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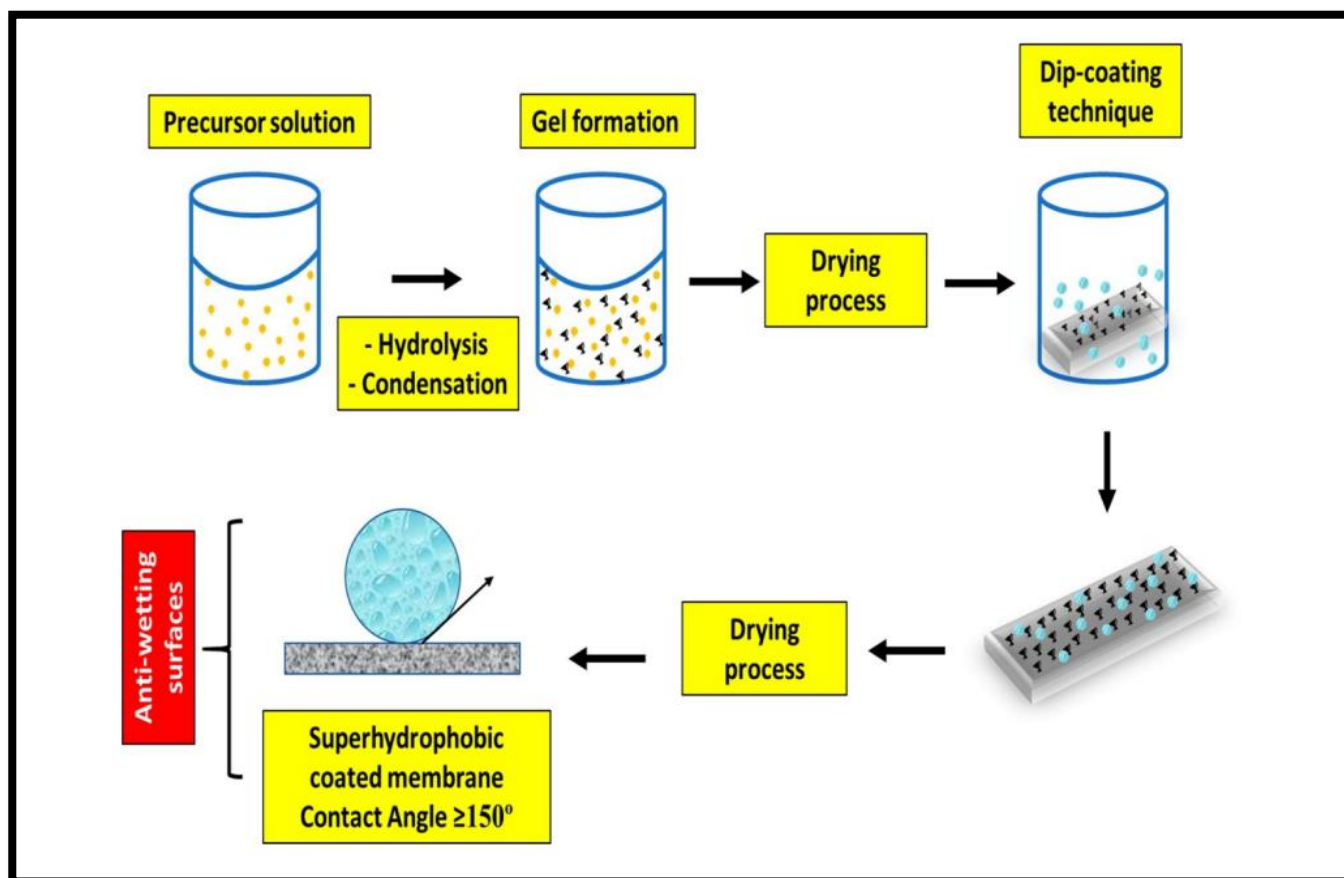
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## ABSTRACT

