

Analysis of Contact Angle Hysteresis

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We study the interface dynamics and contact angle hysteresis in a two dimensional, chemically patterned channel described by the Cahn-Hilliard equation with a relaxation boundary condition. A system for the dynamics of the contact angle and contact point is derived in the sharp interface limit. From the behaviour of the solution of the contact angle dynamic equation, we observe stick-slip motion and contact angle hysteresis. Our analysis reveals the mechanism for the asymmetric speed dependent contact angle hysteresis observed experimentally.