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# **Turbulence under rotation** *Eulerian and Lagrangian statistics*



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ROTATING TURBULENCE



# FLUID DYNAMICS UNDER ROTATION



**ROTATING PLASMA**  
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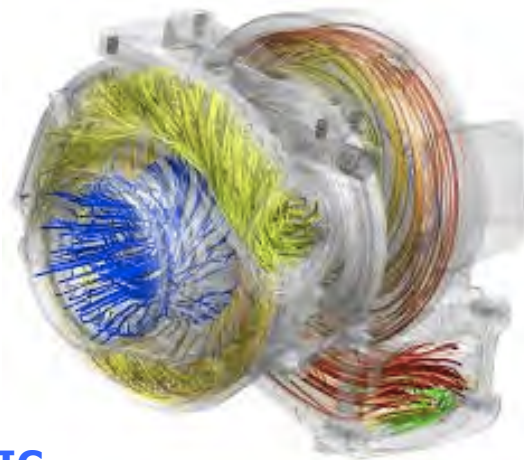


**ROTATING CONVECTION**



**CYCLONIC-ANTICYCLONIC**  
DYNAMICS

**TURBOMACHINERY**



**INNER/OUTER PLANETARY DYNAMICS**

# GEOPHYSICAL ROTATING FLOWS

Earth rotation rate =  $\Omega = 7.2921 \times 10^{-5}$  rad/s

Coriolis parameter =  $f = 2 \Omega \sin(\varphi) = 10^{-4}$  rad/s at mid latitudes

**Rossby number =  $Ro = V/(f L)$**

$Ro$  small  $\rightarrow$  Coriolis forces dominate

$Ro \sim 0.1$

$Ro$  large  $\rightarrow$  Inertial/centrifugal forces dominate  $Ro \sim 100-1000$

**Reynolds number =  $Re = VL/\nu$**

$Re$  small  $\rightarrow$  viscous forces dominate

$Re \sim 1$

$Re$  large  $\rightarrow$  Turbulence dominate

$Re \sim 10^6 - 10^{10}$



**Tornado  $Ro \sim 1000$**

wind speeds are large,  $Re$  large

**Ocean  $Ro \sim 0.01-0.1$**

current speeds are small,  $Re$  large

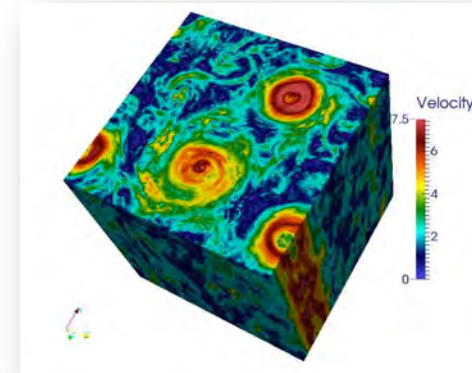




# PLAN

DIRECT AND INVERSE KINETIC ENERGY TRANSFERS

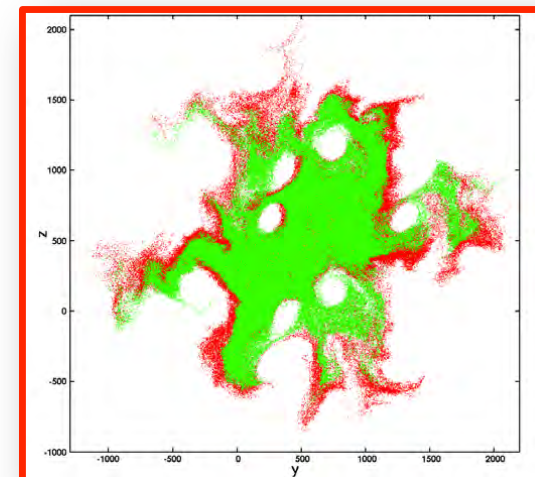
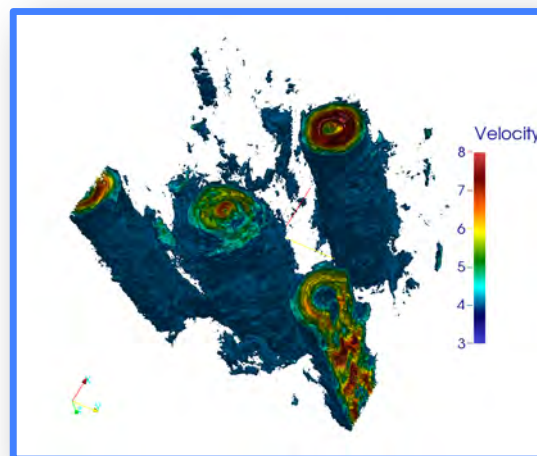
NUMERICAL EXPERIMENT : DNS@CINECA



