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# **Quantitative analysis of liquid phase turbulence kinetic energy equation using DNS data of bubble-train flow**

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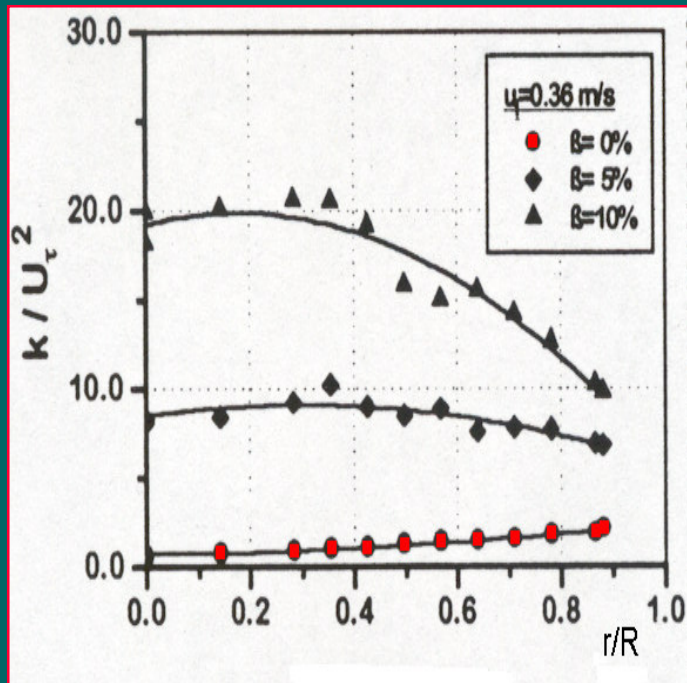
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# Bubble-induced turbulence

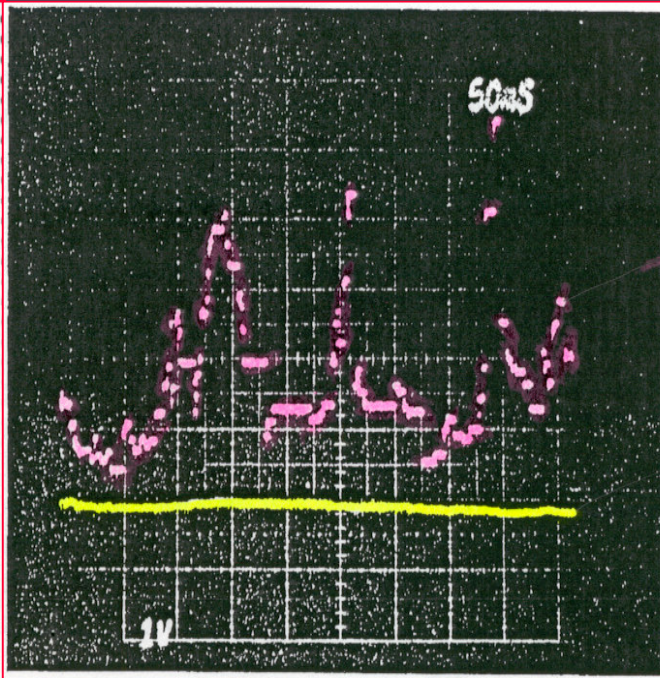
## DEFINITION OF BUBBLE-INDUCED TURBULENCE:

Nonlinearity of the flow; Discrete buoyancy distribution  
Bubble wakes; Deformation of interfaces

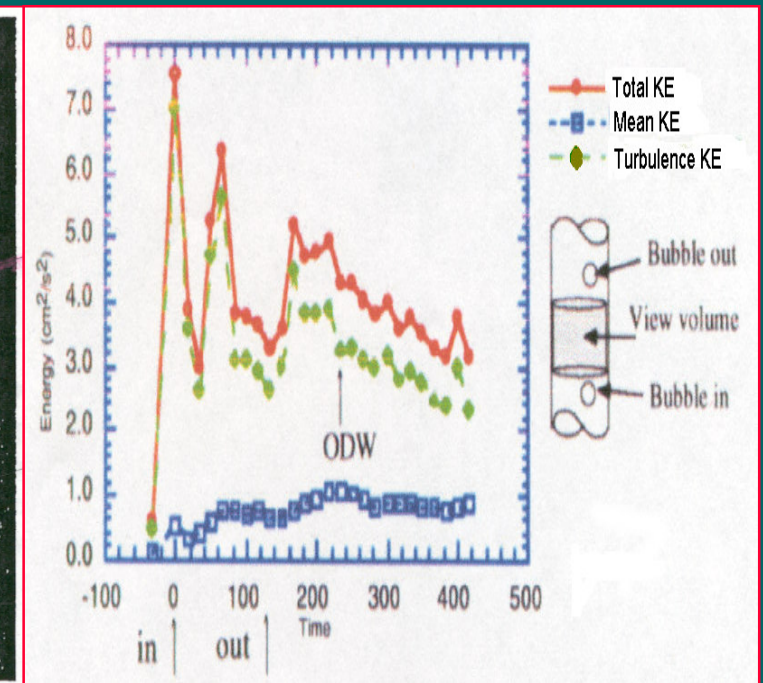
## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES:



High Re liquid flow



Low Re liquid flow



Originally stagnant liquid

# Conservation of liquid turbulence kinetic energy

## 1. Exact $k_L$ equation (Kataoka and Serizawa, 1989):

$$\frac{D}{Dt}(\alpha_L k_L) = \underbrace{-\frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \left( \alpha_L \overline{p'_L u'_{L\alpha}} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \left( \frac{1}{2} \alpha_L \overline{u'^2_{L\alpha} u'_{L\beta}} \right) + \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \left( \alpha_L \frac{\partial k_L}{\partial x_\beta} \right)}_{\text{DIFFUSION}} + \underbrace{-\alpha_L \overline{u'_{L\alpha} u'_{L\beta}} \frac{\partial u'_{L\alpha}}{\partial x_\beta}}_{\text{PRODUCTION}}$$

$$\overline{\overline{A_L}} = \overline{A_L \Phi_L} / \overline{\Phi_L}$$

$$A'_L = A_L - \overline{\overline{A_L}}$$

$$A'_{Lin} = A_{Lin} - \overline{\overline{A_L}}$$

$$\underbrace{-\frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \alpha_L \frac{\partial u'_{L\alpha}}{\partial x_\beta} \frac{\partial u'_{L\alpha}}{\partial x_\beta}}_{\text{DISSIPATION}} + \underbrace{-\overline{p'_{Lin} u'_{Lin\alpha} n_{Lin\alpha} a_{in}} + \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} u'_{Lin\alpha} \frac{\partial u'_{Lin\alpha}}{\partial x_\beta} n_{Lin\beta} a_{in}}_{\text{INTERFACIAL TERMS}}$$

