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# **ANSYS FLUENT Battery Module Manual**



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# **1. The Contents of This Manual**

<span id="page-4-2"></span>The ANSYS FLUENT Battery Module Manual provides information about using the Battery Model with ANSYS FLUENT. In this manual, you will find a theoretical discussion of the model used in ANSYS FLUENT, and a description of using the model with your CFD simulations.

# **2. The Contents of the FLUENT Manuals**

The manuals listed below form the FLUENT product documentation set. They include descriptions of the procedures, commands, and theoretical details needed to use FLUENT products.

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FLUENT User's Guide contains detailed information about using FLUENT, including information about the user interface, reading and writing files, defining boundary conditions, setting up physical models, calculating a solution, and analyzing your results.

FLUENT in Workbench User's Guide contains information about getting started with and using FLUENT within the Workbench environment.

FLUENT Theory Guide contains reference information for how the physical models are implemented in FLUENT.

FLUENT UDF Manual contains information about writing and using user-defined functions (UDFs).

FLUENT Tutorial Guide contains a number of example problems with detailed instructions, commentary, and postprocessing of results.

FLUENT Text Command List contains a brief description of each of the commands in FLUENT's text interface.

FLUENT Adjoint Solver Module Manual contains information about the background and usage of FLUENT's Adjoint Solver Module that allows you to obtain detailed sensitivity data for the performance of a fluid system.

[FLUENT Battery Module Manual](#page-0-0) contains information about the background and usage of FLUENT's Battery Module that allows you to analyze the behavior of electric batteries.

FLUENT Continuous Fiber Module Manual contains information about the background and usage of FLUENT's Continuous Fiber Module that allows you to analyze the behavior of fiber flow, fiber properties, and coupling between fibers and the surrounding fluid due to the strong interaction that exists between the fibers and the surrounding gas.

FLUENT Fuel Cell Modules Manual contains information about the background and the usage of two separate add-on fuel cell models for FLUENT that allow you to model polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cells (PEMFC), solid oxide fuel cells (SOFC), and electrolysis with FLUENT. FLUENT Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) Module Manual contains information about the background and usage of FLUENT's Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) Module that allows you to analyze the behavior of electrically conducting fluid flow under the influence of constant (DC) or oscillating (AC) electromagnetic fields.

FLUENT Migration Manual contains information about transitioning from the previous release of FLUENT, including details about new features, solution changes, and text command list changes.

FLUENT Population Balance Module Manual contains information about the background and usage of FLUENT's Population Balance Module that allows you to analyze multiphase flows involving size distributions where particle population (as well as momentum, mass, and energy) require a balance equation.

Running FLUENT Under LSF contains information about the using FLUENT with Platform Computing's LSF software, a distributed computing resource management tool.

Running FLUENT Under PBS Professional contains information about the using FLUENT with Altair PBS Professional, an open workload management tool for local and distributed environments.

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# <span id="page-5-1"></span>**3. Typographical Conventions**

Several typographical conventions are used in this manual's text to facilitate your learning process.

- Different type styles are used to indicate graphical user interface menu items and text interface menu items (for example, **Iso-Surface** dialog box, surface/iso-surface command).
- The text interface type style is also used when illustrating exactly what appears on the screen or exactly what you need to type into a field in a dialog box. The information displayed on the screen is enclosed in a large box to distinguish it from the narrative text, and user inputs are often enclosed in smaller boxes.
- A mini flow chart is used to guide you through the navigation pane, which leads you to a specific task page or dialog box. For example,

**Models** → **Multiphase** → **Edit...**

indicates that **Models** is selected in the navigation pane, which then opens the corresponding task page. In the **Models** task page, **Multiphase** is selected from the list. Clicking the **Edit...** button opens the **Multiphase** dialog box.

Also, a mini flow chart is used to indicate the menu selections that lead you to a specific command or dialog box. For example,

#### **Define** → **Injections...**

indicates that the **Injections...** menu item can be selected from the **Define** pull-down menu, and

display  $\rightarrow$  mesh

indicates that the mesh command is available in the display text menu.

