


# **Proposal of a novel method for oscillating IPMCs with DC input**



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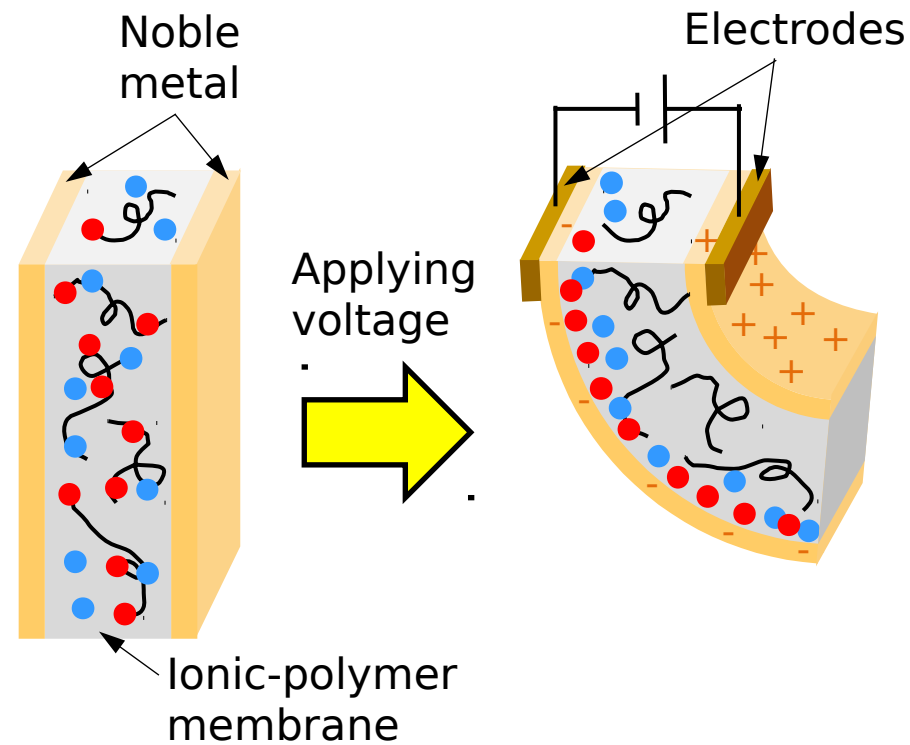
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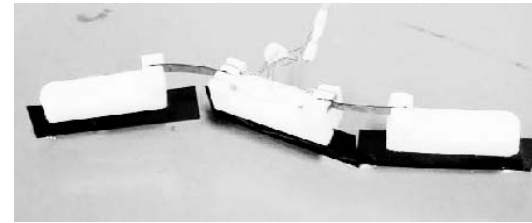
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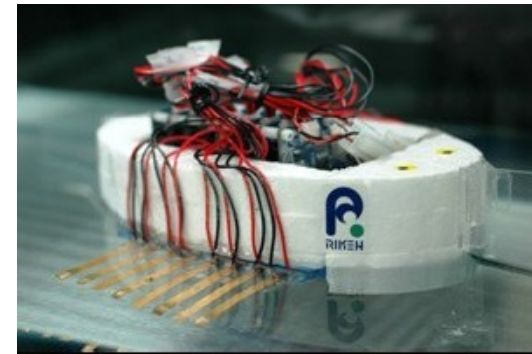


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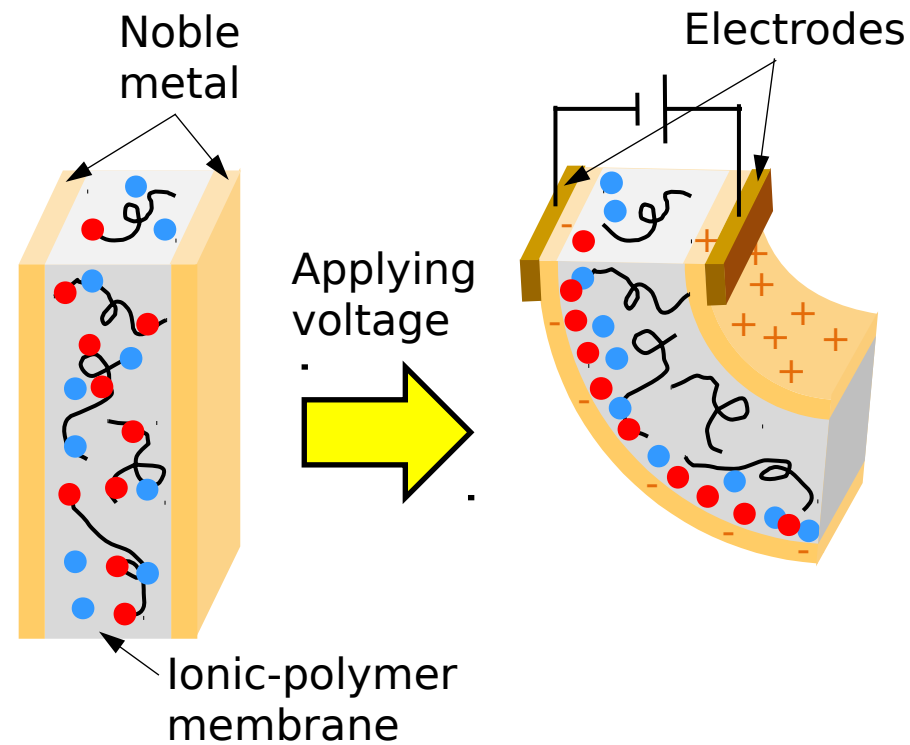
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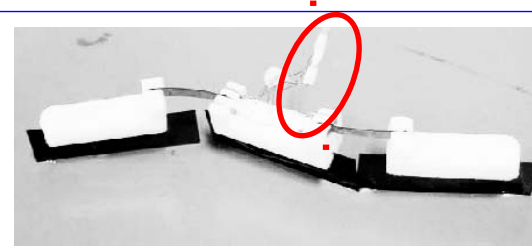
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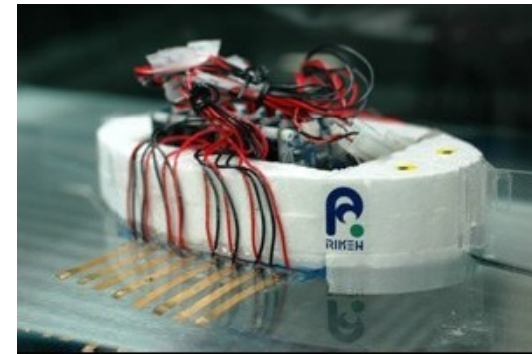
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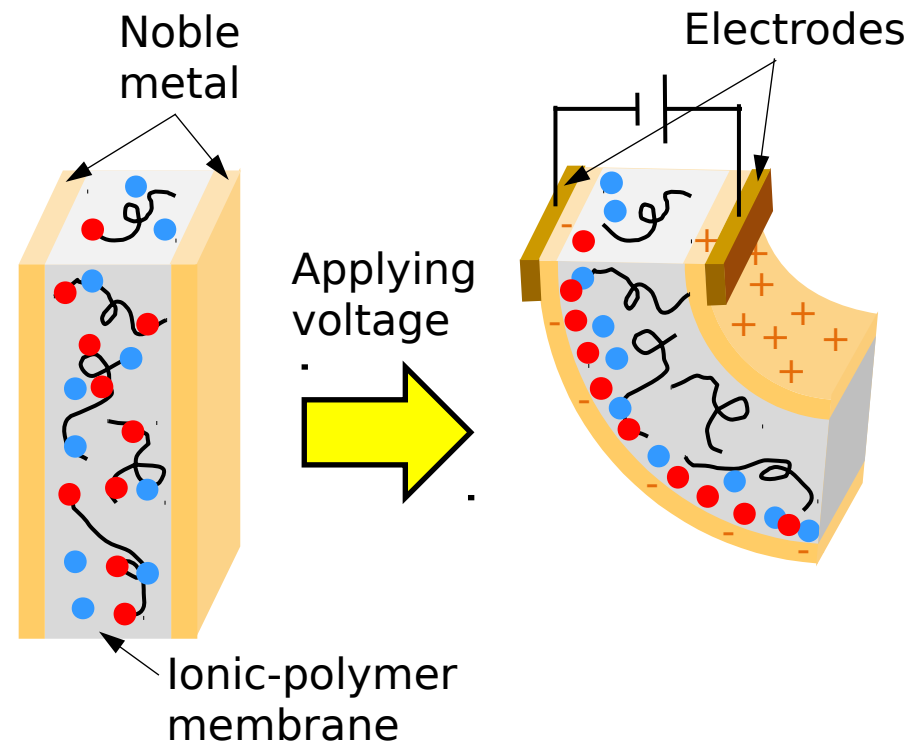
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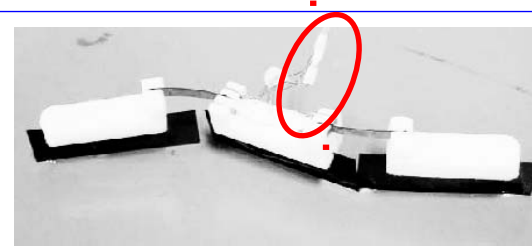
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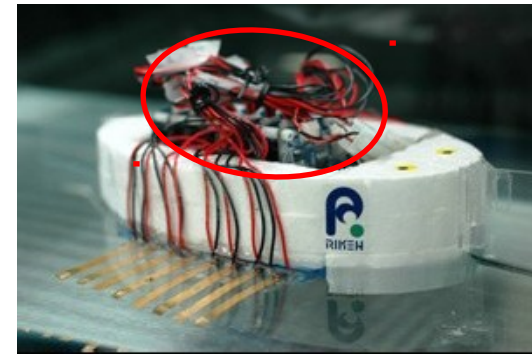
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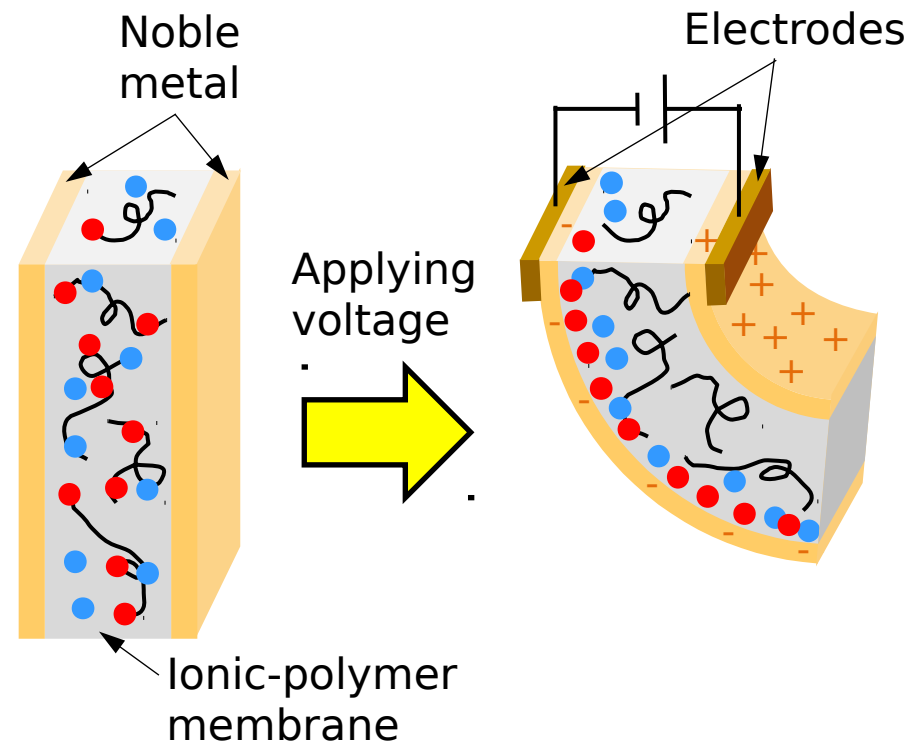
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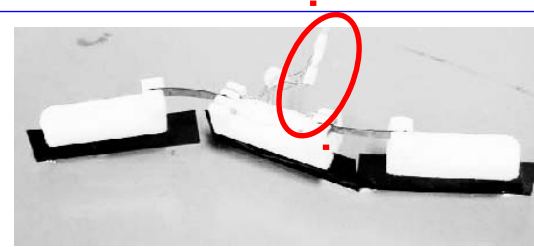
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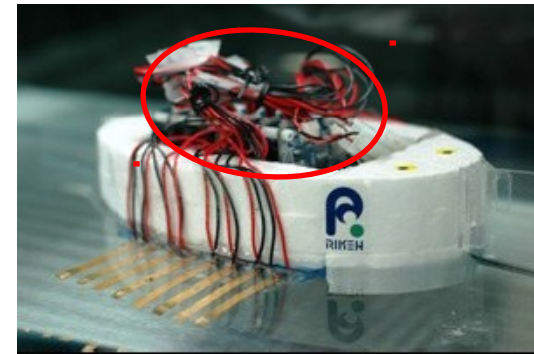
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Electrodes are always **fixed** to the IPMC