$\alpha_L$  liquid volumetric fraction       $a_{in}$  interfacial area concentration

## 2. Modelled $k_L$ equation (two-phase $k$ - $\varepsilon$ model):

$$\frac{D(\alpha_L k_L)}{Dt} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \left[ \alpha_L \nu_L^{eff} \frac{\partial k_L}{\partial x_\beta} \right]}_{\text{DIFFUSION}} + \underbrace{\alpha_L \tau'_{L\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial u'_{L\alpha}}{\partial x_\beta}}_{\text{PRODUCTION}} - \underbrace{\alpha_L \varepsilon_L}_{\text{DISSIPATION}} + \underbrace{IFT^M}_{\text{INTERFACIAL TERMS}}$$

# DNS of bubbly flows

TURBIT-VoF computer code developed at IRS, FZK

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial u_\alpha}{\partial x_\alpha} = 0$$

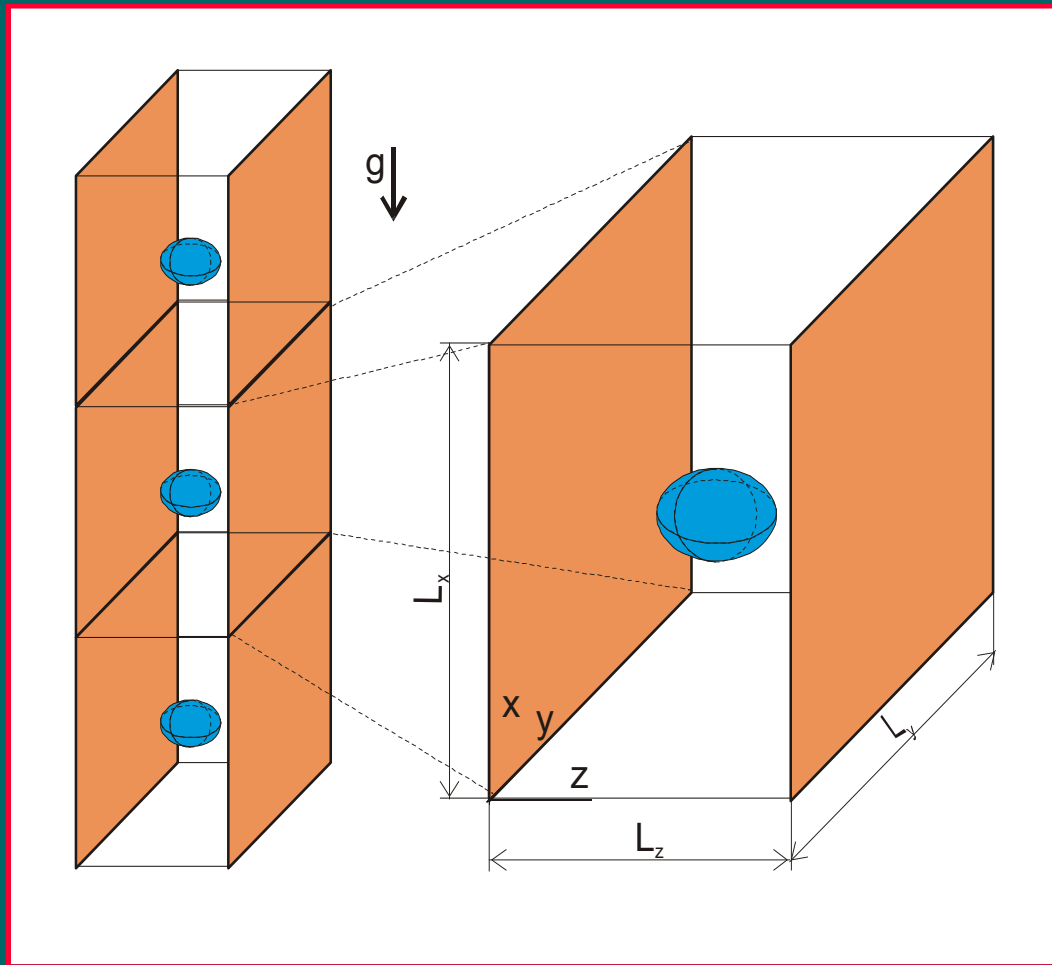
$$(2) \quad \frac{\partial(\rho u_\alpha)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u_\alpha u_\beta)}{\partial x_\beta} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_\alpha} + \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \frac{\partial \tau_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x_\beta} - \frac{(1-f)E\ddot{o}_{ref}}{We_{ref}} \frac{g_\alpha^*}{g^*} + \frac{\kappa n_\alpha a_{in}}{We_{ref}}$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(u_\alpha f)}{\partial x_\alpha} = 0$$

Homogeneous mixture model in interfacial cells ( $0 < f < 1$ ):  $u_R = 0$ ,  $p_L = p_G$