In this our dissertation work we prepared superhydrophobic surface on zinc, Aluminum and copper metals surfaces and on fabric surface. On metals surface we created superhydrophobic coating by etching and hydrothermal coating process. In this process we use KOH and NaOH use as etching solutions which creates microstructure on metal surfaces. Our coating material was stearic acid and lauric acid. After coating contact angles of surface with water droplets was measured with the help of image J capture software. Higher contact angle was  $159.57^\circ$  on aluminum surface by etching process, which shows superhydrophobic characteristics. Our Another work on fabric surface. In coating on fabric surface our coating method is novel and not reported yet. In this process contact angle is  $153.56^\circ$  degree, which shows superhydrophobic characteristics.

**Key words:** superhydrophobic, coating, metal, aluminium, zinc, copper, surface, morphology, characterization, contact angle.

## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



**Figure 1.** Schematic presentation of antiwetting and superhydrophobic coatings of various substrate by sol-gel processing and dip-coating technique.

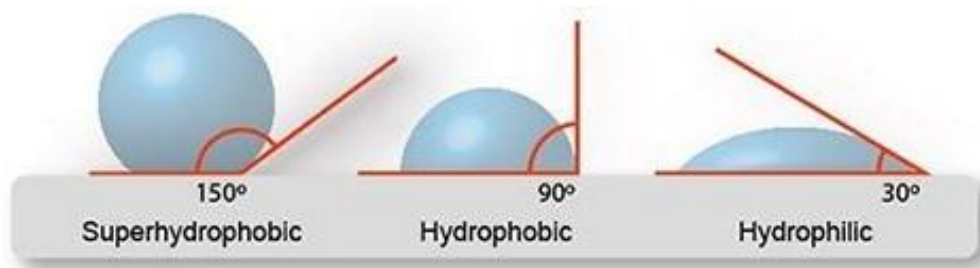


## INTRODUCTION

Superhydrophobic surfaces are extremely repellent to water and aqueous liquids and have received significant interest in recent years due to their applications in a wide variety of industries including energy production/transmission, transportation, agriculture, consumer products and medical devices. This interest is propelled by careful examination of natural repellent surfaces using cutting edge imaging and analysis methods which lead to a fundamental understanding of repellent surfaces and the capability to fabricate engineered repellent surfaces. Superhydrophobic surfaces shed water very easily and it is difficult to balance a water droplet on the surface.

Hydrophobic is surface that has ability to repeal water. The hydrophobicity was derived from two Greek word hydro which means water and Phobos that means fear. Thus, hydrophobic surface can be defined as material which tend to repeal water.

Generally hydrophobic surface can be measured by contact angle measurements technique. Contact angle between the droplet of water with the surface itself. If contact angle is less than  $90^\circ$  the surface is hydrophilic and droplet spread out far and water droplet do not roll on surface. If contact angle is  $90^\circ$  to  $150^\circ$  the surface is hydrophobic surface. Water droplet will flow easily and above  $150^\circ$  the surface is superhydrophobic surface which retains its spherical shape and difficult to wet the surface (As shown In Figure-2)



**Figure-2** (Contact Angle)

In nature the hydrophobic properties can be seen on lotus leaves or Nelumbo. Dirt particles are picked up by water droplets due to the micro- and nanoscopic architecture on the surface, which minimize the droplet's adhesion to that surface.



**Figure-3**  
(water drop in Cloth)



**Figure-4**  
(Super hydrophobic material)

Since the hydrophobicity is a new thought in front of the modern era, research on the superhydrophobic coating methods, recently, more and more attraction has been attracted to manufacture various devices with the help of superhydrophobic fabrication. Moreover, superhydrophobic surfaces have important technical potentials for a variety of uses because of their extreme anti-wetting properties. Dynamic effects for instance bouncing, splashing, rebound and fragmentation of a droplet on different types of polymer have been identified.

