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# Freezing droplets

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# Task

Place a water droplet on a plate cooled down to around  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

As it freezes, the shape of the droplet may become cone-like with a sharp top.  
Investigate this effect.

# Equipment





# Droplet

- Volume

# Surface

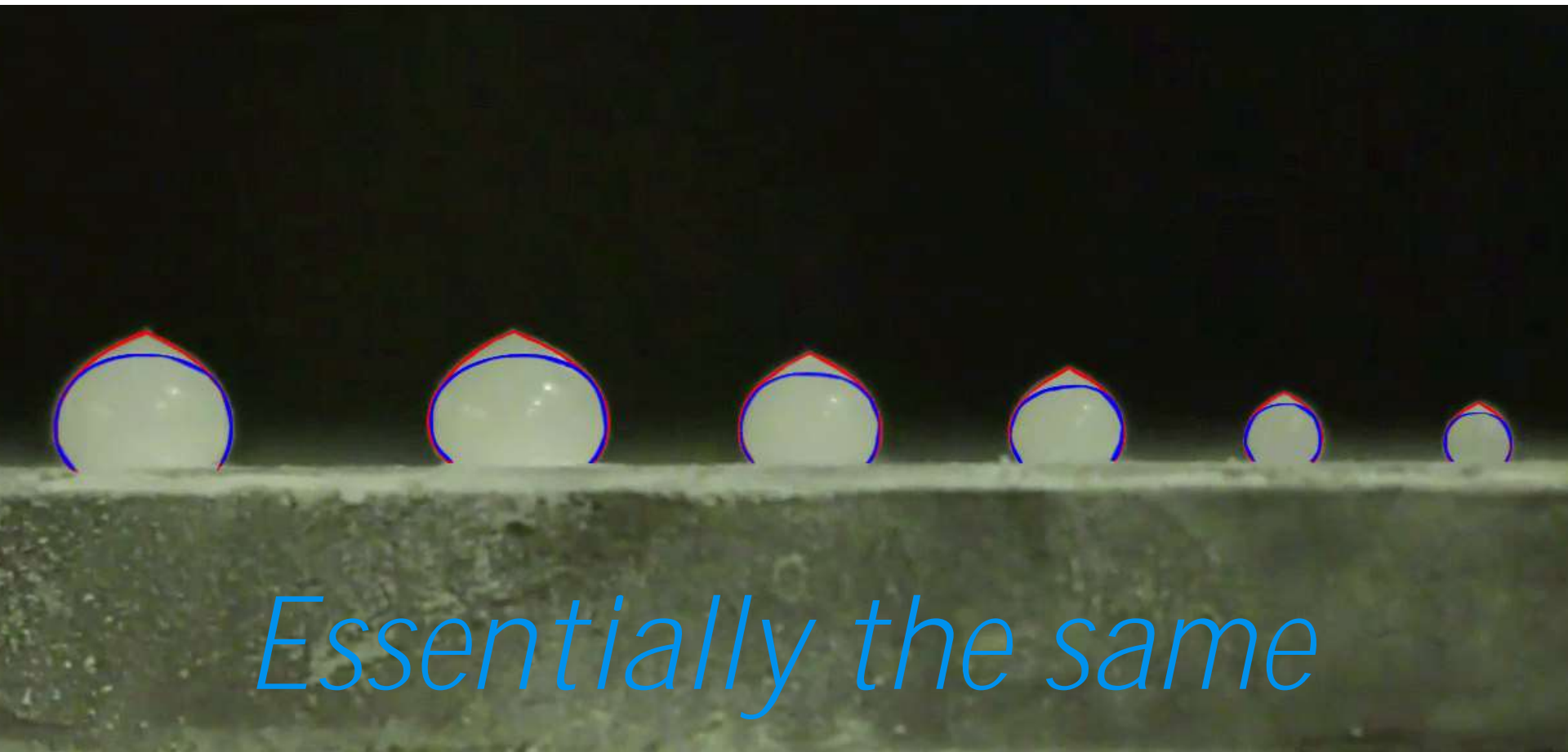
- Inclination
- Curvature
- Material

Contact angle

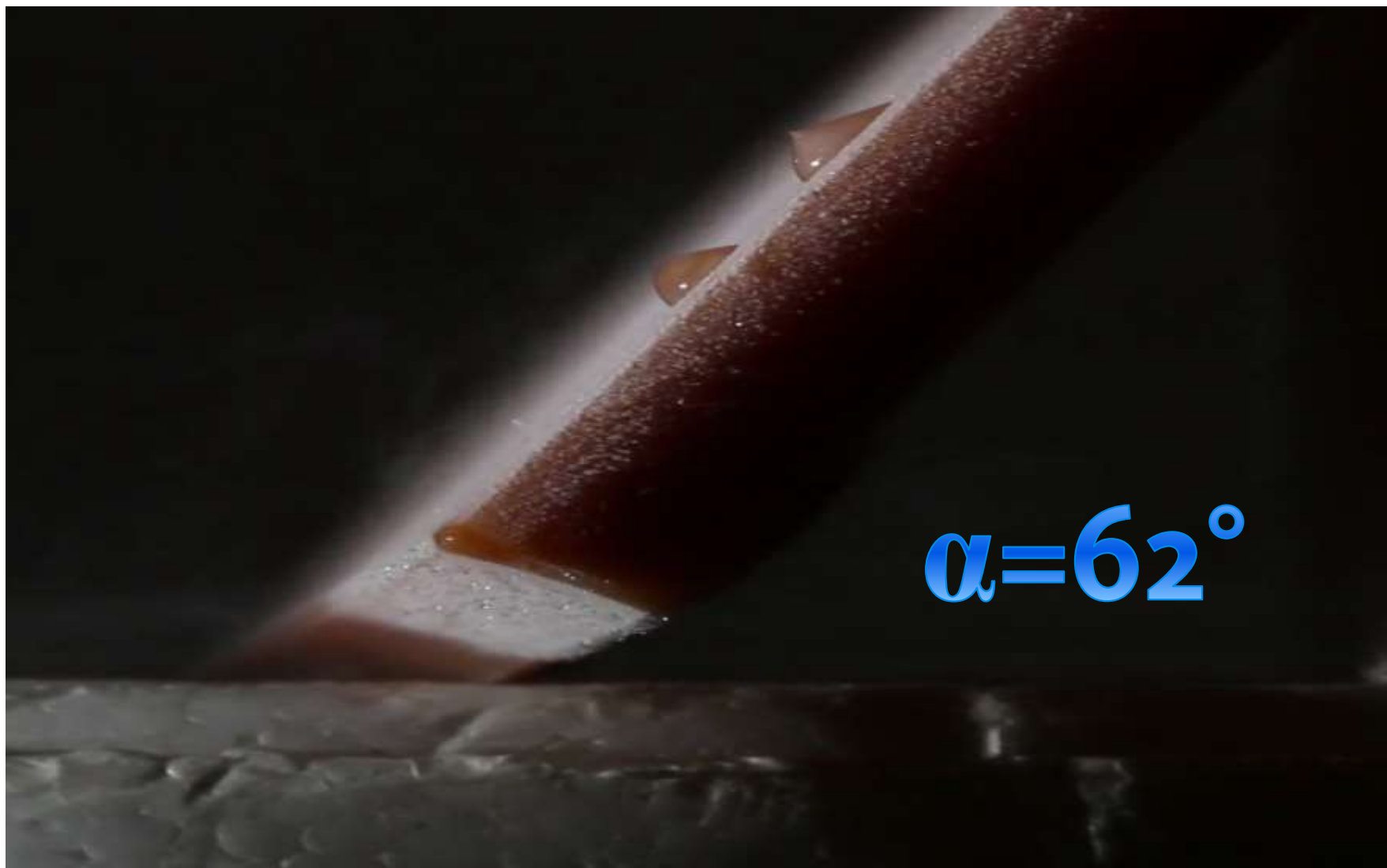


Temperature

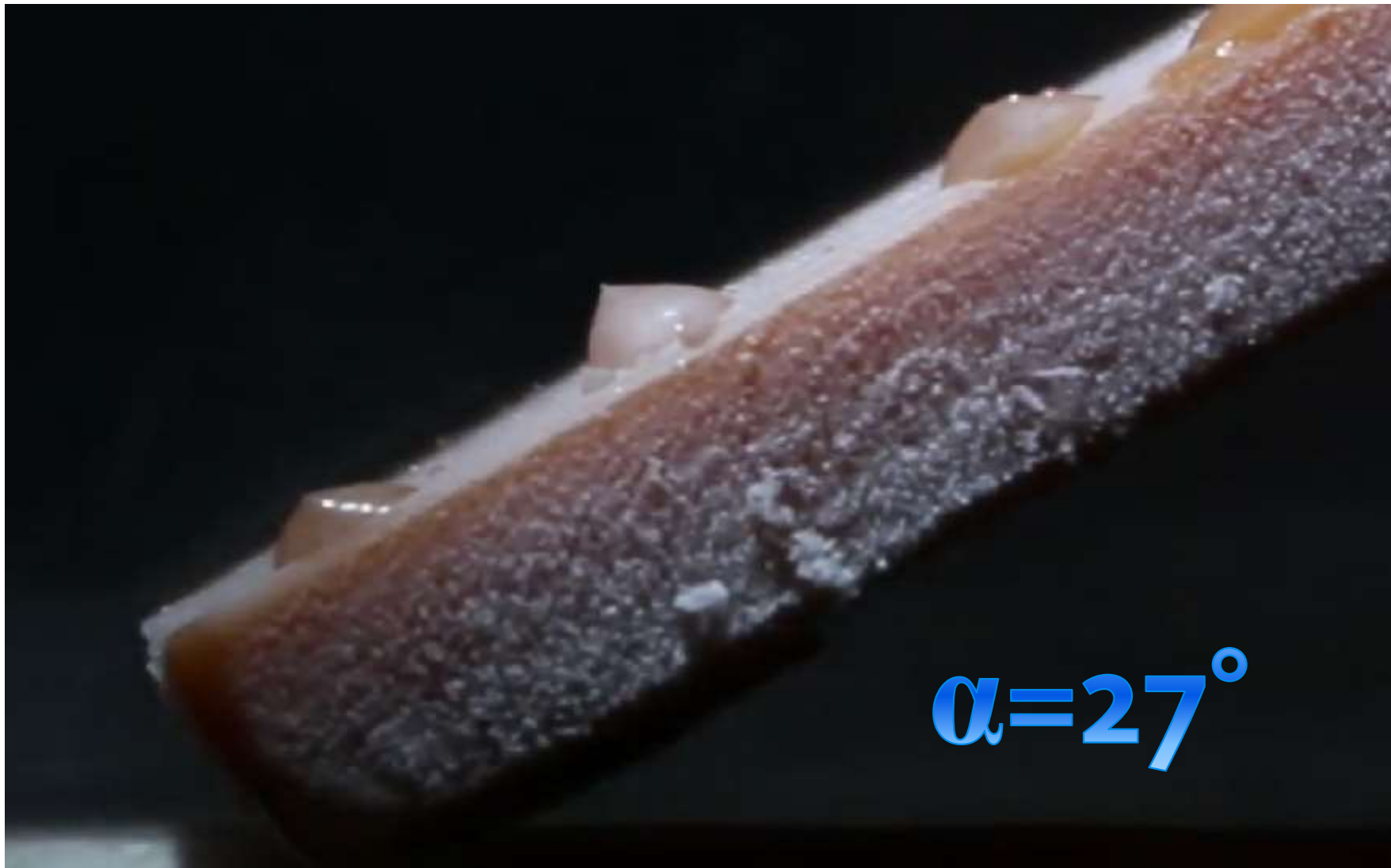
# Dependence on the volume of the droplet



# Inclination of the surface



# Inclination of the surface



# Curvature of the surface





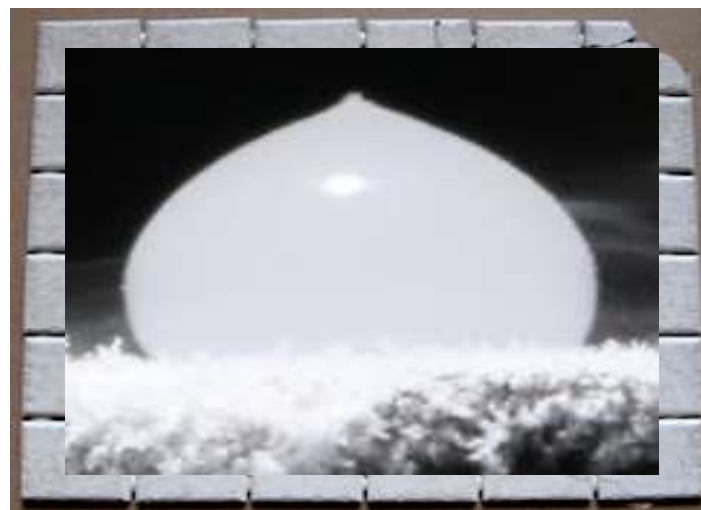
# Curvature of the surface



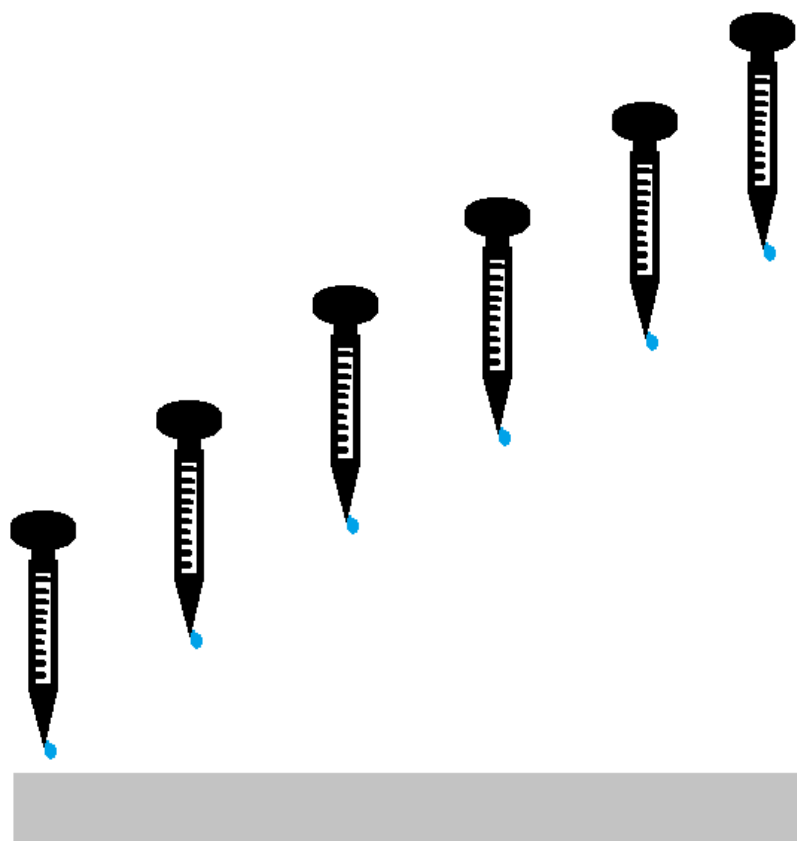
# Curvature of the surface



# Material of the surface



# Contact angle of the droplet



Different heights

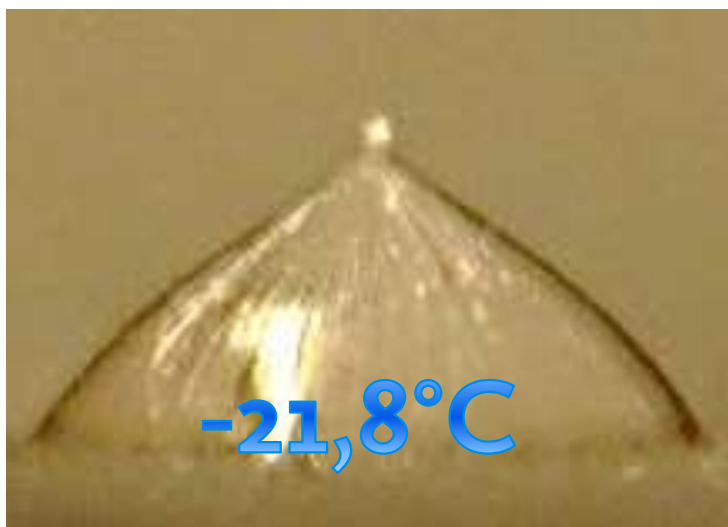
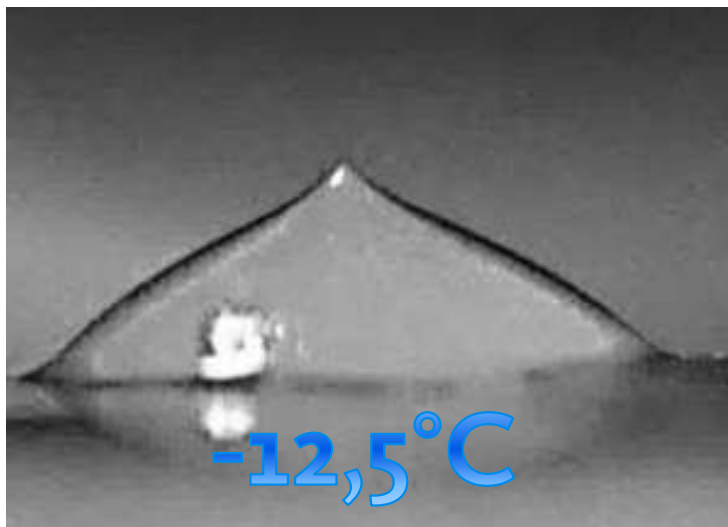


