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Abstract

Particle detachment from an obliquely oscillating plate was studied experimentally and theoretically. The plate was placed in a horizontal position, and vibrations were applied in the horizontal and vertical directions by piezoelectric vibrators. The frequency of vibration was constant at 280 Hz. The amplitude of vibration increased with time and approached a constant value in each experiment. The movement of micrometer-sized spherical particles was analyzed using images captured by a high-speed microscope camera, which showed that the particles rolled on the plate before detaching from the surface, and that the rolling significantly reduced the adhesive force between the particles and surface. Furthermore, the removal efficiency, defined by the number ratio of detached particles to total particles, was analyzed as a function of the horizontal and vertical vibration accelerations. It was found that the removal efficiency was significantly affected by the horizontal vibration acceleration. These experimental results can be explained by the force and moment balance model.

1. Introduction

The external force created by vibration has been used to fluidize particles. Particles under vibration exhibit various unusual behaviors, such as convection (Yang and Hsiau, 2000; Yang and Hsiau, 2001; Chung et al., 2013), bubbling (Pak and Behringer, 1994; Zamankhan, 2011a,b), segregation (Rosato et al., 2002; Yang, 2006; Liao et al., 2010), and vibration-induced air inflow (Matsusaka et al., 2013). Particle fluidization under vibration has numerous engineering applications, such as fluidized beds (Tatemoto et al., 2004; Tatemoto et al., 2005; Limtrakul et al., 2007; Quintanilla et al., 2008), conveyors (Gallas et al., 1992; Rademacher and ter Borg, 1994; Slood and Kruyt, 1996; Simsek et al., 2008), micro-feeders (Matsusaka et al., 1995, 1996) and evaluation methods for powder flowability (Jiang et al., 2006, 2009; Ishii et al., 2011; Zainuddin et al., 2012).

The vibrating conveyor, i.e., an obliquely oscillating trough inducing two-dimensional motion of a particle bed, is one of the simplest systems of particle fluidization under vibration, and has been investigated extensively (Gallas et al., 1992; Rademacher and ter Borg, 1994; Slood and Kruyt, 1996; Simsek et al., 2008). However, in most previous studies of this system, adhesive and cohesive forces and fluid resistance were neglected because the studies have been carried out using non-cohesive, coarse particles with diameters larger than several hundred micrometers.

Particle behavior on an obliquely oscillating plate can be divided into three states: adhesion to the surface, detachment, and saltation. We previously studied the saltation of particles with a range of 0.5–500 μm in mass median diameter (Kobayakawa et al., 2014a,b). However, the process of particle detachment has not been studied.

There are several methods for removing fine particles from surfaces: (i) centrifugal separation (Matsusaka et al., 1997; Salazar-Banda et al., 2007), (ii) vibration separation (Mullins et al., 1992; Theerachaisupakij et al., 2002; Hubbard et al., 2012), (iii) aerodynamic drag separation (Kousaka et al., 1980; Wang, 1990; Tsai et al., 1991; Matsusaka et al., 1991, 1997; Matsusaka and Masuda, 1996;

Jiang et al., 2008; Maniero et al., 2012), and (iv) kinetic separation based on the impact of aerosol particles (Theerachaisupakij et al., 2002, 2003; Liu et al., 2011, 2012). Three main mechanisms for removal have been proposed: (i) rolling, (ii) sliding and (iii) lifting. From theoretical analyses using the force and moment balance model, it has been shown that the removal of spherical particles is more easily achieved by rolling, rather than sliding or lifting (Kousaka et al., 1980; Wang, 1990; Tsai et al., 1991; Matsusaka et al., 1991; Soltani and Ahmadi, 1994; Soltani et al., 1995). Although many studies on removal from the surface have been conducted, the process from rolling to detachment is not yet clear. To fully elucidate the mechanism of particle detachment, the phenomenon needs to be observed microscopically.

In this paper, the mechanism of detachment of micrometer-sized spherical particles from an obliquely oscillating plate is presented. In order to clarify the relationship between the phase angle of the oscillating plate and the motion of the particles, the particle behavior, trajectories, and velocities are analyzed from images captured by a high-speed microscope camera, and the experimental results are discussed using a force and moment balance model. Furthermore, the effects of the horizontal and vertical accelerations of the oscillating plate on the particle removal efficiency are elucidated.

2. Materials and methods

Fig. 1 shows a schematic diagram of the experimental setup. A stainless steel plate (SUS304, 15×15 mm²), the surface of which was treated by abrasive blasting to create a homogeneous state, was mounted on a shock absorber. The micro-roughness of the surface was measured by a confocal laser scanning microscope (LEXT OLS4000, Olympus Corporation). The plate was sinusoidally oscillated in both horizontal and vertical directions by piezoelectric vibrators. There was no phase difference between the waves applied in the two directions. The frequency was set at 280 Hz, which corresponds to the natural frequency of the apparatus, so that large vibration amplitudes could be obtained. The

amplitude could be adjusted by the applied voltage. The vibrators were controlled by a vibration control system (VST-01, IMP. Co., Ltd.).

Zirconia particles (Tosoh Corporation, particle density $\rho_p = 5900 \text{ kg/m}^3$) were used in the experiments. The particles were observed through a scanning electron microscope (VE9800, Keyence Corp.). Fig. 2 shows an SEM image of the particles. All the particles are spherical and have smooth surfaces. Fig. 3 shows the number based particle size distribution, in which 100 particles were counted. The particle diameter was in the range of 48-68 μm and the median diameter D_{p50} was 57 μm . The geometry standard deviation σ_g was 1.07, indicating a narrow size distribution. The particles were dried at 120 °C over 24 h and cooled down to room temperature in a desiccator. The particles were distributed on the metal plate through a sieve. To avoid collisions between particles, the area covered by the particles was less than 0.5% of the total surface area.

The plate and the particles were illuminated by LED light (UFLS-75, U-Technology Co., Ltd.), and observed through a high-speed microscope camera with a resolution of 1 μm (Fastcam Mini UX100, Photron, Ltd.). The images were recorded at a rate of 8,000–12,500 frames per second (fps) and analyzed via digital image processing (Dipp-Motion 2D, Detect Co., Ltd.). The particle removal efficiency was determined by digital counting of the number of particles adhering to the plate before and after each experiment. All the experiments were conducted at 20 ± 2 °C, and the relative humidity was controlled at 30–40% to avoid disturbances caused by liquid bridge forces.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Two-dimensional vibration of the plate

Fig. 4(a) shows the displacement of the oscillating plate as a function of time; the values were obtained from the images captured by the high-speed microscope camera at a frame rate of 12,500 fps. The experimental results indicate that the amplitude of vibration increased with time and approached

a constant value after 100 ms. Fig. 4(b) shows a magnified view of the oscillation wave between 70 and 100 ms. The plate was sinusoidally oscillated. The angular velocity was 1760 rad/s, and the period of each cycle was 3.6 ms, which corresponds to a vibration frequency of 280 Hz.

Fig. 5 shows the Lissajous figures of the oscillating plate over ten cycles after the vibration amplitude reached a steady-state. The controllable ranges of the horizontal and vertical amplitudes were 5–60 μm and 5–45 μm , respectively. In this figure, three patterns are shown: $(A_x, A_y) = (60, 5)$, $(60, 45)$, $(5, 45)$. In these conditions, the two sine waves were synchronized and formed an inclined linear vibration. The repeatability was found to be sufficiently high.

3.2. Particle motion

The amplitude of vibration increased with time, as shown in Fig. 4(a). The particles adhering to the plate were removed when the separation force overcame the gravitational and adhesive forces.

Fig. 6 shows five selected snapshots of the process of particle detachment from the oscillating plate during one oscillation cycle. The snapshots were captured by the high-speed camera at a frame rate of 8000 fps. The x and z coordinates are defined by setting the x -axis and z -axis tangential and normal (upward) to the plate, respectively. The value of zero in the phase angle indicates the onset of the relative motion of the particle with respect to the plate. The upward white arrows denote the initial contact point of the plate with the particle. When the plate is moving upward and downward, the plate is moving forward and backward, respectively, because the vibration waves in the two directions are synchronized. Before 0 rad, the particle adhered to the oscillating plate. For $0-\pi$ rad, the particle rolled forward on the plate due to the particle inertia and the friction force on the surface, which was moving downward and backward. When the direction of the plate motion reversed at π rad, the particle began to roll backward. At 2π rad, the particle was airborne and rotating.

