



Model created in COMSOL Multiphysics 6.4

# Parasitic Reactions in an Electrochemical Capacitor

## *Introduction*

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This model demonstrates how to set up side reactions in an electrochemical supercapacitor using the Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst–Planck (tcd) interface.

The 1D isothermal model includes the following processes:

- Electronic current conduction in the electrodes
- Ionic charge transport in the porous electrodes and separator
- Double layer capacitance in the porous electrodes
- Side reactions involving hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) and oxygen evolution reaction (OER) for an aqueous electrolyte

The model is based on the theoretical framework of Newman ([Ref. 1](#)) and White ([Ref. 2](#)). In the model presented, the effect of the parasitic reactions in an aqueous electrolyte-based supercapacitor on the performance during charge discharge behavior is studied.

See also the [Electrochemical Capacitor with Porous Electrodes](#) tutorial for an introduction to electrochemical capacitor modeling using the Tertiary Current Distribution interface.

## *Model Definition*

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This example models the electrochemical capacitor cross section in 1D, which implies that edge effects in the length and height of the capacitor cell are neglected. The example uses the following domains:

- Two porous electrode (right and left): 50  $\mu\text{m}$
- Separator (flooded with electrolyte): 25  $\mu\text{m}$

### **DOMAIN CONDITIONS**

The model solves for the potentials in the electrode and aqueous electrolyte phases, in combination with four concentration dependent variables for the cation, the anion and the dissolved concentrations of hydrogen and oxygen.

Due to the aqueous electrolyte, proton and hydroxide transport are also included in the model. Using two algebraic equations: electroneutrality and the water-autoprotolysis to be in equilibrium, the proton and hydroxide concentrations do not need to be solved for as dependent variables.

The electric potential in the electron conducting phase,  $\phi_s$ , is calculated using a charge balance based on Ohm's law. The migrative and diffusive charge and species transport in the electrolyte is modeled using the Nernst–Planck equations.

The double layer charging is defined as a source term in the porous electrodes based on the time derivative of the potential jump over the double layer according to

$$i_{v,dl} = a_{v,dl} C_{dl} \frac{d(\phi_s - \phi_l)}{dt} \quad (1)$$

where  $a_{v,dl}$  ( $\text{m}^2/\text{m}^3$ ) is the active specific surface area for double layer charging, and  $C_{dl}$  is the double layer capacitance ( $\text{F}/\text{m}^2$ ).

Due to the aqueous electrolyte, oxygen and hydrogen may start evolving in the electrodes. In the positive porous electrode, oxygen evolution, or reduction, occurs according to



In the negative porous electrode, hydrogen evolution, or oxidation, occurs according to



The porous electrode reactions are modeled using concentration-dependent Butler–Volmer reactions.

### **BOUNDARY CONDITIONS**

For the electronic current balance, a potential of 0 V is set on the left electrode's current collector/feeder boundary.

At the right electrode current collector/feeder, an event-based charge-discharge condition is used. First the capacitor is charged at 100 A until a voltage of 2 V is reached, then the capacitor rests for 1 h, followed by a discharge at 100 A until a voltage of 0.5 V is reached. The cycle is then repeated.

At the separator-negative electrode boundary, it is assumed that the electrode potential is so low that oxygen, produced at the positive electrode and diffusing over the separator, will be immediately reduced at this point. Similarly, at the separator-positive electrode boundary, it is assumed that any hydrogen reaching this point will be immediately reduced.

The above conditions are modeled by setting the respective hydrogen or oxygen concentration to 0 at the electrode-separator boundaries, and by adding the corresponding electrode current density (based on the species flux and Faraday's law) to the charge balance equations. This is achieved using an Internal Electrode Surface boundary node.

## Results and Discussion

Figure 1 shows the current-voltage response versus time for a 5000 simulation. Each charge pulse is followed by 1 h during which the voltage relaxes due to the parasitic oxygen reduction and hydrogen oxidation at the electrode-separator boundaries.

