

# A multifluid-PBE model for simulation of mass transfer limited processes operated in bubble columns

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## Abstract

Modeling of reactive dispersed flows with interfacial mass transfer limitations require an accurate description of the interfacial area, mass transfer coefficient and the driving force. The driving force is given by the difference in species composition between the continuous and dispersed phases and thus depends on bubble size. This paper shows the extension of the multifluid-PBE model to reactive and non-isothermal flows with novel transport equations for species mass and temperature which are continuous functions of bubble size. The model is demonstrated by simulating the Fischer-Tropsch synthesis operated in a slurry bubble column at industrial conditions. The simulation results show different composition and velocity for the smallest and largest bubbles. The temperature profile was independent on bubble size due to efficient heat exchange. The proposed model is particularly useful in investigating the effects of bubble size on strongly mass transfer limited processes

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operated in the heterogeneous flow regime.

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Interfacial Mass Transfer Limited Processes

For interfacial mass transfer limited processes the interfacial mass transport phenomena are limiting the overall reaction rate and thus the efficiency of the process. A typical example is bubble columns where gas is injected into the reactor and forms gas bubbles. The gaseous reactants must be transported out of the gas bubbles and into the bulk liquid phase in order to be converted to products.

For interfacial mass transfer limited processes the mass transfer through the liquid film surrounding the bubble is generally the limiting step, as the diffusion coefficient in a liquid is much smaller than in a gas. The mass transfer of species  $s$  from the bubble to the bulk liquid can then be modeled as (e.g. Jakobsen (2014)):

$$\Gamma_s = a_L k_{L,s} \rho_L (\omega_{L,s}^* - \omega_{L,s}) \quad (1)$$

where  $a_L$  is the gas-liquid interfacial area,  $k_{L,s}$  the mass transfer coefficient,  $\omega_{L,s}^*$  the weight fraction of species  $s$  at the interface and  $\omega_{L,s}$  the concentration of  $s$  in the bulk liquid. A proper description of mass transfer thus relies on:

- An accurate description of the gas-liquid interfacial area  $a_L$ ,

- 16 • an accurate description of the driving force for mass transfer (here:  $\omega_{L,s}^* - \omega_{L,s}$ )
- 17 • and an accurate parameterization of the mass transfer coefficient  $k_{L,s}$ .

18 The driving force for the interfacial mass transfer flux is generally related to the  
19 difference in composition in the two phases. In this work the gas composition is  
20 considered a function of bubble size. This means that the driving force for mass  
21 transfer is a function of bubble size – whether considering the overall mass transfer  
22 resistance or simplifying using only the liquid resistance as in Eq. (1).

### 23 *1.2. Multifluid Models*

24 In general, there are two main frameworks available for deriving the transport equa-  
25 tions for mass, species mass, momentum and energy for multiphase flows; continuum  
26 mechanics (CM) and statistical mechanics (SM) (Solsvik and Jakobsen, 2016). The  
27 multifluid model, derived in the framework of CM is the most common (Jakobsen,  
28 2014). However, this model falls short in describing the interfacial area  $a_L$  of dis-  
29 persed flows. Unless one is performing direct numerical simulations, some type of  
30 averaging is required and as a consequence the information about the bubble size  
31 and thus interfacial area is lost. One approach to reconstruct the interfacial area  
32 is to complement the dispersed phase equations with a population balance equation  
33 (PBE). The model is then termed a combined multifluid-PBE model.

### 34 *1.3. The PBE*

35 The PBE keeps track of the number of bubbles and their size and can also account for  
36 breakage and coalescence events. Its derivation is provided both in the CM framework

37 by Randolph (1964), Randolph and Larson (1988) and Ramkrishna (2000) and in  
38 the SM framework by e.g. Williams (1958) and Hulburt and Katz (1964). A recent  
39 review on the foundation of PBE and its derivation is given by Solsvik and Jakobsen  
40 (2014b).

#### 41 *1.3.1. The sectional PBE*

42 In common CFD software packages such as ANSYS CFX the PBE is added to the  
43 Reynolds averaged transport equations derived from CM. The dispersed phase is  
44 then divided into a number of bubble classes  $i$  and a discrete form of the num-  
45 ber density is solved for. When all bubbles have the same velocity this model is  
46 called the *homogeneous-MUSIG model* (Lo, 1996). Advancing the model to allow  
47 for different bubble velocities (typically three bubble size classes) it is termed the  
48 *inhomogeneous-MUSIG model* (Krepper et al., 2008). In this approach the num-  
49 ber density function is an output variable - with a resolution corresponding to the  
50 number of size classes.

#### 51 *1.3.2. The moment form of the PBE*

52 To save computation time, some integrate the PBE over the entire size space to  
53 obtain a set of moment equations and solve for these instead. Typically only three  
54 moments of the distribution are computed. This approach is described in e.g. the  
55 textbook by Marchisio and Fox (2013). The number density function itself is lost in  
56 this procedure, i.e. it is no longer an output variable.

57 *1.3.3. The continuous PBE*

58 Instead of using the CM framework, the equations of change for the bubbly flow can  
59 be derived through the SM, in particular kinetic theory of granular flow (KTGF) as  
60 shown by Dorao (2006); Nayak et al. (2011); Patruno (2010); Solsvik and Jakobsen  
61 (2014a). The bubbles are then described as a granular flow, which on the particle  
62 (granule, or here: bubble) level is governed by a Boltzmann-like equation. Moments  
63 are formed of the Boltzmann-like equation to calculate average fluid properties such  
64 as velocity, mass density, composition and temperature. Equations of change as  
65 continuous functions of space, time and bubble size are then obtained, where the PBE  
66 is one of the equations. Using spectral or spectral-element methods one can solve  
67 for a continuous mass density function and calculate the necessary moments such as  
68 interfacial area  $a_L$  and Sauter mean diameter as a simple post-processing procedure.  
69 This approach results in a continuous PBE, in contrast to a sequential PBE (the  
70 MUSIG models) and the moment form of the PBE. The distinction between these  
71 three is illustrated in Figure 1. The contrast between the MUSIG and the continuous  
72 multifluid-PBE models is illustrated in Figure 2.

73 *1.4. This work and highlighting novelty*

74 Both the MUSIG and moment methods address the issue of an accurate predic-  
75 tion of the interfacial area  $a_L$ , taking breakage and coalescence into account. The  
76 inhomogeneous-MUSIG model also to some extent lets the bubbles have different  
77 velocities and thus accounts for the fact that bubbles have different residence times  
78 depending on their size. However, a crucial point for mass transfer limited processes

79 is not addressed by the MUSIG and moment methods: the accurate prediction of  
80 the driving force for mass transfer in the case of reactive dispersed flow.

81 For a reactive system with interfacial mass transfer limitations the gas concentration  
82 of species  $s$  is likely to be different for bubbles of different size. Smaller bubbles  
83 change composition faster as they have a larger surface area per volume. Differ-  
84 ent mass transfer fluxes for different sized bubbles is a known issue (e.g. de Swart  
85 et al. (1996)), and may be counteracted by e.g. ensuring small enough bubbles by  
86 additional distributor plates along the height of the reactor (Jakobsen, 2014) or by  
87 cutting the bubbles using a wire mesh (Segers, 2015). A model to describe this bub-  
88 ble size dependency of the composition for dispersed reactive flows and subsequently  
89 the driving force for mass transfer is not found in the literature. A novel model in  
90 this category is thus proposed in this paper.

#### 91 *1.4.1. The continuous multifluid-PBE model is extended to reactive flows*

92 Based on the works by Reyes (1989), Lafi and Reyes (1994), Lathouwers and Bellan  
93 (2000) and Chao (2012) we extend the continuous multifluid-PBE model by Dorao  
94 (2006); Nayak et al. (2011); Patruno (2010); Solsvik and Jakobsen (2014a) to reactive  
95 and non-isothermal flows. The novelty is thus that we derive equations of change  
96 also for weight fractions (species mass) as continuous functions of bubble size. In  
97 other words, the proposed model lets the weight fractions differ not only for different  
98 positions in the reactor, but also for different sized bubbles. This addresses the issue  
99 of a more accurate description of the driving force for mass transfer – through the  
100 inclusion of bubble size.

101 *1.4.2. The continuous multifluid-PBE model is extended to non-isothermal flows*

102 Similarly the bubbles are allowed to have different temperatures based on their size.  
103 Cooling and heating are important mechanisms in chemical reactors, in particular in  
104 reactive systems where temperature limitations are strict (e.g. biological processes).  
105 With a bubble size dependent temperature one can get information on whether all  
106 different sizes of bubbles are within a temperature criteria rather than just the aver-  
107 age. Typical profiles provided by the proposed model are shown in Figure 3, where  
108 the size dependent weight fractions and temperature are novel profiles.

109 *1.4.3. All dispersed phase equations are derived through the same theoretical frame-*  
110 *work: KTGF*

111 In combination with the previously derived bubble size dependent velocity and mass  
112 density a complete dispersed phase model is derived within a unified framework;  
113 KTGF. A derivation of the entire model for the dispersed phase through one and the  
114 same theoretical framework is an advantage due to consistency. Similar averaging  
115 procedures performed for all transport equations are desirable from a theoretical  
116 point of view.

117 *1.4.4. The proposed model is demonstrated on the Fischer-Tropsch synthesis*

118 To illustrate the capabilities of the proposed model it is demonstrated on the Fischer-  
119 Tropsch synthesis (FTS) in a slurry bubble column (SBC) operating at industrial  
120 conditions. Reactor dimensions and operating conditions are found in Table 1. The  
121 dispersed phase equations are cross-sectionally averaged and combined with the con-

122 ventional CM equations for the continuous phase presented in Vik et al. (2015).  
123 The resultant model is implemented in MATLAB® and solved using orthogonal  
124 collocation, described in e.g. Solsvik and Jakobsen (2013).

### 125 *1.5. Paper outline*

126 The model derivation is given in Section 2. Selected closures are given in Section 3.  
127 A discussion of the model is found in Section 2.4. The model capabilities are demon-  
128 strated briefly in Section 4. Concluding remarks are given in Section 5.

## 129 **2. Model derivation**

130 In this section the equations of change for mass, species mass, momentum and en-  
131 ergy for a reactive multiphase disperse system are derived. The necessary theory is  
132 outlined in the textbook by Jakobsen (2014) and in the works by Dorao (2006); Lath-  
133 ouwers and Bellan (2001); Nayak et al. (2011); Patruno (2010); Solsvik and Jakobsen  
134 (2014a) and Chao (2012).

### 135 *2.1. Definitions*

136 The starting point is a time dependent microscopical number density function

$$p = p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) \quad (2)$$

137 describing the number density of bubbles of size  $\xi$ , weight fraction of component  $s$   
138  $\omega_{s,p}$ , temperature  $T_p$ , mass  $m_p$  with velocity  $\mathbf{c}$  and growth velocity  $\Xi$  at position  $\mathbf{r}$



139 at time  $t$ .  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $[\xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p]$  are the coordinates in physical space and property  
 140 space, respectively. Together they form the phase space for the particle.  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\Xi$   
 141 represent the microscopical velocities in physical space and size. We define an *average*  
 142 number density function  $f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  by integrating over all velocities, temperature,  
 143 weight fractions and the particle mass, but not over the particle size  $\xi$ :

$$f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \quad (3)$$

144 Correspondingly, we define an average mass density function  $f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  by multiplying  
 145 with the microscopical mass  $m_p$  and integrating over all velocities, temperature,  
 146 weight fractions and the particle mass, but not over the particle size  $\xi$ :

$$f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \quad (4)$$

147  $f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  and  $f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  are momenta of the microscopical number density  $p$ . In  
 148 general, momenta of the microscopical density function  $p$  are applied in KTG and  
 149 KTGF to describe the average fluid properties by integrating over all microscopi-  
 150 cal velocities. The moment is denoted  $\langle \psi_p \rangle$  where  $\psi_p$  is a microscopical (particle)  
 151 quantity:

$$\langle \psi_p \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_p m_p P(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \quad (5)$$

152 where  $P(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t)$  is a normalized microscopical number density func-  
 153 tion defined as:

$$P(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) = \frac{p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t)}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \quad (6)$$

154 This yields an alternative formulation of the moment in terms of the mass density  
 155 function:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_p \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_p m_p \frac{p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t)}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \\ &= \frac{1}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_p m_p p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

156 Average fluid properties can be found by inserting for  $\psi_p$  in Eq. (7) as shown by  
 157 e.g. Laurent and Massot (2001) and Lathouwers and Bellan (2000). The average  
 158 mass for the bubbles at position  $\mathbf{r}$  with size  $\xi$  at time  $t$  is found as:

$$\begin{aligned} m(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) &= \langle m_p \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p m_p p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

159 Similarly to Lathouwers and Bellan (2000) we adapt the relation:

$$f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) m(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \quad (9)$$

