



# Investigation of liquid phase turbulence based on direct numerical simulation of bubbly flows

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  - Assessment of closure assumptions
- Conclusions



## Motivation

- Turbulence in bubbly flows
  - experiments show that bubbles may enhance turbulence or damp turbulence as compared to single phase pipe flow with same liquid flow rate
  - “pseudo turbulence” in bubble driven liquid flows (e.g. bubble columns)
  - phenomena are not fully understood
  - a reliable model to account for bubble induced turbulence (BIT) in Euler-Euler CFD codes is missing
- Goal: use DNS data to analyze turbulence kinetic energy equation for liquid phase and to test models

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## Motivation

- Liquid phase turbulence kinetic energy:  $k_L \equiv \overline{\mathbf{u}'_L \cdot \mathbf{u}'_L} / 2$
- Analytical transport equation\* for  $k_L$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\alpha_L k_L) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L k_L \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L \overline{\mathbb{T}}'_L \cdot \overline{\mathbf{u}}'_L) - \nabla \cdot \left[ \alpha_L \left( \overline{p}'_L \overline{\mathbf{u}}'_L + \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\mathbf{u}'_L \cdot \mathbf{u}'_L) \mathbf{u}}'_L \right) \right]}_{DIFFUSION} + \underbrace{-\alpha_L \overline{\mathbf{u}'_L \mathbf{u}'_L} : \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L}_{PRODUCTION} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \alpha_L \overline{\mathbb{T}}'_L : \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L}_{DISSIPATION} + \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \overline{\mathbb{T}}'_{L,in} - p'_{L,in} \mathbb{I} \right] \cdot \overline{\mathbf{u}}'_{L,in} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{L,in} a_{in}}_{INTERFACIAL TERM}$$

- Terms on right hand side of equation must be modeled
- Experimental data for individual closure terms is missing  
⇒ **Direct numerical simulation of bubble swarm flow**

\* Kataoka & Serizawa, Int. J. Multiphase Flow, 15 (1989) 843

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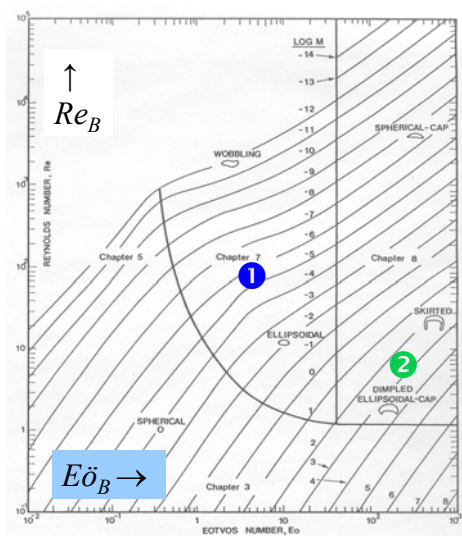
## In-house code TURBIT-VOF

- Volume-of fluid method for interface tracking
  - Interface is locally approximated by plane (PLIC method)
- Governing equations for two incompressible fluids
  - Single field momentum equation with surface tension term
  - Zero divergence condition for center-of-mass velocity
  - Advection equation for liquid volumetric fraction  $f$
- Solution strategy
  - Projection method resulting in pressure Poisson equation
  - Explicit third order Runge-Kutta time integration scheme
- Discretization in space
  - Finite volume formulation for regular staggered grid
  - Second order central difference approximations

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## Code verification



- 1 Medium Morton number ellipsoidal bubble

DNS for  $\Gamma_\mu = \mu_d / \mu_c = 1$ ,  
 $M = 3.09 \cdot 10^{-6}$ ,  $E\ddot{o}_B = 3.06$

$\Gamma_\rho = \rho_d / \rho_c = 0.5; 0.2; 0.1; 0.02$

- 2 High Morton number ellipsoidal cap bubble

DNS for  $\Gamma_\mu = \mu_d / \mu_c = 1$ ,  
 $M = 266$ ,  $E\ddot{o}_B = 243$

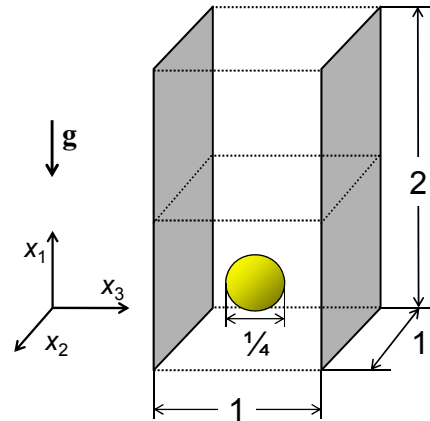
$\Gamma_\rho = \rho_d / \rho_c = 0.5; 0.2; 0.1$