In this manual, mini flow charts usually precede a description of a dialog box or command, or a screen illustration showing how to use the dialog box or command. They allow you to look up information about a command or dialog box and quickly determine how to access it without having to search the preceding material.

• The menu selections that will lead you to a particular dialog box or task page are also indicated (usually within a paragraph) using a "**/**". For example, **Define/Materials...** tells you to choose the **Materials...** menu item from the **Define** pull-down menu.

### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**4. Mathematical Conventions**

- Where possible, vector quantities are displayed with a raised arrow (e.g.,  $\vec{a}$  ,  $\vec{A}$ ). Boldfaced characters are reserved for vectors and matrices as they apply to linear algebra (e.g., the identity matrix, I).
- The operator  $\nabla$ , referred to as grad, nabla, or del, represents the partial derivative of a quantity with respect to all directions in the chosen coordinate system. In Cartesian coordinates,  $\nabla$  is defined to be

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\vec{\iota} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\vec{\jmath} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\vec{k}
$$
 (1)

 $\nabla$  appears in several ways:

– The gradient of a scalar quantity is the vector whose components are the partial derivatives; for example,

$$
\nabla p = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}\vec{k}
$$
 (2)

– The gradient of a vector quantity is a second-order tensor; for example, in Cartesian coordinates,

$$
\nabla (\vec{v}) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{v} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \left( v_x \vec{v} + v_j \vec{j} + v_z \vec{k} \right)
$$
 (3)

This tensor is usually written as

$$
\begin{pmatrix}\n\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \\
\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \\
\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}\n\end{pmatrix}
$$
\n(4)

– The divergence of a vector quantity, which is the inner product between  $\nabla$  and a vector; for example,

$$
\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}
$$
 (5)

 $-$  The operator  $\nabla \cdot \nabla$  , which is usually written as  $\nabla^2$  and is known as the Laplacian; for example,

$$
\nabla^2 T = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2}
$$
 (6)

 $\nabla^2 T$  is different from the expression  $\,(\,\nabla\,T\,)^2$ , which is defined as

$$
(\nabla T)^{2} = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial z}\right)^{2}
$$
 (7)

An exception to the use of  $\nabla$  is found in the discussion of Reynolds stresses in "Modeling Turbulence" in the User's Guide, where convention dictates the use of Cartesian tensor notation. In this chapter, you will also find that some velocity vector components are written as  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  instead of the conventional  $\nu$  with directional subscripts.

# <span id="page-7-0"></span>**5. Technical Support**

If you encounter difficulties while using ANSYS FLUENT, please first refer to the section(s) of the manual containing information on the commands you are trying to use or the type of problem you are trying to solve. The product documentation is available from the online help, or from the ANSYS Customer Portal [\(www.ansys.com/customerportal](http://www.ansys.com/customerportal)).

If you encounter an error, please write down the exact error message that appeared and note as much information as you can about what you were doing in ANSYS FLUENT.

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# <span id="page-12-5"></span><span id="page-12-0"></span>**Chapter 1: Battery Model Theory**

The ANSYS FLUENT Battery Model is provided as an add-on module with the standard ANSYS FLUENT licensed software. This document describes the model theory that includes mathematical equations and physical interpretations of independent and dependent variables used in the model. The procedure for setting up and solving battery modeling is described in detail in *[Using the Battery Model](#page-16-0)* [\(p. 5\).](#page-16-0)

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## <span id="page-12-4"></span>**1.1. Introduction**

Given the important role of a battery in electric and/or hybrid electric vehicles there have been a number of models proposed in the literature to simulate the transient behavior of a rechargeable battery. These models vary in complexity from a zero-dimension resistor-capacitor circuit to a multi-dimension potential-current distribution, and, all the way to detailed electrochemistry modeling inside active separator layers. Computing resources (CPU time and memory) increase considerably with model complexity. Combining the need for model accuracy and the requirement for model usability, ANSYS FLUENT has adopted a modeling approach that was based upon the 1D model initially proposed by Tiedemann and Newman [*[1](#page-26-1)*] [\(p. 15\),](#page-26-1) later used by Gu [*[2](#page-26-2)*[\] \(p. 15\)](#page-26-2), and, more recently used by Kim et al [*[3](#page-26-3)*] [\(p. 15\)](#page-26-3) in their 2D study. ANSYS FLUENT has extended the model formulation for use in 3D computations.