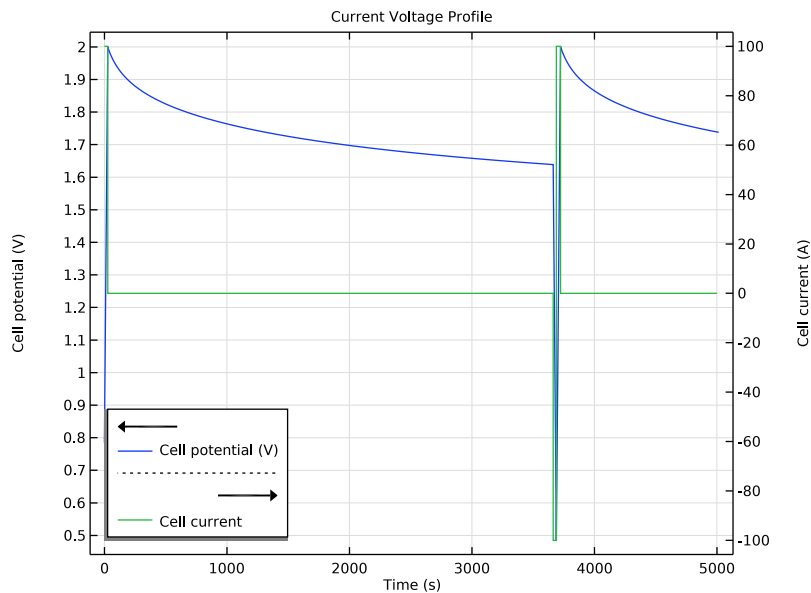


Figure 1: Voltage and current profiles for the capacitor.

Figure 2 shows the maximum activities (the concentration divided by the respective solubility limit) in the cell for the oxygen and hydrogen species versus time. The activities increase during the charge pulses, and relax linearly versus time during the rest period.

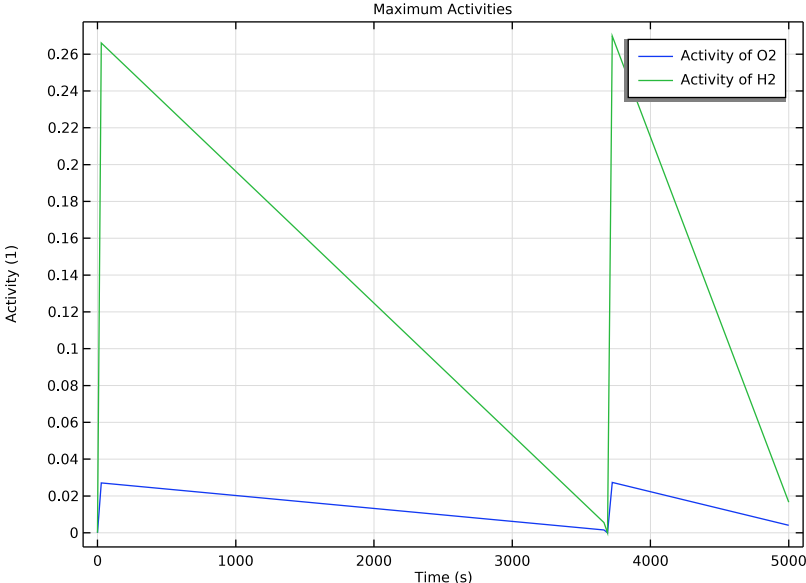


Figure 2: Maximum cell activity for O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> versus time.

Figure 3, finally, shows oxygen and hydrogen concentrations in the cell at the end of a charge period. The maximum values are found at the separator-current collector boundaries.