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## Computational set-up

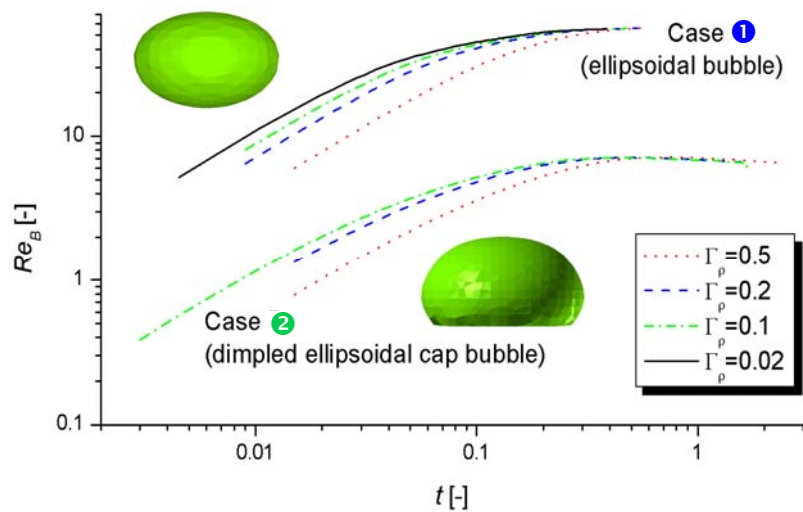
- Domain:  $2 \times 1 \times 1$
- Grid:  $128 \times 64 \times 64$
- Bubble diameter: 0.25  
(= 16 mesh cells)
- Gas holdup:  $\approx 0.4\%$
- Boundary conditions
  - walls at  $x_3 = 0$  and  $x_3 = 1$
  - periodic in  $x_1$  and  $x_2$
- Liquid & gas initially at rest



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## Bubble Reynolds number over time



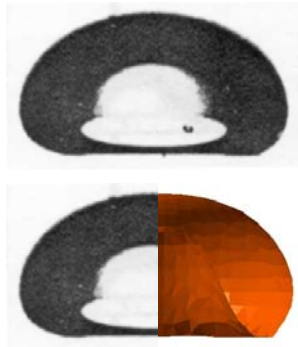
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## Comparison of bubble shape (case 2)

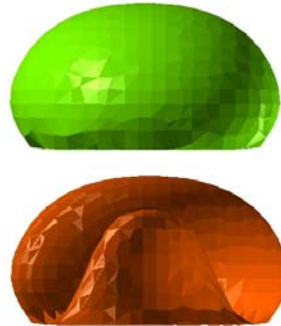
Experiment Bhaga & Weber

( $\Gamma_\rho \approx 0.0008$ ;  $\Gamma_\mu \approx 10^{-5}$ )



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( $\Gamma_\rho = 0.5$ ;  $\Gamma_\mu = 1$ )

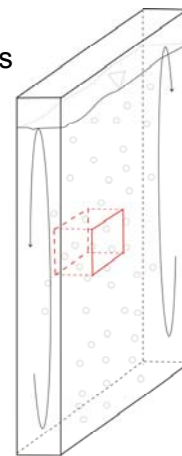
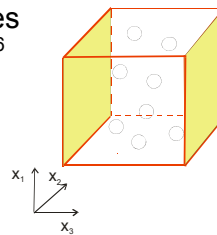


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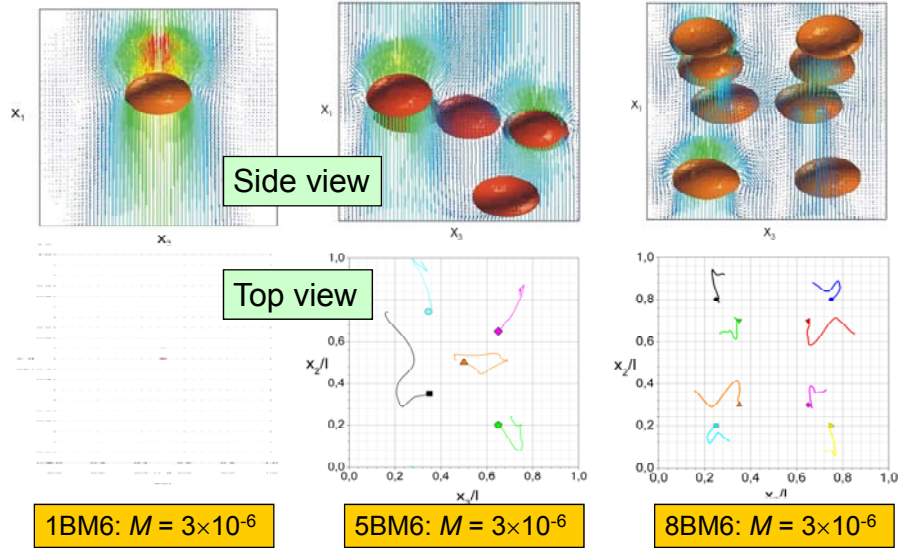
## Bubble swarm simulations

- Simulations mimic part of a flat bubble column
  - two no-slip walls and periodic boundary conditions in vertical and lateral direction
- Parameters fixed:  $E\ddot{o}_B = 3.06$  ;  $\Gamma_\rho = 0.5$  ;  $\Gamma_\mu = 1$
- Parameters varied:
  - Gas content: 1, 5 and 8 bubbles ( $\alpha = 0.8 - 6.4\%$ ) for  $M = 3 \times 10^{-6}$
  - Morton number:  $M = 3 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $3 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $3 \times 10^{-2}$  (8 bubbles)
- Cubic computational domain
  - Grid:  $64 \times 64 \times 64$  cells
  - Resolution study:  $100 \times 100 \times 100$  cells



