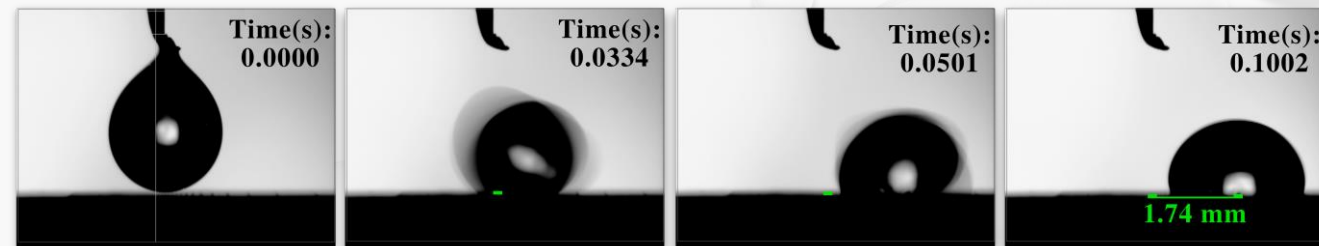
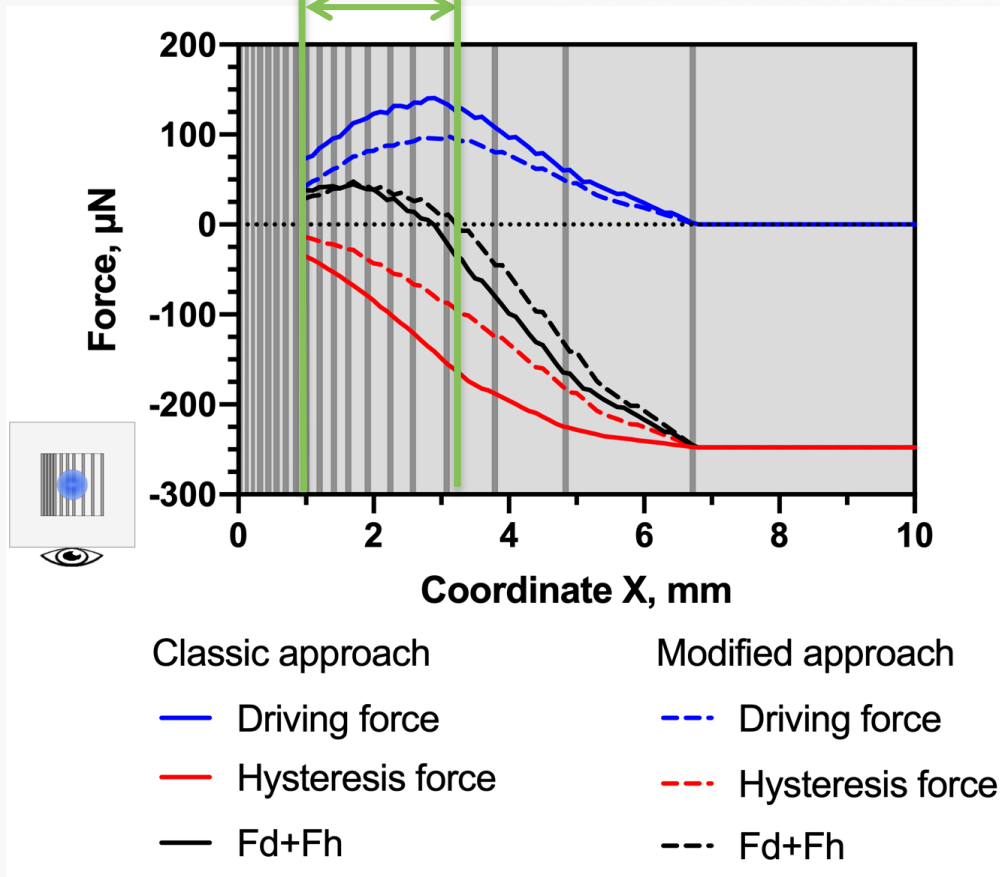
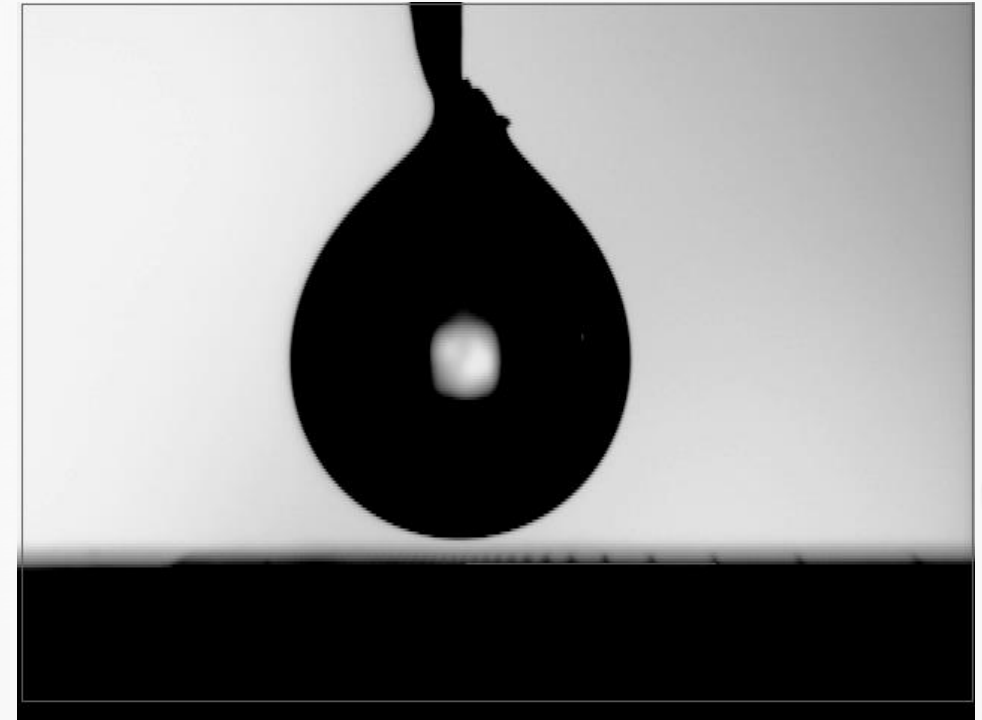
IN THE PREVIOUS EPISODE...

$$F_{acting} = F_{driving} + F_{hysteresis} = 0$$

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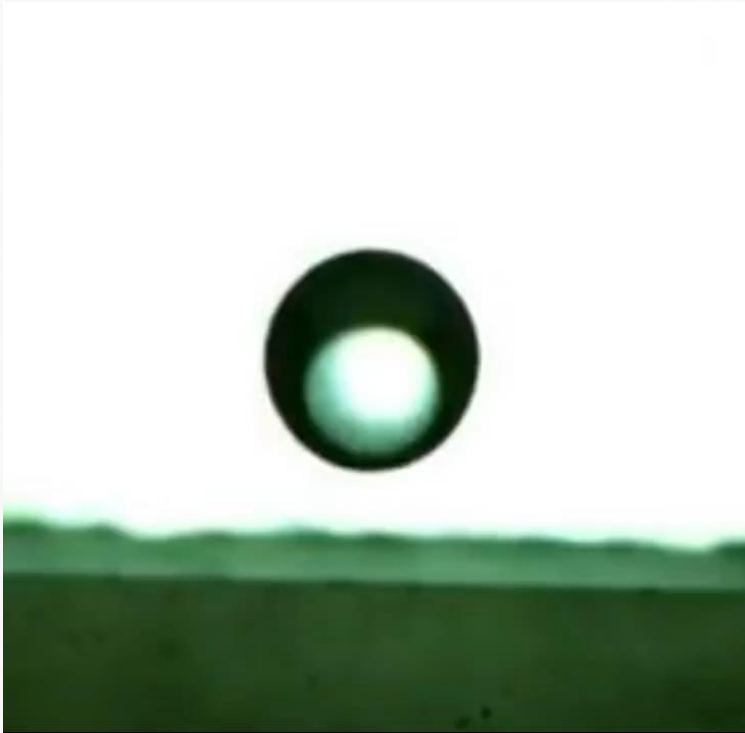
$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{8f_0(\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2)}{D_{FP}[(\cos \theta_2 + 1)(4 + \pi) - (\cos \theta_1 + 1)(4 - \pi)]}$$

Working principle for 8 μL droplet



1.74 mm

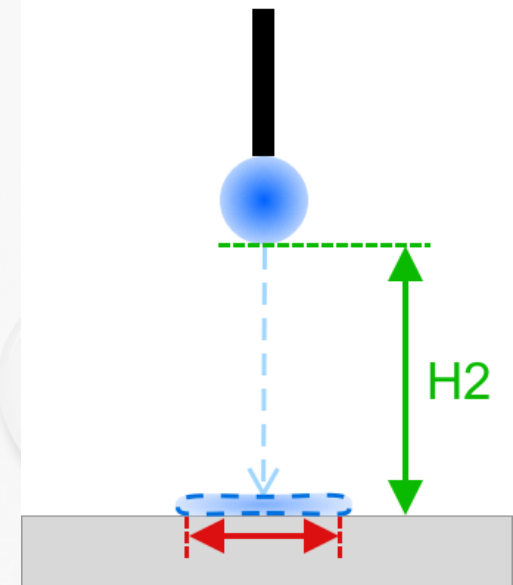
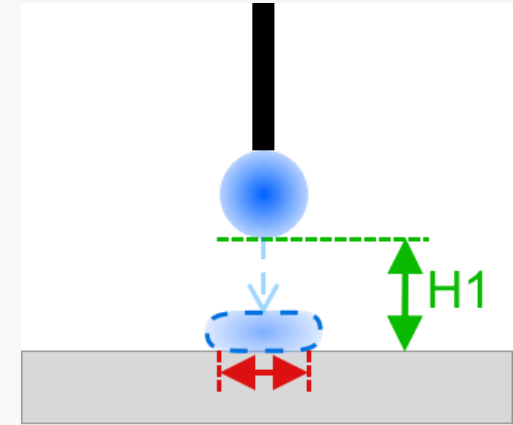
CURRENT STAGE: DROP IMPACT



University of Missouri, MUEngineering,
https://youtu.be/riXp_Q-fDv8

During impact
the **footprint** is
changing!

