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### Parameter Estimation of Single Particle Model Using COMSOL Multiphysics® and MATLAB® Optimization Toolbox

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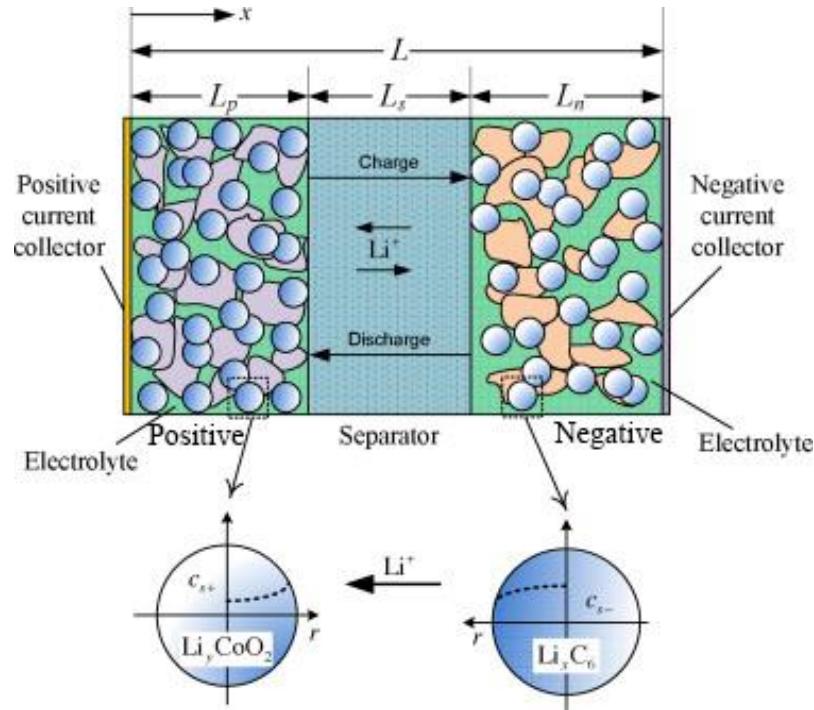
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## SPM Single Particle Model

- Uniform current distribution
- Ignore variation of electrolyte concentration and potential
- Assume a lumped solution resistance

Positive points:

- High speed solution



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Parameter estimation

Inverse method

Dynamic optimization

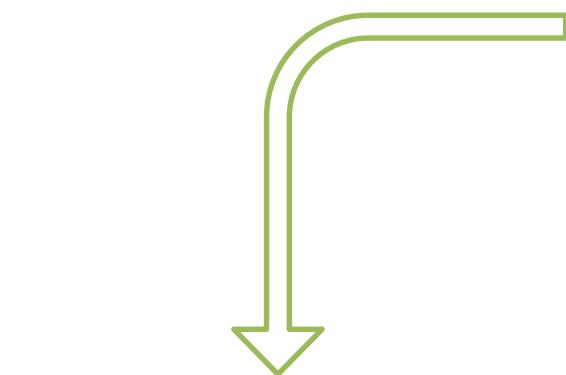
Pack

Aging

Reasonable when:

- Highly conductive electrodes
- Low applied current density
- Thin electrodes

## SPM



Overpotential negative electrode  
(Butler – Volmer equation)

$$\eta_{neg} = \frac{RT}{\beta F} \alpha \sinh\left(\frac{i_{loc}}{2i_0}\right)$$



Local current density

$$i_{loc} = I/S$$

$I$ : total current  
 $S$ : total electroactive surface area



Solid concentration

$$\frac{\partial Cs}{\partial t} = \frac{D}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial Cs}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial Cs}{\partial r} \right|_{r=0} = 0 \quad \left. D \frac{\partial Cs}{\partial r} \right|_{r=R} = -\frac{i_{loc}}{F}$$



Open circuit potential

$$E_{eq}(SOC_{neg})$$



Potential negative electrode

$$\varphi_{s,neg} = \eta_{neg} + E_{eq}(SOC_{neg})$$



$$E_{cell} = \varphi_{s,pos} - \varphi_{s,neg} - i_{app} R_{solution}$$

Adjustable parameter

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# Parameter estimation

Why?

1

It is not convenient to find all physical and chemical parameters that are needed for the simulation of lithium-ion cells (porosity, particle size, diffusion coefficients, electrical conductivity, contact resistance, transfer coefficients, etc.)

2

Parameter estimation might be a useful approach to find these parameters from the experiment charge/discharge data

How?