**EULERIAN STATISTICS** : i.e. measured at fixed spatial points

**LAGRANGIAN STATISTICS** : i.e. . measured along particle trajectories

CONCLUSIONS



# ROTATING TURBULENCE : *background*

## Rossby-Reynolds parameter space

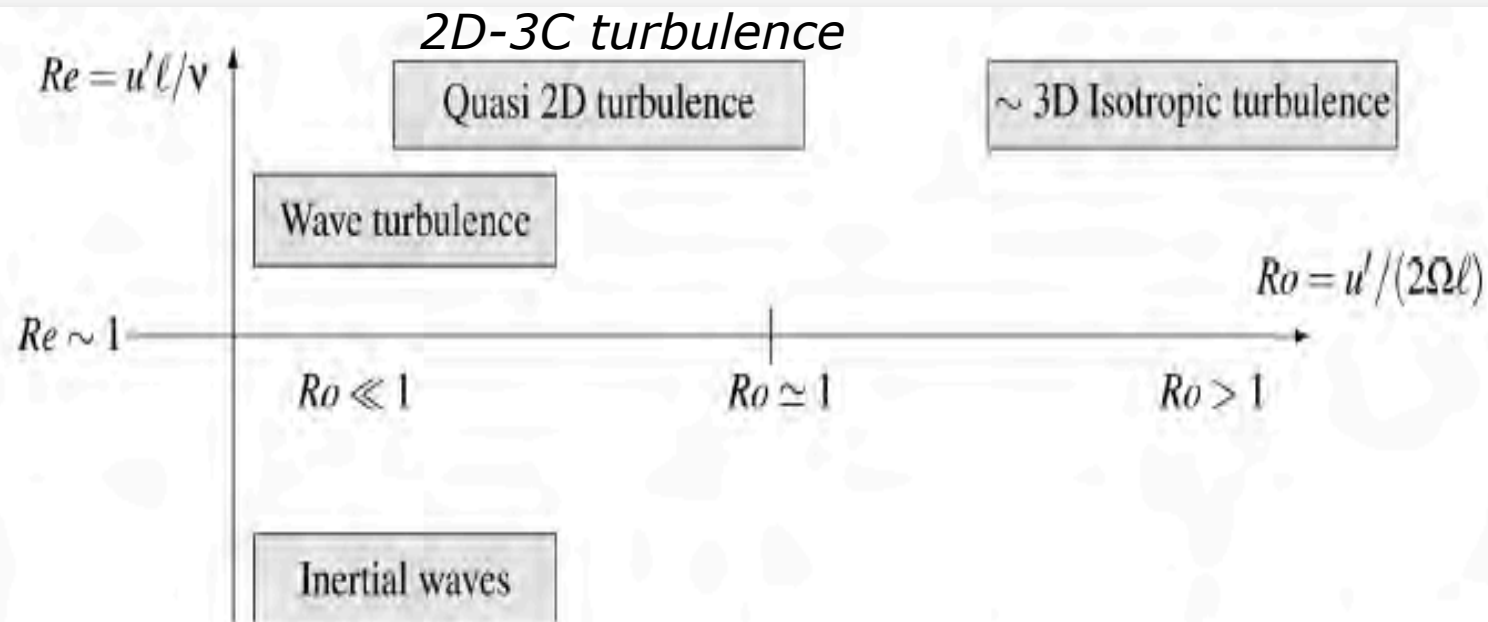


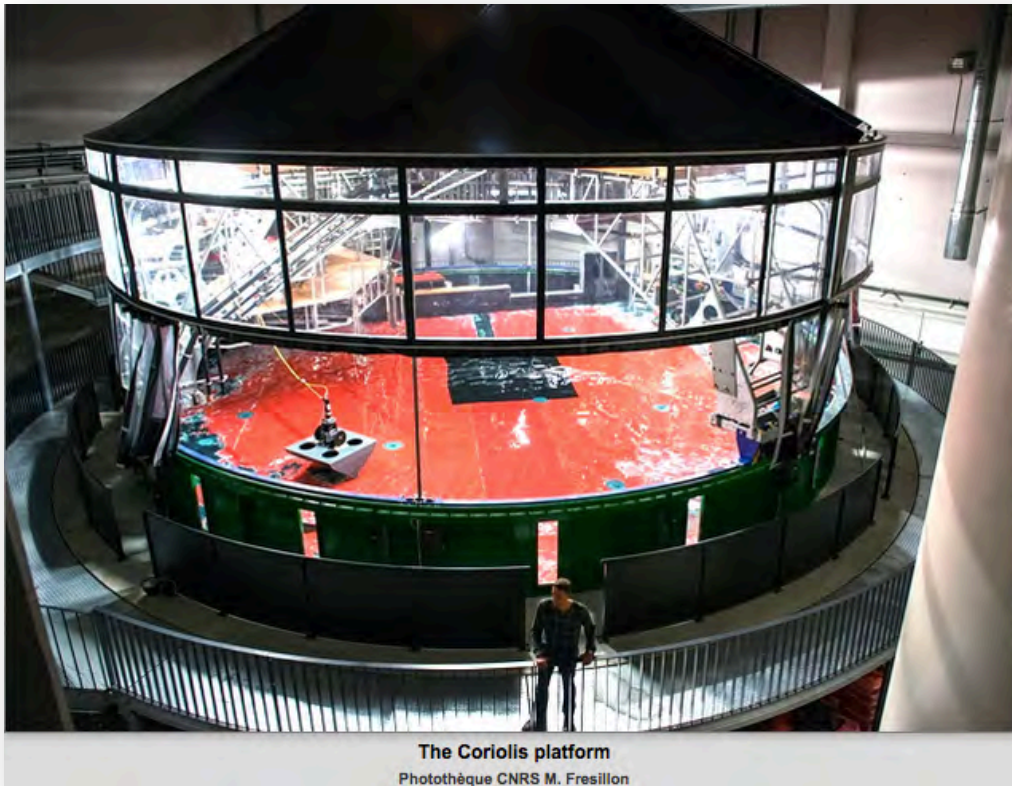
Fig. 1 Schematic of the different regimes of rotating turbulence in the Rossby-Reynolds parametric plane

(Godefert & Moisy, Applied Mechanis Review 67, 2015)

# ROTATING TURBULENCE : *lab experiment*

## Coriolis Facility- LEGI, Grenoble

13 mt diameter – fluid dynamics largest rotating platform in the world



## Cyclone-Anticyclone Asymmetry

- Cyclones merge into large ones
- Anticyclones are weaker and less compact
- Background of vorticity fluctuations of random sign advected by large-scale mostly cyclonic vortices

## Decaying Experiment, *J. Fluid Mech.* 2011

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F. Moisy, C. Morize, M. Rabaud and J. Sommeria

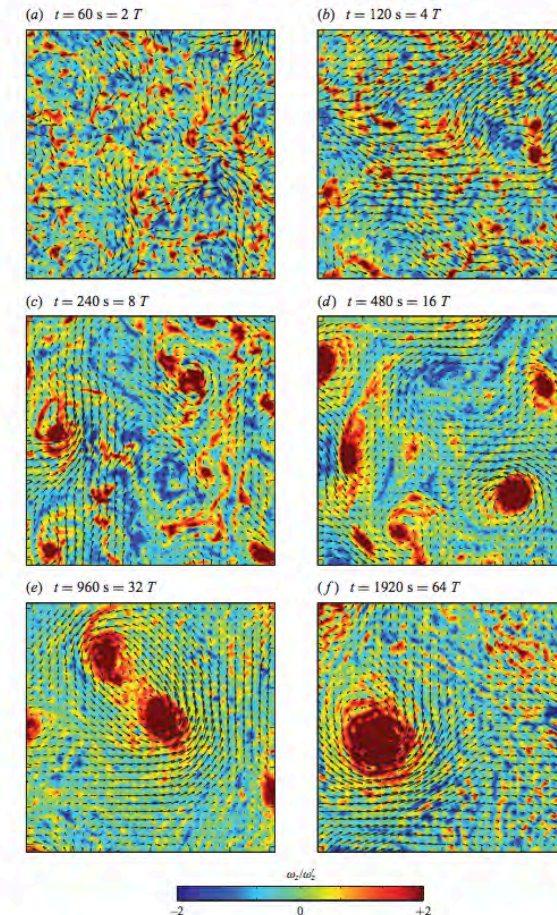


FIGURE 15. Sequence of six snapshots of the velocity and vertical vorticity fields,  $\omega_z$ , measured in a horizontal plane  $(x, y)$  at mid-height for  $\Omega = 0.20 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ . The imaged area is  $1.3 \text{ m} \times 1.3 \text{ m}$ , representing 4.6% of the tank section. The tank rotation is anticlockwise. Positive and negative vorticity indicate cyclones (in red) and anticyclones (in blue), respectively. The colour range is normalized by the r.m.s.  $\omega_z^{\text{rms}}$  computed for each time.