# <span id="page-12-3"></span><span id="page-12-2"></span>**1.2. Computation of the Electric Potential and Current Density**

The computational domain includes only the anode and cathode electrodes and their current collectors. The separator layer is modeled as an infinitely thin interface between the two electrodes across which there is a potential jump due to loss. A cross-section of the anode-cathode assembly is schematically shown in the figure below.



<span id="page-13-1"></span>The integral form of the electric potential equation reads,

$$
\int\limits_V \nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla \phi) \, dV = \int_A j dA \tag{1-1}
$$

In the above equation the source term *j,* also called the apparent current density, has non-zero value only at the anode-cathode interface (separator interface); *A* is the local surface area of the interface, and  $\sigma$  is the electric conductivity.

<span id="page-13-0"></span>In their independent studies of small electrodes, Tiedemann and Newman [*[1](#page-26-1)*] [\(p. 15\)](#page-26-1), and Gu [*[2](#page-26-2)*] [\(p. 15\)](#page-26-2) observed that the apparent current density *j* (*A/m2*) varies *linearly* with cell voltage,

$$
j = Y \left( \phi_c - \phi_a - U \right) \tag{1-2}
$$

<span id="page-13-3"></span>where the cell voltage is the difference between the cathode- and anode-side electric potentials at the separator interface ( $\phi_{c}^{\phantom{\dag}}-\phi_{a}^{\phantom{\dag}}$ ). From *[Equation 1–2](#page-13-0)* [\(p. 2\)](#page-13-0) it is clear that on an experimentally measured polarization curve, namely the voltage-current (V-I) curve of a battery cell, *U* would be the intercept of V at I=0; and, *Y* would be the inverse of the slope of the V-I curve. Moreover, Gu's experimental data [*[2](#page-26-2)*] [\(p. 15\)](#page-26-2) indicate that both *U* and *Y* vary with respect to the depth of discharge (DoD) defined relative to the theoretical battery capacity (*Qt*),

<span id="page-13-2"></span>
$$
U = a_0 + a_1 \cdot DoD + a_2 \cdot DoD^2 + a_3DoD^4 + a_4DoD^4 + a_5DoD^5
$$
 (1–3)

$$
Y = b_0 + b_1 \cdot DoD + b_2 \cdot DoD^2 + b_3DoD^4 + b_4DoD^4 + b_5DoD^5
$$
 (1-4)

where the coefficients  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  (  $i$  =  $0$  , ...5 ) are constants; and the local value of the depth of discharge is computed as follows,

<span id="page-14-1"></span>
$$
DoD = \frac{A}{Q_t} \int_0^t j dt
$$
 (1-5)

# <span id="page-14-6"></span><span id="page-14-0"></span>**1.3. Thermal and Electrical Coupling**

While solution of *[Equation 1–1](#page-13-1)* [\(p. 2\)](#page-13-1) to *[Equation 1–5](#page-14-1)* [\(p. 3\)](#page-14-1) provides potential and the current density distributions in anode and cathode, the coupling between thermal and the electrical fields considers the following,

- 1. Temperature dependent electric conductivity  $\sigma = \sigma(T)$
- <span id="page-14-4"></span>2. Temperature dependent apparent current density ( $1/\mathcal{Q}m^2$ ) by modifying *[Equation 1–4](#page-13-2)* [\(p. 2\),](#page-13-2)

$$
Y = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{5} b_n (DoD)^n \right) e^{C_1 (\frac{1}{T_{ref}} - \frac{1}{T})}
$$
 (1-6)

