

Gravitational waves from Peccei- Quinn symmetry breaking

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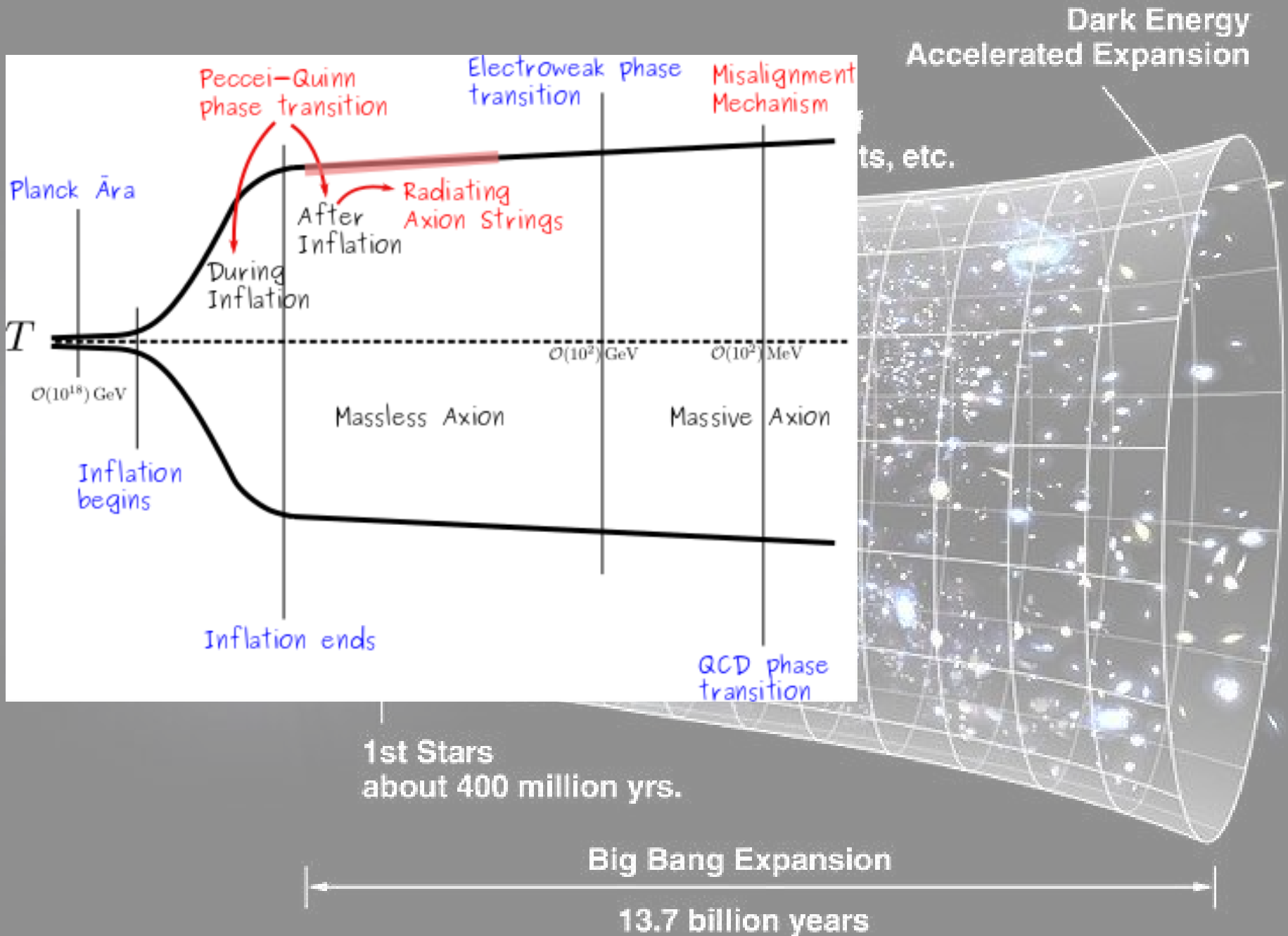
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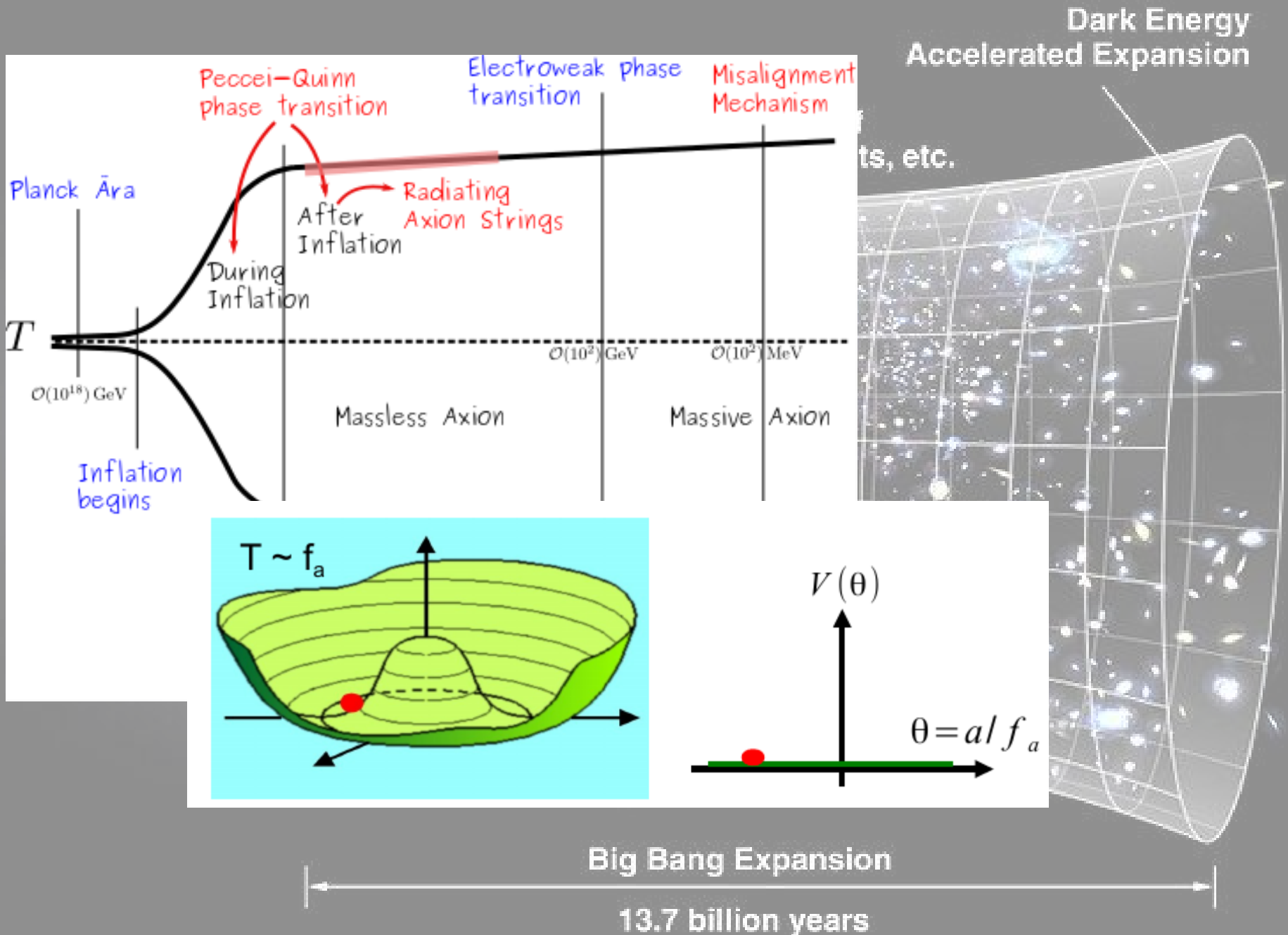
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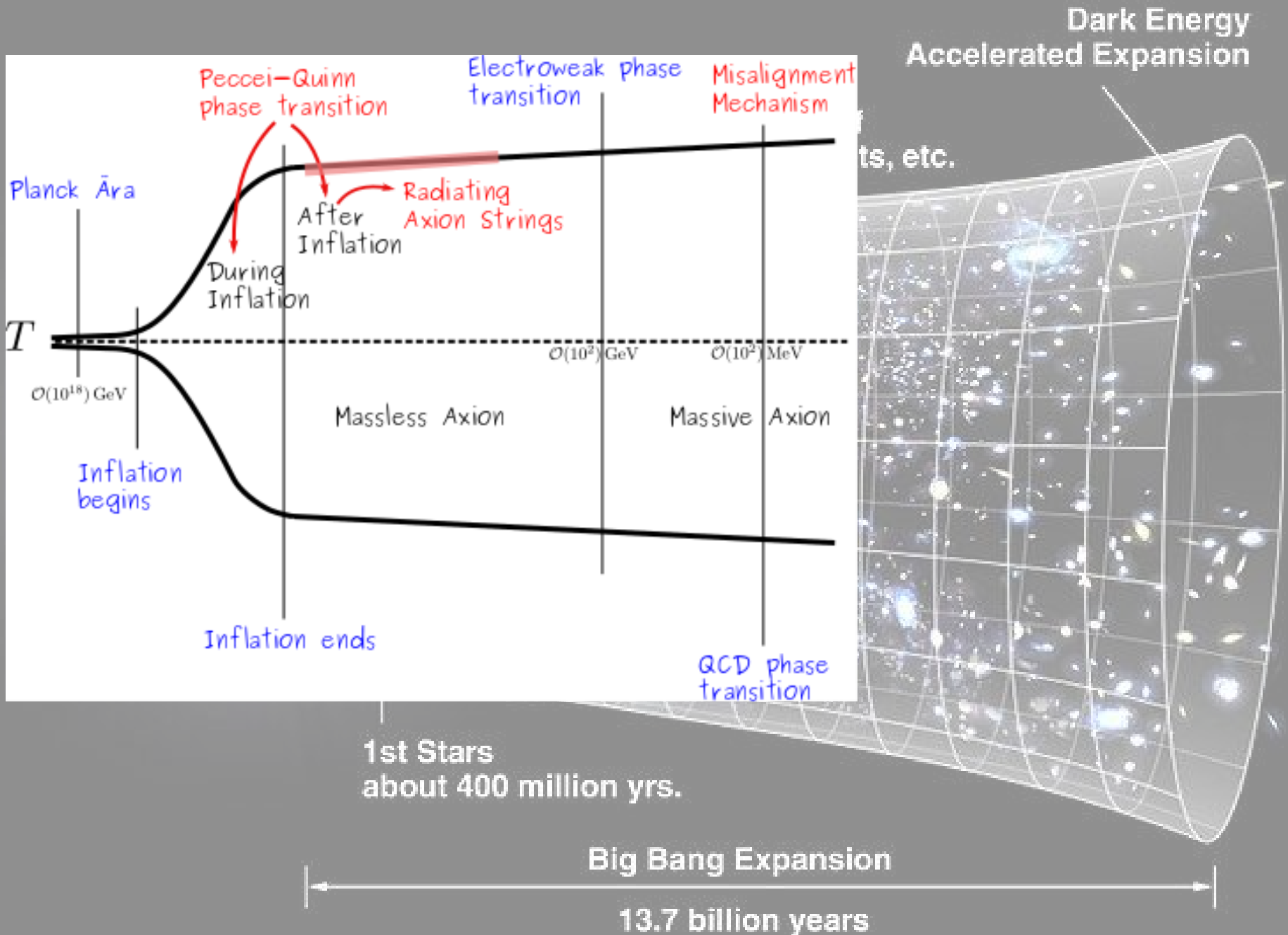