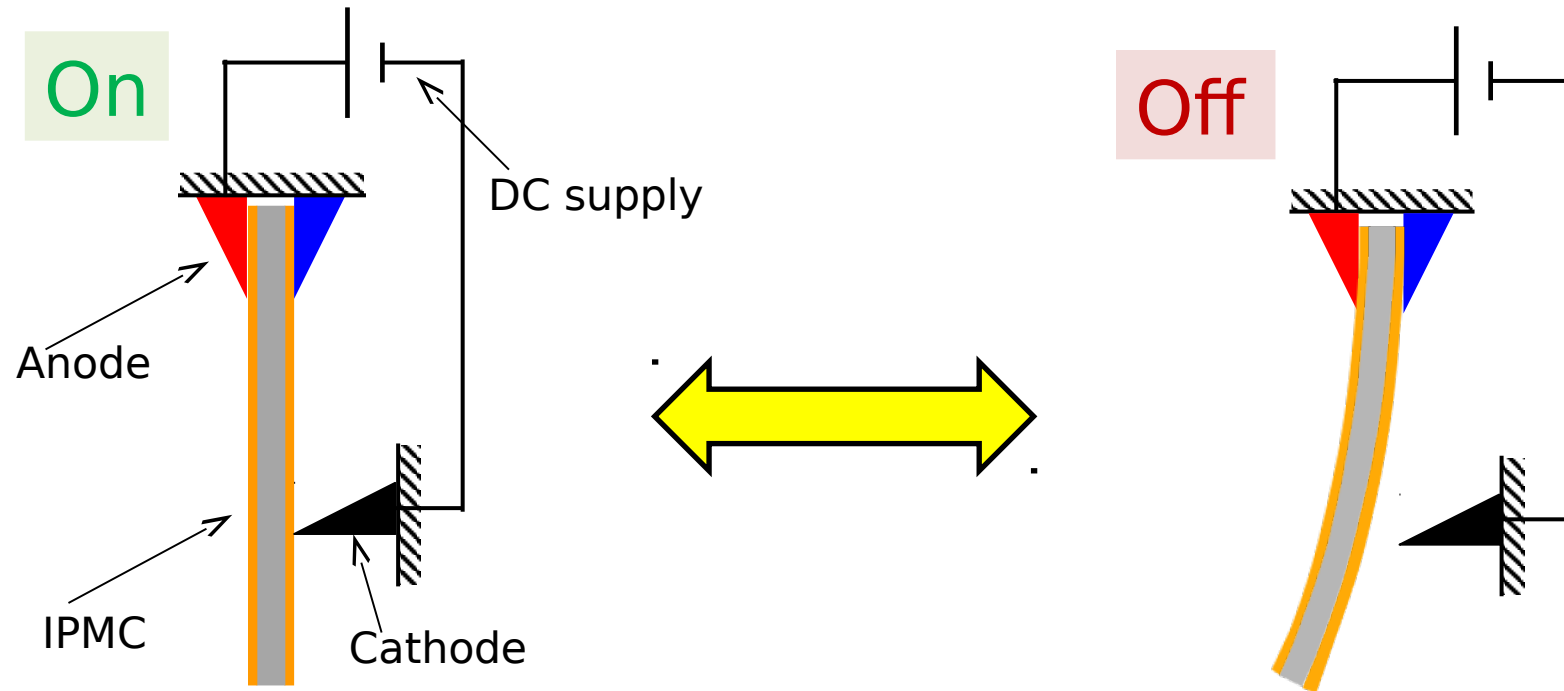
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## 2. Novel method



- Anode fixed to the left surface
- Cathode touching the right surface
- Potential across the actuator
- Bending towards the anode

- Anode fixed to the left surface
- Cathode loses contact
- No potential across the actuator
- Return to equilibrium

## 2. Objectives

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1. Check if it is possible to obtain oscillation from a DC input using the actuator's own movement to switch itself on and off.
2. Observe the characteristics of the oscillation obtained for different cathode positions.
3. Compare the new system with an AC oscillatory system.

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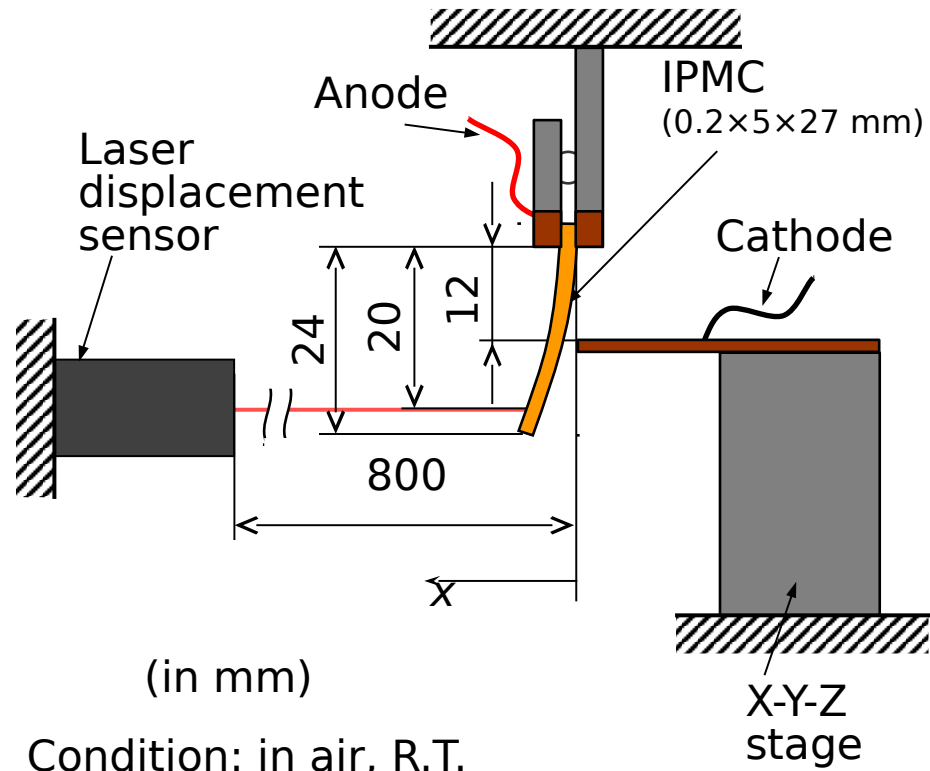
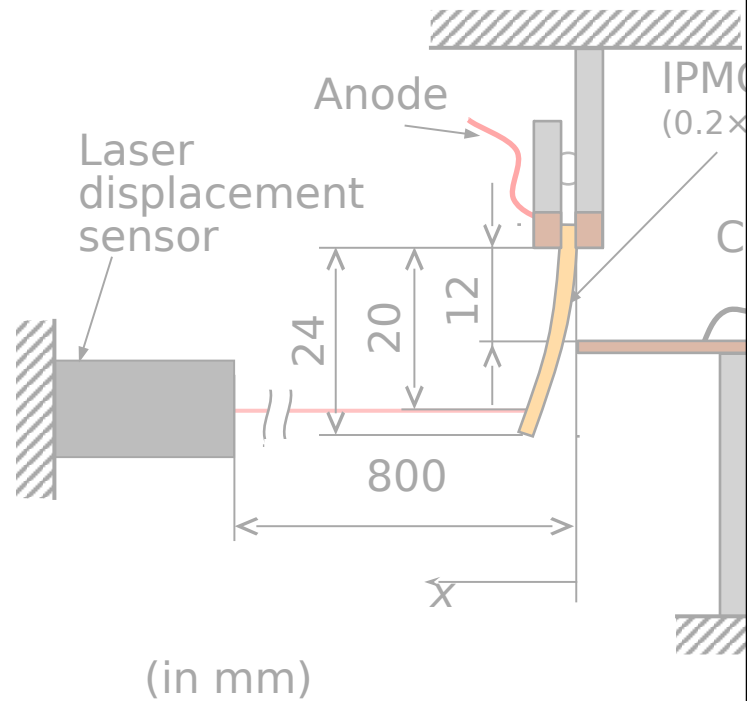


Fig. 1 Diagram of the oscillation measurement system.

