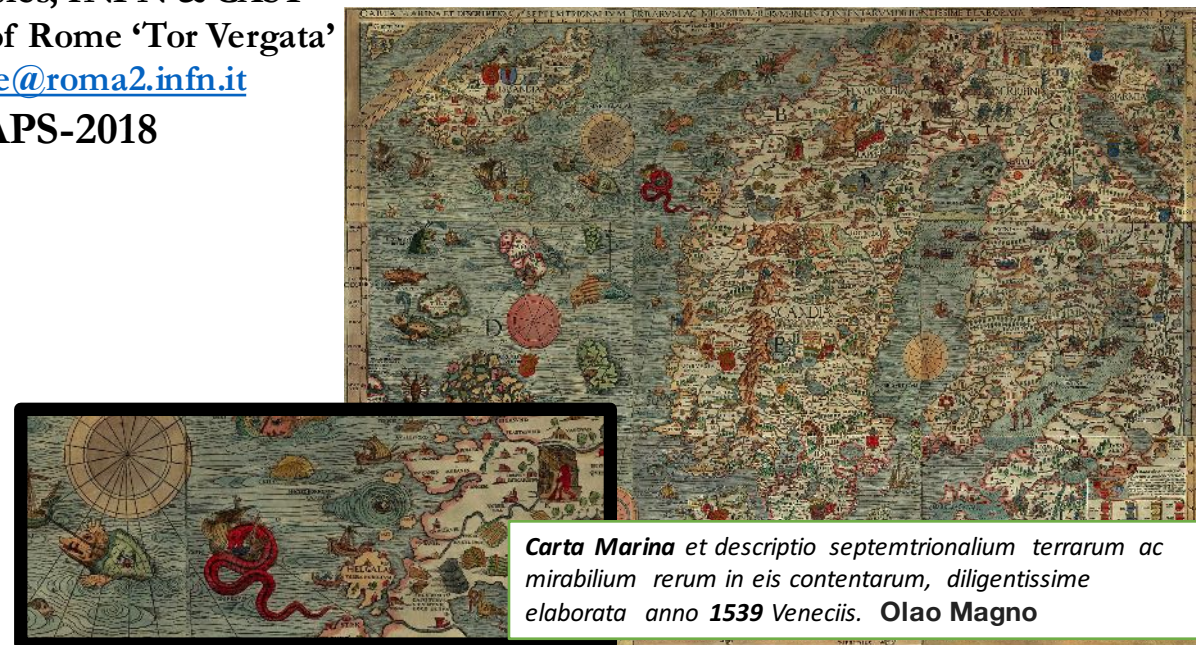
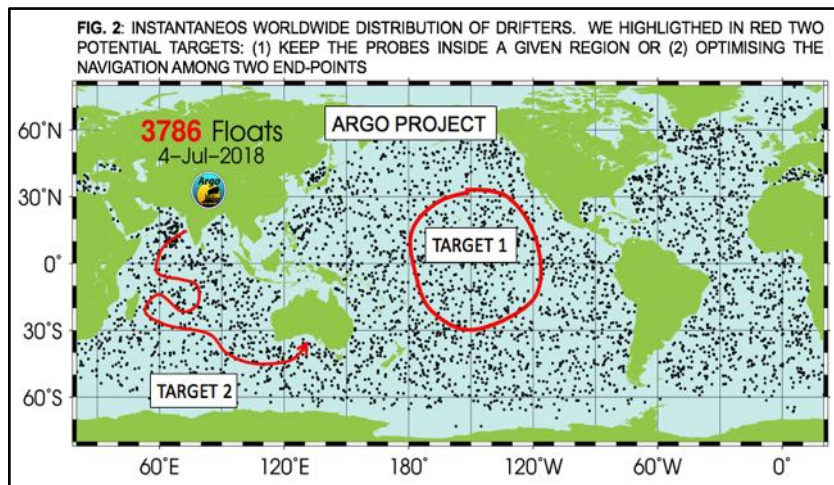