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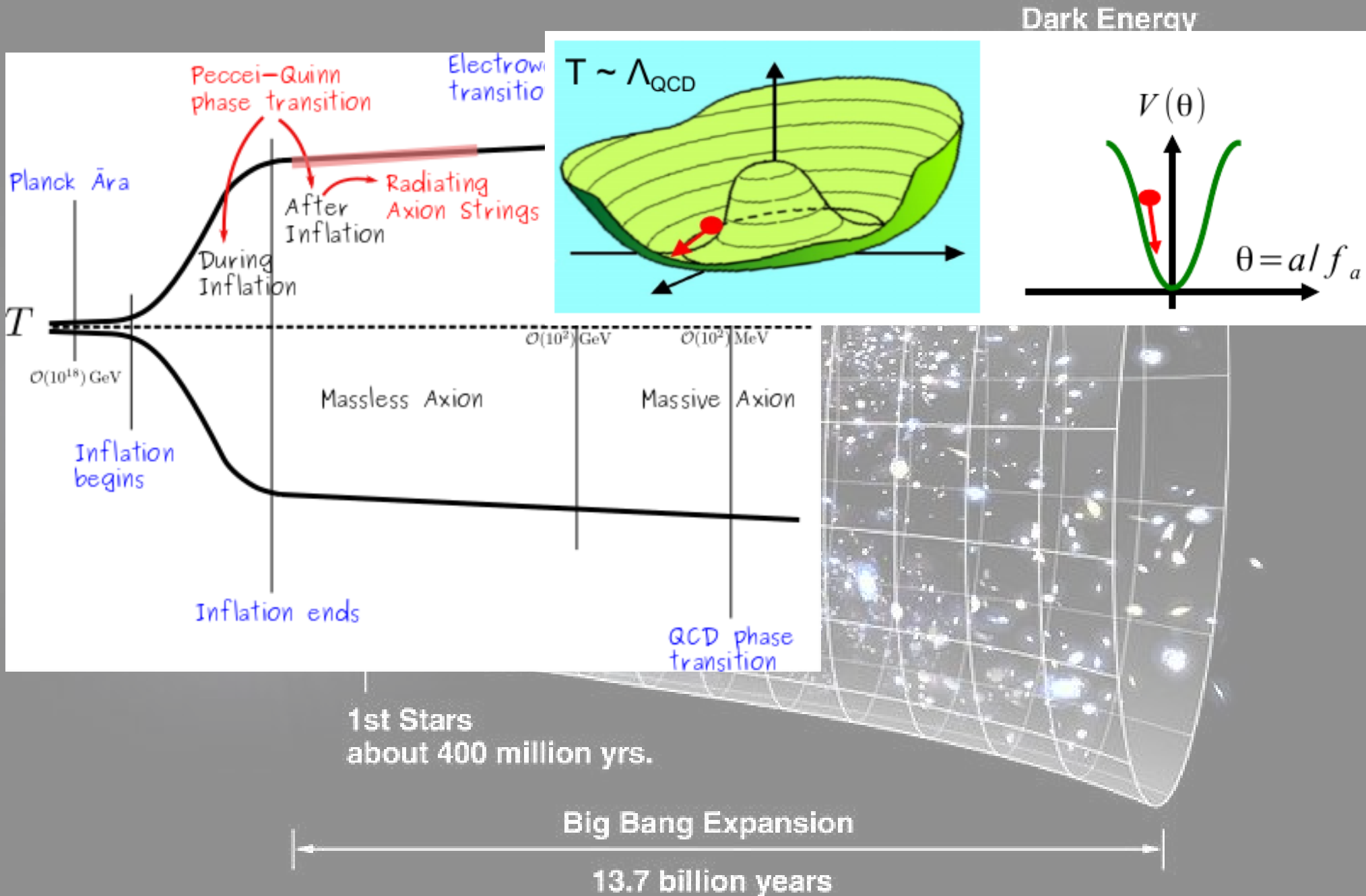
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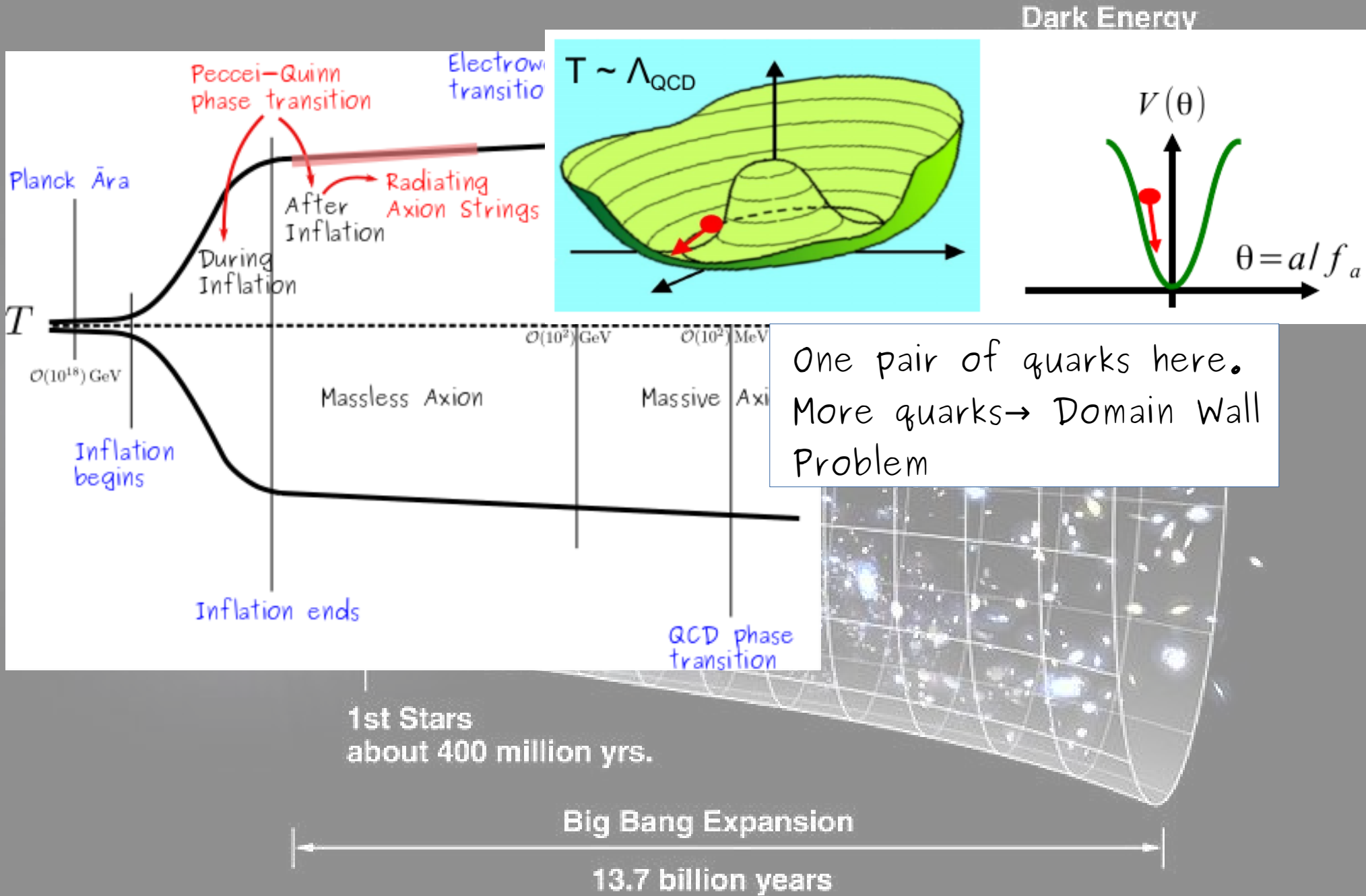
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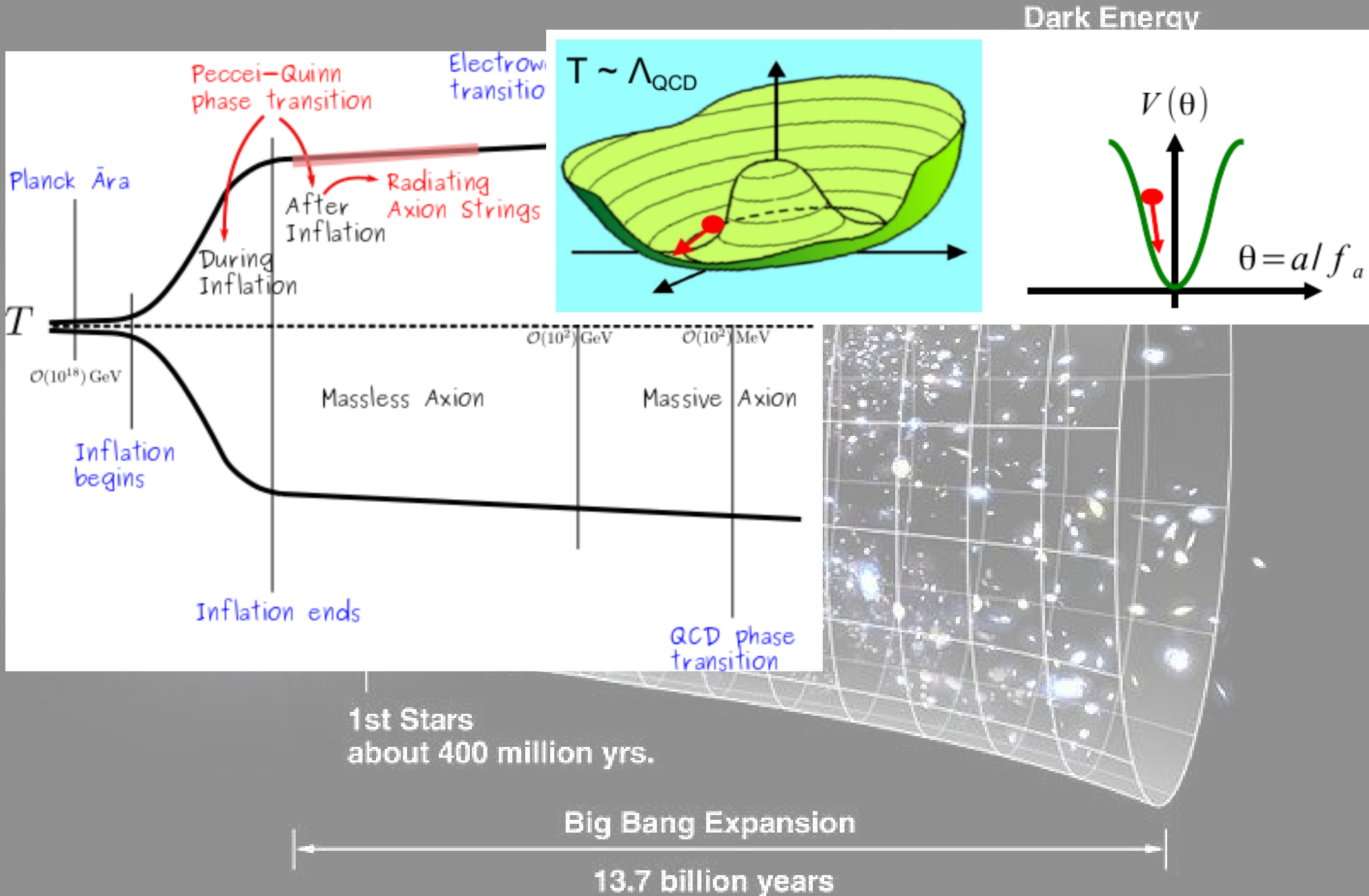
