

**Appendix A:** Population Balance Equations (PBEs) for the various population classes in the bivariate PBE model are as follows.

For  $\bar{n}_A(i)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\bar{n}_A(i)}{dt} = & -k_c \bar{n}_A(i) + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_A(j) \bar{n}_A(k) E(i, j+k) + k_c \sum_{j=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(j, k) \bar{n}_A(l) \tilde{E}(i, k+l) \\
& + k_c \sum_{j=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(j, k) \bar{n}_B(l) \tilde{E}(i, k-l) + k_c \sum_{j=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(j, k) \bar{n}_{CA}(l, m) \tilde{E}(i, k+m) \\
& + k_c \sum_{j=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(j, k) \bar{n}_{CB}(l, m) \tilde{E}(i, k-m) + k_c \sum_{j=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SB}(j, k) \bar{n}_A(l) \tilde{E}(i, l-k) \\
& + k_c \sum_{j=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SB}(j, k) \bar{n}_{CA}(l, m) \tilde{E}(i, m-k) + k_c \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_A(j) \bar{n}_B(k) E(0, k; i, j-k) \\
& + k_c \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(j, k) \bar{n}_A(l) E(0, j; i, k+l) + k_c \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CB}(j, k) \bar{n}_A(l) E(0, j+k; i, l-k) \\
& + k_c \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(j, k) \bar{n}_B(l) E(0, j+l; i, k-l) \\
& + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(j, k) \bar{n}_{CA}(l, m) E(0, j+l; i, k+m) \\
& + k_c \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(j, k) \bar{n}_{CB}(l, m) E(0, j+l+m; i, k-m) \tag{A1}
\end{aligned}$$

where,  $k_c = \beta_d q_d N_{drop}$ . The first term in the right hand side is the death term due to collision of  $\bar{n}_A(i)$  with all other drops, where as the other terms are birth terms of  $\bar{n}_A(i)$  due to coalescence-exchange of different pairs.

A similar PBE can be written for  $\bar{n}_B(i)$  by interchanging  $\bar{n}_A(i)$  with  $\bar{n}_B(i)$ ,  $\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j)$  with

$\bar{n}_{CB}(i, j)$  and  $\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j)$  with  $\bar{n}_{SB}(i, j)$  everywhere in equation A1.  $\frac{d\bar{n}_A(i)}{dt}$  and  $\frac{d\bar{n}_B(i)}{dt}$  are

integrated for  $i = 1$  to  $Z_{max}$ , with a total of  $Z_{max}$  equations for each population.

For  $\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j)}{dt} = & -k_n(i)\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j) - k_c\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j) + k_c \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_A(k)\bar{n}_B(l)E(i, l; j, k-l) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(k, l)\bar{n}_A(m)E(i, k; j, l+m) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CB}(k, l)\bar{n}_A(m)E(i, k+l; j, m-l) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(k, l)\bar{n}_B(m)E(i, k+m; j, l-m) \\
& + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(k, l)\bar{n}_{CA}(m, n)E(i, k+m; j, l+n) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(k, l)\bar{n}_{CB}(m, n)E(i, k+m+n; j, l-n) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CB}(k, l)\bar{n}_B(m)E(i, k; 0, l+m) \\
& + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CB}(k, l)\bar{n}_{CB}(m, n)E(i, k+m; 0, l+n) \tag{A2}
\end{aligned}$$

The first two terms in the right hand side are the death terms due to nucleation and collision of  $\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j)$  with all other drops respectively. The other terms are birth terms of  $\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j)$  due to coalescence-exchange of different pairs. The last two terms are included only when  $j = 0$ . Similarly a PBE can be written for  $\bar{n}_{CB}(i, j)$  also.  $\frac{d\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j)}{dt}$  is integrated for  $i = 1$  to  $Z_{max}$  and  $j = 0$  to  $Z_{max}$ , with a constraint of  $(i+j) \leq Z_{max}$ . For  $\frac{d\bar{n}_{CB}(i, j)}{dt}$  equations,  $i$  varies from 1 to  $Z_{max}$  again, but  $j$  varies from 1 to  $Z_{max}$  only. The number of equations to be solved for the former population class is  $(Z_{max}^2 + Z_{max})/2$ , while for the latter class it is  $(Z_{max}^2 - Z_{max})/2$ .

