



# On dispersion, preferential concentration and settling of inertial particles in (stratified) turbulence

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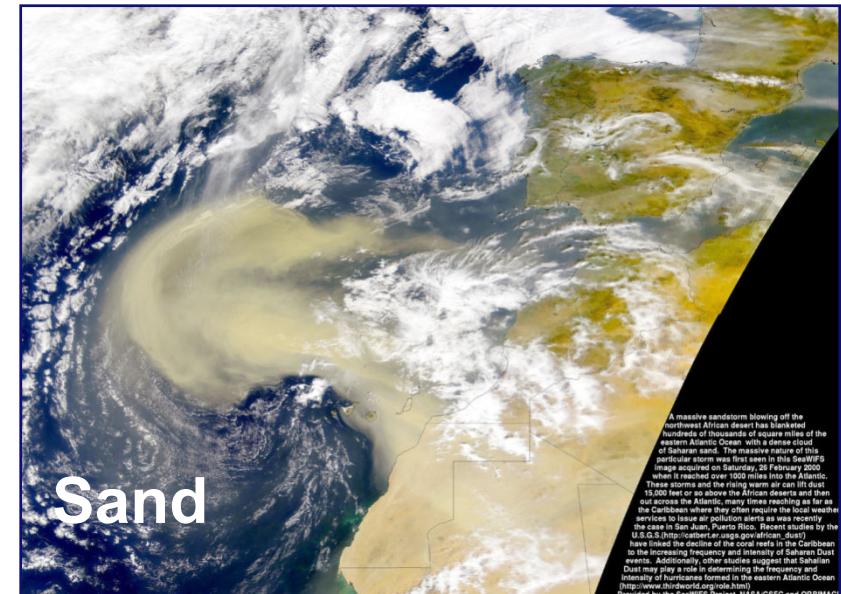


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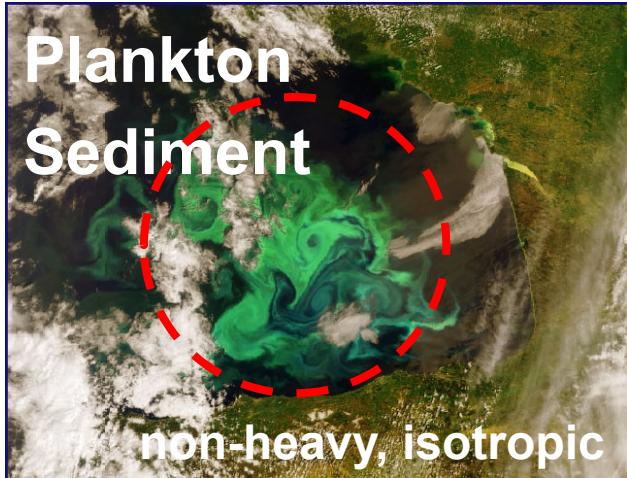
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# Introduction

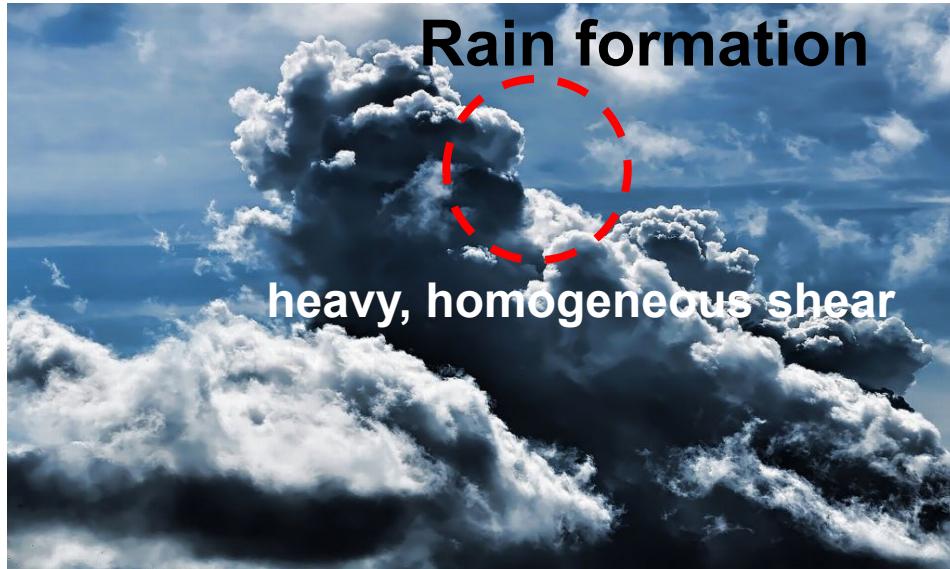


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Focus on the statistics of  
many-particle systems

Need to use point-  
particle approximation



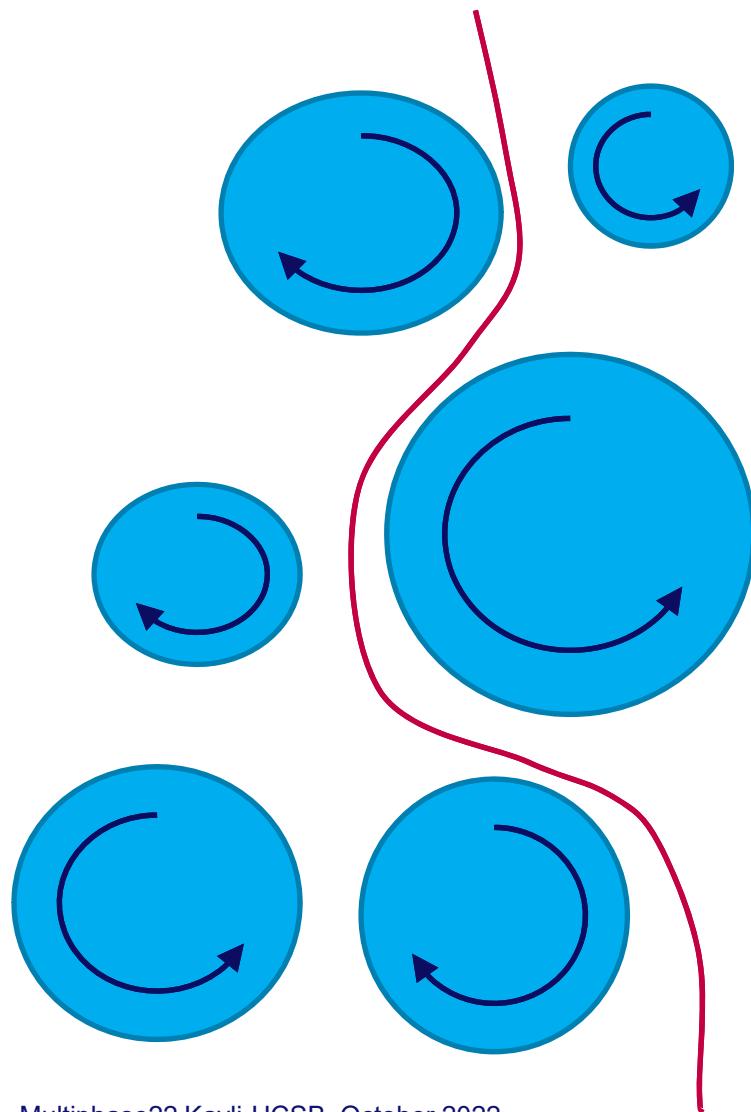
Role of:  

- hydrodynamic forces
- shear
- stratification

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- Horizontal drift in HST (heavy particles)
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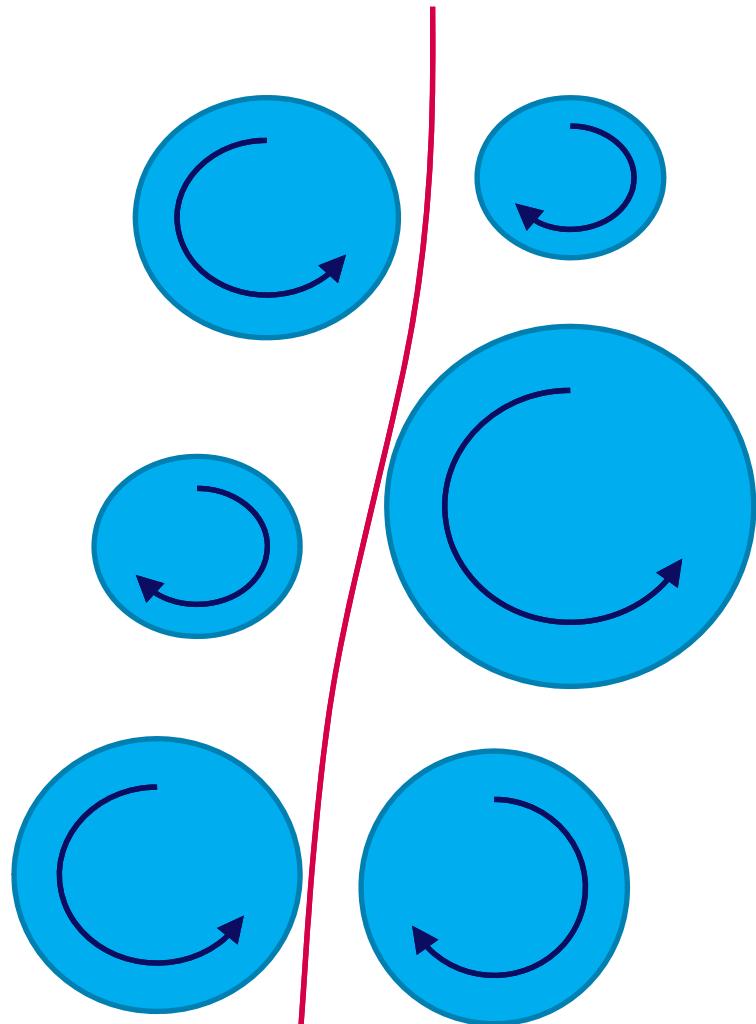
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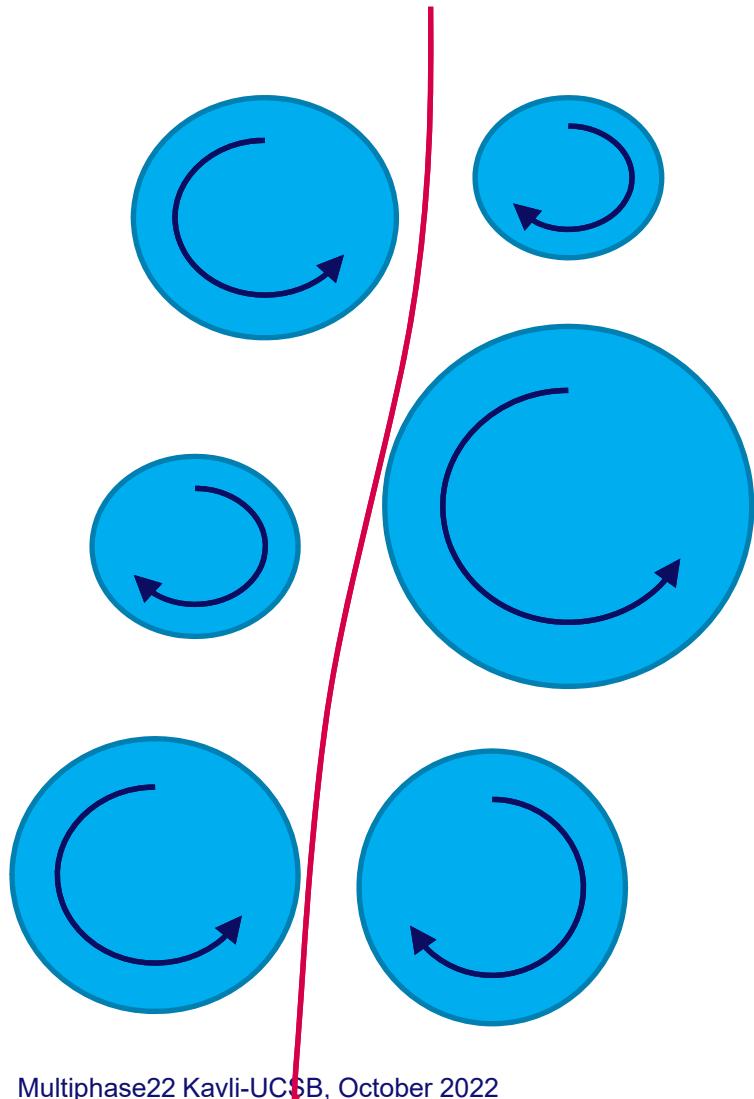
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But what about non-heavy particles?