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \boxed{D_{FP}} \frac{8f_0(\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2)}{(\cos \theta_2 + 1)(4 + \pi) - (\cos \theta_1 + 1)(4 - \pi)}$$



CURRENT STAGE: DROP IMPACT

Impact velocity: 0.3 m/s

0.6 m/s

1.0 m/s

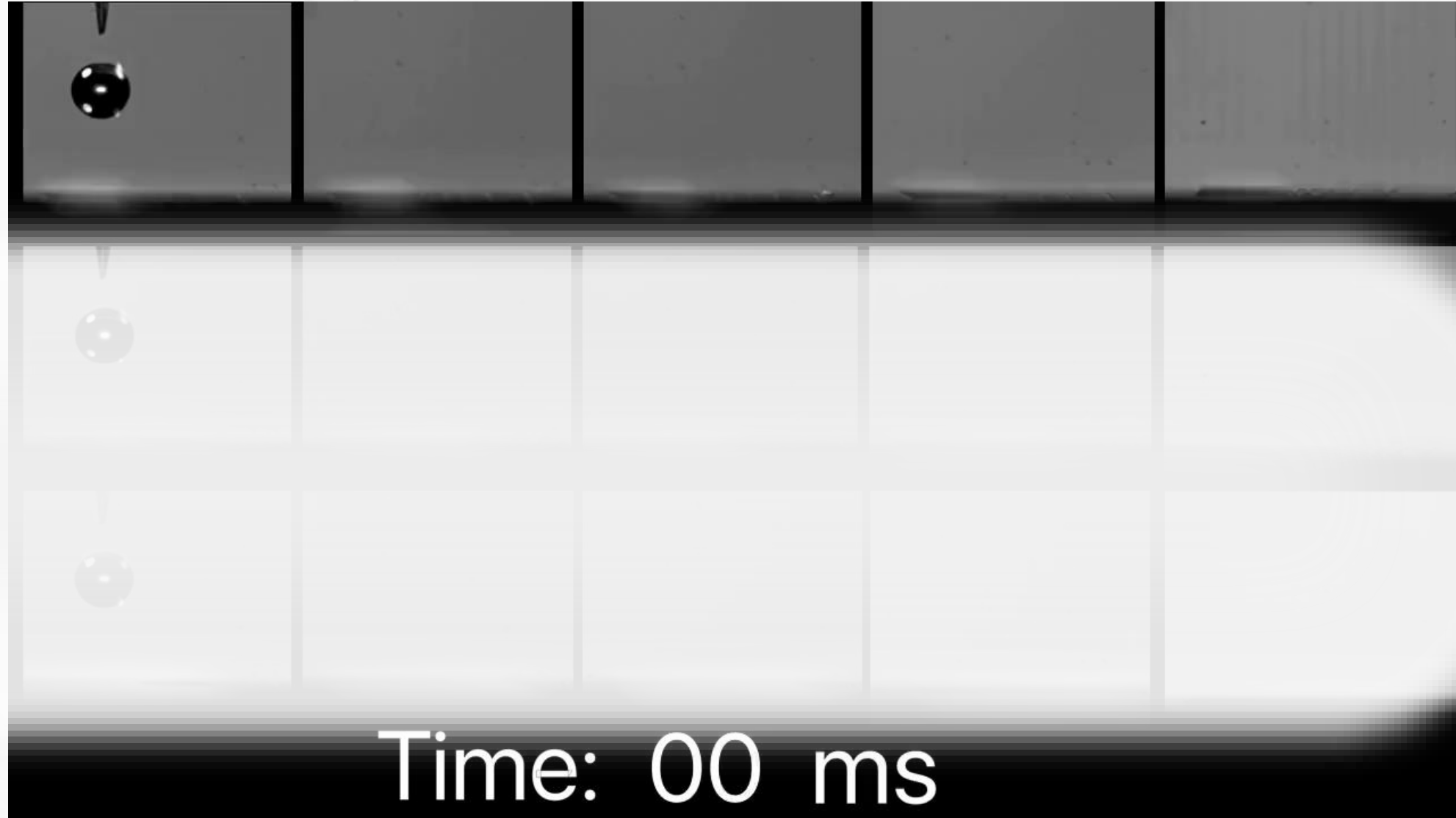
1.4 m/s

2.0 m/s

Strong gradient
($df/dx = 0.24$):

Intermediate
gradient
($df/dx = 0.11$):

Weak gradient
(almost uniform SHPB,
 $df/dx = 0.08$):



CURRENT STAGE: DROP IMPACT

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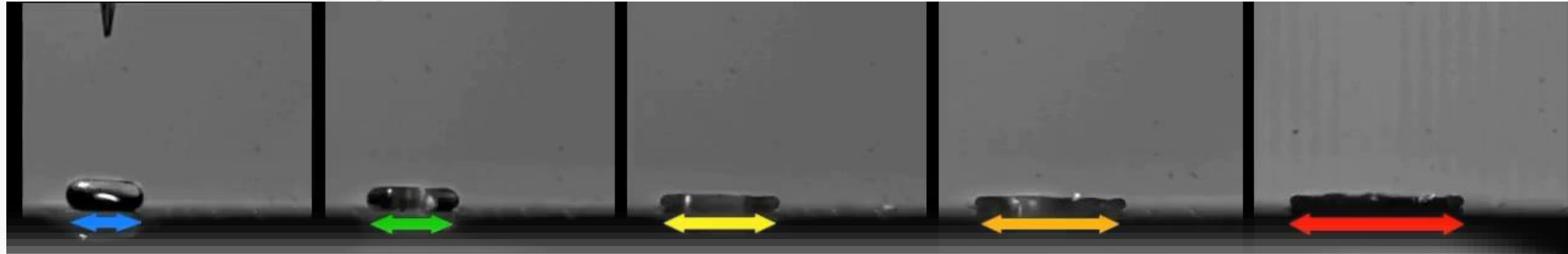
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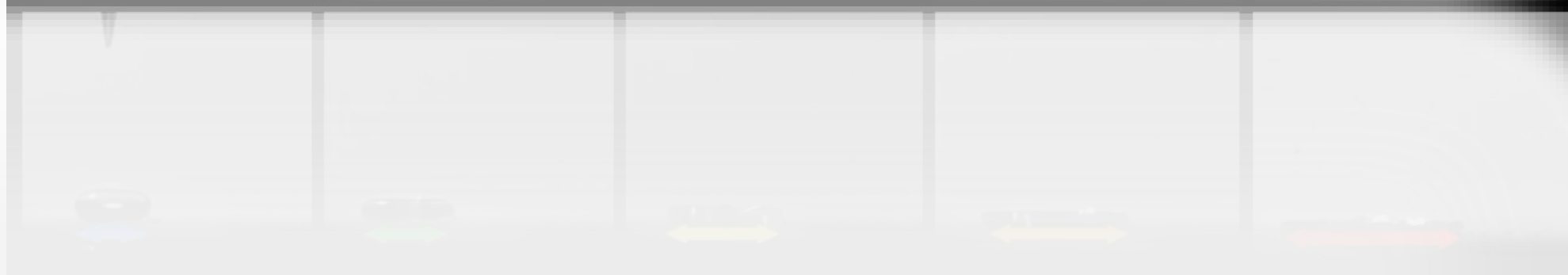
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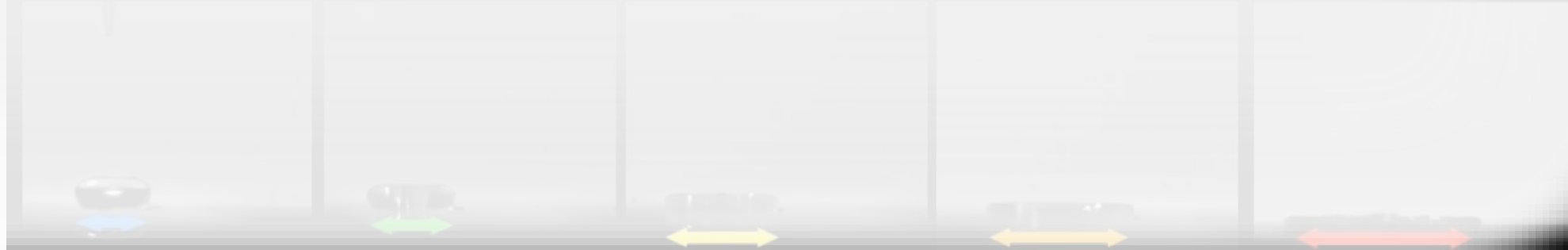
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Time: 18 ms

CURRENT STAGE: DROP IMPACT

Impact velocity: 0.3 m/s

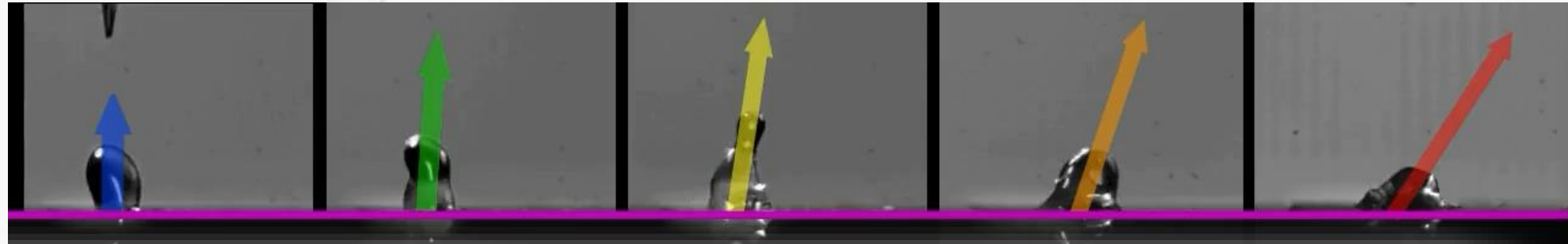
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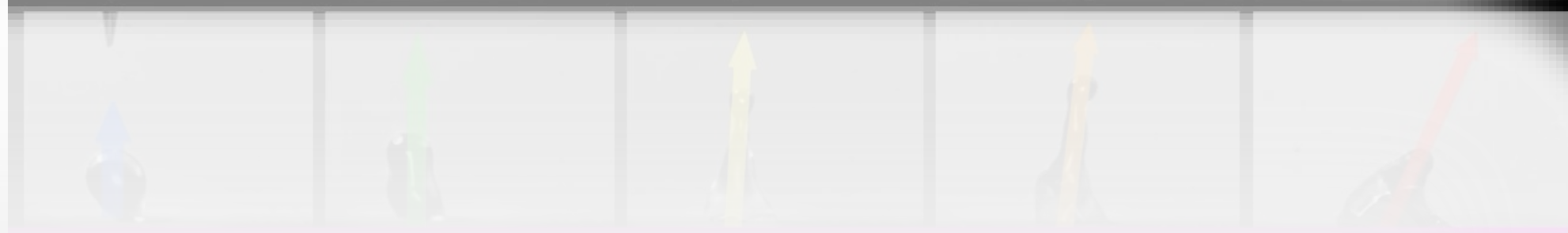
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Time: 23 ms