# Learning from Smart Lagrangian particles (a journey in Mare Incognitum)

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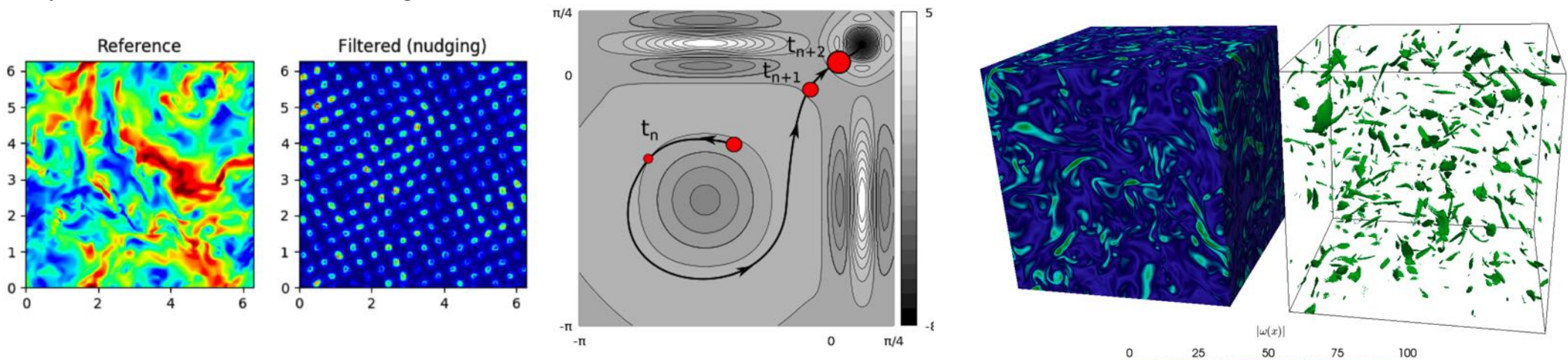
# CAN WE TEACH **SMART PROBES** (PARTICLES, GLIDERS, DRONES, DRIFTER) TO NAVIGATE IN COMPLEX FLOWS?

## CONSTRAINTS. YOU CANNOT:

- 1) SPEND LARGE AMOUNT OF CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL ENERGY (NO STRONG SELF-PROPULSION)
- 2) ACCOMPLISH EXTREMELY COMPLEX MANOEUVERING
- 3) HAVE A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDING YOU

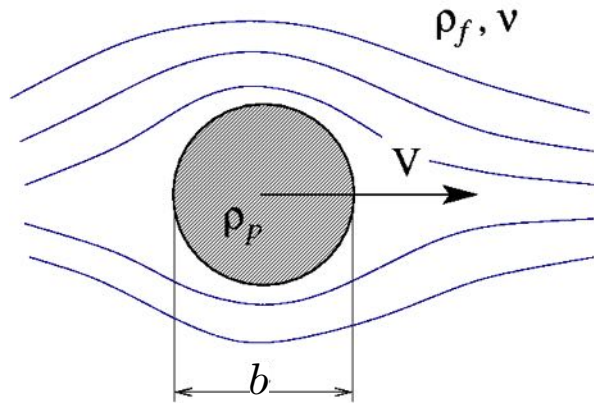
## WHY:

- 1) TO CONCENTRATE PROBES IN SPECIFIC KEY-FLOW REGIONS: FOR DATA-ASSIMILATION OR FLOW-RECONSTRUCTION  
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- 2) TO AVOID/SEARCH EXTREME EVENTS
- 3) TO ACTIVELY REACT ON THE FLOW (TWO-WAY COUPLING). [SEE F. TOSCHI, L.B., M. BUZZICOTTI: The statistical properties of turbulence in presence of smart small-scale forcing](#) [L38. 00010 6:02 PM MONDAY](#)

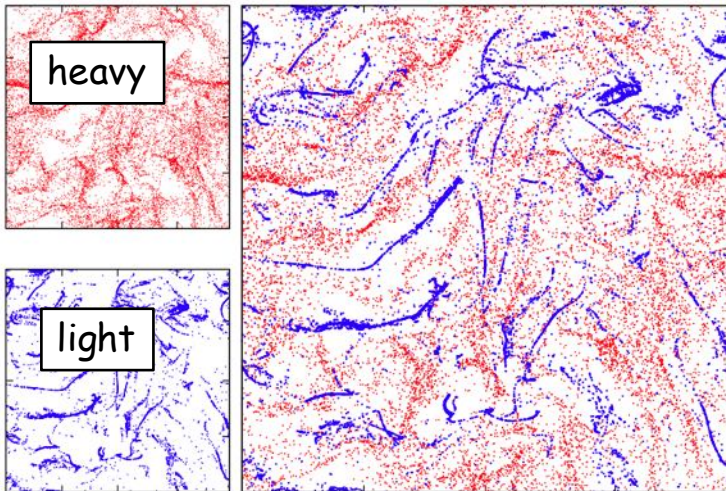




TRACKING PREFERENTIAL STRUCTURES: INERTIAL PARTICLES IN COMPLEX FLOWS



$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \partial_{\mathbf{x}} P = \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} \\ \dot{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{U}_i \\ \dot{\mathbf{U}}_i = -\frac{\mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{v}}{\tau} + \beta D_t \mathbf{v} - g(1 - \beta) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$



