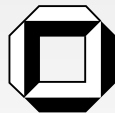


# Black-body radiation and Yang-Mills thermodynamics

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# outline

- ▶ Planck: a heroic deed ( $h$  and BB radiation law)
- ▶ Einstein and Bohr: putting  $h$  into practice (light-quantum and H-atom)
- ▶ present experimental (observational) situation: photon physics
- ▶ SU(2) YM thermodynamics: de- and preconfining phase
- ▶ SU(2)<sub>CMB</sub>:  
astrophysical and cosmological implications
- ▶ summary and outlook

# Max Planck (1900,1901):



spectral intensity  $I$  of perfect black body from:

- 1)  $N$  randomized resonators
- 2) entropy  $S$  of single resonator as function of its internal energy  $U$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dS}{dU} = \frac{1}{T}$$

- 3) Boltzmann's definition of total entropy  $S_N$ :

$$S_N \equiv k \log W + \text{const.}$$

- 4) implicit: total energy distributed on  $N$  resonators in units of a smallest quantum  $\epsilon$
- 5) Wien's displacement law:

$$I = T^5 \frac{c^3}{\nu^2} F\left(\frac{T}{\nu}\right).$$

$$\Rightarrow S = f\left(\frac{U}{\nu}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{Boltzmann}}$$

$$\epsilon = h\nu \quad (h \text{ a constant})$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \frac{h\nu}{\exp[h\nu/(kT)] - 1} \Rightarrow$$

$$I = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{\exp[h\nu/(kT)] - 1}$$

Planck's derivation:

$h$  parametrizes **microscopic disorder** in single resonator!

Albert Einstein (1905):



photoelectric effect  
and quantum of light:

- 1) electron kicked out of metal
- 2) kinetic electron energy  $K$ :

$$K = h\nu - W$$

Niels Bohr (1913):



discrete transitions  
and quantization of  
angular momentum in H-atom:

$$E_1 - E_2 = h\nu, L = n\hbar \Rightarrow$$

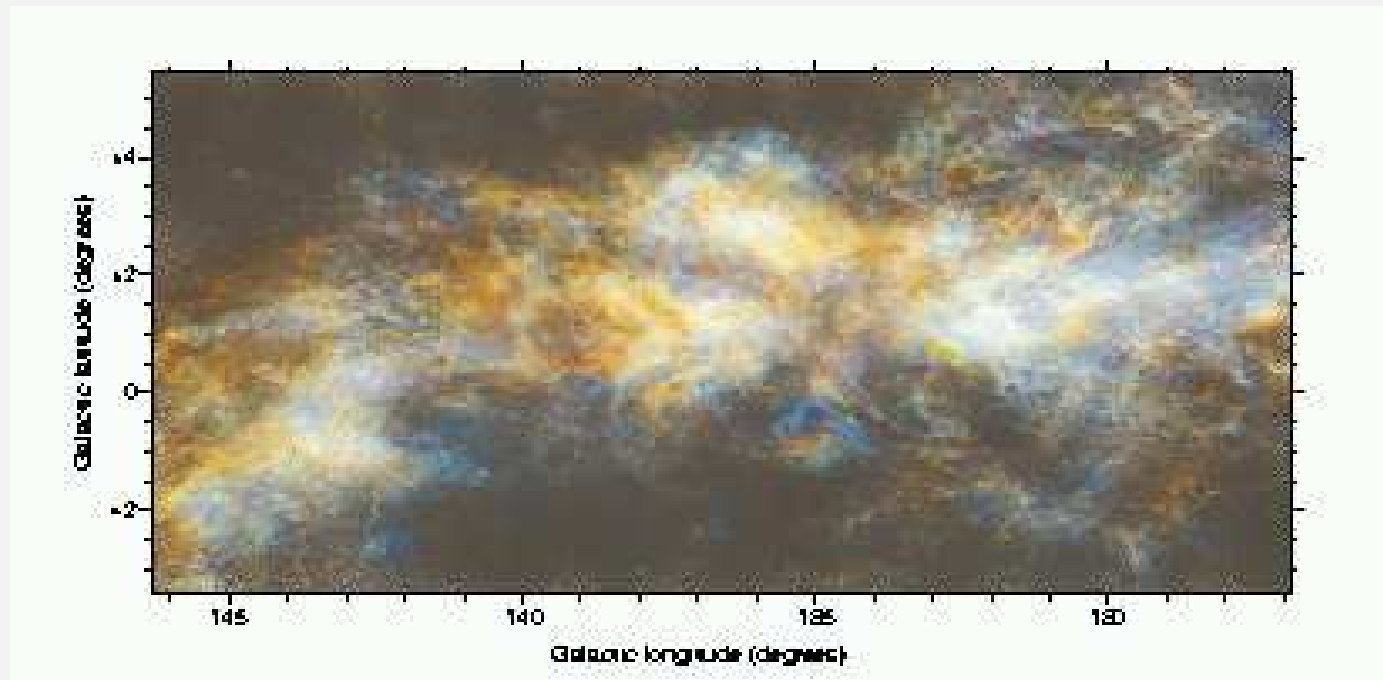
$\Rightarrow$  explanation of Rydberg series

# photons: recent experiments

- ▶ cold and dilute HI clouds in Milky Way

[Brunt and Knee, Nature 412, 308 (2001)]