CURRENT STAGE: DROP IMPACT

Impact velocity: 0.3 m/s

0.6 m/s

1.0 m/s

1.4 m/s

2.0 m/s

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Time: 00 ms

CURRENT STAGE: DROP IMPACT

Impact velocity: 0.3 m/s

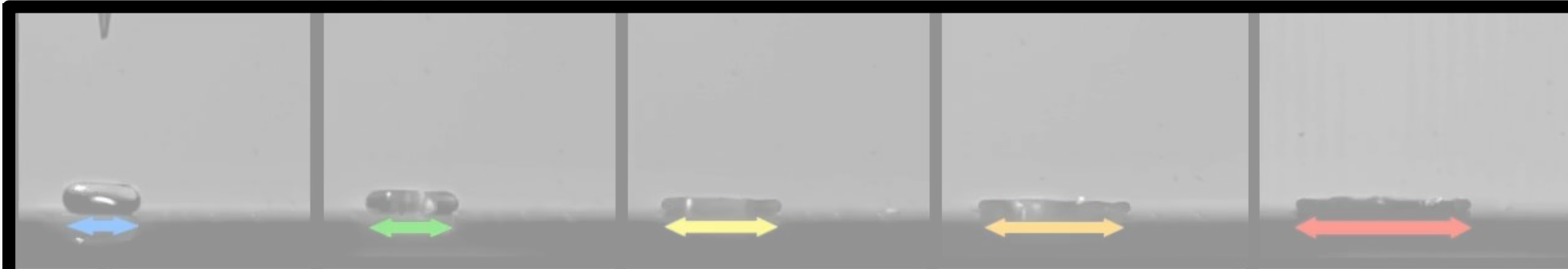
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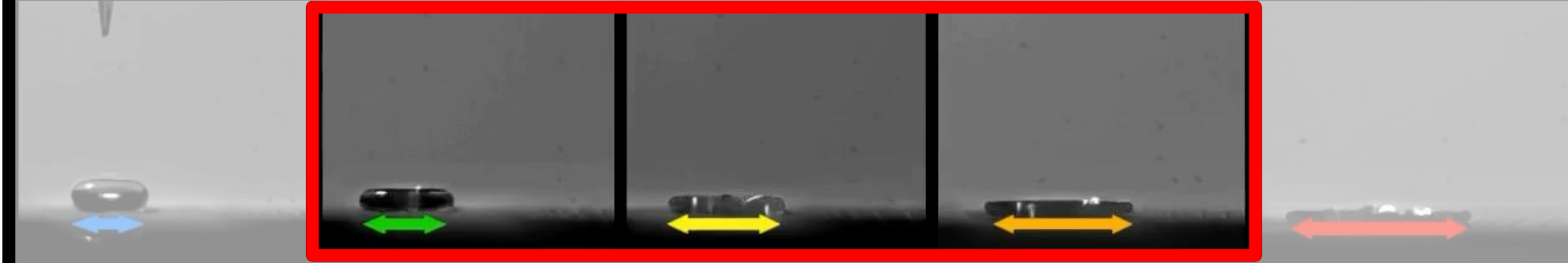
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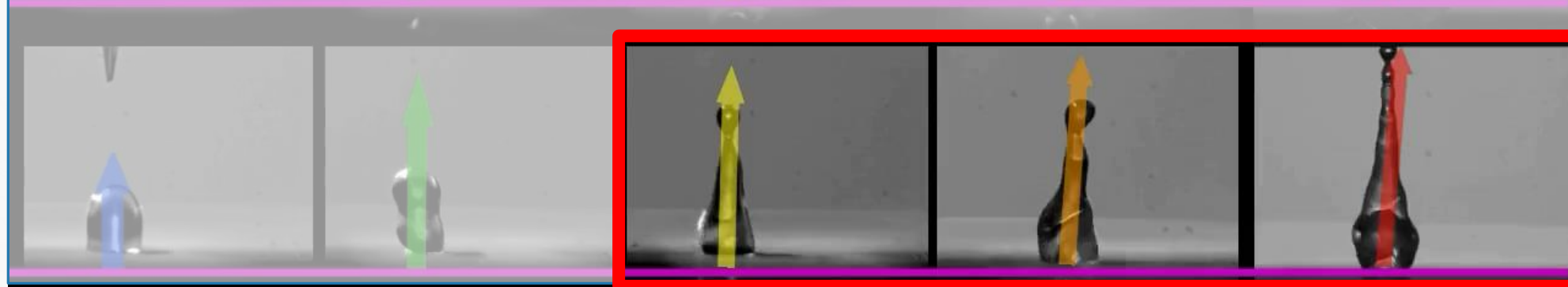
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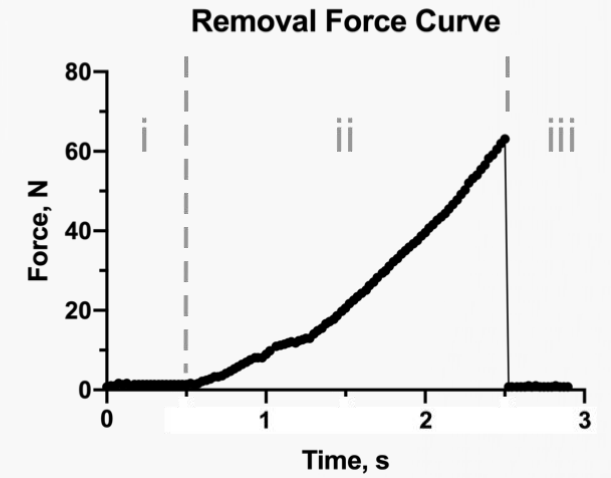
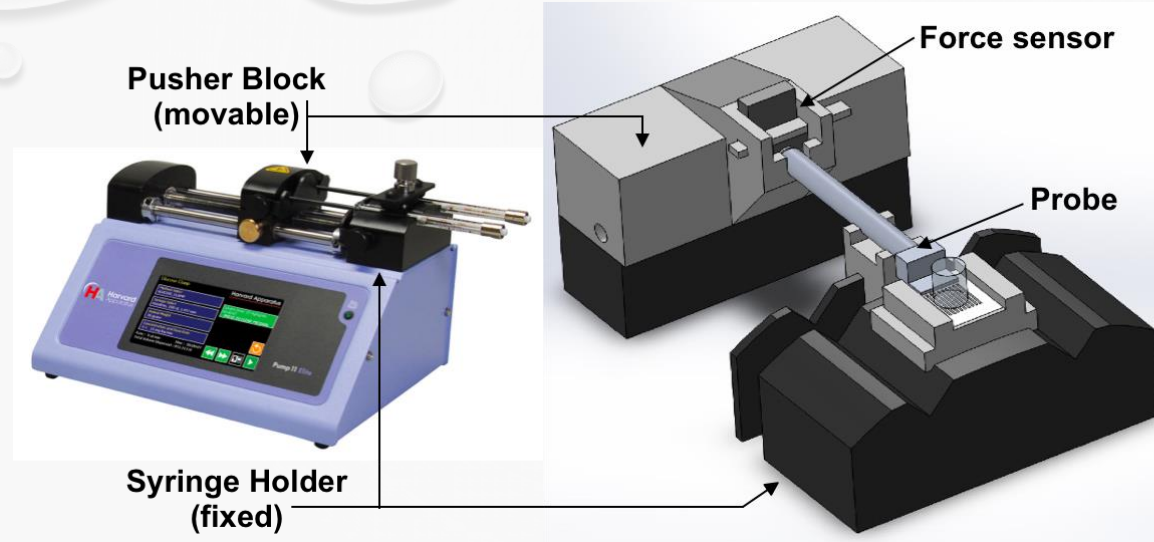


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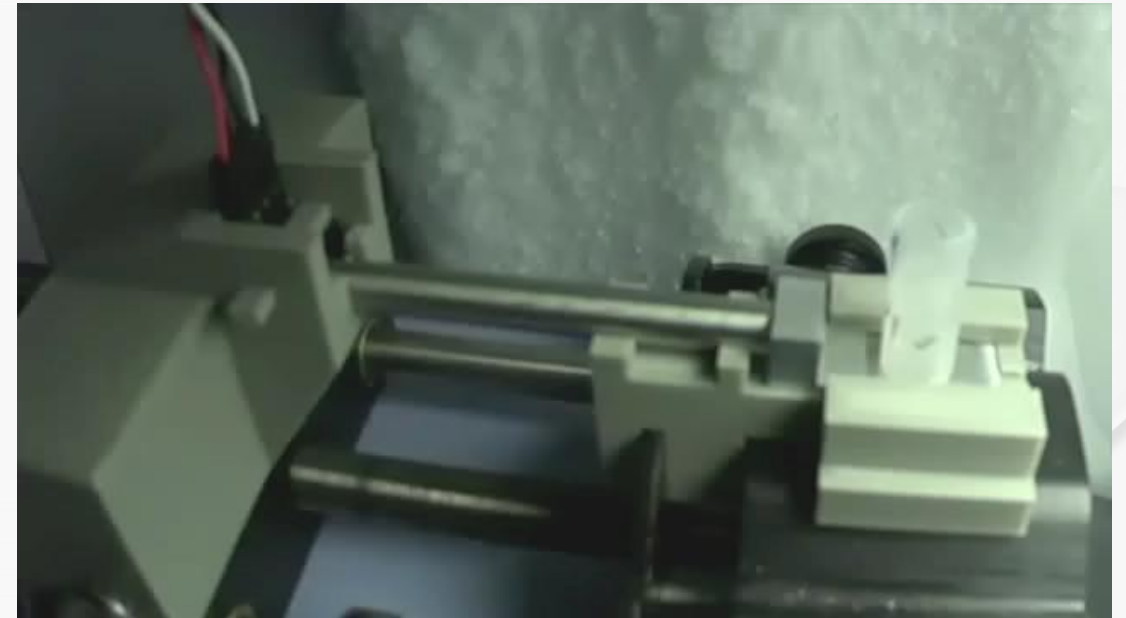
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CURRENT STAGE: ICE ADHESION