$$\beta = \frac{3\rho_f}{\rho_f + 2\rho_p}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\bar{b}^2}{3\nu\beta}$$

$\beta < 1$  heavy particles  
 $\beta > 1$  light particles

Drag: **Stokes Time**

**Preferential concentration**

Naive light(heavy) particles accumulate  
 inside(outside) highly vortical regions

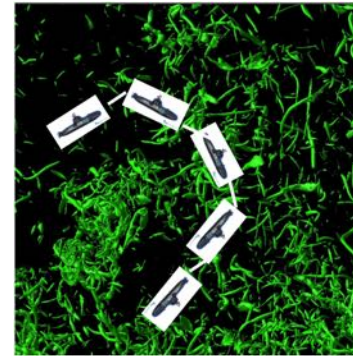
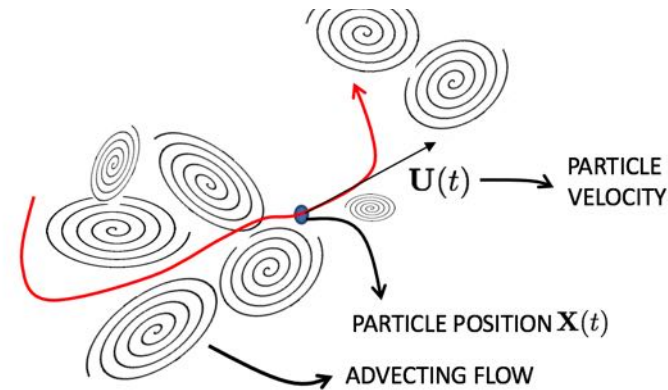
SMART INERTIAL PARTICLES IN COMPLEX FLOWS: HARNESS & CONTROL

SMART LAGRANGIAN PROBES (ONE-WAY COUPLING): REINFORCEMENT LEARNING TO TRACK PREFERENTIAL VORTICITY STRUCTURES (OR STRAIN, QUADRANTS, HAIRPINS, THERMAL PLUMES...)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \partial_{\mathbf{x}} P = \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}_i(t)) \mathcal{F} \\ \dot{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{U}_i \\ \dot{\mathbf{U}}_i = -\frac{\mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{v}}{\tau} + \beta D_t \mathbf{v} - g(1 - \beta) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \beta = \frac{3\rho_f}{\rho_f + 2\rho} \rightarrow \frac{3\rho_f}{\rho_f + 2\rho[\mathbf{w}, T, c, \dots]} \\ \tau = \frac{r^2}{3\nu\beta} \rightarrow \frac{r^2[\mathbf{w}, T, c, \dots]}{3\nu\beta[\mathbf{w}, T, c, \dots]} \end{cases}$$

