

The Physics of Heliophysics

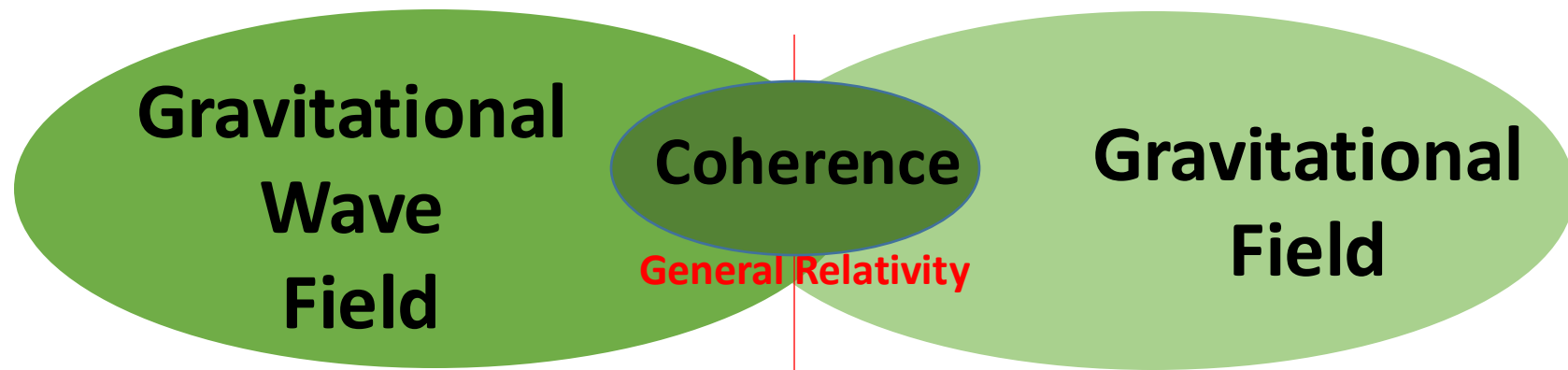
A Very Short Introduction

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*All the heliosphere is a stage,
And all matter and classical fields are merely players;
They have their exits and entrances,
And each, in their time, plays several parts.*



Classical Fields



$$R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}Rg^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} [T_m^{\alpha\beta} + T_{E+M}^{\alpha\beta} + T_{rad}^{\alpha\beta}]$$

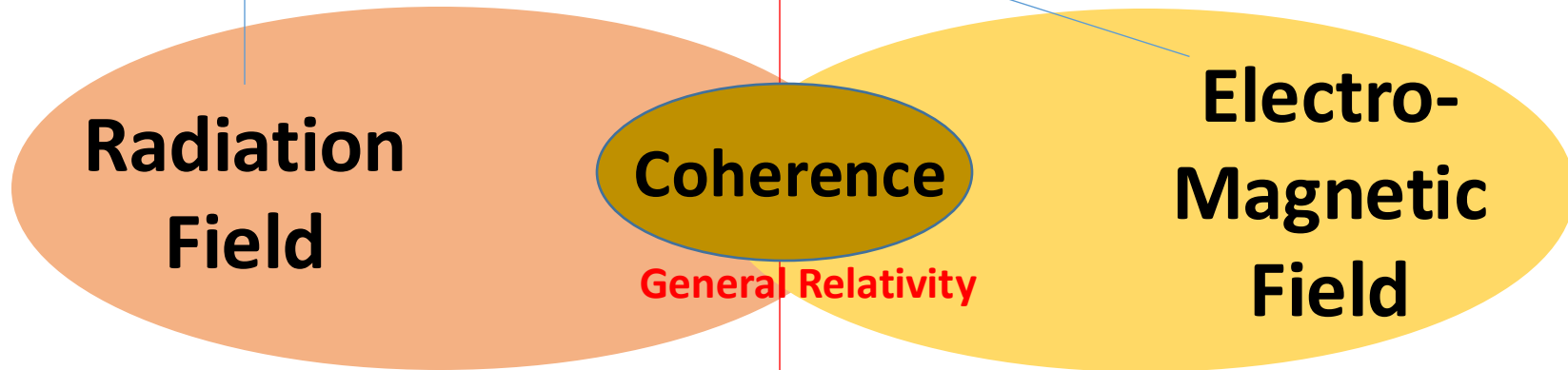
$$F^{\alpha\beta}_{;\beta} = \mu_0 J^\alpha$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho_e / \epsilon_0 \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