Fig. 7 shows the horizontal and vertical displacements of the oscillating plate and the particle as a

function of the phase angle of the oscillation. The displacements were tracked by digital processing of a series of the images taken at 8000 fps for the experiment, as shown in Fig. 6. In the vertical axis, zero corresponds to the center of oscillation. The solid lines and dashed lines in these graphs indicate the displacements of the oscillating plate and the particle, respectively. The particle displacement is drawn assuming zero radius. For reference, the scale of the vibration acceleration corresponding to the displacements is included on the right side vertical axis of the figure. In Fig. 7(a), the horizontal displacement of the plate at 2π rad was larger than that at 0 rad because the vibration amplitude increased with time. Before 0 rad, the horizontal displacement of the particle was the same as that of the plate, showing that the particle adhered to the oscillating plate at $\alpha_x = -80 \text{ m/s}^2$. For $0-\pi$ rad, the particle rolled forward; thus, the horizontal movement of the particle was delayed compared to that of the plate. After π rad, the particle rolled backward; as a result, the particle moved backward relative to the plate.

From Fig. 7(b), it can be seen that the dashed line overlaps the solid line for approximately $0-3\pi/2$ rad, indicating that the particle was in contact with the plate because of the gravitational and adhesive forces. After the particle is detached from the surface, the dashed line parts from the solid line.

To identify the phase angle of particle detachment, the vertical velocities as a function of time are shown in Fig. 8(a). The instantaneous velocities were obtained from the time derivatives of the positions between two successive images (time interval: 0.125 ms). The velocity of the particle was equal to that of the plate before 1.53π rad and subsequently slightly decreased with time. In addition, a magnified view of Fig. 7(b) is shown in Fig. 8(b). From this graph, the vertical acceleration α_z of the plate for the detachment was -10 m/s^2 .

The particle can detach when the vertical component of the vibration force exceeds the sum of the gravitational and adhesive forces between the particle and the plate. In Fig. 7(b), the particle was still in contact with the plate under a vertical acceleration of -80 m/s^2 at 0 rad. However, as shown in Fig.

8(a), the particle could detach under an acceleration of -10 m/s^2 . This indicates that the adhesive force decreased to almost zero during rolling, because the gravitational force per unit mass remained at -9.8 m/s^2 .

3.3. The force and moment balance model

In order to explain the mechanisms for the particle behavior explained in Section 3.2, we compare a rolling model with a lifting model. Fig. 9 illustrates the forces acting on a particle adhering to an obliquely oscillating rough surface. There are four main forces: the horizontal (F_{sx}) and vertical (F_{sz}) components of the separation force caused by the vibration acceleration, gravitational force (F_g), and the adhesive force (F_a). The moment balance for rolling is expressed as

$$2F_a + F_g = \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_p}{2a} \right)^2 - 1} \right) F_{sx} + F_{sz} \quad (1)$$

where D_p is the diameter of the particle and a is the contact radius between the particle and the plate. When the moment of forces caused by F_{sx} and F_{sz} is greater than the moment of forces caused by F_g and F_a , the particle rolls on the surface.

For lifting, the balance of the forces in the vertical direction is represented by

$$2F_a + F_g = F_{sz} \quad (2)$$

When the separation force (F_{sz}) is larger than the downward forces (F_g and F_a), the particle lifts off from the surface.

The comparison between Eq. (1) and (2) shows that rolling occurs more easily than lifting because of the contribution of the first term of the right-hand side of Eq. (1). As mentioned in Section 3.2, the maximum separation force F_s in each oscillation cycle increases with time. As a result, the particle rolls on the surface before the lift off. After the particle rolls on the plate, the particle can detach within one oscillation cycle because the rolling significantly reduces the adhesive force between the particle

and the plate, as shown in Fig. 8.

The decrease in the adhesive force can be explained as follows: although the adhesive force generally consists of the van der Waals force, liquid bridge force, and electrostatic force, the latter two forces can be neglected in our experiment because of low humidity and small electrostatic charge. The adhesive force based on the van der Waals interaction between the particle and the plate is given by

$$F_a = \frac{AD_p}{12z_0^2} \quad (3)$$

where A is the Hamaker constant and z_0 is the separation gap between the particle and plate, which is usually taken as 0.4 nm for smooth surfaces. This equation indicates that the force decreases inversely with the square of the separation gap. Although the gap increases to only several tens of nanometers during rolling, the force is drastically reduced. As a result, the adhesive force is negligible compared to gravitational force during rolling.

3.4. Removal efficiency as a function of the horizontal and vertical acceleration

To discuss the effects of the horizontal and vertical forces on the removal efficiency, the particles adhering to the plate were removed under different horizontal and vertical accelerations. The removal efficiency, η , is defined as

$$\eta = \frac{N_0 - N_r}{N_0} \quad (4)$$

where N_0 is the initial number of particles adhering to the plate and N_r is the number of residual particles.

Fig. 10 shows the relationship between the removal efficiency and the vertical amplitude as a parameter of the horizontal amplitude. For reference, the scale of the vibration acceleration of the plate, which corresponds to the amplitude, is included on the upper side of the graph. The initial number of particles, N_0 , was set to 200. The upper and lower error bars of the mean value indicate the standard

deviation for three experiments. The removal efficiency slightly increased with the vertical amplitude. A higher horizontal amplitude significantly increased the removal efficiency. This was because the higher horizontal amplitude induced particle rolling, which decreased the adhesive force between the particles and plate, as shown in Fig. 8.

Fig. 11 shows the relationship between the removal efficiency and the horizontal amplitude as a parameter of the vertical amplitude. The removal efficiency significantly increased with the horizontal amplitude in the range of 5–20 μm , while the vertical amplitude had little effect. To discuss this phenomenon according to the moment balance of Eq. (1), the value of the contact radius a between the particle and plate is needed.

To estimate the contact radius, we measured the surface roughness of the plate and particles by a laser microscope. Fig. 12 shows a three dimensional image of the plate. The roughness was uniformly distributed over the surface due to abrasive blasting. Fig. 13 shows the profiles of the surface roughness along the y axis at $x = S1, S2,$ and $S3$ in Fig. 12. The average roughness R_a of each profile was in a range from 0.24 to 0.32 μm . Fig. 14 shows a three dimensional image of a zirconia particle. The particle was spherical and very smooth. Fig. 15 shows the profiles of the surface roughness along the y axis at $x = P1, P2,$ and $P3$ in Fig. 14. The average roughness R_a was 0.04 μm , i.e. the particle was much smoother than the plate. We determined the contact radius a for 100 particles by overlaying the profile of the particle in Fig. 15 on that of the plate in Fig. 13 at intervals of 2 μm . The cumulative distribution of the contact radius is shown in Fig. 16. The contact radius was distributed in a range of less than 3 μm , and the median radius, a_{50} , was 0.3 μm . From the median radius and the particle diameter, the term $D_{p50} / (2a_{50})$ in Eq. (1) could be approximated as 100. Therefore, the horizontal vibration force had a much greater effect on the removal efficiency than the vertical vibration force.