# Homogeneous Navier-Stokes eqs. in a Rotating Frame

(no walls or other boundaries)

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} + \underbrace{2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v}}_{\text{Coriolis force}} = -\nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{F} - \alpha \mathbf{v}$$

$\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  = rotation

$$P = P_0 + \frac{1}{2} |\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}|^2$$

$\mathbf{F}$  = Large-scale Forcing

$\alpha$  = Large-scale energy sink

ROSSBY NUMBER  $\sim$  NON-LINEAR/ROTATION

$$Ro = \frac{V_0}{\Omega L_0}$$

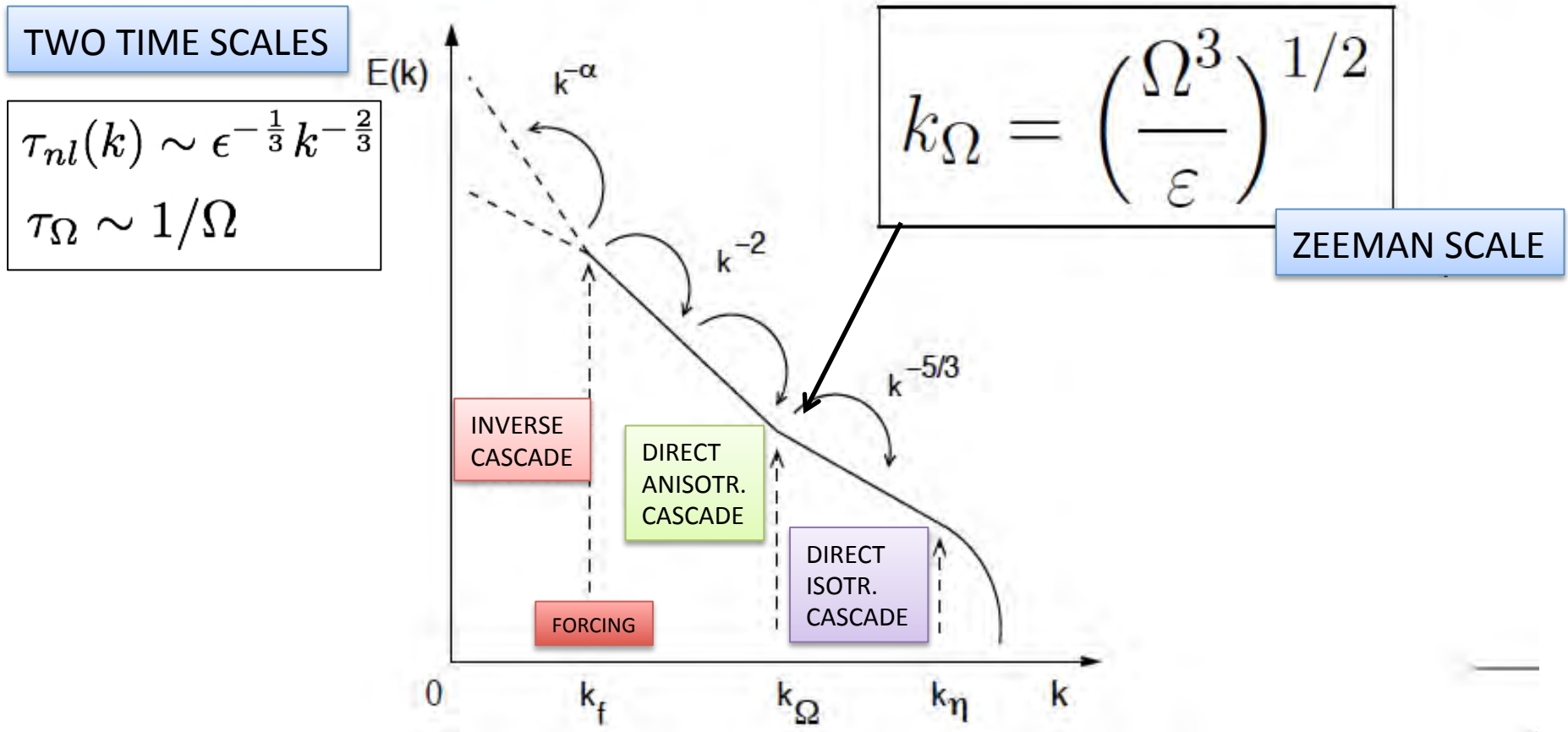
$Ro \geq Ro_c \rightarrow$  **FORWARD KINETIC ENERGY CASCADE**

