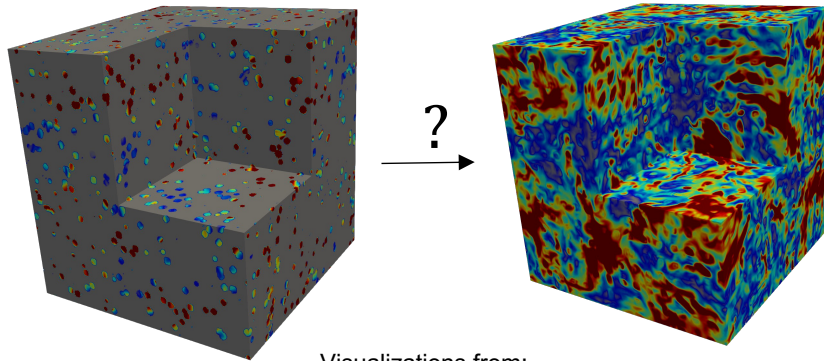
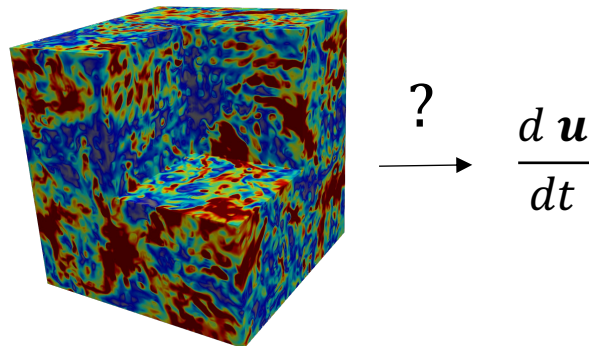


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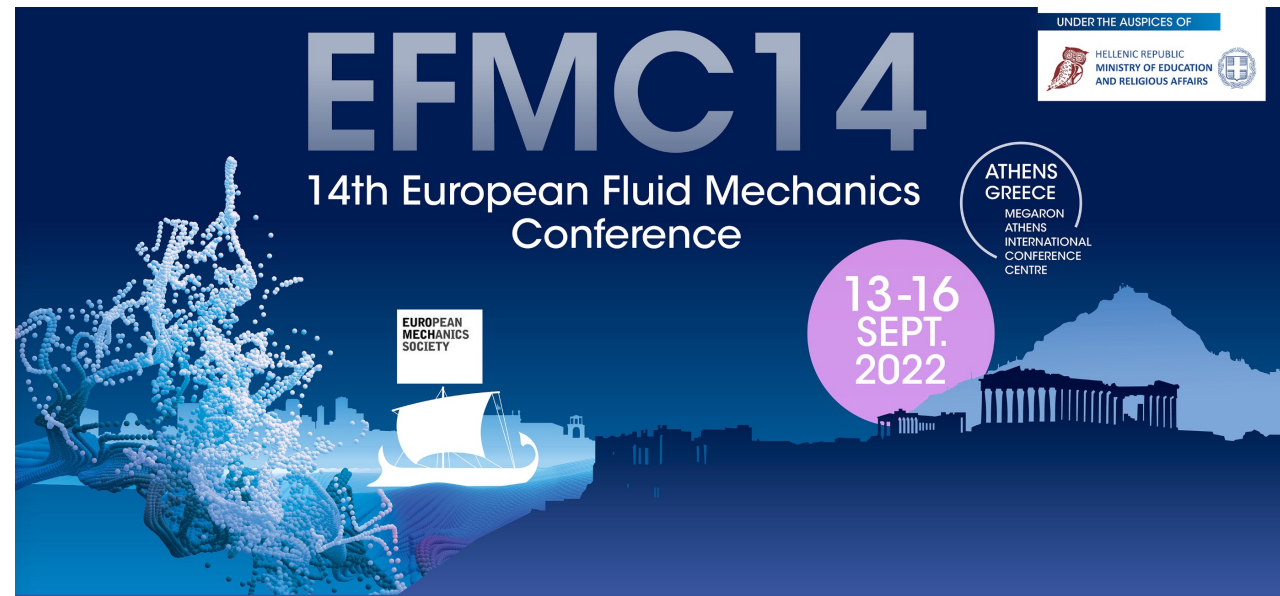


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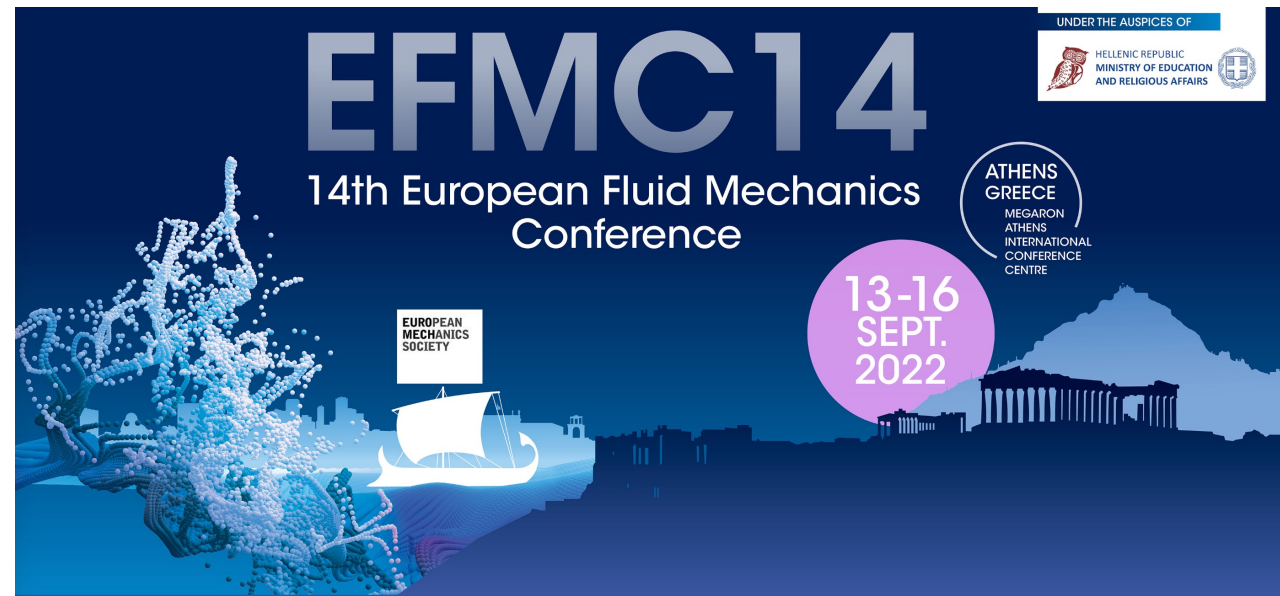
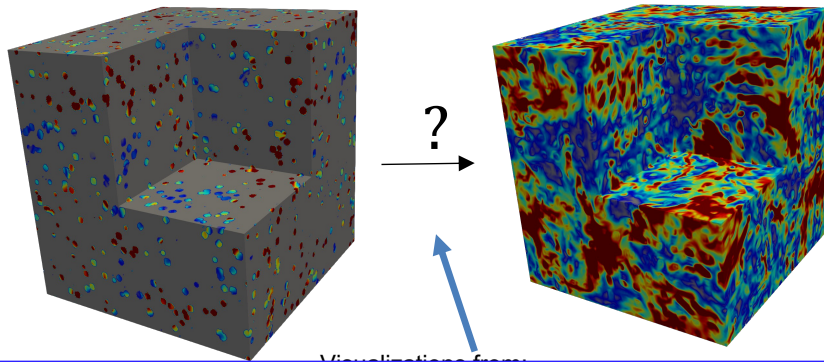
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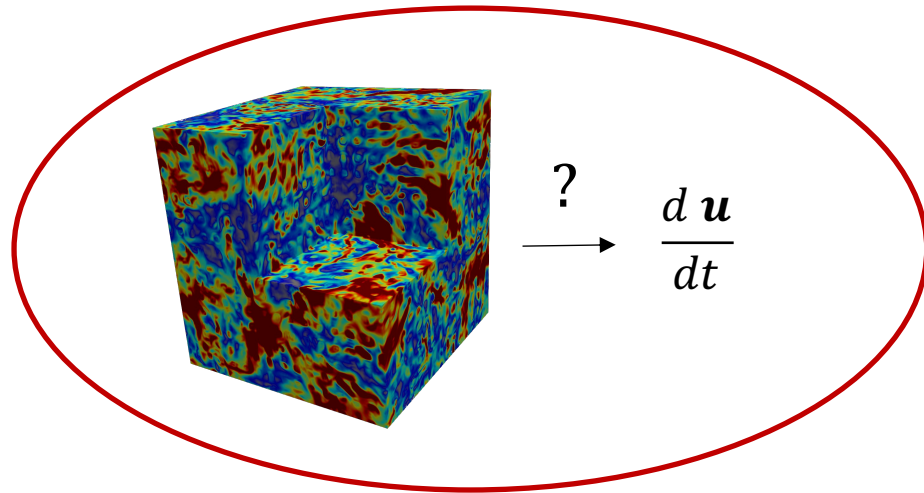
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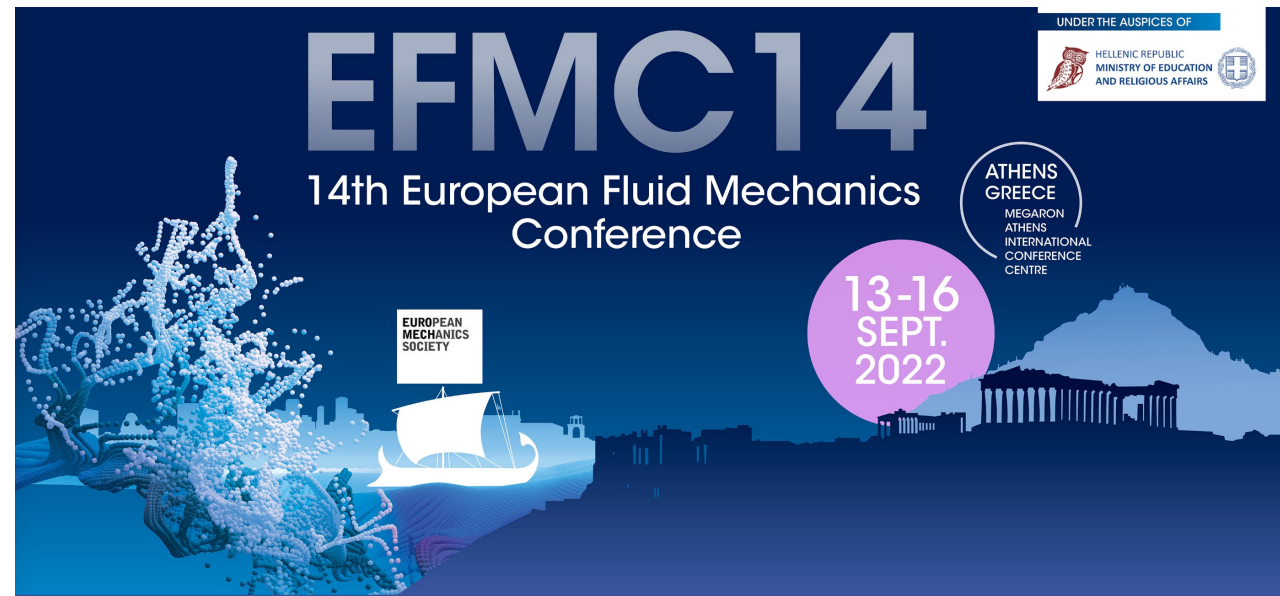