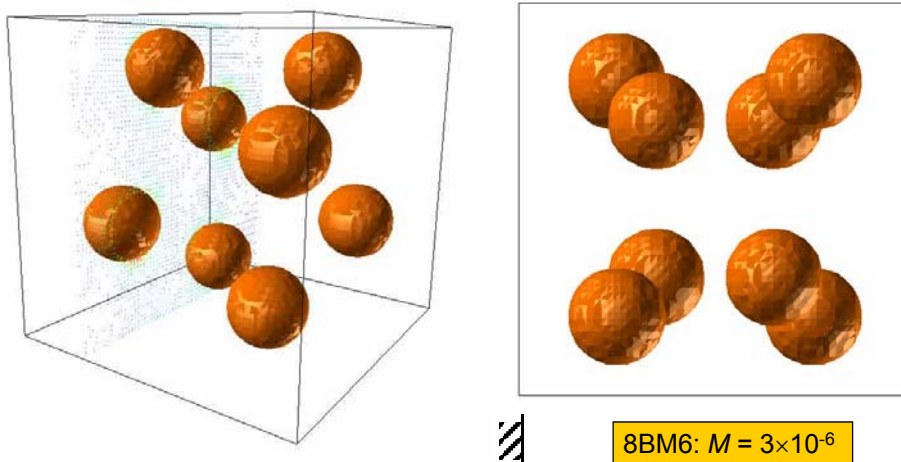
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## Bubble shape and path (case 1)



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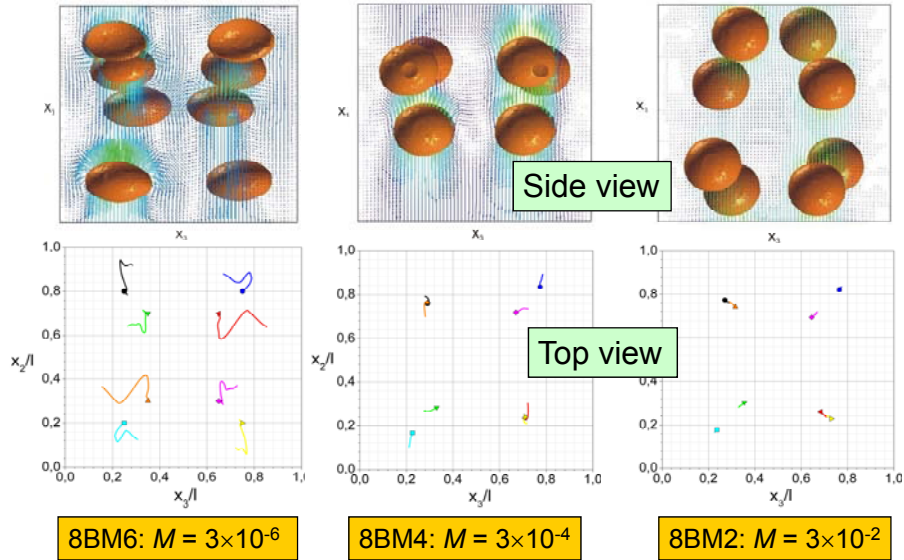
## Visualization of bubble motion



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## Bubble shape and path

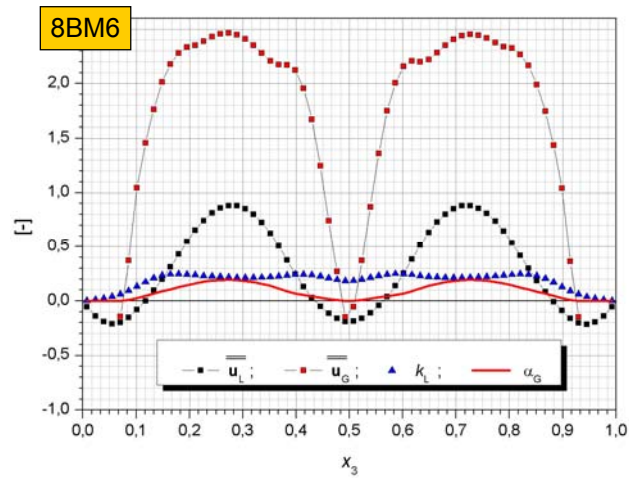
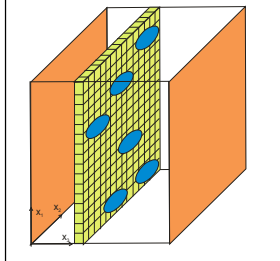


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## Averaging of simulation results

Averaging over planes parallel to the side walls



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## Terms in exact $k_L$ -equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_L k_L) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L k_L \mathbf{u}_L) =$$

$$\frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L \overline{\overline{\mathbf{T}}_L \cdot \mathbf{u}_L}) - \nabla \cdot \left[ \alpha_L \left( \overline{\overline{p}_L \mathbf{u}_L} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{\overline{(\mathbf{u}_L \cdot \mathbf{u}_L) \mathbf{u}_L}} \right) \right]$$

DIFFUSION

$$-\alpha_L \mathbf{u}_L \mathbf{u}_L : \nabla \mathbf{u}_L$$

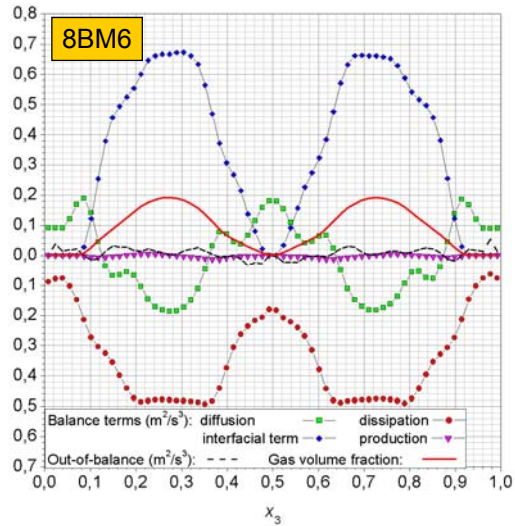
PRODUCTION

$$-\frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \alpha_L \overline{\overline{\mathbf{T}}_L} : \nabla \mathbf{u}_L$$

