

③ Capillary rise:

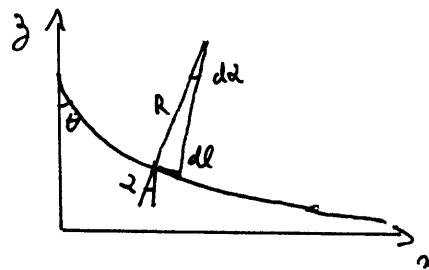
3.1 Tensioni: (from greek "tensione" = tension).



non-dimensional analysis:  $h = l_c f(\theta)$

$$90^\circ > \theta > 0 \Rightarrow f(\theta) > 0 \text{ (up)}$$

$$\theta > 90^\circ \Rightarrow f(\theta) < 0 \text{ (down)}$$



Laplace pressure = gravity.

$$P_0 - \rho g z = P_0 - \frac{\sigma}{R}.$$

$$\Rightarrow Rg = \frac{\sigma}{\rho g} = l_c^2$$

$$\text{signs: } \begin{cases} \alpha > 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\alpha < 0$$

$$\begin{cases} dg < 0 \\ dx > 0 \\ dl > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$dl = -R d\alpha \Rightarrow R = -\frac{dl}{d\alpha}$$

$$dg = -dl \cdot \sin \alpha \Rightarrow dl = -\frac{dg}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{dg}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dg}{\sin \alpha} = l_c^2 \rightarrow dg = l_c^2 \sin \alpha d\alpha$$

$$\text{far away } \begin{cases} z=0 \\ \alpha=0 \end{cases} \rightarrow g^2 = l_c^2 (1 - \cos \alpha)$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \\ g = R \end{cases} \rightarrow h = l_c (1 - \cos \theta)^{1/2} \quad \text{for } \theta < 90^\circ$$

$$h = -l_c (1 - \cos \theta)^{1/2} \quad \text{for } \theta > 90^\circ$$

→ conversion equations: nearly

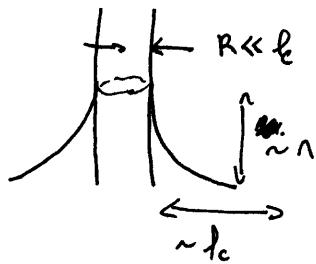
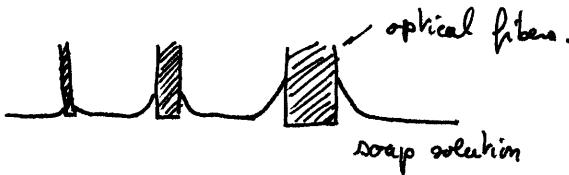
$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{\bar{g}}{(1+\bar{g}^2)^{3/2}}$$

shape:  $x - x_0 = l_c \operatorname{Angsh} \frac{2l_c}{3} - \sqrt{2} l_c \left( 2 - \frac{\bar{g}^2}{2l_c^2} \right)^{1/2}$

$x_0$  to get  $\bar{g} = 0$  for  $x=0$ .

### Meniscus on a fibre

demo:



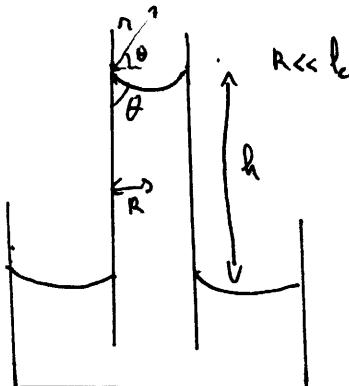
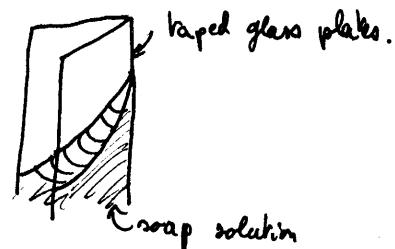
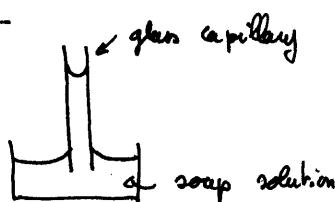
→ 2 curvatures  $\Rightarrow$  2 radii  $R$  and  $l_c$ .

$$h \approx R \ln \left( \frac{2l_c}{R} \right) \quad \text{for } \theta=0 \text{ and } R \ll l_c$$

→ slide: experiment with etching liquid.

### Rise in a tube

demo:



Laplace = hydrostatic

$$P_0 - \frac{2\sigma \cos \theta}{R} = P_0 - \rho g h$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{r} = \frac{2 \sigma \cos \theta}{\rho g R} = 2 \frac{l_c^2 \cos \theta}{R}$$

Young's law.