CONTROL TOOLS

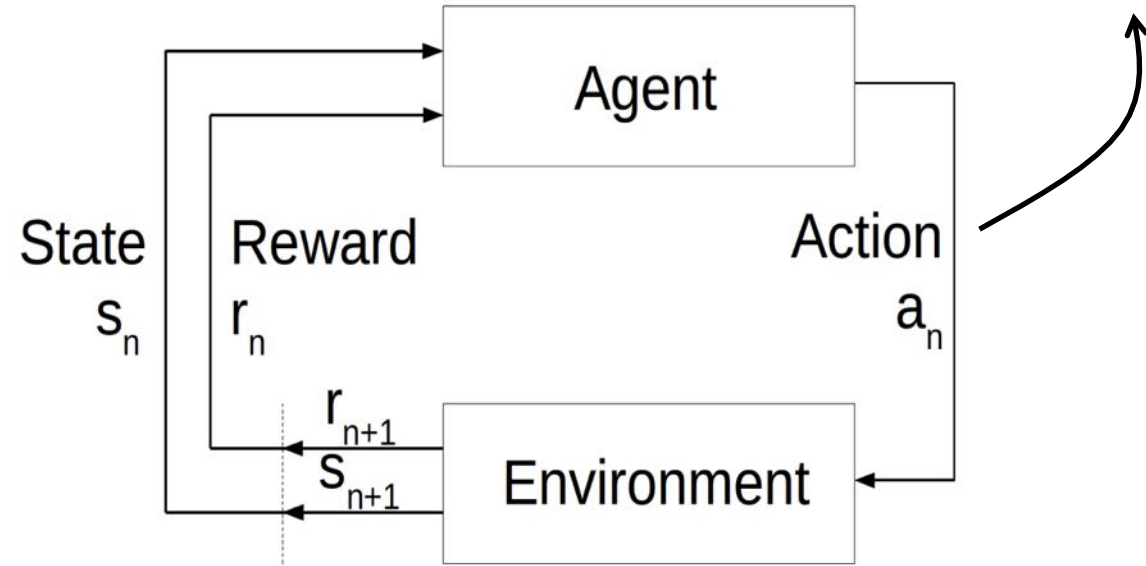
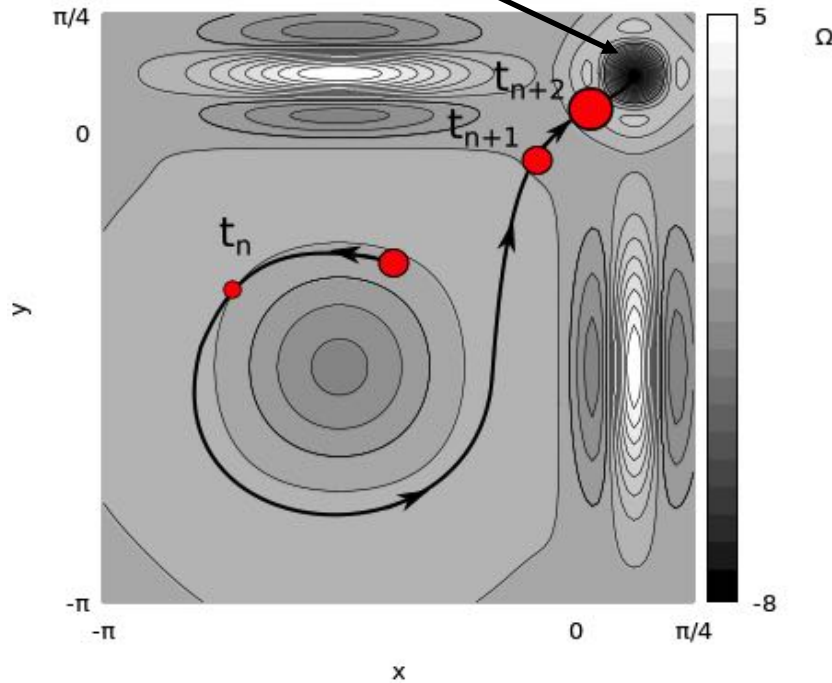


