



Model created in COMSOL Multiphysics 6.4

# Modeling Impedance in the Lithium-Ion Battery

## *Introduction*

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Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) is a valuable method to investigate electrochemical systems such as batteries. For a battery, where potential perturbations of varying frequency are applied on an electrode, the impedance response gives insight into several battery properties and processes. At high frequencies, short time-scale processes such as capacitance, electrochemical reactions, and local resistances affect the impedance. On the other hand, at low frequencies, diffusion in the electrolyte and active material particles (that is, large time-scale processes) contribute to the impedance.

This example simulates the impedance of a full lithium-ion battery cell using the Lithium-Ion Battery interface with an AC Impedance Stationary study. The model also reproduces the results by Abraham and others ([Ref. 1](#)) for sinusoidal potential perturbations between 10 mHz to 1 kHz after model fitting using the Parameter Estimation study step.

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**Note:** This tutorial model requires the Optimization Module.

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## *Model Definition*

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The model consists of the following components:

- Negative porous electrode: LTO ( $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ ) active material, electronic conductor, and filler.
- Separator: Celgard 2325
- Positive porous electrode: NCA ( $\text{LiNi}_{0.08}\text{Co}_{0.15}\text{Al}_{0.05}\text{O}_2$ ) active material, electronic conductor, and filler.
- Electrolyte: 1.2 M  $\text{LiPF}_6$  in EC:EMC (3:7 by weight)

A 1D model with three domains of different thickness is used: a 115  $\mu\text{m}$  negative electrode, a 50  $\mu\text{m}$  separator, and a 35  $\mu\text{m}$  positive electrode. The model is set up in a similar fashion as the [1D Isothermal Lithium-Ion Battery](#), but with double-layer capacitances on the active electrode materials and on the electronic conductor in the positive electrode. The model approach using an additional double-layer at the electronic conductor has, for example, been used by Brown and others ([Ref. 2](#)) to describe experimental EIS spectra measured between 1 mHz and 1 kHz on NCA electrodes.

An AC Stationary Impedance study is used to solve the problem, implying that all variables are shifted from being time dependent to frequency dependent, as illustrated with the following expression:

$$n = n_0 + \text{Re}\{\tilde{n} \cdot e^{2\pi f \cdot it}\}$$

where  $n$  is the variable and subscript 0 denotes the initial value around which the perturbation takes place and tilde the complex perturbation. Furthermore,  $i$  is the imaginary unit,  $f$  the frequency, and  $t$  the time.

The boundary of the positive electrode current-collector is set to a sinusoidal perturbation with a 10 mV amplitude and the boundary of the negative electrode current-collector fixed to 0 V, that is, ground.

The cell impedance,  $Z$  (SI unit:  $\Omega \cdot \text{m}^2$ ), is calculated at the boundary of the positive electrode current-collector as follows:

$$\tilde{Z} = \tilde{\phi}_s / (\mathbf{n} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_s)$$

where  $\phi_s$  (SI unit: V) is the potential,  $\mathbf{n}$  the boundary normal and  $\mathbf{I}_s$  (SI unit:  $\text{Am}^{-2}$ ) the current density in the solid. (Note that the `linddev` operator is used in the model file in order to use the perturbing values of the variables in the evaluation.)

Subtracting the reference electrode potential from the solid potential in the numerator enables the analysis of the impedance of the NCA positive electrode versus the reference electrode, thus separating the contribution of each electrode to the impedance. The LTO impedance versus the reference is consequently given by the difference between the cell impedance and NCA impedance versus the reference.

The model is computed for frequencies between 10 mHz and 1 kHz. This range is common in EIS to minimize any errors from experimental interference (for example, [Ref. 2](#)).

## OPTIMIZATION

The model is initially solved for the presented experimental set-up ([Ref. 1](#)) with the aid of parameters given in [Ref. 2](#). However, since the simulated impedance deviates to a large extent from the experiments, an optimization is performed using the Parameter Estimation study step, set to minimize the least-squares error between the simulated and

measured NCA impedance versus the reference electrode through variation of some control parameters. These parameters are given in [Table 1](#).

TABLE 1: CONTROL PARAMETERS WITH BOUNDS FOR A CELL VOLTAGE OF 2.30V.

Control parameters	Initial value	Bounds
Exchange current density NCA	$1 \text{ Am}^{-2}$	Lower: $1 \text{ Am}^{-2}$ Upper: $6 \text{ Am}^{-2}$
Double-layer capacitance NCA	$5 \cdot 10^{-1} \text{ Fm}^{-2}$	Lower: $1 \cdot 10^{-1} \text{ Fm}^{-2}$ Upper: $1 \text{ Fm}^{-2}$
Film resistance NCA	$1 \cdot 10^{-4} \Omega\text{m}^2$	Lower: $1 \cdot 10^{-6} \Omega\text{m}^2$ Upper: $5 \cdot 10^{-3} \Omega\text{m}^2$
Volumetric double-layer capacitance positive electronic conductor	$1 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Fm}^{-3}$	Lower: $1 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Fm}^{-3}$ Upper: $3 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Fm}^{-3}$

The first three parameters have bounds selected as anticipated by the information given by Abraham and others ([Ref. 1](#)). The last parameter depends on the size of the electronic conductor particles. It is also common to run parametric sweeps before selecting control parameters and to narrow down the bounds. Normally the optimization time is reduced and the optimization accuracy is improved when few control parameters and narrow bound intervals are selected.