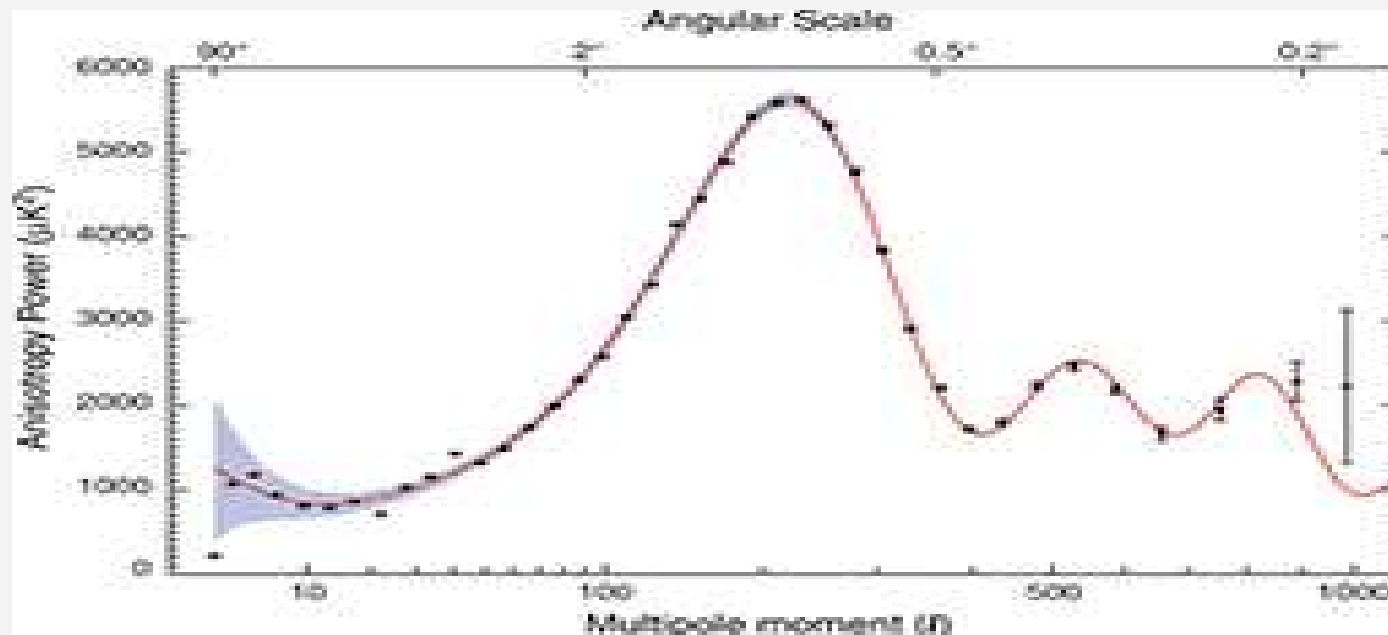
age:  $5 \times 10^7$  y, temperature: 5 K-10 K, density:  $1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



► low multipoles in CMB (WMAP)

[Copi et al., Phys. Rev. D. 75: 023507 (2007)]

- strongly suppressed  $TT$  correlations for  $\theta > 60$  degrees
- low multipoles statistically correlated





► PVLAS experiment

[E. Zavattini et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 110406 (2006)]

– measurement at

$B = 5.5 \text{ T}$ ,  $\lambda \sim 10^3 \text{ nm}$  (lin. pol. laser)

– rotation of polarization axis  $\sim 10^4$   
times larger than QED prediction



- Cobe (FIRAS): temperature calibration  
 [Mather et al., APJ 420, 439 (1994)]  
 radiation temp. versus calibrator temp.

FES4\_APP\_C\_FIG1.GIF (GIF Image, 616x426 pixels)

[http://lambda.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/cobe/firas/doc/FES4\\_APP\\_C\\_FIG1.GIF](http://lambda.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/cobe/firas/doc/FES4_APP_C_FIG1.GIF)

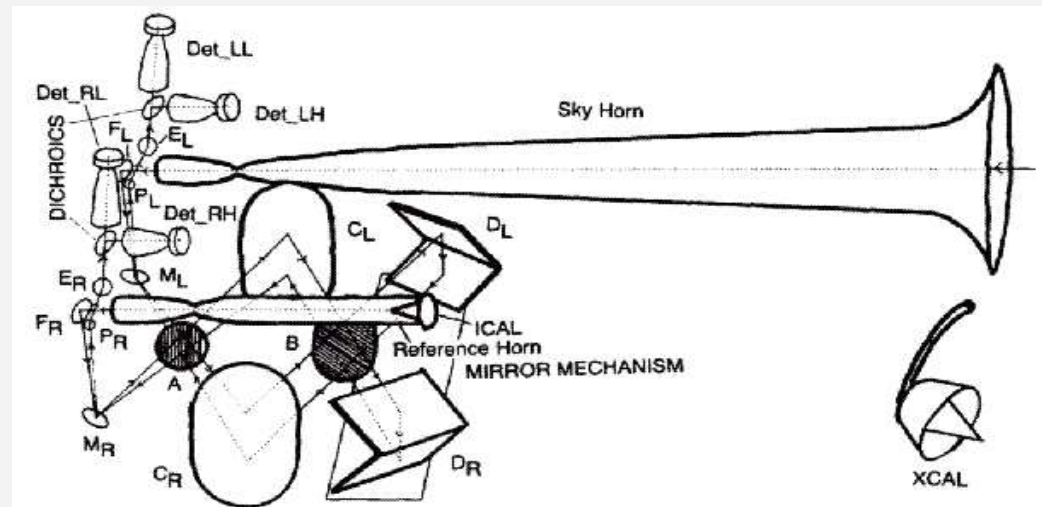


FIG. 1.—Simplified optical layout of FIRAS, showing the positions of the horns, Xcal, Ical, mirrors, grids, MTM, and detectors. The drawing is not to scale; the sky horn is 2 m long and the other parts fit in a box ~50 cm on a side.

### extreme supercooling

(increase of effective number of photon polarizations?)

