

Title: New Ekpyrotic Cosmology

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Abstract:

NEW EKPYROTIC COSMOLOGY

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- Pre-Big Bang - Gasperini, Veneziano
- Ekpyrotic Cosmology - Khoury, Ovrut, Steinhardt, Turok
- Big Crunch/Big-Bang - K, O, S, T + Seiberg
- Cyclic Models - Steinhardt, Turok

Ekpyrotic Phase

real scalar field - ϕ

Lagrangian density -

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 - V(\phi)$$

where the KE is canonical, Text

$$V(\phi) < 0$$

$$\epsilon \equiv M_P^{-2} \left(\frac{V}{V_{,\phi}} \right)^2, \quad \eta \equiv 1 - \frac{V_{,\phi\phi} V}{V_{,\phi}^2}$$

satisfy the “fast-roll” conditions

$$\epsilon \ll 1, \quad |\eta| \ll 1$$

$V(\phi)$ is steep and nearly exponential

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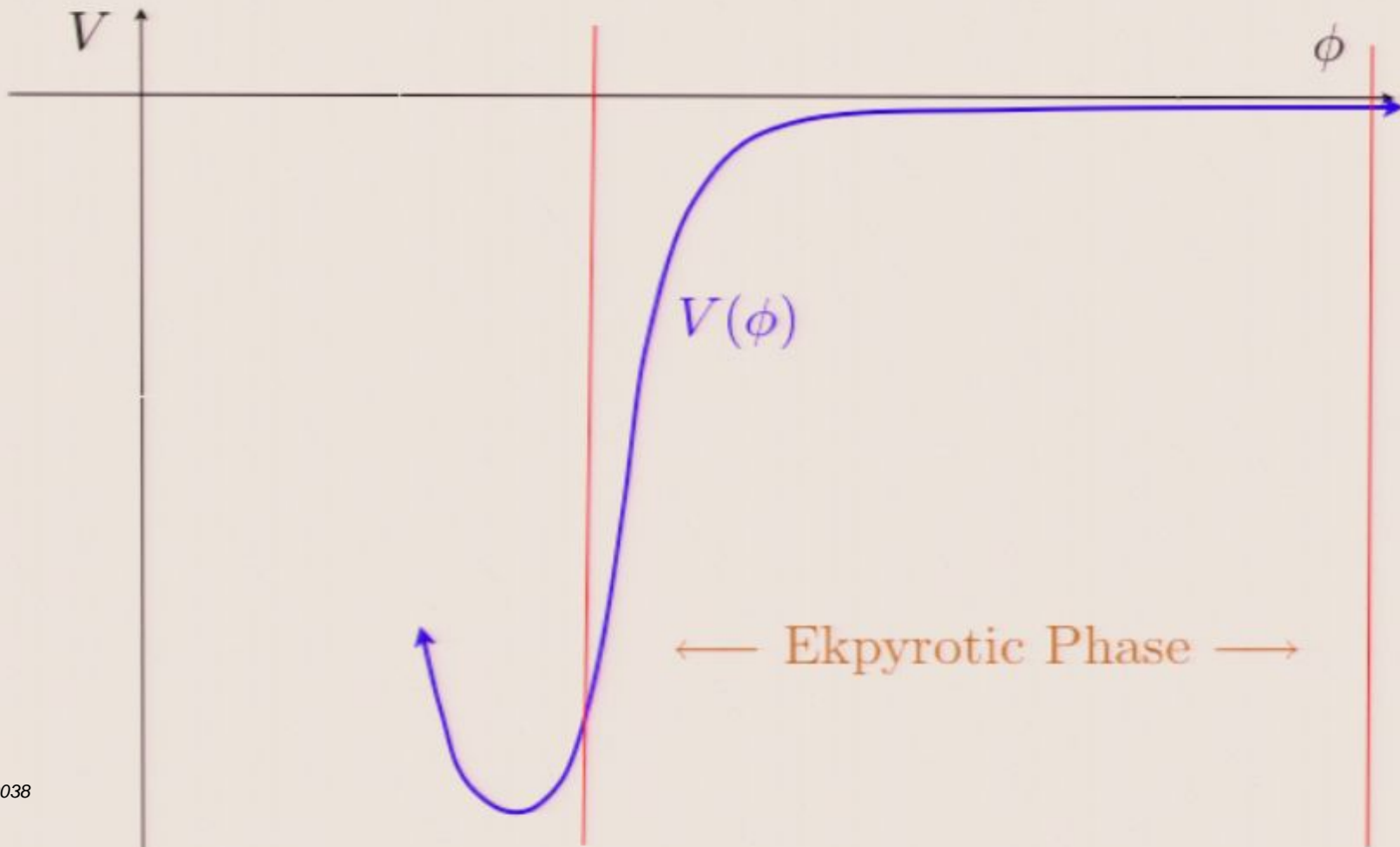
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properties:

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slowly contracting spacetime
 ~ constant

$$p \ll 1 \implies \text{slowly}$$

$$R_H \equiv |H^{-1}| = \frac{-t}{p} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 0$$

decreasing Hubble radius

\Rightarrow “dual” to inflation!

equation of state

$$\omega \equiv \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho} = \frac{2}{3p} - 1 \gg 1$$

$\rho_\phi \sim a^{-2/p}$ “blueshifts” faster than curvature ($\sim a^{-2}$), matter ($\sim a^{-3}$), radiation ($\sim a^{-4}$), anisotropy ($\sim a^{-6}$)

\Rightarrow scalar energy rapidly dominates

Density Perturbations

Consider the gauge invariant variable

$$u \equiv \frac{a\Phi}{\phi'}$$

is the Newtonian potential and $' \equiv \frac{d}{d\tau}$ with conformal time. Fourier modes satisfy

$$u_k'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{p}{(1-p)^2\tau^2} \right) u_k = 0$$

The solution is

$$u_k = \frac{\sqrt{p}}{(2k)^{3/2} M_P} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{-k\tau} H_\nu^{(1)}(-k\tau)$$

where $H_\nu^{(1)}$ is a Hankel function with

$$\nu = \frac{(1+p)}{2(1-p)}$$

on large scales

$$k^3 u k^2 \sim k^{-2p/(1-p)}$$

since $p \ll 1$, the spectrum is nearly scale invariant with

$$n_s - 1 \approx -2p \quad (= -4\epsilon)$$

slight **red** tilt. For more general $V(\phi)$

$$n_s - 1 = -4(\epsilon + \eta)$$

characterizes deviations from the pure exponential and can be positive or negative. \Rightarrow spectrum can have a small **blue** tilt if η is negative

Problem!!

the relevant variable to track through the bounce is the curvature perturbation

$$\zeta \propto \left(\frac{\Phi}{a'/a^3} \right)'$$

or the scaling solution

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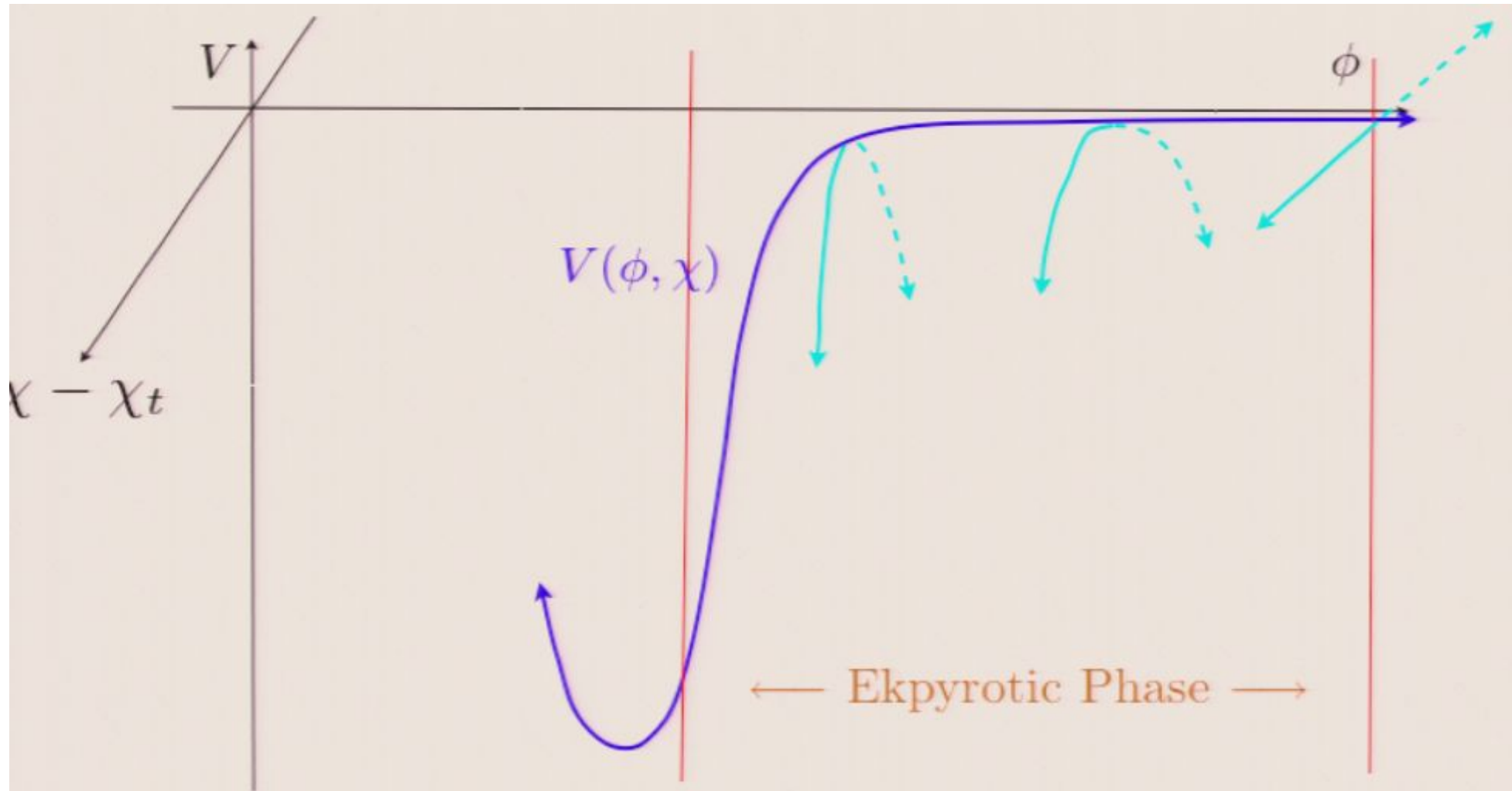
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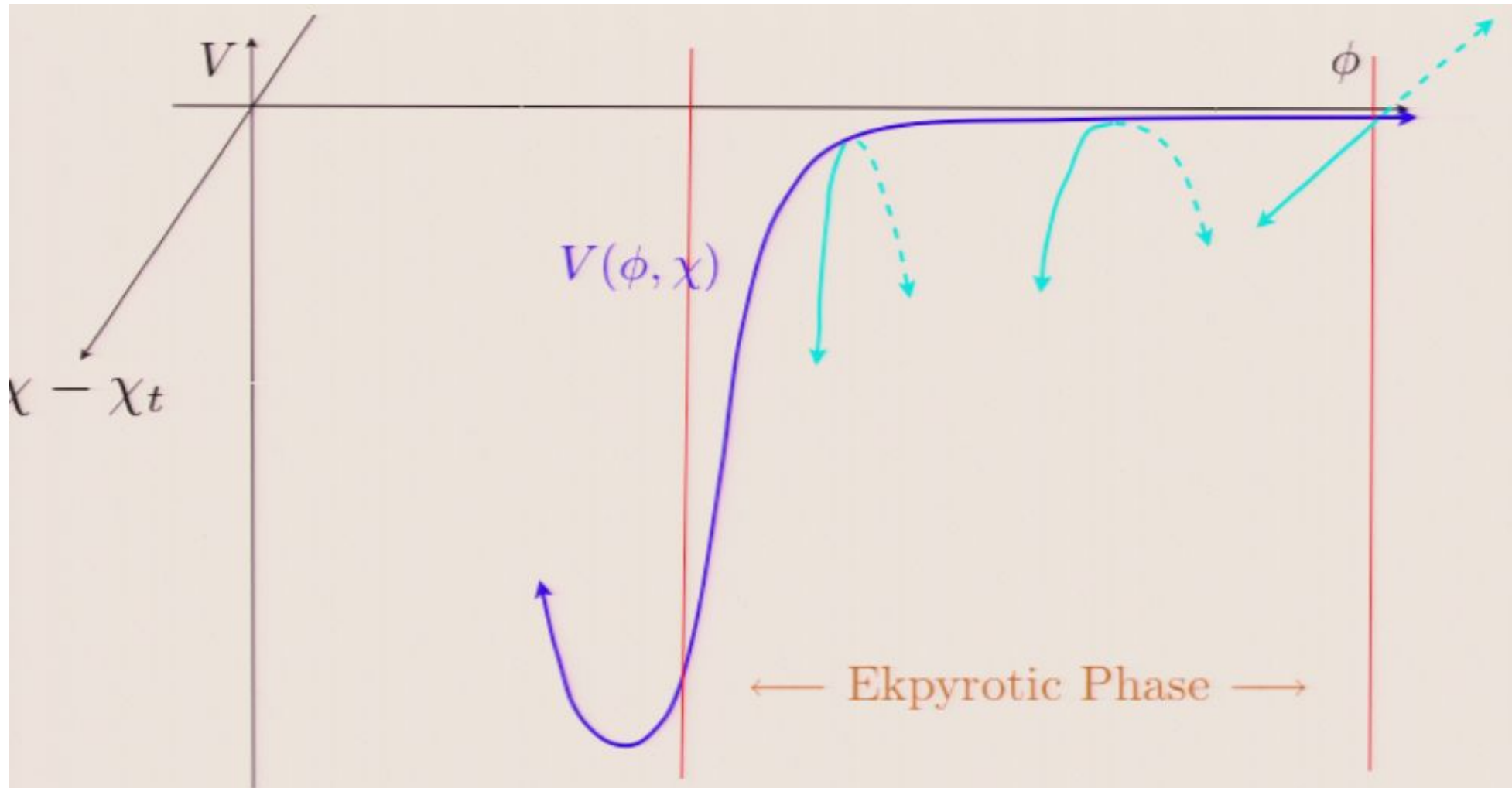
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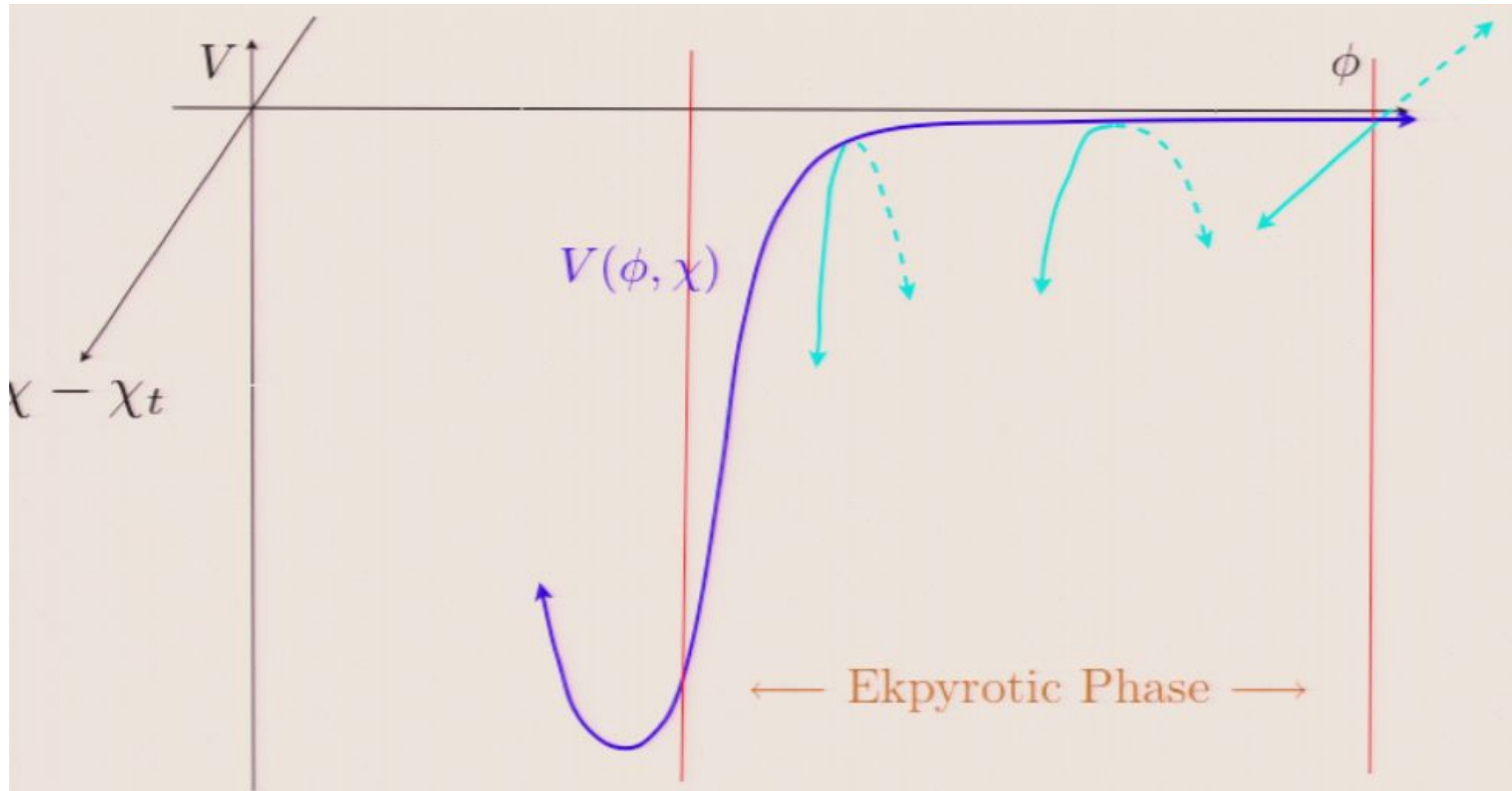
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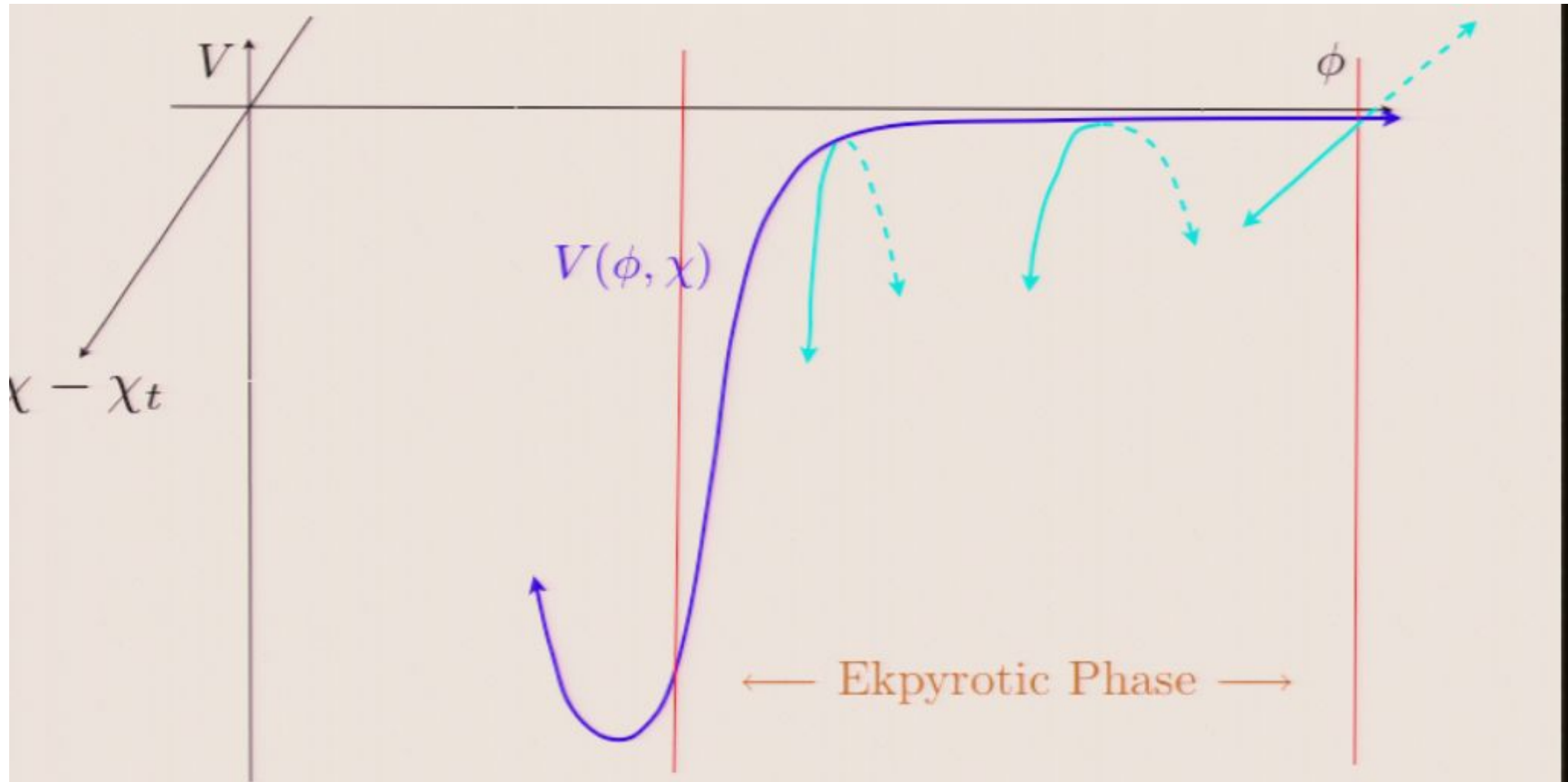
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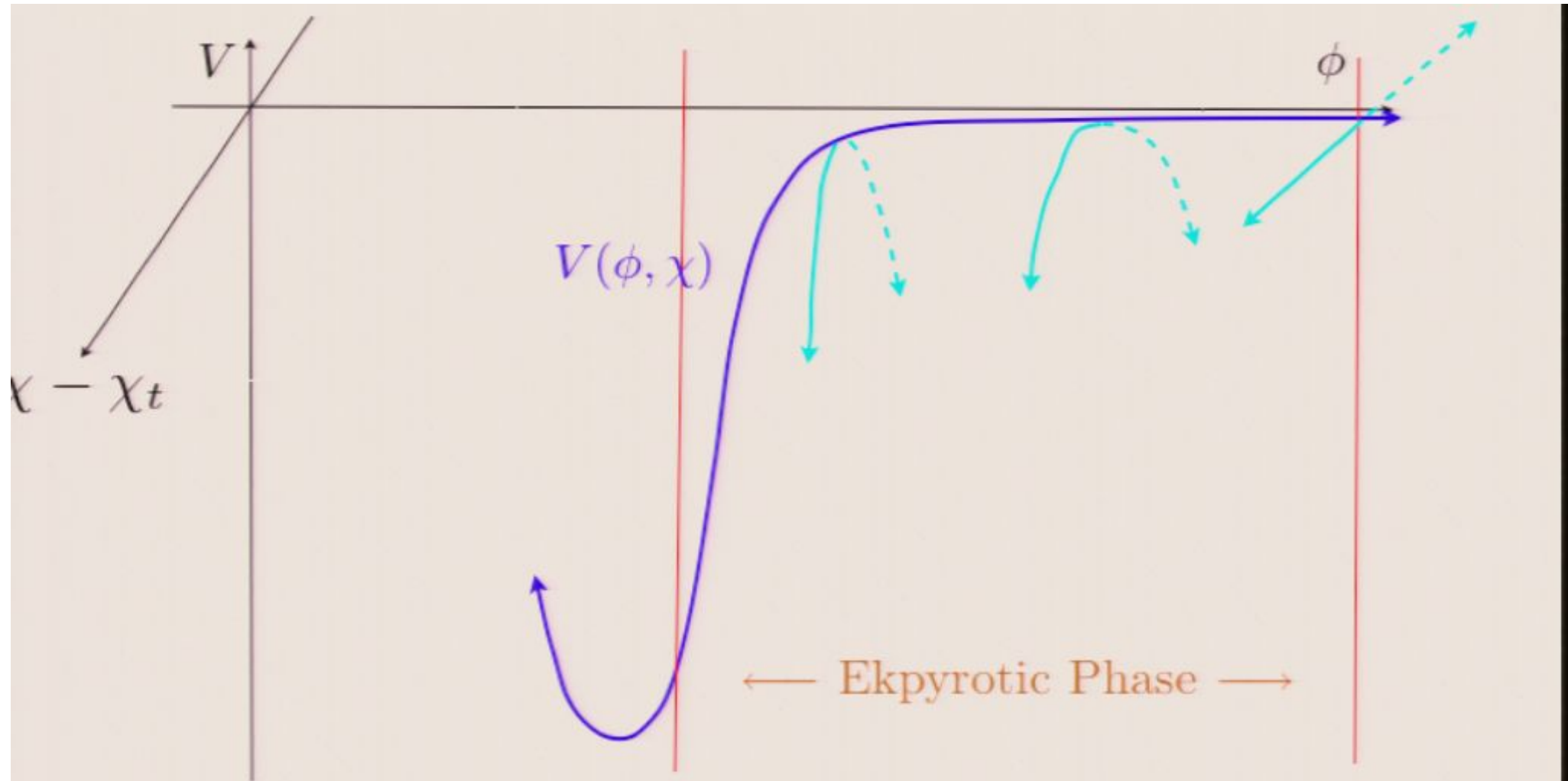
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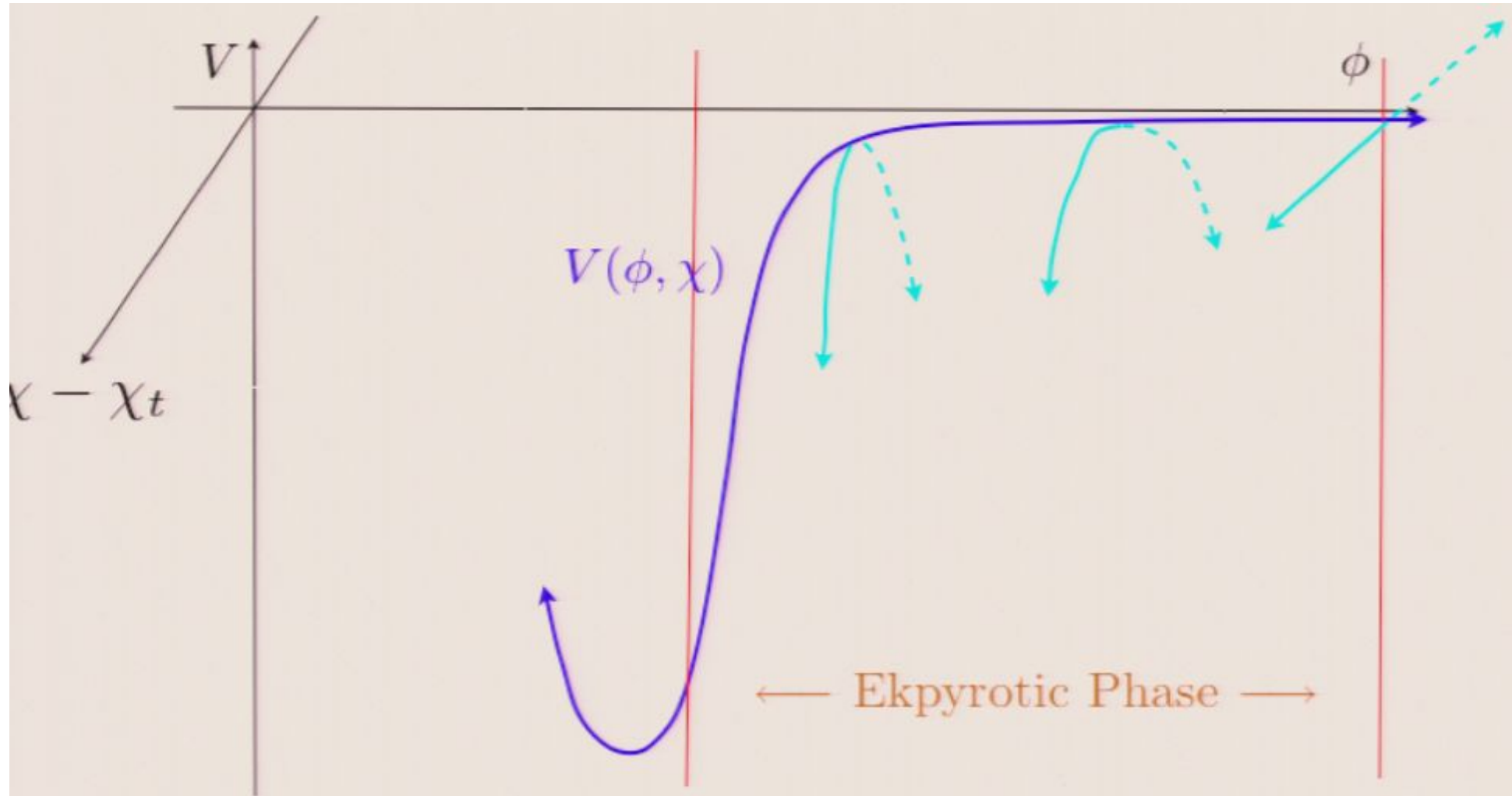
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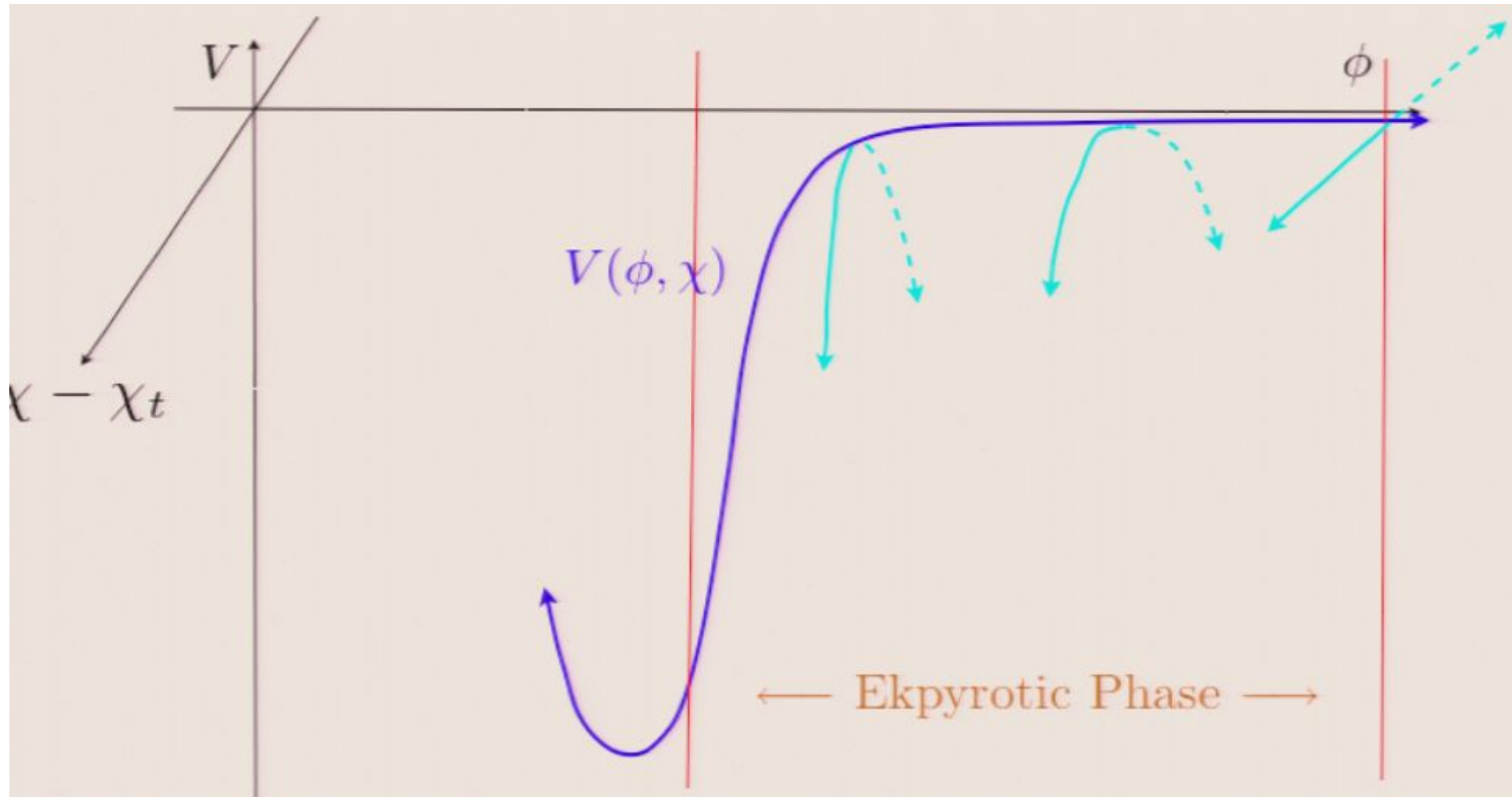
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or any