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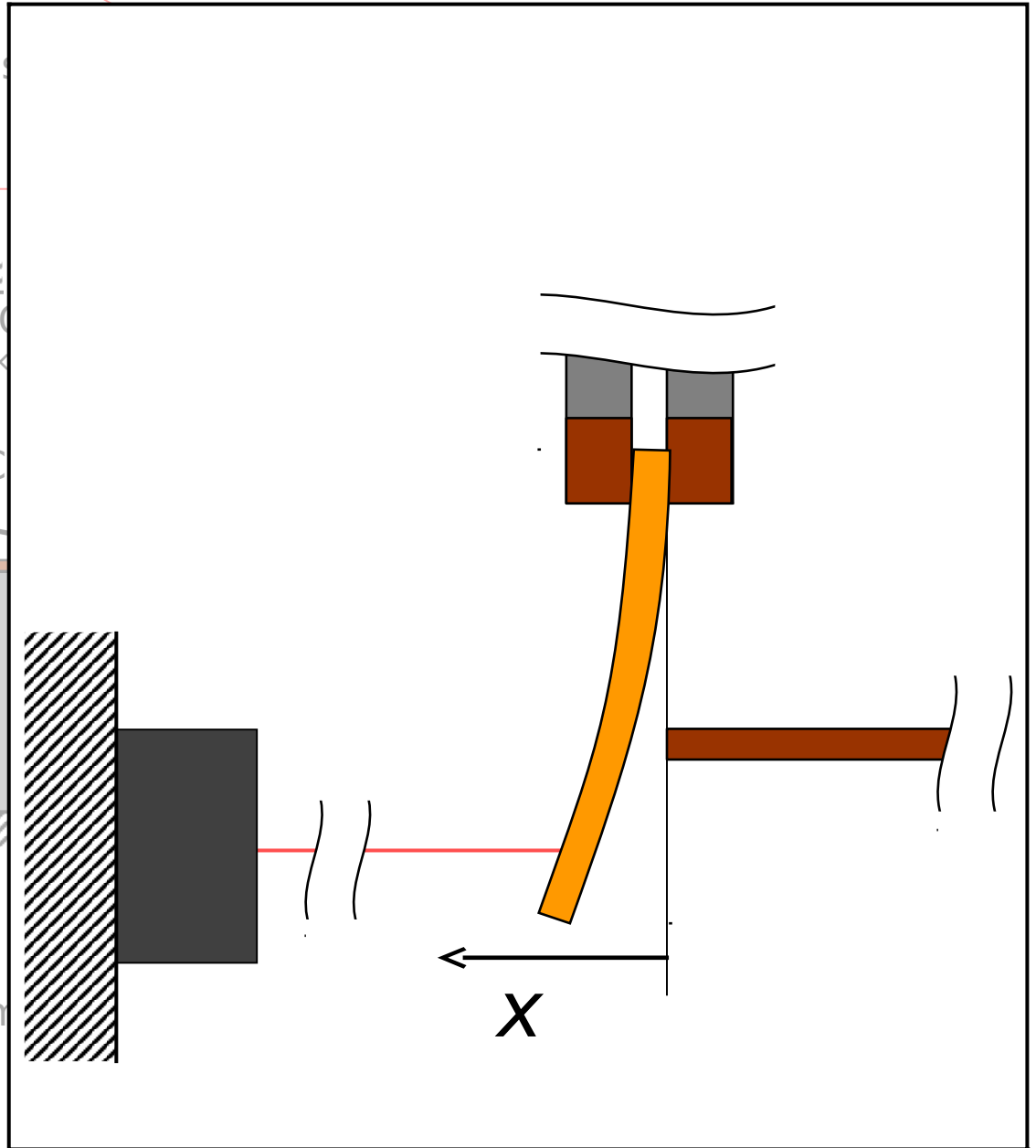
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Condition: in air, R.T.

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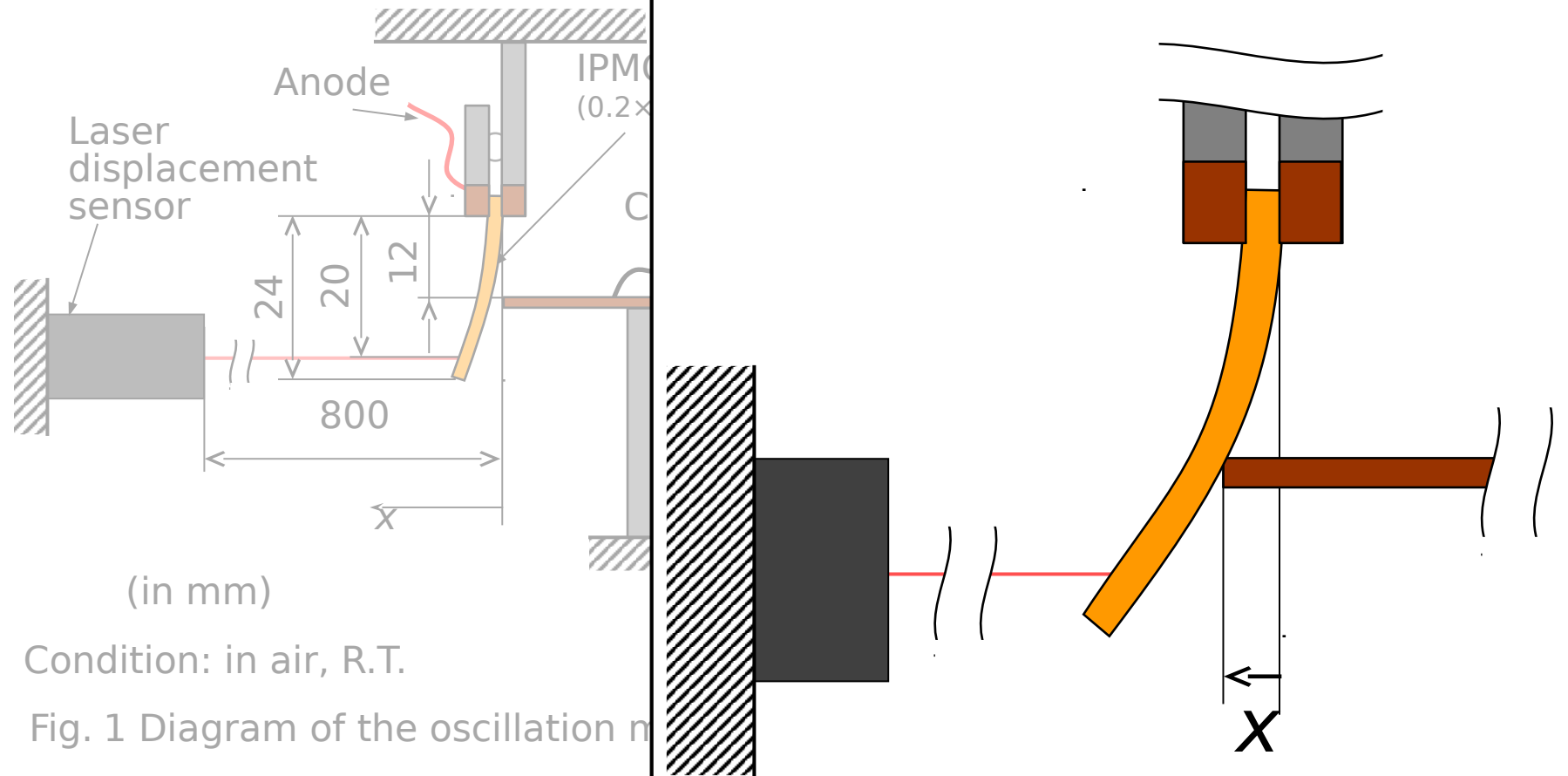