Elgobashi and Truesdell, JFM **242**, 655 (1992)  
Armenio and Fiorotto, PoF **13**, 2437 (2001)  
Van Aartrijk and Clercx, PoF **22**, 013301 (2010)

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Lamorgese, Caughey & Pope, PoF 17, 015106 (2005)

- Shear implemented by the Rogallo algorithm

Deforming reference frame (keeping periodic BCs, and periodically remeshing. R.S. Rogallo, NASA Report # NASA-TM-81315 (1981)

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- Efficient Lagrangian particle tracking algorithm
- Heavy and small particles → only Stokes drag and gravity

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$$St = \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_\eta}$$

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Maxey-Riley equation

Maxey and Riley, PoF **26**, 883 (1983)

$a \ll \eta$  and  $Re_p \ll 1$ ,  $\phi \ll 1$

With Faxén correction MR is  
acceptable for  $a \leq 8\eta$

see, e.g., Calvazarini *et al.*, Phys D **241**, 237 (2012)

Van Hinsberg, Ten Thije Boonkkamp & Clercx, JCompP **230**, 1465 (2011)

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Michaelides, J. Fluids Eng. **125**, 209 (2003)

For alternative formulations see:  
Mei, Exp. Fluids **22**, 1 (1996)  
Magnaude & Eames, ARFM **32**, 659 (2000)

For effects due to nonlinear drag and lift forces see

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$$\tau_p^* = a^2/(3\beta v)$$

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$$St^* = \frac{\tau_p^*}{\tau} ,$$

$$Sv^* = \frac{U_s}{U} = \frac{\tau_p^*(1 - \beta)g}{U}$$

terminal settling velocity:  $U_s = \tau_p^*(1 - \beta)g$

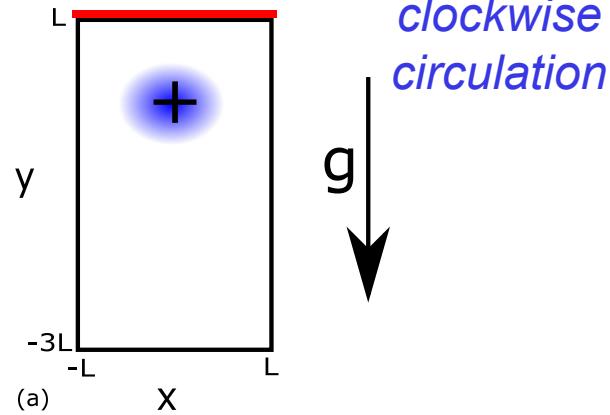
(Sv: normalized settling number)

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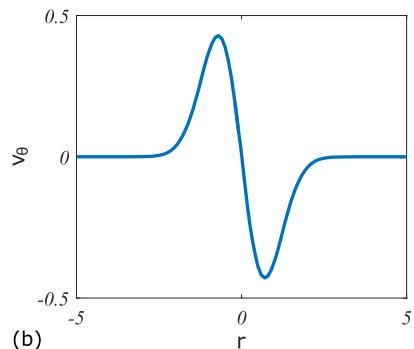


clockwise circulation

$$v_\theta(r) = \omega_0 r \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \right]$$

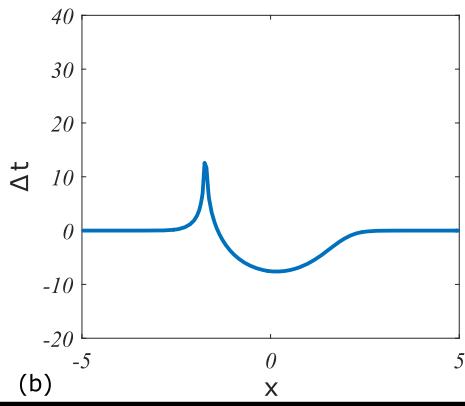
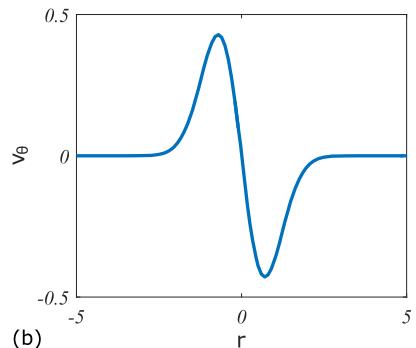
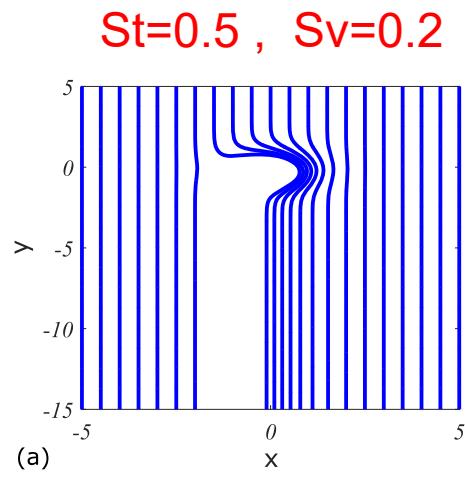
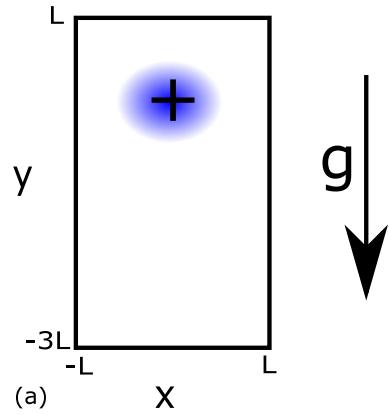
$$\omega(r) = 2\omega_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$$

isolated vortex!



$\tau=1/|\omega_0|$  and  $U=R|\omega_0|$

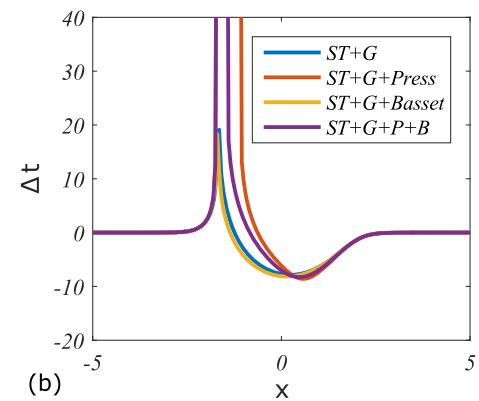
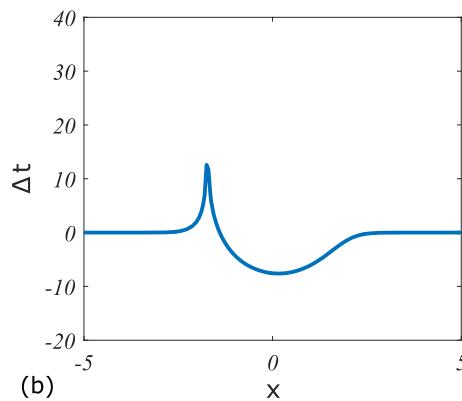
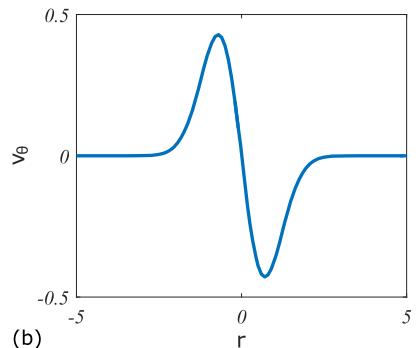
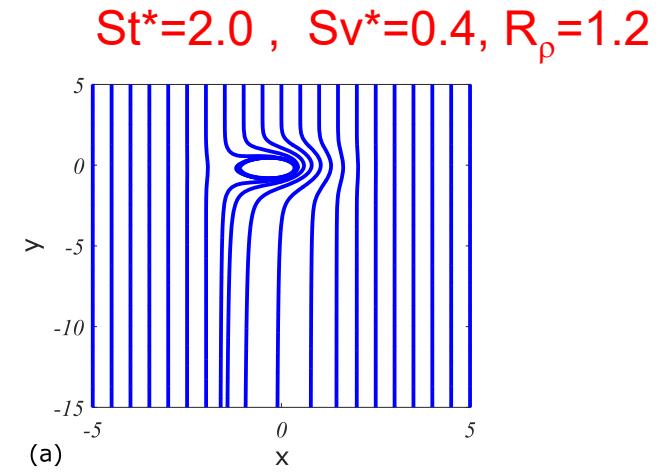
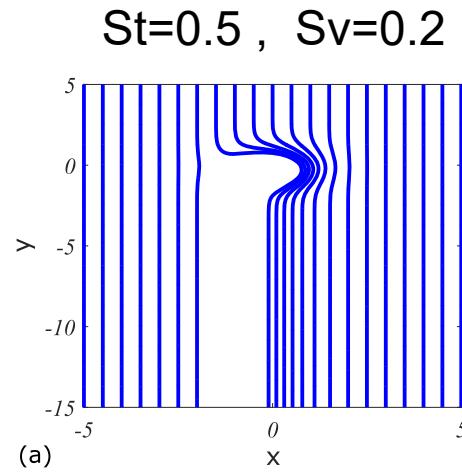
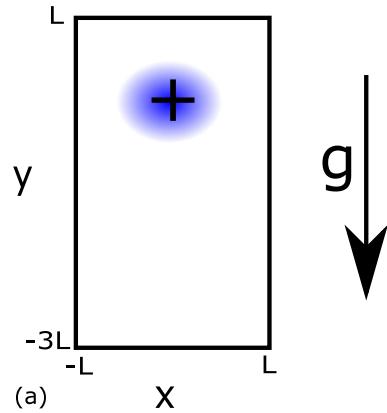
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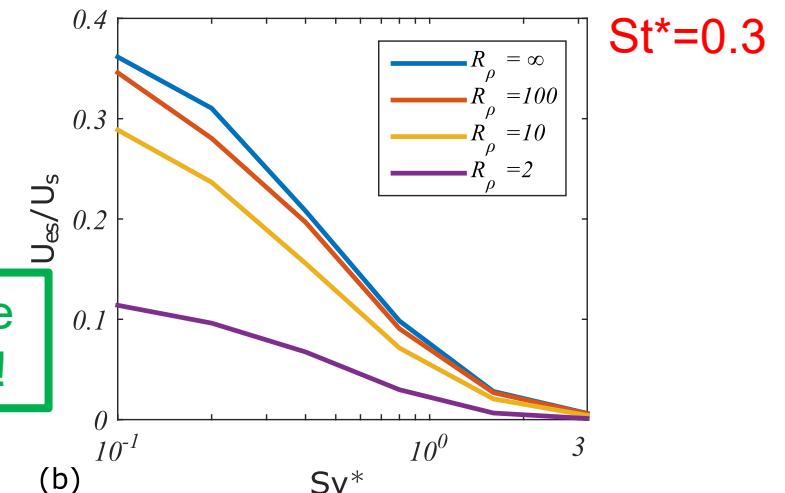
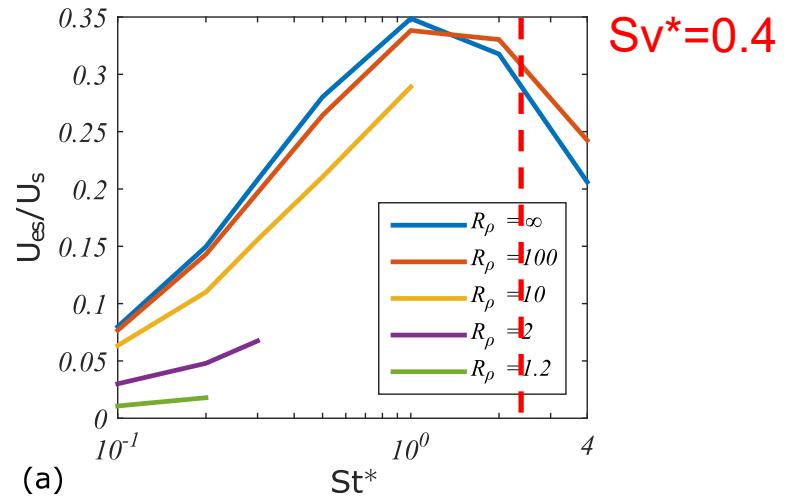
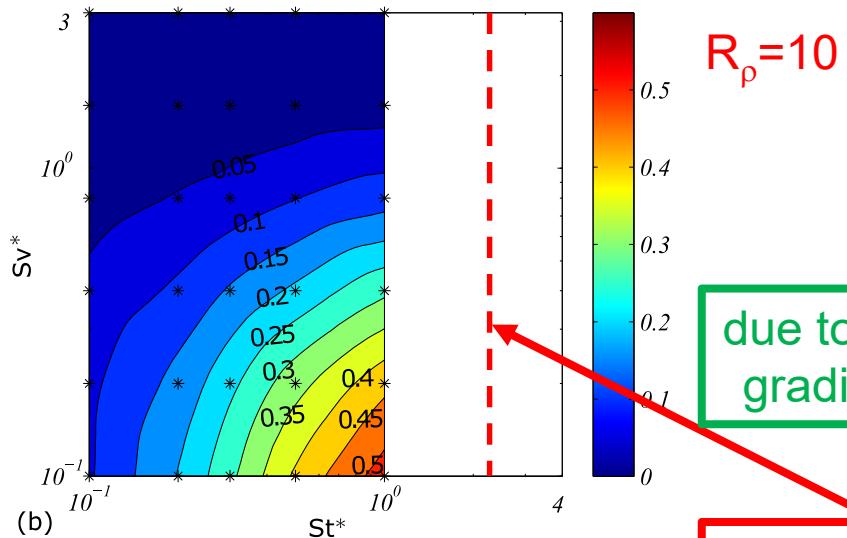
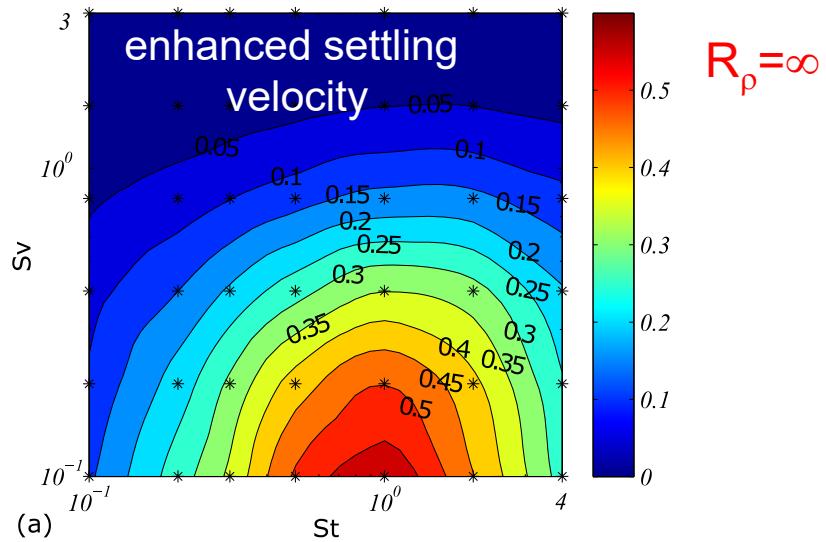
$\Delta t < 0$  faster  
 $\Delta t > 0$  slower