$$\chi_t = \text{constant}, f(\phi) \approx 1$$

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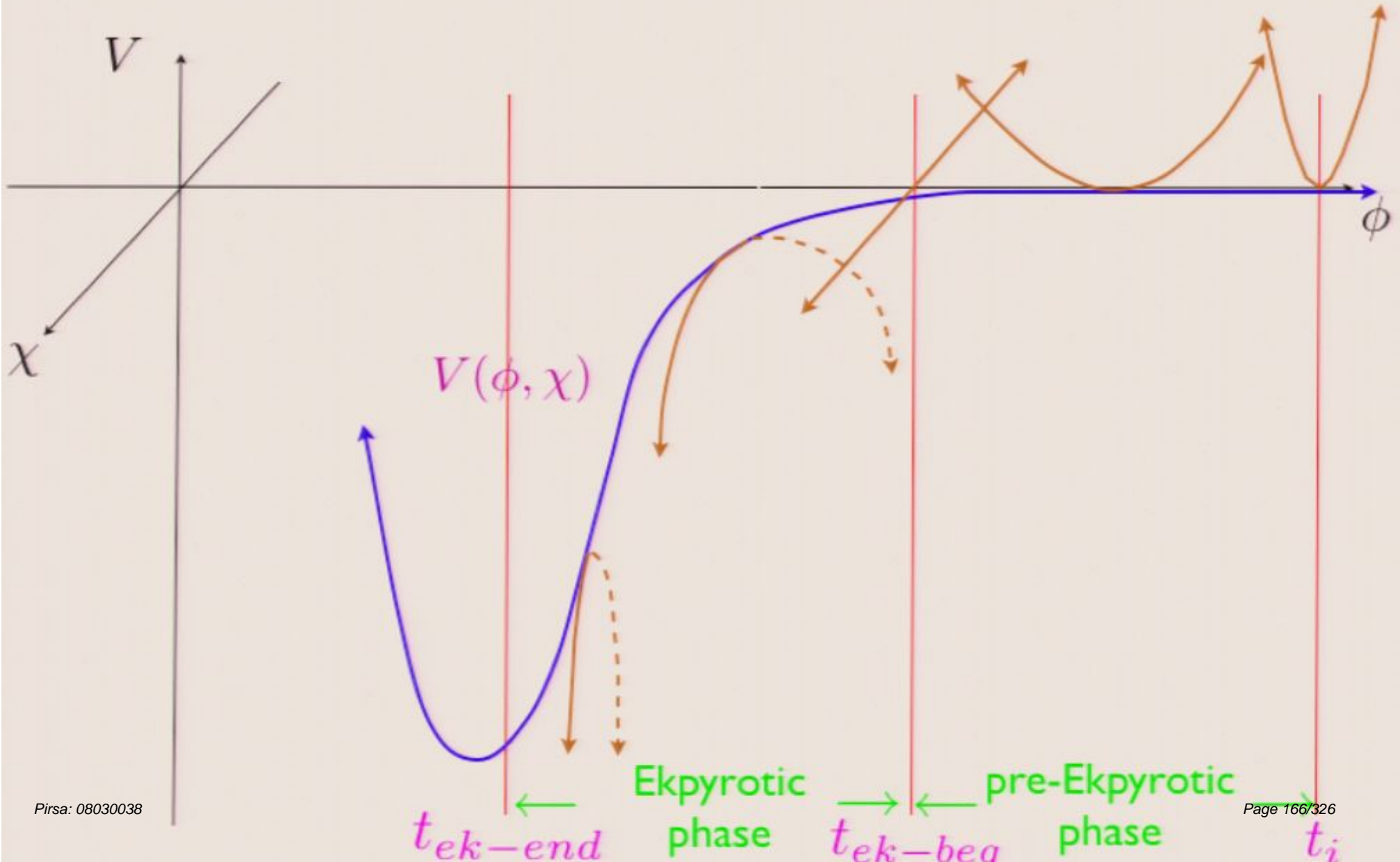
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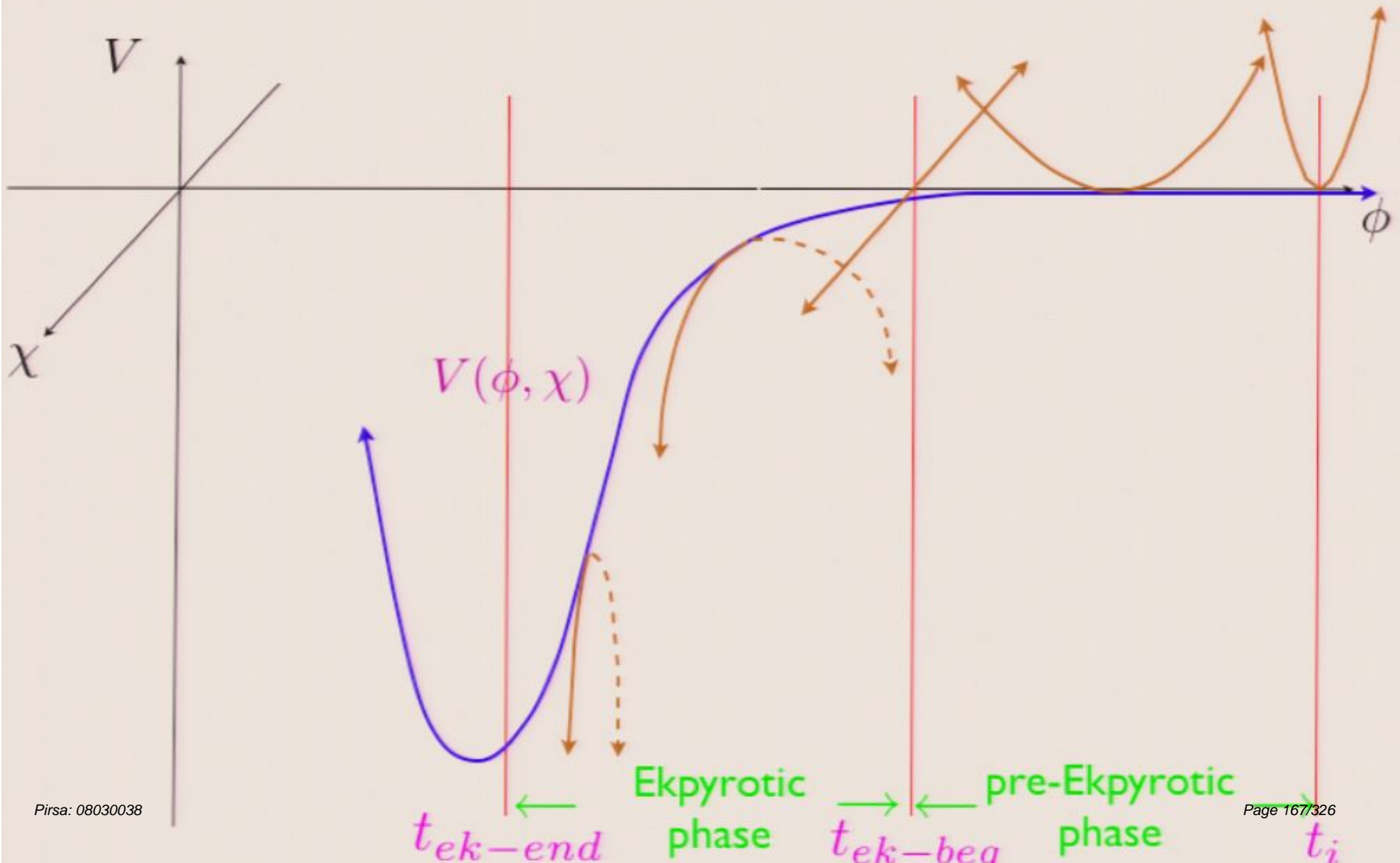
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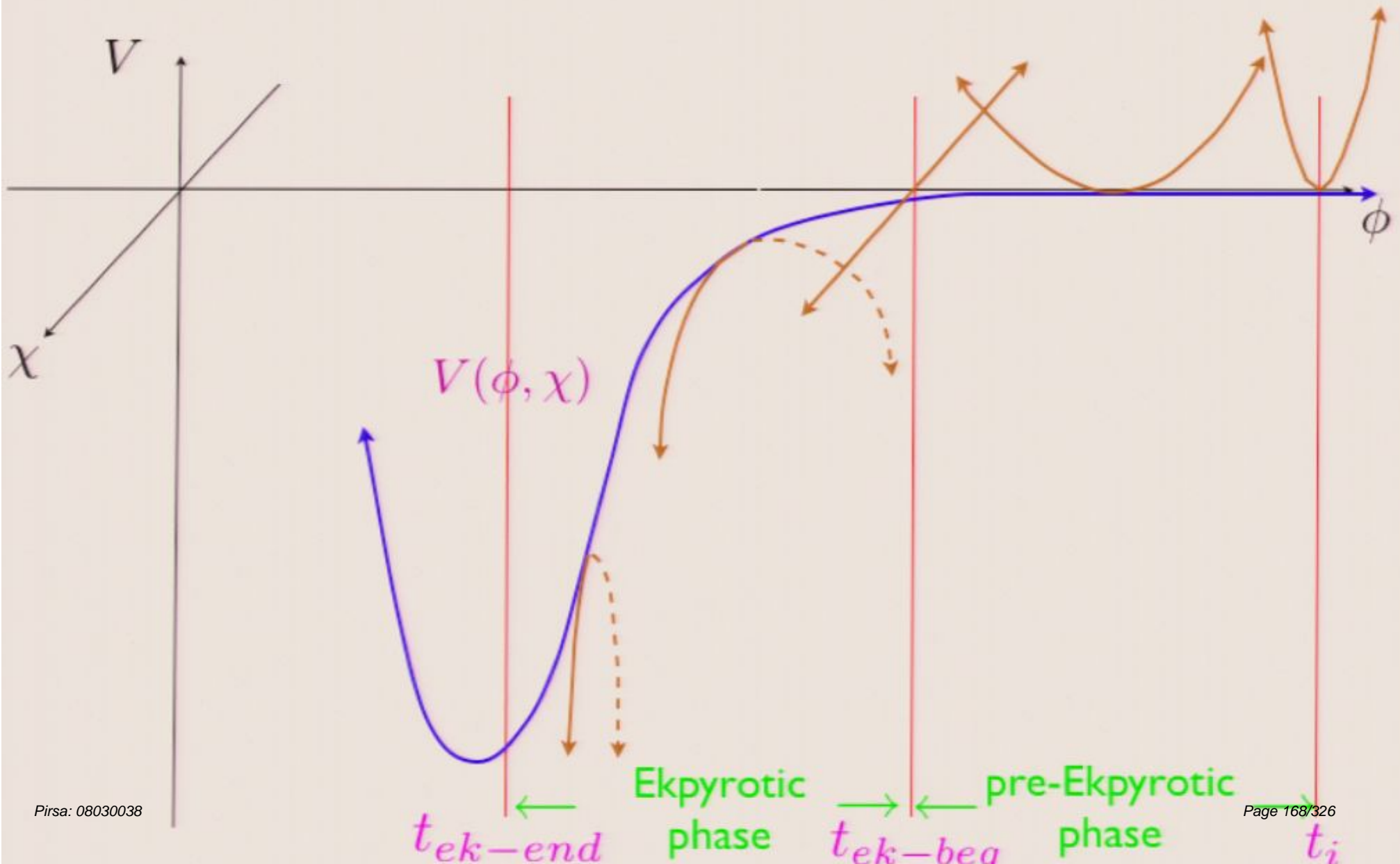
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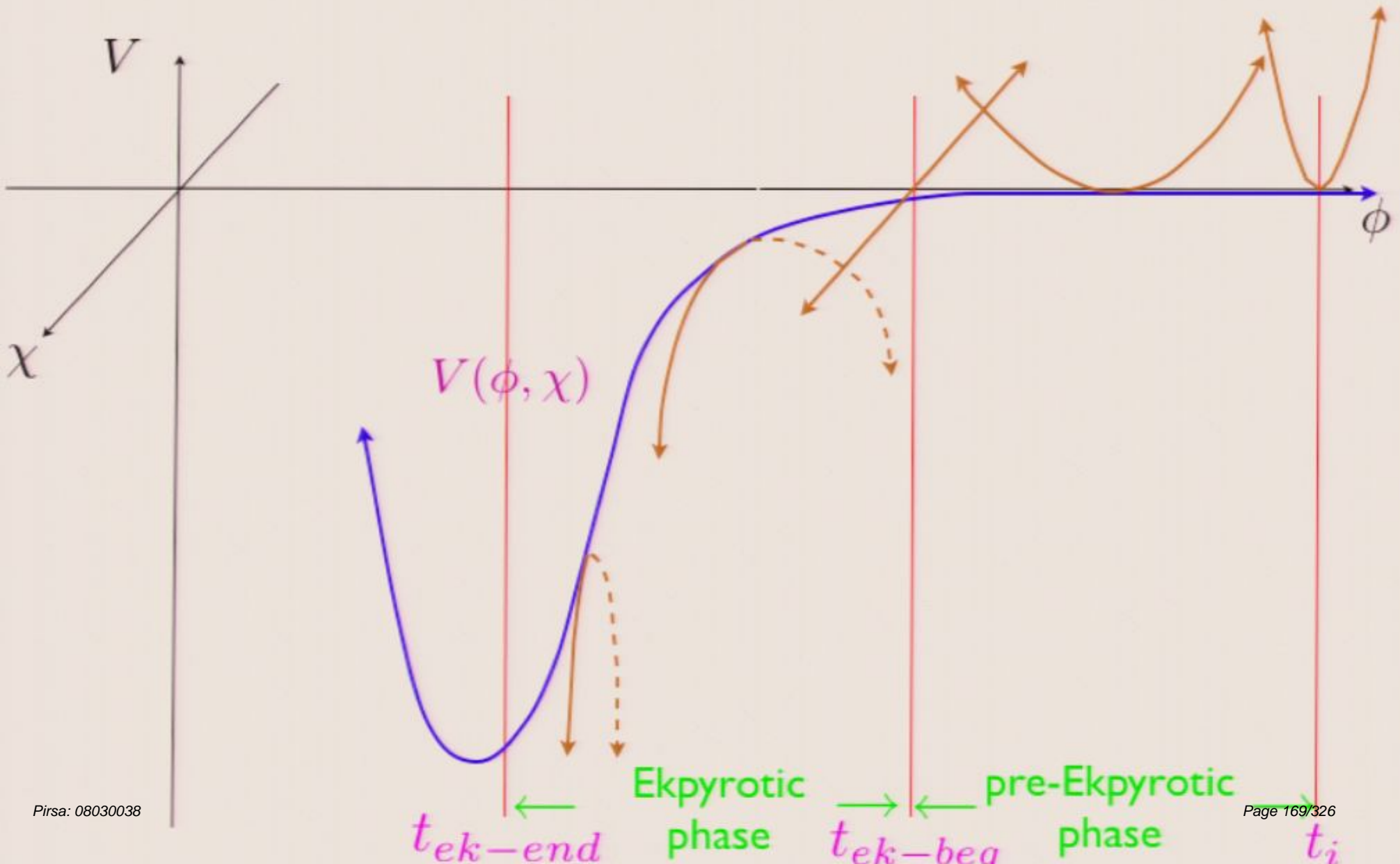
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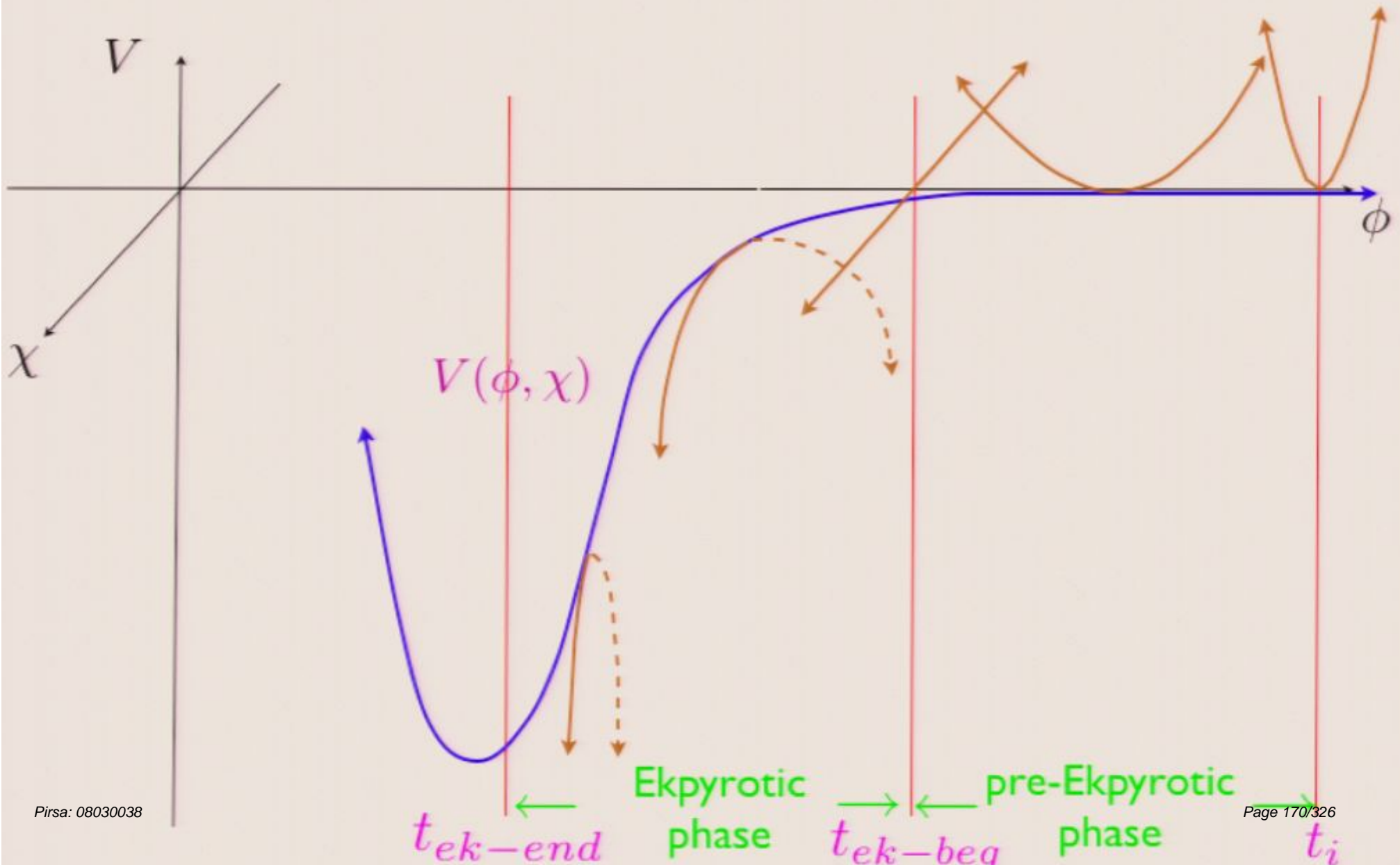
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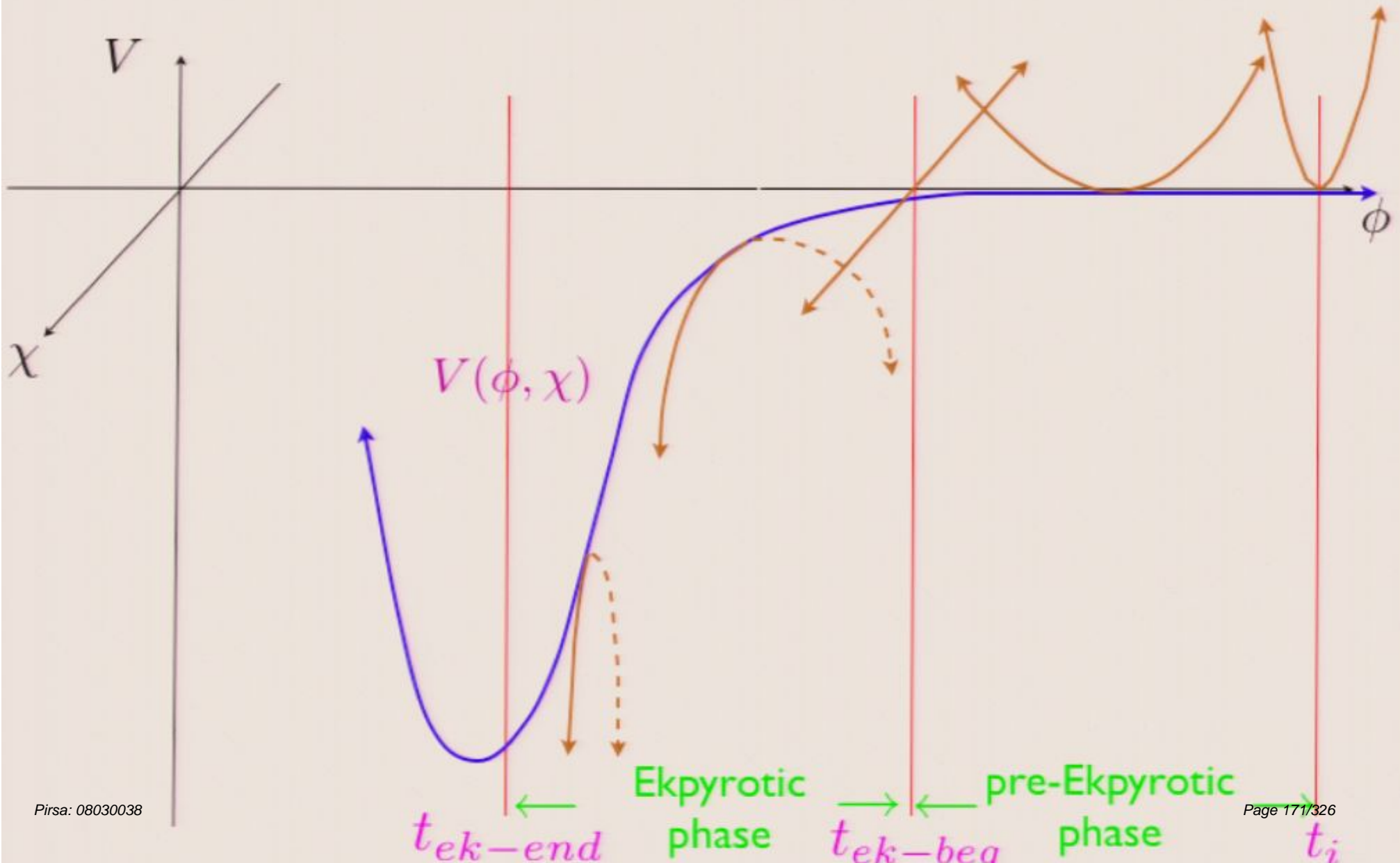
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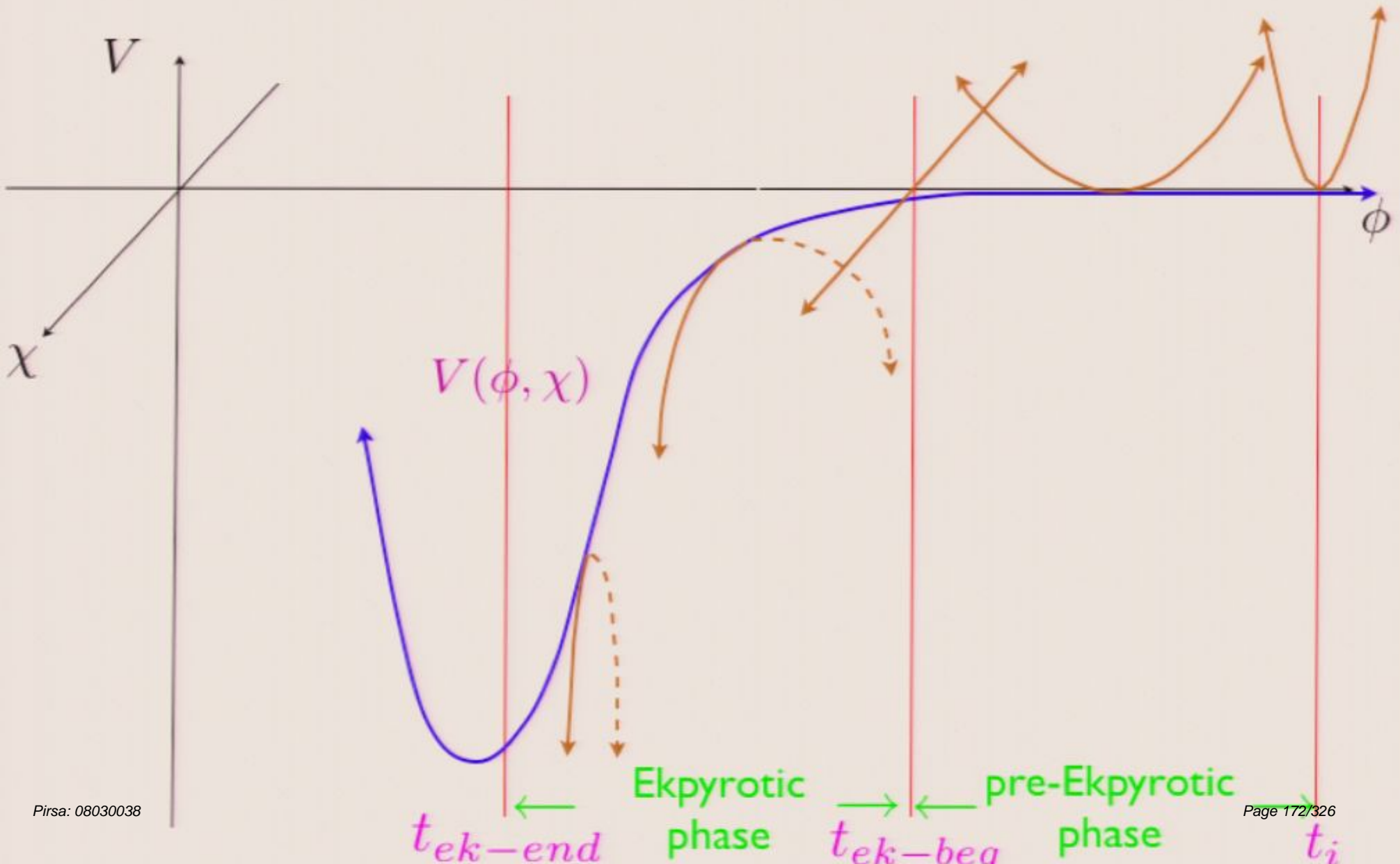
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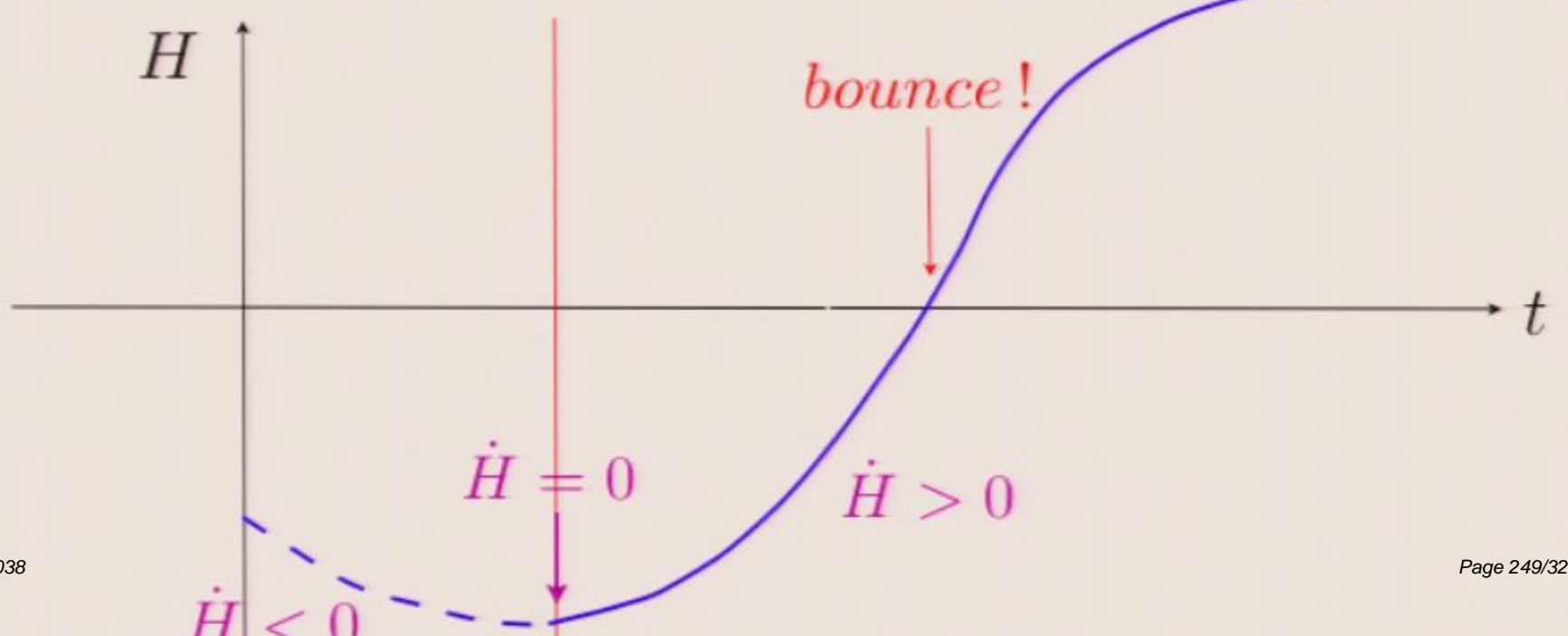
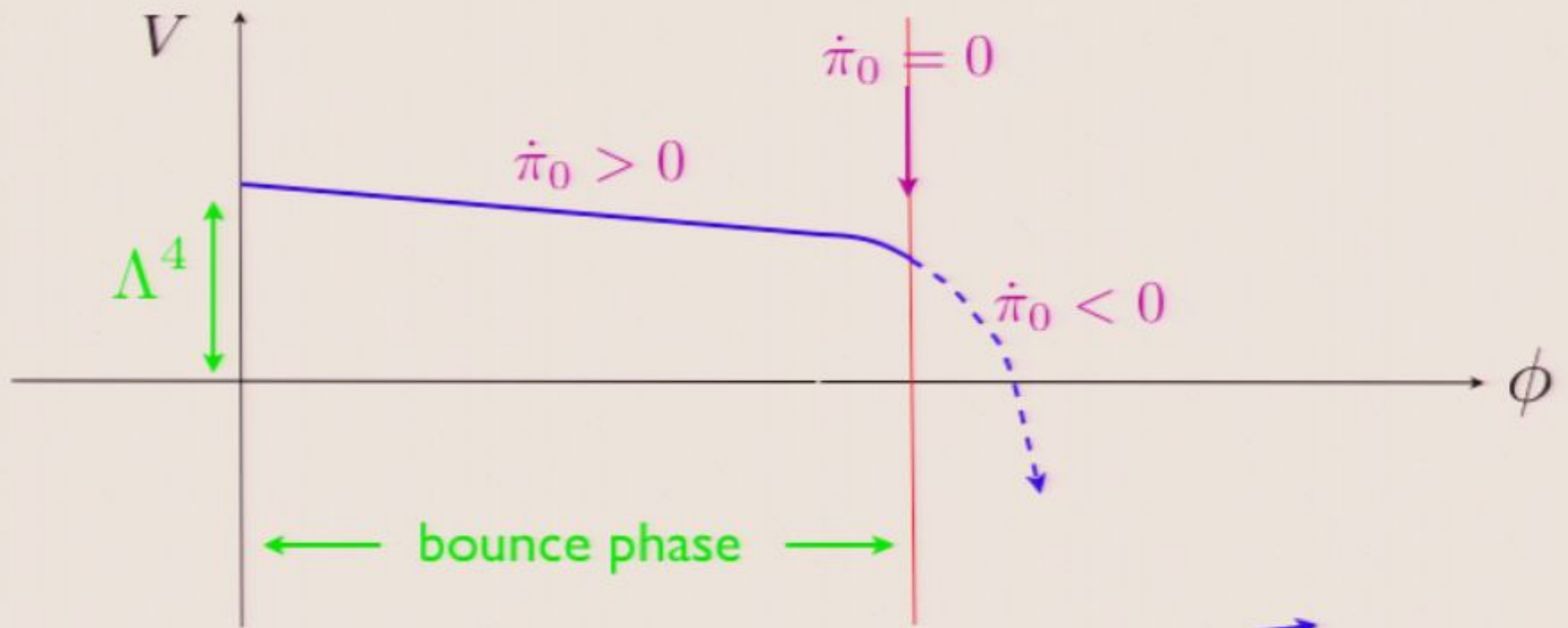
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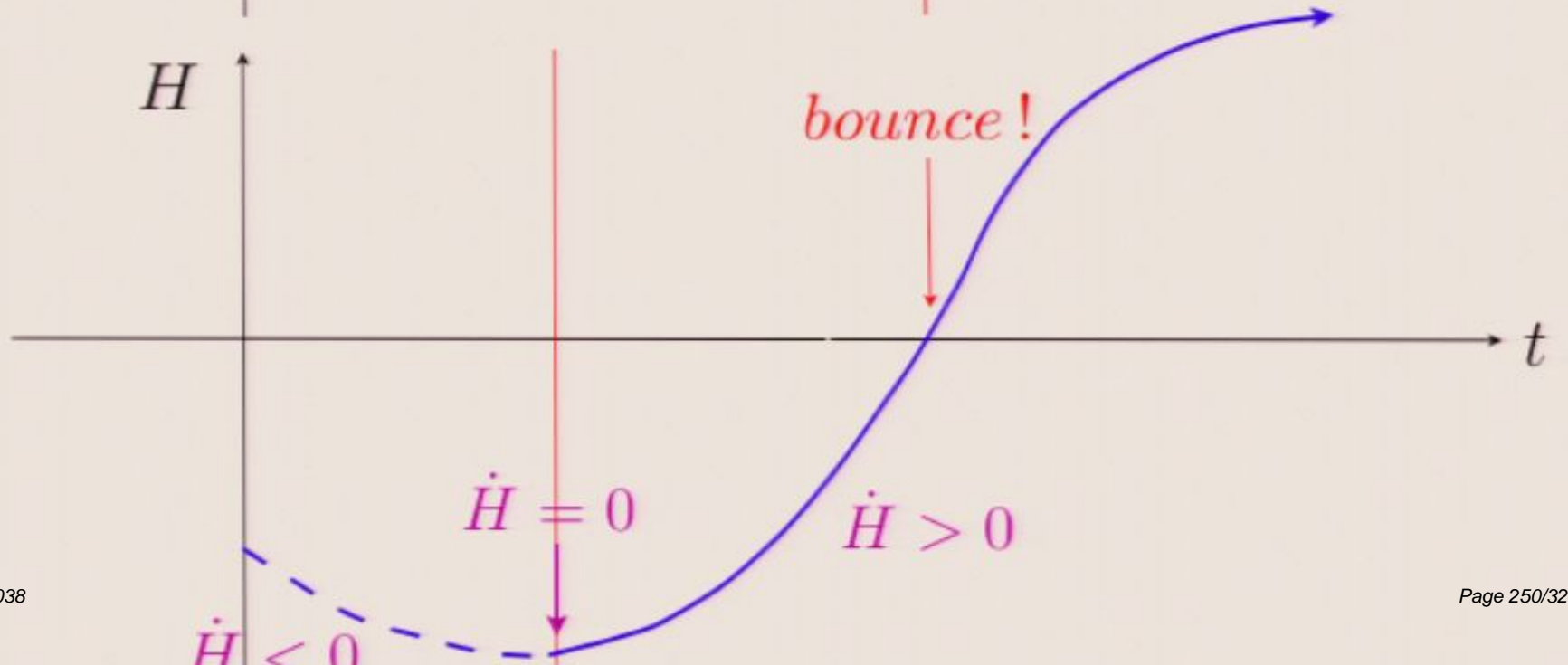
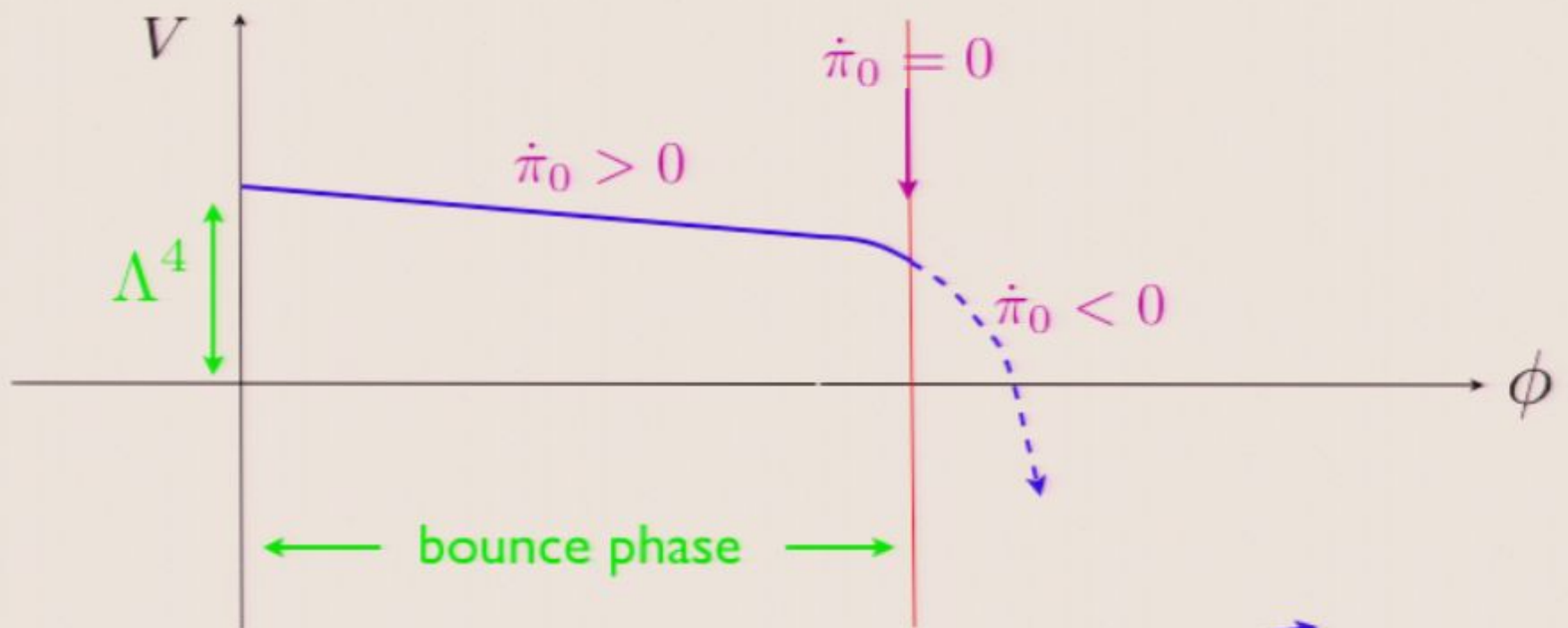
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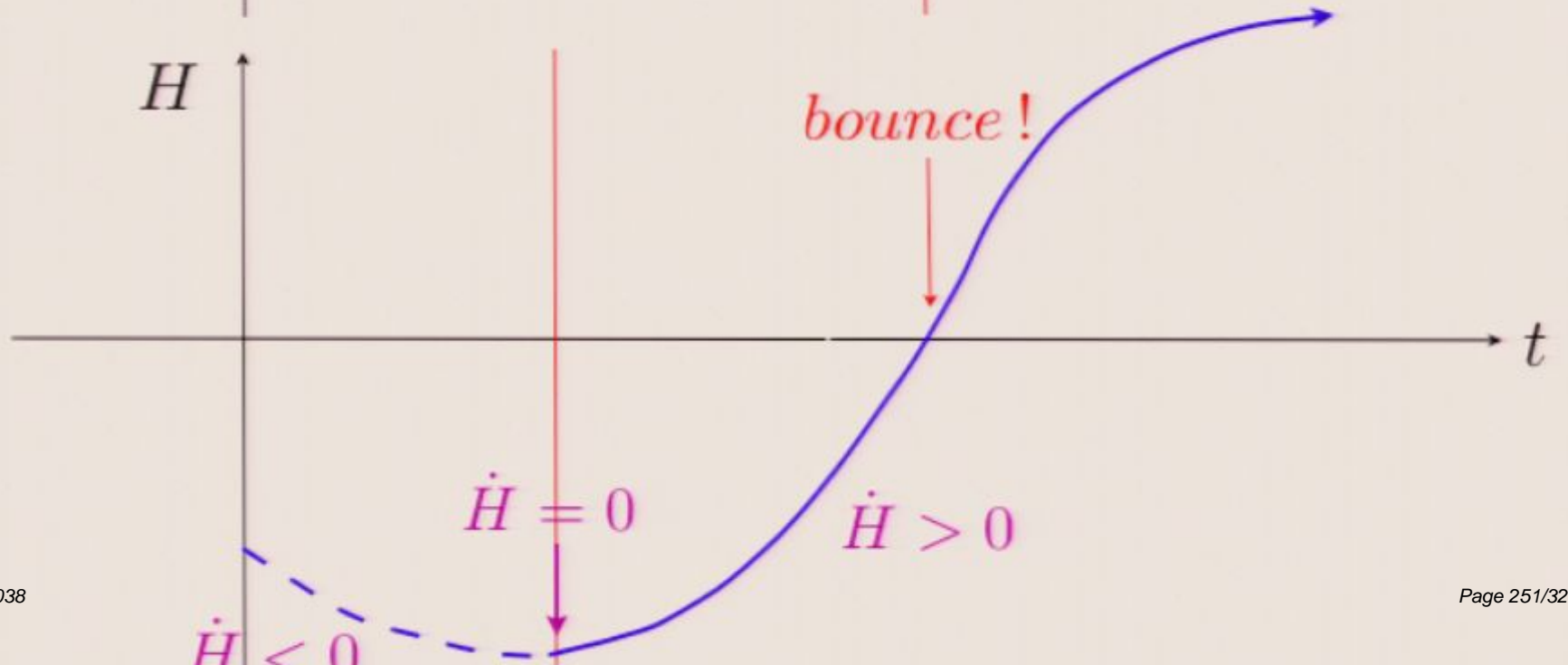
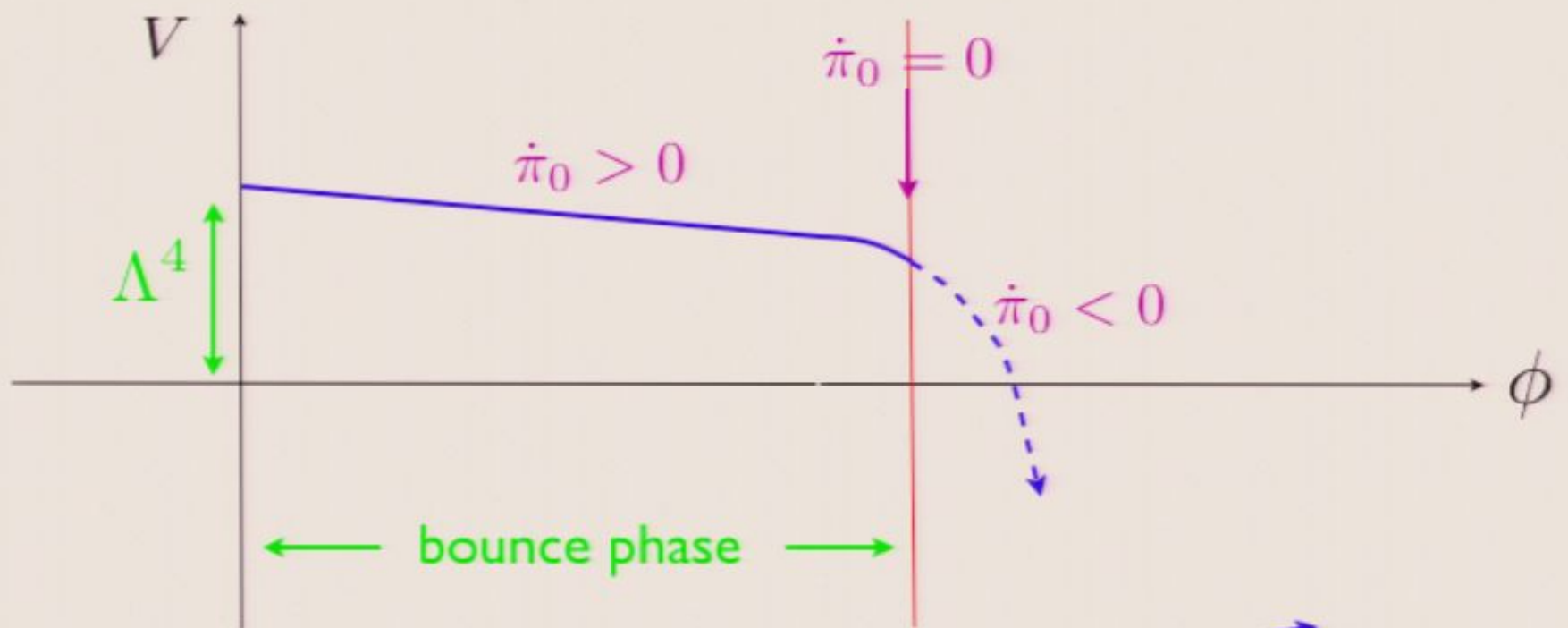
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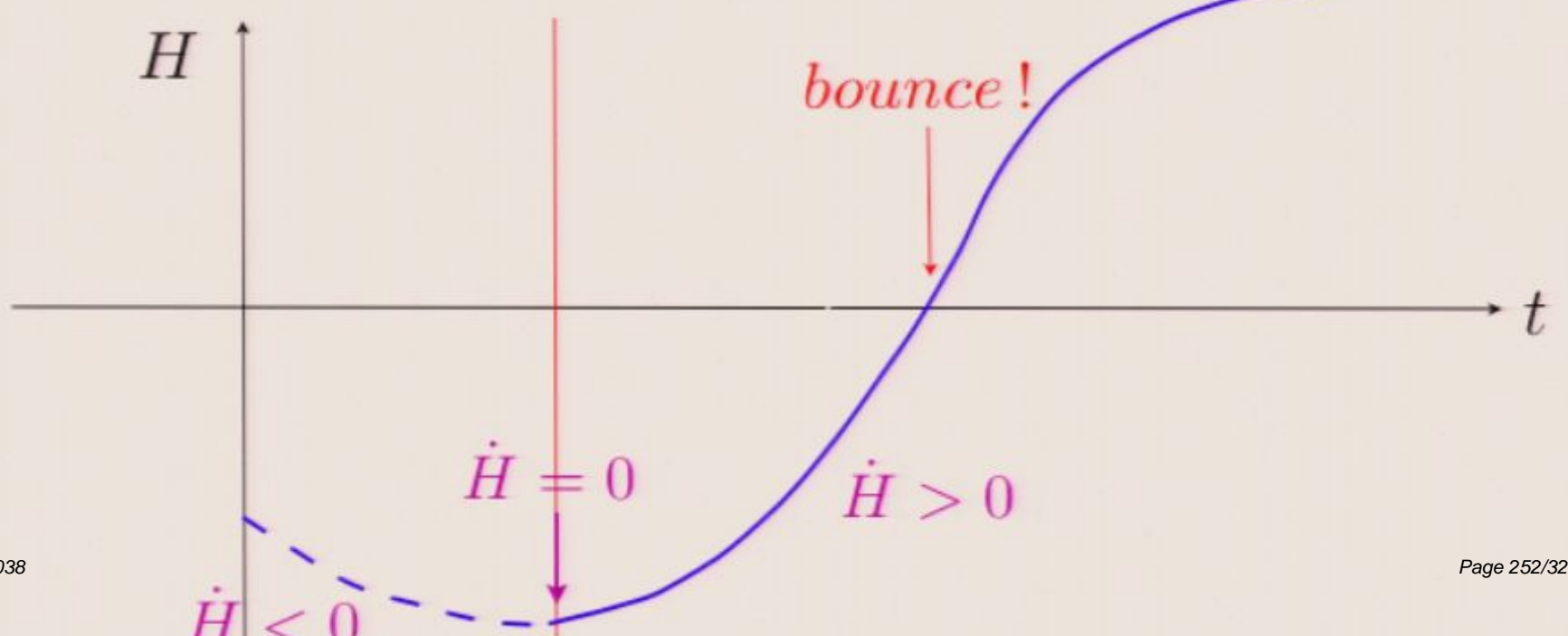
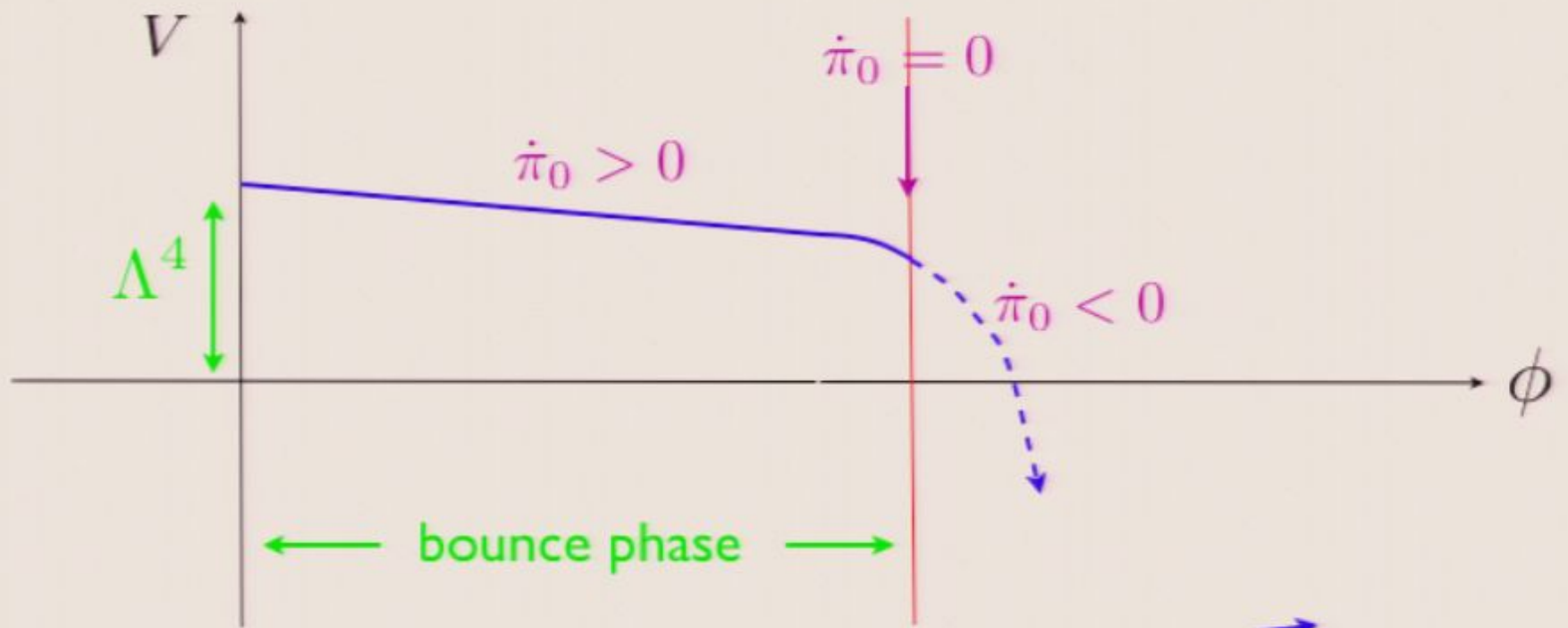
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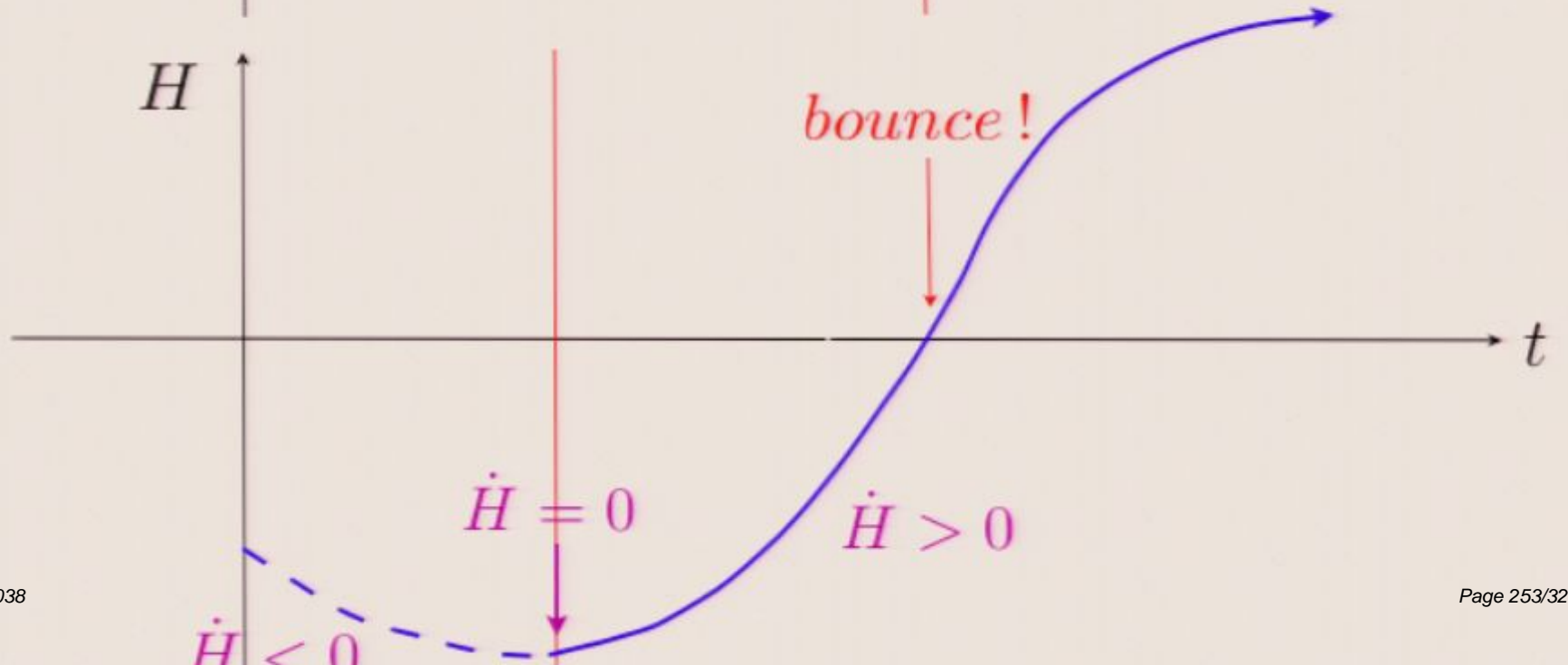
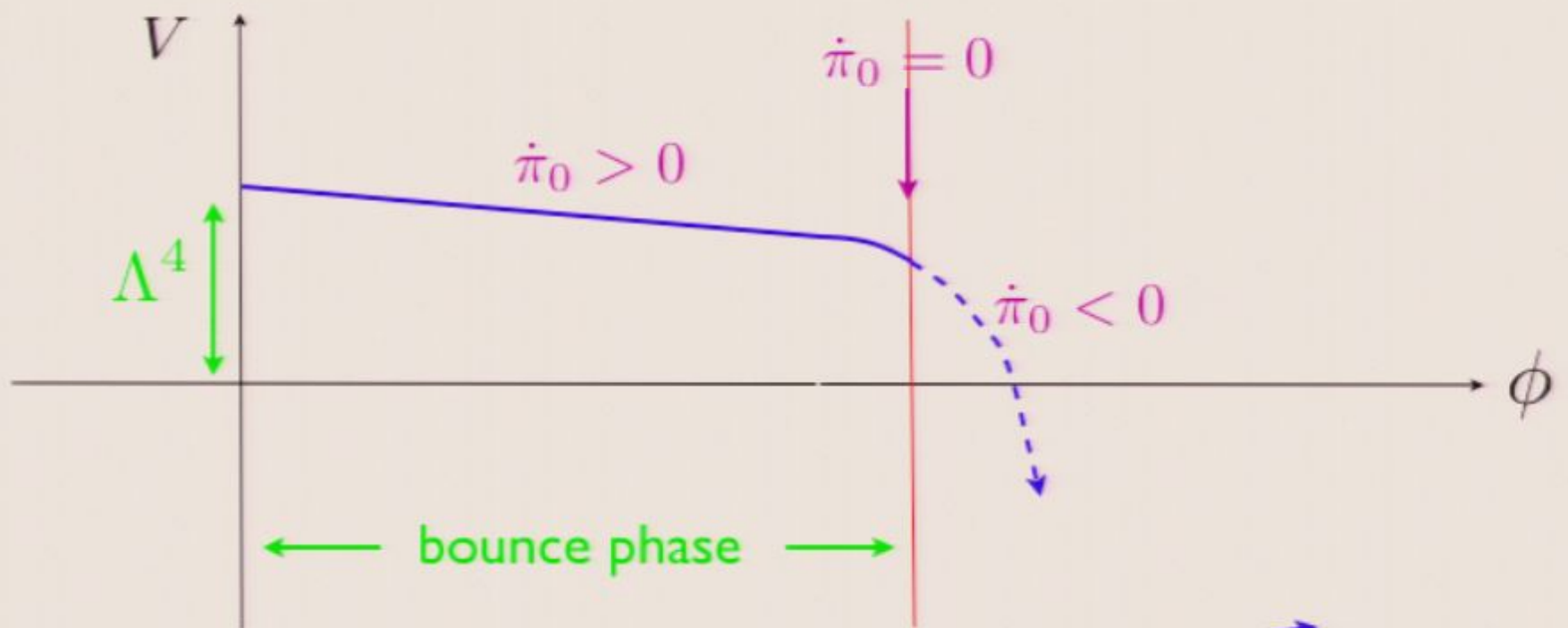
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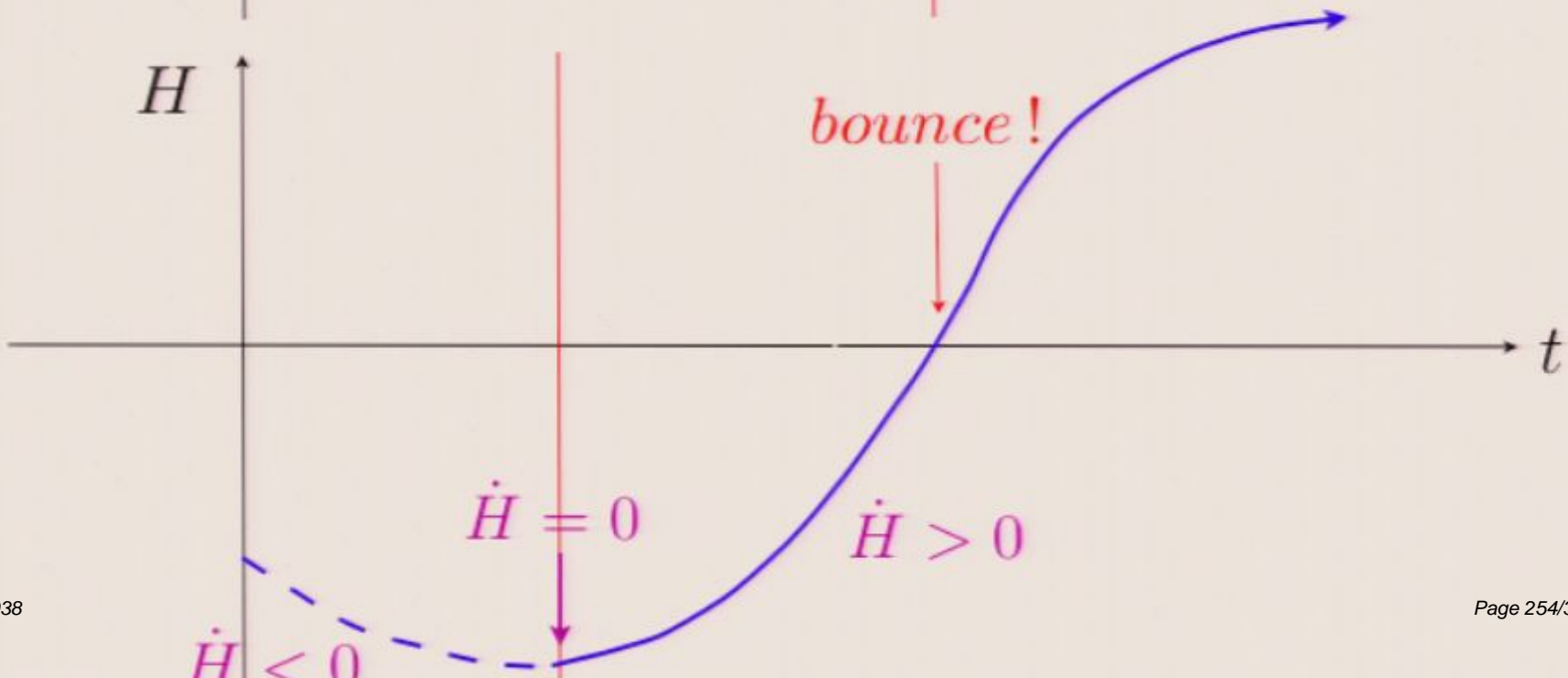
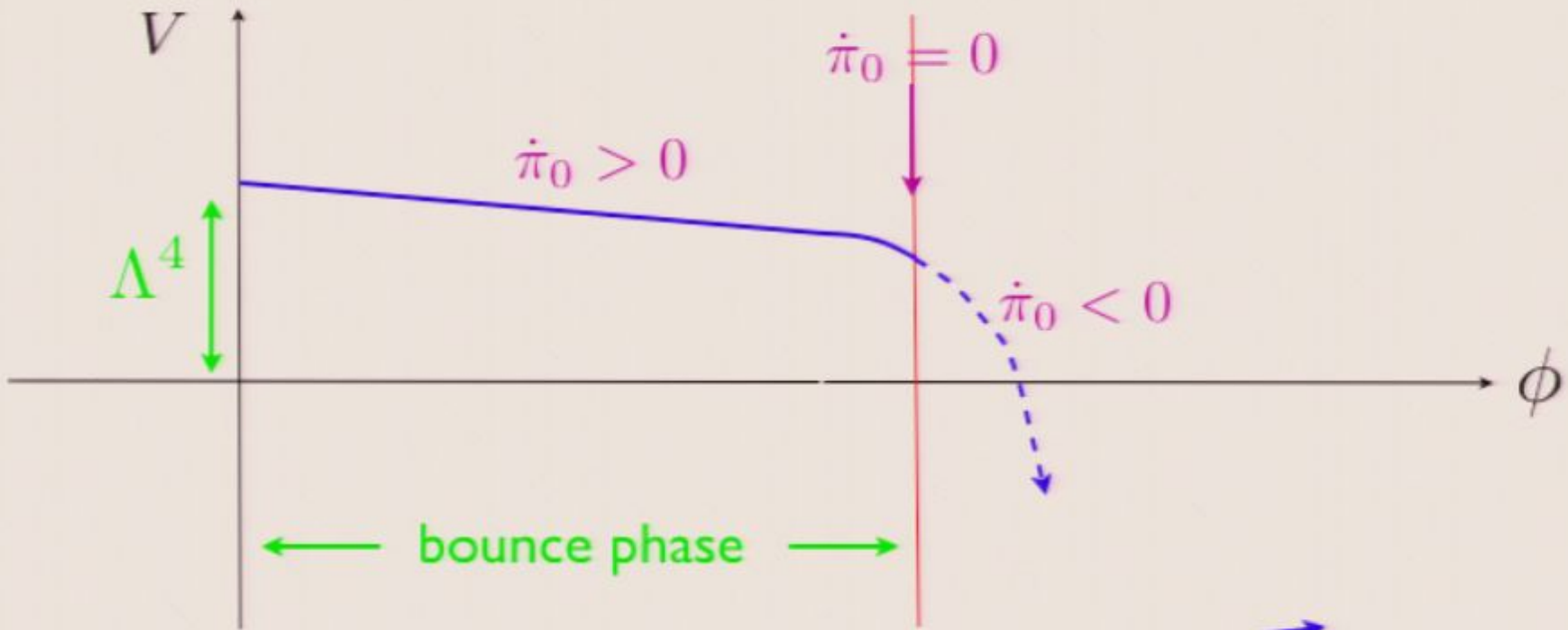