Droplets of the same volume

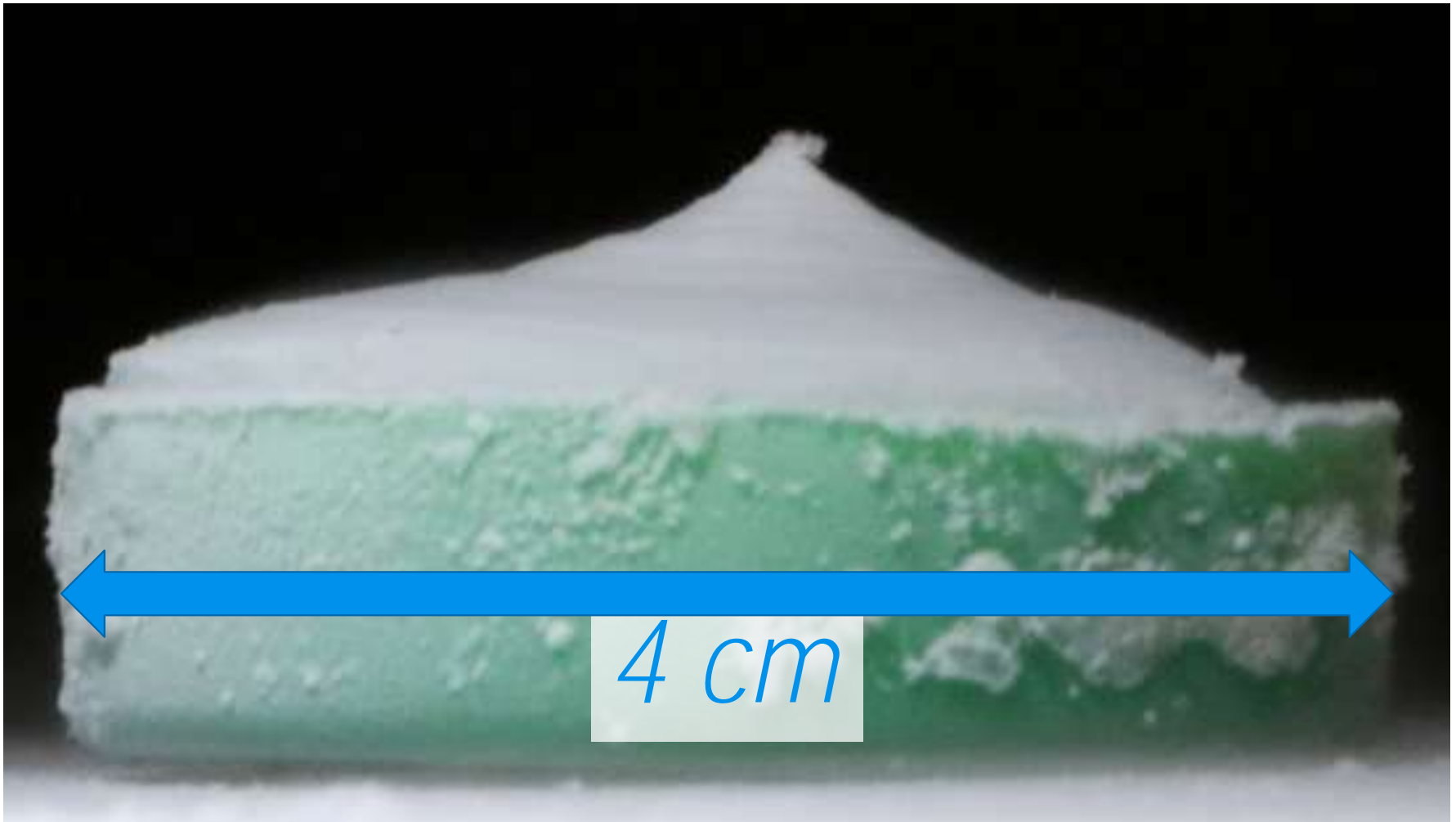
# Different contact angles



# Temperature



# Extreme volume of the droplet



# Summary of preliminary experiments

- Changeable parameters

- Droplet

- Volume

- Surface

- Inclination

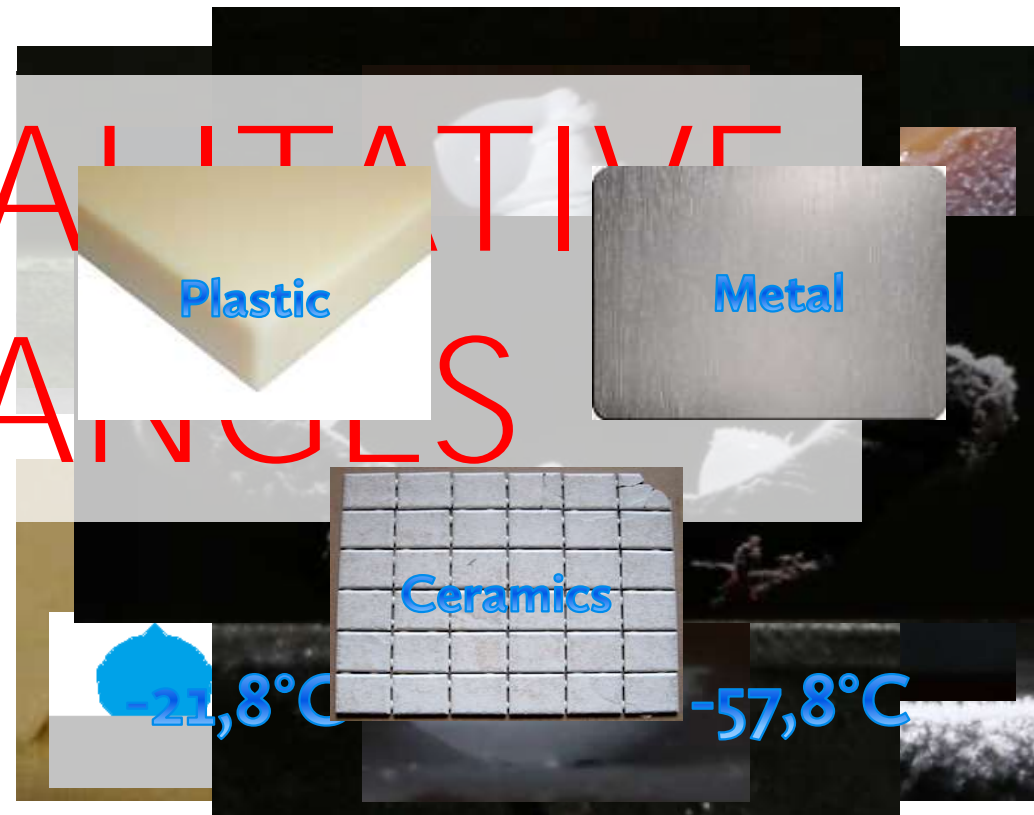
- Curvature

- Material

- Contact angle

- Temperature

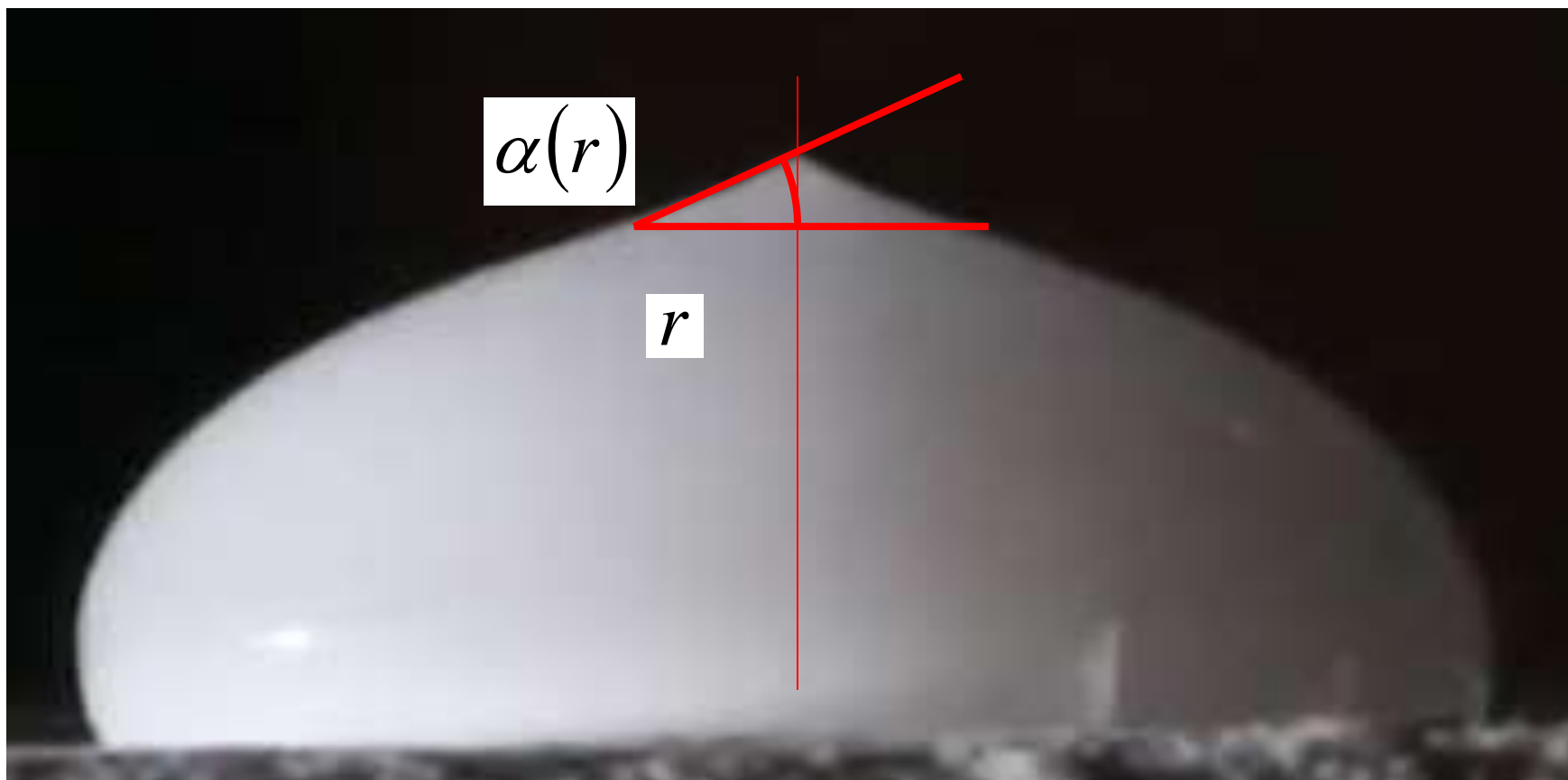
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# What is the shape of the peak?

- Described by  $\alpha(r)$

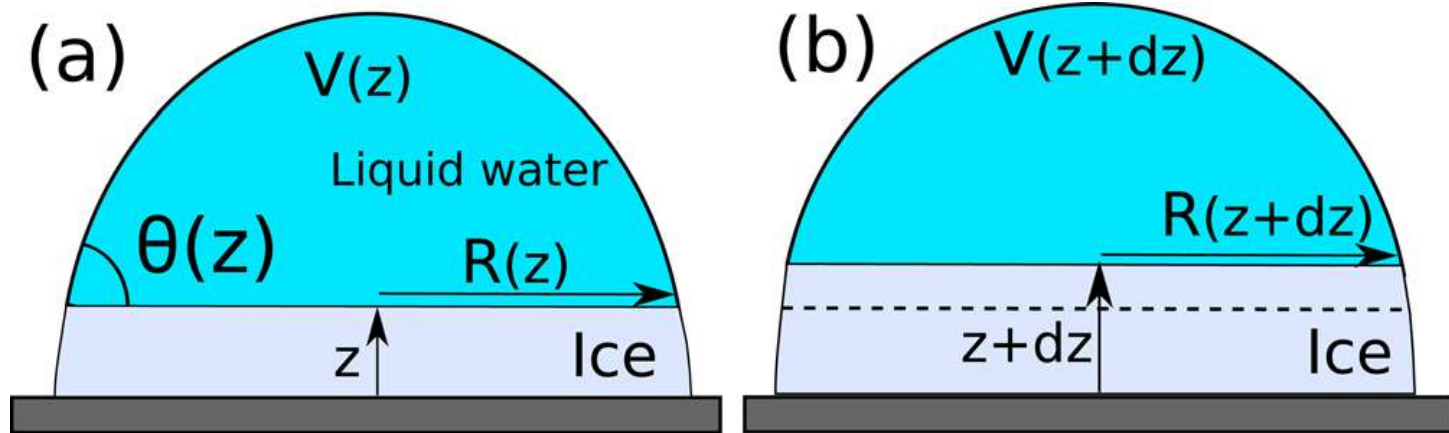


# Existing literature

**“Pointy ice-drops: How water freezes into a singular shape”**

J.H. Snoeijer and P. Brunet, Am. J. Phys. 80, 764 (2012)

- Heat conduction equations solved
- ~~– Assumption: Planar freezing~~





# Existence of reservoir



Water blown away  
during freezing

# Existence of reservoir



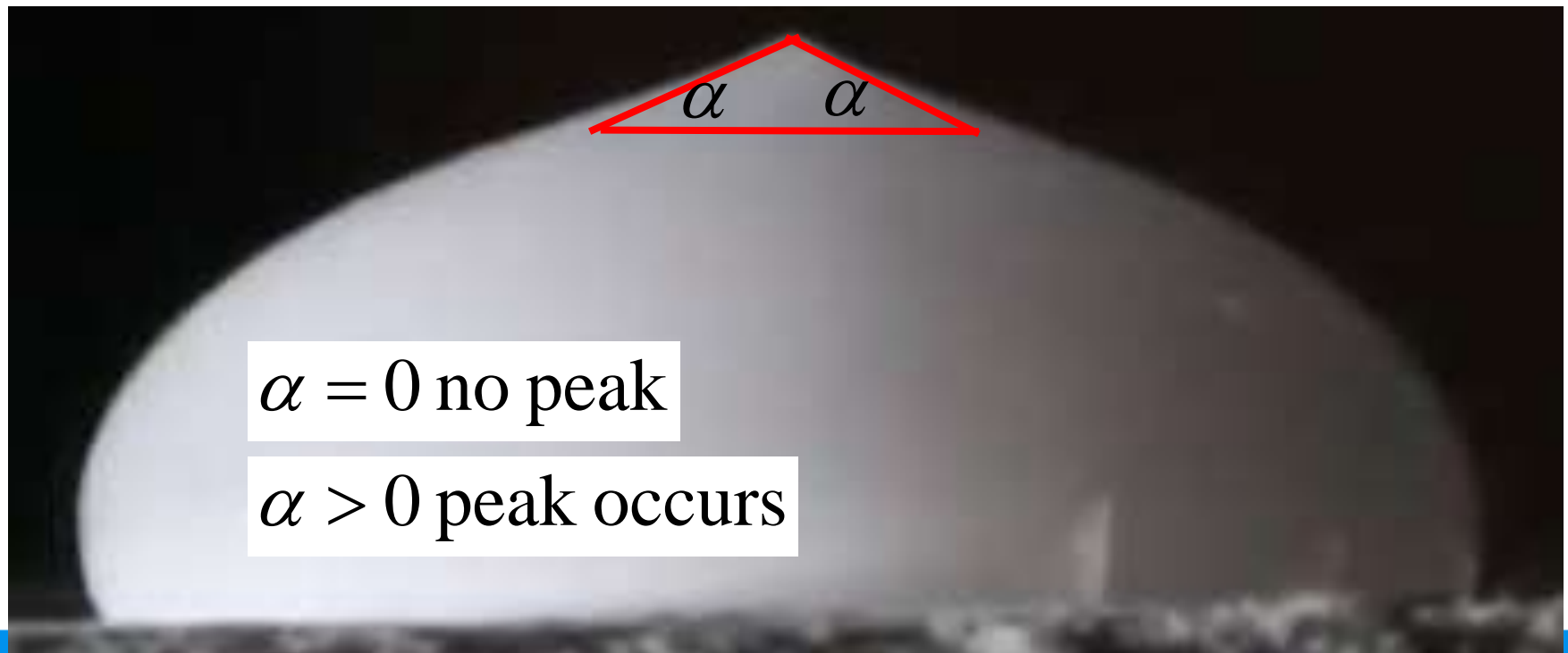
# Existence of reservoir



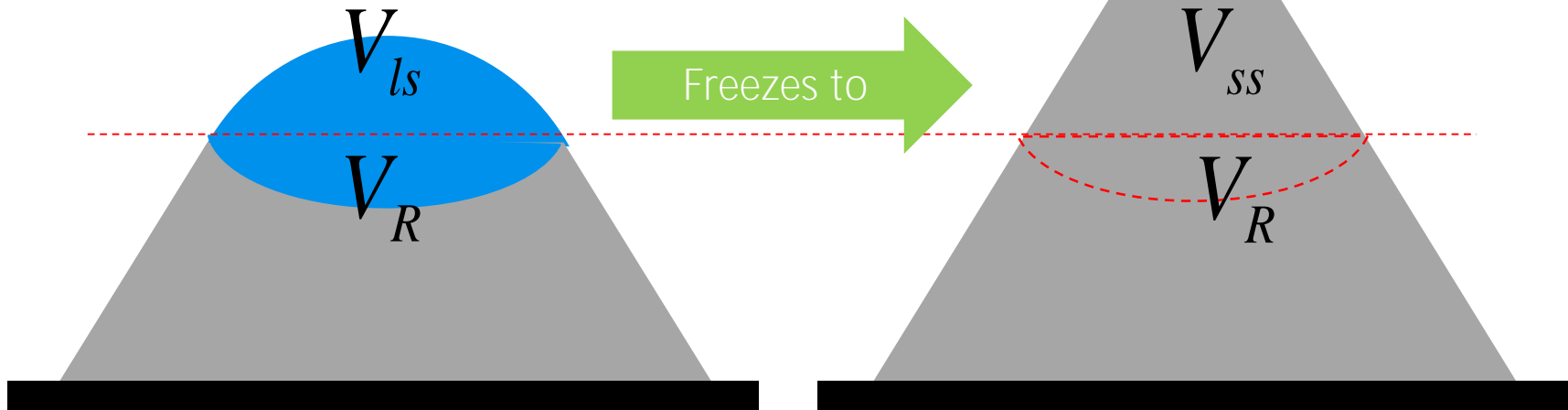
Depression in ice

# The peak: An alternative approach

- Shape as we approach the top: *always* a cone
  - 1<sup>st</sup> term of Taylor's expansion of  $\alpha(r)$ :  $\alpha(r) \approx \alpha$
  - “Stabilized freezing”



# Stabilized freezing: water $\rightarrow$ ice



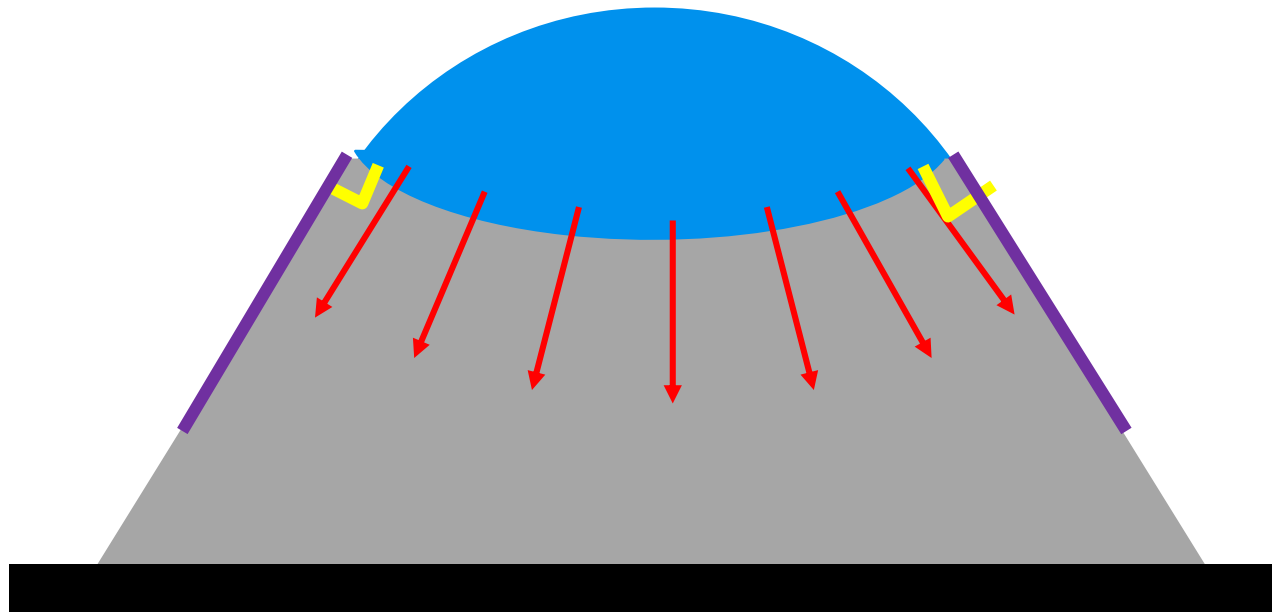
$$(V_{ls} + V_R)\rho_{water} = (V_{ss} + V_R)\rho_{ice}$$

Equation for  $\alpha$

But we need to know  
the shape of reservoir

# Heat flow on the water-ice interface

- Heat flow:
  - perpendicular to the water-ice interface
  - near the surface: parallel to the surface
- Interface is perpendicular to the surface