The setup overview ▲

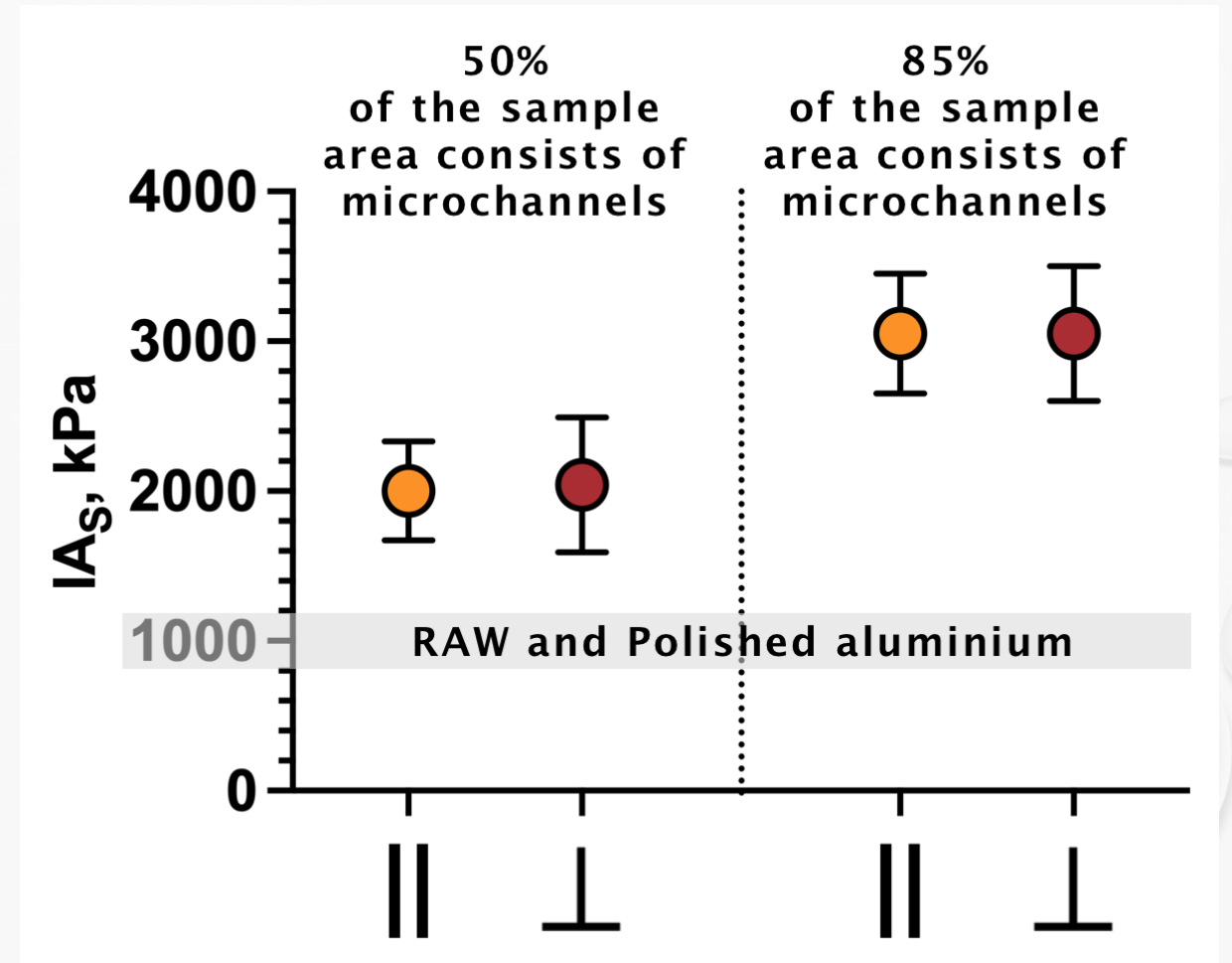
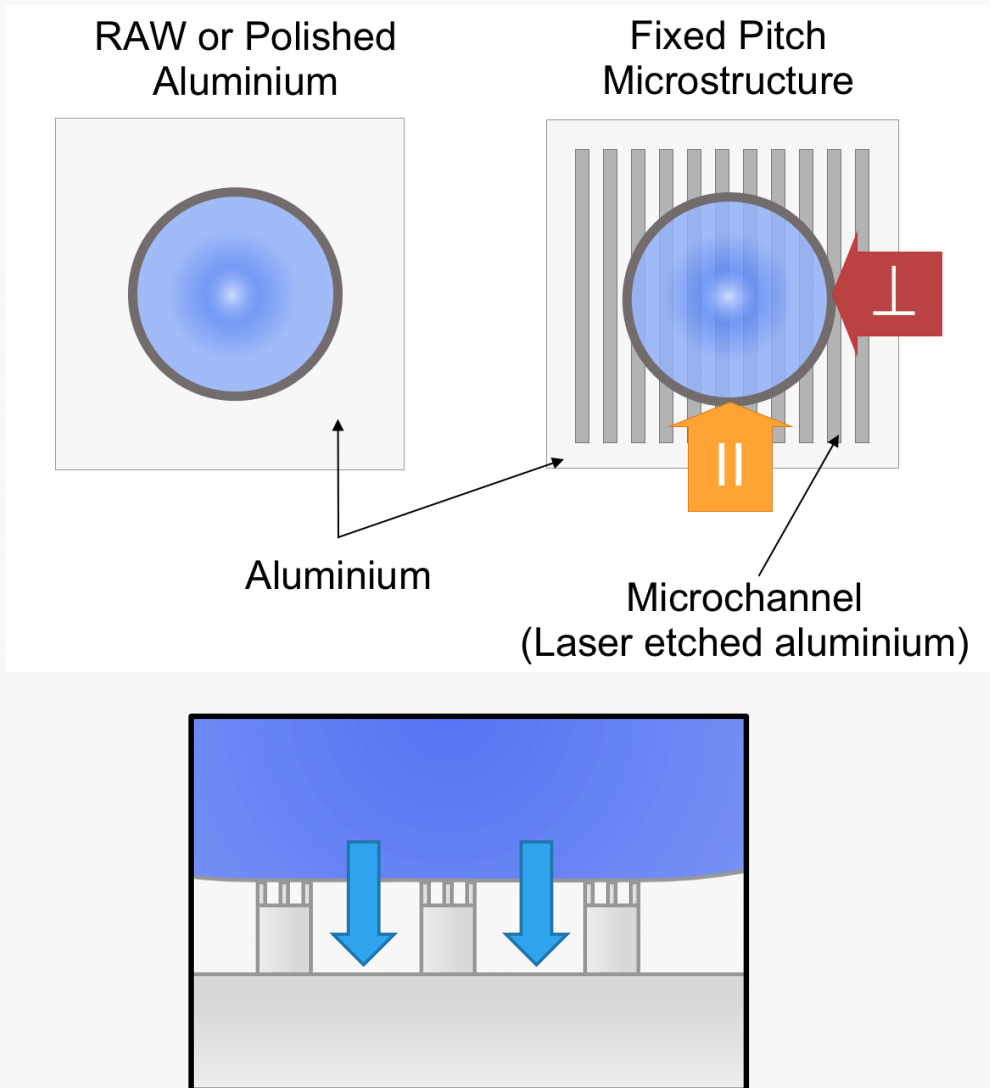
An experiment example
(speed up x5) ▶



Bryan Preston, PJ Media, 17
February 2021

CURRENT STAGE: ICE ADHESION

$$IA_s = F / A_{ice-base}$$

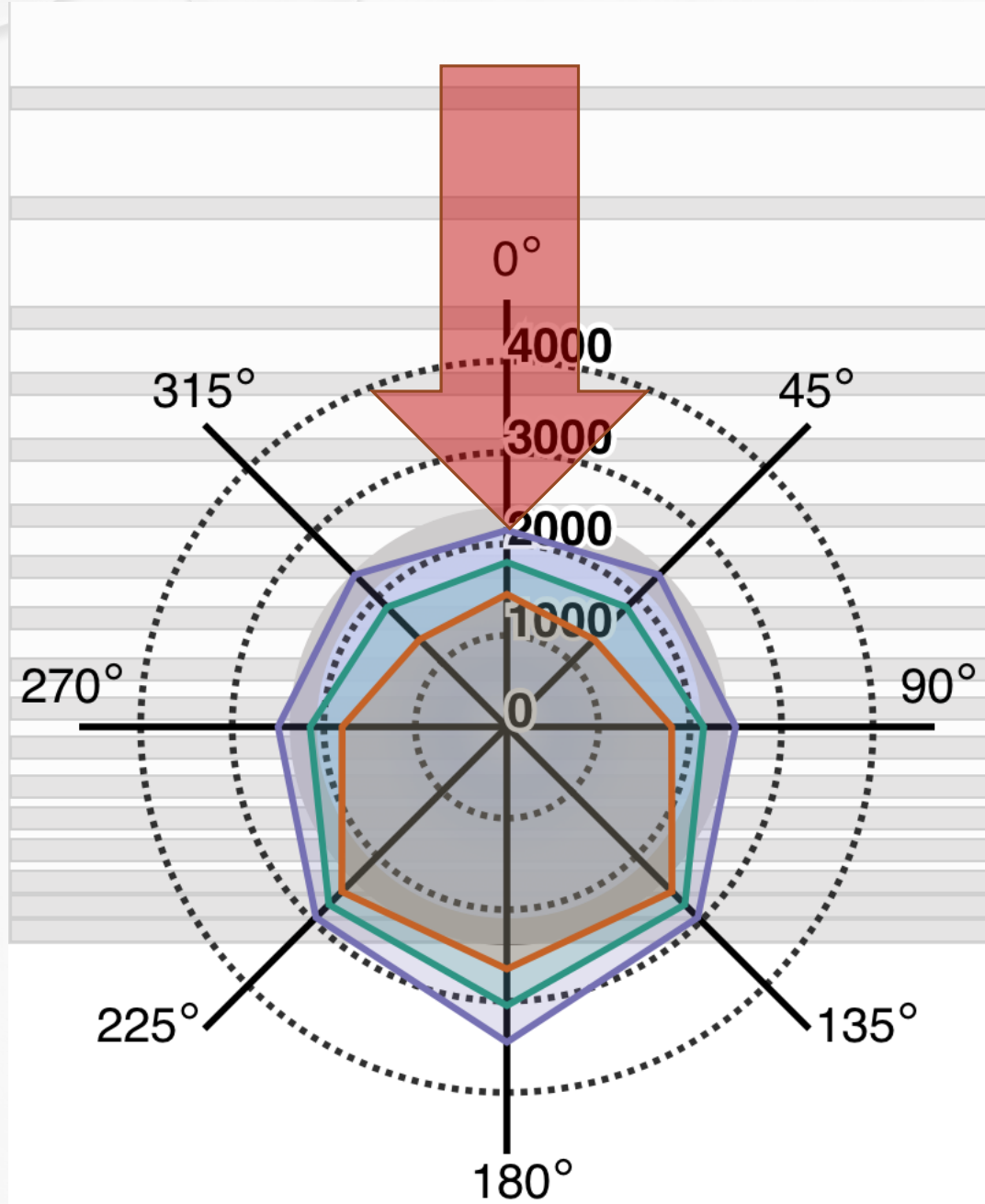
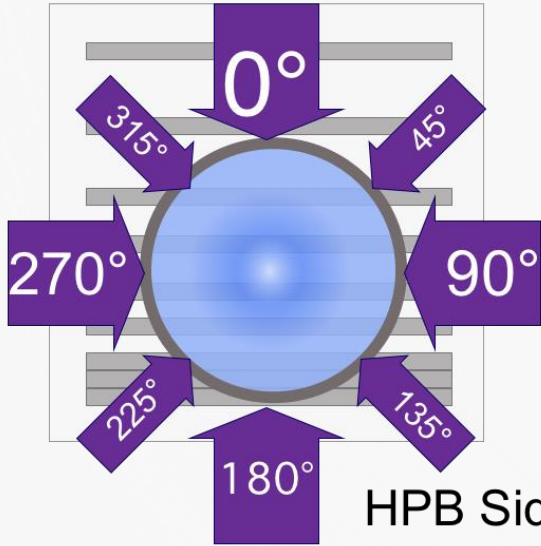


CURRENT STAGE: ICE ADHESION

Gradient

HPL Side

HPB Side



Pushing from here requires the same force as polished Al!