<span id="page-14-5"></span>3. Temperature dependent equilibrium voltage  $(V)$  by modifying *[Equation 1–3](#page-13-3)* [\(p. 2\)](#page-13-3)

$$
U = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{5} a_n \left( DoD\right)^n\right) - C_2 \left(T - T_{ref}\right)
$$
\n(1-7)

<span id="page-14-3"></span>4. Joule heating as a volumetric source term for thermal energy equation

$$
S_{joule} = \frac{i^2}{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma^2 \nabla^2 \phi}{\sigma} = \sigma \nabla^2 \phi
$$
 (1-8)

<span id="page-14-2"></span>5. Reaction heating as a volumetric source term for thermal energy equation,

$$
S_{echem} = j \cdot [U - (\phi_c - \phi_a)] \frac{A}{Vol}
$$
 (1-9)

where  $Vol$  is the volume of the computing cell. Since the potential jump takes place only at the separator interface, the heat generated, *[Equation 1–9](#page-14-2)* [\(p. 3\)](#page-14-2), is split equally between the two computing cells on either side of the interface.  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are two additional model coefficients.

# <span id="page-16-7"></span><span id="page-16-0"></span>**Chapter 2: Using the Battery Model**

The ANSYS FLUENT Battery Model is provided as an addon module with the standard ANSYS FLUENT licensed software. The procedure for setting up and solving battery modeling is described in detail in this chapter. Only the steps related to battery modeling are shown here. Refer to *[Battery Model The](#page-12-0)[ory](#page-12-0)* [\(p. 1\)](#page-12-0) for information about the theory.

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<span id="page-16-1"></span>For information about inputs related to other models used in conjunction with the battery model, see the appropriate sections for those models in the ANSYS FLUENT User's Guide.

# <span id="page-16-4"></span>**2.1. Geometry Definition for the Battery Model**

Due to the fact that there are a number of different physical zones associated with the battery, the following regions must be present in the battery mesh:

- Anode
- Cathode
- <span id="page-16-2"></span>• Separator ('zero' thickness wall/wall-shadow interface)

#### **Note**

For electro-chemical types of simulation, 3D double-precision is recommended.

## <span id="page-16-5"></span>**2.2. Installing the Battery Module**

<span id="page-16-6"></span><span id="page-16-3"></span>The battery addon module is installed with the standard installation of ANSYS FLUENT in a directory called addons/battery in your installation area. The battery module consists of a UDF library and a pre-compiled scheme library, which need to be loaded and activated before calculations can be performed.

## **2.3. Loading the Battery Module**

The battery module is loaded into ANSYS FLUENT through the text user interface (TUI). The module can be loaded only when a valid ANSYS FLUENT case file has been set or read. The text command to load the module is

```
define → models → addon-module
```
A list of ANSYS FLUENT addon modules is displayed:

```
 FLUENT Addon Modules:
  0. none
  1. MHD Model
  2. Fiber Model
  3. Fuel Cell and Electrolysis Model
  4. SOFC Model with Unresolved Electrolyte
  5. Population Balance Model
  6. Adjoint Solver 
  7. Battery Model 
Enter Module Number: [0] 7
```
Select the battery model by entering the module number 7. During the loading process, a scheme library containing the graphical and text user interface, and a UDF library containing a set of user-defined functions (UDFs) for the battery module are loaded into ANSYS FLUENT. This is reported to the console. The UDF library also becomes visible as a new entry in the **UDF Library Manager** dialog box. The basic setup of the battery model is performed automatically when the battery module is successfully loaded.

# <span id="page-17-3"></span><span id="page-17-0"></span>**2.4. Setting Up the Battery Module**

The following describes an overview of the procedure required in order to use the Battery Model in ANSYS FLUENT.