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left from dashed line:  $a/\eta$  sufficiently small for  $R_p = 10$

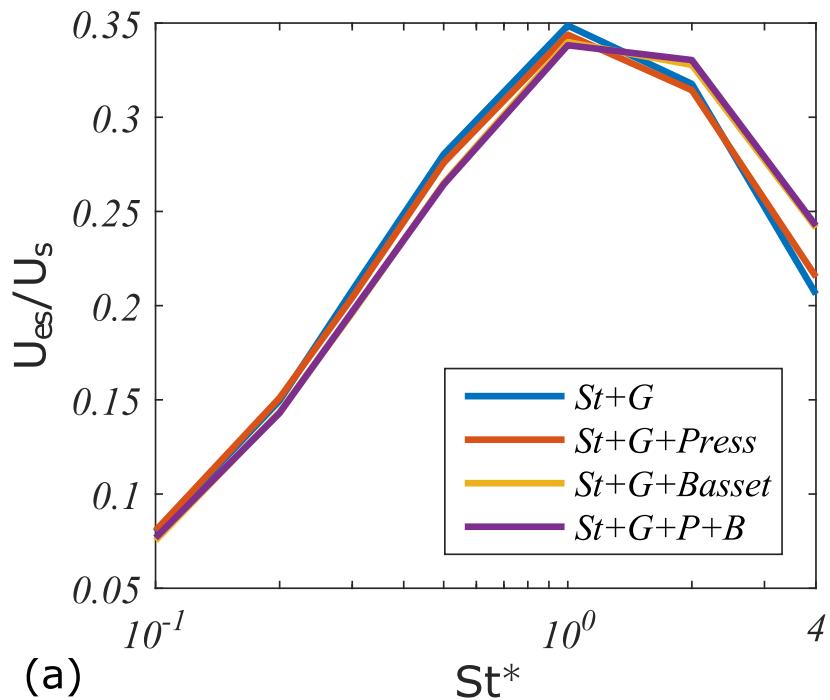
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St = Stokes  
P = pressure  
G = gravity  
B = Basset (history)

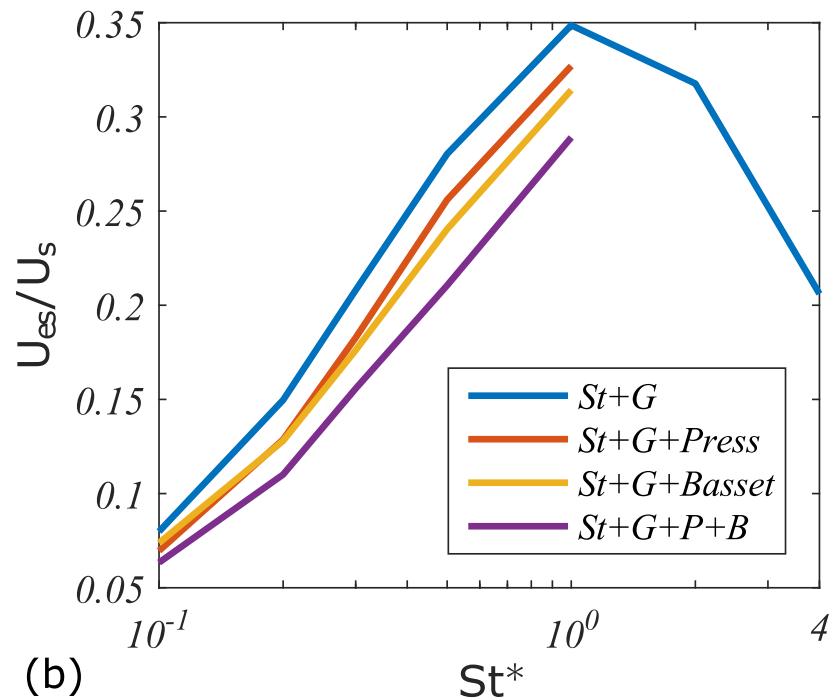
due to pressure gradient force,  
but ...

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(a)

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$$R_p = 100$$

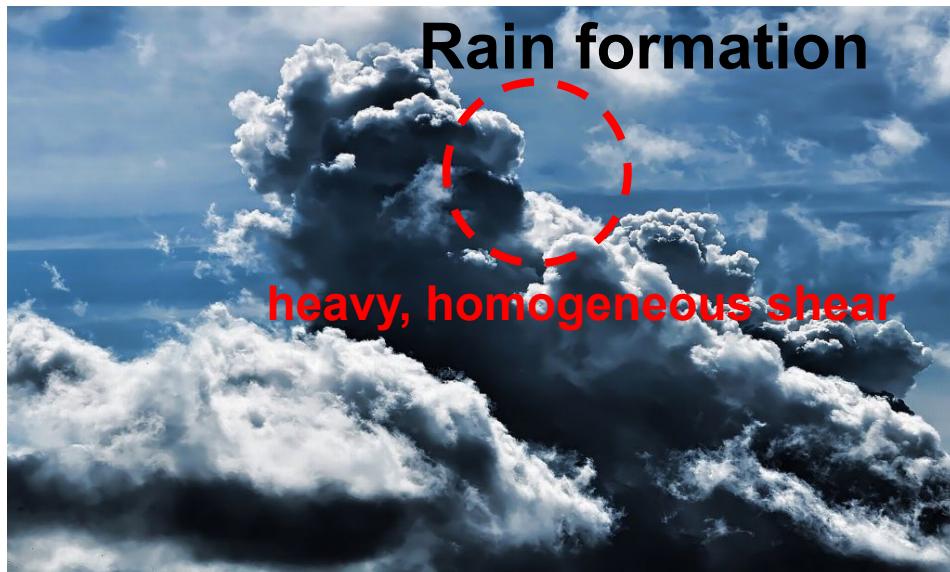
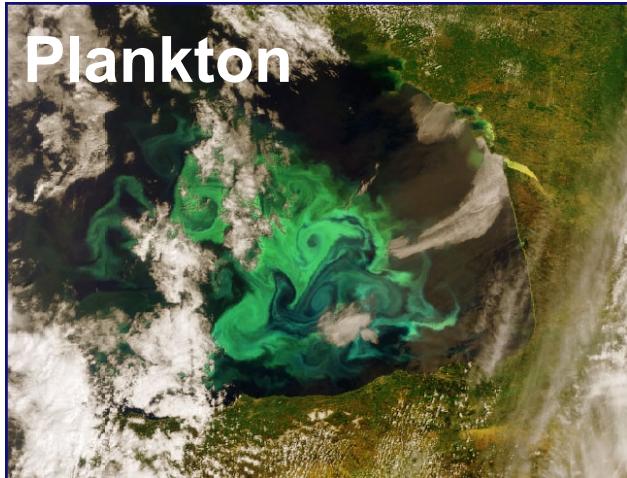


(b)

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# Horizontal drift in HST\*

\* HST = Homogeneous Shear Turbulence



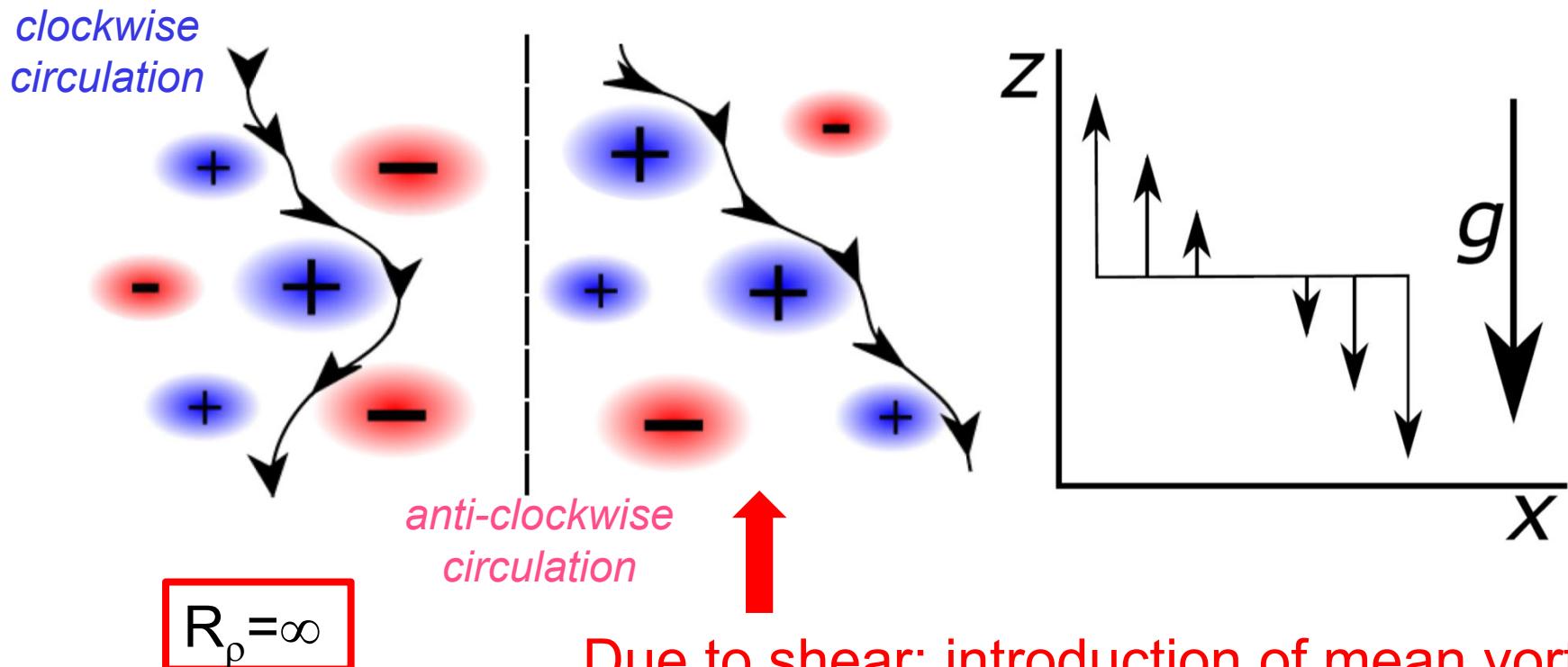
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- stratification

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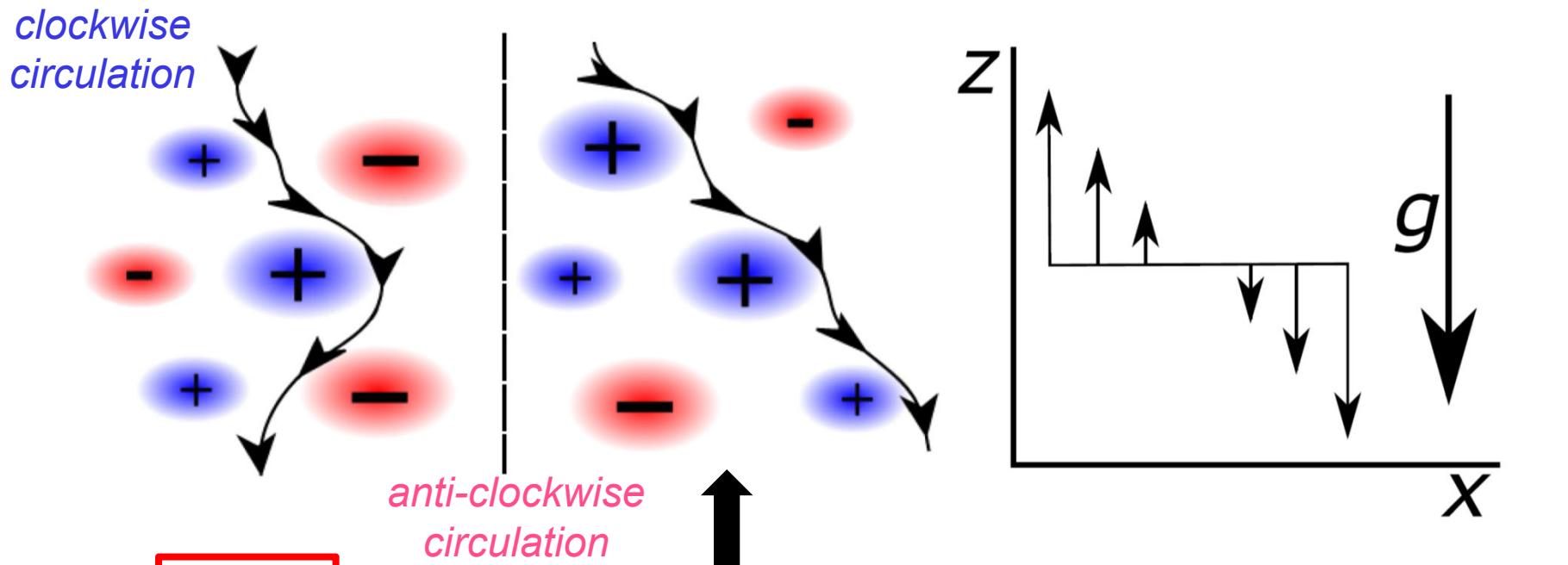
Due to shear: introduction of mean vorticity