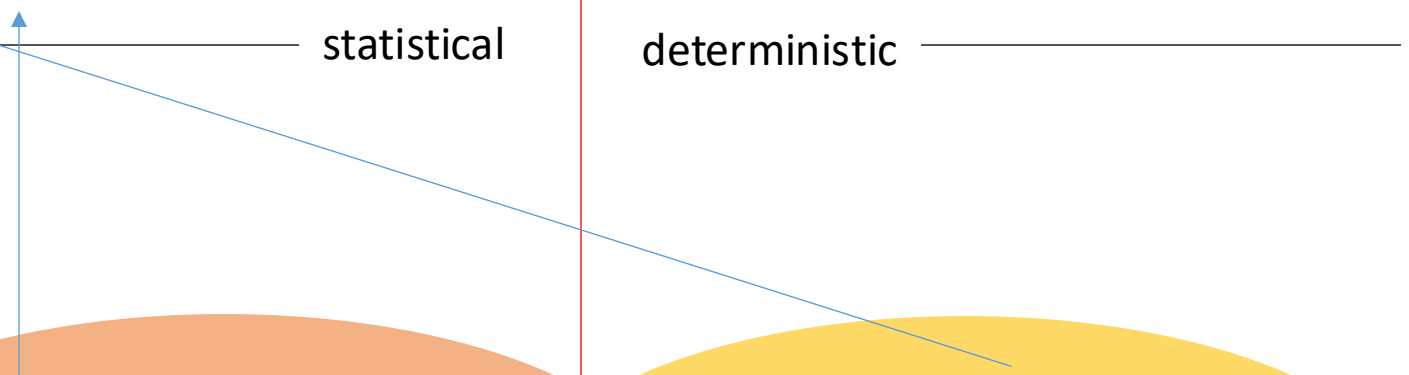
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

