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Presentation Title	Nanofluidic Ionic Osmotic Energy Conversion with Thermal Modulation	
Abstract (Approximately 200 words)	<p>Ions are significant energy carriers for energy conversion and storage. Nanofluidic ionic osmotic energy conversion could directly convert salinity-gradient energy and solar energy into electricity, and its physical essence is nanofluidic based ion selective diode transport process. However, the coupled ion transport and heat transfer inside nanofluidic channel is lack of unified physical cognition, and the corresponding osmotic power density is still relatively low which limits its practical applications. Following the approach of “Understanding microscopic physical process-Clarifying mesoscopic coupled heat and mass transfer-Optimizing macroscopic performance”, the anisotropic ion diffusion behavior on the solid-liquid interface of nanoporous membranes has been investigated via first principle simulation. In addition, a dimensionless analysis is carried out with respect to the coupled Poisson-Nernst-Planck equation and Navier-Stokes equation. Under this circumstance, the dimensional multi-physical ion transport in nanofluidic channel and osmotic energy conversion is unified by a reduced number of dimensionless governing parameters, contributing to the alleviation of future experimental burden. Facing the challenge of low osmotic power density, we proposed the route of “solar photothermal enhanced ionic osmotic energy conversion under salinity-gradient”. Due to the thermal modulation induced by solar energy, the ion selective transport capability is highly consolidated. Consequently, the ionic osmotic power density breakthrough 10 W/m^2 under 1 sun and sea/river water salinity-gradient, promoting the osmotic energy conversion into potential applications.</p>	
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