Reducing the contact of metal substrates with corrosive medium is a very effective method for the corrosion protection. In nature, there are many surfaces with special wettability, and superhydrophobic lotus behaviour is particularly special. Inspired by the mysterious nature, researchers have tried to apply super-hydrophobic surface technology to the field of metal corrosion protection and have proven that building superhydrophobic surface is a very effective way to block corrosive medium.

Solid surfaces with customized wetting properties could be used for a variety of applications such as self-cleaning, anti-fouling, anti-drag, water condensation, and water/oil separation. In addition, the efficiency of devices with such surface-wetting customized properties toward liquids is enhanced according to the existing environmental conditions.

Wetting properties of a solid surface can be manipulated by introducing physical and/or chemical modifications to the surface. Roughening magnifies wetting properties by the degree of increase in the actual surface area compared to the corresponding apparent area [2],[3]

In recent years, a considerable amount of work has been carried out to study the Mechanisms and principles of super-hydrophobicity. It has been found that the micro-geometry and low surface-energy chemical composition of solid surface are two key factors to decide the contact angle (CA) and rolling angle of water droplets on the surface. A series of preparation methods, including template methods, chemical etching, oxidation, electrodeposited, and sol-gel methods, etc., have been emerged. But there are some serious flaws including environmental pollution, high costs, complex process and so on. In this study, a superhydrophobic surface is successfully fabricated on metal surfaces like copper, zinc, and aluminium surfaces.

## RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:

Dettre and Johnson discovered in 1964 that the super-hydrophobic lotus effect phenomenon was related to rough hydrophobic surfaces, and they developed a theoretical model based on experiments with glass beads coated with paraffin or TFE telomer. The self-cleaning property of super-hydrophobic micro-nanostructured surfaces was reported in 1977.

Perfluoroalkyl, perfluoropolyether, and RF plasma formed super-hydrophobic materials were developed, used for electro-wetting and commercialized for bio-medical applications between 1986 and 1995. Other technology and applications have emerged since the mid- 1990s[4].

A durable super-hydrophobic hierarchical composition, applied in one or two steps, was disclosed in 2002 comprising nano sized particles  $\leq 100$  nanometers overlaying a surface having micrometer sized features or particles  $\leq 100$  micrometers. The larger particles were observed to protect the smaller particles from mechanical abrasion. In recent research, super-hydrophobicity has been reported by allowing alkyl ketene dimer (AKD) to solidify into a nano structured fractal surface.

Many papers have since presented fabrication methods for producing super-hydrophobic surfaces including particle deposition, sol-gel techniques, plasma treatments, vapor deposition and casting techniques. Current opportunity for research impact lies mainly in fundamental research and practical manufacturing. Debates have recently emerged concerning the applicability of the Wenzel and Cassie-Baxter models.

In an experiment designed to challenge the surface energy perspective of the Wenzel and Cassie-Baxter model and promote a contact line perspective, water drops were placed on a smooth hydrophobic spot in a rough hydrophobic field, a rough hydrophobic spot in a smooth hydrophobic field, and a hydrophilic spot in a hydrophobic field[5].

Experiments showed that the surface chemistry and geometry at the contact line affected the contact angle and contact angle hysteresis, but the surface area inside the contact line had no effect. An argument that increased jaggedness in the contact line enhances droplet mobility has also been proposed [6].

Many hydrophobic materials found in nature rely on Cassie's law and are biphasic on the submicrometer level with one component air. The lotus effect is based on this principle. Inspired by it, many functional superhydrophobic surfaces have been prepared.

An example of a bionic or biomimetic super-hydrophobic material in nanotechnology is nanofin film. One study presents a vanadium pentoxide surface that switches reversibly between super hydrophobicity and super hydrophilicity under the influence of UV radiation[7]. According to the study, any surface can be modified to this effect by application of a suspension of rose-like  $V_2O_5$  particles, for instance with an inkjet printer. Once again hydrophobicity is induced by interlinear air pockets.