### STUDY SETTINGS

The problem is solved with an AC Impedance, Initial Values study. The optimization solver is set up by adding a Parameter Estimation study step to the study and selecting the IPOPT method with the numeric gradient method.

### *Results and Discussion*

Simulated and experimental Nyquist spectra from the LTO/NCA cell at 2.30 V are displayed in [Figure 1](#). The simulation utilizes the parameters from [Ref. 2](#). Characteristic semi-circles and low-frequency tails are seen. The largest contribution to the cell impedance is in the positive NCA electrode. The difference between the experimental and simulated impedance spectra of the NCA electrode versus reference is evident: The

simulation shows one large semi-circle and an indication of another semi-circle at high frequencies. The experimental spectrum has a smaller depressed (elongated) semi-circle.

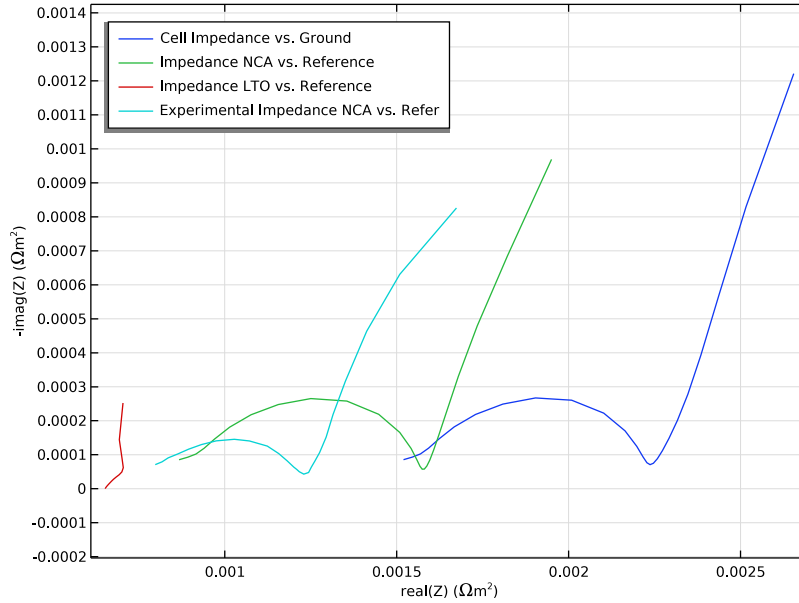


Figure 1: Simulated and experimental Nyquist spectra for 10 mHz to 1 kHz. Parameters taken from Ref. 2.

Since the difference is most prominent in the semi-circle frequency region (that is, mid-high frequencies) mainly the parameters describing short time-scale processes do not fit

the experiments. Four of these parameters are investigated with a parametric sweep to determine their impact on the impedance. The sweep is shown in Figure 2.

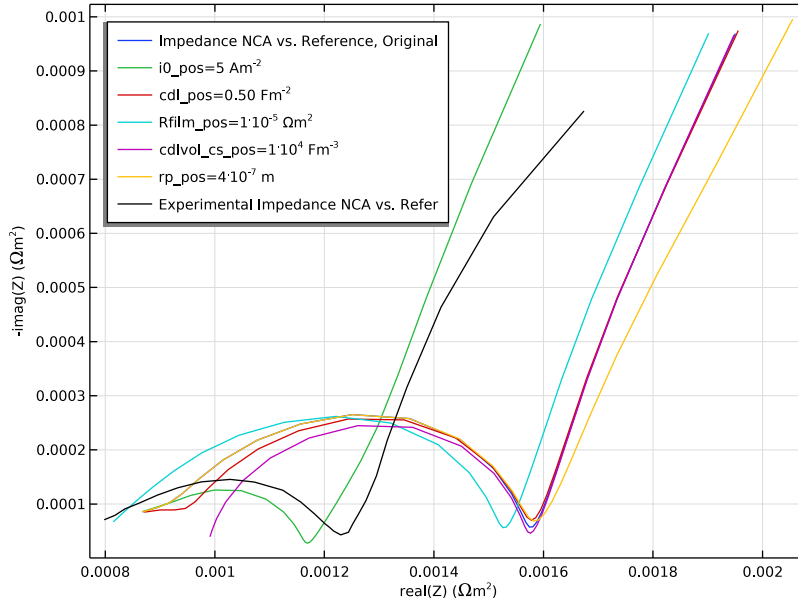


Figure 2: Nyquist plots when testing the impact of five parameters for 10 mHz to 1 kHz.

