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# The Comparison of Seven Models to Simulate the Transport and Deposition of Polydisperse Particles under Favorable Conditions in a Saturated Medium

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**Table S1: Summary of dimensionless parameters present in the existing models.**

| Parameter            | Definition <sup>a</sup>                                     | Value Range                                | Physical Interpretation  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Advection            | $U$   | $0\text{-}10^{-7}$ m/s                     | fluid approach velocity  |
| Diffusion            | $D = \frac{AT}{6\pi\mu a_p}$                                | $10^{-9}\text{-}10^{-6}$ m <sup>2</sup> /s | bulk diffusion   |
| London group         | $N_{Lo} = \frac{H}{9\pi\mu U a_p^2}$                        | $10^{-7}\text{-}10^{-3}$                   | attraction number  |
| Attraction number    | $N_A = \frac{H}{12\pi\mu U a_p^2}$                          | $10^{-8}\text{-}10^{-3}$                   | attraction number; represents combined influence of van der Waals attraction forces and fluid velocity on particle deposition rate due to interception |
| Gravity              | $V = \frac{2}{9} \frac{a_p^2(\rho_p - \rho)}{\mu} g$        | $0\text{-}10^{-5}$ m/s                     | gravity number; ratio of Stokes particle settling velocity to approach velocity of the fluid   |
| Van der Waals number | $N_{vdw} = \frac{H}{AT}$                                    | $10^{-1}\text{-}10^1$                      | van der Waals number characterizing ratio of van der Waals interaction energy to the particle's thermal energy   |
| Peclet number        | $N_{Pe} = \frac{2a_c U}{D}$                                 | $10^{-1}\text{-}2.37\times 10^5$           | Peclet number characterizing ratio of convective transport to diffusive transport  |
| Gravity number       | $N_G = \frac{V}{U}$   | $0\text{-}10^2$                            | Gravity number   |
|                      | $N_{Gi} = \frac{N_G}{1 + N_G}$                              | $10^{-4}$                                  | Modified gravity number  |
| Aspect ratio         | $N_R = \frac{a_p}{a_c}$                                     | $0\text{-}10^{-3}$                         | aspect ratio   |
| $A_s$                | $A_s = \frac{1(1-\gamma^5)}{2-3\gamma+3\gamma^5-2\gamma^6}$ | 2-7.15                                     | Porosity dependant variable  |
| $\gamma$             | $\gamma = (1-\varepsilon)^{1/3}$                            | 0.60-0.80                                  | Porosity dependant variable  |

<sup>a</sup>The parameters in the various dimensionless groups are as follows:  $d_p$  is the particle diameter,  $2.932\times 10^{-6}$  m,  $a_p$  is particle radius,  $1.466\times 10^{-6}$  m,  $d_c$  is the collector diameter,  $5.03\times 10^{-4}$  m,  $a_c$  is collector radius,  $2.51\times 10^{-4}$  m,  $U$  is the fluid approach velocity,  $3.51\times 10^{-5}$  m/s,  $D$  is the bulk diffusion coefficient,  $2.31\times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s,  $H$  is the Hamaker constant,  $10^{-20}$ J,  $A$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $1.38\times 10^{-23}$ ,  $T$  is fluid absolute temperature, 298K,  $\varepsilon$  is the porosity, 0.378,  $\rho_p$  is the particle density,  $2.53\times 10^3$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho$  is the fluid density, 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>,  $\mu$  is the absolute fluid viscosity,  $9.8\times 10^{-4}$  Pa·s, and  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration, 9.806 m/(s\*s).