DISSIPATION

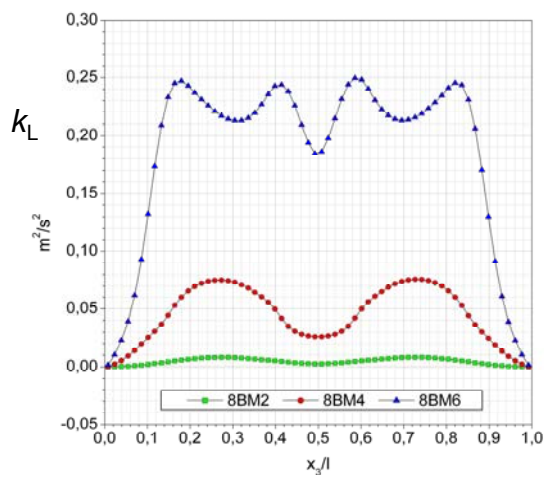
$$+ \left[ \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \overline{\overline{\mathbf{T}}_{L,in}} - \overline{\overline{p_{L,in}}} \right] \cdot \mathbf{u}_{L,in} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{L,in} a_{in}$$

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## Profiles of $k_L$ for different Morton numbers



$Re_B \approx 60$

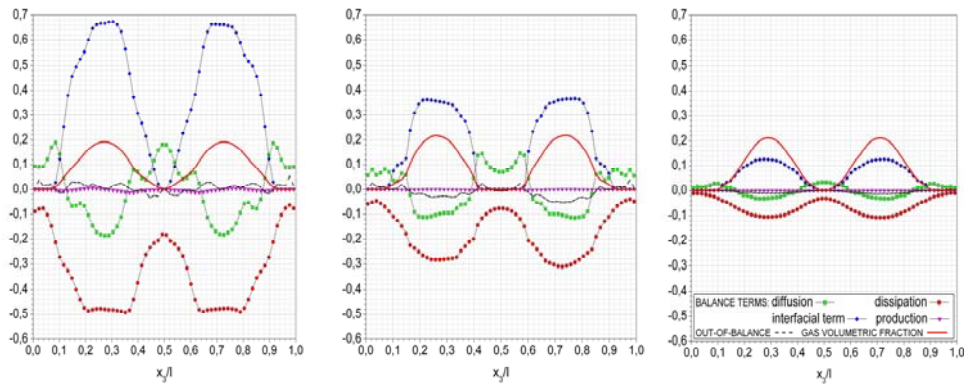
$Re_B \approx 10$

$Re_B \approx 1$

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## Budget of $k_L$ for different Morton numbers



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## Models for production term

- Exact term: 
$$\text{Prod}(k_L) = -\alpha_L \overline{\mathbf{u}'_L \mathbf{u}'_L} : \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L$$
- Common ansatz: 
$$\text{Prod}(k_L) \approx \alpha_L \nu_L^{\text{eff}} \left[ \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L + \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L^T \right] : \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L$$
- One-equation model: 
$$\nu_L^{\text{eff}} = \beta_1 l_{\text{TP}} \sqrt{k_L} \quad \text{with } \beta_1 = 0.56 \quad \text{and } l_{\text{TP}} = \alpha_G d_B / 3$$
- Two-equation model: 
$$\nu_L^{\text{eff}} = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} = C_\mu k_L^2 / \varepsilon_L$$
  

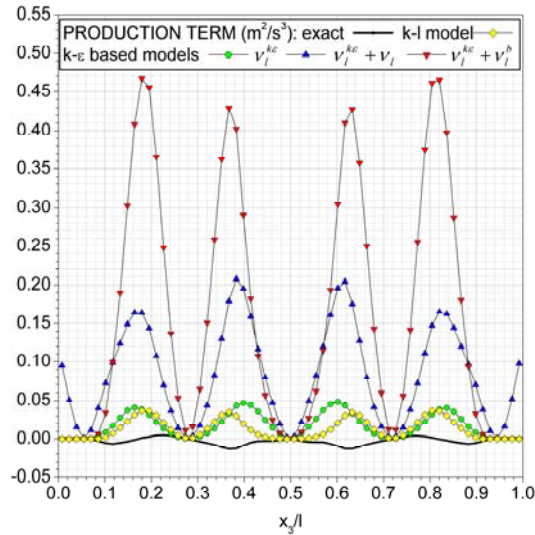
$$\nu_L^{\text{eff}} = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} + \nu_L$$
  

$$\nu_L^{\text{eff}} = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} + 0.6 \alpha_G d_B \left| \overline{\mathbf{u}}_r \right| = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} + \nu_L^B$$

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## Evaluation of production term models

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## Models for diffusion term

- Exact term:

$$\text{Diff}(k_L) = \nu_L \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L \overline{\mathbb{T}_L' \cdot \mathbf{u}_L'}) - \nabla \cdot \left[ \alpha_L \left( \overline{p_L' \mathbf{u}_L'} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\mathbf{u}_L' \cdot \mathbf{u}_L') \mathbf{u}_L'} \right) \right]$$

- Common ansatz:  $\text{Diff}(k_L) \approx \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L \nu_L^{\text{Diff}} \nabla k_L)$