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Can we improve our data-analysis capability  
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systems?



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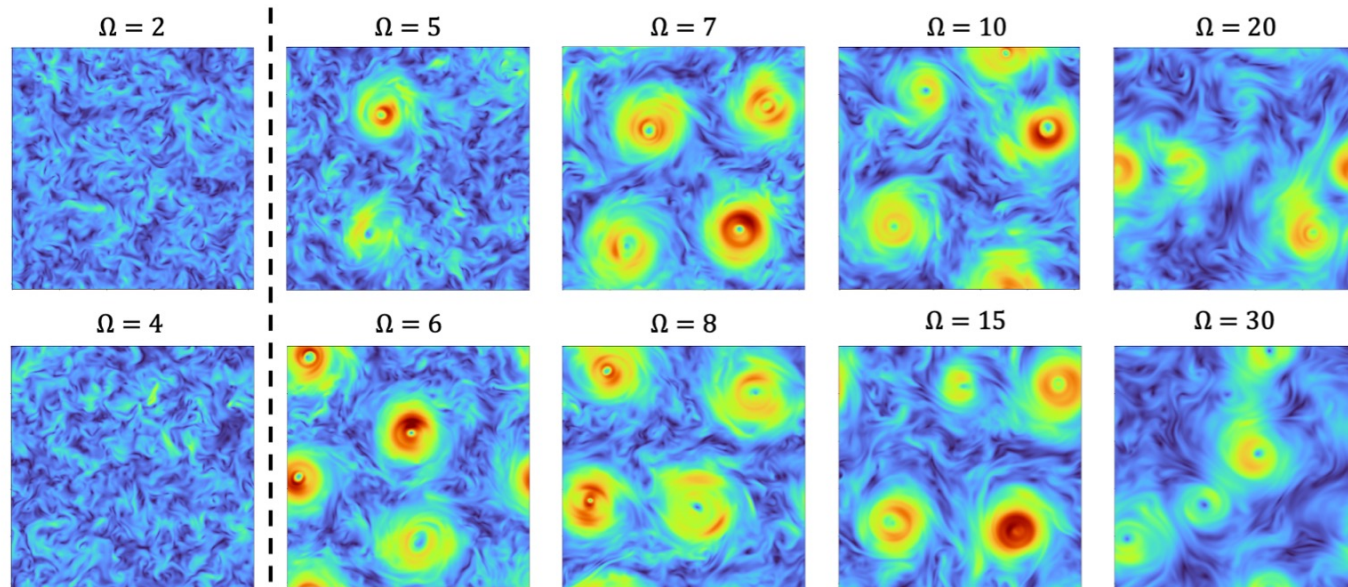
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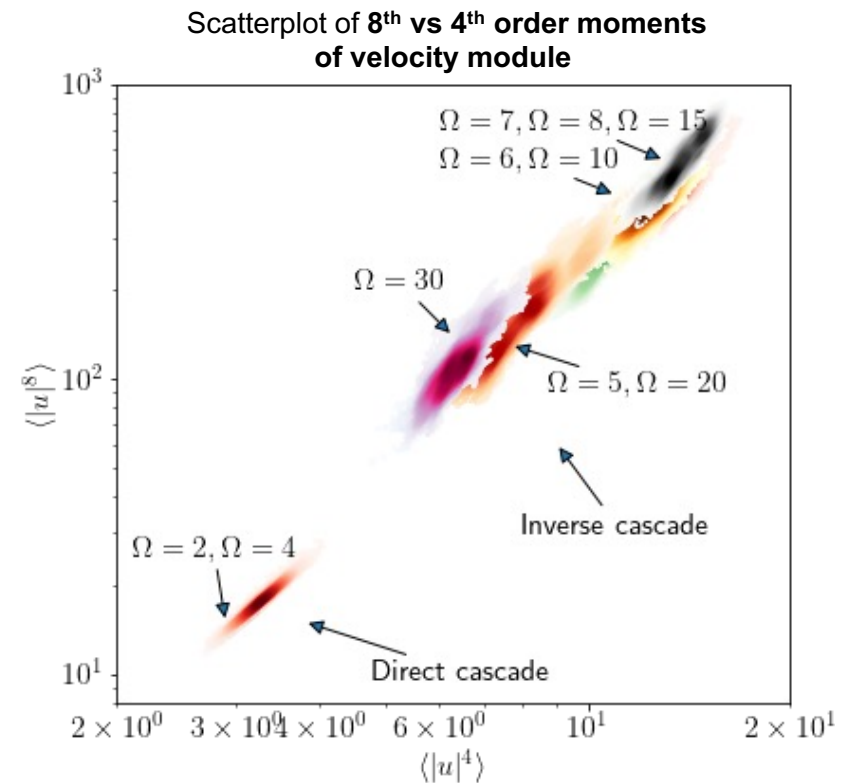
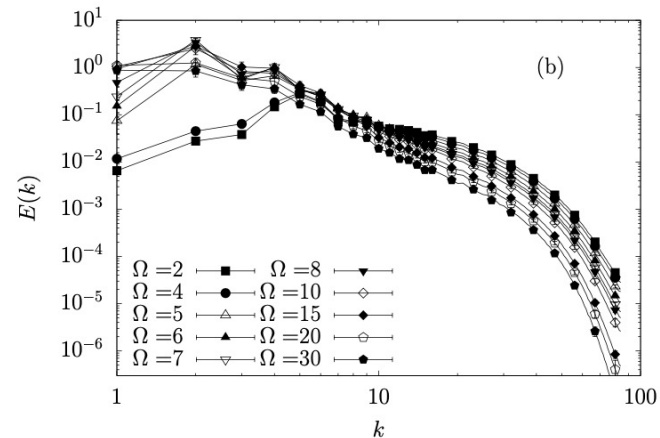
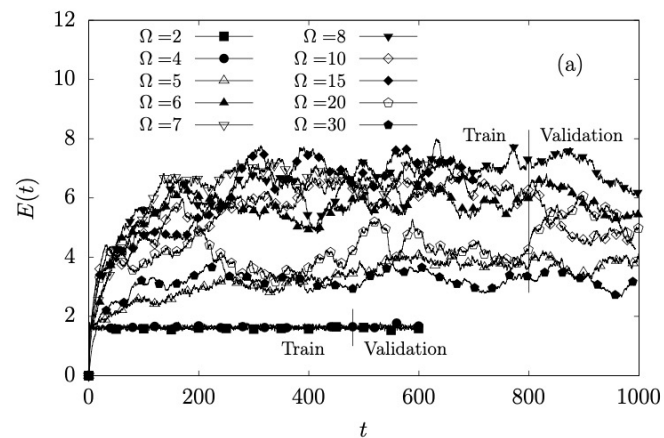
# Problem: Inferring the rotation rate

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \partial_x \mathbf{v} + \partial_x P - \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} = 2 \mathbf{v} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega} + \mathbf{f}$$



Direct

Inverse



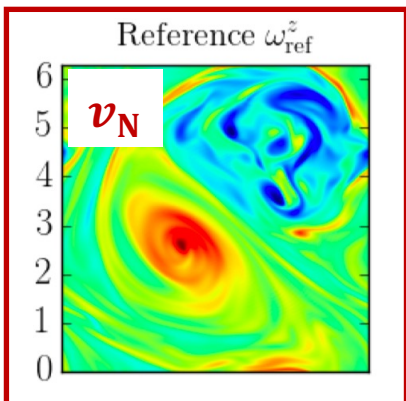
How can we extract useful information from one single velocity plane?