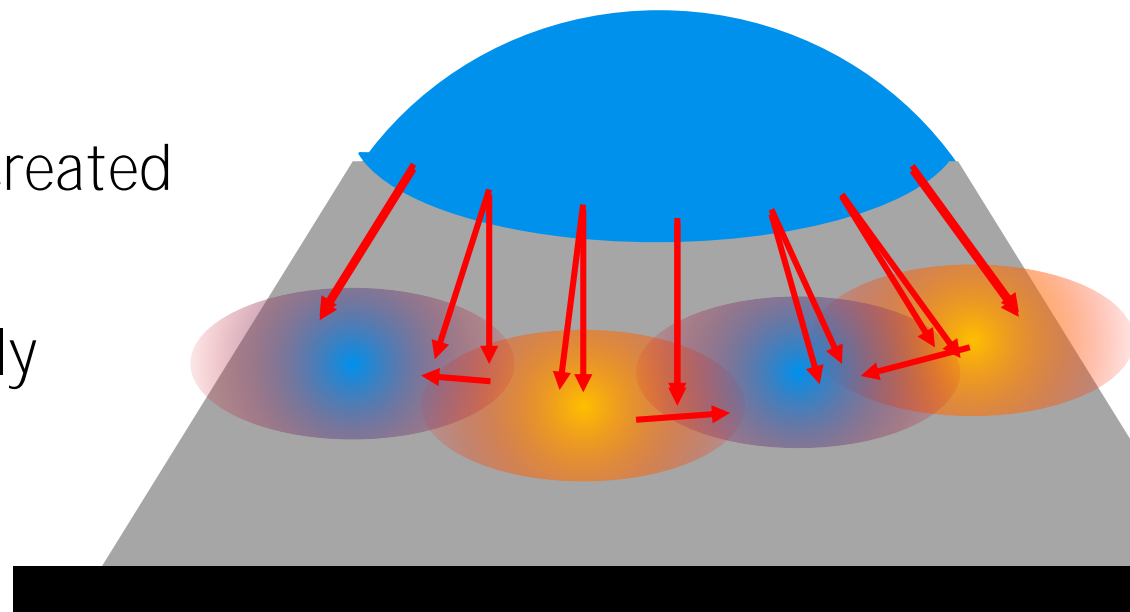




# Shape of the reservoir

Heat flowing unevenly:

- Hotter/colder areas are created
- Heat flows to the colder
- Heat flow becomes evenly distributed

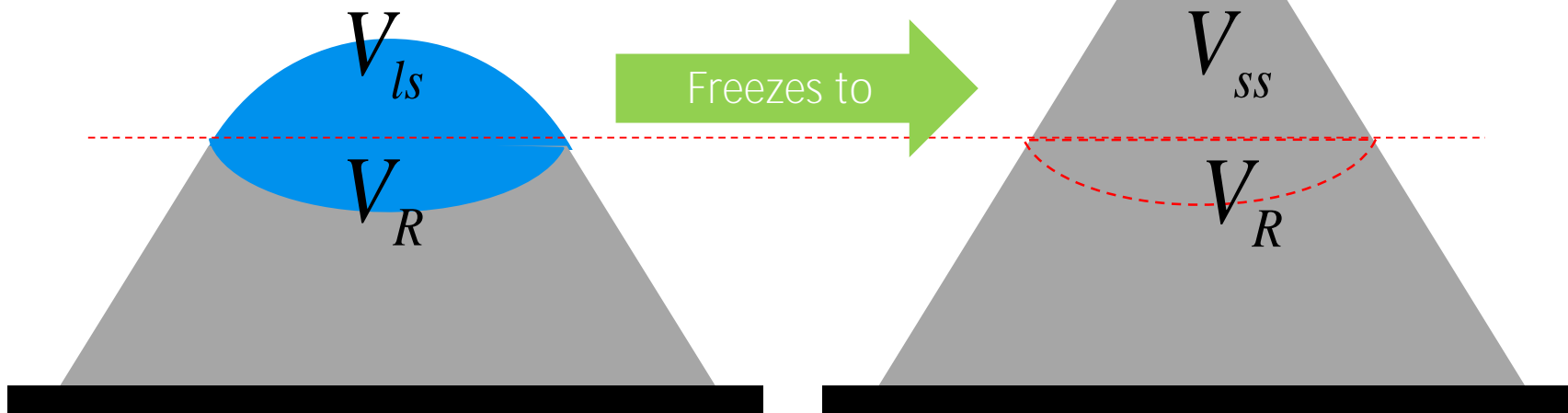


Stabilized freezing:

- Heat flow evenly distributed; perpendicular to interface
- Reservoir: spherical cap



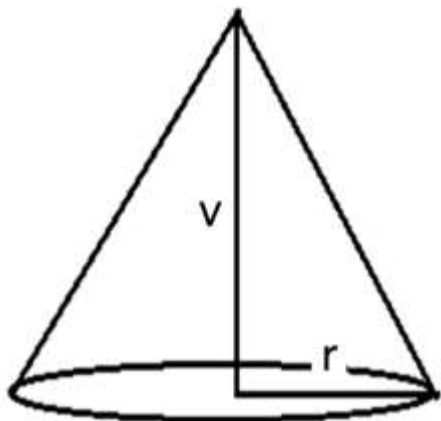
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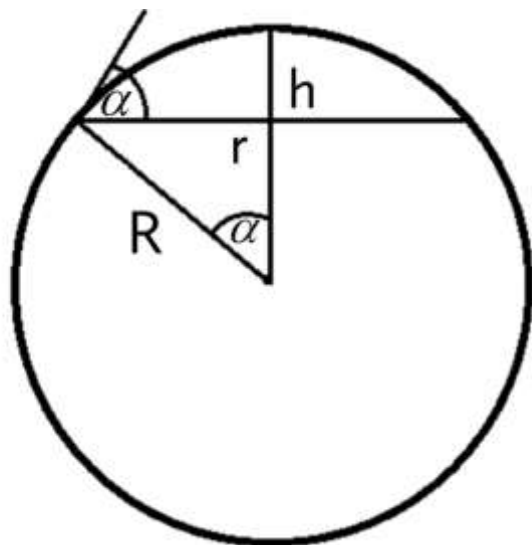
$$(V_{ls} + V_R)\rho_{water} = (V_{ss} + V_R)\rho_{ice}$$

Substitute for  $V_{ls}, V_{ss}, V_R$

# Volume of liquid and solid



$$V_{ss} = \frac{\pi}{3} r^3 \tan \alpha$$



$$V_{ls} = \frac{\pi r^3}{3} \left( \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2 + \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)$$



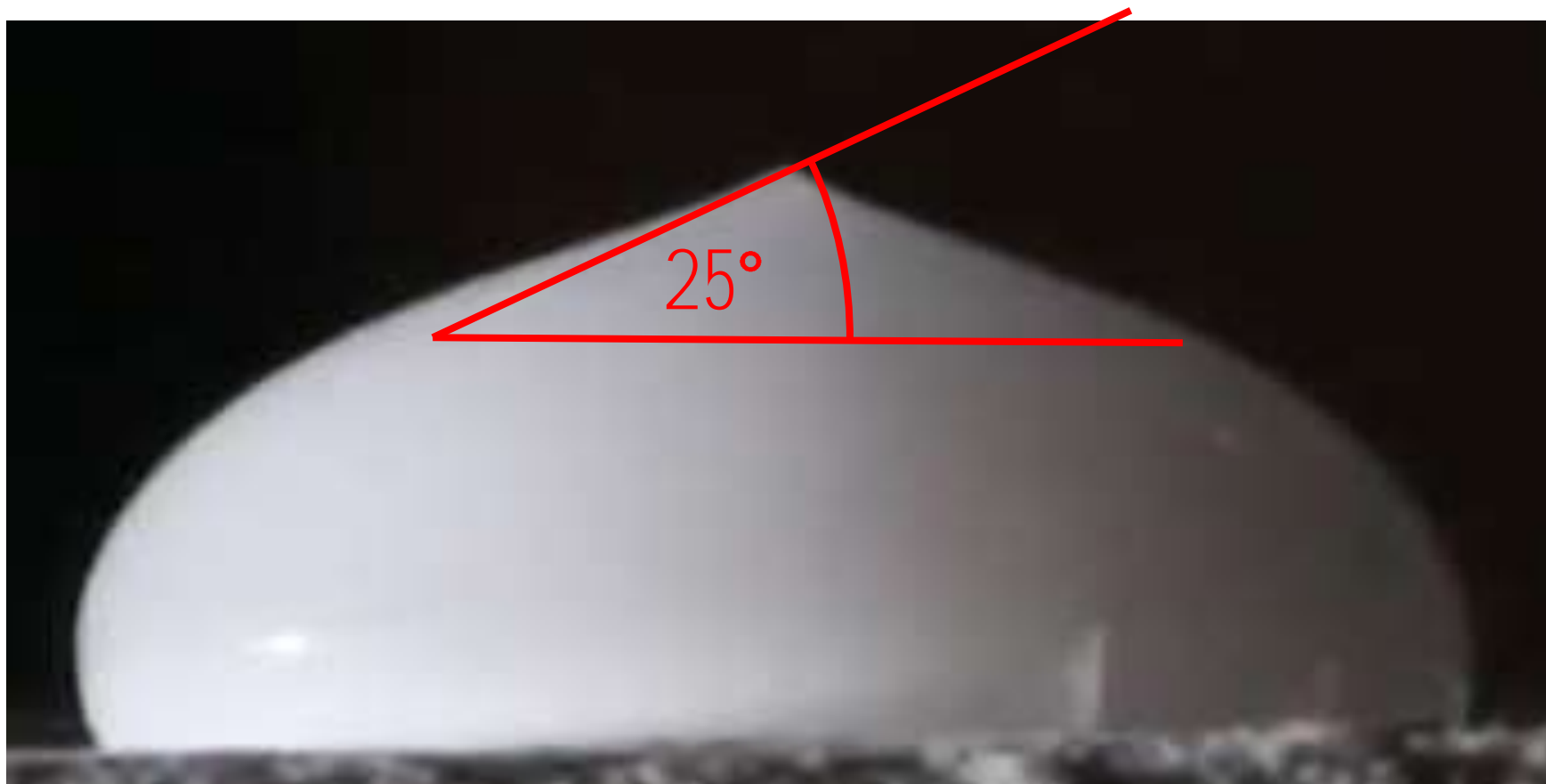
# Equation for alpha

$$\frac{\rho_{ice}}{\rho_{water}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2 + \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}\right) + \left(\frac{1 - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2 + \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}\right)}{\tan \alpha + \left(\frac{1 - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2 + \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}\right)}$$

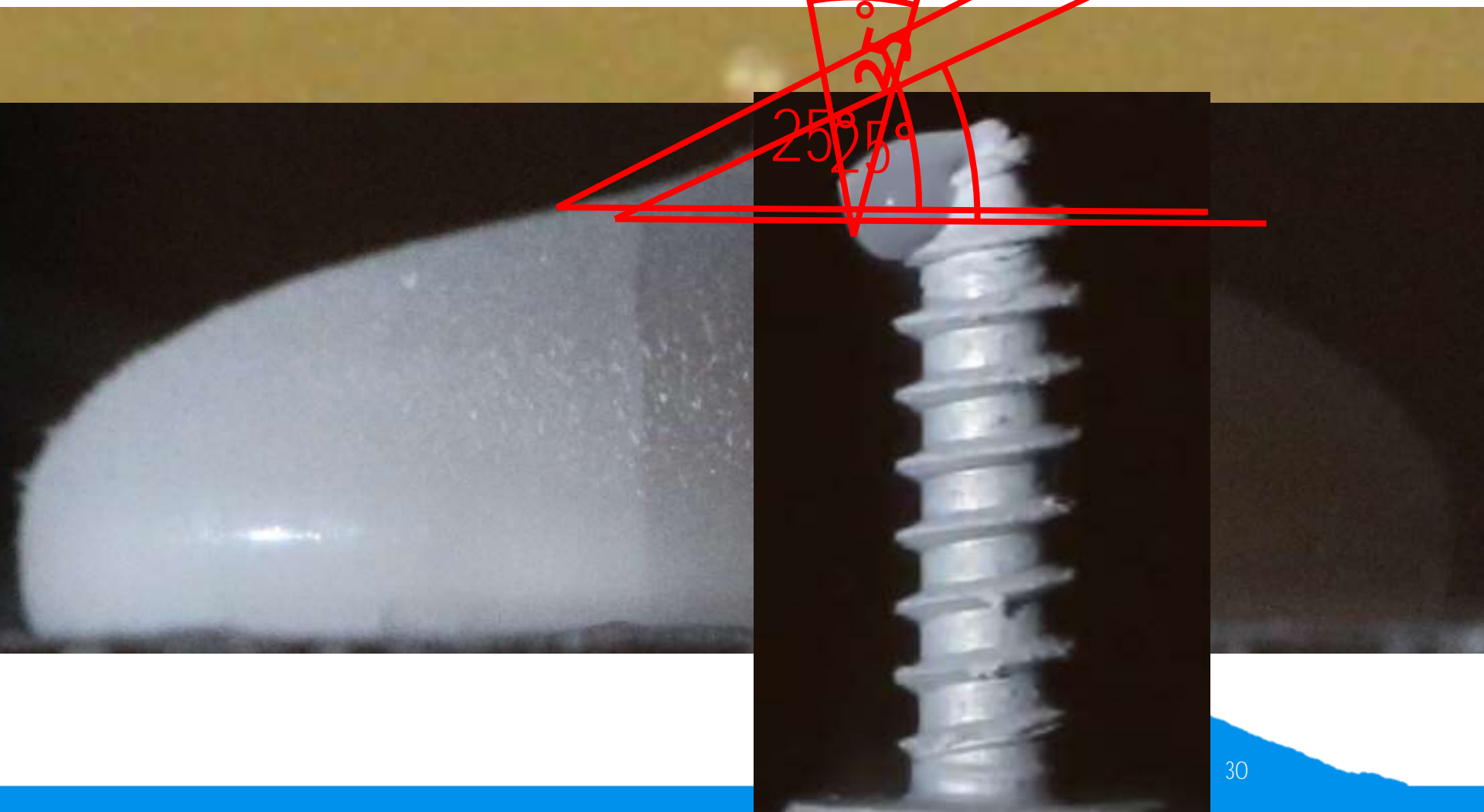
Solution:

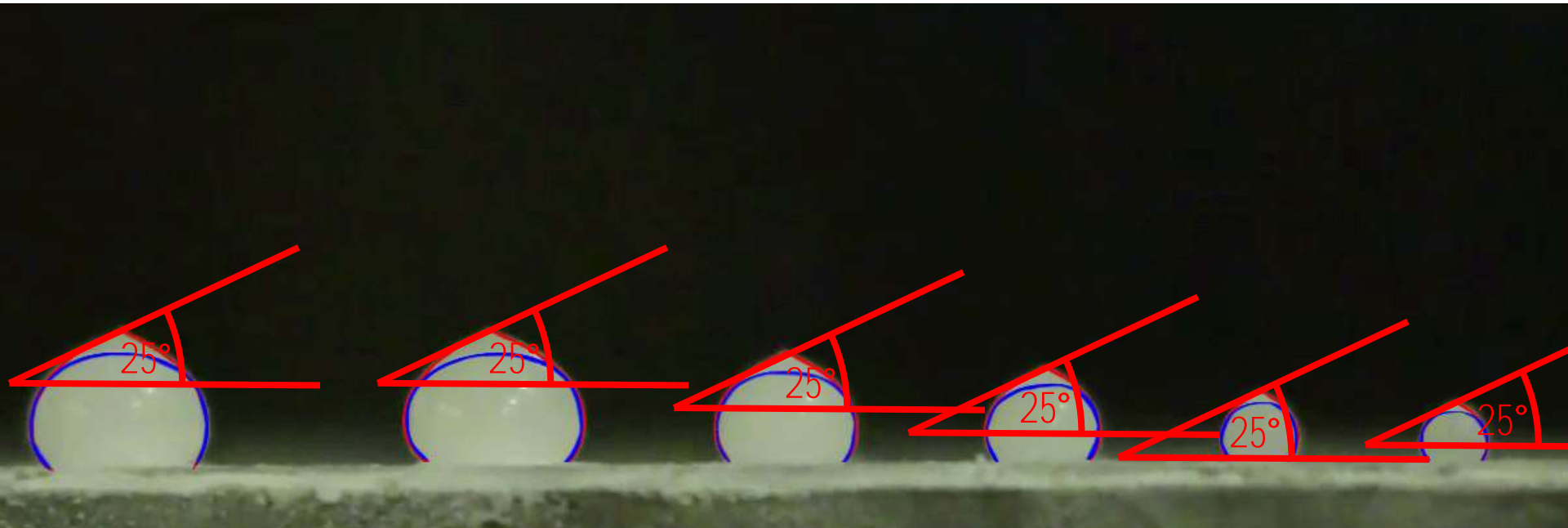
$$\alpha \approx 25^\circ$$

Measured angle of approximately  $25^\circ$   
on our droplet



# Seemingly different droplets





**Different droplets but we still  
measured approximately  $25^\circ$   
on each one**



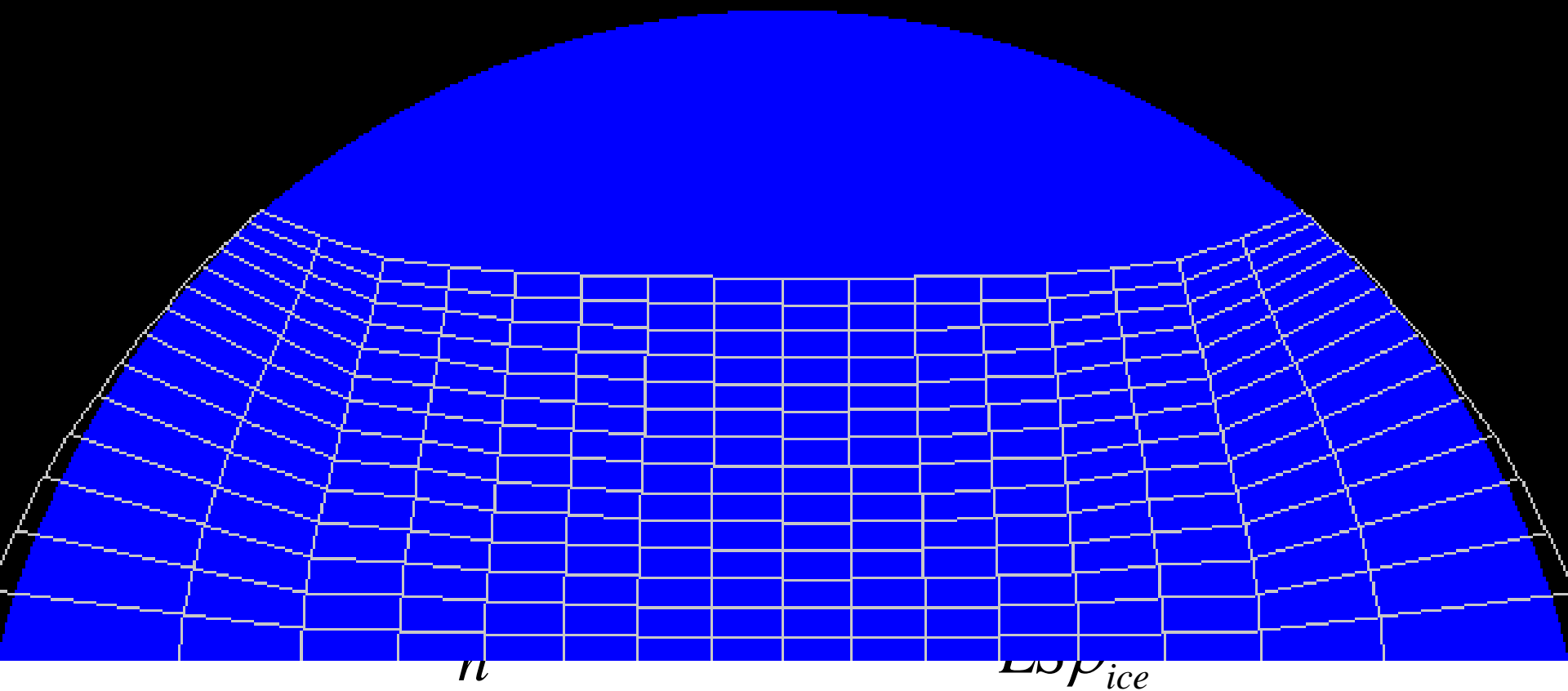
# Simulation

- Heat conduction
- Rotational symmetry
- No heat transfer to the air
- Plate: constant temperature



