Electroosmotic Flow through a Cylindrical Nanopore in a Charged Membrane of Finite Thickness

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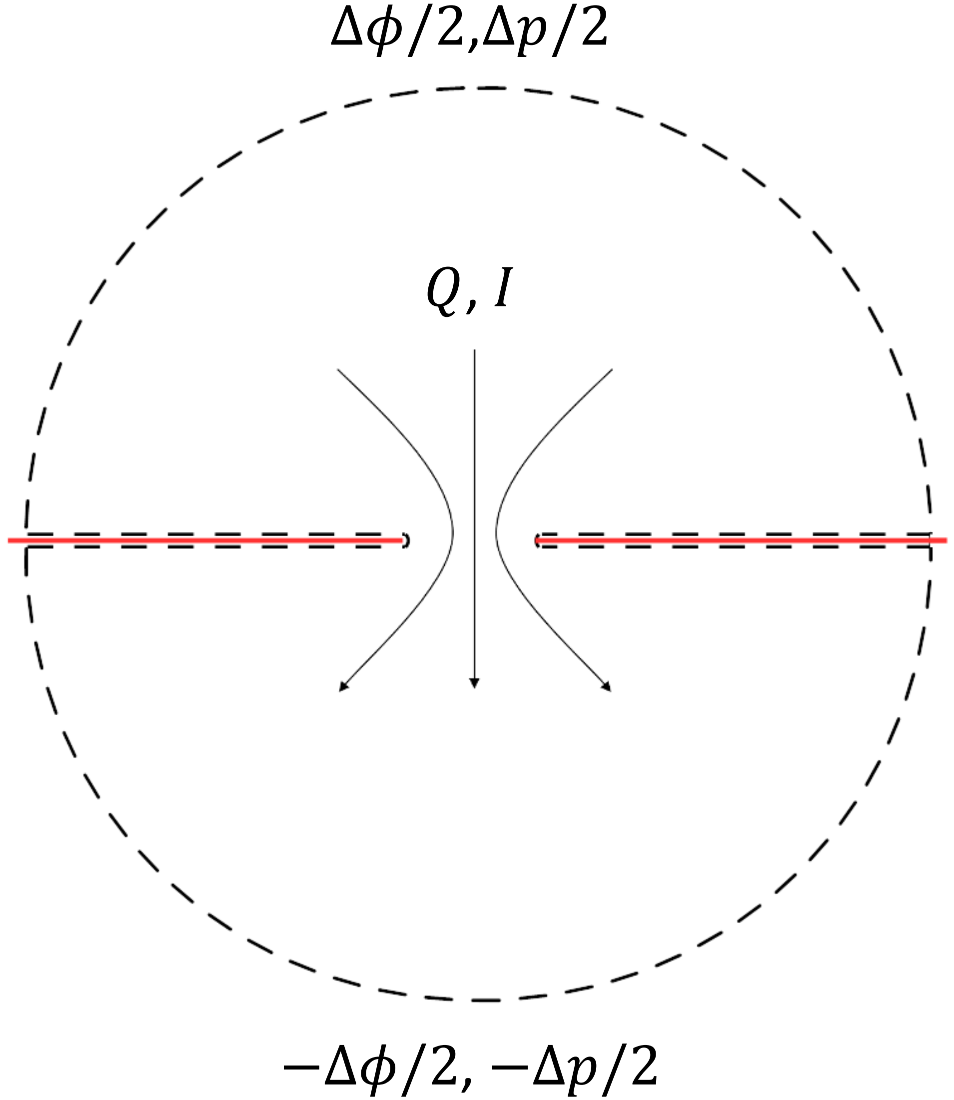
Nanopore in a membrane of zero thickness

