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- ▶ Equation of motion for the action (1) in the case of a spatial homogeneous scalar field is

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- ▶ Note that $T^\mu{}_\mu$ is a function of temperature. Therefore, it makes sense to rewrite equation of motion in terms of temperature.

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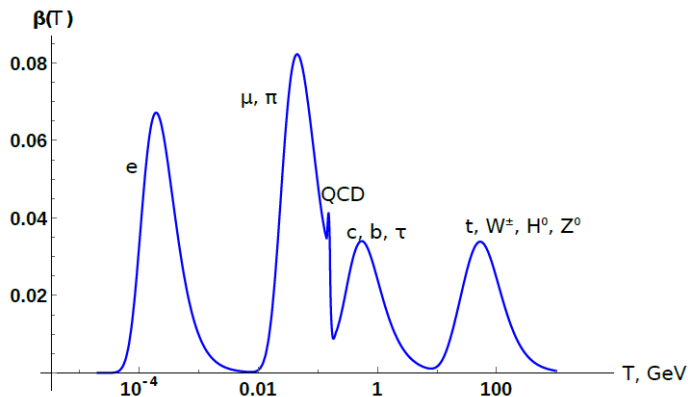
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This figure shows the function $\beta(T) = T_{\mu}^{\mu}/\rho$ as a function of temperature. β deviates from zero when the temperature falls below the mass of a particle that is in thermal equilibrium with the radiation bath. It includes contributions from all the SM-particles

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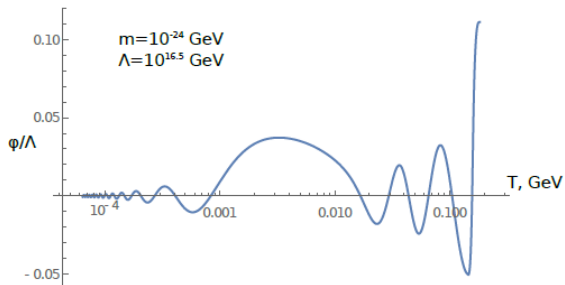
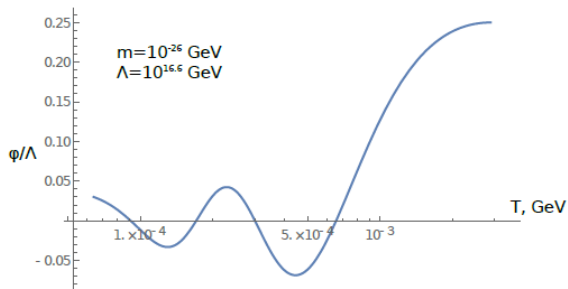
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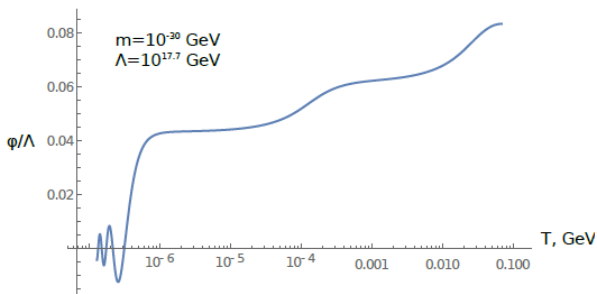
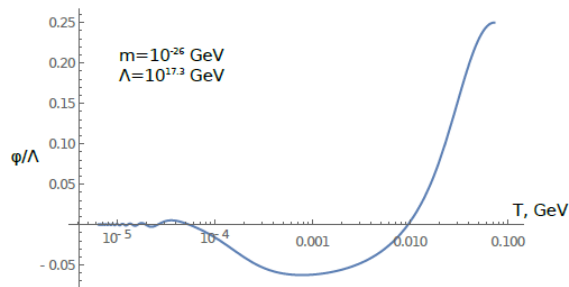
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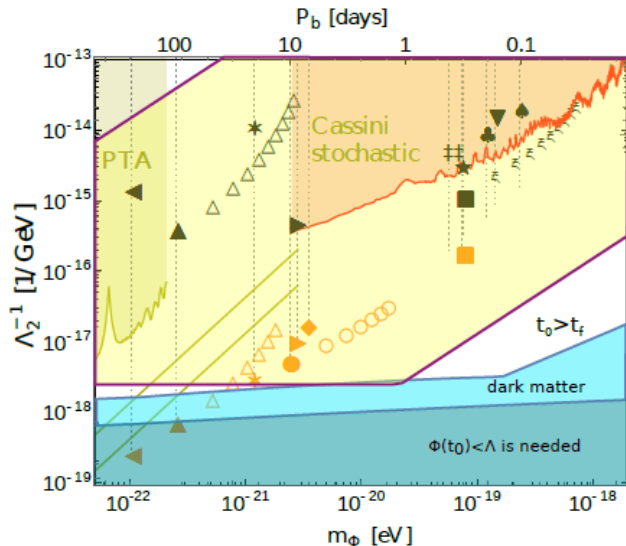
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