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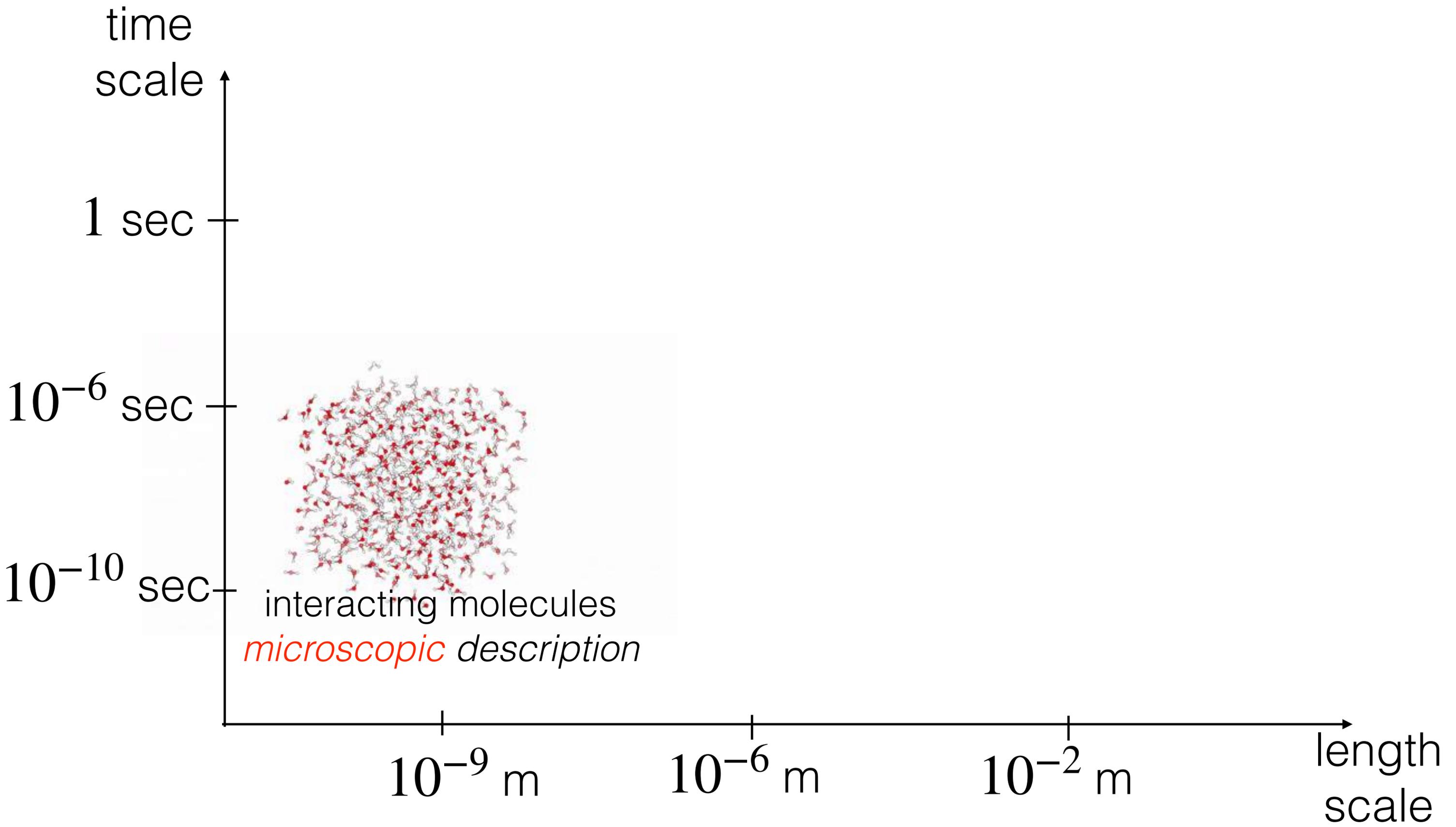
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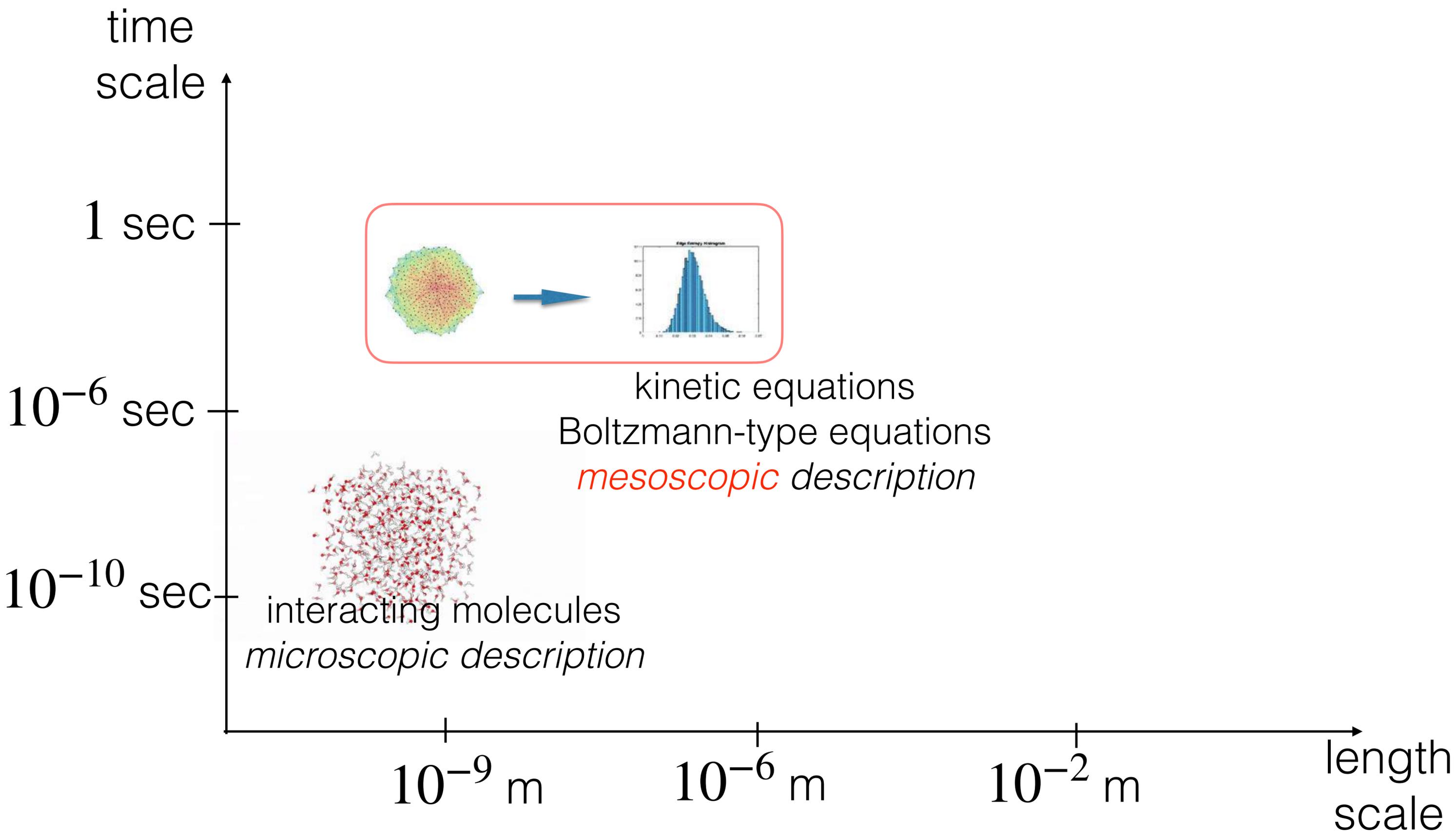
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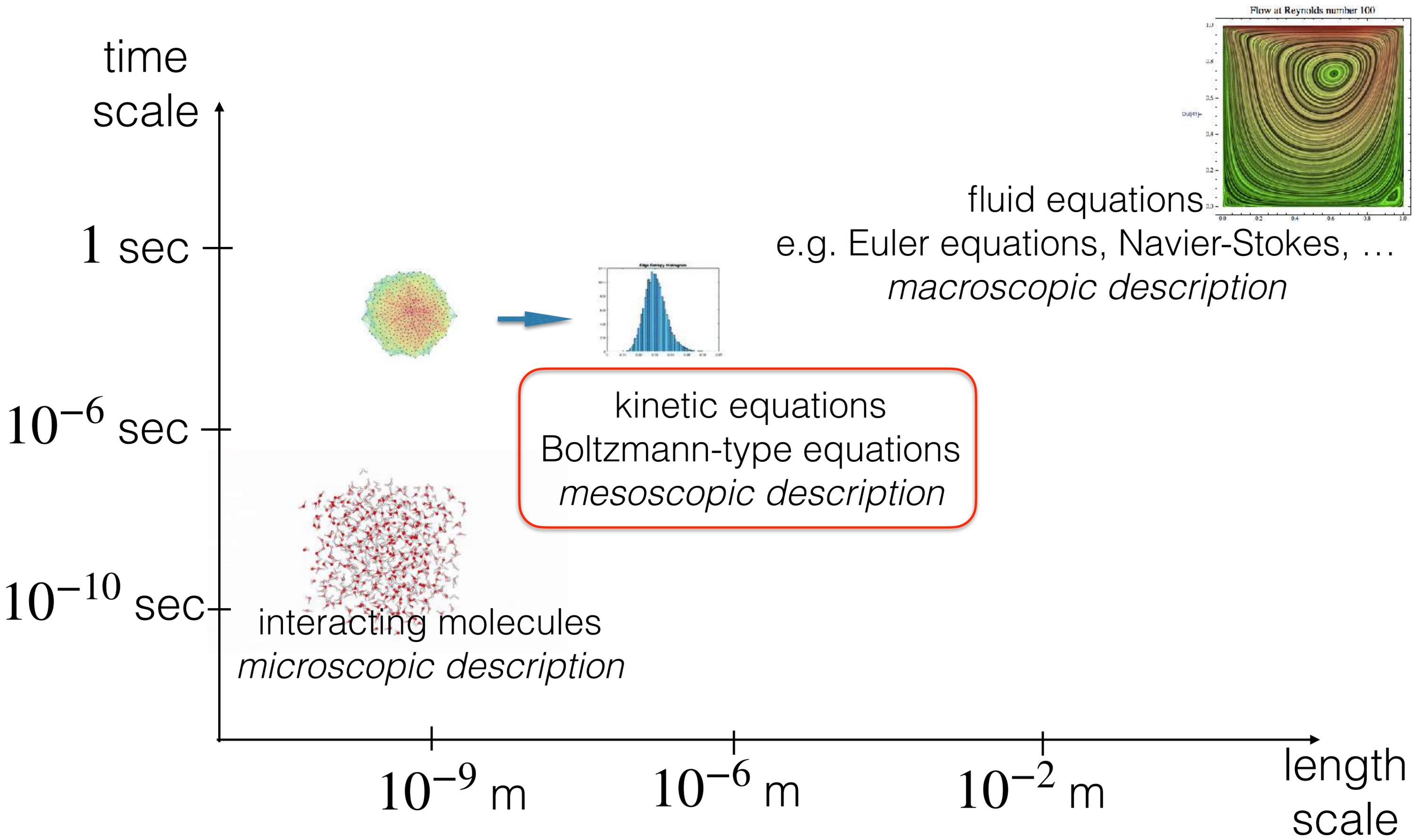
I will now describing the context of this topic