As a comparison, the sweep also includes variation of the radius of the positive electrode material particles, mainly affecting the large time-scale process of diffusion in the particles. Its impact is therefore more evident at lower frequencies. This is seen in Figure 2, where both the angle and shape of the low-frequency tail change. The results also show that the parameters describing large time-scale processes seem to be quite accurate in the model.

These findings are consistent with the observations by Abraham and others (Ref. 1) indicating that the electrochemical reaction is less limited in their electrodes. With this

input Table 1 is set up and the optimization is run. The resulting spectra are shown in Figure 3.

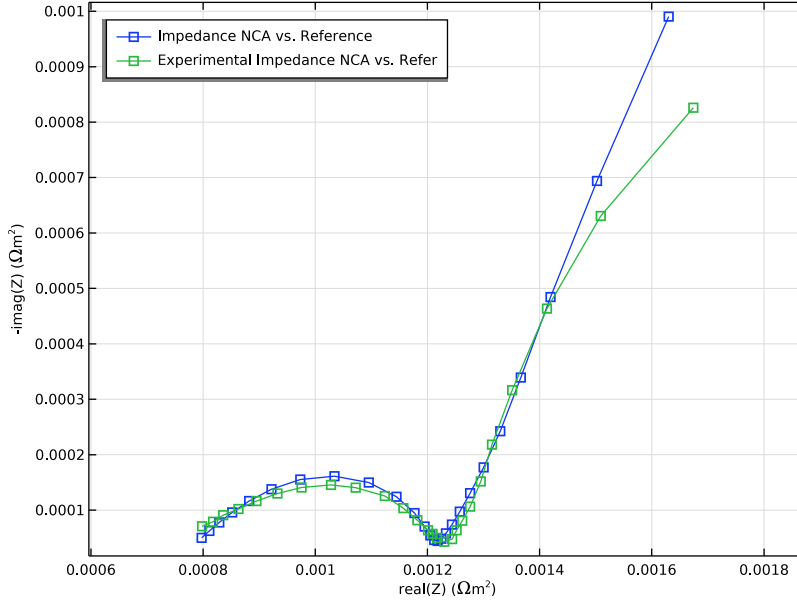


Figure 3: Nyquist spectra with optimized parameters for 10 mHz to 1 kHz. Squares denote the data points used in the optimization.

The simulated and experimental spectra for NCA versus reference are now seen to overlap well. The optimized control parameters are tabulated in Table 2.

TABLE 2: CHANGE OF CONTROL PARAMETERS AFTER OPTIMIZATION.

Control Parameters	Optimized Value
Exchange current density NCA	$2.6 \text{ Am}^{-2}$
Double-layer capacitance NCA	$5.7 \cdot 10^{-1} \text{ Fm}^{-2}$
Film resistance NCA	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega\text{m}^2$
Volumetric double-layer capacitance positive electronic conductor	$1.8 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Fm}^{-3}$

## References

1. D.P. Abraham, S. Kawachi, and D.W. Dees, “Modeling the impedance versus voltage characteristics of  $\text{LiNi}_{0.8}\text{Co}_{0.15}\text{Al}_{0.05}\text{O}_2$ ,” *Electrochim. Acta*, vol. 53, pp. 2121–2129, 2008.

2. S. Brown and others, “Impedance as a Tool for Investigating Aging in Lithium-Ion Porous Electrodes. II. Positive Electrode Examination,” *J. Electrochem. Soc.*, vol. 155, pp. A320, 2008.

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**Application Library path:** Battery\_Design\_Module/Lithium-Ion\_Batteries,\_  
\_Performance/li\_battery\_impedance


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### *Modeling Instructions*




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

#### **NEW**

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


#### **MODEL WIZARD**

- 1 In the **Model Wizard** window, click  **ID**.
- 2 In the **Select Physics** tree, select **Electrochemistry > Batteries > Lithium-Ion Battery (liion)**.
- 3 Click **Add**.
- 4 Click  **Study**.
- 5 In the **Select Study** tree, select **Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces > AC Impedance, Initial Values**.
- 6 Click  **Done**.

#### **GLOBAL DEFINITIONS**

Load parameters from a text file.


##### *Parameters 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Global Definitions** click **Parameters 1**.
- 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 `li_battery_impedance_parameters.txt`.

## DEFINITIONS

The impedance is calculated using variables defined in a text file. It is defined at the rightmost boundary versus ground (at the leftmost boundary) or a reference electrode. The `lindev` operator explicitly evaluates the deviation from the stationary solution in the perturbed solution.

### *Variables 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** right-click **Definitions** and choose **Variables**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Variables**, locate the **Variables** section.
- 3 Click  **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `li_battery_impedance_variables.txt`.

## GEOMETRY 1

The model geometry includes two porous electrodes with a separator in between. A reference electrode is positioned in the middle of the separator.

