Models of Supercapacitors

- $\eta(\xi, \tau)$ = overpotential in electrode: $\eta = \phi_{solid} - \phi_{liquid} - U_{eq}$
- γ = conductivity ratio of solid and liquid
- ξ, τ = dimensionless distance and time
- $I(\tau)$ = applied current

High Fidelity (1D) model

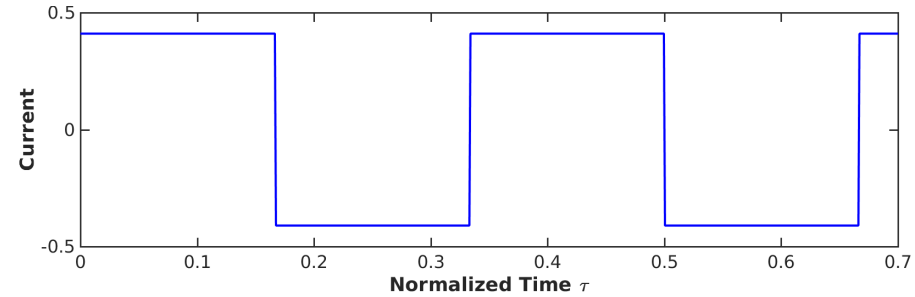
$$\frac{\partial \eta_{HF}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 \eta_{HF}}{\partial \xi^2}$$

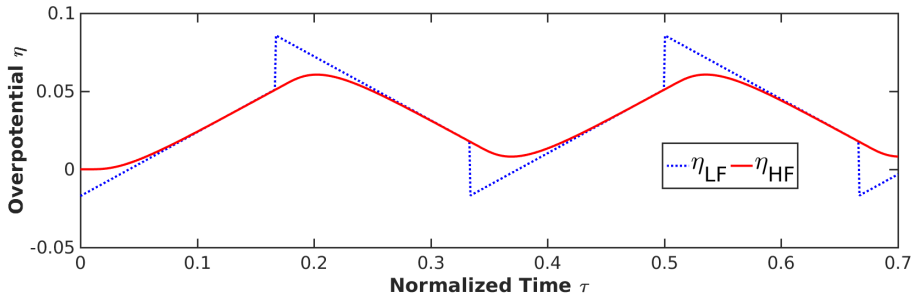
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \eta_{HF}}{\partial \xi}|_{\xi=0} = -\frac{\gamma}{1+\gamma} I(\tau) \\ \frac{\partial \eta_{HF}}{\partial \xi}|_{\xi=1} = \frac{1}{1+\gamma} I(\tau) \\ \eta_{HF}|_{\tau=0} = \eta_0(\xi) \end{cases}$$

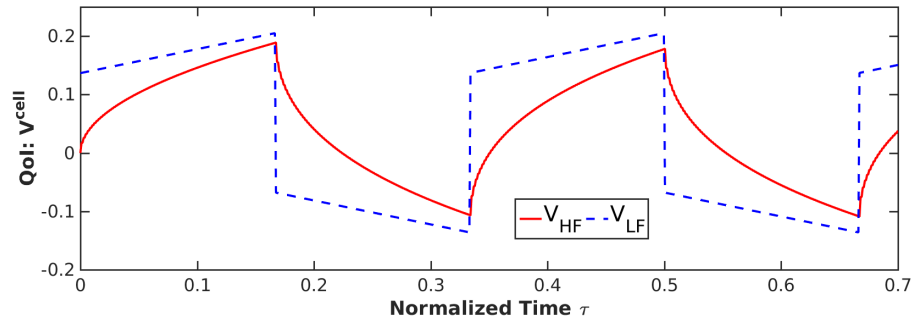
Low Fidelity (0D) model

$$\eta_{LF} = \frac{1}{2} I \xi^2 - I \frac{\gamma}{1+\gamma} \xi + \eta^{avg}(\tau) - I \frac{2\gamma - 1}{6(1+\gamma)}$$

where $\frac{\partial \eta^{avg}}{\partial \tau} = I$



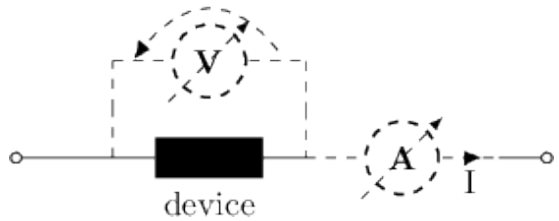




Quantity of Interest

Potential drop across the system

$$V^{cell}(\tau) = \phi^L_{collector} - \phi^R_{collector} = \frac{1+2\gamma}{1+\gamma} \eta|_{\xi=1} - \frac{\gamma}{1+\gamma} \eta|_{\xi=0} - \frac{\gamma}{(1+\gamma)^2} I$$