there are various ways to model phenomena in nature





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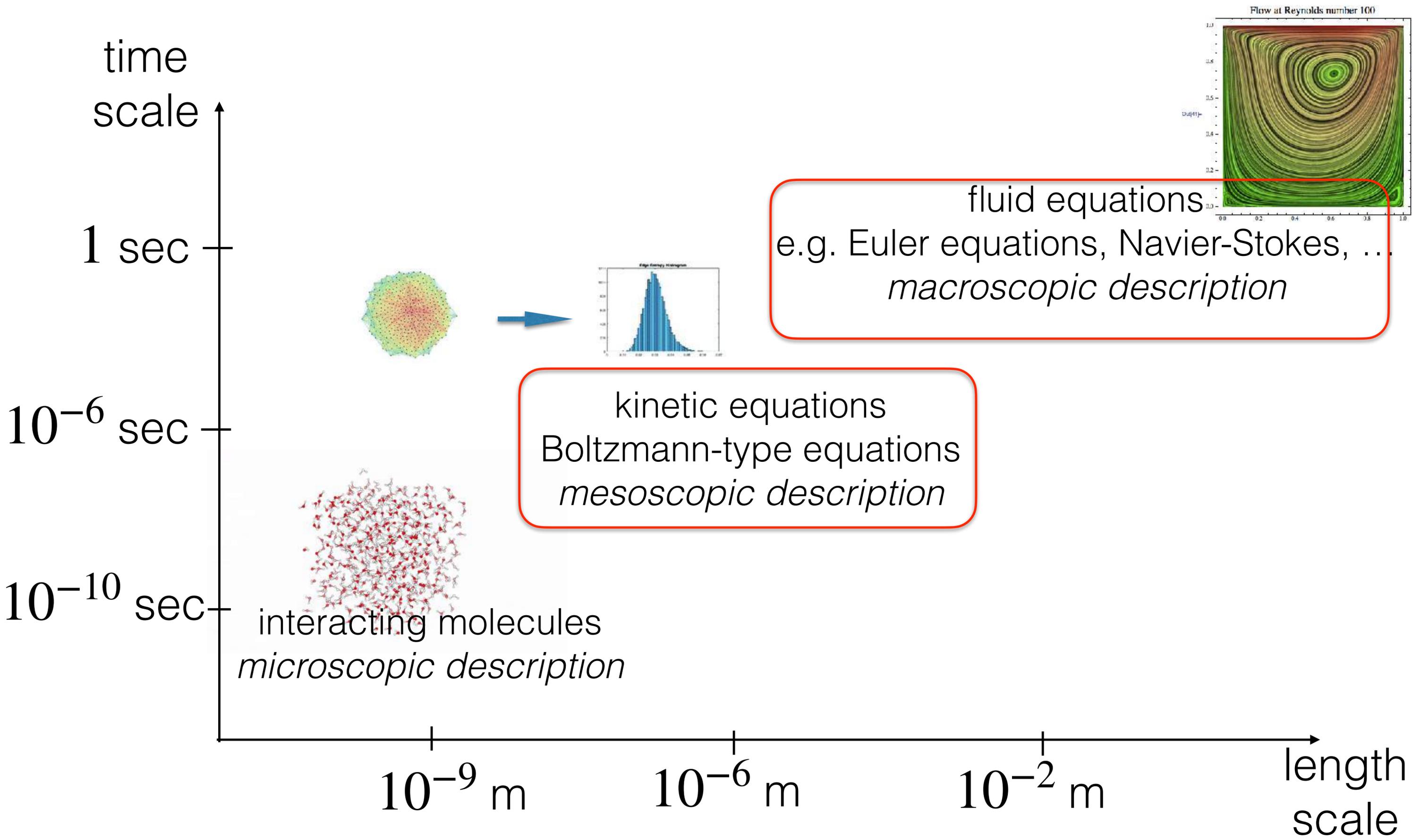


fluid equations
e.g. Euler equations, Navier-Stokes, ...
macroscopic description

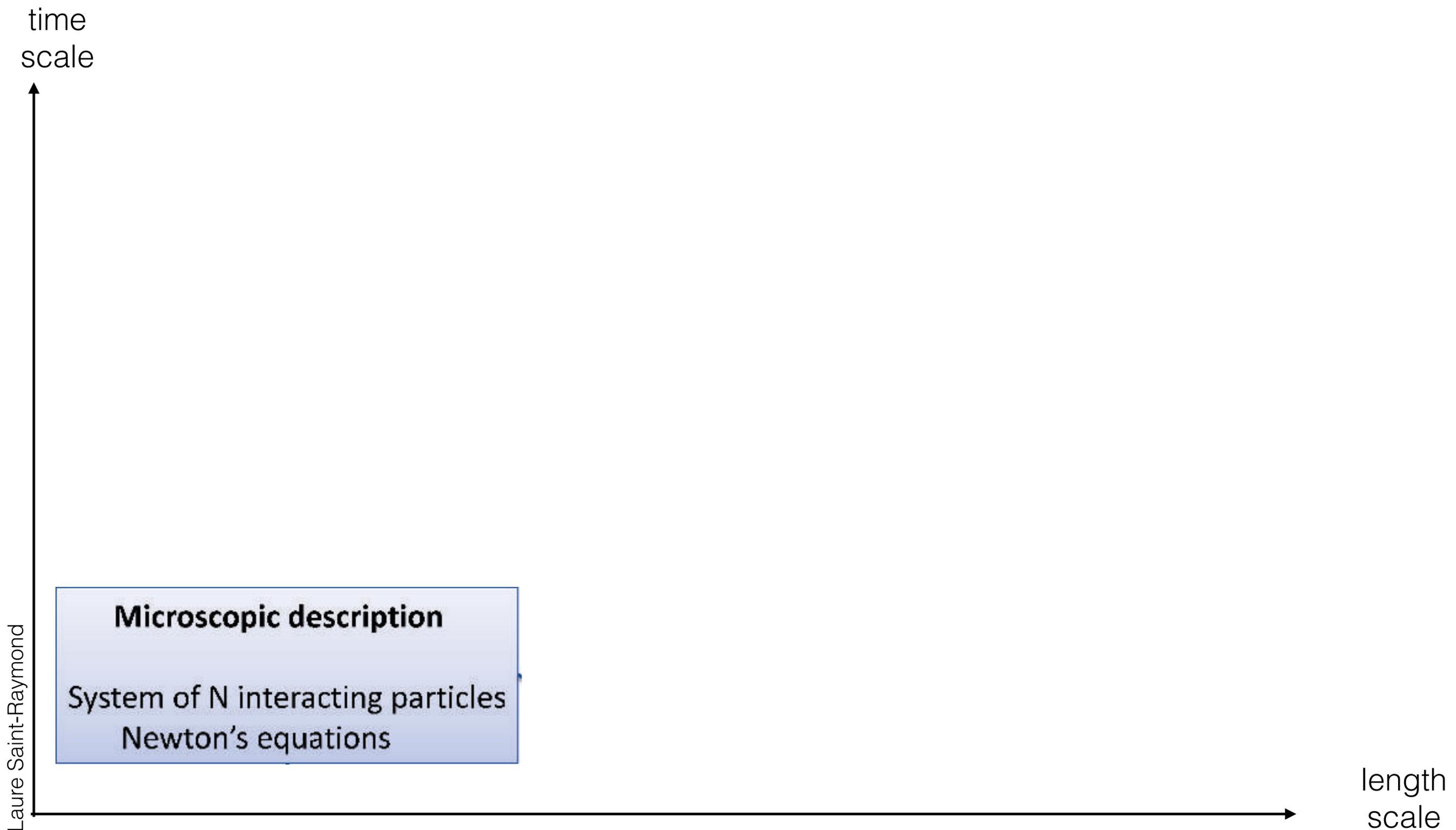
kinetic equations
Boltzmann-type equations
mesoscopic description

