

Example 9-3

(This is Problem 9.2 in Harrison, Todd, Rudge, Petrides, *Bioseparations Science and Engineering*, 2003, Oxford University Press, pp. 287-288)

The following crystal size distribution data were obtained with a multichannel Coulter counter during a crystallization experiment in a batch agitated vessel with isothermal conditions. The results of two CSD samples taken at 3600 s (t') and 4500 s (t'') are shown in the table below. Use the method of moments analysis to determine

- A) the average nucleation rate
- B) the average crystal growth rate
- C) the average crystal size at each time

\bar{L} (m)	ΔL (m)	n' (#/mkg)	n'' (#/mkg)
1.74E-05	4.00E-06	1.81E+12	1.76E+12
2.19E-05	5.00E-06	4.36E+11	5.57E+11
2.76E-05	6.40E-06	2.45E+11	3.21E+11
3.48E-05	8.00E-06	2.18E+11	2.34E+11
4.38E-05	1.01E-05	1.38E+11	1.76E+11
5.52E-05	1.27E-05	1.39E+11	1.81E+11
6.96E-05	1.60E-05	6.40E+10	9.30E+10
8.77E-05	2.02E-05	3.80E+10	4.80E+10
1.11E-04	2.54E-05	7.00E+09	1.30E+10
1.39E-04	3.20E-05	4.00E+09	3.00E+09
1.75E-04	4.03E-05	6.00E+08	1.20E+09
2.21E-04	5.08E-05	0.00E+00	9.00E+08

Note: All of the measurements are converted to SI units (m).