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# NUDGING: AN EQUATION-INFORMED TOOL TO INFER THE PHYSICS

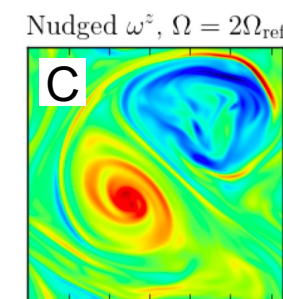
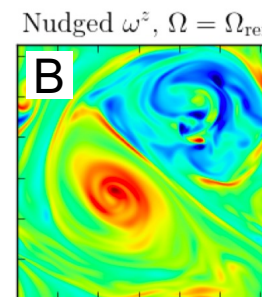
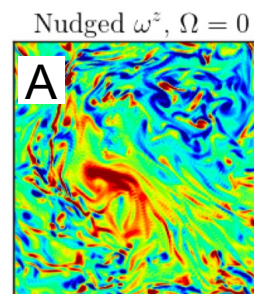
Reference DNS:



Nudging Simulation:

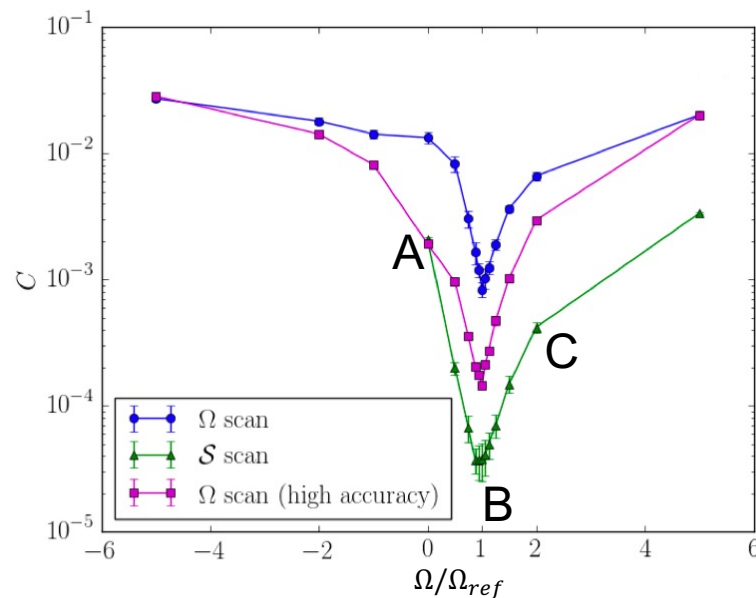
$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \partial_x \mathbf{v} + \partial_x P - \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} = 2 \mathbf{v} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega} + \mathbf{f} - N(\mathbf{v}_N - \mathbf{v})$$

DNS with the addition of a drag term against partial field measurements



$$E_{\Delta}(k) = \int_{|\mathbf{k}|=k} |\hat{u}(\mathbf{k}) - \hat{u}_N(\mathbf{k})|^2 d\mathbf{k}$$

$$C = \int_0^{k_c} E_{\Delta}(k) dk$$



Shows strong sensitivity to the physical parameter used in the nudged simulation

# NUDGING: TO OPTIMIZE SUBGRID SCALE MODELS

Nudging the Large Eddy Simulation:

$$\partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + \nu \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{v}} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \mathbf{f} - N(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_N - \tilde{\mathbf{v}})$$

$$\tilde{v}_i = \mathcal{F}(v_i) \quad \tilde{p} = \mathcal{F}(p) \quad \tau_{ij} = \mathcal{F}(v_i v_j) - \mathcal{F}(v_i) \mathcal{F}(v_j)$$

Filtered fields

Smagorinsky closure

$-2\nu_S S_{ij}$ , with:

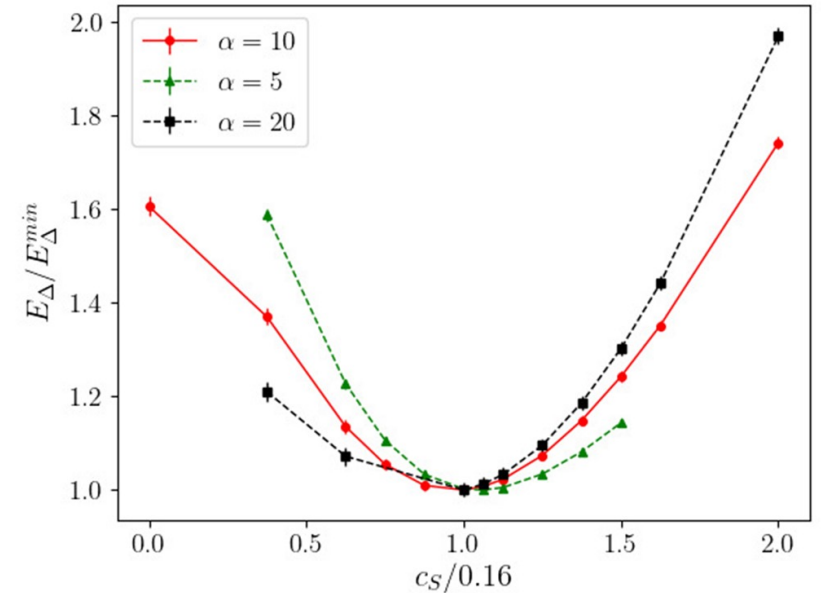
$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_j \tilde{v}_i + \partial_i \tilde{v}_j) \quad \nu_S = (c_S \Delta)^2 \sqrt{2 S_{kl} S_{kl}}$$

Is there an optimal value of  $c_S$  ?

We can optimize the Smagorinsky free-parameter, by minimizing the error between the reference DNS and the nudged LES:

$$E_\Delta = \int_0^{k_c} \int_{|\mathbf{k}|=k} |\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{k}) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_N(\mathbf{k})|^2 d\mathbf{k}$$

Filtered solution from fully resolved DNS:



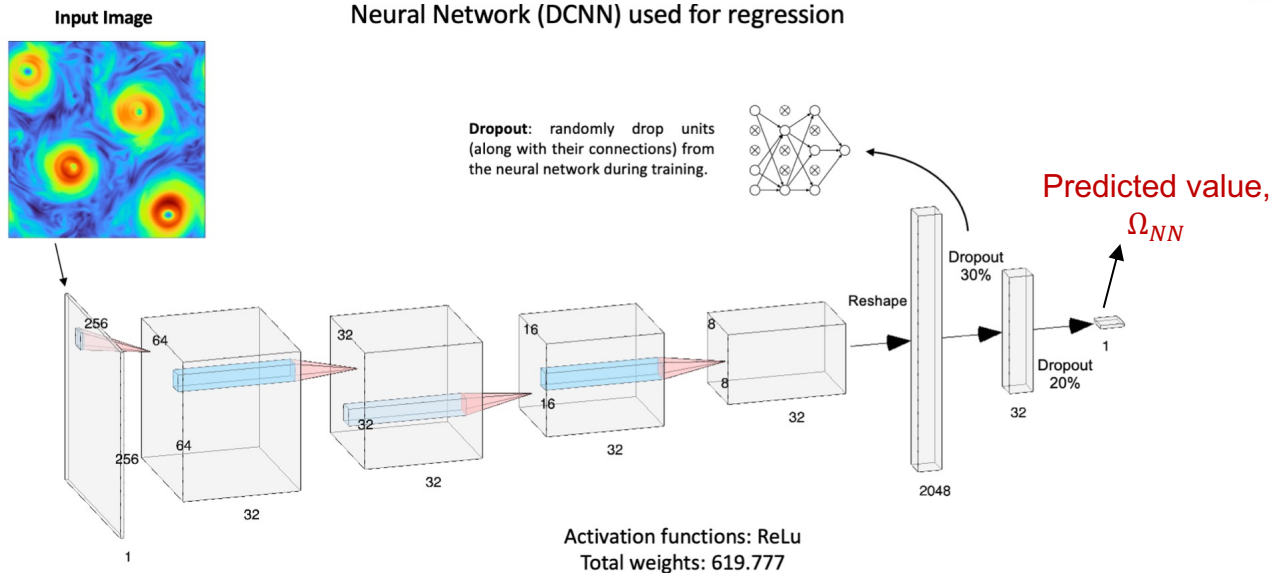
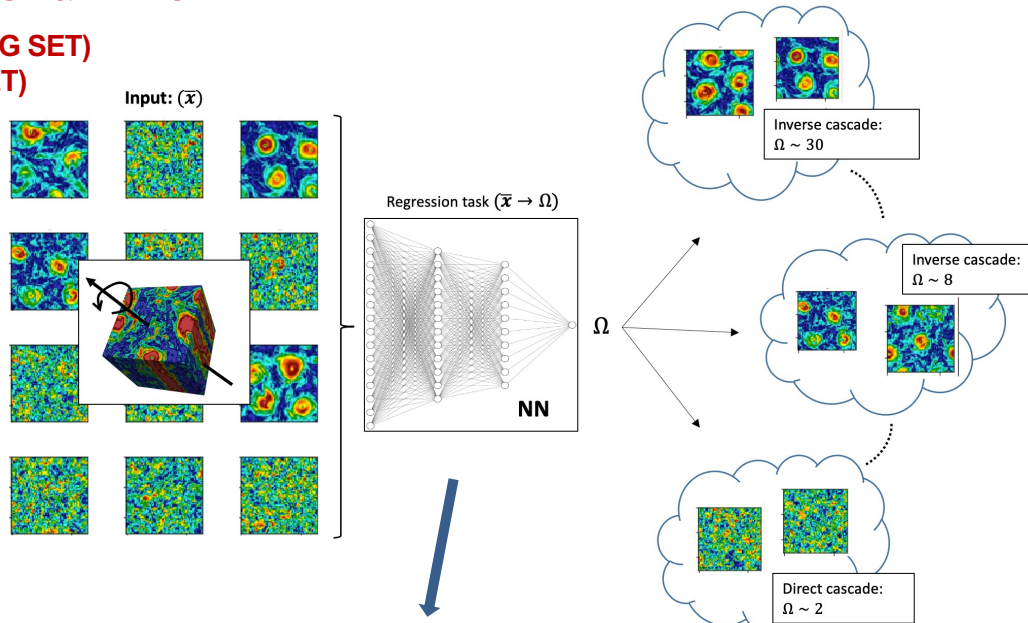
$c_S = 0.16$  is found to minimize the average relative error.