interacting molecules
microscopic description

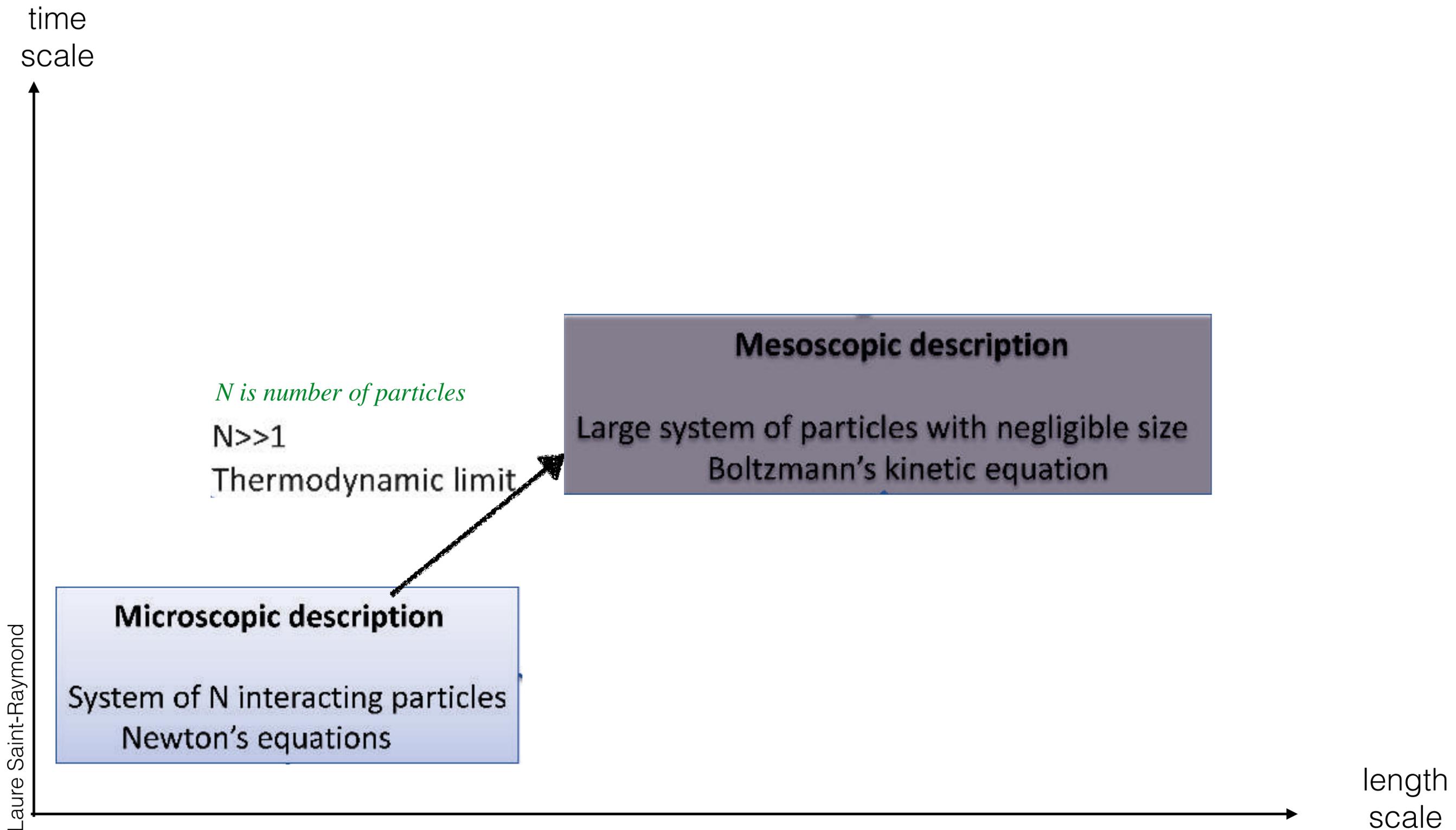
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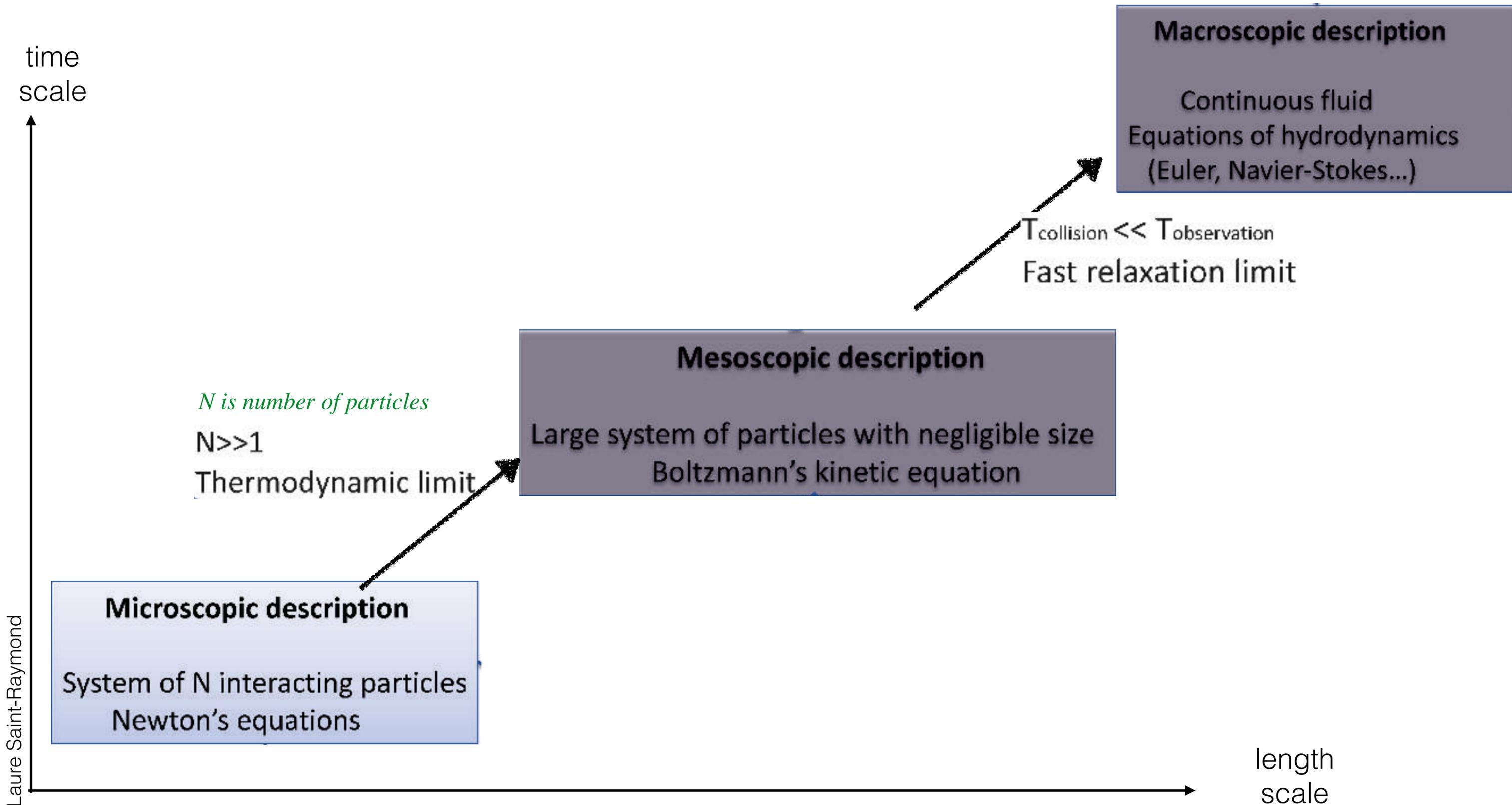
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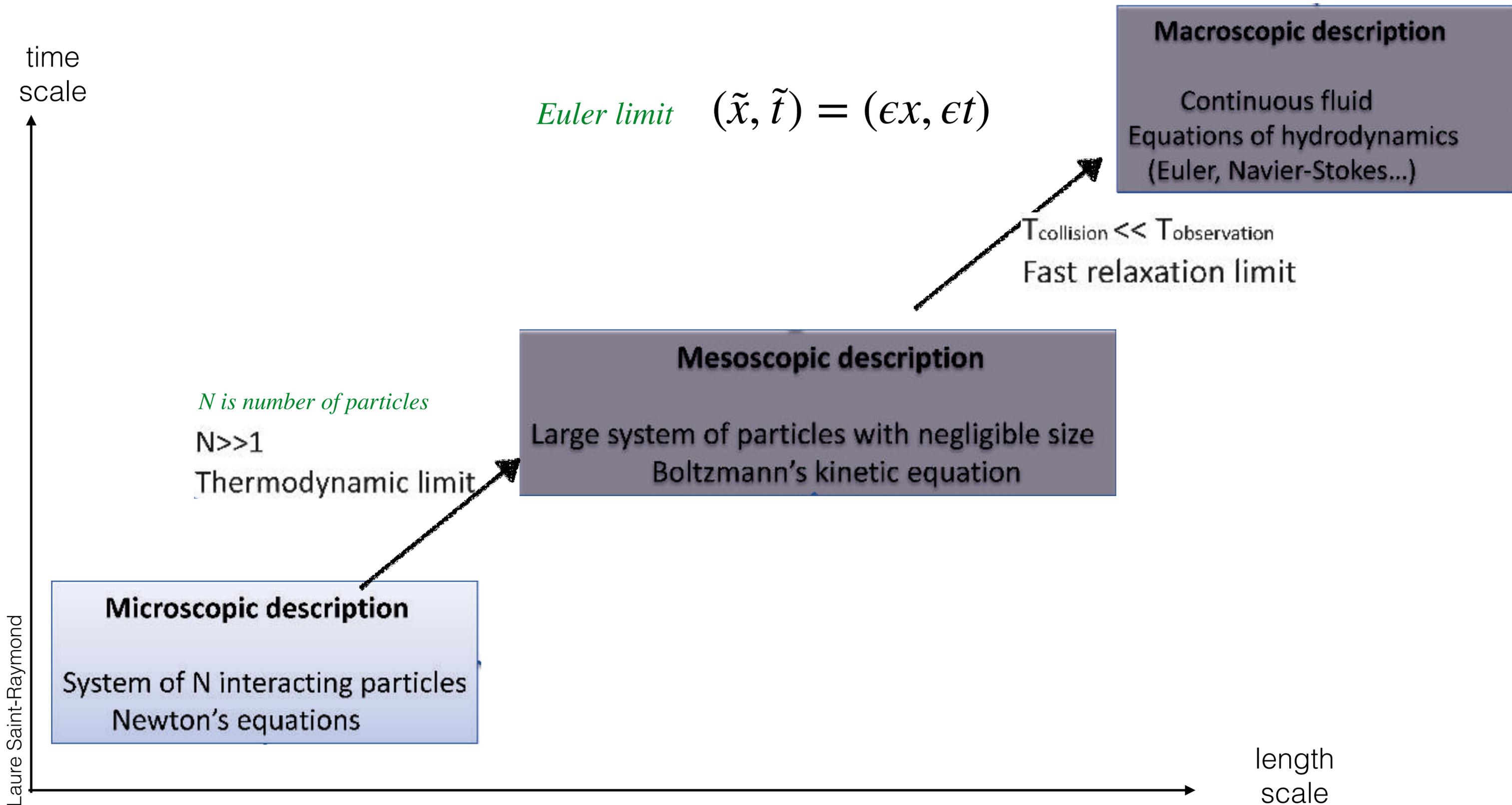
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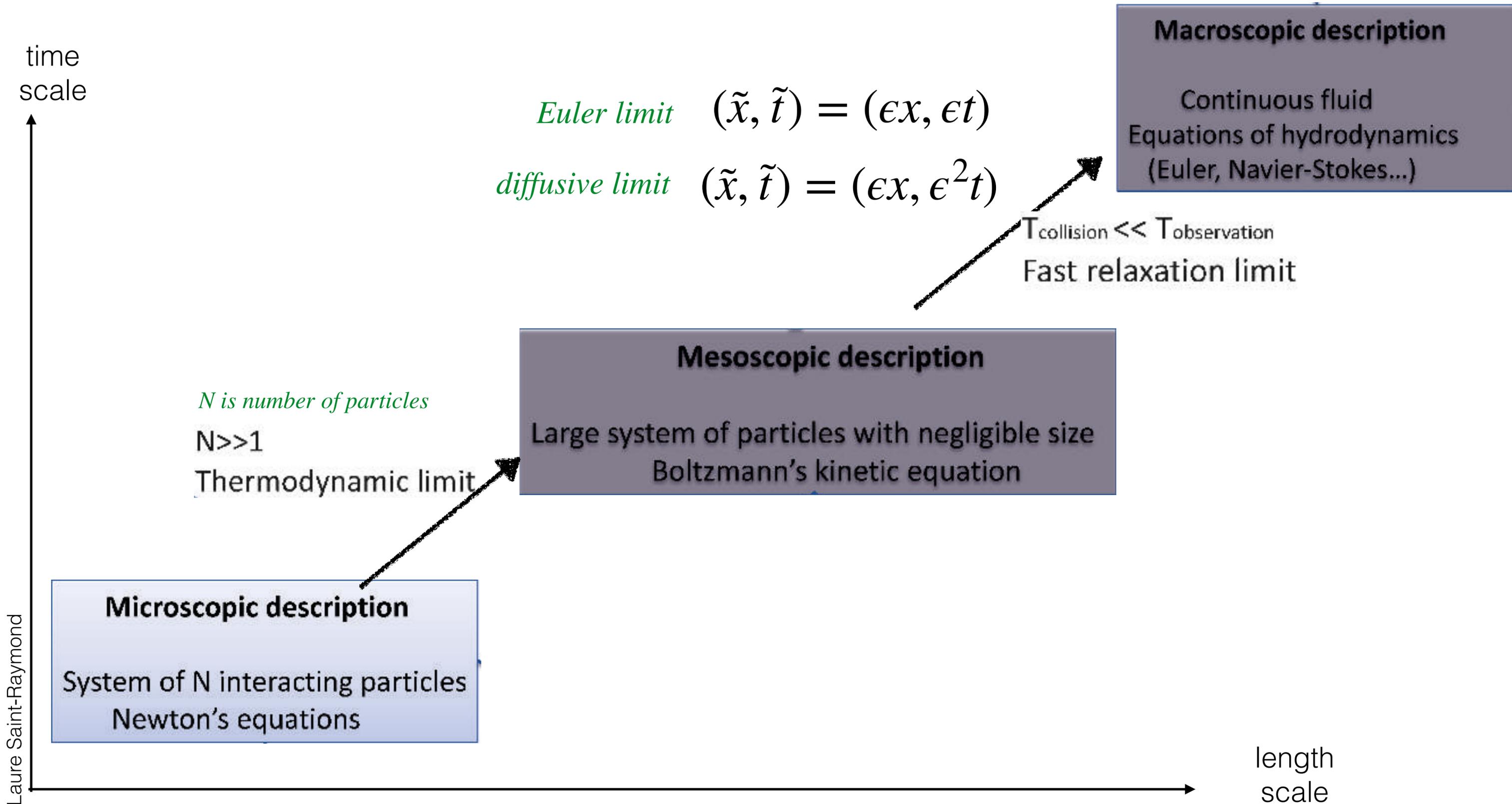
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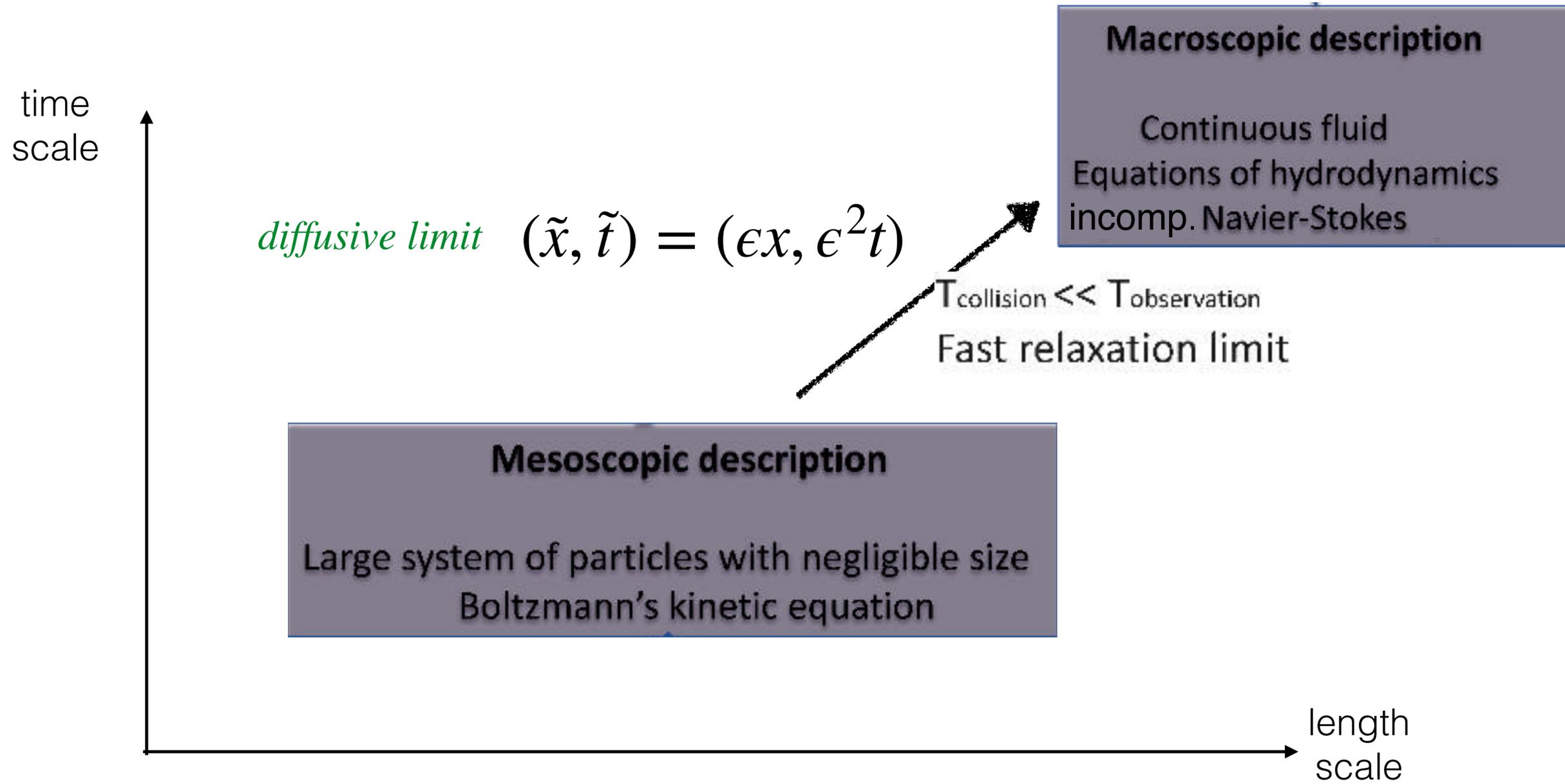
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example