160 where  $f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  is the average number density (Eq. (3)) and  $m(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  is the average  
 161 mass (Eq. (8)). The mass average fluid velocity  $\mathbf{v}_r(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  is found by inserting for  
 162 the microscopical velocity velocity  $\mathbf{c}$  in Eq. (7):

$$\mathbf{v}_r(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathbf{c} m_p p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \quad (10)$$

163 The deviation from the average fluid velocity is denoted the peculiar velocity

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{v}_r(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \quad (11)$$

164 The moment (Eq. (7)) of the peculiar velocity is zero (e.g. Solsvik and Jakobsen  
 165 (2016)). The mass averaged growth velocity, i.e. convection in property space, is  
 166 found by inserting for  $\psi_p = \Xi$  in Eq. (7):

$$v_\xi(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Xi m_p p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \quad (12)$$

167 The deviation from the average bubble growth velocity is denoted the peculiar growth  
 168 velocity:

$$C_\xi(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) = \Xi - v_\xi(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \quad (13)$$

169 Following an argument similar to the physical velocity the average of the peculiar  
 170 growth velocity is zero. Similarly we have for the mass averaged weight fraction:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_s(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \\ = \frac{1}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_{s,p} m_p p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

171 The mass averaged enthalpy is given as:

$$h(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h_p m_p p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \quad (15)$$

172 The fluctuating weight fraction and enthalpy are defined as the difference between  
 173 the microscopical (particle) quantity and the average quantity:

$$\omega'_s(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) = \omega_{s,p} - \omega_s(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \quad (16)$$

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$$h'(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) = h_p - h(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \quad (17)$$

175 for which the averages are zero. The pressure tensor and the heat flux are given  
 176 by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_r(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C} p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \\ &= f_d \langle \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_r(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \mathbf{C} h' p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p \\ &= f_d \langle \mathbf{C} h' \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

178 by use of Eq. (5) and Eq. (6). Similarly, we define a space-property pressure vector  
179 and a space-property kinetic energy flux:

$$\mathbf{p}_\xi = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p C_\xi \mathbf{C} p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p = f_d \langle C_\xi \mathbf{C} \rangle \quad (20)$$

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$$q_\xi = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p C_\xi h' p(\mathbf{r}, \xi, \mathbf{c}, \Xi, \omega_{s,p}, T_p, m_p, t) d\mathbf{c} d\Xi d\omega_{s,p} dT_p dm_p = f_d \langle C_\xi h' \rangle \quad (21)$$

181 The pressure tensor, space-property pressure vector, heat flux and space-property  
182 heat flux are discussed in section 3.

## 183 2.2. The Boltzmann Equation

184 A Boltzmann-like equation can be formulated as a continuity statement in the phase  
185 space for the particle (Andresen, 1990; Lathouwers and Bellan, 2000; Laurent and  
186 Massot, 2001; Nayak et al., 2011):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \dot{\mathbf{c}} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} + \Xi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \xi} + \dot{\Xi} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \Xi} + \dot{T}_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial T_p} + \sum_c \dot{\omega}_{c,p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \omega_{c,p}} + \dot{m}_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial m_p} \\ = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{collision}} + S \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

187 where the generalized coordinates  $\mathbf{r}$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $T_p$ ,  $\omega_{c,p}$ ,  $m_p$  and generalized velocities  $\mathbf{c}$ ,  
188  $\Xi$ ,  $\dot{T}_p$ ,  $\dot{\omega}_{c,p}$ ,  $\dot{m}_p$  are assumed independent of each other, but dependent on time.  
189 The Boltzmann-like equation describes the evolution of the microscopical number

190 density  $p$  in the phase space. We denote it Boltzmann-*like* to distinguish it from the  
 191 conventional Boltzmann equation formulated in the space  $[\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}]$  (see e.g. Jakobsen  
 192 (2014)). The terms on the right hand side  $\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial t}\right)_{\text{collision}}$  and  $S$  are source terms for  
 193 events due to collisions and for events not related to collisions respectively.

194 Solving Eq. (22) for all bubbles in a reactor is not (yet) computationally feasible  
 195 for industrial applications. Instead, we can form a generalized moment equation by  
 196 multiplying with a microscopical quantity  $\psi_p$  and integrate over the velocity space  
 197  $[\mathbf{c}, \Xi]$ , temperature and weight fractions (Andresen, 1990; Lathouwers and Bellan,  
 198 2000). By inserting for different quantities for  $\psi_p$ , we can obtain equations of change  
 199 for the dispersed phase properties such as mass density, weight fractions, momentum  
 200 and enthalpy/temperature.

201 As our derivation of the moment equation differs slightly from the literature (An-  
 202 dresen, 1990; Lathouwers and Bellan, 2000; Nayak et al., 2011) it is written out  
 203 in Appendix A. The result is Eq. (23) which is a moment equation for the general-  
 204 ized quantity  $\psi_p$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(f_d \langle \psi_p \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \psi_p \mathbf{c} \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d \langle \Xi \psi_p \rangle) = \\
 & f_d \left[ \left\langle \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial t} \right\rangle + \langle \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \rangle + \langle \dot{\mathbf{c}} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \rangle + \langle \Xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \xi} \rangle + \langle \dot{\Xi} \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \Xi} \rangle \right] \\
 & + f_d \left[ \left\langle \dot{T}_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial T_p} \right\rangle + \sum_c \langle \dot{\omega}_{c,p} \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \omega_{c,p}} \rangle + \langle \dot{m}_p \left( \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial m_p} + \frac{1}{m_p} \right) \rangle \right] \\
 & + \langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

205 where  $\langle \rangle$  denotes a mass average (Eq. (7)). Eq. (23) differs from Andresen (1990)

206 and Lathouwers and Bellan (2000) with its convective term in the particle size  $\xi$  on  
 207 the left hand side and two particle size related terms on the right hand side. It differs  
 208 from the work of Nayak et al. (2011) by including temperature and weight fraction.  
 209 The source term  $\langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle$  is a combined source term consisting of both source terms  
 210 due to particle collisions and source terms not related to particle collisions.

211 Slightly different interpretations of  $\psi_p$  are found in the literature. Lathouwers and  
 212 Bellan (2000) defined  $\psi_p$  as a particle property which was independent of time. Pa-  
 213 truno (2010) inserted for  $\psi_p = \rho_G V(\xi)$  where the density was assumed constant. An-  
 214 dresen (1990) defined  $\psi_p$  as a generic weighting function  $g = g(\mathbf{r}, s, \mathbf{c}, T_p, t)$  where  $s$   
 215 is size. In this study  $\psi_p$  denotes a microscopic quantity, i.e. a property at the particle  
 216 level, which is assumed independent of time. The first term on the right hand side  
 217 in Eq. (23) then disappears.

### 218 *2.3. Derivation of the equations of change*

219 The equations of change for species mass, total mass, momentum and enthalpy/tem-  
 220 perature can be derived from Eq. (23) by inserting for the appropriate microscopic  
 221 quantities. The derivation similar to the work by Lathouwers and Bellan (2000) for  
 222 solid particles, but extended to include particle size to describe bubbly flow. The  
 223 derivation is outlined in Appendix B. The equation of change for total mass is given  
 224 as:

$$\frac{\partial f_d}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi) = f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{m_p} \right) \right\rangle + \langle S_1 \rangle \quad (24)$$

225 The equation of change for species mass is given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial(f_d \omega_s)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r \omega_s) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi \omega_s) \\
& = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{C} \omega_s' \rangle) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle C_\xi \omega_s' \rangle) + f_d \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} \right\rangle + \langle S_{\omega_{s,p}} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

226 The equation of change for momentum is given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial(f_d \mathbf{v}_r)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r \mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi \mathbf{v}_r) \\
& = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \mathbf{P}_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \mathbf{p}_\xi + f_d \mathbf{F}_r + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{\mathbf{c}}{m_p} \right\rangle + \langle S_{\mathbf{c}} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

227 Finally, the equation of change for enthalpy in terms of temperature is given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_d C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + f_d C_p \mathbf{v}_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + f_d C_p v_\xi \frac{\partial T}{\partial \xi} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{q}_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} q_\xi - \sum_s \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \omega_s} \right)_{T,p} \frac{D_a \omega_s}{D_a t} \\
& - f_d \left\langle \frac{Q_{cd,p}}{m_p} \right\rangle - f_d \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \sum_s \frac{dm_{p,s}}{dt} (h_v - h_{p,s}) \right\rangle + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{h_p}{m_p} \right\rangle - f_d h \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{1}{m_p} \right\rangle \\
& + \langle S_{h_p} \rangle - h \langle S_1 \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

228 The equations of change contain a transient term and two convective terms; one  
229 due to convective transport in spatial space and one due to convection in property  
230 (size) space. On the right hand side the equations (except Eq. (24)) contain dis-  
231 persion terms for spatial and property space, interphase exchange terms and source  
232 terms. A further discussion of the terms along with suggested closures is given in  
233 Section 3.



234 *2.4. Comparison with existing models*

235 The equations for total mass, species mass, momentum and enthalpy (Eq.s (24), (25), (26)  
236 and (27)) are similar to those by Lathouwers and Bellan (2001) except the terms  
237 that account for the bubble size. The equations of change for mass and momentum  
238 (Eq. (24) and (26)) are identical to previous work by Nayak et al. (2011) except the  
239 interfacial mass transfer term.

240 Eq. (24) and Eq. (26) differ from the inhomogeneous MUSIG model (Krepper et al.,  
241 2008) on several points. Firstly the proposed model in this work requires one continu-  
242 ity equation (which is the PBE; Eq. (24)) to describe the evolution of the mass density  
243 of particles. In the MUSIG models one PBE for each particle size group  $i$  is required.  
244 Similarly, in the proposed model in this work one momentum equation is sufficient  
245 to describe the dispersed phase velocity field for the entire bubble population. In  
246 contrast, the inhomogeneous MUSIG model has one momentum equation and one  
247 continuity equation for each velocity group  $j$ . Finally, temperature and species mass  
248 equations for the inhomogeneous MUSIG model are not found in the literature as  
249 only isothermal, non-reactive flow studies have been reported so far.

250 The bubble size distribution, gas composition, gas temperature and the bubble ve-  
251 locity in the heterogeneous flow regime may be more accurately represented by a  
252 continuous function of bubble size than by a set of discrete size sections. If the  
253 number of size and velocity sections in the MUSIG model were increased sufficiently  
254 to approximate continuous functions, the computational time for the MUSIG mod-  
255 els would increase accordingly. This must be taken into account when comparing

256 computational time of the proposed model to the MUSIG models.

### 257 *2.5. Continuous phase equations*

258 The dispersed phase equations were given in the previous section. To arrive at a  
259 multifluid-PBE model equations for the continuous phase, in this case the liquid  
260 phase, are also required. These can be found e.g. in Jakobsen (2014) in the form  
261 of local instantaneous equations of change for total mass, species mass, momentum  
262 and enthalpy (temperature).

## 263 **3. Closures**

264 To solve the multifluid-PBE model suitable closures must be derived for the disper-  
265 sion terms, exchange terms, source terms and the growth velocity. These will be  
266 discussed in the sequel.

### 267 *3.1. Diffusive terms*

268 Diffusive terms arise from the average of fluctuation products derived in Eq.s (B.5),  
269 (B.6), (B.13), (B.14), (B.19) and (B.20). They are in the following referred to as  
270 dispersion terms (equation of change for weight fractions), stress tensor (equation of  
271 change for momentum) and heat conduction terms (equation of change for temper-  
272 ature).

273 In the proposed model the diffusive terms do not appear in the PBE (Eq. (24)). In the  
274 literature the inclusion of diffusive terms in the PBE has been discussed by Sporleder

275 et al. (2012). They found no physical diffusive mechanisms for laminar flow, but for  
 276 turbulent flow they occurred if Reynolds averaging of the equation was applied. Some  
 277 models added diffusive terms to the PBE to account for an observed phenomenon,  
 278 for example Randolph and Larson (1988) who accounted for the random fluctuation  
 279 in growth rate and axial flow by adding the terms  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( D_{\xi} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \right)$  and  $\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{r}} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f)$  to  
 280 account for diffusivity in the property and spatial space, respectively.

### 281 3.1.1. Dispersion terms

282 In the current modeling framework the dispersion terms in physical space occur as  
 283 the average of the product of the peculiar velocity and the fluctuations in the weight  
 284 fraction. The peculiar velocity  $\mathbf{C}$  describes the fluctuating bubble velocity and is  
 285 not the peculiar species velocity, as its parallel  $\mathbf{C}_s$  in kinetic gas theory (Hirschfelder  
 286 et al., 1954; Solsvik and Jakobsen, 2016). The fluctuation term  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{C} \omega'_s \rangle)$  may  
 287 be interpreted as a bubble dispersion term due to fluctuations in bubble velocity and  
 288 written as a mass flux Chao (2012); Lindborg (2008):  $f_d \langle \mathbf{C} \omega'_s \rangle = \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{r},s}$ . This flux may  
 289 be parameterized by a Fickian closure.