in a flat Minkowski spacetime



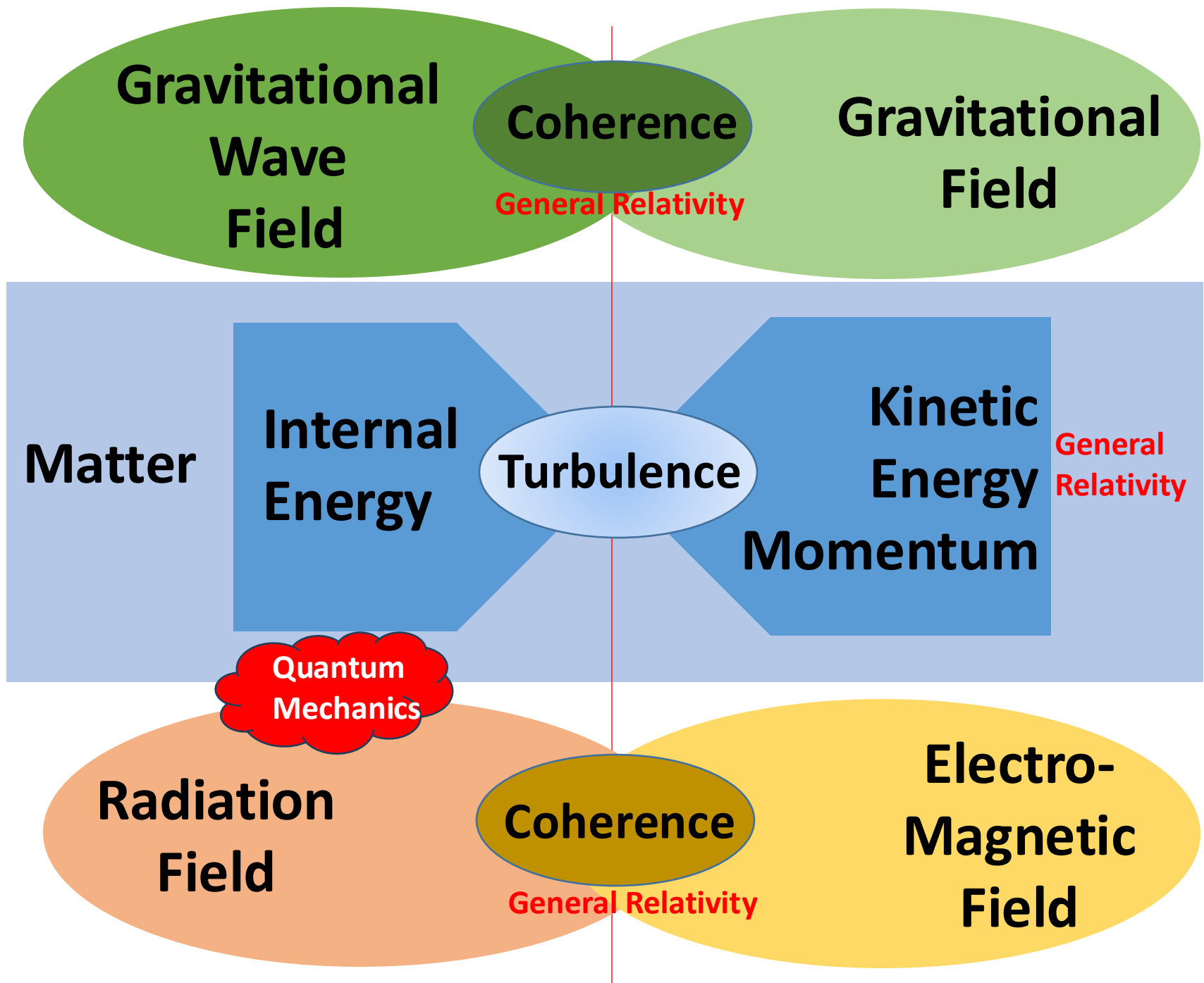
statistical

deterministic



Classical Fields & Matter

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Matter

Nanoscopic

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = \mathcal{H}|\psi\rangle$$

quantum mechanics

Microscopic

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p_i} \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q_i}$$

dynamical systems/
classical mechanics

Mesoscopic

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{p} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{f} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \frac{\delta \psi}{\delta t}$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla I_\nu = \eta_\nu - \chi_\nu I_\nu$$

plasma/kinetic theory
radiative transfer

Macroscopic

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} = 0$$

fluid/continuum
mechanics

Mondoscopic

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = 2KE + 3P + EM + R + W$$

thermodynamics/
virial theory

Transport
Coefficients
Suprathermal
Particles

Radiation as a
Relativistic Fluid
Two Fluid MHD

Increasing
granularity

HelioPHYSICS

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \pm 4\pi G \rho$$

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$$\gamma = \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 - \|\mathbf{u}\|^2}} \approx 1$$

