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Directional motion of liquid under mechanical vibrations

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steady flows or motion can be generated by non-linear effects. One example is the
steady *acoustic streaming* one can observe when an acoustic wave propagates in a
fluid. At the scale of a droplet, steady motion of the whole amount of liquid can
arise from zero-mean periodic forcing. As It has been observed by Brunet *et al.*
(PRL 2007), a drop can climb an inclined surface when submitted to vertical vibra-
tions above a threshold in acceleration. Later, Noblin *et al.* (PRL 2009) showed the
velocity and the direction of motion of a sessile drop submitted to both horizontal
and vertical vibrations can be tuned by the phase shift between these two excita-
tions. Here we present an experimental study of the mean motion of a sessile drop
under slanted vibrations, focusing on the effects of drop properties, as well as the
inclination angle of the axis of vibrations. It is shown that the volume and viscos-
ity strongly affect the drop mean velocity, and can even change the direction of its
motion. In the case of a low viscous drop, gravity can become significant and be
modulated by the inclination of the axis of vibrations. Contact line dynamic during
the drop oscillations is also investigated.

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