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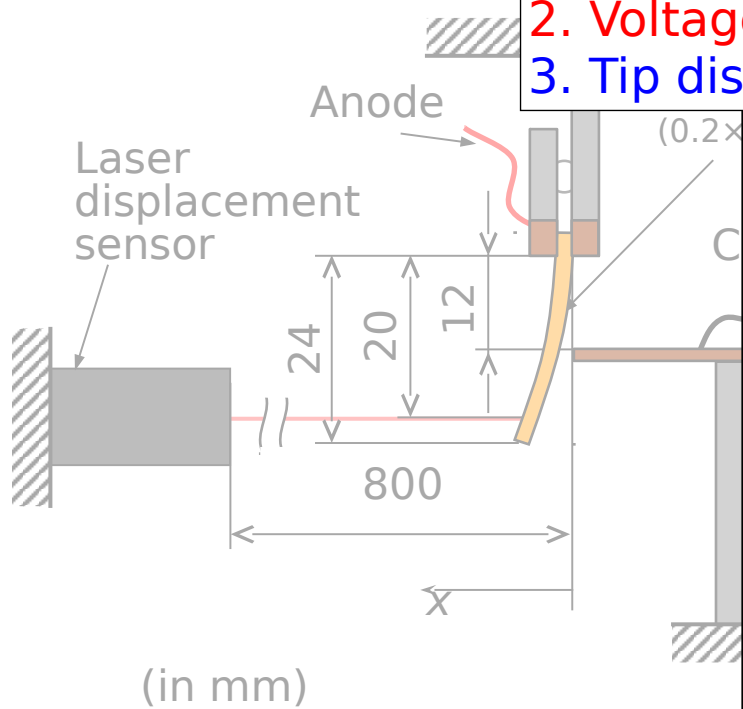
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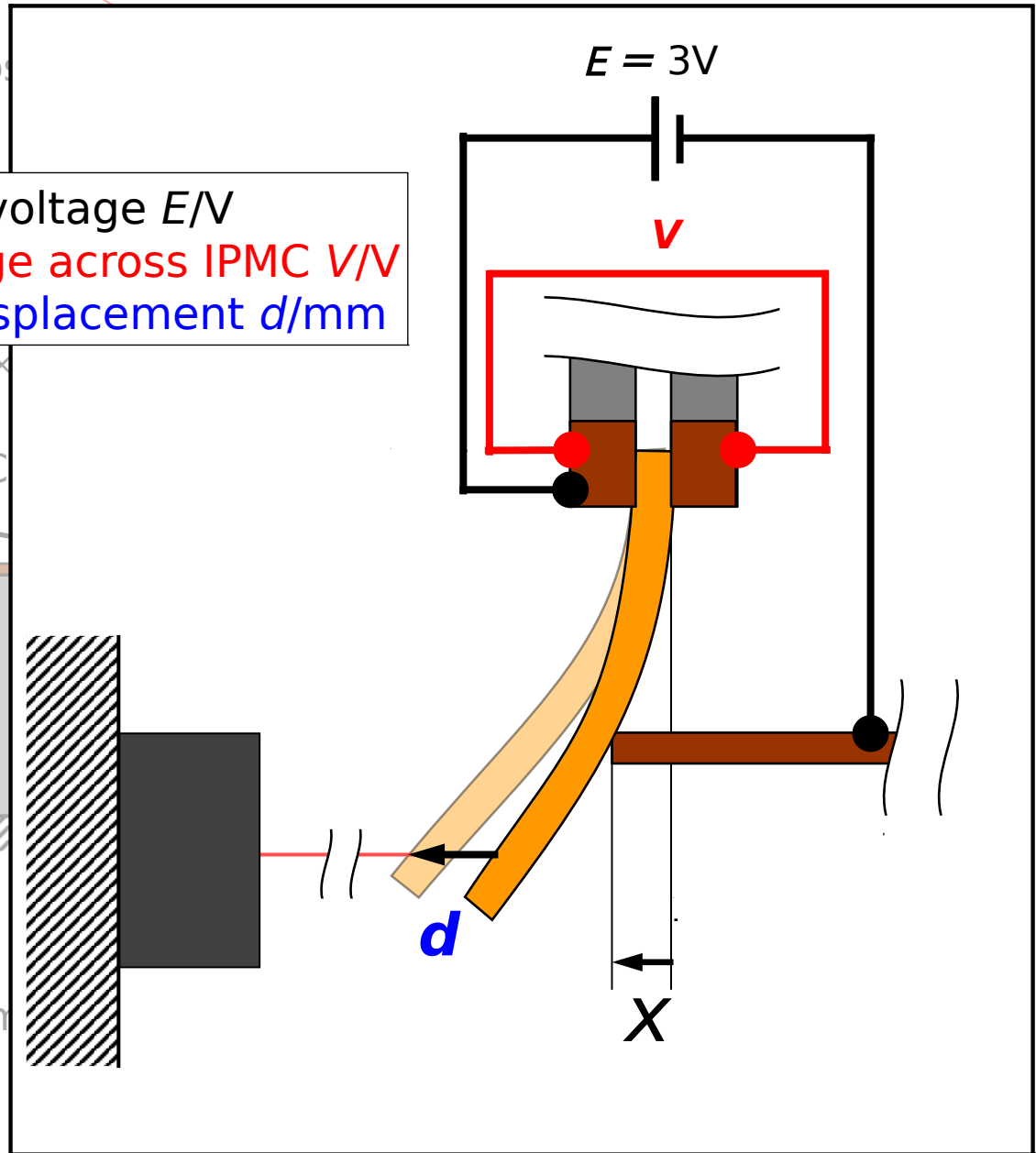
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2. Voltage across IPMC  $V/V$
3. Tip displacement  $d/mm$



(in mm)

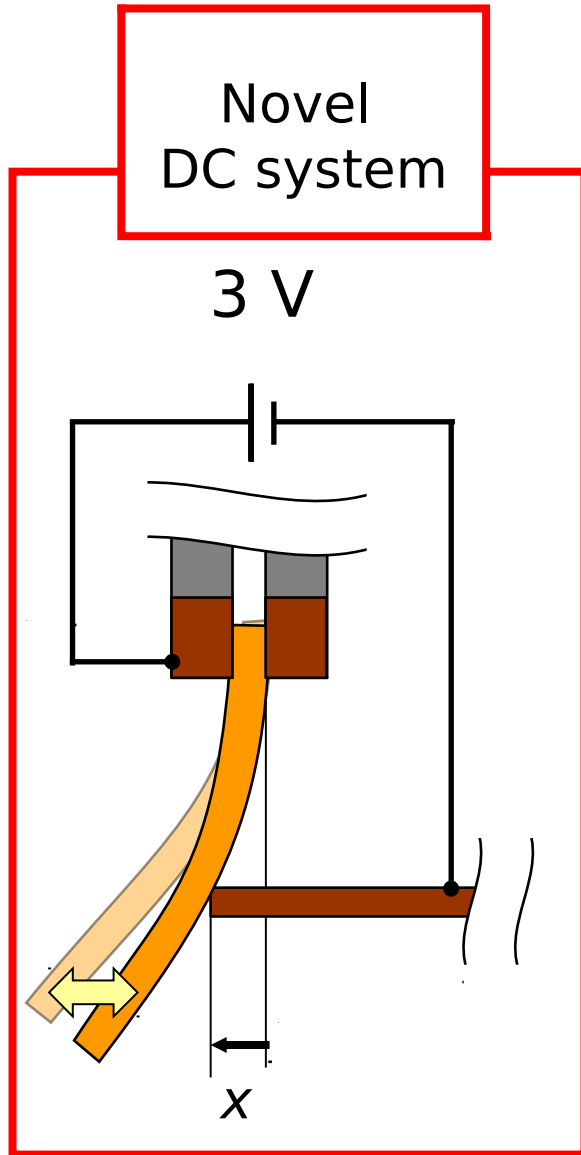
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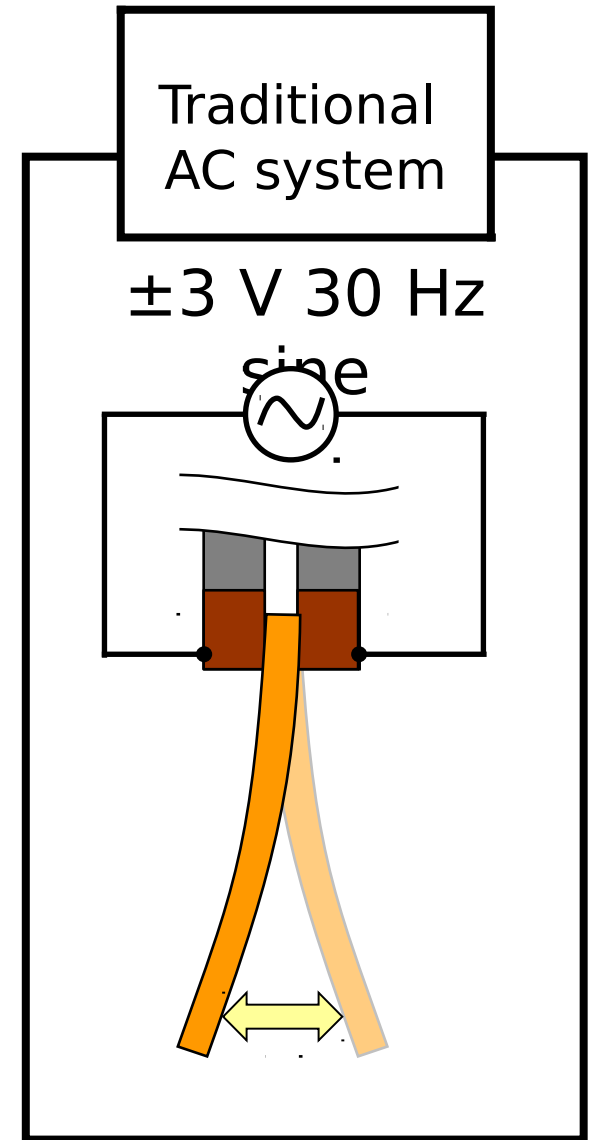
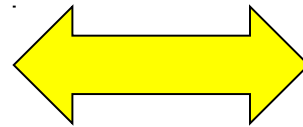




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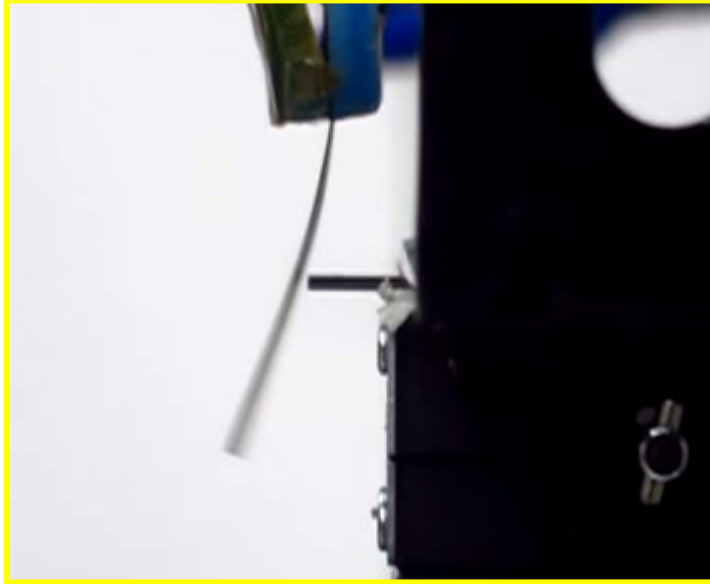