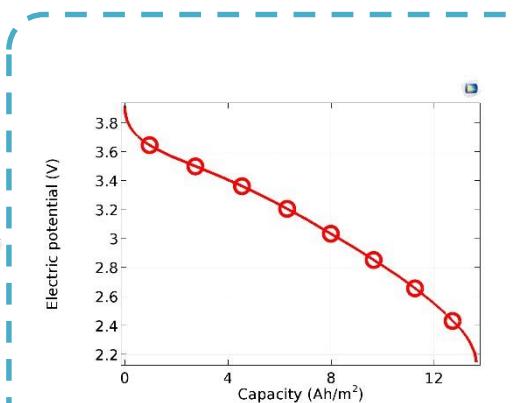
Minimization of the sum-of-squared differences between the model outputs and their experimentally measured values at time  $t_j$  for each cycle  $i$

$$\min_{\theta_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} [y_i(t_j) - y_{model,i}(t_j; \theta_i)]^2$$

# Parameter estimation

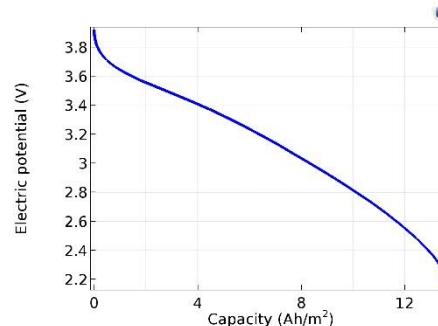
Known variables

$D_{sn}$
$D_{sp}$
$\varepsilon_n$
$\varepsilon_p$
$SOC_{0,n}$
$SOC_{0,p}$



$$\sum_{i=1}^n [E_{cell,exp} - E_{cell}(t, \theta_i)]^2$$

$$\min_x f(x)$$



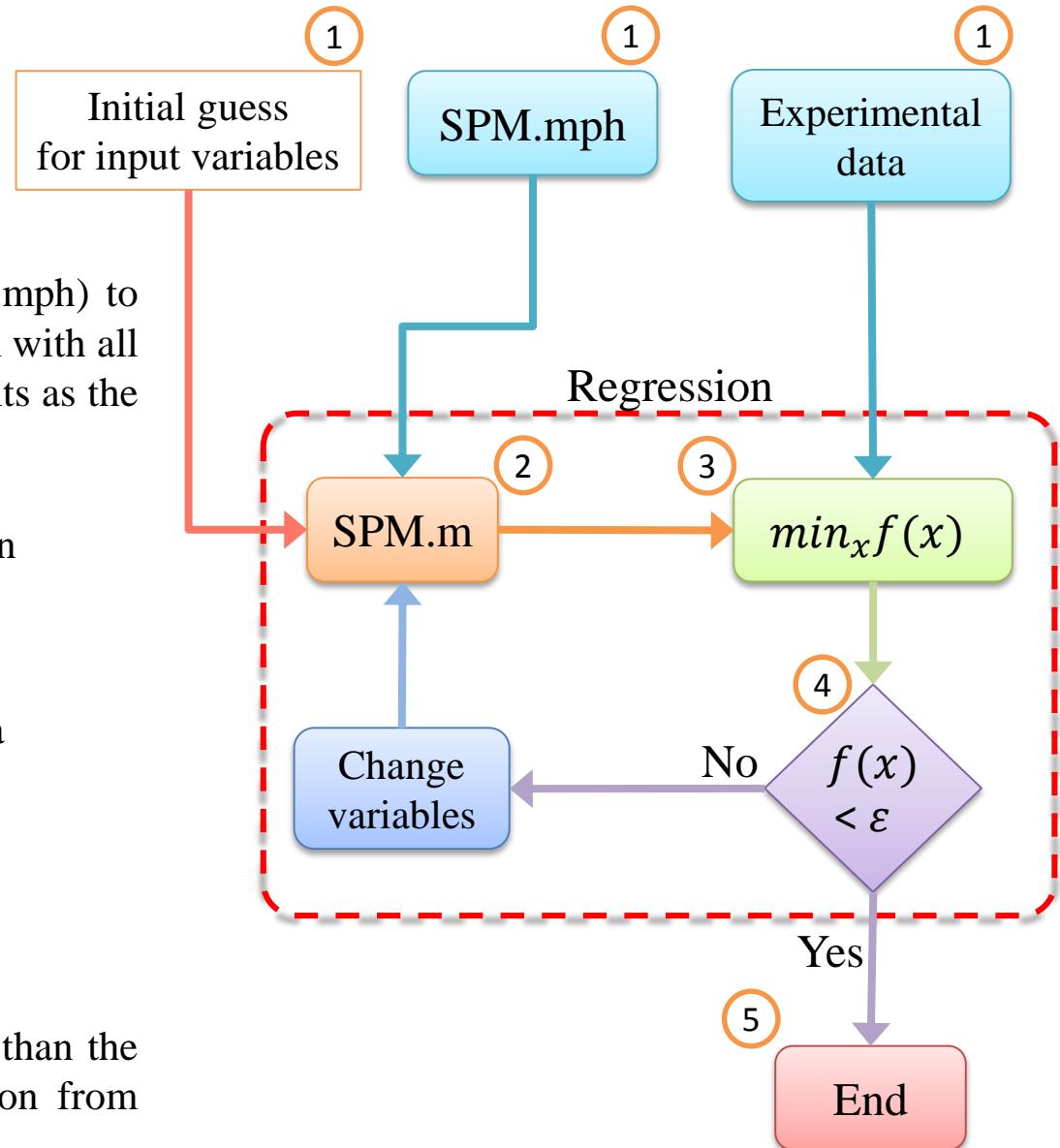
Regression

Changing variables

# Parameter estimation

## Link to MATLAB

- 1 Import SPM from COMSOL (SPM.mph) to MATLAB (SPM.m) then run SPM.m with all known parameters and consider results as the experimental data
- 2 Assume some parameters as unknown
- 3 Perform regression by minimizing difference between experimental data and the results from model
- 4 Check the error