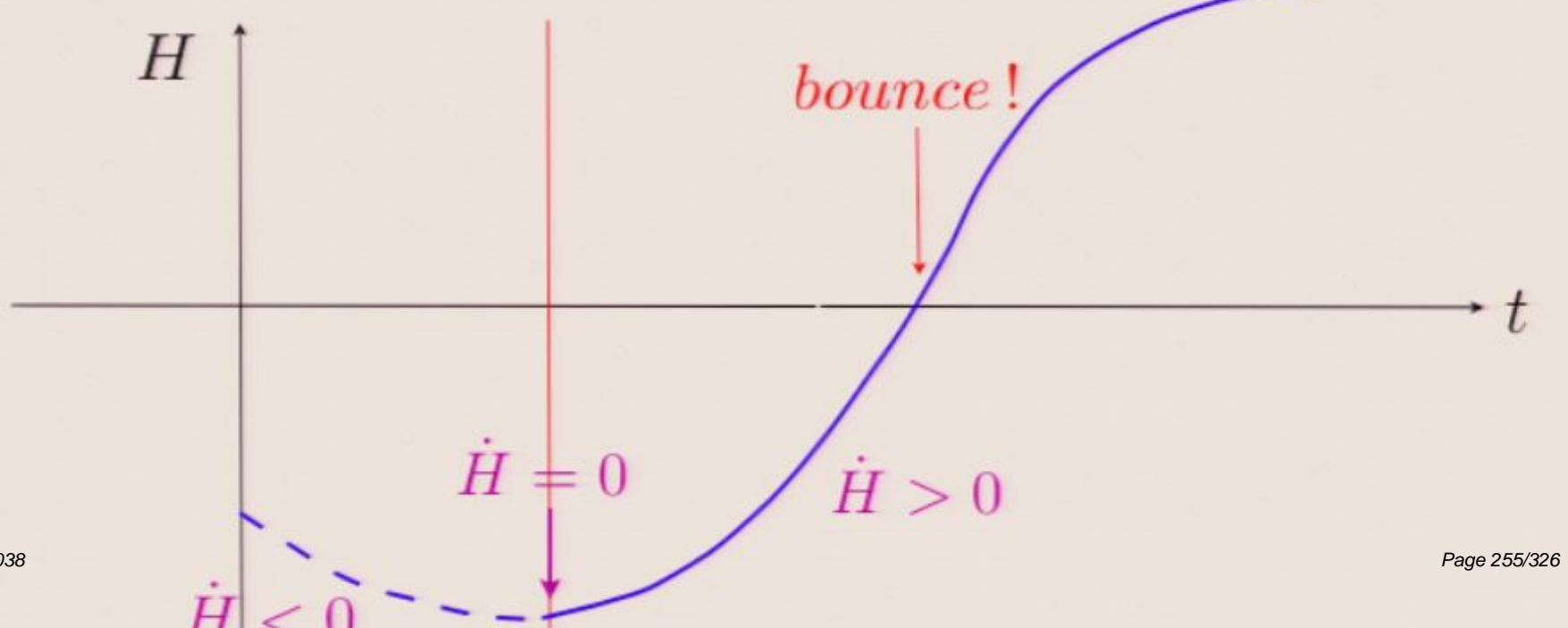
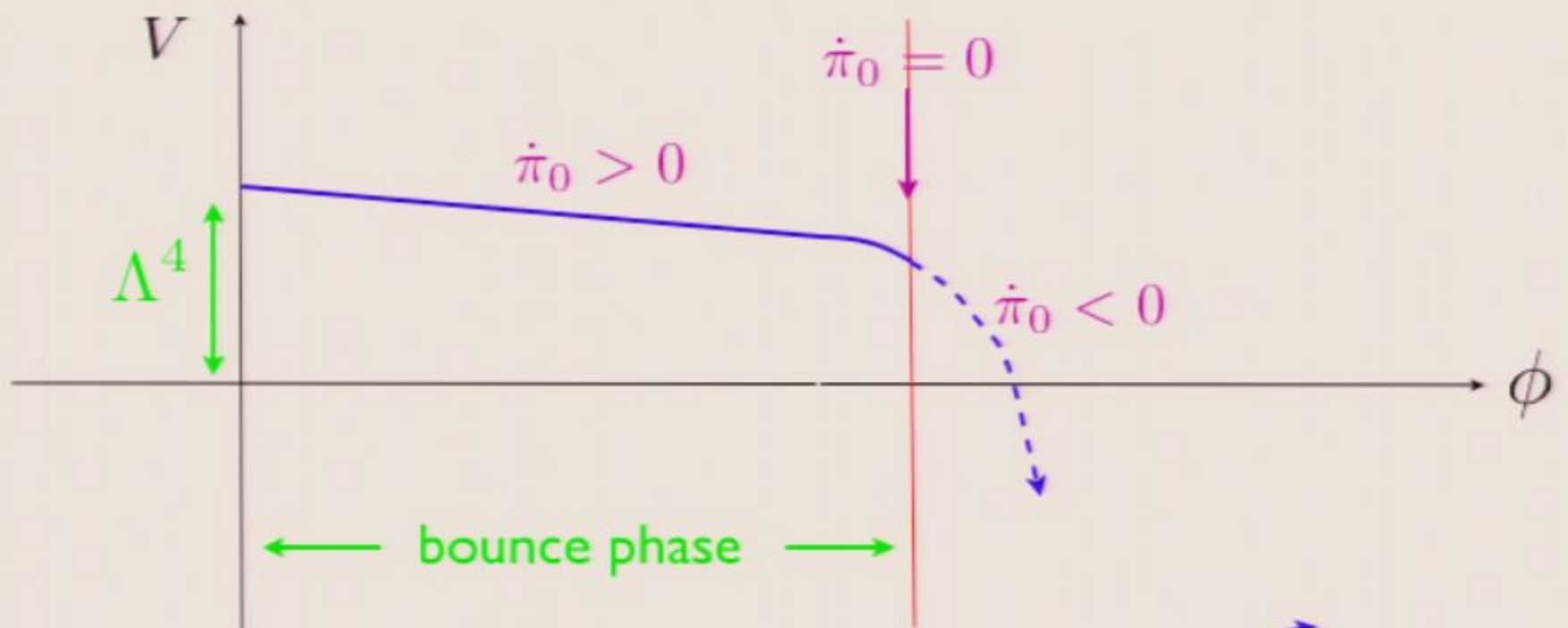


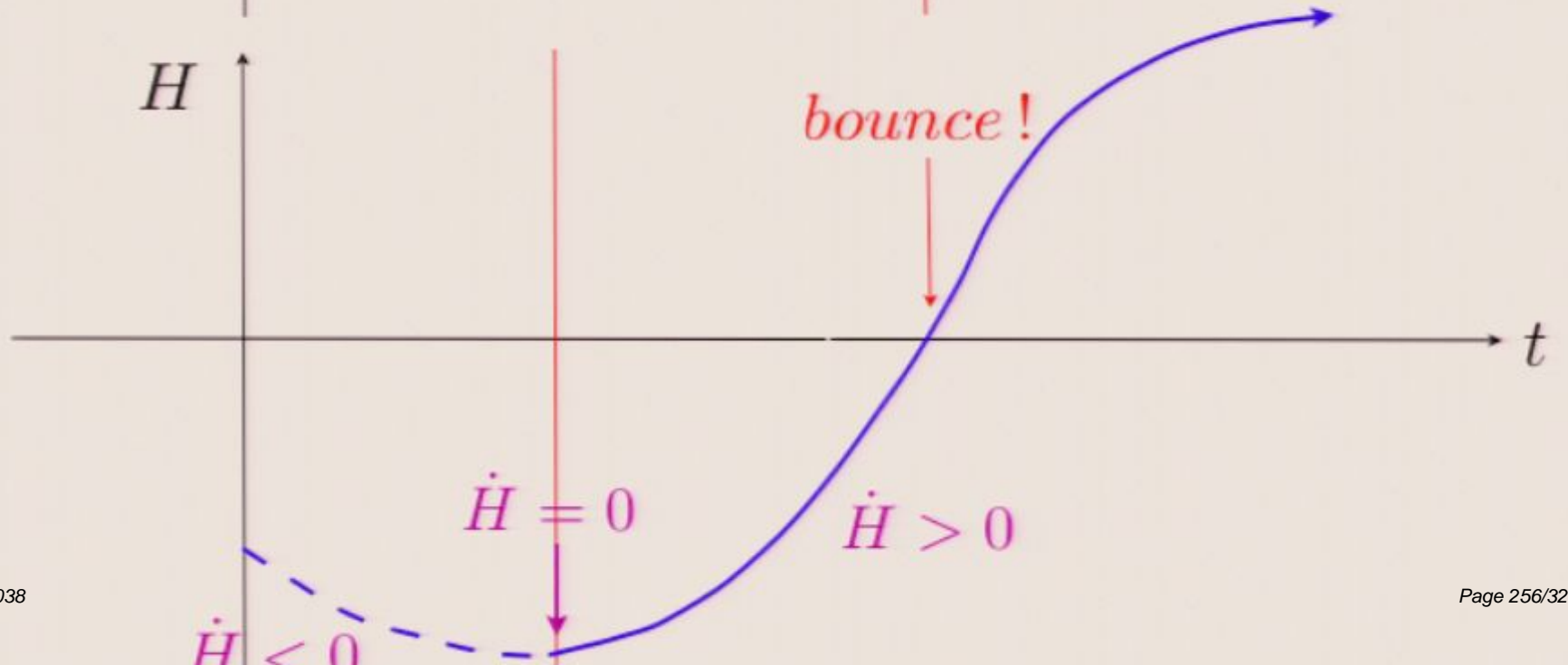
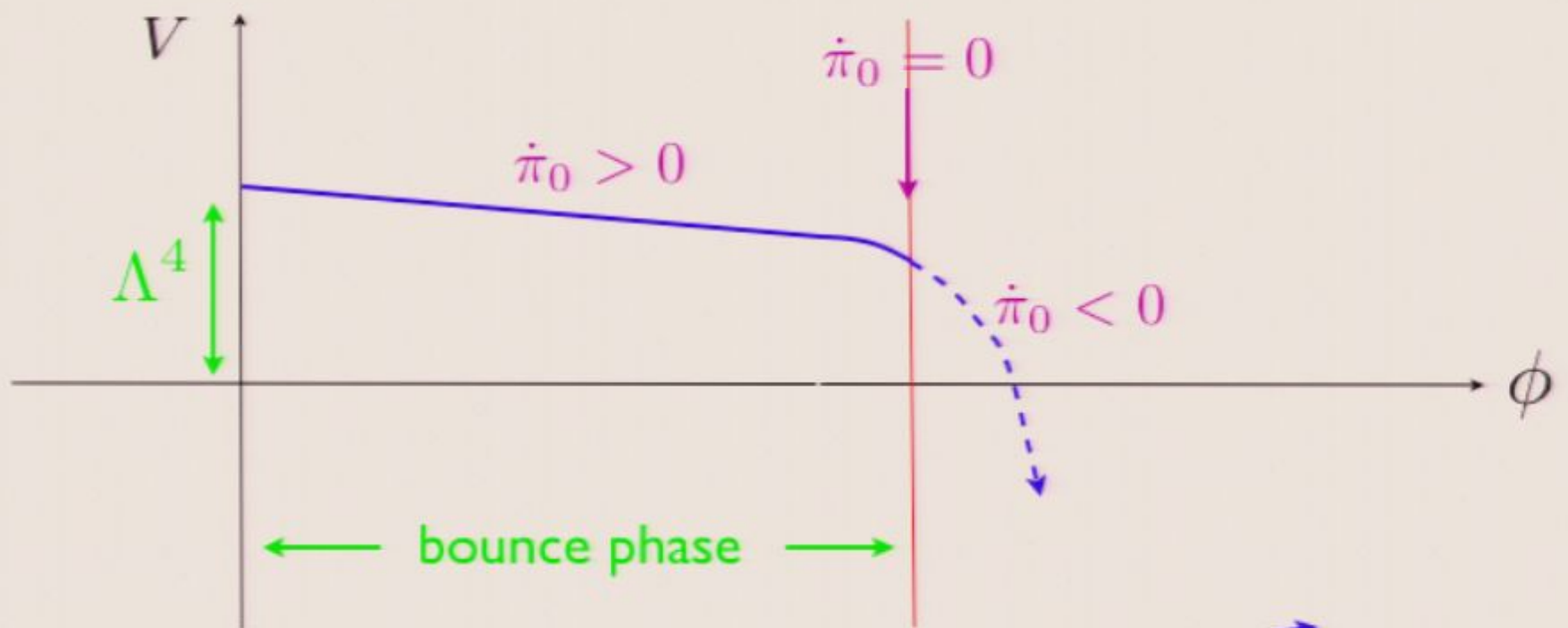


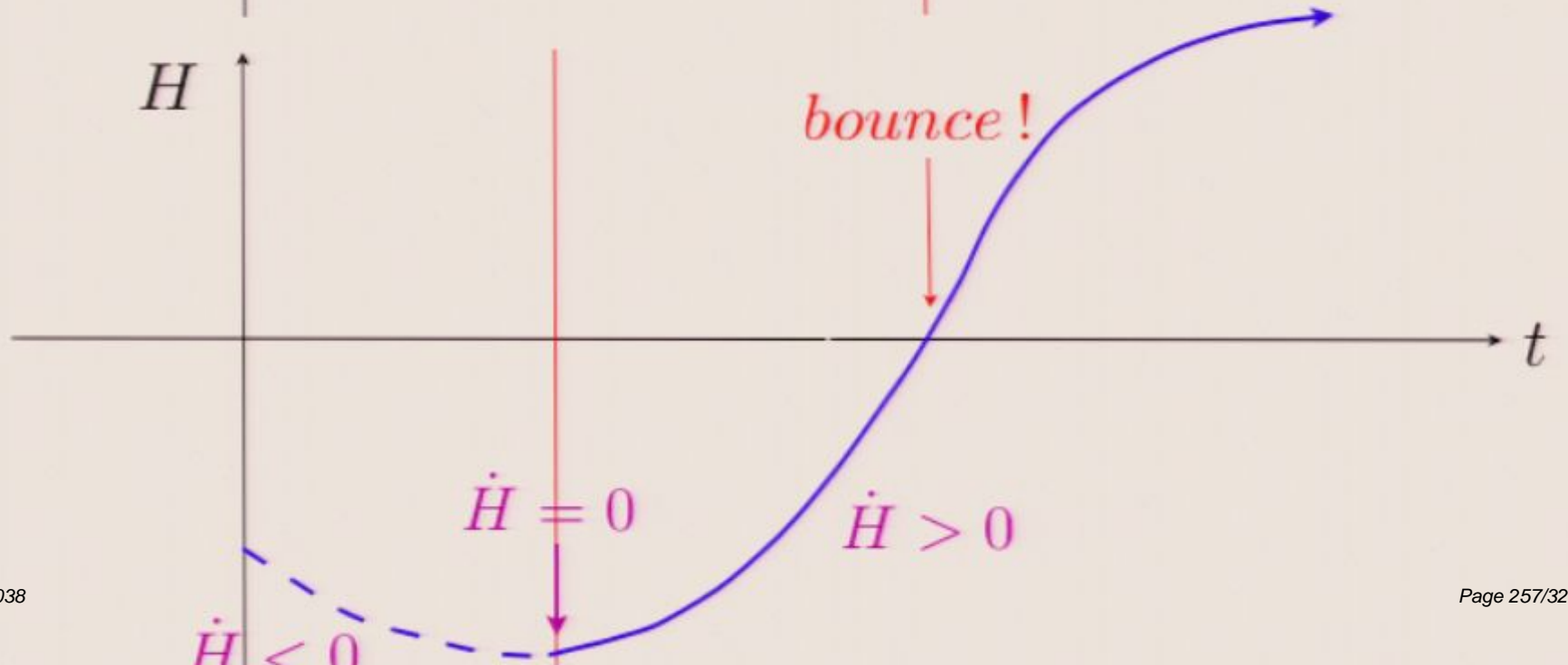
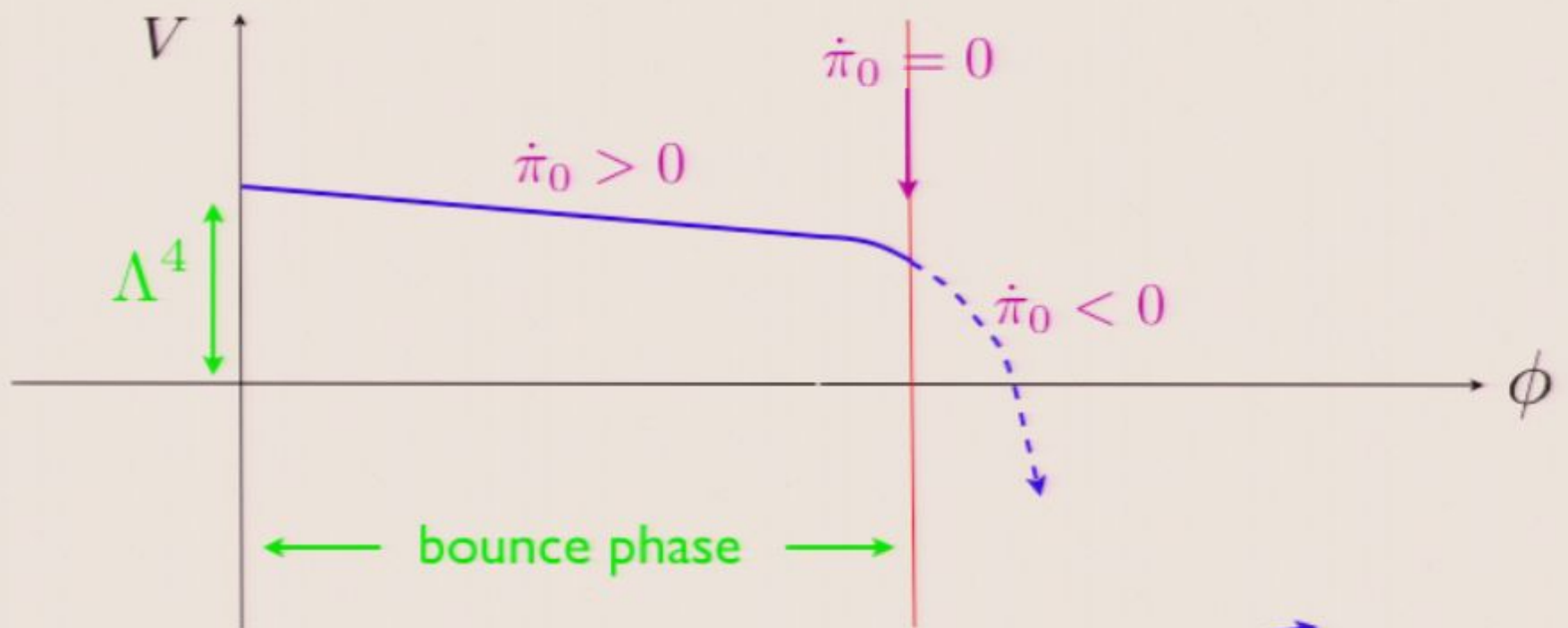


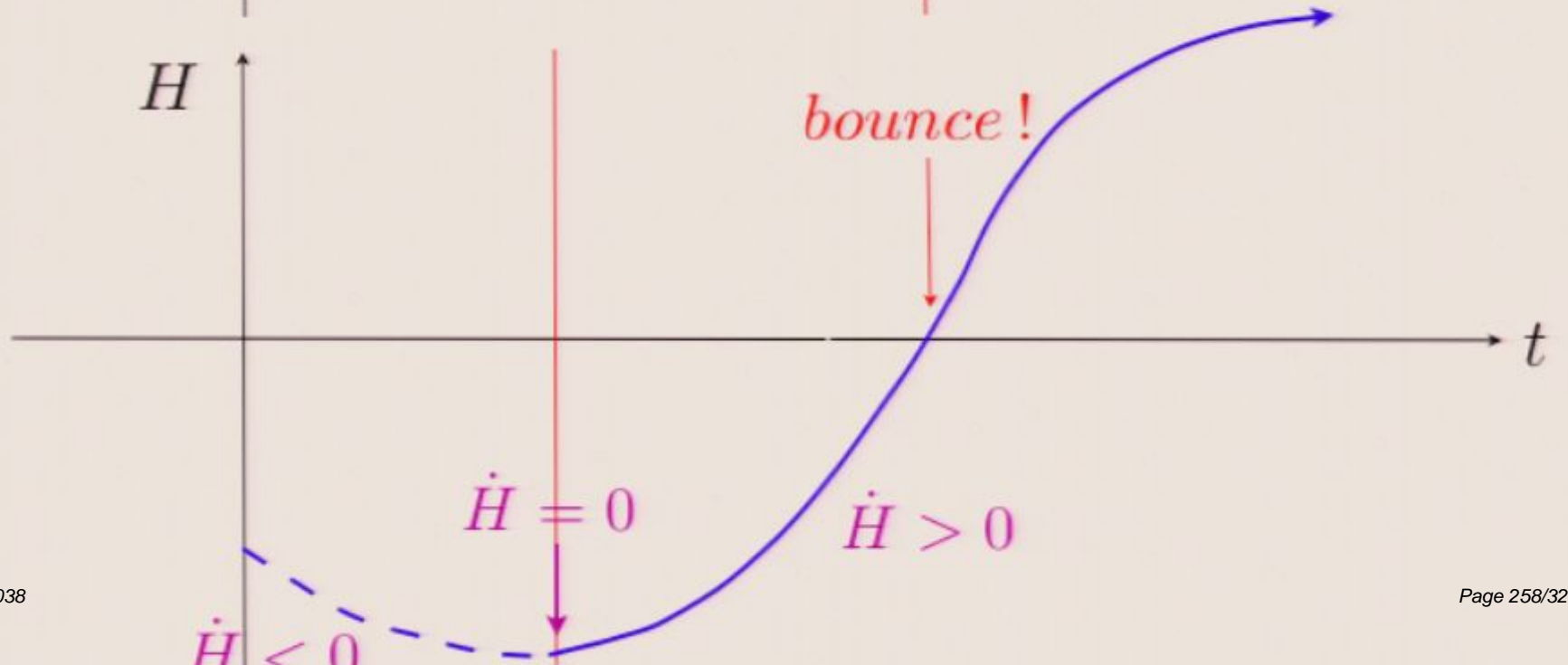
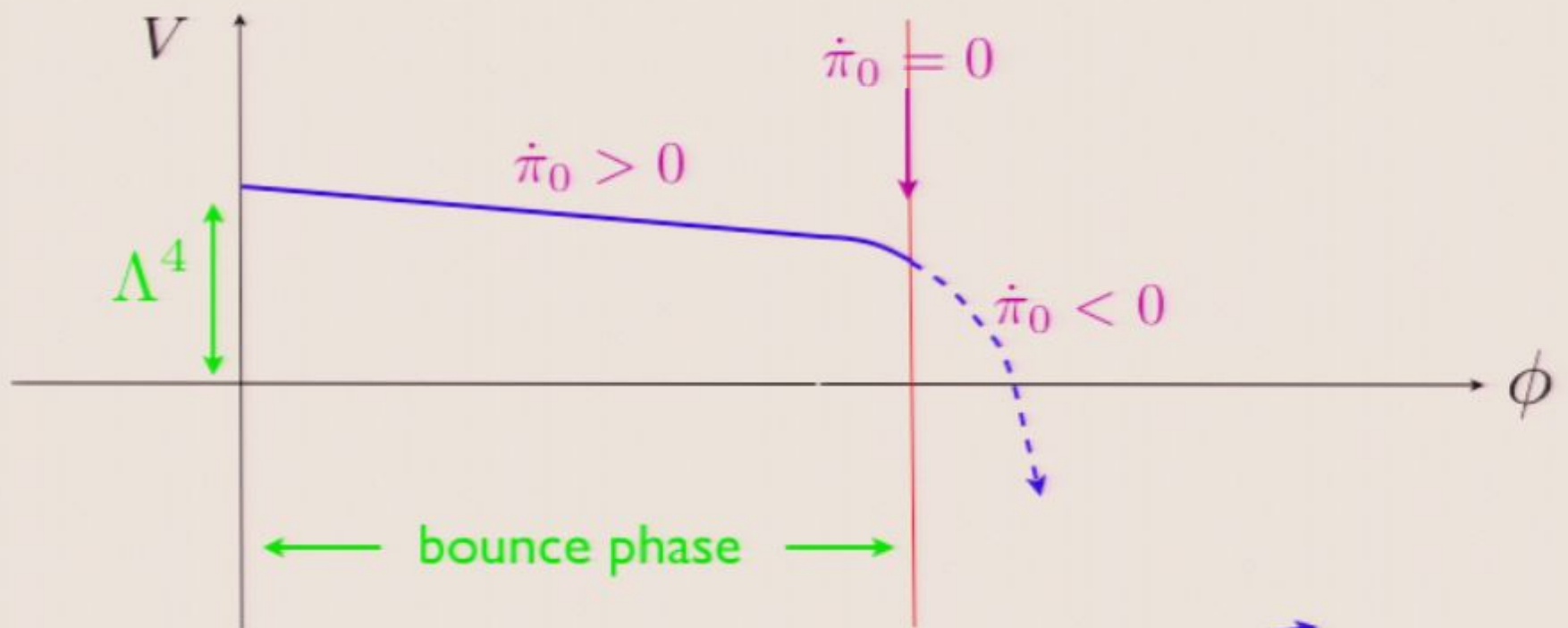


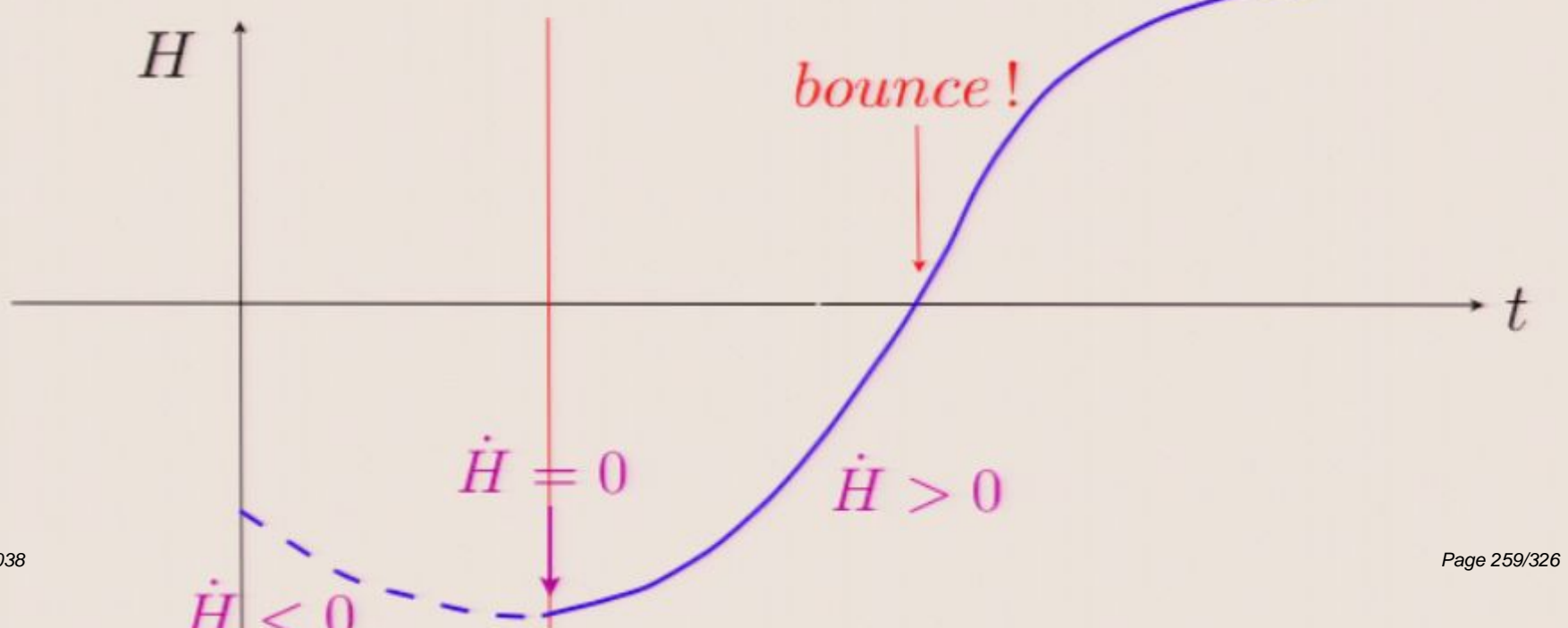
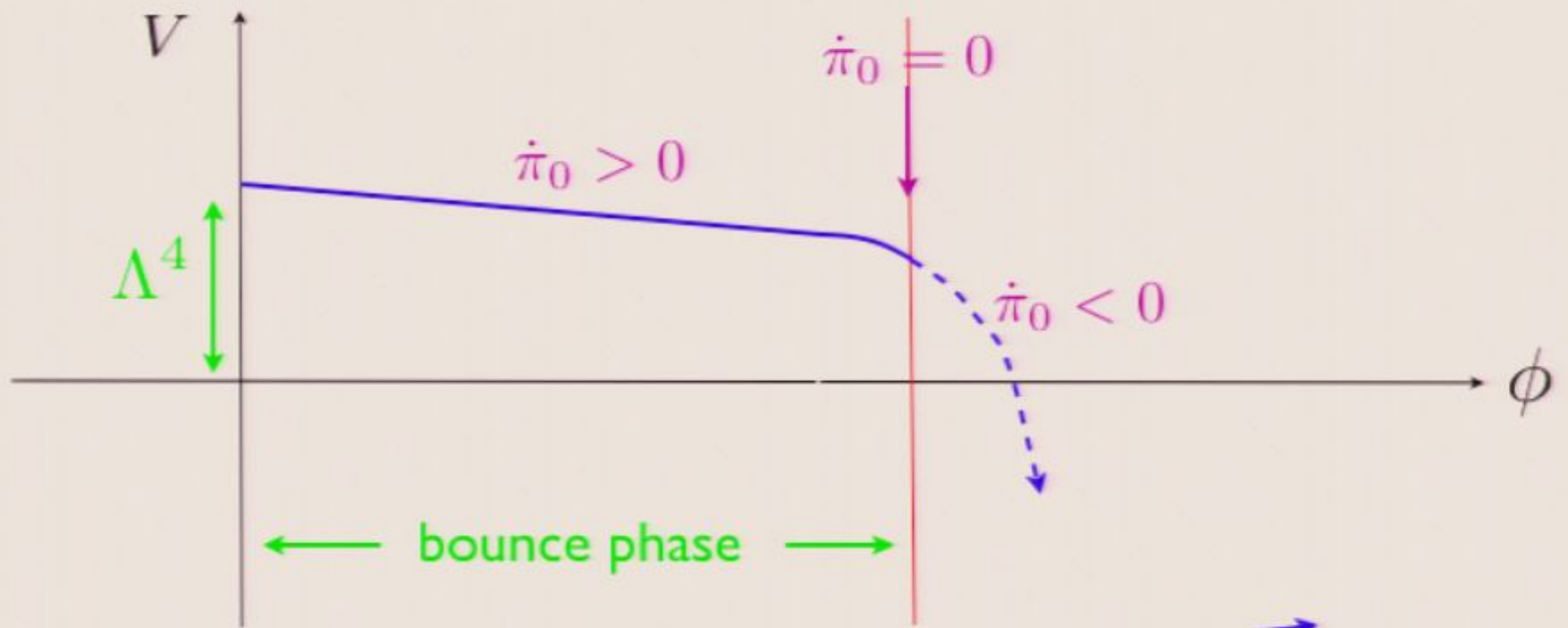


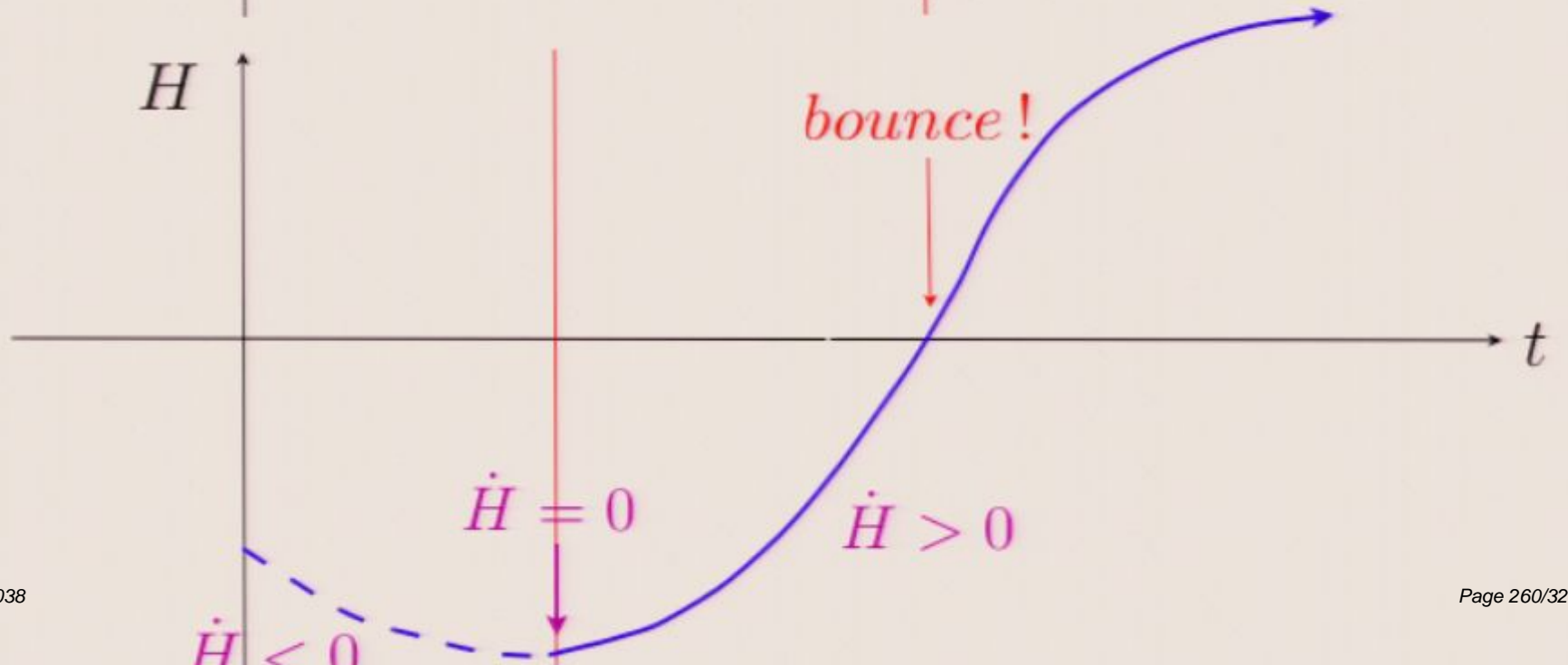
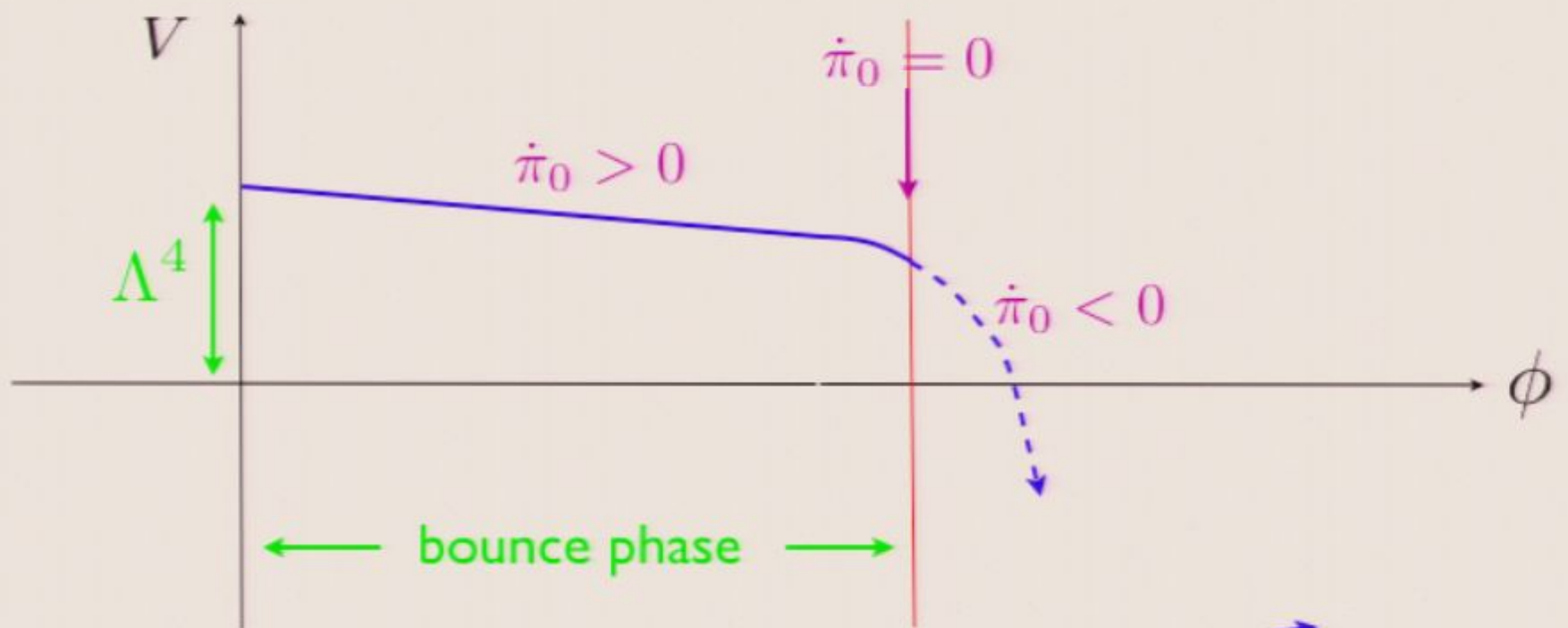


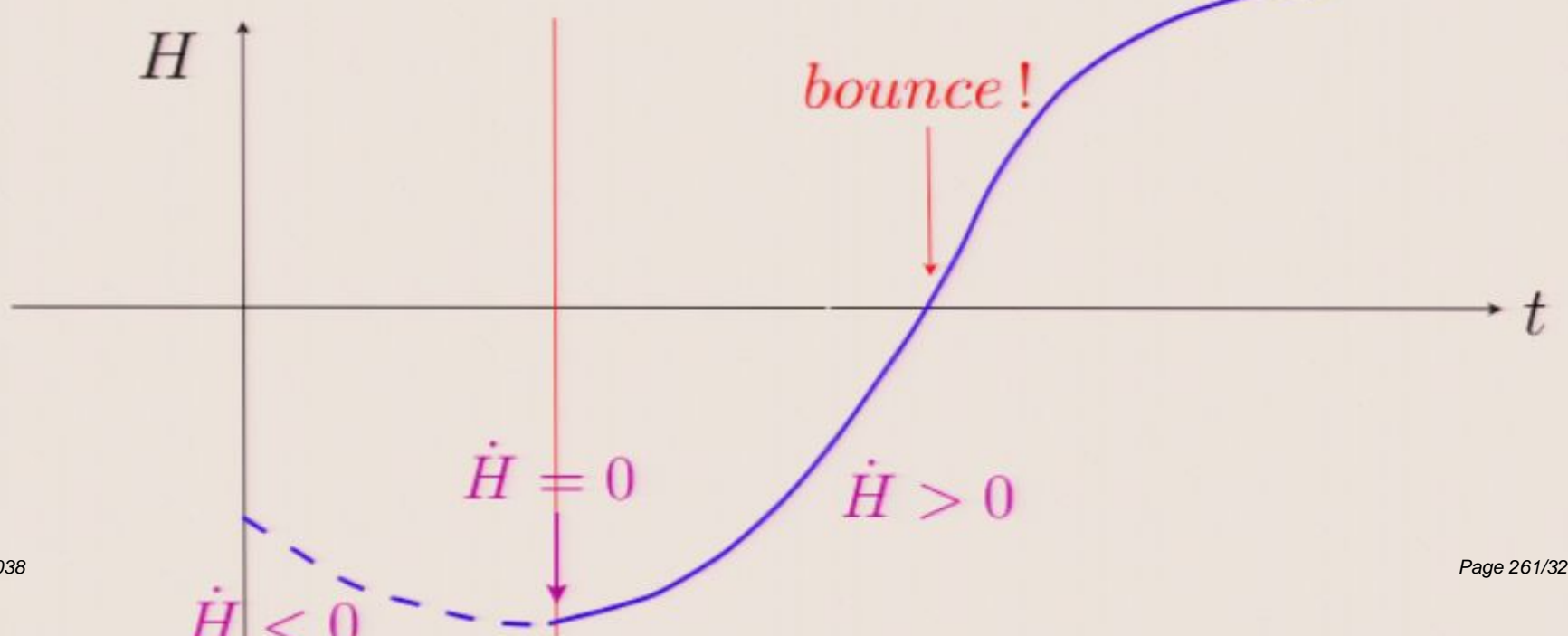
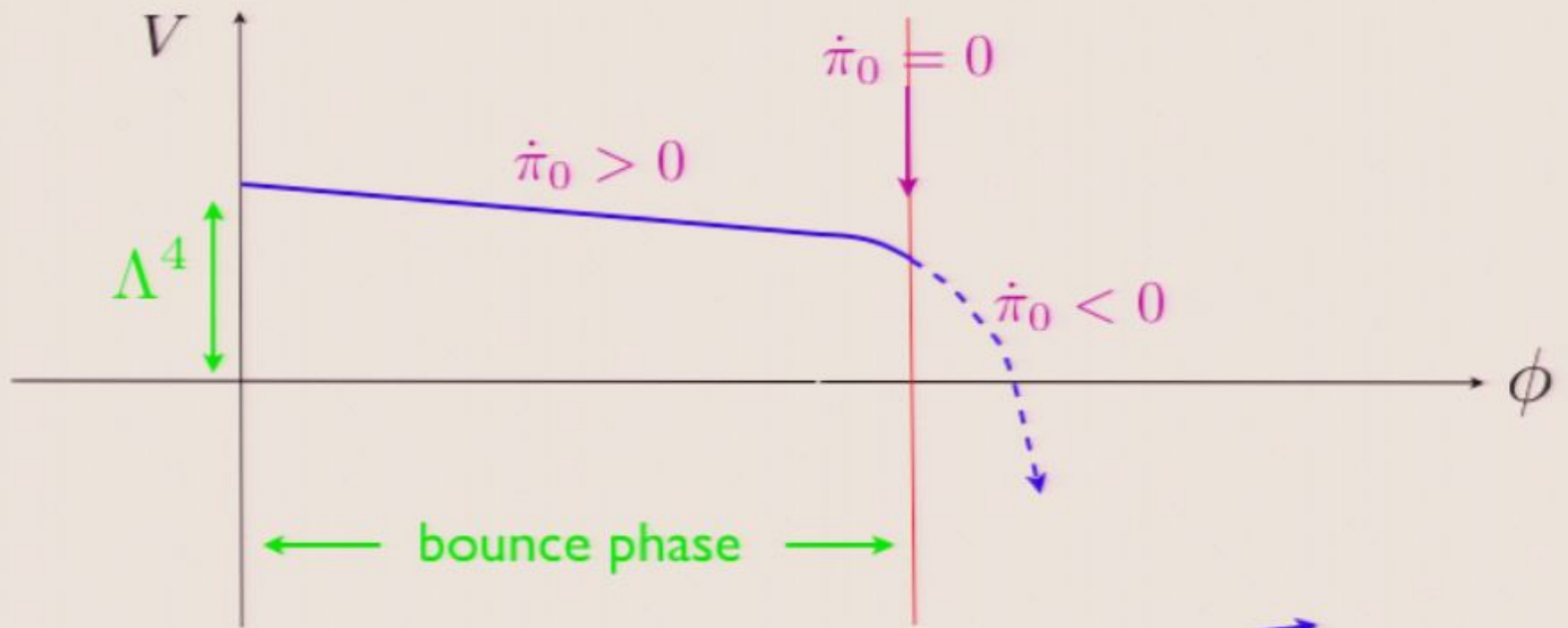


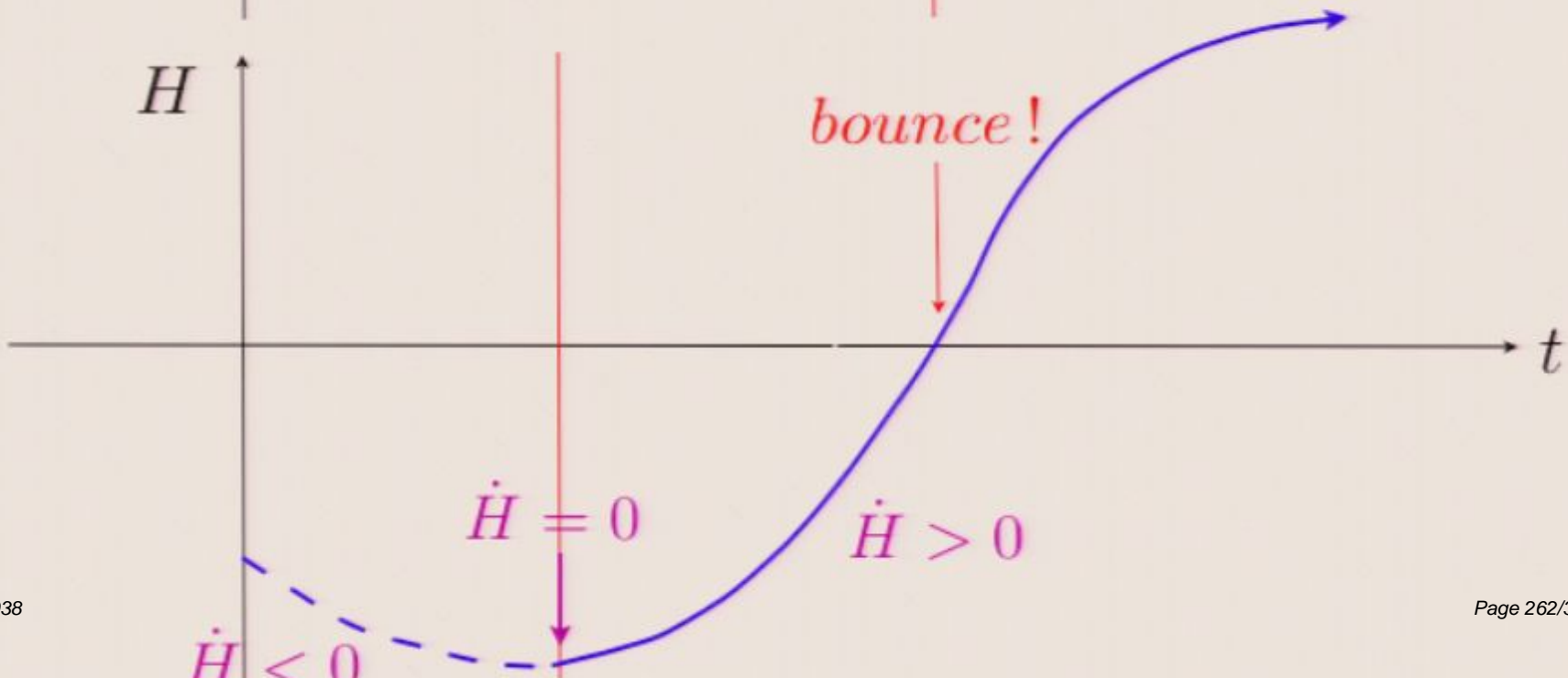
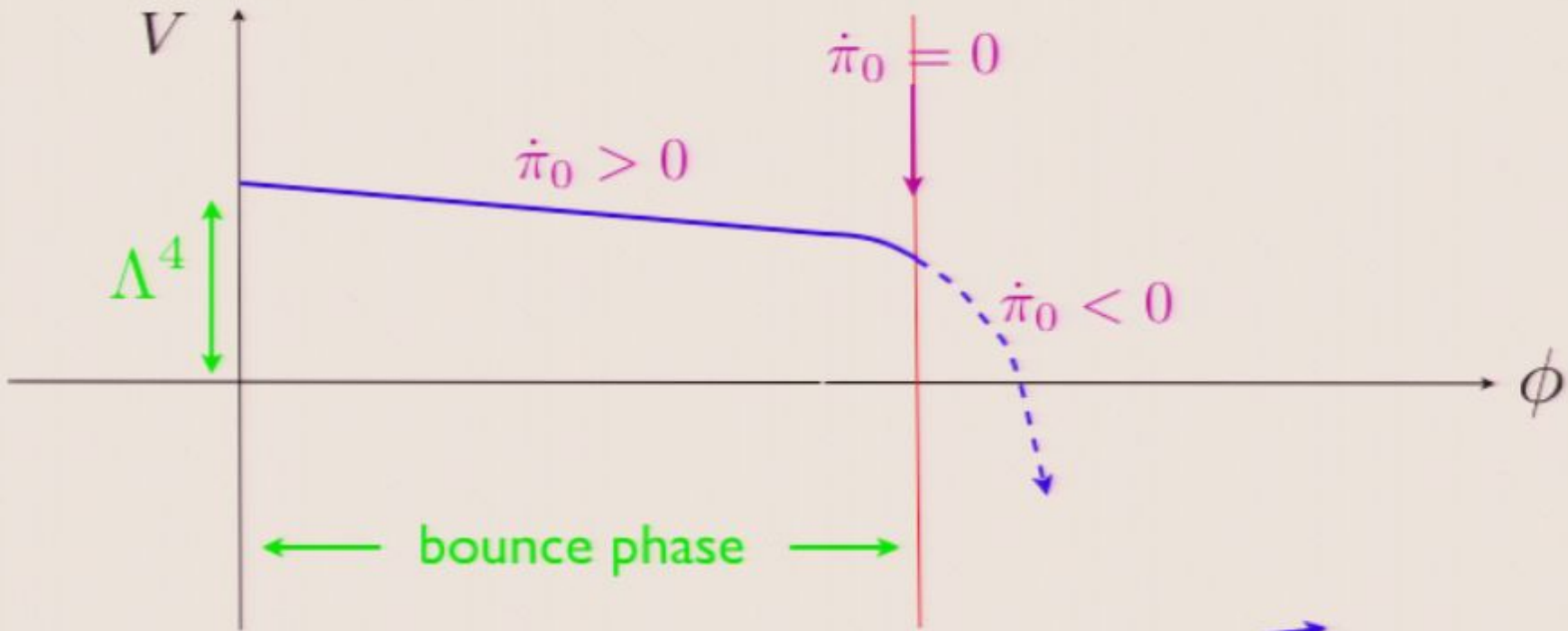