Electric current

$$I = \frac{\Delta\phi}{R_m}$$

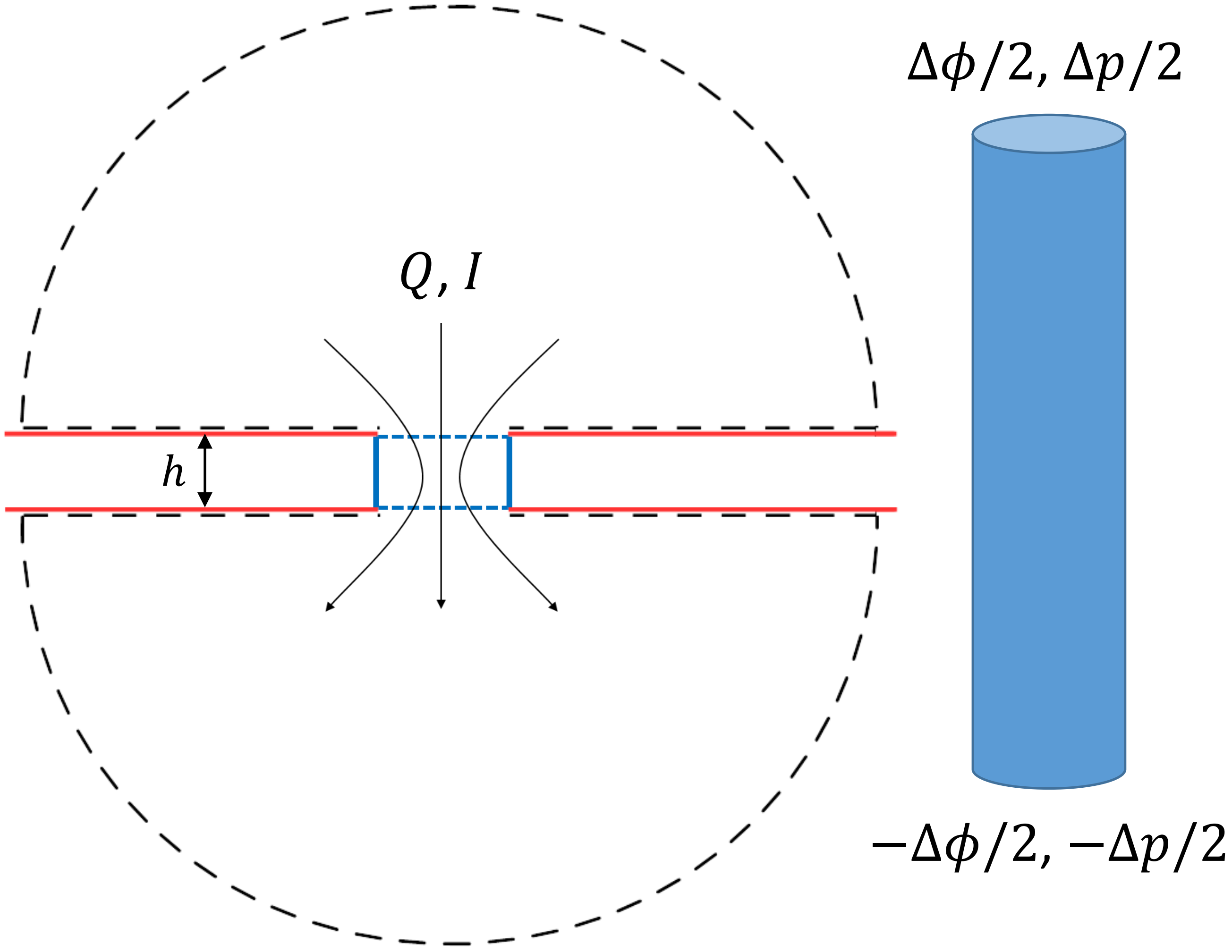


Volumetric flow rate

$$Q_{\Delta p} = G_m \Delta p$$
$$Q_{\Delta\phi} = H_m \Delta\phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= Q_{\Delta p} + Q_{\Delta\phi} \\ &= G_m \Delta p + H_m \Delta\phi \end{aligned}$$