# Simulation time increment

Droplet is divided into segments with



# Simulation

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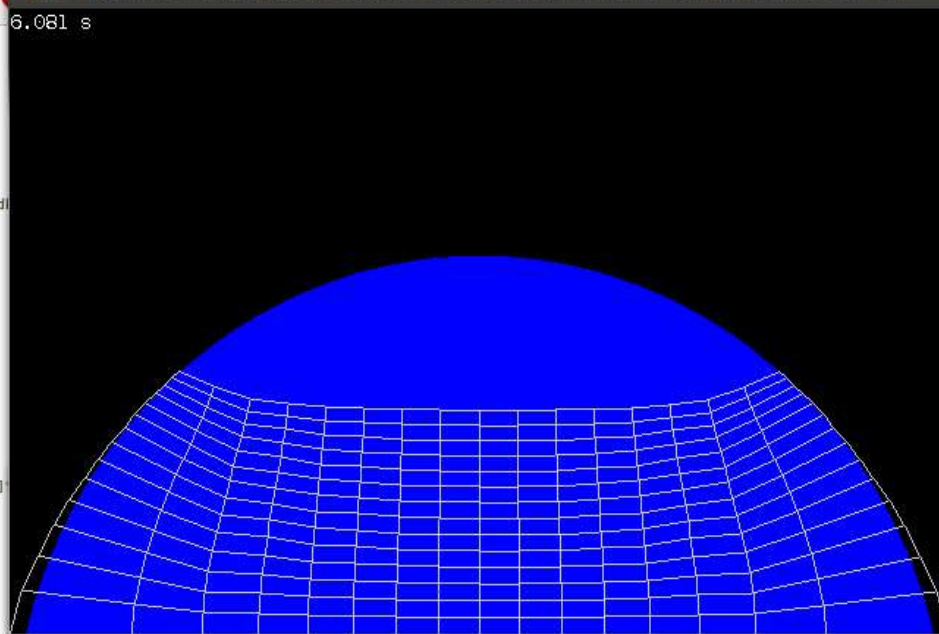
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    obpod += objem[i-1][k];
    zmenad += zmena[i][k]*objem[i][k];
    zmepod += zmena[i-1][k]*objem[i-1][k];
}
novat[i][j] = plochy[i].T + (zmenad+zmepod)/(obnad+obpod);
}
}
}

int kolko_povrchov = min((int)(plochy.back().minv()/rozumny_rozostup)+2, max_riadk);
double T0 = plochy[0].T;
vint prst(dielikov_v_riadku+1,0);
for(int i=1; i<kolko_povrchov; i++)
{
    double T = T0 - i*(T0/(kolko_povrchov-1));
    vector<bod> kde(dielikov_v_riadku+1);
    for(int j=0; j<kde.size(); j++)
    {
        while(!medzi(novat[prst[j]][j], T, novat[prst[j]+1][j]))
        {
            prst[j]++;
        }
        int kto = prst[j];
        double delta = novat[kto+1][j] - novat[kto][j];
        kde[j] = plochy[kto+1].zlom[j]*((T-novat[kto][j])/delta) + plochy[kto].zlom[j];
    }
    nplochy.push_back(surface(kde, T));
}
plochy = nplochy;
plochy.back().roztiahni_sa();
for(int i=plochy.size()-1; i>0; i--)
{
    plochy[i].roztiahni_ho(&plochy[i-1]);
}
for(int i=0; i<plochy.size(); i++)
{
    plochy[i].zrkadli();
}
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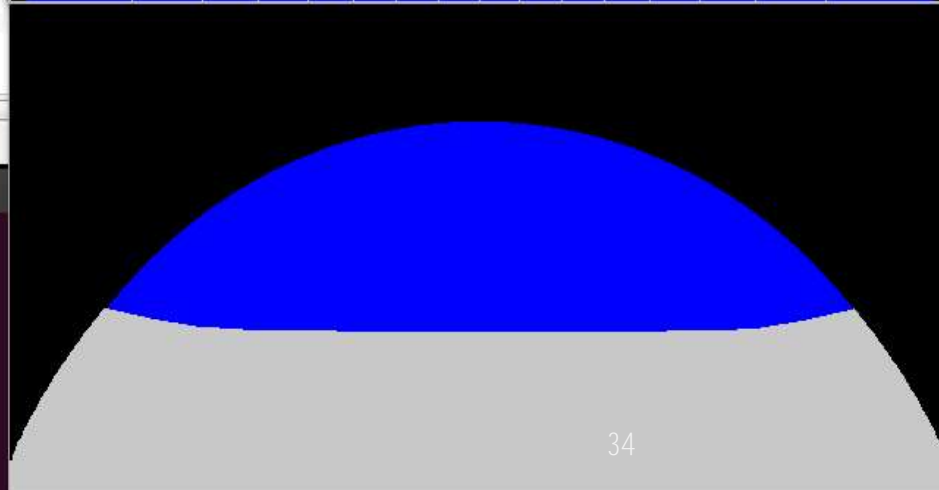
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# Real droplet vs simulated one



# Freezing: Simulation vs. Experiment





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# Summary of preliminary experiments

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- Inclination

- Curvature

- Material

- Contact angle

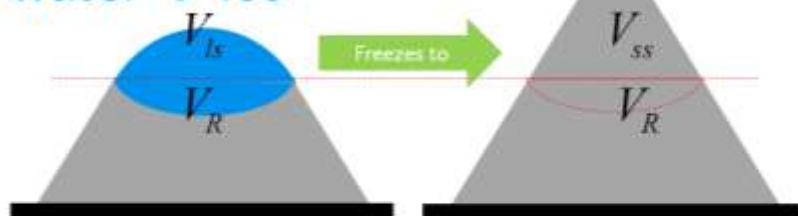
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# Conclusion

Stabilized freezing:  
water  $\rightarrow$  ice

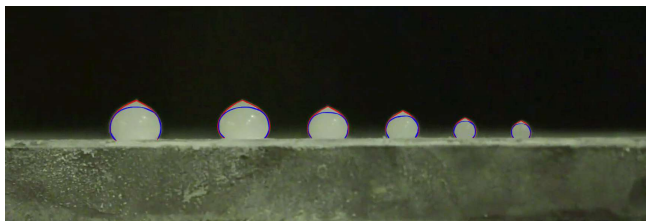


$$(V_{ls} + V_R)\rho_{water} = (V_{ss} + V_R)\rho_{ice}$$

Substitute for  $V_{ls}, V_{ss}, V_R$

Real droplet vs simulated one





Thank you for your attention

*Yes the snowman is made from frozen droplets  $r \approx 3\text{mm}$*





# Apendix

# Hairiness



# Hairy droplets – known problem

091102-2 Enríquez *et al.*

Phys. Fluids **24**, 091102 (2012)

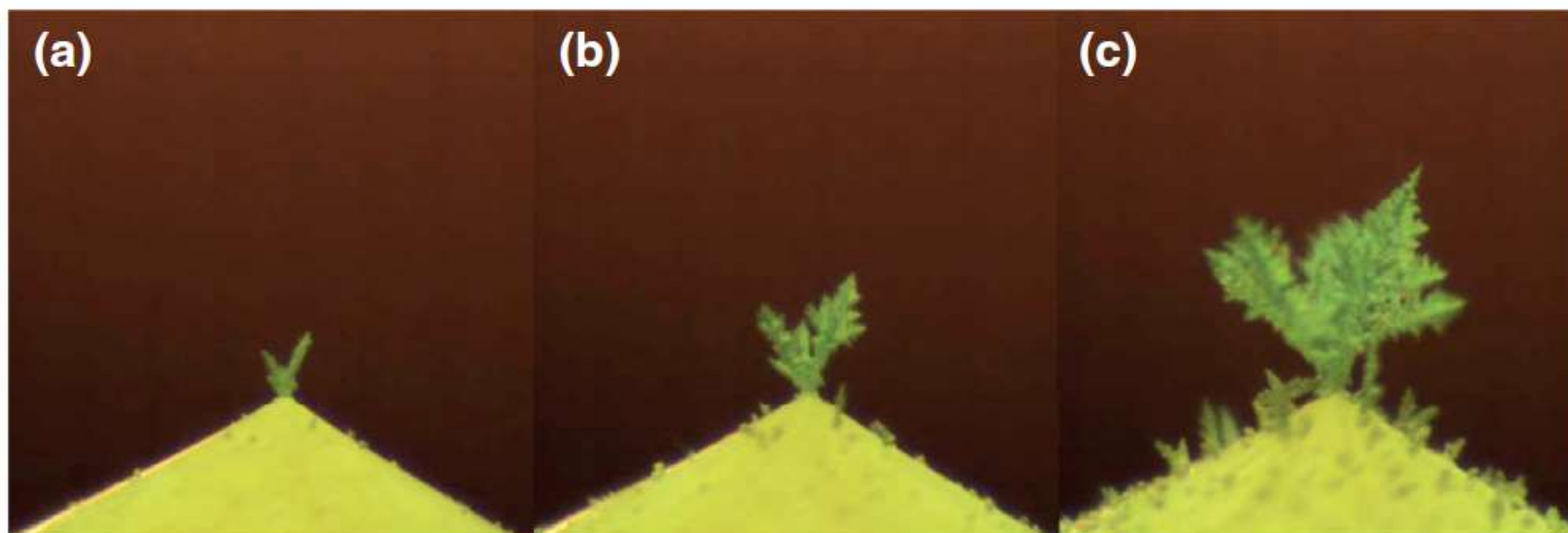
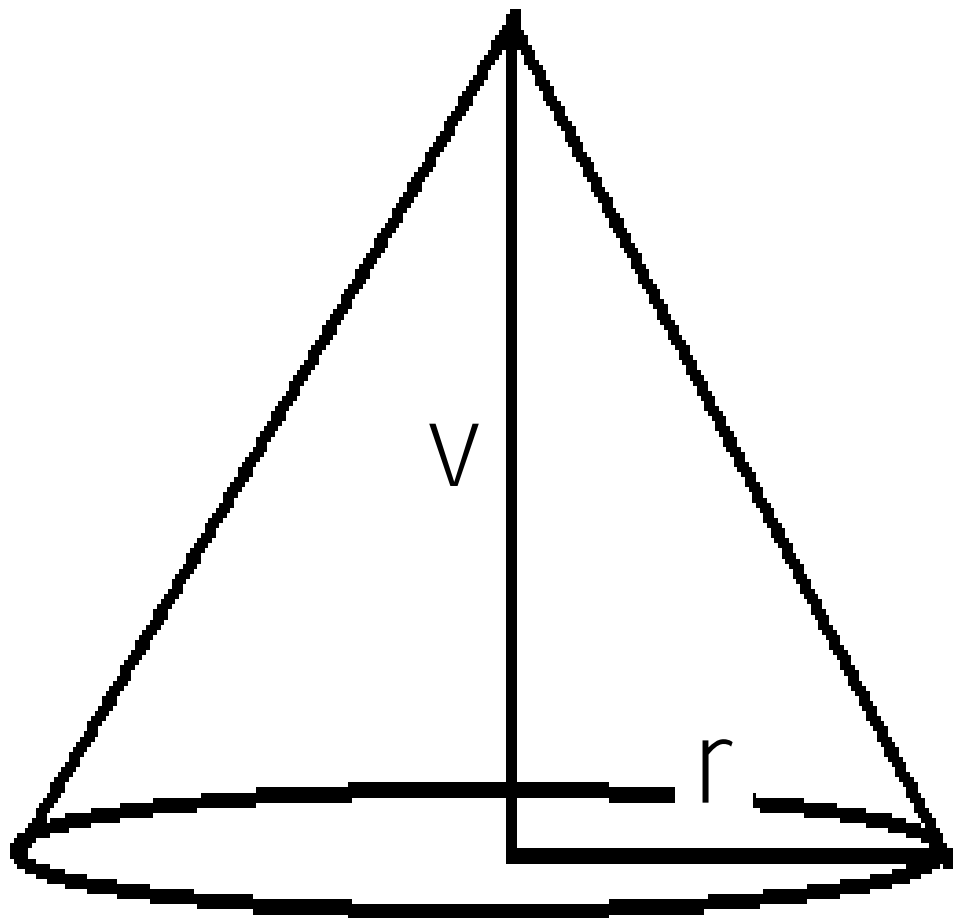


FIG. 2. Three snapshots of the “frozen tree” formation after the water drop has completely solidified. The singularity acts as a preferential site for deposition of water vapor from the surrounding air, and ice crystals grow at the tip of the ice drop. The width of each snapshot is approximately 1.5 mm. The times between frames (a) and (b) is 12 s, and between (b) and (c) is 27 s.

# Volume of solid



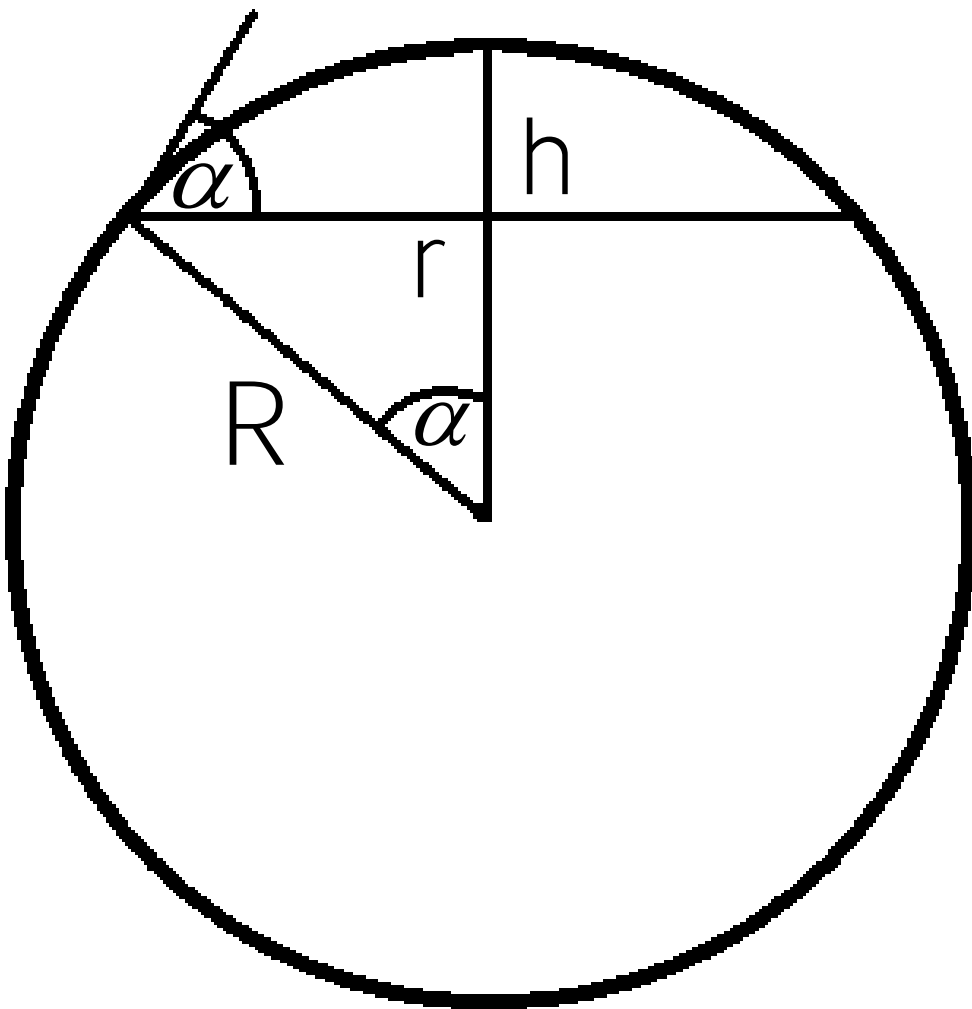
$$V_s = \frac{\pi}{3} r^2 v$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{v}{r}$$

$$v = r \tan \alpha$$

$$V_s = \frac{\pi}{3} r^3 \tan \alpha$$

# Volume of liquid



$$V_l = \frac{\pi h^2}{3} (3R - h)$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{r}{R - h}$$

$$h = R - \frac{r}{\tan \alpha}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{r}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{r}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$V_l = \frac{\pi r^3}{3} \left( \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2 + \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)$$