Interface evolution tracked using Volume-of-Fluid procedure

# Bubble-train flow numerical experiment



Computational domain:  $1 \times 1 \times 1$

Grid:  $64 \times 64 \times 64$

Bubble diameter: 0.25

Gas volumetric fraction: 0.818%

Phase density ratio: 0.5

Bubble Eötvös number: 3.065

Morton number:  $3.06 \cdot 10^{-6}$

Time step:  $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$

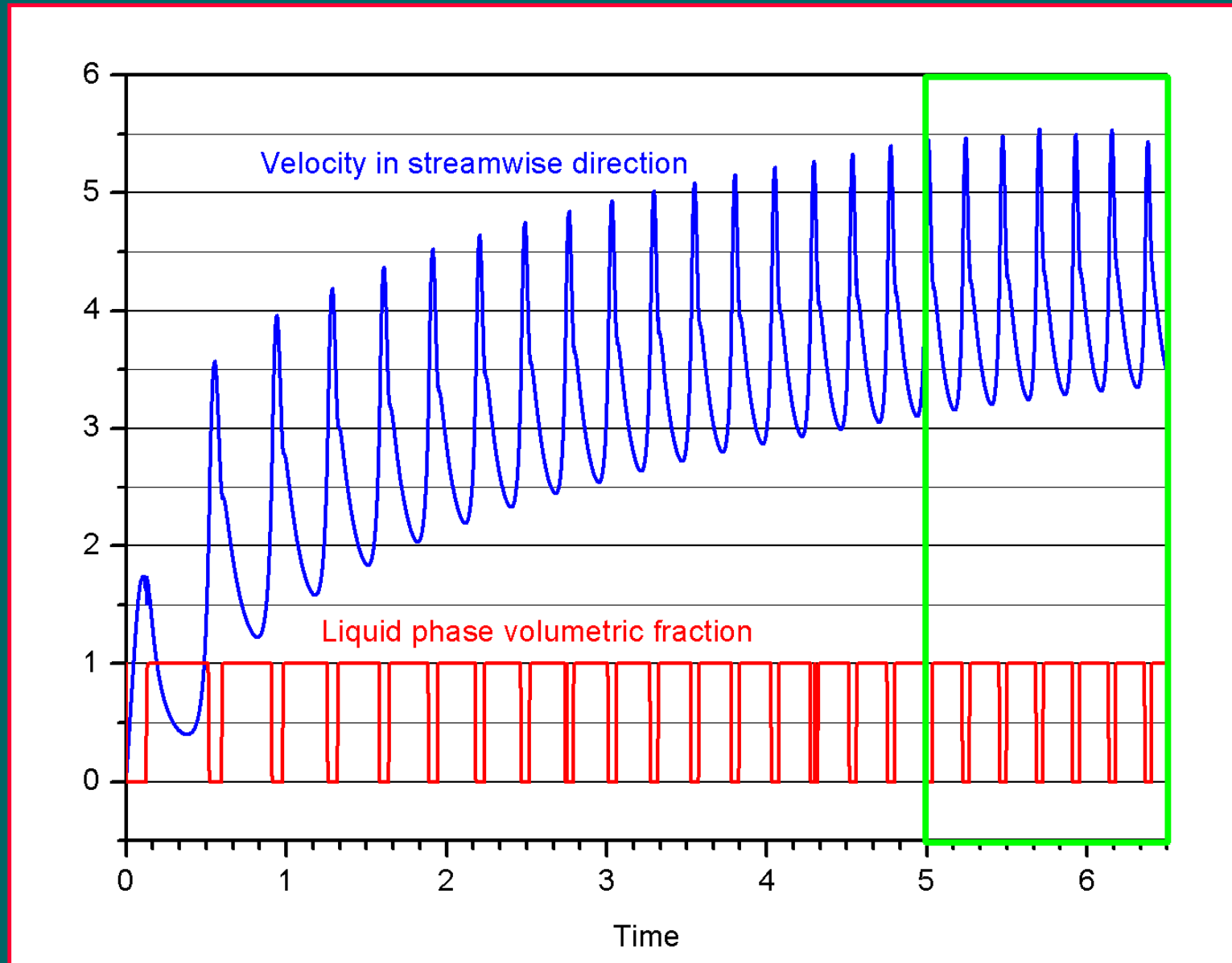
Number of time steps: 65 000

Bubble-path: approx. rectilinear

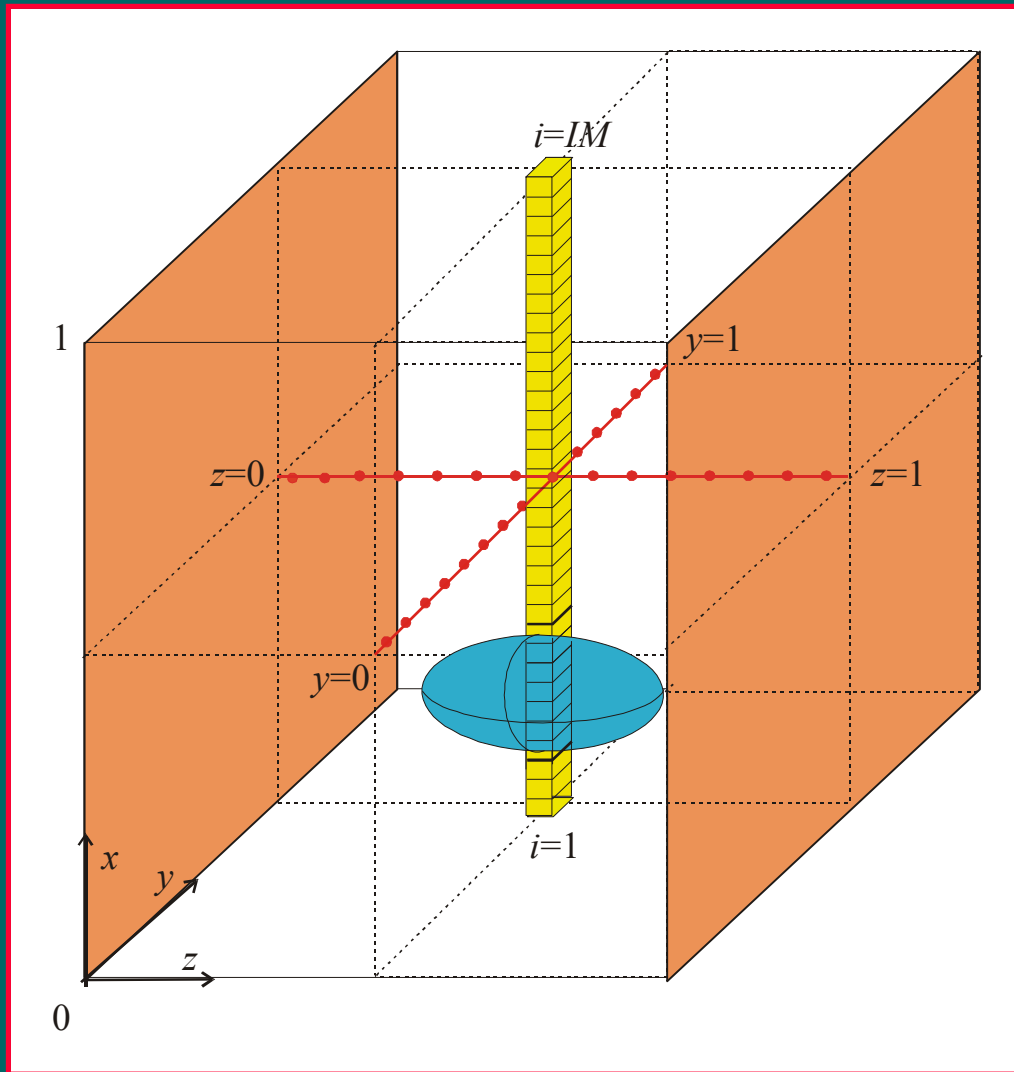