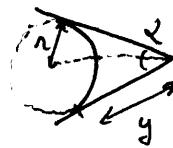
↑ rise if  $\theta < 90^\circ$ .

→ question: what happens if tube shorter than  $R_{\text{c}}$ ?

↳ profile in the edge experiment:

↳ ~~most~~ important for microfluidic devices → angular channels.

for  $\theta = 0$



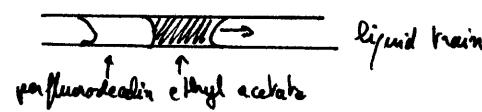
$$R = y \tan^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{n} = \rho g y \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{y \tan^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta} = \rho g$$

$$y = \frac{l_c^2}{g \tan^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta}$$

### 3.3 Capillary forces:

demo:



liquid meniscus

perfluorodecalin      ethyl acetate



conical tube.

force in a tube:



$$dE_s = (\gamma_{SL} - \gamma_{SV}) 2\pi R dy$$

$$f = \frac{dE_s}{dy} = 2\pi R \gamma \cos \theta$$

↓  
perimeter of the contact line.

↳ if  $\gamma_{SL} - \gamma_{SV} > \gamma_{SL}$  ( $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\theta = 0^\circ$  and  $\cos \theta = 1$ ).

↳ same force: the difference  $\gamma_{SL} - \gamma_{SV} - \gamma_{LV}$  is balanced by viscous dissipation on the precursor film (de Gennes).

Note:



$R_2 > R_1 \rightarrow$  would be expected to move to the right.

$\Rightarrow$  misleading: work with pressures.

force on a plate:

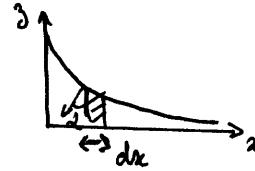


moving contact line  $\rightarrow$  same argument

$$\frac{f = \sigma l \cos \theta}{l}$$

perimeter

weight of the meniscus:



$$dm = \rho g dz$$

$$dy \frac{dx}{dz}$$

$$V_{\text{men}} = - \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow dm = - \frac{\rho g dy}{V_{\text{men}}}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{from shape: } g dy = l_c^2 \sin \theta dx.$$

$$\Rightarrow dm = - \rho l \cdot l_c^2 \frac{\sin \theta}{V_{\text{men}}} dx$$

$\underbrace{\sin \theta}_{\cos \theta} dx$

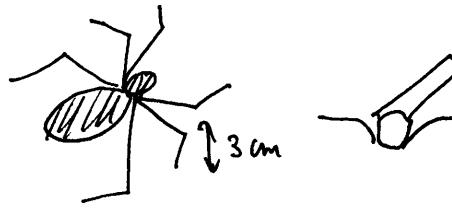
$$\rightarrow m = - \rho l l_c^2 \int_{\pi/2-\theta}^0 \sin \theta dx = \rho l l_c^2 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{mg = f}.$$

$\rightarrow$  if  $\cos \theta < 0$  force upwards  $\Rightarrow$  dense object can float.

$\rightarrow$  slide = water sticks.

$\hookrightarrow$  face it can hold:



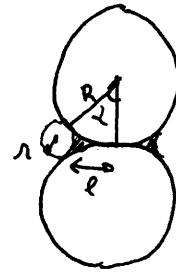
$$f \approx 2 \times 0.03 \times 0.072 \times 6 \approx 0.03 N \approx 3g$$

$\downarrow$   
2 sides

(with  $\theta = 180^\circ$ ).

Contact force in between 2 grains:

→ slide sand castle.



for  $\theta = 0$ .

shape of the meniscus assumed to be hemispherical. ( $\lambda \ll 1$ ).

$\lambda \ll 1 \Rightarrow 1$  curvature.

$$R = (R+r) \cos \lambda \rightarrow r = R \frac{1-\cos \lambda}{\cos \lambda}$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{\sigma}{r} = \frac{\sigma}{R} \frac{\cos \lambda}{1-\cos \lambda}$$

$$f = \Delta P \cdot \pi l^2 = \frac{\sigma}{R} \frac{\cos \lambda}{1-\cos \lambda} \pi R^2 V \cos^2 \lambda$$

$$\rightarrow f = \pi R \sigma \frac{1+\cos \lambda}{\cos \lambda}$$

$$\lambda \ll 1 \Rightarrow f \approx 2\pi R \sigma \quad \text{independent of volume of liquid!}$$

→ for small  $V \rightarrow$  roughness  $\rightarrow f \propto$ .