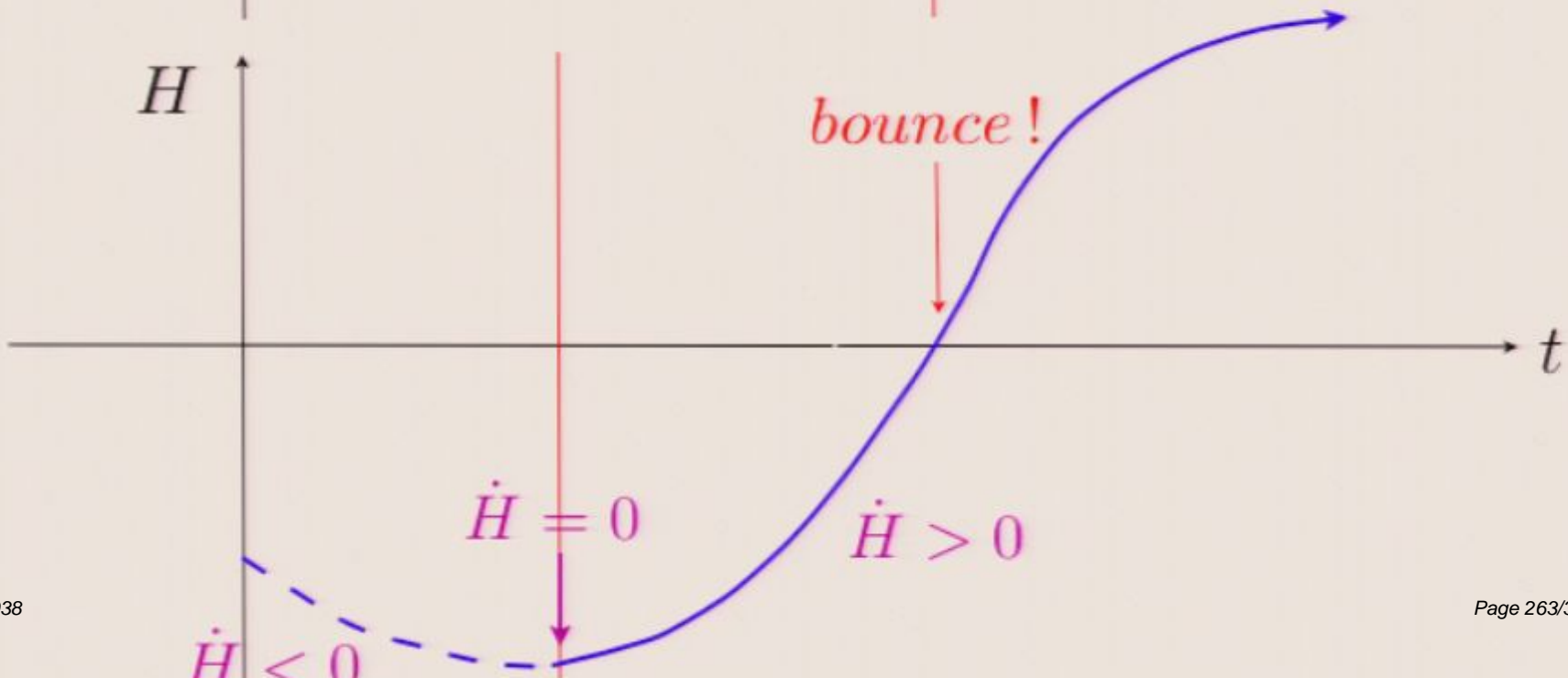
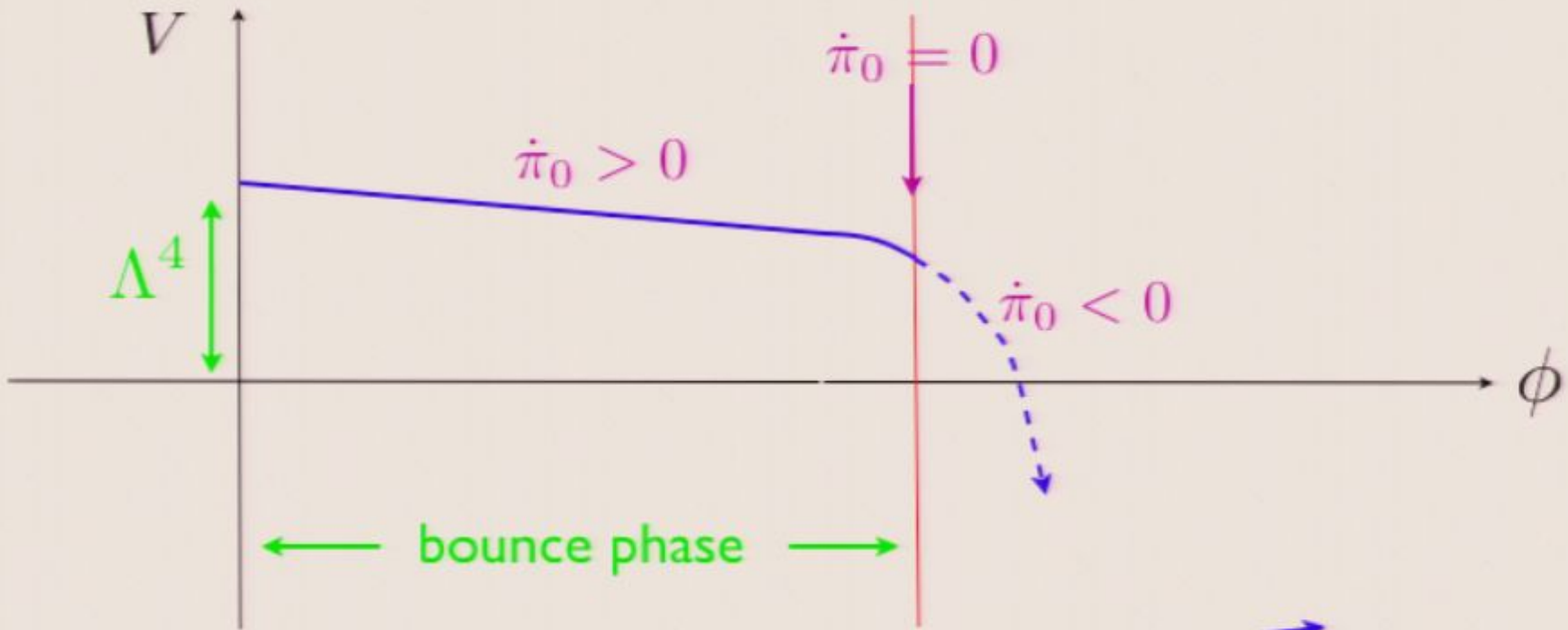


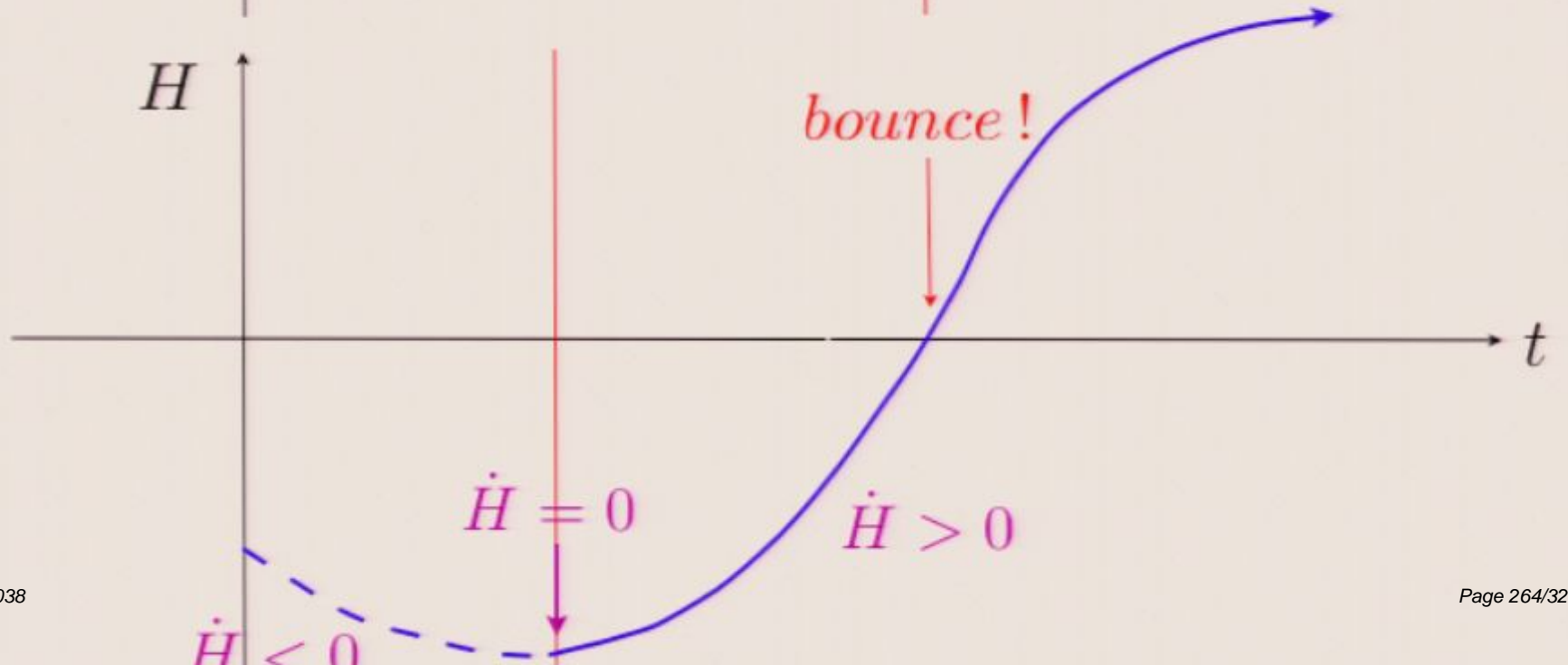
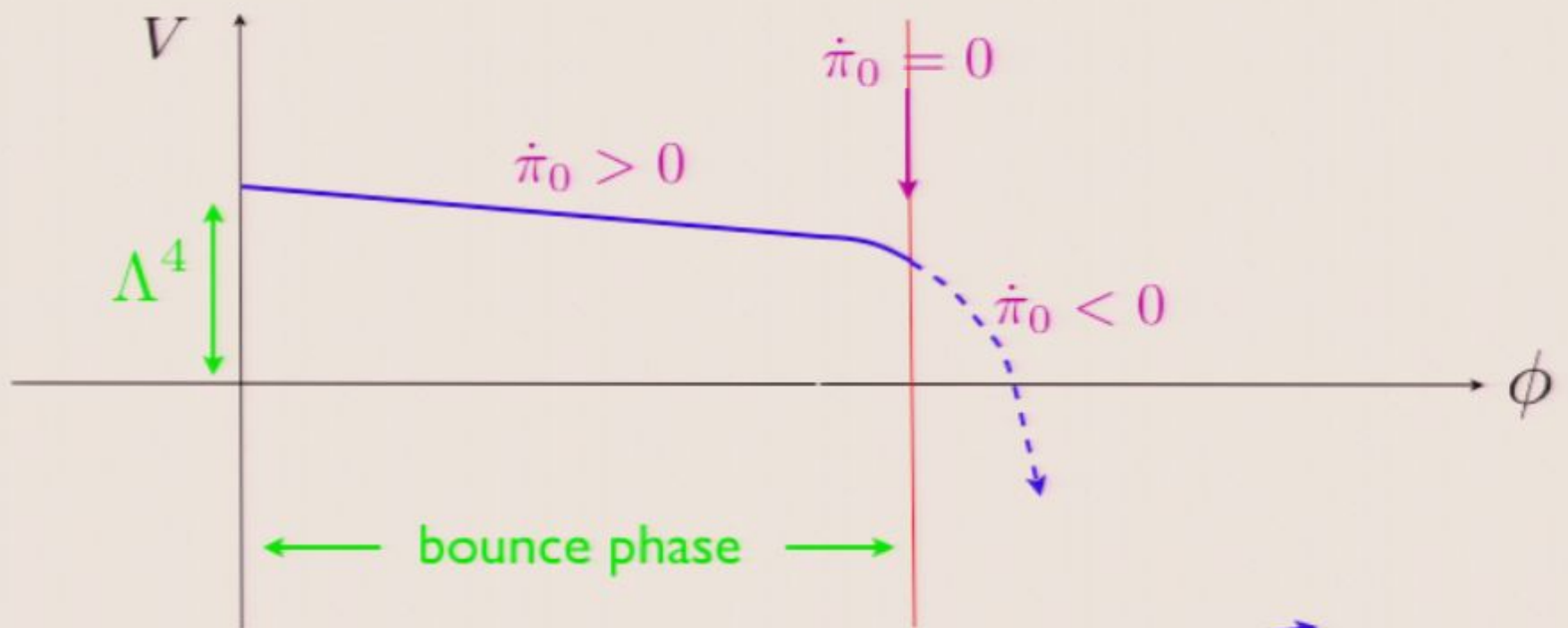


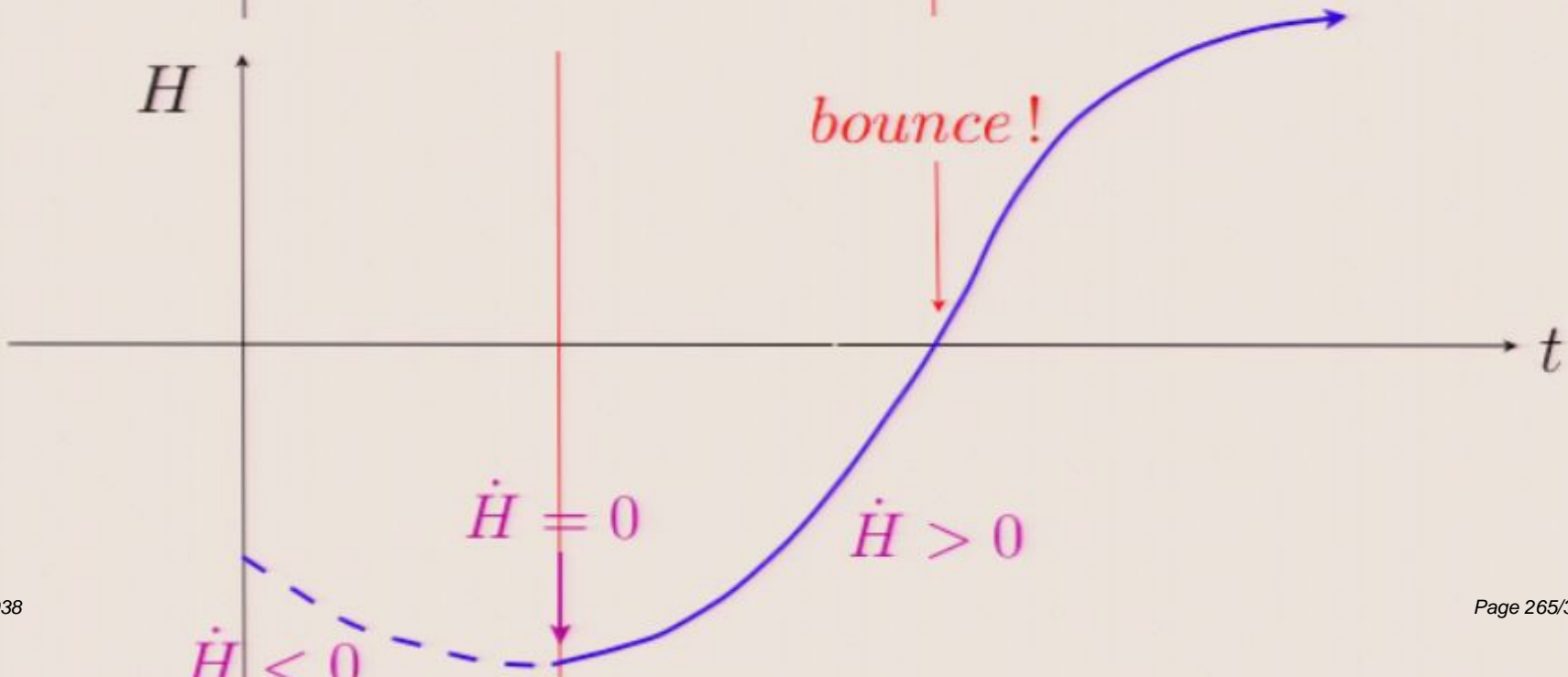
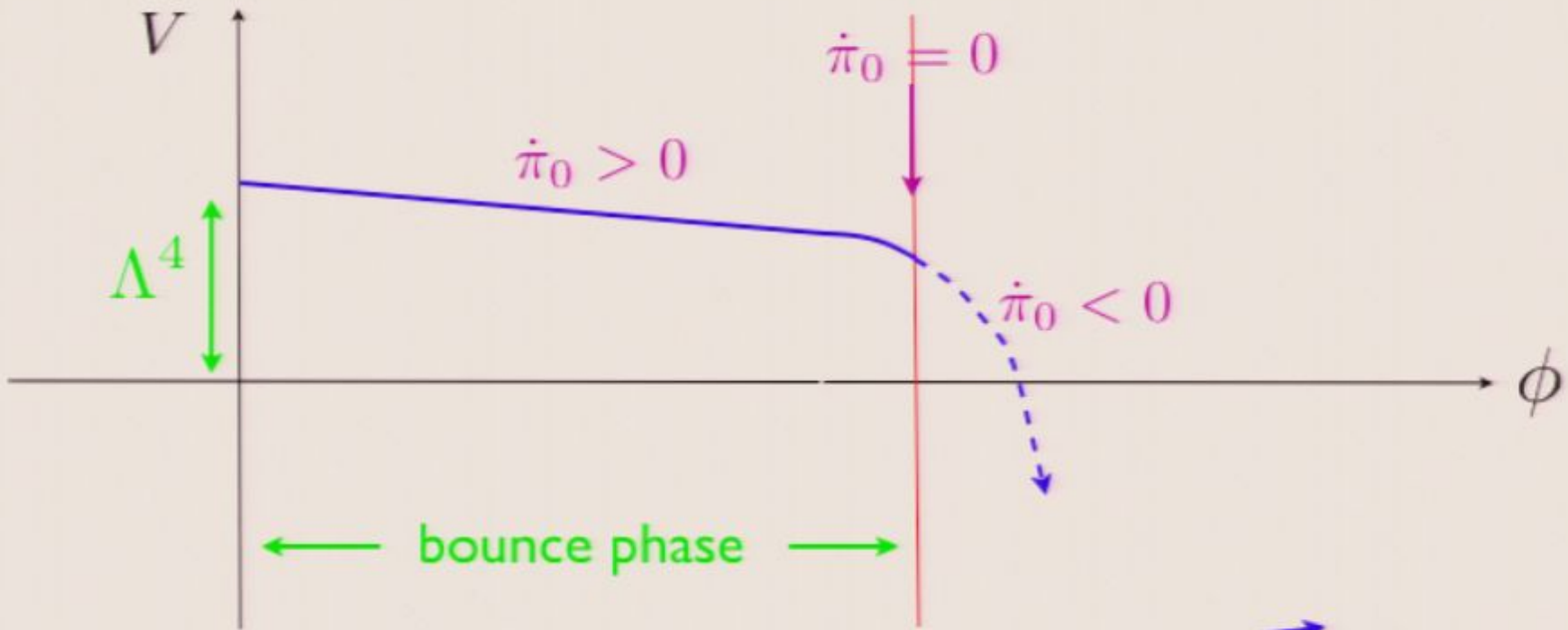


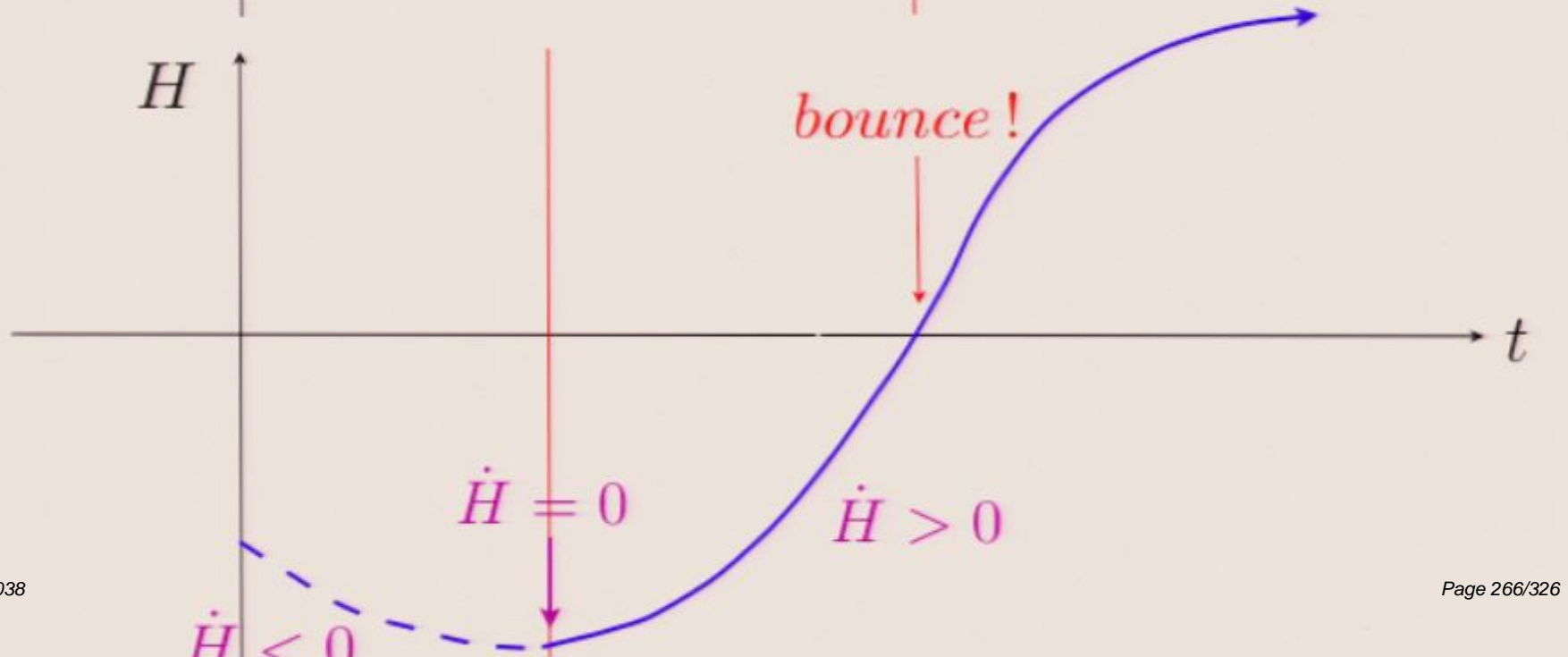
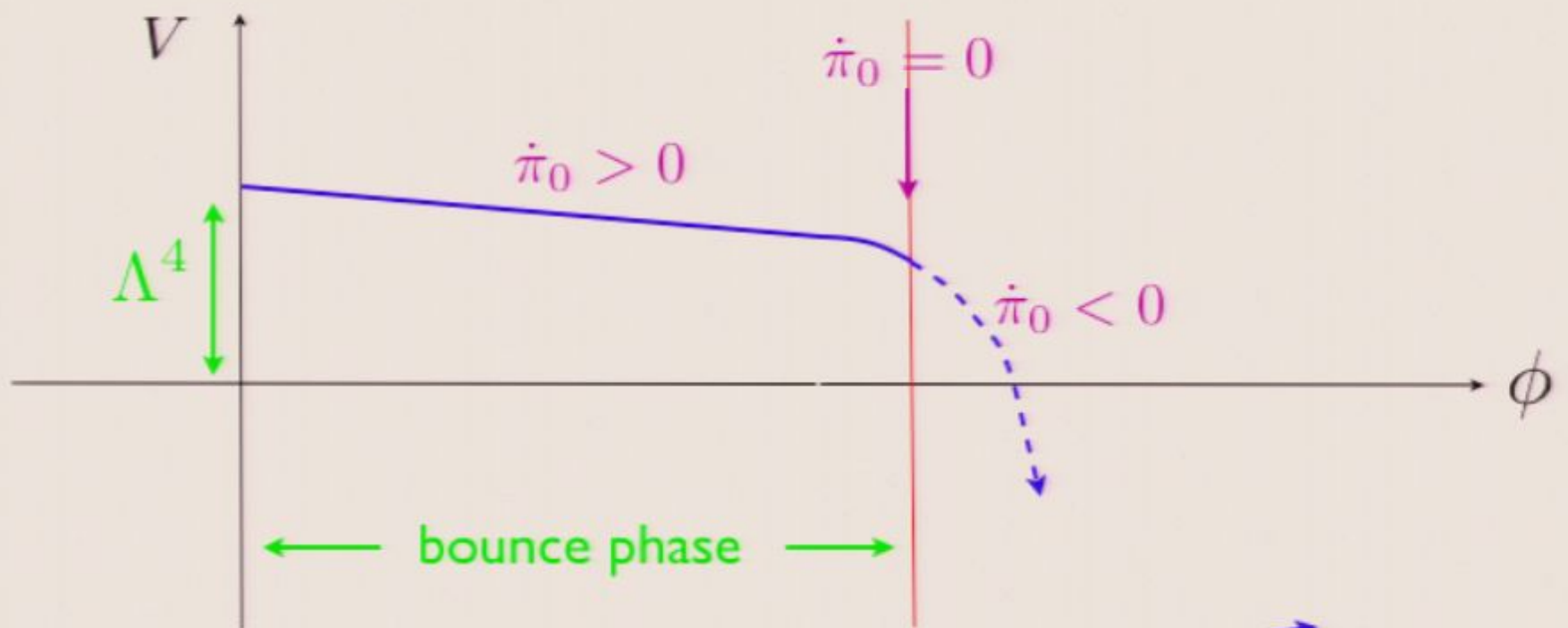


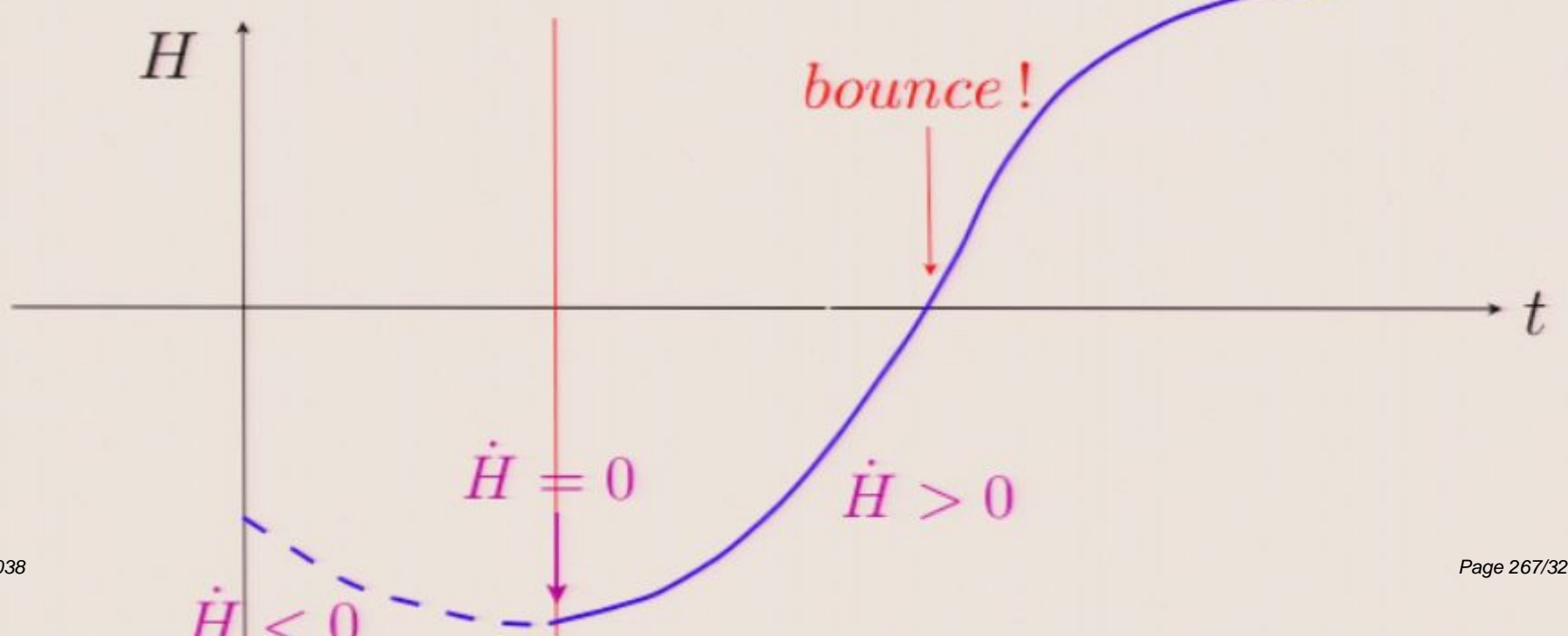
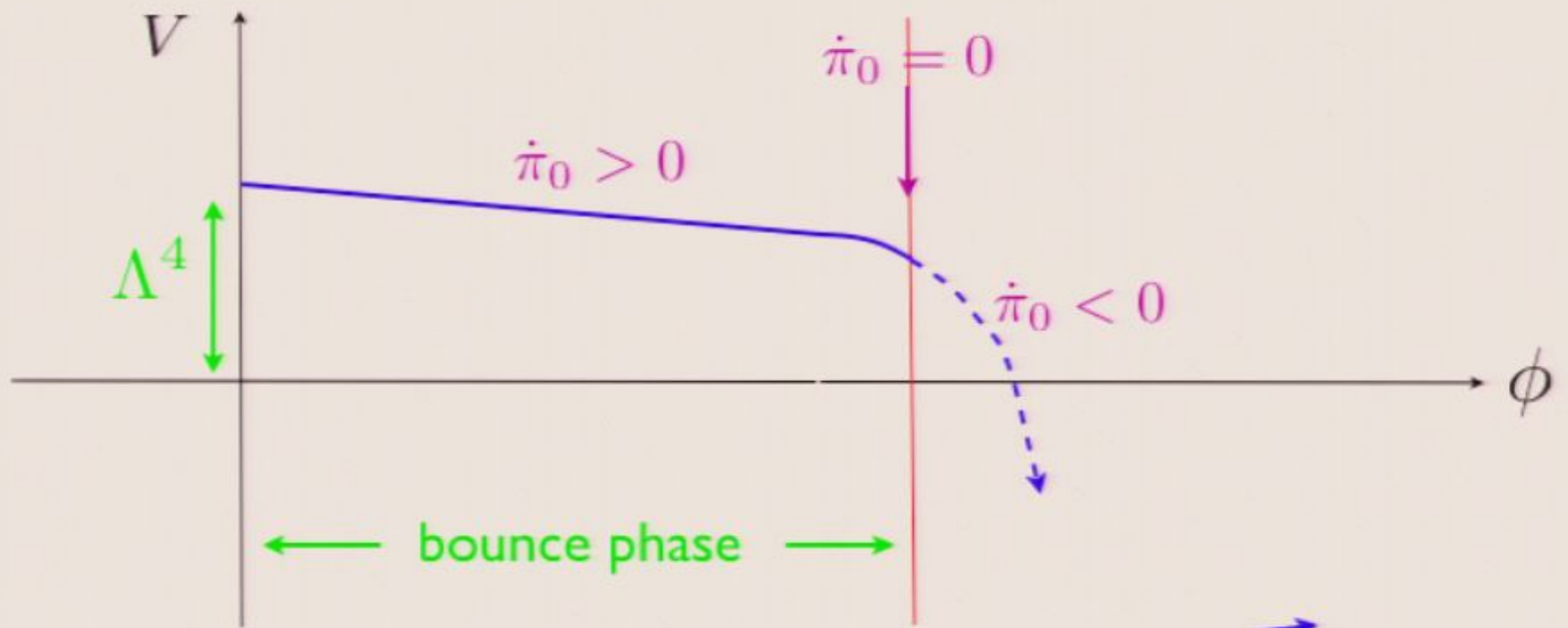


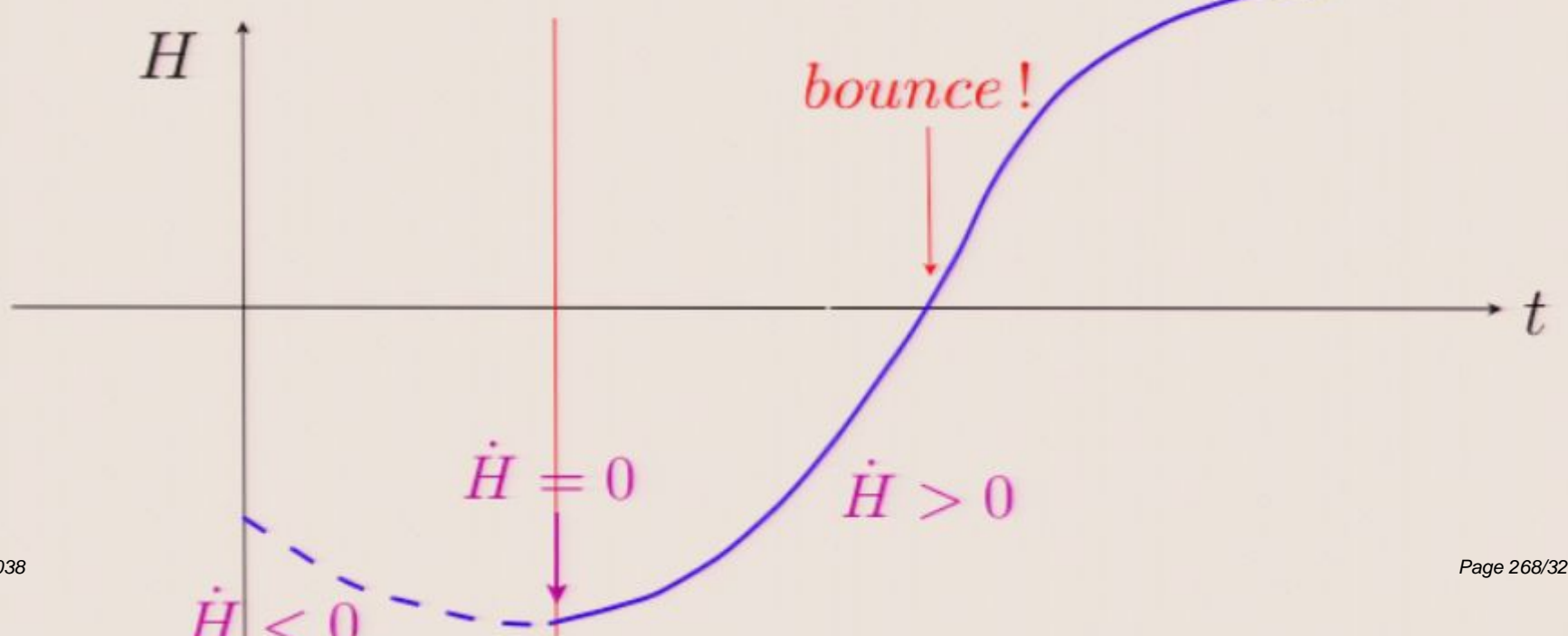
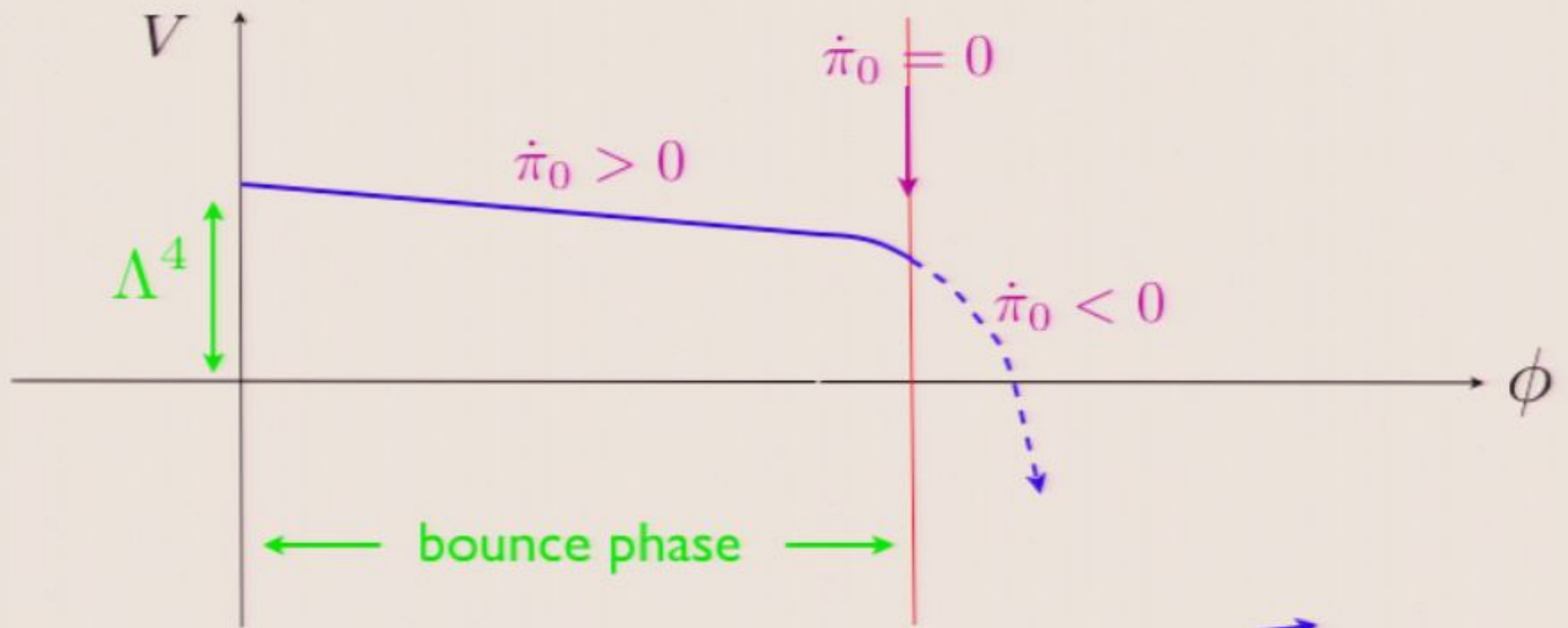


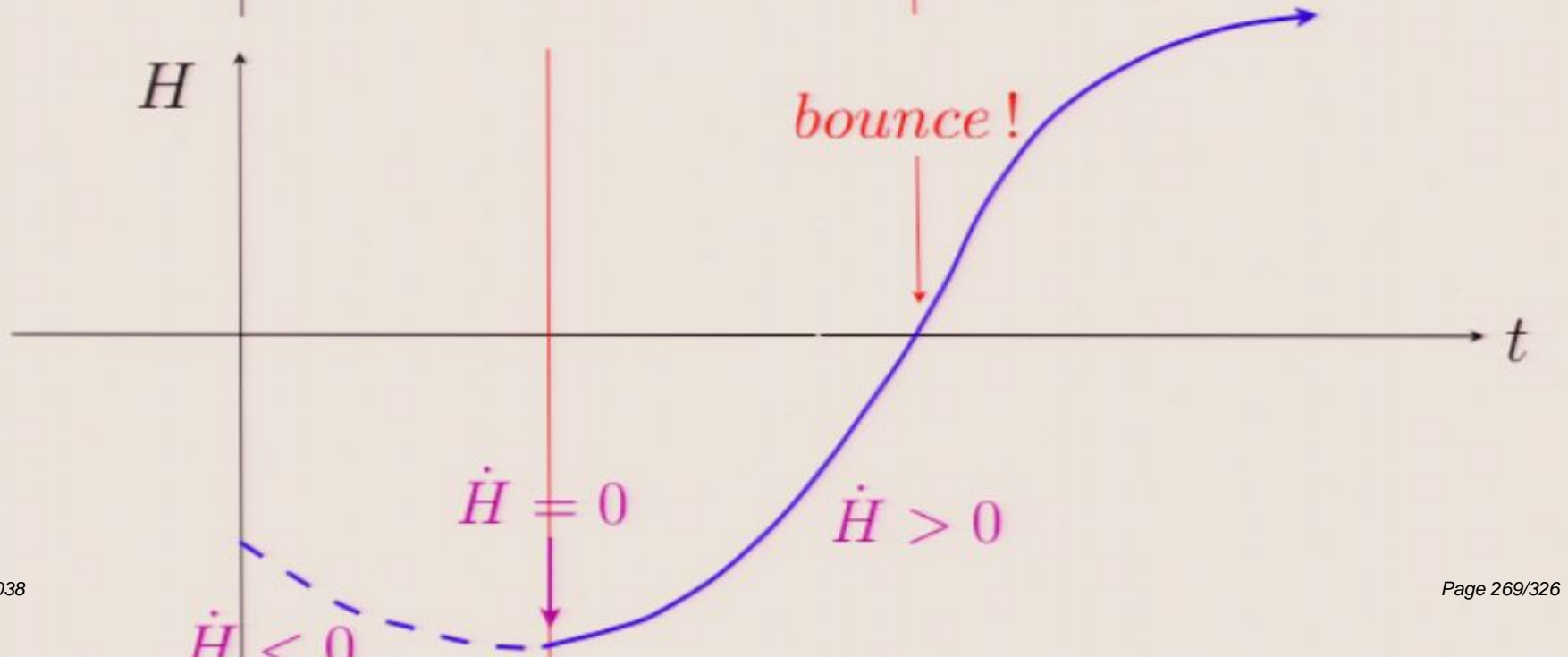
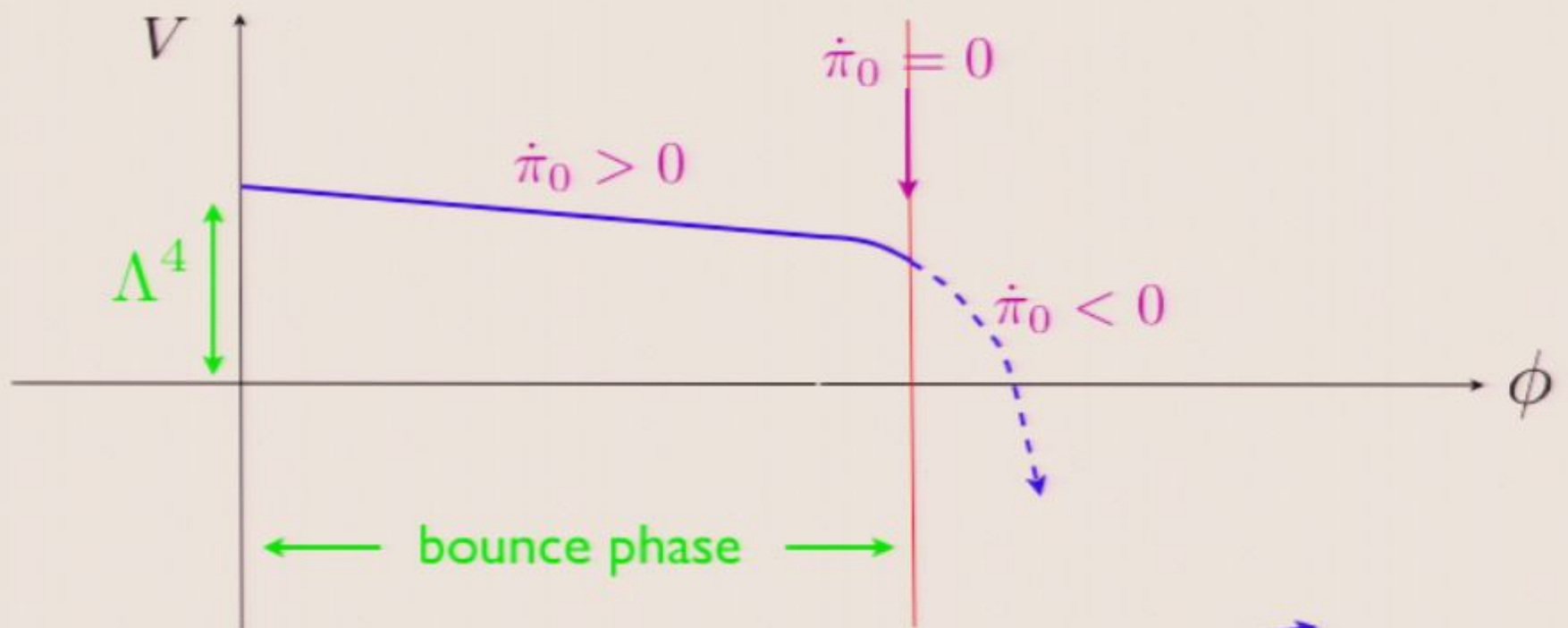


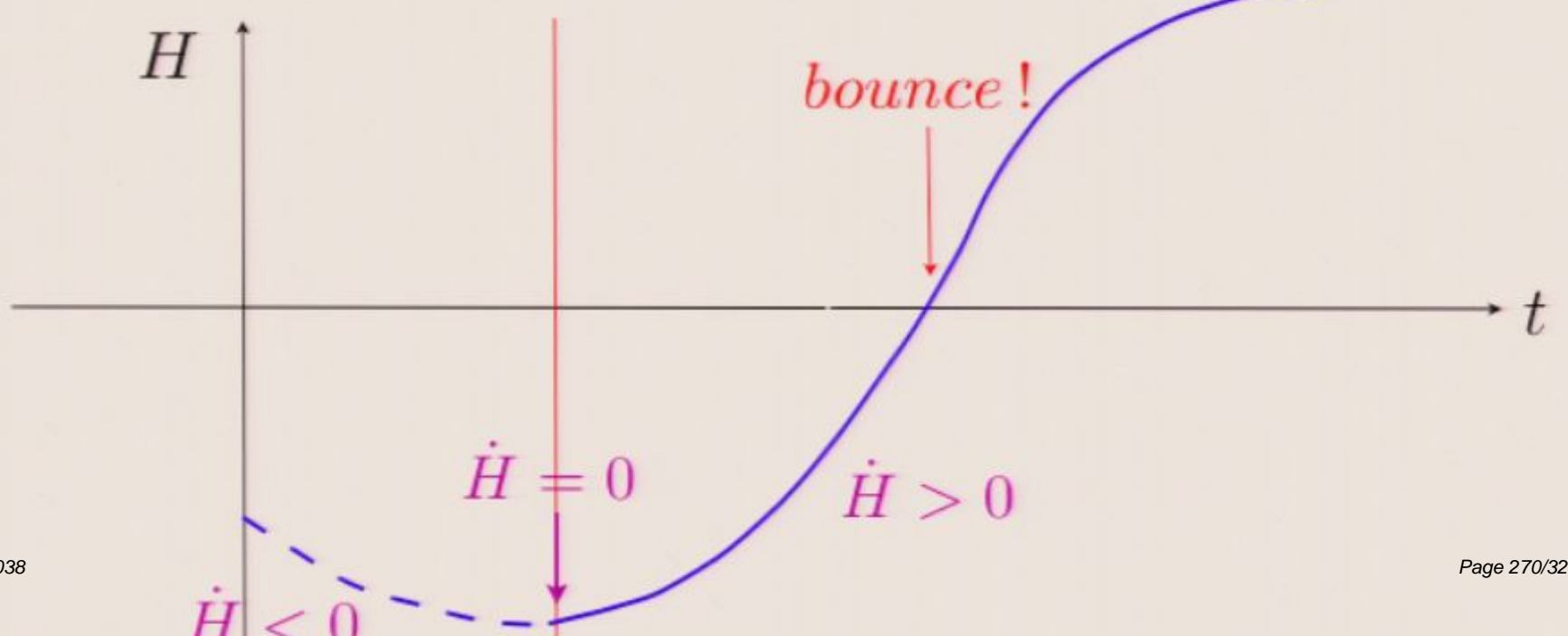
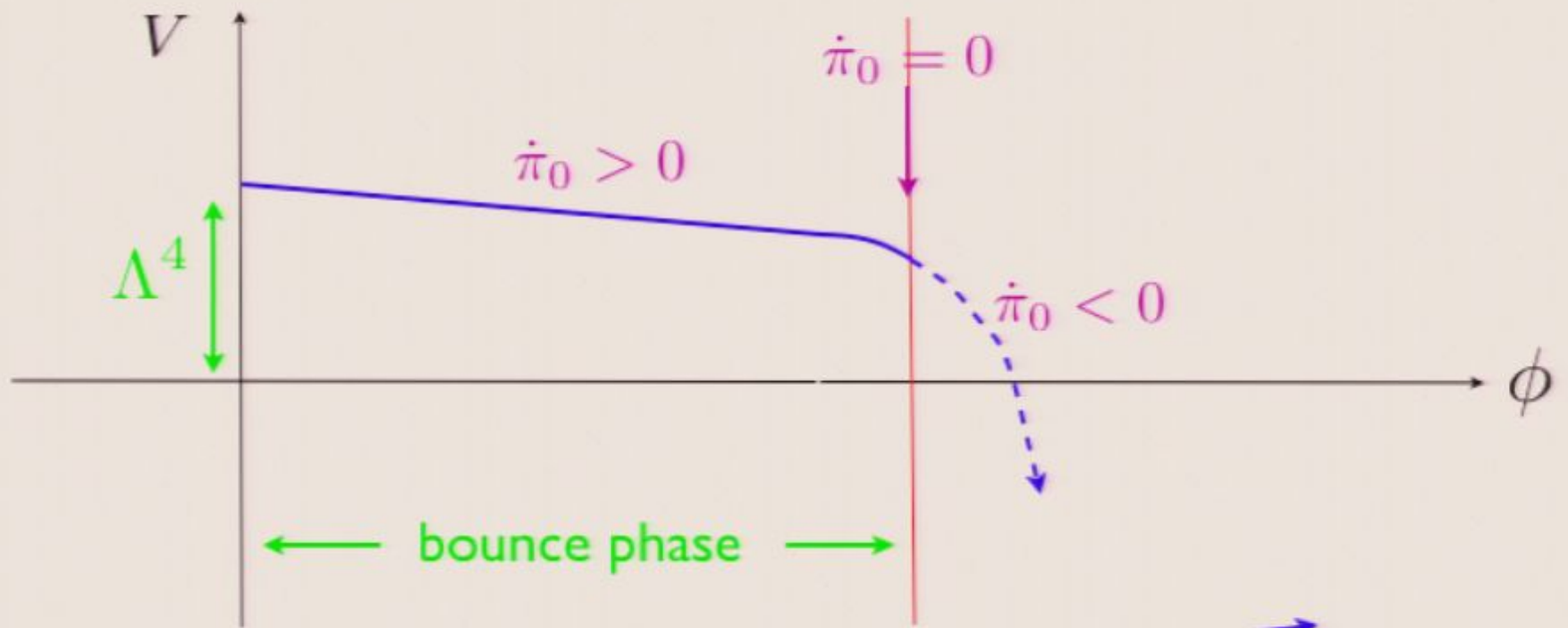