- 1. Start ANSYS FLUENT.
- 2. Read the case file.
- 3. Scale the grid, if necessary.
- 4. Load the module and use the **Battery Model** dialog box to define the battery model parameters.
- 5. Define material properties.
- 6. Set the operating conditions.
- 7. Set the boundary conditions.
- 8. Start the calculations.
- 9. Save the case and data files.
- 10. Process your results.

#### **Important**

<span id="page-17-2"></span><span id="page-17-1"></span>Note that the majority of this chapter describes how to set up the ANSYS FLUENT Battery Model using the graphical user interface. You can also perform various tasks using the text user interface. For more information, see *[Using the Battery Model Text User Interface](#page-24-0)* [\(p. 13\)](#page-24-0).

# **2.5. Getting Started With the Battery Model**

The battery model is implemented by user-defined functions (UDFs) and scheme routines in ANSYS FLUENT. A number of UDFs are used to solve the battery equations. When you loaded the battery addon module in the previous step (*[Loading the Battery Module](#page-16-3)* [\(p. 5\)\)](#page-16-3), UDF and scheme libraries that are required by the battery model were *automatically* loaded. Before you can begin the process of defining your battery model, however, you will need to perform some additional setup tasks that involve allocating user-defined memory for the UDFs and hooking an adjust UDF to ANSYS FLUENT. Follow the procedure below.

Once the module has been loaded, in order to set battery model parameters and assign properties to the relevant regions in your battery, you need to access the battery graphical user interface (the **Battery Model** dialog box).

To open the **Battery Model** dialog box, select **Models** under **Problem Setup** in the navigation pane to display the **Models** task page.



#### **Figure 2.1 The Battery Model Option in the Models Task Page**

In the **Models** task page, select the **Battery Model** option in the **Models** list and click the **Edit...** button.

# **Models** → **Battery Model** → **Edit...**

*This opens the Battery Model dialog box.*



Once you open the **Battery Model** dialog box, you can select the **Enable Battery Model** check box to enable the model so that you can use it in your simulation. Enabling the model expands the dialog box to reveal additional model options and solution controls.

The **Model Parameters** tab of the **Battery Model** dialog box allows you to access general model settings when solving a battery problem. Likewise, the **Separator** tab allows you to set options for the battery separator. Finally, the **Electric Field** tab allows you to set parameters for the electric field.

[2.5.1. Specifying Battery Model Parameters](#page-19-0)

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### <span id="page-19-0"></span>[2.5.3. Specifying Electric Field Parameters](#page-22-0)

# <span id="page-19-1"></span>**2.5.1. Specifying Battery Model Parameters**

The **Model Parameters** tab of the **Battery Model** dialog box allows you to turn on or off various options when solving a battery problem.





In the **Model Parameters** tab, you can set various model options, solution controls, electrical parameters, as well as activation parameters.

For **Model Options**, you can:

• **Enable Joule Heat Source** in order to include the Joule Heating source in the thermal energy equation (*[Equation 1–8](#page-14-3)* [\(p. 3\)\)](#page-14-3). (enabled by default)

- **Enable E-Chem Heat Source** in order to include the heat source due to electrochemistry in the thermal energy equation (*[Equation 1–9](#page-14-2)* [\(p. 3\)](#page-14-2)). (enabled by default)
- **Enable Separator Submodel** in order to specify your own values for the **Separator Thickness** and **Resistivity**, instead of the **Y Coefficients**, for modeling the separator. Note that when this option is selected, the inputs for the **Y Coefficients** are grayed out, and the **Separator Property** fields are active in the **Separator** tab.

#### **Note**

The separator submodel is provided as an alternative method to calculate the separator resistance. When the option is enabled, the separator resistance is computed as  $R =$ *(separator resistivity)*\*(*separator thickness)*, where *separator resistivity* and *separator thickness* are supplied by you. When the option is disabled (the default), the separator resistance is computed by  $R = 1/Y$ .