Lastly, we analyze the adhesive force using the moment balance model shown in Fig. 9. The horizontal (F_{sx}) and vertical (F_{sz}) components of the separation force and the gravitational force (F_g)

are given by

$$F_{xx} = m_p \alpha_x \quad (5)$$

$$F_{sz} = m_p \alpha_z \quad (6)$$

$$F_g = m_p g \quad (7)$$

where m_p is the mass of the particle ($= \pi \rho_p D_p^3 / 6$) and g is the gravitational acceleration ($= 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$). The adhesive force (F_a) is obtained by substituting Eqs. (5)–(7) into Eq. (1), i.e.

$$F_a = \frac{m_p}{2} \left[\left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_p}{2a} \right)^2 - 1} \right) \alpha_x + \alpha_z - g \right] \quad (8)$$

For a typical value of the vertical acceleration, $\alpha_z = 77 \text{ m/s}^2$, the median value of the horizontal vibration acceleration α_x is 27 m/s^2 (see Fig. 11). Substituting these values, the particle properties ($m_p = 5.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ kg}$, $D_p = 57 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$), and $D_p / (2a) = 100$ into Eq. (8), we obtain $F_a = 7.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$. On the other hand, the gravitational force F_g is $5.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$. Therefore, the adhesive force is much larger than the gravitational force. Furthermore, we analyze the adhesive force using Eq. (3). Substituting $F_a = 7.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$, $D_p = 57 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, and Hamaker constant A , the range from 6×10^{-20} to $15 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}$ for oxides (Masuda et al., 2006) into Eq. (3), we obtain the range of separation gap z_0 , i.e. from 0.6 to 0.9 nm. If there are many contact points between the actual surfaces, the range of the separation gap will be larger. Taking into account the surface roughness, we think that the analyzed result is reasonable.

4. Conclusion

The detachment of micrometer-sized spherical particles from an obliquely oscillating plate was analyzed through microscopic observation. The particles rolled on the surface before detachment. The analysis of the trajectories and velocities of the particles and plate shows that after the particle rolled on the plate, the particle could detach within one oscillation cycle because the rolling significantly reduced the adhesive force between the particle and plate. Furthermore, an analysis using a moment balance model that considers the contact radius between the particles and plate shows that the

horizontal vibration acceleration had a much greater effect on the rolling than the vertical vibration acceleration. Consequently, the removal efficiency, which is defined by the number ratio of detached particles to total particles, significantly increased with the horizontal vibration acceleration.

Nomenclature

A	Hamaker constant	(J)
A_x	horizontal vibration amplitude	(m)
A_z	vertical vibration amplitude	(m)
a	contact radius between particle and plate	(m)
a_{50}	median contact radius between particle and plate	(m)
D_p	diameter of particle	(m)
D_{p50}	mass median diameter of particle	(m)
F	distribution function	(–)
F_a	adhesive force between particle and plate	(N)
F_g	gravitational force	(N)
F_{sx}	horizontal vibration force	(N)
F_{sz}	vertical vibration force	(N)
g	gravitational acceleration	(m/s ²)
h	height	(m)
L	length	(m)
m_p	mass of a particle	(kg)
N_0	initial number of adhering particles	(–)
N_r	number of residual particles	(–)
R_a	average roughness	(m)

t	time	(s)
v_z	vertical velocity	(m/s)
d_x	horizontal displacement	(m)
d_z	vertical displacement	(m)
z_0	gap distance	(m)
α_x	horizontal vibration acceleration	(m/s ²)
α_z	vertical vibration acceleration	(m/s ²)
η	particle removal efficiency	(–)
ρ_p	particle density	(kg/m ³)
φ	oscillation phase angle	(rad)

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Fig. 12. Three dimensional image of surface roughness of the plate.

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Fig. 14. Three dimensional image of surface roughness of the test particle.

Fig. 15. Profiles of surface roughness of the test particle.

Fig. 16. Cumulative distribution of contact radius between the particles and plate.

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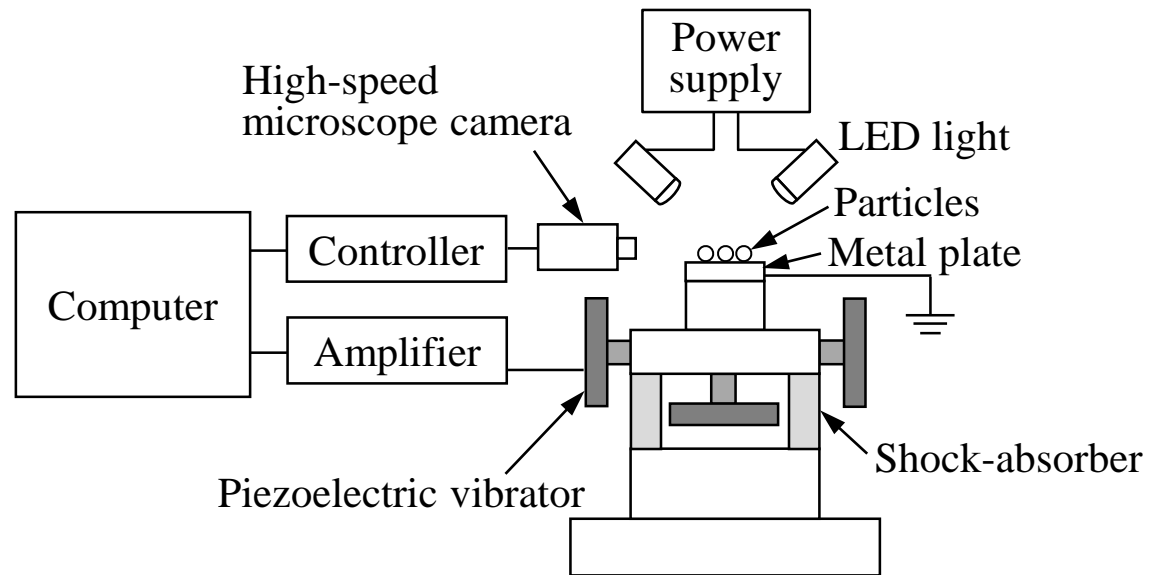


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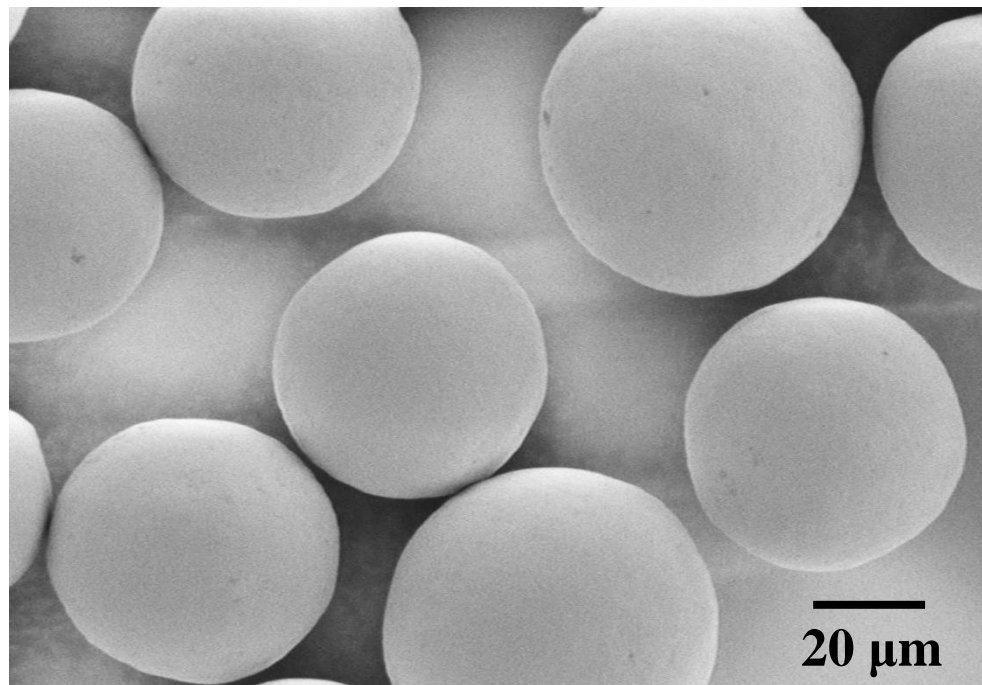