Some previous works:

- Shotorban & Balachandar, PoF **18**, 065105 (2006)
- Nicolai, Jacob, Gualtieri & Piva, JPCS **318**, 052009 (2011)
- Gualtieri, Picano & Casciola, JFM **629**, 25 (2009)

Van Hinsberg, Clercx & Toschi, PRL **117**, 064501 (2016)

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Do particles get a horizontal drift velocity?

$$\frac{du_p}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_p} (u - u_p) - ge_z$$

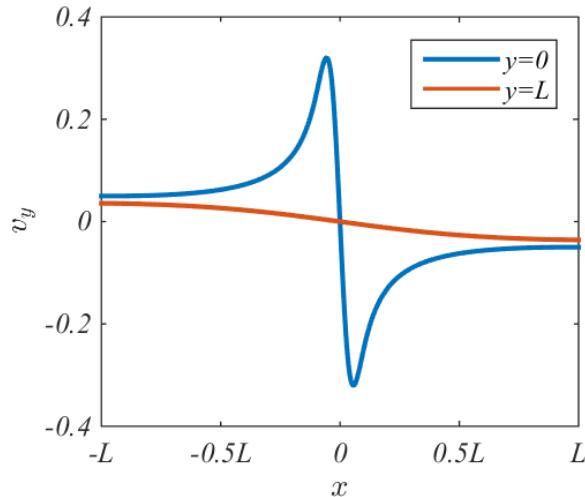
+ shear contribution

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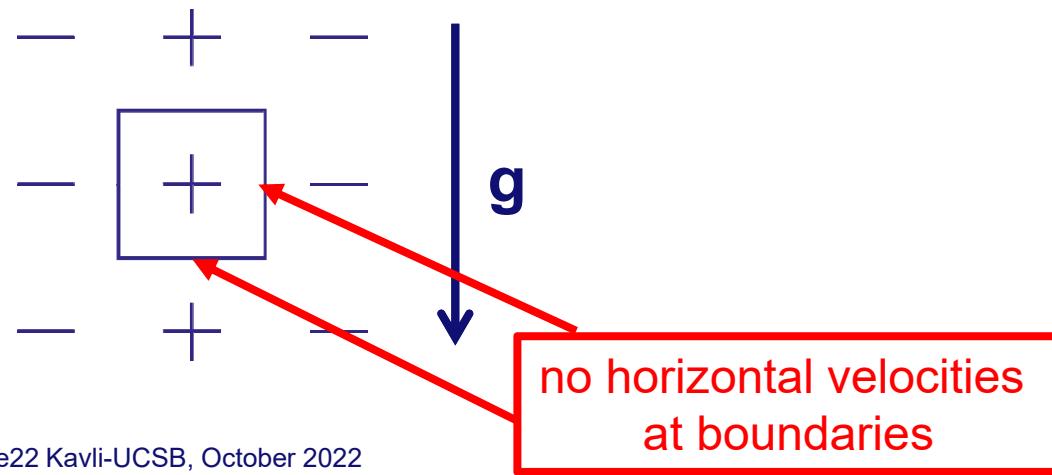
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Gaussian patch of vorticity

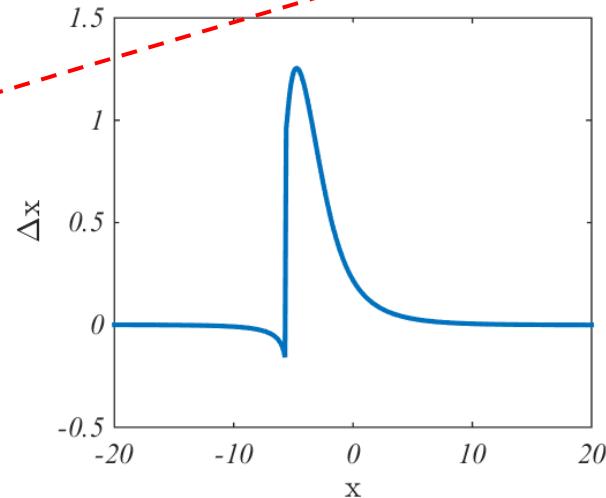
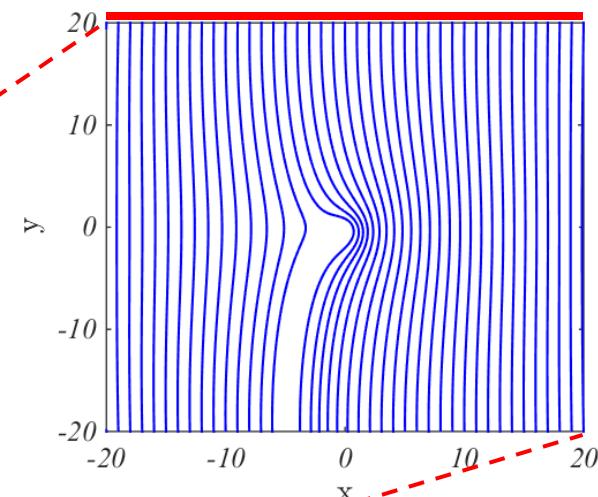
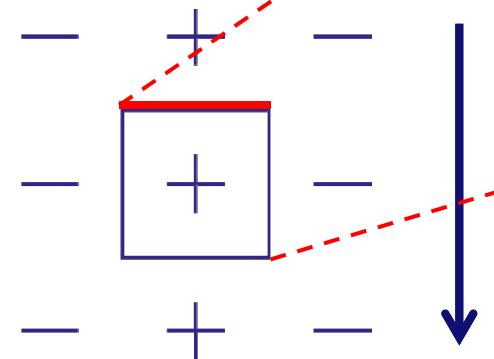
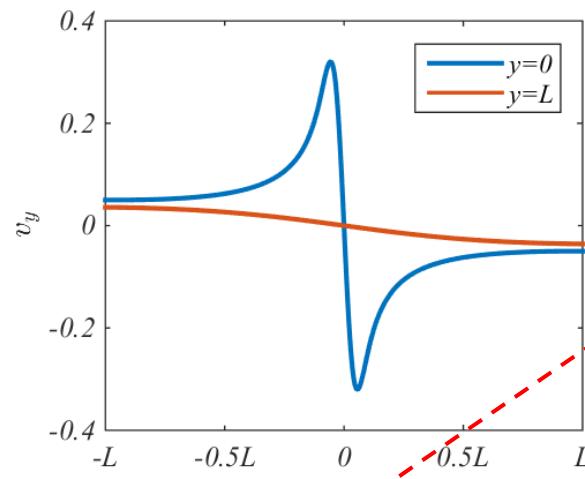


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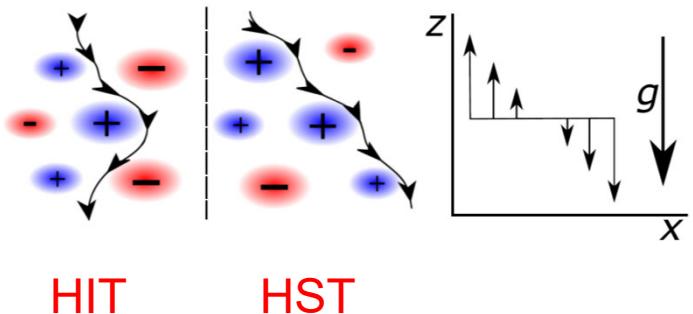
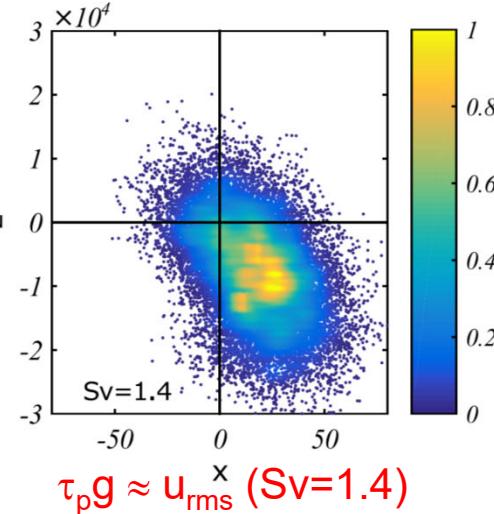
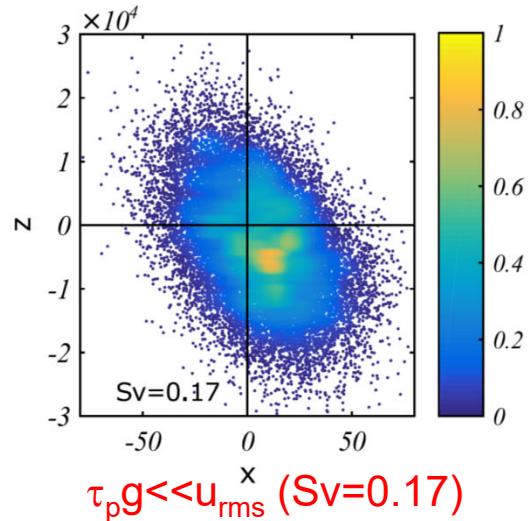
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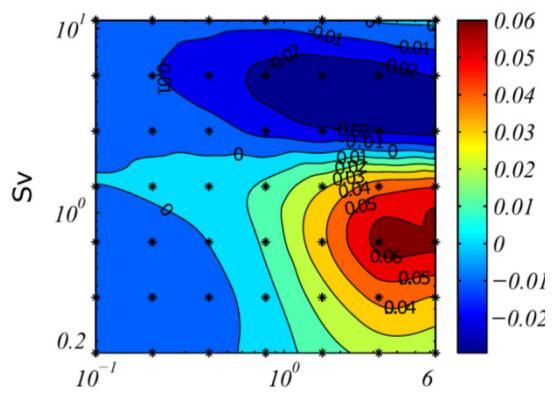
# Horizontal drift in HST

St=3.2      Scatter plot of inertial particle dispersion (with respect to initial position)



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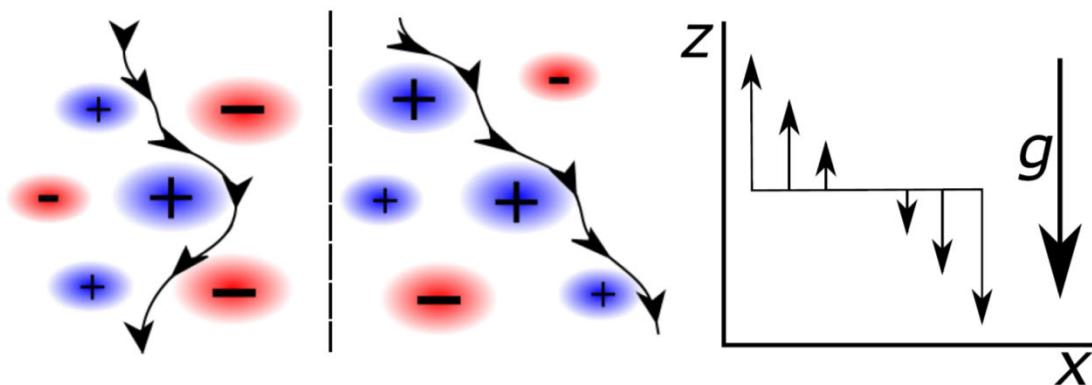
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(St,Sv) regime diagram of horizontal drift velocity

# First set of conclusions

- Going from heavy to non-heavy particles first  $F_B$  affects settling and subsequently  $F_P$  comes into play
- $F_B$  enhances settling for large St and reduces it for smaller St
- $F_P$  only decreases settling
- Need to include hydrodynamic forces (according to MR)
- Homogeneous shear results in horizontal drift

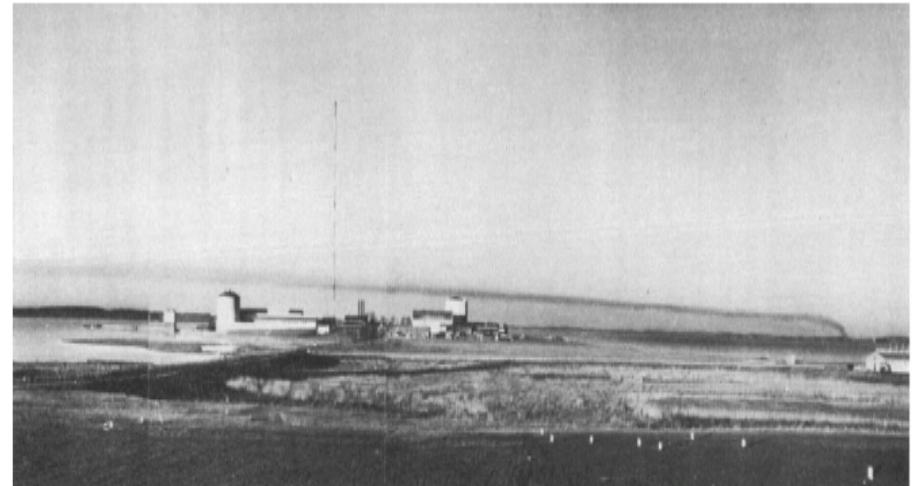


# Transport in stratified turbulence



Algal blooms

Aerosol dispersion



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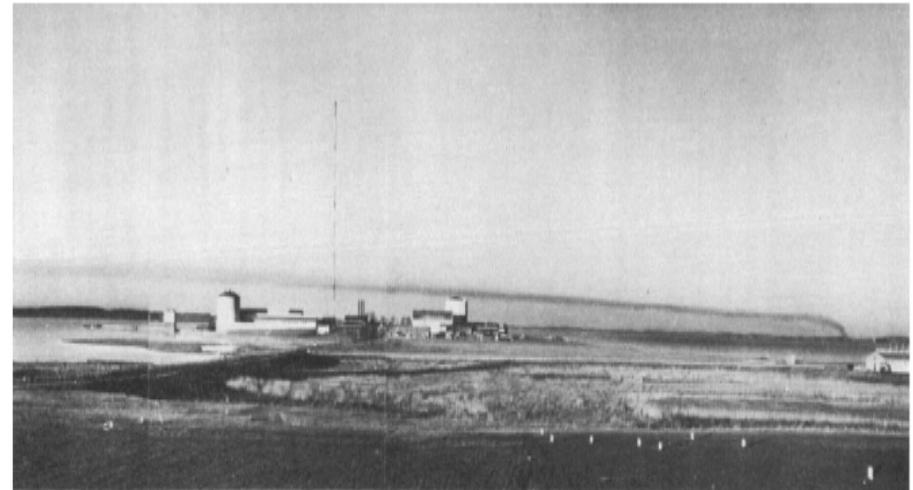
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*How is particle dispersion affected by the particle's inertial properties?*

Does preferential concentration persist for small particle-to-fluid density ratios?