# Spherical shape of the droplet

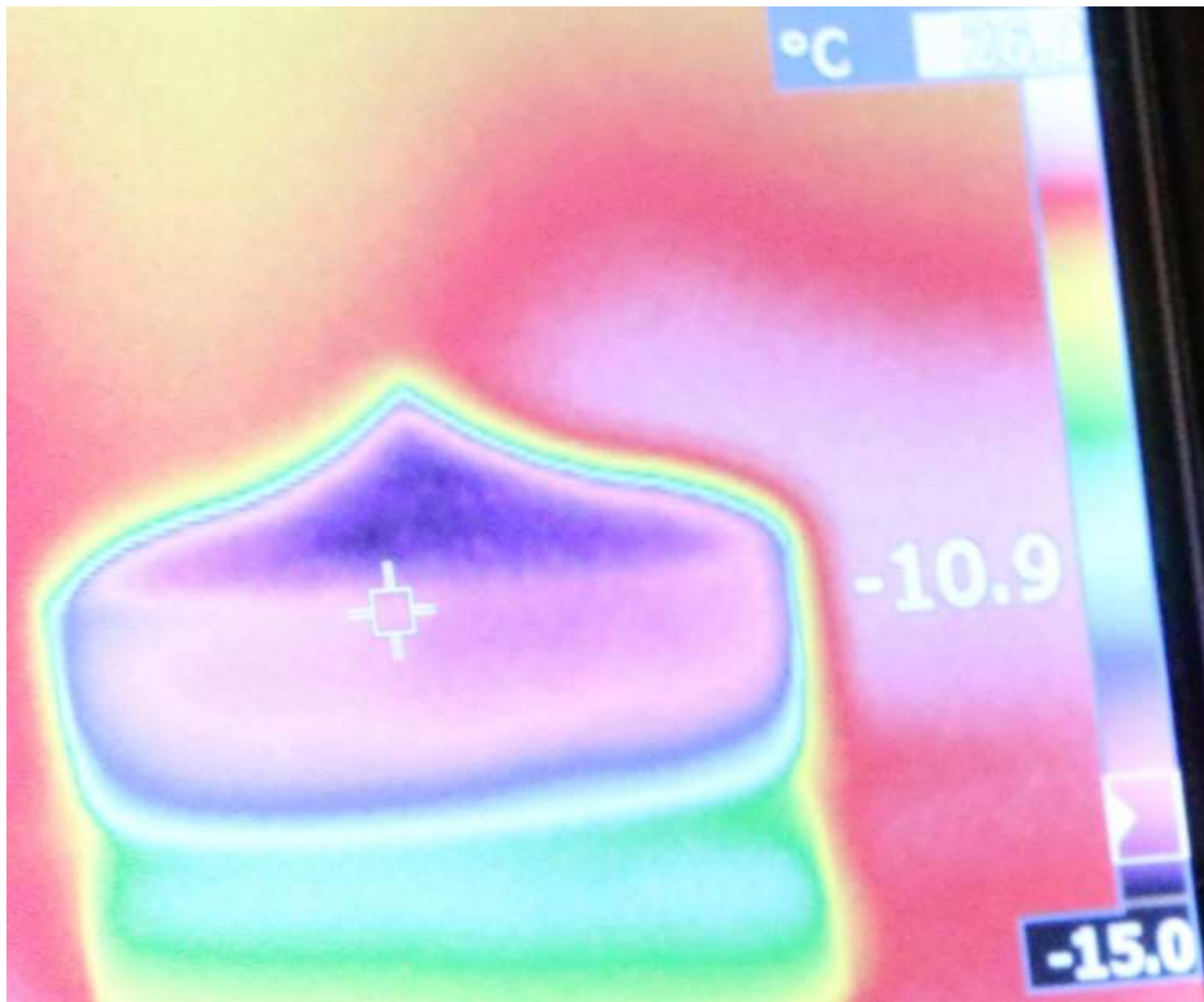
$$Bo = \frac{\rho g R^2}{\gamma}$$

$\rho$  : liquid density

$g$  : gravity acceleration

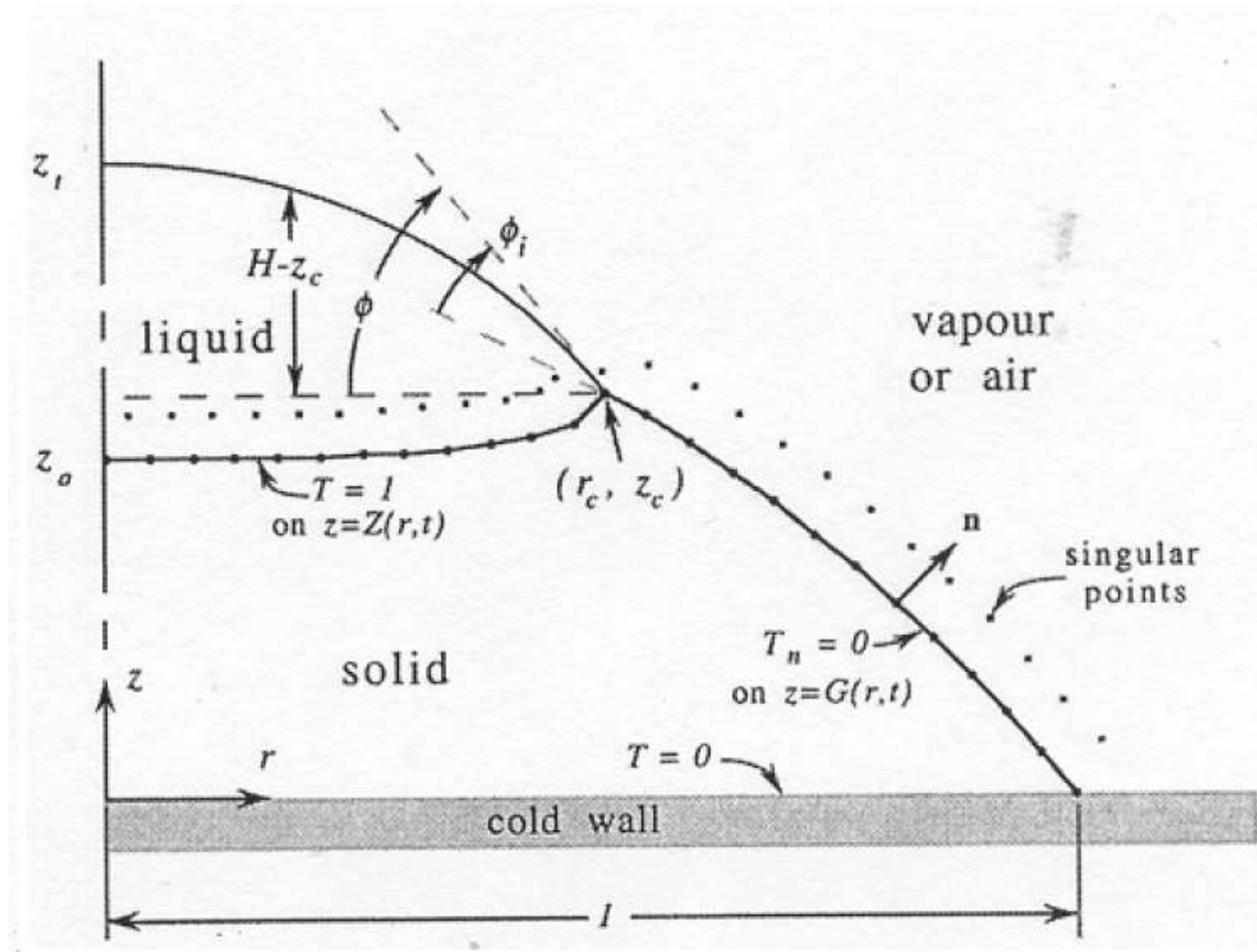
$R$  : diameter of perfect sphere with the same volume

$\gamma$  : surface tension



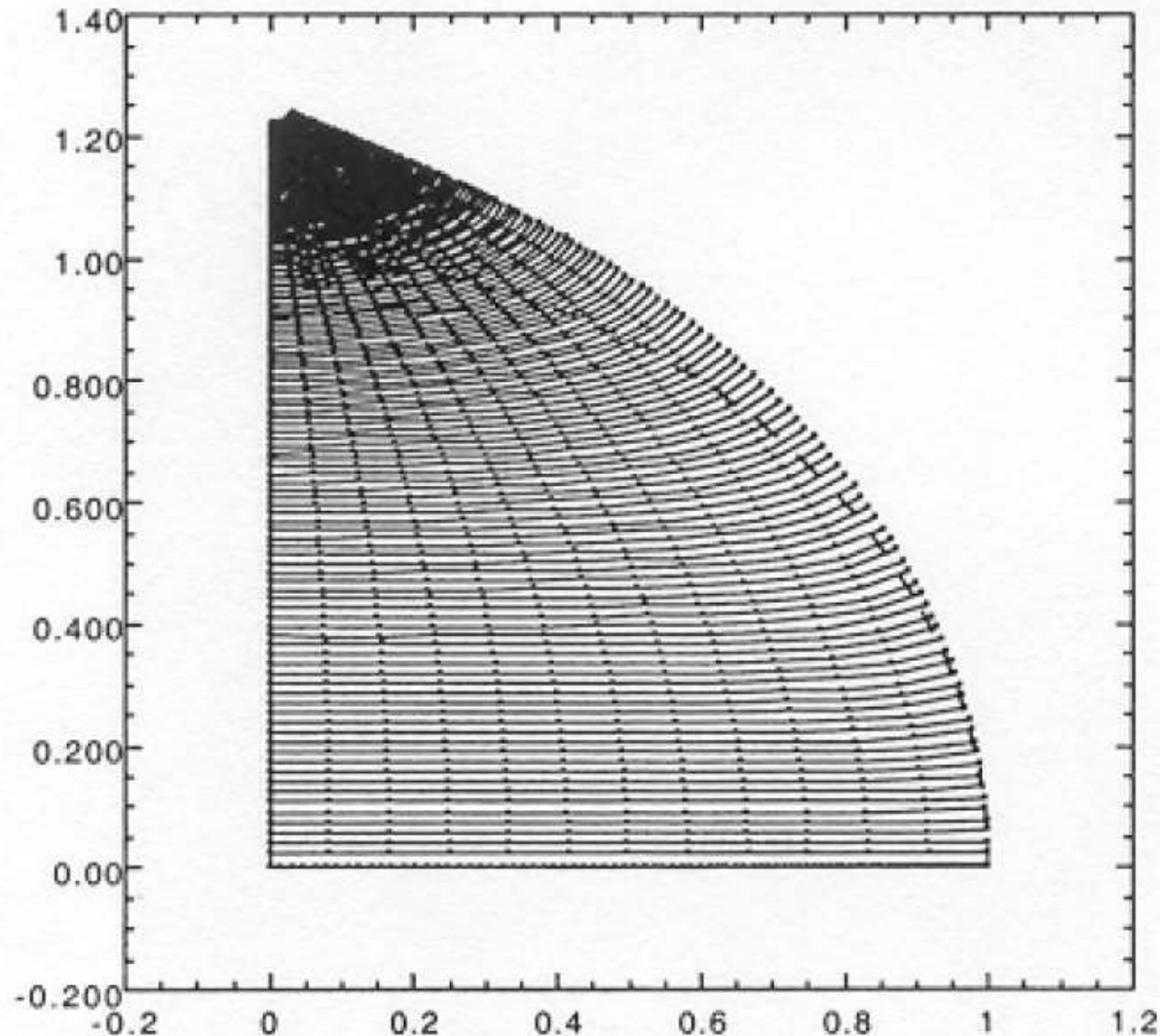
# Solidifying sessile water droplets

W. W. Schultz, M. G. Worster, D. M. Anderson

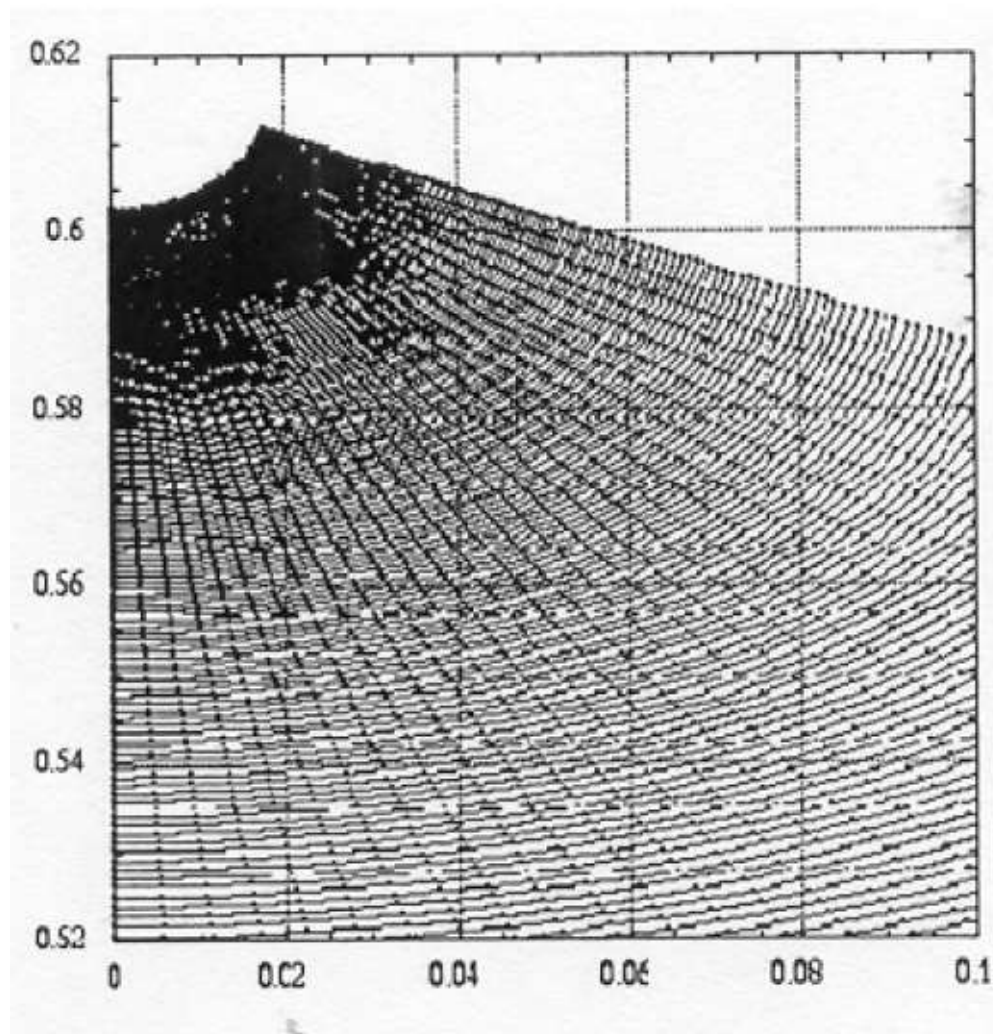


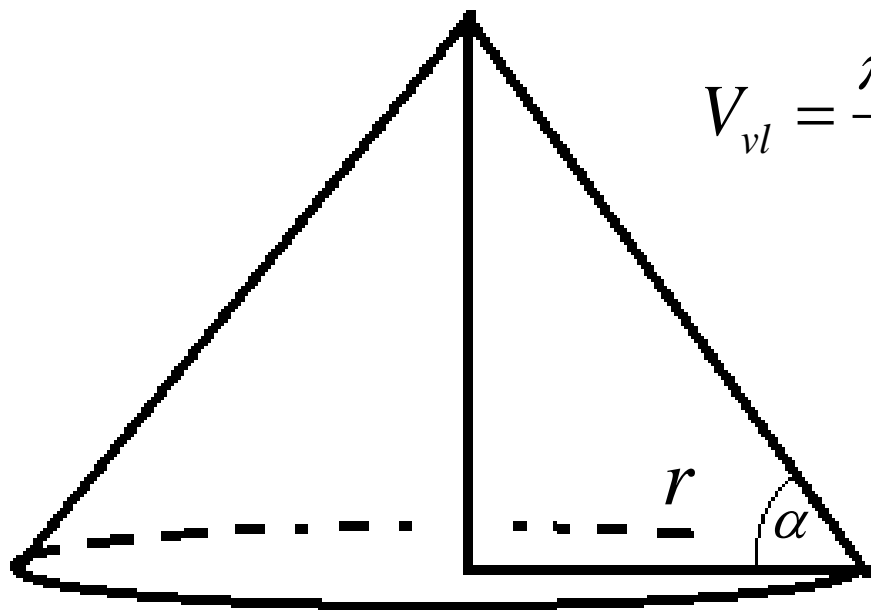


# The shape of solidifying droplet when $\rho = 0.9$



# Close

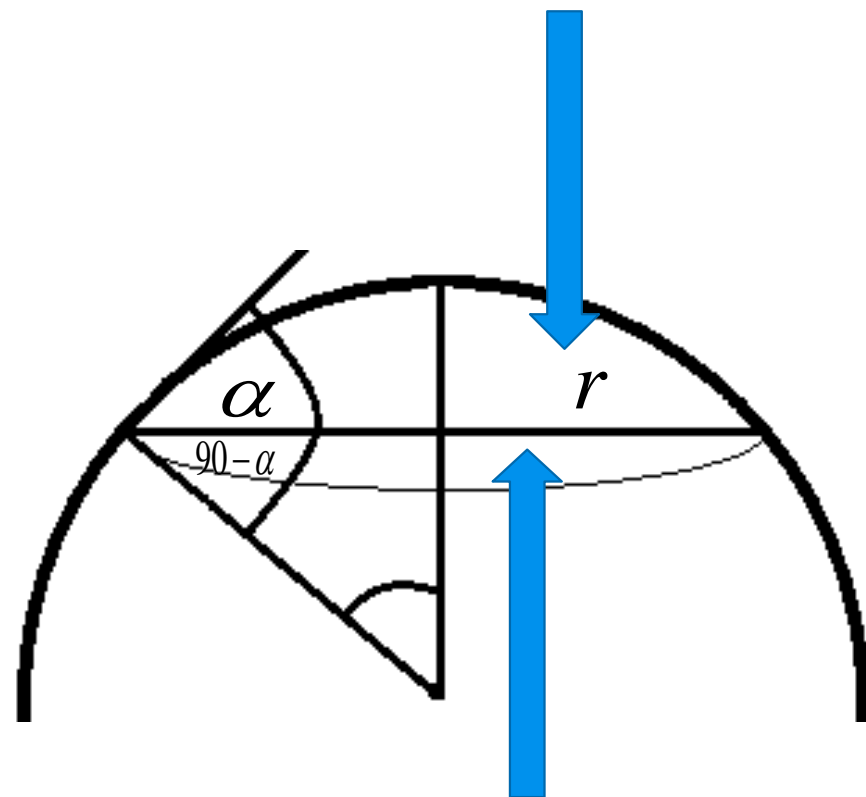




$$V_{vl} = \frac{\pi r^3}{3} \left( \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2 + \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)$$

$$V_{vs} = \frac{\pi}{3} r^3 \tan \alpha$$

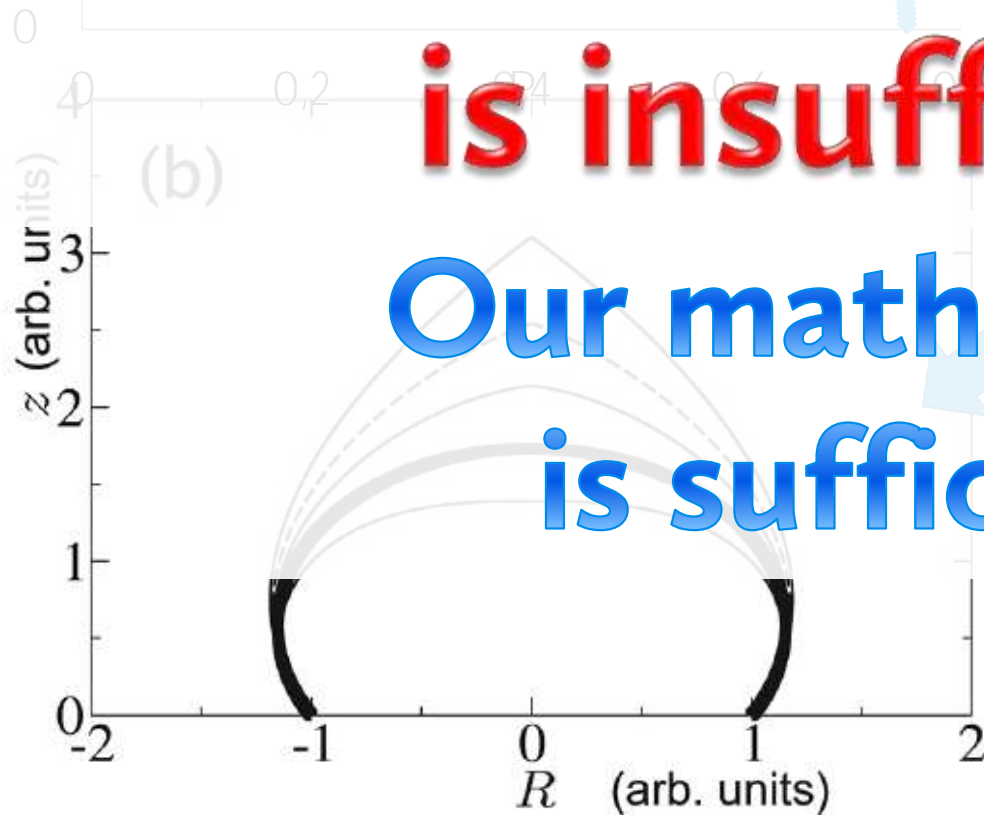
$$P = \frac{V_{vl} + V_R}{V_{vs} + V_R}$$



$$V_R = \frac{\pi r^3}{3} \left( \frac{1 - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2 + \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right)$$