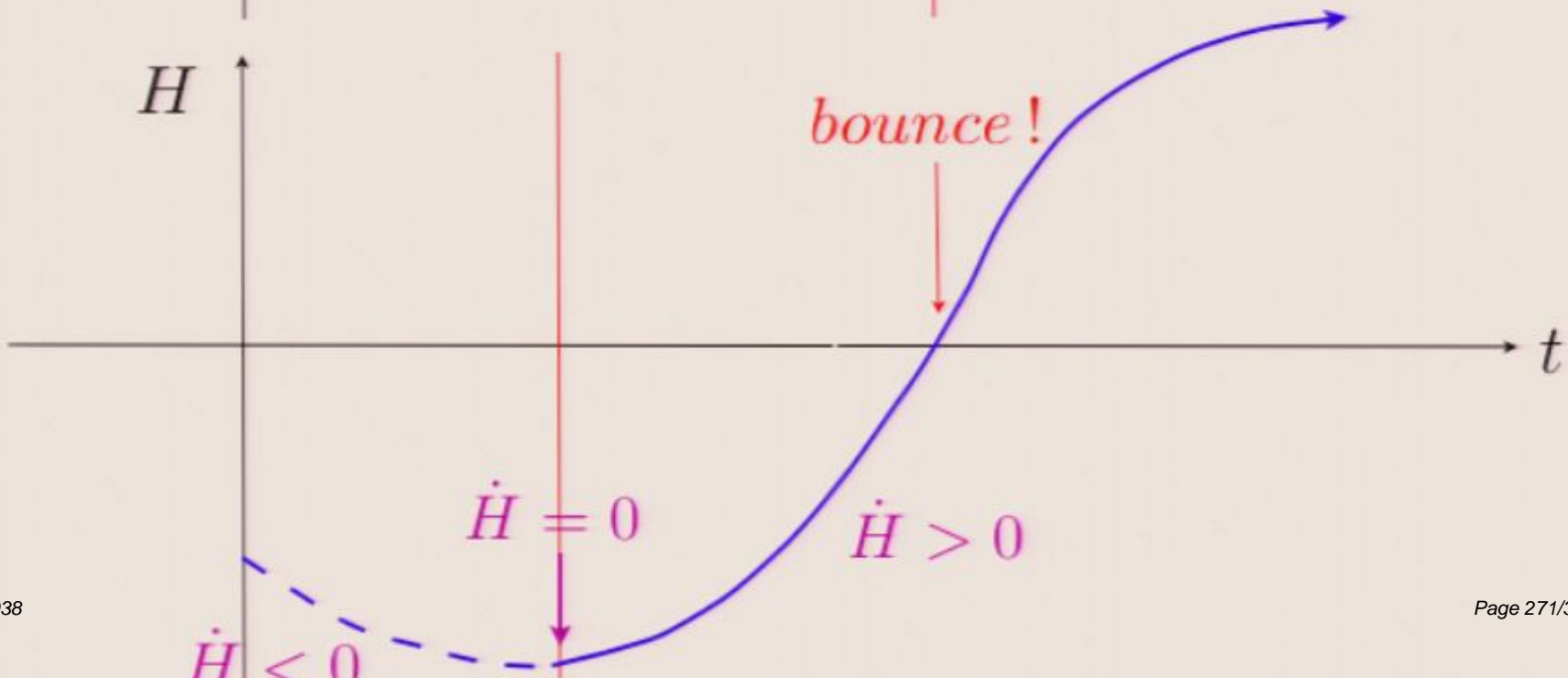
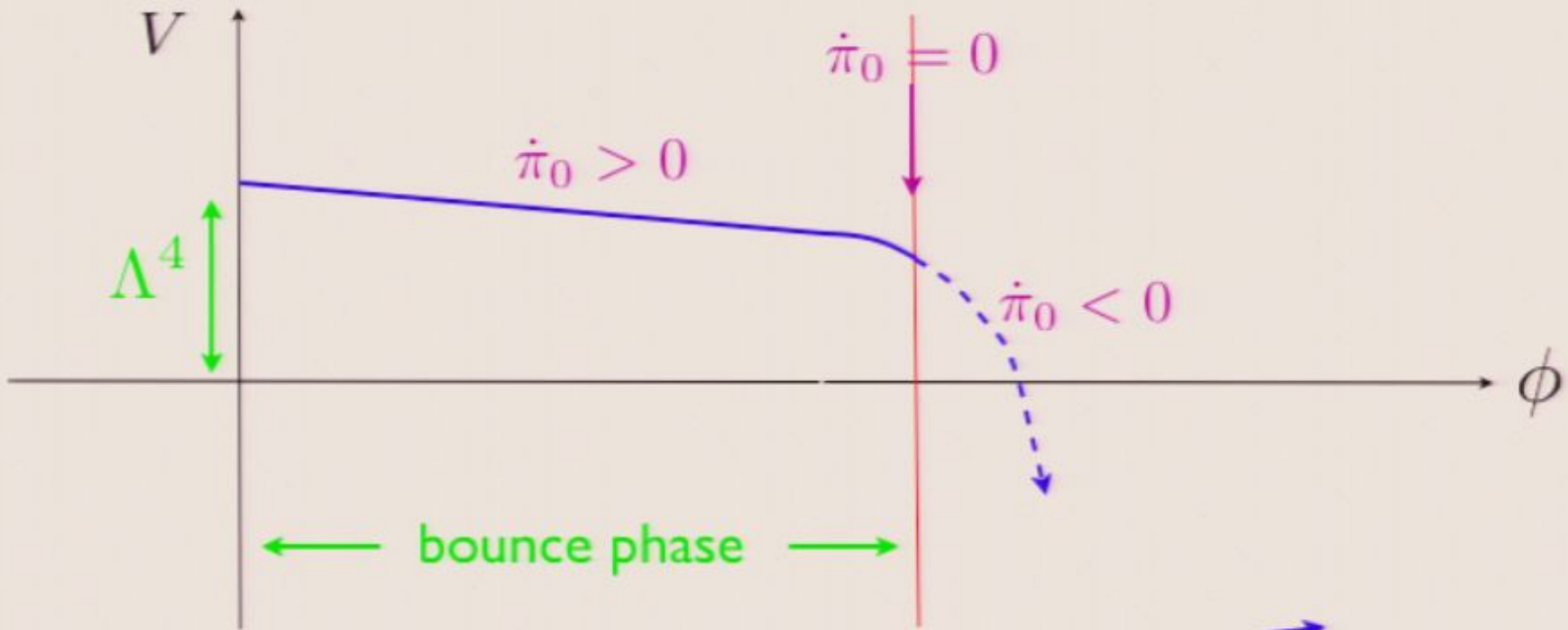


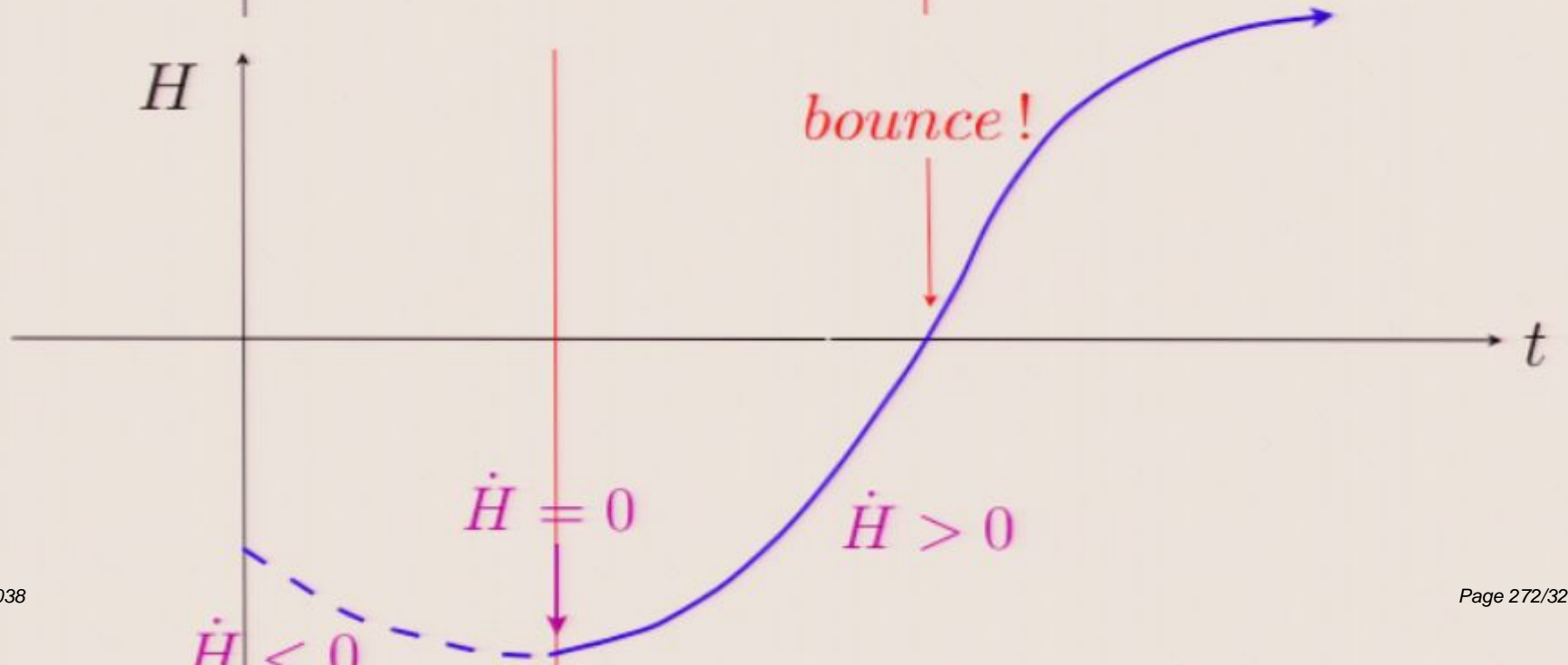
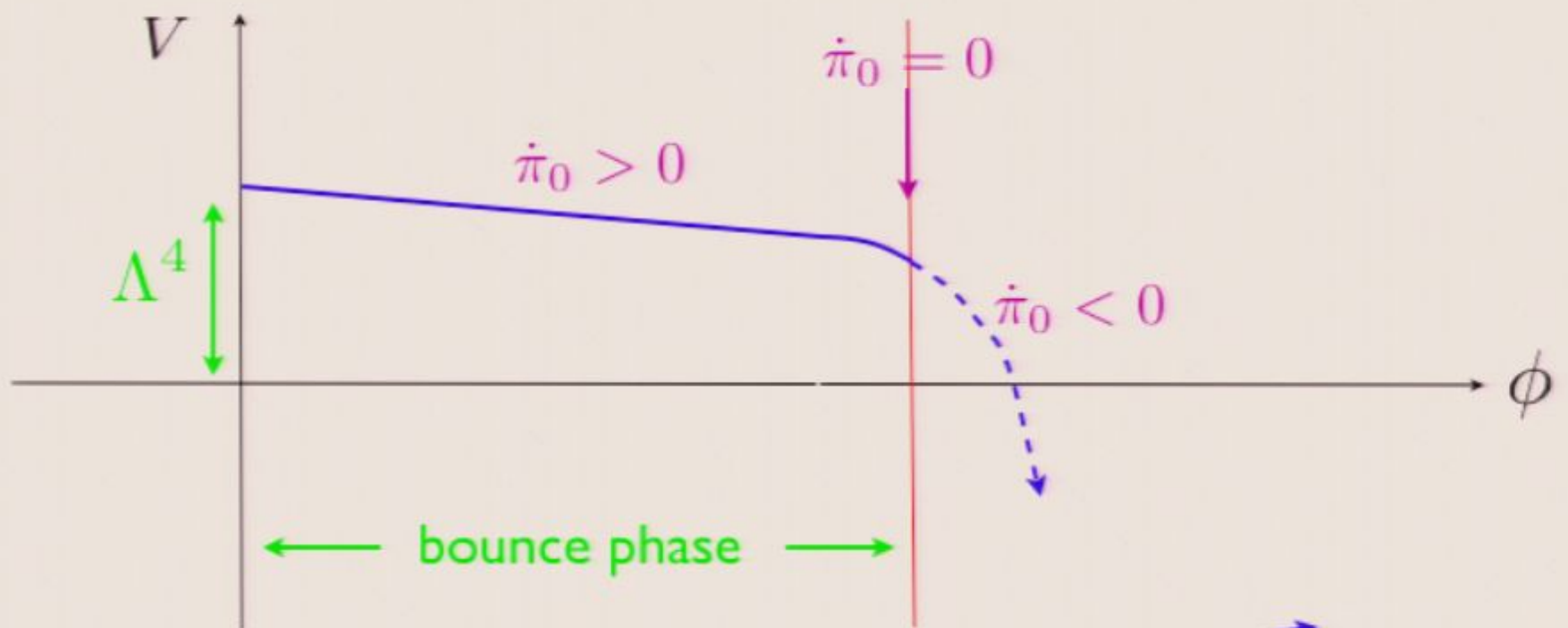


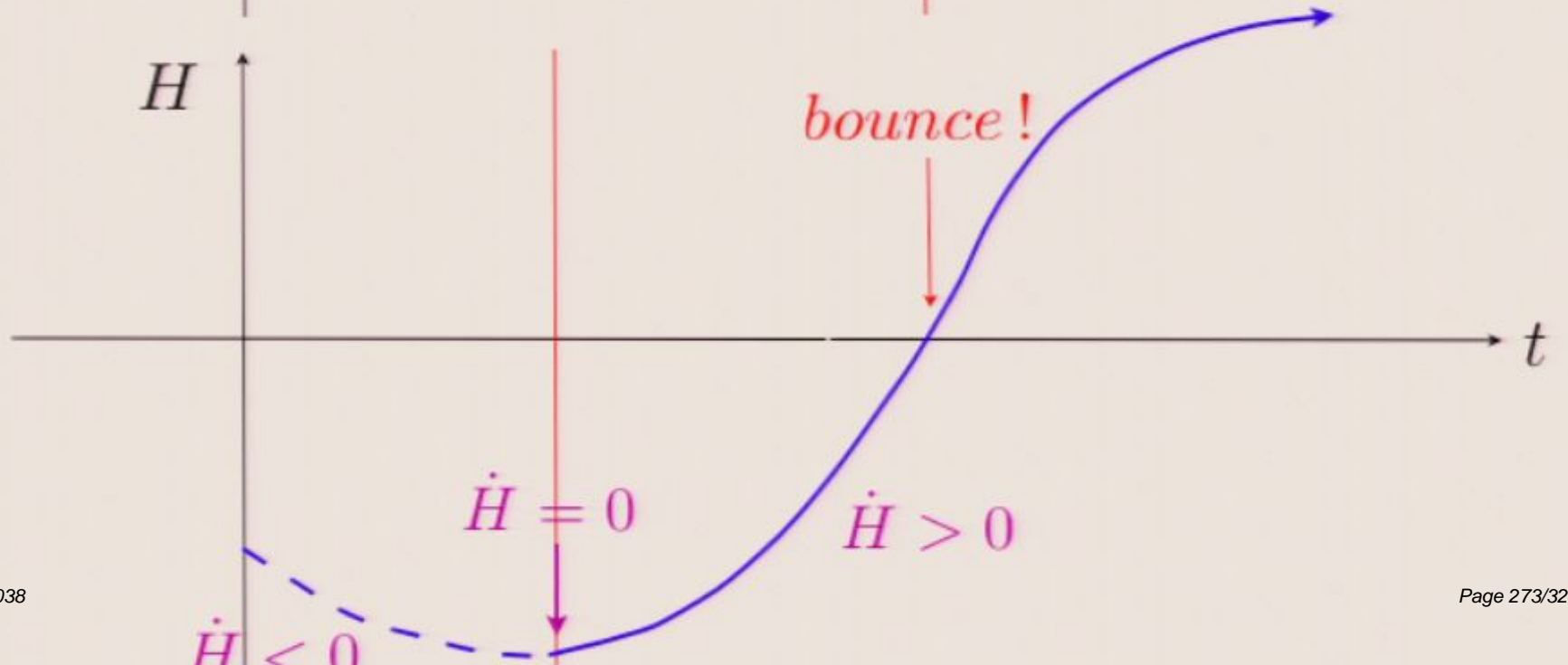
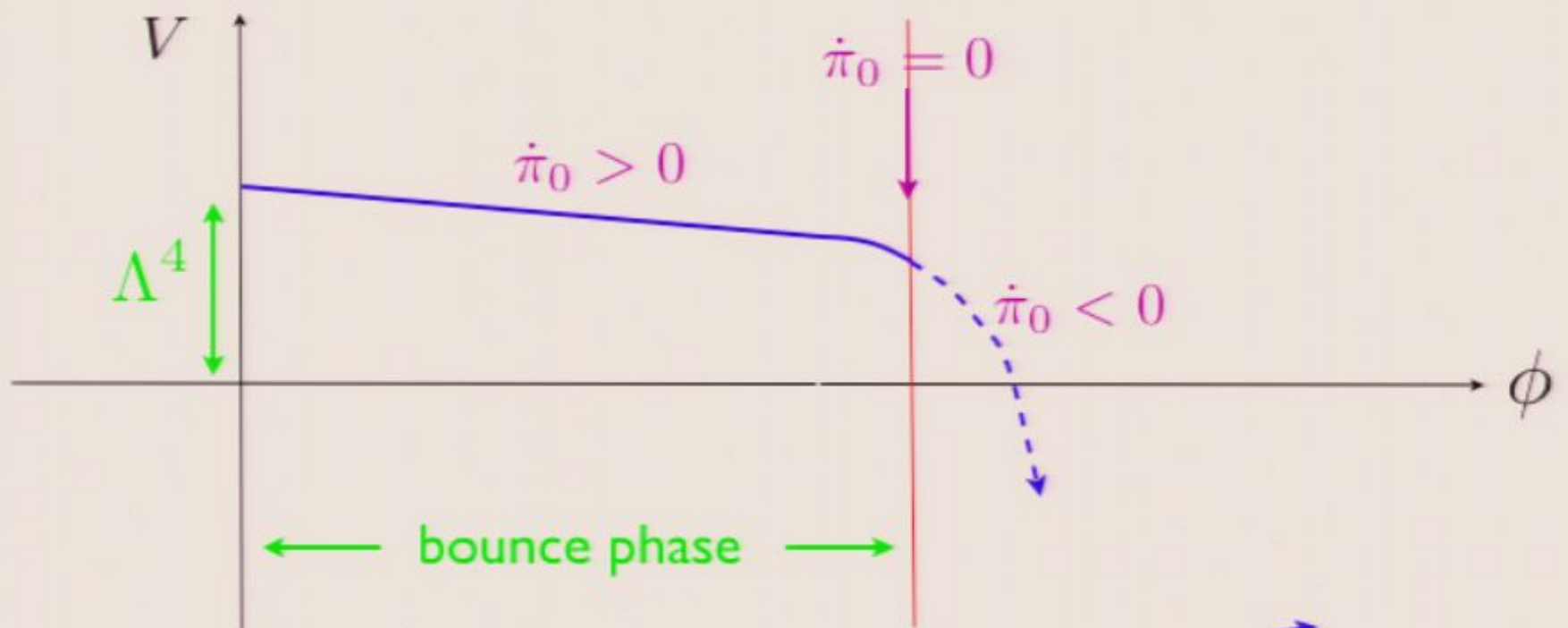


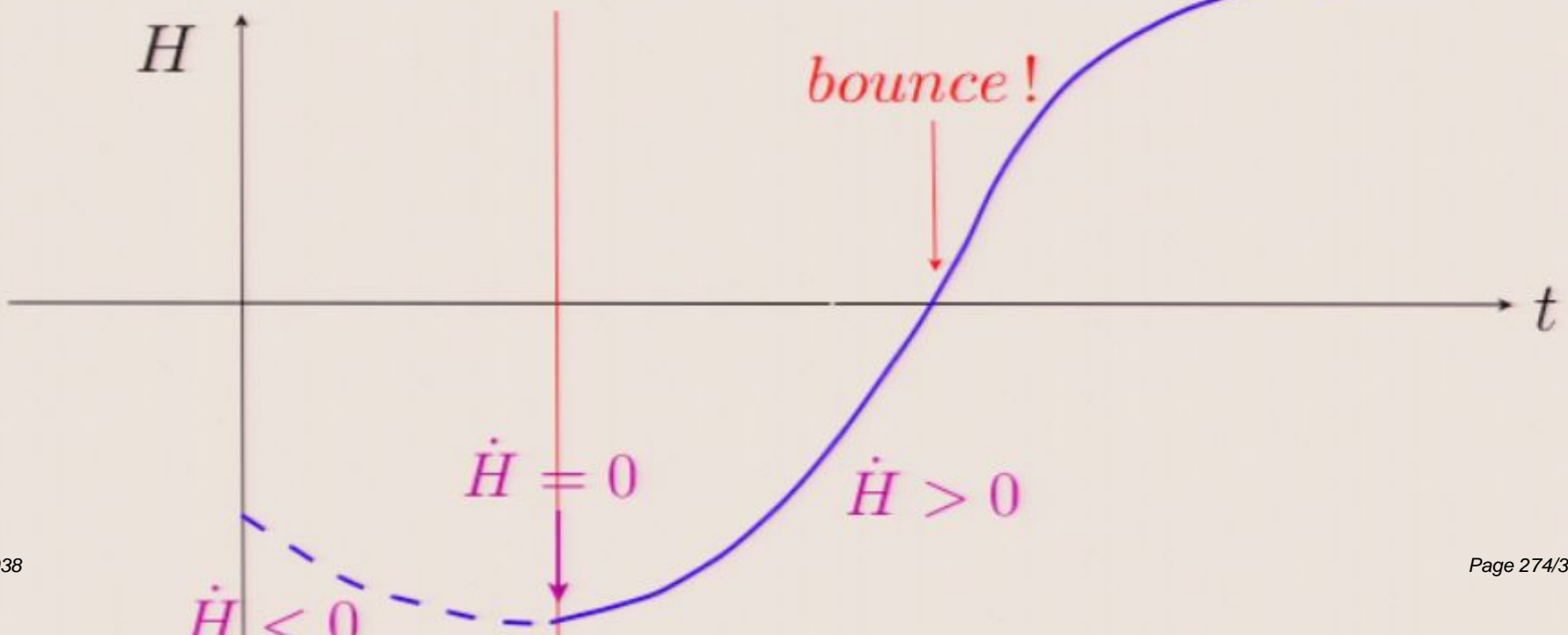
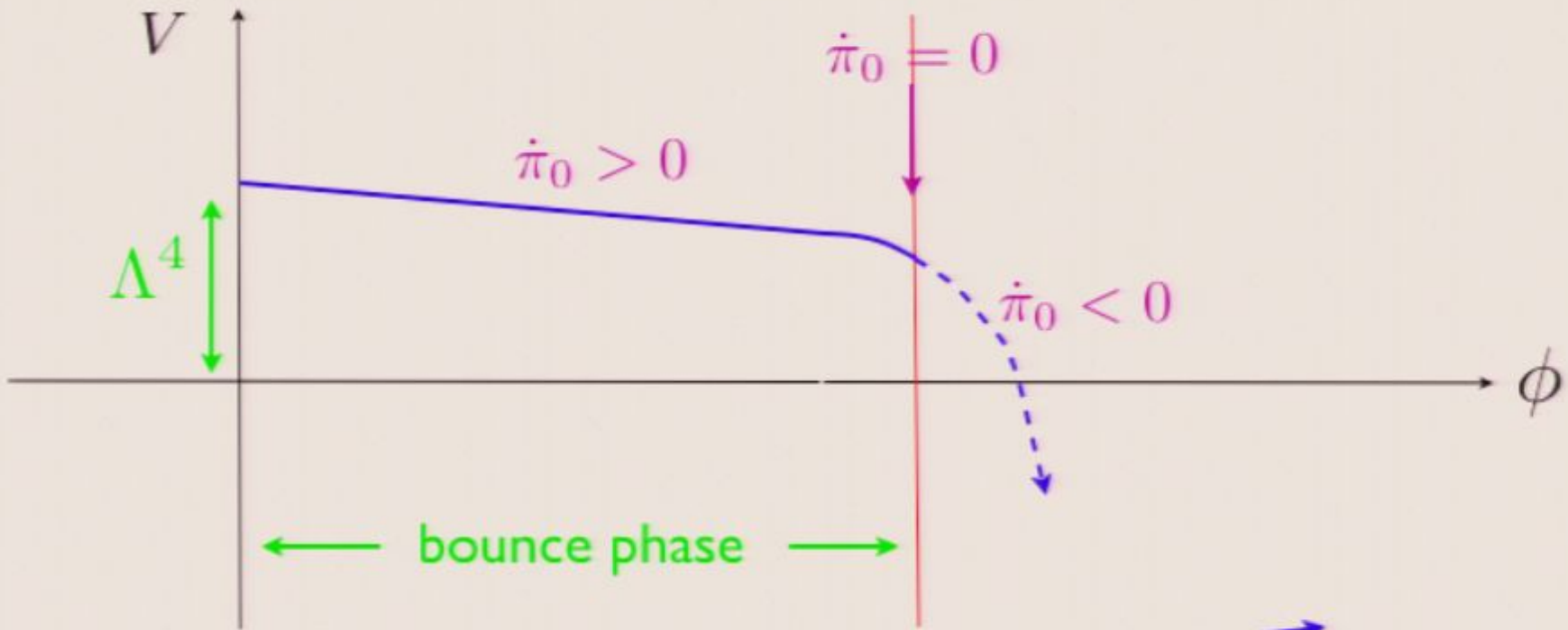


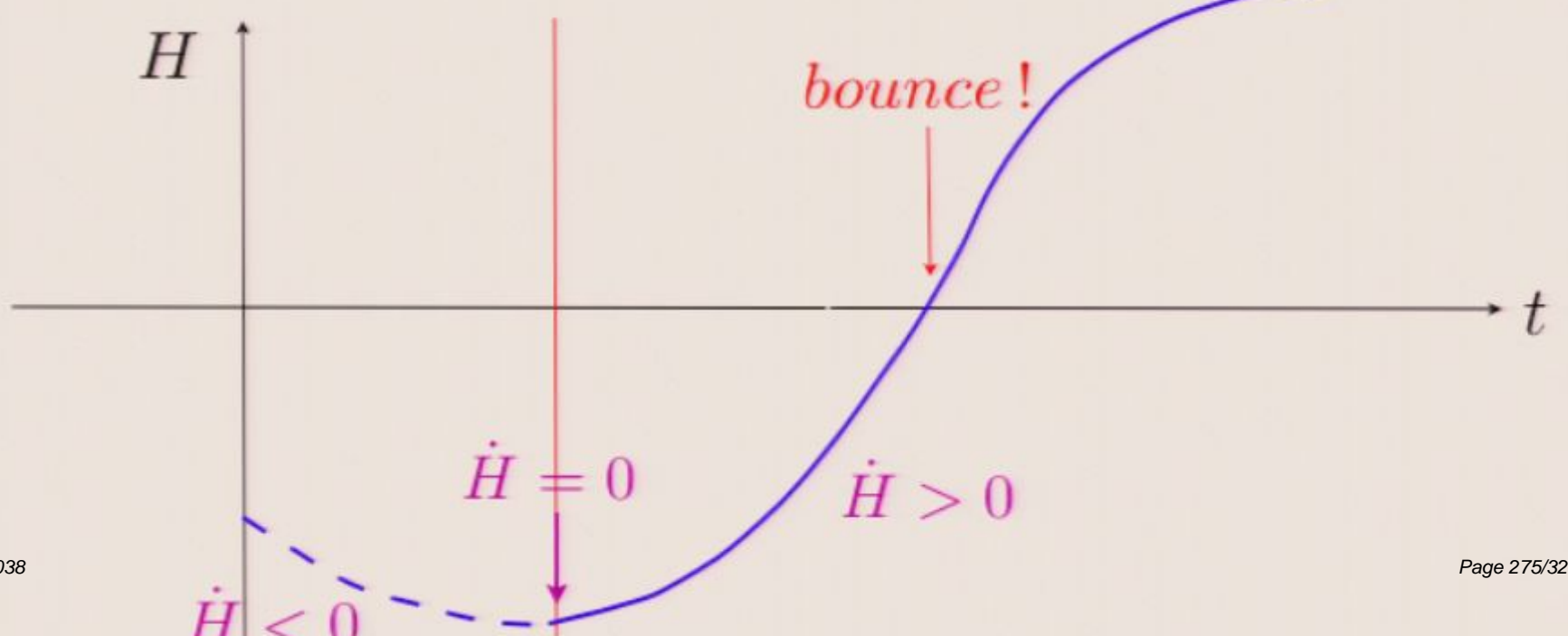
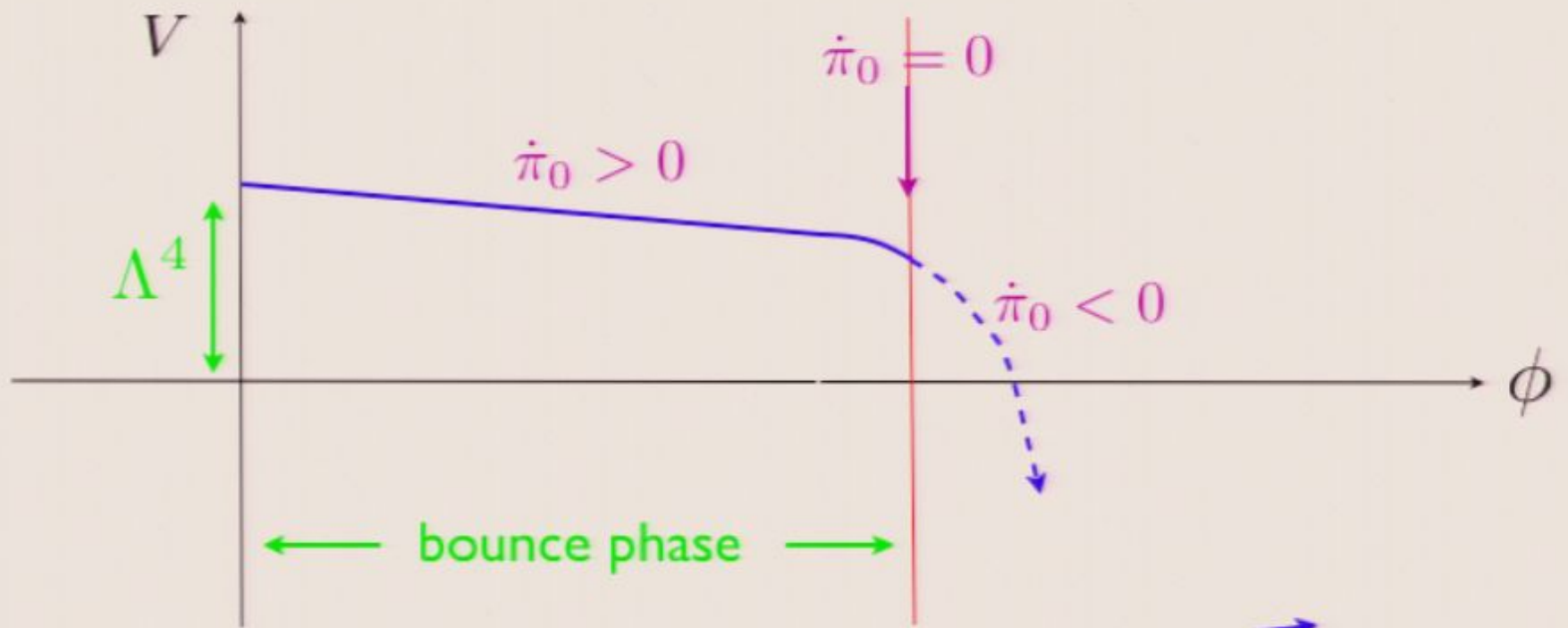


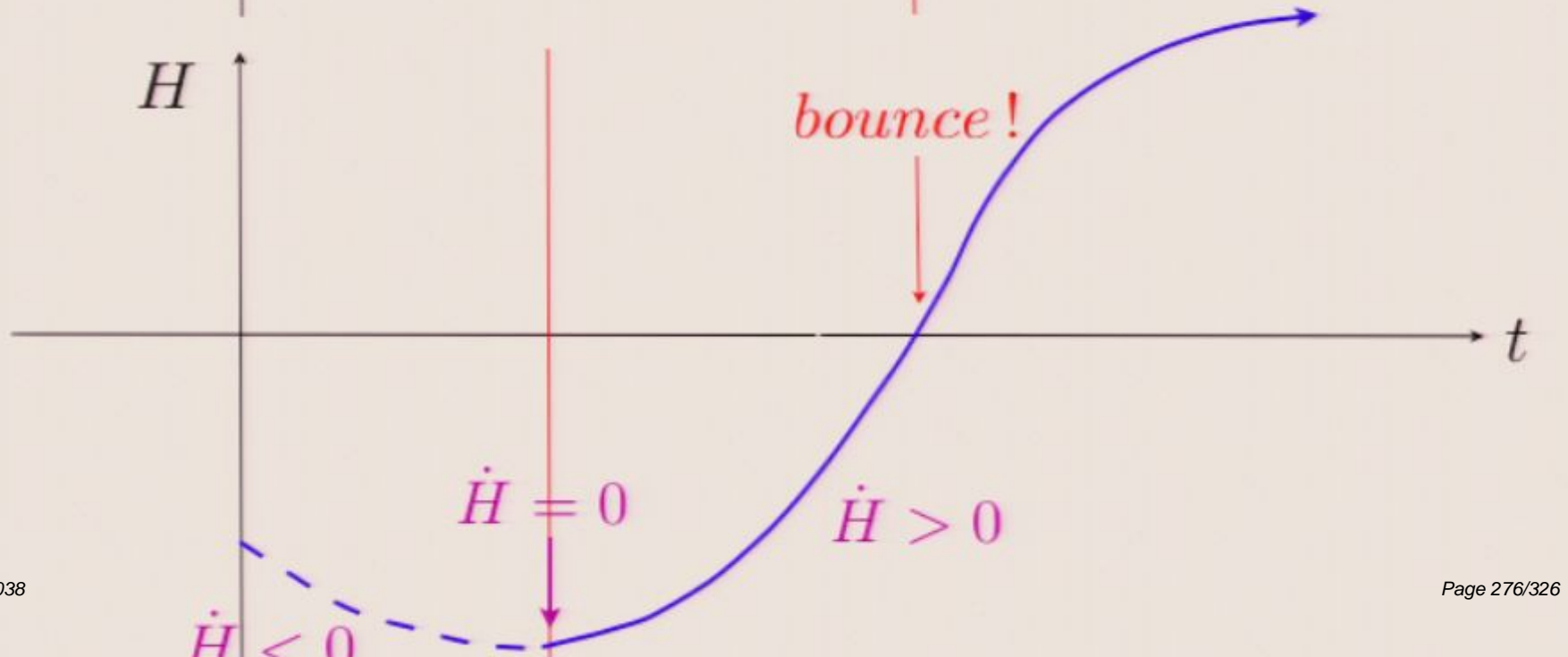
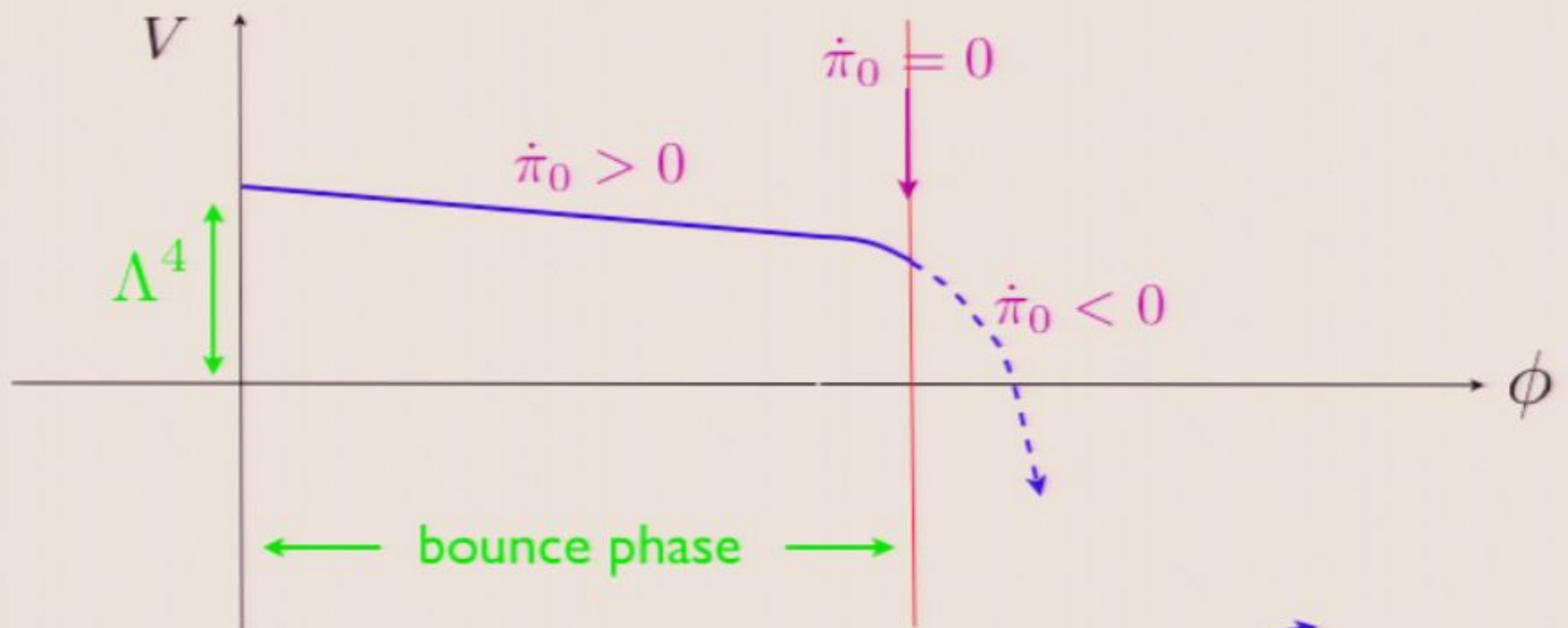


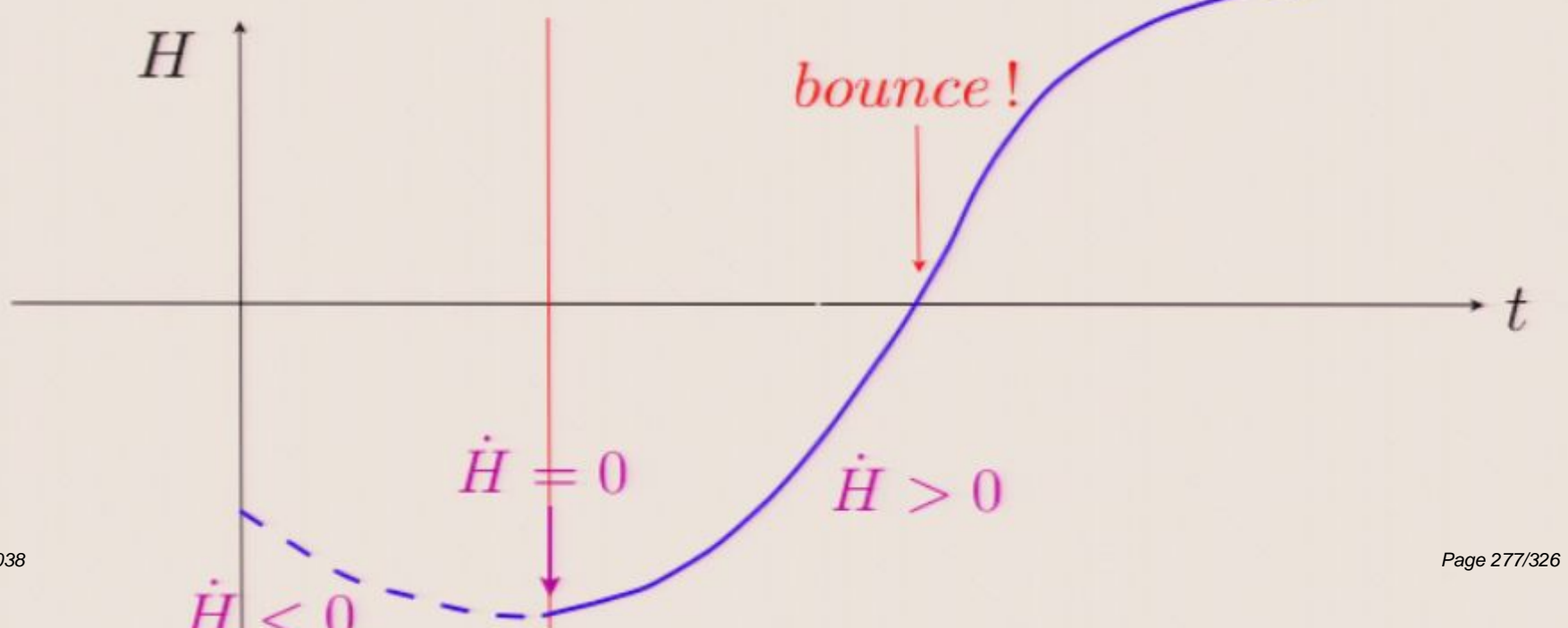
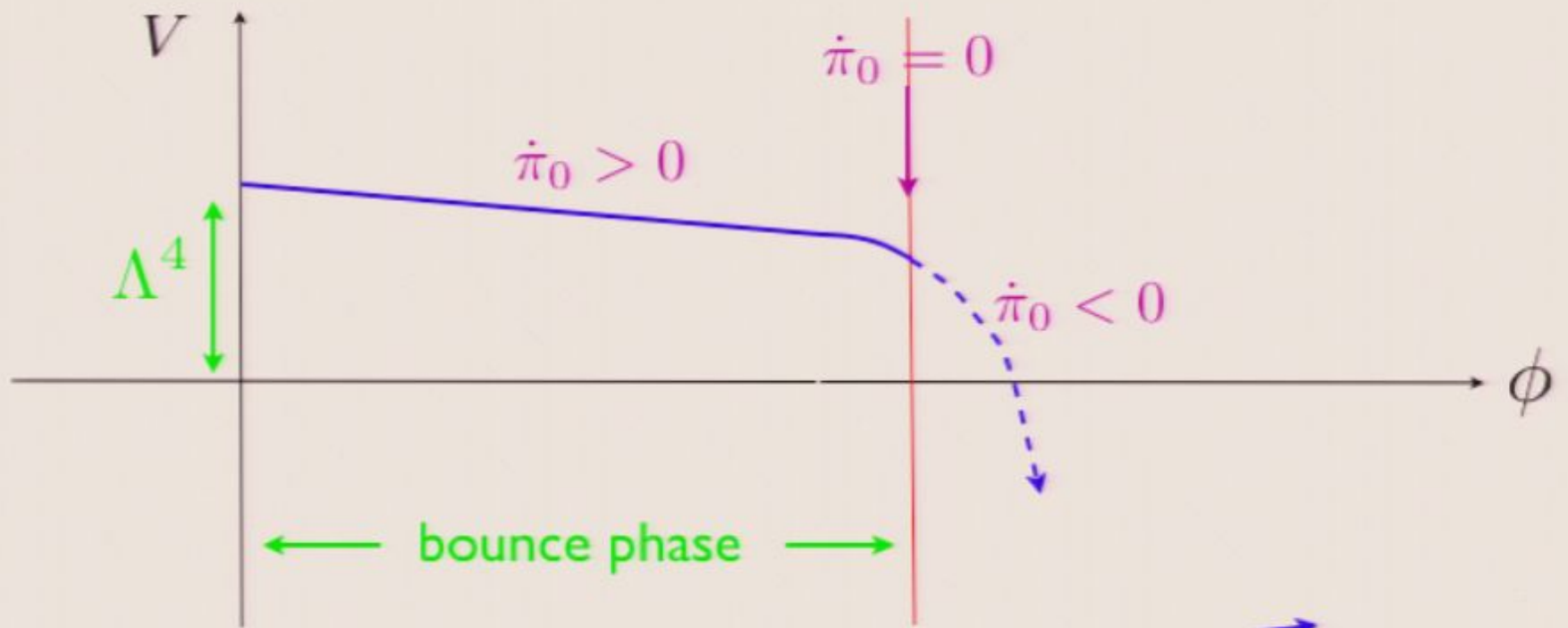


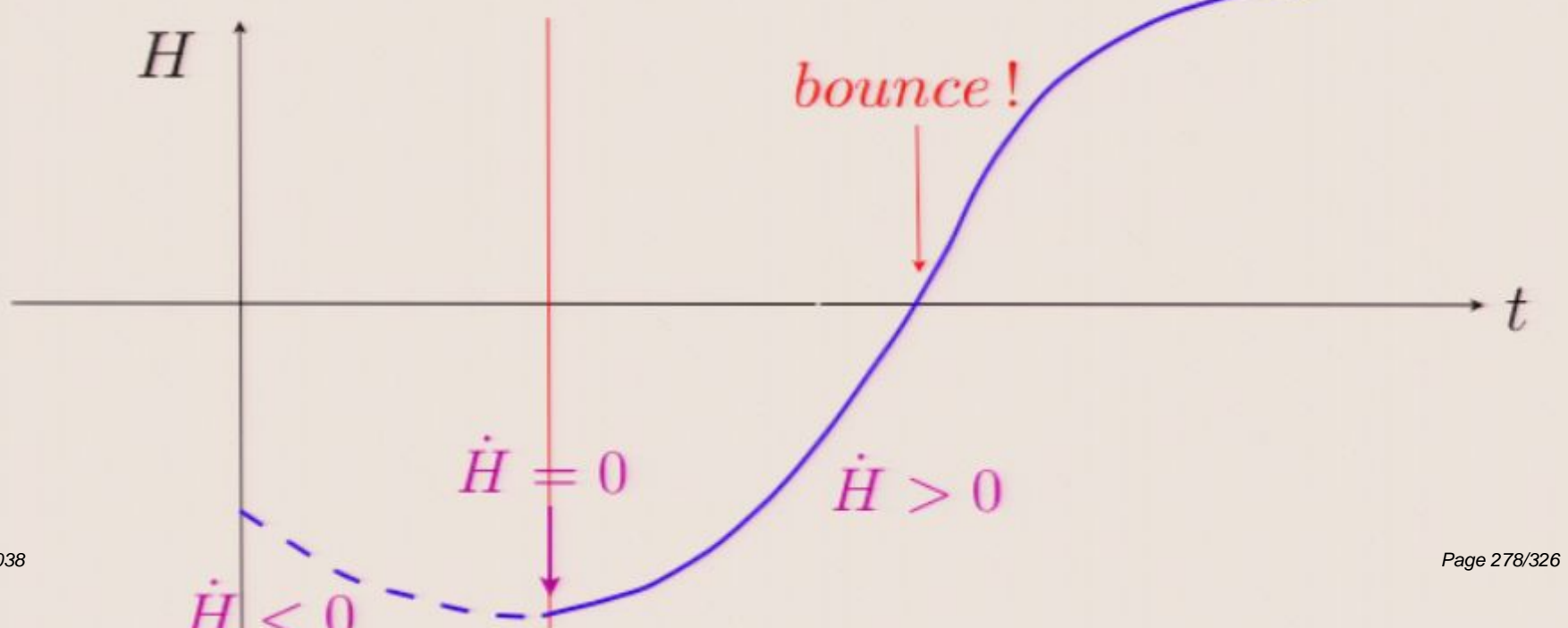
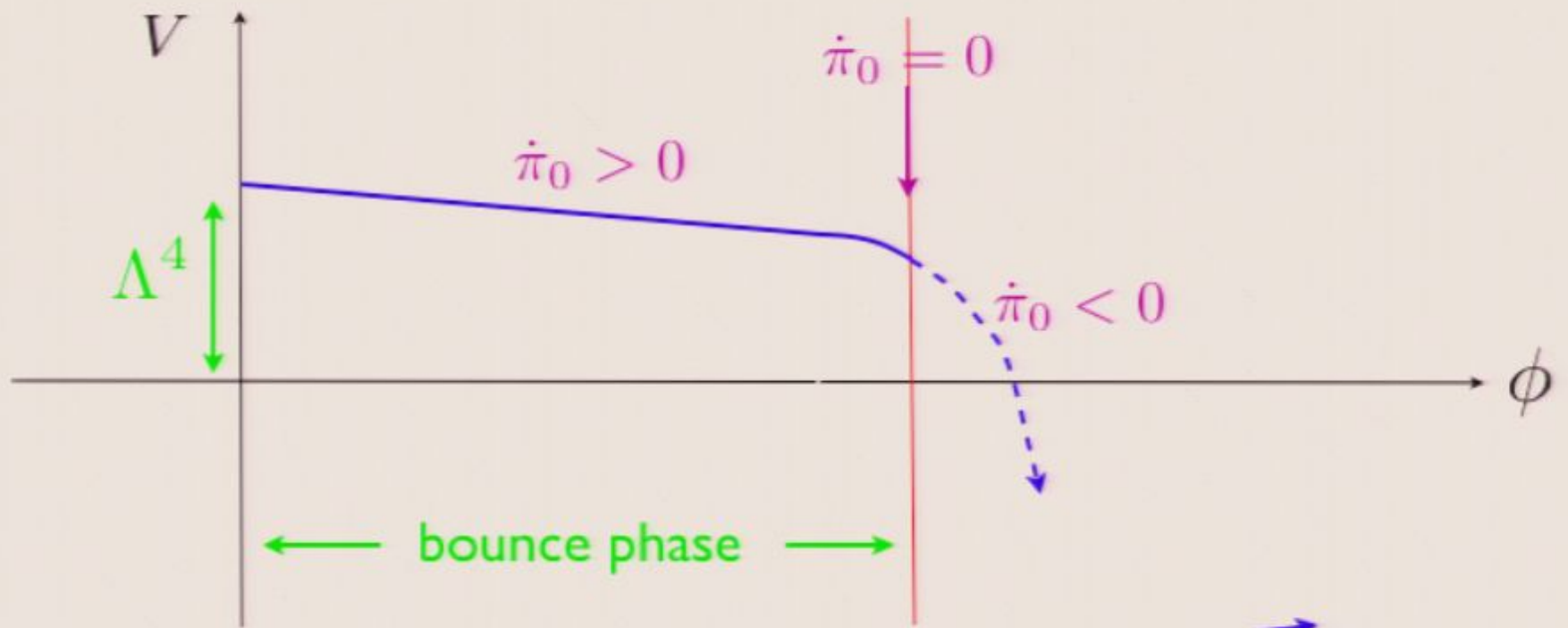