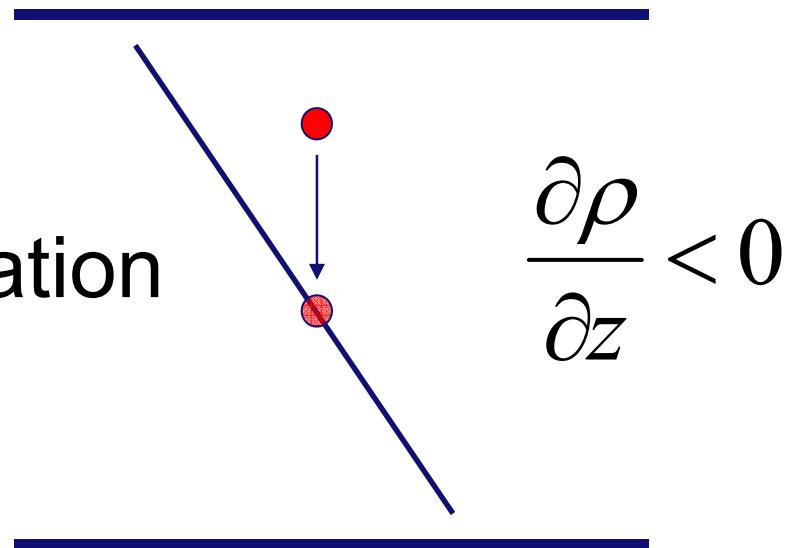
*How is preferential concentration affected by stratification?*

Aerosol dispersion



# Methods: Eulerian part

- Boussinesq approximation
- Periodic domain
- $128^3$  (and  $256^3$ )
- Forced DNS
- Parallel
- Buoyancy frequency  $N$ :

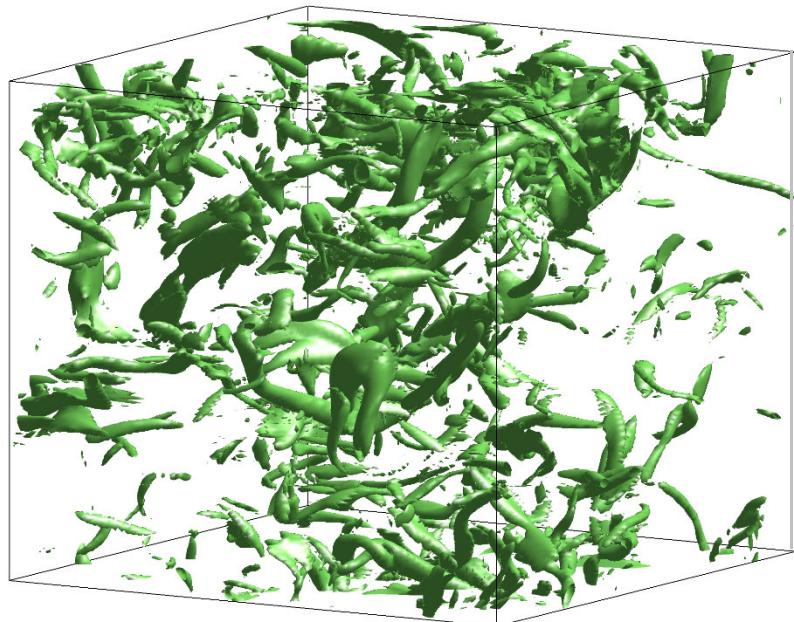


$$N = \left( -\frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right)^{1/2}$$

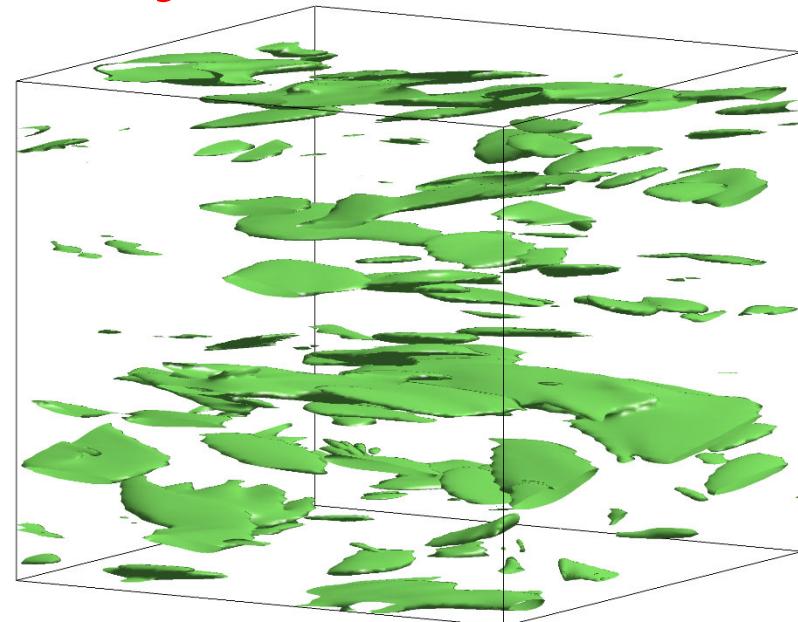
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Isovorticity



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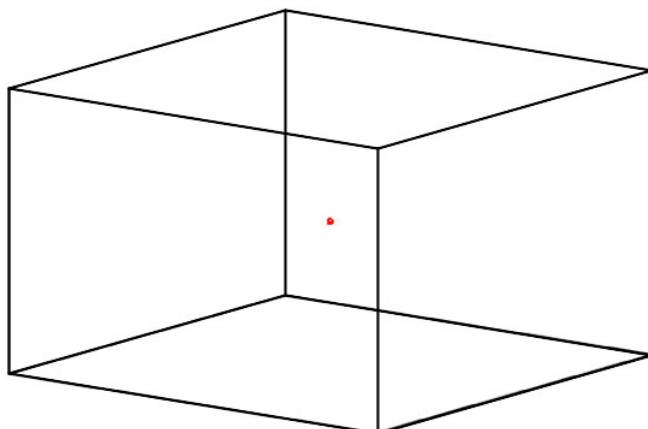


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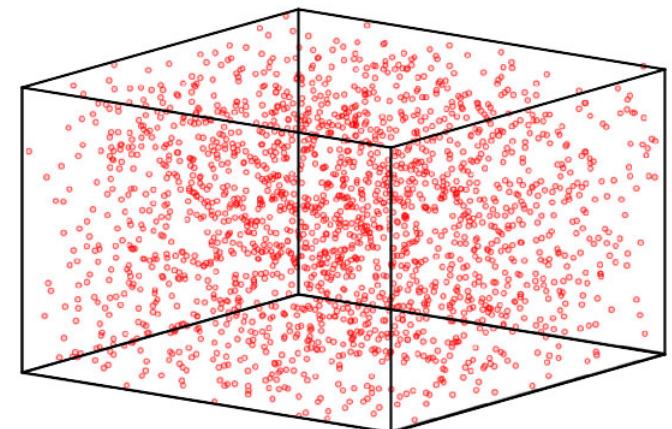
$$Re_\lambda \approx 90-170$$

# Methods: Lagrangian part

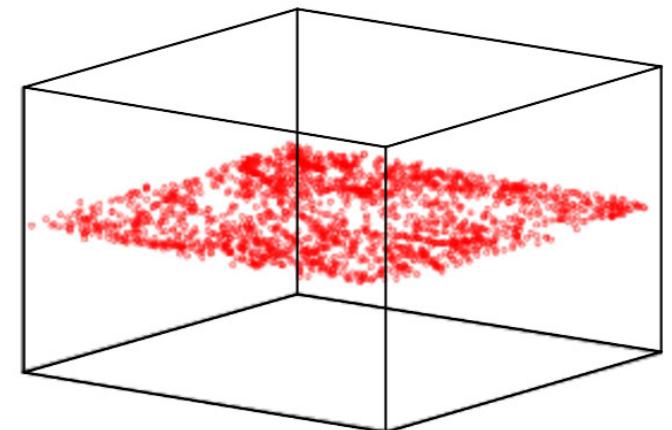
## Dispersion in Forced Stratified Turbulence



$N \sim 0.1$



$N \sim 1.0$



# Methods: Lagrangian part

Dispersion and mean-squared displacement

$$\overline{x^2} = 2\overline{u'^2_p} \int (t - \tau) R(\tau) d\tau$$

Taylor (1921)

$$\overline{x^2}(t) \approx \overline{u'^2} t^2 \quad t \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{ballistic}$$

$$\overline{x^2}(t) \approx 2\overline{u'^2} T_L t \quad t \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{diffusive}$$

# Methods: Lagrangian part

## Inertia effect on dispersion

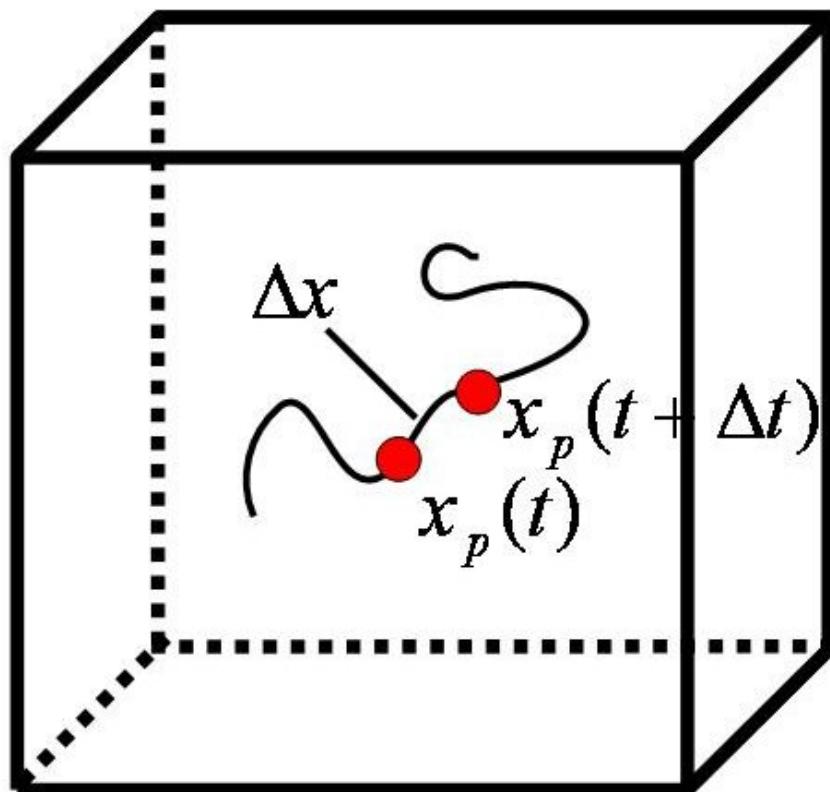
$$\overline{x^2} = 2\overline{u'^p}^2 \int (t - \tau) R(\tau) d\tau$$

Taylor (1921)

- Increasing inertia  $\rightarrow \overline{u'^p}^2 \downarrow \rightarrow$   
decreasing dispersion
- Increasing inertia  $\rightarrow$  memory,  $R(\tau) \uparrow \rightarrow$   
increasing dispersion
- Dispersion optimum around  $\tau_p = \tau_K$  (iso)

# Methods: Lagrangian part

## DNS – Lagrangian part



$$\frac{d\vec{x}_p}{dt} = \vec{u}_p$$

$$\frac{d\vec{u}_p}{dt} = \dots$$

# Methods: Lagrangian part

## DNS – Lagrangian part

### Maxey-Riley equation

$$m_p \frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} = 6\pi a\mu (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_p) + m_f \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - (m_p - m_f)g\mathbf{e}_z$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}m_f \left( \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - \frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} \right) + 3\sqrt{3\mu am_f} \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{d\mathbf{u}(\tau)/d\tau - d\mathbf{u}_p(\tau)/d\tau}{\sqrt{t-\tau}} d\tau$$

$$= \mathbf{F}_{St} + \mathbf{F}_P + \mathbf{F}_G + \mathbf{F}_{AM} + \mathbf{F}_B.$$

M.R. Maxey and J.J. Riley, *Phys. Fluids* **26**, 883 (1983).

