New experimental platform for turbulence and turbulent mixing in rotating and accelerating fluids at high Reynolds numbers

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