Zero to finite thickness



$$I = \frac{\Delta\phi}{R_c}$$

$$Q_{\Delta p} = G_c \Delta p$$
$$Q_{\Delta\phi} = H_c \Delta\phi$$

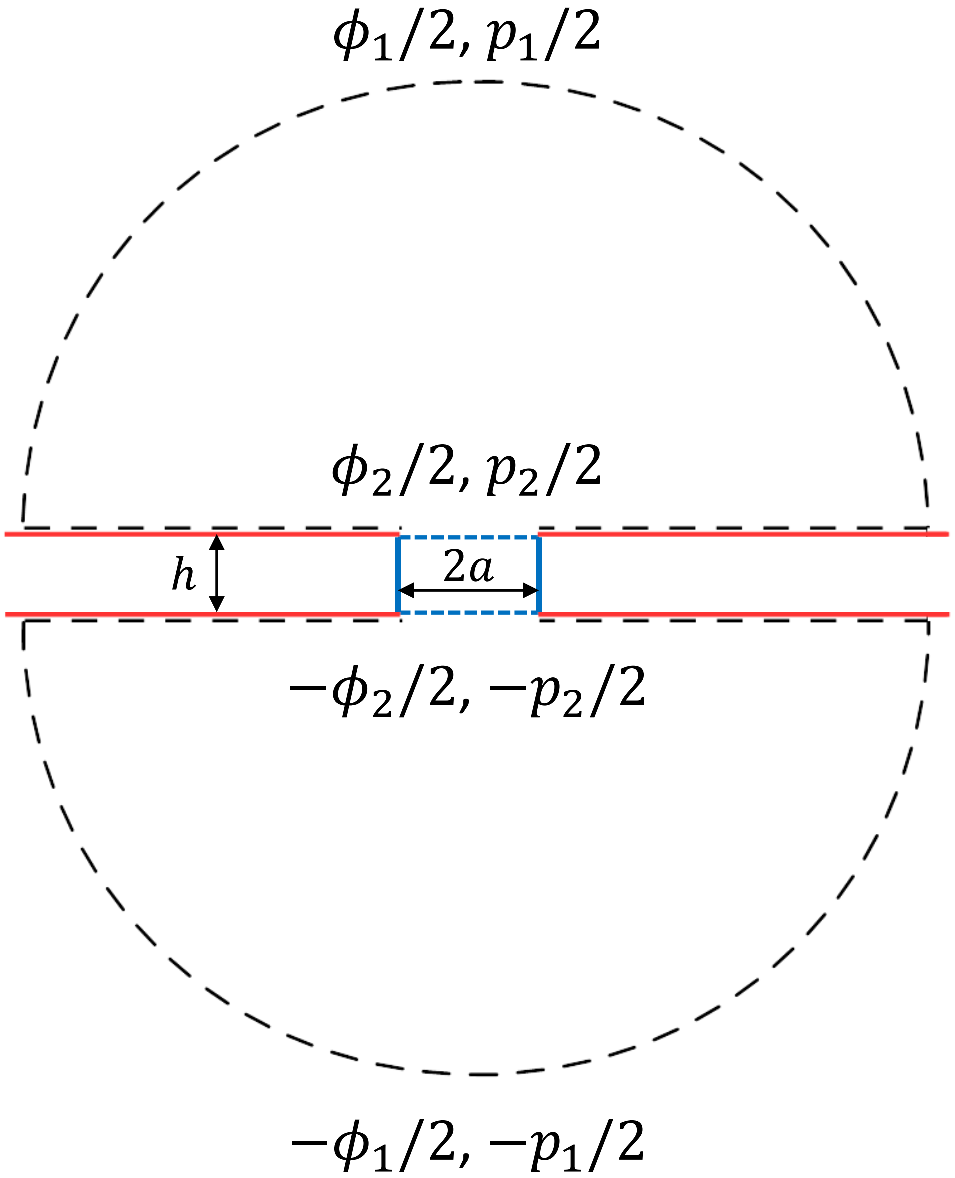
$$Q = Q_{\Delta p} + Q_{\Delta\phi}$$
$$= G_c \Delta p + H_c \Delta\phi$$

Continuity of I and Q

1/2 pore

Cylindrical channel

1/2 pore



Assuming $\pm\frac{\phi_2}{2}$ and $\pm\frac{p_2}{2}$ at both ends

$$I = \frac{\phi_1 - \phi_2}{R_m} = \frac{\phi_2}{R_c}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= G_m(p_1 - p_2) + H_m(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \\ &= G_c p_2 + H_c \phi_2 \end{aligned}$$