Model Inadequacy

- The high fidelity model accounts for the time history of the current. Such history does not appear with right dependency in the low fidelity model:

$$V_{HF}^{cell} = A(\gamma)\int_0^\tau I(\tau')K(\tau-\tau')d\tau' + B(\gamma)I(\tau)$$
$$V_{LF}^{cell} = C(\gamma)\int_0^\tau I(\tau')d\tau' + D(\gamma)I(\tau)$$

- The stochastic inadequacy representation needs to account for the incomplete and uncertain history information available to the low-fidelity model.
- Solution of low fidelity model converges to high fidelity over time i.e. modeling error is larger for higher frequency current.

Inadequacy representation

Error in QoI: $\epsilon = V_{HF}^{cell} - V_{LF}^{cell}$

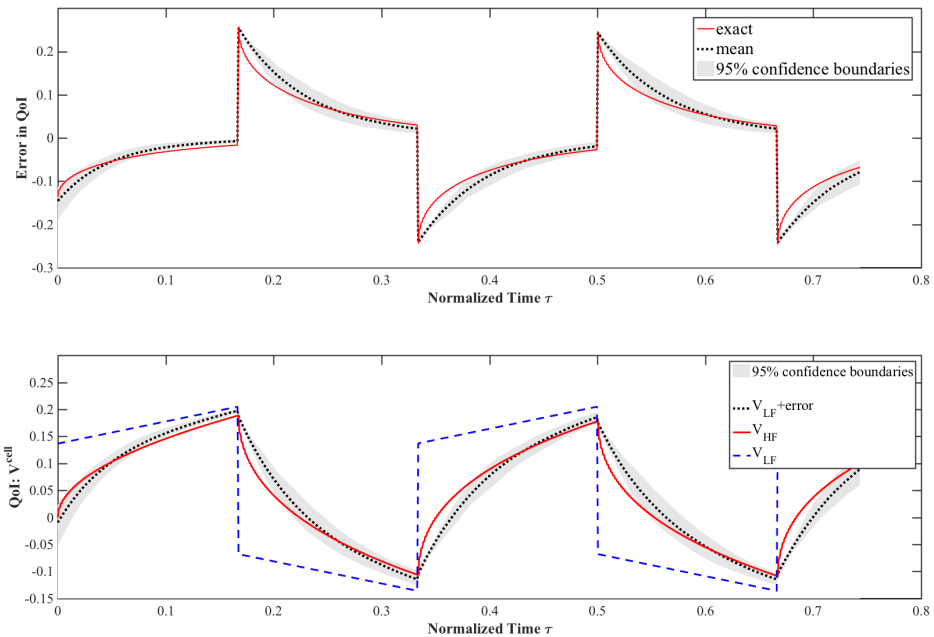
Auxiliary Stochastic ODE:

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial \tau} = -\lambda\epsilon + \alpha\frac{\partial I}{\partial \tau}$$

where λ is a stochastic process with following time evolution:

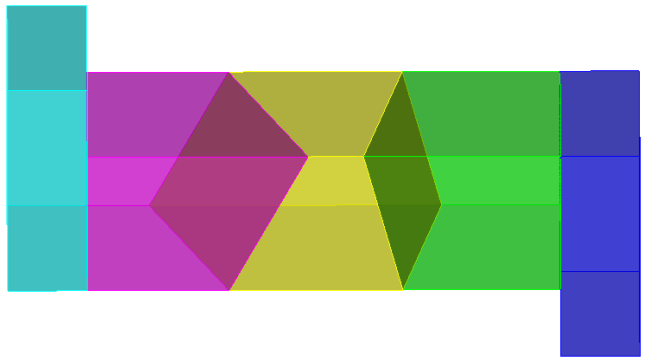
$$\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \tau} = -c(\lambda - \lambda_{mean}) + \beta\frac{\partial W}{\partial \tau}$$

where $W(\tau)$ is a Wiener process.