Bubble Reynolds number:  $\sim 125$



# TURBIT-VoF time signals



# Averaging procedure



Ergodic theorem valid in  $x$  direction  
 → Time averaging  
 replaced by spatial-line averaging:

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

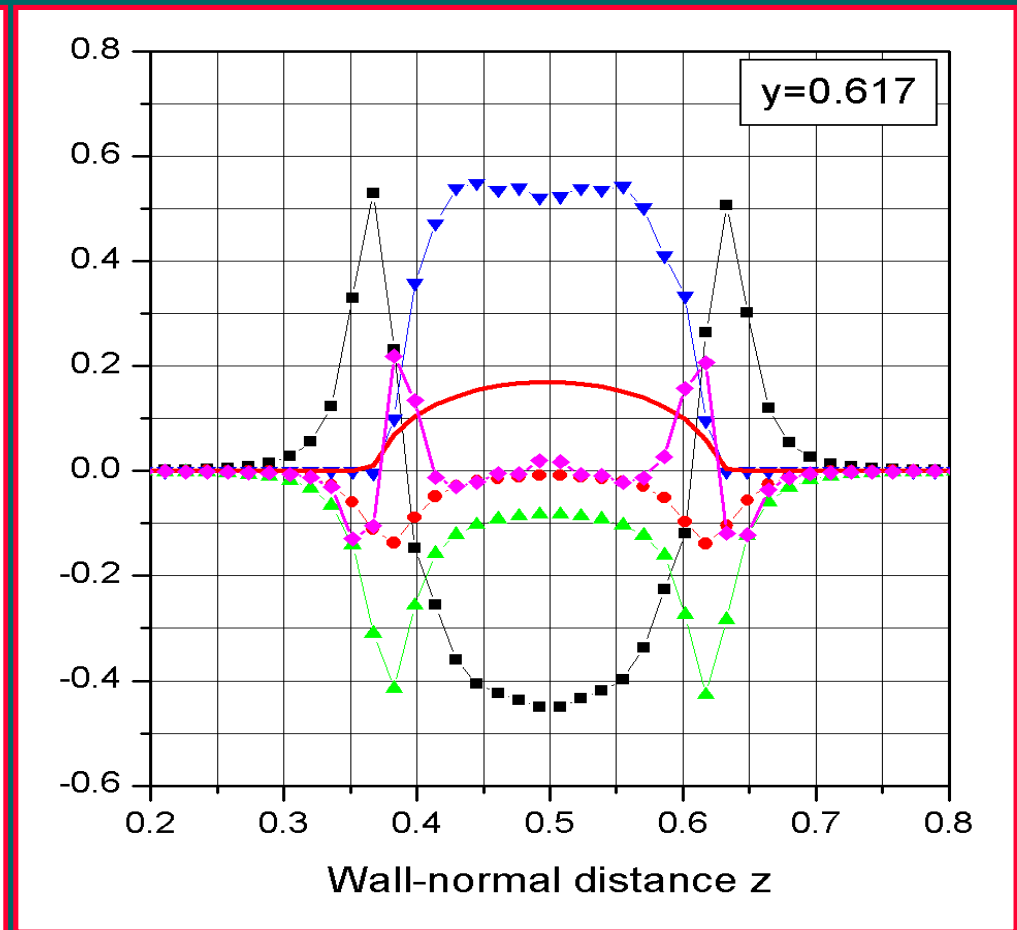
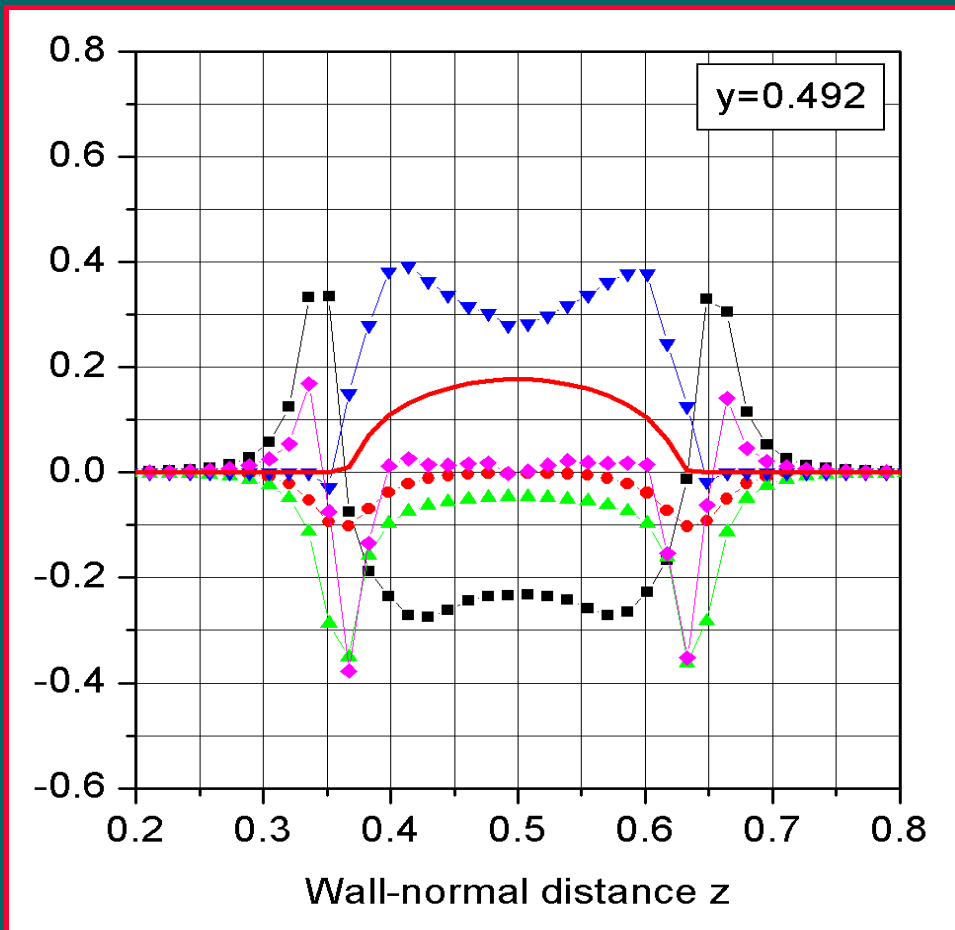
$$\overline{\overline{A}}_L = \overline{\overline{A}}_{L(j,k)}^i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{IM} f_{(i,j,k)} A_{(i,j,k)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{IM} f_{(i,j,k)}} \quad (2)$$