290 The dispersion term in the property space  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle C_{\xi} \omega'_s \rangle)$  can be interpreted as the  
 291 fluctuations in growth velocity due to fluctuations in the composition.

### 292 3.1.2. The bubble pressure tensor and the bubble space-property pressure vector

293 In KTGF the pressure tensor is a well-known quantity. It can be modeled as a  
 294 linear sum of e.g. kinetic, collisional and frictional contributions (e.g. Lindborg

295 (2008)):

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^k + \mathbf{P}^c + \mathbf{P}^f \quad (28)$$

296 In disperse bubbly flows the bubble pressure tensor is commonly neglected. However,  
297 analogous to KTGF it can be modeled as a linear sum of kinetic, collisional and  
298 hydrodynamic contributions (Spelt and Sangani, 1998). In addition, Biesheuvel and  
299 van Wijngaarden (1984) considered a contribution due to the change in volume of  
300 the bubbles due to mass transfer. This gives for the bubble pressure tensor:

$$\mathbf{P}_b = \mathbf{P}_b^k + \mathbf{P}_b^c + \mathbf{P}_b^h + \mathbf{P}_b^m \quad (29)$$

301 Only the kinetic contribution appears in the presented derivation of Eq. (26). The  
302 collisional contribution is neglected here as we assume elastic collisions. The hydro-  
303 dynamic contribution is also neglected. The mass transfer contribution is discussed  
304 below.

305 The kinetic contributions are analogous in granular and bubbly flow. Both are de-  
306 rived from the average of the product of the fluctuating peculiar velocities, as shown  
307 for disperse bubbly flows in Eq. (18). The physical interpretation of the kinetic con-  
308 tribution is a momentum production by the fluctuating motion of the bubbles. The  
309 kinetic pressure tensor (and the other tensors in Eq. (29)) can be decomposed into  
310 a pressure and a deviatoric stress:

$$\mathbf{P}_b^k = p_b^k \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \quad (30)$$

311 where  $p_b^k$  is the bubble pressure and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  is a deviatoric stress term.

312 Several parameterizations are found for the bubble pressure (Monahan, 2007); as a  
313 linear combination of the kinetic, collisional and hydrodynamic effects analogous to  
314 KTGF (e.g Spelt and Sangani (1998)), postulated models (Biesheuvel and Gorissen,  
315 1990; Sankaranarayanan and Sundaresan, 2002) or models based on ensemble aver-  
316 aging (Biesheuvel and van Wijngaarden, 1984). It should be noted that none of these  
317 are functions of bubble size, but the parameterization by Biesheuvel and van Wijn-  
318 gaarden (1984) does include mass transfer. Monahan (2007) applied the bubble pres-  
319 sure model by Biesheuvel and Gorissen (1990), similar to that of Sankaranarayanan  
320 and Sundaresan (2002):

$$p_g = \rho_L C_{BP} \alpha_g (v_G - v_L)^2 H(\alpha) \quad (31)$$

321 where  $C_{BP}$  is a proportionality constant and  $H(\alpha)$  (Batchelor, 1988) is a dimension-  
322 less function which adjusts the magnitude of the value of the velocity fluctuation  
323  $(v_G - v_L)^2$ . In the limiting cases of zero gas fraction  $\alpha = 0$  and the case for which the  
324 particles are packed closely as dense as possible  $\alpha = \alpha_{dp}$  the particles are isolated or  
325 locked, respectively, and  $H(\alpha)$  is zero.

326 The collisional contribution in Eq. (29) contributes to a spatial spreading out of the  
327 particles. This is a similar mathematical effect as of that described by the turbulent  
328 dispersion force in poly-disperse flows, which contributes to the spreading of the  
329 bubbles out from the pipe center (Lucas et al., 2007) and has been parameterized

330 as:

$$\mathbf{f}_{TD} = \frac{3C_{Dv_{t,l}}}{4\xi P_T} \rho_L (\mathbf{v}_G - \mathbf{v}_L) \nabla \alpha \quad (32)$$

331 The physical phenomena represented by the collisional contribution to the parti-  
332 cle pressure are considered more realistic than the turbulent dispersion force since  
333 the latter appears as a turbulent flux parameterization using a particular ensemble  
334 averaging procedure.

335 The deviatoric stress term  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  may be parameterized as a viscous stress using Newton's  
336 viscous stress tensor:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -\mu [\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T] + \left(\frac{2}{3}\mu - \mu_B\right) (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{e} \quad (33)$$

337 where  $\mu$  is the granular or bubble viscosity and  $\mu_B$  is the bulk viscosity. In practical  
338 terms  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  is a velocity-smoothing term on the bubble scale.

339 The bubble space-property pressure vector  $p_\xi$  may be interpreted as the stress pro-  
340 duced due to the diameter (volume) change of the bubbles. It may be decomposed  
341 in the same way as the spatial pressure:

$$\mathbf{p}_\xi = p_{g,\xi} \mathbf{e} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_\xi \quad (34)$$

342 where  $\mathbf{e}$  is the unit vector and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_\xi$  is a vector.  $p_{g,\xi}$  is the contribution by bubble growth  
343 to the pressure and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_\xi$  is the bubble growth contribution to stress.  $p_{g,\xi}$  resembles the  
344 volume change contribution to the bubble pressure in the interpretation by Biesheuvel  
345 and van Wijngaarden (1984).

346 *3.1.3. The heat flux in physical and property space*

347 The average of the product of the peculiar velocity and enthalpy fluctuations in  
348 physical space is interpreted as the heat flux  $\mathbf{q}_r$ . This covariance terms may be  
349 parameterized by a conduction flux similar to Fourier's law (Chao, 2012; Lindborg,  
350 2008):

$$f_d \langle \mathbf{C}h' \rangle = -k \nabla T \quad (35)$$

351 The space-property heat flux  $q_\xi$  is interpreted as the heat generated by the covariance  
352 between the particular velocity and the fluctuation in the growth velocity for the  
353 bubbles. No parameterizations of this term are known to the authors.

354 The discussion above considers molecular temperature. A related temperature is the  
355 particle temperature, in KTGF well known as granular temperature. An analogous  
356 temperature for the bubble phase is called the bubble phase temperature, discussed  
357 along with its suggested equation of change in Spelt and Sangani (1998), but not  
358 further discussed here.

359 *3.2. Growth velocity*

360 The average growth velocity  $v_\xi$  describes the average time rate of change for the  
361 bubble diameter. It is an average for all bubbles at location  $\mathbf{r}$  and of size  $\xi$  at  
362 time  $t$ . This means that all bubbles at the same location, size and time will have  
363 equal growth rates. Morel (2015) used the material derivative in the physical space  
364 to express the growth rate of a bubble. He utilized an expression for the growth rate

365 based on a mass balance for a single bubble:

$$\frac{Dm}{Dt} = \frac{D\rho_G V}{Dt} = \rho_G \frac{DV}{Dt} + V \frac{D\rho_G}{Dt} = -\gamma_p \rightarrow \frac{DV}{Dt} = -\frac{V}{\rho_G} \frac{D\rho_G}{Dt} - \frac{\gamma_p}{\rho_G} \quad (36)$$

366 In terms of diameter,  $\frac{DV}{Dt} = \frac{\pi \xi^2}{2} \frac{D\xi}{Dt}$ :

$$\frac{D\xi}{Dt} = -\frac{\xi}{3\rho_G} \frac{D\rho_G}{Dt} - \frac{\gamma_p}{\frac{\pi}{2}\xi^2\rho_G} = -\frac{\xi}{3\rho_G} \left[ \frac{\partial\rho_G}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_r \cdot \nabla_r \rho_G \right] - \frac{\gamma_p}{\frac{\pi}{2}\xi^2\rho_G} \equiv v_\xi \quad (37)$$

367 A similar expression is applied in the work of Millies and Mewes (1996), Mewes and  
368 Wiemann (2007) and Buffo et al. (2013).

369 In the current model the interfacial mass transfer flux is included in a separate mass  
370 transfer source term (Section 3.3.1). The growth term thus contains only the gas  
371 expansion term due to external pressure changes.

372 The separate source term for mass transfer appears directly in the equation through  
373 the averaging procedure using a mass density function. In the book of Randolph and  
374 Larson (1988) a similar term is included in the PBE for employing a *mass* density  
375 function for the population of crystals (but not in their PBE for *number* density  
376 functions).

377 The phenomena contributing to the growth velocity are temperature change, pressure  
378 change and change in number of moles of gas in the bubble. Formulating a PBE for  
379 the number density function it is common practice to include the mass transfer flux  
380 through the growth term. The current model actually allows for the mass transfer  
381 flux to be included in both terms which is not considered a consistent approach.



382 3.3. Exchange terms

383 3.3.1. Mass transfer terms

384 The interfacial mass transfer terms appear on the right hand side of all equations  
 385 of change in the proposed multifluid-PBE model (Eq.s (24), (25), (26) and (27)).  
 386 We here consider bubbles in a liquid and thus gas-liquid mass transfer. In gas-liquid  
 387 mass transfer the transport through the liquid side film is commonly the rate limiting  
 388 step because the diffusivity is smaller in the liquid film than in the gas phase. The  
 389 mass transfer term for species  $s$  in a single bubble can be parameterized as:

$$\frac{dm_{p,s}}{dt} = \dot{m}_{p,s}A = A\rho_L k_{L,s}(\omega_{L,s}^* - \omega_{L,s}) \quad (38)$$

390 where  $\dot{m}_{p,s}$  is the rate of mass entering or leaving the bubble,  $A$  is the surface area  
 391 of the bubble,  $k_{L,s}$  the mass transfer coefficient,  $\rho_L$  the liquid density and  $\omega_{L,s}^*$ ,  $\omega_{L,s}$   
 392 the weight fractions of species  $s$  at the gas-liquid interface and in the liquid bulk,  
 393 respectively. By multiplying Eq. (38) with  $\frac{f_d}{\rho_G V}$  we get the mass transfer of species  
 394  $s$  for all bubbles at location  $\mathbf{r}$  with size  $\xi$  at time  $t$ , which is the term required in  
 395 Eq. (25). We may thus write:

$$\begin{aligned} f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} \right\rangle &\approx f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \gamma_s(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \\ &\approx \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)V(\xi)} A(\xi) \rho_L k_{L,s}(\mathbf{r}, \xi) (\omega_{L,s}^*(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) - \omega_{L,s}(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)) \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

396 The total mass transfer is found by summing over all species  $s$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \frac{dm_p}{dt} \right\rangle &\approx f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \gamma(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \sum_s f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} \right\rangle \\
&\approx \sum_s \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) V(\xi)} A(\xi) \rho_L k_{L,s}(\mathbf{r}, \xi) (\omega_{L,s}^*(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) - \omega_{L,s}(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t))
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

### 397 3.3.2. Momentum transfer terms

398 The momentum transfer terms are given in Eq. (B.15). The drag force is parame-  
399 terized as shown by Nayak et al. (2011):

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{drag}}^{G-L}(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \frac{3}{4} \rho_L \frac{C_{D,G}}{\xi} \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} |\mathbf{v}_L(\mathbf{r}, t) - \mathbf{v}_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)| (\mathbf{v}_L(\mathbf{r}, t) - \mathbf{v}_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)) \tag{41}$$

400 where  $C_{D,G}$  is the drag coefficient and  $\mathbf{v}_L(\mathbf{r}, t) - \mathbf{v}_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  is the velocity difference  
401 between the dispersed and the continuous phase. The lift force may be parameterized  
402 as (Krepper et al., 2008):

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{lift}} = -C_L \rho_L \alpha (\mathbf{v}_G - \mathbf{v}_L) \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}_G) \tag{42}$$

403 where  $C_L$  is the lift coefficient. Expressing the lift force in terms of bubble size we  
404 may suggest:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{lift}} = -C_L \rho_L \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) V(\xi)} [\mathbf{v}_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) - \mathbf{v}_L(\mathbf{r}, t)] \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)) \tag{43}$$

405 The virtual mass force accounts for the acceleration of the fluid caused by the rising  
 406 bubbles as they displace the liquid on their way. For the virtual mass force we may  
 407 write (Jakobsen, 2014):

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{vm}} = \rho_L C_{VM} \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} \left( \frac{D\mathbf{v}_L(\mathbf{r}, t)}{Dt} - \frac{d\mathbf{v}_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{dt} \right) \quad (44)$$

408 where  $C_{VM}$  is the virtual mass coefficient and  $\frac{D}{Dt}$  is the substantial derivative in  
 409 physical space.