The UV effect is also explained. UV light creates electron-hole pairs, with the holes reacting with lattice oxygen, creating surface oxygen vacancies, while the electrons reduce  $V^{5+}$  to  $V^{3+}$ . The oxygen vacancies are met by water, and it is this water absorbency by the vanadium surface that makes it hydrophilic. By extended storage in the dark, water is replaced by oxygen and hydrophilicity is once again lost. A significant majority of hydrophobic surfaces have their hydrophobic properties imparted by structural or chemical modification of a surface

of a bulk material, through either coatings or surface treatments. That is to say, the presence of molecular species (usually organic) or structural features results in high contact angles of water. In recent years, rare earth oxides have been shown to possess intrinsic hydrophobicity.

The intrinsic hydrophobicity of rare earth oxides depends on surface orientation and oxygen vacancy levels and is naturally more robust than coatings or surface treatments, having potential applications in condensers and catalysts that can operate at high temperatures or corrosive environments.

## APPLICATION & POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS:

- Hydrophobic concrete has been produced since the mid-20th century.
- Active recent research on superhydrophobic materials might eventually lead to more industrial applications.
- A simple routine of coating cotton fabric with silica<sup>[8]</sup> or titanium<sup>[9]</sup> particles by sol-gel technique has been reported, which protects the fabric from UV light and makes it superhydrophobic.
- An efficient routine has been reported for making polyethylene superhydrophobic and thus self-cleaning<sup>[10]</sup>. 99% of dirt on such a surface is easily washed away.
- Patterned superhydrophobic surfaces also have promise for lab-on-a-chip microfluidic devices and can drastically improve surface-based bioanalysis<sup>[11]</sup>.
- In pharmaceuticals, hydrophobicity of pharmaceutical blends affects important quality attributes of final products, such as drug dissolution and hardness. Methods have been developed to measure the hydrophobicity of pharmaceutical materials

## LITERATURE REVIEW

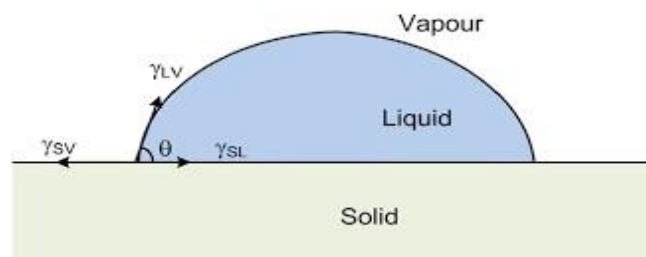
### Wettability

The wettability of a surface is typically characterized by a liquid's contact angle and contact angle hysteresis on the surface. The wettability of non-textured (e.g., smooth) surfaces is fundamental to the understanding of all repellent surfaces and the focus of the earliest wetting analyses. For a smooth surface, Young's relation defines the equilibrium contact angle  $\Theta$  for a liquid:<sup>[12]</sup>

$$\cos\Theta = \frac{\gamma_{SV} - \gamma_{SL}}{\gamma_{LV}}$$

Here,  $\gamma_{SV}$  is the solid surface energy,  $\gamma_{LV}$  is the liquid surface tension and  $\gamma_{SL}$  is the solid-liquid interfacial energy. Young's equation arises from the force balance for a liquid droplet contacting a non-textured, non-reactive (e.g., no strong chemical bonds formed due to interactions between liquid and solid) solid surface and can be visualized in Figure 4. The contact angle is defined as the angle between the tangent to the liquid-vapor interface and the tangent to the liquid-solid interface at the triple phase contact line, measured through the liquid. For a given liquid, a lower solid surface energy will result in higher contact angle than a higher solid surface energy. Therefore, lower surface energy materials are preferred for repellent-surfaces. The lowest surface energy materials are typically fluorinated or per fluorinated materials.

A surface with  $\theta > 90^\circ$  is considered to be hydrophobic and a surface with  $\theta < 90^\circ$  is considered to be hydrophilic.