Macroscopic

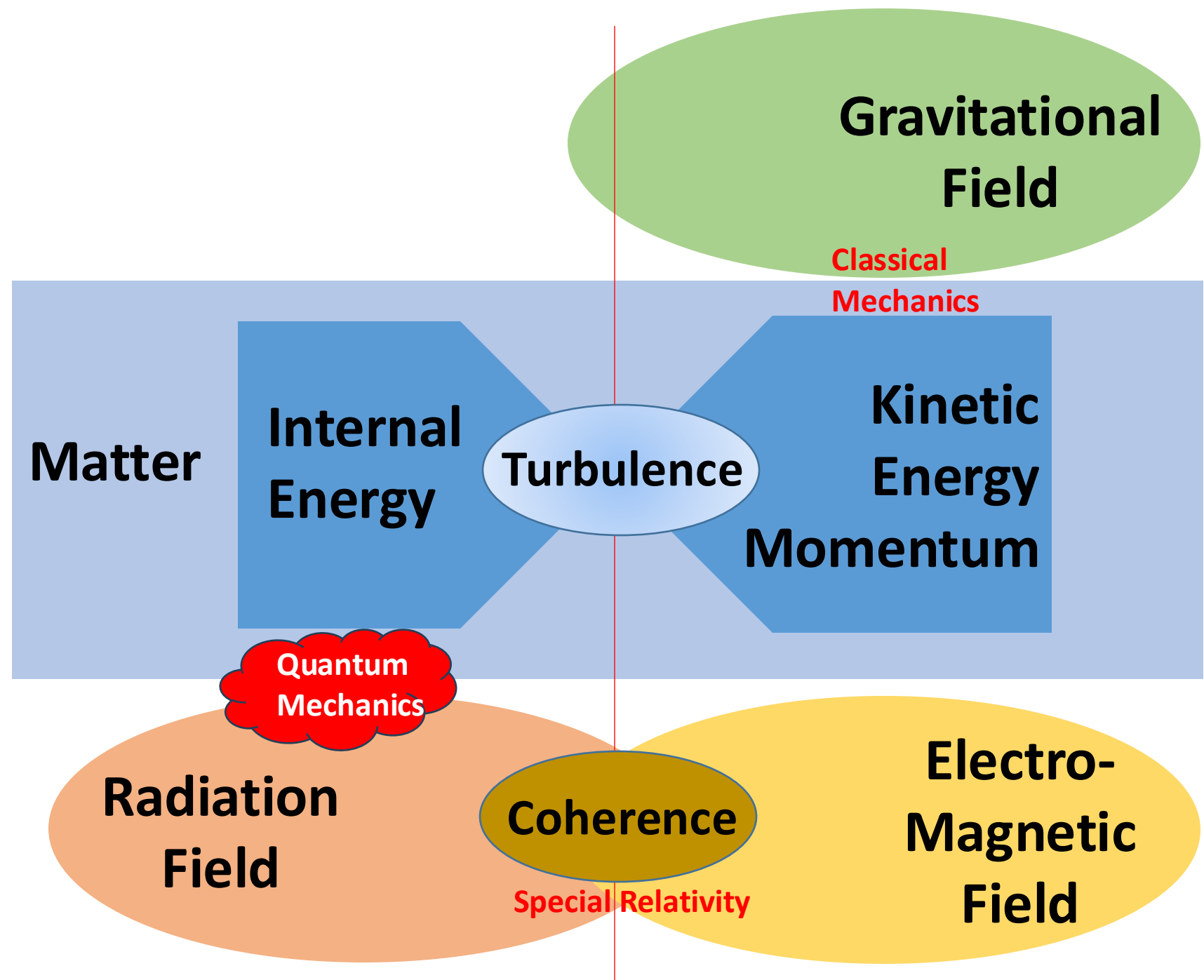
Mesoscopic

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$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

1 Flat Minkowski spacetime



Symmetry

$$t \rightarrow t' \pm t$$

Energy Conservation

Entropy Conservation

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}' + \mathbb{R}\mathbf{x}$$

Momentum Conservation

Parity Conservation (!)

Angular Momentum Conservation (!)

