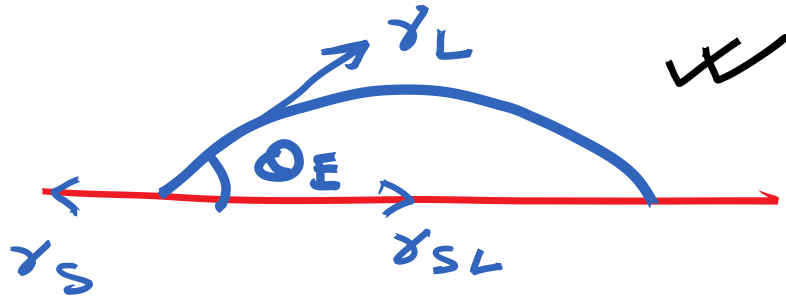


# Liquid drop on a solid surface

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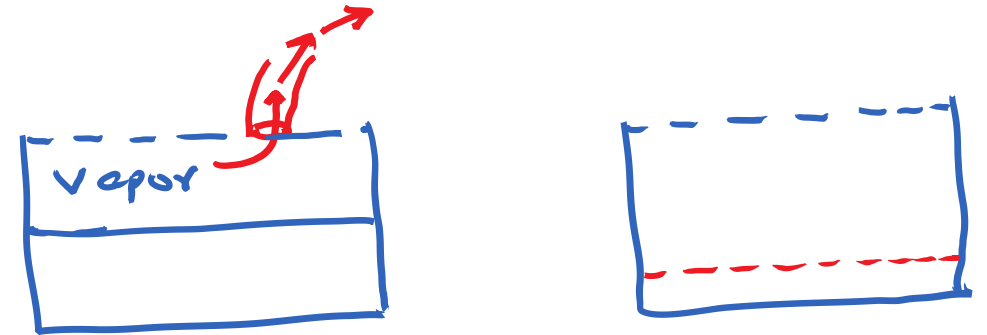


$$\gamma_S = \gamma_{SL} + \gamma_L \cos \theta_E$$

What happens if this drop is left for a long time?

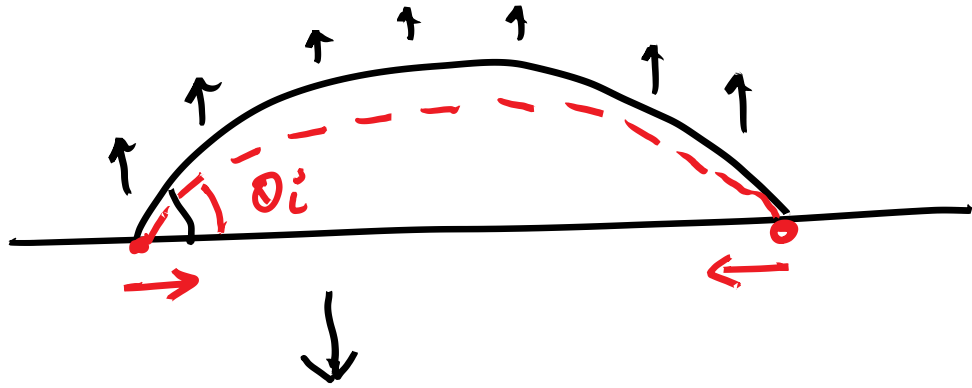
→ Liquid will Evaporate.

Pinning  $\Rightarrow$  CAH  
Critical Sliding class  $\rightarrow \alpha_c$



Breathing Loss.

# What will be the consequence of Evaporation on the drop (Shape/Geometry)



In case the drop is pinned (contact line does not retract)

$\Rightarrow \theta_i$  is going to be lower than  $\theta_E$ .

Force is no longer balanced.  
There is a net inward force.

Pinning is Possible

Surfaces can be classified in three broad ways based on Extent of Pinning.

With NO PINNING.