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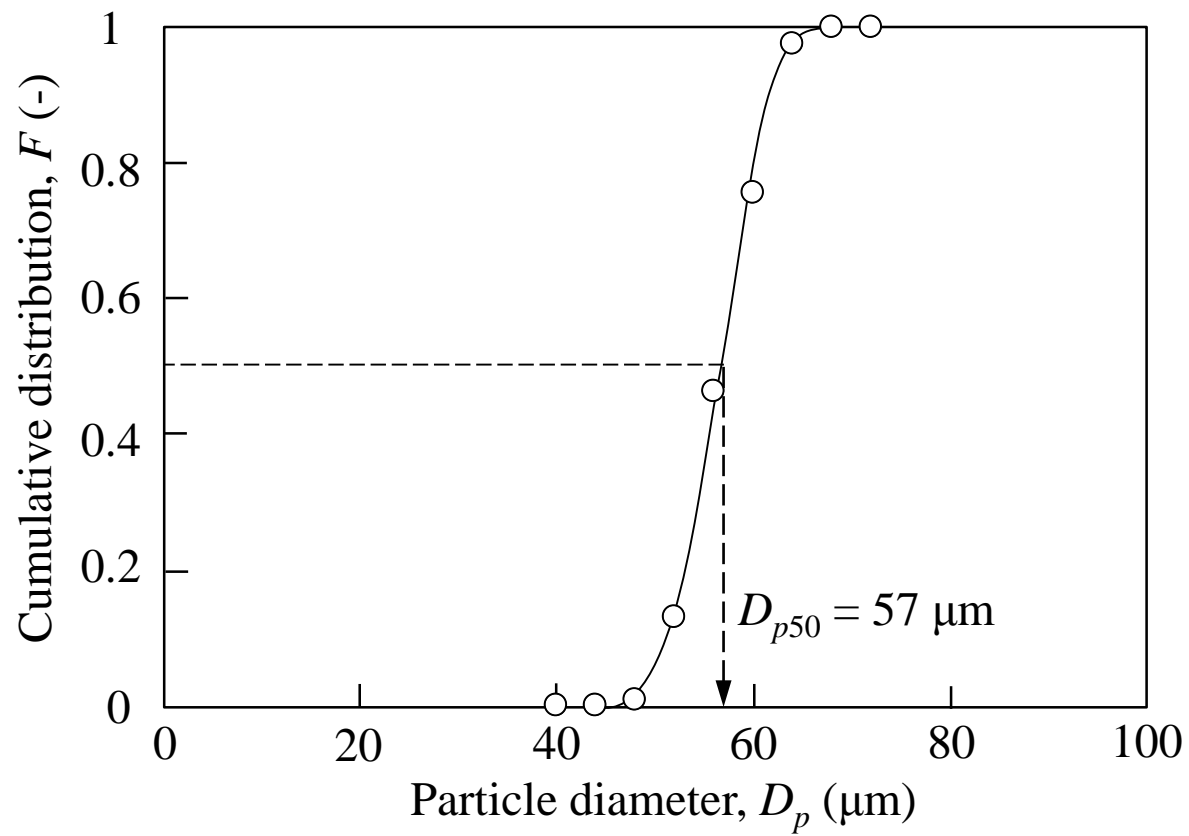


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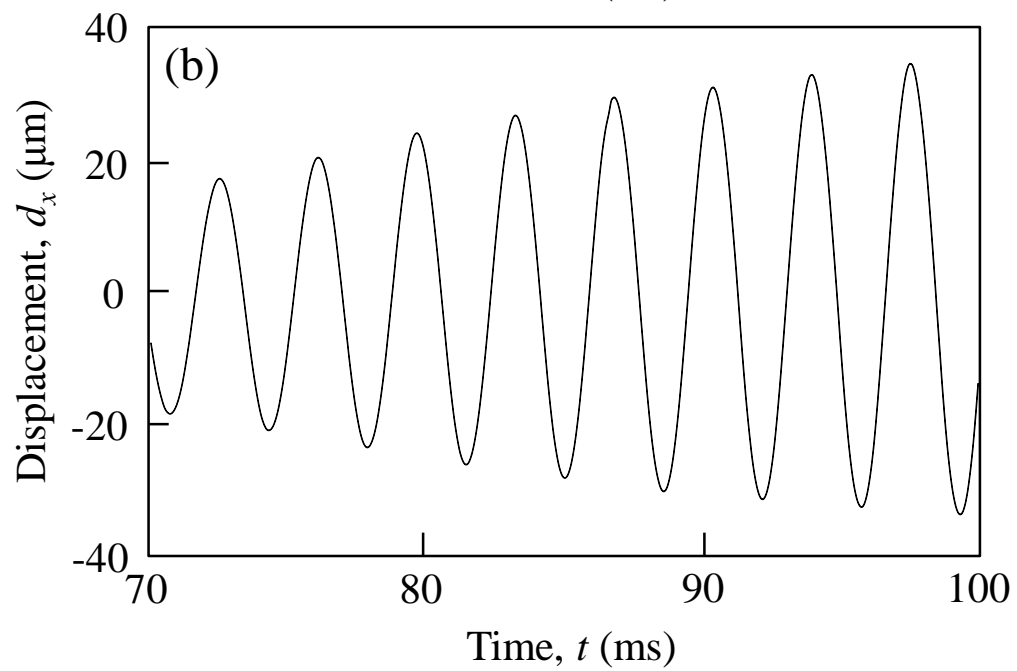
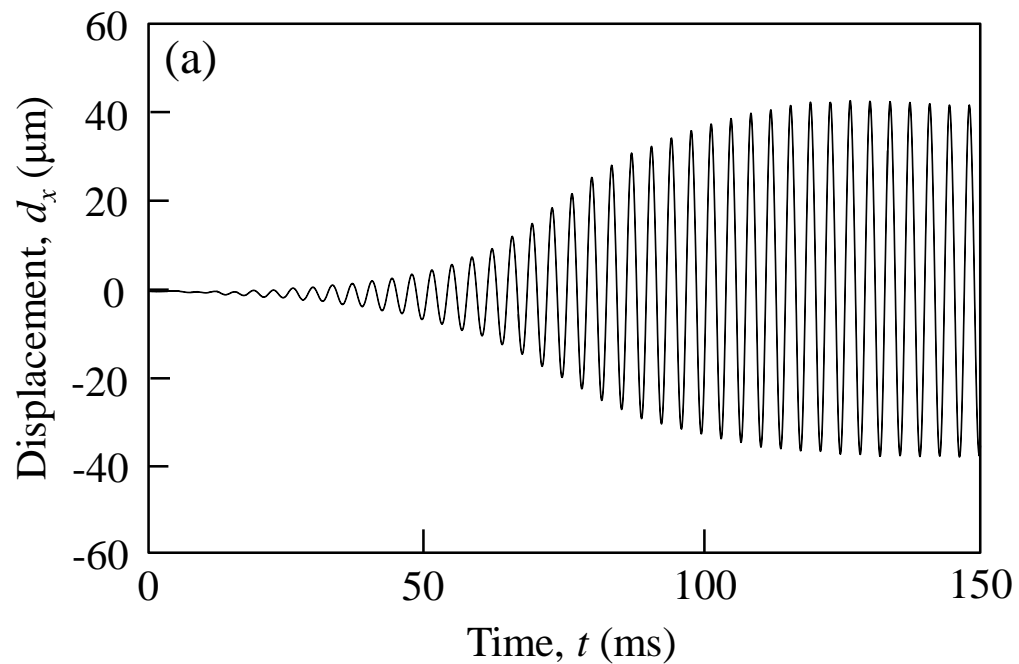