### *Interval - Negative Electrode*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** right-click **Geometry 1** and choose **Interval**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Interval**, type Interval - Negative Electrode in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Interval** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

<b>Coordinates (m)</b>
0
L_neg

- 4 Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.

### *Interval - Separator*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Geometry 1** and choose **Interval**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Interval**, type Interval - Separator in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Interval** section. From the **Specify** list, choose **Interval lengths**.
- 4 In the **Left endpoint** text field, type L\_neg.

5 In the table, enter the following settings:

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**Lengths (m)**

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L\_sep

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6 Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.

*Interval - Positive Electrode*

1 Right-click **Geometry 1** and choose **Interval**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Interval**, type Interval - Positive Electrode in the **Label** text field.

3 Locate the **Interval** section. From the **Specify** list, choose **Interval lengths**.

4 In the **Left endpoint** text field, type L\_neg+L\_sep.

5 In the table, enter the following settings:

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**Lengths (m)**

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L\_pos

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6 Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.

*Point - Reference Electrode*


1 Right-click **Geometry 1** and choose **Point**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Point**, type Point - Reference Electrode in the **Label** text field.

3 Locate the **Point** section. In the **x** text field, type L\_neg+L\_sep/2.

4 Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.

5 Click  **Build All Objects**.

6 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.


## ADD MATERIAL

The cell materials are available in the Battery material library.

1 In the **Home** toolbar, click  **Add Material** to open the **Add Material** window.

2 Go to the **Add Material** window.

3 In the tree, select **Battery > Electrolytes > LiPF6 in 3:7 EC:EMC (Liquid, Li-ion Battery)**.

- 4 Click the **Add to Component** button in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the tree, select **Battery > Electrodes > LTO, Li4Ti5O12 (Negative, Li-ion Battery)**.
- 6 Click the **Add to Component** button in the window toolbar.
- 7 In the tree, select **Battery > Electrodes > NCA, LiNi0.8Co0.15Al0.05O2 (Positive, Li-ion Battery)**.
- 8 Click the **Add to Component** button in the window toolbar.
- 9 In the **Home** toolbar, click  **Add Material** to close the **Add Material** window.

## MATERIALS

*LTO, Li4Ti5O12 (Negative, Li-ion Battery) (mat2)*


- 1 In the **Settings** window for **Material**, locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section.
- 2 From the **Selection** list, choose **Interval - Negative Electrode**.

*NCA, LiNi0.8Co0.15Al0.05O2 (Positive, Li-ion Battery) (mat3)*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **NCA, LiNi0.8Co0.15Al0.05O2 (Positive, Li-ion Battery) (mat3)**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Material**, locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Interval - Positive Electrode**.

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*Integration 1 (intop1)*

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click  **Nonlocal Couplings** and choose **Integration**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Integration**, locate the **Source Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Select Boundary 5 only.

## LITHIUM-ION BATTERY (LIION)


Double layers exist on both active materials.

*Separator 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1) > Lithium-Ion Battery (liion)** click **Separator 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Separator**, locate the **Porous Matrix Properties** section.
- 3 In the  $\epsilon_1$  text field, type `eps1_sep`.

- 4 Locate the **Effective Transport Parameter Correction** section. From the **Electrolyte conductivity** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $f_1$  text field, type  $\text{eps1\_sep}^{\wedge}\text{brug1\_sep}$ .
- 5 From the **Diffusion** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $f_{D1}$  text field, type  $\text{eps1\_sep}^{\wedge}\text{brug1\_sep}$ .

#### *Porous Electrode I*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Domains** and choose **Porous Electrode**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Interval - Negative Electrode**.
- 4 Locate the **Electrolyte Properties** section. From the **Electrolyte material** list, choose **LiPF6 in 3:7 EC:EMC (Liquid, Li-ion Battery) (mat1)**.
- 5 Locate the **Electrode Properties** section. In the  $\sigma_s$  text field, type  $\text{sigmas\_neg}$ .
- 6 Click to expand the **Film Resistance** section. From the **Film resistance** list, choose **Surface resistance**.
- 7 In the  $R_{\text{film}}$  text field, type  $\text{Rfilm\_neg}$ .
- 8 Locate the **Porous Matrix Properties** section. In the  $\epsilon_s$  text field, type  $\text{epss\_neg}$ .
- 9 In the  $\epsilon_1$  text field, type  $\text{eps1\_neg}$ .
- 10 Locate the **Effective Transport Parameter Correction** section. From the **Electrolyte conductivity** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $f_1$  text field, type  $\text{eps1\_neg}^{\wedge}\text{brug1\_neg}$ .
- 11 From the **Diffusion** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $f_{D1}$  text field, type  $\text{eps1\_neg}^{\wedge}\text{brug1\_neg}$ .