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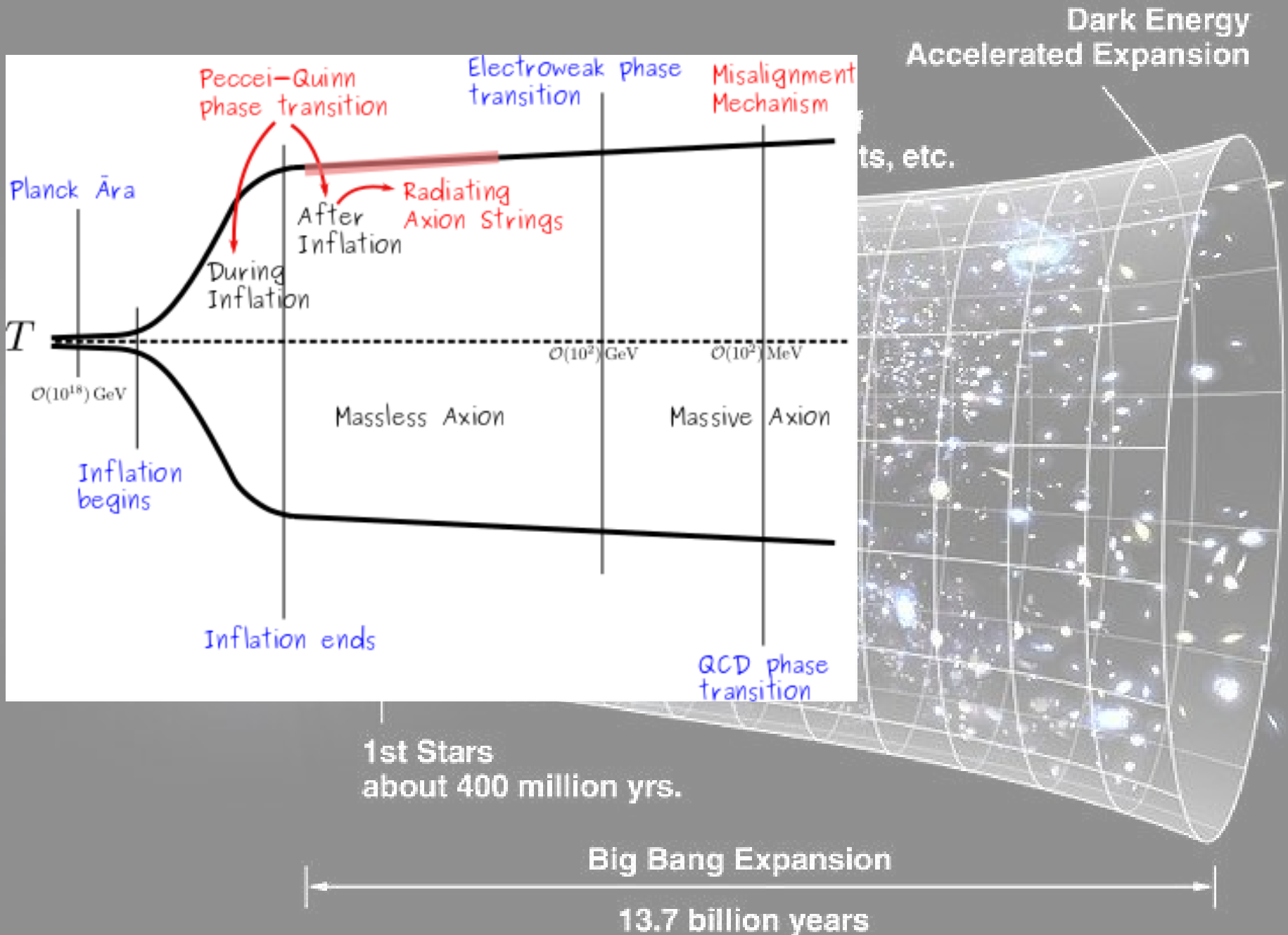
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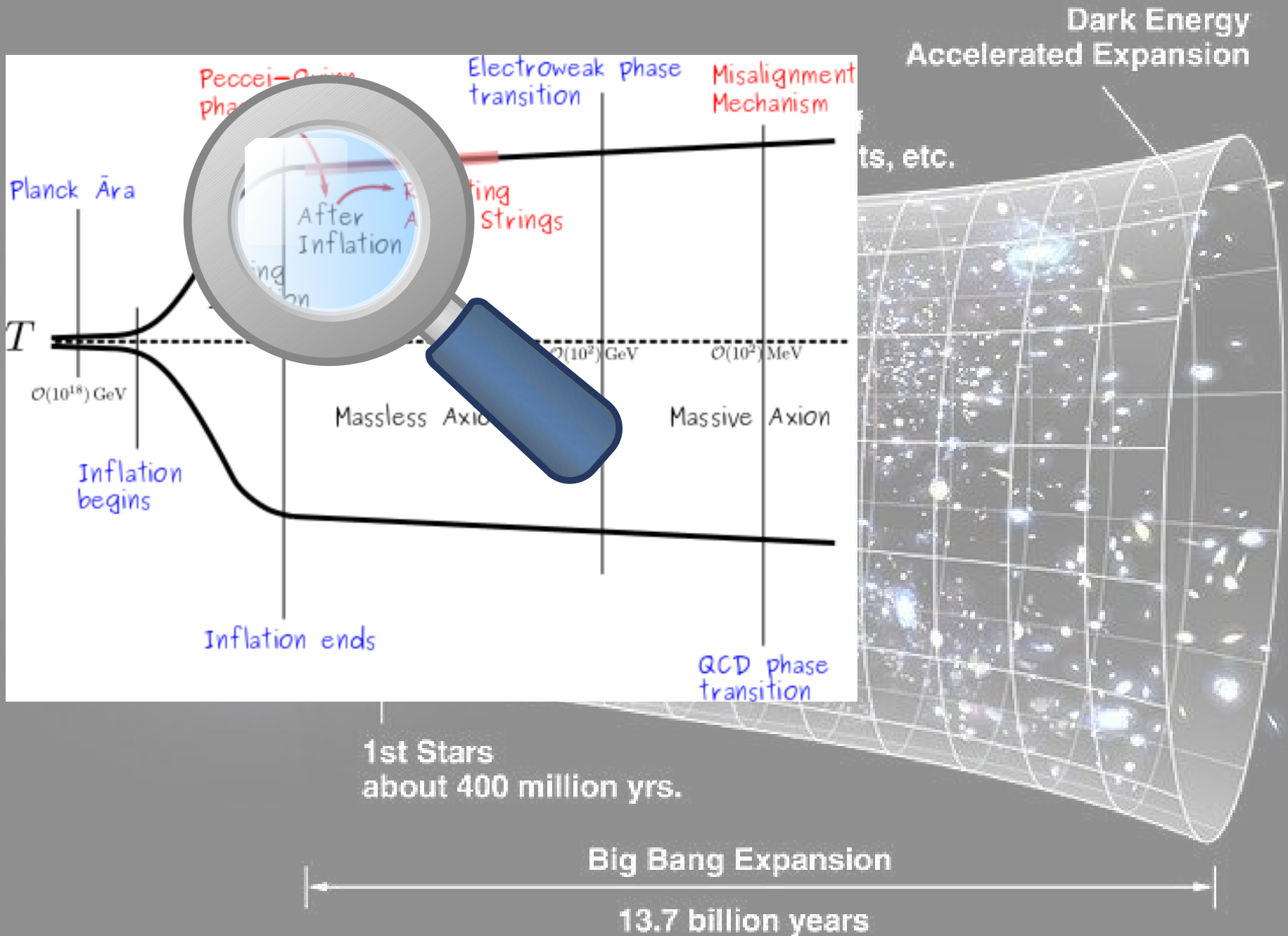
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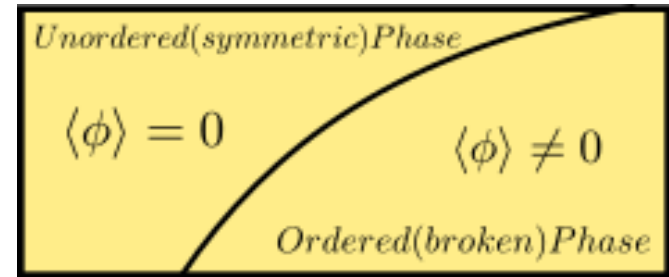
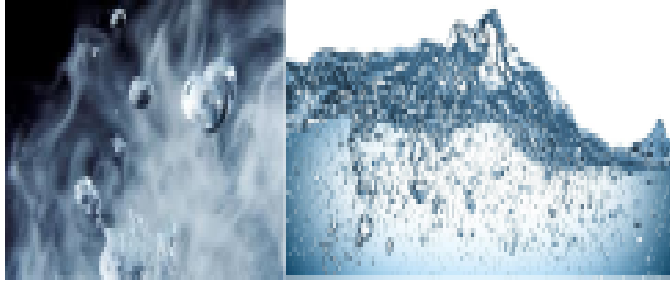