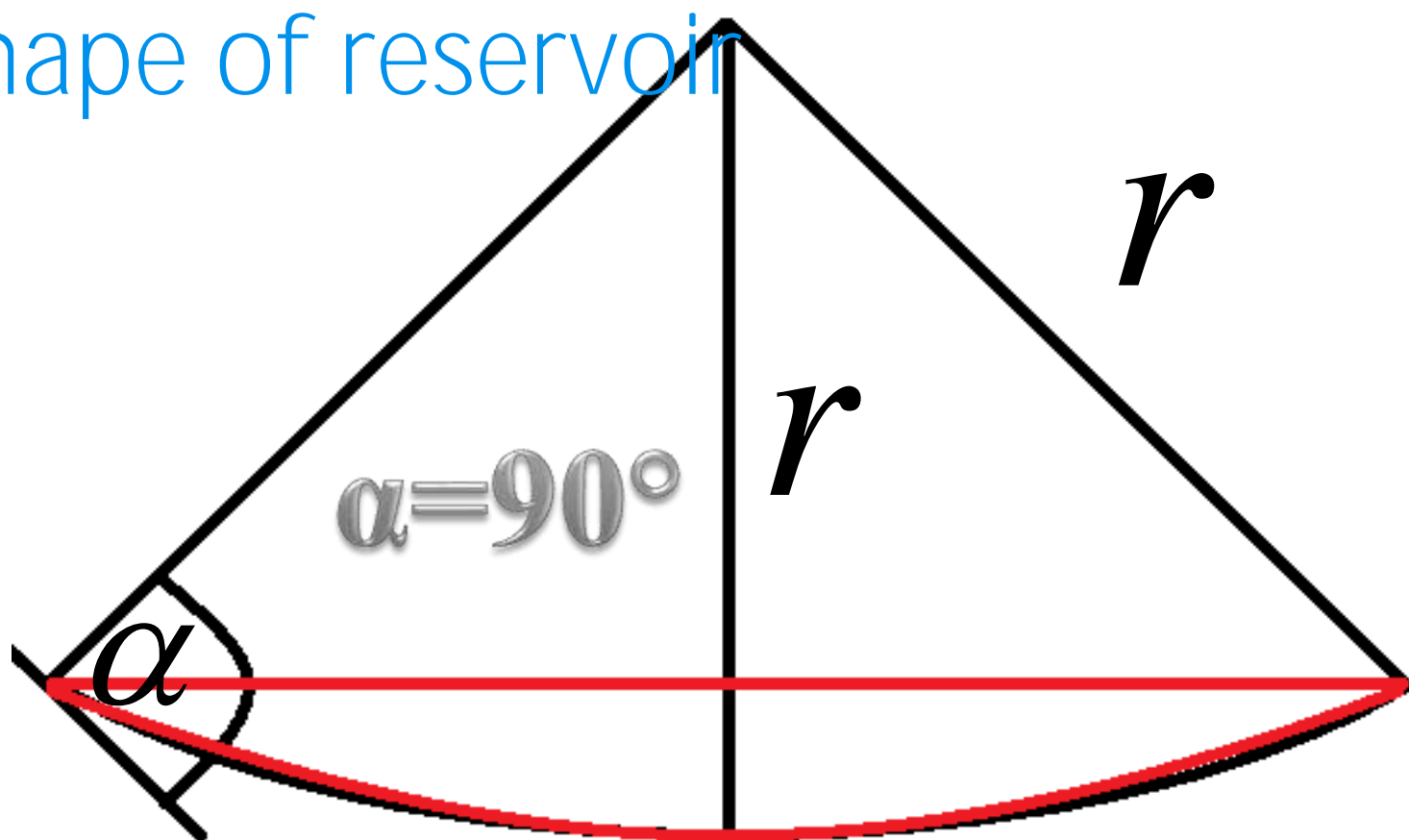
**But our physical  
model of linear freezing  
is insufficient**



**Our math model  
is sufficient**

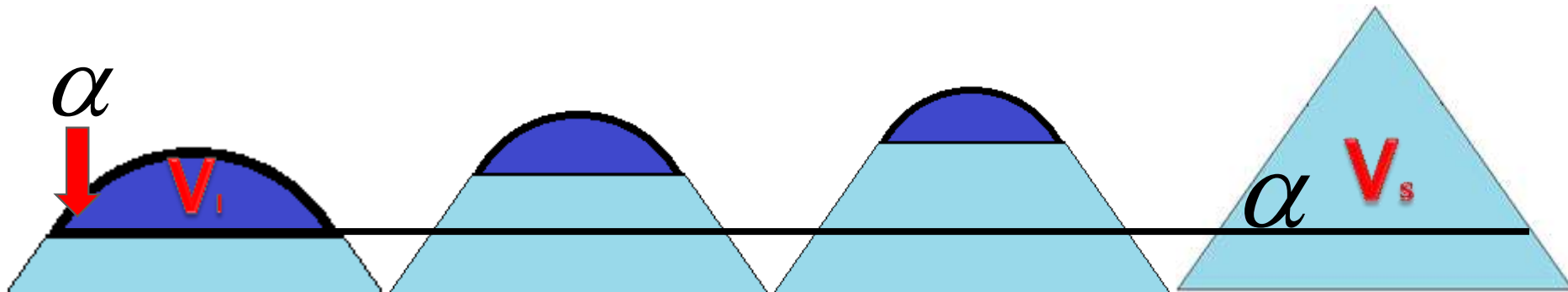


# Shape of reservoir



Its a spherical cap!

# Planar freezing



$$V_l = P V_s \quad \begin{array}{l} V_l = \text{volume of liquid} \\ V_s = \text{volume of solid} \end{array} \quad P = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_l}$$

*Using known formulas for volumes*

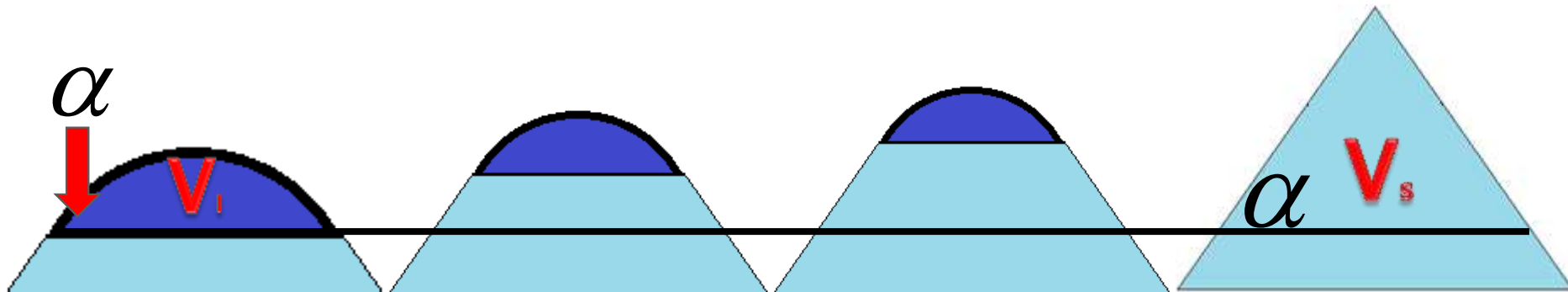
*Spherical cap*

$$V_l = \frac{\pi}{3} r^3 \left( \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2 + \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)$$

*Cone*

$$V_s = \frac{\pi}{3} r^3 \tan \alpha$$

# Planar freezing



$$V_l = P V_s$$

$V_l$  = volume of liquid

$V_s$  = volume of solid

$$P = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_l}$$

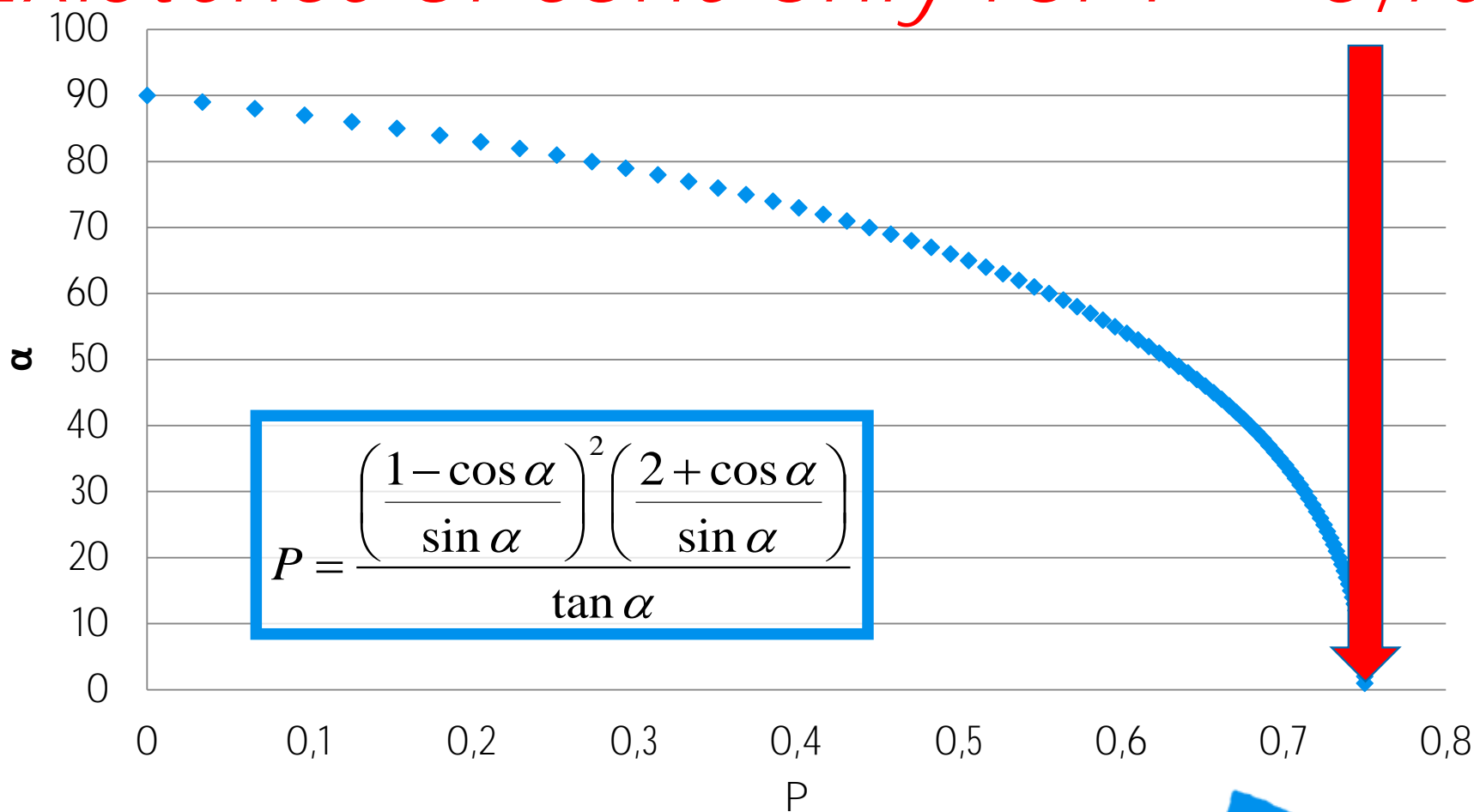
*We can calculate density/pike angle relation*

$$P = \frac{\left( \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2 + \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right)}{\tan \alpha}$$



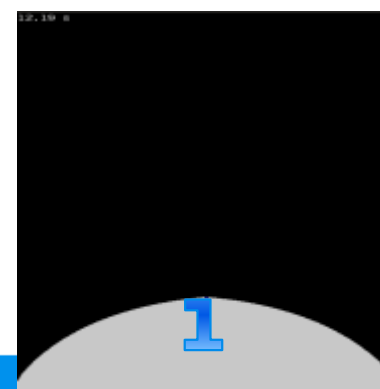
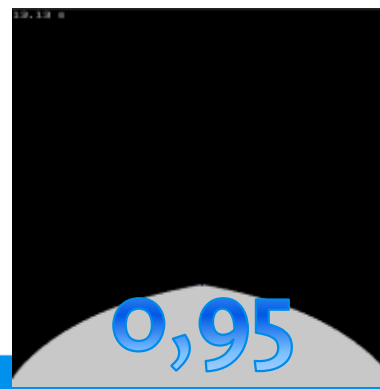
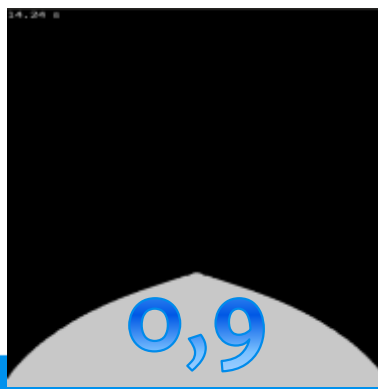
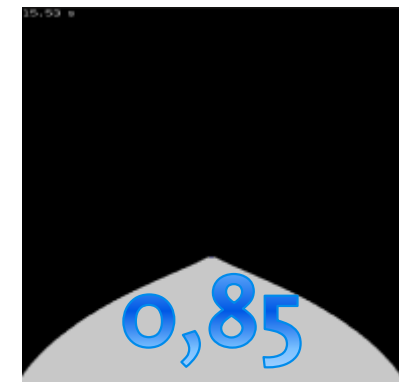
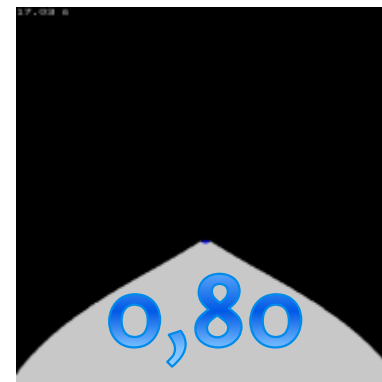
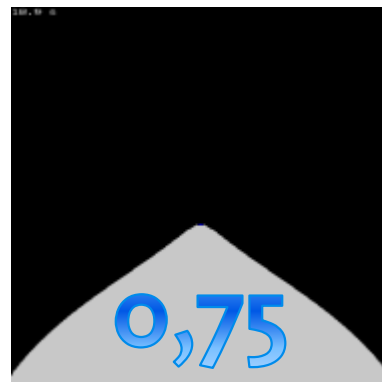
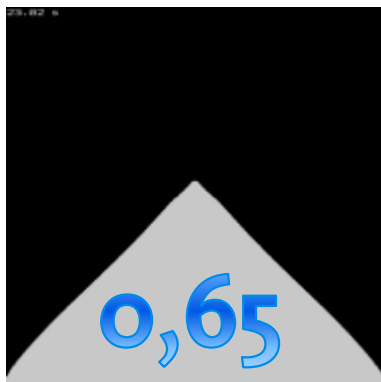
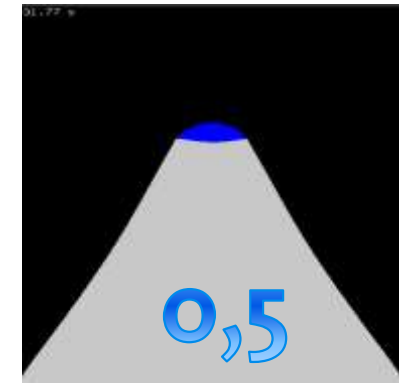
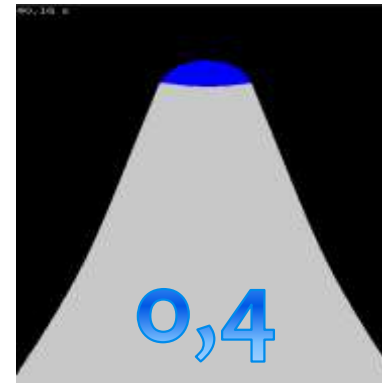
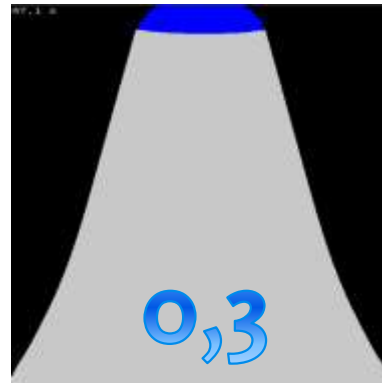
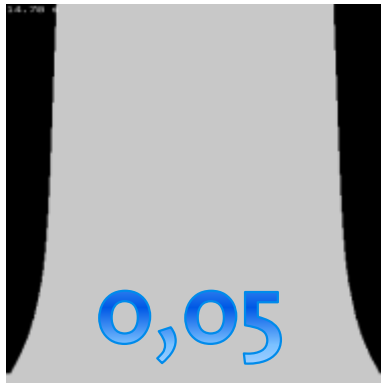
# Angle of cone vs ratio of densities