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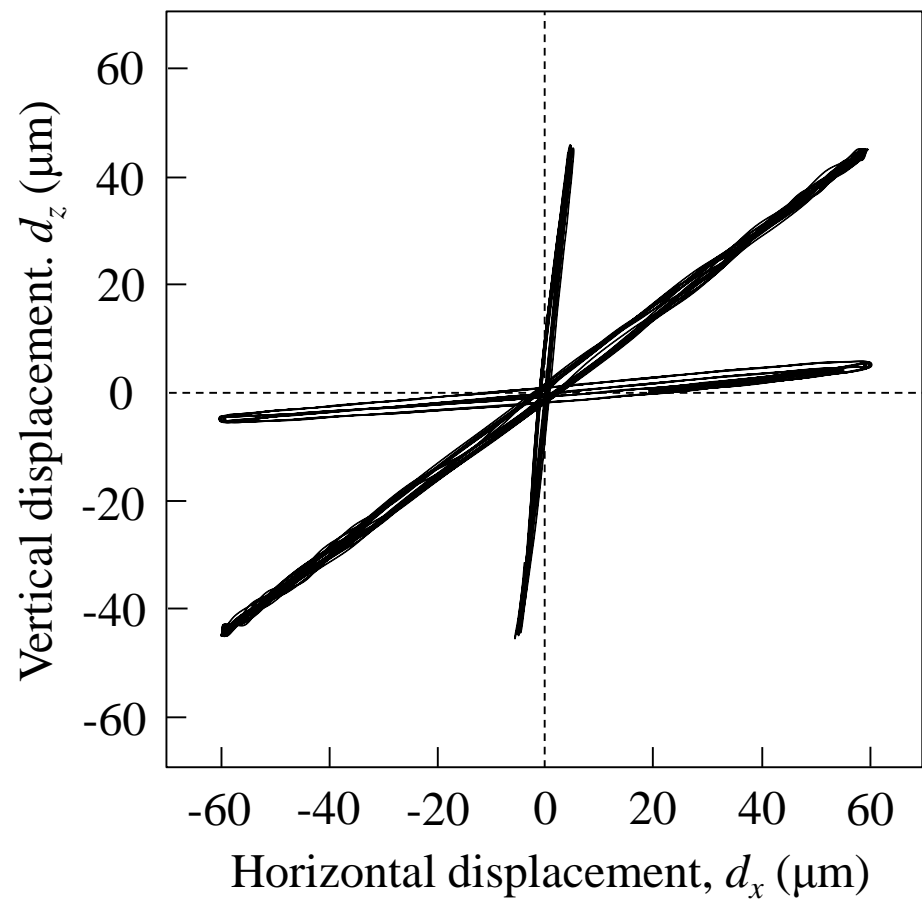


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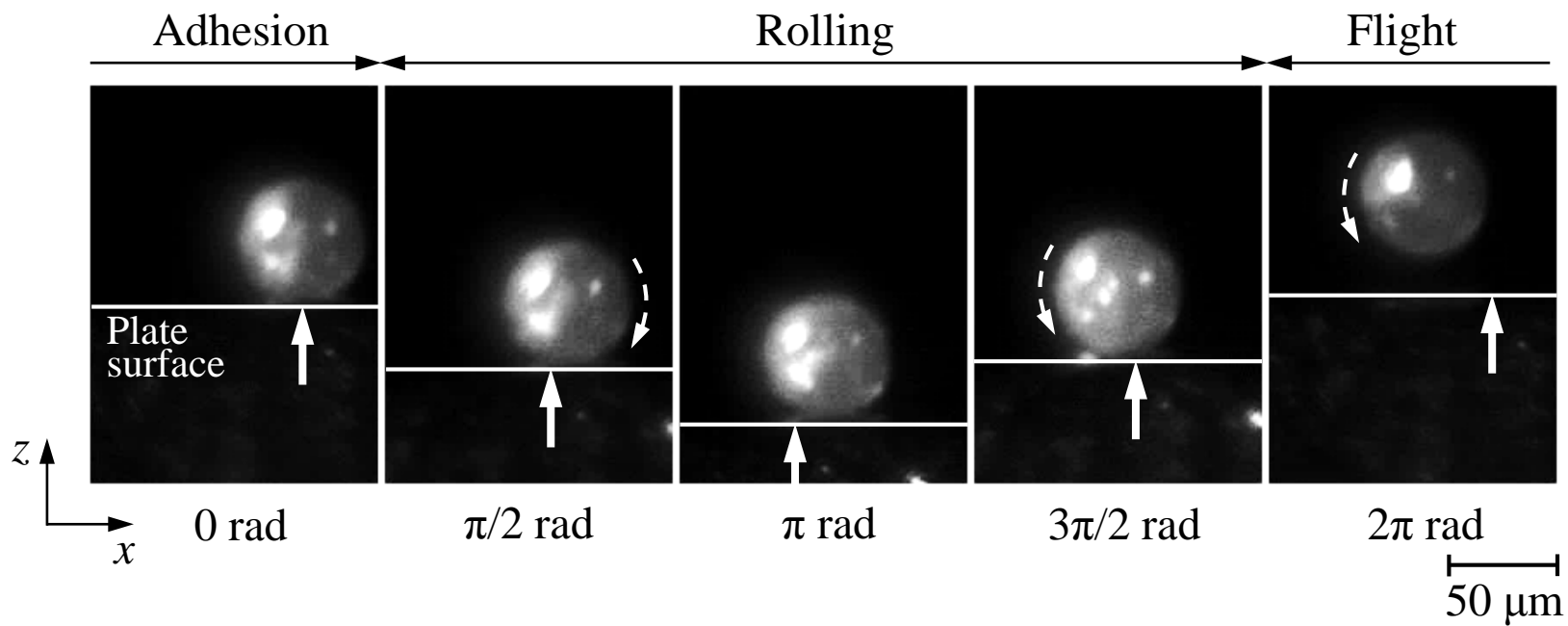


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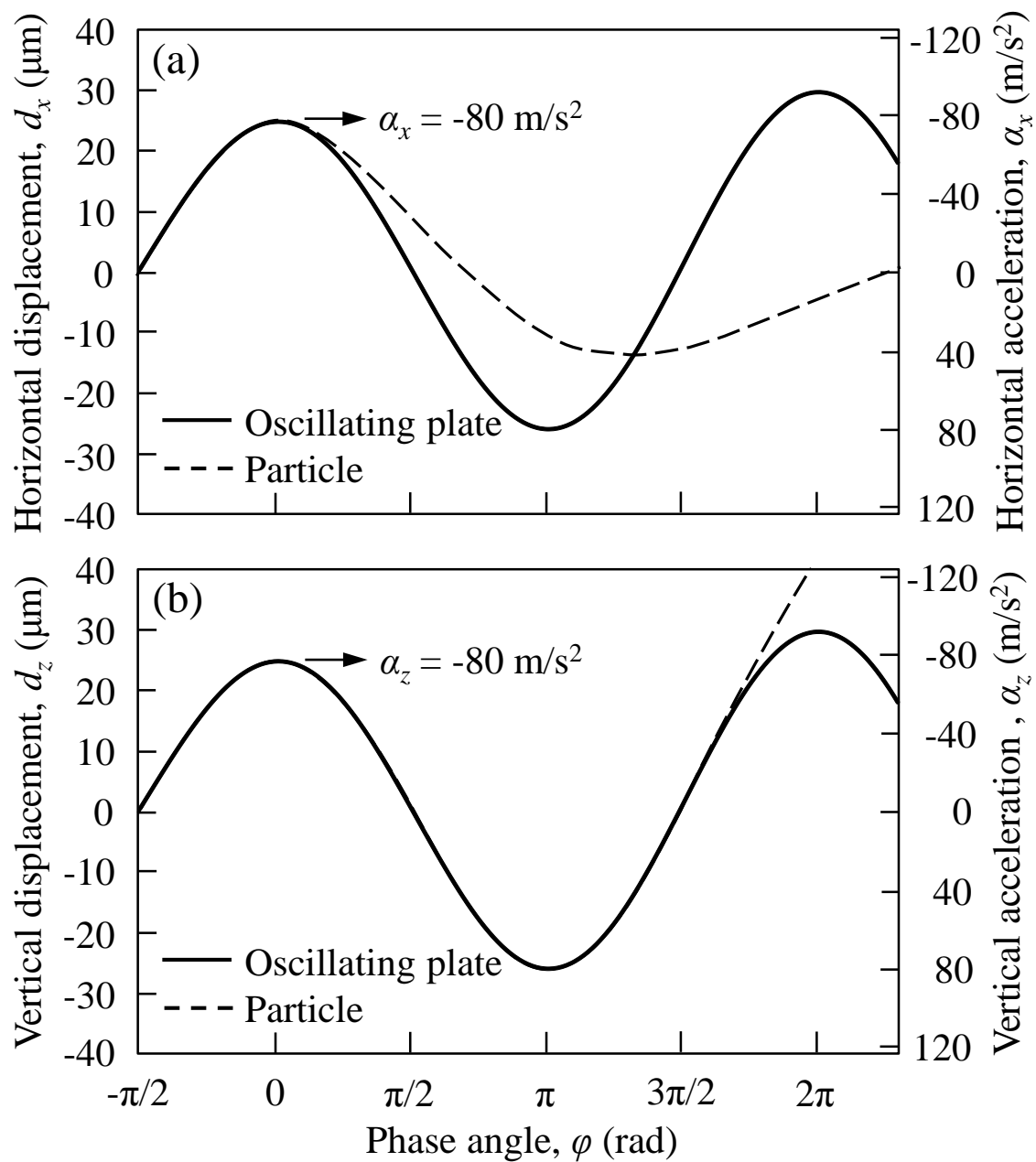


