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Dynamics of Bubble Rising in Vertical and Inclined Square Channel LUZ AMAYA-BOWER, City College and Graduate Center of the City University of New York, TAEHUN LEE, City College of the City University of New York — A stable Lattice Boltzmann Equation (LBE) Model based on the Cahn-Hilliard diffuse interface approach is used to investigate the dynamics of a bubble rising in a vertical and inclined square channel with large density and viscosity ratios. Deformation parameter (Δ) and terminal velocity (U_t) of the bubble are interrelated quantities which depend on non-dimensional numbers such as Bond Number (Bo), Morton Number (Mo) and ratio between bubble diameter and channel width (κ) . This study confirms the relationship between κ and Δ and film thickness (δ), as it was reported by previous experimental studies. As κ is increased, higher Δ and smaller δ are exhibited. This finding is independent of the value of Bo and Mo. In addition, an evaluation was performed for inclined channel to relate the nondimensional value Froude Number (Fr) and the inclination angle (θ) as function of Bo and Mo. For each set of values of Bo and Mo, there is a critical value of θ which corresponds to the highest value of Fr, consequently highest U_t . This finding is consistent previous simulation and experimental results. This study was performed using a range of Bo and Mo, $(10^{-5} < Mo < 10^2)$ and (1 < Bo < 30), and the inclination of the channel is varied from 0 $^{\circ}$ to 75 $^{\circ}$.

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