Composite electroosmotic conductance

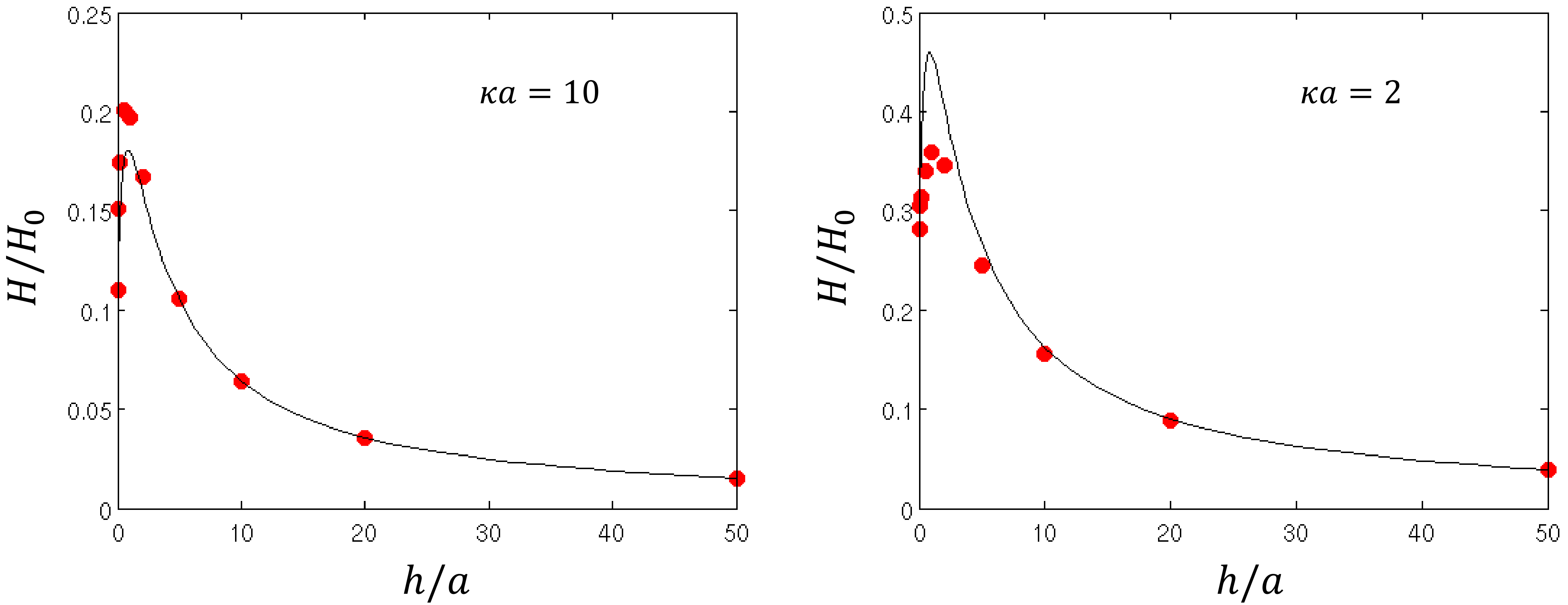
$$I = \frac{\phi_1 - \phi_2}{R_m} = \frac{\phi_2}{R_c}$$

