

Supporting Information

Ultralong-time recovery and low-voltage electroporation for biological cell monitoring enabled by a microsized multi-pulse framework

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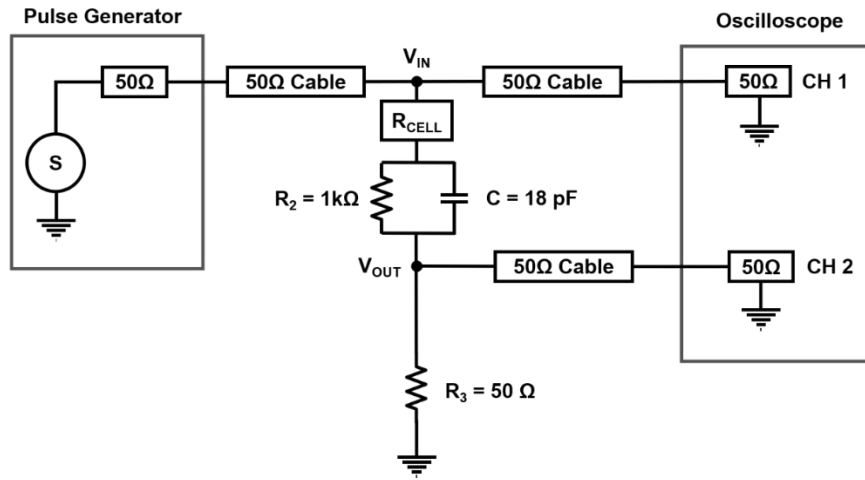


Figure S1. Schematic of testing setup for cell electroporation.

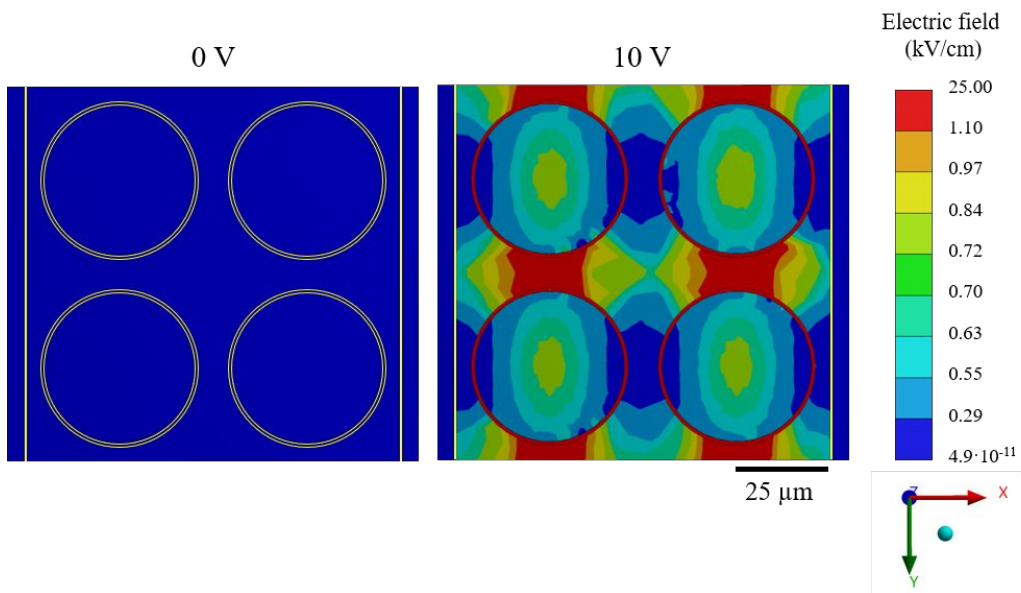


Figure S2. Electric field distribution of four cells with no excitation (left panel) and with ~ 10 V rectangular-pulse excitation (right panel). The simulation was performed with a ~ 10 V, ~ 1 μ s square-wave single-pulse.