Important result to optimize new model and/or modeling in different setups (i.e. non-homogenous flows)

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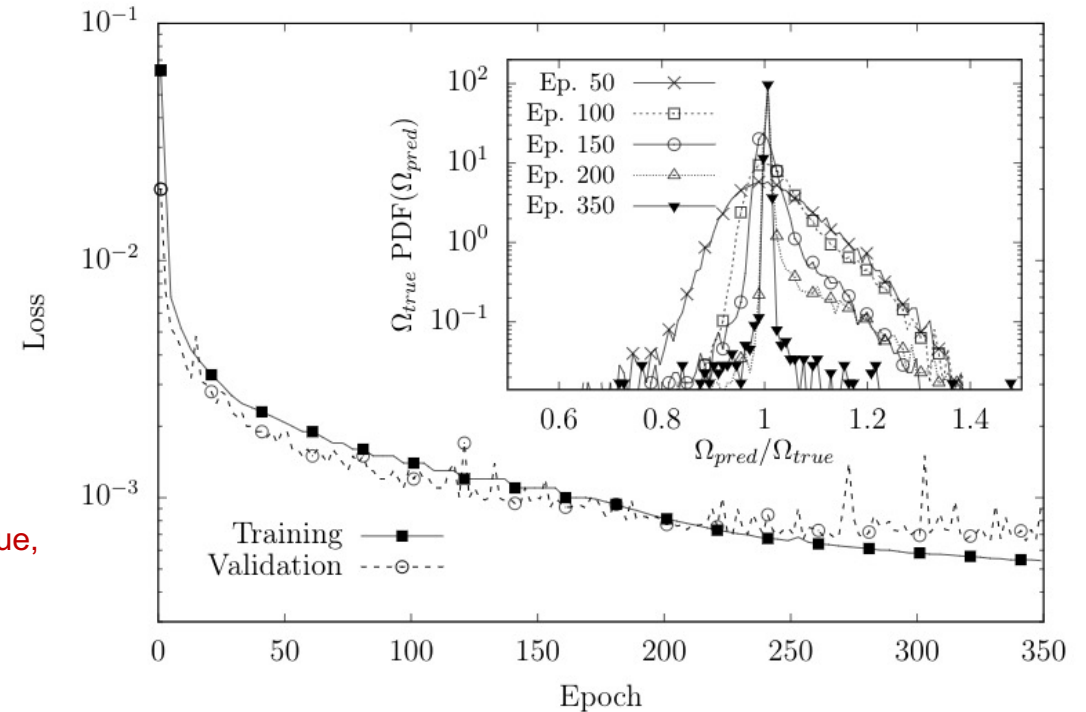
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- **No time information**



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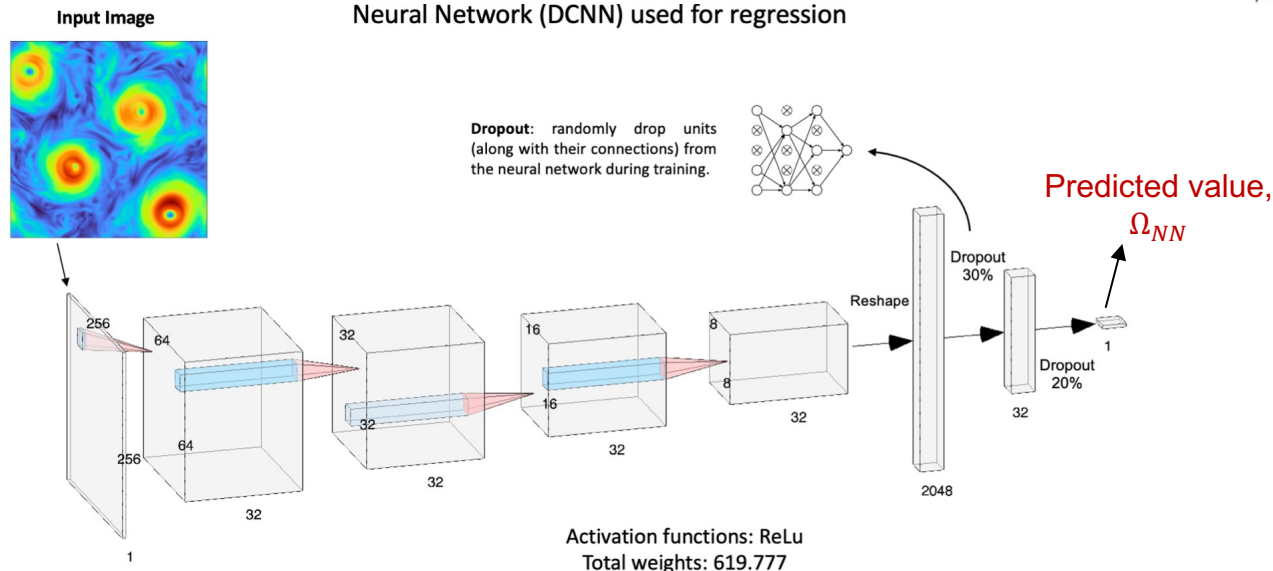
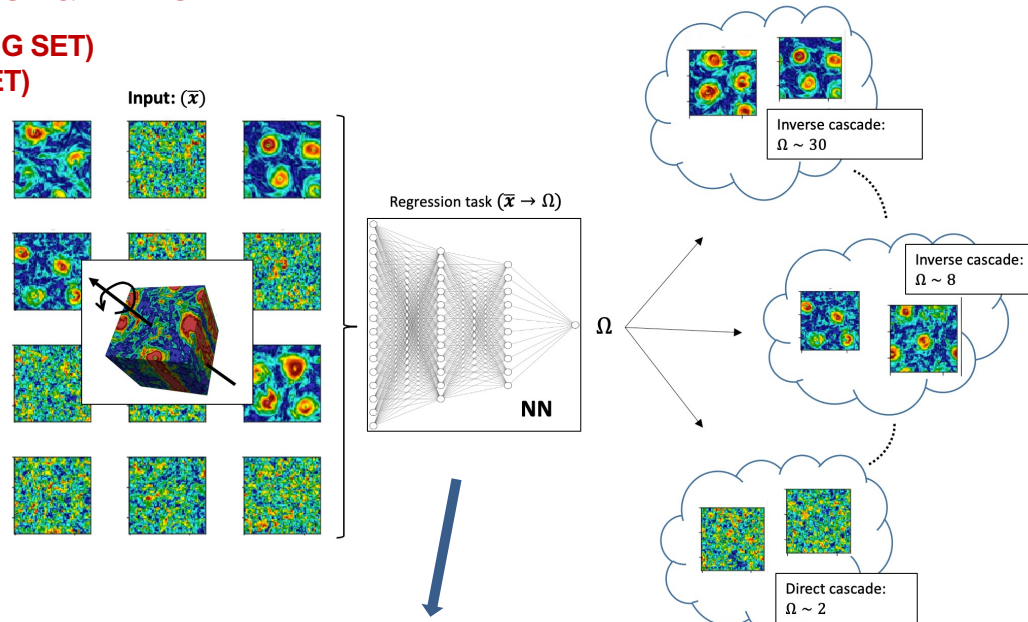