For  $\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j)}{dt} = & k_n(i)\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j) - k_c\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j) + k_c \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(i, k)\bar{n}_A(l)\tilde{E}(j, k+l) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{i-n^*} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(i-k, l)\bar{n}_B(k)\tilde{E}(j, l-k) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{i-n^*} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(k, l)\bar{n}_{SA}(i-k, m)\tilde{E}(j, l+m) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{i-n^*} \sum_{l=1}^{i-k-n^*} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CB}(k, l)\bar{n}_{SA}(i-k-l, m)\tilde{E}(j, m-l) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{i-n^*} \sum_{m=1}^{i-k-n^*} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CA}(k, l)\bar{n}_{SB}(i-k-m, m)\tilde{E}(j, l-m) \\
& + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(i, k)\bar{n}_{SA}(l, m)\tilde{E}(j, k+m) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=0}^{i-n^*} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SA}(i-k, l)\bar{n}_{SB}(m, n)\tilde{E}(k, n; j, l-n) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{i-n^*} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SB}(i-k, k)\bar{n}_A(l)\tilde{E}(j, l-k) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SB}(i, k)\bar{n}_B(l)\tilde{E}(0, k+l) \\
& + k_c \sum_{k=1}^{i-n^*} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{CB}(k, l)\bar{n}_{SB}(i-k, m)\tilde{E}(0, l+m) \\
& + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=n^*}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{n}_{SB}(i, k)\bar{n}_{SB}(l, m)\tilde{E}(0, k+m) \tag{A3}
\end{aligned}$$

The first term in the right hand side is the birth term of  $\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j)$  due to nucleation of  $\bar{n}_{CA}(i, j)$ . The second term accounts for death due to collision of  $\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j)$  with all other drops. The remaining terms are birth terms for  $\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j)$  due to coalescence-exchange of different pairs. The last three terms in the right hand side of the above equation are included only when  $j = 0$ . Similarly a PBE can be written for  $\bar{n}_{SB}(i, j)$  also.  $\frac{d\bar{n}_{SA}(i, j)}{dt}$  is integrated for  $i = n^*$  to  $Z_{max}$  and  $j = 0$  to  $Z_{max}$ , with a constraint of  $(i+j) \leq Z_{max}$ . For

$\frac{d\bar{n}_{SB}(i,j)}{dt}$  equations,  $i$  varies from  $n^*$  to  $Z_{max}$  again, but  $j$  varies from 1 to  $Z_{max}$ . The

number of equations to be solved for the former population class is

$(Z_{max}^2 + n^{*2} - 2Z_{max}n^* + 3Z_{max} - 3n^* + 2)/2$ , while for the latter class it is

$(Z_{max}^2 + n^{*2} - 2Z_{max}n^* + Z_{max} - n^*)/2$ .

Therefore the total number of equations to be solved in the bivariate model

is:  $2Z_{max}^2 + n^{*2} - 2Z_{max}n^* + 4Z_{max} - 2n^* + 1$ .

**Appendix B:** The univariate PBE model and moment equations are as follows.

$$\frac{d\bar{n}_A(i)}{dt} = -k_c \bar{n}_A(i) \bar{n}_B(i) - k_c \bar{n}_A(i) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_A(j) + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_A(j) \bar{n}_A(k) E(i, j+k) \quad (\text{B1})$$

$$\frac{d\bar{n}_B(i)}{dt} = -k_c \bar{n}_A(i) \bar{n}_B(i) - k_c \bar{n}_B(i) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_B(j) + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_B(j) \bar{n}_B(k) E(i, j+k) \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\bar{n}_C(i)}{dt} = & k_c \bar{n}_A(i) \bar{n}_B(i) - k_n(i) \bar{n}_C(i) - k_c \bar{n}_C(i) \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_C(j) + \sum_{j=n^*}^{\infty} \bar{n}_S(j) \right] \\ & + \frac{k_c}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_C(j) \bar{n}_C(k) E(i, j+k) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B3})$$

$$\frac{d\bar{n}_S(i)}{dt} = k_n(i) \bar{n}_C(i) - k_c \bar{n}_S(i) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \bar{n}_C(j) + k_c \sum_{j=1}^{i-n^*} \bar{n}_S(i-j) \bar{n}_C(j) \quad (\text{B4})$$

$$\frac{dM_S^{(0)}(t)}{dt} = \sum_{i=n^*}^{\infty} k_n(i) \bar{n}_C(i, t) \quad (\text{B5})$$

$$\frac{dM_S^{(1)}(t)}{dt} = \sum_{i=n^*}^{\infty} i k_n(i) \bar{n}_C(i, t) + k_c M_S^{(0)}(t) \sum_{i=n^*}^{\infty} i \bar{n}_C(i, t) \quad (\text{B6})$$

Equation B1 is the rate of change of number density  $\bar{n}_A$ . The first term in the right hand side (RHS) is death term due to collision with  $\bar{n}_B$ , leading to reaction. The second and third terms are death and birth terms of  $\bar{n}_A$ , respectively, due to coalescence-exchange of  $\bar{n}_A$  themselves. It should be noted that only coalescence-exchange of  $\bar{n}_A$  themselves and  $\bar{n}_A(i)$  with  $\bar{n}_B(i)$  are considered to avoid the formation of bivariate populations. Equation B2 is analogous to B1, the former being for  $\bar{n}_B$ .