$$Q = G_m(p_1 - p_2) + H_m(\phi_1 - \phi_2) = G_c p_2 + H_c \phi_2$$

Set $p_1 = 0$ and $\phi_1 = \Delta\phi$

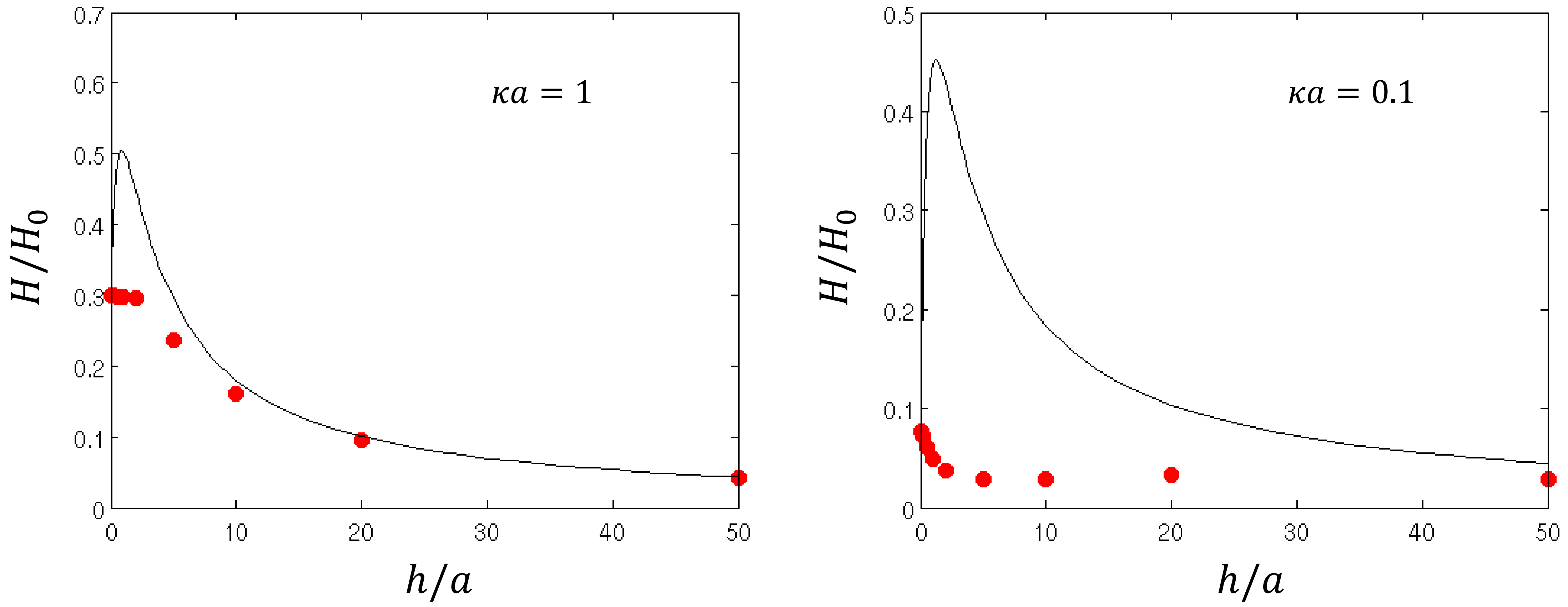
$$H_{comp} = \frac{Q}{\Delta\phi} = \frac{G_m R_c H_c + G_c R_m H_m}{(R_m + R_c)(G_m + G_c)} = \frac{H_m + \frac{16h^2}{3\pi^2 a^2} H_c}{\left(1 + \frac{2h}{\pi a}\right)\left(1 + \frac{8h}{3a}\right)}$$

Results



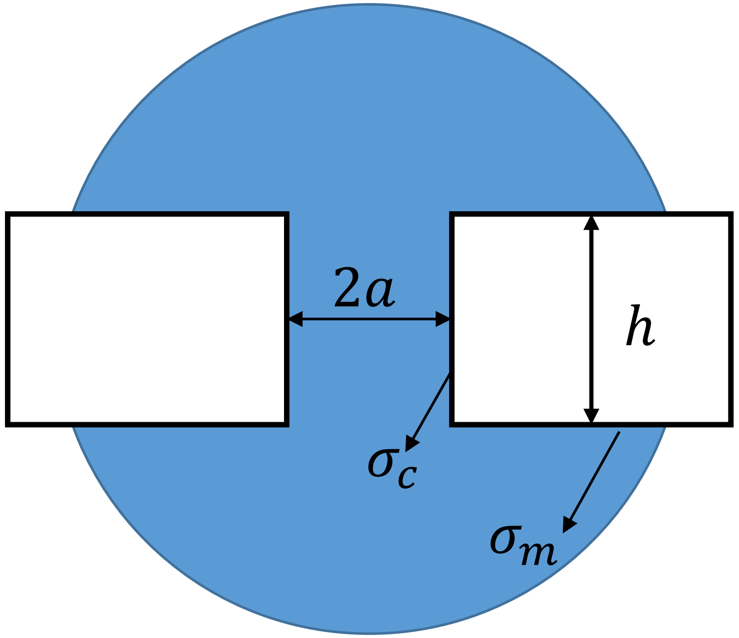
$\kappa a = 10$
$\kappa a = 2$
H/H_0
h/a
0.25
0.2
0.15
0.1
0.05
0
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0
10
20
30
40
50

Results



0.7
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0
H/H_0
$\kappa a = 1$
0
10
20
30
40
50
h/a
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0
H/H_0
$\kappa a = 0.1$
0
10
20
30
40
50
h/a