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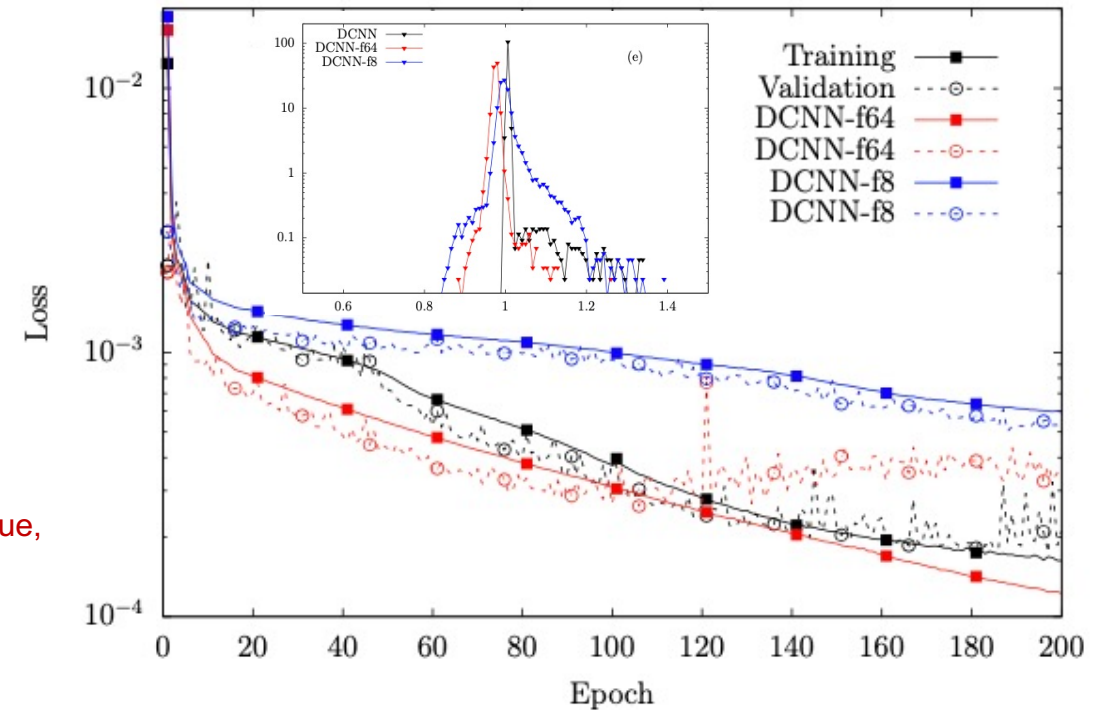
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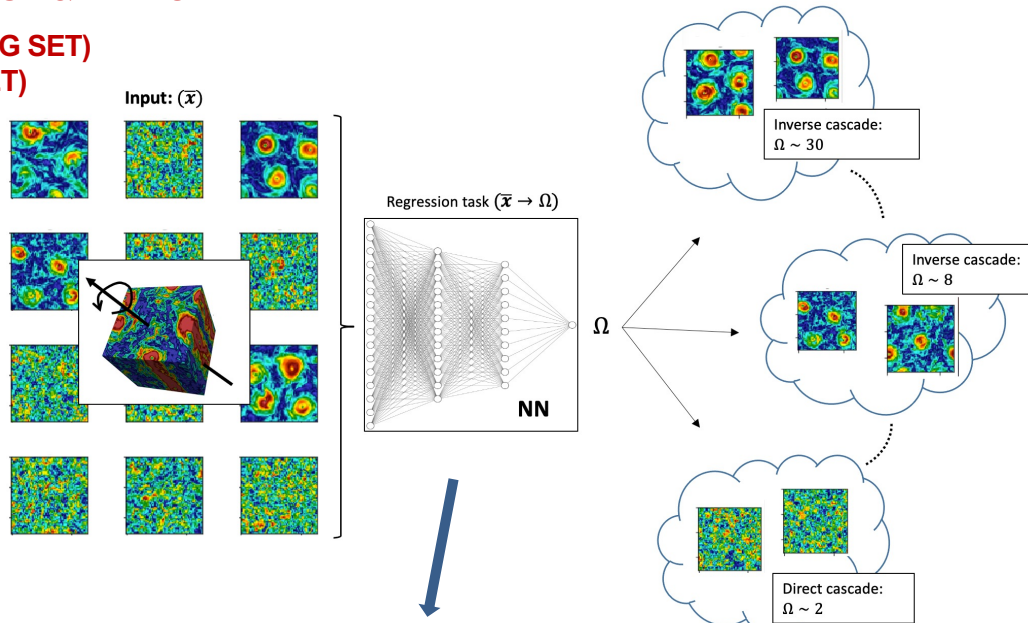
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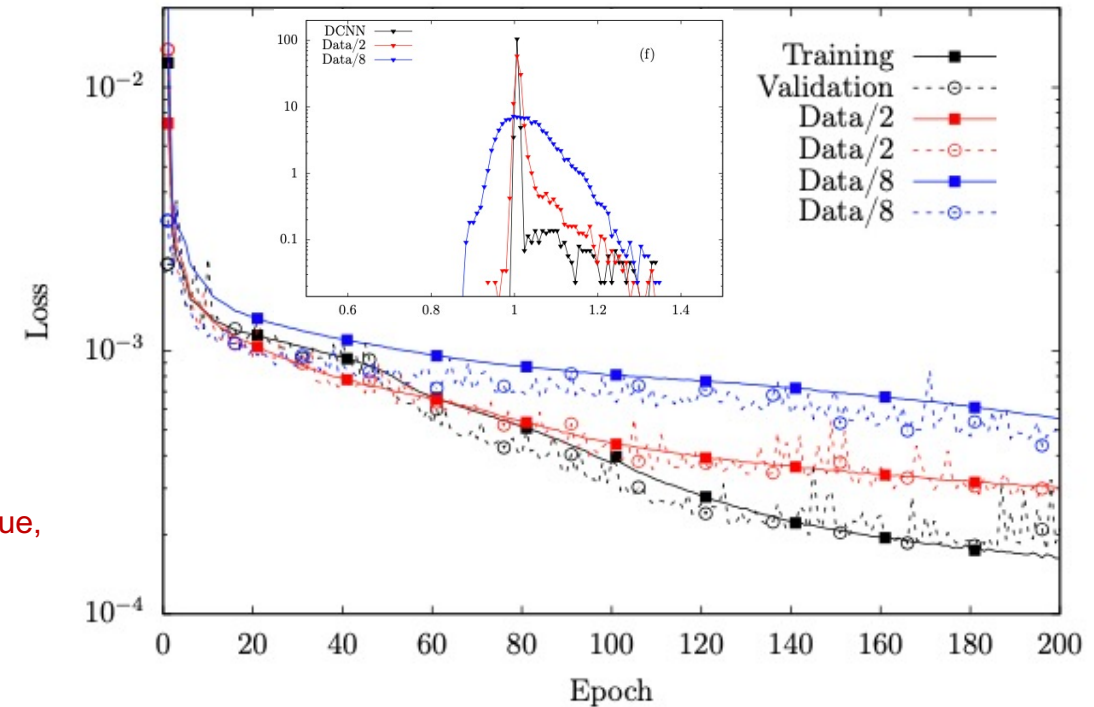
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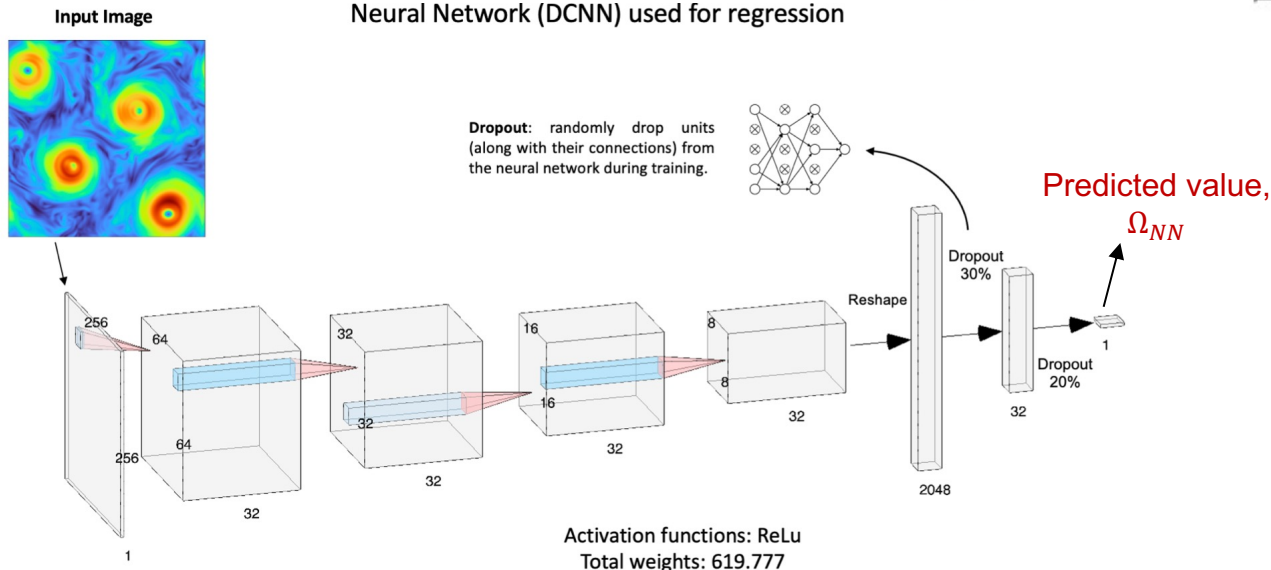


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Neural Network (DCNN) used for regression



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# DATA-DRIVEN BAYESIAN INFERENCE

$$\Omega_{Bay}(\mathcal{O}) = \max_{\Omega_i} P(\Omega_i|\mathcal{O})$$

We measure **mean squared velocity** and **mean squared velocity gradients** :

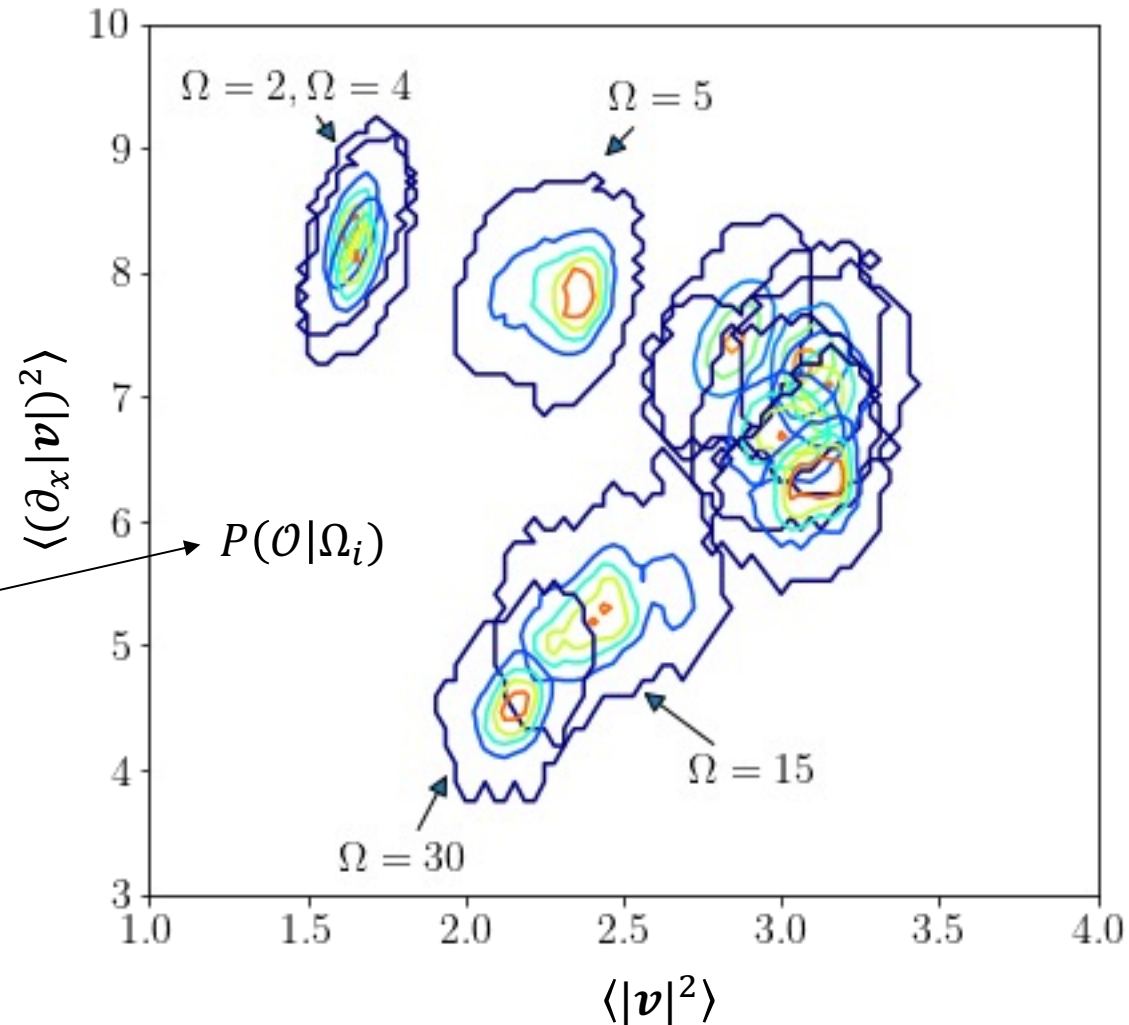
$$\mathcal{O} = (\langle |\mathbf{v}|^2 \rangle, \langle (\partial_x |\mathbf{v}|)^2 \rangle)$$