$Ro \leq Ro_c \rightarrow$  **FORWARD & BACKWARD ENERGY CASCADE**

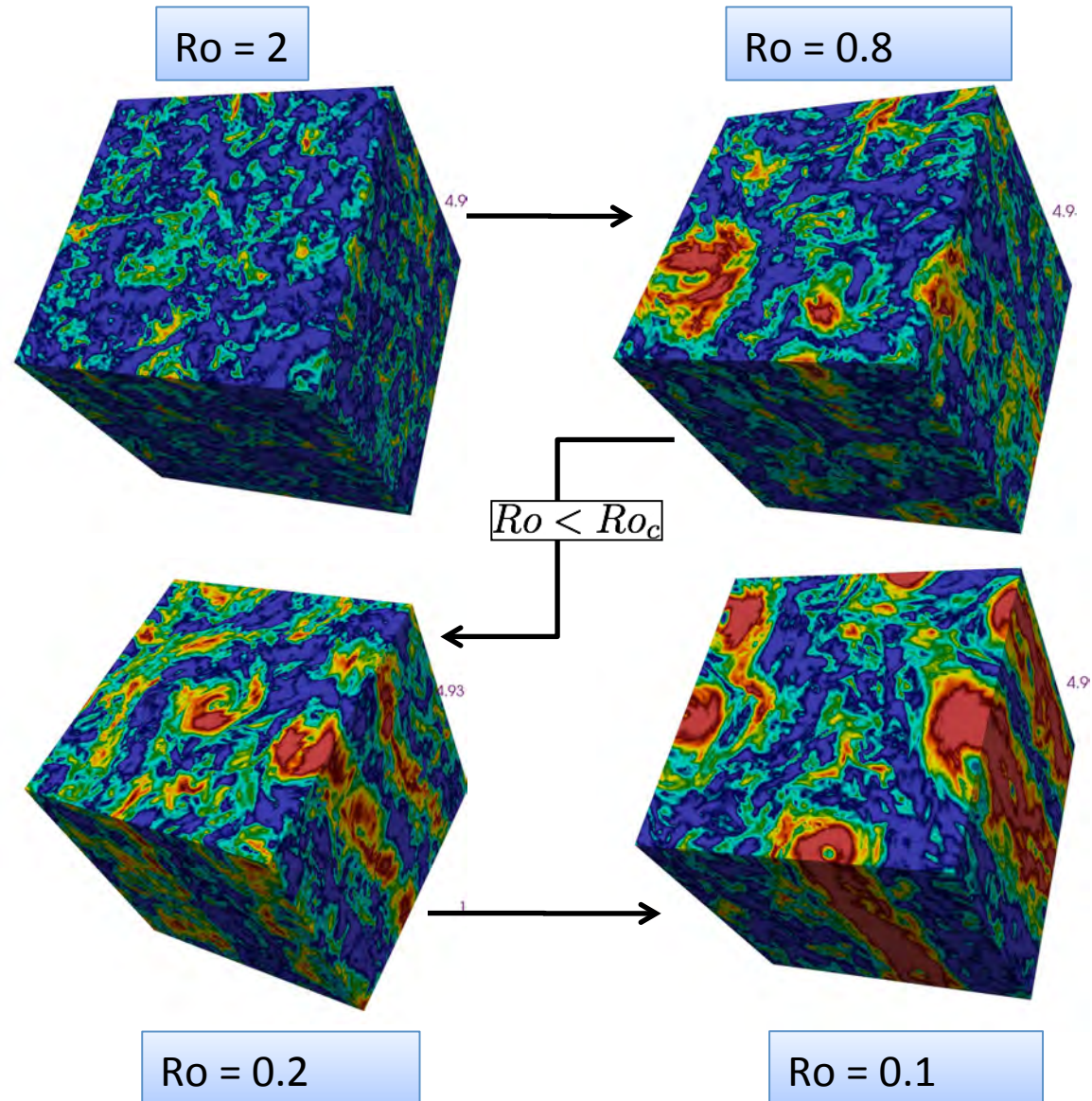


# DIMENSIONAL ARGUMENT FOR THE ENERGY SPECTRUM BEHAVIOUR

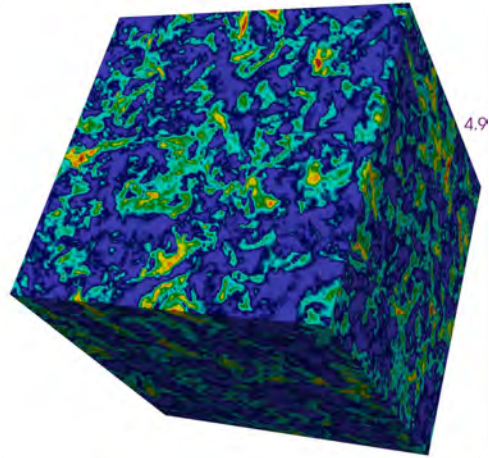
- $k > k_\Omega$   $\rightarrow E(k) \sim \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$
- $k_f < k < k_\Omega$   $\rightarrow E(k) \sim (\varepsilon \Omega)^{1/2} k^{-2} \leftrightarrow \tau_{tr}(k) \sim \frac{\tau_{nl}(k)^2}{\tau_\Omega}$
- $k < k_f$   $\rightarrow E(k) \sim \Omega^2 k^{-3}$  ?  $E(k) \sim k^{-5/3}$



# COEXISTENCE OF 2D AND 3D PHENOMENOLOGY IN HOMOGENEOUS ANISOTROPIC TURBULENCE

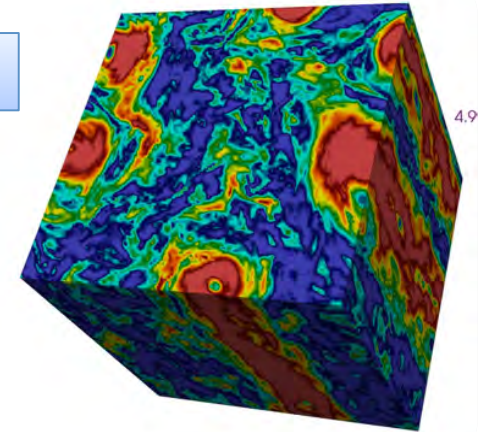


# MAIN QUESTIONS



Ro = 2

Ro = 0.1



How much **LARGE-SCALE STRUCTURES** influence Eulerian and Lagrangian dynamics ?

Is their statistical signature **UNIVERSAL** ?

Can we disentangle the effects of **inertial waves - columnar structures - turbulent background** ?

Does the flow become **less intermittent** when it is fast rotating?



## KEY FEATURES:

- 1) **Ideal forcing mechanism:** Statistically Isotropic and Homogeneous (non helical), Gaussian, stochastic 2<sup>nd</sup> order Ornstein – Uhlebeck process (not white noise!)



### Code details

- Pseudo-Spectral
- Exact integration rotation
- Pencil FFT, HDF5 I/O
- Particles injected with different rotation axis  
→Memory/CPU balance

- 2) **Large-scale friction** to avoid pile-up of energy at large scales
- 3) **Unprecedented Numerical Resolution** : grid points up to  $N^3 = 4096^3$
- 4) **Lagrangian Dynamics:** millions of tracer & light particles & heavy particles (*see it later*)

$N$	$\Omega$	$\nu$	$\epsilon$	$\epsilon_f$	$u_0$	$\eta/dx$	$\tau_\eta/dt$	$Re_\lambda$	$Ro$	$f_0$	$\tau_f$	$T_0$	$\alpha$
1024	4	$7 \times 10^{-4}$	1.2	1.2	1.05	0.67	120	150	0.78	0.02	0.023	0.17	0.0
1024	10	$6 \times 10^{-4}$	0.46	0.59	1.6	0.76	294	580	0.24	0.02	0.023	0.25	0.1
2048	4	$2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	1.2	1.2	1.05	0.67	380	230	0.76	0.02	0.023	0.17	0.0
2048	10	$2.2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.45	0.64	1.7	0.72	550	1170	0.25	0.02	0.023	0.3	0.1
4096	10	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	0.46	0.65	1.7	0.78	1010	1600	0.25	0.02	0.023	0.3	0.1

TABLE I: Eulerian dynamics parameters.  $N$ : number of collocation points per spatial direction;  $\Omega$ : rotation rate;  $\nu$ : kinematic viscosity;  $\epsilon = \nu \int d^3x \sum_{i,j} (\nabla_i u_j)^2$ : viscous energy dissipation;  $\epsilon_f = \int d^3x \sum_i f_i u_i$ : energy injection;  $u_0 = 1/3 \int d^3x \sum_i u_i^2$ : mean kinetic energy;  $\eta = (\nu^3/\epsilon)^{1/4}$ : Kolmogorov dissipative scale;  $dx = L_0/N$ : numerical grid spacing;  $L_0 = 2\pi$ : box size;  $\tau_\eta = (\nu/\epsilon)^{1/2}$ : Kolmogorov dissipative time;  $Re_\lambda = (u_0\lambda)/\nu$ : Reynolds number based on the Taylor micro-scale;  $\lambda = (15\nu u_0^2/\epsilon)^{1/2}$ : Taylor micro-scale;  $Ro = (\epsilon_f k_f)^{1/3}/\Omega$ : Rossby number defined in terms of the energy injection properties, where  $k_f = 5$  is the wavenumber where the forcing is acting;  $f_0$ : intensity of the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck forcing;  $\tau_f$ : decorrelation time of the forcing;  $T_0 = u_0/L_0$ : Eulerian large-scale eddy turn over time;  $\alpha$ : coefficient of the damping term  $\alpha \Delta^{-1} \mathbf{u}$ .