# Methods: Lagrangian part

## DNS – Lagrangian part

Maxey-Riley equation: heavy particles

$$m_p \frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} = 6\pi a \mu (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_p) + m_f \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - (m_p - m_f) g \mathbf{e}_z$$

$$\frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} \gg 1$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} m_f \left( \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - \frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} \right) + 3\sqrt{3\mu a m_f} \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{d\mathbf{u}(\tau)/d\tau - d\mathbf{u}_p(\tau)/d\tau}{\sqrt{t-\tau}} d\tau$$

$$= \mathbf{F}_{St} + \mathbf{F}_G$$

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# Methods: Lagrangian part

## DNS – Lagrangian part

Maxey-Riley equation: ... and without gravity

$$m_p \frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} = 6\pi a\mu (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_p) + m_f \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - (m_p - m_f)g\mathbf{e}_z$$

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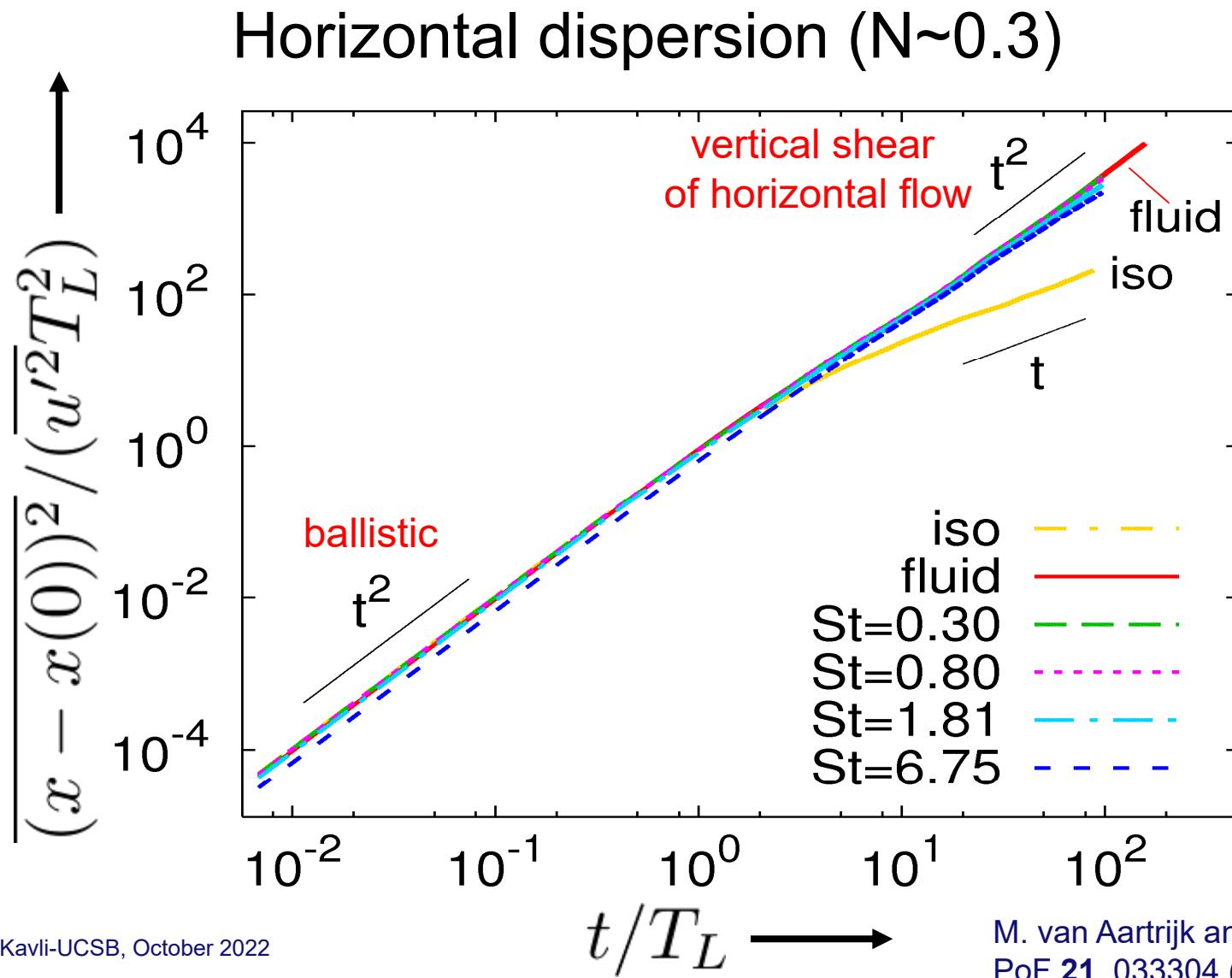
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$$= \mathbf{F}_{St}$$

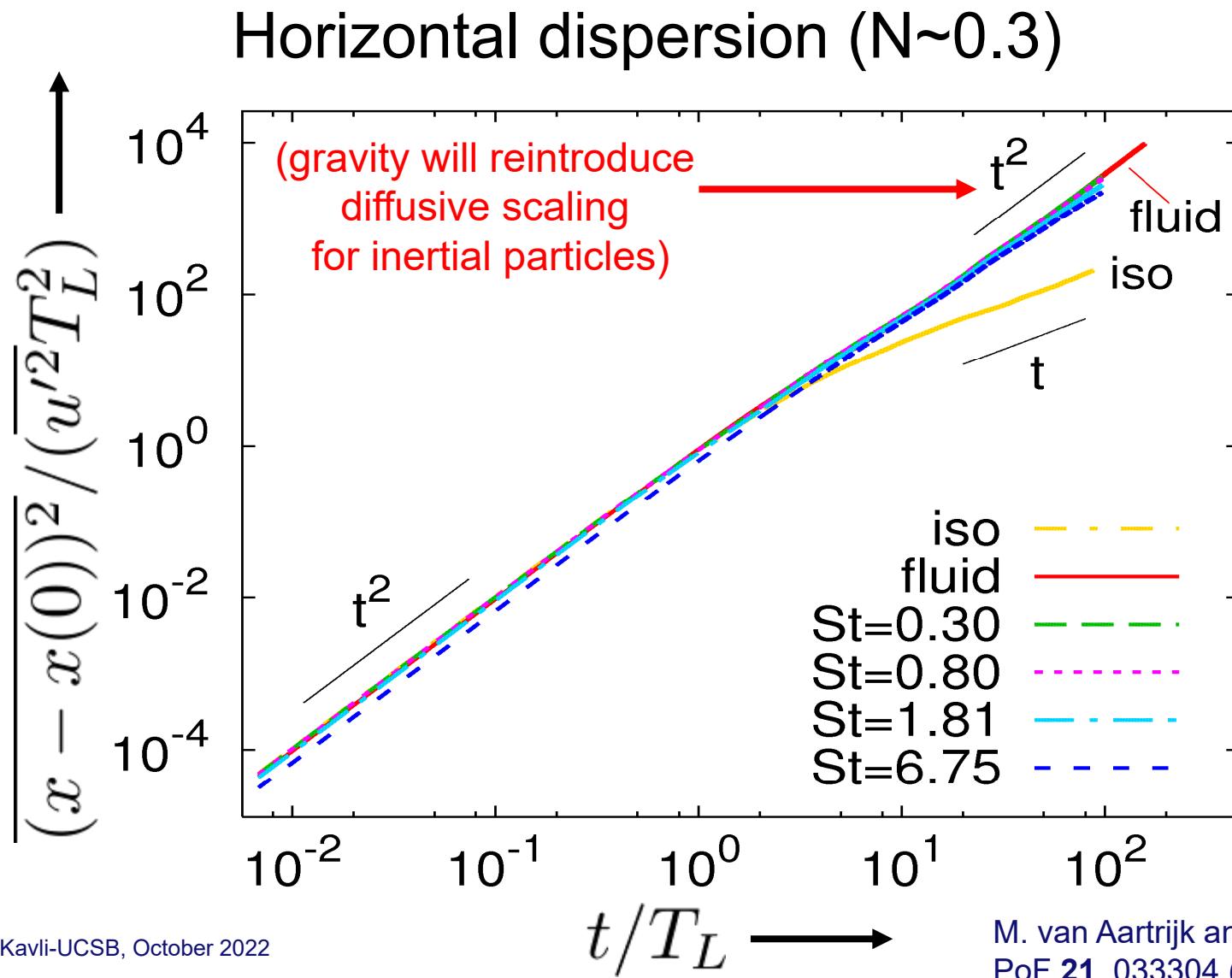
$$\tau_p = \frac{(\rho_p/\rho_f) d_p^2}{18\nu} \quad St = \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_k}$$

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# Inertial particles in stratified turbulence



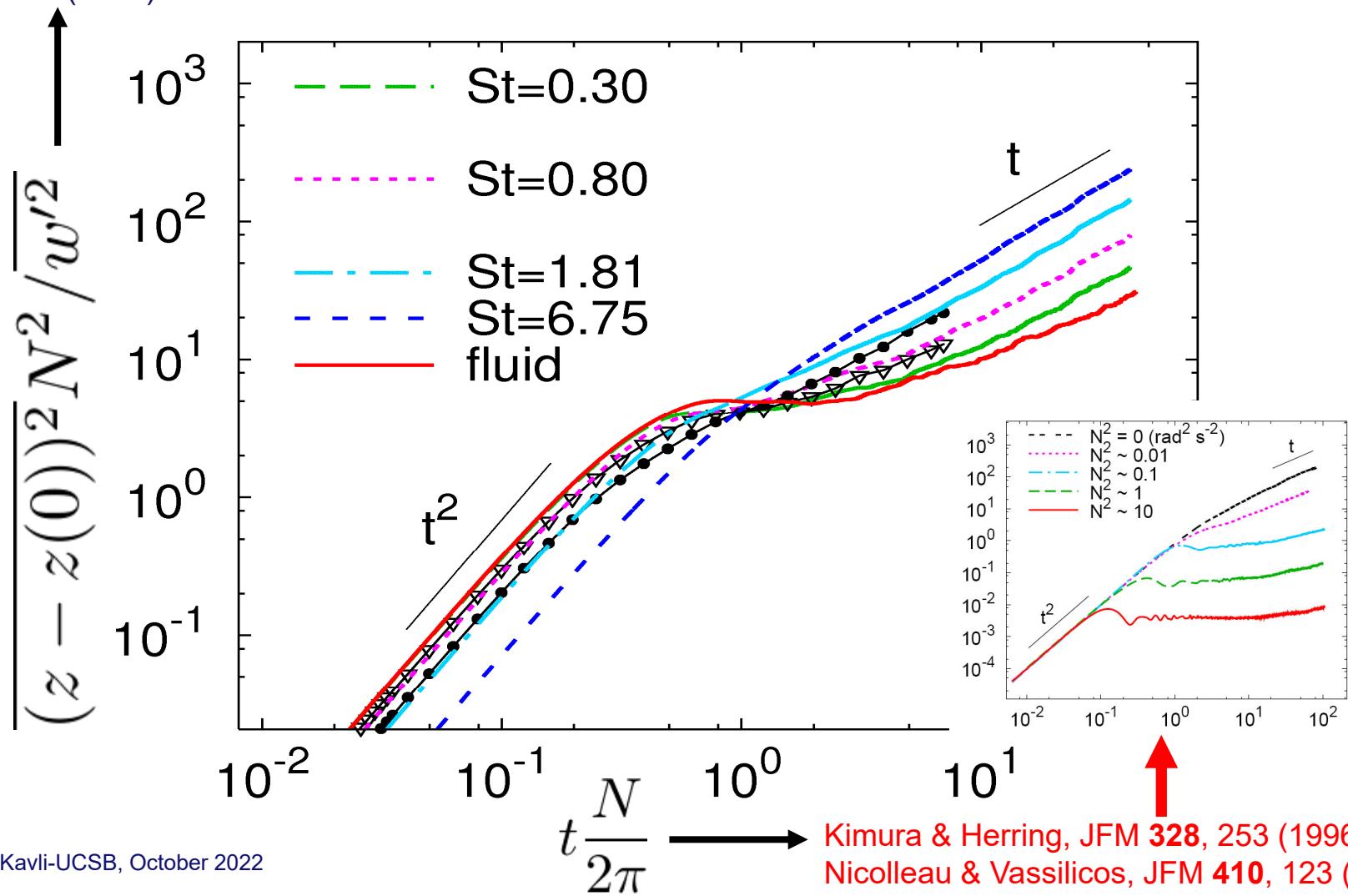
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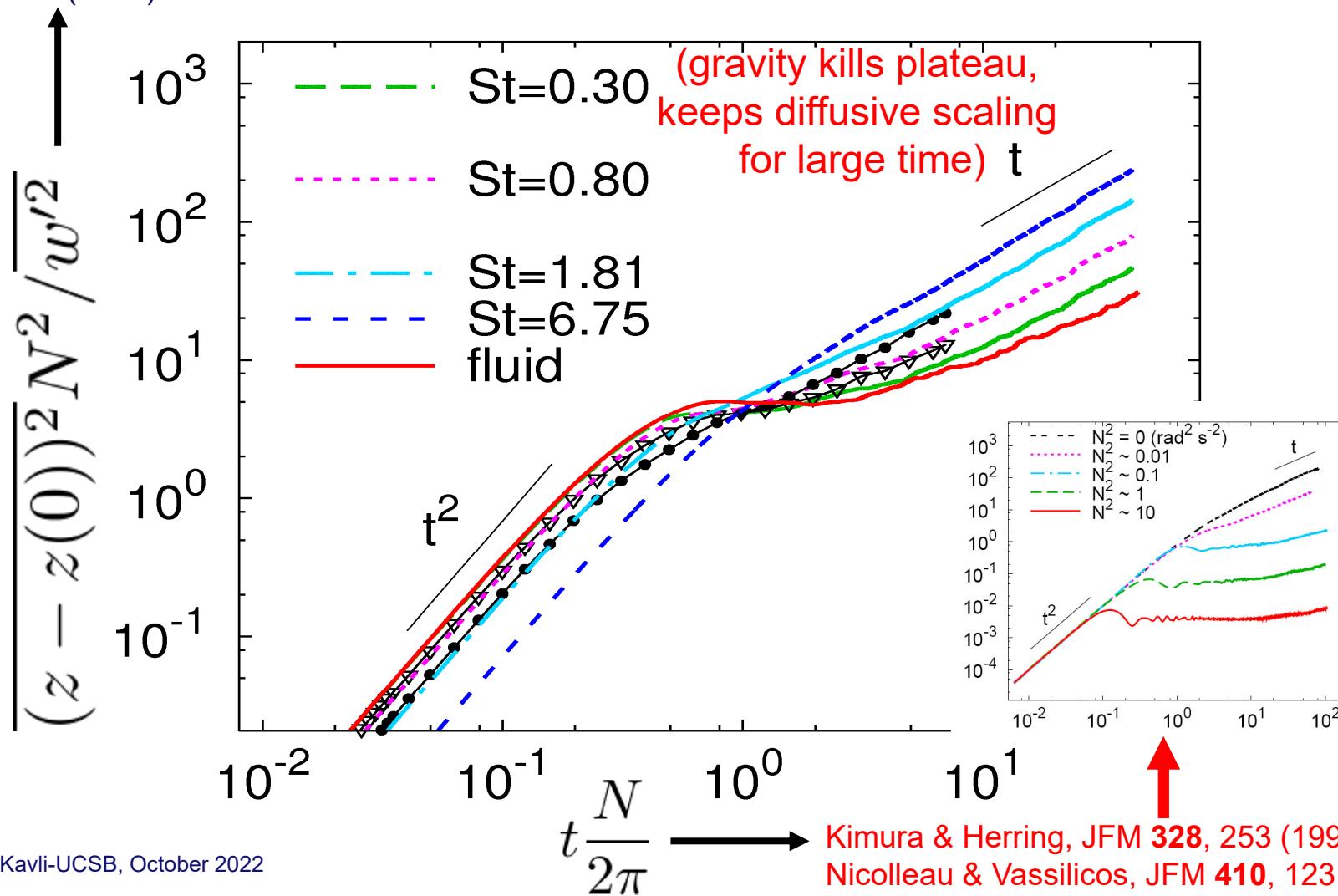
## Vertical dispersion ( $N \sim 0.3$ )