#### *Particle Intercalation I*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Particle Intercalation I**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Particle Intercalation**, locate the **Material** section.
- 3 From the **Particle material** list, choose **LTO, Li4Ti5O12 (Negative, Li-ion Battery) (mat2)**.
- 4 Locate the **Species Settings** section. In the  $c_{s,\text{init}}$  text field, type  $\text{mat2.def.csmax}^*\text{soc0\_neg}$ .
- 5 Locate the **Particle Transport Properties** section. In the  $r_p$  text field, type  $\text{rp\_neg}$ .

#### *Porous Electrode Reaction I*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Porous Electrode Reaction I**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode Reaction**, locate the **Material** section.
- 3 From the **Material** list, choose **LTO, Li4Ti5O12 (Negative, Li-ion Battery) (mat2)**.

4 Locate the **Electrode Kinetics** section. In the  $i_{0,\text{ref}}(T)$  text field, type `i0ref_neg`.

#### *Porous Electrode 1*

In the **Model Builder** window, click **Porous Electrode 1**.

#### *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 `cd1_neg`.

#### *Porous Electrode 2*

1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Domains** and choose **Porous Electrode**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.

3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Interval - Positive Electrode**.

4 Locate the **Electrolyte Properties** section. From the **Electrolyte material** list, choose **LiPF6 in 3:7 EC:EMC (Liquid, Li-ion Battery) (mat1)**.

5 Locate the **Electrode Properties** section. In the  $\sigma_s$  text field, type `sigmas_pos`.

6 Locate the **Film Resistance** section. From the **Film resistance** list, choose **Surface resistance**.

7 In the  $R_{\text{film}}$  text field, type `Rfilm_pos`.

8 Locate the **Porous Matrix Properties** section. In the  $\epsilon_s$  text field, type `eps_s_pos`.

9 In the  $\epsilon_1$  text field, type `eps1_pos`.

10 Locate the **Effective Transport Parameter Correction** section. From the **Electrolyte conductivity** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $f_1$  text field, type `eps1_pos^brug1_pos`.

11 From the **Diffusion** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $f_{D1}$  text field, type `eps1_pos^brug1_pos`.

#### *Particle Intercalation 1*

1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Particle Intercalation 1**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Particle Intercalation**, locate the **Material** section.

3 From the **Particle material** list, choose **NCA, LiNi0.8Co0.15Al0.05O2 (Positive, Li-ion Battery) (mat3)**.

4 Locate the **Species Settings** section. In the  $c_{s,\text{init}}$  text field, type `mat3.def.csmax*soc0_pos`.

5 Locate the **Particle Transport Properties** section. In the  $r_p$  text field, type `rp_pos`.


#### *Porous Electrode Reaction 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Porous Electrode Reaction 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Porous Electrode Reaction**, locate the **Material** section.
- 3 From the **Material** list, choose **NCA, LiNi0.8Co0.15Al0.05O2 (Positive, Li-ion Battery) (mat3)**.
- 4 Locate the **Electrode Kinetics** section. From the **Kinetics expression type** list, choose **Butler–Volmer**.
- 5 In the  $i_0$  text field, type `i0_pos`.
- 6 Locate the **Active Specific Surface Area** section. From the **Active specific surface area** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $a_v$  text field, type `as_pos`.

#### *Porous Electrode 2*

In the **Model Builder** window, click **Porous Electrode 2**.


#### *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 `cd1_pos`.
- 4 From the **Double-layer area** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $a_{v,dl}$  text field, type `as_pos`.

#### *Initial Values 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1) > Lithium-Ion Battery (liion)** click **Initial Values 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Initial Values**, locate the **Initial Values** section.
- 3 In the  $phil$  text field, type `-mat2.def.Eeq(soc0_neg)`.
- 4 In the  $cl$  text field, type `c1_init`.

#### *Initial Values 2*

- 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 From the **Selection** list, choose **Interval - Positive Electrode**.
- 4 Locate the **Initial Values** section. In the  $phil$  text field, type `-mat2.def.Eeq(soc0_neg)`.

5 In the  $c_l$  text field, type `c1_init`.

6 In the  $\phi_{s,bnd}$  text field, type `mat3.def.Eeq(soc0_pos) - mat2.def.Eeq(soc0_neg)`.

#### *Electric Ground 1*

Select ground on the current collector of the negative LTO electrode. Set a 10 mV perturbation around the cell voltage of 2.30 V.

1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Boundaries** and choose **Electric Ground**.

2 Select Boundary 1 only.

#### *Electric Potential 1*

1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Boundaries** and choose **Electric Potential**.

2 Select Boundary 5 only.

3 In the **Settings** window for **Electric Potential**, locate the **Electric Potential** section.

4 In the  $\phi_{s,bnd}$  text field, type `E_cell_init`.

5 Locate the **Contact Resistance** section. Select the **Include contact resistance** checkbox.

6 In the  $R_c$  text field, type `R_curr`.

#### *Harmonic Perturbation 1*


1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Attributes** and choose **Harmonic Perturbation**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Harmonic Perturbation**, locate the **Harmonic Perturbation** section.