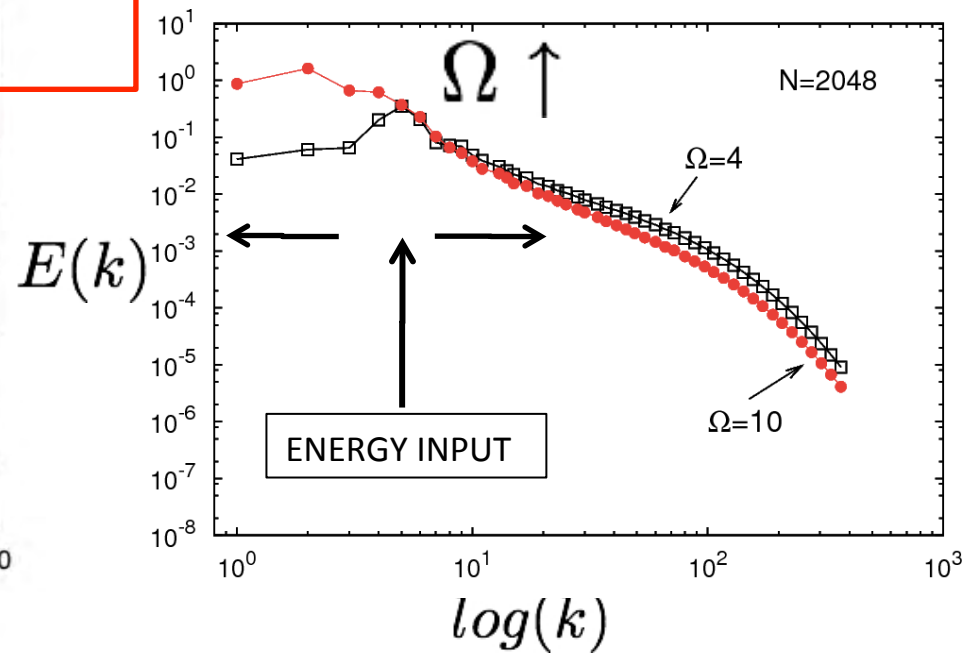
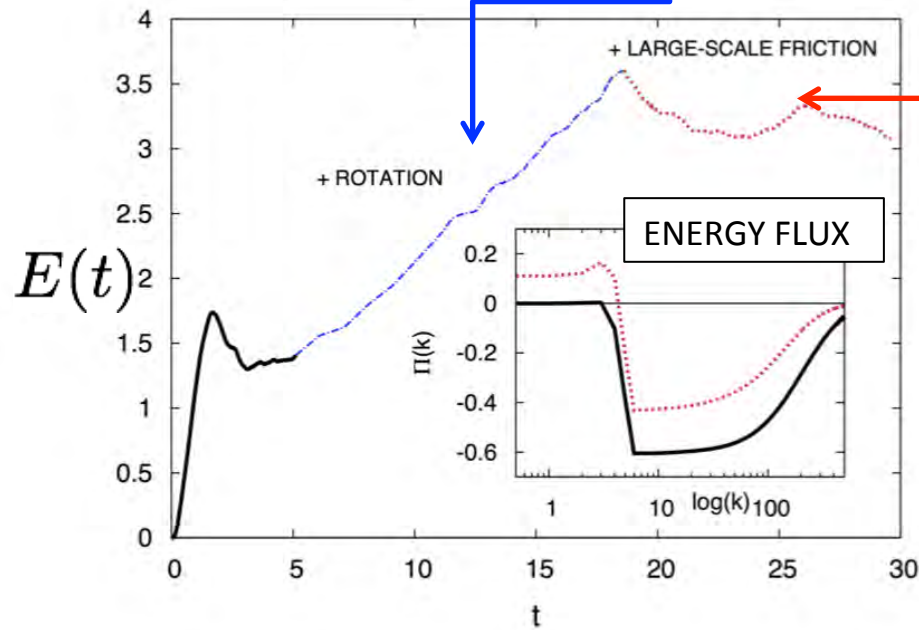


# Steady State in Rotating Navier-Stokes

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v} = -\nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{F} - \alpha \mathbf{v}$$

ROTATION

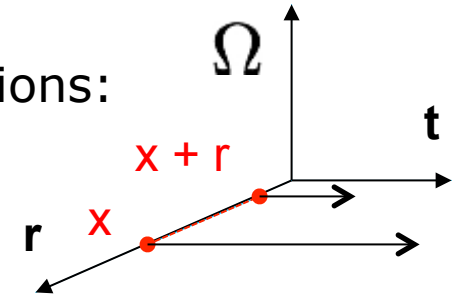
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# A WAY to DISENTANGLE TURBULENCE from VORTICES

Decompose the total VELOCITY field  $\mathbf{v}$  into a two-dimensional with 3 components field + 3D fluctuations:

$$\mathbf{v}_{TOT}(x, y, z|t) = \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{2D}(x, y|t) + \mathbf{v}'(x, y, z|t)$$

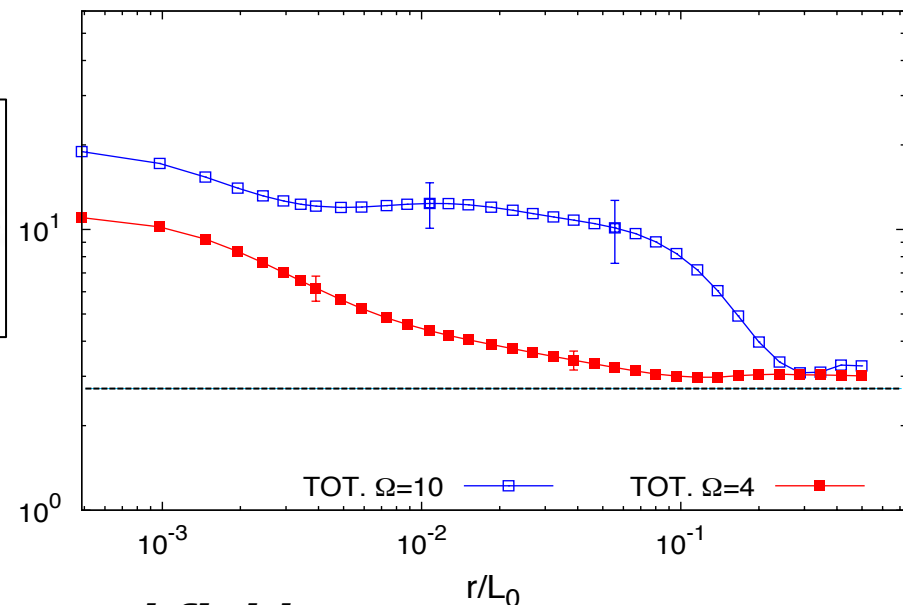


And measure transverse, perpendicular moments:

$$S_{\perp}^{(n)} = \langle [(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{t}}]^n \rangle$$