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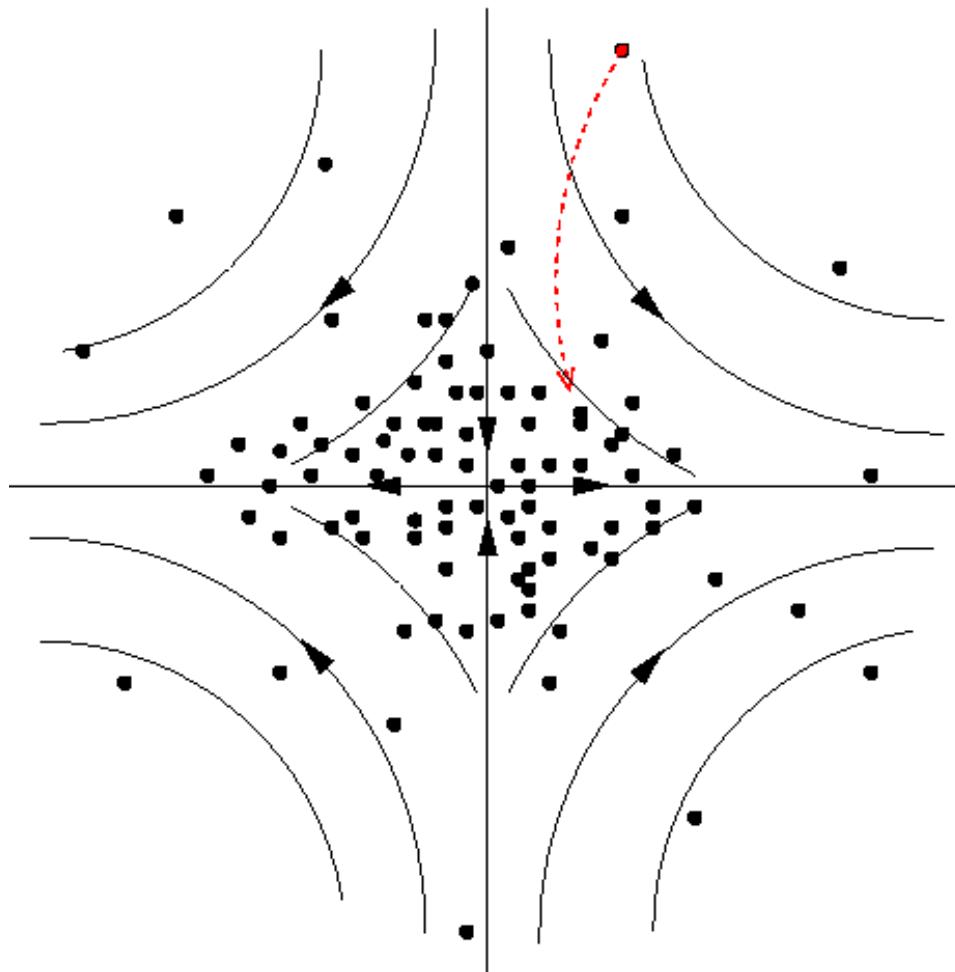
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Preferential concentration

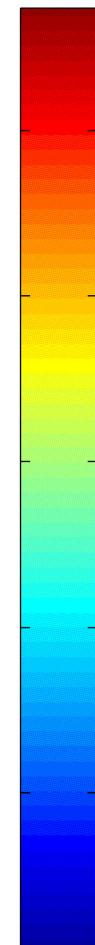
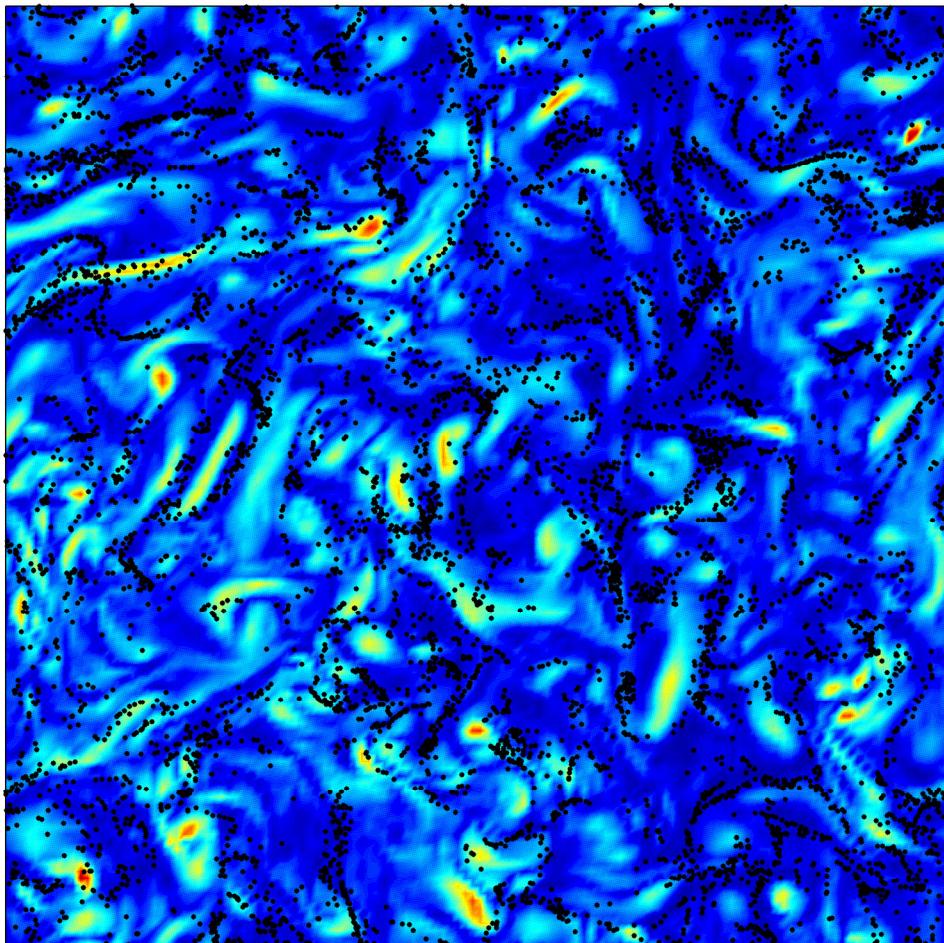


$$\frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} > 1$$

high strain,  
low vorticity

# Inertial particles in stratified turbulence

## Preferential concentration



5 *isotropic turbulence*

4  
3 strain dominated

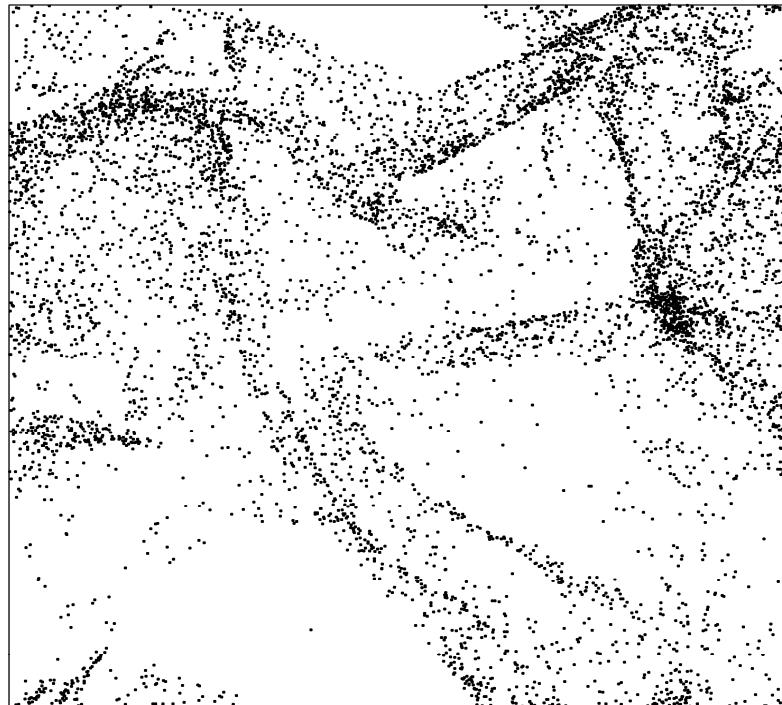
2 vorticity dominated

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# Inertial particles in stratified turbulence

Preferential concentration

stratified turbulence



horizontal

$$N \sim 1 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$$



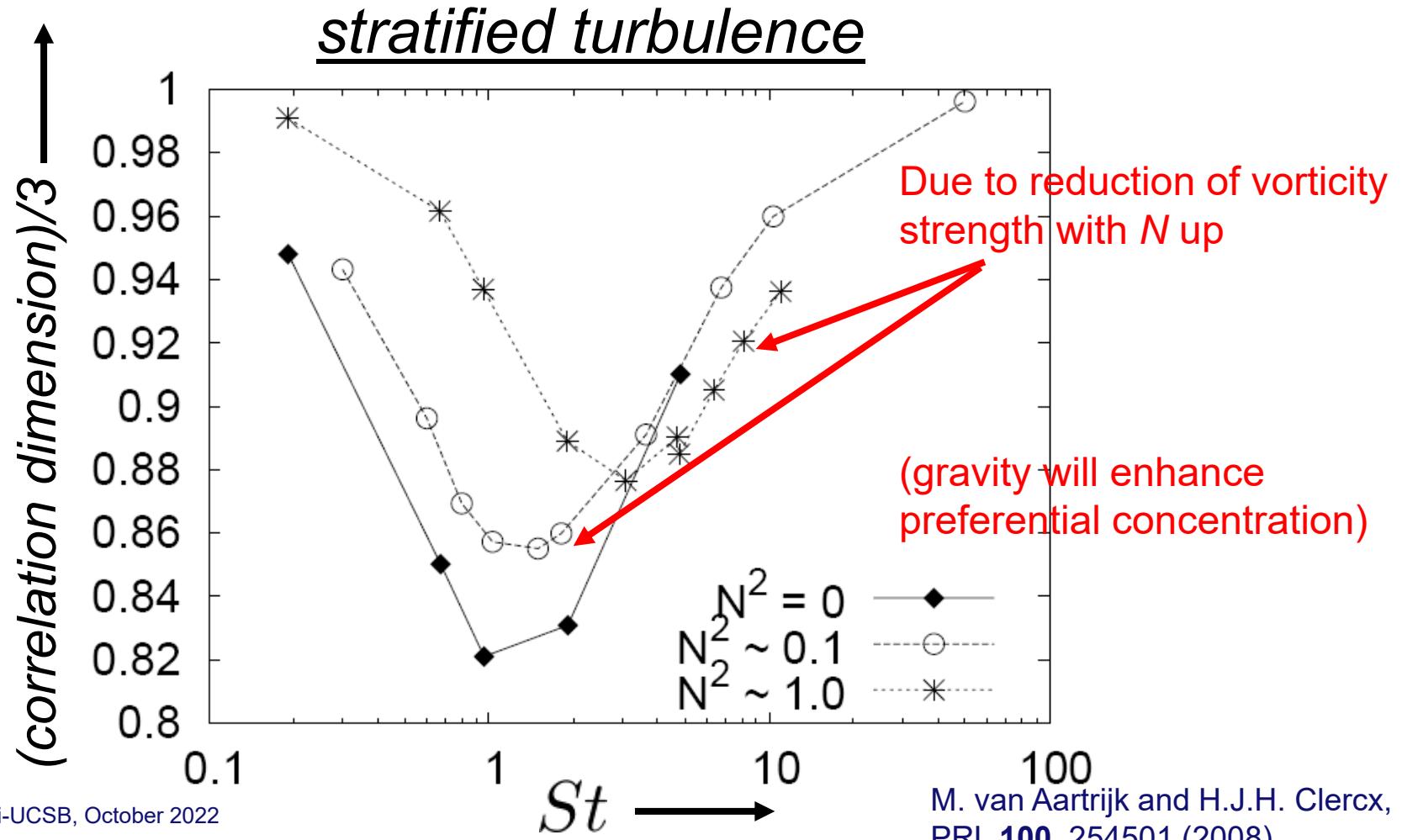
vertical

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PRL 100, 254501 (2008)

