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#### Abstract

This is original study on ruptured bubble rubbing on hydrophobic solid surface. A bubble protruding from capillary tube attached to the objective of a microscope was pressed gently against hydrophobic solid surface by gradually increase of the pressure inside of the capillary tube. At certain special "gap" value of the pressure inside of the capillary tube formation of wetting film was observed interferometrically. The film ruptured a short time after its formation, thus developing three-phase contact line (TPCL) on the solid surface. TPCL rubs on the surface when the latter moves tangentially. At certain critical speed of motion of the solid surface the bubble detaches from the surface. The value of this critical speed depends on the pressure inside of the bubble, the level of the hydrophobicity and the visco-elastic modulus of the surface. We call for further investigations of this interesting phenomenon.


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