3 In the  $\Delta\phi_s$  text field, type `E_pert`.

#### *Additional Porous Electrode Material 1*

Add an Additional Porous Electrode Material feature to model the electronic conductor in NCA.

1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Domains** and choose **Additional Porous Electrode Material**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Additional Porous Electrode Material**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.

3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Interval - Positive Electrode**.

4 Locate the **Particle Properties** section. From the list, choose **Nonintercalating particles**.

#### *Porous Electrode Reaction 1*


No electrochemical reaction takes place on the electronic conductor, but a double layer capacitance exists.

In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Porous Electrode Reaction 1** and choose **Disable**.


#### *Additional Porous Electrode Material 1*

In the **Model Builder** window, click **Additional Porous Electrode Material 1**.

#### *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 1 [F/m<sup>2</sup>].
- 4 From the **Double-layer area** list, choose **User defined**. In the  $a_{v,dl}$  text field, type  $cd1vol\_cs\_pos/1$  [F/m<sup>2</sup>].

#### *Reference Electrode 1*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click  **Boundaries** and choose **Reference Electrode**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Reference Electrode**, locate the **Boundary Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Point - Reference Electrode**.

### **MESH 1**

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** click **Mesh 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Mesh**, locate the **Sequence Type** section.
- 3 From the list, choose **User-controlled mesh**.

#### *Size*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** > **Mesh 1** click **Size**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Element Size** section.
- 3 Click the **Custom** button.
- 4 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section. In the **Maximum element size** text field, type 1e-5.

#### *Size 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Size 1**.
- 2 Select Domains 2 and 3 only.
- 3 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Element Size** section.
- 4 Click the **Custom** button.
- 5 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section.

6 Select the **Maximum element size** checkbox. In the associated text field, type  $1\text{e-}6$ .


#### *Size 2*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Size 2**.
- 2 Select Boundaries 2–4 only.
- 3 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Element Size** section.
- 4 Click the **Custom** button.
- 5 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section.
- 6 Select the **Maximum element size** checkbox. In the associated text field, type  $5\text{E-}7$ .

### **STUDY I**

Solve the model for frequencies between 10 mHz and 1 kHz.

#### *Step 1: Frequency-Domain Perturbation*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Study I** click **Step 1: Frequency-Domain Perturbation**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Frequency-Domain Perturbation**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 In the **Frequencies** text field, type  $10^{\{\text{range}(-2, 0.2, 3)\}}$ .
- 4 In the **Study** toolbar, click  **Compute**.

#### *Solution 1 (sol1)*

Save the solution of the non-optimized impedance results.

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Study I > Solver Configurations** node.
- 2 Right-click **Solution 1 (sol1)** and choose **Solution > Copy**.

#### *Not Optimized*


- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Study I > Solver Configurations** click **Solution 1 - Copy 1 (sol2)**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Solution**, type Not Optimized in the **Label** text field.


### **RESULTS**

Follow these steps to generate [Figure 1](#):

Start by loading experimental data of real and imaginary impedance into a table for plotting purposes. Organize the tables by naming them.

#### *Experimental Impedance Table*

- 1 In the **Results** toolbar, click  **Table**.

- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Table**, type Experimental Impedance Table in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. Click  **Import**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `li_battery_impedance_Zexp.csv`.

#### *Nyquist Plots*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Results** click **Impedance with Respect to Ground, Nyquist (liion)**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Nyquist Plots in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Click to expand the **Title** section. Locate the **Data** section. From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study 1/Not Optimized (sol2)**.
- 4 Locate the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **None**.
- 5 Locate the **Plot Settings** section. Select the **x-axis label** checkbox.

#### *Cell Impedance vs. Ground*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Nyquist Plots** node, then click **Nyquist 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Nyquist**, type Cell Impedance vs. Ground in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Click to expand the **Legends** section. Select the **Show legends** checkbox.
- 4 Find the **Include** subsection. Select the **Label** checkbox.
- 5 Clear the **Solution** checkbox.

#### *Nyquist Plots*

Right-click **Results** > **Nyquist Plots** > **Cell Impedance vs. Ground** and choose **Point Graph**.

#### *Impedance NCA vs. Reference*

- 1 In the **Settings** window for **Point Graph**, type Impedance NCA vs. Reference in the **Label** text field.
- 2 Select Boundary 5 only.
- 3 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the **Expression** text field, type `-imag(Z_ref_NCA)`.
- 4 Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **None**.
- 5 Locate the **x-Axis Data** section. From the **Parameter** list, choose **Expression**.
- 6 In the **Expression** text field, type `real(Z_ref_NCA)`.
- 7 Click to expand the **Legends** section. Select the **Show legends** checkbox.
- 8 Find the **Include** subsection. Select the **Label** checkbox.

- 9 Clear the **Point** checkbox.
- 10 Clear the **Solution** checkbox.