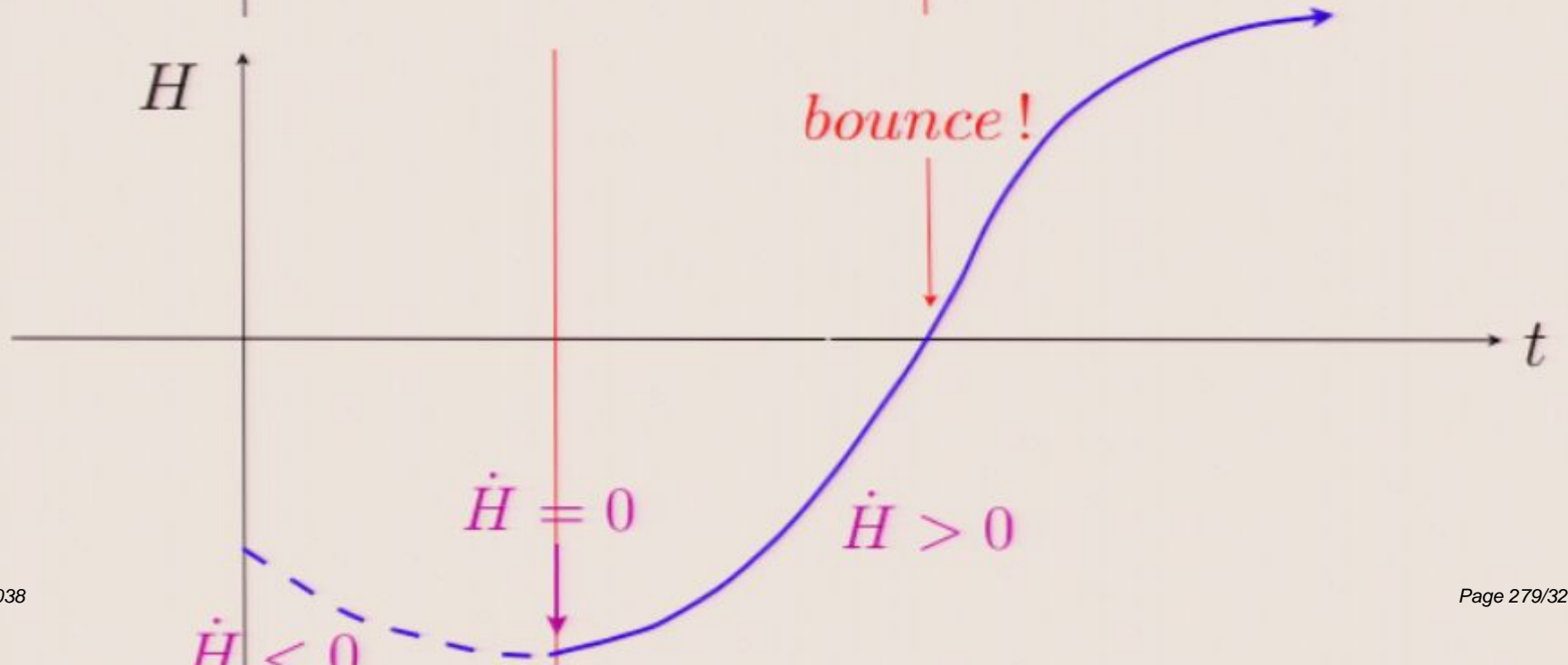
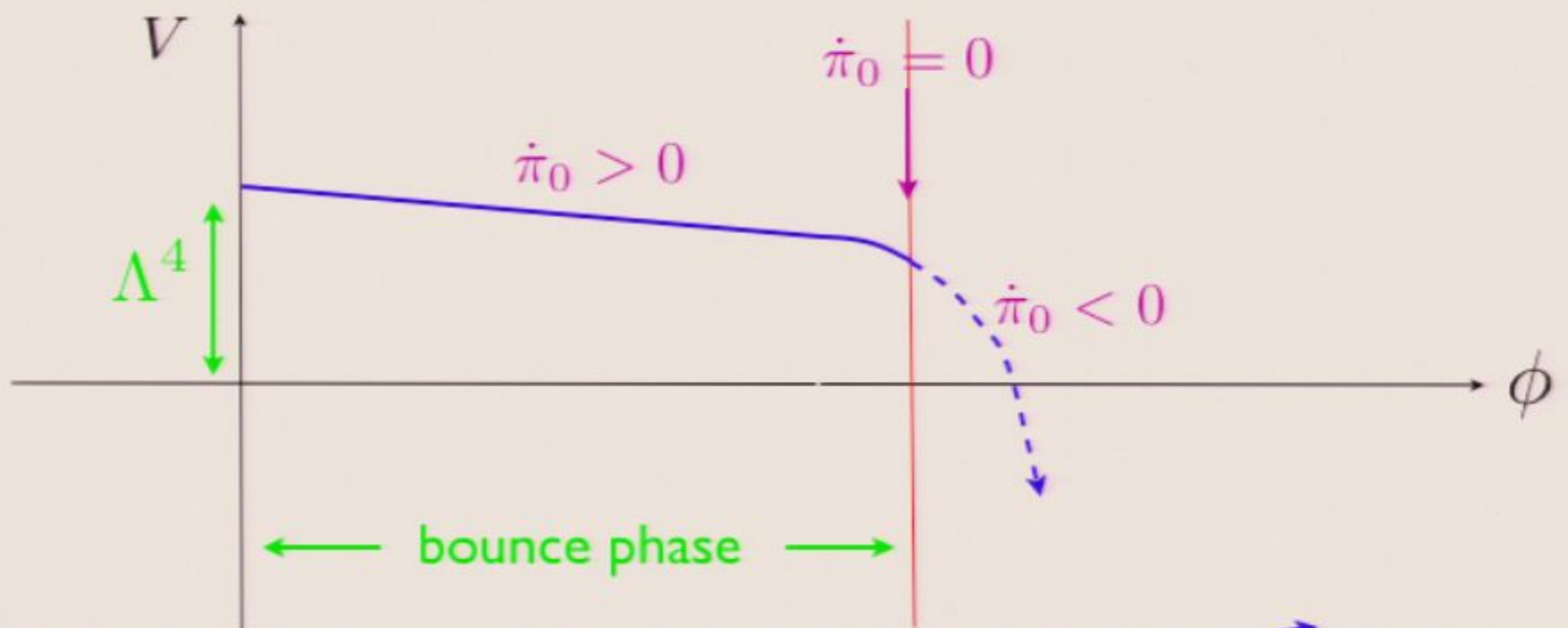


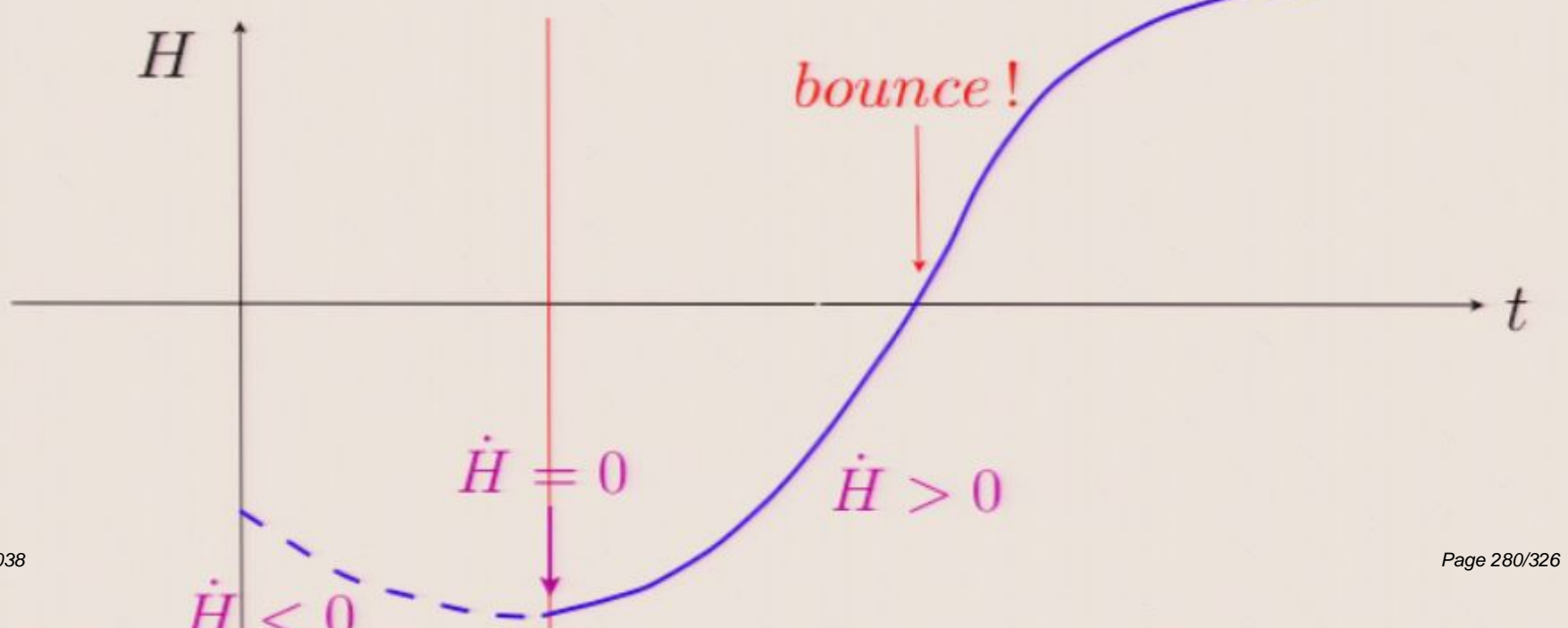
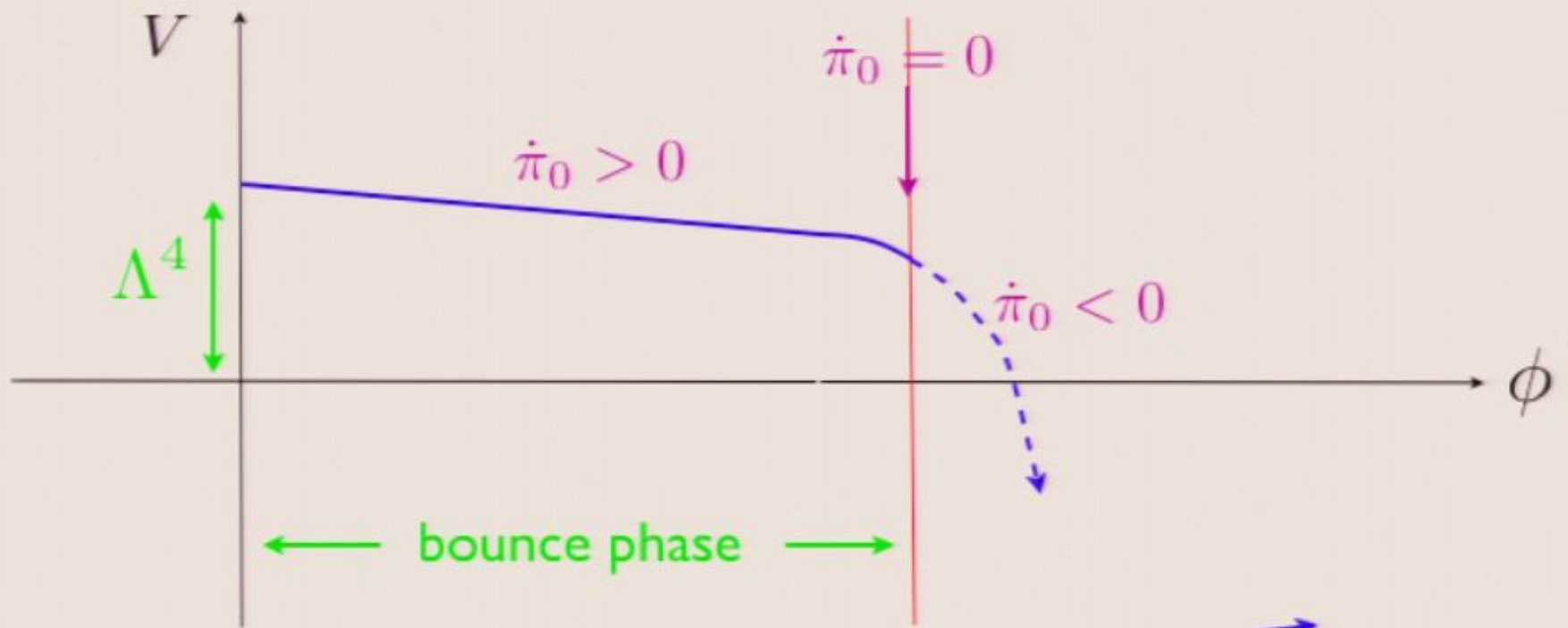


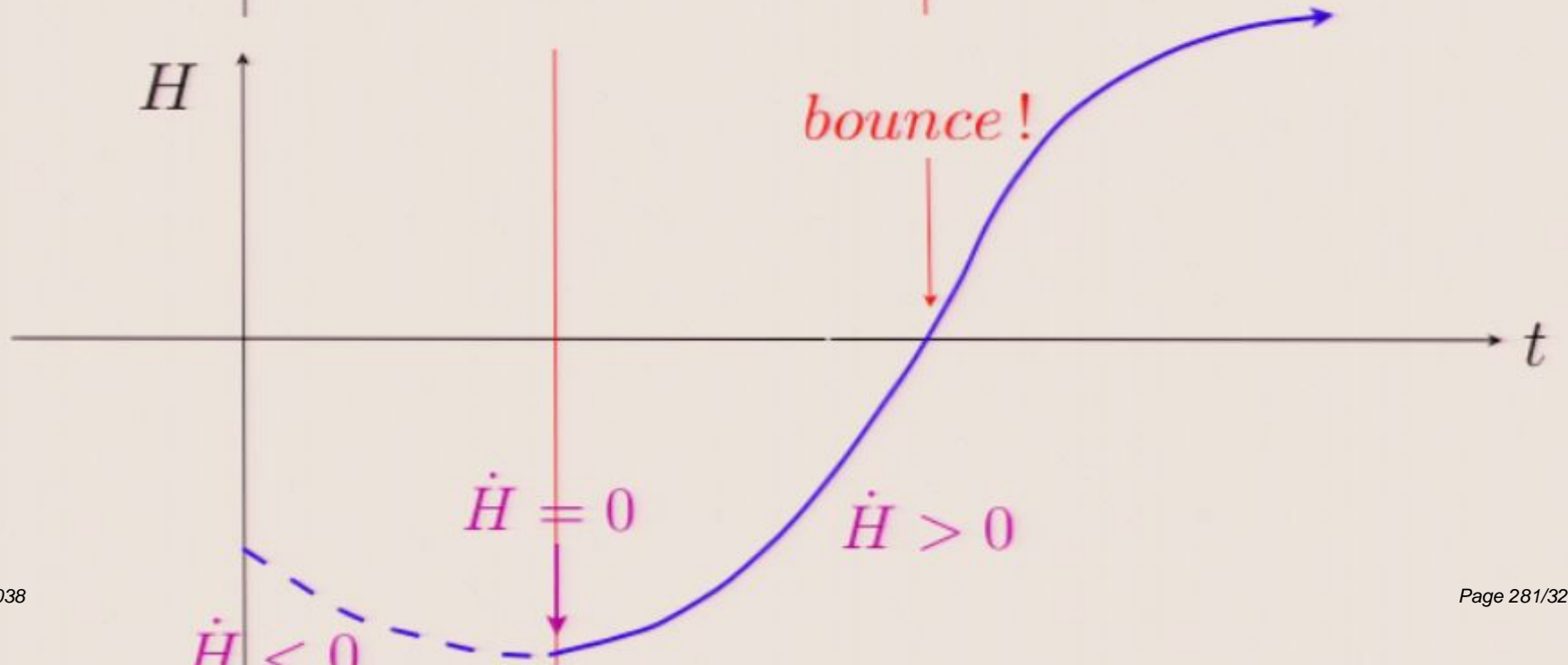
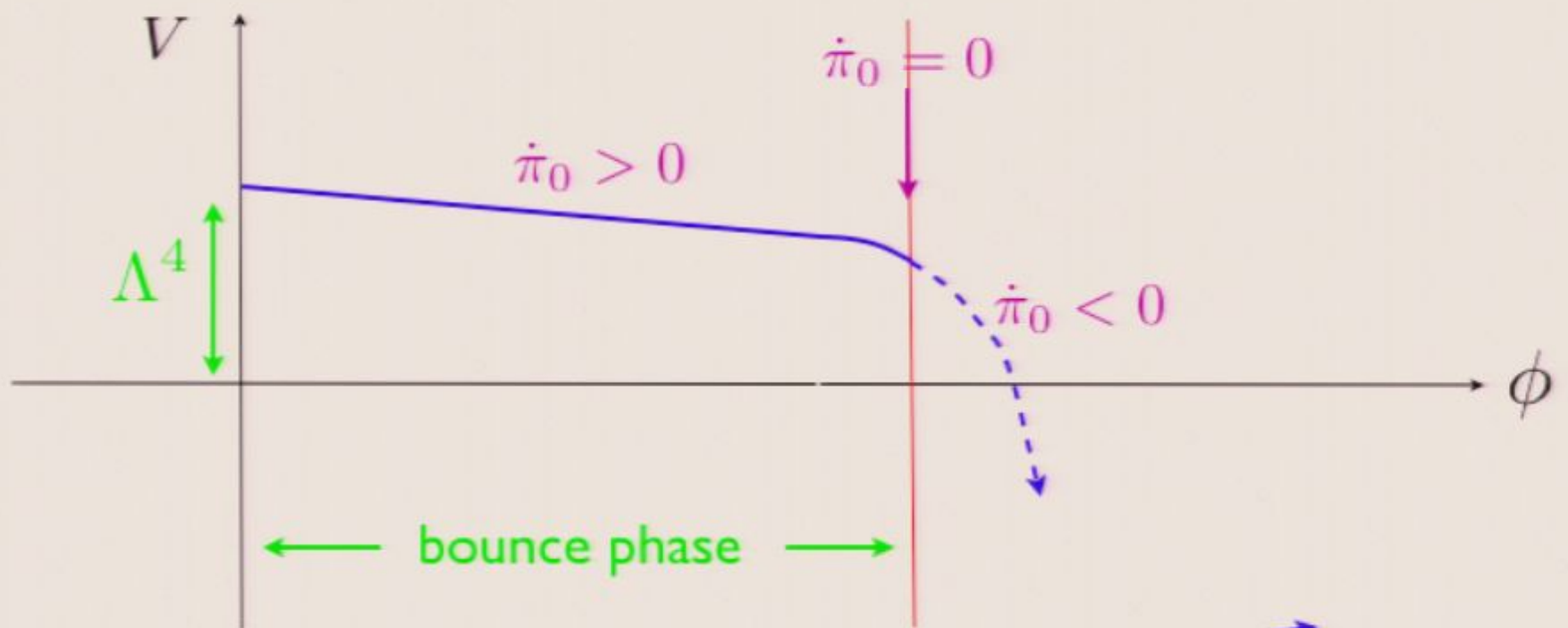


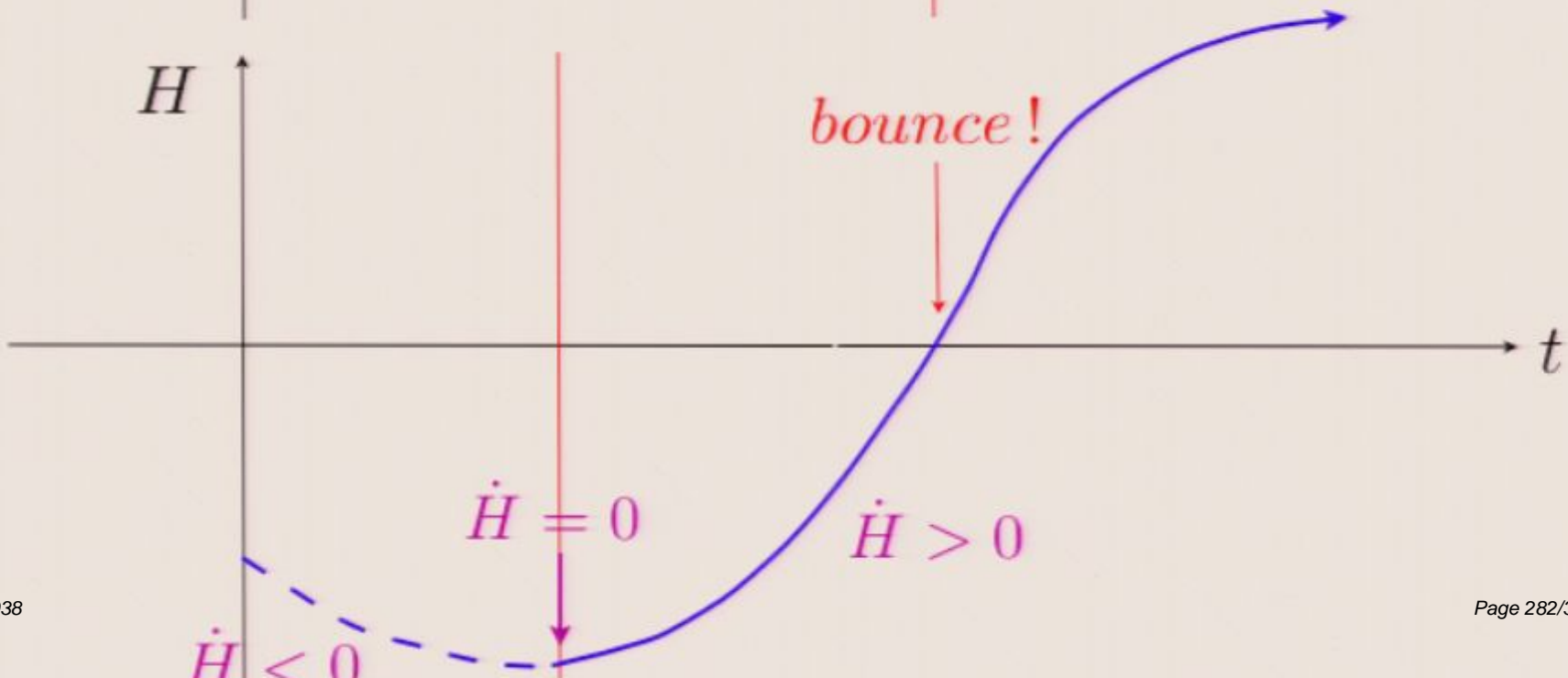
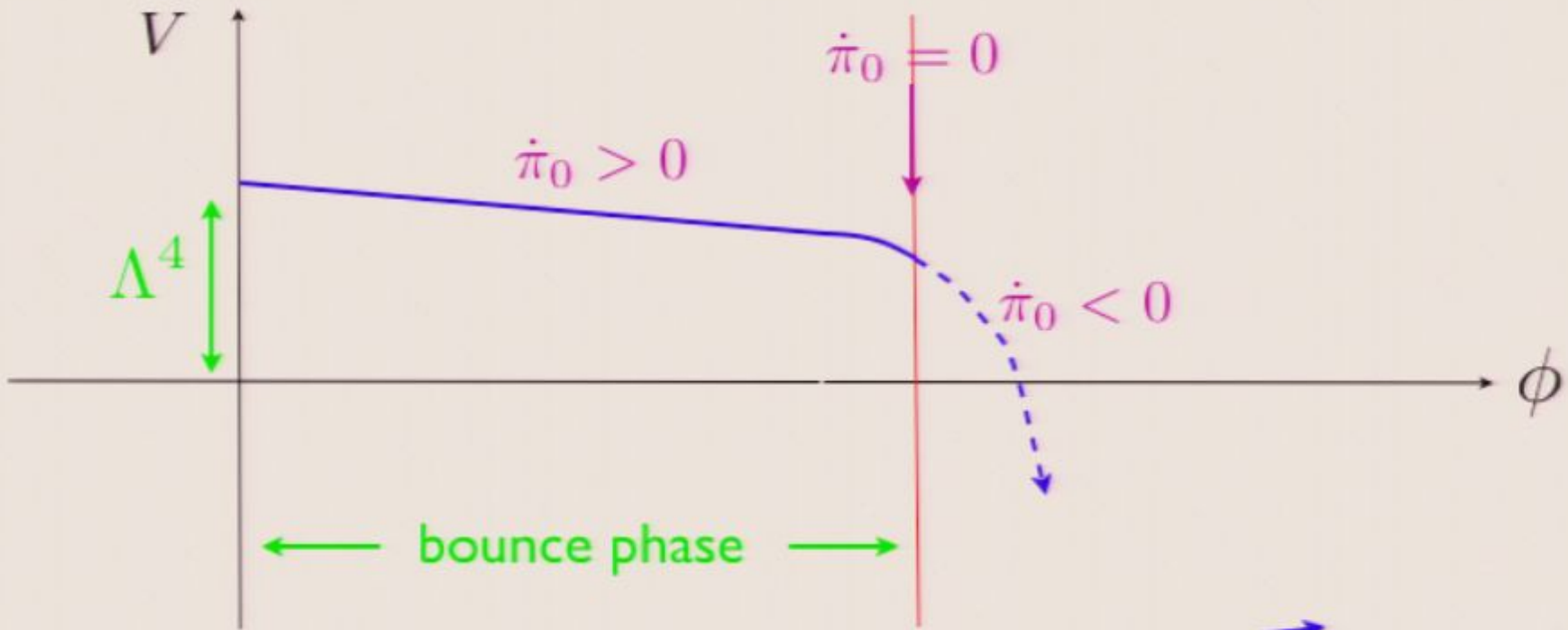


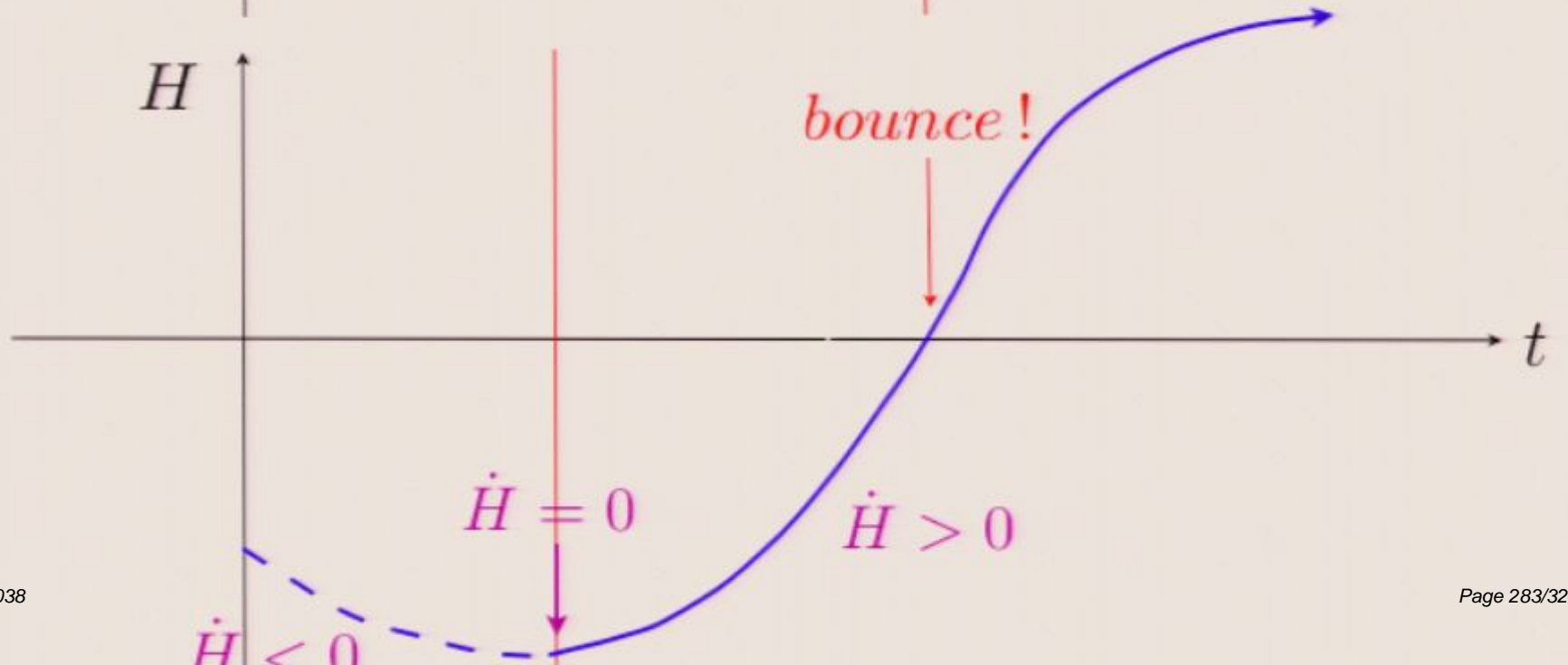
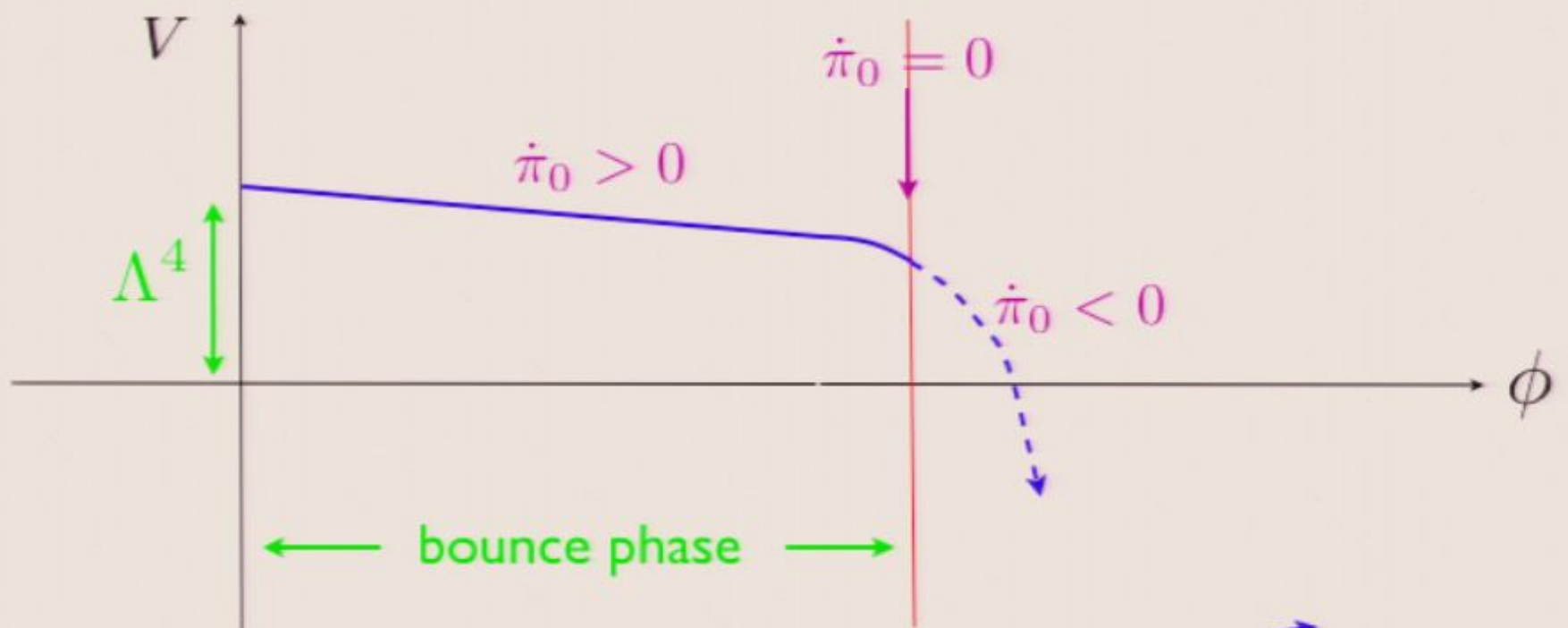


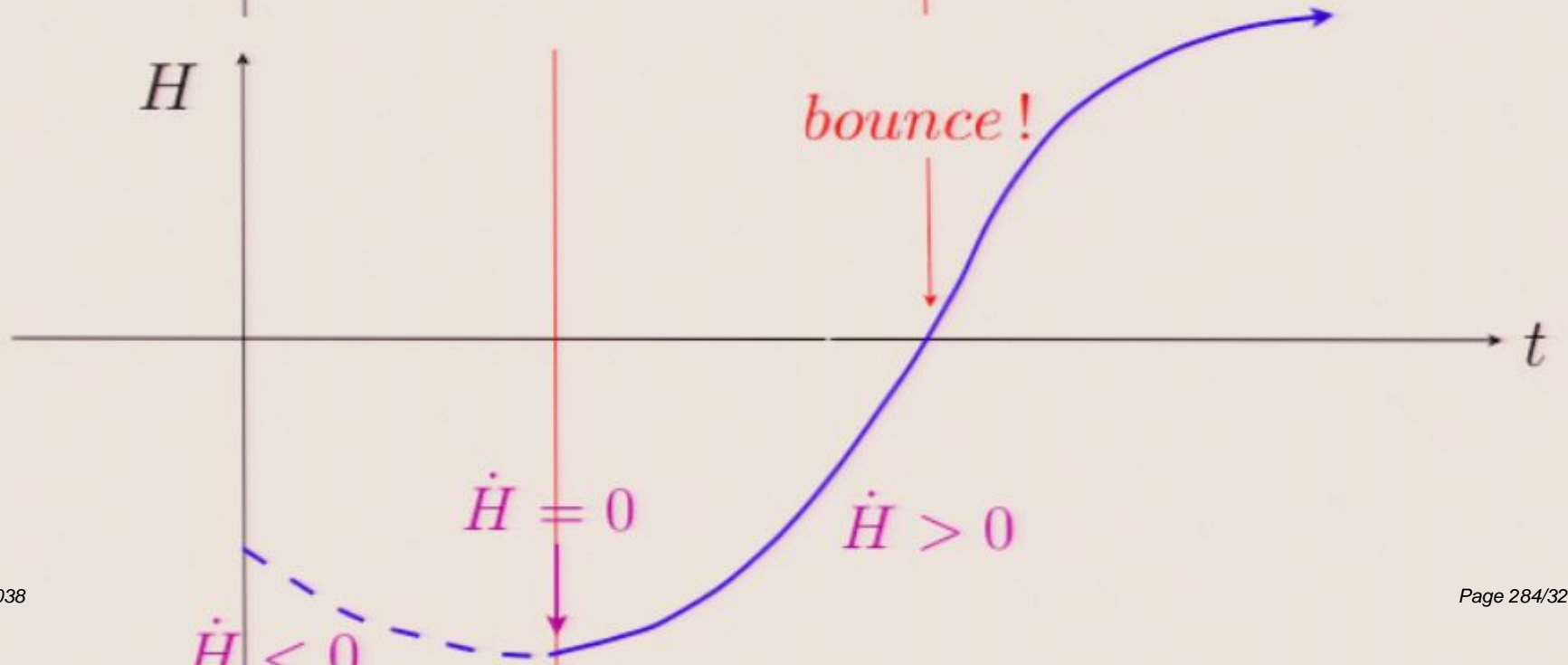
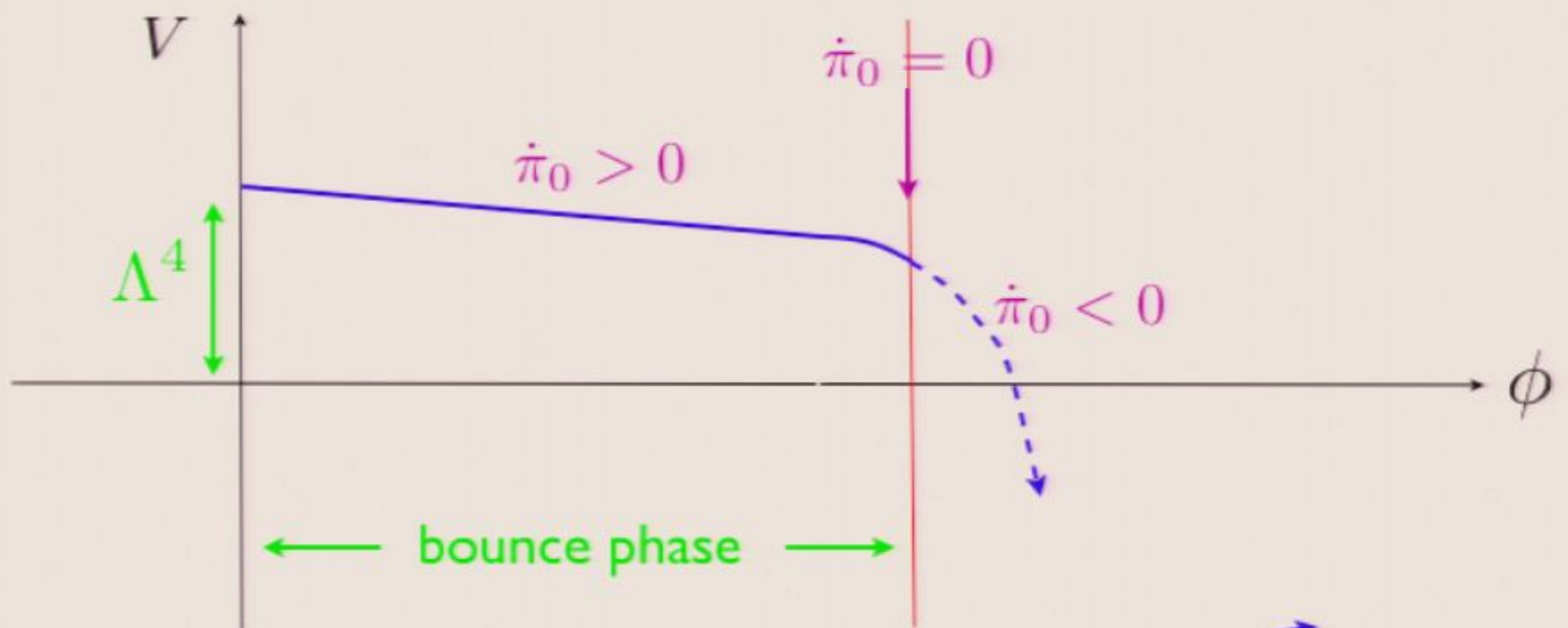


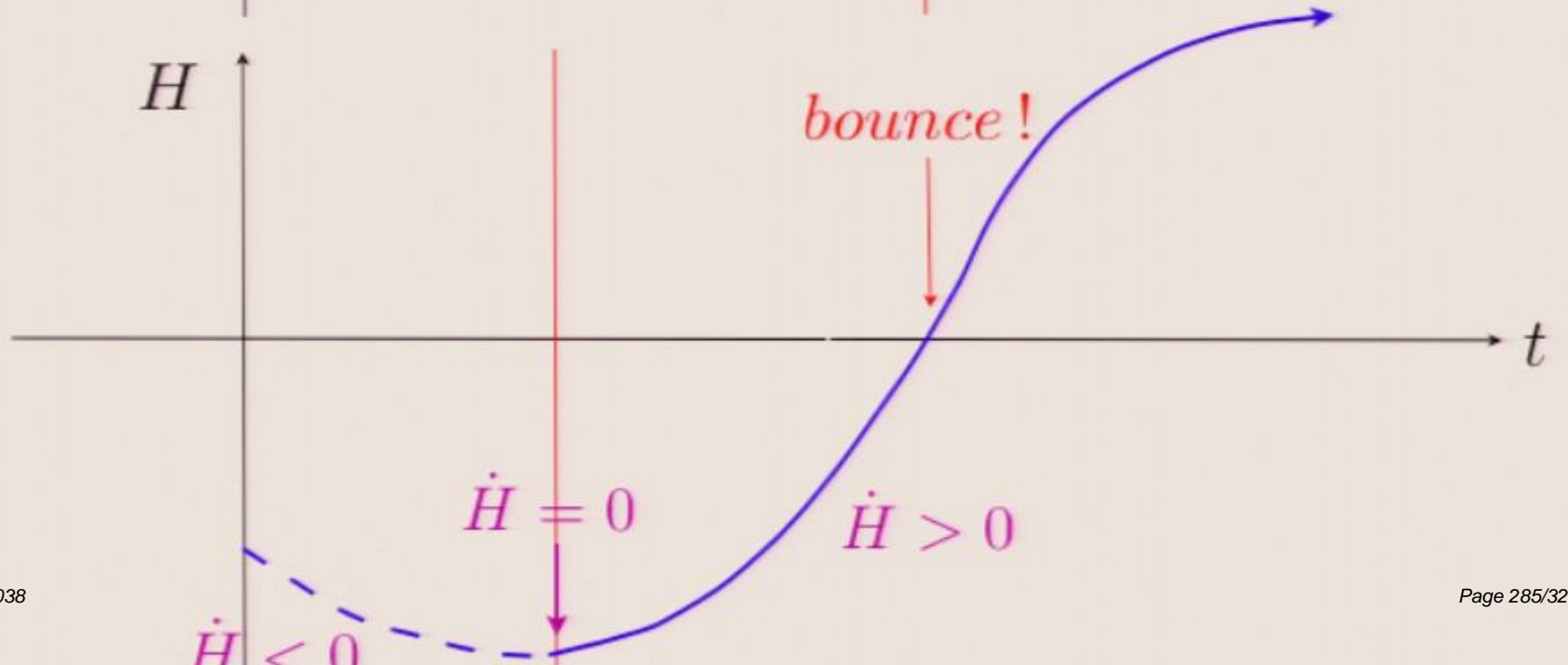
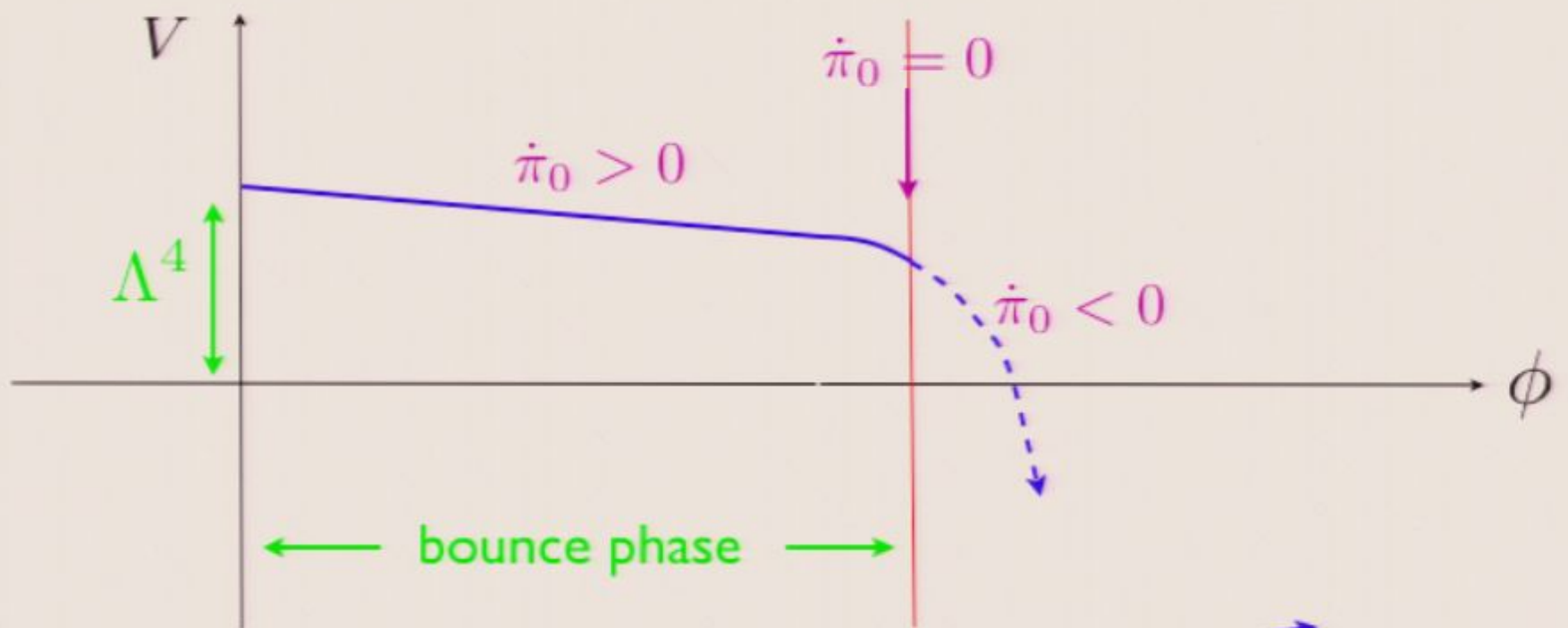


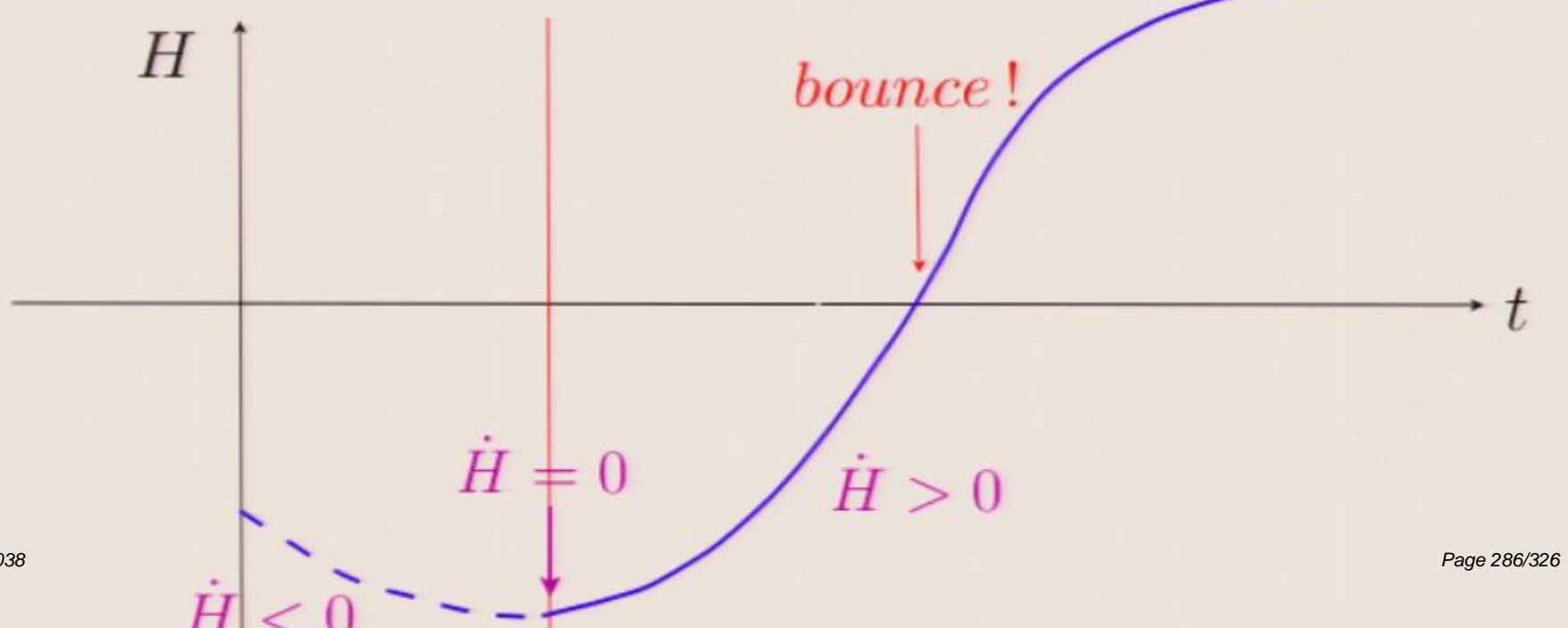
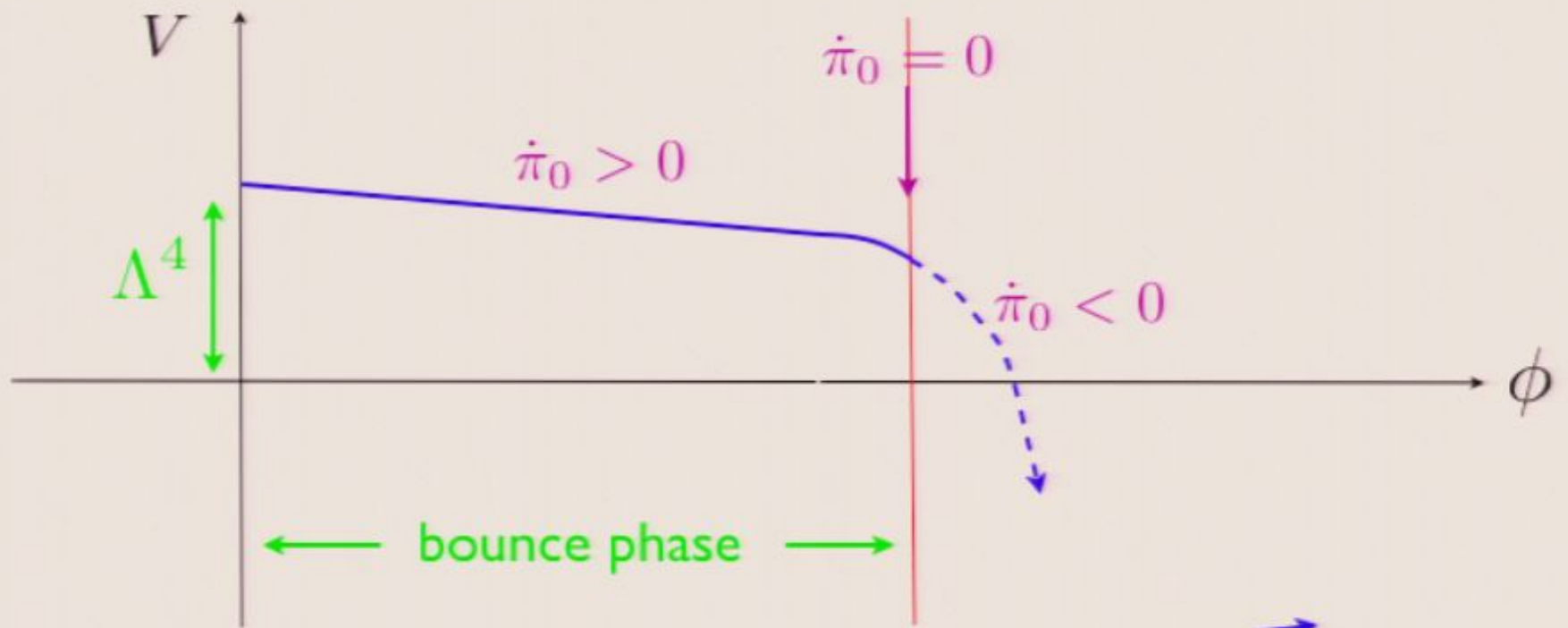