#### For **Solution Controls**, you can set the **Current Under- Relaxation Factor**.

For **Electrical Parameters**, you can set the **Nominal Capacity** (the capacity of the battery cell). If you select **Fixed DoD**, then you can specify a **Nominal DoD** value (depth of discharge). For the **Solution Options**, if you select:

- **Specified C-Rate**, you can set a value for the **Discharge C-Rate** (the hourly rate at which a battery is discharged). In this case, the total current at the cathode tabs are fixed as the product of C-Rate and Nominal Capacity, while the electrical potential is anchored at zero on the anode tabs.
- **Specified System Current**, you can set a value for the total current (applied to the anode tabs). In this case, the electrical potential is set to zero at the anode tabs.
- **Specified System Voltage**, you can set a value for the **System Voltage** (applied to the cathode tab; the anode tab has a voltage of 0 V).
- **Set in Boundary Conditions**, you can set the UDS boundary conditions directly, e.g., the voltage value or the current value (specified flux), using the **Boundary Conditions** task page in ANSYS FLUENT for the specific face zone.

#### **Note**

When the steady state solver is used, the **Fixed DoD** option has to be selected. Alternatively, the transient solver can be used to analyze variable DoD problems.

For **Activation Parameters**, you can specify the **U Coefficients** for *[Equation 1–3](#page-13-3)* [\(p. 2\)](#page-13-3) and the **Y Coefficients** for *[Equation 1–4](#page-13-2)* [\(p. 2\)](#page-13-2) (if the **Enable Separator Submodel** option is disabled).

#### **Note**

The coefficient values for the **Activation Parameters** are based on battery cell polarization test curves. Obtaining coefficient values (other than the default values) can be dependant on your battery configuration and material properties. For more information about coefficient values, refer to the work performed by Gu [*[2](#page-26-2)*] [\(p. 15\).](#page-26-2) You will likely need to make adjustments (e.g., if you are modeling lithium ion batteries) when using your own experimental data.

You can also specify the **Temperature Corrections**, if needed, though the default values are suitable in most cases. The temperature corrections provide additional accuracy to account for local temperature effects, and correspond to the temperature terms in *[Equation 1–6](#page-14-4)* [\(p. 3\)](#page-14-4) and *[Equation 1–7](#page-14-5)* [\(p. 3\)](#page-14-5).

### <span id="page-21-1"></span><span id="page-21-0"></span>**2.5.2. Specifying Separator Parameters**

The **Separator** tab of the **Battery Model** dialog box allows you to select interfaces as the **Anode Separator**, the **Cathode Separator**, as well as the **Separator Properties**, if appropriate.

**Figure 2.3 The Battery Model Dialog Box (Separator Tab)**



In the **Separator** tab, specify the zones for the **Anode Separator** and the **Cathode Separator**. If the **Enable Separator Submodel** option is selected in the **Model Parameters** tab, you can specify the **Separator Properties** such as the **Separator Thickness** and the **Separator Resistivity**.

# <span id="page-22-2"></span><span id="page-22-0"></span>**2.5.3. Specifying Electric Field Parameters**

The **Electric Field** tab of the **Battery Model** dialog box allows you to set the properties of the **Conductive Regions**, **Contact Surfaces**, and the **External Connectors**.

**Figure 2.4 The Battery Model Dialog Box (Electric Field Tab)**



<span id="page-22-3"></span><span id="page-22-1"></span>In the **Electric Field** tab, specify the zones for the **Conductive Regions** and the **Contact Surfaces** (as well as the **Contact Resistance**) for any selected contact surface. In addition, you can specify the anode and cathode tap surfaces for the External Connectors of the battery.

# **2.6. Solution Controls for the Battery Model**

When you use the Battery model, the electric potential equation is solved in addition to other fluid dynamic equations, depending on the type of simulation. The electric potential equation is listed as one of the solved equations by ANSYS FLUENT in the **Equation** dialog box, where it can be enabled/disabled in the solution process.

### **Solution Controls** → **Equations...**

Also, keep in mind the **Advanced Solution Controls** dialog box, where you can set the multigrid cycle type for the electric potential equation, if required.