$$A'_L = A_L - \overline{\overline{A}}_L \quad (3)$$

$$A'_{Lin} = A_{Lin} - \overline{\overline{A}}_L \quad (4)$$

# Balance terms in exact $k_L$ equation

■ DIFFUSION  
 ■ PRODUCTION  
 ■ DISSIPATION  
 ▲ INTERFACIAL TERMS  
 ● out of balance  
 —  $\alpha_G$



**Turbulence in bubble-driven flows: gained by INTERFACIAL TERMS  
 lost through DISSIPATION and PRODUCTION**



# Modelled versus exact production term

## Modelling approaches:

- ◆ Pflieger and Becker, 2001  
Grienberger and Hofmann, 1992  
Svedsen et al., 1992

$$P = \alpha_L \left[ 2 \left( \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} + \nu_L^t \right) \bar{S}_{La\beta} \right] \frac{\partial \bar{u}_{La}}{\partial x_\beta}$$

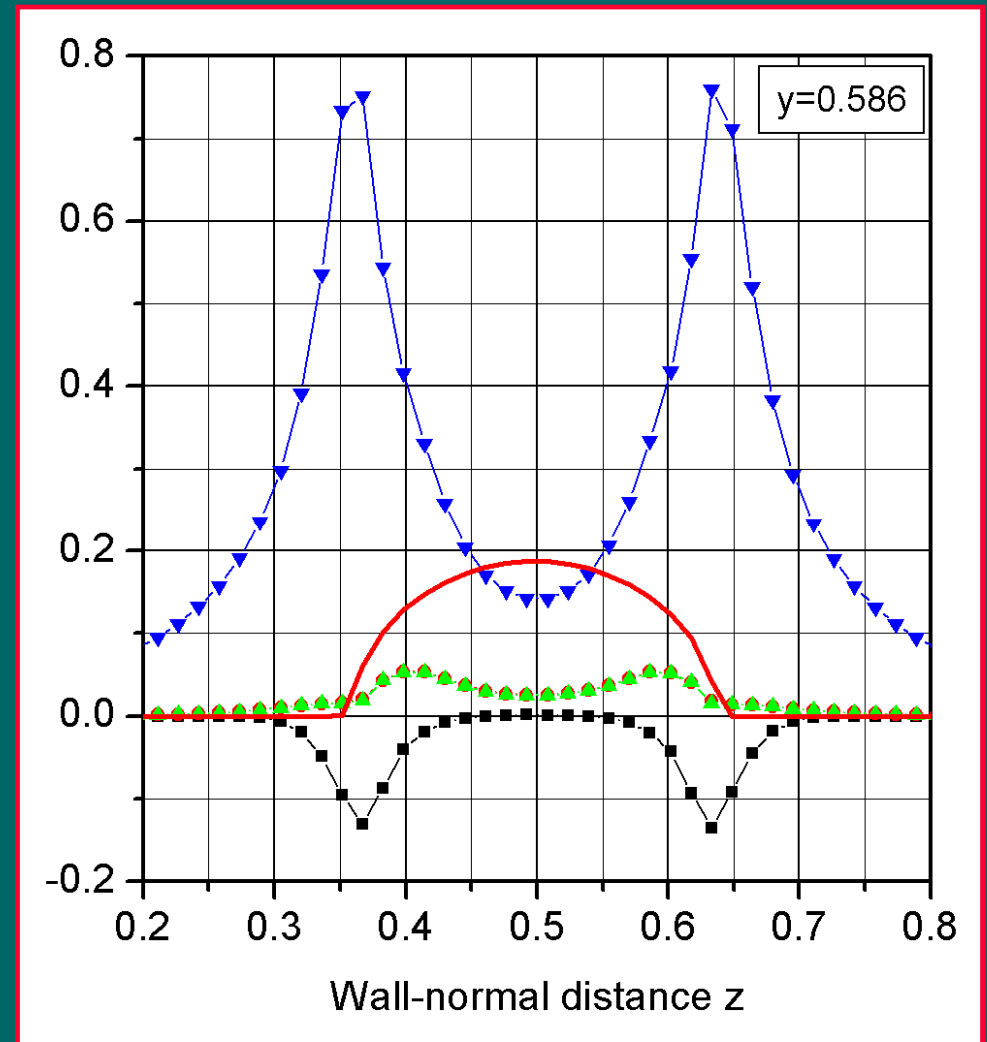
- De Bertodano et al., 1994  
Boisson and Malin, 1996; Lain et al., 2001