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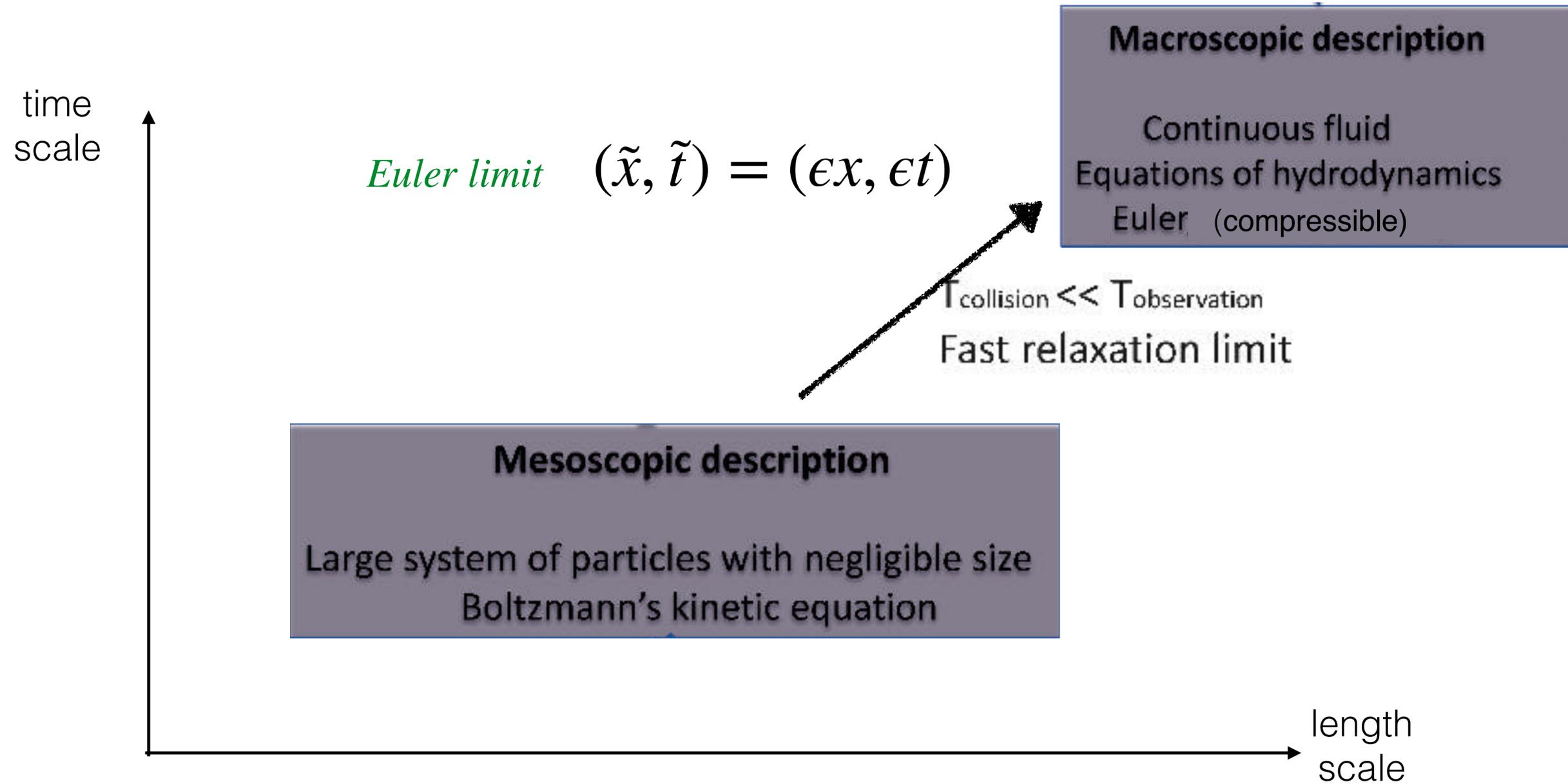
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finally one would like to prove convergence under the appropriate

$$\text{scaling } \left(\int f_\epsilon dv \rightarrow \rho \right)$$

rigorous proof of this limit is difficult

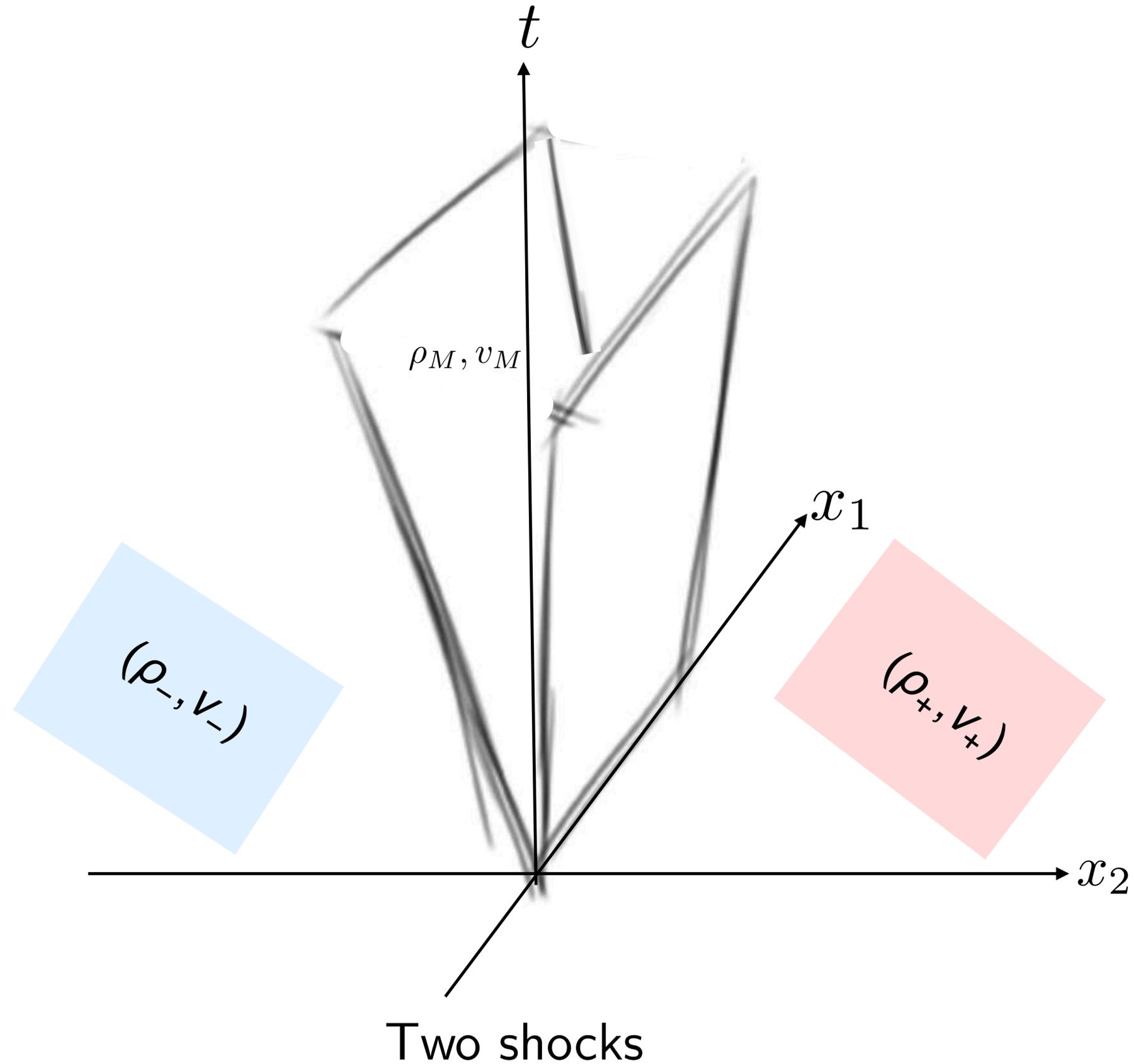


there are huge difficulties in showing well-posedness of the
2-d compressible Euler equations