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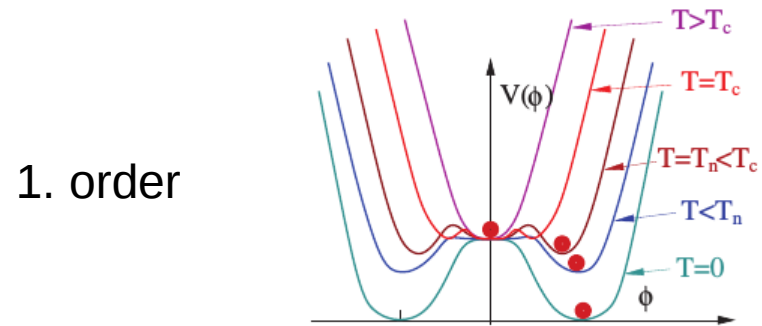
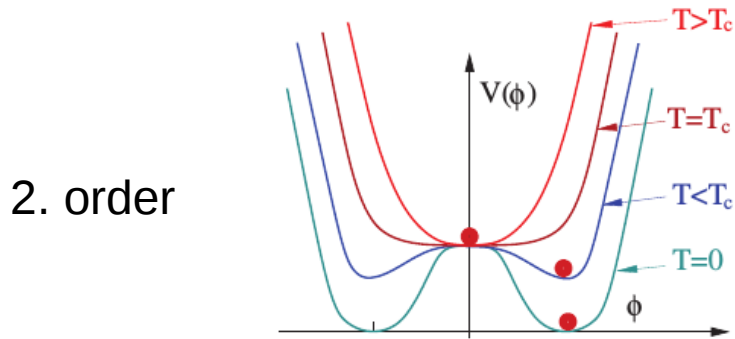