- 5 Finish regression if the error is less than the criteria. Otherwise, resume regression from step 3



# Parameter estimation

Parameters	Lower bound	Upper bound	Initial guess	Estimated	Exact	Relative Error %
$D_{sn}$ [m <sup>2</sup> /s]	2.73e-14	11.7e-14	2.73e-14	3.23e-14	3.9e-14	17.18
$D_{sp}$ [m <sup>2</sup> /s]	0.7e-13	3e-13	0.7e-13	1.2e-13	1e-13	20
$\varepsilon_n$	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.357	0.357	0
$\varepsilon_p$	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.444	0.444	0
$SOC_{0,n}$	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5642	0.5635	0.12
$SOC_{0,p}$	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1709	0.1706	0.059

The values of  $\varepsilon_n$ ,  $\varepsilon_p$ ,  $SOC_{0,n}$ , and  $SOC_{0,p}$ , have been estimated with a very good accuracy

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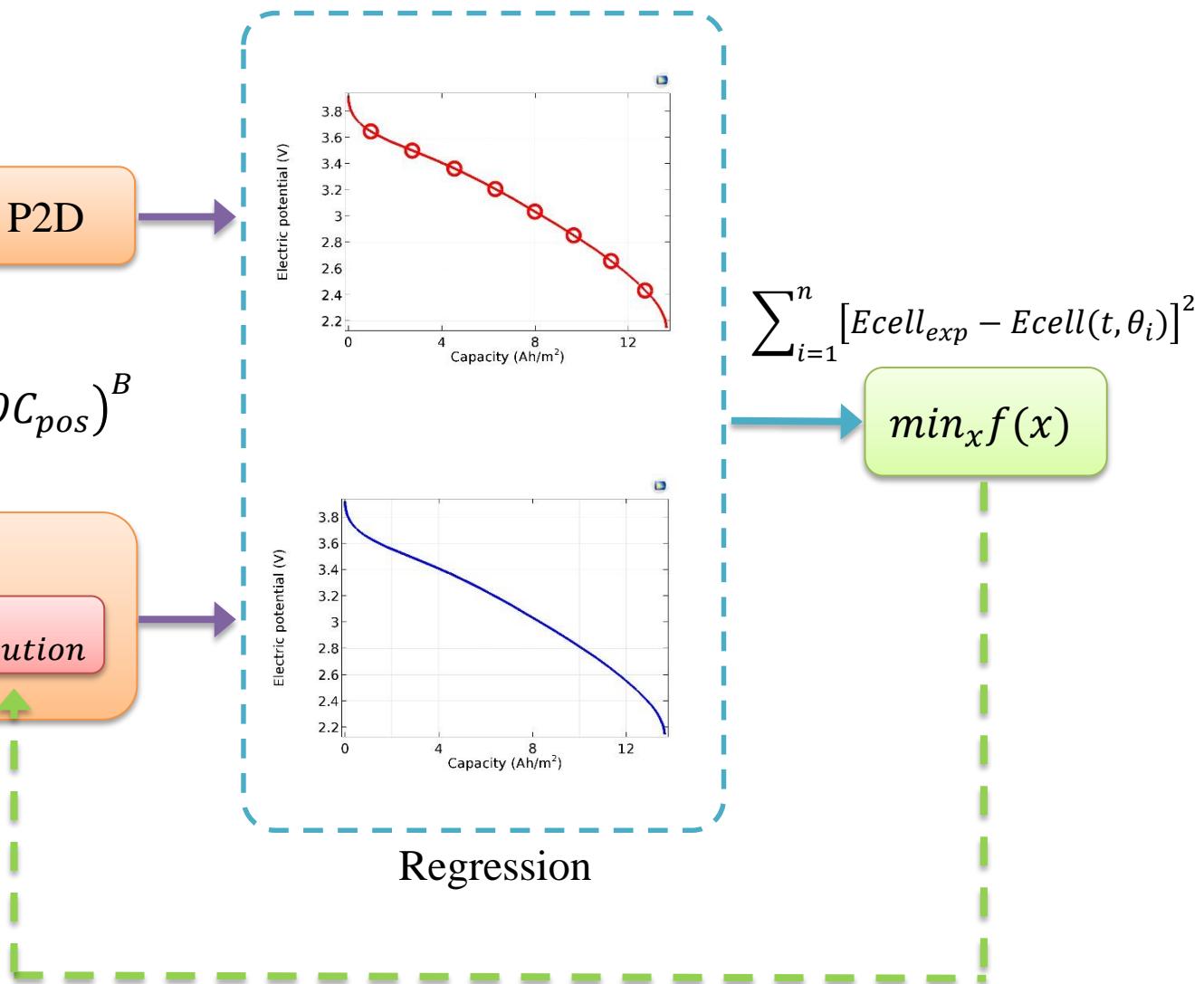
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## R solution