- One-equation model:

$$\nu_L^{\text{Diff}} = 0,5 \nu_L + \beta_2 l_{\text{TP}} \sqrt{k_L} \quad \text{with} \quad \beta_2 = 0,38 \quad \text{and} \quad l_{\text{TP}} = \alpha_G d_B / 3$$

- Two-equation model:

$$\nu_L^{\text{Diff}} = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} = C_\mu k_L^2 / \varepsilon_L$$

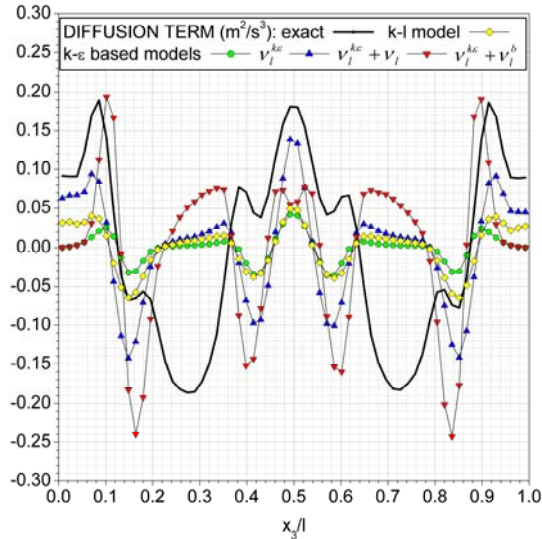
$$\nu_L^{\text{Diff}} = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} + \nu_L$$

$$\nu_L^{\text{Diff}} = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} + 0,6 \alpha_G d_B \overline{|\mathbf{u}_r|} = \nu_L^{k-\varepsilon} + \nu_L^B$$

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## Evaluation of diffusion term models

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## Models for interfacial term

Exact term:

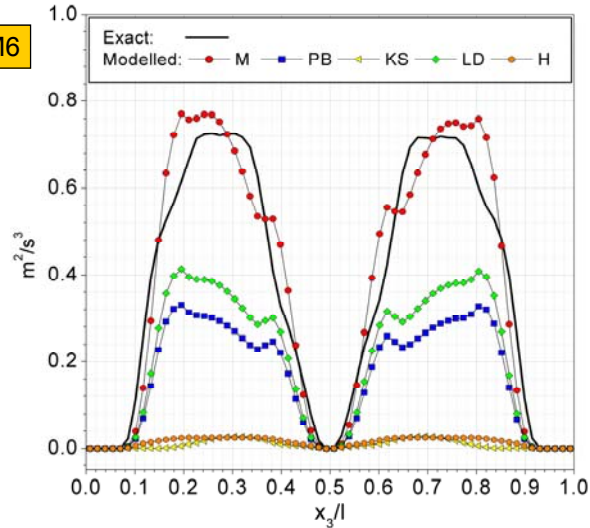
$$\text{IFT}(k_L) = \left[ \frac{1}{Re_{\text{ref}}} \mathbb{T}'_{L;\text{in}} - p'_{L;\text{in}} \mathbb{I} \right] \cdot \mathbf{u}'_{L;\text{in}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{L;\text{in}} a_{\text{in}}$$

Reference	Work of drag force, $W_D^*$	Other contributions, $W_{\text{ND}}^*$
Kataoka & Serizawa (1997) Model 1, KS	$0.075 f_w \left[ \frac{3}{4} \alpha_G \frac{C_D}{d_B^*} U_T^3 \right]$	$-\alpha_G \frac{k_L^{*3/2}}{d_B^*}$
Hill <i>et al.</i> (1995) Model 2, H	$\frac{3}{4} \frac{\alpha_G C_D}{d_B^*} \overline{ \mathbf{u}_R^* } \left\{ \frac{H_L^* \overline{\mathbf{u}_R^*} \cdot \nabla^* \alpha_G}{0.3 \rho_L^* \alpha_L \alpha_G} + 2k_L^* (C_i - 1) \right\}$	None
Lahey & Drew (2000) Model 3, LD	$\frac{1}{4} \alpha_L (1 + C_D^{4/3}) \alpha_G \frac{\overline{ \mathbf{u}_R^* }^3}{d_B^*}$	None
Morel (1997) Model 4, M	$\frac{3}{4} \alpha_G \frac{C_D}{d_B^*} \overline{ \mathbf{u}_R^* }^3$	$\frac{1 + 2\alpha_G \alpha_G}{2\alpha_L} \left\{ \frac{D_G \overline{\mathbf{u}_G^*}}{Dr^*} - \frac{D_L \overline{\mathbf{u}_L^*}}{Dr^*} \right\} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{u}_R^*}$
Pfleger & Becker (2001) Model 5, PB	$1.44 \alpha_L \left[ \frac{3}{4} \alpha_G \frac{C_D}{d_B^*} \overline{ \mathbf{u}_R^* }^3 \right]$	None

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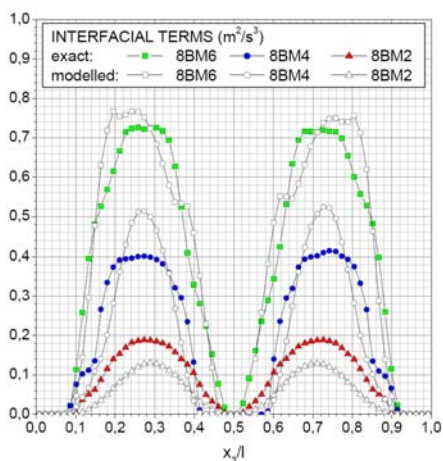
## Evaluation of models for interfacial term