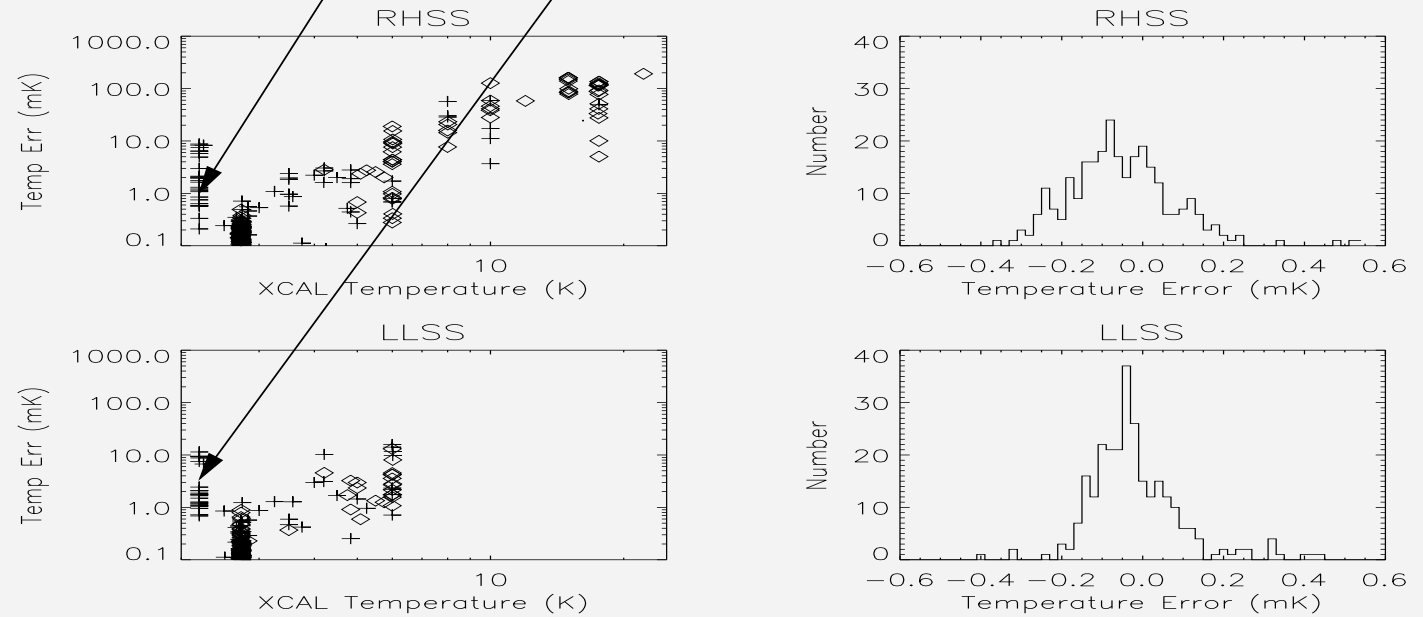


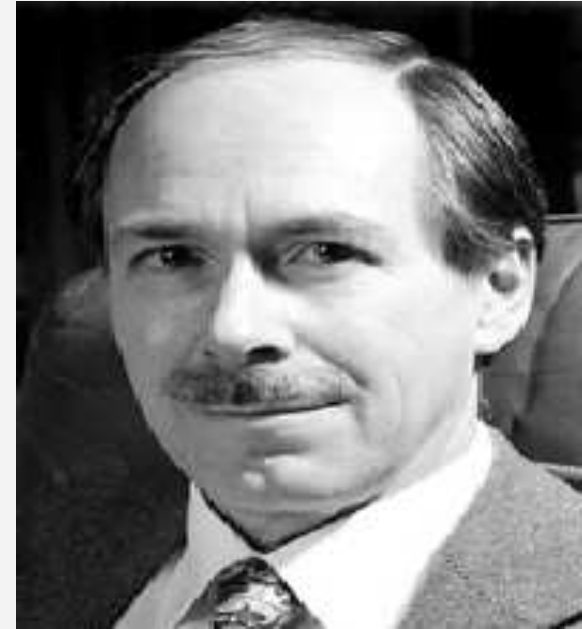
Fig. 5.3.— Photometric XCAL temperature adjustments — The values for RHSS (top plots) and LLSS (bottom plots) calibrations are shown here. The left hand plots are the adjustments (in mK), plotted as a function of XCAL temperature (in K). The symbol + indicates a positive correction, and the symbol ◇ indicates a negative correction. Temperatures greater than 7K are not used in LLSS. On the right are histograms of temperature adjustments for cold nulls (i.e. all controllables  $\sim 2.7\text{K}$ ).

# What happens when postulating photon PROPAGATION due to $SU(2)$ gauge principle?

- needs analytical approach to  $SU(2)$  Yang-Mills theory
- presently possible thermodynamically  
[RH, IJMPA20, 4123 (2005), ...]
- among others relying on work by ...



Formulation of  $SU(2)$  gauge theory (1955).



- pert. renormalizability of YM
- magnetic monopole
- selfdual, singular-gauge constructions  $\Rightarrow$
- trivial-holonomy calorons  
[Harrington and Shepard, 1977]
- center-vortex, 't Hooft loop



- calorons of nontrivial holonomy  
(magnetic dipole constituents, (1983))  $\Rightarrow$
  - explicit construction using Nahm trafo and ADHM
- [Lee and Lu, Kraan and van Baal 1998]

# phase diagram: SU(2) YM TD

confining

preconfining

deconfining

**ground state:**

Cooper-pair condensate of single center-vortex loops, pressure precisely zero

**excitations:**

massless (single) and massive (self-intersecting) center-vortex loops (spin-1/2 fermions)

**ground state:**

condensate of magnetic monopoles, collapsing center-vortex loops, negative pressure

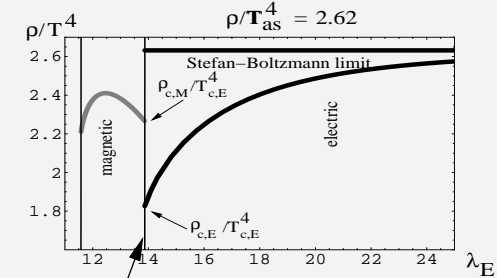
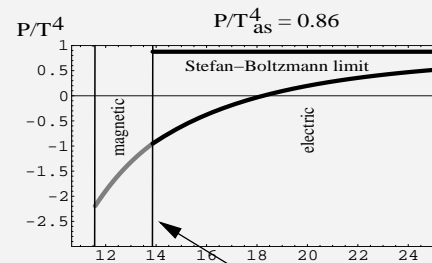
**excitations:**

massive dual gauge modes

**ground state:** interacting calorons and anticalorons, negative pressure

**excitations:** massless and massive gauge modes

power-like approach to Stefan Boltzmann limit

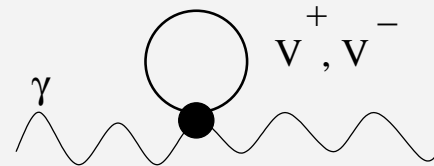


decoupling of  $V^+, V^-$ , no (anti) screening  
 $T_C = 2.73 \text{ K} \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$