$$\partial_t \varrho + \operatorname{div}_x(\varrho v) = 0$$

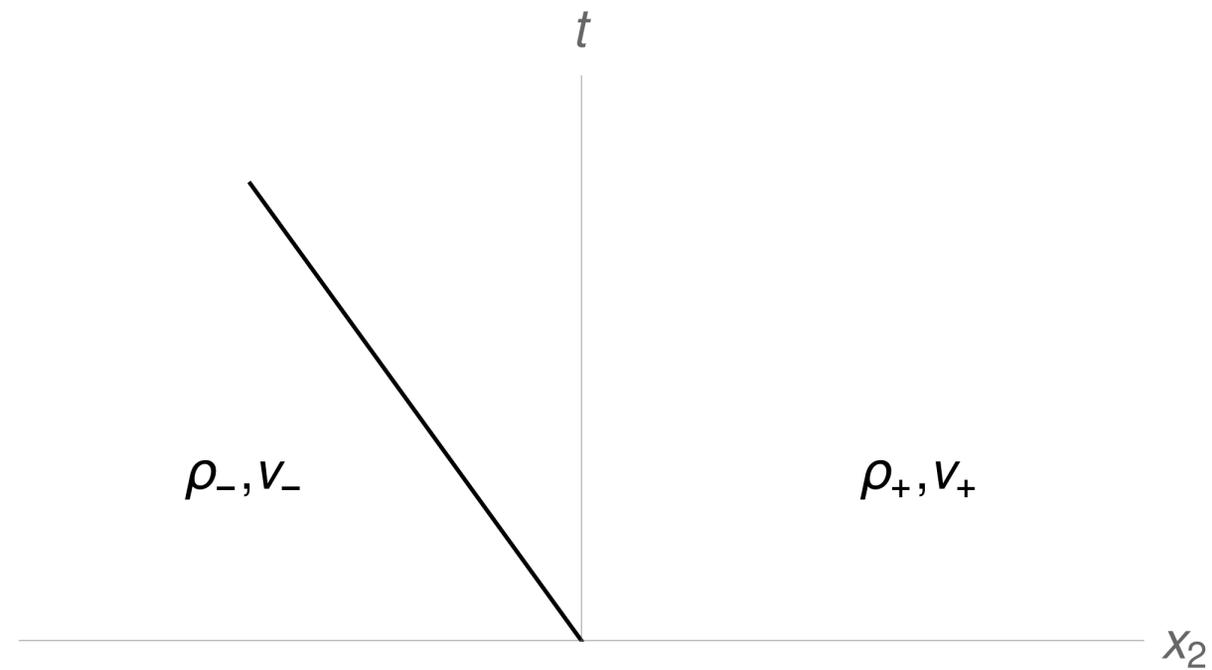
$$\partial_t(\varrho v) + \operatorname{div}_x(\varrho v \otimes v) + \nabla_x [p(\varrho)] = 0$$

consider this initial value problem in 2 space dimensions

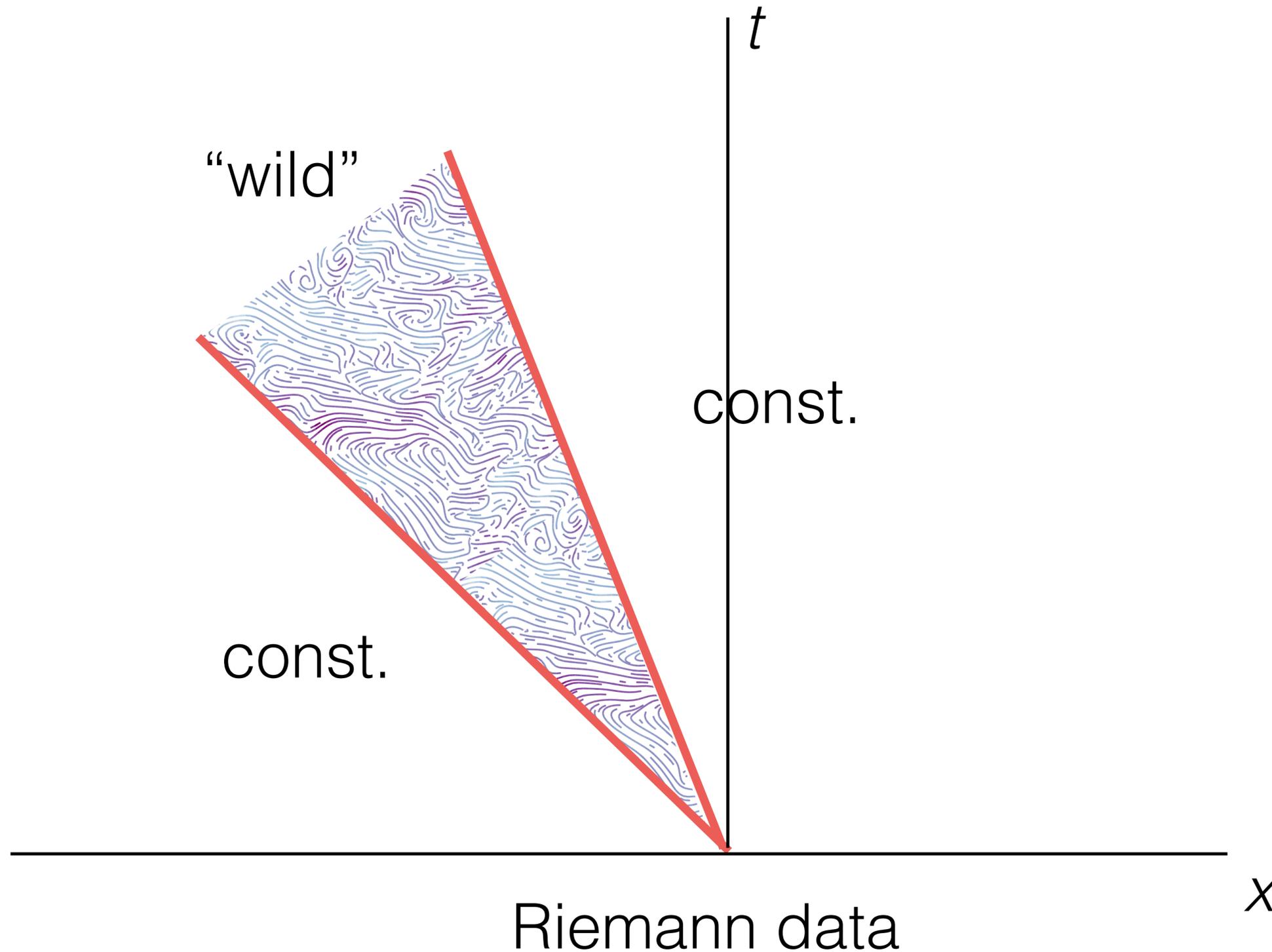


for example:

Standard solution consists of just one shock

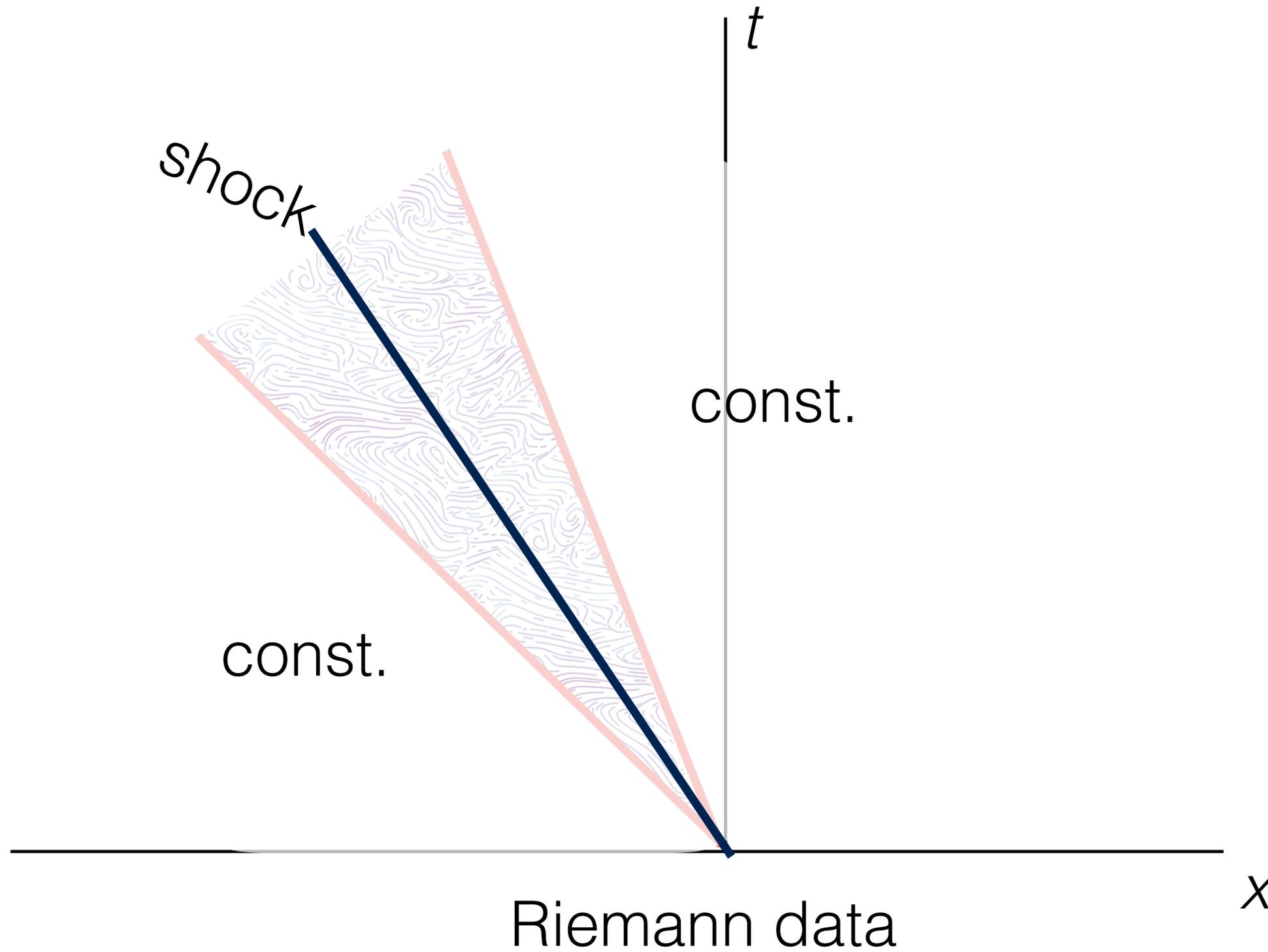


in addition to the standard solution there are many “wild solutions”