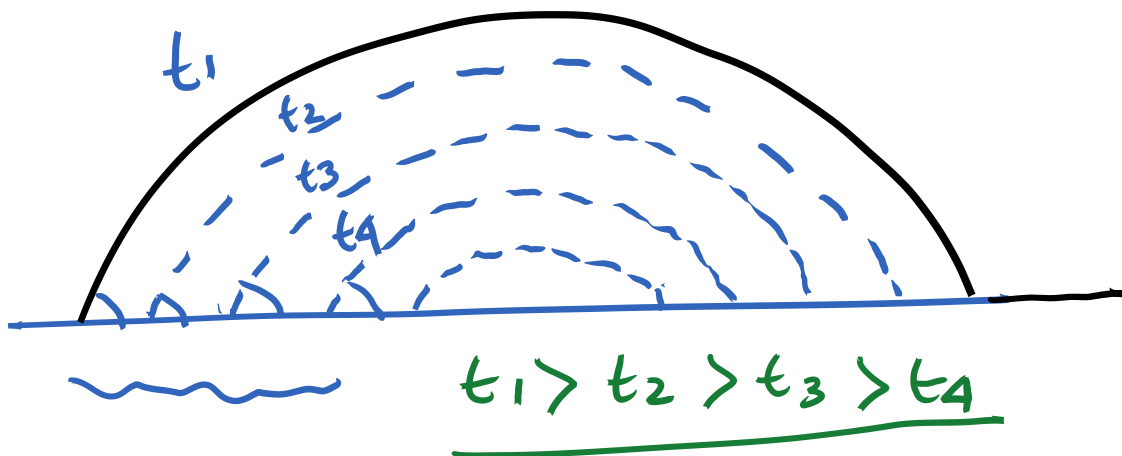
With Total/Complete/infinite pinning

Surface with Finite Pinning.  
(Most surfaces are like this)  
Some  $\alpha = \alpha_c \rightarrow$  drop starts to move.



CCA mode: "Const Contact Angle" Mode of Evaporation.

(1) Surface with NO PINNING



$t \rightarrow$  large value or  $\infty$   
 "Gone With the Wind"

- (1) Loss of mass
- (2) Volume reduces
- (3) - Net inward force.

Frictional resistance to movement of the contact line is negligible.

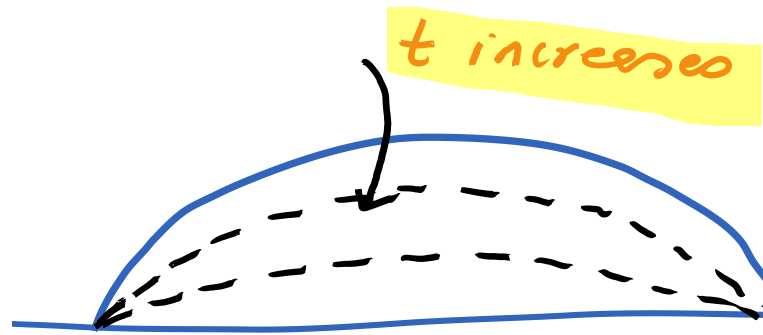
So drop retracts.

At all instance  $\theta_i \approx \theta_E$

Drop becomes smaller with time  $\rightarrow \theta_E$  remains constant

$\rightarrow$  Drop remains Geometrically similar at all times.

(2) Surface has Complete/Total/infinite Pinning.



Contact Line is going to be completely pinned.

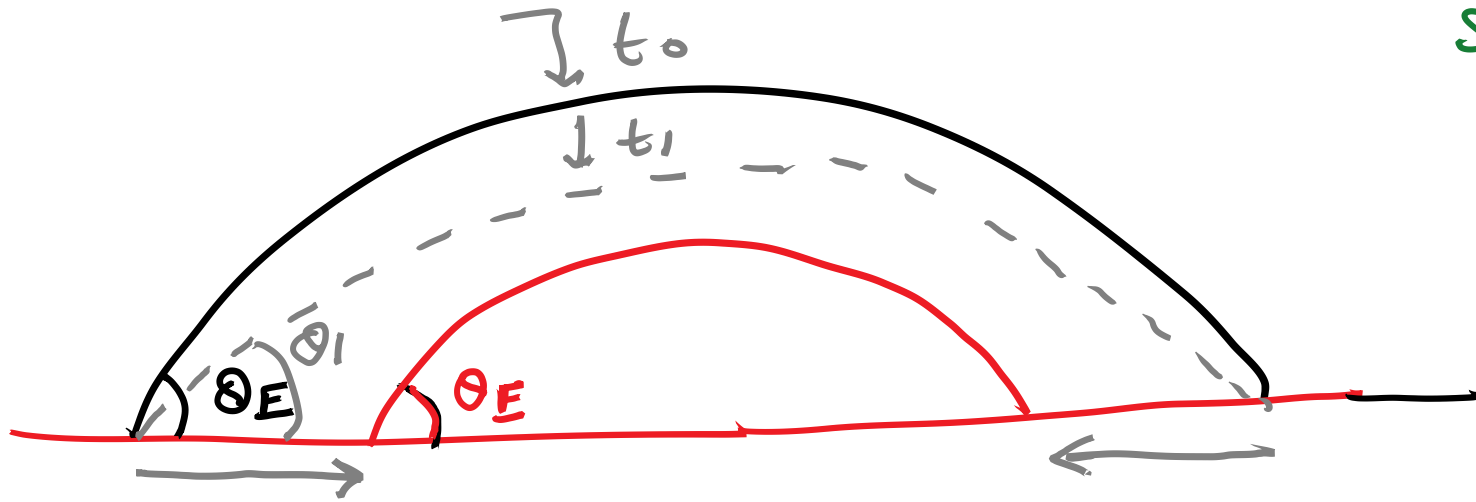
→ The drop flattens with time.