*Existence of cone only for  $P < 0,75$*



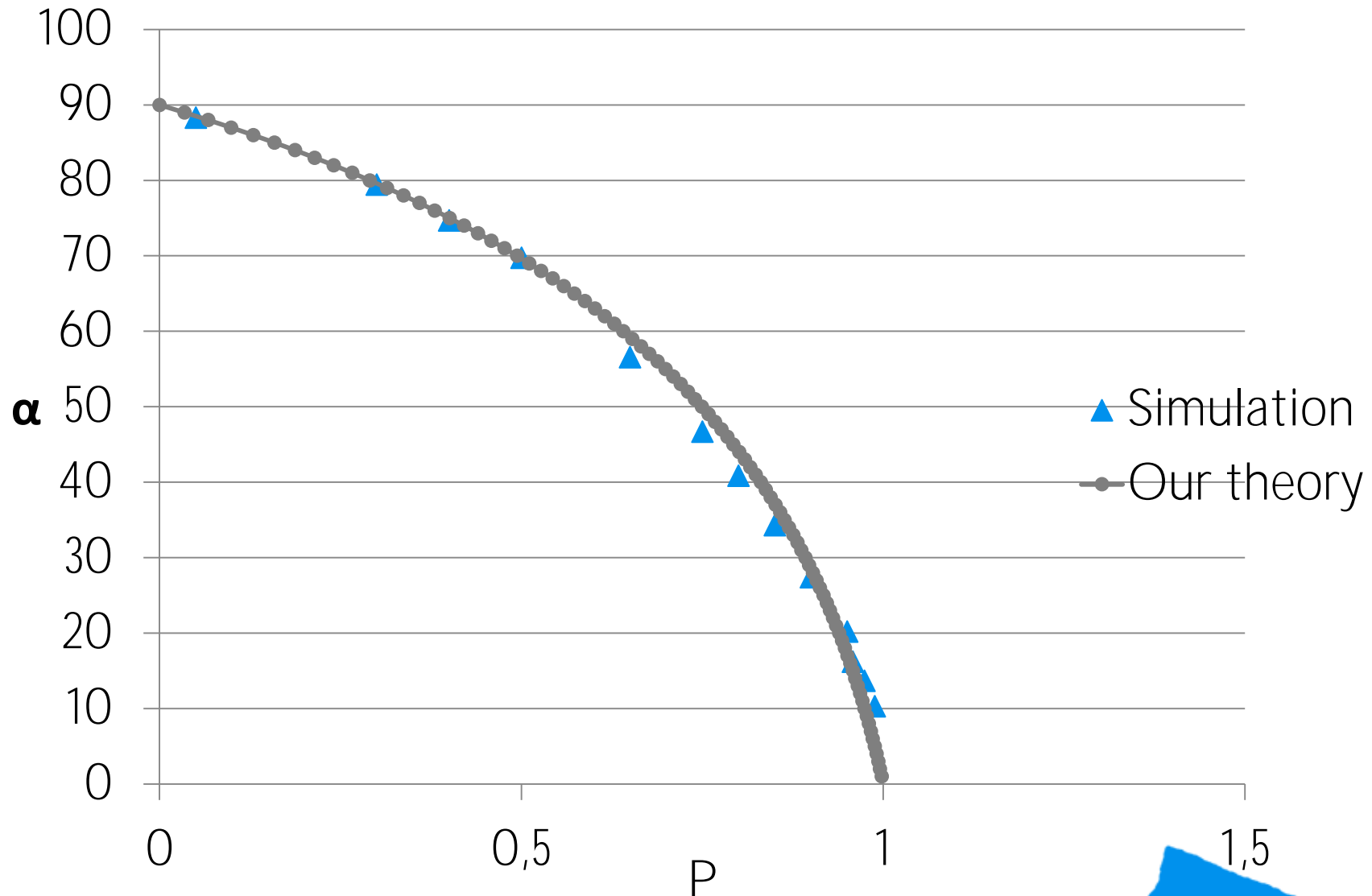


# Simulated droplets with different $P$





# Simulation vs theory

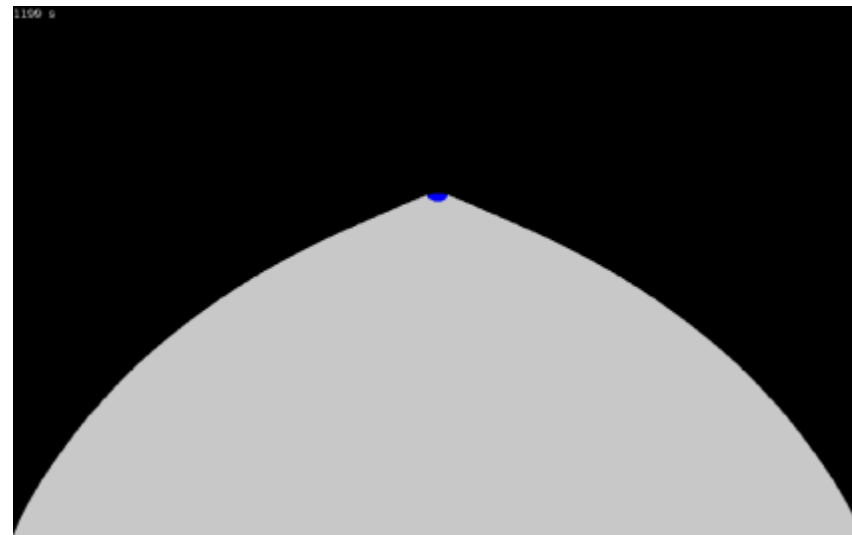


# Simulated extremes - size

3 times smaller

10 times larger

*Change of peak angle is negligible*

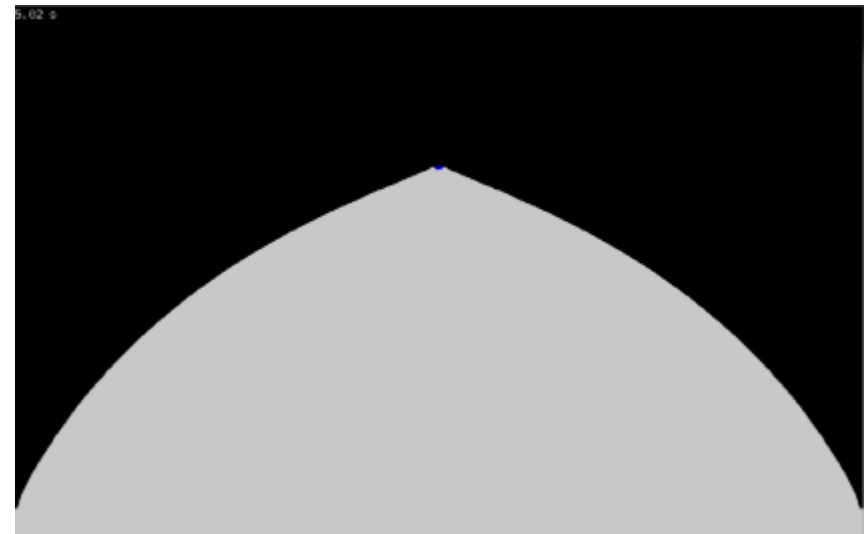
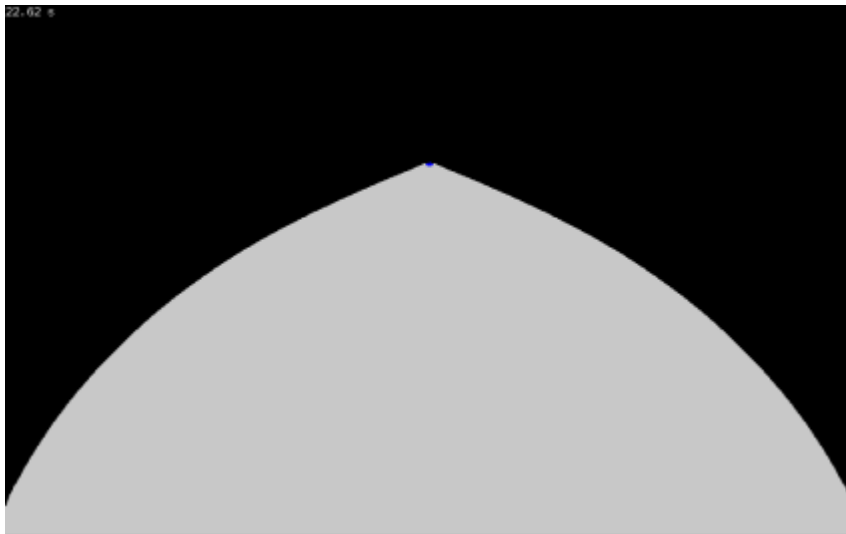


# Simulated extremes - temperature

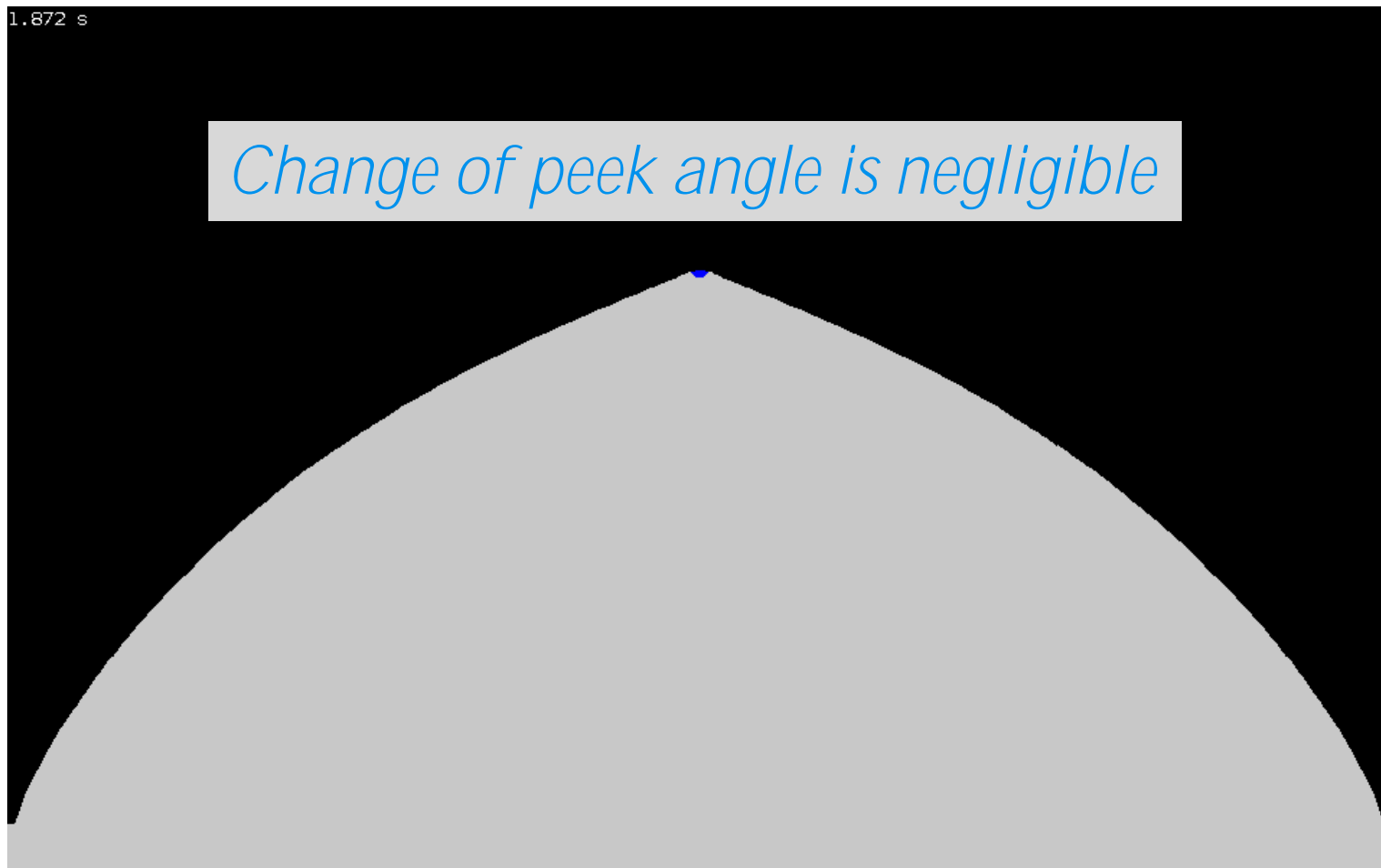
-12°C

-60°C

*Change of peak angle is negligible*



# Simulated extremes – heat capacity 34kJ

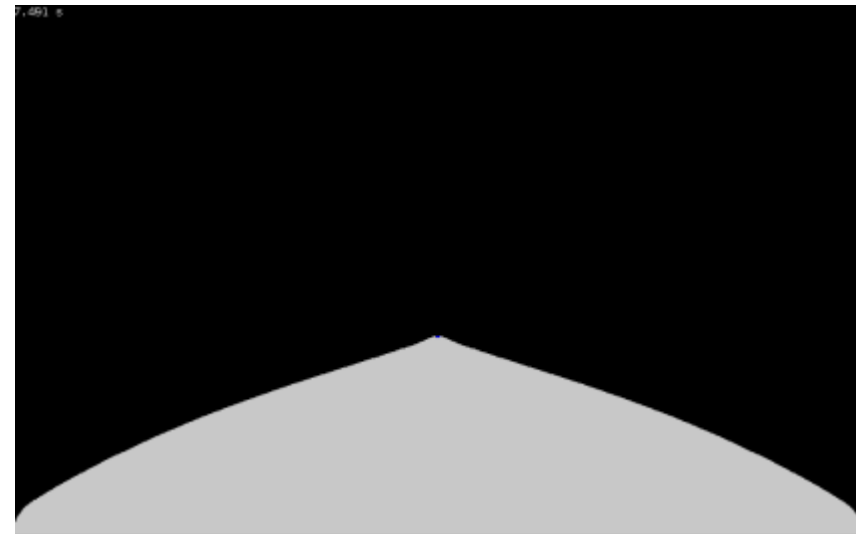
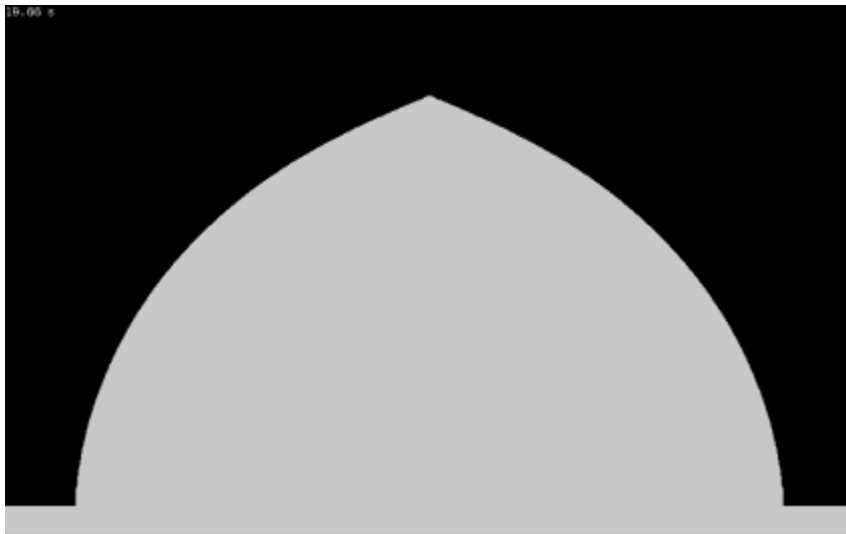