**Figure – 5**

The highest observed water contact angle on even the lowest  $\gamma_{SV}$  non-textured surface is  $\theta \approx 130^\circ$ . Higher contact angles can be achieved with textured surfaces.

Chemical etching is one of the most common techniques used in the above-mentioned studies. However, chemical etching can involve acidic or toxic solutions, which lead to a higher cost of fabrication and hazardous conditions. A combination of two simple and environmentally friendly techniques such as mechanical sanding and treatment with boiling DI water to introduce a hierarchical surface with both micro and nanoscale roughness characteristics has not been reported yet. In addition, the effects of various sandpaper grit sizes, isotropy/anisotropy of roughness, and various time periods of treatment with boiling water on the water and oil CA have not been investigated. In recent years, a few studies have used mechanical sanding to roughen solid's surfaces for modifying their wetting properties. Mechanical sanding as a simple and environmentally friendly technique that has been used for centuries primarily for smoothing surfaces, as well as roughening, has been overlooked in spite of its potential in roughening surfaces at micro and submicron scales. In addition, surfaces were usually randomly sanded, and the effects of directional-sanding as well as sandpaper grit sizes on the shape of microstructures have not been addressed yet.

## METHODOLOGY

**Materials/chemicals:** Aluminium , copper and zinc sheets, cotton piece, sand paper, Acetone, Distilled water, KOH, NaOH, Stearic acid, Ammonia solution, Deionized water, Paraffin wax, Ethanol. (All chemical are 95% to 99% pure, obtained from Rankem)

### Etching process [1]:

Aluminium, zinc, and copper substrate cleaned with acetone and D.W. Then aluminium, zinc, and copper were immersed in a mixture of 10gm/litre KOH in D.W. Solution for 5-60 min. KOH solution roughed the aluminium and zinc surfaces. Subsequently, aluminium, zinc, and copper substrate were rinsed with D.W. & Ethanol. Finally, they were immersed in 20gm/litre ethanol solution of lauric acid/stearic acid for 30minute & then they were dried in air for 20hour. stearic acid here lowered the surface energy of aluminium and zinc surfaces.



**Figure-6(Zinc)**



**Figure-7(Aluminium)**

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### Hydrothermal method [1]:

First aluminium, zinc, and copper substrates were polished with different grades of metallographic sandpaper to remove the surface oxide film. Then aluminium, zinc, and copper substrates were ultrasonically (fig. 11) cleaned with acetone, deionized water and ethanol respectively and dried with warm air. Cleaned aluminium, zinc, and copper substrates were etched in 10 wt. % Ammonia solution (100ml) at room temperature for 20hr, and then washed with deionized water. Next aluminium, zinc, and copper substrates were placed in **AUTOCLAVE** (fig. 12) for 120°C for 2hr. Containing 60ml NaOH solution ( $0.2\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ). Finally, substrates were immersed in an ethanol solution of stearic acid ( $0.1\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ) at room temperature for 2hr. Prepared samples were rinsed with absolute ethanol, dried with warm air.

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**Figure-8**  
(Ultrasonic cleaner)



**Figure-9**  
(Autoclave)



**Figure-10**  
(Metal deeping)



**Figure-11**  
(Furnace)



**Figure-12**  
(Side effect of muffle furnace)



## **Coating on fabric:**

First of all, take wax & ethanol in the ratio of 1:10 in gm. Then heating at 80°C with stirring for 16-20 min. When solution was cleared then add solution of lauric acid in ethanol of 0.04gm/ml. Then dip cotton piece in this solution for 20hr. Then wash cotton piece with ethanol and dry in oven for 3hr at 75°C – 80°C

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 1) Without coating process:

First of all, metal surfaces (e.g., aluminium, copper and zinc.) washed with ethanol (95% pure, obtained from Rankem) and distilled water. Then after one drop of water impact on plain aluminium surface, zinc surface and copper surface with the help of micro-injection technique. Then after surface has been characterized with the help of contact angle with the Image J capture software. After measuring contact angle, we will be observed water drops spread and stick on the metal surface.