FLATNESS

$$K_{\perp}^{(4)}(r) \equiv \frac{S_{\perp}^{(4)}(r)}{(S_{\perp}^{(2)}(r))^2}$$



***Much above Gaussian value,  
but No scaling if we consider the total field***

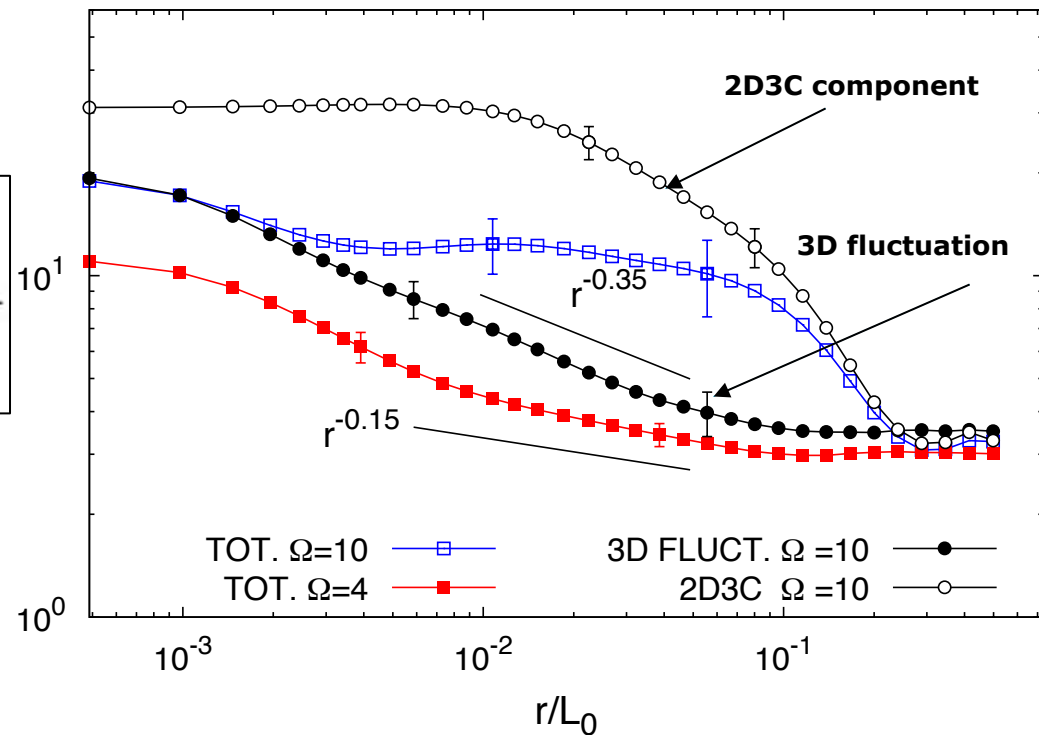
# INTERMITTENT BEHAVIOUR

2D3C mean field      3D fluctuating field

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- NON-GAUSSIAN properties need to be assessed with proper decomposition
- After filtering the 2D3C component, SCALE INTERMITTENT DEPENDANCE is back and differs from non rotating turbulence

# NEWTON LAW FOR INERTIAL PARTICLES – 1 way coupling

A small spherical partical of radius  $R$  and density  $\rho_p$  moving in a fluid of velocity  $u$  & density  $\rho_f$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \beta \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - \frac{1}{\tau_p}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) + 2(\mathbf{v} - \beta\mathbf{u}) \times \boldsymbol{\Omega} - (1 - \beta)\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$$

added mass

Stokes drag

Coriolis force

centripetal force

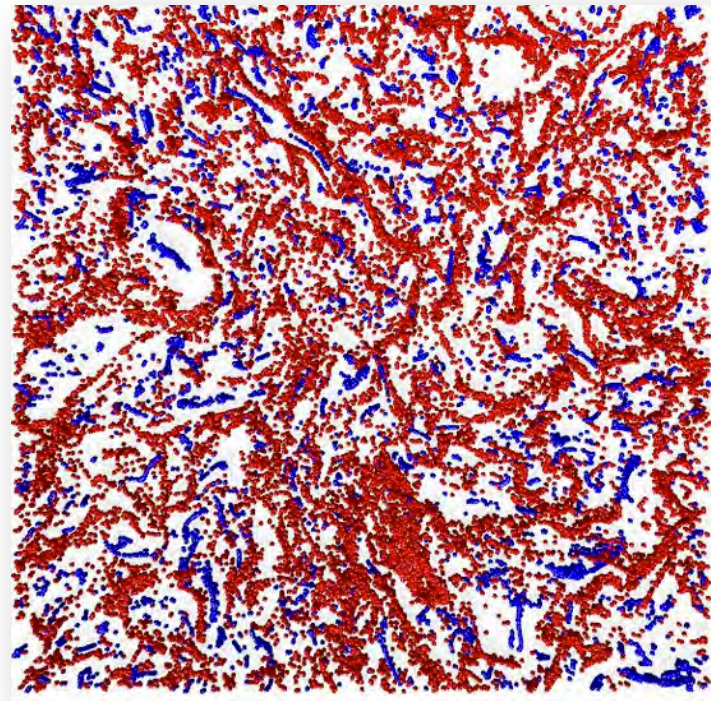
NEW

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

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

$$St = \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_\eta} \quad \tau_p = \frac{R^2}{3\nu\beta}$$

*Clustering of inertial particles in Homog. Isotr. Turbulence ( $\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \mathbf{0}$ )*



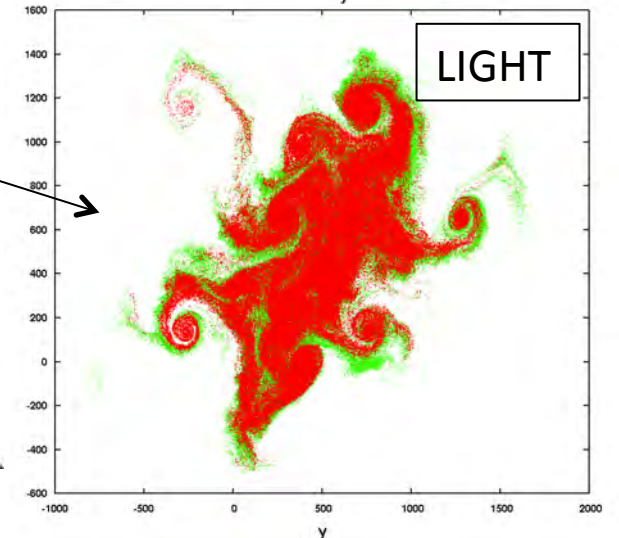
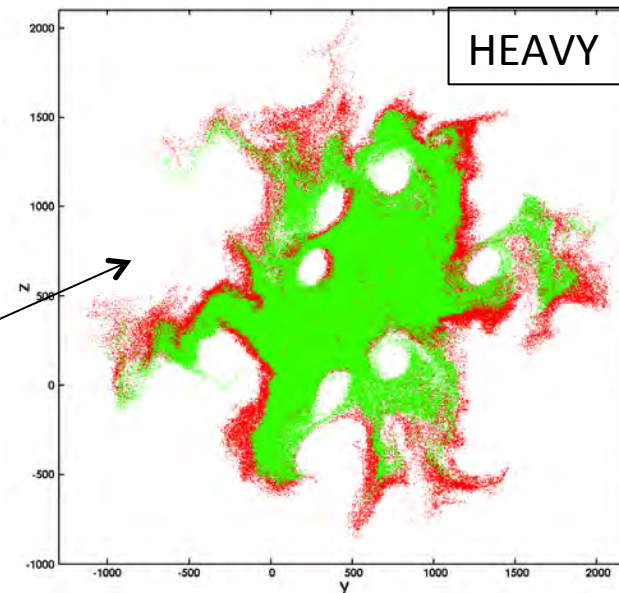