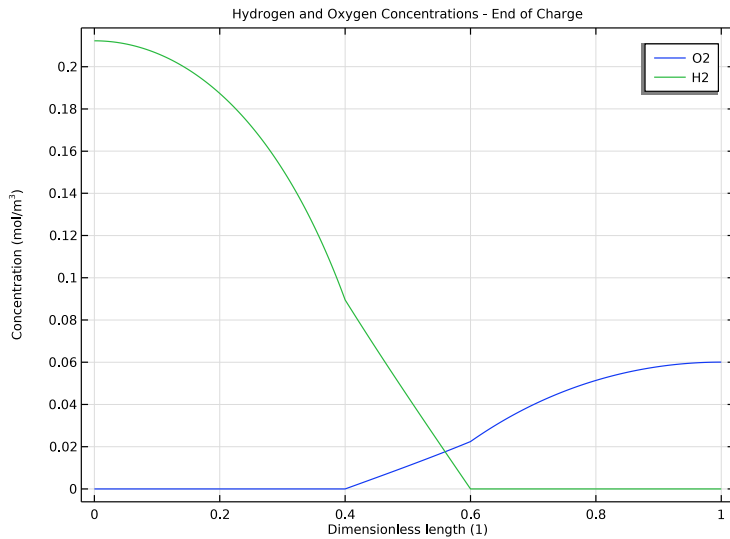


Figure 3: Concentrations of O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> at the end of charge.

## References

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2. C.Lin, J.A. Ritter, B.N. Popov, and R.E. White, “A Mathematical Model of an Electrochemical Capacitor with Double Layer and Faradaic Processes,” *J. Electrochem. Soc.*, vol. 146, no. 9, pp. 3168–3175, 1999.

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**Application Library path:** Battery\_Design\_Module/  
Electrochemical\_Capacitors/electrochemical\_capacitor\_side\_reactions

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## Modeling Instructions

From the **File** menu, choose **New**.

## NEW

In the **New** window, click  **Model Wizard**.


## MODEL WIZARD

- 1 In the **Model Wizard** window, click .
- 2 In the **Select Physics** tree, select **Electrochemistry > Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst-Planck > Tertiary, Water-Based with Electroneutrality (tcd)**.
- 3 Click **Add**.
- 4 Click  **Study**.
- 5 In the **Select Study** tree, select **General Studies > Time Dependent**.
- 6 Click  **Done**.



## GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

### *Parameters : Electrochemical Cell*


Import the parameter file for the electrochemical cell, the load profile and for the parasitic electrode reactions.


- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Global Definitions** click **Parameters I**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parameters**, locate the **Parameters** section.
- 3 Click  **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `electrochemical_capacitor_side_reactions_electrochemical_cell.txt`.
- 5 In the **Label** text field, type `Parameters : Electrochemical Cell`.

### *Parameters : Load Profile*

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click  **Parameters** and choose **Add > Parameters**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parameters**, type `Parameters : Load Profile` in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Parameters** section. Click  **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `electrochemical_capacitor_side_reactions_load_profile.txt`.

### *Parameters : Electrode Reactions*

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click  **Parameters** and choose **Add > Parameters**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parameters**, type `Parameters : Electrode Reactions` in the **Label** text field.

- 3 Locate the **Parameters** section. Click  **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `electrochemical_capacitor_side_reactions_electrode_reactions.txt`.

## GEOMETRY I

### *Interval I (il)*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Component I (comp1) > Geometry I** node.
- 2 Right-click **Geometry I** and choose **Interval**.


## GEOMETRY I

### *Interval I (il)*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Component I (comp1) > Geometry I > Interval I (il)** node, then click **Interval I (il)**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Interval**, locate the **Interval** section.
- 3 From the **Specify** list, choose **Interval lengths**.
- 4 In the table, enter the following settings:

<b>Lengths (m)</b>
L_elec
L_sep
L_elec

### *Form Union (fin)*

In the **Home** toolbar, click  **Build All**.

## TERTIARY CURRENT DISTRIBUTION, NERNST-PLANCK (TCD)

Add the dependent variables for the concentration of the different electroactive species.

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component I (comp1)** click **Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst-Planck (tcd)**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst-Planck**, click to expand the **Dependent Variables** section.
- 3 In the **Number of species** text field, type 4.
- 4 In the **Concentrations (mol/m<sup>3</sup>)** table, enter the following settings:

cCat
cAn

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cO2

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cH2

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### *Species Charges 1*

Define the migration parameters in the electrolyte.