### 410 3.3.3. Heat transfer terms

411 The heat transfer term in the dispersed phase is given as  $f_d \langle \frac{Q_{cd,p}}{m_p} \rangle$  and is parame-  
 412 terized in the following for gas bubbles in a liquid. The heat exchange between gas  
 413 bubbles and the liquid is modeled as the product between the available surface area  
 414 and the driving force, similar to the mass transfer and drag terms. The available  
 415 surface area for heat transfer is the same as for mass transfer. The driving force is  
 416 the temperature difference between the gas and the liquid and we assume uniform  
 417 temperature for all bubbles who share the same size and the same location. Along  
 418 with the heat exchange coefficient  $h_{G-L}$  this gives the expression for the gas-liquid  
 419 heat exchange as a function of bubble size, spatial space and time:

$$\begin{aligned} f_d \langle \frac{Q_{cd,p}}{m_p} \rangle &\approx f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) q_c(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \\ &= \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) A(\xi) h_{G-L}(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) V(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)} (T_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) - T_L(\mathbf{r}, t)) \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

420 3.4. Source terms

421 The source term  $\langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle$  includes both the collision term  $\langle \psi_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}_{\text{collisions}} \rangle$  and a general-  
422 ized source term  $\langle \psi_p S \rangle$  independent of collisions (Nayak et al., 2011).

423 The collision term  $\langle \psi_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}_{\text{collisions}} \rangle$  is in general zero for a conserved quantity when as-  
424 suming elastic collisions. Under this assumption the mass, species mass, momentum  
425 and total energy are all conserved quantities in the event of a collision and we can  
426 write  $\langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle = \langle \psi_p S \rangle$

427 The generalized source term  $\langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle$  is here assumed to include events such as breakage  
428 and coalescence. Breakage and coalescence are important phenomena for industrial  
429 bubble column reactors operated in the heterogeneous regime. The models for break-  
430 age and coalescence phenomena are generally built on mechanical principles and in-  
431 troduced in the equations of change instead of being derived from the kinetic theory  
432 of gases. Many different closure models are available (see e.g. Solsvik et al. (2013) for  
433 a review on breakage models, Liao and Lucas (2010) for coalescence models).

434 The source term  $\langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle$  appears in all equations of change for the dispersed phase  
435 in the multifluid-PBE model proposed, but only the parameterization for the PBE  
436 (Eq. (24)) is known to the authors. A source term related to coalescence and breakage  
437 is mentioned in the work by Krepper et al. (2008). For a number density function  
438 with diameter as inner coordinate the PBE with source terms for breakage and

439 coalescence can be given as (Nayak et al., 2011; Zhu, 2009):

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \mathbf{v}_r(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) v_\xi(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)) = \\
& - b(\xi) f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) + \int_{\xi}^{\xi_{max}} h_b(\xi, \zeta) b(\zeta) f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) d\zeta \\
& - f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \int_{\xi_{min}}^{(\xi_{max}^3 - \xi^3)^{1/3}} c(\xi, \zeta) f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) d\zeta \\
& + \frac{\xi^2}{2} \int_{\xi_{min}}^{(\xi^3 - \xi_{min}^3)^{1/3}} \frac{c([\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{1/3}, \zeta) f(\mathbf{r}, [\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{1/3}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \zeta, t)}{[\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{2/3}} d\zeta
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

440 Expressing the density function of bubbles in terms of a mass density function  
441  $f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = m(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = \rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) V(\xi) f(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t)$  with the gas density be-  
442 ing a function of bubble size gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& S_m(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) = -b(\xi) f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \\
& + \rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) V(\xi) \int_{\xi}^{\xi_{max}} h_b(\xi, \zeta) b(\zeta) \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \zeta, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \zeta, t) V(\zeta)} d\zeta \\
& - f_d(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) \int_{\xi_{min}}^{(\xi_{max}^3 - \xi^3)^{1/3}} c(\xi, \zeta) \frac{f_d(\mathbf{r}, \zeta, t)}{\rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \zeta, t) V(\zeta)} d\zeta \\
& + \frac{\xi^2 \rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \xi, t) V(\xi)}{2} \times \\
& \int_{\xi_{min}}^{(\xi^3 - \xi_{min}^3)^{1/3}} \frac{c([\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{1/3}, \zeta) f_d(\mathbf{r}, [\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{1/3}, t) f_d(\mathbf{r}, \zeta, t)}{[\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{2/3} \rho_G(\mathbf{r}, \zeta, t) V(\zeta) \rho_G(\mathbf{r}, [\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{1/3}, t) V([\xi^3 - \zeta^3]^{1/3})} d\zeta
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

443 which can be applied in Eq. (24).

444 The event of breakage for a mother bubble into two daughter bubbles is shown in  
445 Figure 4. The mass, species mass, momentum and enthalpy of the mother particle  
446 will be distributed onto the daughters. The daughters will have the same composition

447 and temperature as the mother, but not necessarily the same velocity.

448 Figure 5 shows coalescence of two daughter bubbles with different composition and  
449 temperature into a larger mother bubble. The mass, species mass, momentum and  
450 enthalpy of the daughters are combined in the mother particle. The mother will have  
451 different composition and temperature than the daughters. The momentum of the  
452 mother particle will be a sum of the momentum of the daughters.

453 The source terms due to coalescence and breakage must take care of the redistribu-  
454 tion of mass, species mass, momentum and enthalpy in the events of breakage and  
455 coalescence. The mass is redistributed according to the source terms in Eq. (47).  
456 In the inhomogeneous MUSIG model Krepper et al. (2008) a source term is added  
457 to the momentum equation to account for the transfer of momentum between the  
458 classes as bubbles move between bubble classes due to coalescence and breakage. A  
459 similar term is appropriate in Eq. (26), but on a continuous form. This continuous  
460 form is not established yet.

461 The model formulation proposed in this work has averaged out the microscopical  
462 effects of breakage and coalescence, as we have assumed that all bubbles at  $\mathbf{r}, \xi, t$  have  
463 the same weight fraction of species  $s$ , velocity and temperature. In other words, each  
464 single breakage and coalescence event is averaged out, but the mean effects are in  
465 principle available through the source term  $\langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle$ .

466 The equation of change for species mass must sum to the continuity equation when  
467 summing over all species  $s$ . This implies for the source terms due to coalescence and

468 breakage:

$$\sum_s \langle S_{\omega_{p,s}} \rangle = S_m \quad (48)$$

469 Hence we suggest:

$$\sum_s \langle S_{\omega_{p,s}} \rangle \approx \sum_s \omega_s S_m = S_m \quad (49)$$

470 For the equation of change for momentum we use a similar approximation, but here  
471 assuming that the average of products is equal to the product of averages:

$$\langle S_c \rangle \approx \mathbf{v}_r S_m \quad (50)$$

472 Similarly for enthalpy:

$$\langle S_{h_p} \rangle \approx h S_m \quad (51)$$

473 When continuity is subtracted from the equations of change the source terms equate  
474 to zero for the species mass, momentum and temperature equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_{\omega_{s,p}} \rangle - \omega_s \langle S_1 \rangle &= \langle S_{\omega_{s,p}} \rangle - \omega_s S_m \approx \omega_s S_m - \omega_s S_m = 0 \\ \langle S_c \rangle - \mathbf{v}_r \langle S_1 \rangle &= \langle S_c \rangle - \mathbf{v}_r S_m \approx \mathbf{v}_r S_m - \mathbf{v}_r S_m = 0 \\ \langle S_{h_p} \rangle - h \langle S_1 \rangle &= \langle S_{h_p} \rangle - h S_m \approx h S_m - h S_m = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

475 This means that only the source terms in the PBE remain when subtracting conti-  
476 nuity from the equations of change.

## 477 4. Model demonstration

478 To demonstrate the capabilities of the developed model it is applied to the FTS in  
479 a SBC. The combined multifluid-PBE model equations are cross-sectional averaged  
480 (see e.g. Jakobsen (2014)) and combined with conventional CM equations for the  
481 liquid and solid phases. The implemented dispersed phase equations with boundary  
482 conditions are given in Appendix C. Operating conditions and reactor dimensions  
483 were given in Table 1. Constitutive equations, fluid properties and equations of  
484 change for the liquid and solid phases are found in Vik et al. (2015). The model was  
485 implemented in MATLAB<sup>®</sup> and solved using orthogonal collocation.

486 Bubble size dependent composition, velocity and temperature are shown in Fig-  
487 ures 6, 7 and 8. Existing models (e.g. Vik et al. (2015)) show composition and  
488 temperature as functions of space. The proposed model shows composition, temper-  
489 ature and velocity as function of space *and bubble size*.

### 490 4.1. Bubble size dependent composition

491 Figure 6 shows the dispersed phase weight fraction of reactant, CO, as function of  
492 bubble size  $\xi$  and reactor height  $z$  (Eq. (C.4)). The bubble size dependency can be  
493 seen as the gradient in the  $\xi$  direction. As the bubbles move upwards the reactor,  
494 CO is transported out of the bubble and into the liquid phase and into the catalyst  
495 where it reacts on the active sites. The amount of reactant decreases throughout the  
496 reactor, more for the smaller bubbles than for the larger bubbles. The left part of  
497 Figure 6 shows the 2D profile, the right part a projected view of the smallest and



498 largest bubbles. The bold black line shows the average weight fraction of CO as  
499 defined in Equation (53). The dashed lines show the vapor-liquid equilibrium weight  
500 fraction of CO.

$$\omega_G(z) = \frac{\int_{\xi} \omega_G(z, \xi) f_d(z, \xi) d\xi}{\int_{\xi} f_d(z, \xi) d\xi} \quad (53)$$

501 The difference in composition between the smallest and largest bubbles is the dis-  
502 tance between the lines with small circles (smallest bubbles) and large circles (largest  
503 bubbles) in Figure 6. The larger the distance between the lines, the more different  
504 composition in the smallest and largest bubbles. The difference in composition in-  
505 creases along the reactor and slightly decreases towards the end. The maximum ab-  
506 solute value of the difference is 0.13, occurring mid-way in the reactor. The largest  
507 percentage difference is at the outlet, of 38%. This means there is a significant  
508 difference in concentration between the smallest and largest bubbles.

509 The mass transfer limitation is the distance between the circled line and the dashed  
510 line. The smallest bubbles are closer to equilibrium than the largest bubbles. For  
511 the dispersed phase as a whole the mass transfer limitation is visible as the distance  
512 between the bold line (the mass average) and the dashed line. The distance between  
513 the lines increases toward the middle of the reactor and then decreases. At the  
514 outlet the difference between the lines is 0.03 units (25%). This indicates that there  
515 is a potential mass transfer limitation for the dispersed phase. Some of the reactant  
516 CO, particularly in the larger bubbles, is "stuck" in the gaseous phase and leave the  
517 reactor without being transported to the liquid phase where it could have formed  
518 products.

519 *4.2. Bubble size dependent velocity*

520 Figure 7 shows the dispersed phase velocity as function of bubble size and axial di-  
521 rection (Eq. (C.6)). The dispersed phase velocity is completely dictated by the drag  
522 coefficient. The smallest bubbles follow the liquid due to the boundary condition.  
523 The velocity increases with increasing bubble size until 3 mm, where the drag coef-  
524 ficient changes shape. Above this point, the velocity slightly decreases as function  
525 of bubble size and then increases for the larger bubbles. The distance between the  
526 circled lines, i.e. the difference in velocity between the smallest and largest bubbles,  
527 is significant. The mass averaged velocity is closer to the largest bubbles as there  
528 are relatively few of the smallest bubbles. The mass averaged velocity (bold line)  
529 is about 0.5 m/s. The smallest bubbles have a significantly lower velocity than the  
530 largest bubbles, which may contribute to the fact that the smaller bubbles are closer  
531 to the equilibrium composition as shown in Figure 6 than the faster-moving larger  
532 bubbles.

533 *4.3. Bubble size dependent temperature*

534 Figure 8 shows the dispersed phase temperature as function of bubble size  $\xi$  and  
535 reactor height  $z$  (Eq. (C.8)). The figure shows no visible difference in temperature  
536 between the smallest and largest bubbles. In fact, the temperature for the smallest  
537 bubbles, the temperature for the largest bubbles, the mass averaged dispersed phase  
538 temperature and the slurry temperature are identical. This means that at a given  
539 height of the reactor, all bubbles have the same temperature. In other words, the  
540 heat exchange is very efficient. This result is expected from the literature, as the

541 dispersed phase temperature is commonly set to the same as the slurry temperature  
542 (see e.g. slurry reactor simulation studies by Lysberg et al. (1989) and Sehabiague  
543 et al. (2008)).

#### 544 *4.4. Model potential and comparison to existing models*

545 The capability of the model to predict difference in composition and velocity based  
546 on bubble size was demonstrated in Figure 6 and 7. For processes which have strict  
547 limitations on the operating criteria the proposed model can give valuable insight.  
548 With good models for the mass transfer coefficient, the proposed model can be  
549 applied to mass transfer limited processes to study the effect of operating conditions  
550 and bubble size to improve conversion. Applications with less efficient heat transfer  
551 than the demonstrated FTS conditions will make better use of the model capabilities  
552 of predicting bubble size dependent temperature.