#### *Impedance LTO vs. Reference*

- 1 Right-click **Impedance NCA vs. Reference** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Point Graph**, type Impedance LTO vs. Reference in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the **Expression** text field, type  $-\text{imag}(Z_{\text{ref\_LTO}})$ .
- 4 Locate the **x-Axis Data** section. In the **Expression** text field, type  $\text{real}(Z_{\text{ref\_LTO}})$ .

#### *Experimental Impedance NCA vs. Reference*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Nyquist Plots** and choose **Table Graph**.  
The Table Graph plots the experimental data that was imported into the Experimental Impedance Table.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Table Graph**, type Experimental Impedance NCA vs. Reference in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Table** list, choose **Experimental Impedance Table**.
- 4 From the **x-axis data** list, choose **Column 2**.
- 5 From the **Plot columns** list, choose **Manual**.
- 6 In the **Columns** list box, select **Column 3**.
- 7 Click to expand the **Legends** section. Select the **Show legends** checkbox.
- 8 Find the **Include** subsection. Select the **Label** checkbox.
- 9 Clear the **Headers** checkbox.

#### *Nyquist Plots*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Nyquist Plots**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, locate the **Legend** section.
- 3 From the **Position** list, choose **Upper left**.
- 4 Locate the **Axis** section. Select the **Preserve aspect ratio** checkbox.
- 5 In the **Nyquist Plots** toolbar, click  **Plot**.
- 6 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

The Bode Plots are redundant in this study.




*Impedance with Respect to Ground, Imaginary Part (Iiion), Impedance with Respect to Ground, Real Part (Iiion)*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Results**, Ctrl-click to select **Impedance with Respect to Ground, Real Part (Iiion)** and **Impedance with Respect to Ground, Imaginary Part (Iiion)**.
- 2 Right-click and choose **Delete**.

## STUDY 1

Add a parametric sweep to investigate the impact four key parameters have on the impedance of NCA versus the reference and how it relates to the experimental measurements.

*Parametric Sweep*

- 1 In the **Study** toolbar, click  **Parametric Sweep**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parametric Sweep**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 Click  **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `li_battery_impedance_parametric_sweep.txt`.
- 5 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Study 1**.
- 6 In the **Settings** window for **Study**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 7 Clear the **Generate default plots** checkbox.
- 8 Clear the **Generate convergence plots** checkbox.
- 9 In the **Study** toolbar, click  **Compute**.  
Rename the solution for the parametric sweep.

*Parametric Sweep*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Study 1 > Solver Configurations** click **Parametric Solutions 1 (sol3)**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Solution**, type `Parametric Sweep` in the **Label** text field.  
Follow these steps to generate [Figure 2](#):

## RESULTS

*Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Nyquist Plots** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type `Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep` in the **Label** text field.

### Cell Impedance vs. Ground

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep** node.
- 2 Right-click **Cell Impedance vs. Ground** and choose **Delete**.

### Impedance LTO vs. Reference



In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Impedance LTO vs. Reference** and choose **Delete**.

### Impedance NCA vs. Reference



- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Results > Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep** click **Impedance NCA vs. Reference**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Point Graph**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study 1/Parametric Sweep (sol3)**.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. From the **Legends** list, choose **Manual**.
- 5 In the table, enter the following settings:

Legends
Impedance NCA vs. Reference, Original Settings
$i0\_pos=5 \text{ Am}^{\sup>-2\sup>}$
$cd1\_pos=0.50 \text{ Fm}^{\sup>-2\sup>}$
$Rfilm\_pos=1\backslash\sup>.\backslash\sup>10\backslash\sup>-5\backslash\sup> \Omega m\backslash\sup>2\backslash\sup>$
$cd1vo1\_cs\_pos=1\sup>.\sup>10\sup>4\sup> \text{ Fm}^{\sup>-3\sup>}$
$rp\_pos=4\sup>.\sup>10\sup>-7\sup> \text{ m}$

### Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep**.
- 2 In the **Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep** toolbar, click  **Plot**.
- 3 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

### ADD STUDY



- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click  **Add Study** to open the **Add Study** window.
- 2 Go to the **Add Study** window.
- 3 Find the **Studies** subsection. In the **Select Study** tree, select **Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces > AC Impedance, Initial Values**.
- 4 Click the **Add Study** button in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the **Home** toolbar, click  **Add Study** to close the **Add Study** window.

## STUDY 2

- 1 In the **Settings** window for **Study**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 2 Clear the **Generate default plots** checkbox.
- 3 Clear the **Generate convergence plots** checkbox.

### *Parameter Estimation*

Select `iO_pos`, `Rfilm_pos`, `cd1_pos`, and `cs1vol_cs_pos` as the four parameters to be optimized.