# HOW MUCH ROTATION MODIFIES CLUSTERING ?

## STRATEGY

128 INJECTION AXIS at random in the flow  
 10<sup>5</sup> PARTICLES PER INJECTION, PER FAMILY  
 + 10<sup>6</sup> PARTICLES PER FAMILY at random pos.

family	$\beta$	$St$	type
1	0.4	0.3	Heavy
2	0.4	0.7	
3	0.8	0.3	
4	0.8	0.7	
5	1.2	0.3	Light
6	1.2	0.7	
7	1.6	0.3	
8	1.6	0.7	
9	1.6	1	
10	1.6	5	



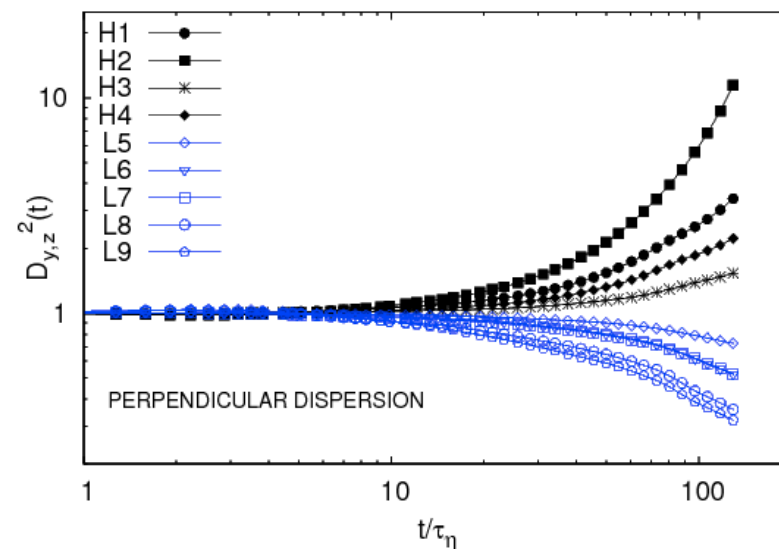
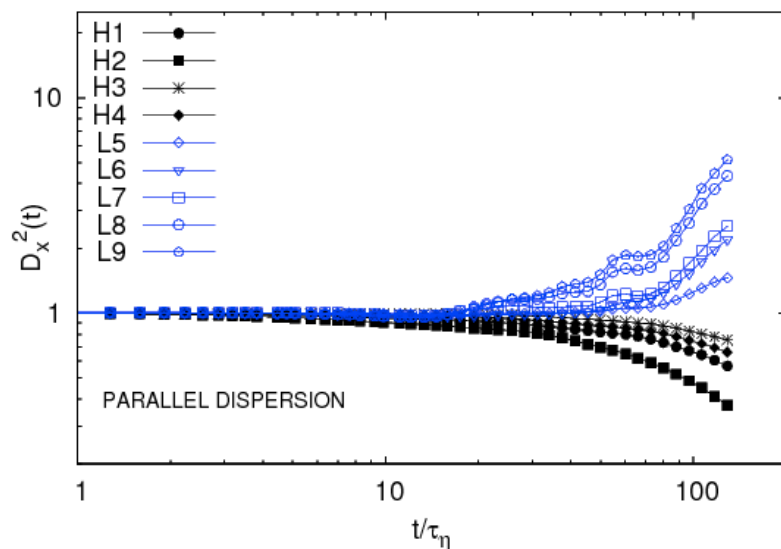
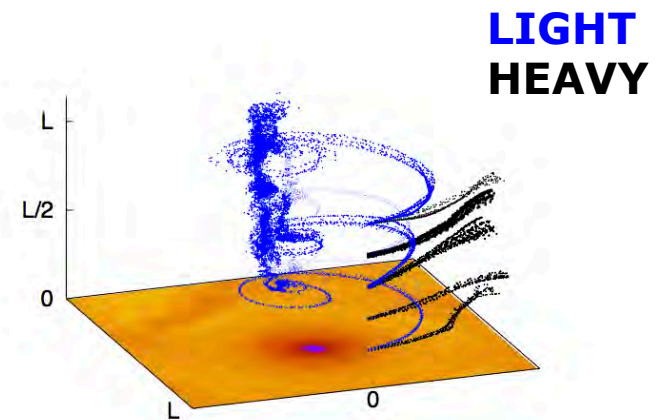
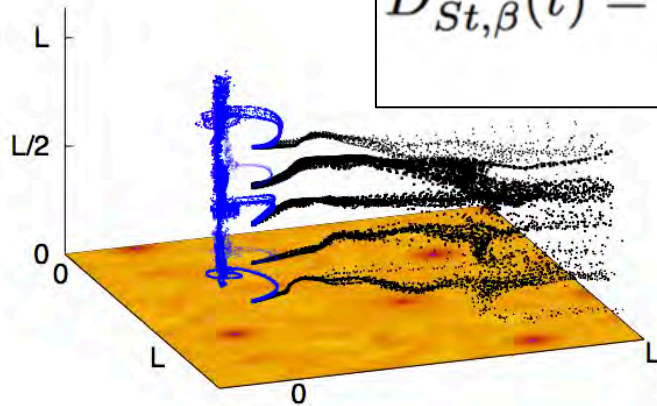
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \beta \frac{Du}{Dt} - \frac{1}{\tau_p}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) + 2(\mathbf{v} - \beta\mathbf{u}) \times \boldsymbol{\Omega} - (1 - \beta)\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$$