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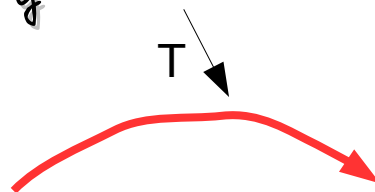


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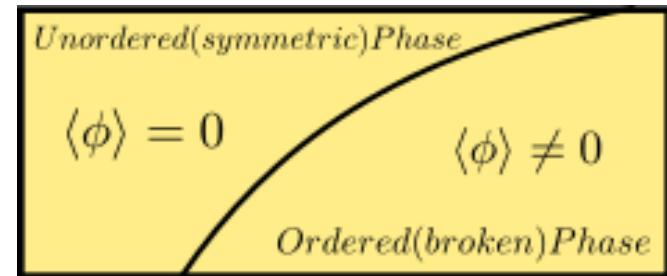
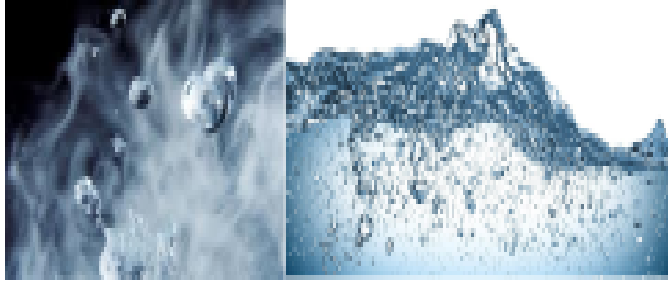
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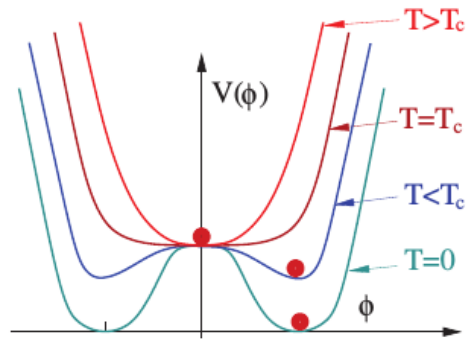
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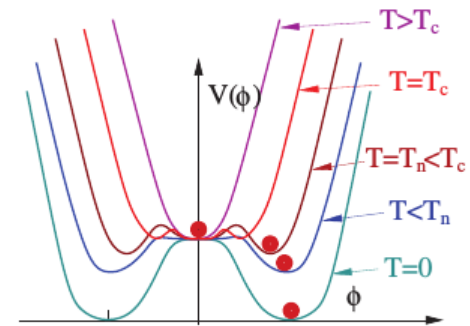


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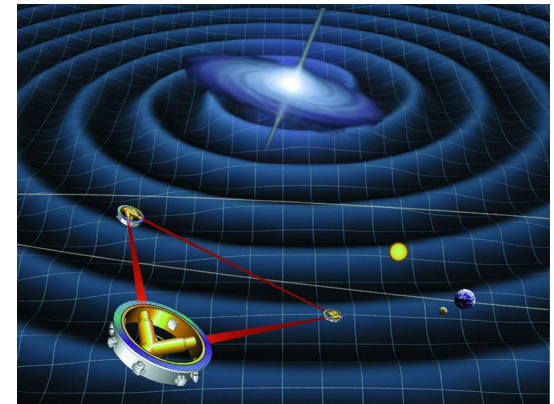
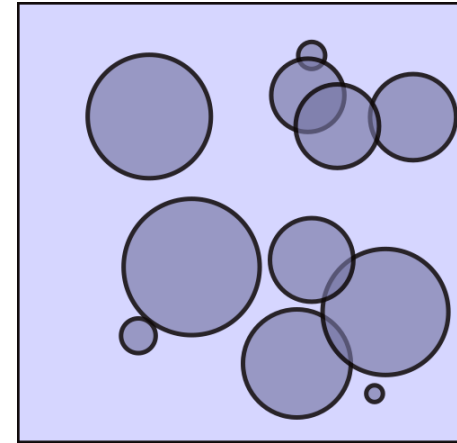
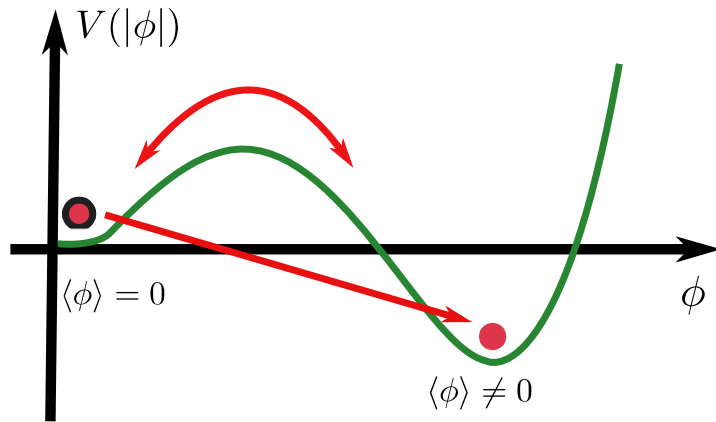
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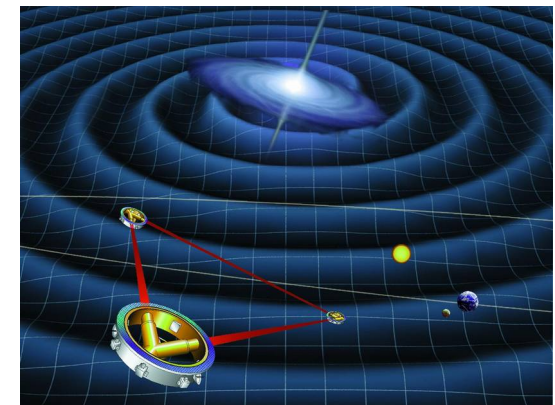
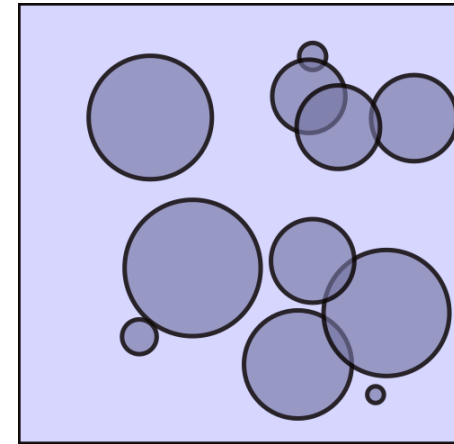
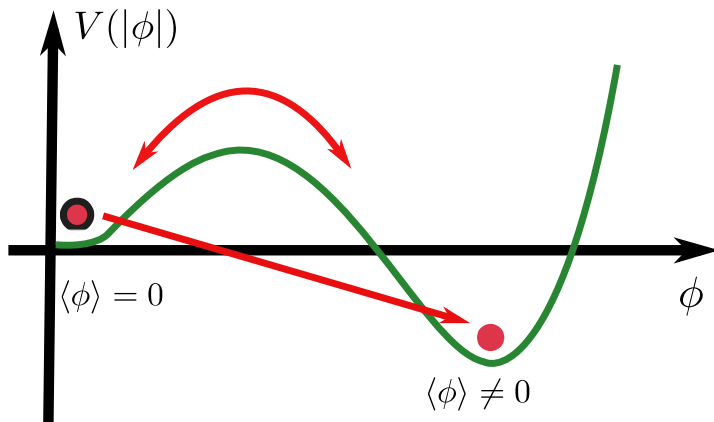
Important consequence: Particles coupled to the field get **mass**

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Phase Trans.
Latent heat α
Bubble nucleation rate β
Strength $\frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{T_c} \geq 1$

Bubble Growth
Wall velocity v_W
Latent heat fraction κ
PT-Energy $\rightarrow T_{\text{kin}}(\text{Bubble})$



Abundance $\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) = \Omega_{\text{BC}}(f) + \Omega_{\text{SW}}(f) + \Omega_{\text{MHD}}(f)$