$$R_{solution} = A(SOC_{pos})^B$$

SPM

$$R_{solution}$$

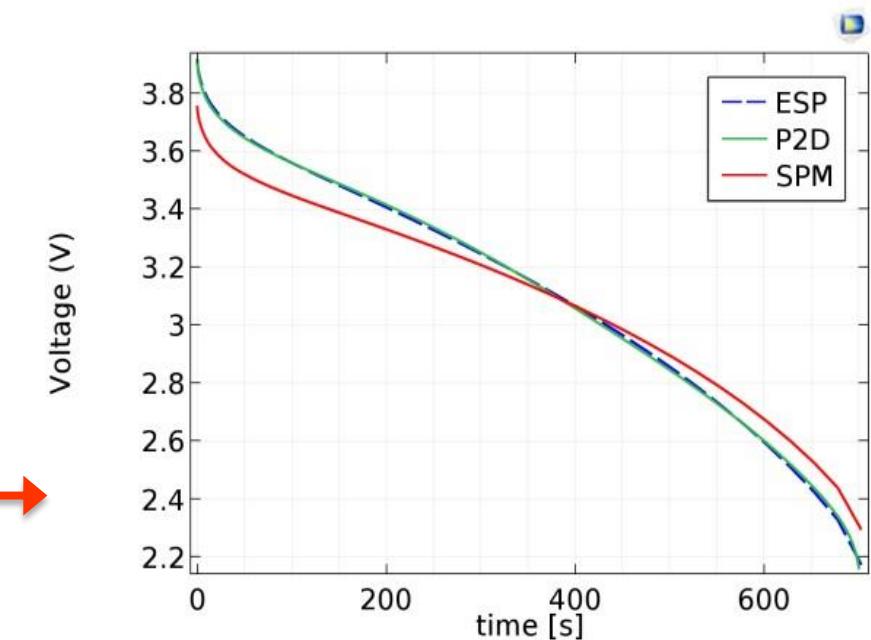


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$$R_{solution} = A(SOC_{pos})^B$$

Regression was performed for various applied currents and constant coefficients  $A$  and  $B$  were estimated for each current

Applied current I	$A[\Omega \cdot m^2]$	$B$
2C	4.750e-3	0.579
4C	9.387e-3	1.168
6C	1.400e-2	1.498
8C	2.458e-2	2.073
10C	3.255e-2	2.370