### SURFACE ANGLE WITHOUT COATING:

Table-1

Surfaces	Solvent	Contact angle [1]	Contact angle [2]	Contact angle [3]	Average
Aluminum	Water	56.39°	58.16°	57.95°	57.50°
Zinc	Water	67.57°	69.36°	69.04°	68.65°
Copper	Water	43.03°	42.07°	41.98°	42.36°
Fabric	Water	62.97°	64.43°	65.38°	64.26°

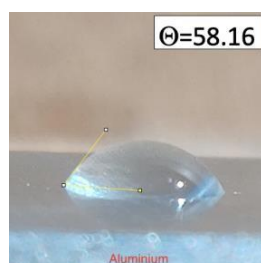


Figure-13  
(Alluminium)

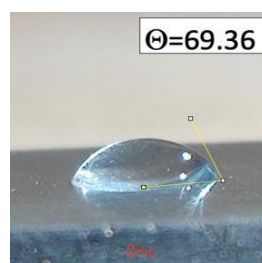


Figure-14  
(Zinc)

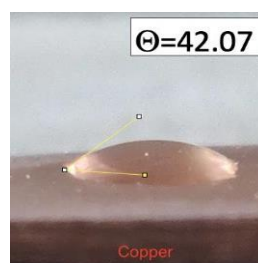


Figure-15  
(Copper)

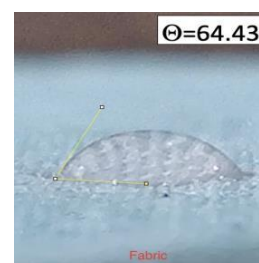


Figure-16  
(Fabric)

## 2) With coating process:

### (a) Etching process

#### (i) Etching process [1]:

**Table-2**

Coating Method	Coating Material	Surface	contact angle [1]	contact angle [2]	contact angle [3]	average
Etching	Steric acid	Aluminum	127.89°	126.74°	125.39°	126.67°
Etching	Steric acid	Zinc	133.95°	134.45°	136.04°	134.81°

#### (i) Etching process [2]:

**Table-3**

Coating Method	Coating Material	Surface	contact angle [1]	contact angle [2]	contact angle [3]	average
Etching	Lauric acid	Aluminum	157.67°	158.53°	158.72°	158.31°
Etching	Lauric acid	Copper	76.98°	77.22°	78.53°	77.57°

#### (i) Etching process [3]:

**Table-4**

Coating Method	Coating Material	Surface	contact angle [1]	contact angle [2]	contact angle [3]	average
Etching	Lauric acid	Aluminum	158.57°	159.99°	160.17°	159.57°
Etching	Lauric acid	Zinc	125.86°	127.54°	127.03°	126.81°

## **Etching process:**

In all these etching processes (1), (2), and (3) method of coating is same but using different types of chemical. In etching process (1) and (2) metals substrate immersed in KOH solution to create roughness on surface while in etching process (3) metals immersed in NaOH solution. Etching process (1) coating material is stearic acid while in process (2) and (3) coating material is lauric acid

Characterization by contact angle measurement technique, in etching process (1) average contact angle of Aluminum surface with water is  $126.67^\circ$  and zinc surface is  $134.81^\circ$  these each angle is greater than  $90^\circ$  so each surface is hydrophobic surface. In etching process (2) average contact angle of Aluminum surface with water is  $158.31^\circ$  and for copper surface it is  $77.57^\circ$  in this process copper contact angle is less than  $90^\circ$  so it does not show hydrophobic characteristics, while in aluminum surface contact angle is greater than  $150^\circ$  so it shows superhydrophobic characteristics. In etching process (3) average contact angle of Aluminum surface with water is  $159.57^\circ$  and for zinc it is  $126.81^\circ$ . so, both surface show hydrophobic characteristics but aluminum show superhydrophobic characteristics.