GW Frequency \nearrow Bubble Collison Sound Wave Magnetic Fields

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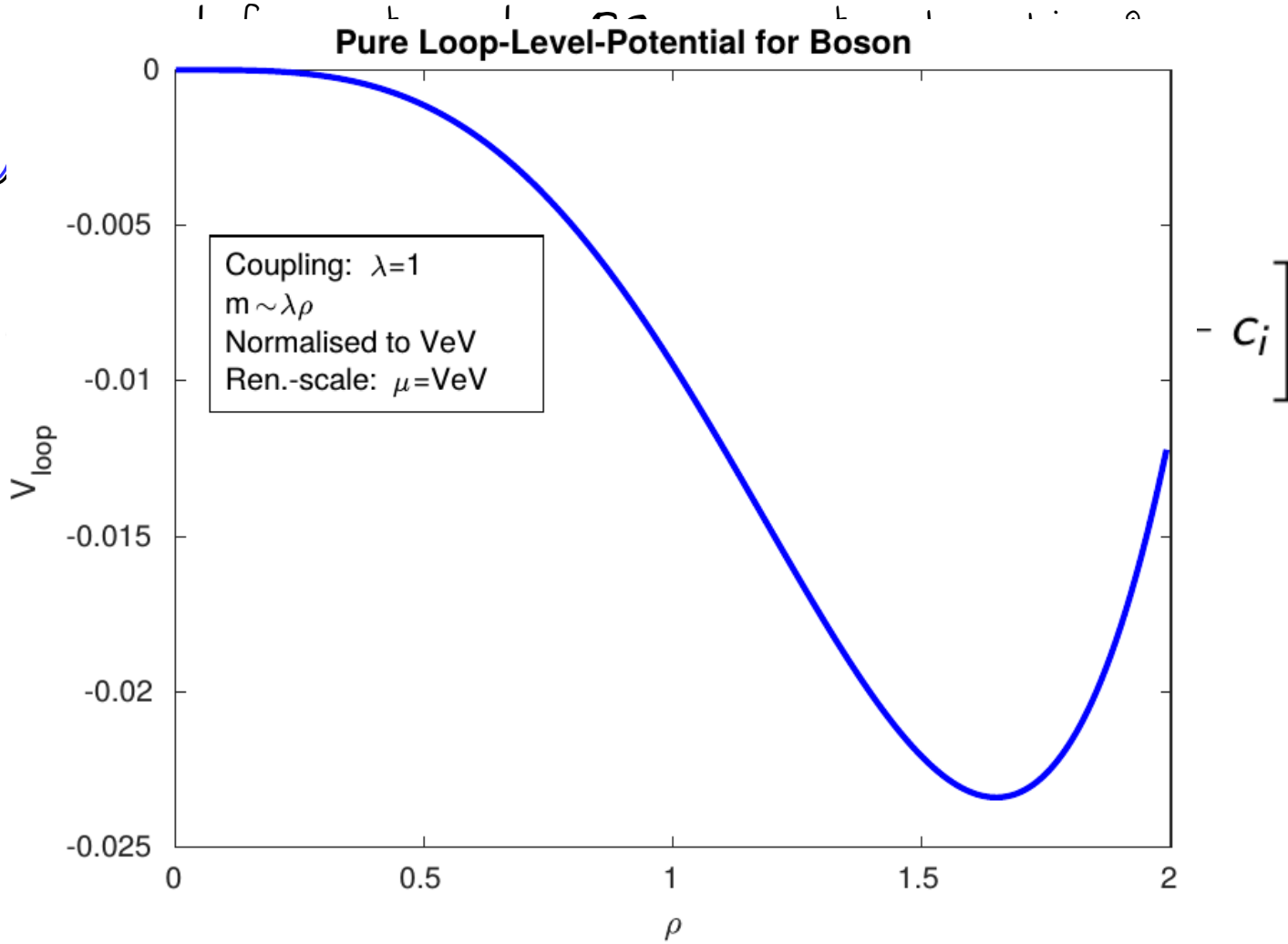
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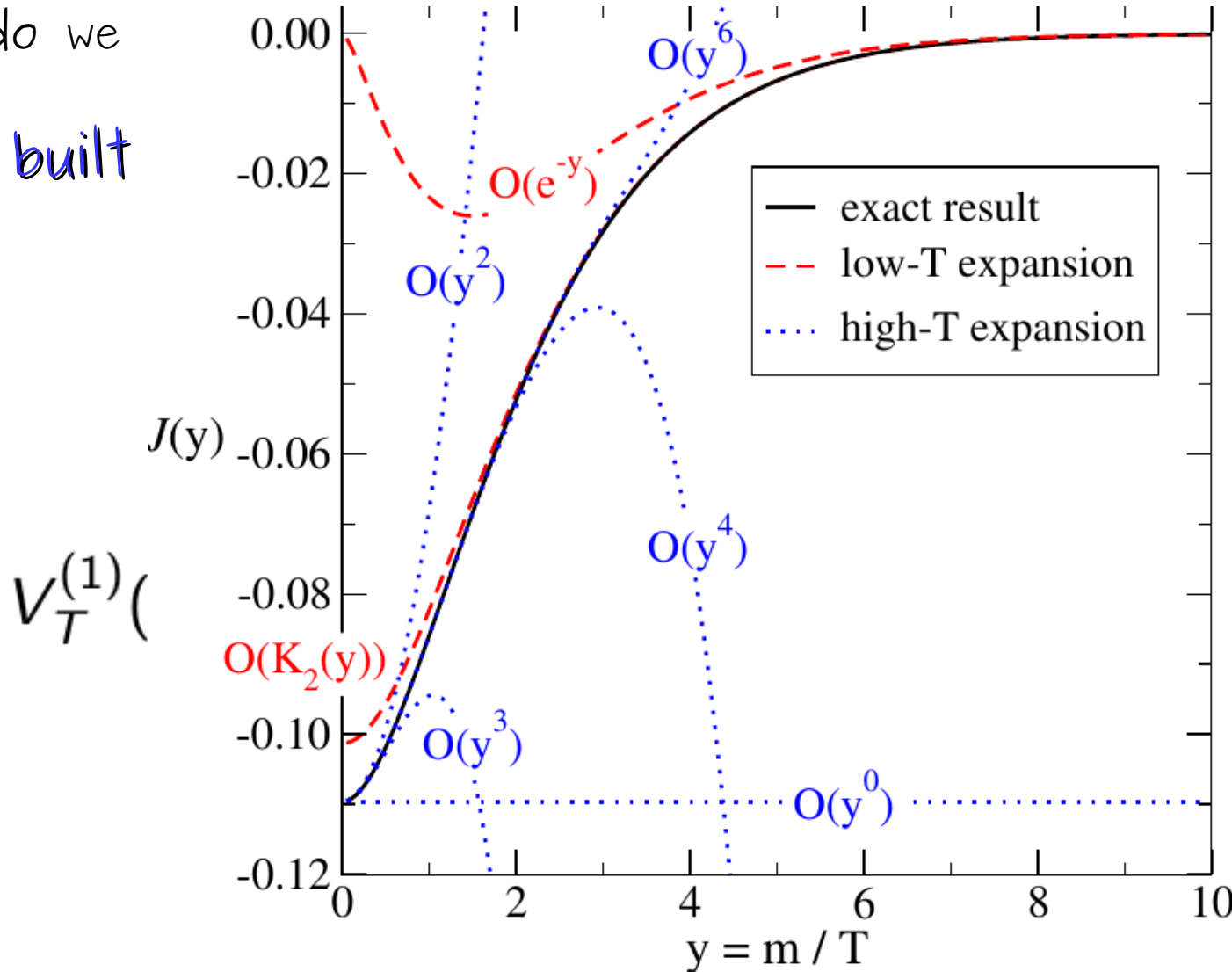
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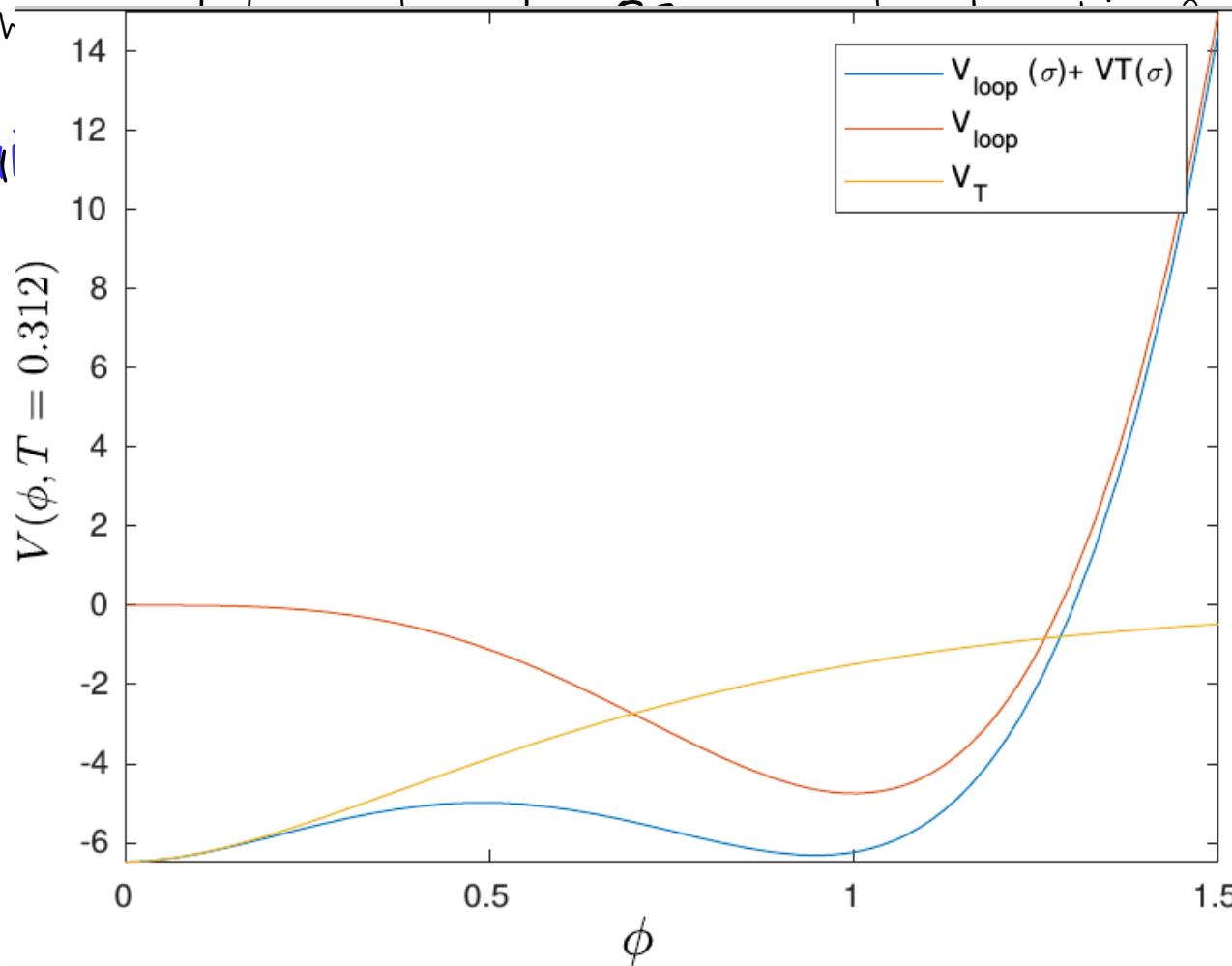