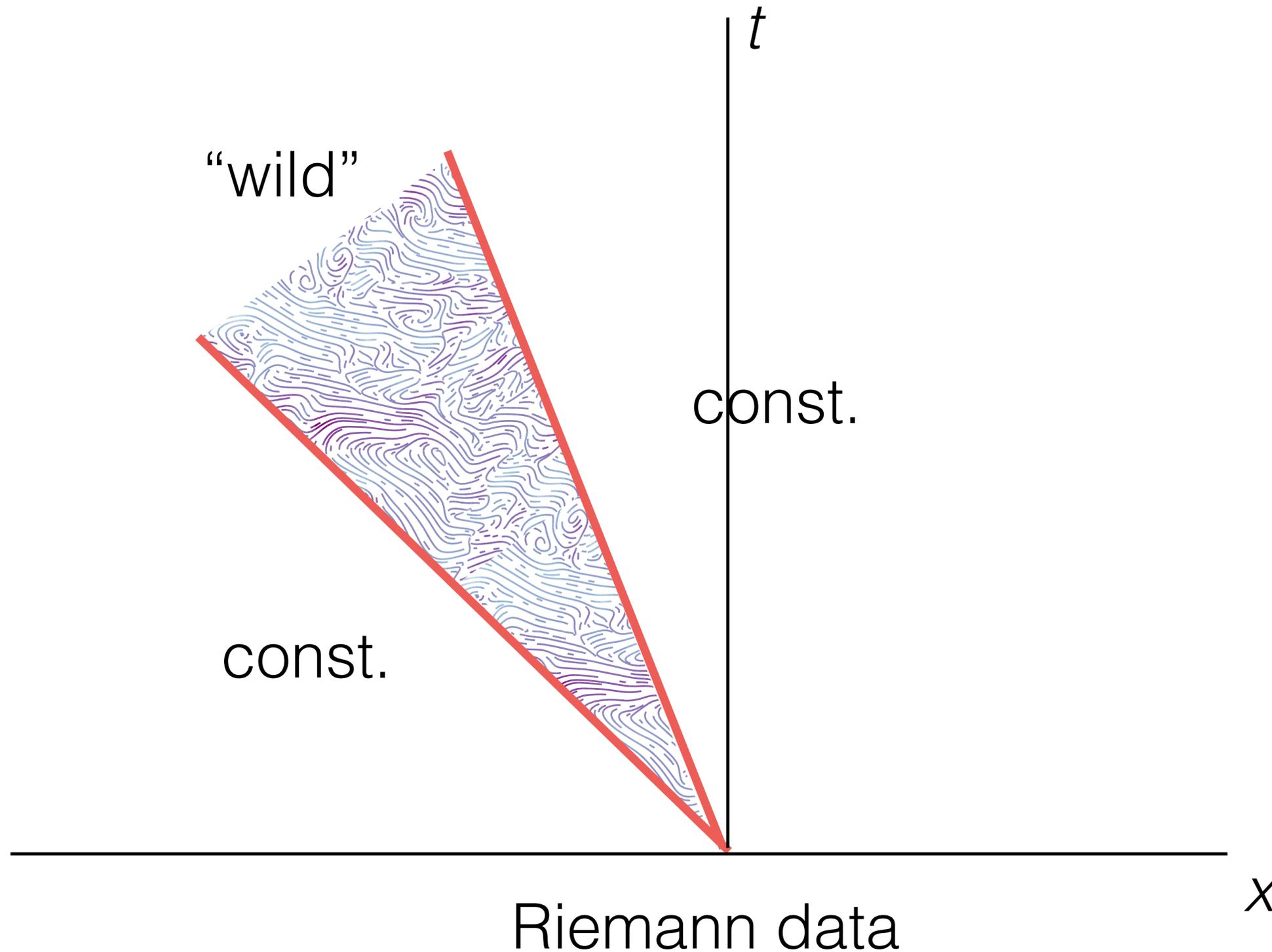


Klingenberg, Simon Markfelder: *“The Riemann problem for the multidimensional isentropic system of gas dynamics is ill-posed if it contains a shock”*
Archive for Rational Mechanics and Analysis (2018)

this is the standard solution



this is one of many “wild solutions”



all of these many solutions are entropy solutions

E. Feireisl; C. Klingenberg; S. Markfelder, “On the density of ‘wild’ initial data for the compressible Euler system”, *Calculus of Variations* (2020)

as long as we don't know well-posedness of the limit of Boltzmann for $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ in the hyperbolic scaling (namely the Euler equations) it is difficult to prove this limit

example of a well-posedness proof for a kinetic equation

a **multi-species** kinetic model

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modeled by **two** interaction terms

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can determine these coefficients such that conservation properties, H-theorem holds

- Klingenberg, C., Pirner, M., Puppo, G.: “A consistent kinetic model for a two component mixture with an application to plasma”, Kinetic and Related Models Vol. 10, No. 2, pp. 445–465 (2017)

we can show well-posedness of this model

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- truncate this series

- substitute into the stochastic system to obtain a deterministic system for the first N gPC coefficients

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we generalize this result and show decay for all derivatives in z by
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$$\|\partial_z^l h\| \leq C e^{-\lambda t} \quad l \in \mathcal{N}$$

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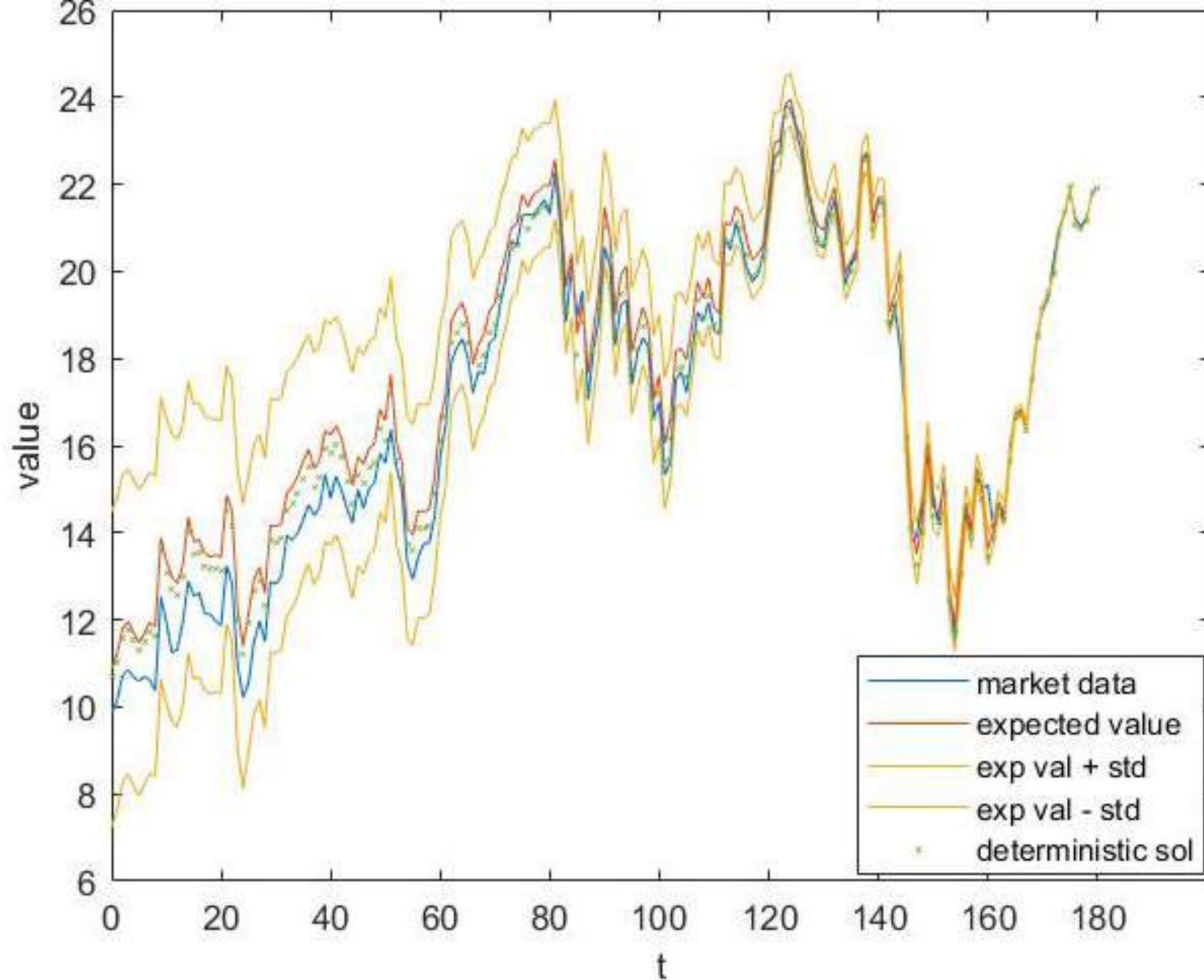
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hence we improve computational efficiency using a machine learning (bi-fidelity) approach

L. Liu and X. Zhu, A bi-fidelity method for the multiscale Boltzmann equation with random parameters, *Journal of Computational Physics* 402 (2020)



Comparing the stochastic Black-Scholes model to real market data

Hellmuth, K., Klingenberg, C.: "Computing Black Scholes with uncertain volatility - a machine learning approach, manuscript (2021)"

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this is the inverse problem for kinetic equations

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radiative transfer equation

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u + \theta \cdot \nabla_x u &= -\mu u + \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} \Phi(\theta', \theta) u(t, x, \theta') d\theta' + \sigma T^4 \\ \partial_t T &= \Delta_x T - \sigma T^4 + \mu \frac{1}{|\mathbb{S}^{n-1}|} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} u(t, x, \theta) d\theta ,\end{aligned}$$

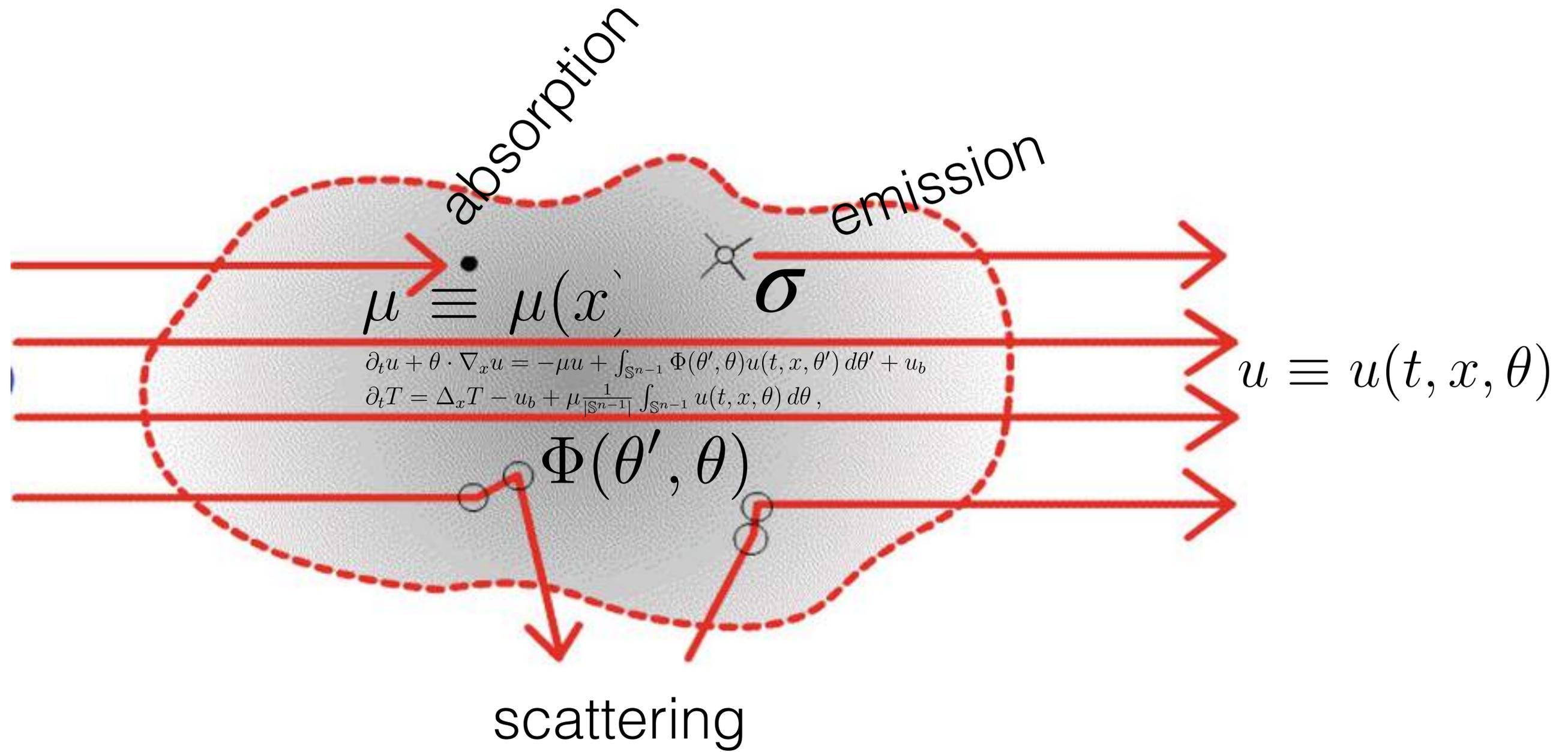
$u \equiv u(t, x, \theta)$ describes the radiation intensity