**(b) Hydrothermal method**

**(i) Hydrothermal method [1]:**

**Table-5**

<b>Coating Method</b>	<b>Coating Material</b>	<b>Surface</b>	<b>contact angle [1]</b>	<b>contact angle [2]</b>	<b>contact angle [3]</b>	<b>average</b>
Hydrothermal	Stearic acid	Aluminum	156.7°	158.3°	158.8°	157.95°
Hydrothermal	Stearic acid	Zinc	151.7°	152.9°	153.0°	152.56°
Hydrothermal	Stearic acid	Copper	138.3°	137.2°	136.7°	137.42°

In this hydrothermal process (1) auto clave is use for give temperature and pressure while in hydrothermal process (2) muffle furnace is use to give high temperature around 200°C

In hydrothermal process 1 average contact angle of Aluminum zincand copper surfaces is 157.95°, 152.56°, and 137.4° respectively. Aluminium and zinc show superhydrophobic characteristics while copper surface show hydrophobic characteristics.

**(c) Coating on fabric:**

**Table-6**

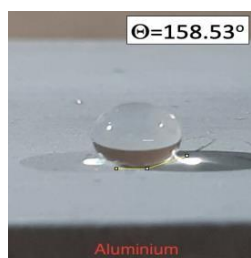
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Lauric acid	Fabric	154.93°	153°	152.76°	153.56°

## COMPARISON WITH VARIOUS METHOD

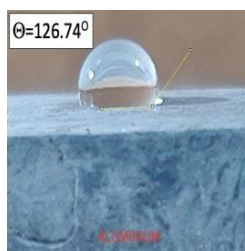
**Comparison with various method on Aluminium surface withcoating:**

**Table-7**

Coating Method	Coating Material	Solvent	contact angle [1]	contact angle [2]	contact angle [3]	average
Etching [1]	Steric Acid/KOH	water	127.89°	126.74°	125.39°	126.67°
Etching [2]	Lauric acid/KOH	Water	157.67°	158.53°	158.72°	158.31°
Etching [3]	Lauric acid/NaOH	Water	158.57°	159.99°	160.17°	159.57°
Hydrothermal[1]	Stearic acid/NaOH	water	156.78°	158.20°	158.88°	157.95°



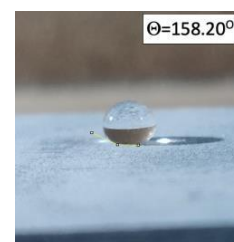
**Figure-17**  
(Alluminium)



**Figure-18**  
(Zinc)



**Figure-19**  
(Copper)



**Figure-20**  
(Fabric)

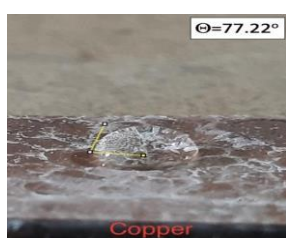
In etching process aluminum surface was treated with KOH and NaOH and coating material was lauric acid and stearic acid. By characterization by contact angle measurement technique and got different contact angle. In etching process (3) maximum contact angle observed was 159.57°, use of coating material was lauric acid but in etching process (1) coating material was stearic acid but contact angle less as compared to etching process (3). But in Hydrothermal process use of coating material was stearic acid and contact angle was 157.95° it was very similar to etching process (2) and (3) (as shown in table 7)

Therefore, we conclude that the coating material stearic acid give superhydrophobic surface in hydrothermal method as compared to etching method.