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# 4.1. Confirmation of oscillation



Video:  $x = 2.3$  mm

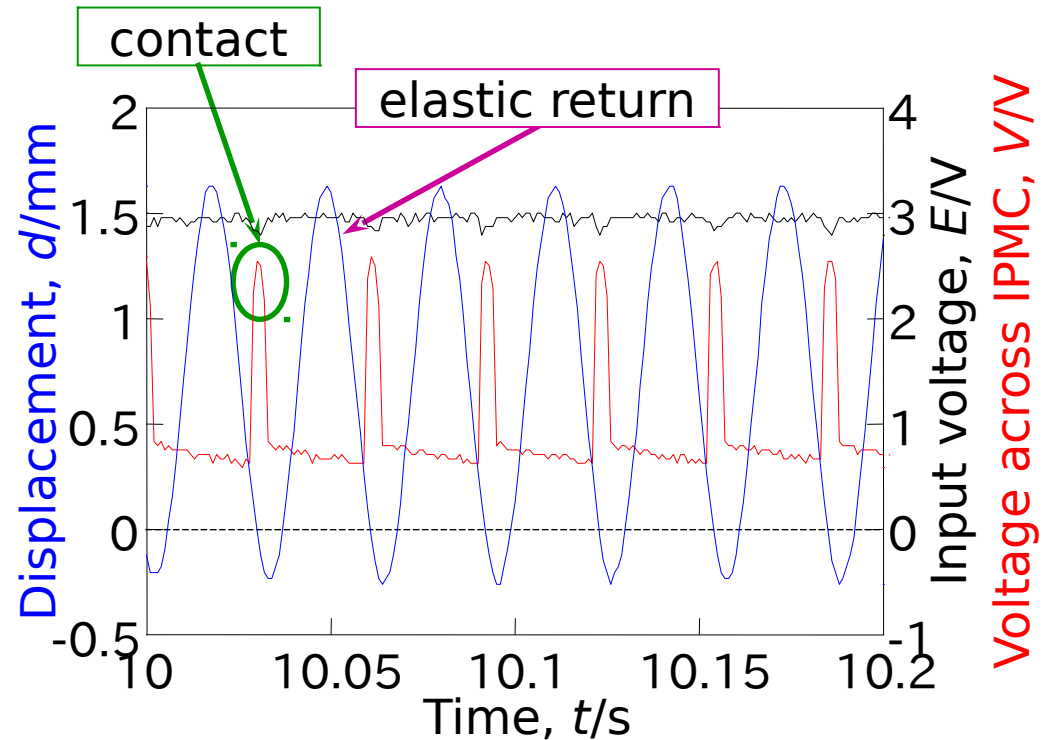
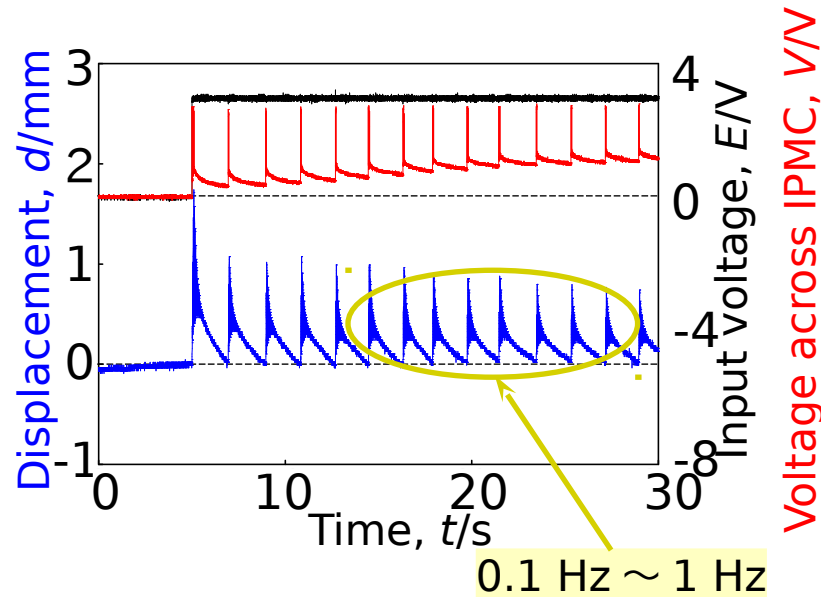


Fig. Tip displacement and voltage across IPMC ( $x = 2.3$  mm).

- 1) Oscillation was achieved.
- 2) Peaks in voltage show when there's contact.
- 3) Electrical and mechanical forces alternate in oscillation.

## 4.2. Oscillation types

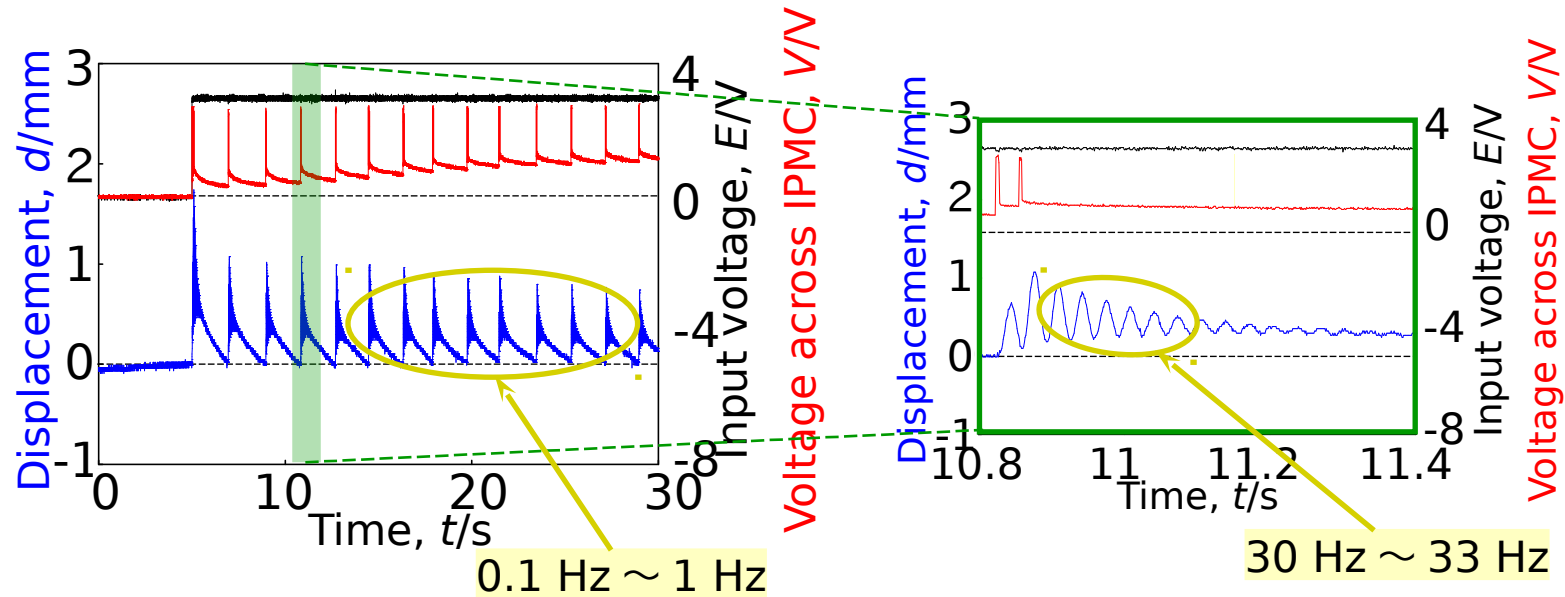
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3.1



There are two main types of oscillation.