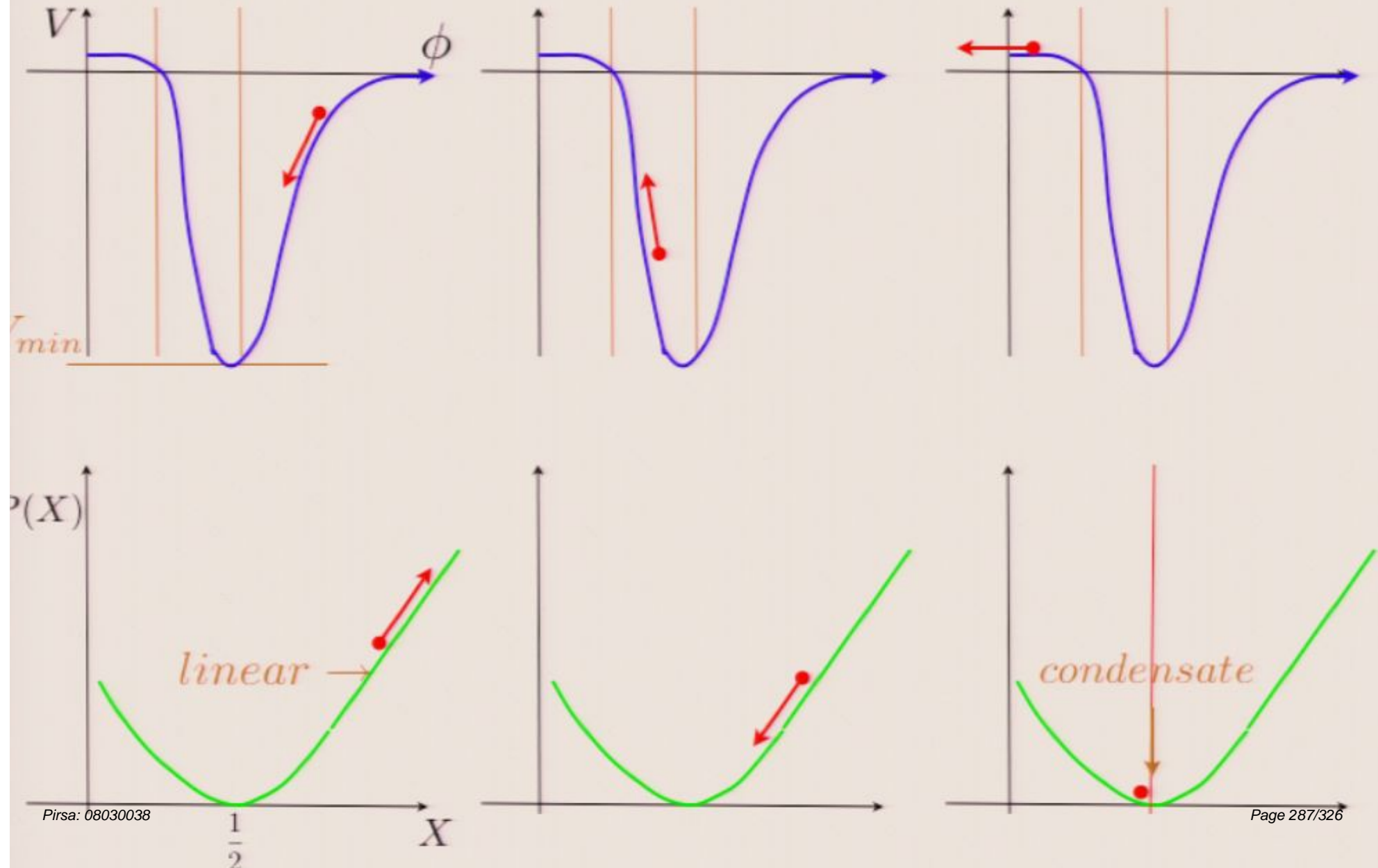




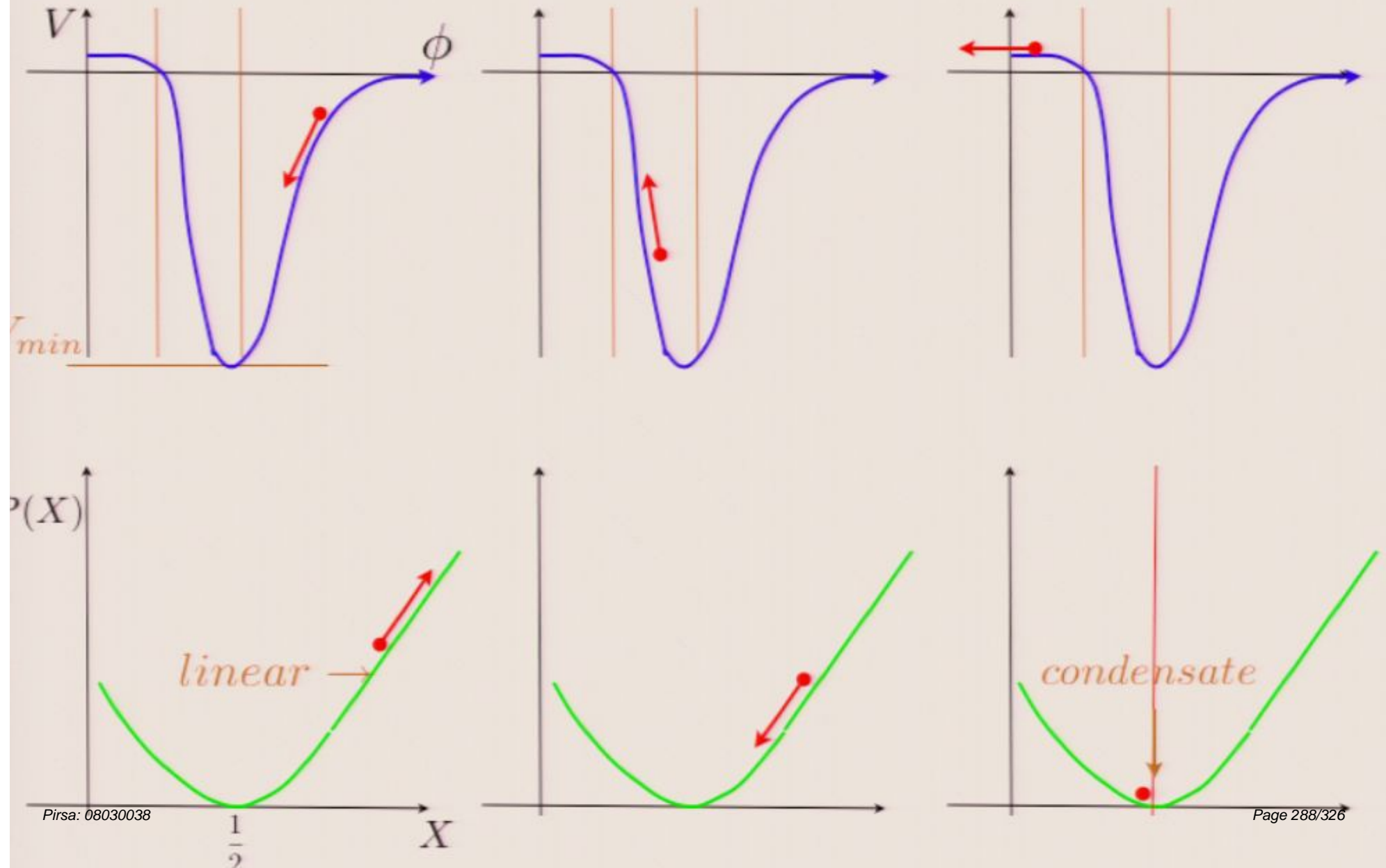




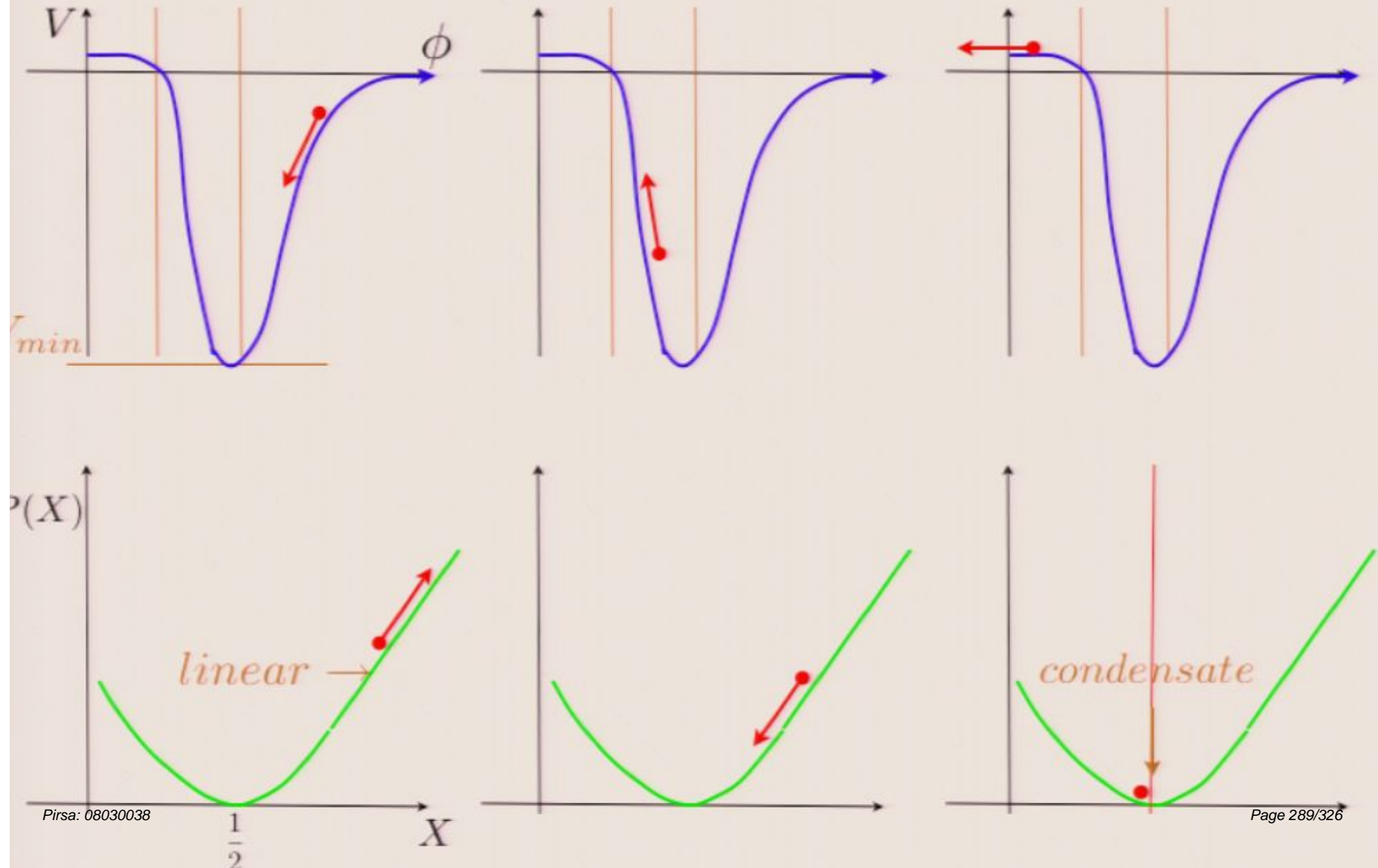
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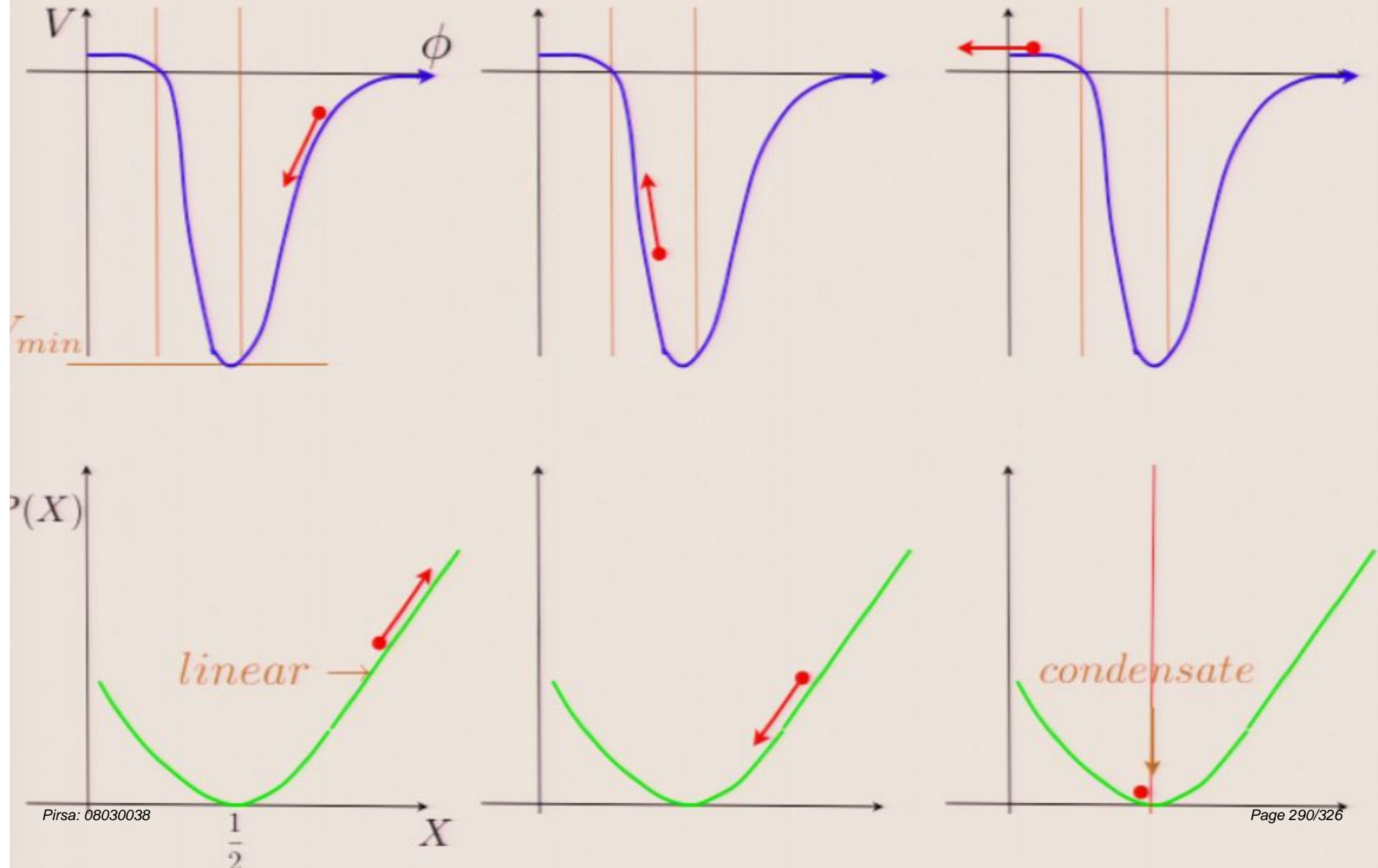
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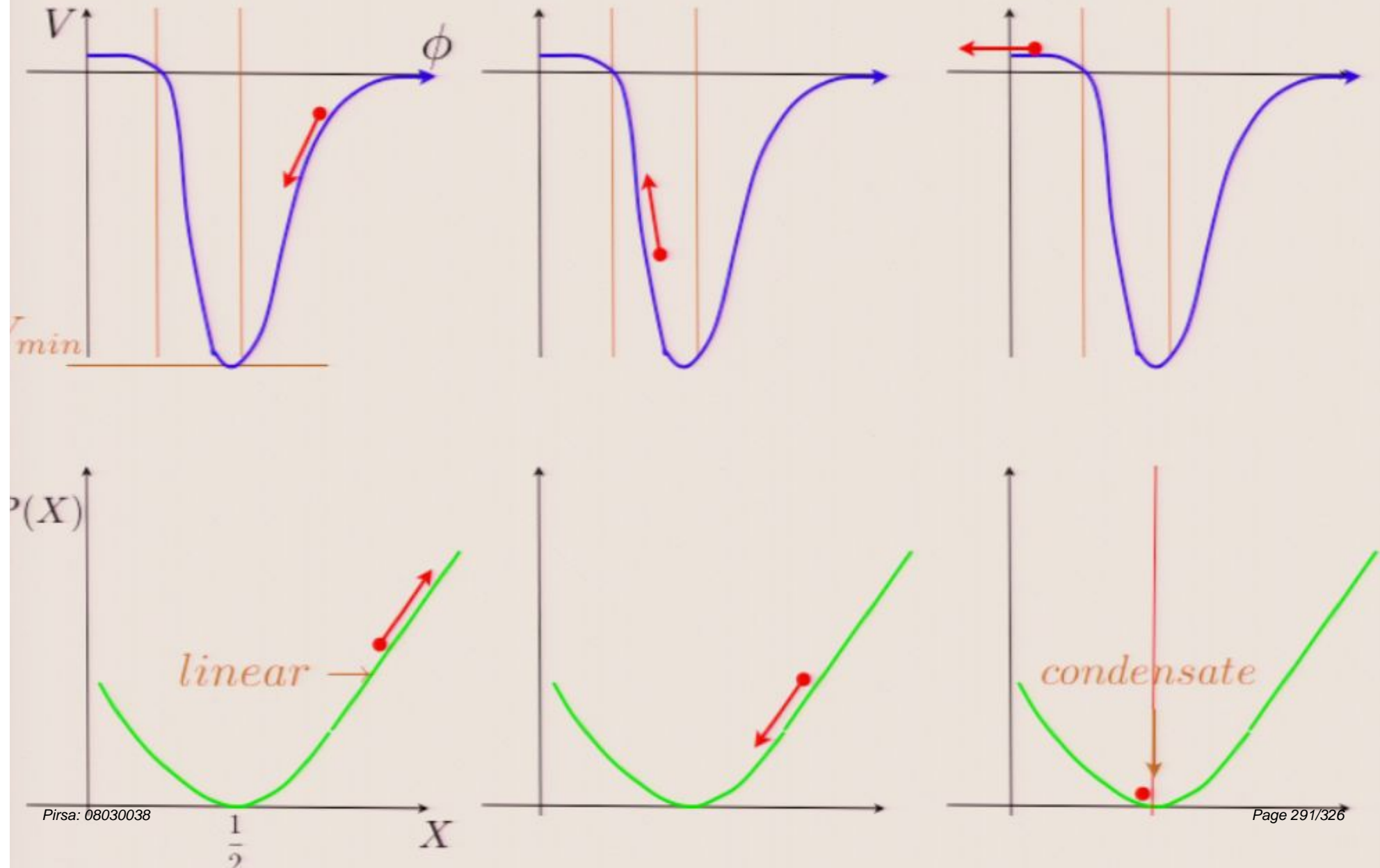
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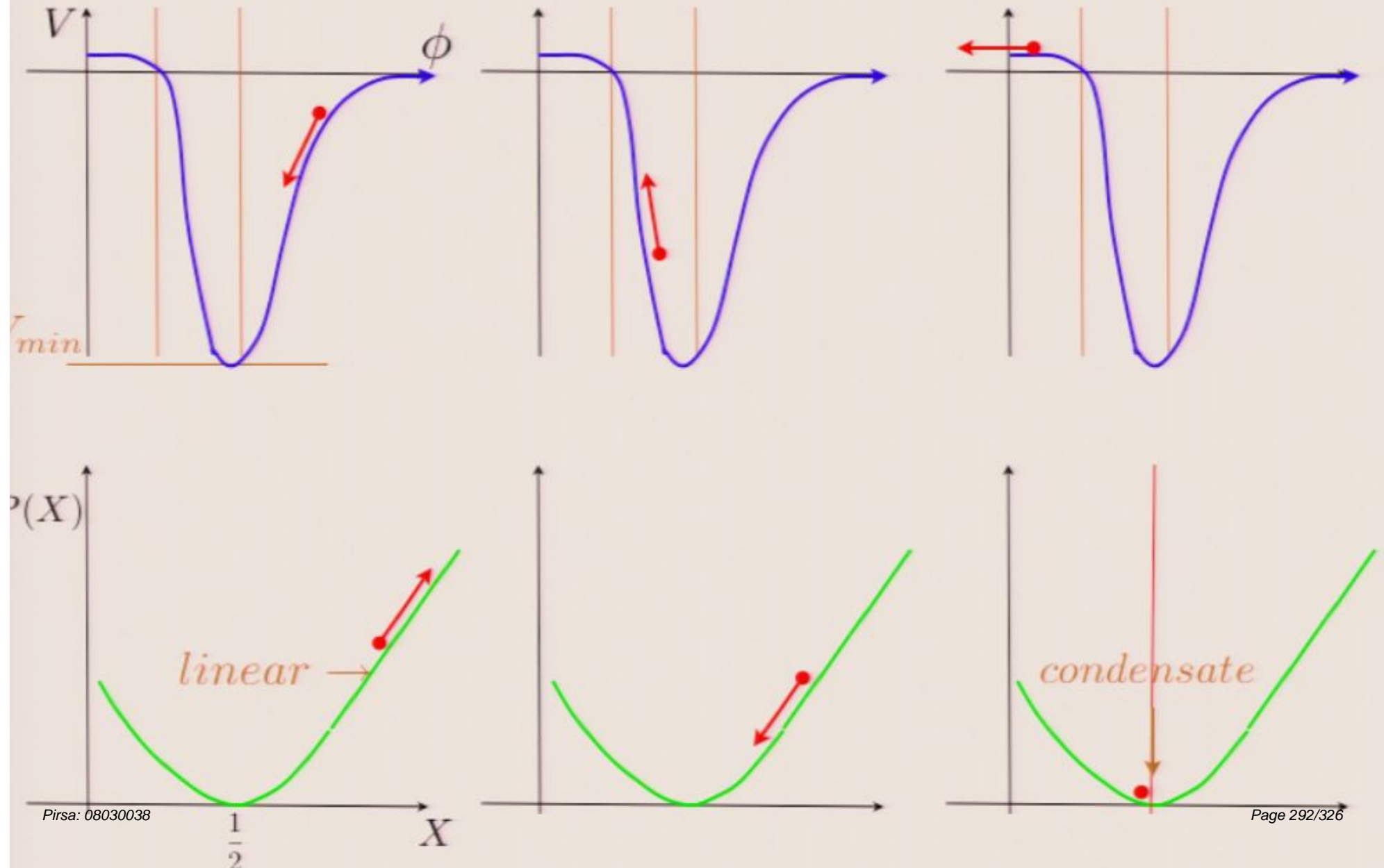
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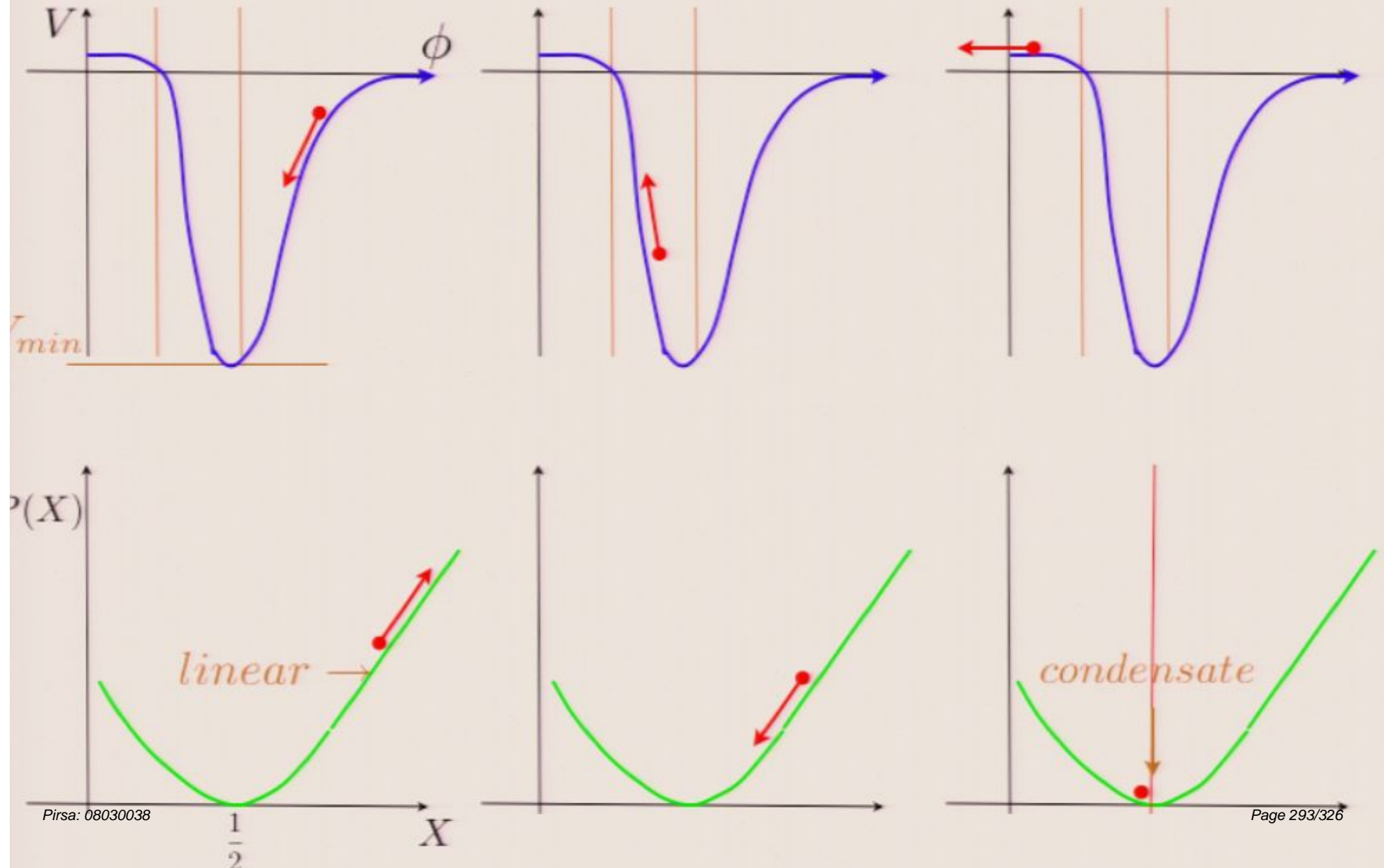
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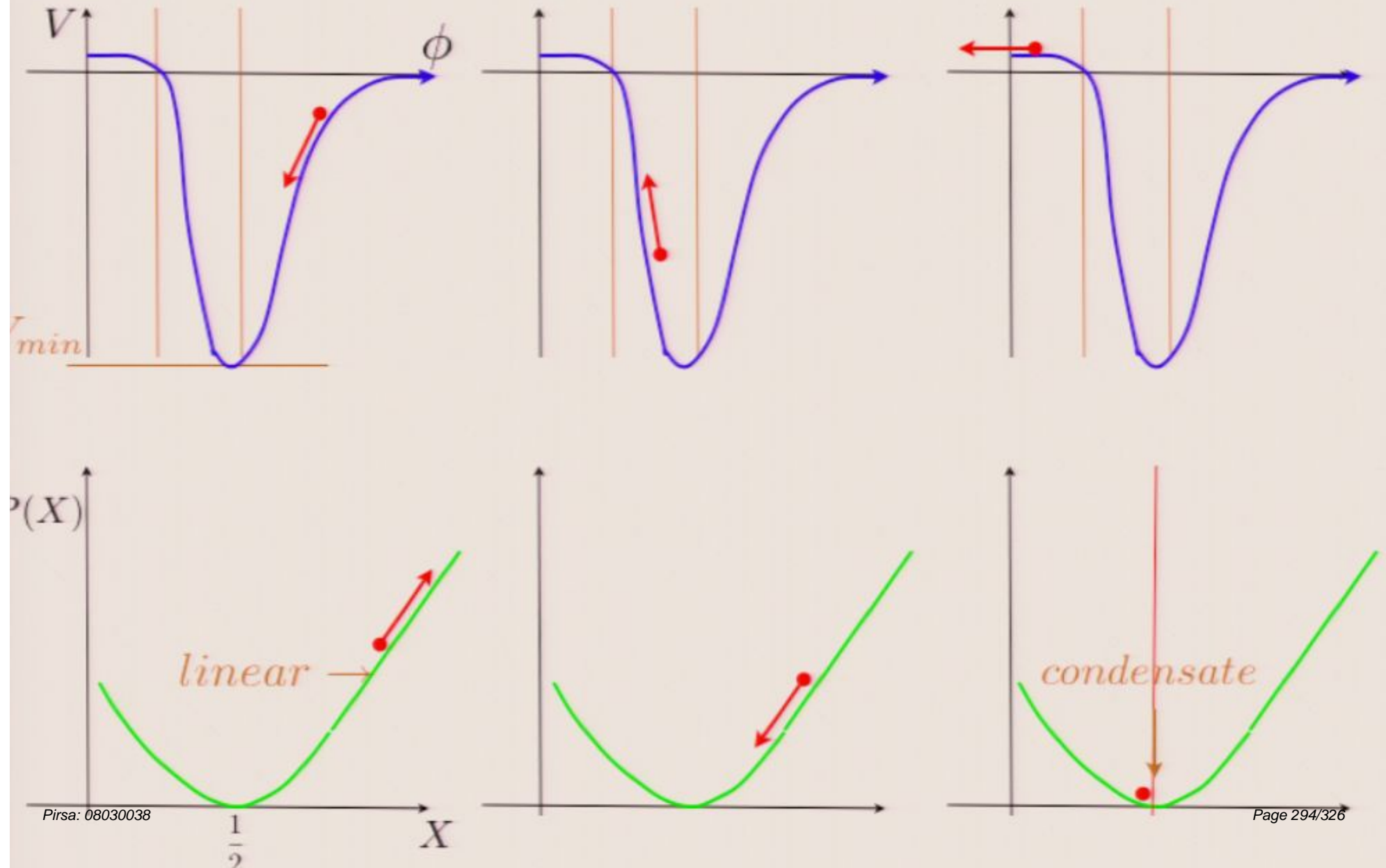
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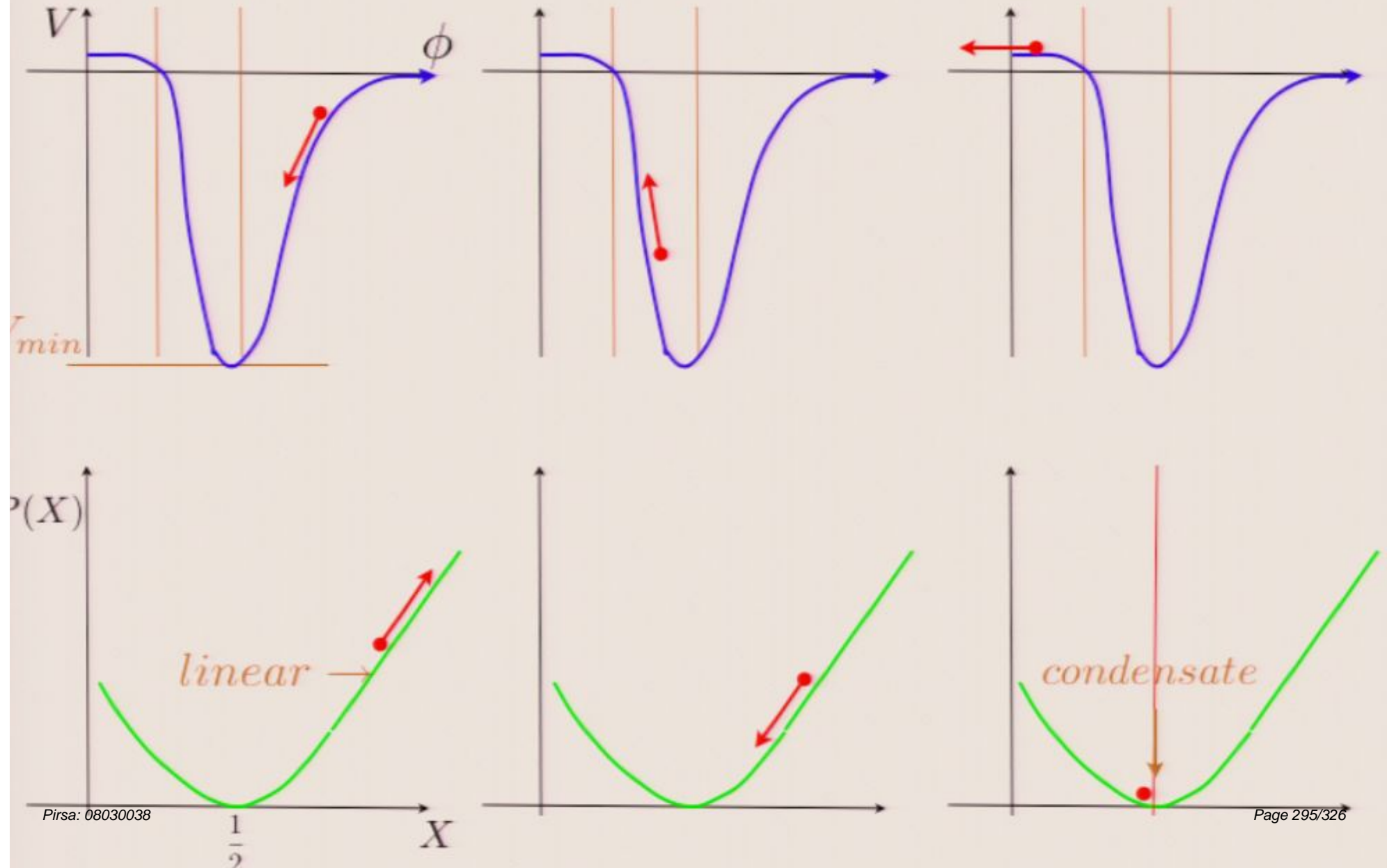
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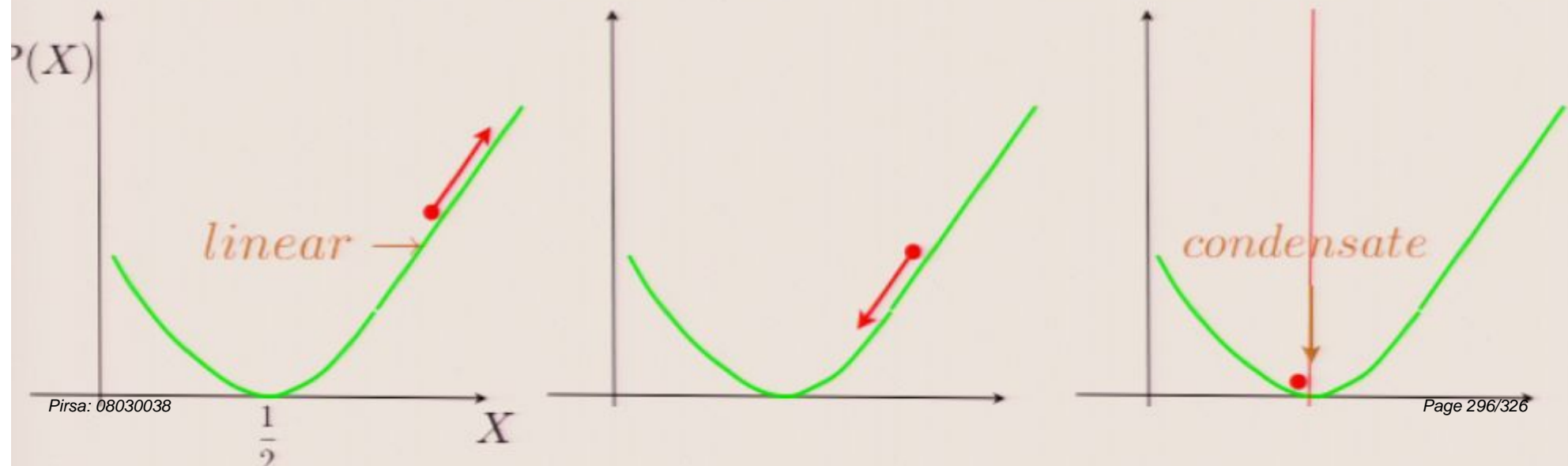
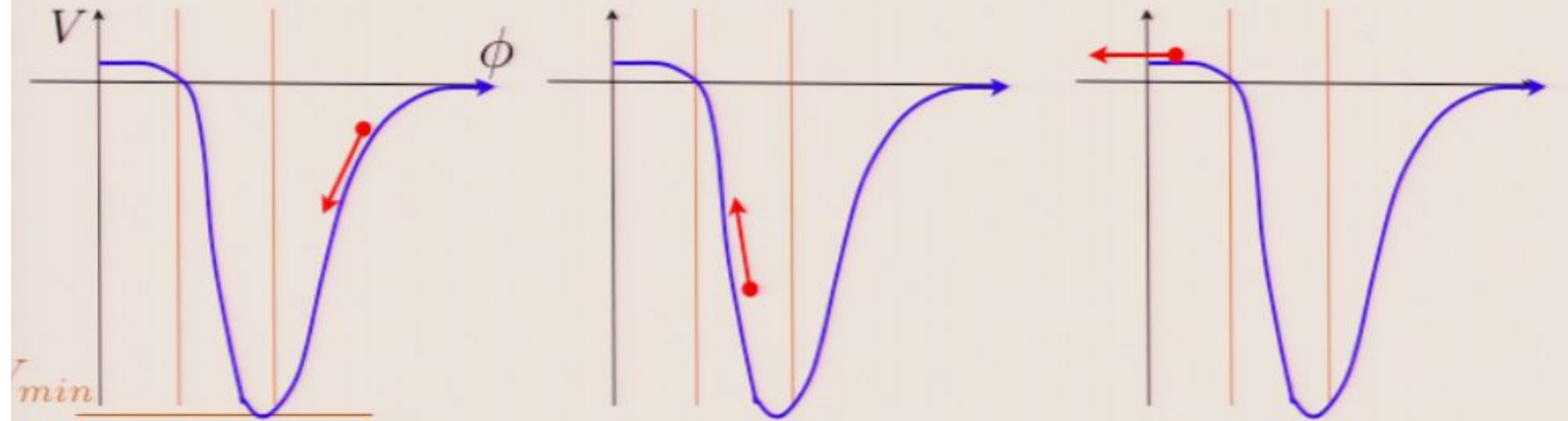
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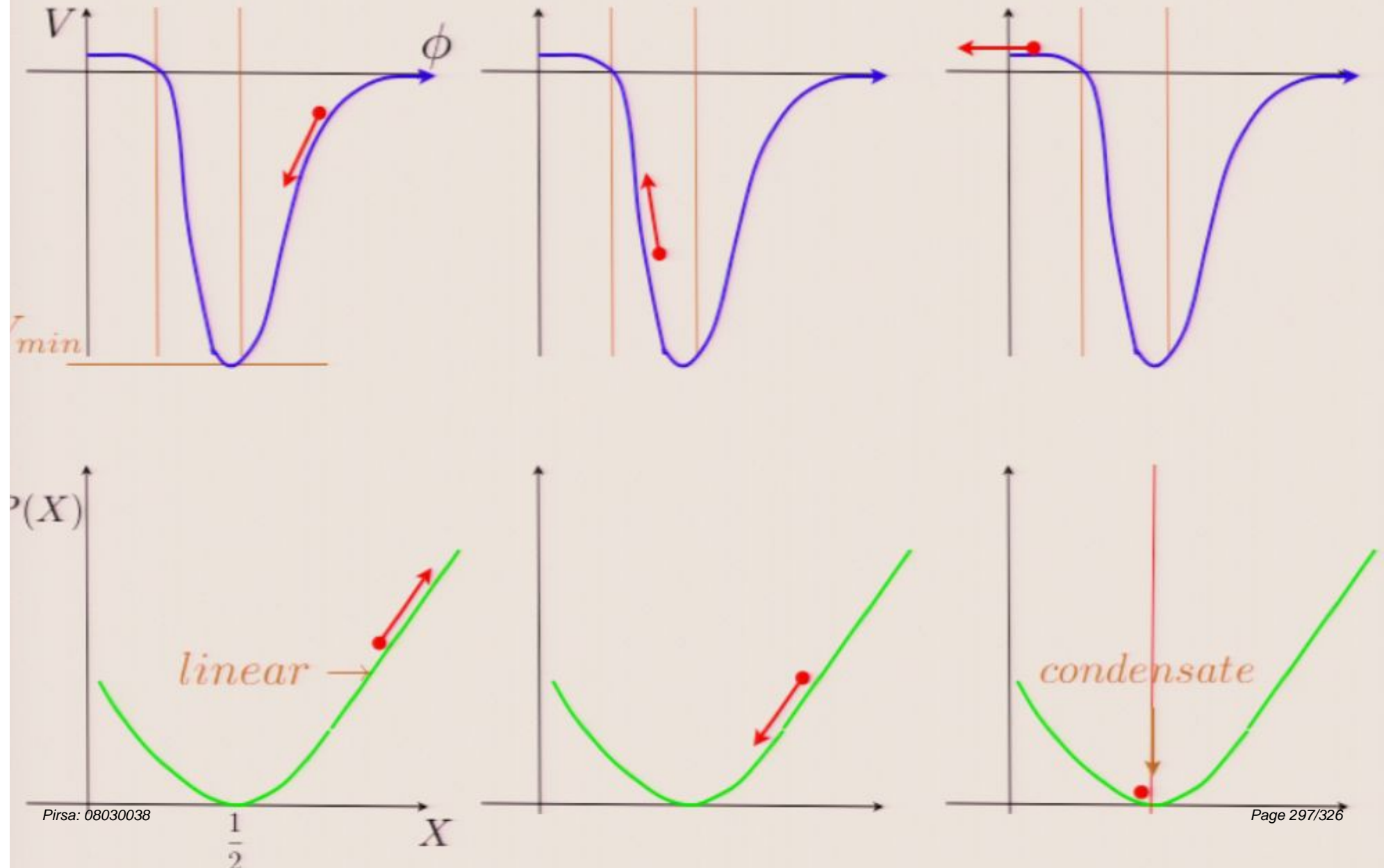
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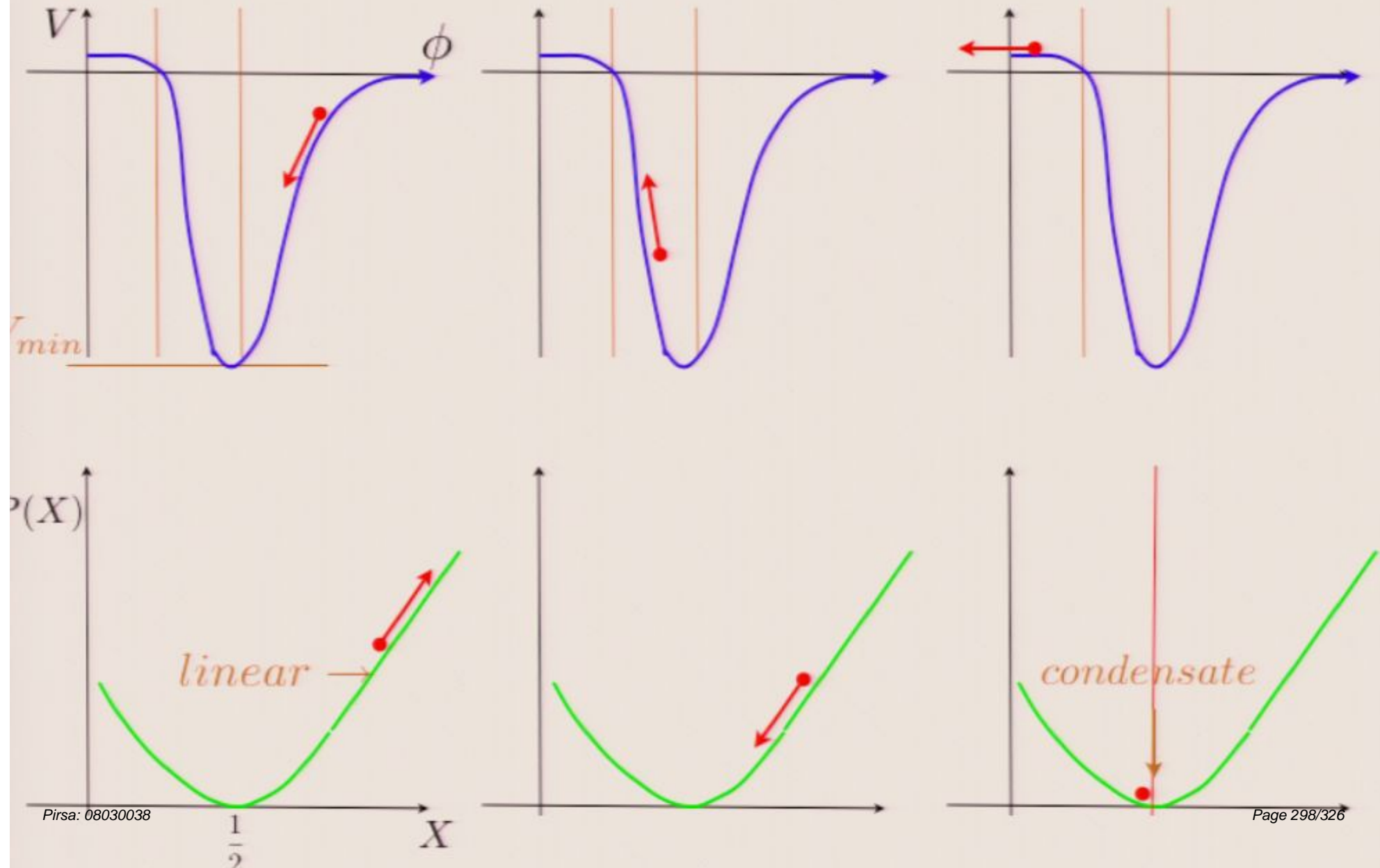
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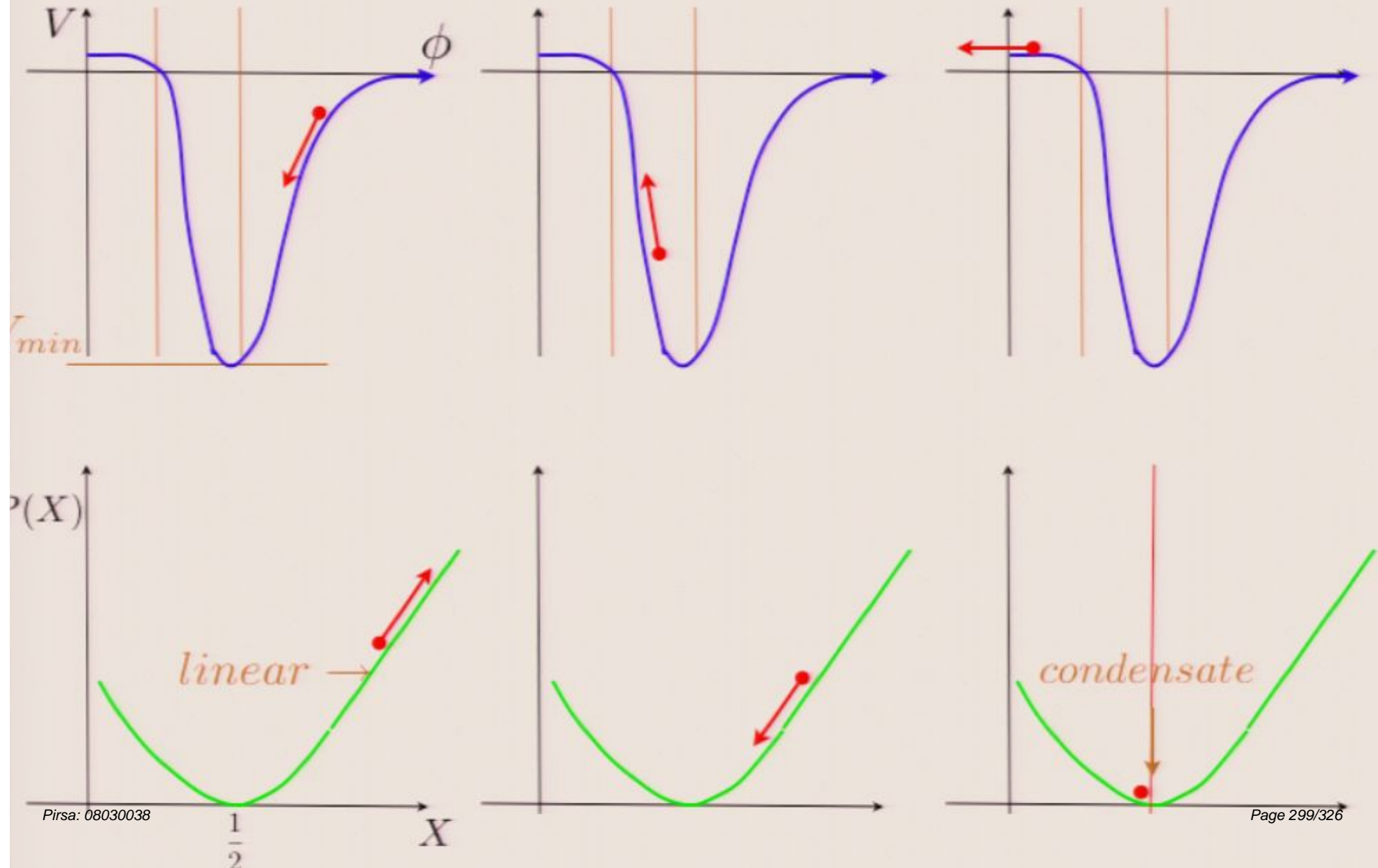
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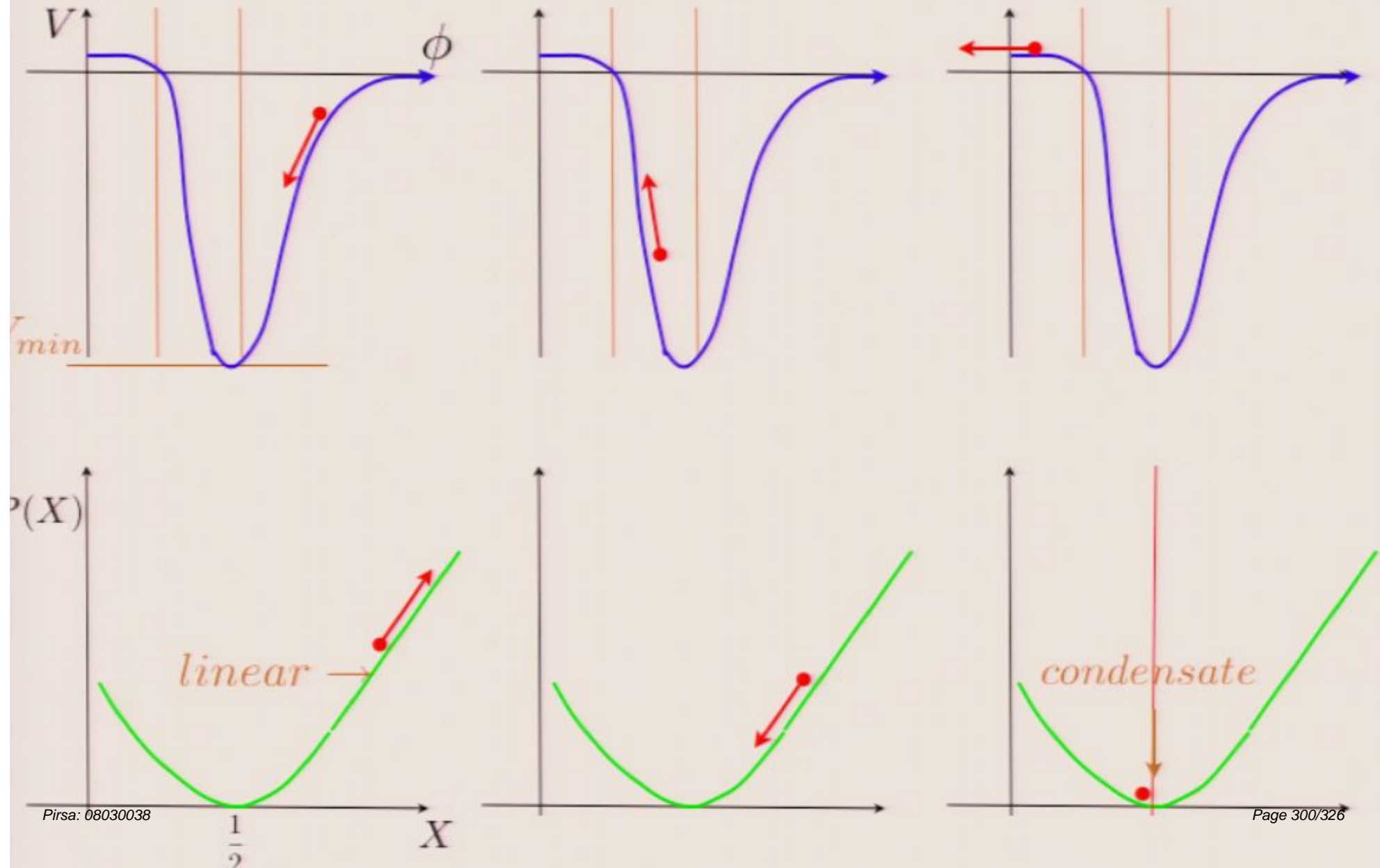
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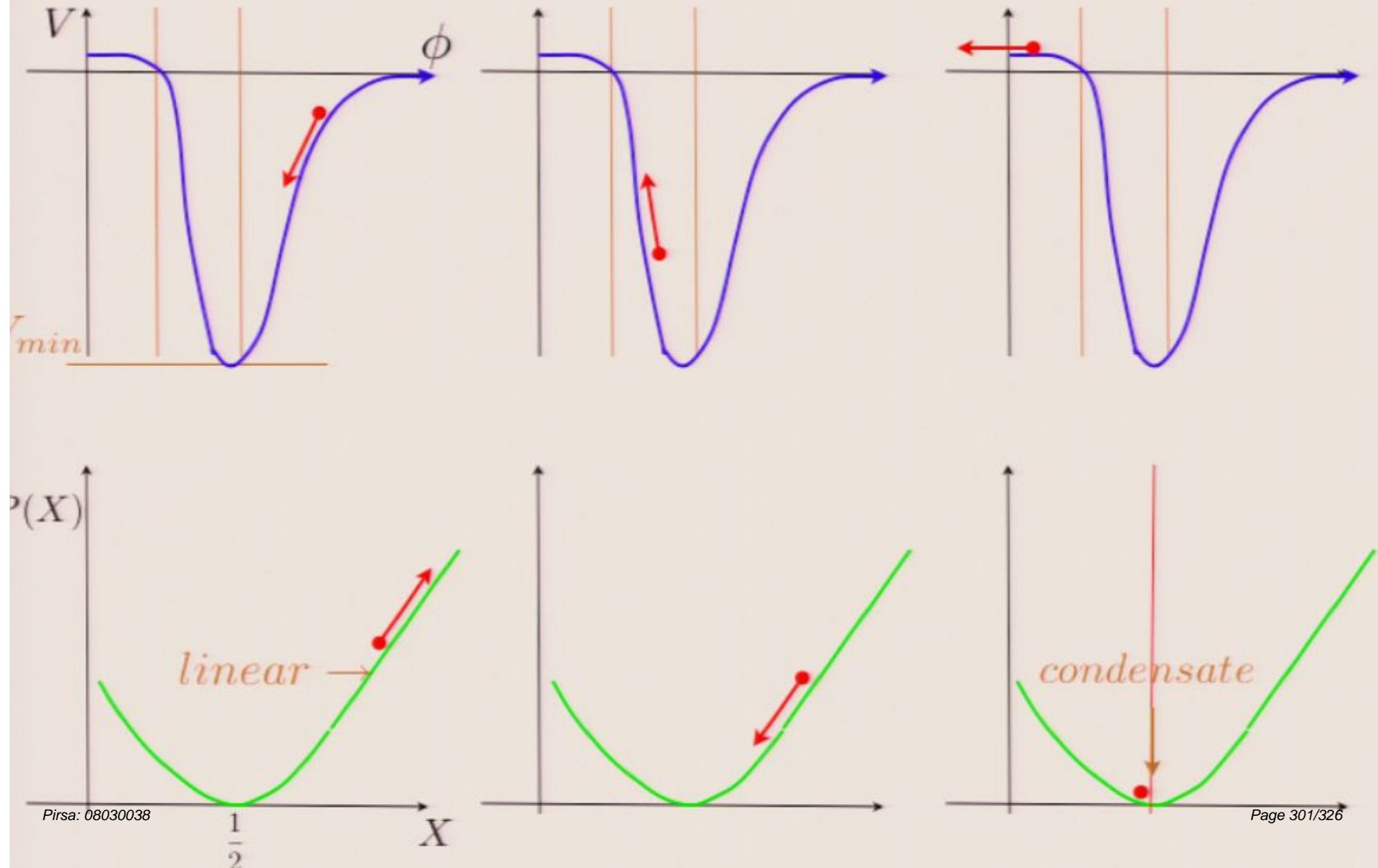
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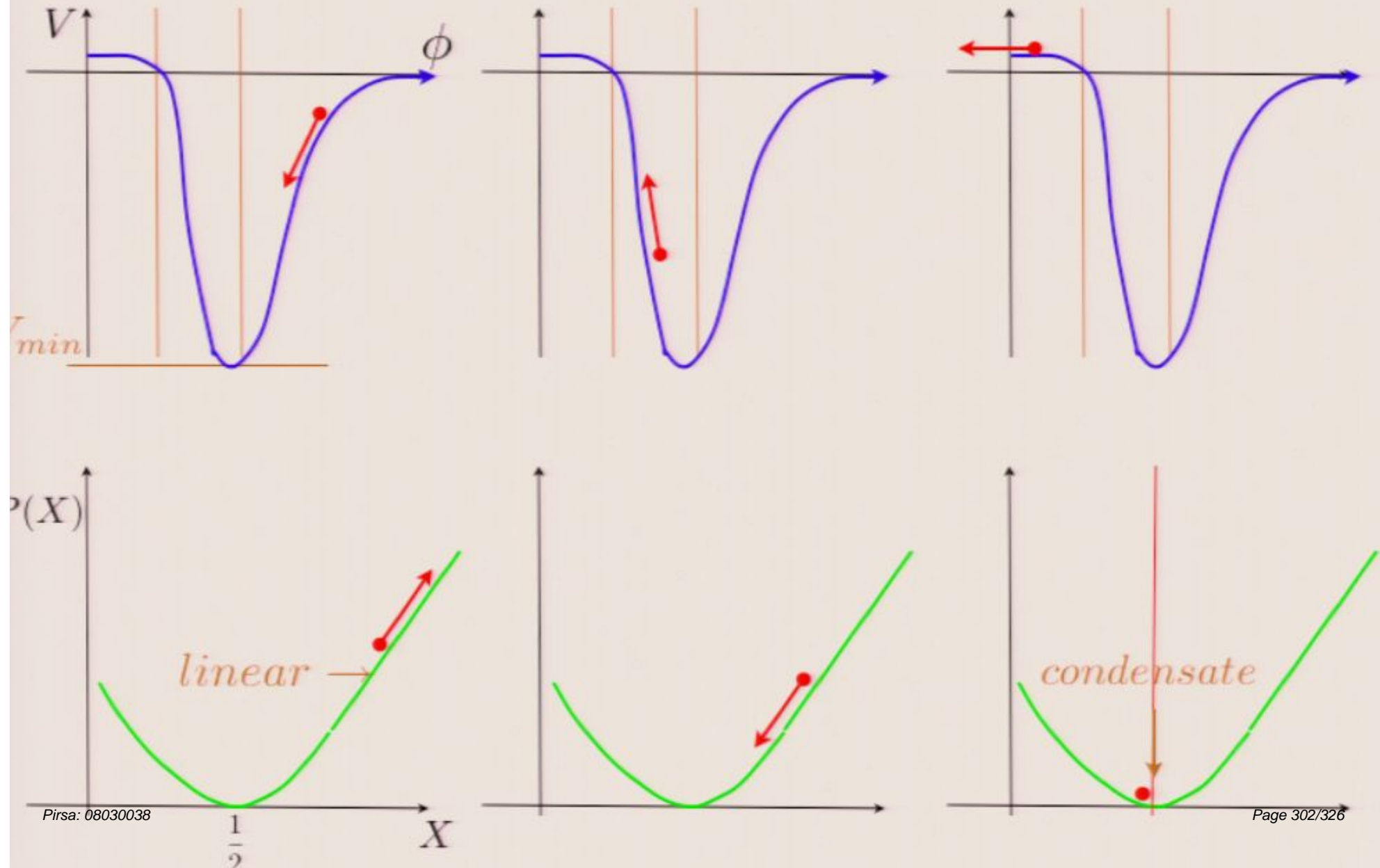
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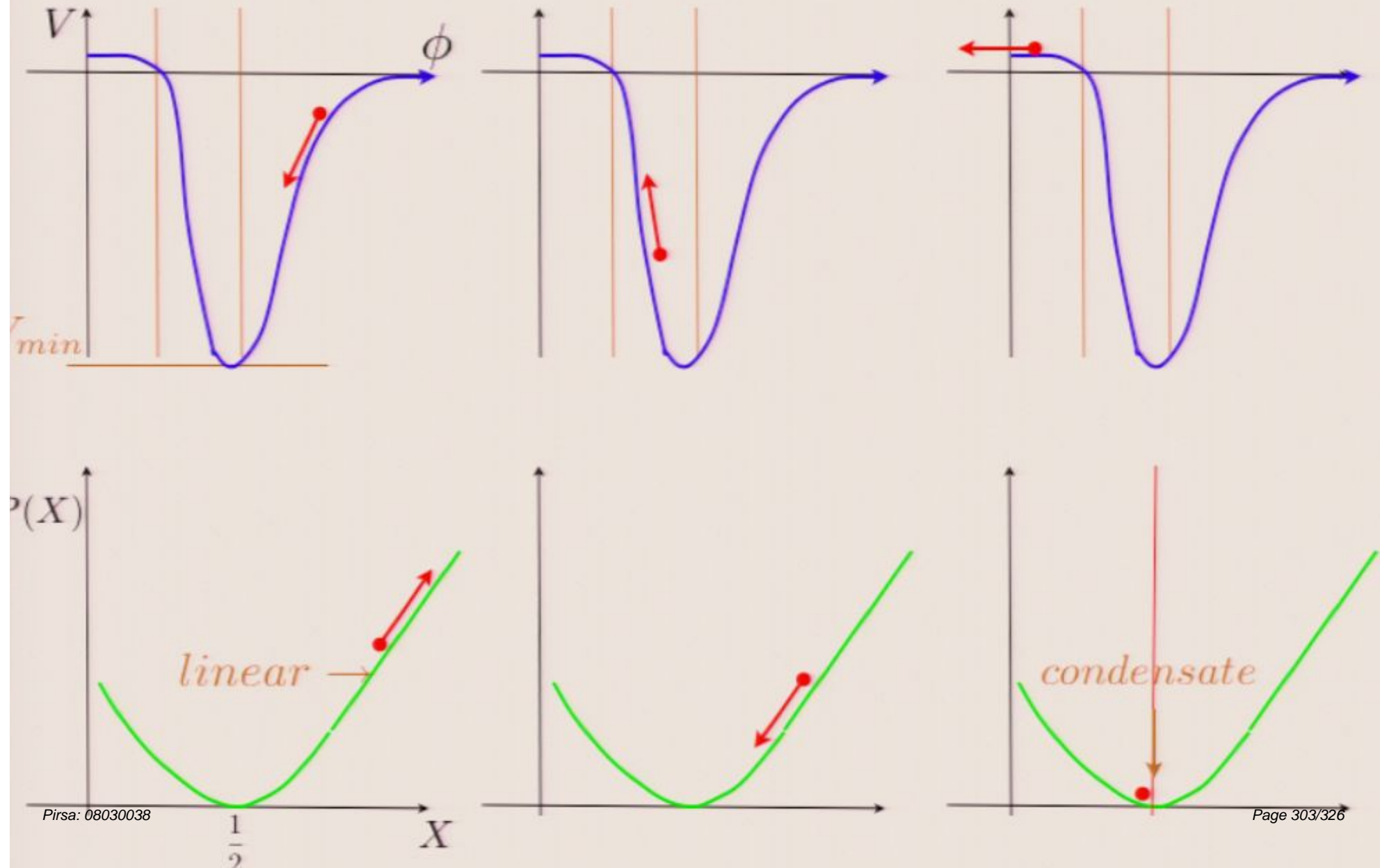
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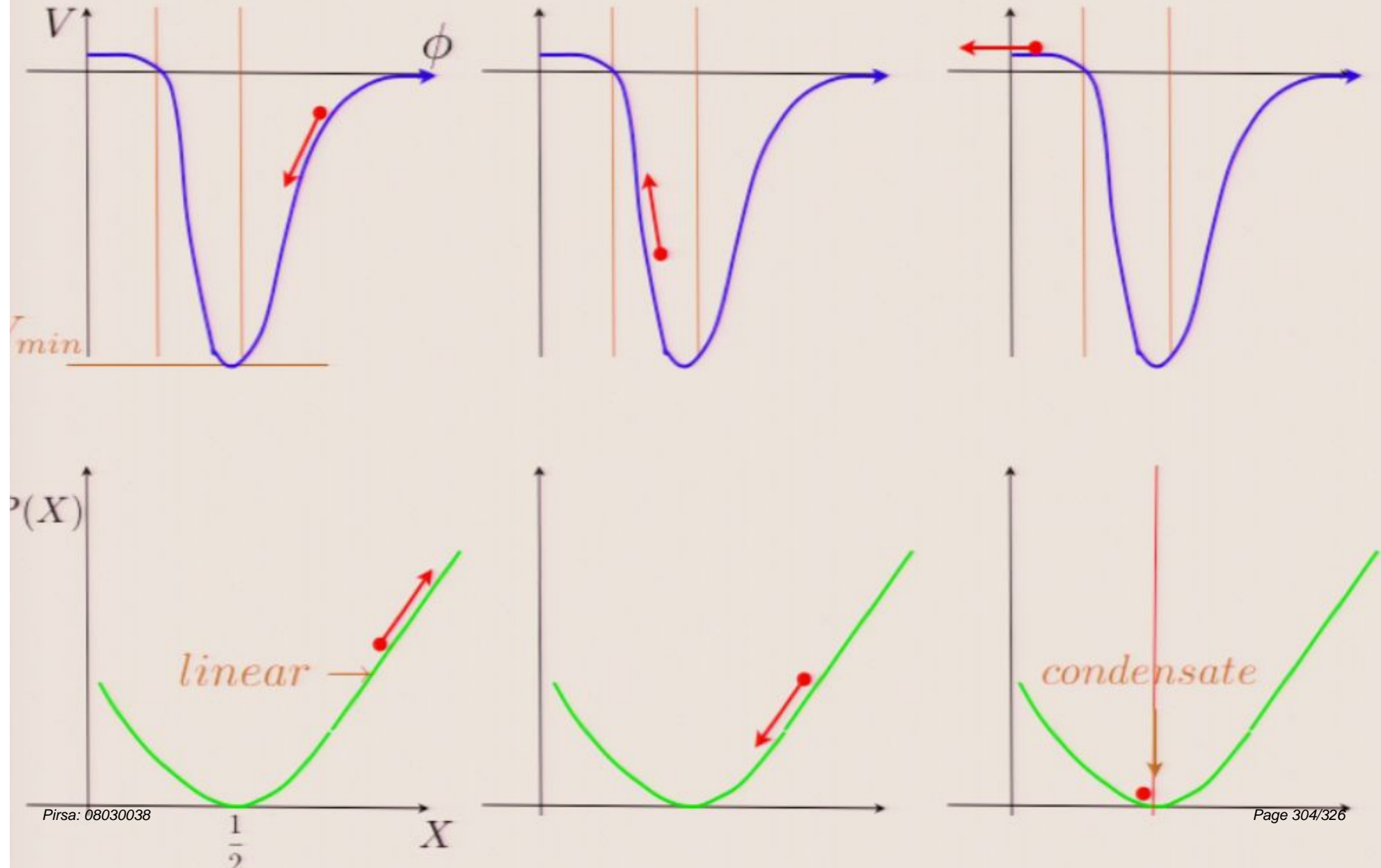
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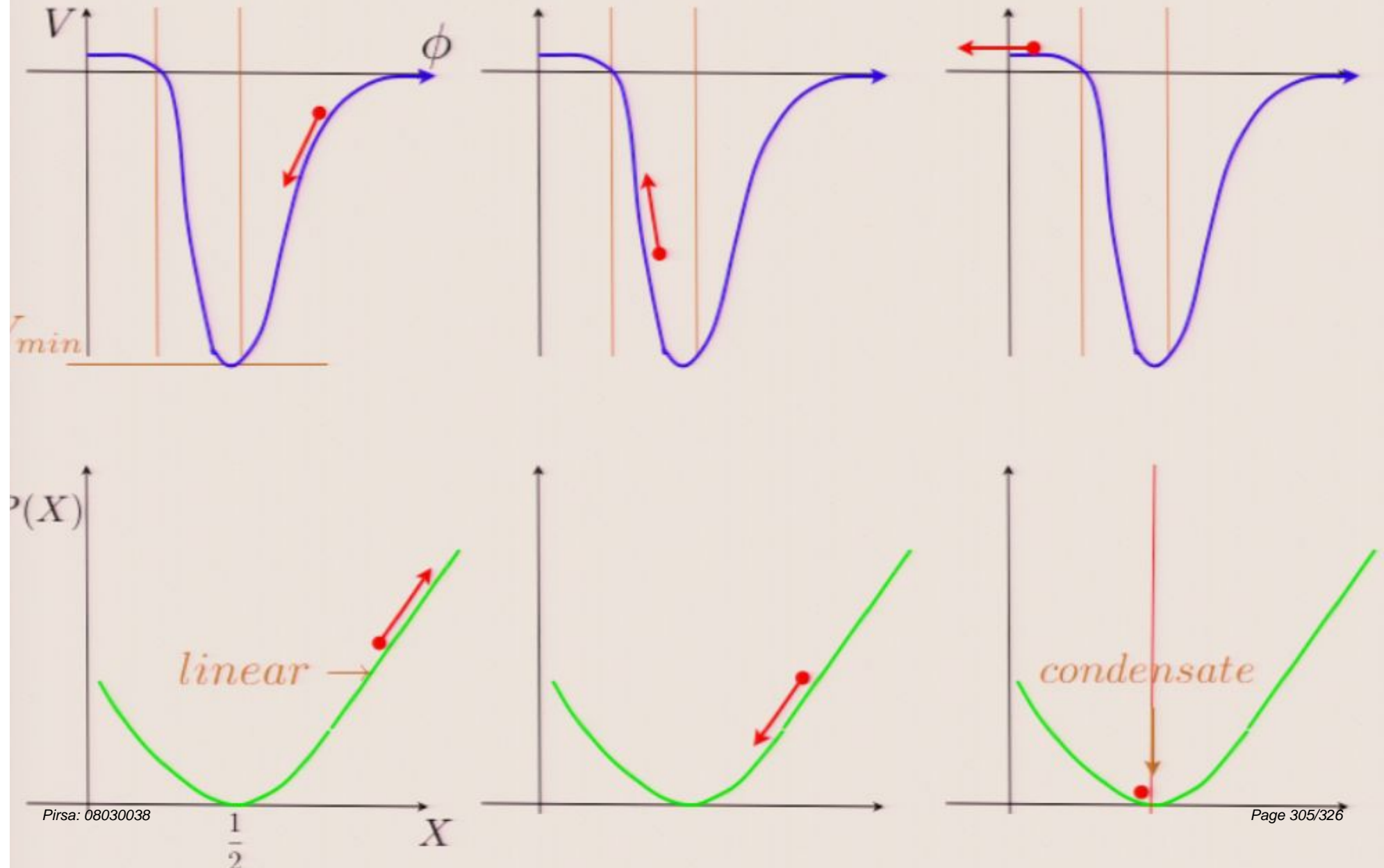
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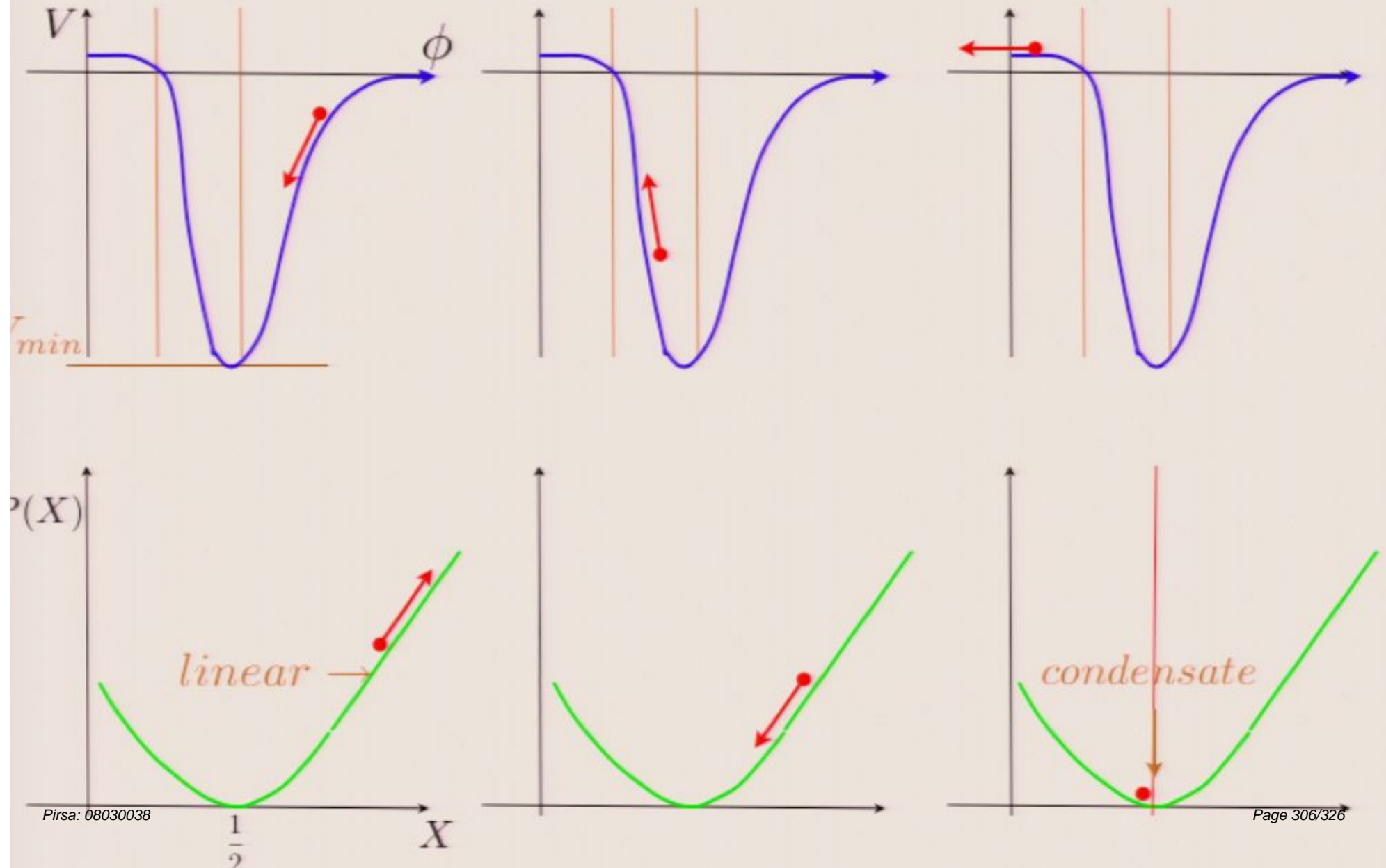
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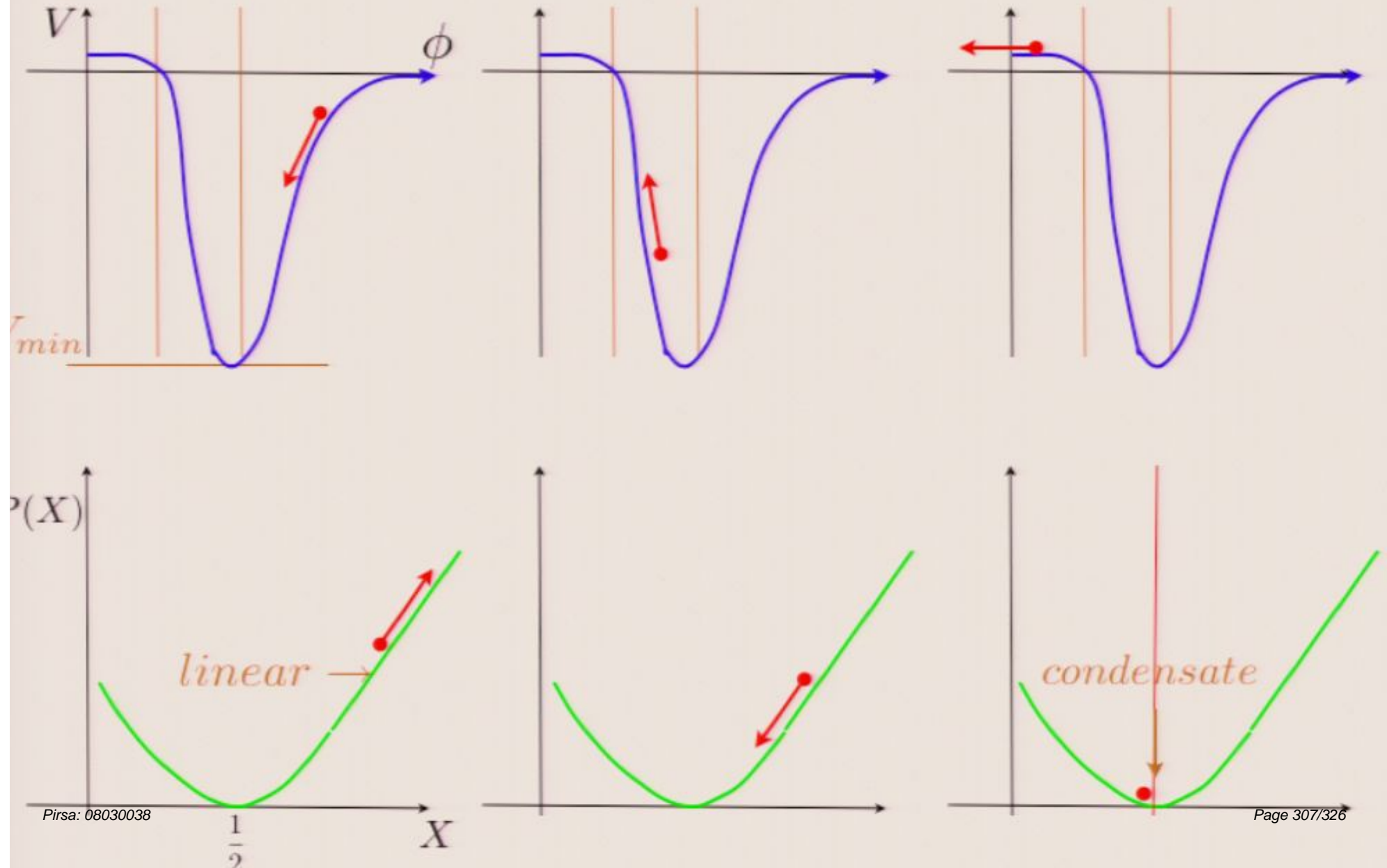
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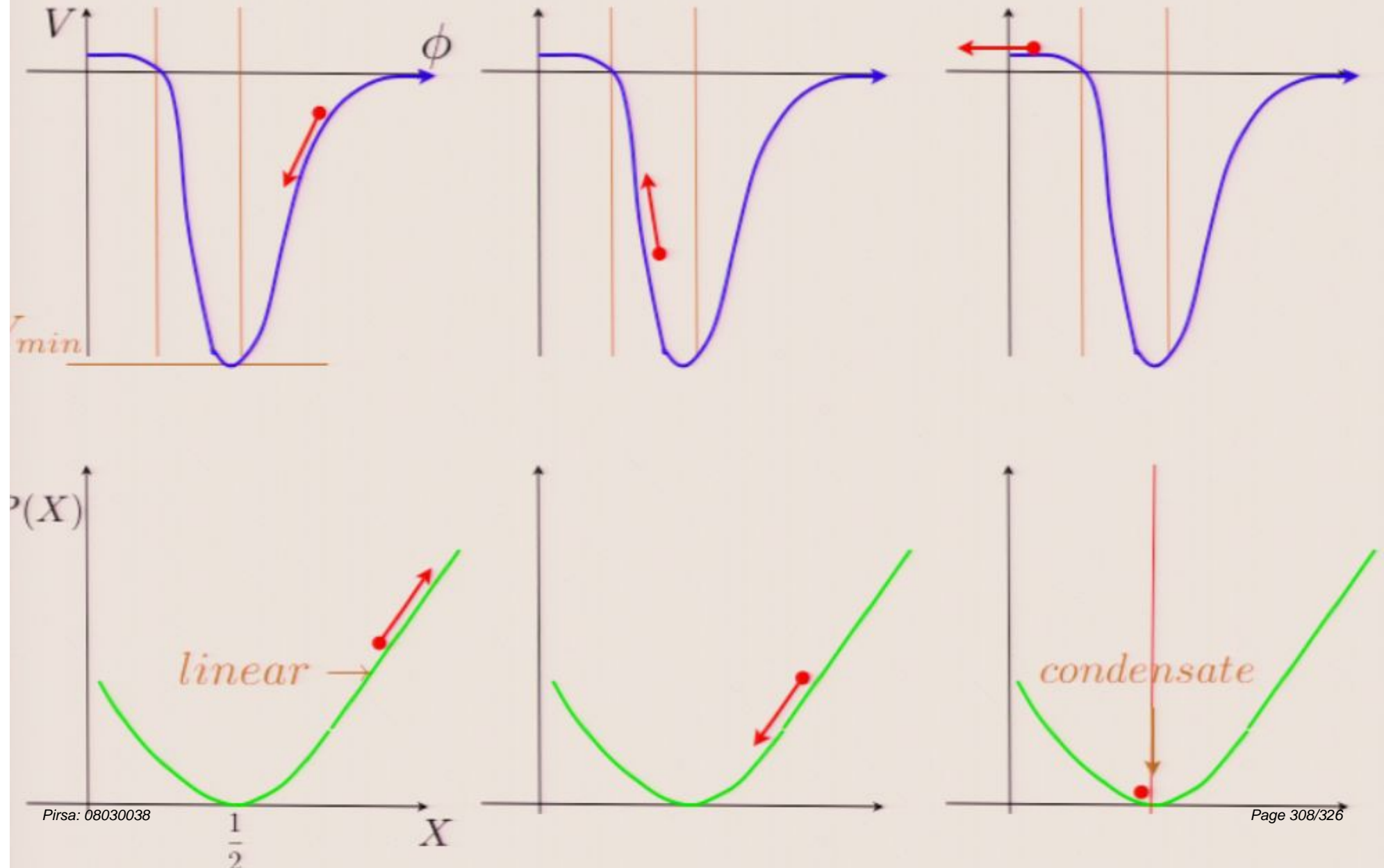
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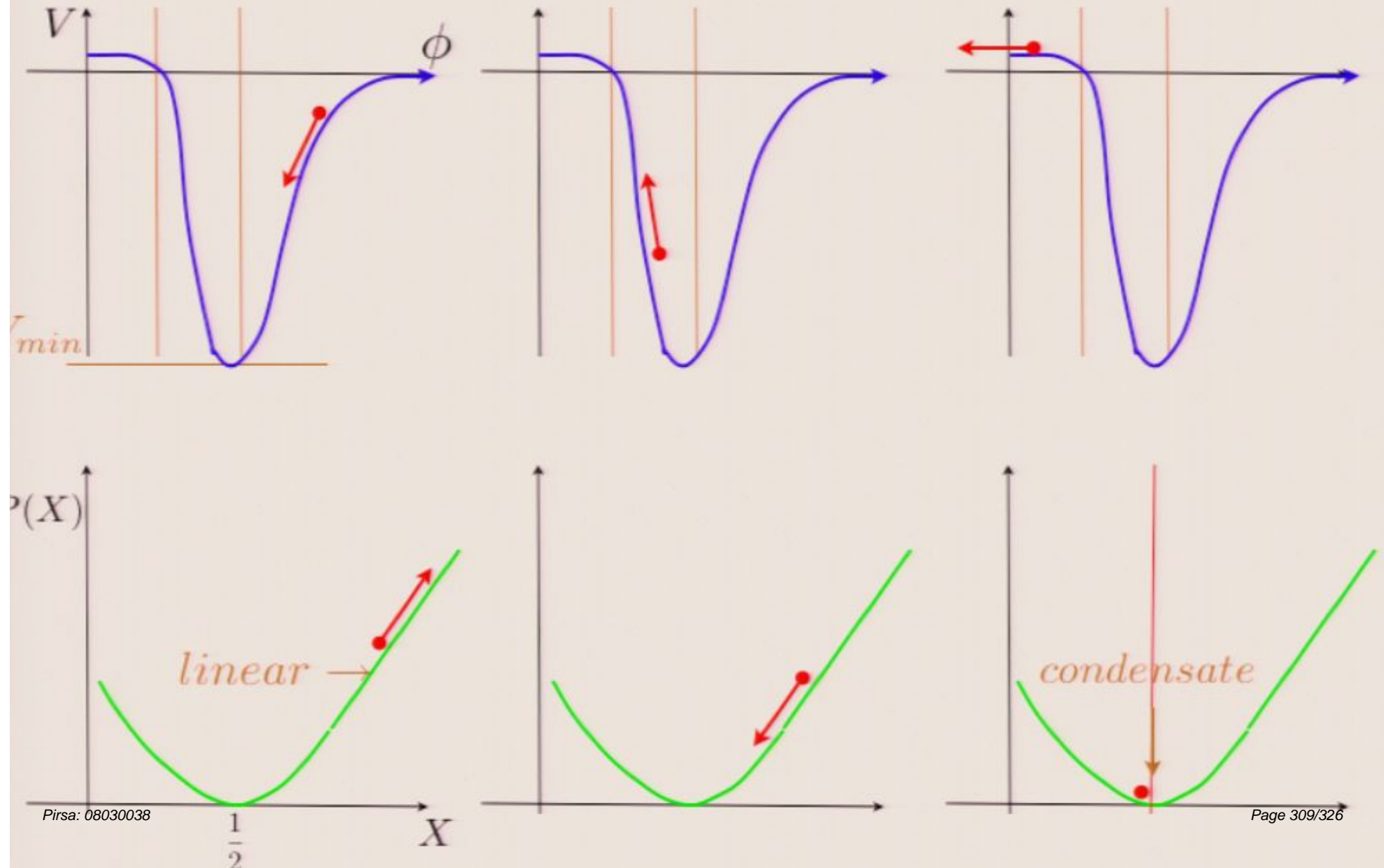
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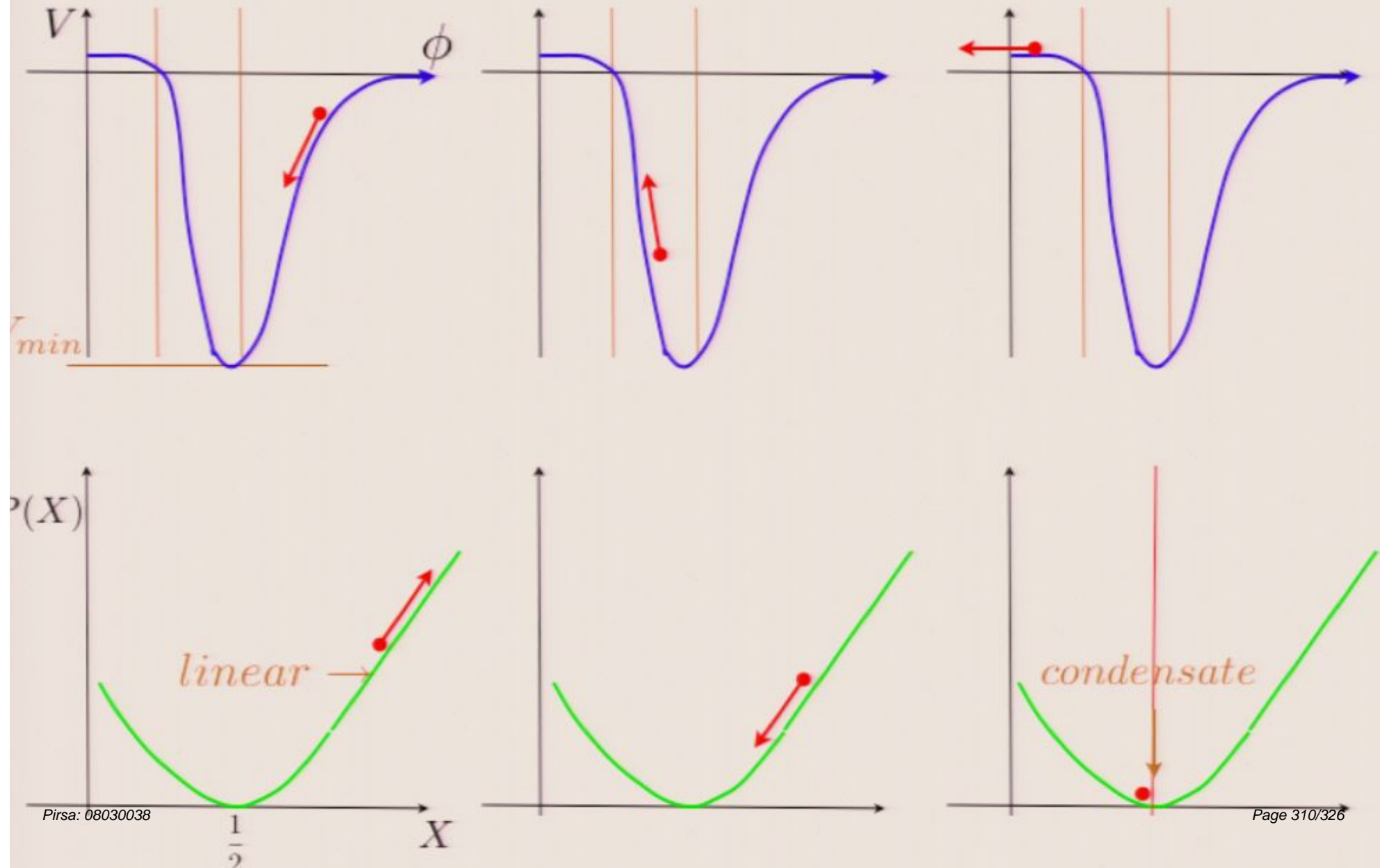
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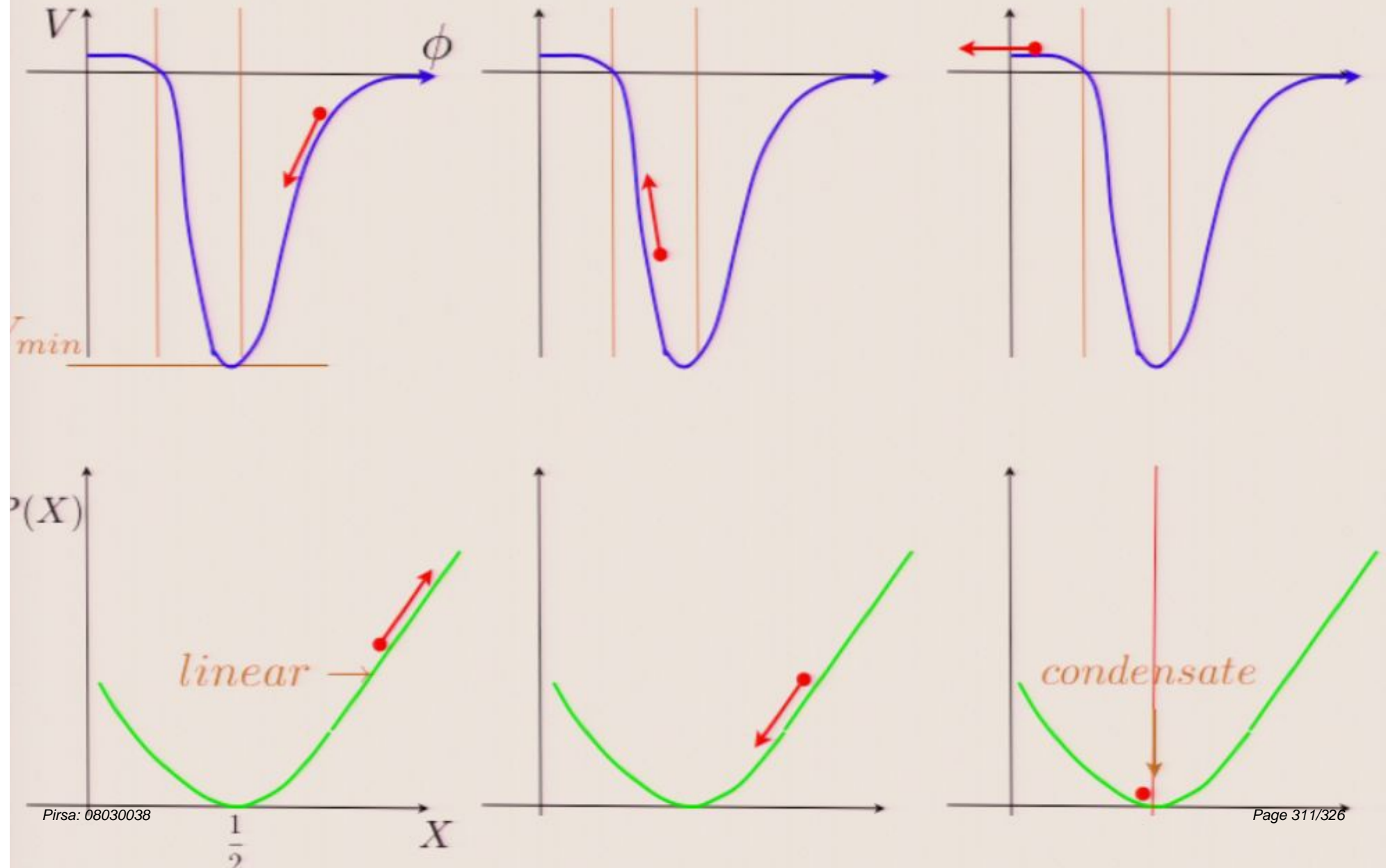
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$$\phi(t, \vec{x}) = -m^2 t + \pi_0(t) + \pi(t, \vec{x})$$

Using $P_{,X}|_{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$, $P_{,XX}|_{\frac{1}{2}} = K \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{M^4 K}{m^4} \left(\frac{\dot{\pi}^2}{2} + \frac{\dot{\pi}_0}{2m^2} (\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2 + \dots \right)$$

Recall

$$M_P^2 \dot{H} = -\frac{1}{2}(\rho + \mathcal{P}) = \frac{KM^4 \dot{\pi}_0}{2m^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{\pi}_0}{2m^2} = \frac{\dot{H} M_P^2}{KM^4}$$

Hence

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⇒ the dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = -2 \frac{\dot{H} M_P^2}{K M^4} |\vec{k}|^2$$

in the NEC violating phase

$$\dot{H} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{“gradient” instability}$$

Add

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \dots - \frac{M^4 K}{m^4} \frac{(\square\phi)^2}{2M'^2} + \text{higher dimension operators}$$

Can ignore the higher dimension operators for

$$k^2 \ll M'$$

⇒ the dispersion relation is modified to

$$\omega^2 = -\frac{2\dot{H} M_P^2}{K M^4} |\vec{k}|^2 + \frac{|\vec{k}|^4}{M'^2}$$

Has instability only at long wavelengths. The rate of instability peaks at

$$\omega_{grad}^2 = - \left(\frac{\dot{H} M_P^2 M'}{K M^4} \right)^2$$

Harmless if

$$|\omega_{grad}| \lesssim |H|$$

⇒ the bound

$$\frac{\dot{H}}{H} \lesssim \frac{K M^4}{M_P^2 M'}$$

which we implement.