$T_C$

Hagedorn

2nd order like



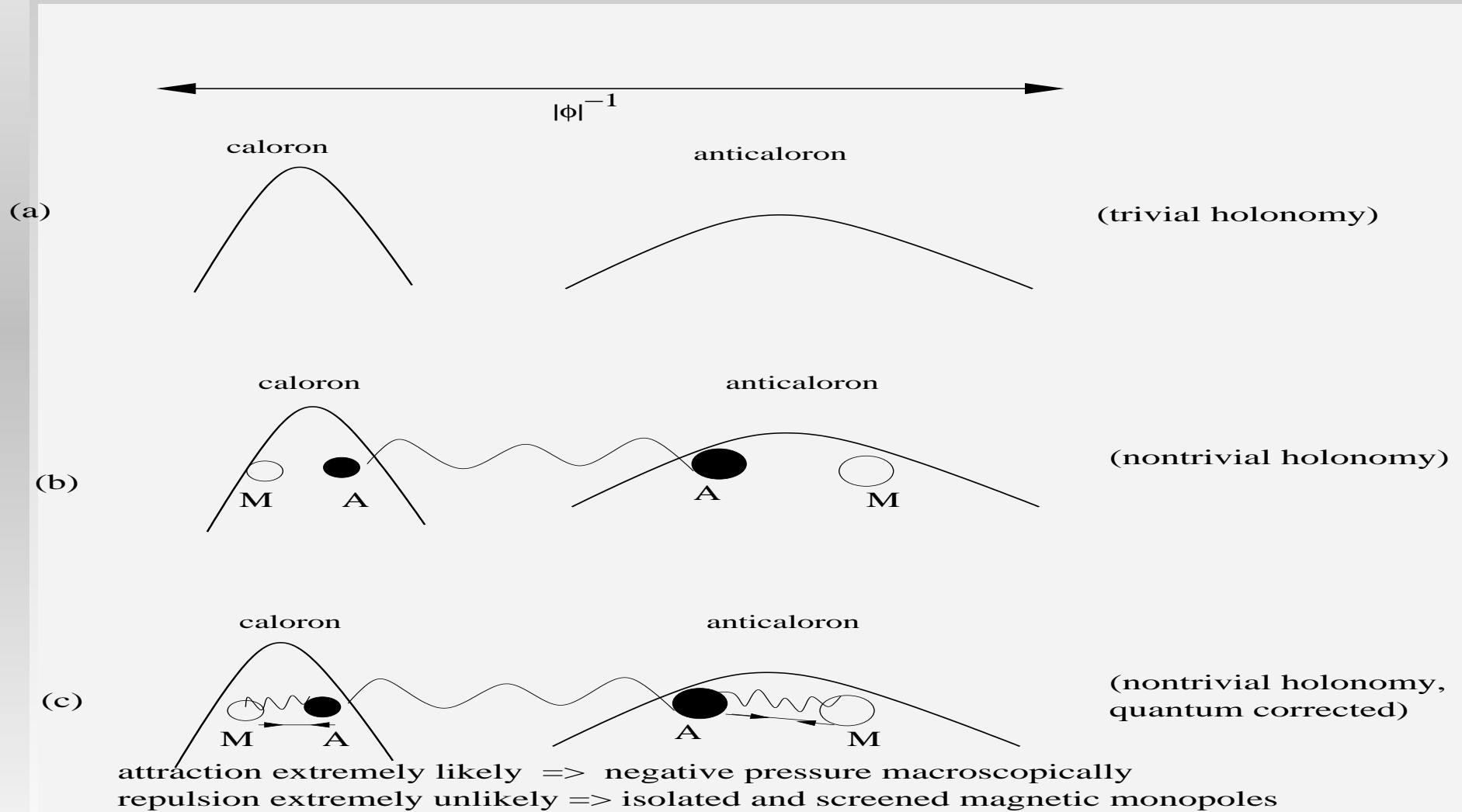
(anti) screening

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# a thermal ground state:

deconfining phase:



# technically:

spatial coarse-graining, infinite volume

$\Rightarrow$  phase of emergent adjoint scalar  $\phi^a$ :

$$\hat{\phi}^a(\tau) \sim \sum_{\text{HS (anti)caloron}} \text{tr} \int d^3x \int d\rho \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \times$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}((\tau, 0)) \{(\tau, 0), (\tau, \vec{x})\} \times$$

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infinite-volume average saturates at

$$\rho, |\vec{x}| < |\phi|^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi T}{\Lambda}}$$

⇒ coarse-graining sufficiently local to include only  $|Q| = 1$  (anti)calorons

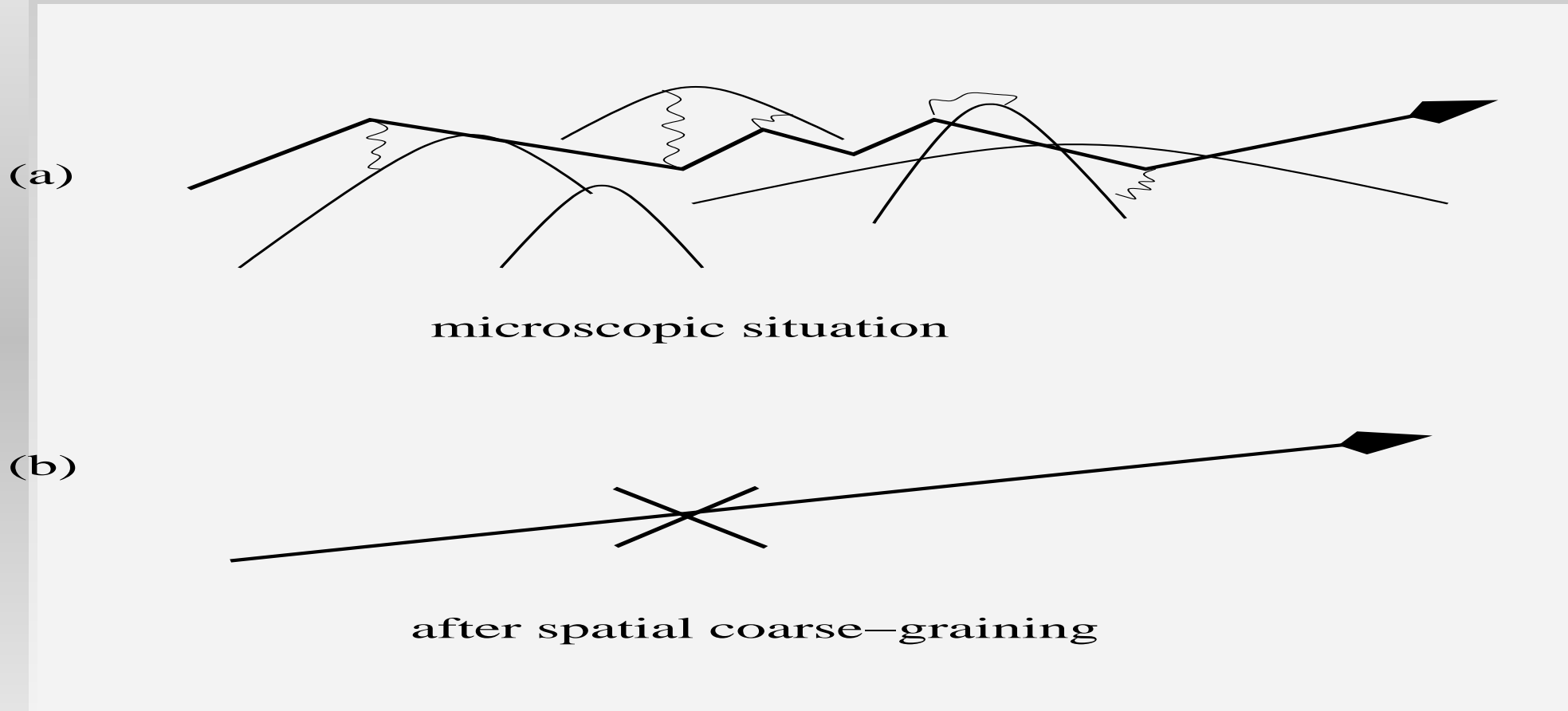
⇒ ground state described by (inert) field  $\phi$  and a  $Q = 0$  (coarse-grained) pure-gauge config.  $a_{\mu}^{g.s.}$

⇒ show electric  $Z_2$  degeneracy (Polyakov loop)

