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采用不同流场的质子交换膜燃料电池内部传递现象模拟

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## Simulation of the Internal Transport Phenomena for PEM Fuel Cells with Different Modes of Flow

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**Key words** proton exchange membrane fuel cell; numerical model; liquid water saturation; conventional flow; interdigitated flow; humidification

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