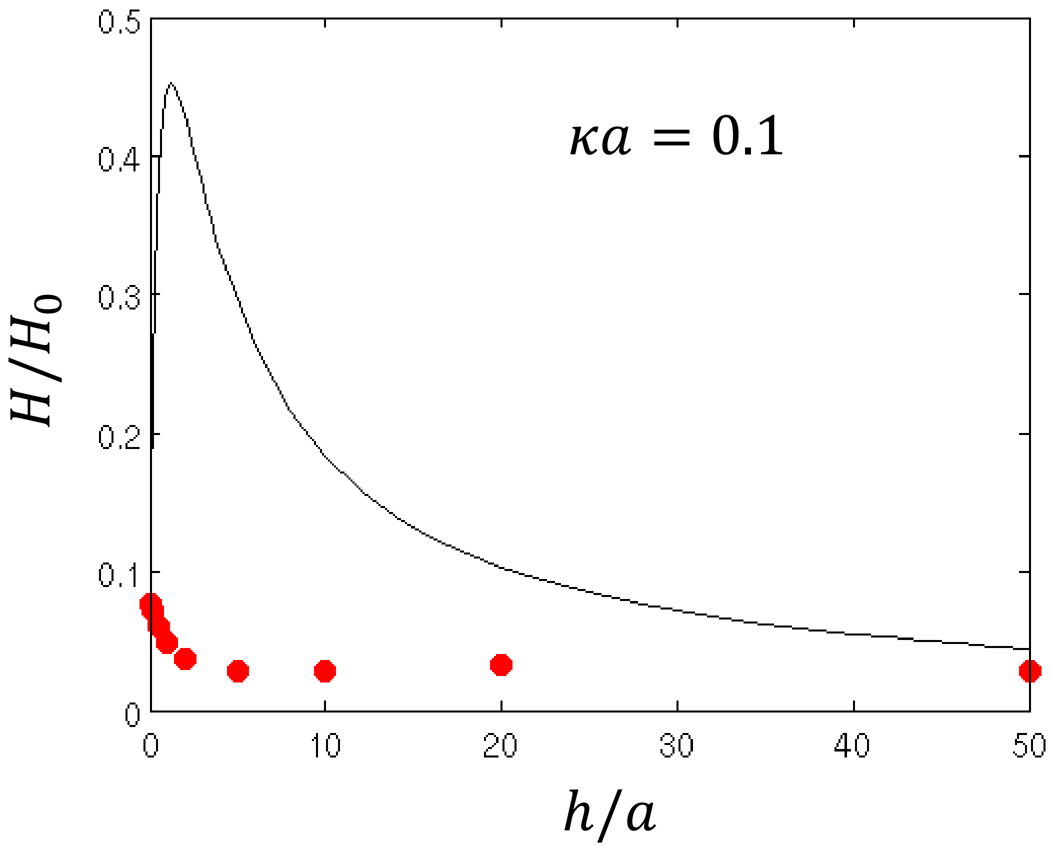
End effects: charge spill when $\alpha\kappa$ small