553 To illustrate the model potential the proposed model is compared to an existing  
554 model (Vik et al., 2015) in Figure 9. To better demonstrate the bubble size depen-  
555 dency a wider bubble size range was chosen for this comparison. The "large" bubbles  
556 suggested by Maretto and Krishna (1999) (20-70 mm) were included by choosing a  
557 Sauter mean diameter of 50 mm. The left plots in Figure 9 are the axial profiles of  
558 composition, gas density and gas temperature with the existing model (Vik et al.,  
559 2015) whilst the right plots in Figure 9 show the axial and bubble size dependent  
560 composition, gas density and gas temperature for the proposed model. It is seen  
561 that the smaller bubbles, which have a lower velocity (Figure 7) and higher inter-  
562 facial area per volume have less reactant CO remaining at the reactor outlet. The

563 largest bubbles have a composition close to their inlet composition. As the FTS  
564 converts synthesis gas to hydrocarbons which have a higher molecular weight the  
565 change in composition due to mass transfer and subsequent reaction is visible in the  
566 gas density plot (Figure 9, middle part).

567 The proposed model shows how the conversion of reactants into products and the  
568 migration of products from the liquid phase and into the gas bubbles is more effi-  
569 cient for smaller bubbles than larger. With a narrow bubble size distribution, most  
570 bubbles have a similar composition and the average mass fraction gives sufficient  
571 information. However, for a wide bubble size distribution the composition is likely  
572 to differ significantly as function of bubble size if mass transfer is the rate limiting  
573 step. Large enough bubbles rise fast through the reactor and leave the reactor con-  
574 taining a significant amount of unreacted reactants. In the small enough bubbles all  
575 reactant is consumed possibly long before the outlet of the reactor. Thus for wide  
576 bubble size distributions the proposed model can suggest an optimized bubble size  
577 distribution to improve conversion in the reactor. Coalescence and breakage, which  
578 are important phenomena in large industrial reactors, may contribute to a wider  
579 bubble size distribution. Thus for large industrial reactors the proposed model can  
580 give valuable insights.

581 The proposed model enables a bubble size dependent mass transfer coefficient,  $k_L$ .  
582 If  $k_L$  is bubble size dependent the shape of the bubble size distribution can affect  
583 conversion. Two bubble size distributions with the same gas volume fraction and  
584 interfacial area, but with different shape, can in the case of a bubble size dependent  
585  $k_L$  result in different conversion. This effect can be accounted for in the proposed

586 model, but not in conventional models in which neither velocity nor composition are  
587 bubble size dependent.

588 The temperature showed little bubble size dependency for the chosen parameters.

## 589 **5. Conclusions**

590 In this paper the extension of the continuous multifluid-PBE model to reactive,  
591 non-isothermal dispersed flows in order to simulate interfacial mass transfer limited  
592 processes was presented. A set of governing equations for the dispersed phase was  
593 formulated in terms of a continuous mass density function  $f_d$ , with weight fractions  
594 and temperature being functions of bubble size. Equations (24), (25), (26) and (27)  
595 constitute the model and closures were presented in Section 3.

596 The capabilities of the model were demonstrated by simulating the FTS operated  
597 in a SBC at industrial conditions. Bubble size dependency in both composition  
598 and velocity was found; smaller bubbles experienced more efficient transfer of mass  
599 and momentum than the larger bubbles. For all bubble sizes the temperature was  
600 identical to the slurry temperature due to efficient heat transfer.

601 The novel model provides a more accurate description of the gas-liquid interfacial  
602 area and a more accurate description of the driving force for interfacial mass transfer.  
603 The model is thus particularly useful in investigating the effects of bubble size on  
604 mass transfer limited processes operated in the heterogeneous flow regime in bubble  
605 columns. Further insights such as the impact of bubble size and the (bubble size  
606 dependent) gas-liquid mass transfer coefficient on mass transfer can be obtained

607 with the proposed model. The importance of accurate parameterizations of the mass,  
608 momentum and heat transfer coefficients is emphasized. Size dependent expressions  
609 for the mass and heat transfer coefficients will add significant value to the model.  
610 Given an accurate estimate of these parameters, model simulations may suggest an  
611 optimal bubble size with respect to interfacial mass transfer limitations.

612 The computational time for this model can be significantly reduced by moving to  
613 a faster computer language such as FORTRAN. The extension of the model to 3D  
614 coordinates in space and also time is in principle straightforward.

615 **Nomenclature**

616 *Latin letters*

$A$	$[\text{m}^2]$	bubble surface area
$a_L$	$[\text{m}^2 \text{ m}^{-3}]$	interface area for gas-liquid interface
$b$	$[\text{s}^{-1}]$	breakage frequency
$c$	$[\text{s}^{-1}]$	coalescence rate
$\mathbf{c}$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	microscopical velocity in spatial space
$\mathbf{C}$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	peculiar velocity; $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{v}_r$
$C_{BP}$	$[-]$	bubble pressure proportionality constant
$C_{D,G}$	$[-]$	drag coefficient
$C_L$	$[-]$	lift force coefficient
$C_p$	$[\text{J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}]$	heat capacity
$C_{VM}$	$[-]$	virtual mass force coefficient
$\mathbf{C}_s$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	peculiar velocity for a molecule of species $s$
$C_\xi$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	peculiar velocity in property space; $C_\xi = \Xi - v_\xi$
$D_{G,z,\text{eff}}$	$[\text{m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}]$	effective axial dispersion coefficient
$\mathbf{e}$	$[-]$	unit vector
$f$	$[\# \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-3}]$	number density function
$f_d$	$[\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-3}]$	mass density function
$\mathbf{f}_{\text{drag}}$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}]$	drag force
$\mathbf{f}_{\text{lift}}$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}]$	lift force

$\mathbf{f}_g$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}]$	gravity force
$\mathbf{f}_p$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}]$	external pressure force
$\mathbf{f}_{TD}$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}]$	turbulent dispersion force
$\mathbf{f}_{vm}$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}]$	virtual mass force
$\mathbf{F}_r$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2}]$	force in physical space
$F_{G,z}$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2}]$	cross-sectionally averaged force term
$F_\xi$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2}]$	force in property space
$\mathbf{f}_{\text{drag}}$	$[\text{kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}]$	drag force
$h$	$[\text{J kg}^{-1}]$	mass averaged enthalpy
$H(\alpha)$	$[-]$	dimensionless function in model for bubble pressure
$h'$	$[\text{J kg}^{-1}]$	fluctuating enthalpy
$h_{G-L}$	$[\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ K}]$	gas-liquid heat transfer coefficient
$h_p$	$[\text{J kg}^{-1}]$	particle enthalpy
$h_v$	$[\text{J kg}^{-1}]$	specific heat of vaporization
$h_{p,s}$	$[\text{J kg}^{-1}]$	particle specific heat for component $s$
$\mathbf{I}$	$[-]$	unit tensor
$k$	$[\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}]$	thermal conductivity
$k_{L,s}$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	liquid side mass transfer coefficient for species $s$
$K_s$	$[-]$	weight based vapor-liquid equilibrium constant



$m$	[kg]	average mass
$m_p$	[kg]	mass of particle $p$
$\overline{M_w}$	[kg kmol <sup>-1</sup> ]	average molar mass
$p$	[m <sup>-3</sup> m <sup>-1</sup> s m <sup>-1</sup> s m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	microscopical number density function
$p$	[Pa]	pressure
$P$	[s m <sup>-1</sup> s m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ]	normalized number density function
$\mathbf{P}$	[kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> ]	pressure tensor
$\mathbf{P}_b$	[kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> ]	bubble pressure tensor
$\mathbf{P}_r$	[kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> ]	viscous stress tensor in spatial space
Pr	[-]	Prandtl number
$\mathbf{p}_\xi$	[kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> ]	viscous stress vector in inner coordinate (bubble diameter) space
$Q_{cd,p}$	[J s <sup>-1</sup> ]	heat exchange for a single particle due to convection and conduction
$Q_{r,p}$	[J s <sup>-1</sup> ]	heat exchange for a single particle due to radiation
$\mathbf{q}_r$	[W m <sup>-2</sup> ]	heat flux
$q_{G,z}$	[m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> ]	cross-sectionally averaged heat transfer term
$q_\xi$	[W m <sup>-2</sup> ]	space-property heat flux
$\mathbf{r}$	[m]	spatial position
$S$	[# [ $\mathbf{q}$ ] <sup>-1</sup> ]	source term not due to collisions

$S_m$	$[\text{kg m}^{-1}\text{m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}]$	source term due to coalescence and breakage in the equation of change for mass
$S_{\omega_{s,p}}$	$[\text{kg m}^{-1}\text{m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}]$	source term due to coalescence and breakage in the equation of change for species mass
$S_c$	$[\text{kg m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-2}]$	source term due to coalescence and breakage in the equation of change for momentum
$S_{h_p}$	$[\text{J m}^{-3} \text{m}^{-1}]$	source term due to coalescence and breakage in the equation of change for enthalpy or temperature
$t$	$[\text{s}]$	time
$T$	$[\text{K}]$	temperature
$V$	$[\text{m}^3]$	volume of particle $p$
$\mathbf{v}$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	velocity
$v_z$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	cross-sectionally averaged velocity
$v_\xi$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	growth velocity

617 *Greek letters*

$\alpha$	$[-]$	volume fraction
$\gamma$	$[\text{s}^{-1}]$	mass transfer term (size dependent)
$\gamma_s$	$[\text{s}^{-1}]$	mass transfer term (size dependent) for species $s$

$\Gamma_s$	$[\text{kg m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}]$	mass transfer term for species $s$
$\zeta$	$[\text{m}]$	diameter of daughter particle
$\lambda_{G,z,\text{eff}}$	$[\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}]$	effective turbulent conductivity in spatial space
$\mu$	$[\text{Pa s}]$	viscosity
$\mu_b$	$[\text{Pa s}]$	bulk viscosity
$\Xi$	$[\text{m s}^{-1}]$	microscopical bubble growth velocity
$\xi$	$[\text{m}]$	bubble diameter
$\rho$	$[\text{kg m}^{-3}]$	density
$\boldsymbol{\sigma}$	$[\text{kg m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2}]$	deviatoric stress
$\sigma_{G,z,\text{eff}}$	$[\text{kg m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2}]$	cross-sectionally averaged effective (and turbulent) viscous stress for the gas phase
$\sigma_\xi$	$[\text{kg m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2}]$	deviatoric stress, property direction
$\psi_p$	$[\ ]$	generic particle property
$\omega_{G,s}$	$[\ ]$	mass fraction of species $s$ in the gas phase
$\omega_{L,s}$	$[\ ]$	mass fraction of species $s$ in the liquid phase
$\omega_s$	$[\ ]$	average mass fraction of species $s$
$\omega'_s$	$[\ ]$	fluctuating mass fraction of species $s$
$\omega_{s,p}$	$[\ ]$	mass fraction of species $s$ in particle $p$

618 *Subscripts*

$b$	bulk
$b$	bubble
collision	due to collisions
drag	drag
$g$	gravity
$G$	gas phase
$G-L$	gas-liquid
in	inlet
lift	lift
$L$	liquid phase
$p$	particle
$p$	pressure
$r$	spatial direction
$s$	species $s$
vm	virtual mass
$w$	weight
$\xi$	property direction

619 *Superscripts*

*	at the interface
$k$	kinetic
$T$	transposed

CM	continuum mechanics
KTGF	kinetic theory of granular flow
MUSIG	multiple size group
PBE	population balance equation
SM	statistical mechanics
FTS	Fischer-Tropsch synthesis
SBC	slurry bubble column

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Table 1: Reactor dimensions and operating conditions for the FTS operated in a SBC at industrial conditions. Further details are given in Vik et al. (2015).

Reactor height	50	m
Reactor diameter	9	m
Outlet pressure	30	bar
Inlet temperature	513	K
Inlet H <sub>2</sub> /CO molar ratio	2	-
Inlet weight fraction of CO <sub>2</sub>	0.1	-
Inlet gas superficial velocity	0.26	m/s
Inlet solid superficial velocity	0.01	m/s
Inlet liquid superficial velocity	0.01	m/s
Inlet gas volume fraction	0.50	-
Inlet liquid volume fraction	0.47	-
Inlet solid volume fraction	0.03	-
Bubble size domain	0.1 - 55	mm
Inlet Sauter mean diameter	10	mm
Catalyst loading	35	wt cat / wt slurry

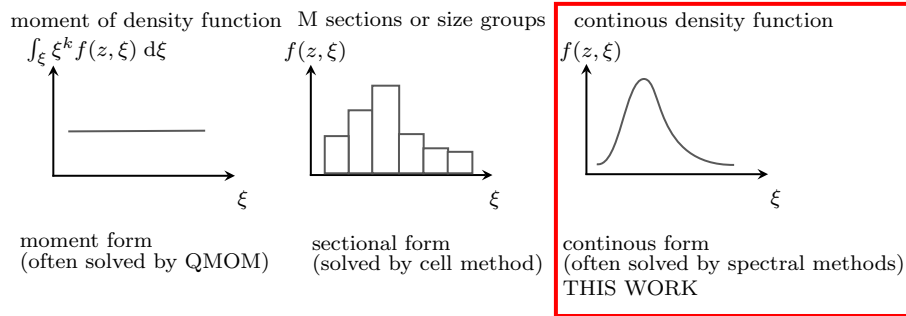


Figure 1: Number density functions for the moment form, sectional form and continuous form of the PBE.