→ Late stage → It will almost get converted to a film.

↳ There is always a net inward pull (Force Not Balanced)  
Strength of adhesive force between liquid molecules & Solid is so high → Imbalance at the contact line fails to move the contact line.

**CCR Mode:** Constant Contact Radius mode of Evap

(3) Evaporation of a liquid Drop on a Surface With **FINITE pinning**.  $\rightarrow$  Imbalance of the contact Line is going to overcome the strength of adhesion (or strength of the pinning force) after some finite value of the imbalance.



From  $t_0$  to  $t_1 \rightarrow$  Contact Line does not move

$\theta$  drops from  $\theta_E$  to  $\theta_i$

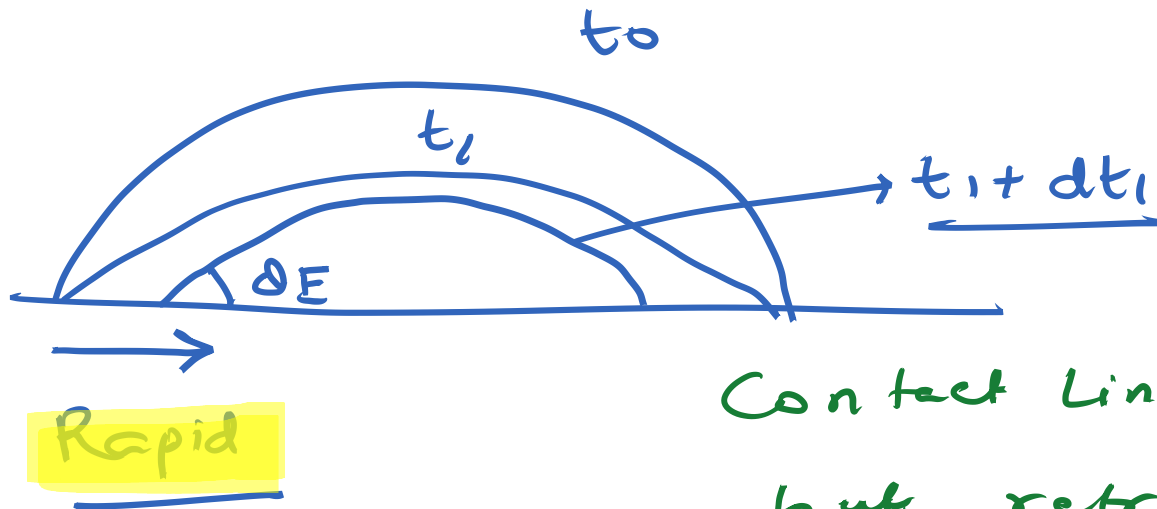
There is an imbalance.

$t = t_1$   $\rightarrow$  The imbalance at the Contact Line overcomes the pinning  $\rightarrow$  Contact Line will rapidly retract  $\rightarrow$  Till  $\theta_i$  again becomes  $\theta_E$ .

Initially Pinned  $\rightarrow$  followed by rapid retraction.

$\rightarrow$  till  $\theta_i \approx \theta_E$  again  $\rightarrow$  Again Pinning  $\rightarrow$  Followed by  
Rapid retraction.

### Mixed Mode of Evaporation



Sequential Pinning and  
depinning  $\rightarrow$

Contact Line is not retracting uniformly  
but retracts in bursts.

Motion of the Contact Line  $\rightarrow$  Stick Slip Motion  
 $\downarrow$   $\rightarrow$  Rapid retraction  
When it is pinned