Equation B3 is the rate of change of number density  $\bar{n}_C$ . The first term in RHS is the birth term due to collision of  $\bar{n}_A$  and  $\bar{n}_B$ . The second and fourth terms are death of  $\bar{n}_C$  due to nucleation and growth via coalescence-exchange of  $\bar{n}_C$  and  $\bar{n}_S$ , respectively. The

third and fifth terms are death and birth terms, respectively, due to coalescence-exchange of  $n_C$  themselves.

Equation B4 is the rate of change of number density of  $\bar{n}_S$ . The first term in RHS is birth due to nucleation. Second and third terms are death and birth of  $\bar{n}_S$ , respectively, due to collision with  $\bar{n}_C$ . Equations B5 and B6 are zeroth and first moment of  $\bar{n}_S$ , respectively.

Equations B1-B3 are integrated for  $i=1$  to  $Z_{max}$ , together with equations B5 and B6, thus the number of equations to be solved in the univariate PBE model is:  $3Z_{max}+2$  only.

## Appendix C: Nomenclature for the symbols used in the models.

$B_k$	Birth rate of $k^{\text{th}}$ class drops, $\text{s}^{-1}$
$C(l)$	Product C in dissolved form in water
$C(s)$	Product C as a solid particle
$d_{av}$	Average nanoparticle diameter, m
$d_{\text{drop}}$	Diameter of a microemulsion drop, m
$D_k$	Death rate of $k^{\text{th}}$ class drops, $\text{s}^{-1}$
$E(i, j)$	Expectation of obtaining $i$ molecules in a drop from $j$ molecules in a dimer
$E(i, k, j, l)$	Expectation of obtaining $i$ out of $k$ molecules of first kind and $j$ out of $l$ molecules of second kind in a drop after redispersion, when drops are indistinguishable
$\tilde{E}(i, k, j, l)$	Expectation of obtaining $i$ out of $k$ molecules of first kind and $j$ out of $l$ molecules of second kind in a drop after redispersion, when drops are distinguishable
$i_{av}$	Average number of product molecules per nanoparticle, also referred as MAN
$k_0$	Preexponential term in the expression of nucleation rate, $\text{s}^{-1}$
$k_B$	Boltzmann constant, $1.0386 \times 10^{-23}$ , $\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$
$k_c$	Rate constant of coalescence-exchange of drops, $\text{s}^{-1}$
$k_n$	Rate constant of nucleation rate, $\text{s}^{-1}$
$K_s$	Solubility product of CdS, $\text{mol}^2 \text{L}^{-2}$
$M_s^{(n)}$	$n^{\text{th}}$ moment of number density function of $n_s$

MAN	Mean aggregate number
$M_w$	Molecular weight of CdS, $\text{kg kmol}^{-1}$
$n$	Number density of any given class of drops, $\text{m}^{-3}$
$\bar{n}$	Nondimensional number density of a class of drops
$n^*$	Critical number of molecules required for nucleation
$n_A^0$	Number density of drops having reactant A before mixing, $\text{m}^{-3}$
$n_B^0$	Number density of drops having reactant B before mixing, $\text{m}^{-3}$
$N$	Total number of drops used in MC simulation
$N_A$	Avogadro number, $6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules mol}^{-1}$
$N_{drop}$	Total number density of drops, $\text{m}^{-3}$
$N_p$	Total number density of nanoparticles, $\text{m}^{-3}$
$p_{i,j}$	Binomial probability of obtaining $i$ molecules in a drop from $j$ molecules in a dimer
$q_d$	Collision frequency of drops, $\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
R	Molar ratio of water to surfactant
T	Temperature, K
$v_m$	Volume of one C(s) molecule, $\text{m}^3$
$x$	Molar ratio of reactants
$Z_{max}$	Maximum number of molecules of all kinds [A, B, C(l), C(s)] that can be present together in a drop

### Greek letters

$\beta_d$	Coalescence efficiency of drop-drop collisions
$\eta$	Viscosity of the oil, $\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$\lambda$	Supersaturation ratio of $C(l)$
$\mu_A$	Mean number of reactant A molecules in drops
$\mu_B$	Mean number of reactant B molecules in drops
$\rho$	Density of CdS, $\text{kg m}^{-3}$
$\sigma$	Interfacial tension between solid nuclei and surrounding drop liquid, $\text{N m}^{-1}$
$\tau$	Time scale of a rate process, s

### Subscripts

A	Drops containing only reactant A
B	Drops containing only reactant B
c	Coalescence-exchange between nonnucleated drops
C	Drops containing only C in dissolved form $[C(l)]$
CA	Drops containing C in dissolved form $[C(l)]$ and reactant A
CB	Drops containing C in dissolved form $[C(l)]$ and reactant B
$d$	Life time of a dimer
$g$	Growth of $C(s)$
$n$	Nucleation of $C(s)$
S	Drops containing only C in solid form $[C(s)]$
SA	Drops containing C in solid form $[C(s)]$ and reactant A
SB	Drops containing C in solid form $[C(s)]$ and reactant B

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