$$i \rightarrow j$$

$$j \rightarrow i$$

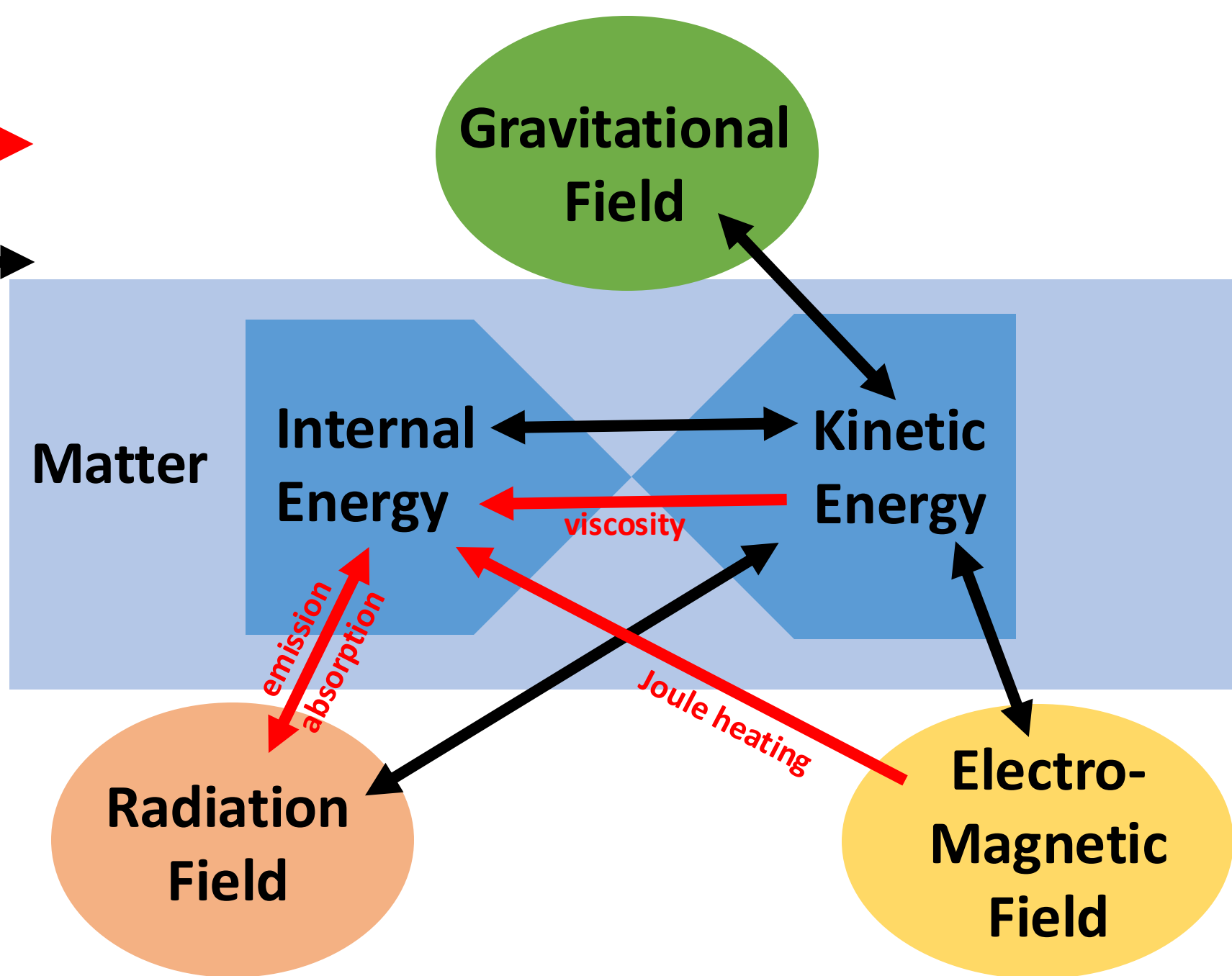
Mass Conservation

Conservation I

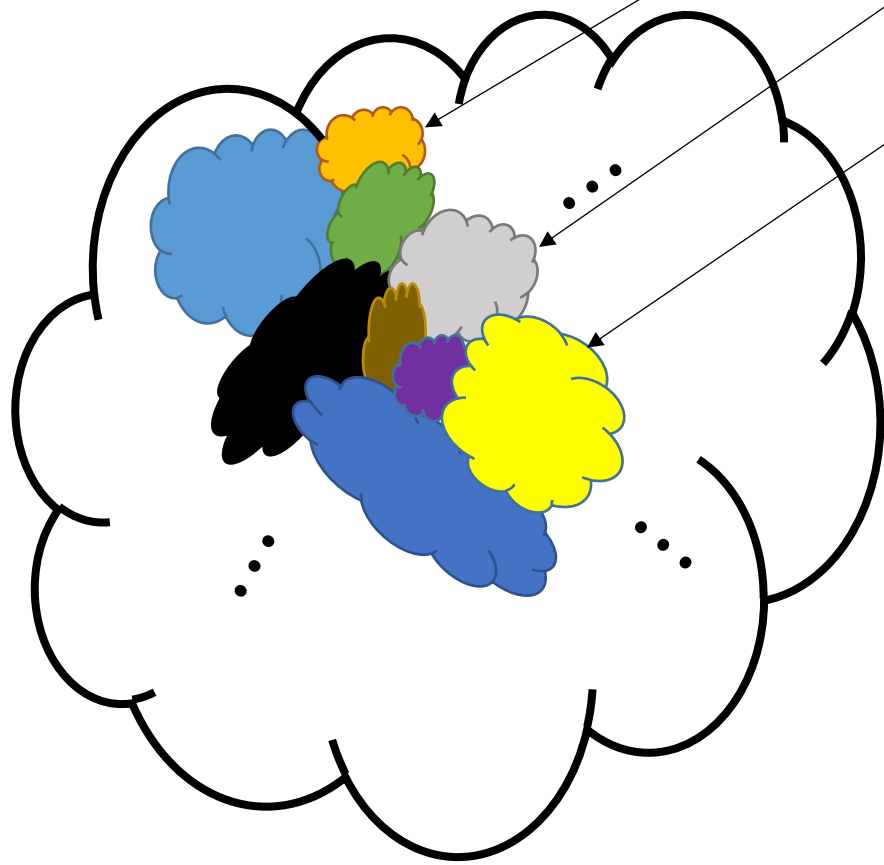
Entropy Production



Adiabatic (Reversible)
Entropy is constant
i.e. Ideal MHD



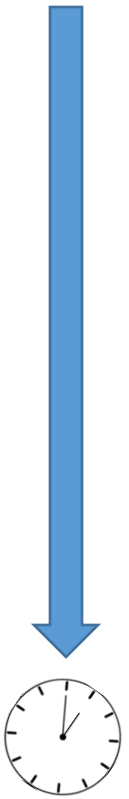
Conservation II



$V'', N'', \varepsilon'', \{M'', E'', P'', L''\}, \dots, p'', T'', \mu''$	S''
$V, N, \varepsilon, \{M, E, P, L\}, \dots, p, T, \mu$	S
$V', N', \varepsilon', \{M', E', P', L'\}, \dots, p', T', \mu'$	S'
⋮	



$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$
 $e(\mathbf{x}, t)$
 $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$
 $p(\mathbf{x}, t)$
 $T(\mathbf{x}, t)$
 $\mu(\mathbf{x}, t)$
 $S(\mathbf{x}, t)$



Dynamic Equilibrium	$p = p' = p'' = \dots$ $P = P' = P'' = \dots$ $L = L' = L'' = \dots$	$e(\mathbf{x}, t)$ $T(\mathbf{x}, t)$ $\mu(\mathbf{x}, t)$ $S(\mathbf{x}, t)$
Thermal Equilibrium	$T = T' = T'' = \dots$	$e(\mathbf{x}, t)$ $\mu(\mathbf{x}, t)$ $S(\mathbf{x}, t)$
Chemical Equilibrium	$\mu = \mu' = \mu'' = \dots$	S is maximal

Evaluate Interactions in the Comoving Frame

Comoving frame

$$\gamma = \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 - \|\mathbf{u}\|^2}} \approx 1$$

$$\sigma \mathbf{E}' \leftarrow$$

$$0 \leftarrow$$

$$\mathbf{E}' = \gamma[\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}] - (\gamma - 1)(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} / \|\mathbf{u}\|^2$$

$$\mathbf{B}' = \gamma[\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{E}/c^2] - (\gamma - 1)(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} / \|\mathbf{u}\|^2$$

$$\mathbf{J}' = \mathbf{J} - \gamma \mathbf{u} \rho_e + (\gamma - 1)(\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} / \|\mathbf{u}\|^2$$

$$\rho_e' = \gamma[\rho_e - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{J}/c^2]$$