Now, even though its the **wrong thing to do**, let us analyze the above dispersion relation for **arbitrary** k^2 but **dropping the higher dimension operators**. For simplicity, ignore the term proportional to $\dot{H} |\vec{k}|^2$ and take $a = 1$

⇒

$$\omega^2 = \frac{(-\omega^2 + |\vec{k}|^2)^2}{M'^2}$$

Four solutions $\omega = \pm\omega_i, i = 1, 2$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{M'^2 + 4|\vec{k}|^2} - M' \right), \omega_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{M'^2 + 4|\vec{k}|^2} + M' \right)$$

For $|\vec{k}|^2 \ll M'^2 \Rightarrow$

$$\omega \approx \pm \frac{|\vec{k}|^2}{M'}, \text{ low frequency}$$

but also

$$\omega \approx \pm M', \text{ high frequency}$$

Claim (Linde et. al.):

High frequency solution corresponds to “ghosts” with negative energy

$$\omega_{ghost} \approx -M'$$

Answer: Note that $k = (\omega, \vec{k}) \Rightarrow$

$$k_{ghost}^2 \approx M'^2$$

But effective theory is only valid for $k^2 \ll M'^2$. As

$k^2 \rightarrow M'^2$ must include all higher dimension operators!

Explicit example:

Consider

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi')^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \chi')^2 - \frac{\Lambda^2}{2}\chi'^2$$

Both fields have canonical KE with zero and positive $(mass)^2$ respectively. Let

$$\phi' = \phi + \chi', \quad \chi' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\chi$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 - (\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial^\mu\chi) - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\chi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{2}\right)\chi^2$$

‘Integrating out’ the heavy field $\chi \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2}(\square\phi)\frac{1}{(1-2\frac{\square}{\Lambda^2})}(\square\phi) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2}(\square\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4}(\square\phi)(\square^2\phi) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Truncate the Lagrangian to

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2}(\square\phi)^2 \quad (+0)$$

This is equivalent to

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 - (\partial_\mu\psi)(\partial^\mu\phi) - \frac{1}{2}\Lambda^2\psi^2$$

where ψ is an auxiliary field.

Now let

$$\phi = \rho - \psi$$

⇒

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \rho)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \chi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\Lambda^2 \psi^2$$

Ghost with **negative** energy

$$\omega_{ghost} = -\Lambda$$

But, its **not** really there. An **artifact** of truncating the higher dimension operators!

Non-Gaussianity

The **3**-point function in New Ekpyrotic cosmology is

$$\langle \zeta_{k_1}, \zeta_{k_2}, \zeta_{k_3} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3) B(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

where

$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{6}{5} f_{NL} \{ P_\zeta(k_1) P_\zeta(k_2) + perm \}$$

is of the “local” form and

$$k^3 P_\zeta(k) = \beta^2 \frac{H_{end}^2}{2\epsilon M_P^2}$$

\Rightarrow the 3-point function fully specified by f_{NL} .

Two contributions:

$$\mathcal{L} = \dots - \mathcal{V} \frac{\alpha_3}{3! \epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} M_P^3} \chi^3 \Rightarrow f_{NL}^{int} = \mp \frac{5}{18} \frac{\alpha_3}{\beta \epsilon}$$

b) Non-linear relation between $\zeta, \delta\chi \Rightarrow$

$$f_{NL}^{conv} = \frac{5}{24} \frac{1}{\beta^2 \epsilon}$$

Adding these gives

$$f_{NL} = \frac{5}{24\beta^2\epsilon} \left(1 \mp \frac{4}{3} \alpha_3 \beta \right)$$

Conclusions:

1) $f_{NL} \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon}, \epsilon \ll 1 \Rightarrow$ **large** non-Gaussianity !

Contrast to slow-roll inflation where $f_{NL} \sim \epsilon \Rightarrow$
very **small** non-Gaussianity.

2) Choosing $\beta = 1, \epsilon = 10^{-2}, (-)sign, 2.046 > \alpha_3 > -2.85 \Rightarrow$