Colour scheme:

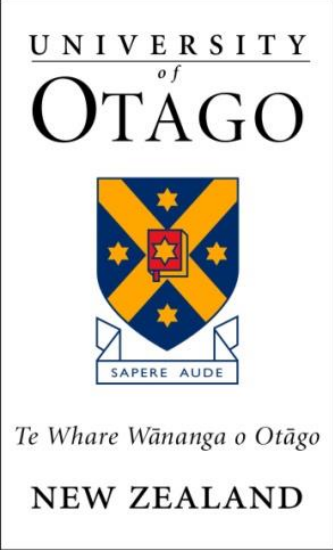
- Mean + Absolute Error
- Mean
- Mean - Absolute Error

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- ✓ Gradients provide hydrophobicity;
- ✓ It is possible to control bouncing-off outcome;
- ✓ In case of icing, gradients allow to remove ice at a force similar to unprocessed aluminium;
- ✓ Survived after 100 ice removal cycles;
- ✓ Applicable for various fields;

Waterbending!





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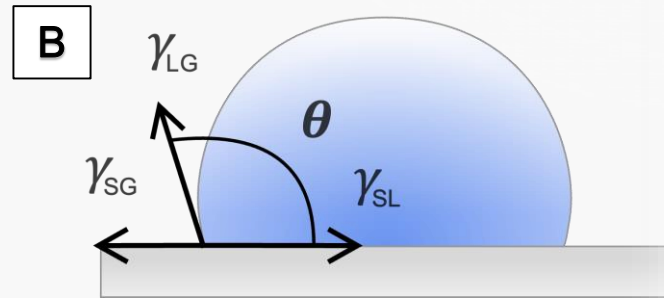
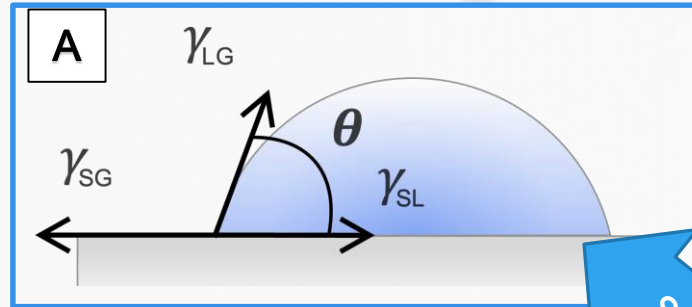
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Thank you for your attention!

FUNDAMENTALS: STATICS

Solid-liquid interaction



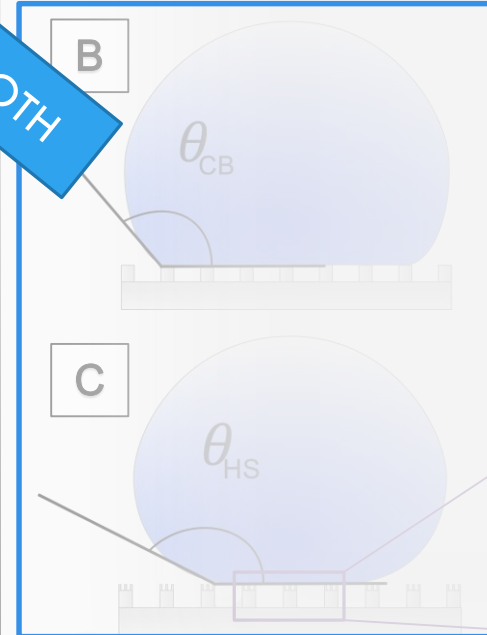
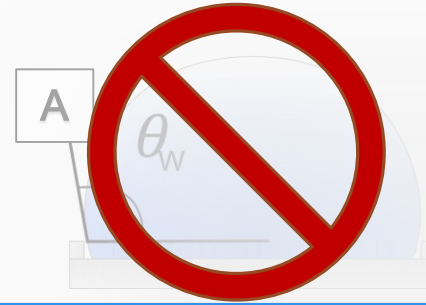
Young's equation

$$\gamma_{SG} = \gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LG} \cos \theta$$

Contact angle of a flat surface.

- (A) hydrophilic (HPL, $0^\circ < \theta \leq 90^\circ$),
 (B) hydrophobic (HPB, $90^\circ \leq \theta < 180^\circ$),

Wetting states



Wenzel equation

$$\cos \theta_W = R \cos \theta$$

R – ratio of the actual surface to the flat projection

Cassie-Baxter equation

$$\cos \theta_{CB} = f_1 \cos \theta - f_2$$

$f_1 + f_2 = 1$, f is the area fraction of an interface (f_1 – solid-liquid, f_2 – liquid-air)

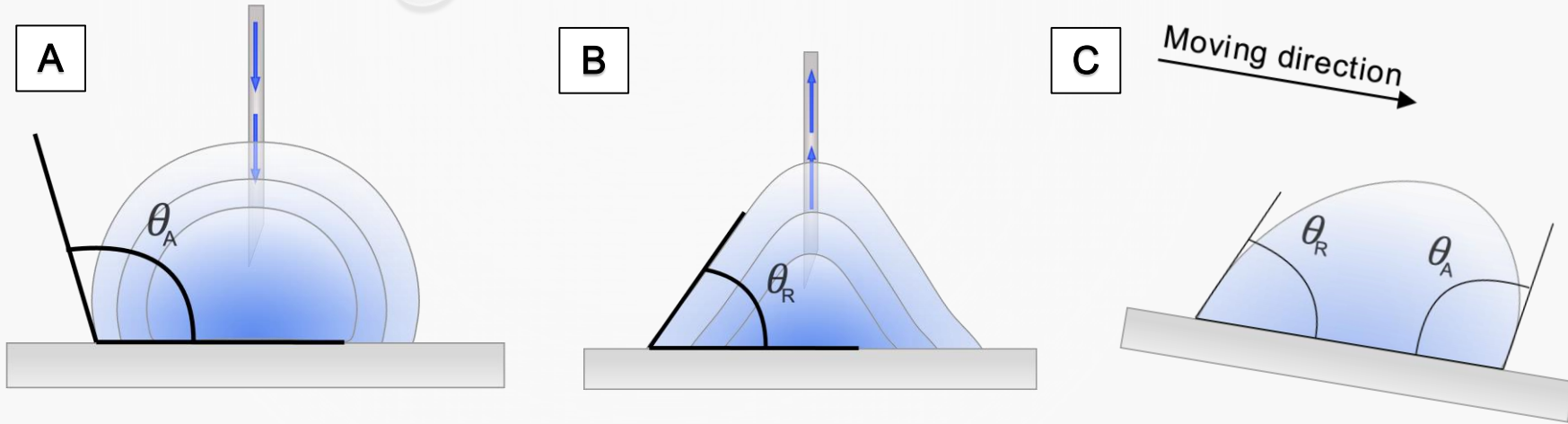
An illustration of the differences of contact models:

- (A) Wenzel's model,
 (B) Cassie-Baxter's model,
 (C) Hierarchical structure with CB-CB states.

FUNDAMENTALS: DYNAMICS

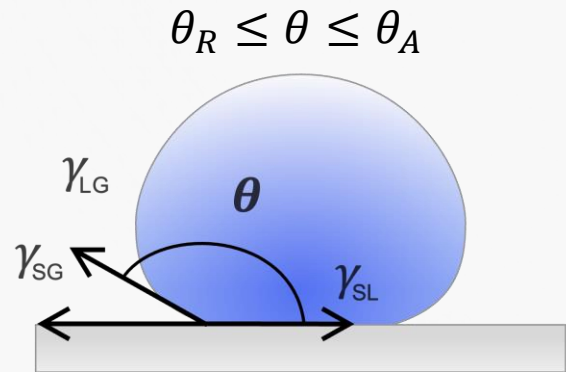
Contact angle hysteresis

$$CAH = \theta_A - \theta_R$$



Schematic of a contact angle hysteresis measurement by

(A) increasing and (B) decreasing of a droplet volume; (C) “tilting plate”-method, where a droplet is moving over the surface.

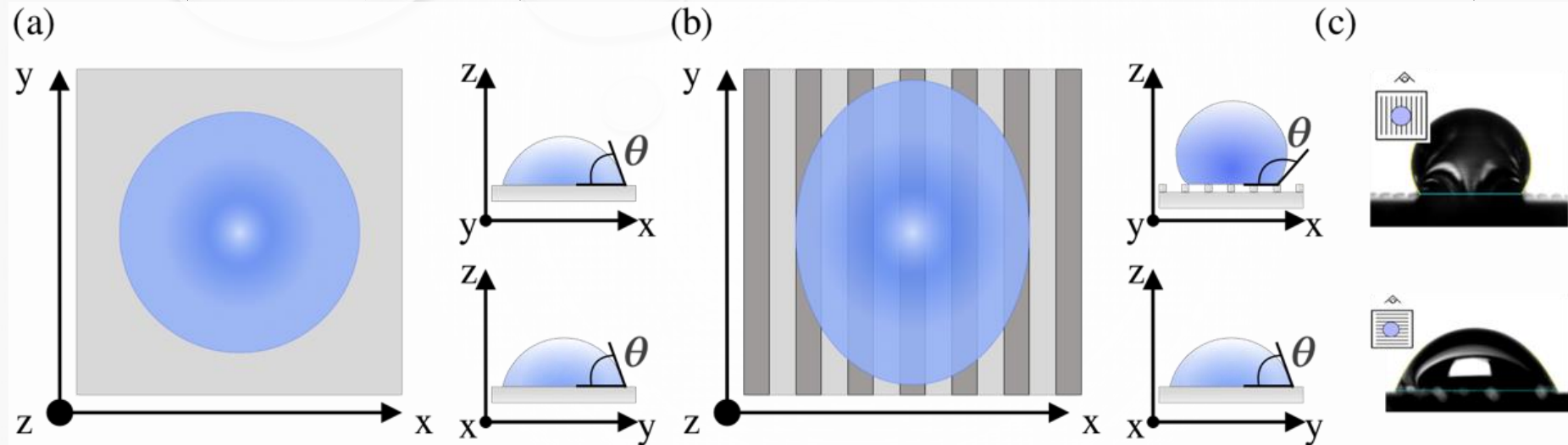


Criteria of superhydrophobicity:

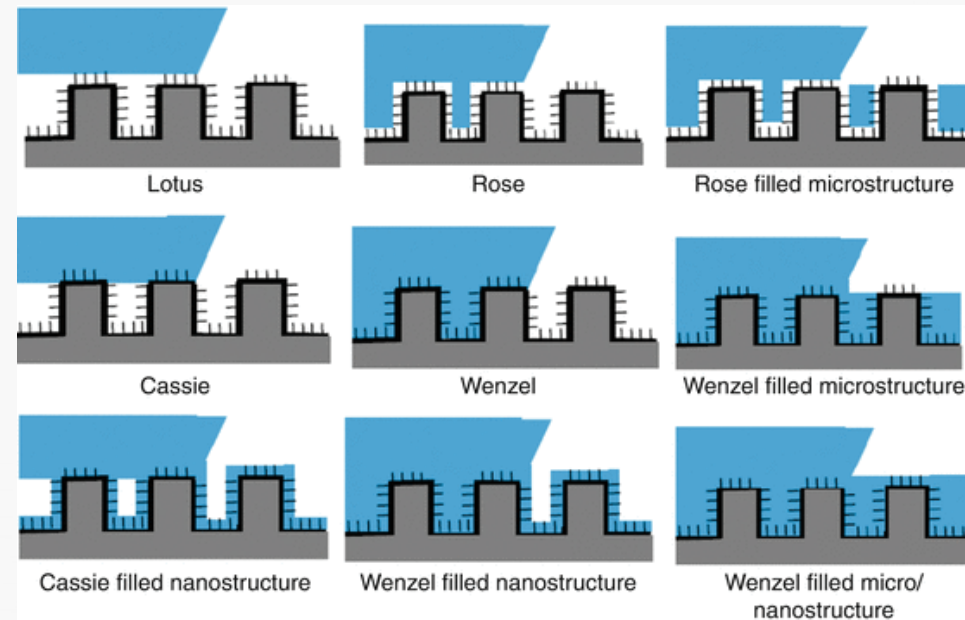
$$CA (\theta) \geq 150^\circ, \leftarrow \text{Less interaction with the surface}$$

$$CAH \leq 15^\circ \leftarrow \text{Easy to slide/roll off}$$

FUNDAMENTALS: MICRO-WETTING STATE



An illustration of the differences of wetting: (a) isotropic (uniform, randomly rough) surface, (b) anisotropic (grooved) surface, (c) real goniometry photos of anisotropic surface.



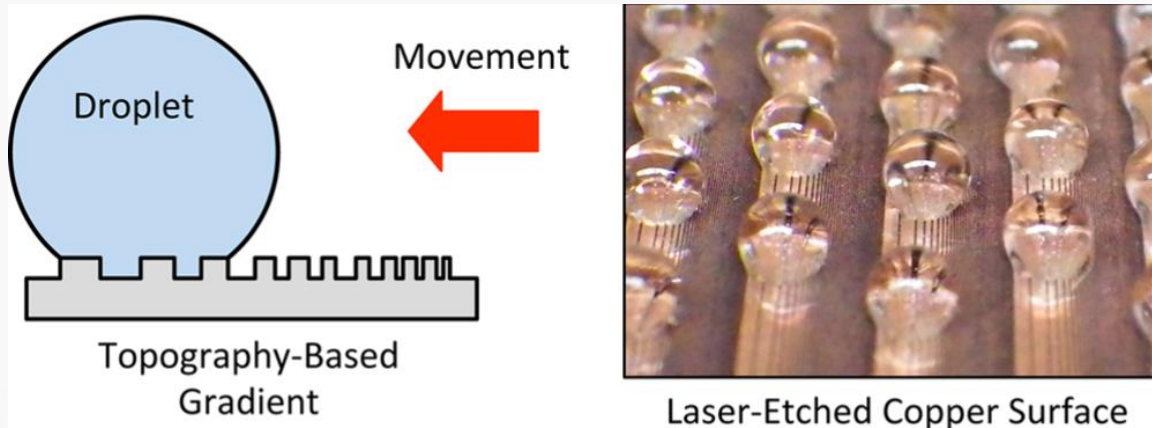
Different wetting states at different scales lead to different droplet behaviour

Bhushan B., Nosonovsky M. (2012) Rose Petal Effect

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-9751-4_157

TOPOGRAPHY GRADIENT MANUFACTURING IDEAS

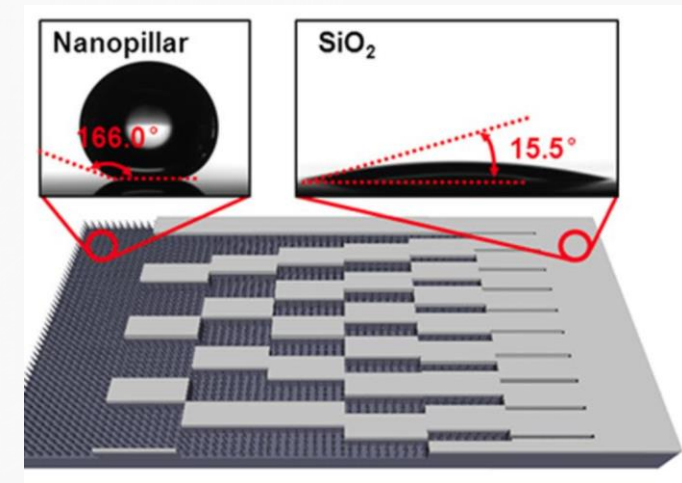
Microgrooves



A. D. Sommers et al., *Langmuir*, 2013, 29, 12043–12050

- made on copper via laser etching;
- Wenzel state (not superhydrophobic);
- relatively short travel distance;

Stripes



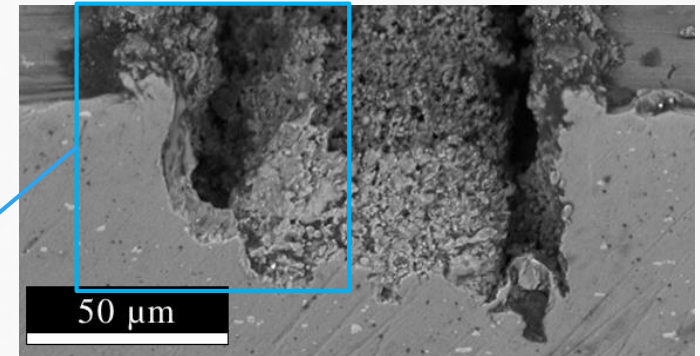
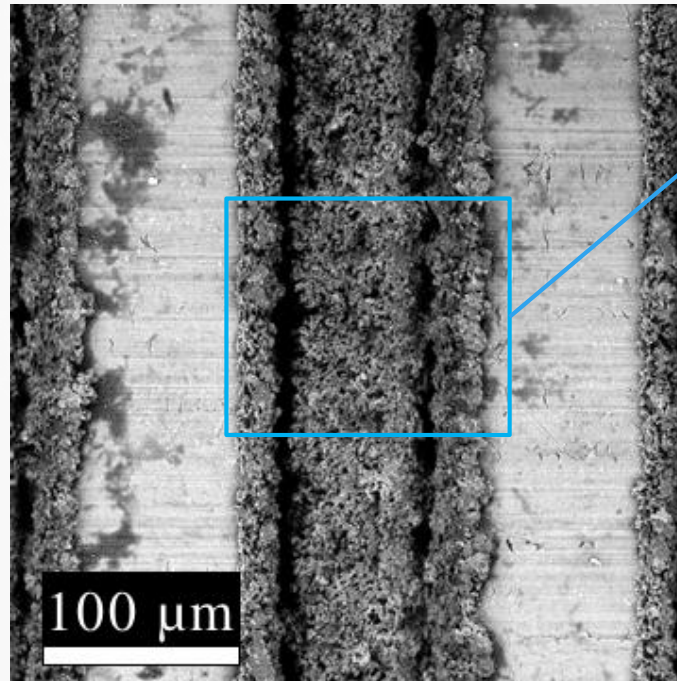
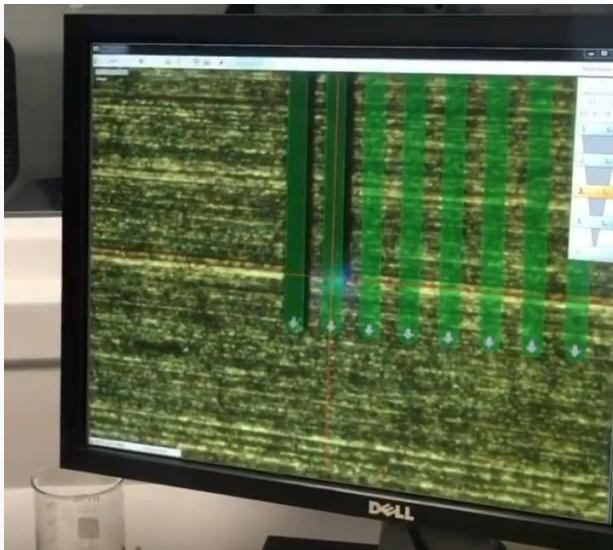
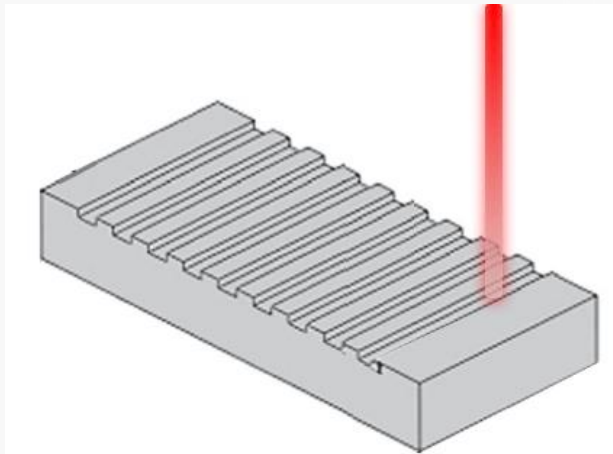
C. Liu et al., *Sci Rep*, 2017, 7, 7552

- made on silica/SiO₂ via UV-lithography and reactive-ion etching;
- all wetting states along the gradient;
- relatively long travel distance;

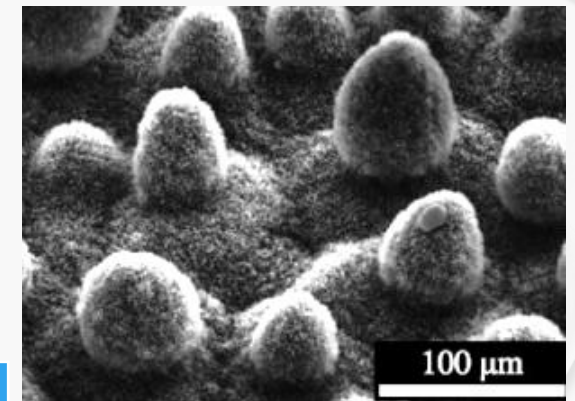
MICROFABRICATION

Laser-etching

Resultant structure



Similar to lotus!

