

Presentations

[1] (Invited presentation) J. Ohnuki, M. Takano, “Electrostatic ratcheting mechanism of peptide synthesis by non-ribosomal molecular machine”, The 58th annual meeting of the biophysical society of Japan, Online conference (2020).

[2] 大貫隼, 高野光則, “誘電アロステリーによるアクチン繊維の脱重合機構”, 第1回生体分子シミュレーション・モデリング研究会, Online conference (2021).

Awards

- Early career presentation award from the biophysical society of Japan

Research Summary

- We investigated the physical mechanism of successive peptide synthesis by a non-ribosomal molecular machine. Based on our molecular dynamics (MD) results, we propose the electrostatic ratcheting mechanism of the peptide synthesis with the essential part shared between non-ribosomal and ribosomal molecular machines.
- We continued to study the mechanism of actin depolymerization and its regulation from the viewpoint of dielectric and piezoelectric allostery.
- By utilizing a Ising-like Hamiltonian and a combinatorial optimization technique, we propose a method to search allosteric pathway extended from an input site to distant and unknown sites in the large-scale Coulombic network which is obtained from MD simulation.