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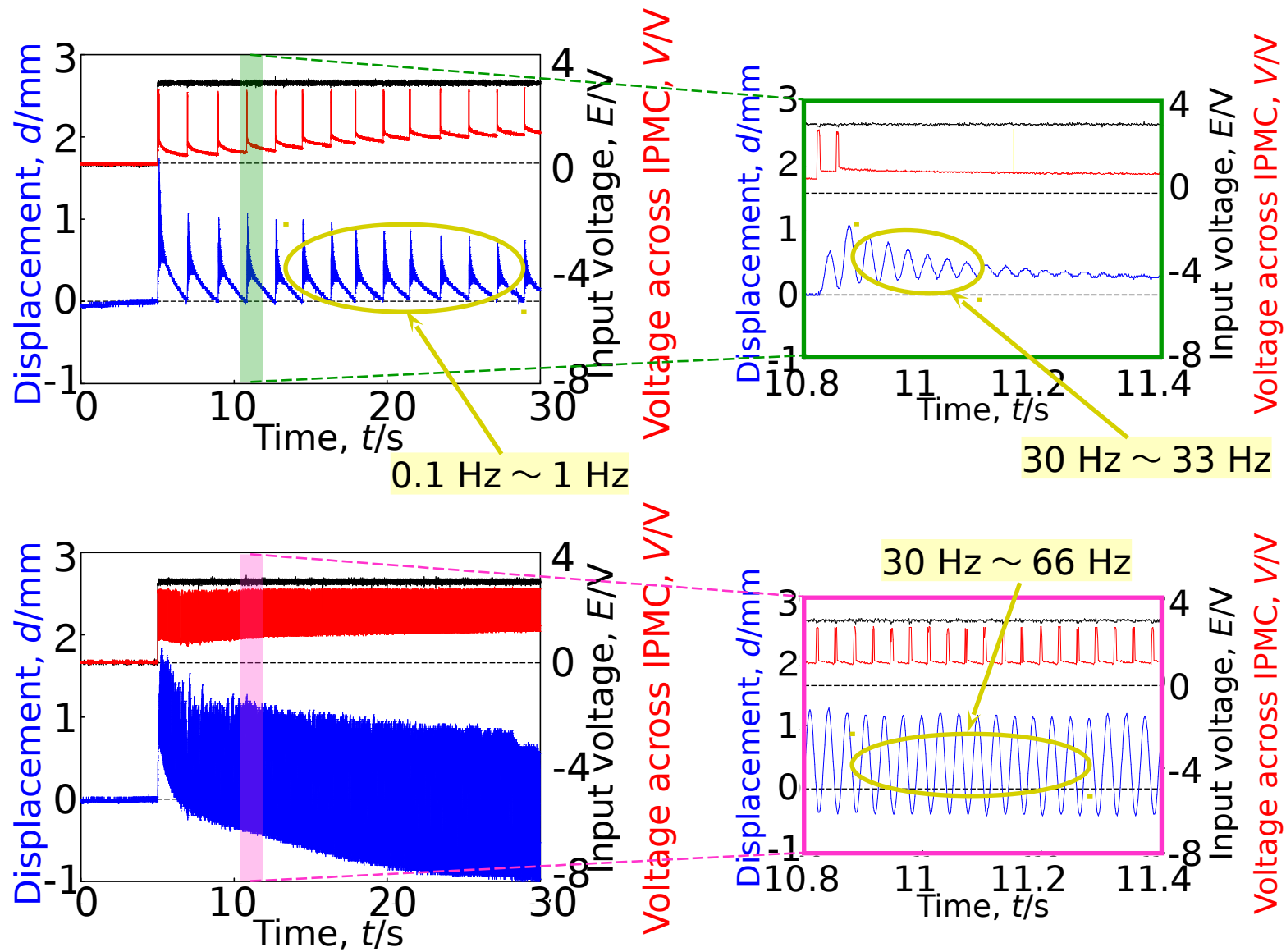
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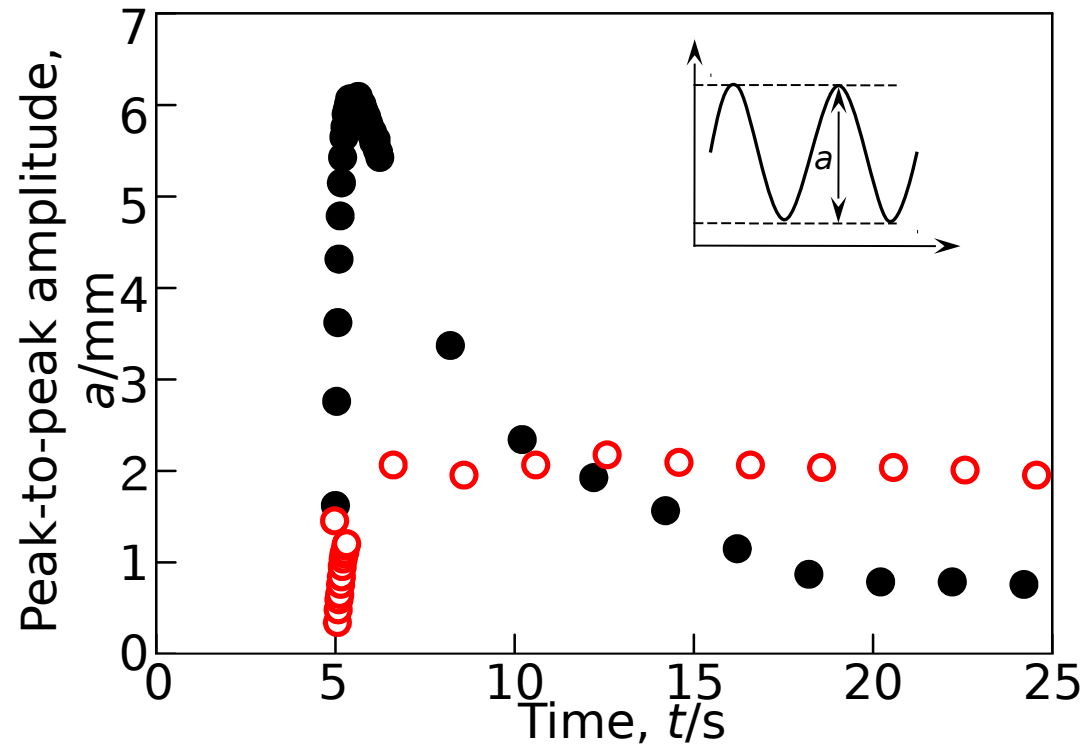
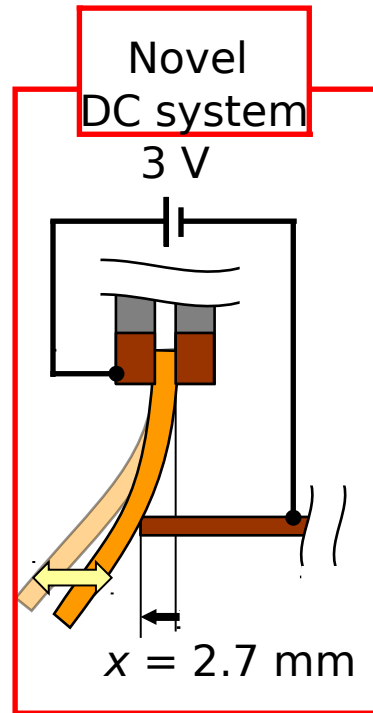
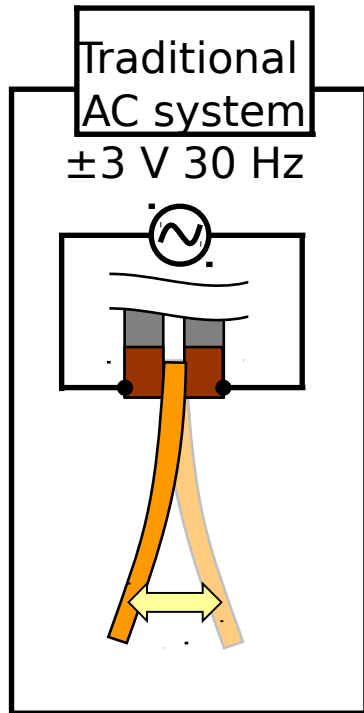
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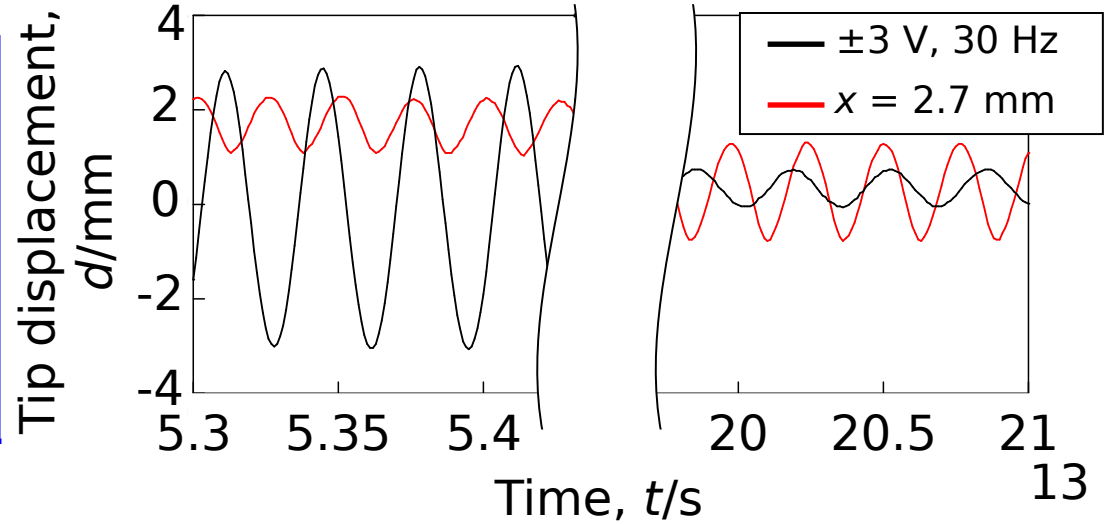


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## 4.3. Comparison with an AC system



- 1) The novel system oscillates in amplitudes comparable to those of an AC system
- 2) The novel system is more stable under these conditions





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## 5. Conclusions

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1. It was confirmed that oscillation can be obtained from a DC input using the novel system proposed.
2. The cathode position affects the type of oscillation and its characteristics.
3. Oscillations obtained with the new system achieved amplitudes comparable to an AC system and were more stable.

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# Experimental setup - specimen

Ionic polymer: Nafion  
Metal: Gold  
Counter ion: Na<sup>+</sup>

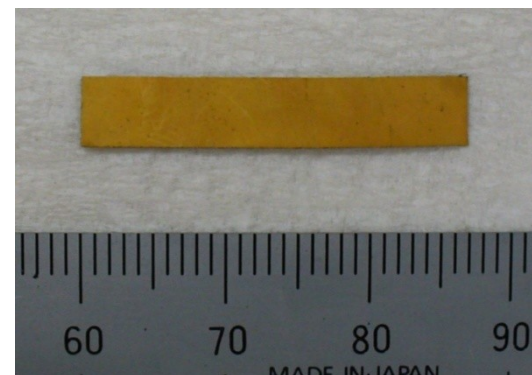


Fig. Overview

Table Size of the specimen

<b>Width, <i>b</i>/mm</b>	<b>Length, <i>l</i>/mm</b>	<b>Thickness, <i>t</i>/mm</b>
5	27	0.2