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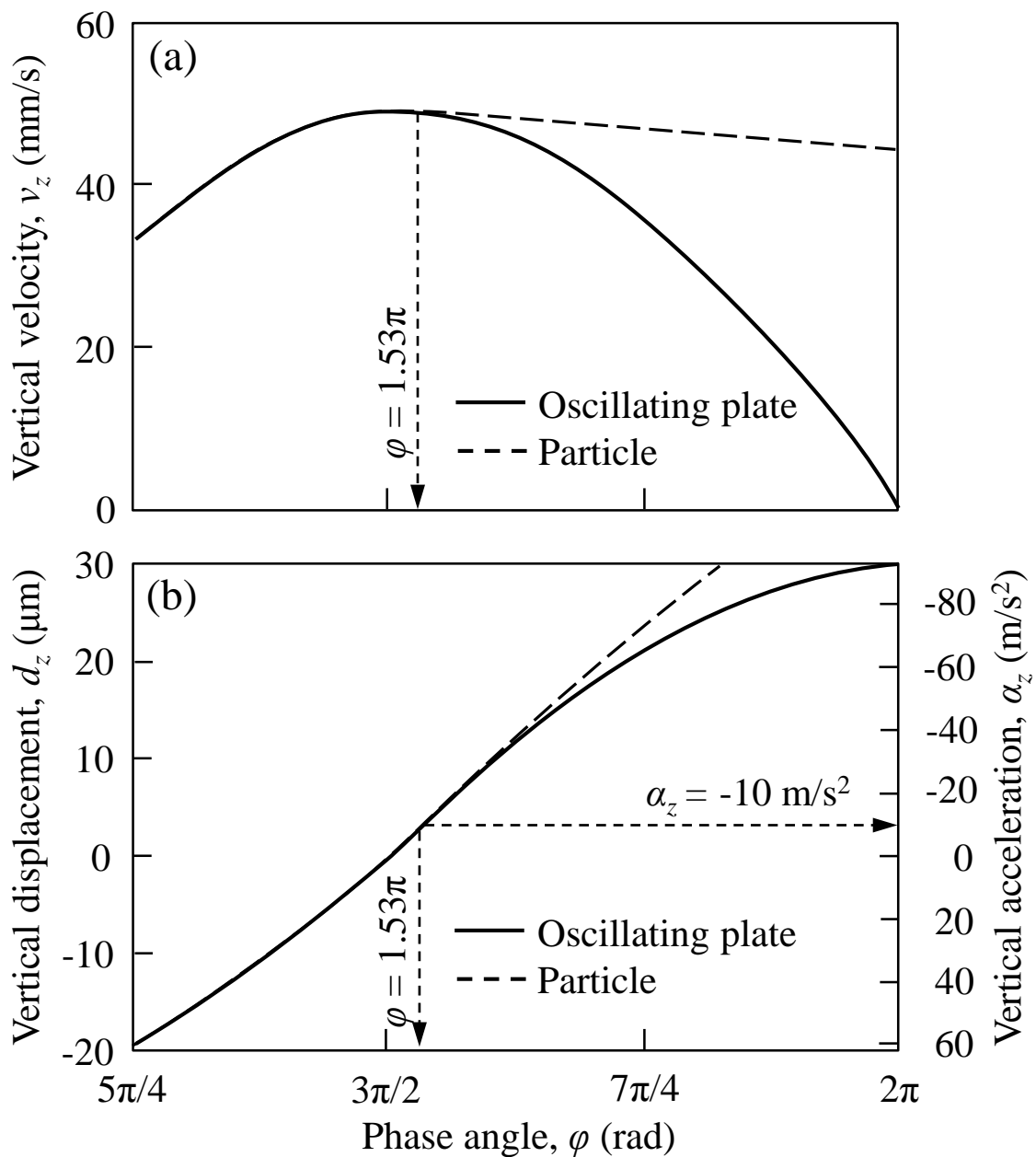


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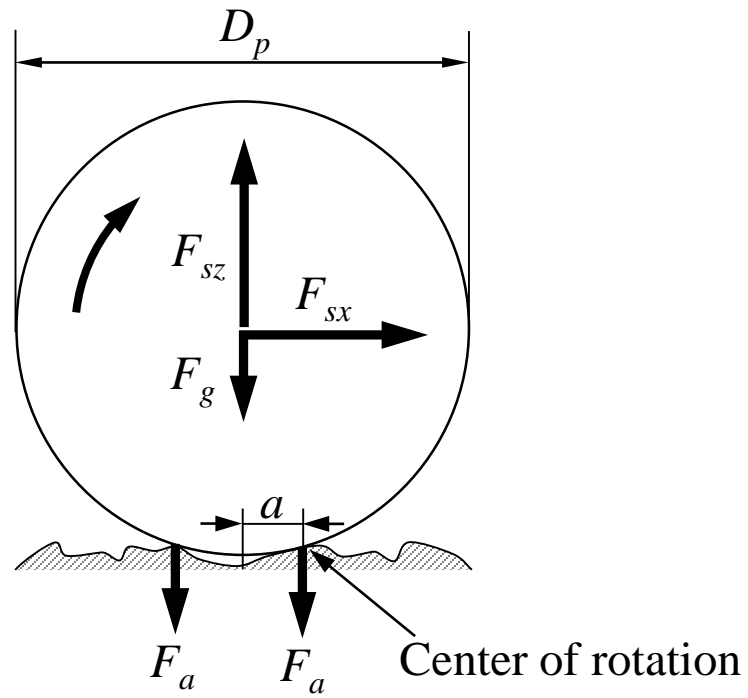