# Inertial particles in stratified turbulence

$$P_2(r) \sim r^D$$

Preferential concentration



# Non-heavy particles in stratified turbulence

## DNS – Lagrangian part

Maxey-Riley equation: light or non-heavy particles

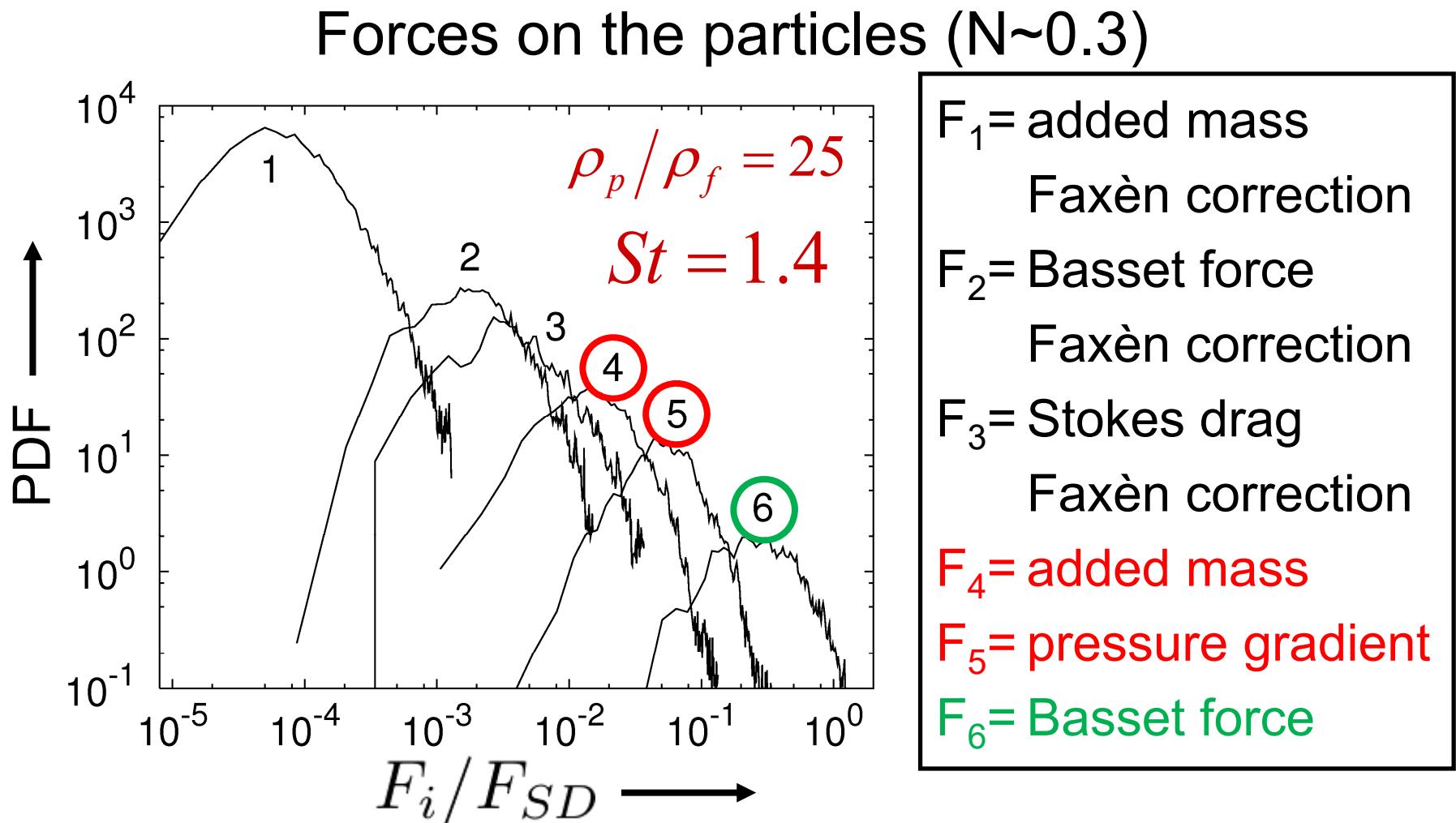
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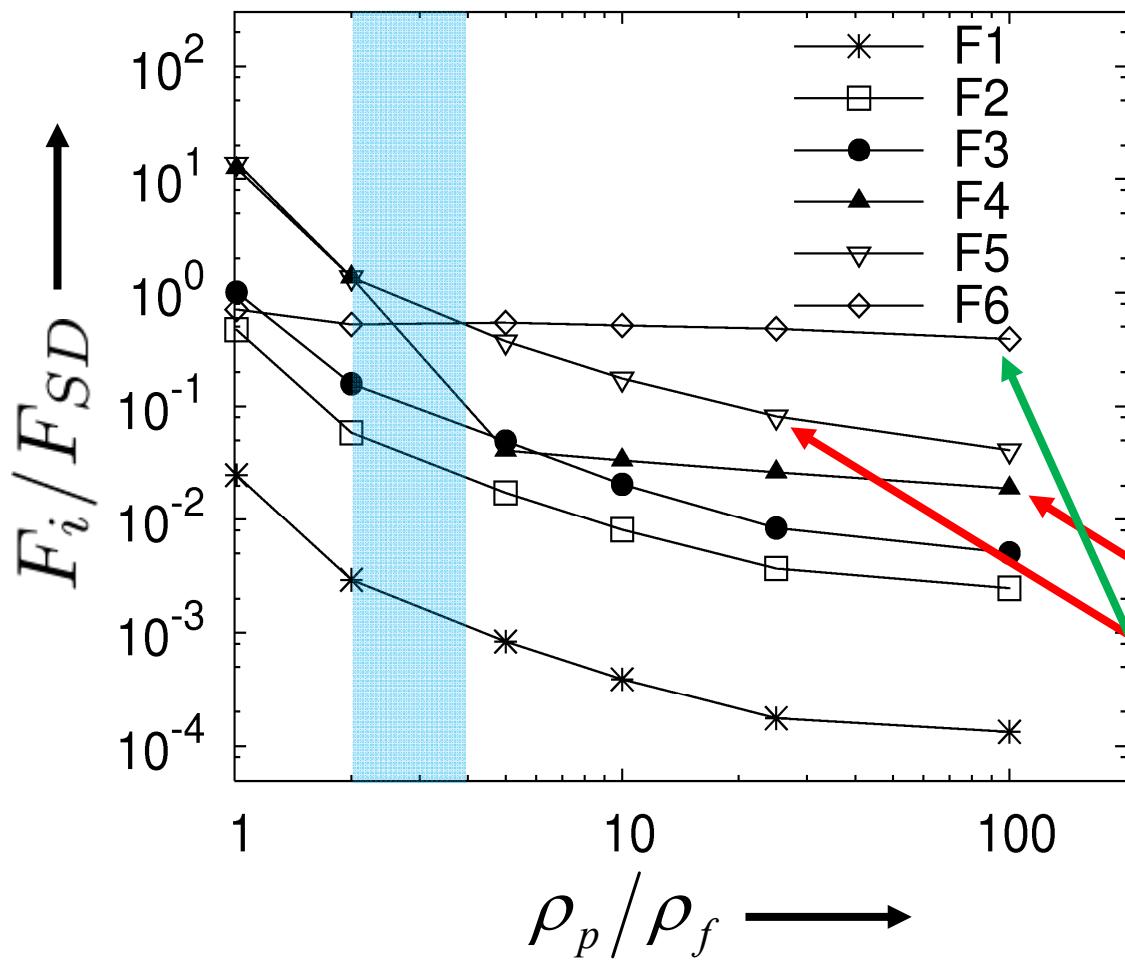
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# Non-heavy particles in stratified turbulence

Forces on the particles ( $N \sim 0.3$ )

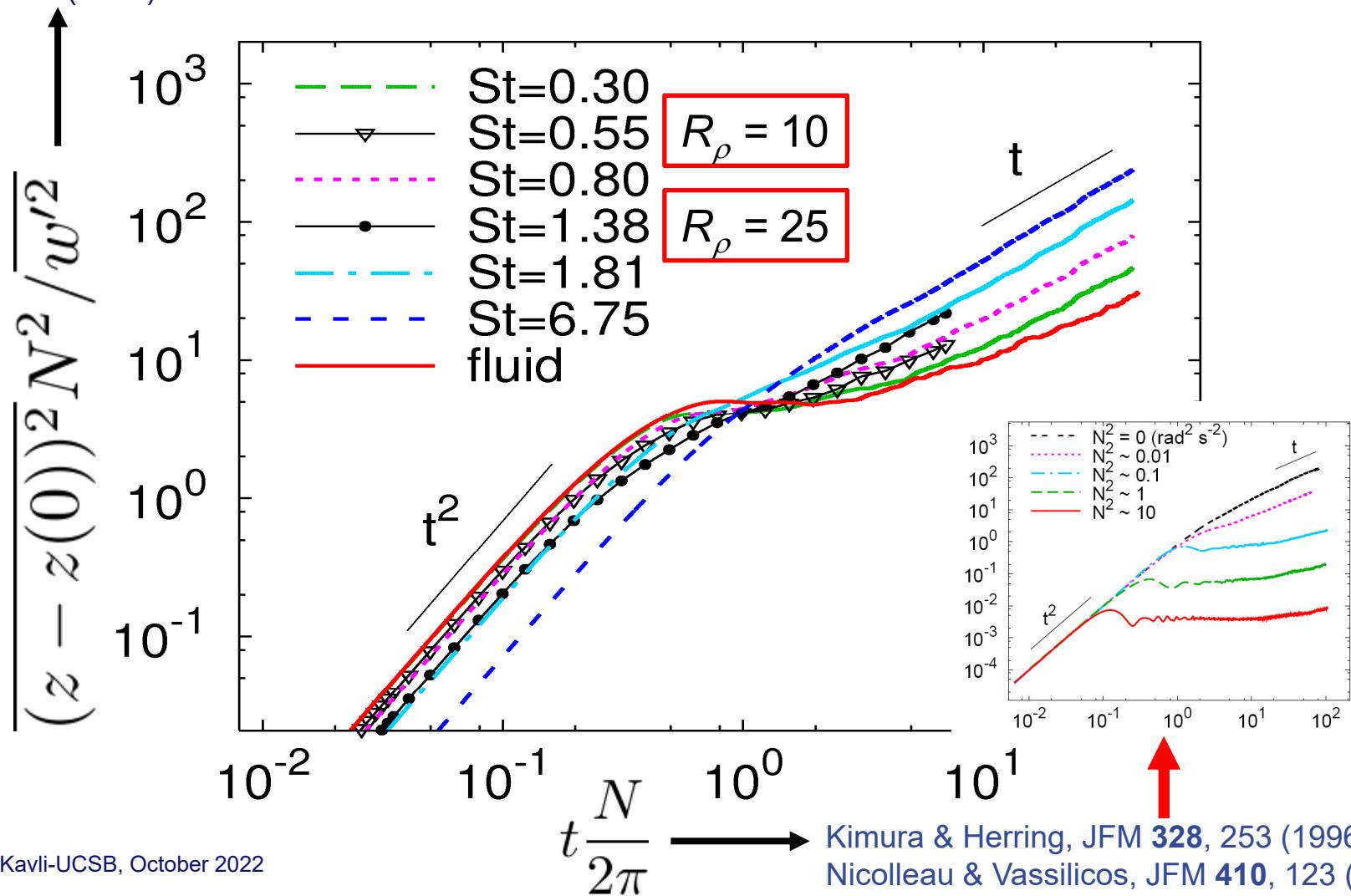


$F_1$ = added mass  
Faxèn correction  
 $F_2$ = Basset force  
Faxèn correction  
 $F_3$ = Stokes drag  
Faxèn correction  
 $F_4$ = added mass  
 $F_5$ = pressure gradient  
 $F_6$ = Basset force

# Non-heavy particles in stratified turbulence

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## Vertical dispersion ( $N \sim 0.3$ )



## Second set of conclusions

- Stratification enhances horizontal dispersion and reduces vertical dispersion (confirmation)
- Inertia has negligible influence on horizontal and increases long-time vertical dispersion in stratified turbulence
- Stratification affects preferential concentration
- Better vertical mixing of light particles compared to heavy particles (iso+strat) and full MR needed

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