# Cyclic oscillation frequency

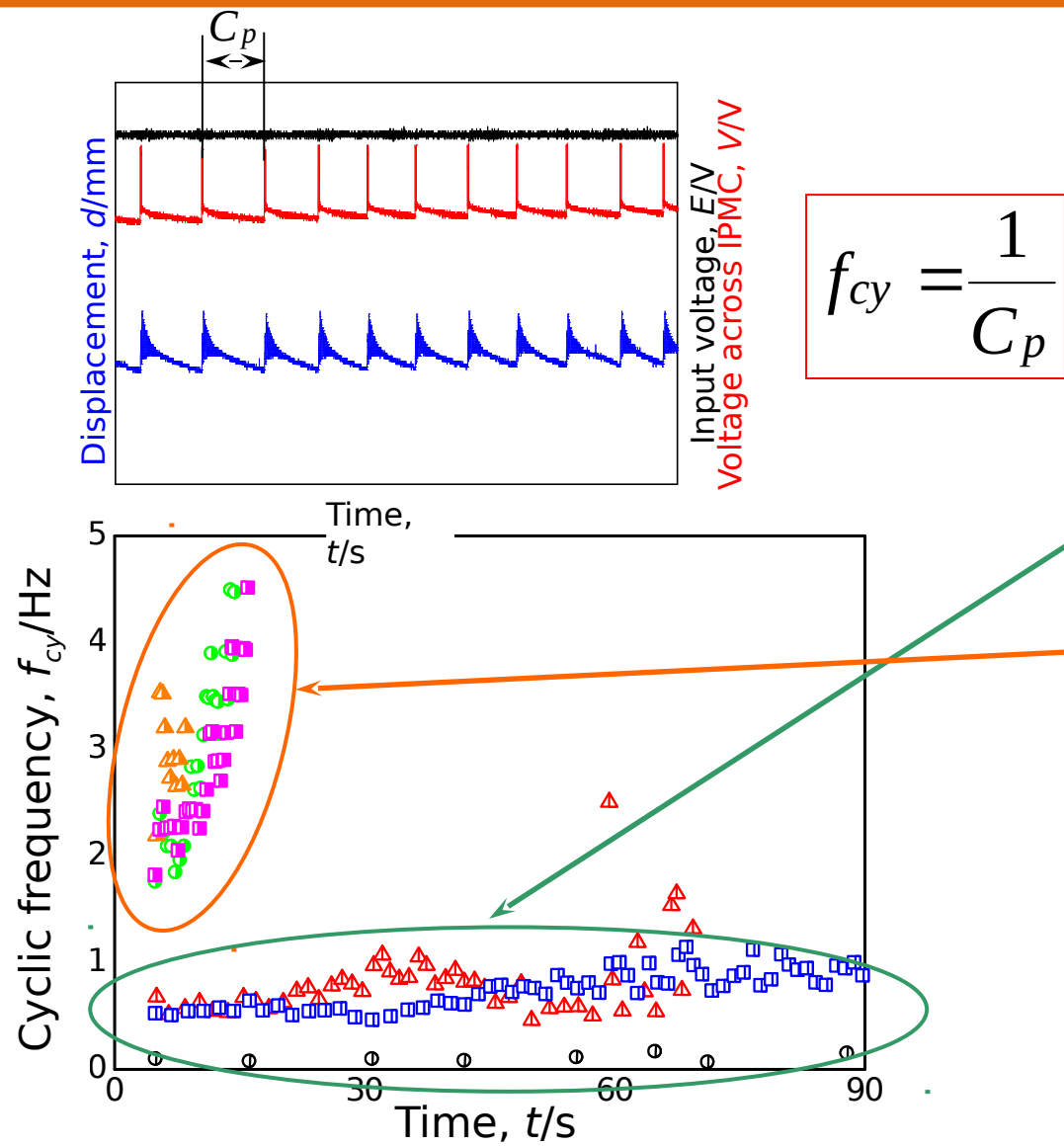
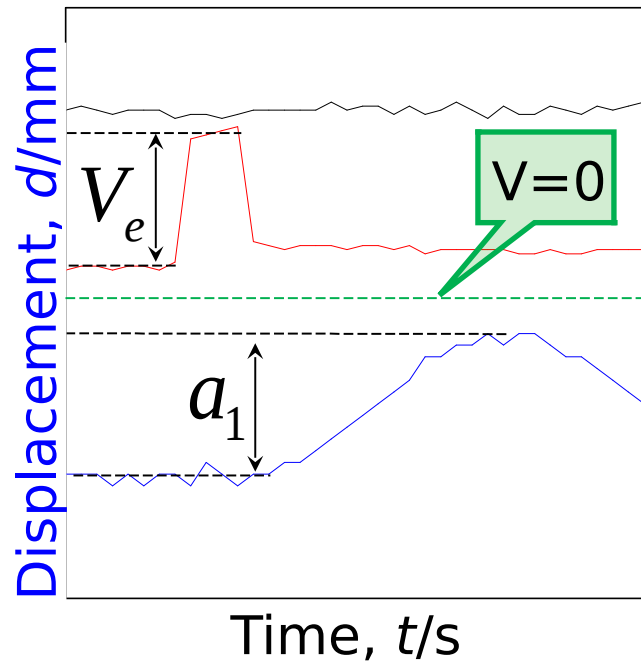


Table 3.1 Types of oscillation per cathode position

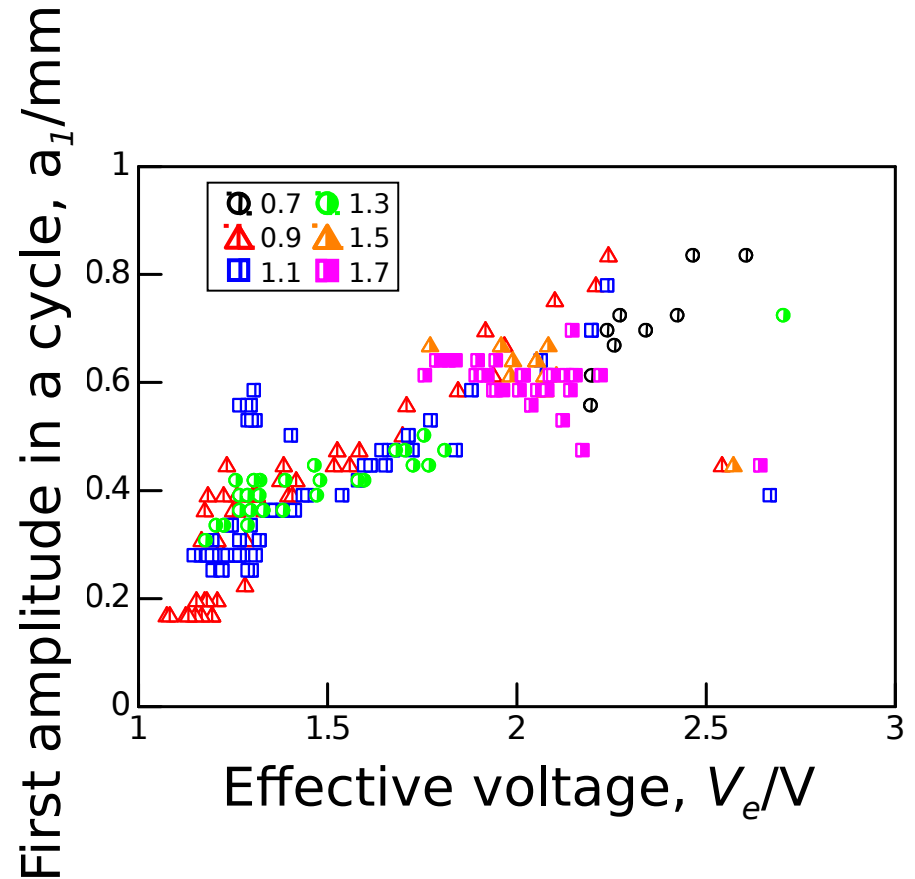
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3.1	★	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The cyclic frequency for positions which transition increase quickly and for those which don't, slowly

# Voltage and amplitude



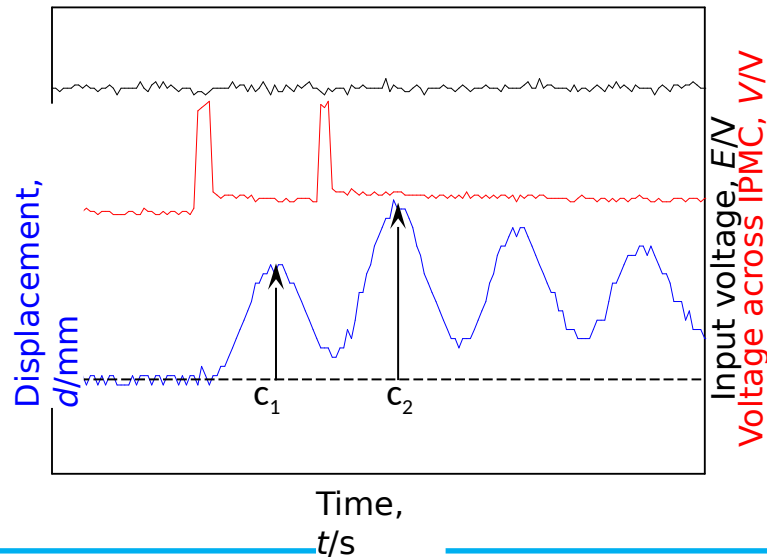
Input voltage,  $E/V$   
Voltage across IPMC,  $V/V$



The first amplitude in a cycle increases with the effective voltage independently of cathode position