T is the temperature

$\Phi(\theta', \theta)$ **given** kernel, describing scattering of photons

$\mu \equiv \mu(x)$ is a **given** absorption coefficient

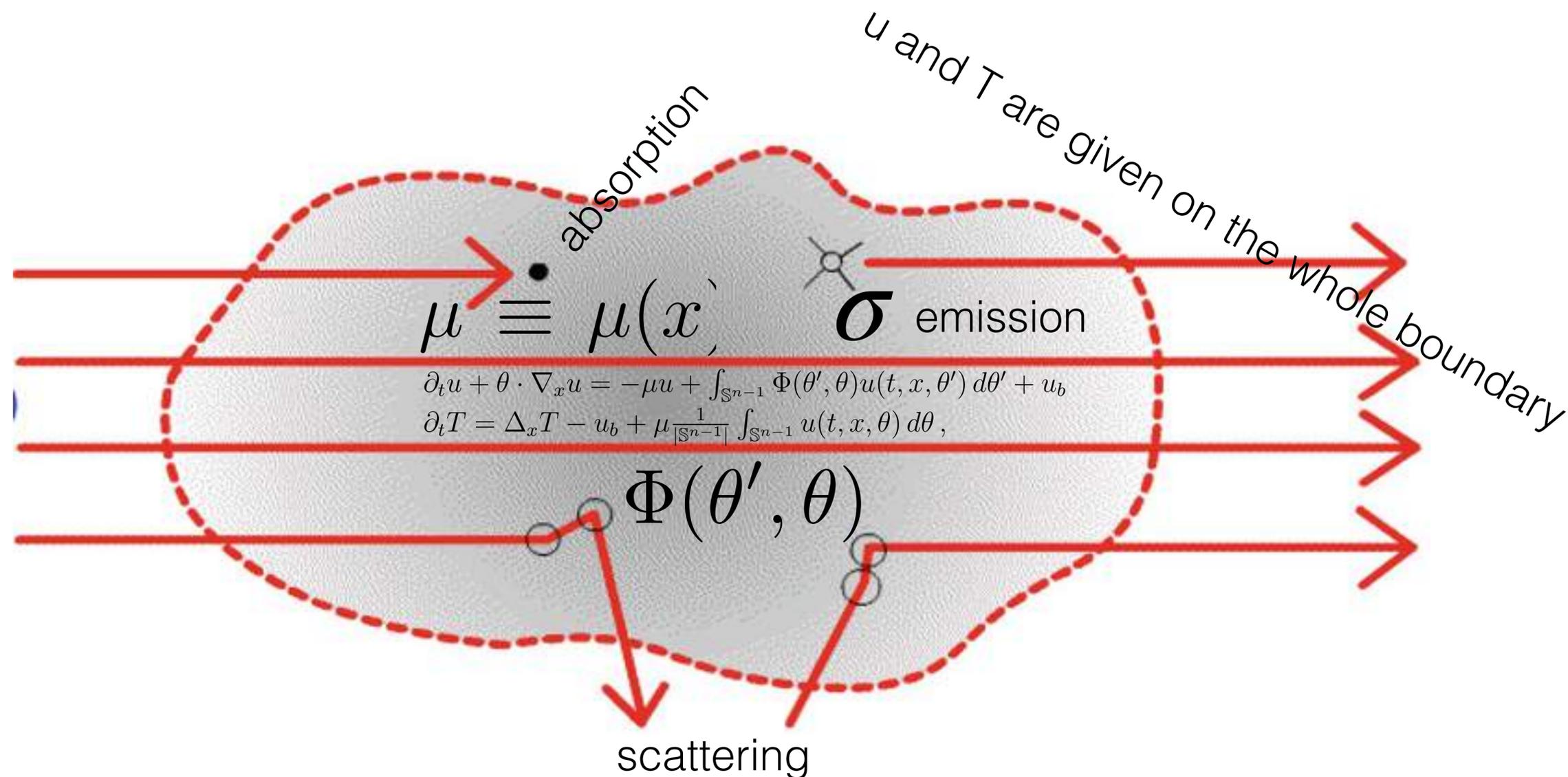
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forward problem

solve u and T inside the body

- with given values u and T on the boundary,
- the kernel $\Phi(\theta', \theta)$, emission σ and absorption μ are known

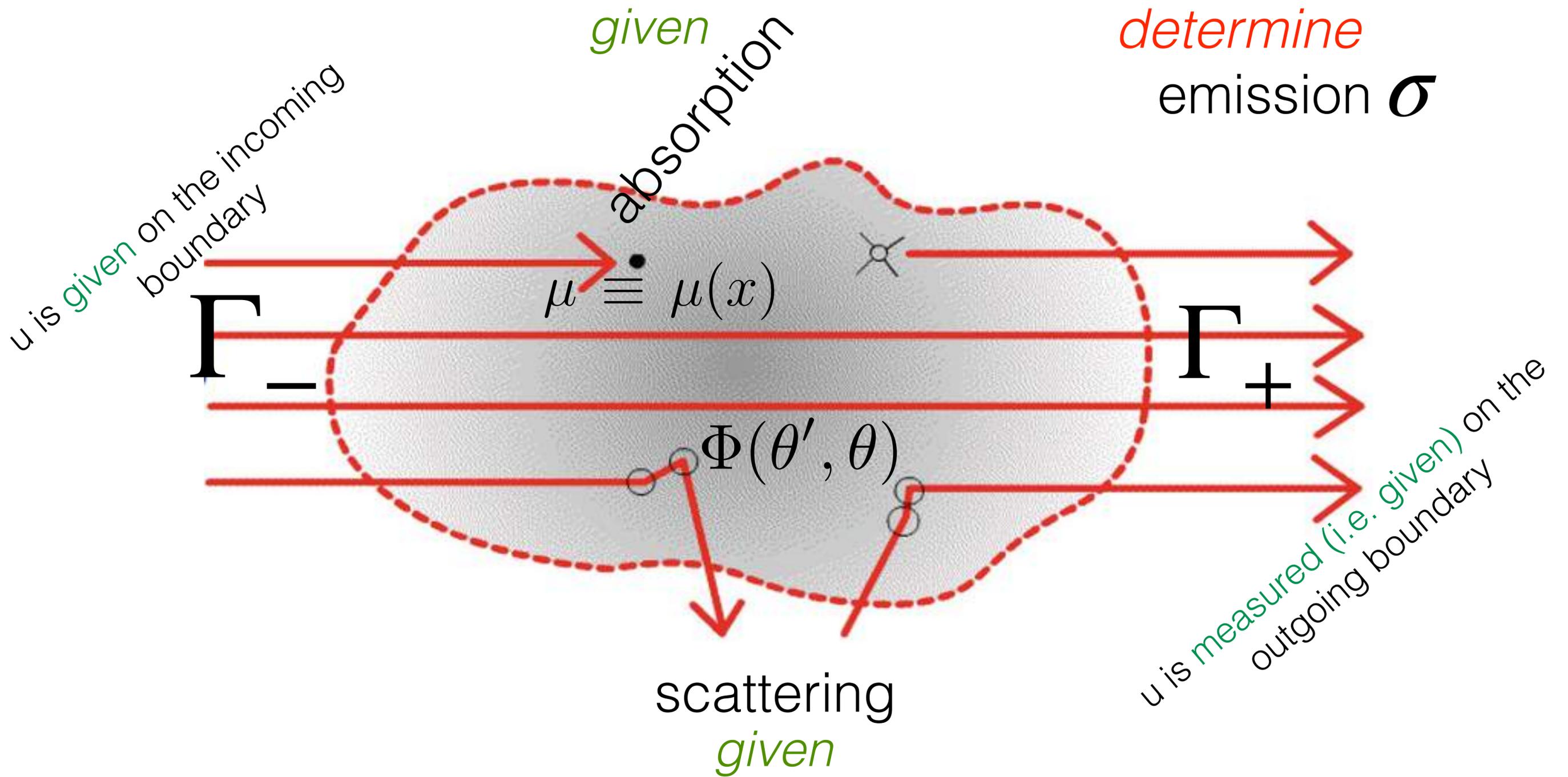


inverse problem

reconstruct emission coefficient σ

- given the kernel $\Phi(\theta', \theta)$, and absorption μ
- temperature \mathbf{T} is given on the whole boundary
- given the incoming data $u|_{\Gamma_-}$
- given the outgoing measurement $u|_{\Gamma_+}$

inverse problem



stationary case, set scattering $\Phi = 0$

$$\theta \cdot \nabla_x u + \overset{\text{given}}{\mu} u = \sigma T^4 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$$

$$\Delta_x T - \sigma T^4 = -\overset{\text{given}}{\mu} \langle u \rangle \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$u = u_B \quad \text{on } \Gamma_-,$$

$$T = T_B \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

$$\langle u \rangle(x) := \frac{1}{|\mathbb{S}^{n-1}|} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} u(x, \theta) d\theta$$

we prove that the emission coefficient σ

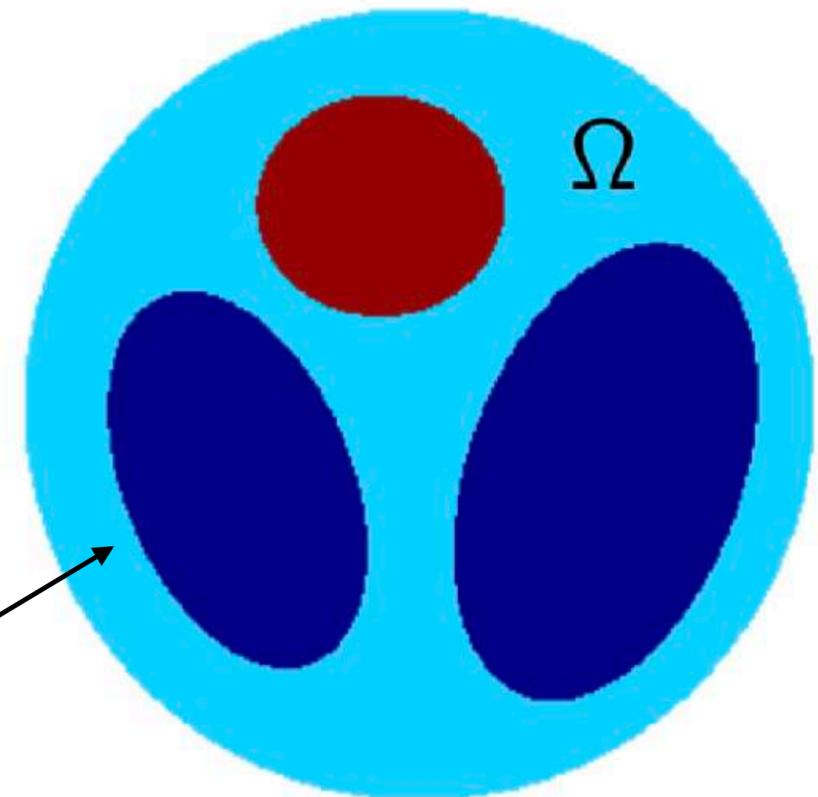
- exists
- is unique
- depends continuously on the data

now consider the limit to the macroscopic equation

this (stationary) kinetic model in the parabolic scaling leads to an
elliptic problem

the related problem for the corresponding macroscopic fluid equation is ill-posed,
similar to the Calderon problem