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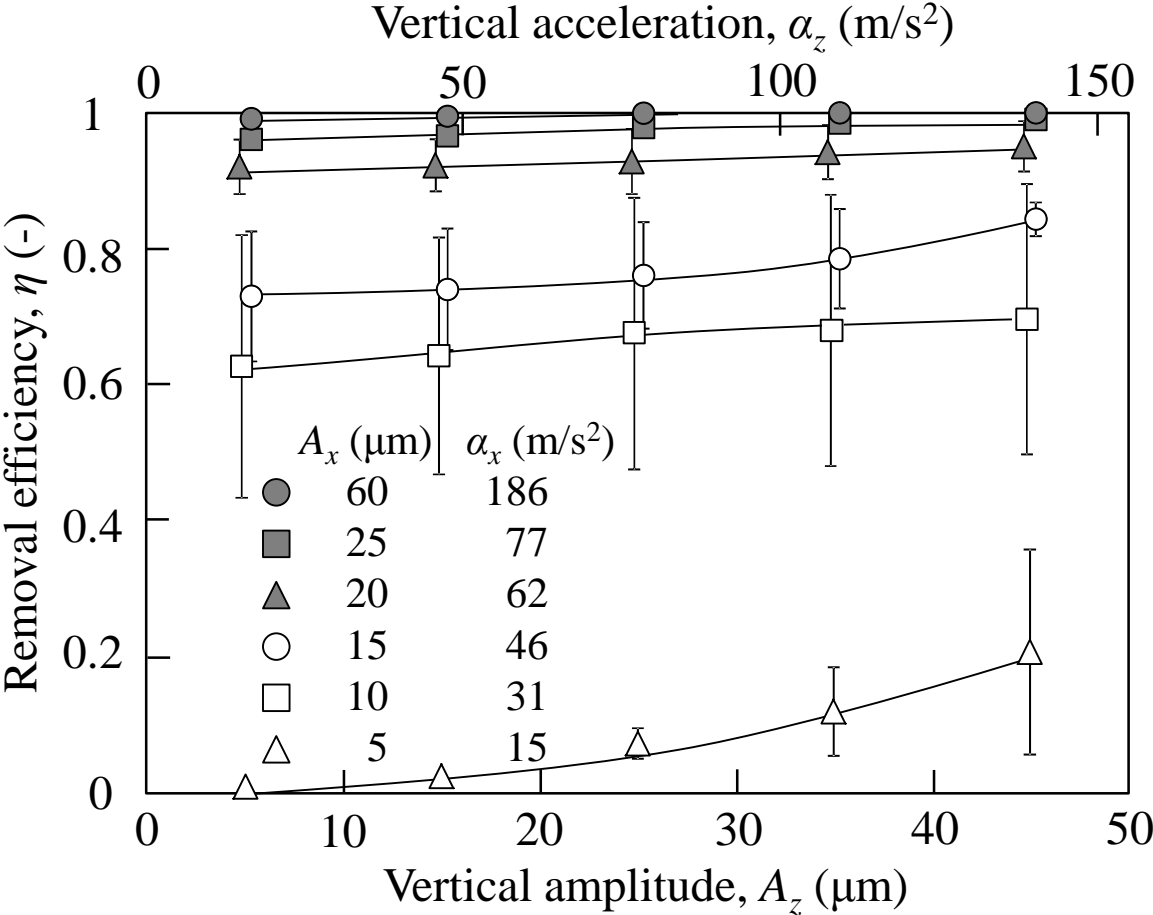


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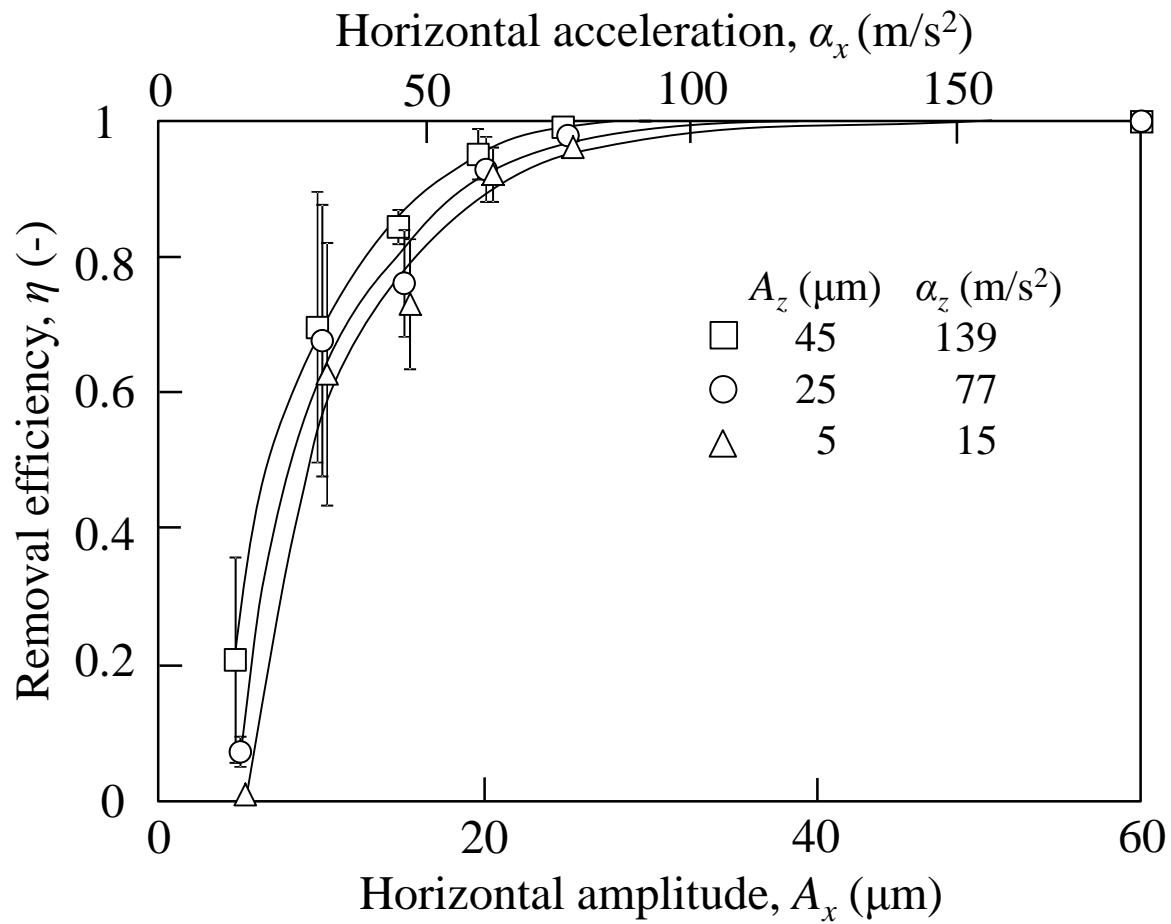


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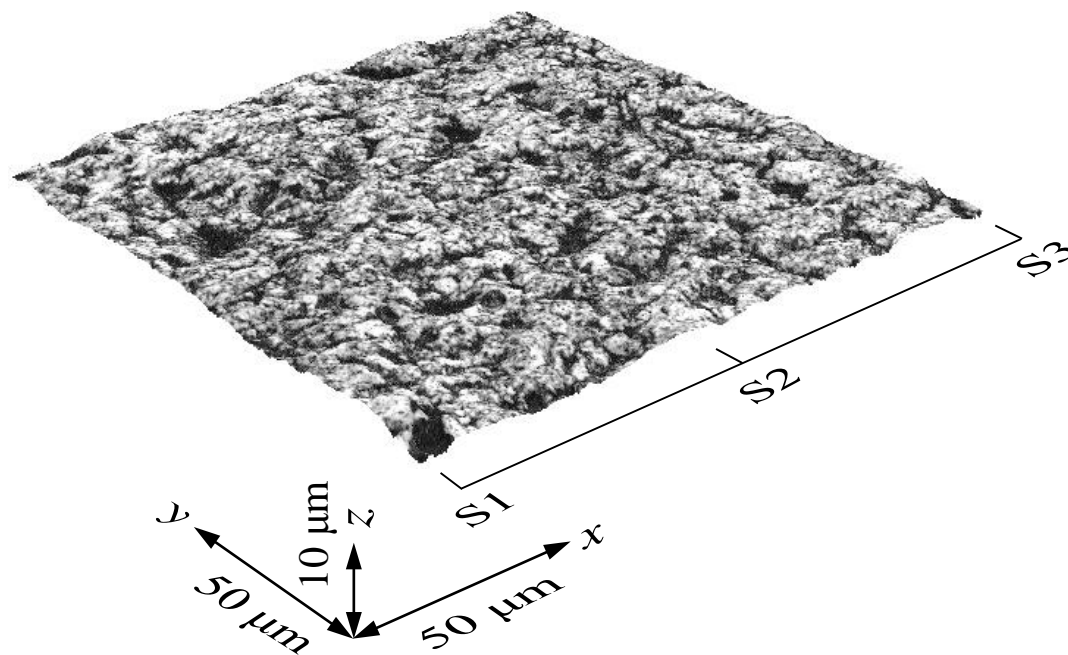