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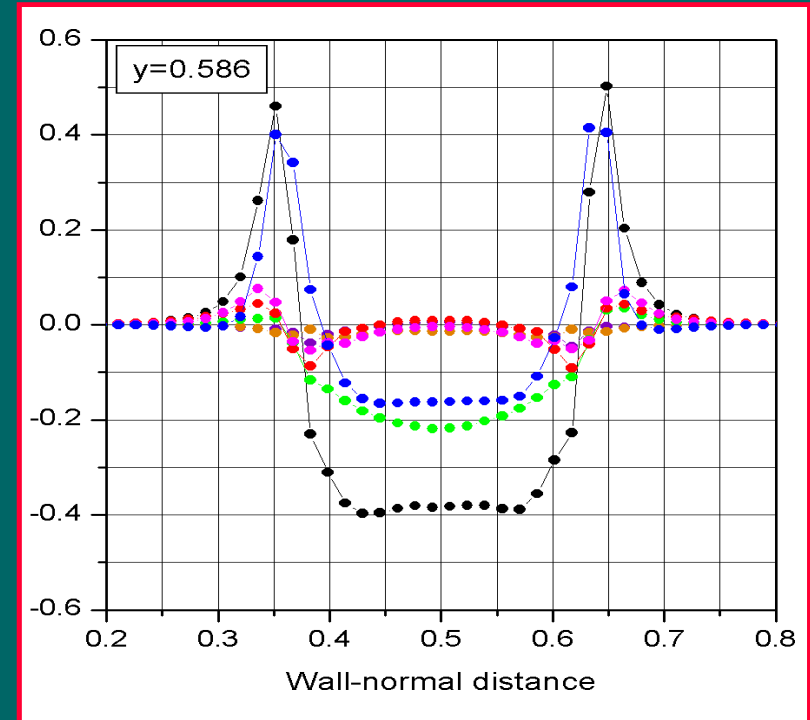
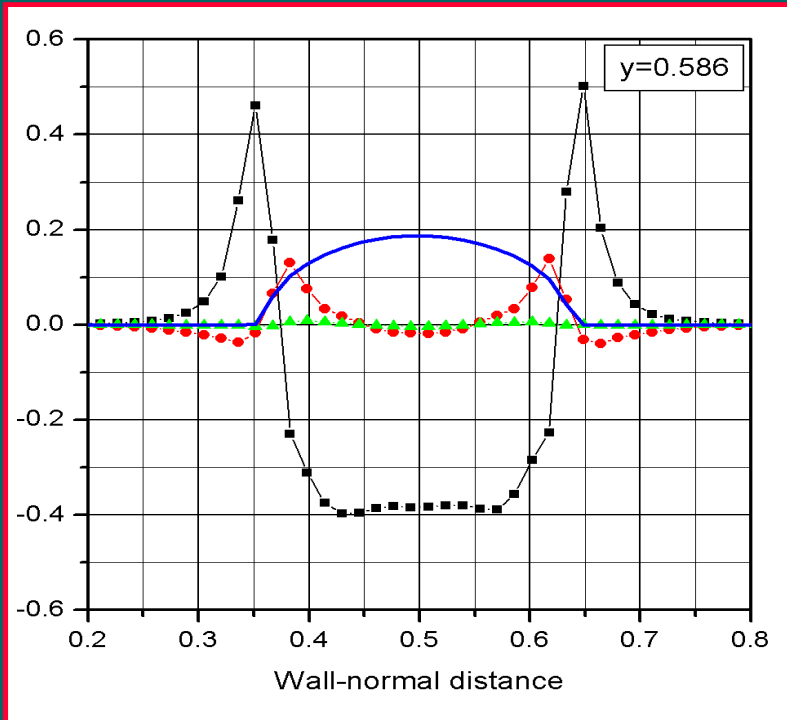
- 🕒 Troshko and Hassan, 2001  
Morel, 1997; Hill et al., 1995

$$P = \alpha_L \left[ 2 \nu_L^t \bar{S}_{La\beta} k_L - \frac{2}{3} \left( k_L + \nu_L^t \frac{\partial \bar{u}_{La}}{\partial x_\beta} \right) I \right] \frac{\partial \bar{u}_{La}}{\partial x_\beta}$$

## Exact production term



# Modelled versus exact diffusion term



- Troshko and Hassan, 2001
- De Bertodano et al., 1994
- Boisson and Malin, 1996;
- Morel, 1997;

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \left[ \alpha_L \left( \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} + \frac{v_L^t}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k_L}{\partial x_\beta} \right]$$

- ▲ Pflieger and Becker, 2001
- Grienberger and Hofmann, 1992
- Svedsen et al., 1992; Hill et al., 1995

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \left( \alpha_L \frac{v_L^t}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k_L}{\partial x_\beta} \right)$$

■ Exact diffusion term

Pressure correlation sub-terms ● ●  
 dominant in exact diffusion term ●

→ Closure for pressure correlation

$$\frac{1}{2} \overline{u_{L\alpha}^2 u'_{L\beta}} + \overline{p'_L u'_{L\beta}} \propto -v_L^t \frac{\partial k_L}{\partial x_\beta}$$