### **Solution Controls** → **Advanced...**

#### **Note**

When choosing a solution method for your simulation, the Least Squares Cell Based gradient spatial discretization method is recommended because of its greater accuracy. The Green-Gauss Cell Based gradient spatial discretization method is adequate if the mesh is evenly spaced in the system current direction, and if there are not large differences in the electrical conductivities in the materials used in the simulation.

#### **Note**

In transient simulations, it is recommended to start the calculation with a smaller time step  $(1 \sim 2 \text{ seconds})$  initially. The time step can be increased to a large value (e.g., 30 seconds), however, you will likely need to search for a suitable value to make sure reasonable convergence is achieved within each time step.

## <span id="page-23-1"></span><span id="page-23-0"></span>**2.7. Postprocessing the Battery Model**

You can perform post-processing using standard ANSYS FLUENT quantities and by using user-defined scalars and user-defined memory allocations. When using the Battery model, the following additional variables will be available for postprocessing:

- Under **User-Defined Scalars...**
	- **Electric Potential**
	- **Diff Coef of Electric Potential** (the electrical conductivity of the conductive field)
- Under **User-Defined Memory...**
	- **Interface Current Density** (the separator current density, i.e. J (A/m2))
	- **X Current Density**
	- **Y Current Density**
	- **Z Current Density**
	- **Magnitude of Current Density**
	- **Volumetric Ohmic Source** (the energy source due to the electric Joule heating)
	- **Electrochemistry Source**
	- **Activation Over-Potential** (the net electrode potential change across the anode and cathode of the system when there is a current flowing through the system, i.e.,  $\phi_{c} - \phi_{c} - U$  (Volts)
	- **Depth of Discharge**
- **U Function**
- **Y Function**
- **Separator Voltage Jump** (the net potential difference across the separator)
- **Effective Electric Resistance** (the effective resistance of the separator used in the potential field calculation)
- **Other**

By default, the ANSYS FLUENT Battery Model defines several user-defined scalars and user-defined memory allocations, described in *[Table 2.1: User-Defined Scalar Allocations](#page-24-1)* [\(p. 13\)](#page-24-1) and *[Table 2.2: User-](#page-24-2)[Defined Memory Allocations](#page-24-2)* [\(p. 13\)](#page-24-2).

#### <span id="page-24-1"></span>**Table 2.1 User-Defined Scalar Allocations**

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#### **Table 2.2 User-Defined Memory Allocations**



## <span id="page-24-3"></span><span id="page-24-0"></span>**2.8. Using the Battery Model Text User Interface**

All of the features for the Battery Model that are available through the graphical user interface are also available through text user interface (TUI) commands. The TUI allows text commands to be typed directly in the ANSYS FLUENT console window where additional information can be extracted and processed for more advanced analysis.

Once the battery module is loaded, you can access the text user interface through the Console Window under battery-model. A listing of the various text commands is as follows:

```
battery-model/
```
Battery model menu

#### **activation-parameters/**

Activation parameter setup.

**t-coefficients** Specify the temperature coefficients in *[Equation 1–6](#page-14-4)* [\(p. 3\)](#page-14-4) and *[Equation 1–7](#page-14-5)* [\(p. 3\).](#page-14-5)

**u-coefficients** Specify the U coefficients for *[Equation 1–3](#page-13-3)* [\(p. 2\)](#page-13-3) .

**y-coefficients** Specify the Y coefficients for *[Equation 1–4](#page-13-2)* [\(p. 2\).](#page-13-2)

**anode-interface** Anode interface options.

**cathode-interface** Cathode interface options.

**electric-field-model/** Electric field setup.

> **conductive-regions** List zone names and IDs.

**contact-resistance-regions** List zone names and IDs.

**current-tap** List zone names and IDs.

**voltage-tap** List zone names and IDs.

**electrochemistry** Electrochemistry parameters.

**enable-battery-model?**

Enable/disable battery model.

#### **model-parameters**

Model parameters.

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