Centrifugal force effect depends on  $(\beta - 1)$

Centrifugal for heavy particles, centripetal for light particles

# ROTATION SINGULAR EFFECT ON PARTICLES DIFFUSION: lift/splash effect

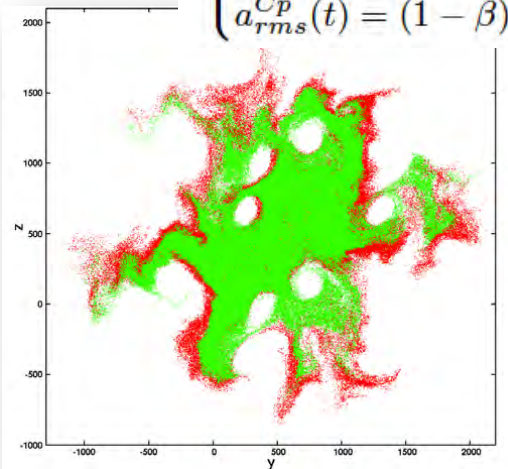
$$D_{St,\beta}^i(t) = \frac{\langle (r_t^i - r_0^i)^2 \rangle_{St,\beta}}{\langle (r_t^i - r_0^i)^2 \rangle_{tracer}}$$



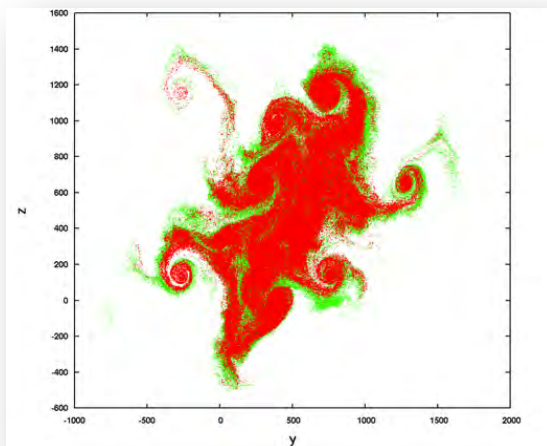
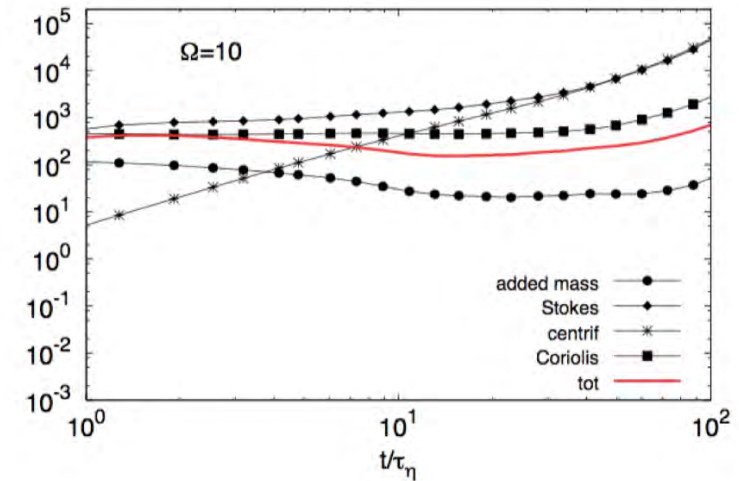
Light particles are **lifted** up and never explore the flow  
Heavy particles are **splashed** into planes perpendicular to the rotation

# DETAILED DYNAMICAL ANALYSIS

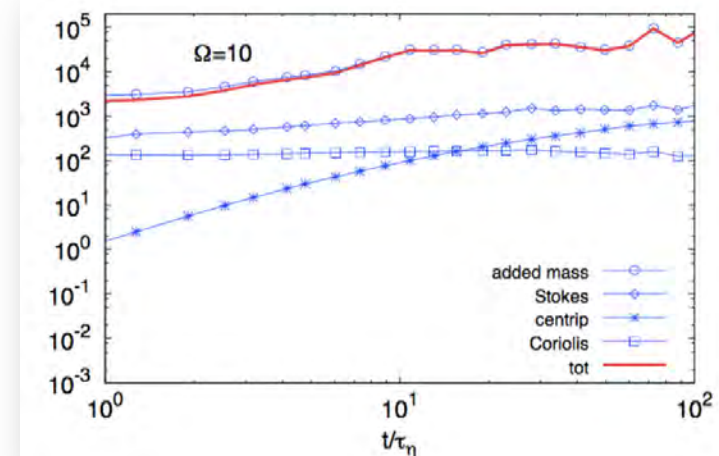
$$\begin{cases} a_{rms}^{tot}(t) = \langle \dot{\mathbf{v}}^2 \rangle; & \text{total} \\ a_{rms}^{am}(t) = \beta^2 \langle (D_t \mathbf{u})^2 \rangle; & \text{added mass} \\ a_{rms}^{St}(t) = 1/\tau_p^2 \langle (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u})^2 \rangle; & \text{Stokes drag} \\ a_{rms}^{Co}(t) = 4 \langle [\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\mathbf{v} - \beta \mathbf{u})]^2 \rangle; & \text{Coriolis} \\ a_{rms}^{Cp}(t) = (1 - \beta)^2 \langle [\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\mathbf{r}_t - \mathbf{r}_0))]^2 \rangle; & \text{centripetal.} \end{cases}$$



HEAVY



LIGHT



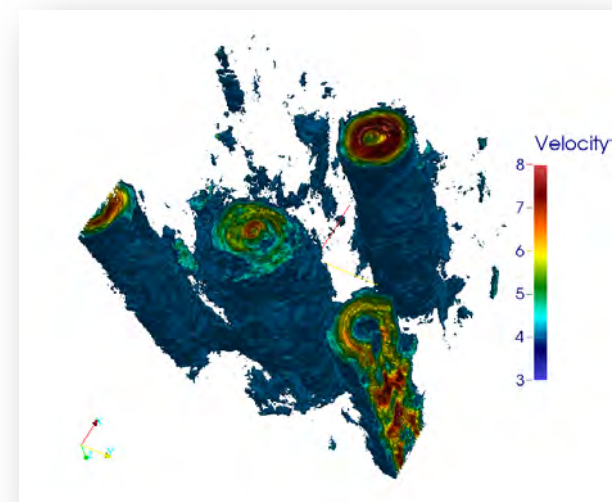
# SUMMARY

Within PRACE (55M hours), we performed a  
**HIGH-RESOLUTION ROTATING TURBULENCE STUDY**

First DNS able to SIMULTANEOUSLY control  
both **EULERIAN & LAGRANGIAN STATISTICS**

Accurate, Ideal SET-UP for Stationary, Rotating Turbulence  
**Homogeneous & Isotropic, time-colored forcing**  
**SCALE-SEPARATION** achieved by forcing intermediate modes

At  $Io\ Ro$ , we generally observe  
**breaking of cyclone/anticyclone symmetry**  
with few (three) equal sign vortices.  
Merging is not observed, but we can not exclude





# CONCLUSIONS

## **Rotation affects Vortical Structures & background turbulence:**

Universality of the statistics is not yet clear

Eulerian statistics show deviations from Gaussianity:

**crucial the way Intermittency is measured** (2D3C vs. 3D stat)

Vortical structures leave their signature on Lagrangian dynamics:

**inertial particles are natural probes for rotating flows**

## ***Coherent structures and extreme events in rotating multiphase turbulent flows***

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