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## Performance of Morel model for different values of the Morton number



$$IFT \approx \frac{3}{4} C_D \frac{\alpha_G \rho_L}{d_b} |\bar{u}_G - \bar{u}_L|^3 + C_{AM} \frac{1 + 2\alpha_G}{1 - \alpha_G} \alpha_G \rho_L \left( \frac{D_G \bar{u}_G}{Dt} - \frac{D_L \bar{u}_L}{Dt} \right) (\bar{u}_G - \bar{u}_L)$$

The drag coefficient  $C_D$  is computed by the correlation of Tomiyama (1998):

$$C_D = \max \left[ \min \left\{ \frac{16}{Re_B} (1 + 0.15 Re_B^{0.687}), \frac{48}{Re_B} \right\}, \frac{8}{3} \frac{E \dot{\sigma}_B}{E \dot{\sigma}_B + 4} \right]$$

(Note that  $C_D$  formula in paper is not correct, Eq. (26))

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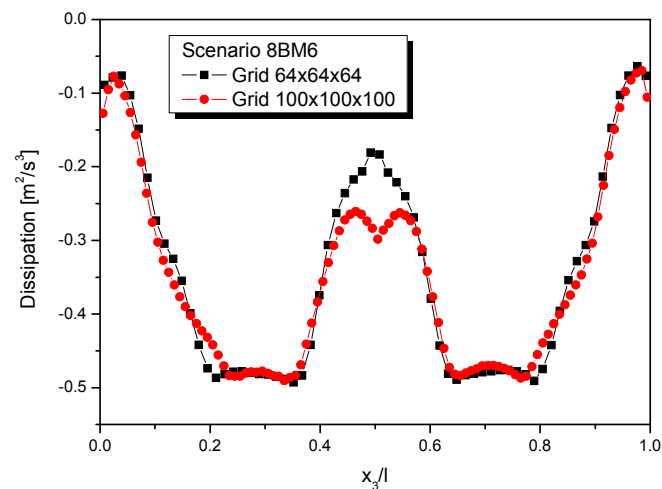
## Conclusions and outlook

- Detailed analysis of transport eq. for liquid turbulence kinetic energy in bubble-driven flow for different Morton numbers
  - Production by shear stresses is negligible
  - Importance of interfacial term and diffusion term
- Evaluation of model assumptions
  - Production term and diffusion term: poor performance of standard single-phase type models
  - Interfacial term: Modeling as work of drag force together with Tomiyama correlation for  $C_D$  shows good performance
- Outlook
  - Development of improved models, implementation in CFD codes and recalculation of experiments for bubble columns

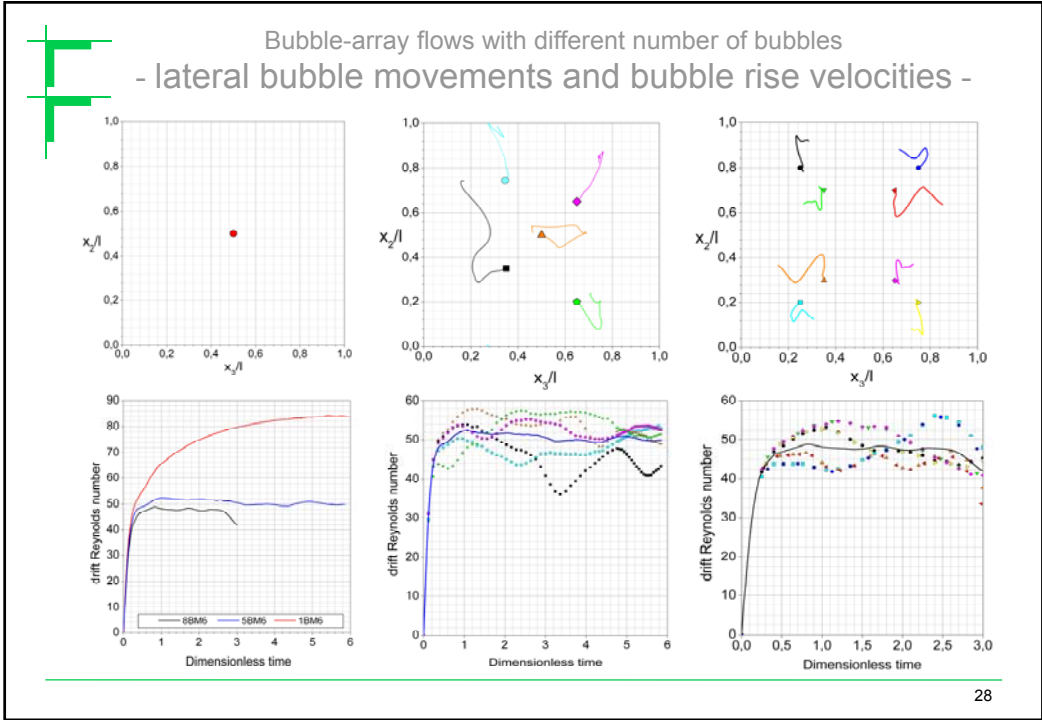
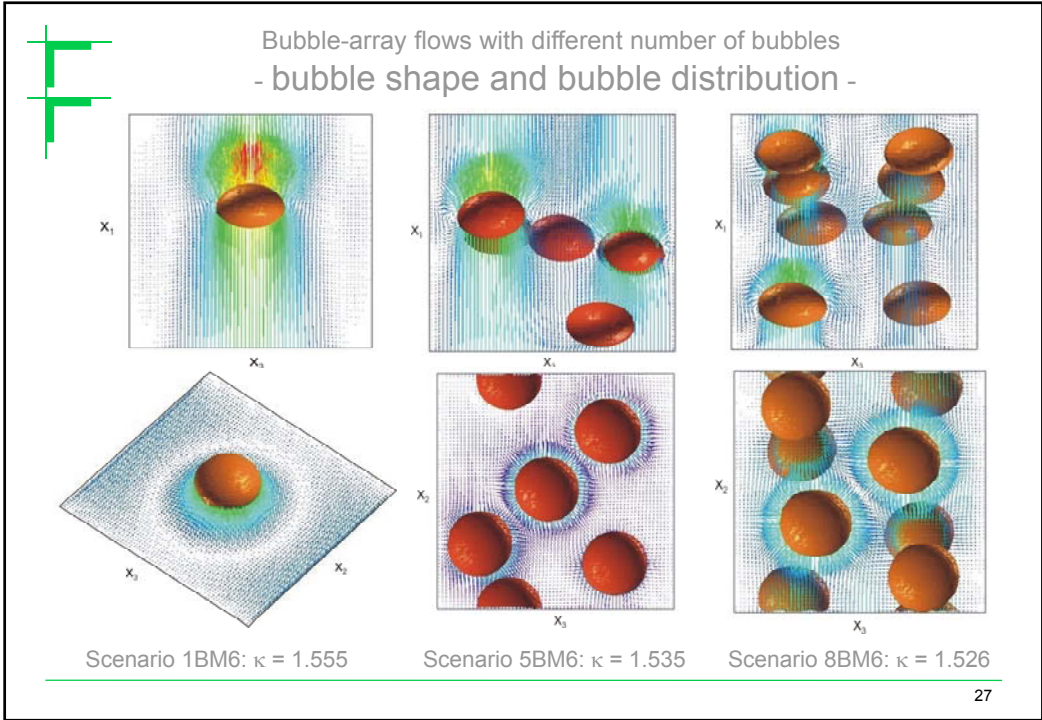
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## Grid refinement study for case 8BM6



