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研究成果の概要(和文)：ナノ細孔を有する薄膜を用いた粒子のセンシングが近年注目を集めている。直流電圧を用いたものが広く使われているが、電極での電気分解による電極の劣化やバブルの発生、溶液の pH の変化など継続的な利用を考えた場合多くの問題を抱えている。本研究は交流電圧を用いた電気浸透流ポンプの開発及び理論の解析を進めた。ジュール加熱の効果によって、輸送誘導電気浸透流 (transport-induced-charge electroosmotic flow) の現象が向上することが示めされた。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

The Covid-19 pandemic has urgently increased the demand for high accuracy and throughput medical diagnostic methods. Our results have demonstrated that it is promising to control the flow within nanopore systems by thermal management for alternating current pumping and resistive pulse sensing.

研究成果の概要(英文)：Nanopore sensing has drawn attention in various fields, owing to its short processing time, ease of implementation, and ability to operate with limited sample volumes, paving the way toward high-precision medical diagnosis for various diseases. Albeit both direct current and alternating current systems have been used for electroosmotic pumping, direct current electroosmotic pumping suffers from notorious issues of bubble formation, electrode degradation, hydrodynamic instability, etc. originating from the redox reactions at electrodes. Thus, we develop alternative current electrokinetic pumping using transport-induced-charge (TIC) phenomena and investigate thermal effects in nanopore systems. Our results show that the rise of local temperature inside the nanopore significantly enhances TIC effects and thus has a significant influence on electroosmotic behavior. The results improve our knowledge of nonclassical electrokinetic phenomena for flow control in nanopore systems.

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1. 研究開始当初の背景

Water and charged particle transport through nanopores is pivotal in manifold nanofluidic applications including resistive pulse sensing, drug delivery, sea water desalination, nanofluidic battery and reverse electrodialysis. Albeit both direct current and alternating current systems have been used for electroosmotic pumping in nanopores, the direct current electroosmotic pumping could suffer from the notorious issues of bubble formation, electrode degradation, hydrodynamic instability, etc. originating from the redox reactions at the electrodes. These daunting problems stimulate the emergence of alternating current electroosmotic pumping as an appealing approach with potentially higher stability.

Nevertheless, current alternating current electroosmotic pumping scenarios based on dielectric patches or asymmetric nanopores cannot be applied to nanopore resistive pulse sensing. Not only does the integration of dielectric materials onto a nanopore require sophisticated fabrication techniques, but the interaction between the analytes and electrically polarized dielectric material will also significantly hinder the translocation events. Not to mention the current leakage through the dielectric material would be another formidable challenge. For asymmetric nanopores although they could facilitate recapture of molecules for investigating individual translocation events, the oscillating flow directions would lead to inaccurate results when estimating the analyte concentration. Confronting these obstacles, undoubtedly a new alternating current electroosmotic pumping strategy is needed to pave a way toward alternating current resistive pulse sensing for the next generation of diagnosis applications.

2. 研究の目的

The objective of this project is to develop a novel alternating current nanopore pumping system for molecule sensing applications based on a transport-induced-charge (TIC) electrokinetic pumping system previously proposed [1]. It was shown that the reversal of the electric field simultaneously inverses the induced charge allowing the establishment of a unidirectional flow under the application of a periodic alternating current field. This unique phenomenon permits continuous water and nanoparticles pumping through an ultrathin nanopore in spite of the reversal of the electric field, implying that one can control alternating current electroosmotic flow via the manipulation of a salt concentration gradient across the nanopores for resistive pulse sensing.