Laboratory frame



MHD

Ideal MHD

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \pm 4\pi G \rho$$

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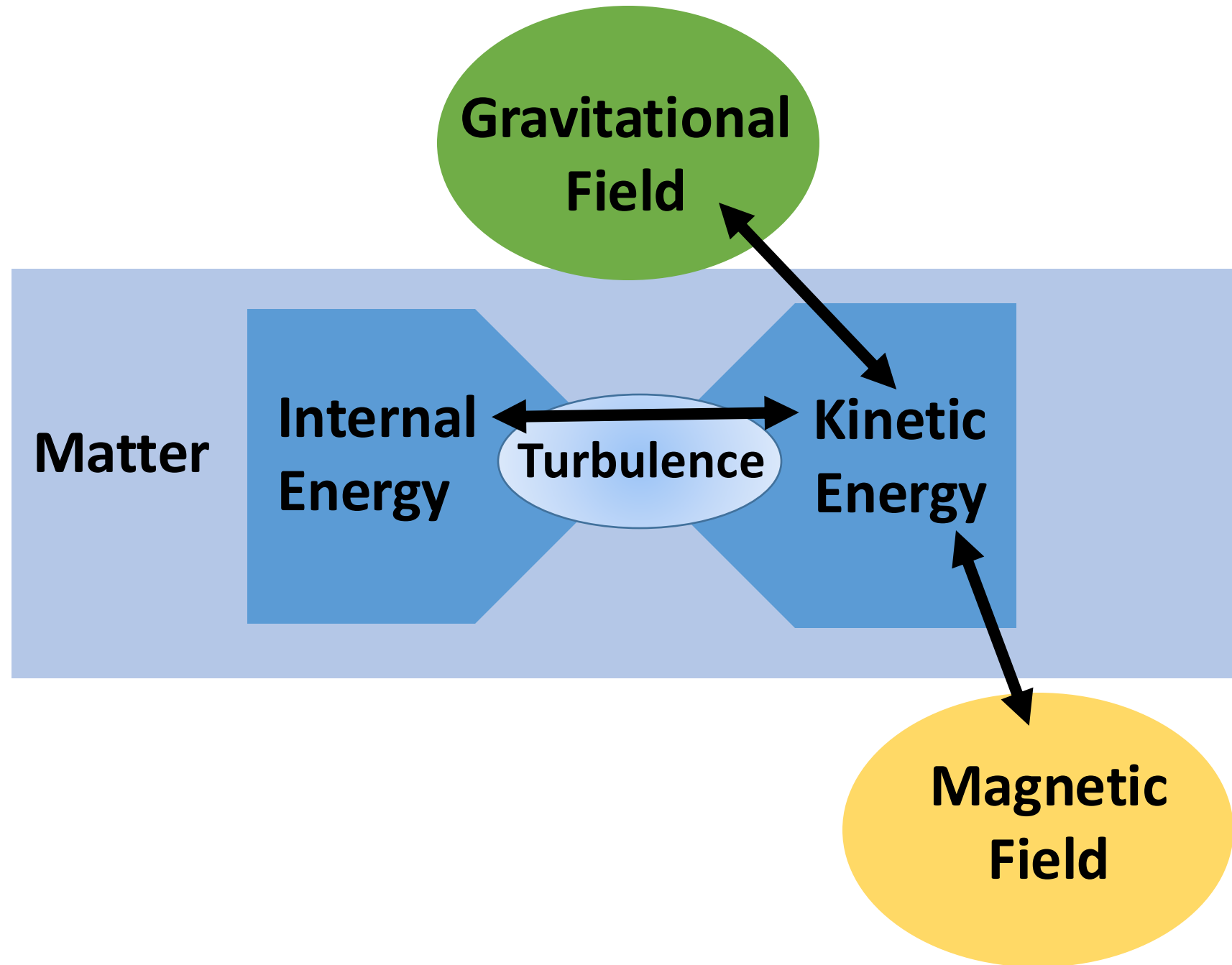
Macroscopic

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

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Unreasonable Effectiveness of the *Macroscopic* Description

*“If you conserve all the things that need to be conserved **and** you ensure that left to its own devices, entropy always increases, **then** things will often work out far better than one might have any right to expect. (...usually)”*

*“**Always** be certain that N is huge, **and** the physical system has both the time and ability to sample lots and lots of its available microstates consistent with a specified macrostate.”*

*“**Always** evaluate interactions between the matter and the classical fields in the **comoving**, i.e., rest-frame, of the material.”*

*“**Solve** your equations in any frame you like.”*

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*The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics
in the Natural Sciences*

Richard Courant Lecture in Mathematical Sciences delivered at New York University
May 11, 1959

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The Unreasonable Effectiveness of the Macroscopic Description

A Very Incomplete Introduction

*We at some times are minions of our theories,
The fault, dear Brutus, is not in ourselves,
But in our stars, that we are undersings.*

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