$\langle \dots \rangle$  mean on space, over the 2D plane

We can obtain the joint probability using Bayes Theorem:

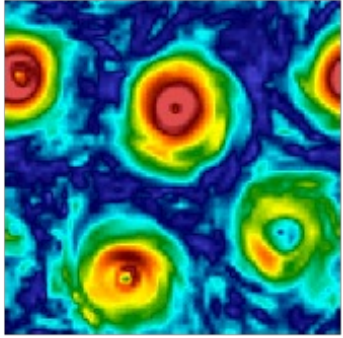
$$P(\Omega_i|\mathcal{O}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{O}|\Omega_i)P(\Omega_i)}{P(\mathcal{O})} = \frac{P(\mathcal{O}|\Omega_i)P(\Omega_i)}{\sum_i P(\mathcal{O}|\Omega_i)P(\Omega_i)}$$

Joint-PDF of **mean squared velocity** and **mean squared velocity gradients**  
(estimated over the 400k planes of the training set)

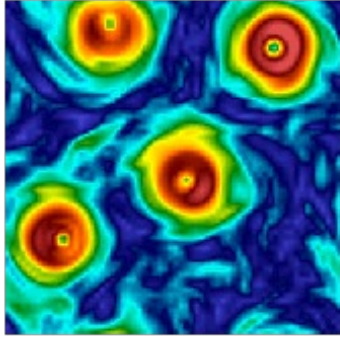


# comparison: BAYESIAN INFERENCE vs ML

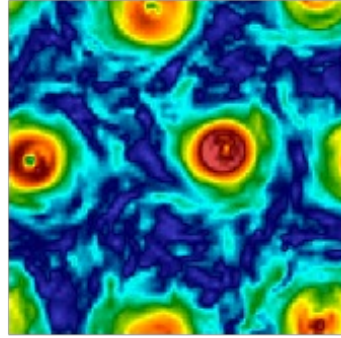
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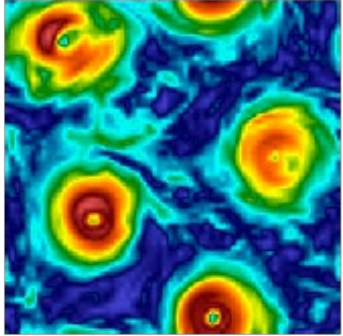
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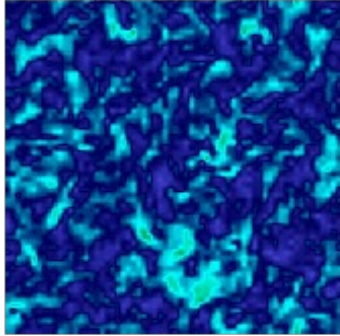
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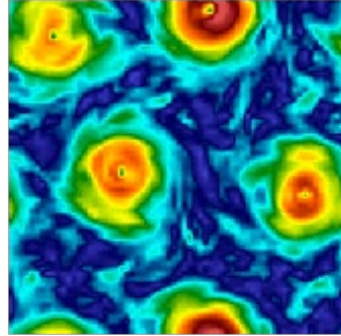
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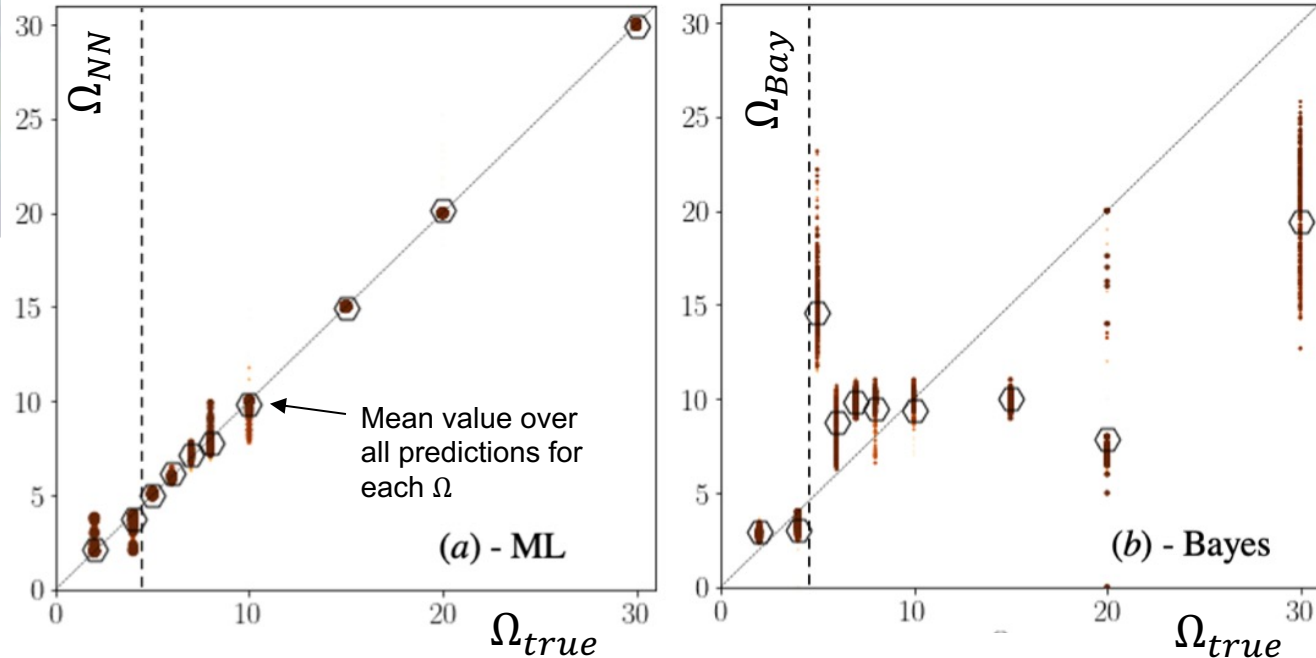
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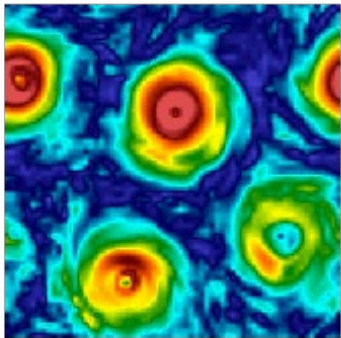
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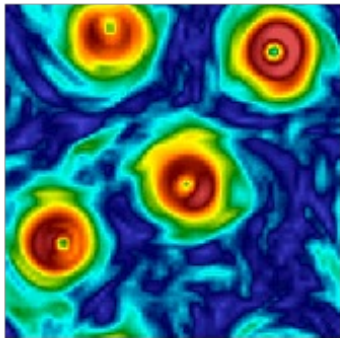