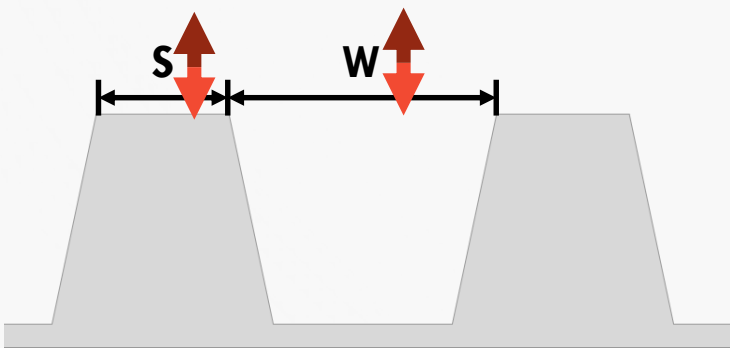
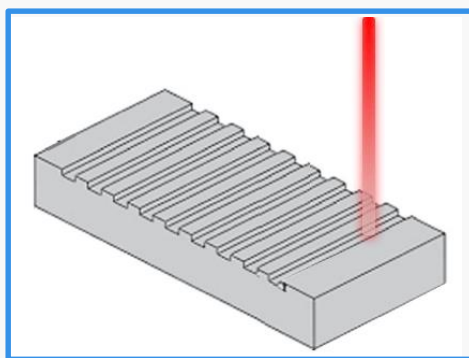


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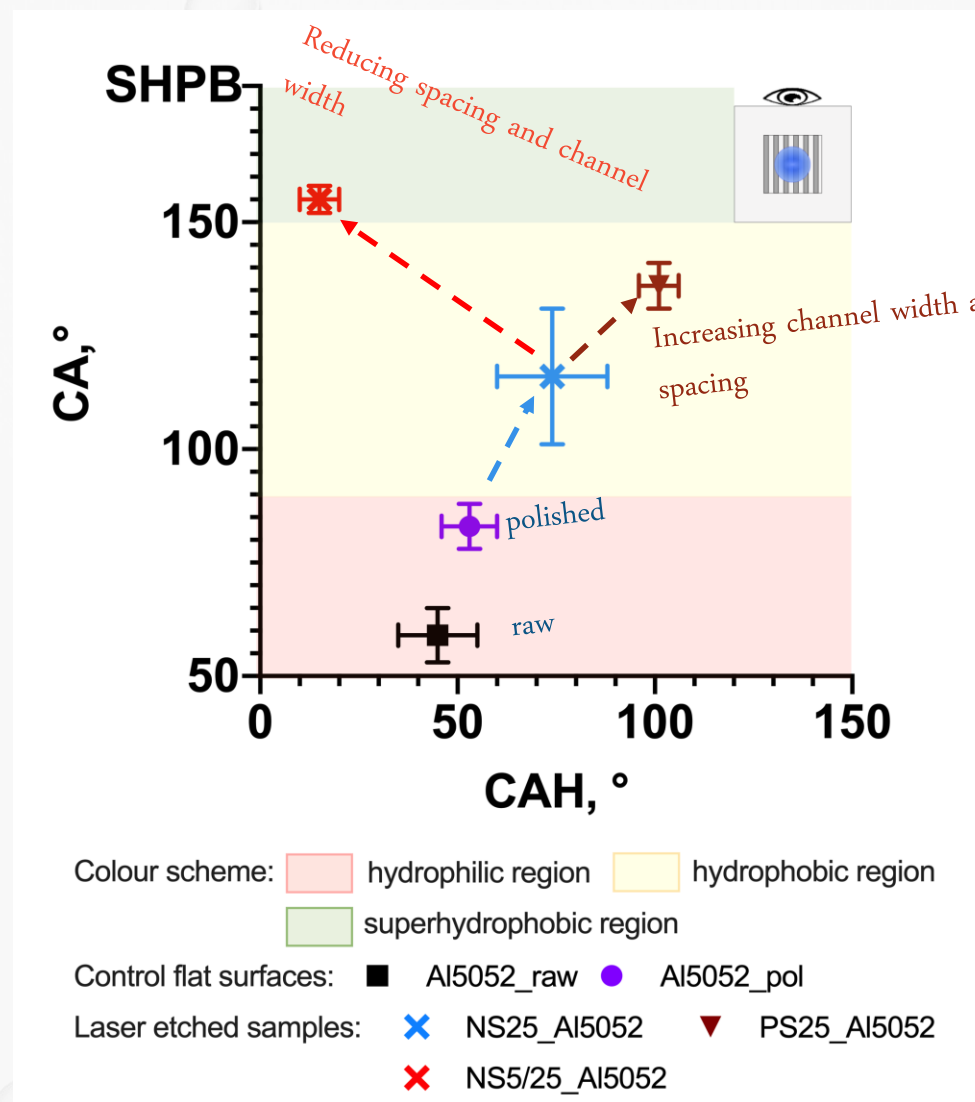
	Microstructure	Nanostructure
Lotus surface	3 – 15 μm	40 – 200 nm
Laser-etching	3 – 20 μm	50 – 250 nm

MICROFABRICATION. WETTING BEHAVIOUR

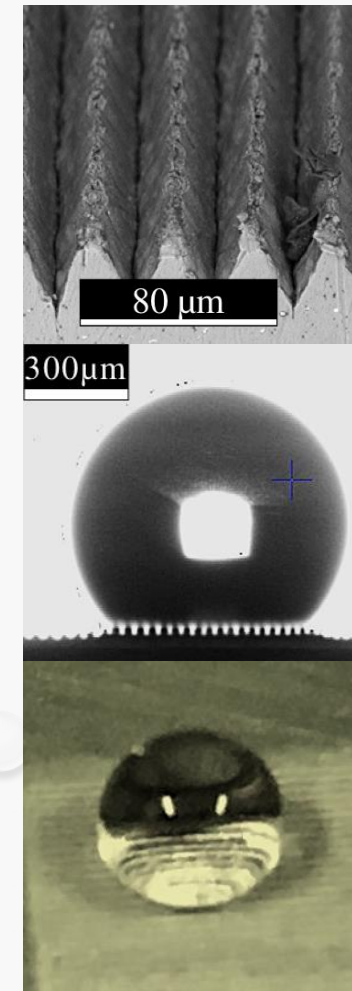
Microfabrication



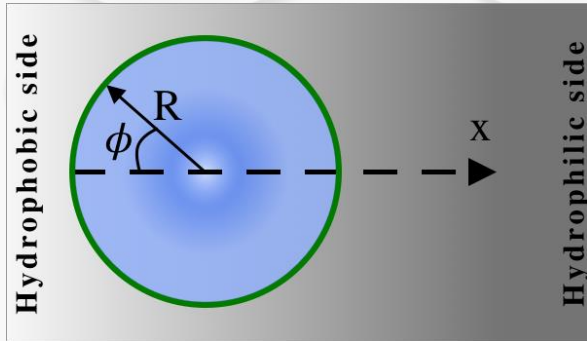
Analysis



Improvement



TOPOGRAPHY GRADIENT MODELLING

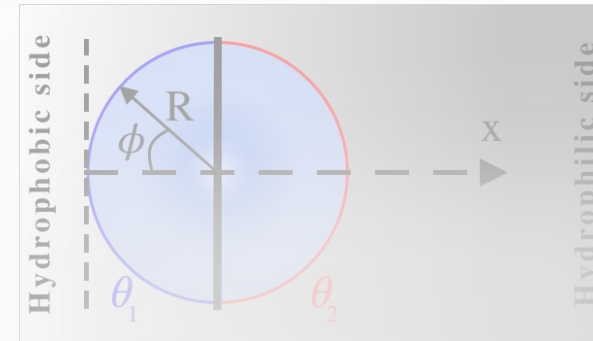


$$F_{acting} = -2\gamma R \int_0^\pi \cos \theta \cos \phi \, d\phi$$

$$F_{acting} = F_{driving} + F_{hysteresis}$$

$$F_{driving} = \gamma R^2 \pi \frac{d \cos \theta}{dx}$$

$$F_{hysteresis} = 2\gamma R (\cos \theta_R - \cos \theta_A)$$

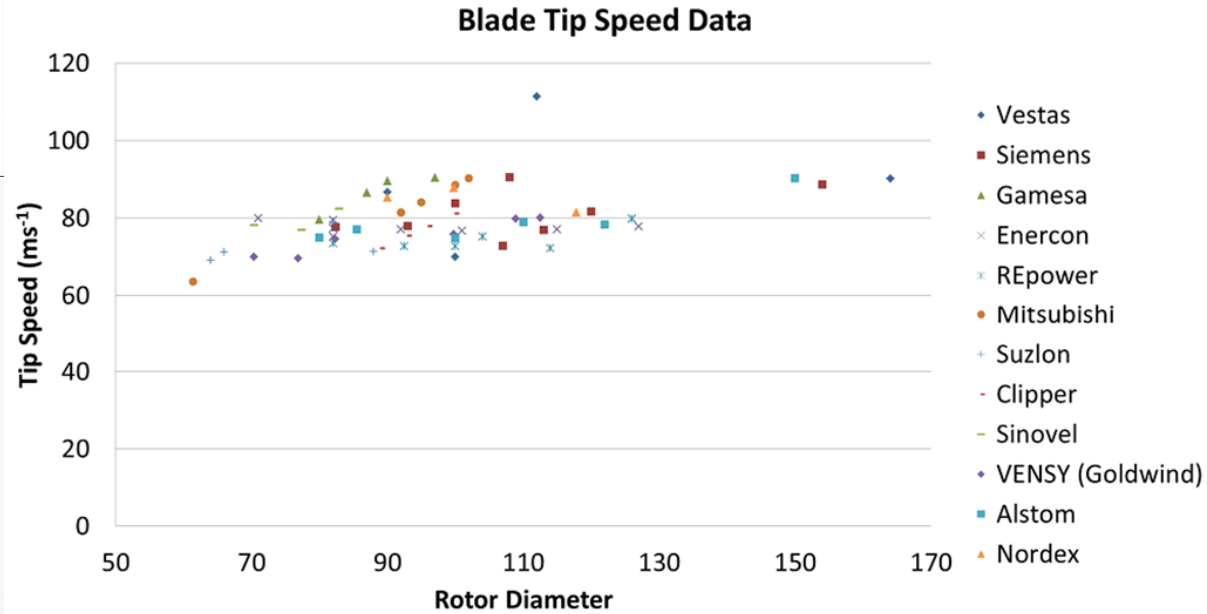


$$F_{acting} = \gamma R \int_0^{\pi/2} [-1 + f(1 + \cos \theta_1)] \cos \phi \, d\phi + \gamma R \int_{\pi/2}^\pi [-1 + f(1 + \cos \theta_2)] \cos \phi \, d\phi$$