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} &= f.\end{aligned}$$



conductivity (in the kinetic case emission) σ

Calderon problem: recover σ from knowledge of solution on the boundary

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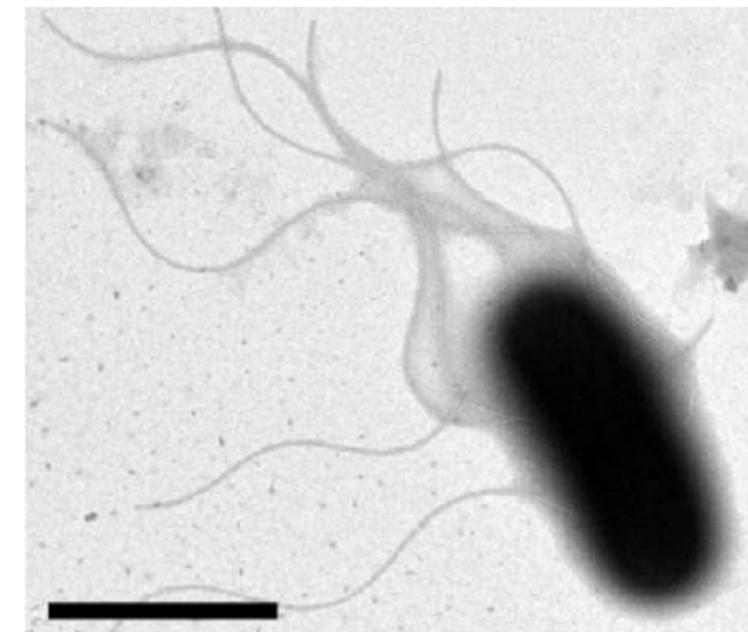
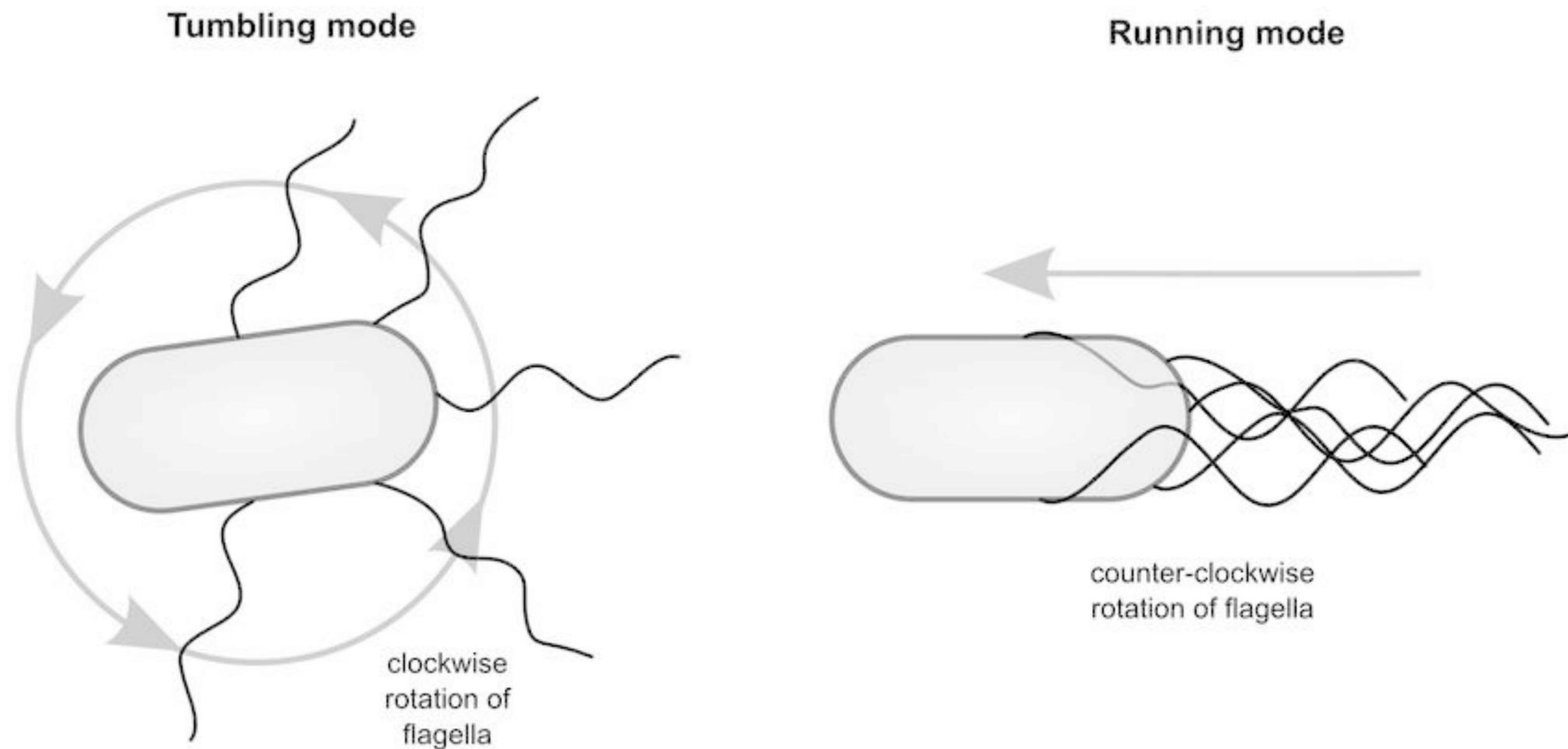
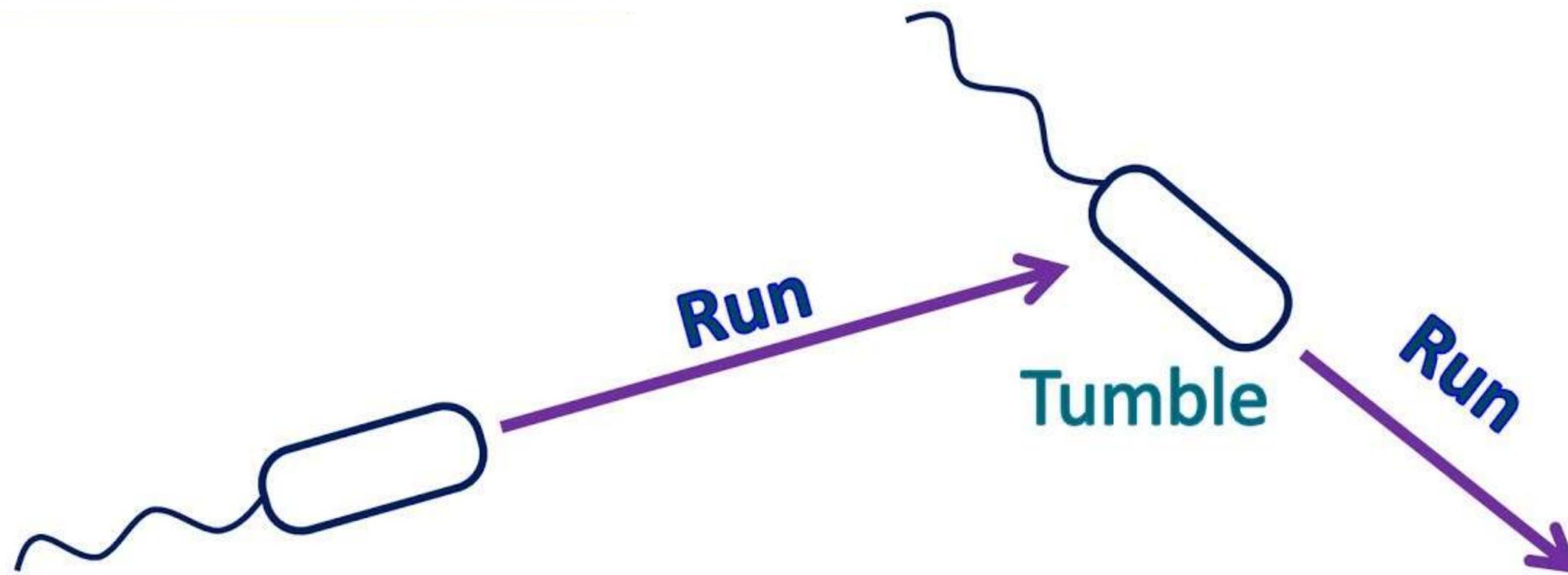
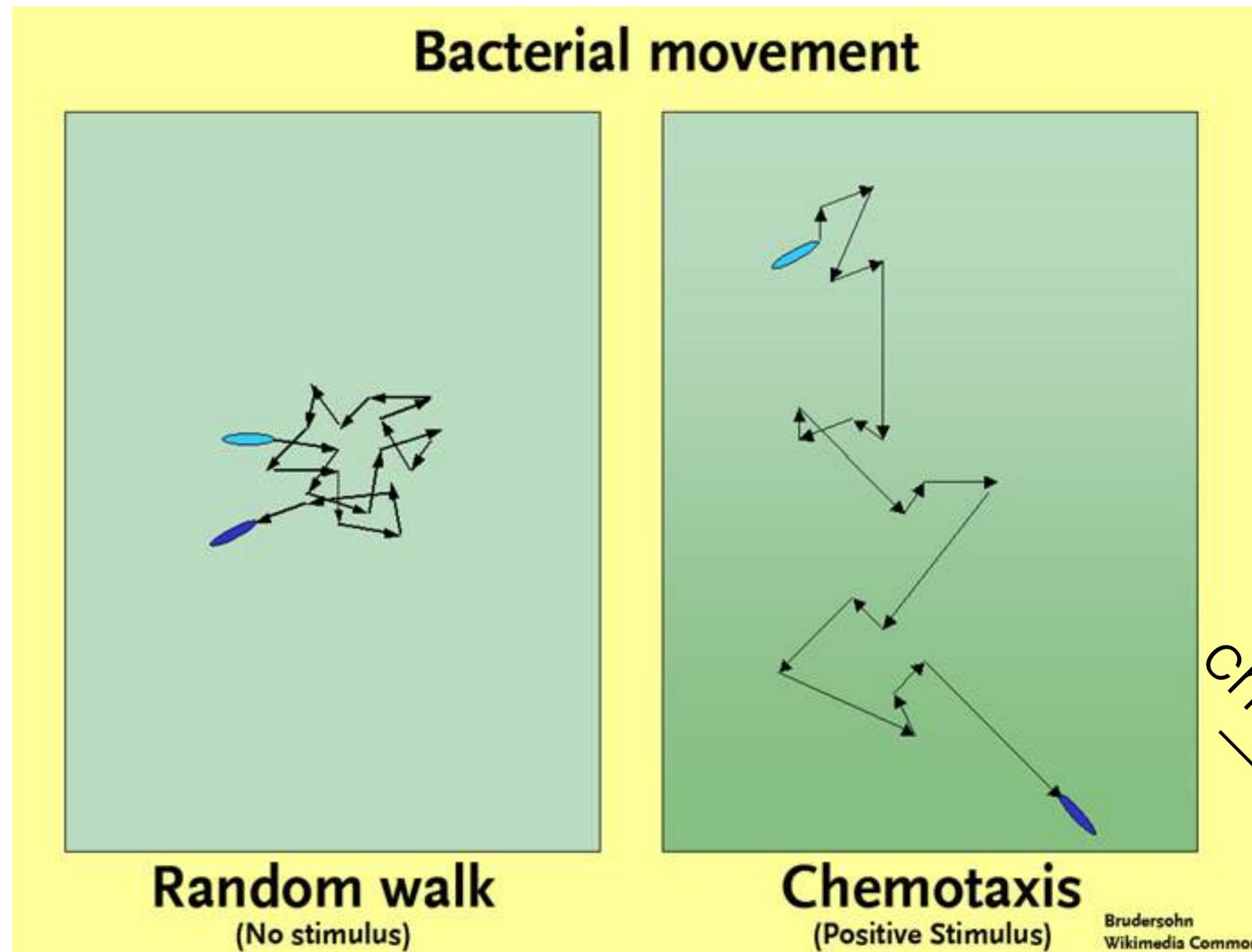


photo taken with an electron microscope

Chemotaxis



these bacteria like to move in the direction of a chemical attractant



no chemical attractant

chemical attractant

chemotaxis

$$\varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial f_\varepsilon}{\partial t} + \varepsilon v \cdot \nabla_x f_\varepsilon = - \int_V (T_\varepsilon^* [S]f - T_\varepsilon [S]f') dv'$$

$$-\Delta S_\varepsilon = \rho_\varepsilon = \int_V f_\varepsilon dv$$

$$S_\varepsilon(x, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\rho_\varepsilon(y, t)}{|x - y|} dy$$

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one can consider the limit of this mesoscopic model to a macroscopic model, called Keller-Segel model

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