



# Emergent large-angle, low-frequency CMB anomalies: $SU(2)$ photon physics

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- **PLANCK and WMAP: TT on large angles**
  - observational situation
  - attempt at explanation
  
- **ARCADE 2, terrestrial surveys of deeply Rayleigh-Jeans CMB**
  
- **interlude on SU(2) Yang-Mills thermodynamics**
  - action, Euclidean formulation, selfdual gauge fields (calorons), spatial coarse-graining
  - inert thermal ground state and adjoint Higgs mechanism
  - effective coupling,  $\hbar$  and caloron action  $\Rightarrow$
  - electric-magnetic dual interpr. in  $SU(2)_{\text{CMB}}$  for photon *propagation*
  - deconfining-preconfining phase boundary:  
condensation of unresolved, electric monopoles
  - polarization tensor of massless mode in deconfining, thermal SU(2) YM
  
- **low-frequency, low-temperature black-body (BB) anomaly**
  - $T_c = T_{\text{CMB}} \sim 2.73 \text{ K}$  (Arcade 2)
  - transverse photons

- **effective theory of anomaly-induced  $\delta T$** 
  - how to do simulations
  - Manton's programme for integral BB anomaly
  - $\delta T$  depression for  $z \leq 1$  in physical (non-comoving), normalized coordinates
  
- **possible explanation of CMB large-angle anomalies**
  - cold spot
  - suppression of power at large angles
  - hemispherical power and variance asymmetry
  - parity asymmetry
  
- **vector modes and neutrinos**

# some CMB large-angle anomalies: WMAP and Planck

- dipolar power asymmetry (extends from  $l = 2, \dots, 600$  in blocks of  $\Delta l = 100$ )  
[Hansen et al. (2009), Ade et al. (2013), etc.]
- low variance (localized on ecliptic North, associated with  $l=2,3$ )  
[Monteserin et al. (2008), Cruz et al., (2011), Ade et al. (2013), etc.]
- anomalous alignment of  $l=2,3$  ( $3^\circ$ - $9^\circ$ )  
[Tegmark et al. (2003), de Oliveira-Costa et al. (2004), Ade et al. (2013), etc.  
(estimator of axis: maximum of angular momentum dispersion),  
Copi et al. (2004), Schwarz et al. (2004), Bielewicz et al. (2005,2009), Copi et al. (2010), etc.  
(multipole vector decomposition)]
- cold spot ( $-73\mu\text{K}@4^\circ$ ;  $-20\mu\text{K}@10^\circ$ ;  $l,b=207.8^\circ,-56.3^\circ$ )  
[Viela et al. (2004), Cruz et al. 2005, Rudnick et al. (2007), Ade et al. (2013), etc.]
- hemispherical asymmetry  
(for  $l=2$ -40 max. larger power spectrum for hemisphere  $l,b=237^\circ,-20^\circ$ )  
[Eriksen et al. (2004), Hansen et al. (2004), Park (2004), Ade et al. (2013), etc.]
- mirror parity violation (plane of max. antisymmetry:  $l,b=262^\circ,-14^\circ$ )  
[Finelli et al. (2012); Ben-David et al. (2012), etc.]
- suppression of  $\langle TT \rangle(\theta) \equiv C(\theta)$  for  $\theta \geq 60^\circ$   
[Spergel et al. (2003), Copi et al. (2004,2007,2009,2010), Ade et al. (2013), etc.]

# successful phenomenological attempt at explanation: multiplicative, dipolar modulation model

[Gordon et al. (2005), Eriksen et al. (2007), Hoftuft et al. (2009), Ade et al. (2013)]

$$\vec{d}(\vec{n}) = (1 + A\vec{p} \cdot \vec{n})\vec{s}_{\text{iso}} + \vec{n}$$

dipole amplitude

dipole direction

instrumental noise

isotropic CMB sky

maximum likelihood at:  $A \sim 0.07$ ;  $l_p \sim 220^\circ$ ;  $b_p \sim -21^\circ$

- robust against change of foreground treatment and experiment  
(WMAP, Planck)

- comparison with CMB cold spot:  $l_{cs} \sim 207.8^\circ$ ;  $b_{cs} \sim -56.3^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \angle \vec{p}, \vec{e}_{cs} \sim 36^\circ$$