⇒ deconfining phase

# emergent mass

deconfining phase, adjoint Higgs mechanism:



$\Rightarrow T$  dependent mass for two out of three directions

$\Rightarrow$  quasiparticles on tree level in effective theory

# interactions

quantum fluctuations constrained by  $|\phi|$ :

$\Rightarrow$  two-loop versus one-loop:  $\leq 10^{-3}$

[Schwarz, RH, Giacosa, IJMPA22, 1213 (2007)]

$\Rightarrow$  three-loop versus one-loop:  $\leq 10^{-7}$

[Kaviani, RH, arXiv:0704.3326 [th]]

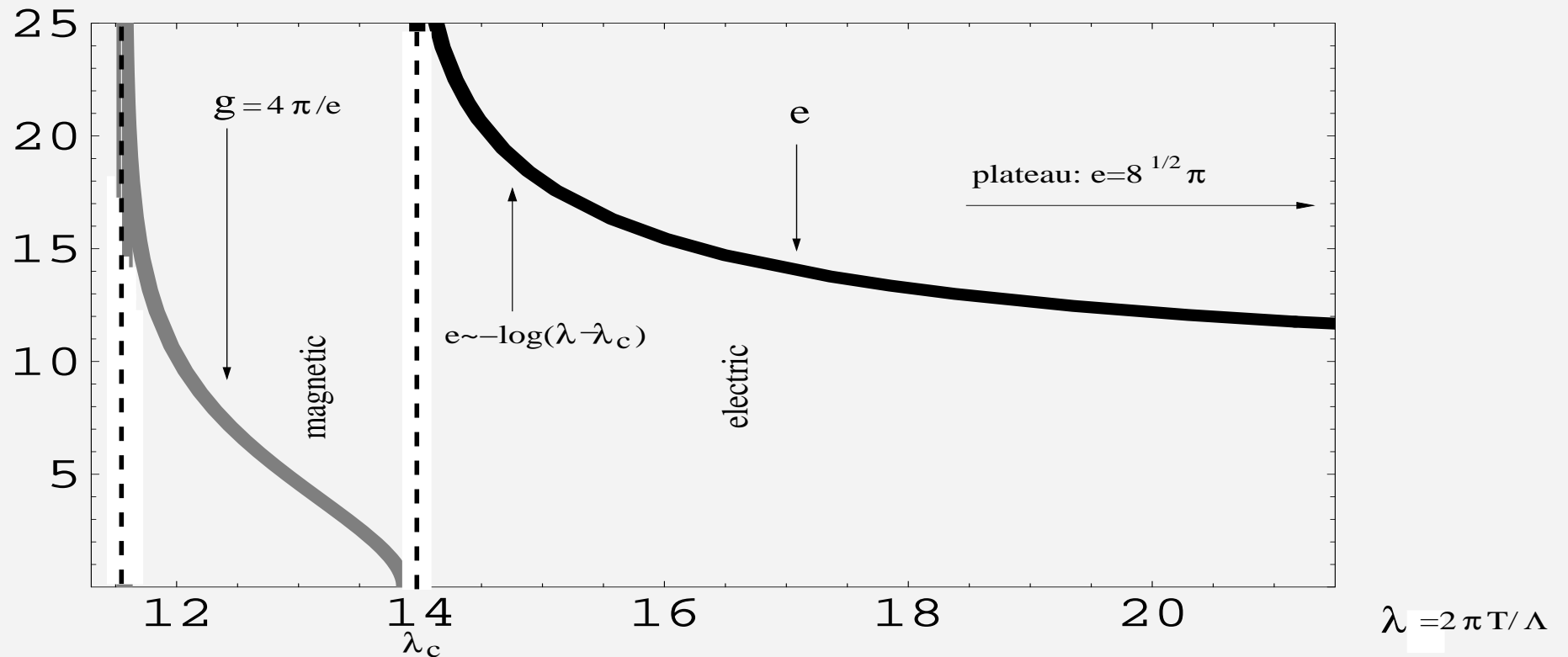
$\Rightarrow$  mod. 1-PI res. rapidly conver. loop expansion.

[RH, hep-th/0609033]

$\Rightarrow$  running of effective coupling  $e$  **entirely** sufficient  
at one-loop level

# running effective coupling

de - and preconfining phases:

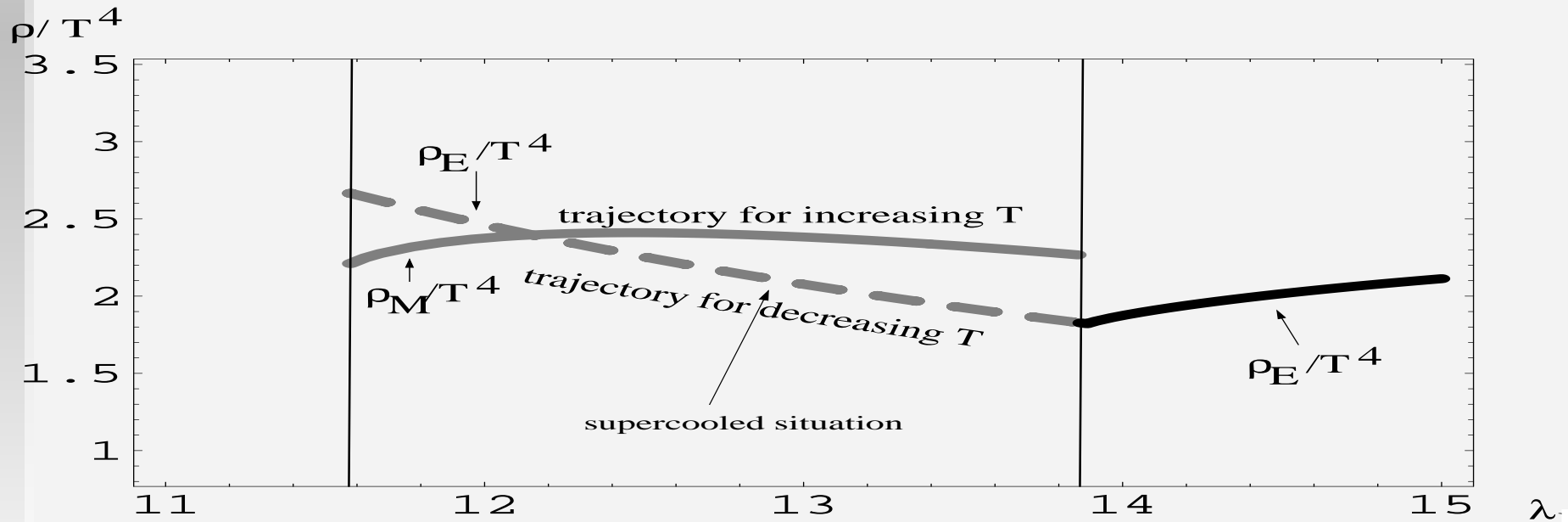


# scale of $SU(2)_{\text{CMB}}$ :

if photon propagation described by  $SU(2)$  YM

$\xRightarrow{\text{COBE, FIRAS}}$  boundary between de- and preconfining phase

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{CMB}} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$