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1) > Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst–Planck (tcd)** click **Species Charges 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Species Charges**, locate the **Charge** section.
- 3 In the  $z_{cCat}$  text field, type 1.
- 4 In the  $z_{cAn}$  text field, type -1.

### *Electrolyte 1*

Define the diffusion parameters in the electrolyte.



- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Electrolyte 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Electrolyte**, locate the **Diffusion** section.
- 3 In the  $D_{cCat}$  text field, type D.
- 4 In the  $D_{cAn}$  text field, type D.
- 5 In the  $D_{cO2}$  text field, type D\_O2.
- 6 In the  $D_{cH2}$  text field, type D\_H2.

### *Initial Values - H2 side*

Set the initial values for the different domains of the electrochemical cell.



- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1) > Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst–Planck (tcd)** click **Initial Values 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Initial Values**, type Initial Values - H2 side in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Initial Values** section. In the  $c_{Cat}$  text field, type  $c_{bulk}$ .
- 4 In the  $c_{An}$  text field, type  $c_{bulk}$ .
- 5 In the  $c_{H2}$  text field, type  $c_{H2\_init}$ .

### *Initial Values - O2 side*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Domains** and choose **Initial Values**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Initial Values**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.
- 3 Click  **Paste Selection**.
- 4 In the **Paste Selection** dialog, type 3 in the **Selection** text field.



- 5 Click **OK**.
- 6 In the **Settings** window for **Initial Values**, type Initial Values - O2 side in the **Label** text field.
- 7 Locate the **Initial Values** section. In the *cCat* text field, type c\_bulk.
- 8 In the *cAn* text field, type c\_bulk.
- 9 In the *cO2* text field, type cO2\_init.
- 10 In the *phis* text field, type E\_cell\_init.

#### *Initial Values - Separator*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Domains** and choose **Initial Values**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Initial Values**, type Initial Values - Separator in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Domain Selection** section. Click  **Paste Selection**.
- 4 In the **Paste Selection** dialog, type 2 in the **Selection** text field.
- 5 Click **OK**.
- 6 In the **Settings** window for **Initial Values**, locate the **Initial Values** section.
- 7 In the *cCat* text field, type c\_bulk.
- 8 In the *cAn* text field, type c\_bulk.
- 9 In the *cO2* text field, type  $cO2\_init * (x - L\_elec) / L\_sep$ .
- 10 In the *cH2* text field, type  $cH2\_init * (L\_elec + L\_sep - x) / L\_sep$ .
- 11 In the *phis* text field, type E\_cell\_init.

#### *Porous Electrode - H2 side*

Set the properties of the porous electrode and the electrode reactions at the respective electrode domains.

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Domains** and choose **Porous Electrode**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode**, type Porous Electrode - H2 side in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Domain Selection** section. Click  **Paste Selection**.
- 4 In the **Paste Selection** dialog, type 1 in the **Selection** text field.
- 5 Click **OK**.
- 6 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode**, locate the **Diffusion** section.
- 7 In the  $D_{cCat}$  text field, type D.
- 8 In the  $D_{cAn}$  text field, type D.

- 9 In the  $D_{cO_2}$  text field, type D\_02.
- 10 In the  $D_{cH_2}$  text field, type D\_H2.
- 11 Locate the **Electrode Current Conduction** section. From the  $\sigma_s$  list, choose **User defined**.  
In the associated text field, type sigma\_s.
- 12 Locate the **Porous Matrix Properties** section. In the  $\epsilon_s$  text field, type 1-eps\_e1.
- 13 In the  $\epsilon_1$  text field, type eps\_e1.


*Porous Electrode Reaction - HER*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1) > Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst–Planck (tcd) > Porous Electrode - H2 side** click **Porous Electrode Reaction 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode Reaction**, type Porous Electrode Reaction - HER in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Stoichiometric Coefficients** section. In the  $v_{cH_2}$  text field, type 1.
- 4 In the  $n$  text field, type 2.
- 5 Locate the **Equilibrium Potential** section. In the  $E_{eq,ref}(T)$  text field, type Eeq\_ref\_H2.
- 6 Locate the **Electrode Kinetics** section. In the  $i_{0,ref}(T)$  text field, type i0\_ref\_H2.
- 7 Locate the **Active Specific Surface Area** section. In the  $a_v$  text field, type Av.