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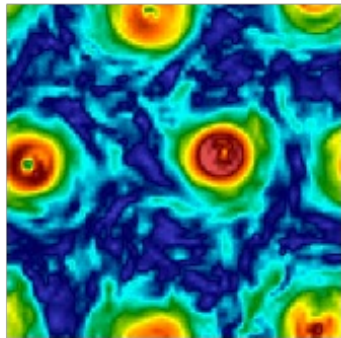
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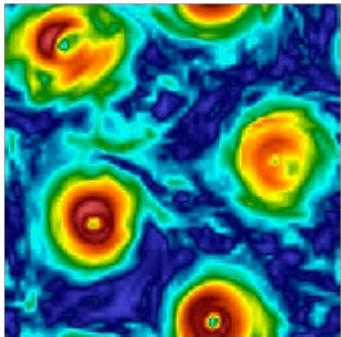
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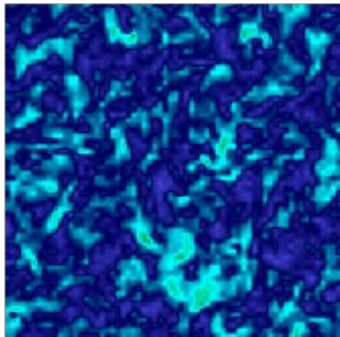
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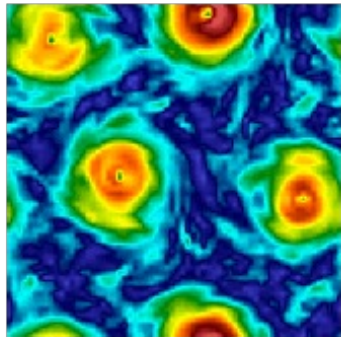
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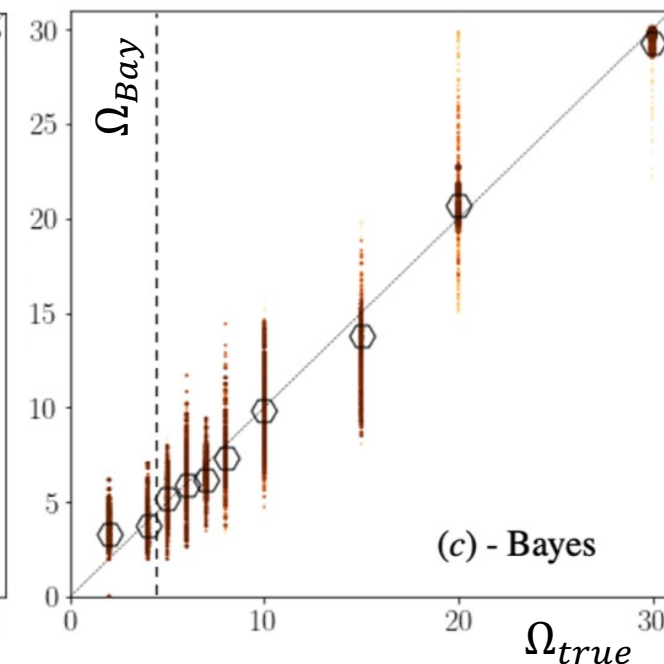
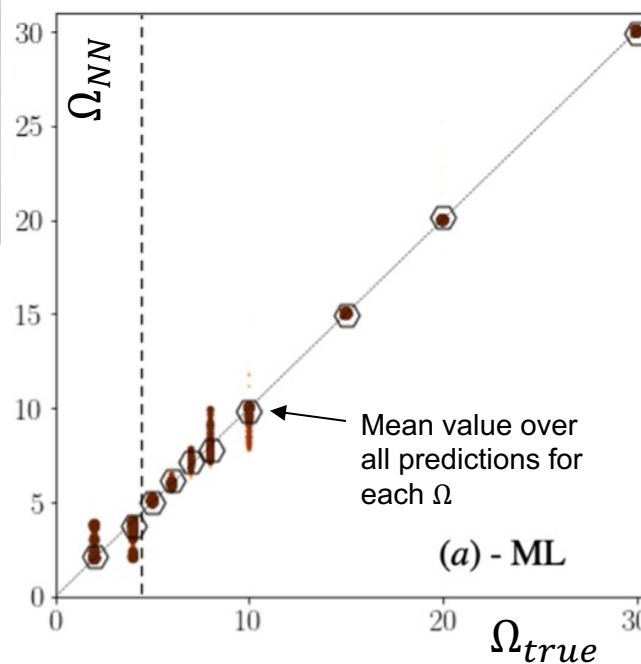
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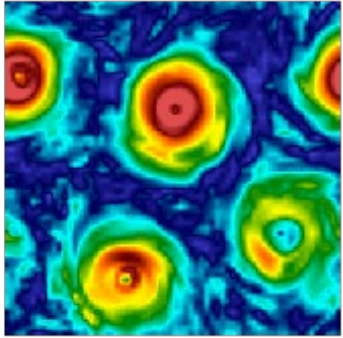
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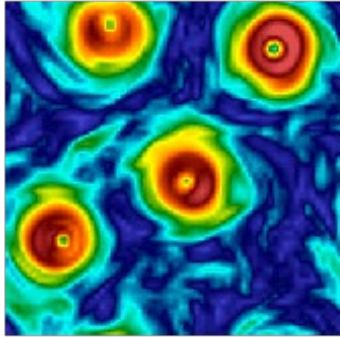


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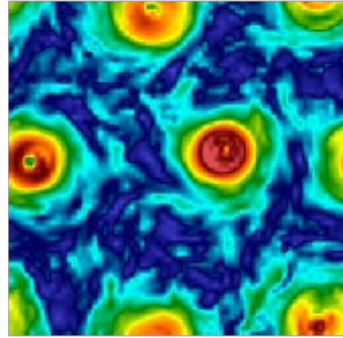
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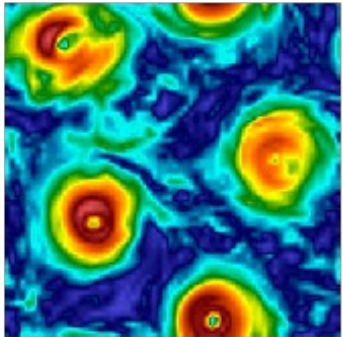
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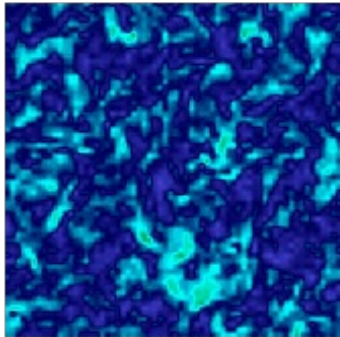
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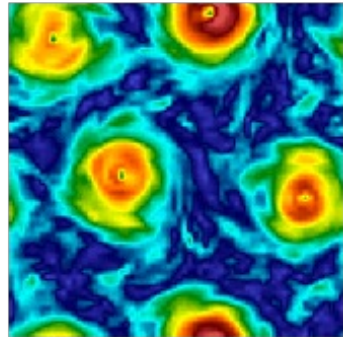
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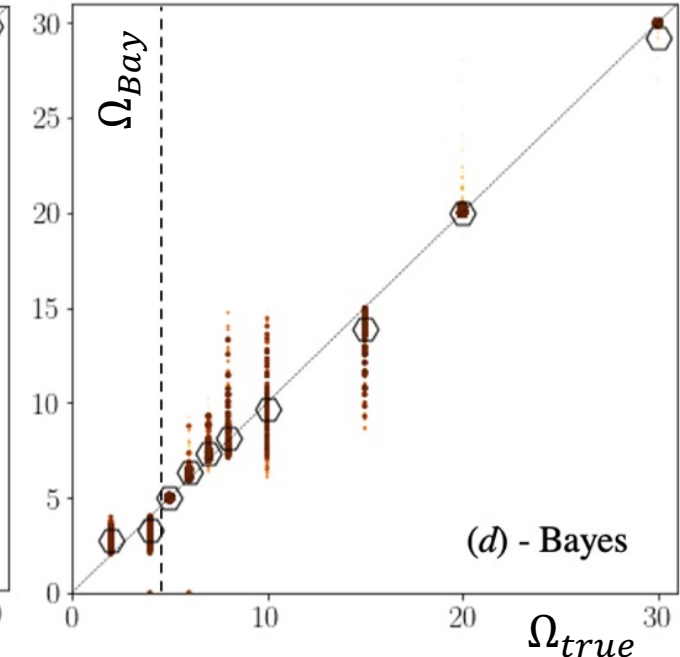
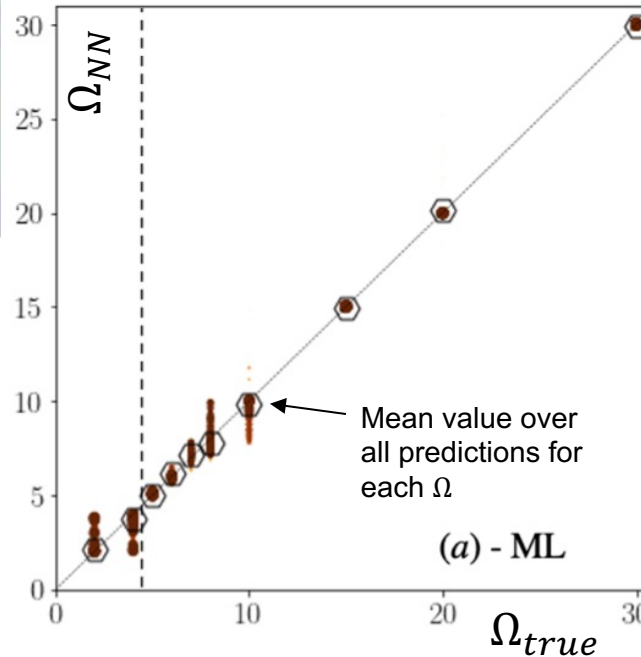
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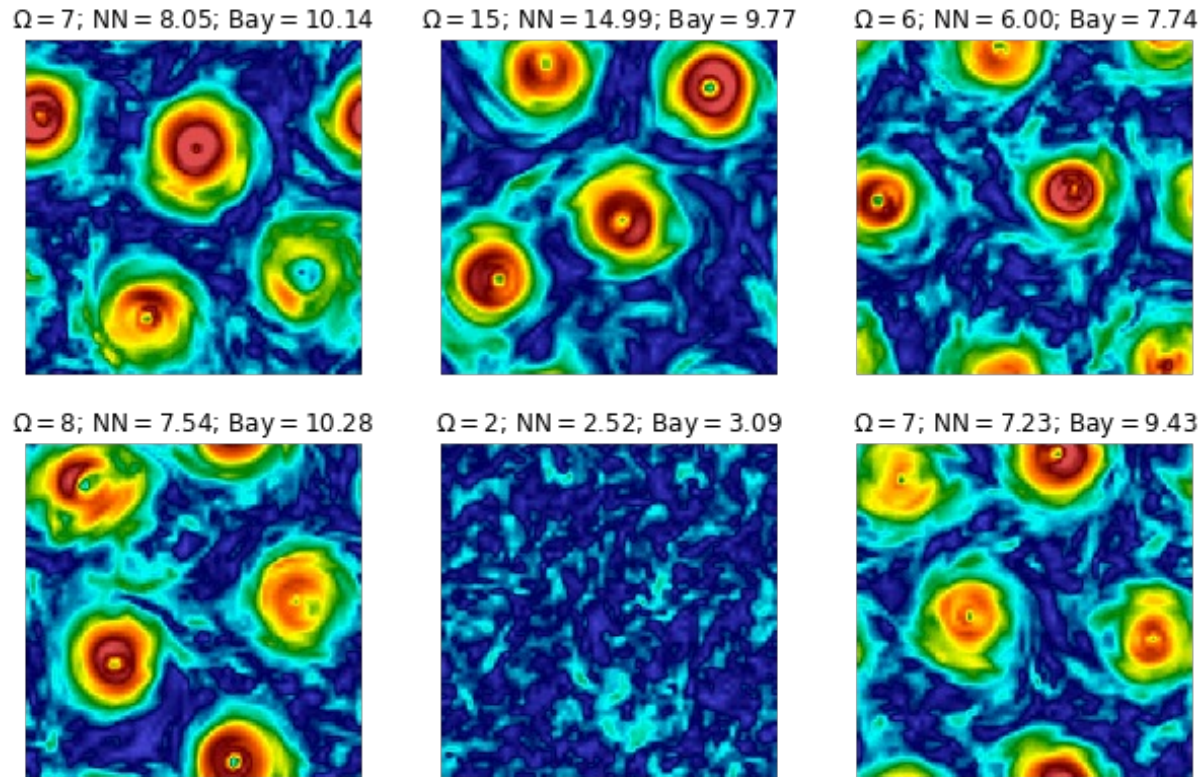
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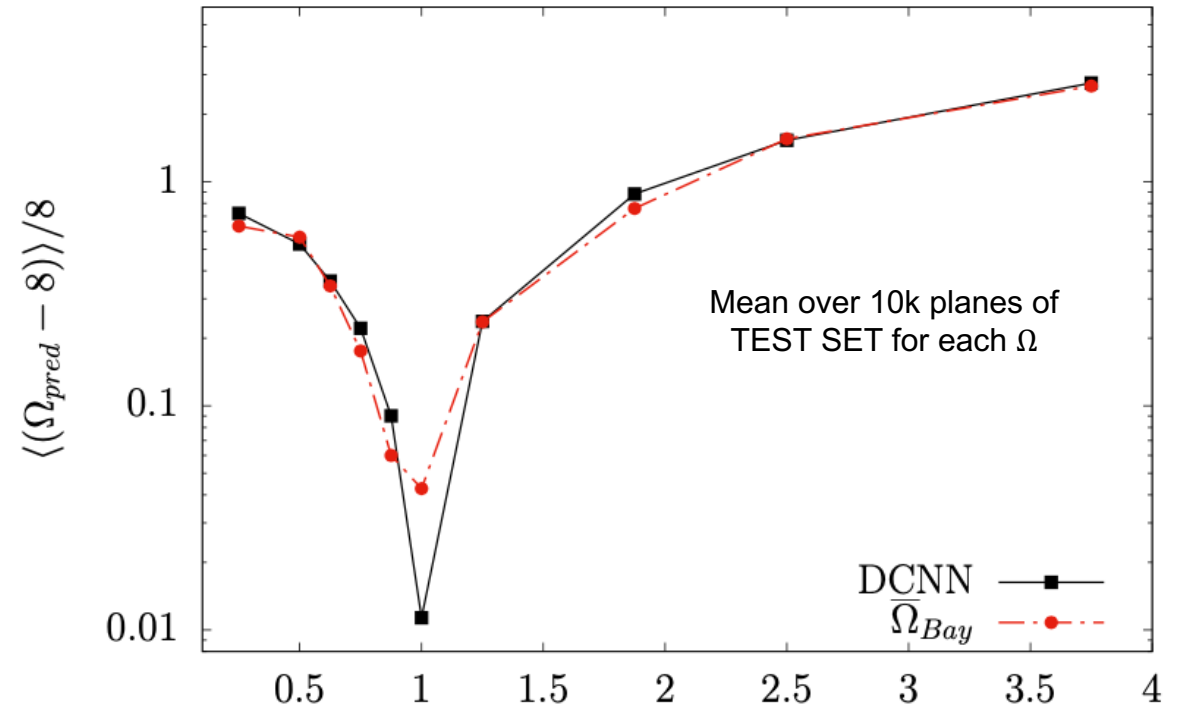