# phase transition:

rather **independently** of cosmological model

$\xrightarrow{H_0}$  duration  $\Delta t_{m_\gamma=0}$  of supercooled situation:

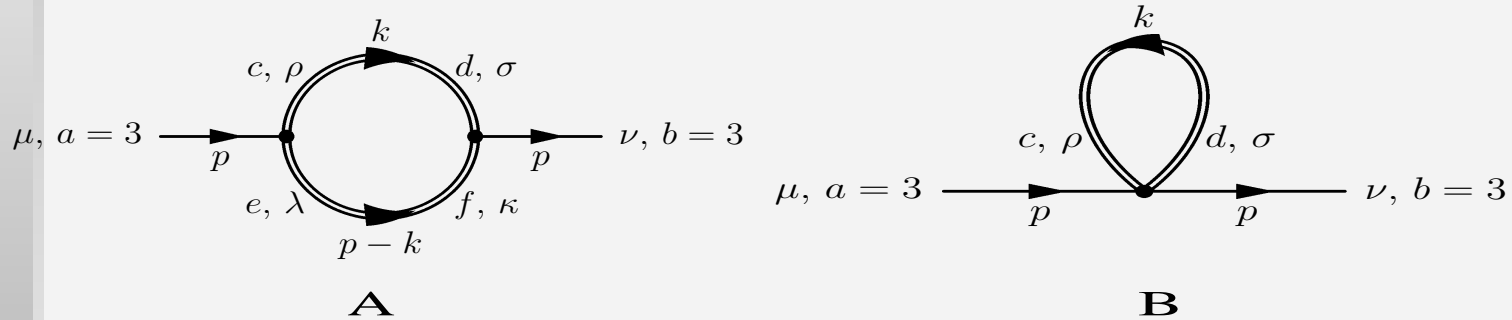
$$\Delta t_{m_\gamma=0} = (2.2 \pm 0.15) \text{ Gy}$$

[Giacosa and RH, EPJC50, 635 (2007)]



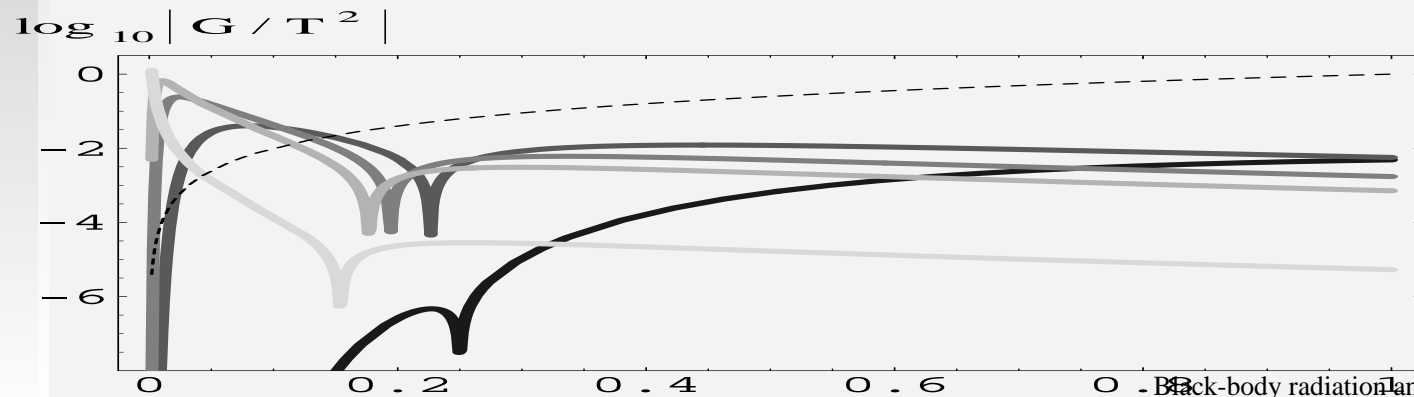
# photon screening:

## polarization tensor in effective theory:



modification of dispersion law:

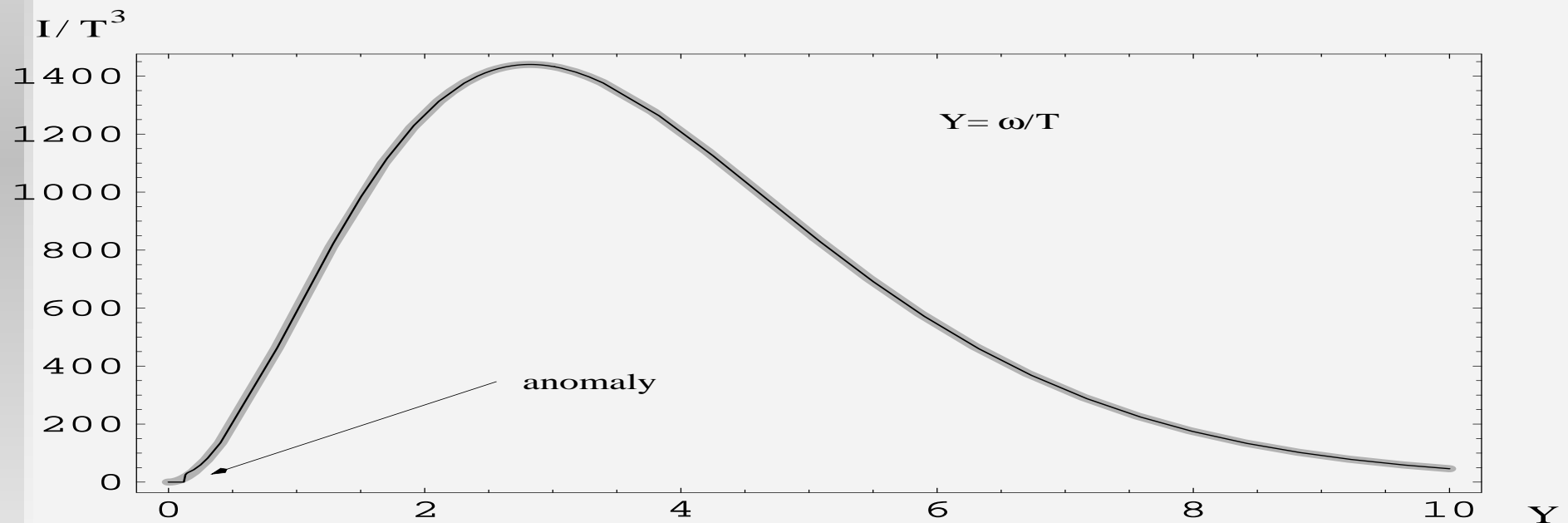
$$\omega^2 = \vec{p}^2 + G(T, |\vec{p}|)$$