- 1 In the **Study** toolbar, click  **Optimization** and choose **Parameter Estimation**.  
The experimental data is already available as a result table.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parameter Estimation**, locate the **Experimental Data** section.
- 3 From the **Data source** list, choose **Result table**.
- 4 Locate the **Data Column Settings** section. In the table, click to select the cell at row number 1 and column number 2.
- 5 From the list, choose **Frequency**.  
The second column of the experimental data contains the real-impedance global value.
- 6 In the table, click to select the cell at row number 2 and column number 3.
- 7 In the **Model expression** text field, type `comp1.intop1(real(Z_ref_NCA))`.
- 8 In the **Column name** text field, type `Real_impedance`.
- 9 From the **Scale** list, choose **Manual**.
- 10 In the **Scale value** text field, type `1e-3`.  
The third column of the experimental data contains the imaginary-impedance global value.
- 11 In the table, click to select the cell at row number 3 and column number 3.
- 12 In the **Model expression** text field, type `-comp1.intop1(imag(Z_ref_NCA))`.
- 13 In the **Column name** text field, type `Imaginary_impedance`.
- 14 From the **Scale** list, choose **Manual**.
- 15 In the **Scale value** text field, type `1e-3`.
- 16 Locate the **Estimated Parameters** section. Click  **Add** four times.

17 Row by row, select the parameter name in the first column, then set the corresponding initial value, scale, and bounds as follows:

Parameter	Initial value	Scale	Lower bound	Upper bound	Unit
i0_pos (Exchange current density positive electrode)	1 [A/m <sup>2</sup> ]	1	1	5	A/m <sup>2</sup>
Rfilm_pos (Film resistance positive electrode)	1e-4 [m <sup>2</sup> /S]	1e-3	1e-6	5e-3	Ω*m <sup>2</sup>
cdl_pos (Double layer capacitance positive electrode material)	0.5 [F/m <sup>2</sup> ]	1	0.10	1	F/m <sup>2</sup>
cdlvol_cs_pos (Volumetric capacitance of electronic conductor in positive electrode)	1e5 [F/m <sup>3</sup> ]	1e6	1e5	3e5	s <sup>4</sup> *A <sup>2</sup> /(kg*m <sup>5</sup> )

The IPOPT method allows the use of lower and upper bounds.

18 Locate the **Parameter Estimation Method** section. From the **Method** list, choose **IPOPT**.

19 From the **Least-squares time/parameter list method** list, choose **Use only least-squares data points**.

20 Click to expand the **Output** section. Select the **Plot** checkbox.

21 In the table, enter the following settings:

Plot group	Plot window
Default	Graphics

*Solution 10 (sol10)*

Choose the numeric gradient method.

1 In the **Study** toolbar, click  **Show Default Solver**.

2 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Solution 10 (sol10)** node, then click **Optimization Solver 1**.

3 In the **Settings** window for **Optimization Solver**, locate the **Optimization Solver** section.

4 From the **Gradient method** list, choose **Numeric**.

5 In the **Difference interval** text field, type 5e-4.



## RESULTS

Follow these steps to set up a plot group that enables graphical monitoring of optimization:



### *Nyquist Plots, Optimization*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Nyquist Plots, Parametric Sweep** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Nyquist Plots, Optimization in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Dataset** list, choose **None**.

### *Impedance NCA vs. Reference*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Nyquist Plots, Optimization** node, then click **Impedance NCA vs. Reference**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Point Graph**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study 2/Solution 10 (sol10)**.
- 4 Click to expand the **Coloring and Style** section. Find the **Line markers** subsection. From the **Marker** list, choose **Square**.
- 5 Locate the **Legends** section. From the **Legends** list, choose **Automatic**.
- 6 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.
- 7 In the **Nyquist Plots, Optimization** toolbar, click  **Plot**.

### *Experimental Impedance NCA vs. Reference*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Experimental Impedance NCA vs. Reference**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Table Graph**, locate the **Coloring and Style** section.
- 3 Find the **Line markers** subsection. From the **Marker** list, choose **Square**.
- 4 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.
- 5 In the **Nyquist Plots, Optimization** toolbar, click  **Plot**.

## STUDY 2

Thereafter, select the plot group and table you want to monitor in the Optimization study step and compute.

### *Parameter Estimation*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Study 2** click **Parameter Estimation**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parameter Estimation**, locate the **Output** section.

3 In the table, enter the following settings:

Plot group	Plot window
Nyquist Plots, Optimization	Graphics

4 In the **Study** toolbar, click  **Compute**.

*Optimized*

Rename the solution of the optimization.

1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Study 2 > Solver Configurations** click **Solution 10 (sol10)**.


2 In the **Settings** window for **Solution**, type *Optimized* in the **Label** text field.

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*Nyquist Plots, Optimization*

1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Results** click **Nyquist Plots, Optimization**.

2 In the **Nyquist Plots, Optimization** toolbar, click  **Plot**.

3 Click the  **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

To control the parameters in the last iteration, consult the Optimized Parameters Table that gives you the optimized parameters.