**Table S2:** List of the existing equations for comparison. See Table S1 for the parameter's definition.

| Acronym | Authors  | Equation   |
|---------|--|--|
| Yao     | Yao et al. 1971  | $\eta_0 = 4.04N_{Pe}^{-2/3} + \frac{3}{2}N_R^2 + N_G$  |
| RT      | Rajagopalan and Tien 1976<br>Corrected by Logan <sup>Error!</sup><br>Reference source not found. | $\eta_{0,\gamma} = \gamma^2[4.04N_{Pe}^{-\frac{2}{3}}A_S^{\frac{1}{3}} + A_S N_R^{\frac{15}{8}}N_{Lo}^{\frac{1}{8}} + 0.00338A_S N_G^{1.2}N_R^{-0.4}]$   |
| TE      | Tufenkji and Elimelech 2004<br>Error! Reference source not found.                                | $\eta_0 = 2.4N_R^{-0.081}N_{Pe}^{-0.715}A_S^{\frac{1}{3}}N_{vdW}^{0.052} + 0.55A_S N_R^{1.675}N_A^{0.125}$<br>$+ 0.22A_S N_G^{1.11}N_R^{-0.24}N_{vdW}^{0.053}$   |
| MPFJ    | Ma et al. 2009   | $\eta_{0,\gamma} = \gamma^2[2.3N_{Pe}^{-0.65}A_S^{\frac{1}{3}}N_R^{-0.08}N_A^{0.052} + 0.55A_S N_R^{1.8}N_A^{0.15}$<br>$+ 0.2N_G^{1.1}N_R^{-0.1}N_A^{0.053}N_{Pe}^{0.053}]$<br>$\eta_{0,\gamma} = \gamma^2[2.4N_{Pe}^{-0.68}A_S^{\frac{1}{3}}N_{Gi}^{0.8}N_{Lo}^{0.015}(\frac{N_{Pe}}{N_{Pe} + 16})^{0.75} + A_S N_R^{\frac{15}{8}}N_{Lo}^{\frac{1}{8}}$<br>$+ 0.7N_G N_R^{-0.05}(\frac{N_{Gi}}{N_{Gi} + 0.9})]$ |
| MHJ     | Nelson and Ginn 2011<br>Ma et al. 2013   | $\eta_{0,\gamma} = \gamma^2[N_R^{0.028}N_{Gi}^{0.8}N_{Lo}^{0.015}(\frac{8 + 4(1 - \gamma)A_S^{1/3}N_{Pe}^{1/3}}{8 + (1 - \gamma)N_{Pe}^{0.97}})$<br>$+ A_S N_R^{\frac{1}{8}}N_{Lo}^{\frac{15}{8}} + 0.7N_G N_R^{-0.05}(\frac{N_{Gi}}{N_{Gi} + 0.9})]$  |
| MMS     | Messina et al. 2015  | $\eta_0 = \frac{(\eta_{0,a_c})^b}{(I)^c}$  |

b:  $\eta_{0,a_c} = [1.5062A_S N_R^{1.9834} + N_G(1 + 6.0187N_R^2) + N_{Pe}^{-1}\frac{7.5609+4.9534N_R^1}{2-2\gamma} + A_S^{0.1259}N_G^{0.8741}(0.0442 +$

$0.122N_R^{0.421}) + A_S^{0.3662}N_{Pe}^{-0.6338}(2.9352 + 2.748N_R^{0.3737}) +$

$N_G^{0.8741}N_{Pe}^{-0.345}(0.9461 + 1.1626N_R^{0.6012}) + A_S^{0.1562}N_G^{0.5873}N_{Pe}^{-0.2565}(-0.674 - 0.7119N_R^{0.5438})$

c:  $I = [(1 + A_S^{6.0098}N_R^{1.9834}) + N_G(1 + 6.0187N_R^2) + (1 - \sqrt{1 - \gamma^2})N_{Pe}^{-1}\frac{7.5609+4.9534N_R^1}{2-2\gamma} +$

$A_S^{0.1259}N_G^{0.8741}(0.0442 + 0.122N_R^{0.421}) + A_S^{0.3662}N_{Pe}^{-0.6338}(2.9352 + 2.748N_R^{0.3737}) +$

$N_G^{0.6550}N_{Pe}^{-0.345}(2.7972 + 3.4372N_R^{0.6012}) + A_S^{0.1562}N_G^{0.5873}N_{Pe}^{-0.2565}(-1.1945 - 1.2616N_R^{0.5438})$