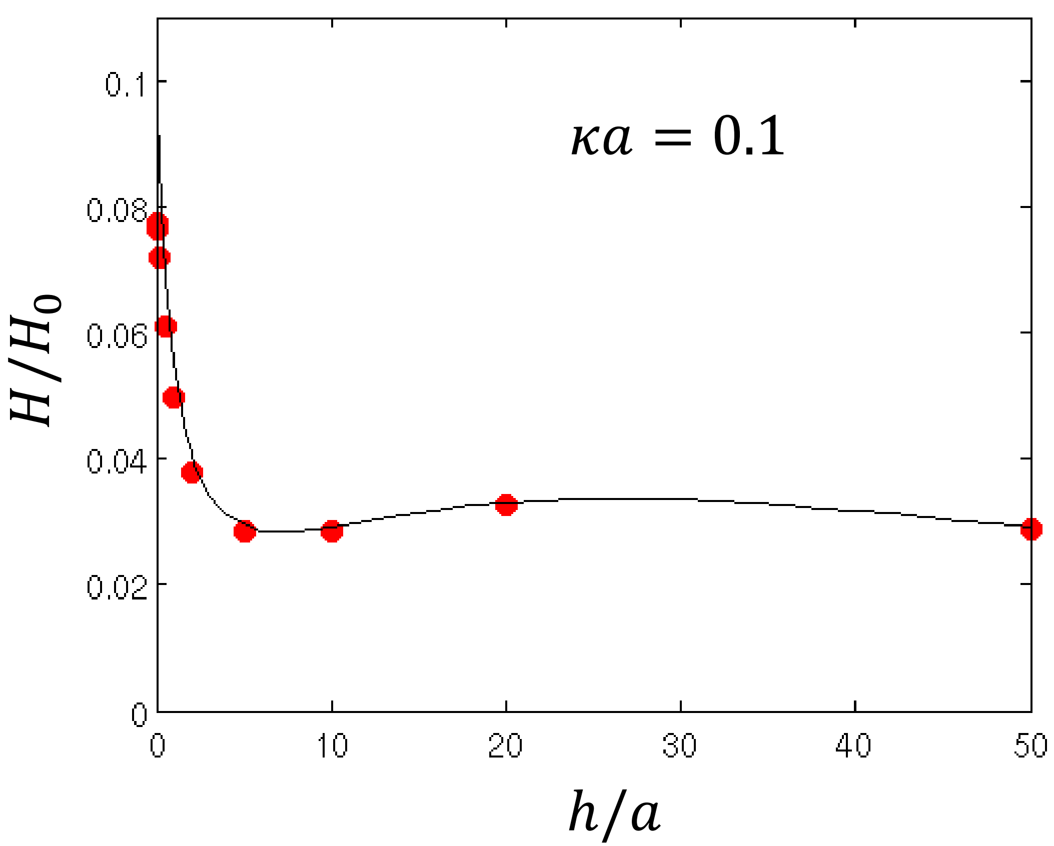


$$H_{comp} = \frac{Q}{\Delta\phi} = \frac{G_m R_c H_c + G_c R_m H_m}{(R_m + R_c)(G_m + G_c)} = \frac{H_m + \frac{16h^2}{3\pi^2 a^2} H_c}{\left(1 + \frac{2h}{\pi a}\right)\left(1 + \frac{8h}{3a}\right)}$$

	H_c	H_m
Spill not considered	$\frac{\pi a^3 \sigma_c}{4\pi h}$	$\frac{a^3 \kappa \sigma_m}{3\mu}$
Spill considered	$\frac{\pi a^3 \sigma_c}{4\pi}\left(\frac{h - h_{lost}}{h^2}\right)$	$\frac{a^3\kappa}{3\mu}\left[\sigma_m + \frac{\pi \sinh(\kappa h/2)\sigma_c}{4\cosh(\kappa h/2) + \pi a\kappa \sinh(\kappa h/2)}\right]$