## Comparison with various method on Copper surface withcoating:

**Table-8**

Coating Method	Coating Material	Solvent	contact angle [1]	contact angle [2]	contact angle [3]	average
Etching [2]	Lauric acid/KOH	Water	76.98°	77.22°	78.53°	77.57°
Hydrothermal [1]	Stearic acid/NaOH	Water	138.32°	137.16°	136.78°	137.42°



**Figure-21**  
(Copper)



**Figure-22**  
(Copper)

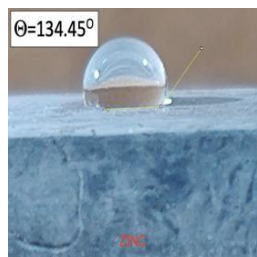
In etching process, copper surface was treated with KOH and coating material was lauric acid. In this method, contact angle of water droplet with surface is 77.57° which indicates that the surface was hydrophilic in nature because it was less than 90°, but in Hydrothermal process, coating material was stearic acid and treated with NaOH, it gives 137.42° contact angle which was higher than 90° and shows hydrophobic characteristics.

Finally concluded that etching process is not suitable to give hydrophobic surface on copper surface but hydrothermal process gives hydrophobic surface on copper surface.

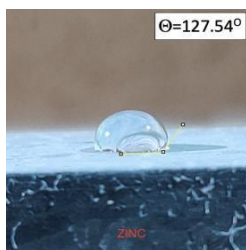
## Comparison with various method on Zinc surface with coating:

**Table-9**

Coating Method	Coating Material	Solvent	contact angle [1]	contact angle [2]	contact angle [3]	average
Etching [1]	Stearic acid	Water	133.95°	134.45°	136.04°	134.81°
Etching [2]	Lauric acid	Water	125.86°	127.54°	127.03°	126.81°
Hydrothermal [1]	Stearic acid	Water	151.78°	152.92°	153.00°	152.56°



**Figure-23**  
(Zinc Surface)



**Figure-24**  
(Zinc Surface)



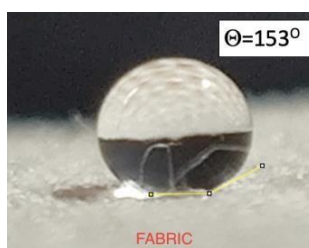
**Figure-25**  
(Zinc Surface)

In Etching process (1) coating material on zinc surface was stearic acid and give contact angle  $134.81^\circ$  which shows hydrophobic characteristics and in etching process (2) coating material was lauric acid and gives contact angle  $126.81^\circ$  there for stearic acid was more suitable coating material than lauric acid but in Hydrothermal process zinc surface was coated with stearic acid and give  $152.56^\circ$  contact angle which shows superhydrophobic characteristics. That's why for zinc surface hydrothermal process is more suitable to create superhydrophobic coating.

### Fabric surface with coating:

**Table-10**

Coating Material	Solvent	contact angle [1]	contact angle [2]	contact angle [3]	Average
Lauric acid	Water	$154.93^\circ$	$153^\circ$	$152.76^\circ$	$153.56^\circ$



**Figure-25**  
(Fabric)



## CONCLUSION

In Summary, drop impact on plain metal surface (Aluminium, zinc & copper) and fabric surface was examined and as a result stickiness and spreading of droplets was observed due to the small static contact angle. After coating different solvent and coating material, contact angle was measured as a result we will observe maximum contact angle at  $159.99^\circ$  in etching process with lauric acid coated surface. And it is very high compared to plain metal surface, which shows superhydrophobic surfaces.

Then after we have observed other parameters on coated metal surface like spreading, stickiness, fragmentation of water droplet and oscillation or dynamic behaviour of water droplet. As a result we will see minimum (Three) bounces observed in etching and hydrothermal both methods in aluminium and zinc coated surface. In coated surface water drops are bounce like elastic ball due to the presence of small pillars of solvent and coating material, rough surface of metal and high contact angle. And also in fabric surface we observed  $153^\circ$ . And it is very high compared to plain fabric, which shows superhydrophobic surface.

Finally to conclude, contact angle of water droplet increases when hydrophobicity of the surface increases and contact time of water droplet is reduced. And it is applicable to industrial purposes.

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