### Snap-through induced by surface tension



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# Elastocapillarity: state of the art (incomplete)



review article:

Roman + Bico Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter 2010

Bico et al., Nature (2004)

### The Elastocapillary lengthscale

A tubulin rod growing inside a lipid vesicle



### Elastocapillarity in Biology



#### Lung's airway closure

e.g. Heil, J. Fluid Mech 380, 1999



### Wet feathers

Duprat, Protière, Beebe and Stone, *Nature* (2012)







Insect adhesion Eisner et al., PNAS, 2000

### Elastocapillarity with Carbon Nanotubes



#### Cellular patterns Chakrapani et al., PNAS, 2004



#### Teepee formation Lau et al., Nano Lett., 2003





**Bio-mimetism** 

Geim et al., Nature Mat., 2003

### Elastocapillarity in Industry: Microfabrication





folding by surface tension of Pb:Sn solder spheres

microfan with polysilicon 180 rpm micro-fluidic systems

Linderman et al, Sens. Actuators (2002)

Here : snap-through of an elastic beam induced by a drop



# Buckling and snap-through









































### stability when force F is controlled





# Snap-through

stability when displacement Y is controlled





# Snap-through

### comparison with experiments



# Snap-through with liquid drop
























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weight

effective torques from liquid drop

# effective bending moments



![](_page_49_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_50_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_52_Picture_1.jpeg)

PDMS strip dimensions: 34 microns by 1 mm by 3.5 mm time interval between frames: 5 ms

![](_page_54_Picture_1.jpeg)

### Snap-through with soap bubble

Elastocapillary snapping of a long metallic strip with a bubble

L = 24 cm (width 8 cm)

### Snap-through with soap bubble

Elastocapillary snapping of a long metallic strip with a bubble

![](_page_56_Picture_2.jpeg)

L = 24 cm (width 8 cm)

duration ~ 1 sec

# Snap-through: dynamics

![](_page_58_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### mettre ici les video

![](_page_60_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_61_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_62_Figure_0.jpeg)

we fit and find  $\mu \simeq 23.1$ 

Theory says:  
$$\mu = 24.3$$

#### Snap-through dynamics: the wet case

![](_page_63_Picture_1.jpeg)

Is the dynamics ruled by:

- inertia of drop (m) ?
- gravity (g)?
- other effects (e.g. viscous)?
- or just beam bending dynamics ?

![](_page_64_Figure_0.jpeg)

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Growth time at the bifurcation point  
1D sys : 
$$\ddot{x} = -V'(x)$$
 (conservative system)  
Equilibrium  $x_e$  :  $V'(x_e) = o$   
Stability  $x = x_e + \delta x(t)$   
 $\delta \ddot{x} = -V''(x_e) \delta x + O(\delta x^2)$   
stable :  $V''(x_e) > o$   
un stable :  $V''(x_e) > o$   
un stable :  $V''(x_e) < o$   
nstability threshold :  $V_*'' = o$   
hence dynamics is  $\delta \ddot{x} = o \delta x + O(\delta x^2)$   
JNLESS unilateral contact (inequality constraint)  
instability happens when  $v_*'' \neq o$ ,  $V_*'' < o$   
 $\delta \ddot{x} = -\frac{V_*''}{\mathfrak{S}} \delta x$   
 $\delta \chi(t) \propto e^{t_e t}$  where  $\frac{1}{4} = +\sqrt{-V_*''}$ 

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![](_page_70_Figure_1.jpeg)

rotate hinged joints for the self-assembly of 3D microstructures

R. Syms, Journal of MEMS (1995)

![](_page_71_Figure_0.jpeg)
## Capillary induced snap-through