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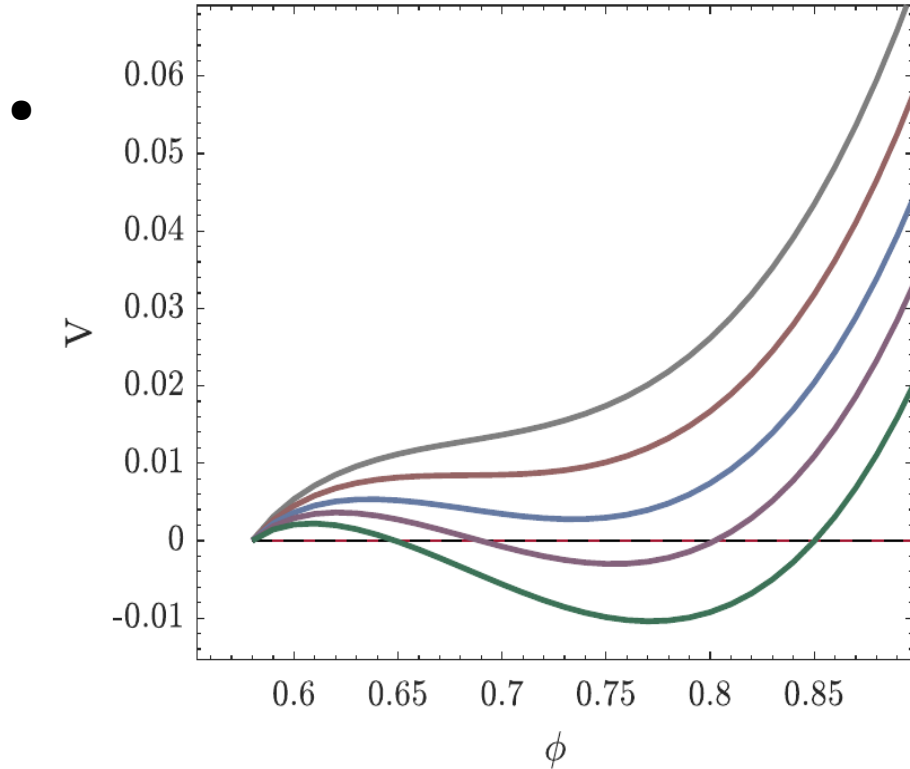
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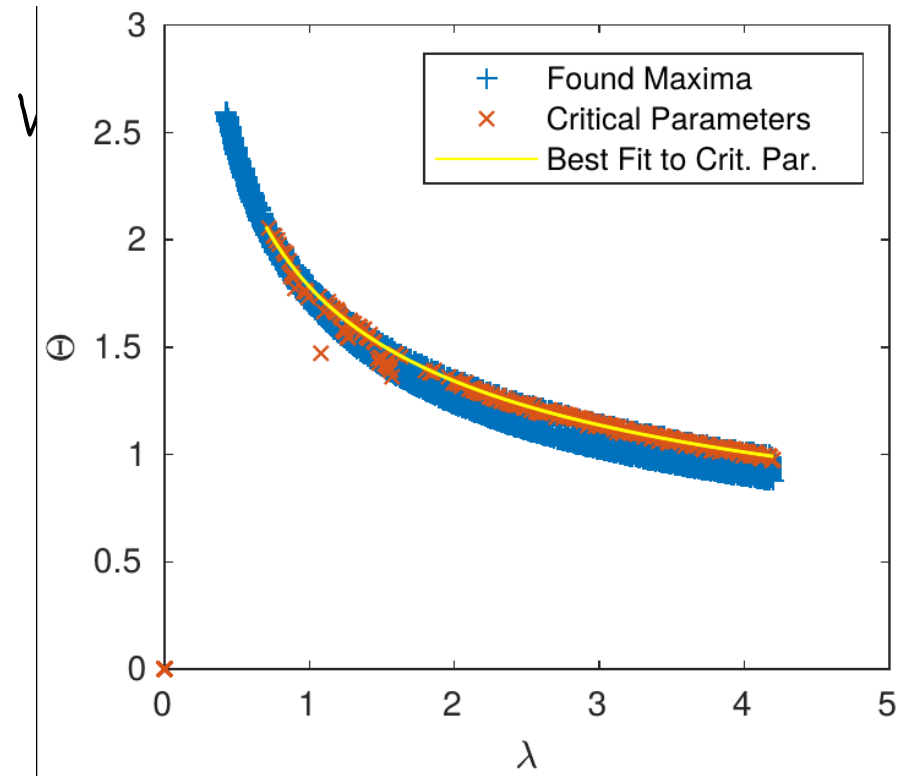
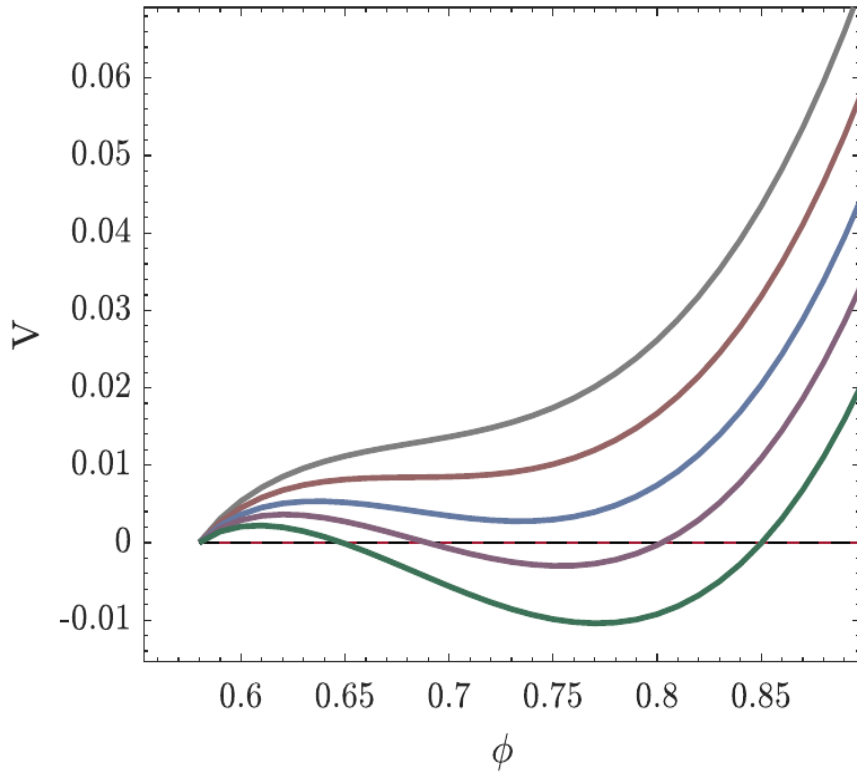
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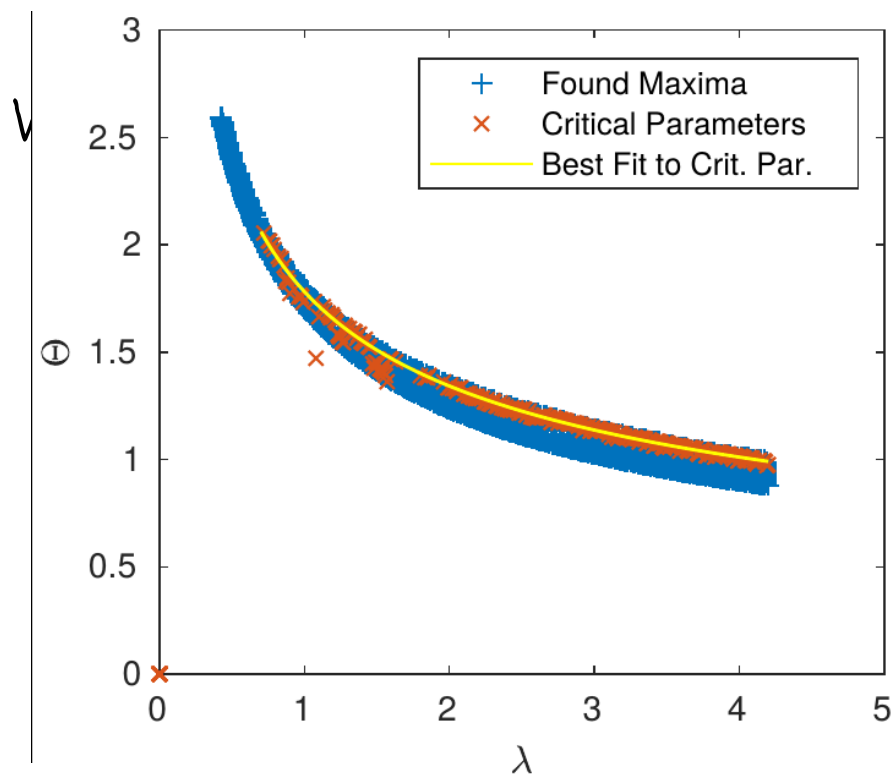
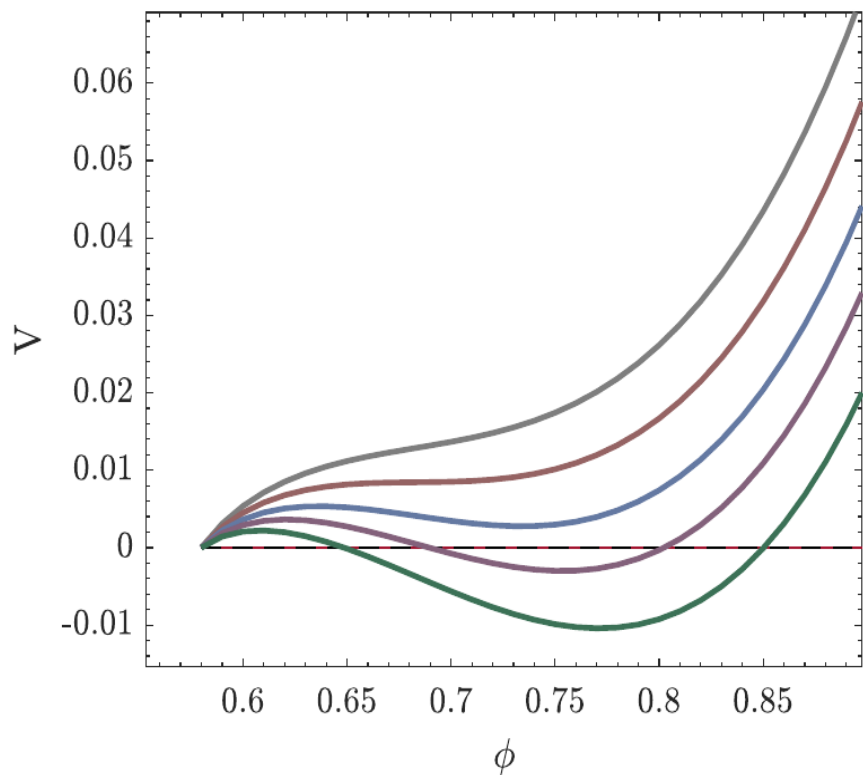
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Task:

Scan parameter space for allowed regions. Detectability?

Possible Extension:

Correlate GW signals from different events in cos. History of the axion

Conclusion/Outlook

- QCD-Axion interesting solution to the strong CP Problem
- Gravitational Waves provide a test for CPT models in the future
- Investigating the first order Peccei-Quinn symmetry breaking after inflation is an interesting field to study
- Correlating different sources of GW's from cosmological history of the Axion

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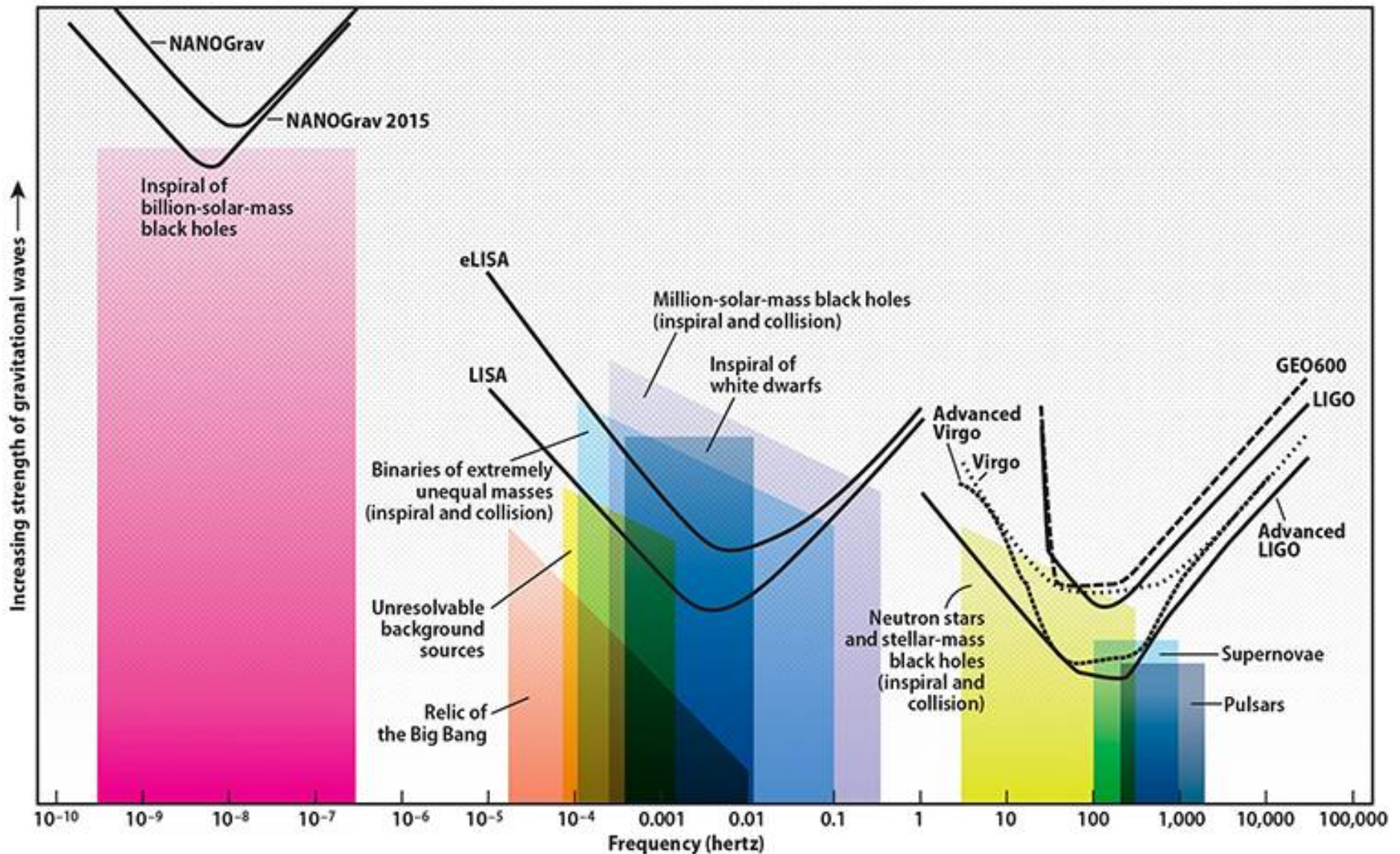
Backup 1

- GW's from symmetry breaking
- GW's from axion radiating strings
- GW's from Domain Walls

Correlate GW signals



Backup 2



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