Model Inadequacy

- The equivalent circuit models and transmission lines are not able to fully capture the behavior of real supercapacitors.
- The high-fidelity 3D finite element model makes it possible to understand better how physical electrochemistry and other design parameters affects super capacitor behavior. But this comes at a cost of complex operation mode with high performance computing requirement.
- Similar procedure will be pursue to formulate inadequacy of the 1D model with respect to finite element 3D model.
- The 1D model enhanced with stochastic inadequacy representation, can be utilized to provide low cost computational predictions for analyzing electrochemical impedance spectroscopy data, computing heat production in thermal analysis, etc.



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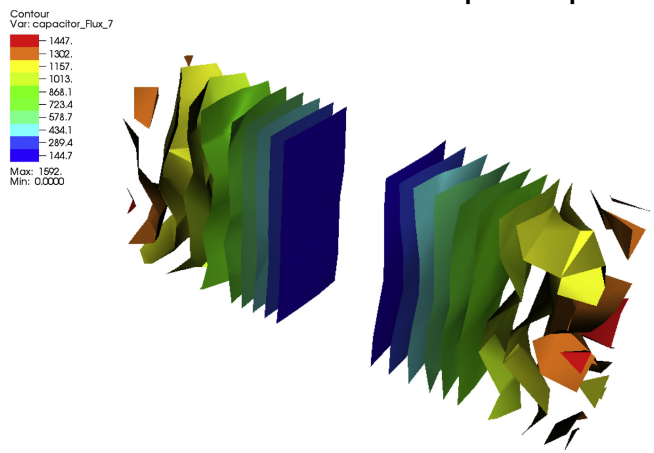

Spatial distribution of the current density for parallel plate supercapacitor configuration[2].

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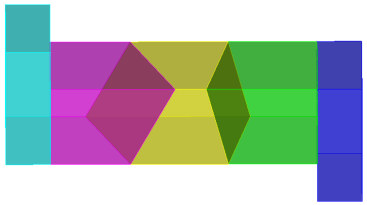
Model Inadequacy

- 3D finite element models allow for optimizing system level performance including:
  - reduce the transport distance between positive and negative electrodes.
  - packing more electrode material
  - designing materials with high specific capacitance, improved ionic conductivity, and very low tortuous electrodes

  to improve the power/energy density.
- 1D models are not able to fully capture the behavior of real supercapacitors that impact cell performance/efficiency including
  - Physical characteristics such as anisotropy in various transport properties (e.g., electronic conductivity)
  - Spatial variability of material properties at mesoscale
  - Non-planar supercapacitor
- The 1D model enhanced with stochastic inadequacy representation, can be utilized to provide low cost computational predictions for design and fabrication of novel configuration with higher cell performance and efficiency.



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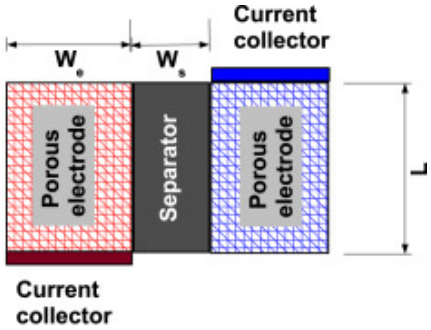

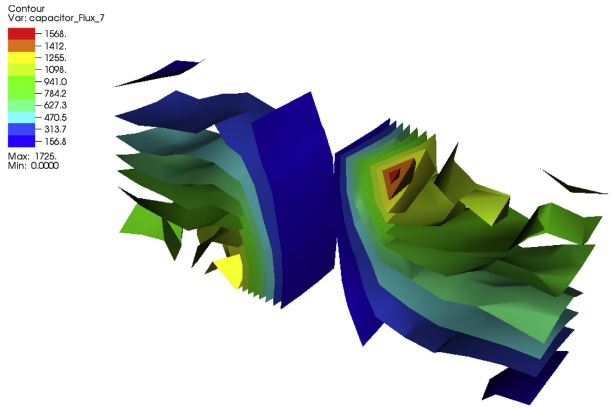

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