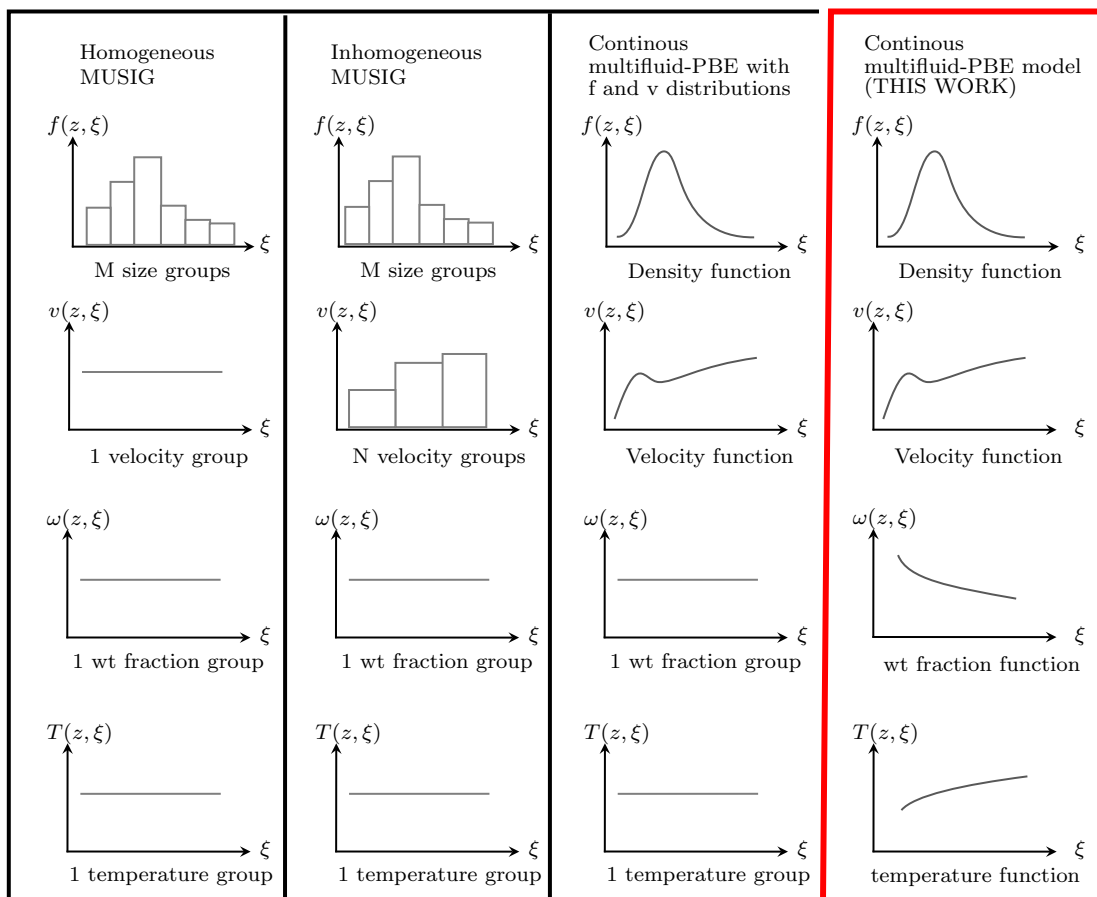
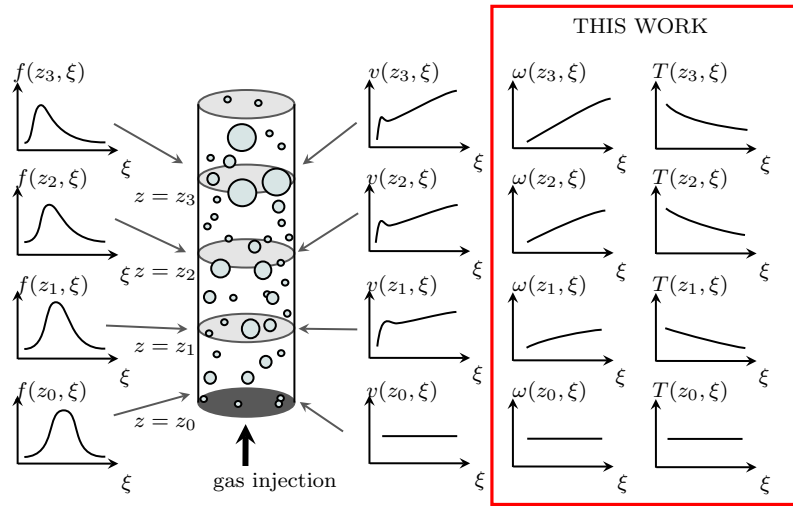


Figure 2: Distinction between sectional and continuous multifluid-PBE models. The moment form of PBE is not shown here.



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Figure 3: Velocity, weight fraction and temperature for the dispersed phase are continuous functions of  $\xi$  - here shown for different levels of  $z$ . Based on Dorao (2006).

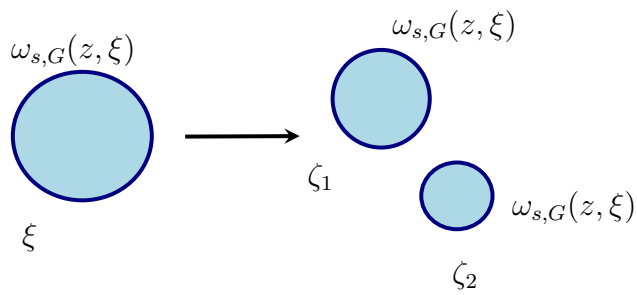


Figure 4: Binary breakage of one spherical mother bubble (left) into two spherical daughter bubbles (right) on the particle level.

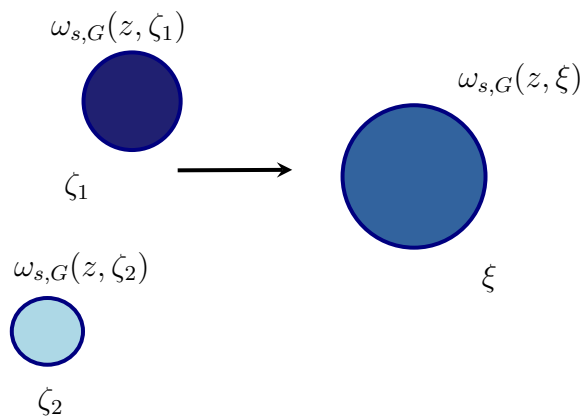


Figure 5: Binary coalescence of two spherical mother bubbles (left) into one spherical daughter bubble (right) on the particle level.

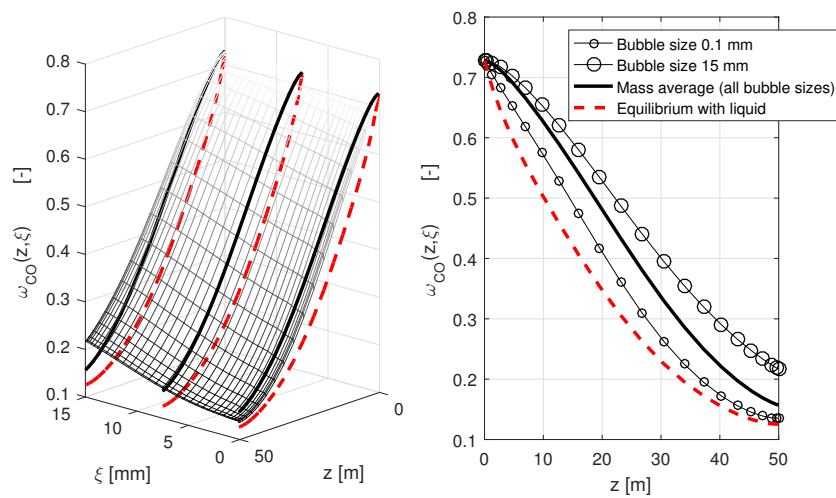


Figure 6: Dispersed phase weight fractions as function of bubble size and axial direction.



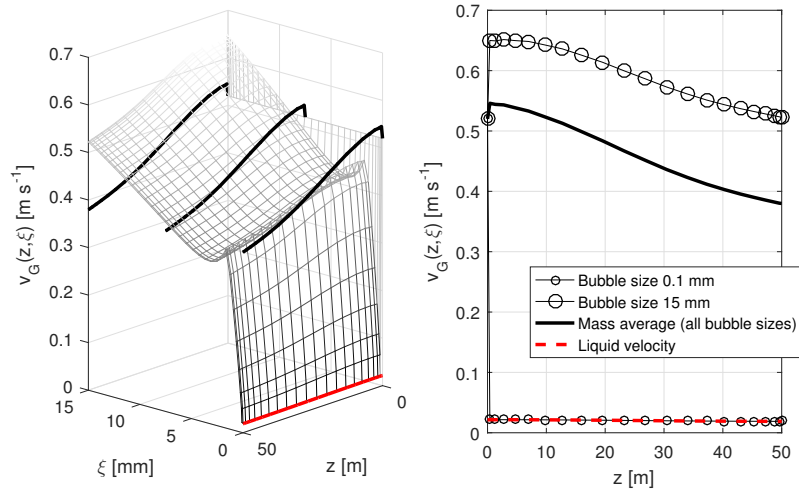


Figure 7: Dispersed phase velocity as function of bubble size and axial direction.

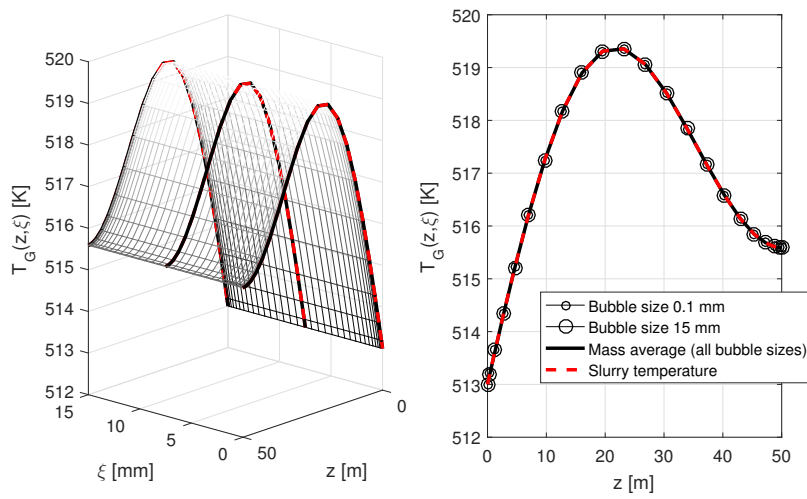


Figure 8: Bubble temperature as function of bubble size and axial direction.

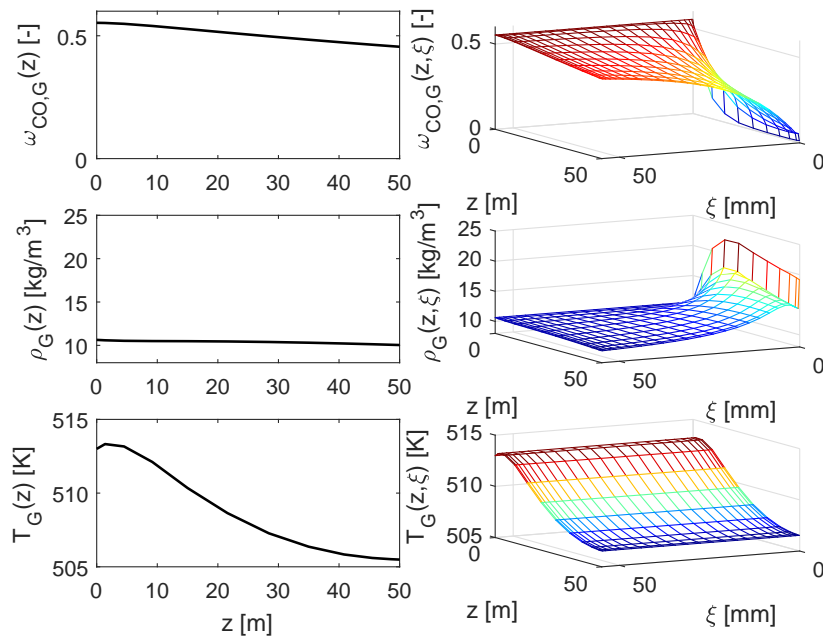


Figure 9: Comparison of composition, density and temperature profiles for the existing model (Vik et al., 2015) and the proposed model.