SMART INFLATABLE/DEFLATABLE INERTIAL PARTICLES IN COMPLEX FLOWS

TARGET

POLICY  $\pi : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{a}$

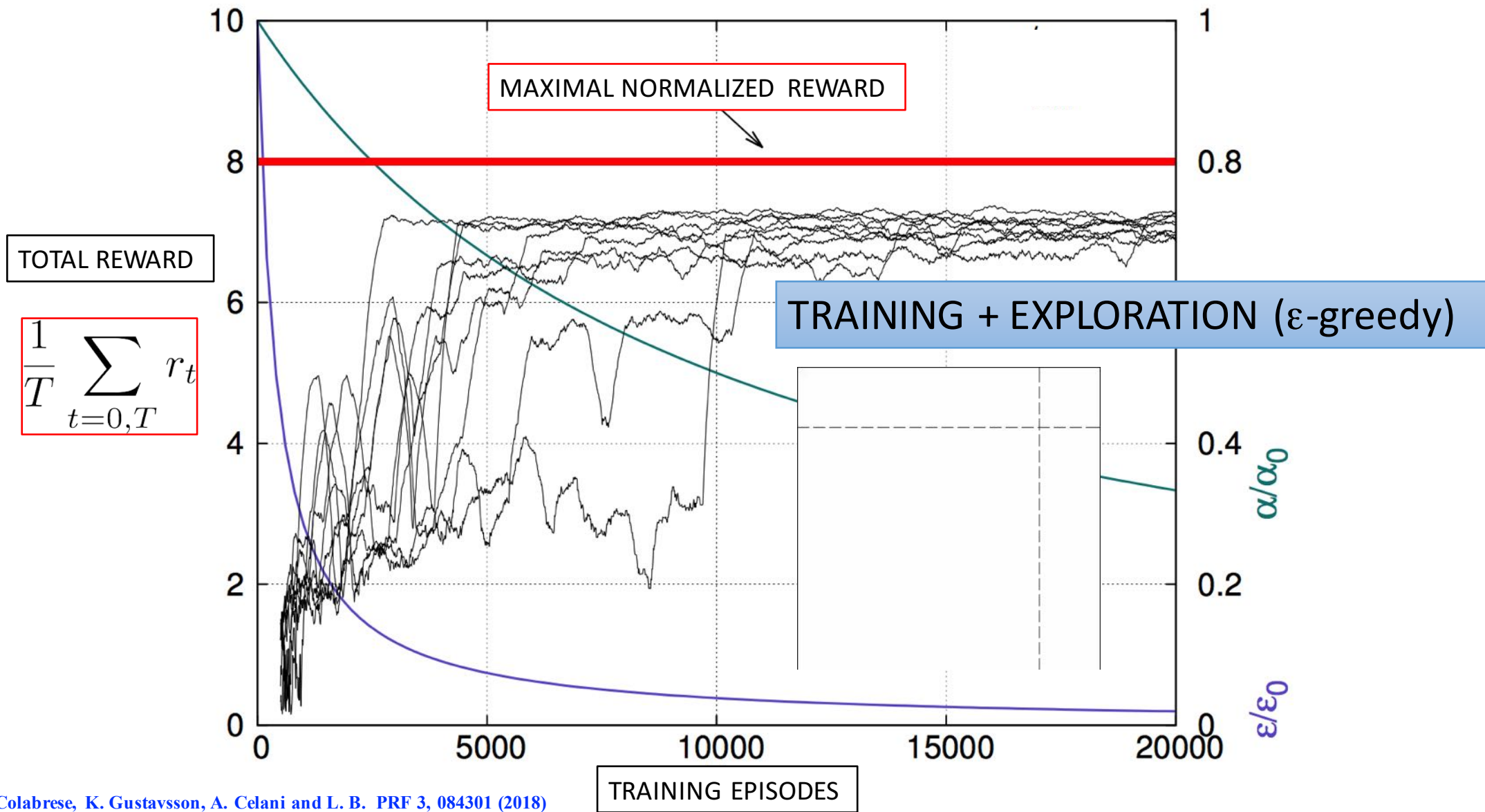
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**Reinforcement learning** is a framework to find a good (optimal) POLICY for achieving given long-term tasks. It is widely used in artificial intelligence and machine learning. It is based on the interaction between a decision-maker (in our case the inertial particle) and the environment. The decision maker can change its behaviour in response to inputs from the system (in our case the flow). By trial and error the decision maker progressively learns how to behave optimally.