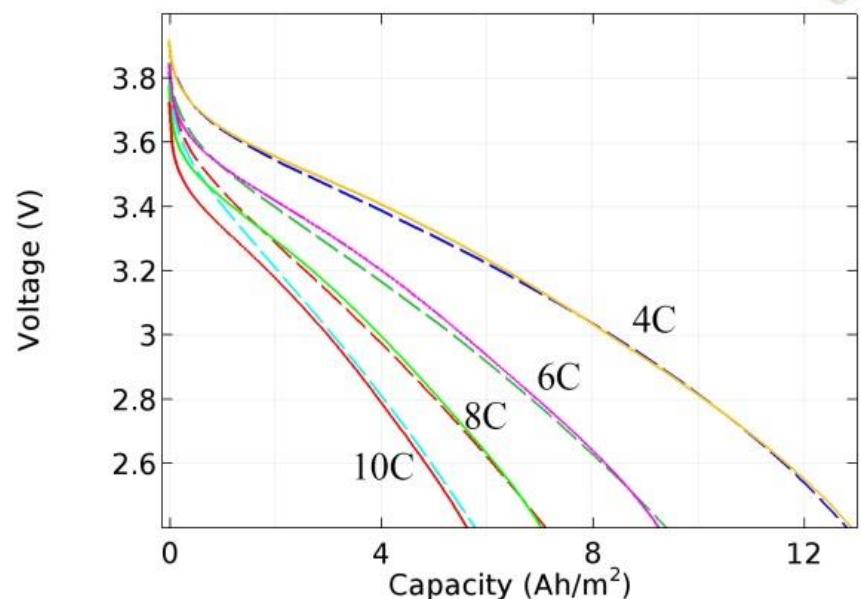
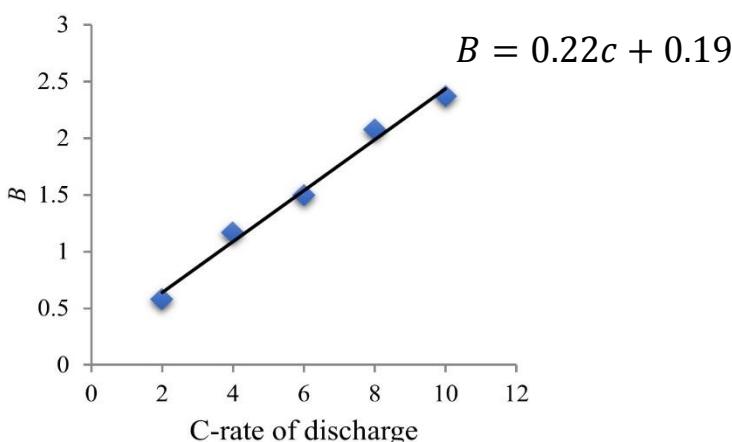
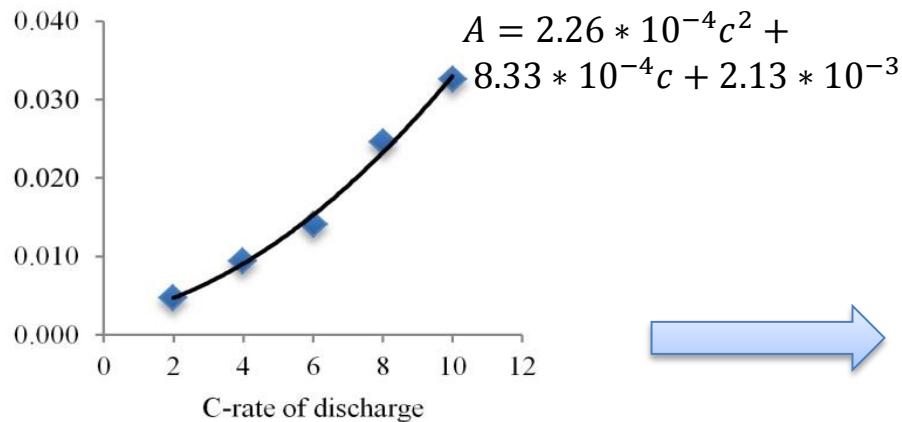


Comparison between various models for 4C discharge process

## R solution

$$R_{solution} = A(SOC_{pos})^B$$

fitting two equations for  $A$  and  $B$   
as a function of applied current



Comparison between results from ESP (dashed line)  
and P2D model (solid line) for higher applied  
currents

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- 1 Here, "Single Particle Model" was linked to MATLAB® and some parameters of the model were estimated by the optimization toolbox in MATLAB®.
- 2 The parameters, which the model is more sensitive to, were calculated with a good precision (error < 0.1%).
- 3 An empirical equation for the solution phase resistance was introduced to reduce the errors of SPM in the cases where applied current was higher.
- 4 Predictability of the improved SPM (called ESP) was evaluated by comparing its results with those obtained with P2D model at high applied currents (up to 10C).
- 5 In all cases, a good conformity was observed between the P2D and ESP.

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