3. 研究の方法

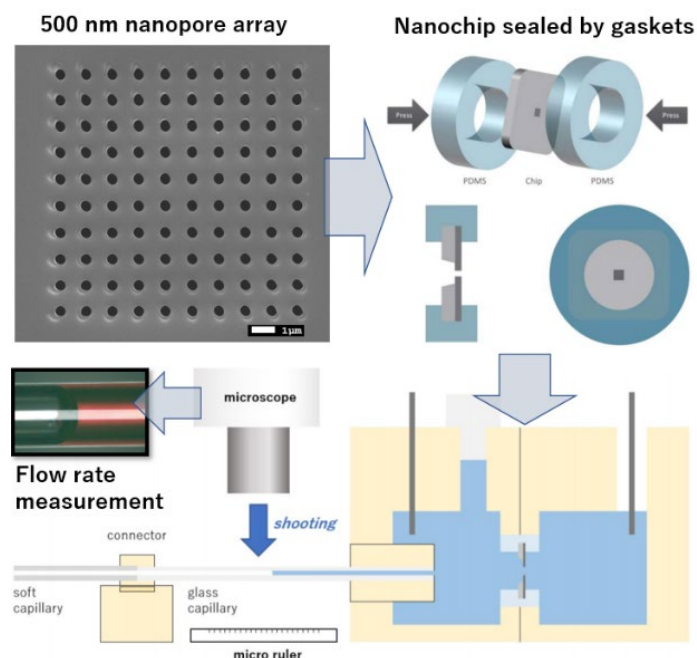


Figure 1. Experimental system for flow measurements.

As shown in Figure 1, in order to amplify the flow rate for electroosmosis measurements, we fabricated nanopore arrays on a thin membrane (50 nm in thickness) using focused ion beam etching. The chip was then fixed on a flow tank using polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) gaskets. The flow tank was connected to a capillary tube, where the capillary force was balanced by an external pump until the liquid/air interface became stagnant. Once an external electric field was applied, the electroosmotic velocity could be observed based on a volumetric method under a microscope.

The flow rate was compared with theoretical predictions and a computational simulation model was constructed to analyze thermal effects and flow behavior in the nanopores.

4. 研究成果

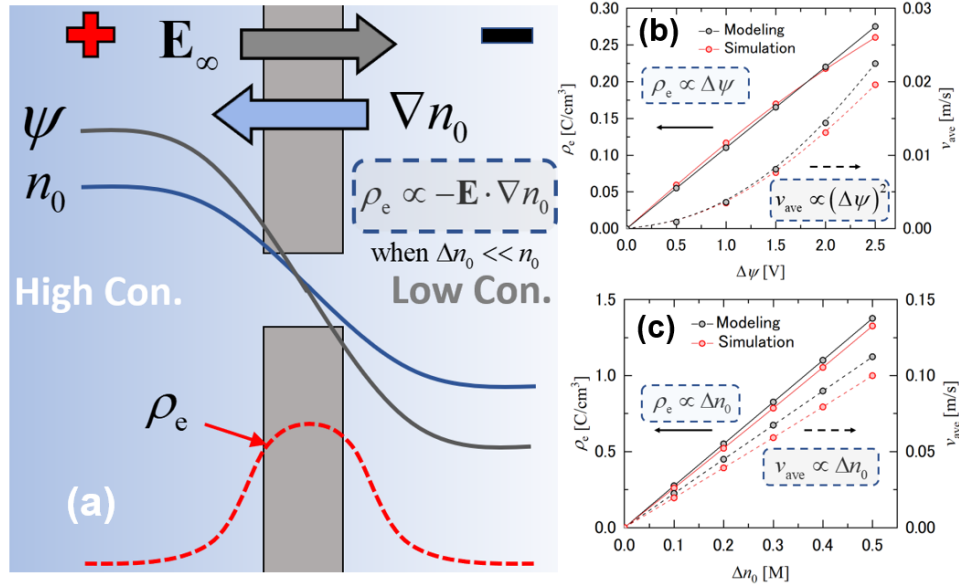


Figure 2. (a) Schematic of transport-induced-charge electrokinetic phenomena. ρ_e , E_∞ , ψ and n_0 are the charge density, applied electric field, electric potential and solute concentration, respectively. Comparison between the analytical model and simulation results (b) at different imposed electric potential bias and (b) at different applied salt concentration different, where v_{ave} is the average flow velocity in the nanopore.