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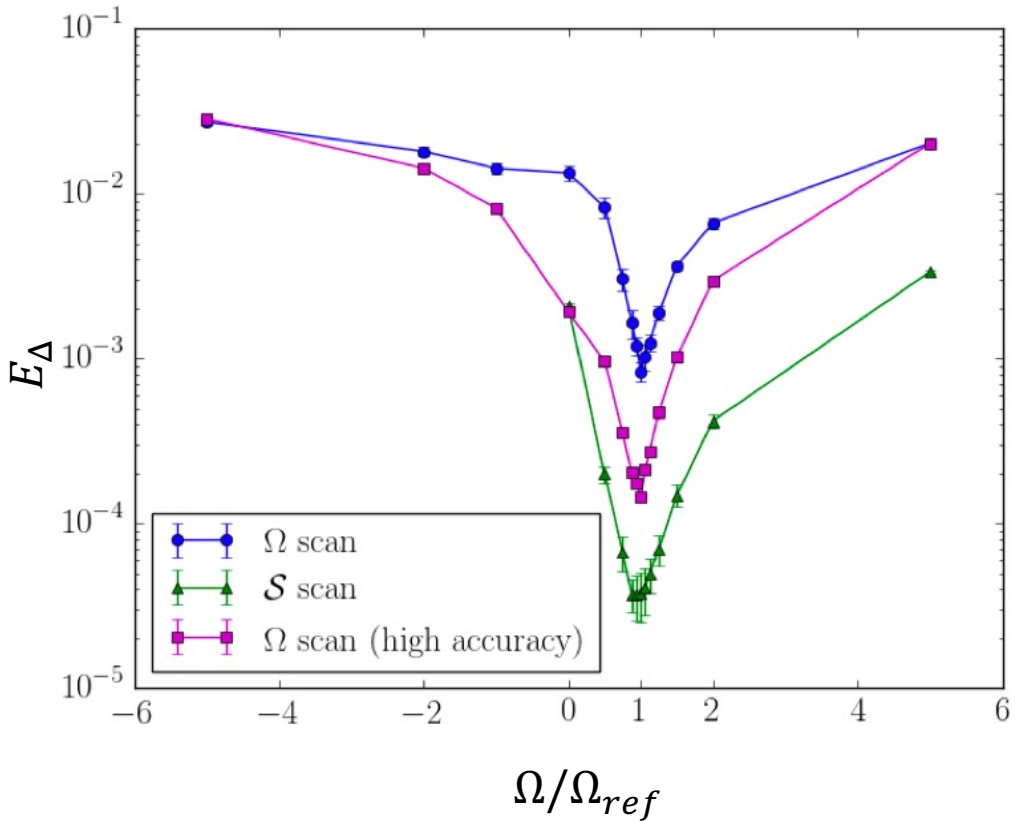


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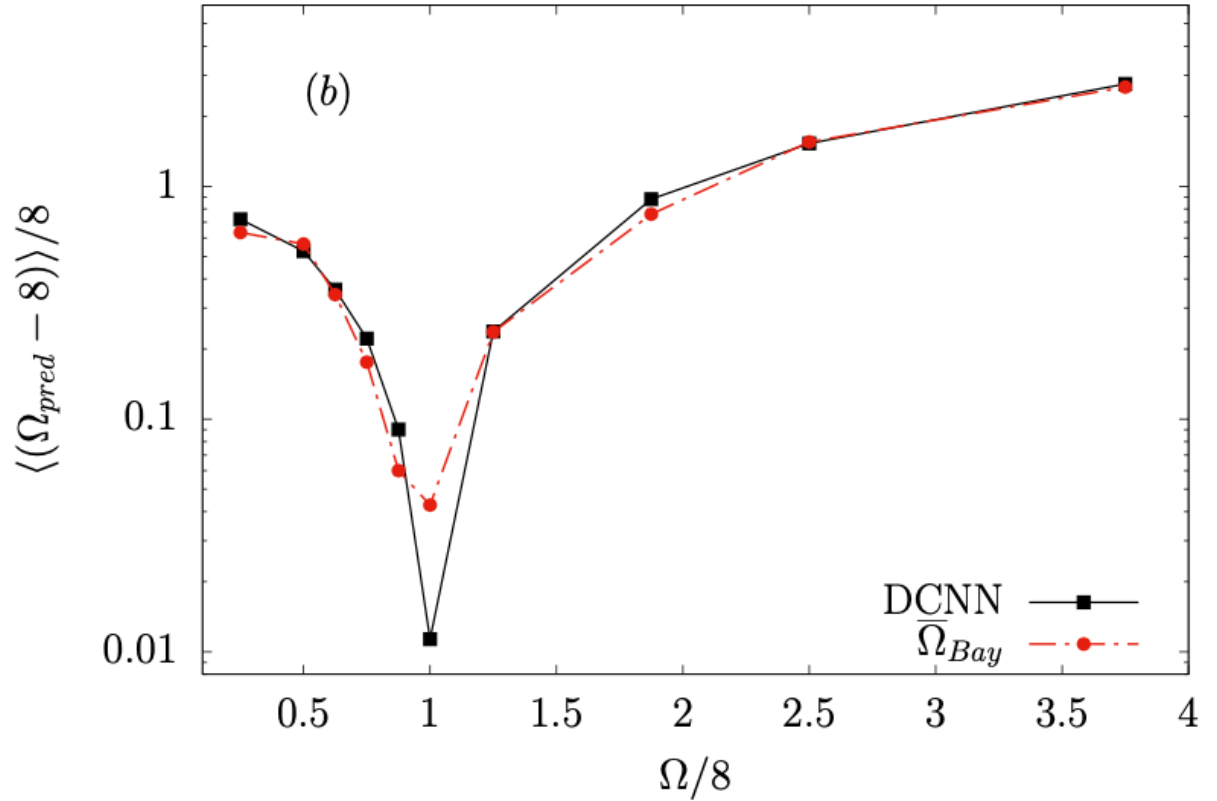
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# Contributions

## NUDGING: EQUATION-INFORMED



## DATA-DRIVEN TOOLS



- + Strong Sensitivity to the physical parameter
- + No need of Ensemble/Training Dataset
- It requires complete knowledge of the Equations
- Heavy in computation – it requires DNS

- + Strong Sensitivity to the physical parameter
- + No need of Eq. of Motion
- + Fast in computation after the training
- Need of large Training Dataset

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FROM TURBULENT ROTATING FLOWS

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The screenshot shows the Smart-Turb web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Smart-Turb' and menu items for 'Datasets', 'Organizations', 'Help', 'About', and 'User'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Guide for users' section with a question mark icon and a blue arrow pointing to a text box containing the URL <https://smart-turb.roma2.infn.it/>. Below the URL is a search bar for datasets. At the bottom, there are two main sections: '1 Datasets' showing 'TURB-Rot' as a large database of 3d and 2d snapshots from turbulent rotating flows, and '2 Organizations' showing 'web\_admin' and 'web\_admin group' as members.