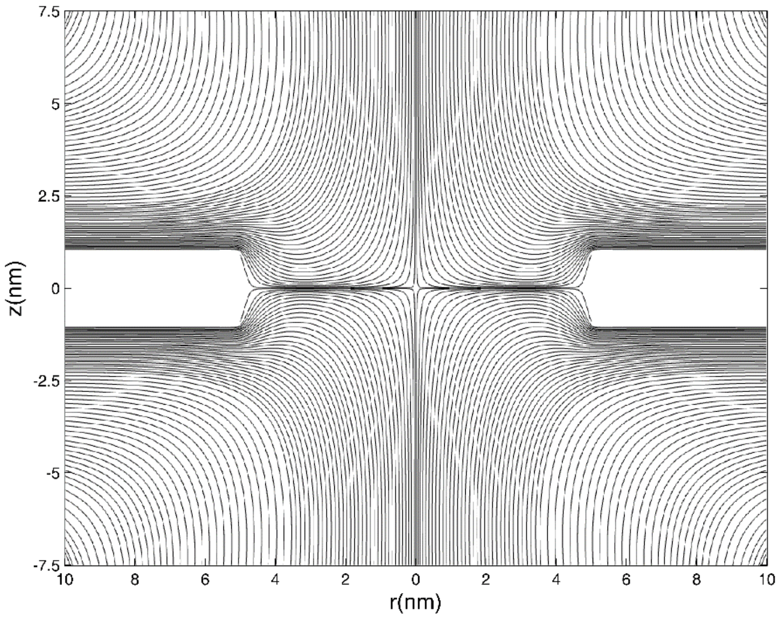
Results – spill taken into account



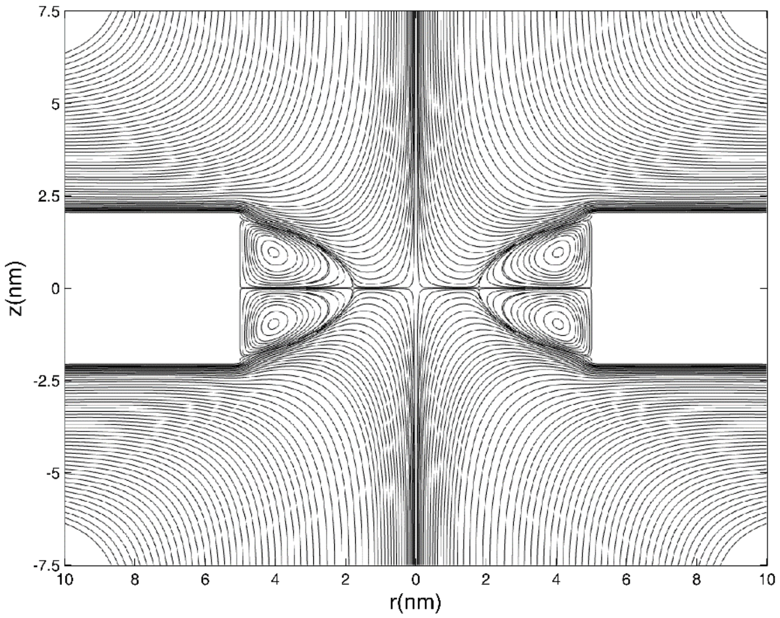


Eddies

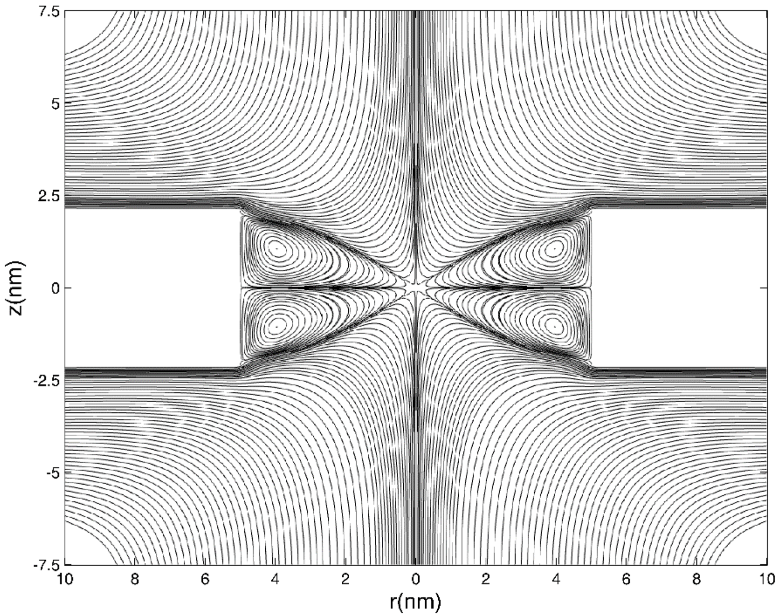
$$\frac{h}{a} = 0.4$$



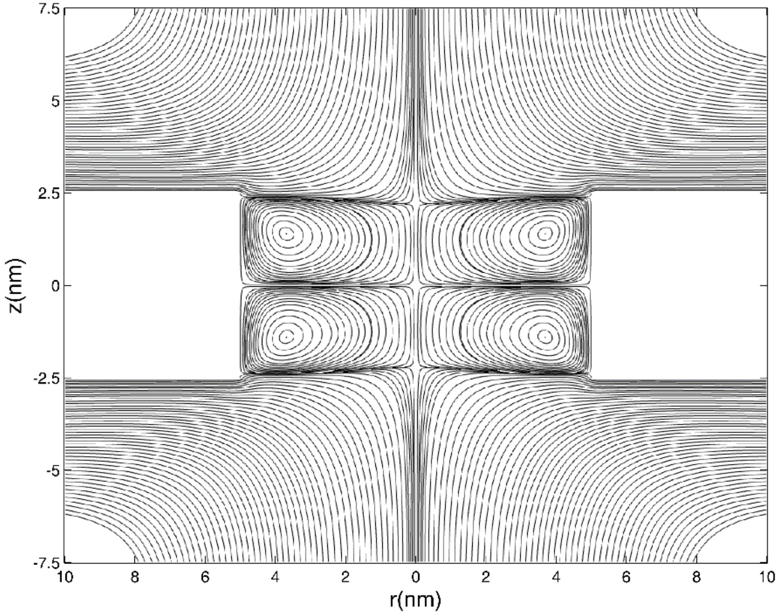
$$\frac{h}{a} = 0.8$$



$$\frac{h}{a} = 0.84$$



$$\frac{h}{a} = 1$$



Conclusion

- Composite model for electroosmotic conductance of nanopore when h is finite
- Model agrees with simulation when $\kappa a \gg 1$
- Charge spill needs to be considered when $\kappa a \ll 1$
- When membrane surfaces is not charged, induced charge electroosmosis generates pairs of toroidal counter rotating eddies

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