not appropriate for bubble-driven flows

# Interfacial terms modelling

Interfacial terms  $\propto$  work of interfacial forces

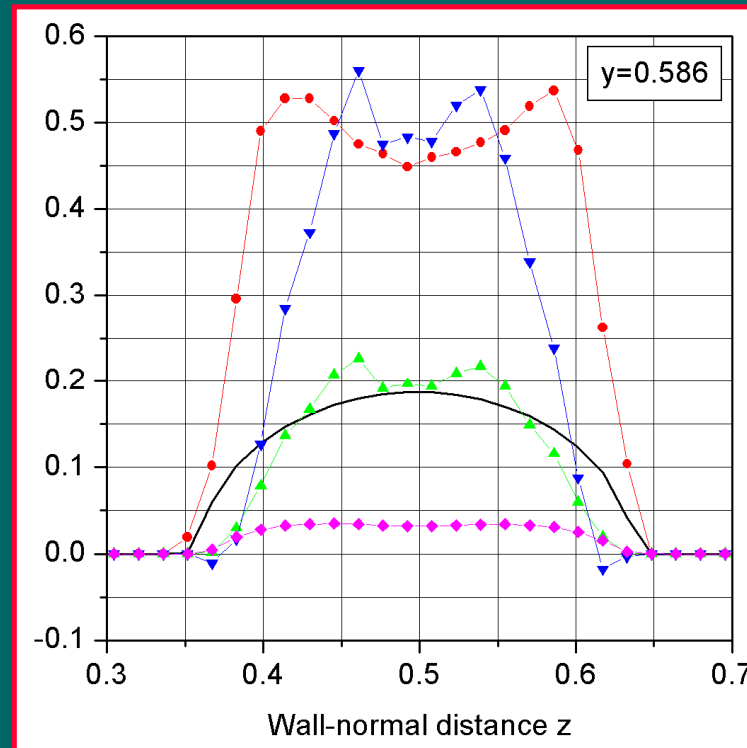
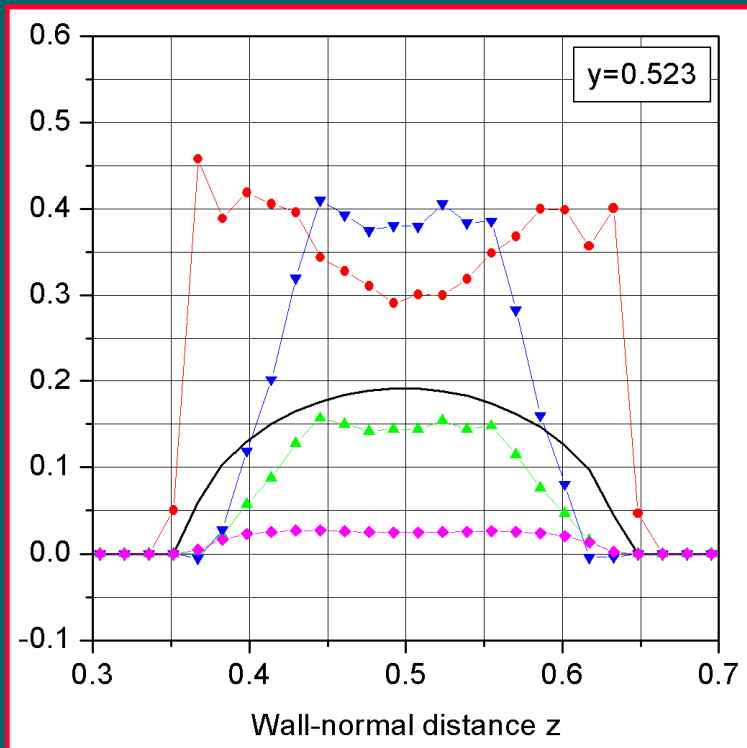
$$IFT = W^D + W^{ND}$$

Reference	<u>Work of drag force:</u> $W^D$	$M_{L\alpha}^D$	$C_D$
Morel, 1997	$M_{L\alpha}^D \bar{u}_{R\alpha}$	$\frac{3}{4} \alpha_G \frac{C_D}{D_b} \bar{U}_R \bar{u}_{R\alpha}$	$\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{E\ddot{\alpha}_B} \cdot f(\alpha_L)$
de Bertodano et al., 1994			not given
Pfleger and Becker, 2001			0.44
Svendsen et al., 1995	$0.75 M_{L\alpha}^D \bar{u}_{R\alpha}$	not given	
Hill et al. 1995	$\frac{3}{4} \frac{\alpha_G C_D}{D_b} \bar{U}_R \left( \frac{\bar{u}_{R\alpha} \partial \alpha_G / \partial x_\alpha}{0.3 Re_{ref} \alpha_L \alpha_G} + 2k_L (C_t - 1) \right)$	not contained explicitly in $W^D$	$\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{E\ddot{\alpha}_B} \cdot f(\alpha_L)$

Work of added-mass force:  
(Morel, 1997)

$$W^{AM} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{u}_{G\alpha} - \bar{u}_{L\alpha} \right) \frac{1 + 2\alpha_G}{\alpha_L} \alpha_G \left( \frac{D_G \bar{u}_{G\alpha}}{Dt} - \frac{D_L \bar{u}_{L\alpha}}{Dt} \right)$$

# Modelled versus exact interfacial terms



## Modelled IFT:

- ◆ Morel, 1997
- 🕒 Pflieger&Becker,2001
- 📊 Hill et al. 1995
- Exact IFT

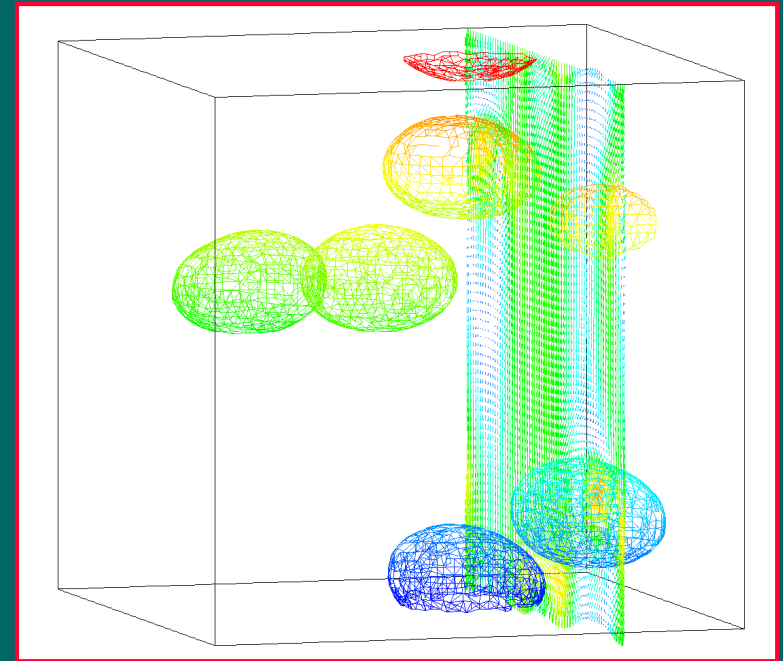
◆ Morel	$M_{L\alpha}^D = \frac{3}{4} \alpha_G \frac{C_D}{D_b} \bar{U}_R \bar{u}_{R\alpha}$	$W^D = M_{L\alpha}^D \bar{u}_{R\alpha}$	$C_D = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{E\ddot{o}_B} \cdot f(\alpha_L)$
🕒 Pflieger&Becker		$W^D = 1.44 \alpha_L M_{L\alpha}^D \bar{u}_{R\alpha}$	$C_D = 0.44$

Importance of including local flow details in model assumptions for IFT !!!



