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Abstract: In reality, most solid surfaces are intrinsically rough or chemically heterogeneous. As a consequence, the contact line may get pinned at topological or chemical defects, which is known as contact angle hysteresis. In this talk, we introduce a thermodynamically consistent phase-field model that accurately captures contact angle hysteresis. The formulation satisfies a dissipative energy law, based on which we develop a finite-element discretization that is unconditionally energy-stable in some simple cases. In the end, we use this new method to simulate the transient process of a drop impacting a solid surface, where the drop may deposit, rebound, or partially rebound depending on the drop impact velocity and the surface wetting property. By tuning the hysteresis window, our numerical results can achieve very good agreement with the experimental measurements, which also manifests the importance of hysteresis in contact line dynamics. (Received August 18, 2020)