*Porous Electrode - H2 side*



In the **Model Builder** window, click **Porous Electrode - H2 side**.

*Porous Matrix Double Layer Capacitance 1*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Attributes** and choose **Porous Matrix Double Layer Capacitance**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Matrix Double Layer Capacitance**, locate the **Porous Matrix Double Layer Capacitance** section.
- 3 In the  $C_{dl}$  text field, type aC.
- 4 In the  $a_{v,dl}$  text field, type Av.
- 5 Locate the **Stoichiometric Coefficients** section. In the  $v_{cCat}$  text field, type -0.5.
- 6 In the  $v_{cAn}$  text field, type 0.5.

*Porous Electrode - O2 side*



- 1 Right-click **Porous Electrode - H2 side** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode**, type Porous Electrode - O2 side in the **Label** text field.

- 3 Locate the **Domain Selection** section. Click  **Clear Selection**.
- 4 Click  **Paste Selection**.
- 5 In the **Paste Selection** dialog, type 3 in the **Selection** text field.
- 6 Click **OK**.

#### *Porous Electrode Reaction - OER*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Porous Electrode - O2 side** node, then click **Porous Electrode Reaction - HER**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode Reaction**, type Porous Electrode Reaction - OER in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Stoichiometric Coefficients** section. In the  $n$  text field, type 4.
- 4 In the  $v_{\text{CO}_2}$  text field, type -1.
- 5 In the  $v_{\text{CH}_2}$  text field, type 0.
- 6 Locate the **Equilibrium Potential** section. In the  $E_{\text{eq,ref}}(T)$  text field, type Eeq\_ref\_02.
- 7 Locate the **Electrode Kinetics** section. In the  $i_{0,\text{ref}}(T)$  text field, type i0\_ref\_02.  
Define the recombination reaction on the internal boundaries.


#### *Internal Electrode Surface -ORR*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Boundaries** and choose **Internal Electrode Surface**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Internal Electrode Surface**, type Internal Electrode Surface -ORR in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Boundary Selection** section. Click  **Paste Selection**.
- 4 In the **Paste Selection** dialog, type 2 in the **Selection** text field.
- 5 Click **OK**.

#### *Electrode Reaction 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Electrode Reaction 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Electrode Reaction**, locate the **Stoichiometric Coefficients** section.
- 3 In the  $n$  text field, type 4.
- 4 In the  $v_{\text{CO}_2}$  text field, type -1.
- 5 Locate the **Equilibrium Potential** section. From the  $E_{\text{eq}}$  list, choose **User defined**. Locate the **Electrode Kinetics** section. From the **Kinetics expression type** list, choose **Fast irreversible electrode reaction**.
- 6 From the  $c_{\text{lim}}$  list, choose **cO2**.



### *Internal Electrode Surface -HOR*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Internal Electrode Surface -ORR** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Internal Electrode Surface**, locate the **Boundary Selection** section.
- 3 In the list box, select **2**.
- 4 Click  **Remove from Selection**.
- 5 Select Boundary 3 only.
- 6 In the **Label** text field, type Internal Electrode Surface -HOR.

### *Electrode Reaction 1*



- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Internal Electrode Surface -HOR** node, then click **Electrode Reaction 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Electrode Reaction**, locate the **Stoichiometric Coefficients** section.
- 3 In the  $n$  text field, type 2.
- 4 In the  $v_{\text{CO}_2}$  text field, type 0.
- 5 In the  $v_{\text{CH}_2}$  text field, type 1.
- 6 Locate the **Electrode Kinetics** section. From the  $c_{\text{lim}}$  list, choose **CH2**.

### *Electric Ground 1*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Boundaries** and choose **Electric Ground**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Electric Ground**, locate the **Boundary Selection** section.
- 3 Click  **Paste Selection**.
- 4 In the **Paste Selection** dialog, type 1 in the **Selection** text field.
- 5 Click **OK**.