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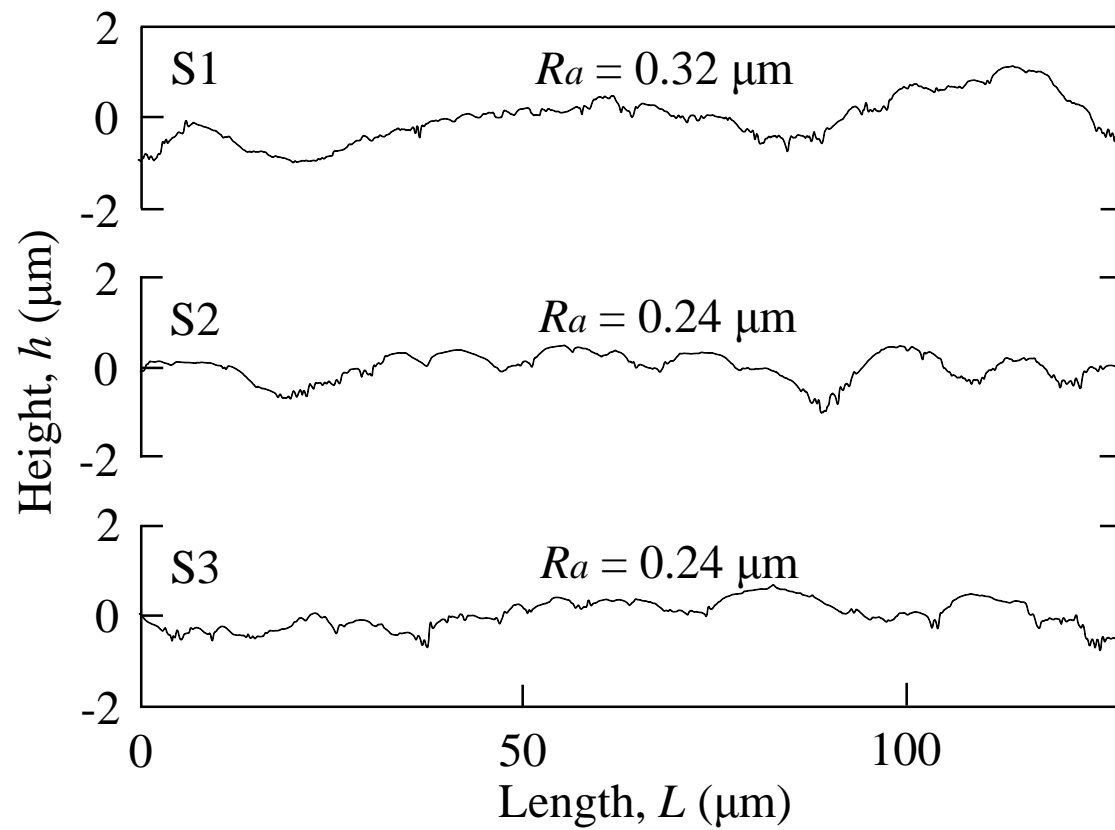


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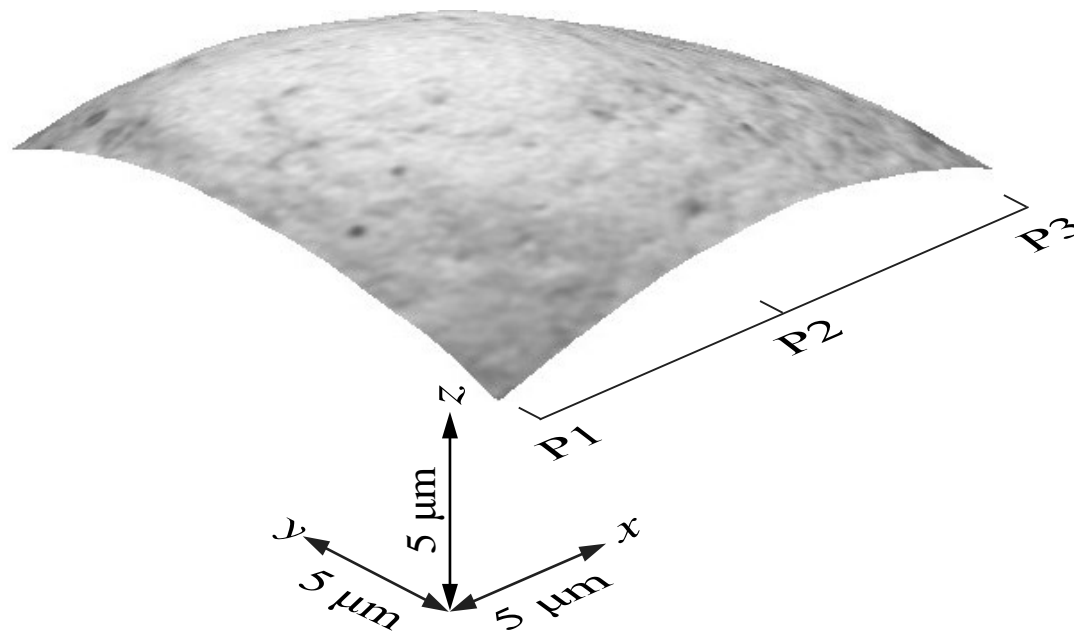


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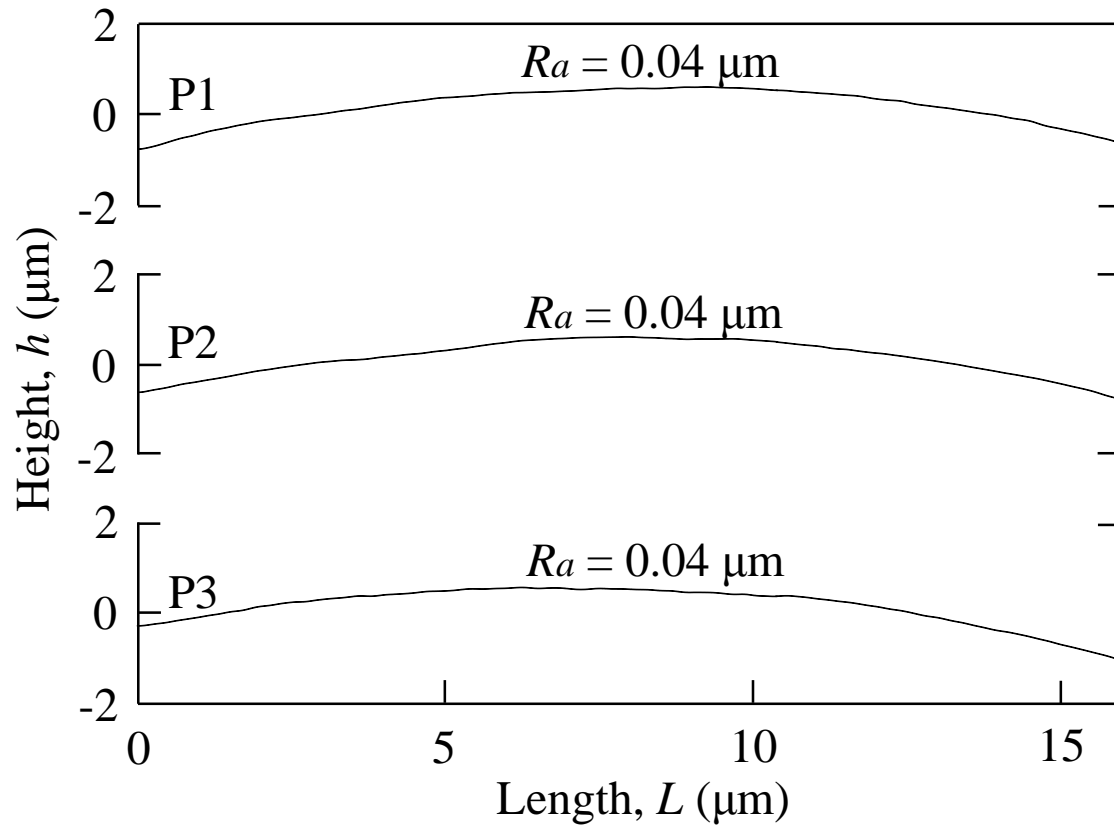


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