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## Turbulence kinetic energy equation for liquid phase (Kataoka & Serizawa, 1989)

$$k_L \equiv \frac{1}{2} \overline{\mathbf{u}'_L \cdot \mathbf{u}'_L} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{U_{\text{ref}}^*{}^2} \overline{\mathbf{u}_L^{*'} \cdot \mathbf{u}_L^{*'}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\alpha_L k_L) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L k_L \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{Re_{\text{ref}}} \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L \overline{\mathbb{T}}'_L \cdot \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L)}_{\text{DIFFUSION}} - \nabla \cdot \left[ \alpha_L \left( \overline{p'_L \mathbf{u}'_L} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\mathbf{u}'_L \cdot \mathbf{u}'_L) \mathbf{u}'_L} \right) \right]$$

$$\underbrace{-\alpha_L \overline{\mathbf{u}'_L \mathbf{u}'_L} : \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L}_{\text{PRODUCTION}} \quad \underbrace{-\frac{1}{Re_{\text{ref}}} \alpha_L \overline{\mathbb{T}}'_L : \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L}_{\text{DISSIPATION}} + \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{Re_{\text{ref}}} \overline{\mathbb{T}}'_{L,\text{in}} - \overline{p'_{L,\text{in}}} \mathbb{I} \right] \cdot \overline{\mathbf{u}}_{L,\text{in}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{L,\text{in}}}_{\text{INTERFACIAL TERM}}$$

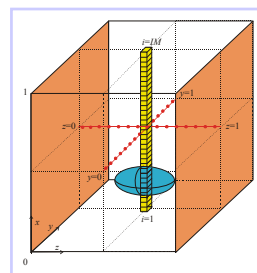
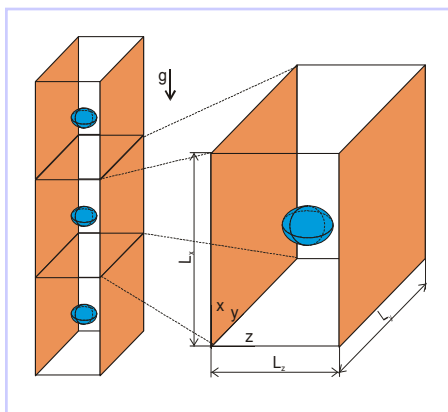
$$\overline{\mathbb{T}}'_L = \mu_L \left[ \nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L + (\nabla \overline{\mathbf{u}}_L)^T \right]$$

$$\overline{A}_L = \text{averaging} \quad \overline{\overline{A}_L} = \overline{A}_L \overline{X}_L / \overline{X}_L \quad \alpha_L = \overline{X}_L$$

$$A'_L = A_L - \overline{\overline{A}_L} \quad A'_{L,\text{in}} = A_{L,\text{in}} - \overline{\overline{A}_L}$$

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## kL-equation for bubble train flow\*



Line averaging:

$$\overline{A}_L = \overline{A}_L^i(j, k) = \frac{1}{IM} \sum_{i=1}^{IM} f_{i,j,k} A_{i,j,k}$$

\* see Ilić et al., *J. Nuclear Science & Technology* **41** (2004) 331-338

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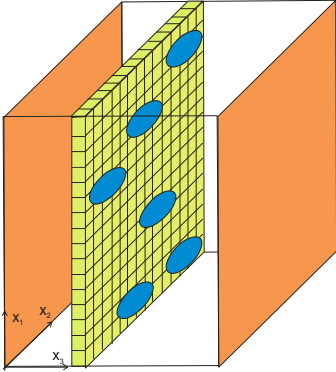