### *Charge-Discharge Cycling 1*

Set up the load cycle using the charge-discharge cycle boundary condition.


- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Boundaries** and choose **Charge-Discharge Cycling**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Charge-Discharge Cycling**, locate the **Boundary Selection** section.
- 3 Click  **Paste Selection**.
- 4 In the **Paste Selection** dialog, type 4 in the **Selection** text field.
- 5 Click **OK**.

- 6 In the **Settings** window for **Charge-Discharge Cycling**, locate the **Discharge Settings** section.
- 7 In the  $I_{\text{dch}}$  text field, type  $-I_{\text{app}}$ .
- 8 In the  $V_{\text{min}}$  text field, type  $V_{\text{min}}$ .
- 9 Locate the **Charge Settings** section. In the  $I_{\text{ch}}$  text field, type  $I_{\text{app}}$ .
- 10 In the  $V_{\text{max}}$  text field, type  $V_{\text{max}}$ .
- 11 Select the **Include rest period** checkbox.
- 12 In the  $t_{\text{rest,ch}}$  text field, type  $t_{\text{rest}}$ .
- 13 Click to expand the **Start Mode** section. From the **Start with** list, choose **Charge first**.

## DEFINITIONS

Add probes using the definitions node in the model builder for the activities of H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, and the cell potential.


### Domain Probe 1 (*dom1*)

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click  **Probes** and choose **Domain Probe**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Domain Probe**, type aH2 in the **Variable name** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Probe Type** section. From the **Type** list, choose **Maximum**.
- 4 Locate the **Expression** section. In the **Expression** text field, type `comp1.cH2/cH2_sol`.
- 5 Select the **Description** checkbox. In the associated text field, type aH2.

### Domain Probe 2 (*dom2*)

- 1 Right-click **Domain Probe 1 (aH2)** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Domain Probe**, type aO2 in the **Variable name** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Expression** section. In the **Expression** text field, type `comp1.cO2/cO2_sol`.
- 4 In the **Description** text field, type aO2.

### Global Variable Probe 1 (*var1*)

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click  **Probes** and choose **Global Variable Probe**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global Variable Probe**, click **Replace Expression** in the upper-right corner of the **Expression** section. From the menu, choose **Component 1 (comp1) > Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst-Planck > Charge-Discharge Cycling 1 > tcd.cdcl.phis0 - Cell potential - V**.
- 3 In the **Variable name** text field, type  $E_{\text{cell}}$ .

### Maximum 1 (*maxop1*)

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click  **Nonlocal Couplings** and choose **Maximum**.

- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Maximum**, locate the **Source Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Selection** list, choose **All domains**.


## GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Set the temperature for the model using common model inputs.

### *Default Model Inputs*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Global Definitions** click **Default Model Inputs**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Default Model Inputs**, locate the **Browse Model Inputs** section.
- 3 In the tree, select **General > Temperature (K) - minput.T**.
- 4 Find the **Expression for remaining selection** subsection. In the **Temperature** text field, type T.

## MESH I

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component I (comp1)** right-click **Mesh I** and choose **Build All**.
- 2 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.


## STUDY I : CC CHARGE WITH REST PERIOD

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Study I**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Study**, type Study 1 : CC Charge with Rest Period in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Study Settings** section. Clear the **Generate default plots** checkbox.

### *Step 1: Time Dependent*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Study I : CC Charge with Rest Period** node, then click **Step 1: Time Dependent**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Time Dependent**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 In the **Output times** text field, type 0 5000.


### *Solution 1 (sol1)*

- 1 In the **Study** toolbar, click  **Show Default Solver**.
- 2 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Solution I (sol1)** node.
- 3 Right-click **Study I : CC Charge with Rest Period > Solver Configurations > Solution I (sol1) > Time-Dependent Solver 1** and choose **Run**.


## RESULTS

Plot the current voltage profile for the capacitor.