751 **Appendix A. Derivation of the moment equation**

752 This section shows the derivation of a macroscopic or moment equation for the generic  
 753 property  $\langle \psi_p \rangle$ . To derive the moment equation for a generic particle property  $\psi_p$  we  
 754 multiply the Boltzmann-like equation (Eq. 22) with  $\psi_p$  and integrate over all veloci-  
 755 ties, the weight fraction, temperature and the mass of the particle (as in Lathouwers  
 756 and Bellan (2000)), but not the bubble size  $\xi$ , to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} d\Omega \\
 & + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} d\Omega + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \Xi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \xi} d\Omega + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p F_\xi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \Xi} d\Omega \\
 & + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \dot{T}_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial T_p} d\Omega + \sum_s \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \dot{\omega}_{s,p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} d\Omega \\
 & + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \dot{m}_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial m_p} d\Omega = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{coll}} d\Omega + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p S d\Omega
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

757 where we have written  $d\Omega = d\mathbf{c}d\Xi d\omega_{s,p}dT_pdm_p$  for brevity (as in Chao (2012)). For  
 758 the first term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} d\Omega \\
 & = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (m_p \psi_p p) - m_p p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial t} - \psi_p p \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial t} \right] d\Omega \\
 & = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p p d\Omega - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial t} d\Omega \\
 & = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (f_d \langle \psi_p \rangle) - f_d \langle m_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial t} \rangle
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

759 by writing out the total differential and utilizing Eq. 7. We have realized that  $m_p$  as  
760 a coordinate is independent of all other coordinates, including  $t$ . The microscopical  
761 number density function  $p$  is assumed to go to zero as  $\omega \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $\omega \rightarrow +\infty$ . For  
762 the second term:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \mathbf{c} \psi_p \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \, d\Omega \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (m_p \psi_p p \mathbf{c}) - m_p p \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - p \mathbf{c} \psi_p \cdot \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - m_p \psi_p p \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \right] \, d\Omega \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p p \mathbf{c} \, d\Omega - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial t} \, d\Omega \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \psi_p \mathbf{c} \rangle) - f_d \langle \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{A.3}$$

763 where we have utilized Eq. 7 and realized  $m_p$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are independent of  $\mathbf{r}$ . For the  
764 force term, the third term in Eq. A.1:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \, d\Omega \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \cdot (m_p \psi_p p \mathbf{F}_r) - m_p p \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} - p \psi_p \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} - m_p \psi_p p \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_r}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \right] \, d\Omega \\
&= [m_p \psi_p p \mathbf{F}_r]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \, d\Omega \\
&= -f_d \langle \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{A.4}$$

765 as  $m_p$  and  $\mathbf{F}_r$  are independent of  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $p \rightarrow 0$  as  $\omega \rightarrow -\infty, +\infty$ . For the fourth  
 766 term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \Xi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \xi} d\Omega \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (m_p \psi_p \Xi p) - m_p p \Xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \xi} - p \psi_p \Xi \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial \xi} - m_p p \psi_p \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial \xi} \right] d\Omega \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (m_p \psi_p \Xi p) d\Omega - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p \Xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \xi} d\Omega \tag{A.5} \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (m_p \psi_p \Xi p) d\Omega - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p \Xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \xi} d\Omega \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \langle \Xi \psi_p \rangle - f_d \langle \Xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \xi} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

767 as  $\Xi$  is independent of  $\xi$ . For the fifth term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p F_\xi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \xi} d\Omega \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \Xi} (m_p \psi_p F_\xi p) - m_p p F_\xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \Xi} - p \psi_p F_\xi \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial \Xi} - m_p p \psi_p \frac{\partial F_\xi}{\partial \Xi} \right] d\Omega \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Xi} (m_p \psi_p F_\xi p) d\Omega - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p F_\xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \Xi} d\Omega \tag{A.6} \\
 &= [m_p \psi_p F_\xi p]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p p F_\xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \Xi} d\Omega \\
 &= -f_d \langle F_\xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \Xi} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

768 as  $m_p$  and  $F_\xi$  are independent of  $\Xi$ . For the sixth term:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \dot{T}_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial T_p} d\Omega \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial T_p} (m_p \psi_p \dot{T}_p p) - m_p \dot{T}_p p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial T_p} - \psi_p \dot{T}_p p \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial T_p} - m_p \psi_p p \frac{\partial \dot{T}_p}{\partial T_p} \right] d\Omega \\
&= [m_p \psi_p \dot{T}_p p]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \dot{T}_p p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial T_p} d\Omega \\
&= -f_d \langle \dot{T}_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial T_p} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{A.7}$$

769 as  $m_p, \dot{T}_p$  are independent of  $T_p$ . For the seventh term:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_s \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \dot{\omega}_{s,p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} d\Omega \\
&= \sum_s \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} (m_p \psi_p \dot{\omega}_{s,p} p) - m_p \dot{\omega}_{s,p} p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} \right] d\Omega + \\
& \quad \sum_s \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ -\psi_p \dot{\omega}_{s,p} p \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} - m_p \psi_p p \frac{\partial \dot{\omega}_{s,p}}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} \right] d\Omega \\
&= \sum_s [m_p \psi_p \dot{\omega}_{s,p} p]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \sum_s \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \dot{\omega}_{s,p} p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} d\Omega \\
&= -f_d \sum_s \langle \dot{\omega}_{s,p} \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{A.8}$$

770 as  $m_p, \dot{\omega}_{s,p}$  are independent of  $\omega_{s,p}$ . For the eighth term:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m_p \psi_p \dot{m}_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial m_p} d\Omega \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial m_p} (m_p \psi_p \dot{m}_p p) - p m_p \dot{m}_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial m_p} - p \dot{m}_p \psi_p \frac{\partial m_p}{\partial m_p} - p \psi_p m_p \frac{\partial \dot{m}_p}{\partial m_p} \right] d\Omega \\
&= [m_p \psi_p \dot{m}_p p]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p m_p \dot{m}_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial m_p} d\Omega - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p \dot{m}_p \psi_p d\Omega \\
&= -f_d \langle \dot{m}_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial m_p} \rangle - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p \dot{m}_p \frac{m_p}{m_p} \psi_p d\Omega \\
&= -f_d \langle \dot{m}_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial m_p} \rangle - f_d \langle \frac{\dot{m}_p}{m_p} \psi_p \rangle \\
&= -f_d \langle \dot{m}_p \left( \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial m_p} + \frac{\psi_p}{m_p} \right) \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{A.9}$$

771 The ninth and tenth terms are combined to a source term denoted  $\langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle$ . Combining  
772 all terms gives the moment equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (f_d \langle \psi_p \rangle + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \psi_p \mathbf{c} \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle \Xi \psi_p \rangle) = \\
& f_d \left[ \left\langle \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial t} \right\rangle + \langle \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \rangle + \langle \Xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \xi} \rangle + \langle F_\xi \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \Xi} \rangle \right] \\
& + f_d \left[ \left\langle \dot{T}_p \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial T_p} \right\rangle + \sum_s \langle \dot{\omega}_{s,p} \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial \omega_{s,p}} \rangle + \langle \dot{m}_p \left( \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial m_p} + \frac{\psi_p}{m_p} \right) \rangle \right] \\
& + \langle S_{\psi_p} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{A.10}$$

773 **Appendix B. Derivation of the dispersed phase equations**

774 *Appendix B.1. Mass*

775 The equation of change for mass is obtained by inserting for  $\psi_p = 1$  into Eq. (23).

776 This gives:

$$\frac{\partial f_d \langle 1 \rangle}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{c} 1 \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle \Xi 1 \rangle) = f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{m_p} \right) \right\rangle + \langle S_1 \rangle \quad (\text{B.1})$$

777 where all terms on the right hand side of Eq. (23) except two terms disappear as the  
 778 derivative of the scalar 1 is zero. For the left hand side we insert for Eq. (10) and  
 779 Eq. (12) and obtain the conservation equation for mass:

$$\frac{\partial f_d}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi) = f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{m_p} \right) \right\rangle + \langle S_1 \rangle \quad (\text{B.2})$$

780 Eq. (24) is a PBE formulated in terms of a mass density function  $f_d$ . It describes  
 781 the evolution of the mass of bubbles in phase space.

782 *Appendix B.2. Species mass*

783 The equation of change for species mass is obtained by inserting for  $\psi_p = \omega_{s,p}$  into

784 Eq. (23):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial f_d \langle \omega_{s,p} \rangle}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{c} \omega_{s,p} \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle \Xi \omega_{s,p} \rangle) = \\ & f_d \left[ \left\langle \frac{d\omega_{s,p}}{dt} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \left( \frac{\omega_{s,p}}{m_p} \right) \right\rangle \right] + \langle S_{\omega_{s,p}} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.3})$$



785 For the transient term we utilize Eq. (14):

$$\frac{\partial f_d \langle \omega_{s,p} \rangle}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial (f_d \omega_s)}{\partial t} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

786 For the convection term in physical space we decompose the velocities and weight  
 787 fractions into a mean and fluctuating term according to Eq. (11) and Eq. (16) and  
 788 utilize Eq. (14):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{c} \omega_{s,p} \rangle) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle (\mathbf{v}_r + \mathbf{C})(\omega_s + \omega'_s) \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{v}_r \omega_s + \mathbf{C} \omega_s + \mathbf{v}_r \omega'_s + \mathbf{C} \omega'_s \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r \langle \omega_s \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{C} \omega'_s \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r \omega_s) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{C} \omega'_s \rangle) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.5})$$

789 and for the convection in property space we apply Eq. (13), Eq. (14) and Eq. (16):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle \Xi \omega_{s,p} \rangle) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle (v_\xi + C_\xi)(\omega_s + \omega'_s) \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle v_\xi \omega_s + C_\xi \omega_s + v_\xi \omega'_s + C_\xi \omega'_s \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi \langle \omega_s \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle C_\xi \omega'_s \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi \omega_s) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle C_\xi \omega'_s \rangle) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.6})$$

790 To evaluate the terms on the right hand side of Eq. (B.3) we consider single particle  
 791 dynamics for a bubble. The mass transfer for component  $s$  in a bubble is given

792 by Lathouwers and Bellan (2000):

$$\frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} = \frac{d(m_p \omega_{s,p})}{dt} = m_p \frac{d\omega_{s,p}}{dt} + \omega_{s,p} \frac{dm_p}{dt} \quad (\text{B.7})$$

793 Expressing Eq. (B.7) in terms of  $\frac{d\omega_{s,p}}{dt}$ :

$$\frac{d\omega_{s,p}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_p} \left[ \frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} - \omega_{s,p} \frac{dm_p}{dt} \right] \quad (\text{B.8})$$

794 Inserting Eq. (B.8) into the two mass transfer terms in the right hand side of Eq. (B.3)

795 gives:

$$\begin{aligned} f_d \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \left[ \frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} - \omega_{s,p} \frac{dm_p}{dt} \right] + \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{\omega_{s,p}}{m_p} \right\rangle \\ = f_d \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

796 Combining the terms gives the equation of change for species mass:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(f_d \omega_s)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r \omega_s) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi \omega_s) \\ = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{C} \omega'_s \rangle) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle C_\xi \omega'_s \rangle) + f_d \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \frac{dm_{s,p}}{dt} \right\rangle + \langle S_{\omega_{s,p}} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.10})$$

### 797 *Appendix B.3. Momentum*

798 The equation of change for momentum is found by inserting for  $\psi_p = \mathbf{c}$  into Eq. (23):

$$\frac{\partial(f_d \langle \mathbf{c} \rangle)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle \Xi \mathbf{c} \rangle) = f_d \langle \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \rangle + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{\mathbf{c}}{m_p} \right\rangle + \langle S_c \rangle \quad (\text{B.11})$$

799 For the transient term we use Eq. (10):

$$\frac{\partial(f_d\langle\mathbf{c}\rangle)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial(f_d\mathbf{v}_r)}{\partial t} \quad (\text{B.12})$$

800 For the convective term in physical space we decompose the spatial velocity according  
801 to Eq. (11):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d\langle\mathbf{c}\mathbf{c}\rangle) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d\langle(\mathbf{v}_r + \mathbf{C})(\mathbf{v}_r + \mathbf{C})\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d\langle\mathbf{v}_r\mathbf{v}_r + 2\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_r + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d\langle\mathbf{v}_r\mathbf{v}_r\rangle) + 2\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d\langle\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_r\rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d\langle\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d\mathbf{v}_r\mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{P}_r \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.13})$$

802 where  $\mathbf{P}_r = f_d\langle\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}\rangle$  is the pressure tensor (Eq. (18)). For the convective term in  
803 the property space we decompose the velocity according to Eq. (13):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d\langle\Xi\mathbf{c}\rangle) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d\langle(v_\xi + C_\xi)(\mathbf{v}_r + \mathbf{C})\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d\langle v_\xi\mathbf{v}_r + v_\xi\mathbf{C} + C_\xi\mathbf{v}_r + C_\xi\mathbf{C}\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d v_\xi\mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d\langle v_\xi\mathbf{C}\rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d\langle C_\xi\mathbf{v}_r\rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d\langle C_\xi\mathbf{C}\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(f_d v_\xi\mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}\mathbf{p}_\xi \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.14})$$

804 where  $\mathbf{p}_\xi = f_d\langle C_\xi\mathbf{C}\rangle$  is the bubble space-property pressure vector (Eq. (20)).