# mod. black-body spectrum (1):

[Schwarz, RH, Giacosa; IJMPA, JHEP 2007]

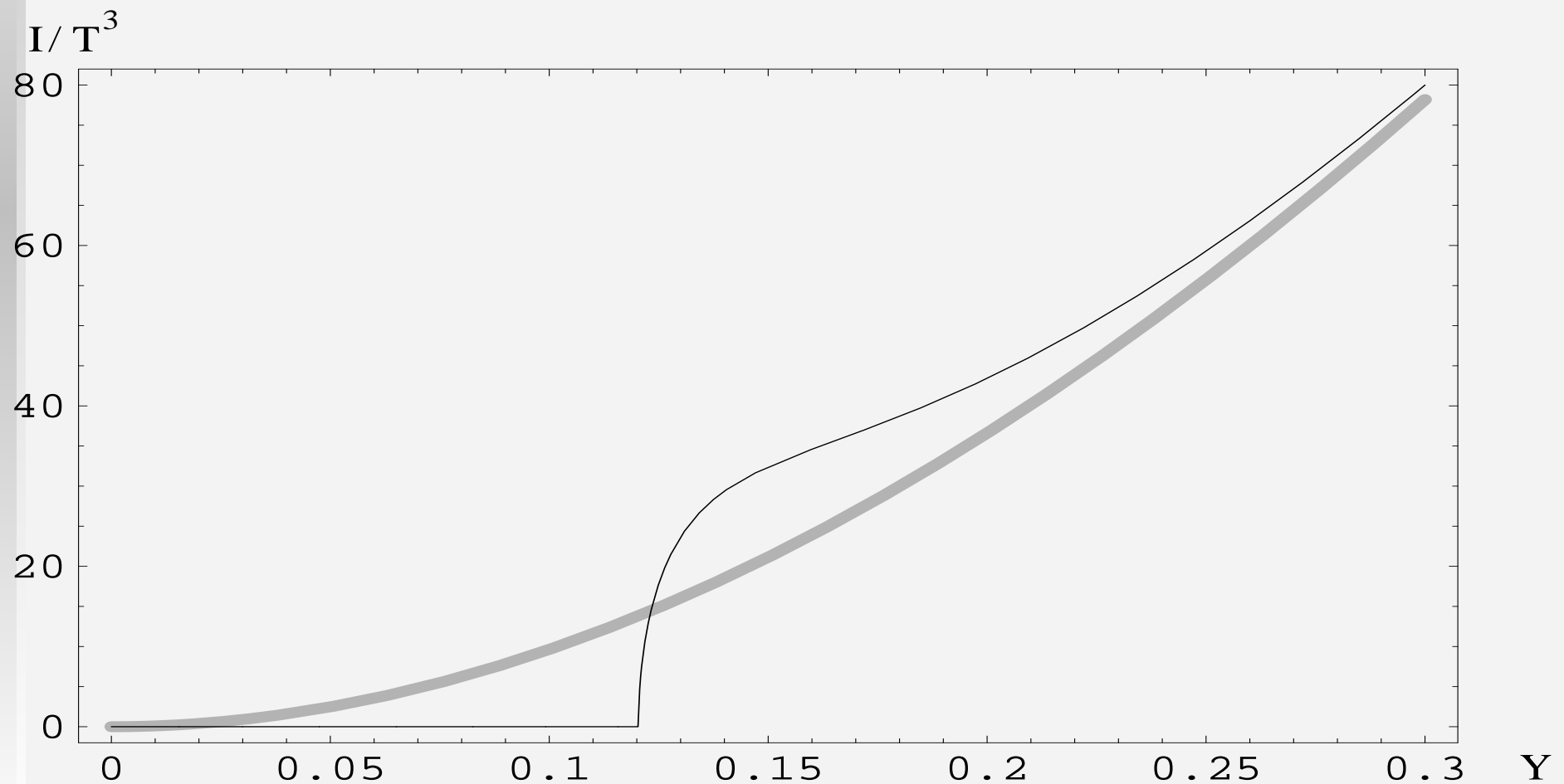
$$(T = 10 \text{ K}, k_B = \hbar = c = 1)$$



$$I_{\text{SU}(2)} = I_{\text{U}(1)} \times \frac{(\omega - 1/2 \frac{d}{d\omega} G) \sqrt{\omega^2 - G}}{\omega^2} \theta(\omega - \omega^*)$$

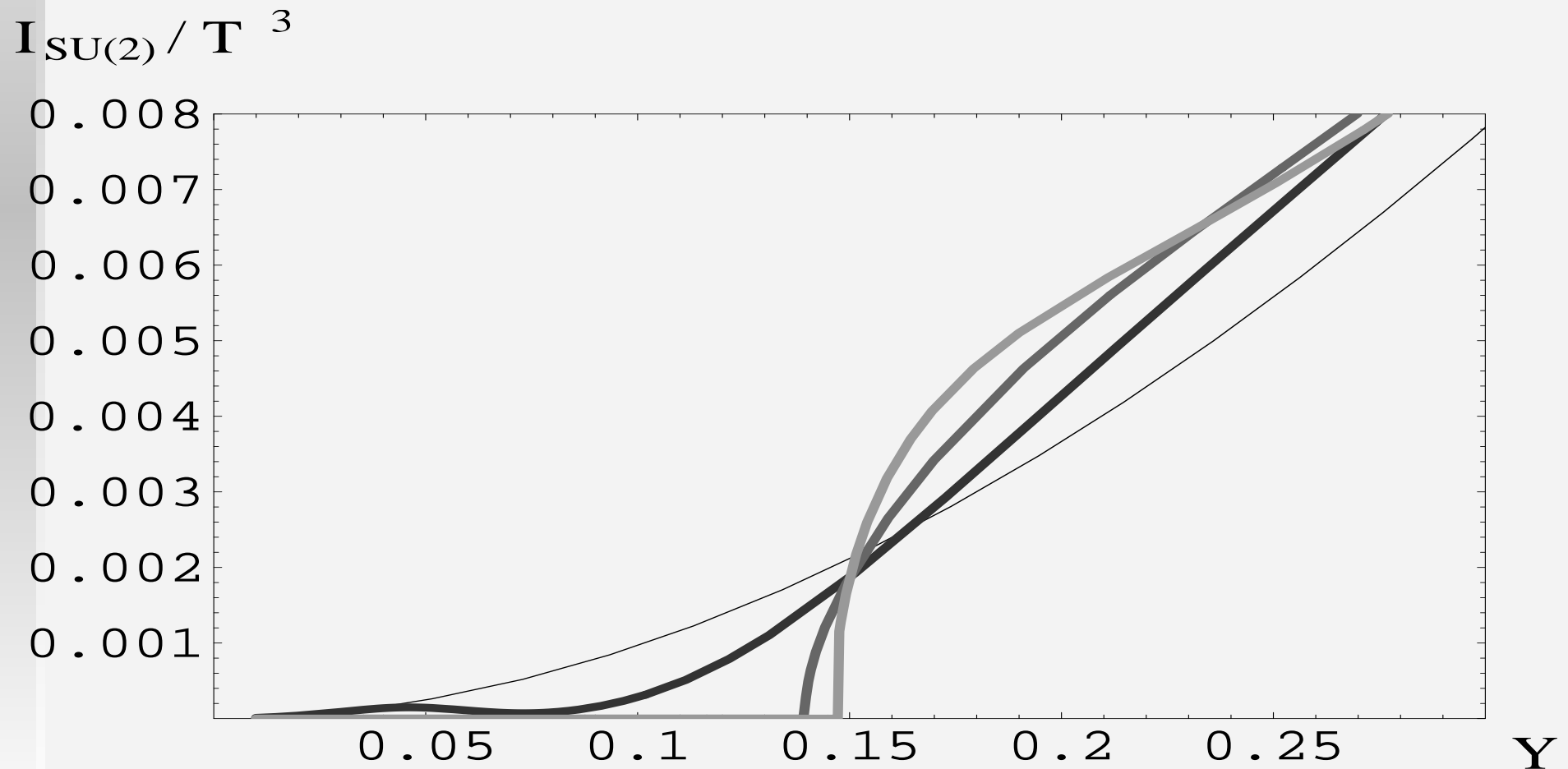
# mod. black-body spectrum (2):