## Averaging procedure

Plane averaging:

$$\overline{A_L} = \overline{A_L}^{i,j}(k) = \frac{1}{IM \cdot JM} \sum_{i=1}^{IM} \sum_{j=1}^{JM} f_{i,j,k} A_{i,j,k}$$

$$\overline{\overline{A_L}}(k) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{IM} \sum_{j=1}^{JM} f_{i,j,k} A_{i,j,k}}{\sum_{i=1}^{IM} \sum_{j=1}^{JM} f_{i,j,k}}$$



## Bubble drag law of Tomiyama

– pure system

*Schiller-Naumann for bubble (H-R correction)*

$$C_D = \max \left[ \min \left\{ \frac{16}{Re_p} (1 + 0.15 Re_p^{0.687}), \frac{48}{Re_p} \right\}, \frac{8}{3} \frac{E\ddot{o}_B}{E\ddot{o}_B + 4} \right]$$

*Potential flow around rigid sphere*

*Cap bubble*

– slightly contaminated system

$$C_D = \max \left[ \min \left\{ \frac{24}{Re_p} (1 + 0.15 Re_p^{0.687}), \frac{72}{Re_p} \right\}, \frac{8}{3} \frac{E\ddot{o}_B}{E\ddot{o}_B + 4} \right]$$

*Schiller-Naumann for rigid sphere*

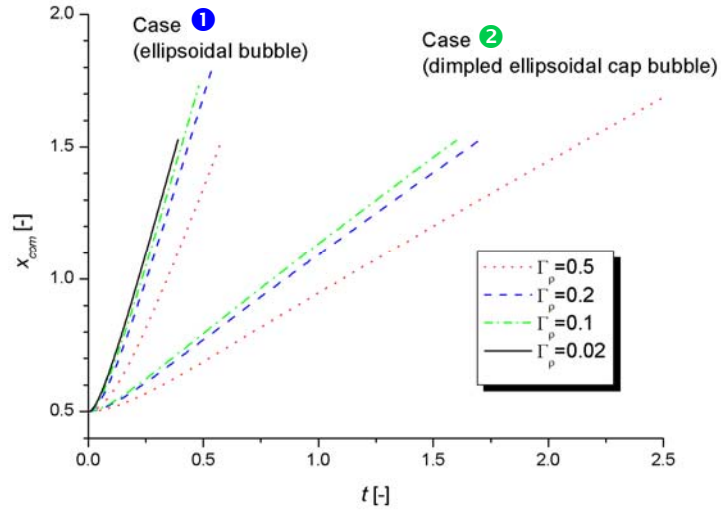
*Potential flow around bubble*

– strongly contaminated system

$$C_D = \max \left[ \frac{24}{Re_p} (1 + 0.15 Re_p^{0.687}), \frac{8}{3} \frac{E\ddot{o}_B}{E\ddot{o}_B + 4} \right]$$



## Time history of vertical bubble position



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## Non-dimensional governing equations

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{L_{ref}^*}, \quad \mathbf{u}_k = \frac{\mathbf{u}_k^*}{U_{ref}^*}, \quad t = \frac{t^* U_{ref}^*}{L_{ref}^*}, \quad \rho_k = \frac{\rho_k^*}{\rho_c^*}, \quad \mu_k = \frac{\mu_k^*}{\mu_c^*}, \quad P_k = \frac{P_k^* + P_0^* - \rho_c^* \mathbf{g}^* \cdot \mathbf{x}^*}{\rho_c^* U_{ref}^{*2}} \quad (k \in c, d)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_m \mathbf{u}_m + \nabla \cdot \rho_m \mathbf{u}_m \mathbf{u}_m = -\nabla P + \frac{1}{Re_{ref}^*} \nabla \cdot [\mu_m (\nabla \mathbf{u}_m + \nabla \mathbf{u}_m^T)] - (1-f) \frac{E\ddot{\sigma}_{ref}^* \mathbf{g}^*}{We_{ref}^* \mathbf{g}^*} + \frac{a_{int} \kappa \mathbf{n}_i}{We_{ref}^*}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_m = 0 \quad \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot f \mathbf{u}_m = 0 \right] \quad (f \equiv \alpha_c, \quad 0 \leq f \leq 1) \quad \mathbf{u}_m \equiv \frac{1}{U_{ref}^*} \frac{f \rho_c^* \mathbf{u}_c^* + (1-f) \rho_d^* \mathbf{u}_d^*}{f \rho_c^* + (1-f) \rho_d^*}$$

$$\rho_m \equiv \frac{f \rho_c^* + (1-f) \rho_d^*}{\rho_c^*} = f + (1-f) \Gamma_\rho, \quad \mu_m \equiv \frac{f \mu_c^* + (1-f) \mu_d^*}{\mu_c^*} = f + (1-f) \Gamma_\mu$$

$$Re_{ref}^* \equiv \frac{\rho_c^* L_{ref}^* U_{ref}^*}{\mu_c^*}, \quad E\ddot{\sigma}_{ref}^* \equiv \frac{(\rho_c^* - \rho_d^*) \mathbf{g}^* L_{ref}^{*2}}{\sigma^*}, \quad We_{ref}^* \equiv \frac{\rho_c^* L_{ref}^* U_{ref}^{*2}}{\sigma^*} = \sqrt{\frac{MR e_{ref}^4}{E\ddot{\sigma}_{ref}^*}}$$

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