# Conclusions and future steps

- **Use of bubble-train flow DNS data to study BIT**
  - Production term is negative
  - Interfacial terms are only source terms
- **Closure assumptions**
  - Models for production and diffusion perform poor
  - Morel's model for interfacial terms performs well
- **Future steps**
  - DNS data for bubble swarm
  - Improvement of BIT models



# Evaluation of interfacial terms

Definition: 
$$IFT^E = -\overline{p'_{Lin} u'_{Lin\alpha} n_{Lin\alpha} a_{in}} + \frac{1}{Re_{ref}} \overline{u'_{Lin\alpha} \frac{\partial u'_{Lin\alpha}}{\partial x_\beta} n_{Lin\beta} a_{in}}$$

Fluctuation of interfacial quantity: 
$$A'_{Lin} = A_{Lin} - \overline{A_L}$$

Homogeneous mixture model in interfacial cells:  $u_G = u_L = u$  and  $p_G = p_L = p$

Liquid phase interfacial pressure  $p_{Lin} = ?$

Assumption:  $p_{Lin} \cong p_{(i,j,k)}$  where  $(i,j,k)$  is a neighbouring cell with  $f_{(i,j,k)} = 1$

Liquid phase interfacial velocity  $\vec{u}_{Lin} = ?$

No assumptions. Methodology for evaluation of  $\vec{u}_{Lin}$  is developed.

# Evaluation of interfacial velocity

No phase change:  $\vec{u}_{Lin} = \vec{u}_{Gin} = \vec{u}_{in}$

$$\vec{u}_{in} = \vec{u}_{int} + \vec{u}_{inn}$$

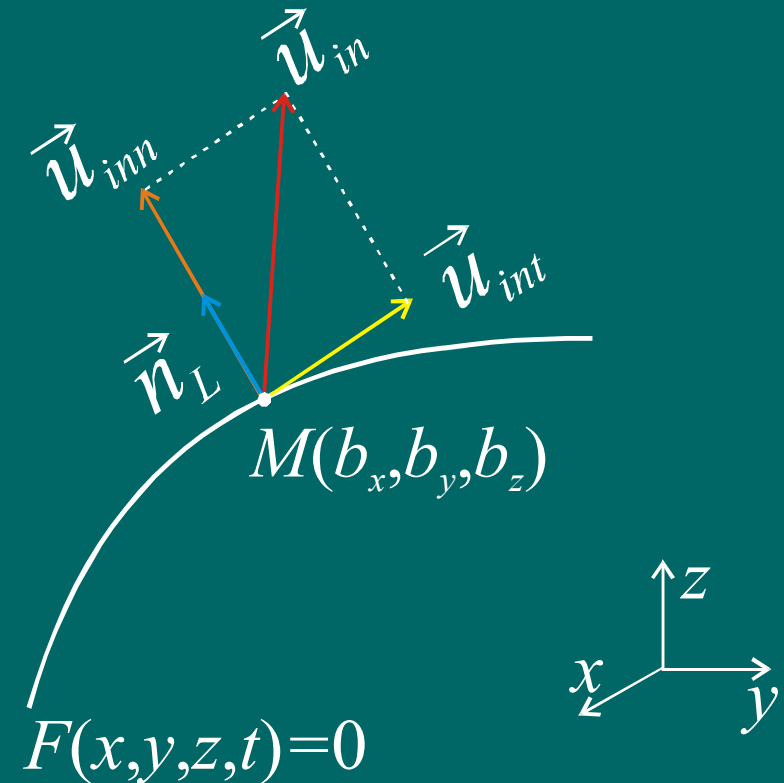
Tangential component (Ishii 1975):

$$\vec{u}_{int} = \vec{u}_t = \vec{u} - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{n}_L) \cdot \vec{n}_L$$

Normal component (Kataoka et al., 1986):

$$\vec{u}_{inn} = (\vec{u}_{in} \cdot \vec{n}_L) \cdot \vec{n}_L$$

$$\vec{u}_{in} \cdot \vec{n}_L = \frac{\partial F / \partial t}{\sqrt{(\partial F / \partial x)^2 + (\partial F / \partial y)^2 + (\partial F / \partial z)^2}}$$



TURBIT-VoF definition:  $F(x, y, z, t) = (b_x - x) \cdot n_{Lx} + (b_y - y) \cdot n_{Ly} + (b_z - z) \cdot n_{Lz} = 0$

$F(x, y, z, t)$  is not explicit function of  $t \rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = ?$



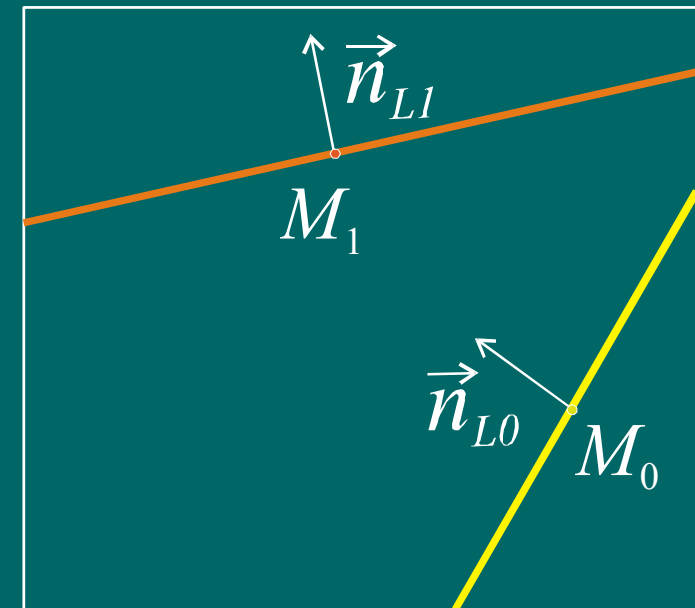
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = ?$$

$$(I) \quad F(b_{x0}, b_{y0}, b_{z0}, t_0) = 0$$

$$(II) \quad F(b_{x0} + \delta x, b_{y0} + \delta y, b_{z0} + \delta z, t_0 + \Delta t) = 0$$

1. Expand (I) in Taylor series
2. Neglect HOT
3. Subtract (II) from expanded (I)
4. Rearrange the difference

$$\rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} (n_{Lx0} \delta x + n_{Ly0} \delta y + n_{Lz0} \delta z)$$



Idea comes from **experimental** determination of interfacial velocity. There  $M_0$  and  $M_1$  are fixed (sensor positions) and  $\Delta t$  is variable (Kataoka et al. 1986).