where:

$$f = f_0 + \frac{df}{dx} x = f_0 + \frac{df}{dx} R(1 - \cos \phi)$$

DROP IMPACT FROM THE BLADE POV

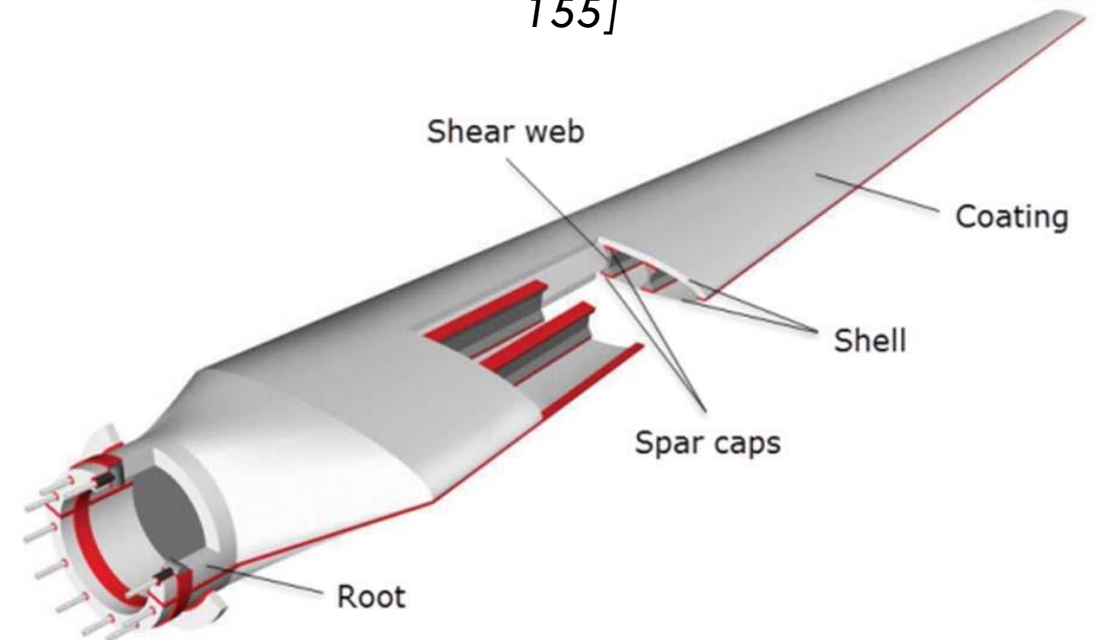


Blade tip speed versus rotor diameter for various utility scale wind turbine blades [M.H. Keegan et al., *J. Phys. D.* 46 (2013) 1-20]

The majority of wind turbine blades use composite materials of thermosetting **polymer** matrix reinforced **with fibers**. The **glass fiber** has been used since the early days of blade manufacturing. **Carbon fibers** are now attracting attention. Other potentially interesting fibers are **aramid, polyethylene, and cellulose** [P. Brøndsted et al., *Annu. Rev. Mater. Res.* 35 (2005) 505-538].

Wind turbine blade structure.

[P. Roth-Johnson et al., *Renewable Energy.* 71 (2014) 133-155]



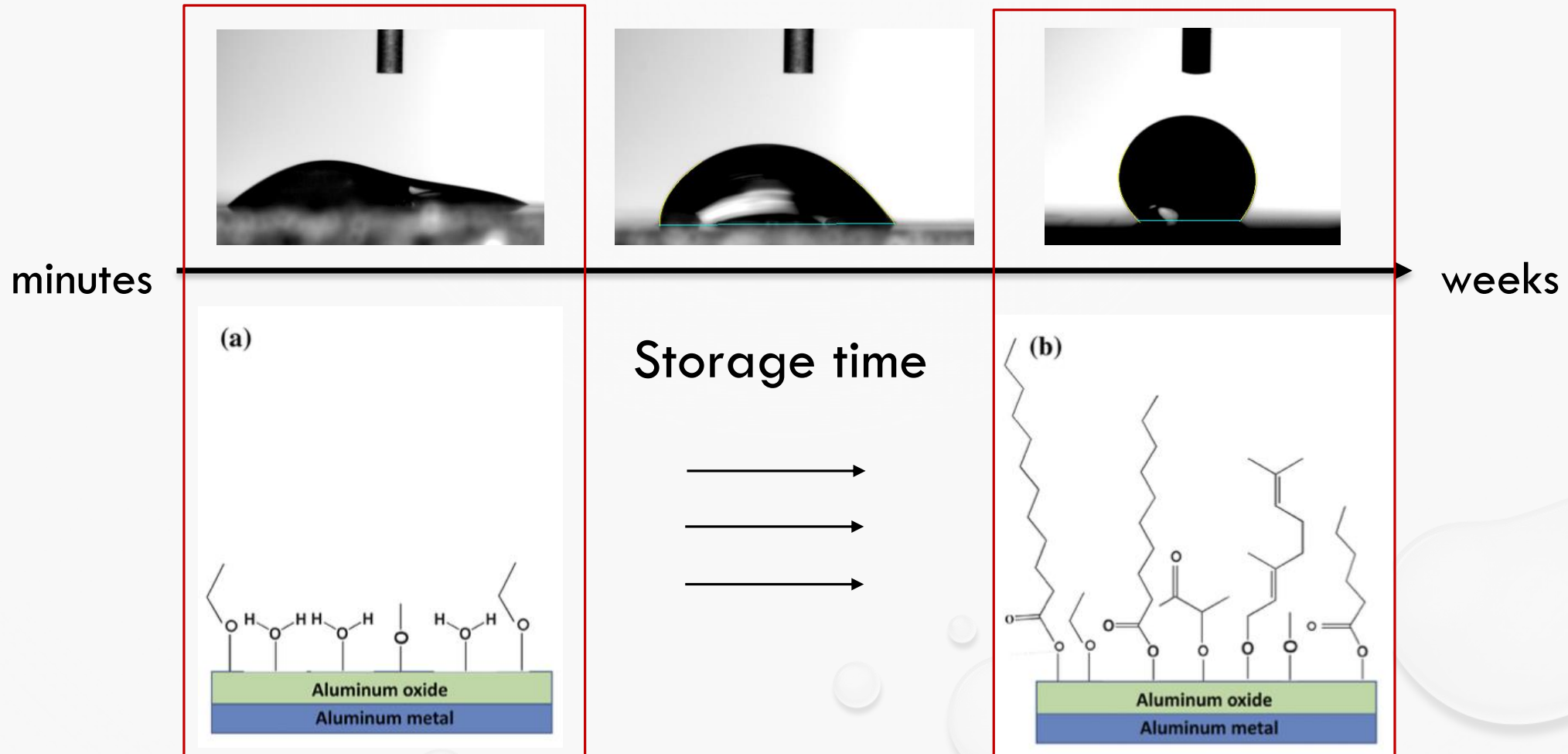
Leading edge erosion of a wind turbine blade

L. Rampel, *Wind Systems Magazine* (Issue date 24.10.2012) 22-24]

STRUCTURED ALUMINIUM: ACCOMPANYING EFFECT

Goniometry photos of a 5 μL droplet at the same spot of
a laser-etched sample after various storage time

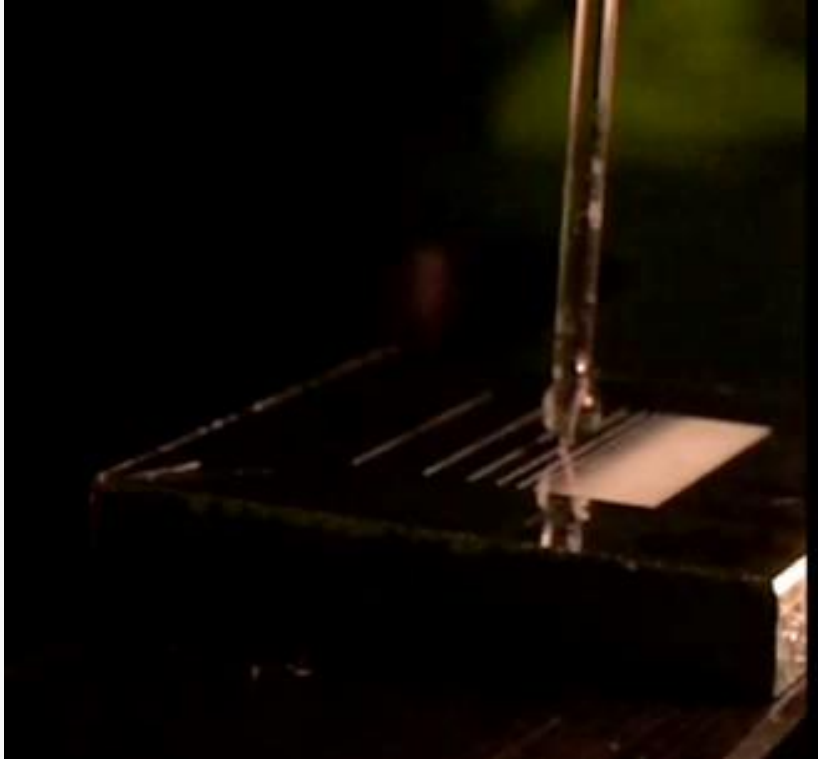
(K. Misiuk et al., *Langmuir*, 2022, DOI:10.1021/acs.langmuir.1c02518)



[J. Long et al., *J. Colloid Interface Sci.*, 441, 2015]

[G. Schnell et al., *Nanomaterials*, 10, 2020].

BIDIRECTIONAL MOVING



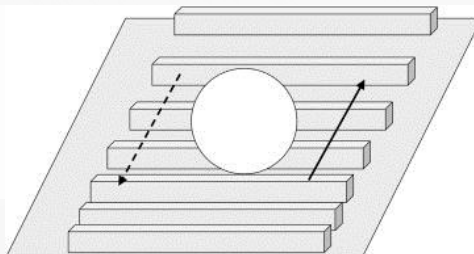
Spontaneous moving (at least directional spreading) in Wenzel state



Spontaneous moving in Cassie-Baxter state (the droplet ends up in Wenzel state)

It's in agreement with Sun et al.

doi:10.1016/j.tsf.2008.01.011.



(< Fig. 2 from the paper). Schematic illustration of a droplet movement on a roughness gradient surface. The moving behaviour depends on the wetting mode. The droplet moves in the direction pointed by the solid arrow when the wettability is governed by Wenzel theory. If the droplet is in Cassie-Baxter state, it moves in the converse direction indicated by the dashed arrow.