( $T = 10$  K, low frequencies)



# mod. black-body spectrum (3):

( $T = 4, 5, 6$  K, low frequencies)



# implications of $SU(2)_{\text{CMB}}$ (1)

## cosmologically:

⇒ dynamic contr. to CMB dipole

[Szopa, RH, hep-ph/0703119]

⇒ TT suppression at large angles?

[Szopa, RH, work in progress]

⇒ BB nucleosynthesis:

12% enhancement of  $G_F$  at  $T = 1 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
ew SSB by fundamental Higgs?

[Schwarz, RH, Giacosa, JHEP 2007]

## astrophysically:

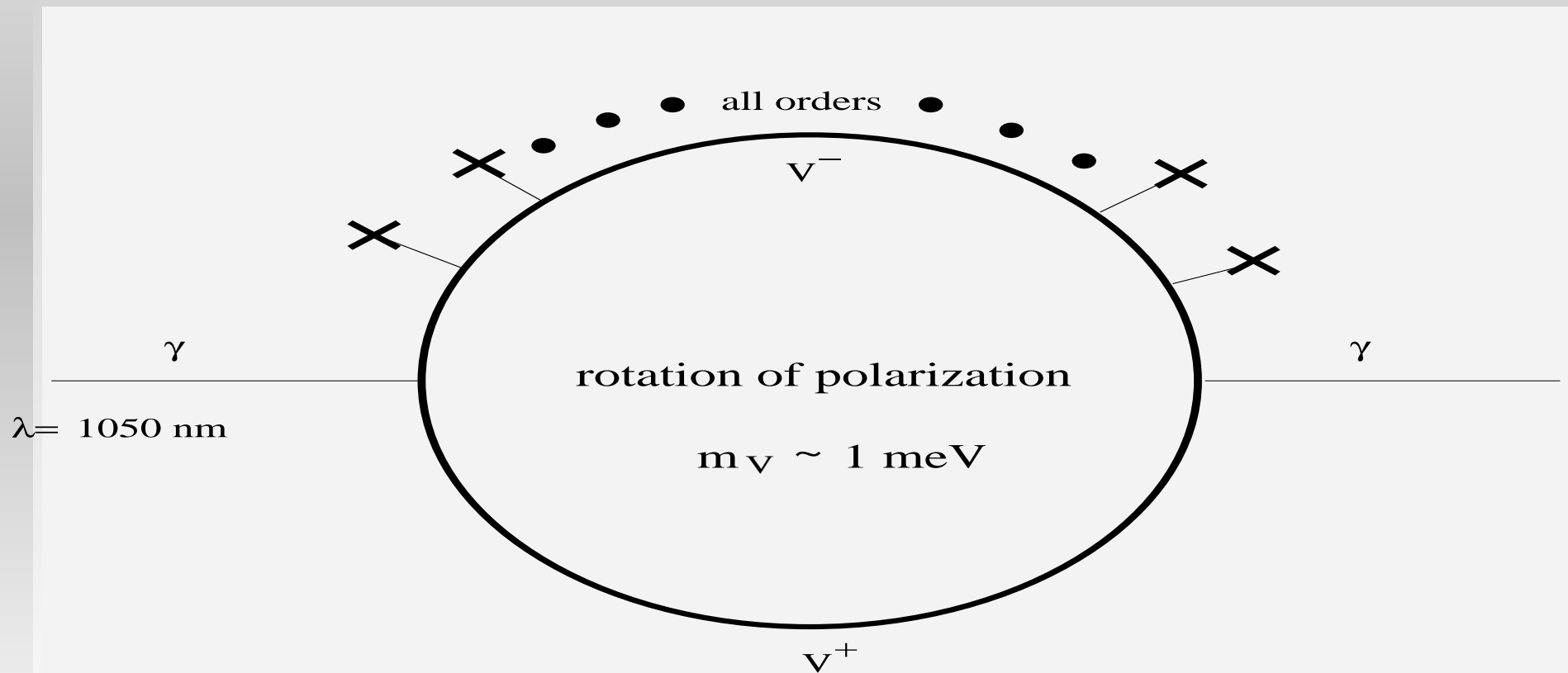
⇒ stability of innergalactic HI clouds

[Brunt, Knee, Nature 2001; Schwarz, RH, Giacosa, JHEP 2007]

# implications of $SU(2)_{\text{CMB}}$ (2)

”table-top” experiment:

$\Rightarrow$  PVLAS



[Giacosa, RH, work in progress]

# summary

- ▶ historic situation: microsc. disorder  $\leftrightarrow \hbar$
- ▶ questions posed by experiment and observation
- ▶ deconfining SU(2) YM thermodynamics
- ▶ SU(2)<sub>CMB</sub>: (anti)screening, BB anomaly
- ▶ SU(2)<sub>CMB</sub>: implications in nature

Thank you.