Table S1. Parameters used for finite element simulations.

| Parameters | Values |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Conductivity of ITO | 1.3×10^4 S/cm |
| Conductivity of cell | 4.44×10^{-3} S/cm |
| Size of gap | 0.1 mm |
| Voltage | 10 V |

Table S2. Raw impedance values of MCF-7 cells over a period of 0 – 120 min with different number of bias-voltage pulses.

| Number of pulses | Measured impedance over time (Ω) | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 0 min | 5 min | 10 min | 15 min | 60 min | 120 min |
| 0 | 1.33E+03 | 1.18E+03 | 1.12E+03 | 1.04E+03 | 9.77E+02 | 7.69E+02 |
| 10 | 1.31E+03 | 1.17E+03 | 1.10E+03 | 1.00E+03 | 7.78E+02 | 7.13E+02 |
| 50 | 1.31E+03 | 1.20E+03 | 1.17E+03 | 1.09E+03 | 9.51E+02 | 8.13E+02 |
| 100 | 1.31E+03 | 1.17E+03 | 1.17E+03 | 1.14E+03 | 1.07E+03 | 1.02E+03 |
| 150 | 1.29E+03 | 1.26E+03 | 1.26E+03 | 1.26E+03 | 1.26E+03 | 1.19E+03 |
| 200 | 1.33E+03 | 1.26E+03 | 1.31E+03 | 1.28E+03 | 1.31E+03 | 1.30E+03 |

Table S3. Comparison of state-of-the-art electroporation systems.

| Paper | Cell type | Type of electroporation | Pulse number | Pulse width | Gap distance | Field strength | Time of recovery |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Int. J. Cancer</i> 121 , 675–682 (2007) ⁶⁹ | 4T1 cells | Cell population | 80 at 1 Hz | 100 μ s | 4 mm | 600 V/cm, 700 V/cm | No info |
| <i>Biophys. J.</i> 84 , 2709–2714 (2003) ⁵¹ | Jurkat cells | Cell population | 1 | 60 ns, 300 ns, 10 ms, and 100 ms | 0.33 mm | 3–150 kV/cm | No info |
| <i>PLoS One</i> 7 , e51349 (2012) ⁷⁰ | N1-S1 cells | Cell population | 1 | 600 ns – 15 ns or 150 ns rise time | 10 mm | 0-80 kV/cm | No info |
| <i>Bioelectromagnetics</i> 33 , 257–264 (2012) ⁷¹ | Human Jurkat T lymphocytes | Cell population | 5 for 100 μ s and 10 for 30 ns, 4 Hz | 100 μ s, 30 ns | 1 mm | 0.5 MV/cm 2.5 MV/cm | No info |
| <i>Cancer Res.</i> 72 , 1336–1341 (2012) ⁷² | DC-3F, K-562, Lewis Lung Carcinoma | Cell population | 8 at 1 Hz | 99 μ s | 4 mm | 1.2 – 1.4 kV/cm | No info |
| <i>Int. J. Cancer</i> 121 , 675–682 (2007) ⁷³ | Jurkat and RPMI 8226 cells | Cell population | 200, 300 or 500, 20 Hz | 20 ns | 1 mm | 35 kV/cm | No info |
| <i>Bioelectrochem</i> 57 , 167–172 (2002) ⁷⁴ | DC3F cells | Cell population | 1, 10, 1000, 2500 | 100 μ s, 30 μ s | 2 mm | - | No info |
| <i>Technol. Cancer Res. Treat.</i> 17 , 1–15 (2018) ⁵⁵ | CHO-K1 cells | Cell population | 1 | 10 μ s, 100 μ s, 1000 μ s | 2, 4, 6, and 8 mm | 170, 250, 320, and 400 kV/m | No info |
| <i>J. Membr. Biol.</i> 245 , 617–624 (2012) ⁴⁹ | C2C12 and HEK 293 cells | Cell population | 8 | 100 μ s | 0.150 mm | 1.2, 1.6, 2 and 2.2 kV/cm | 30 min |
| This work | MCF-7 cells | Cell population | 10, 50, 100, 150 and 200 pulses | 1 μs | 0.1 mm | 250, 350 and 500 V/cm | 120 min |

Table S4. Raw impedance values of MCF-7 cells when electroporated using 200 pulses with different voltage amplitudes.

| Bias voltage (V) | Measured impedance (Ω) |
|-------------------------|---|
| 0 | 2.65E+03 |
| 2.5 | 1.62E+03 |
| 3.5 | 2.11E+03 |
| 5.0 | 1.64E+03 |