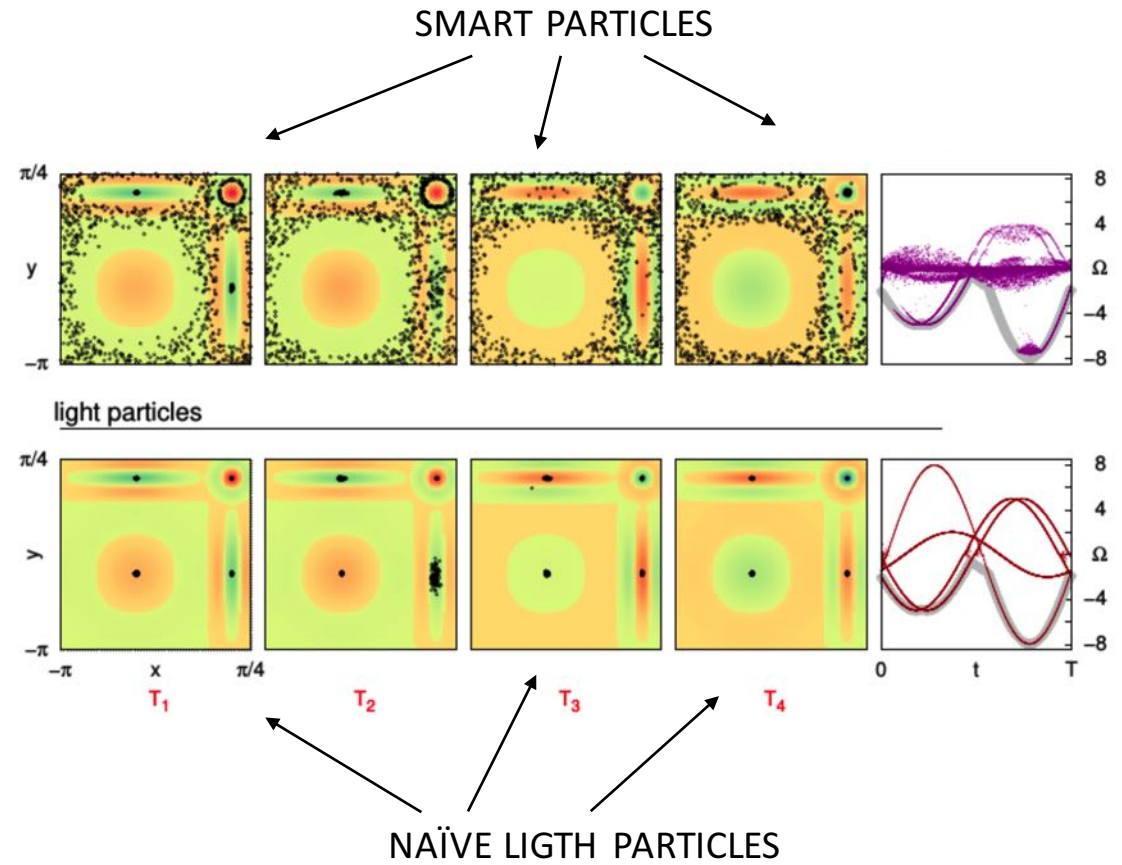
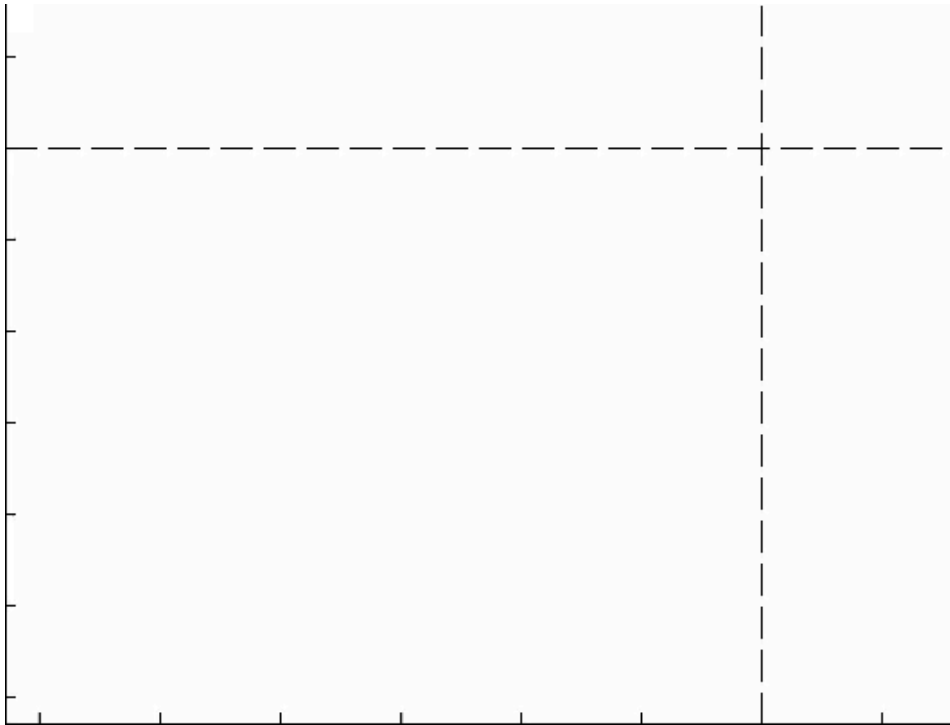
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# SMART INERTIAL PARTICLES TRAINED TO FOLLOW HIGHEST VORTICITY REGION IN A TIME DEPENDENT FLOW