# Simulated extremes – radius of contact area

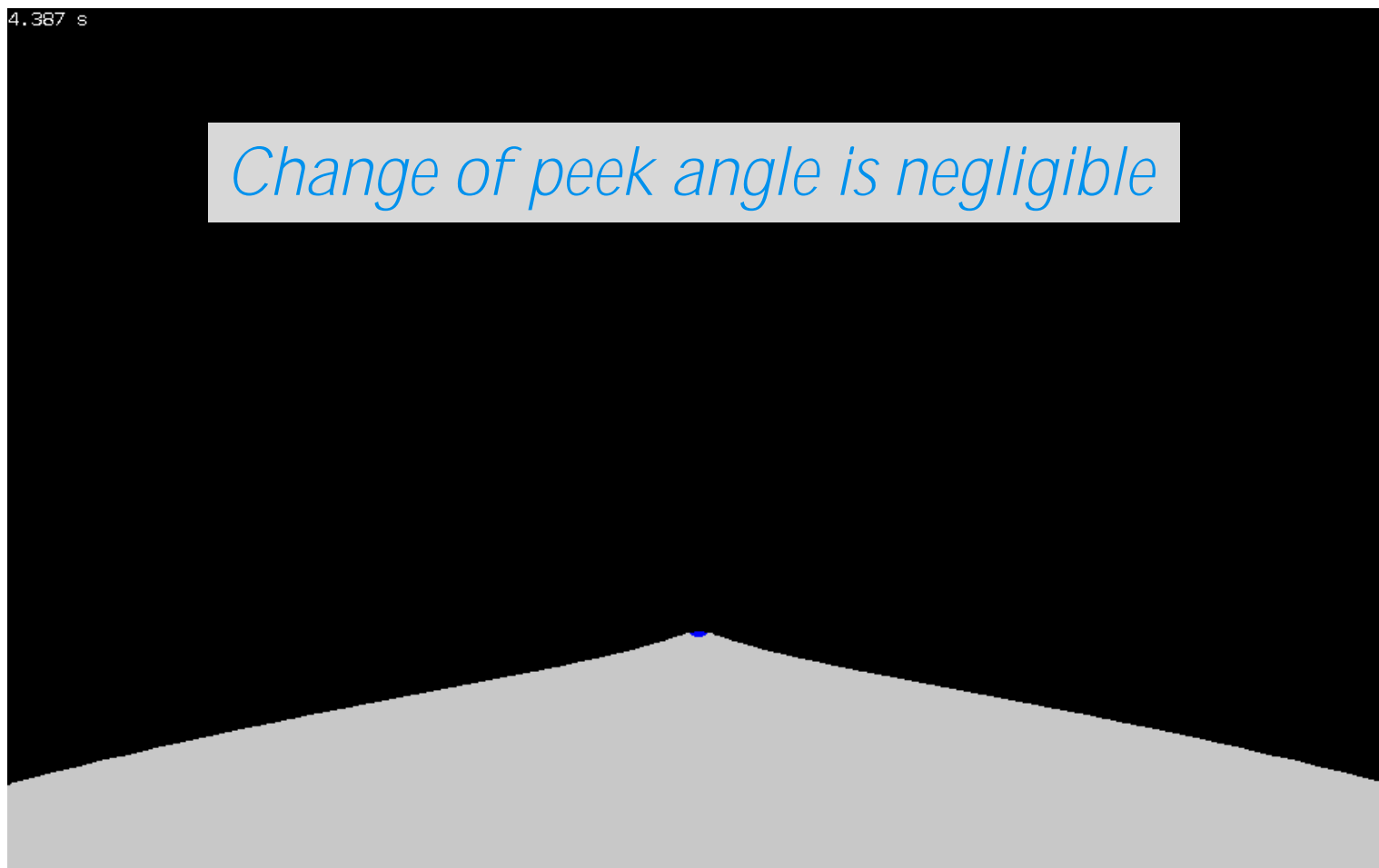
$r=2,5$  mm

$r=4$  mm

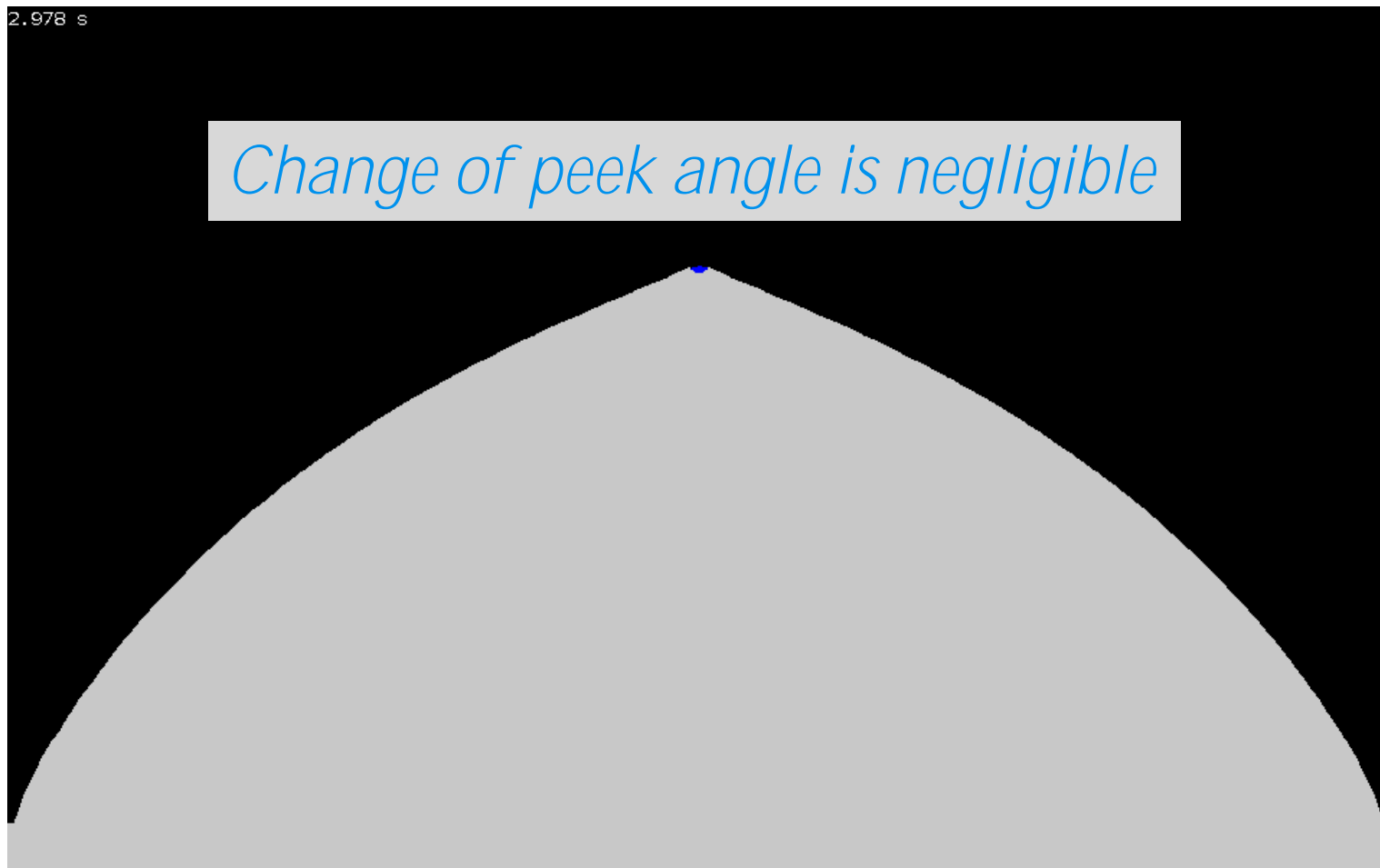
*Change of peek angle is negligible*



# Simulated extremes – radius of contact area $r=5$ mm



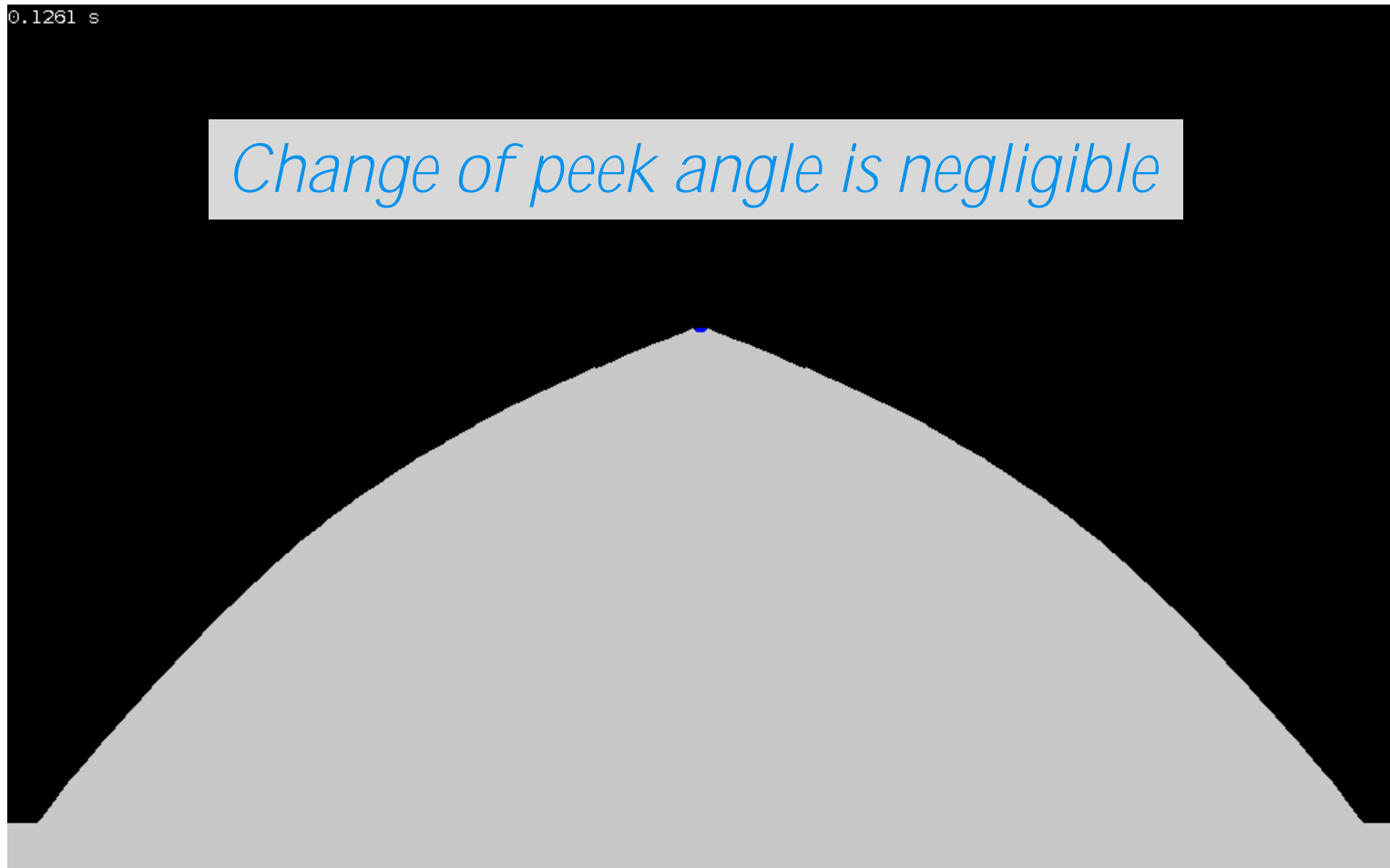
# Simulated extremes – conductivity 4 times larger







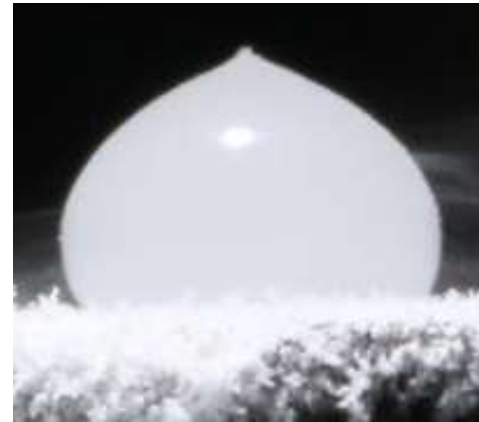
# Simulated extremes – all together





# Density ratio

$$\frac{\rho_{solid}}{\rho_{liquid}} < 1 \Rightarrow \textit{it works}$$



Bismuth (Bi)

Antimony (Sb)

Silicon (Si)

Germanium (Ge)

Gallium (Ga)

Toxic

Water



High temperature  
of melting

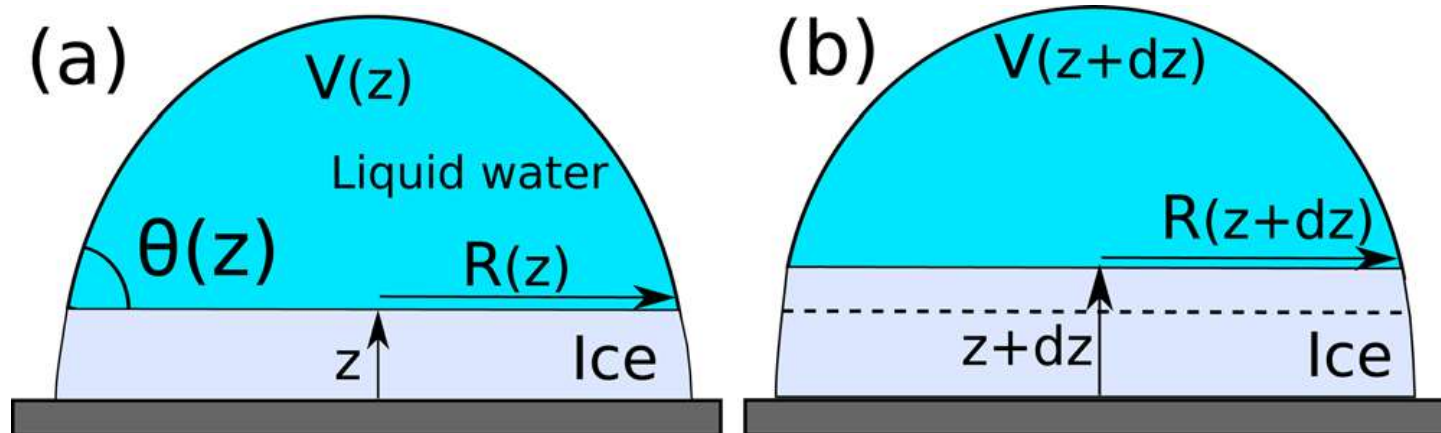


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# Existing literature

**“Pointy ice-drops: How water freezes into a singular shape”** J.H. Snoeijer and P. Brunet *Am. J. Phys.* 80, 764 (2012)

- Planar freezing
- Ratio of densities
  - Critical ratio of densities to create convex pike is  $\frac{3}{4}$
  - Water is not predicted to create convex pike



# Formation of pike for different de

$z$  (arb. units)

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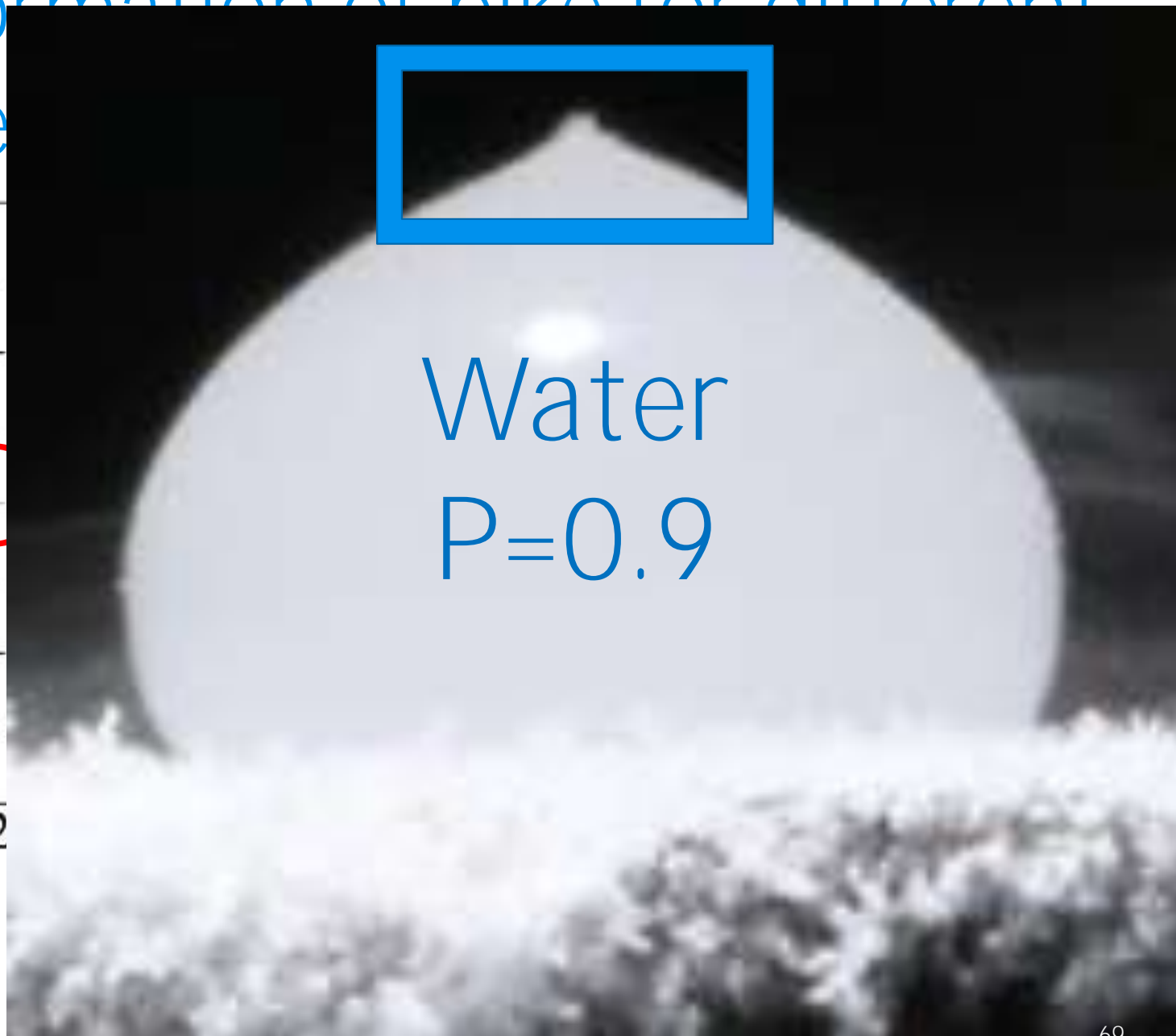
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2

1

0

-2



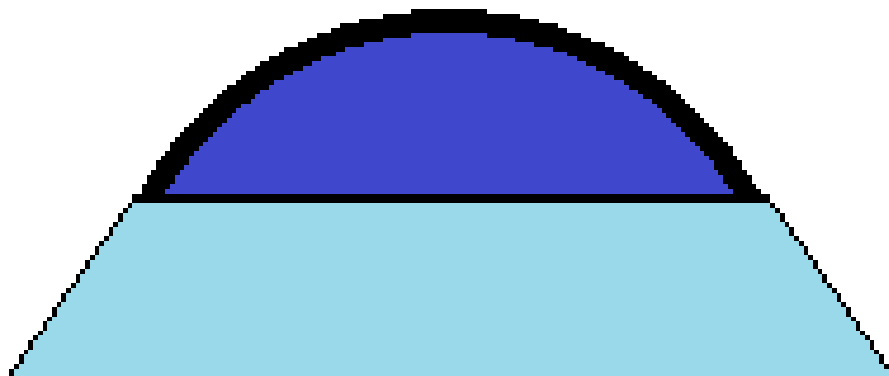
$\rho_{solid}$

$\rho_{liquid}$

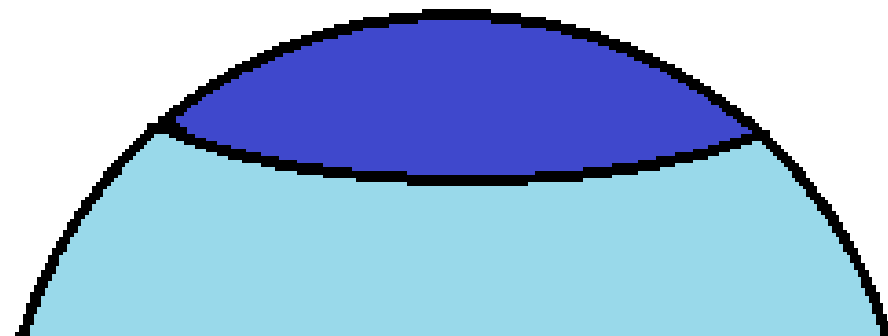
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# Middle section of a freezing droplet

*Assumed shape*



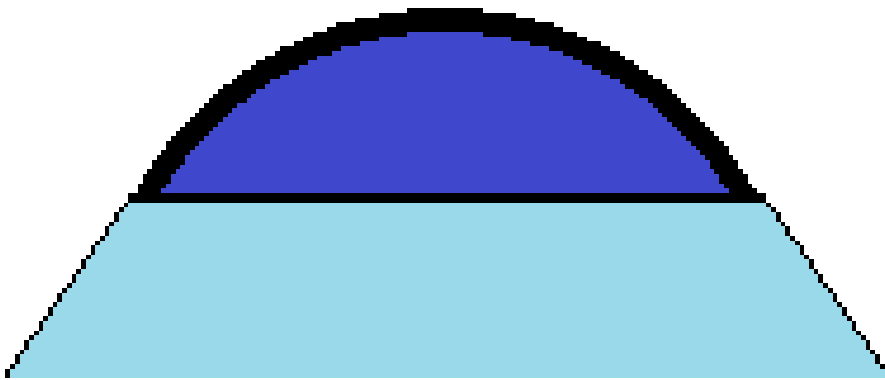
*Real shape*



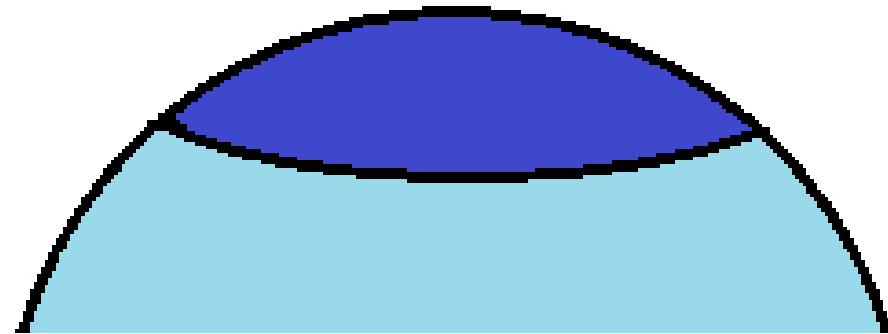
Exact shape of  
reservoir?

# Middle section of freezing droplet

*Assumed volume*



*Real volume*



$$V_l = PV_S$$

$$V_{ls} + V_R = P(V_{ss} + V_R)$$

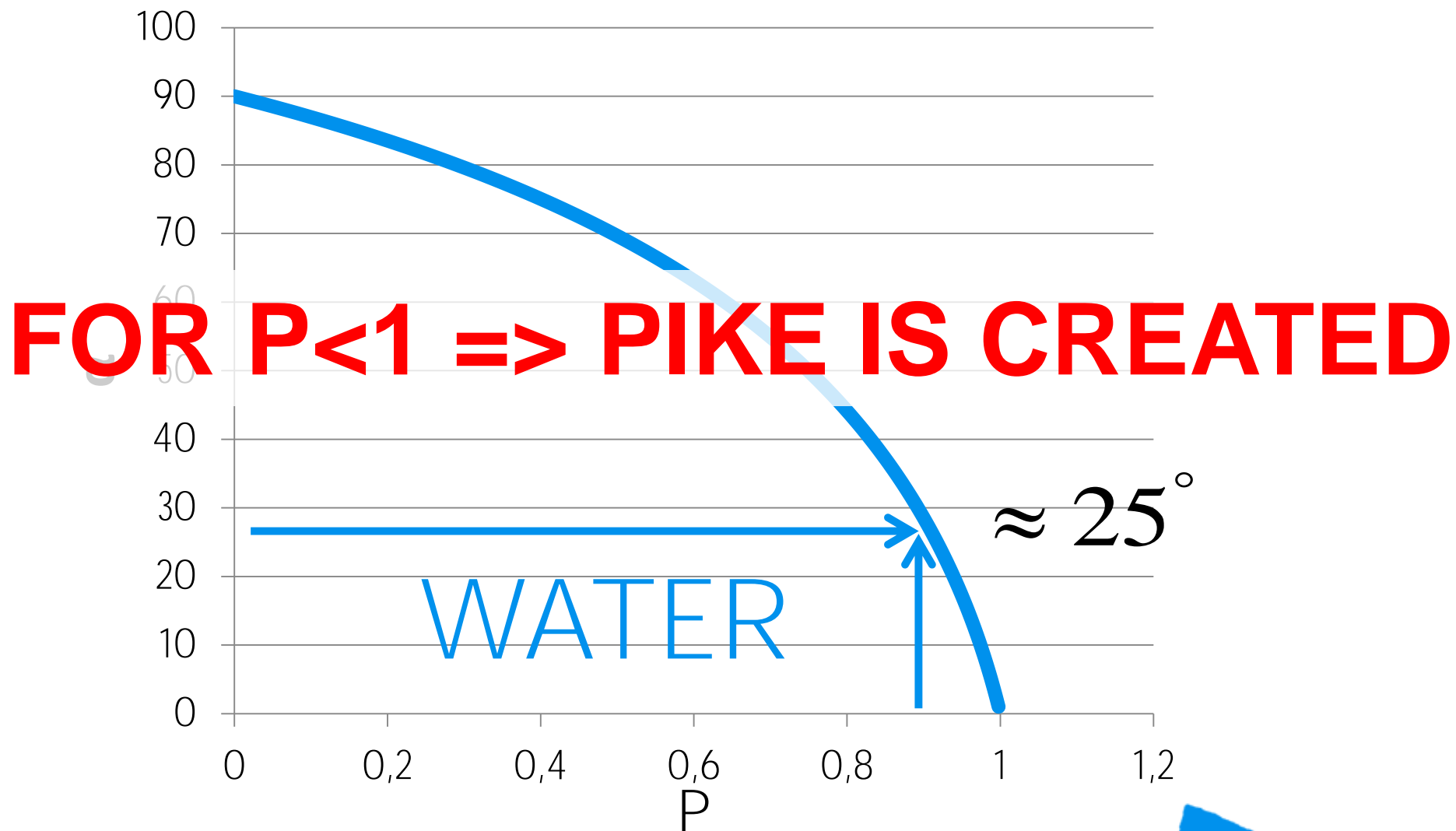
$V_{ls}$  = volume of seen liquid

$V_{ss}$  = volume of seen solid

$V_R$  = volume of reservoir



# Angle/density ratio







# Simulation of the process of freezing

- Heat convection
- Changeable parameters
  - Density ratio
  - Volume of droplet
  - Contact area
  - Temperature of plate
  - Heat capacity
  - Heat conductivity