It is found that when a salt concentration gradient and an electric field are concurrently imposed across an ultrathin nanopore, the ionic concentrations of cations and anions become non-identical. This is attributed to the fact that the applied concentration gradient drives both ionic species toward the same direction (diffusing from the high concentration end to low concentration end) whereas the electric field forces the cations and anions to move in the opposite directions. As a result, the ionic concentration distributions become

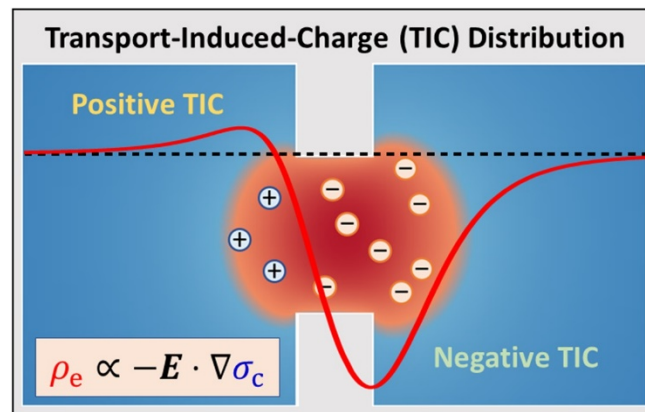


Figure 3. Schematic of transport induced charge distribution in a nanopore when thermal effects from Joule heating are considered.

different to satisfy the ions conservation. As a response to the electric force imposing onto the transport-induced-charge, the charged solution inside the nanopore is electroosmotically driven. We have constructed a simple analytical model to validate our simulation results as shown in Figure 2.

The develop a flow measurement system to detect electroosmotic flow in nanopores. While local flow behavior could not be directly observed, we theoretically investigated thermal effects due to Joule heating (JH) on TIC phenomena in an ultrathin nanopore (illustrated in Figure 3). Our results show that the rise of local temperature inside the nanopore significantly enhances TIC effects and thus elevating the electroosmotic velocity (v_z). As seen in Figure 4, the developed TIC electroosmotic flow (EOF) is in the opposite direction of electric double layer (EDL) electroosmotic flow in the vicinity of the surface. The Joule heating effects increase the magnitude of TIC EOF due to the decrease of local viscosity. These observations improve our knowledge of nonclassical electrokinetic phenomena for flow control in nanopore systems for the development of AC electrokinetic pumping.

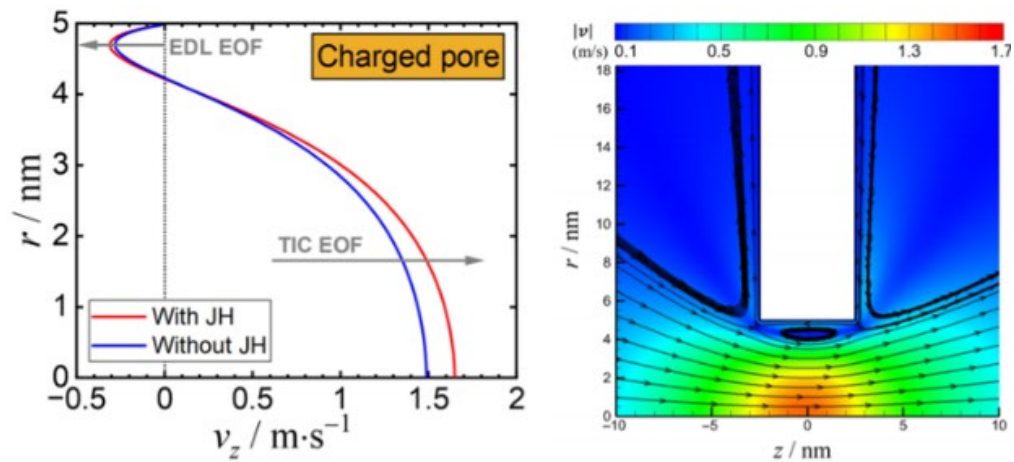


Figure 4. Transport-induced-charge flow profiles ($r; z$) in a negatively charged nanopore considering Joule heating effects. v_z stands for the flow velocity in the z -direction.

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