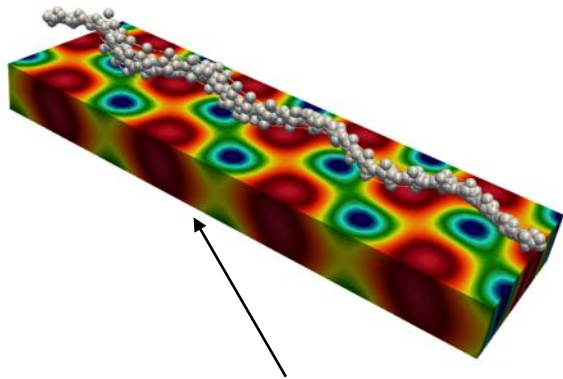


## ASYMMETRIC ABC FLOW

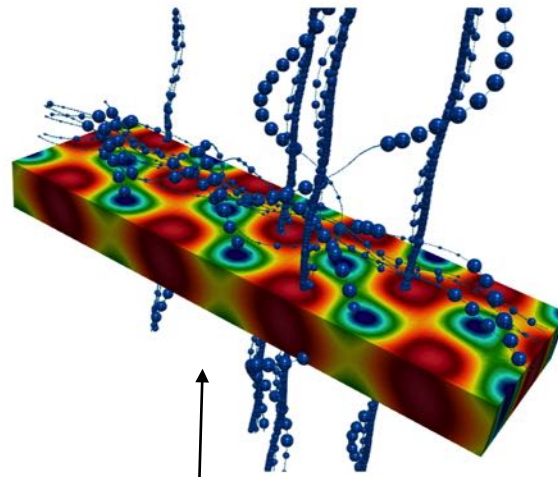
$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = (C \cos y + A \sin z, A \cos z + B \sin x, B \cos x + C \sin y) \quad [4A=2B=C=1]$$

**Task:** Optimize long-term vorticity  $|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|$  by perception of  $\Omega_z$  or  $\Omega_x$