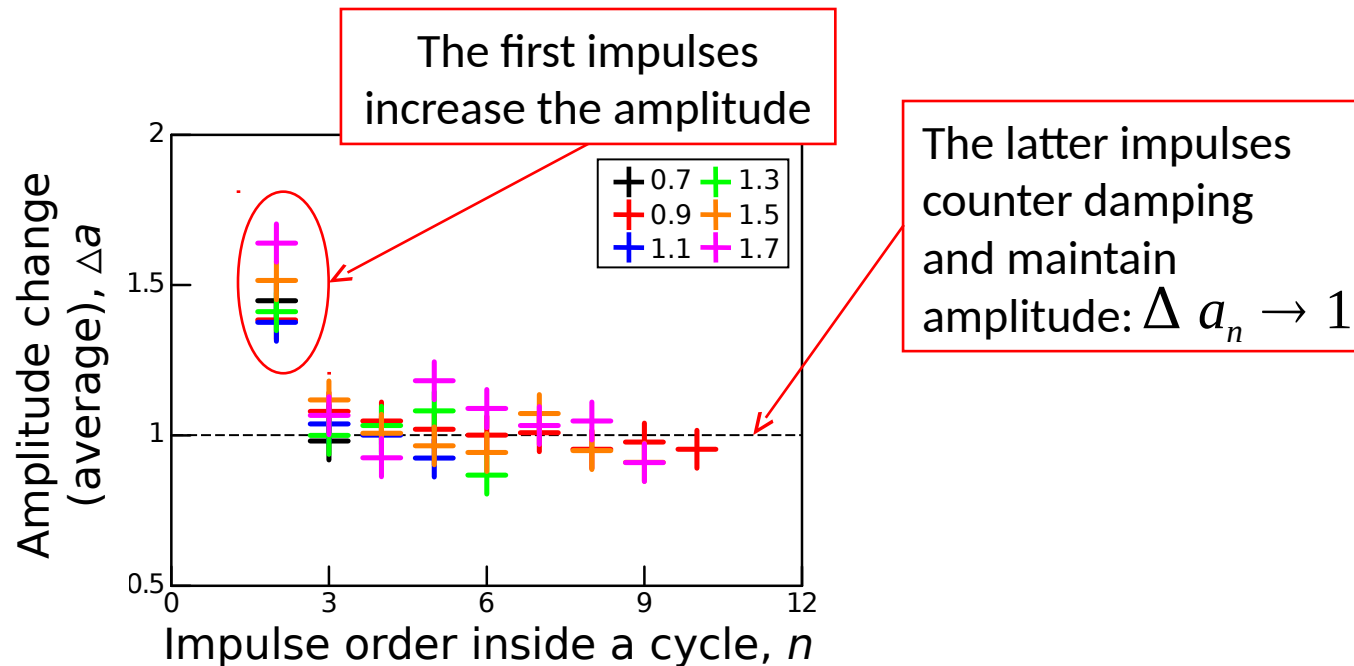


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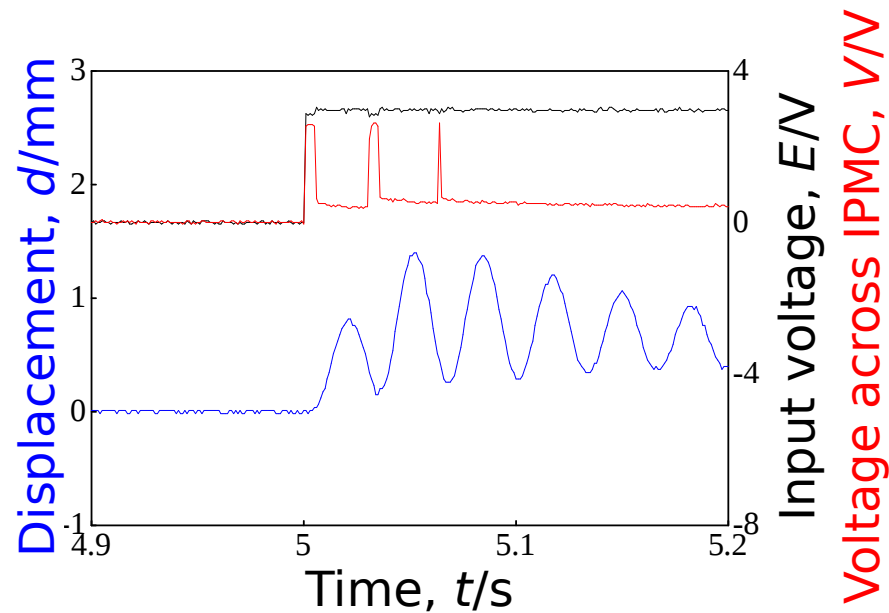


The amplitude change between pulses is shown as:

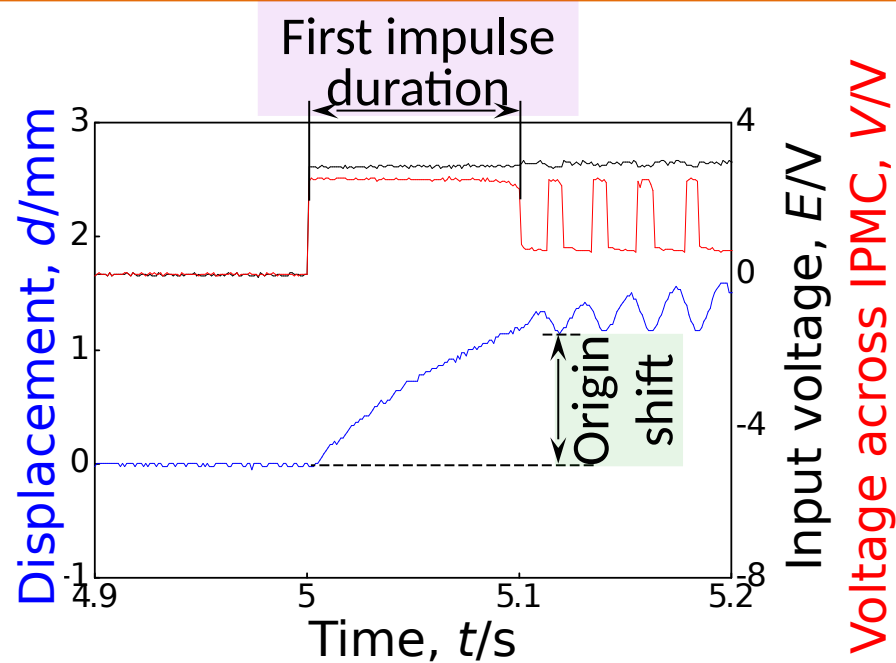
$$\Delta a_n = \frac{C_n}{C_{n-1}}$$



# Initial response

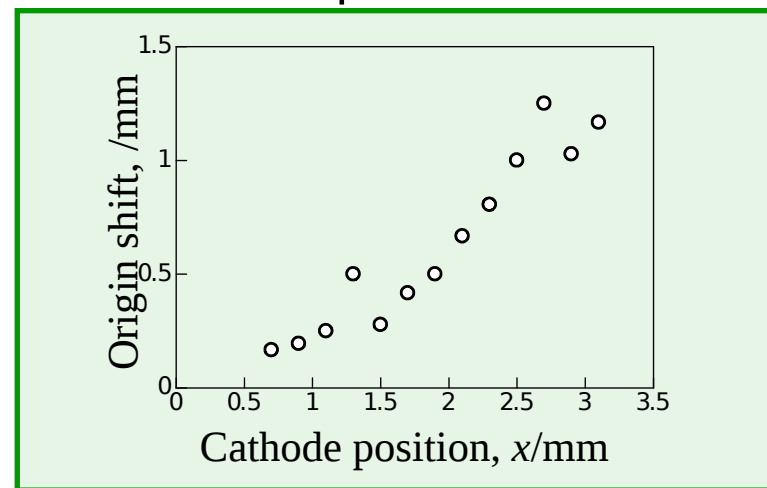
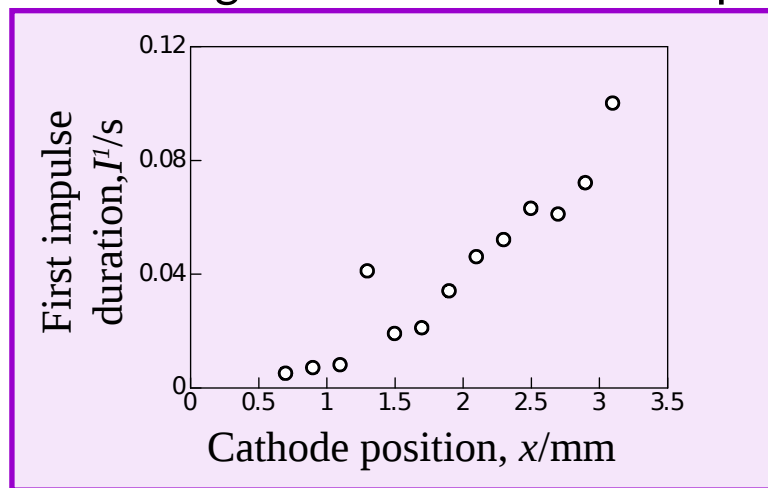


(a)  $x = 0.7$  mm



(b)  $x = 3.1$  mm

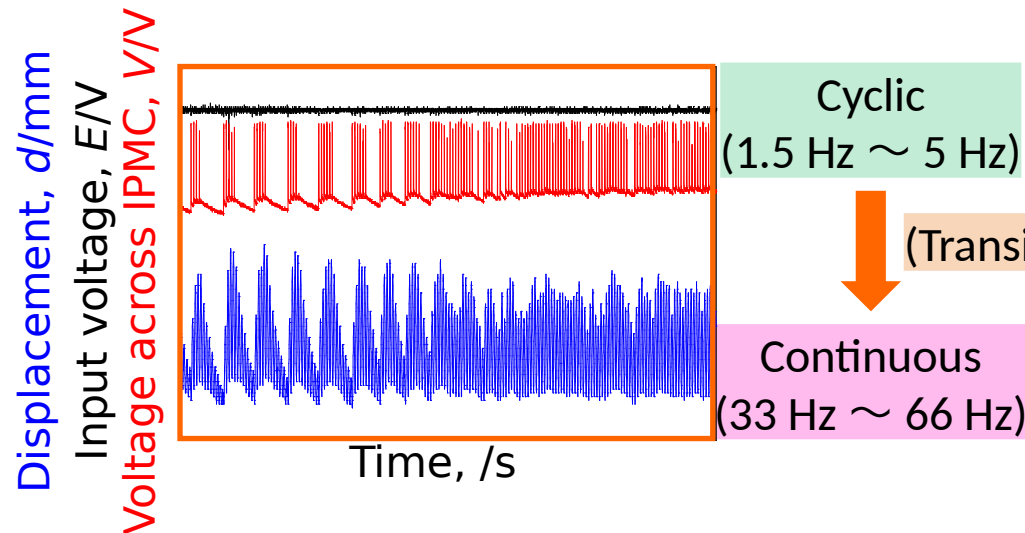
Fig. 2 Effects of cathode position on initial response



# Transition

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There are two types of oscillation, cyclic and continuous.