805 For the force term we use a force balance for a single particle as shown by Lathouwers  
806 and Bellan (2000) combined with additional forces relevant for bubbly flow (Jakobsen,

807 2014):

$$f_d \langle \mathbf{F}_r \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \rangle = f_d \langle \mathbf{F}_r \rangle = f_d \mathbf{F}_r = f_d (\mathbf{f}_g + \mathbf{f}_p + \mathbf{f}_{\text{drag}} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{lift}} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{vm}}) \quad (\text{B.15})$$

808 denoting the gravity, external pressure, drag, lift and virtual mass forces.

809 Combining all terms gives the equation of change for momentum:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial (f_d \mathbf{v}_r)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r \mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi \mathbf{v}_r) \\ & = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \mathbf{P}_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \mathbf{p}_\xi + f_d \mathbf{F}_r + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{\mathbf{c}}{m_p} \right\rangle + \langle S_c \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.16})$$

#### 810 *Appendix B.4. Enthalpy*

811 To derive the equation of change for molecular temperature one can insert for  $\psi_p =$   
 812  $h_p$  (Chao, 2012; Lathouwers and Bellan, 2000; Laurent and Massot, 2001; Simonin,  
 813 1996) into Eq (23) and re-write the resultant equation of change into temperature  
 814 by thermodynamical relations. An alternative is to insert for  $\psi_p = c_p T_p$  into Eq. (23)  
 815 directly (Andresen, 1990). It is here chosen  $\psi_p = h_p$  where  $h_p$  is the bubble enthalpy,  
 816 dependent on the temperature only. The microscopical heat capacity is assumed  
 817 constant. This gives:

$$\frac{\partial f_d \langle h_p \rangle}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{c} h_p \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f \langle \Xi h_p \rangle) = f_d \left\langle \frac{dT_p}{dt} \frac{\partial h_p}{\partial T_p} \right\rangle + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{h_p}{m_p} \right\rangle + \langle S_{h_p} \rangle \quad (\text{B.17})$$

818 For the transient term we insert for the mass averaged enthalpy (Eq. (15)):

$$\frac{\partial(f_d\langle h_p \rangle)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial(f_d h)}{\partial t} \quad (\text{B.18})$$

819 For the convection term in physical space we decompose the enthalpy into a mean  
820 and a fluctuating term (Eq. (17)):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{c} h_p \rangle) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle (\mathbf{v}_r + \mathbf{C})(h + h') \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{v}_r (h + h') \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{C} (h + h') \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \langle \mathbf{C} h' \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d \mathbf{v}_r h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{q}_r \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.19})$$

821 where  $\mathbf{q}_r = f_d \langle \mathbf{C} h' \rangle$  (Eq. (19)). For the convective term in property space:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle \Xi h_p \rangle) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle (v_\xi + C_\xi)(h + h') \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle (v_\xi + C_\xi)(h + h') \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle v_\xi (h + h') \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle C_\xi (h + h') \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d \langle C_\xi h' \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} q_\xi \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.20})$$

822 where  $q_\xi = f_d \langle C_\xi h' \rangle$  (Eq. (21)). This gives for the equation of change for en-  
 823 thalpy:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial(f_d h)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot (f_d h \mathbf{v}_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (f_d v_\xi h) \\ & = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{q}_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} q_\xi + f_d \left\langle \frac{dT_p}{dt} \frac{\partial h_p}{\partial T_p} \right\rangle + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{h_p}{m_p} \right\rangle + \langle S_{h_p} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.21})$$

824 *Appendix B.4.1. Equation of change in terms of temperature*

825 The equation of change for enthalpy (Eq. (B.21)) can be re-written in terms of  
 826 temperature by use of thermodynamic relations. We subtract continuity (Eq. (24))  
 827 from Eq. (B.21) to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & f_d \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + f_d \mathbf{v}_r \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + f_d v_\xi \frac{\partial h}{\partial \xi} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{q}_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} q_\xi + f_d \left\langle \frac{dT_p}{dt} \frac{\partial h_p}{\partial T_p} \right\rangle \\ & + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{h_p}{m_p} \right\rangle - f_d h \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{1}{m_p} \right\rangle + \langle S_{h_p} \rangle - h \langle S_1 \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.22})$$

828 We first consider the left hand side of Eq. (B.22). The thermodynamical relation for  
 829 the total derivative of the enthalpy can be given for fluid flow problems as (Jakobsen,  
 830 2014):

$$\frac{Dh}{Dt} = C_p \frac{DT}{Dt} + \left( \frac{1}{\rho_G} - T \left[ \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{\rho_G})}{\partial T} \right]_{p,\omega} \right) \frac{Dp}{Dt} + \sum_s \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \omega_s} \right)_{T,p} \frac{D\omega_s}{Dt} \quad (\text{B.23})$$

831 where the substantial derivative  $\frac{D}{Dt}$  is in the physical space, i.e.  $\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_r \cdot$   
 832  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$ . In this work we interpret the substantial derivative to include the entire phase

833 space:

$$\frac{D_a}{D_a t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_r \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + v_\xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \quad (\text{B.24})$$

834 This gives for the total derivative of the enthalpy:

$$\frac{D_a h}{D_a t} = C_p \frac{D_a T}{D_a t} + \left( \frac{1}{\rho_G} - T \left[ \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{\rho_G})}{\partial T} \right]_{p,\omega} \right) \frac{D_a p}{D_a t} + \sum_s \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \omega_s} \right)_{T,p} \frac{D_a \omega_s}{D_a t} \quad (\text{B.25})$$

835 For an ideal gas we have that  $\frac{1}{\rho_G} = \frac{RT}{pM_w}$  and can write:

$$\frac{1}{\rho_G} - T \left[ \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{\rho_G})}{\partial T} \right]_{p,\omega} = \frac{1}{\rho_G} - T \left[ \frac{\partial(\frac{RT}{pM_w})}{\partial T} \right]_{p,\omega} = \frac{1}{\rho_G} - \frac{RT}{pM_w} = 0 \quad (\text{B.26})$$

836 This gives for the total derivative of the enthalpy:

$$\frac{D_a h}{D_a t} = C_p \frac{D_a T}{D_a t} + \sum_s \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \omega_s} \right)_{T,p} \frac{D_a \omega_s}{D_a t} \quad (\text{B.27})$$

837 Eq. (B.27) can replace the left hand side of Eq. (B.22).

838 We then consider the right hand side of Eq. (B.22). For the term  $\langle \frac{dT_p}{dt} \frac{\partial h_p}{\partial T_p} \rangle$  right  
 839 hand side of Eq. (B.21) we consider an enthalpy balance for a single bubble. Dif-  
 840 ferent models are available in the literature (e.g. Crowe et al. (2011); Haugen et al.  
 841 (2015); Marchisio and Fox (2013); Seetharaman (2013)). We here chose the model  
 842 by Lathouwers and Bellan (2001) expressed in terms of temperature as:

$$C_{p,p} \frac{dT_p}{dt} = \frac{Q_{cd,p}}{m_p} + \frac{Q_{r,p}}{m_p} + \frac{1}{m_p} \sum_s \frac{dm_{p,s}}{dt} (h_v - h_{p,s}) \quad (\text{B.28})$$

843 where  $Q_{cd,p}$  is heat exchanged with the particle through convection and diffusion,  $Q_{r,p}$   
844 is the heat exchanged by thermal radiation and  $\frac{1}{m_p} \sum_s \frac{dm_{p,s}}{dt} (h_v - h_{p,s})$  is the latent  
845 heat of vaporization. We can neglect the heat exchange by radiation. Inserting for  
846 Eq. (B.28) and Eq. (B.27) into Eq. (B.22) gives the equation of change of enthalpy  
847 in terms of temperature:

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_d C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + f_d C_p \mathbf{v}_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + f_d C_p v_\xi \frac{\partial T}{\partial \xi} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{q}_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} q_\xi - \sum_s \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \omega_s} \right)_{T,p} \frac{D_a \omega_s}{D_a t} \\
& - f_d \left\langle \frac{Q_{cd,p}}{m_p} \right\rangle - f_d \left\langle \frac{1}{m_p} \sum_s \frac{dm_{p,s}}{dt} (h_v - h_{p,s}) \right\rangle + f_d \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{h_p}{m_p} \right\rangle - f_d h \left\langle \frac{dm_p}{dt} \frac{1}{m_p} \right\rangle \\
& + \langle S_{h_p} \rangle - h \langle S_1 \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{B.29}$$

### 848 Appendix C. Implemented equations

849 This section lists the implemented equations for the demonstration of the model as  
850 described in Section 4. The equation of change for total mass is given as:

$$\frac{\partial(f_d(z, \xi)v_z(z, \xi))}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial(f_d(z, \xi)v_\xi(z, \xi))}{\partial \xi} = f_d(z, \xi)\gamma(z, \xi) + S_m(z, \xi) \tag{C.1}$$

851 where  $f_d\gamma$  is a mass transfer term and  $S_m$  is the source term due to coalescence and  
852 breakage. The boundary conditions are given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_d|_{z=0} &= f_{d,\text{in}} \\
f_d|_{\xi=\xi_{\text{min}}} &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{C.2}$$



853 The growth flux  $v_\xi f_d$  is set to zero at the  $\xi$  boundaries so that no bubbles enter or  
 854 leave the domain through growth. The inlet bubble size distribution is calculated  
 855 by:

$$f_{d,\text{in}} = \frac{A}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp [(-(\xi - \bar{\xi})^2/(2\sigma^2))] \quad (\text{C.3})$$

856 where  $A = \alpha_{G,\text{in}}\rho_{G,\text{in}}\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}\exp [(-(\xi - \bar{\xi})^2/(2\sigma^2))]$ ,  $\sigma = 10 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $\bar{\xi} = 10 \times$   
 857  $10^{-3}\text{m}$ . The equation of change for species mass is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} & f_d(z, \xi)v_G(z, \xi)\frac{\partial\omega_{G,s}(z, \xi)}{\partial z} + f_d(z, \xi)v_\xi(z, \xi)\frac{\partial\omega_{G,s}(z, \xi)}{\partial \xi} \\ & = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ D_{G,z,\text{eff}}\frac{\partial\omega_{G,s}(z, \xi)}{\partial z} \right] + f_d(z, \xi)\gamma_s(z, \xi) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.4})$$

858 where  $f_d\gamma_s$  is the mass transfer term for species  $s$ . The boundary conditions are  
 859 given as:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{G,s}|_{z=0} &= \omega_{G,s,\text{in}} \\ \omega_{G,s}|_{\xi=\xi_{\text{min}}} &= K_s\omega_{L,s}(z) \\ \frac{\partial\omega_{G,s}}{\partial z}|_{z=z_{\text{max}}} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.5})$$

860 The second boundary condition in Eq. (C.5) implies that the smallest bubbles with  
 861 diameter  $\xi_{\text{min}}$  are assumed to be in gas-vapor equilibrium with the liquid phase at  
 862 all times. The equation of change for momentum is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} & f_d(z, \xi)v_G(z, \xi)\frac{\partial v_G(z, \xi)}{\partial z} + f_d(z, \xi)v_\xi(z, \xi)\frac{\partial v_G(z, \xi)}{\partial \xi} \\ & = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \sigma_{G,z,\text{eff}}\frac{\partial v_G(z, \xi)}{\partial z} \right] + f_d(z, \xi)F_{G,z}(z, \xi) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.6})$$

863 with the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_G|_{z=0} &= v_{G,\text{in}} \\
 v_G|_{\xi=\xi_{\text{min}}} &= v_L(z) \\
 \frac{\partial v_G}{\partial z}|_{z=z_{\text{max}}} &= 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{C.7}$$

864 where the smallest bubbles are assumed to have the same velocity as the liquid. The  
 865 equation of change for temperature is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f_d(z, \xi)C_p(z, \xi)v_G(z, \xi)\frac{\partial T_G(z, \xi)}{\partial z} + f_d(z, \xi)C_p(z, \xi)v_\xi(z, \xi)\frac{\partial T_G(z, \xi)}{\partial \xi} \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \lambda_{G,z,\text{eff}}\frac{\partial T_G(z, \xi)}{\partial z} \right] + f_d(z, \xi)q_{G,z}(z, \xi)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{C.8}$$

866 where  $f_d q_{G,z,c}$  is a heat transfer term. The boundary conditions are given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_G|_{z=0} &= T_{G,\text{in}} \\
 T_G|_{\xi=\xi_{\text{min}}} &= T_{SL}(z) \\
 \frac{\partial T_G}{\partial z}|_{z=z_{\text{max}}} &= 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{C.9}$$

867 where the smallest bubbles are assumed to have the same temperature as the slurry.