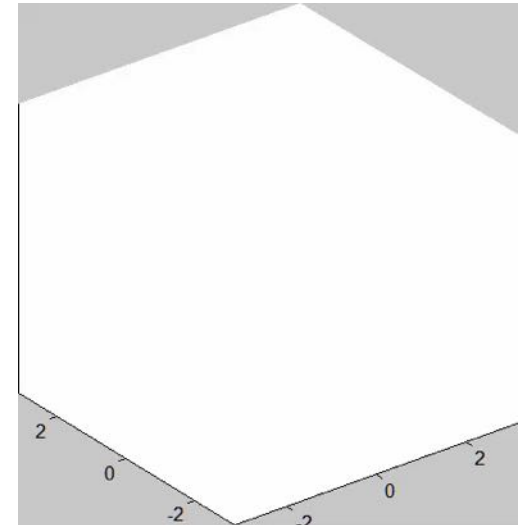
-different setup:  $St$  fixed



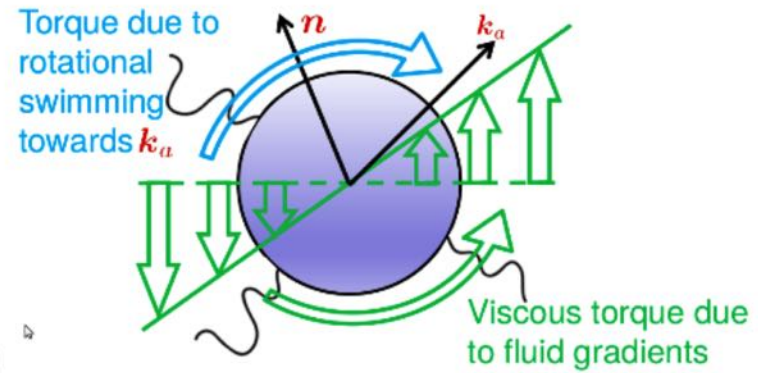
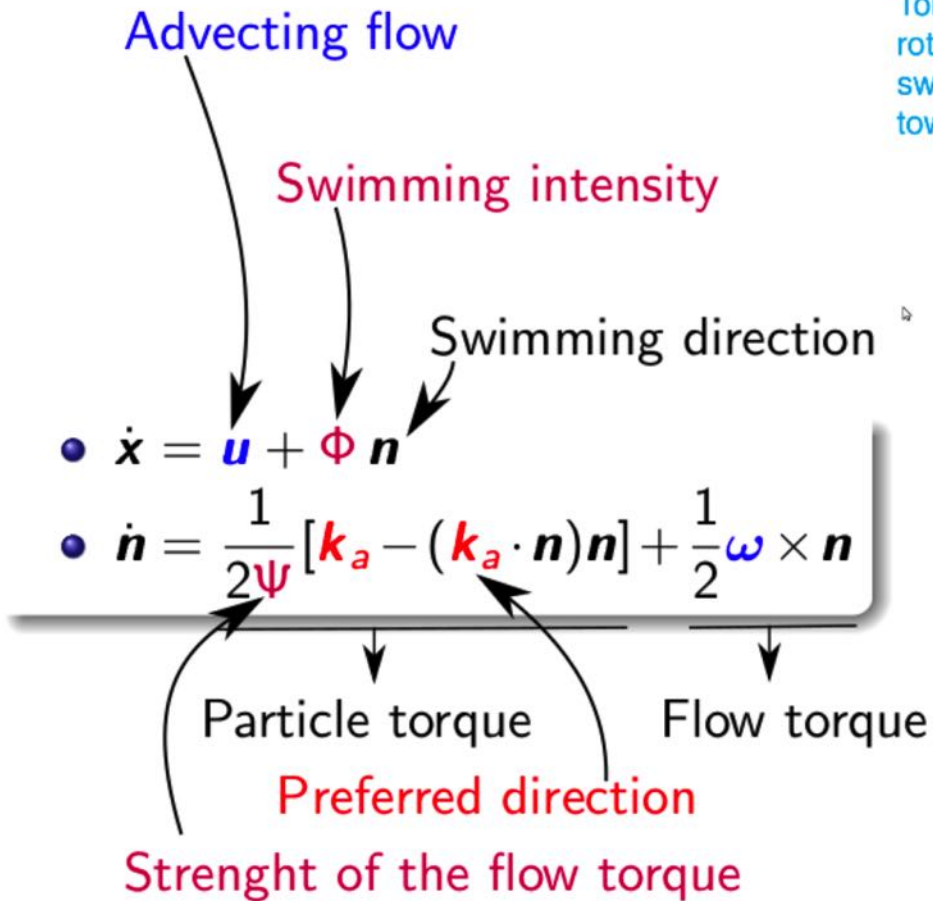
Light particles distribute on minor vortices



Smart particle learns to target principal vortices







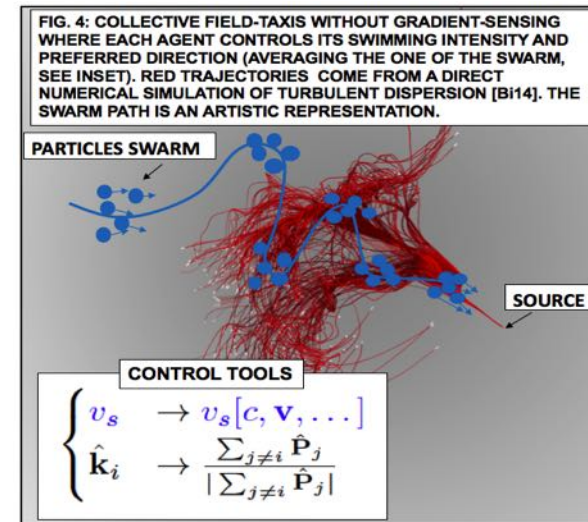
Free Particle parameters

If  $\Phi \rightarrow 0, \Psi \rightarrow \infty$   
passive swimmer

Flow properties

Direction to be modified  
depending on  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$

1. IS IT POSSIBLE TO **PREFERENTIALLY TRACK** INTENSE (LARGE- OR SMALL-SCALE) STRUCTURES?
2. CAN WE INVENT IN-SILICO EXPERIMENTS TO ENGINEER A (LAGRANGIAN) WAY TO **CONTROL/STUDY** TURBULENCE?
3. CAN WE IDENTIFY THE **KEY DEGREES-OF-FREEDOM** TO **RECONSTRUCT** THE FLOW (KEY FLOW STRUCTURES)?
4. CAN WE TRAIN A **SWARM** OF AGENTS TO PERFORM FIELD-TAXIS IN COMPLEX FLOWS?



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