### *Current Voltage Profile*

- 1 In the **Results** toolbar, click  **ID Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Current Voltage Profile in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Label**.
- 4 Locate the **Legend** section. From the **Position** list, choose **Lower left**.



### *Cell Potential*

- 1 Right-click **Current Voltage Profile** and choose **Table Graph**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Table Graph**, type Cell Potential in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Plot columns** list, choose **Manual**.
- 4 In the **Columns** list box, select **Cell potential (V)**.
- 5 Click to expand the **Legends** section. Select the **Show legends** checkbox.
- 6 In the **Current Voltage Profile** toolbar, click  **Plot**.

### *Cell Current*


- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Current Voltage Profile** and choose **Global**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, click **Replace Expression** in the upper-right corner of the **y-Axis Data** section. From the menu, choose **Component 1 (comp1) > Tertiary Current Distribution, Nernst-Planck > Charge-Discharge Cycling 1 > tcd.cd1.lcell - Cell current - A**.
- 3 In the **Label** text field, type Cell Current.

### *Current Voltage Profile*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Current Voltage Profile**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, locate the **Plot Settings** section.
- 3 Select the **Two y-axes** checkbox.
- 4 In the table, select the **Plot on secondary y-axis** checkbox for **Cell Current**.
- 5 In the **Current Voltage Profile** toolbar, click  **Plot**.
- 6 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

### *Maximum Activities*

Plot the maximum and minimum activities for O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>.

- 1 In the **Results** toolbar, click  **ID Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Maximum Activities in the **Label** text field.

- 3 Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Label**.
- 4 Locate the **Plot Settings** section.
- 5 Select the **y-axis label** checkbox. In the associated text field, type Activity (1).

#### *Activity of O<sub>2</sub>*



- 1 Right-click **Maximum Activities** and choose **Global**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, type Activity of O<sub>2</sub> in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
maxop1(cO2/cO2_sol)	1	Activity of O <sub>2</sub>


#### *Activity of H<sub>2</sub>*

- 1 Right-click **Activity of O<sub>2</sub>** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, type Activity of H<sub>2</sub> in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
maxop1(cH2/cH2_sol)	1	Activity of H <sub>2</sub>



- 4 In the **Maximum Activities** toolbar, click  **Plot**.
- 5 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

#### *Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge*

- 1 In the **Results** toolbar, click  **ID Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Time selection** list, choose **From list**.
- 4 In the **Times (s)** list box, select **27.387**.
- 5 Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Label**.
- 6 Locate the **Plot Settings** section.
- 7 Select the **x-axis label** checkbox. In the associated text field, type Dimensionless length (1).
- 8 Select the **y-axis label** checkbox. In the associated text field, type Concentration (mol/m<sup>3</sup>).

#### *Oxygen Concentration*



- 1 Right-click **Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge** and choose **Line Graph**.

- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Line Graph**, type Oxygen Concentration in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Selection** section. From the **Selection** list, choose **All domains**.
- 4 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the **Expression** text field, type  $cO_2$ .
- 5 Select the **Description** checkbox. In the associated text field, type O2.
- 6 In the **Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge** toolbar, click  **Plot**.
- 7 Locate the **x-Axis Data** section. From the **Parameter** list, choose **Expression**.
- 8 In the **Expression** text field, type  $x / (2 * L_{elec} + L_{sep})$ .
- 9 Click to expand the **Legends** section. Select the **Show legends** checkbox.
- 10 Find the **Include** subsection. Clear the **Solution** checkbox.
- 11 Select the **Description** checkbox.
- 12 In the **Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge** toolbar, click  **Plot**.

#### *Oxygen Concentration I*

Right-click **Oxygen Concentration** and choose **Duplicate**.

#### *Hydrogen Concentration*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Results > Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge > Oxygen Concentration** node, then click **Results > Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge > Oxygen Concentration I**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Line Graph**, type Hydrogen Concentration in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the **Expression** text field, type  $cH_2$ .
- 4 Select the **Description** checkbox. In the associated text field, type H2.
- 5 In the **Hydrogen and Oxygen Concentrations - End of Charge** toolbar, click  **Plot**.
- 6 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.