## two more facts on CMB sky:

$$\angle \vec{e}_{\text{mirror antisym}}, \vec{e}_{cs} \sim 42^\circ - 56^\circ ;$$

$$\angle \vec{e}_{\text{hemisph asym}}, \vec{e}_{cs} \sim 42^\circ .$$

# CMB at low frequencies: ARCADE 2 and terrestrial radio

**observations** [Fixsen et al. (2009), Haslam et al. (1981), Reich et Reich (1986), Roger et al. (1999), Maeda et al. (1999)]

- strong increase of CMB line temperature below  $\nu = 3$  GHz

$$T(\nu) = T_0 + T_R \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^\beta$$

where:  $T_0 = 2.725$  K;  $\nu_0 = 1$  GHz;  
 $\beta = -2.62 \pm 0.04$ .

- notice also: radiosurveys of CMB yield line temperatures as:

source	$\nu$ [GHz]	$T$ [K]
Roger	0.022	$21200 \pm 5125$
Maeda	0.045	$4355 \pm 520$
Haslam	0.408	$16.24 \pm 3.4$
Reich	1.42	$3.213 \pm 0.53$
Arcade2	3.20	$2.792 \pm 0.010$
Arcade2	3.41	$2.771 \pm 0.009$

# Deconfining SU(2) Yang-Mills thermodynamics

[Herbst et Hofmann (2004), Hofmann (2005,2006), Giacosa et Hofmann (2006), Schwarz et al. (2007), Ludescher et Hofmann (2008), Falquez et al. (2010, 2011), Hofmann (2012)]

- **Euclidean action:**

$$S = \frac{\text{tr}}{2} \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} ,$$

where  $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig[A_\mu, A_\nu]$

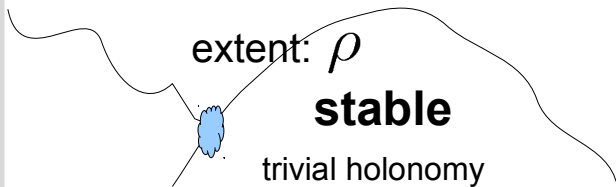
- **(anti)selfdual gauge fields:**

$$F_{\mu\nu}[A] = \pm \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}[A] \Rightarrow \theta_{\mu\nu}[A] \equiv 0 .$$

Nontrivial configs. stabilized by winding  $S_3 \rightarrow SU(2) = S_3$  .

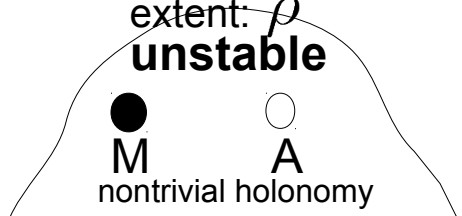
- **in particular:** (anti)calorons of winding number unity, localized action density

[Harrington et Shepard (1977)]



extent:  $\rho$   
**stable**  
trivial holonomy

[Nahm (1981-84), Lee et Lu (1998), Kraan v. Baal (1998), Diakonov 2004]



extent:  $\rho$   
**unstable**  
● M  
○ A  
nontrivial holonomy



# Deconfining SU(2) YM thermodynamics, cntd.

## - thermal ground state:

- ◆ perform spatial coarse-graining over noninteracting (anti)calorons
  - inert adjoint scalar field  $\phi$ , modulus set by  $T$  and  $\Lambda$
- ◆ perform spatial coarse-graining over propagating sector
  - same form as fundamental action (pert. renormalizability) for effective gauge field  $a_\mu$
  - effective action density

constant of integration

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}[a_\mu] = \text{tr} \left( \frac{1}{2} G_{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{\Lambda^6}{\phi^2} \right)$$

- ◆ solve e.o.m. for  $a_\mu$  in background of  $\phi$ : pure gauge
- ◆ ground-state pressure and energy density:

$$P_{gs} = -\rho_{gs} = -4\pi\Lambda^3 T.$$

interacting small-holonomy (anti)calorons

## ◆ adjoint Higgs mechanism:

$$m_a^2 = -2e^2 \text{tr} [\phi, t_a][\phi, t_a]$$

unitary gauge

$$m_1^2 = m_2^2 = 4e^2 \frac{\Lambda^3}{2\pi T}, \quad m_3 = 0$$

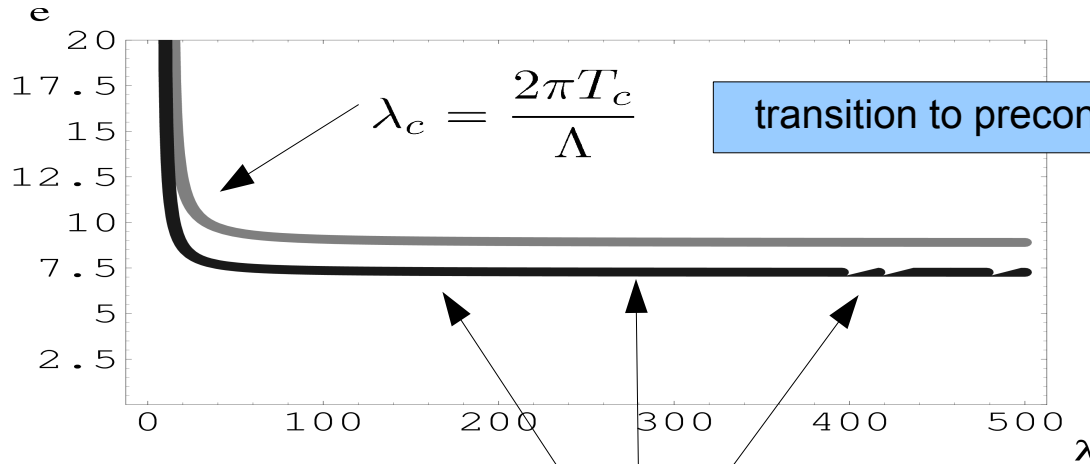
# Deconfining SU(2) YM thermodynamics, cntd.

- propagating sector (free thermal quasiparticles) :

♦ evolution of effective gauge coupling:

$e$

thermodynamical consistency



transition to preconfining phase

[Dolan et Jackiw (1974)]

$$e = \sqrt{8\pi}$$

coarse-graining dominated by  $\rho \sim |\phi|^{-1}$

♦ restore

$\hbar$

$$e = \frac{\sqrt{8\pi}}{\sqrt{\hbar}}$$

$$S_{C/A} = \hbar.$$

[Brodsky et al. (2011); Kaviani et Hofmann 2012, Hofmann (2012,2013)]

# Deconfining SU(2) YM thermodynamics, cntd.

- ◆ if SU(2) will have to do something with photons then **electric-magnetically dual** interpretation required:  
in units  $c = \epsilon_0 = \mu_0 = k_B = 1$  fine-structure constant

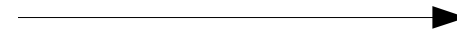
$$\alpha = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\hbar},$$

for  $\alpha$  to be unitless:

$$Q \propto \frac{1}{e}.$$

**But:** magnetic coupling  
in SU(2)

$$g = \frac{4\pi}{e}.$$



**In real world:** SU(2) is to be interpreted in an **electric-magnetically dual way**.

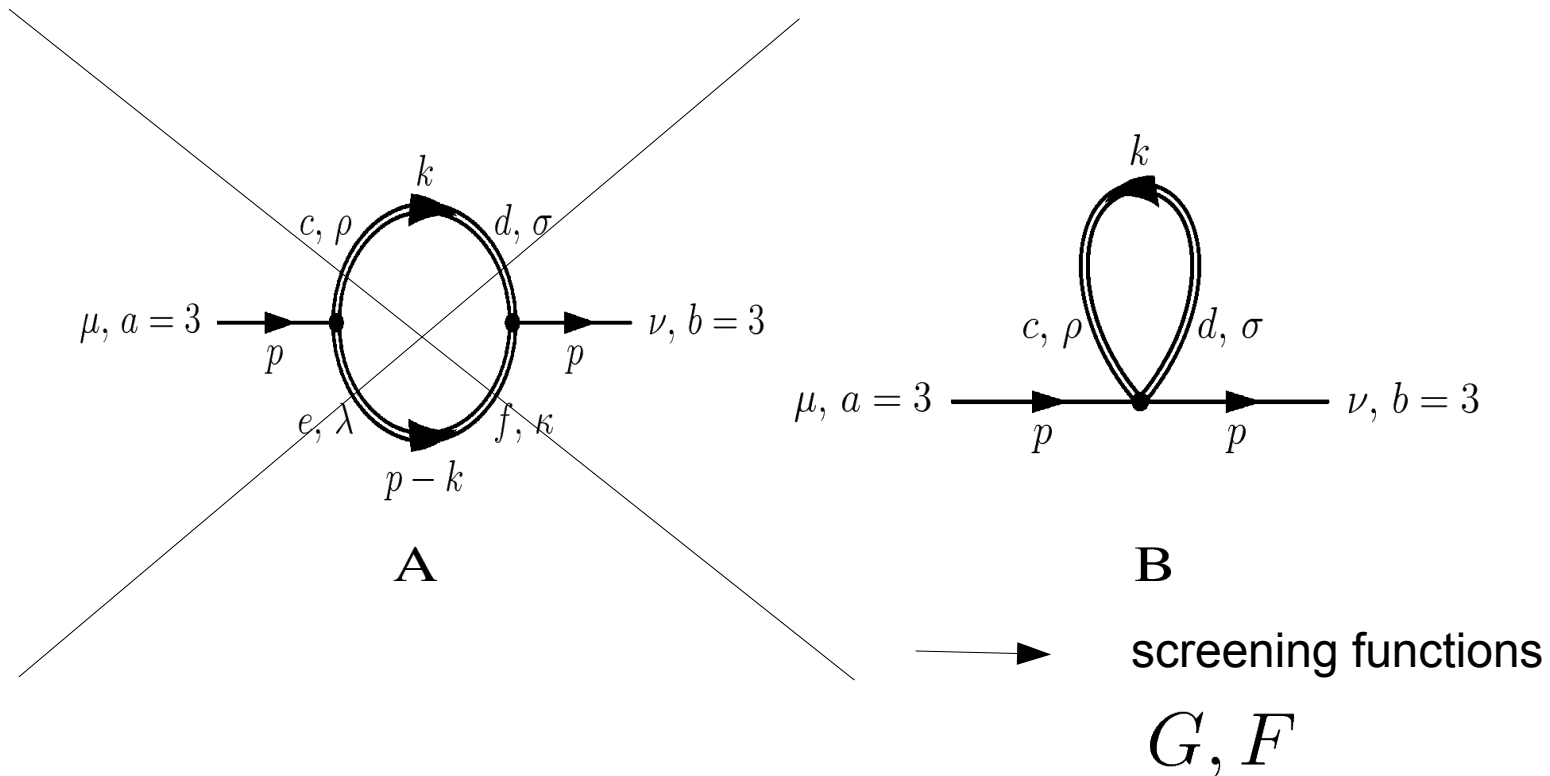
# Deconfining SU(2) YM thermodynamics, cntd.

## - radiative corrections

(feeble interaction of vectors with photon):

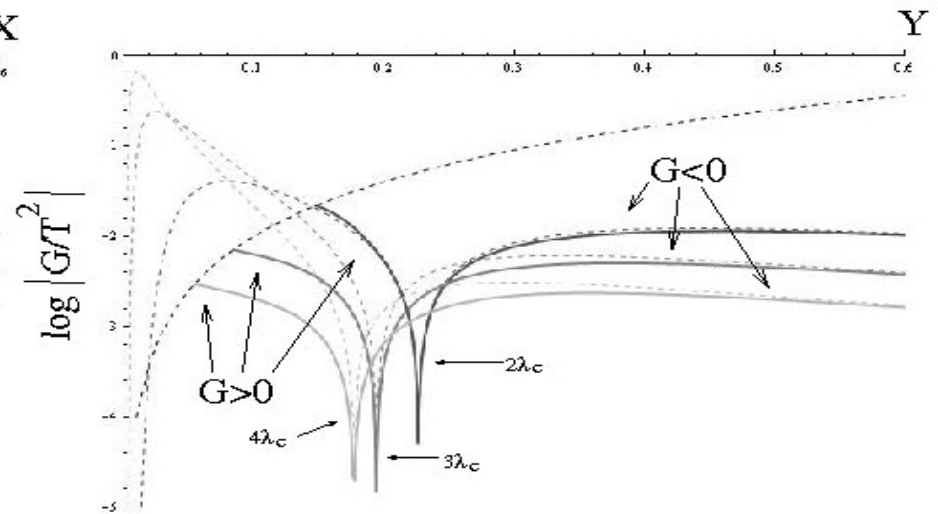
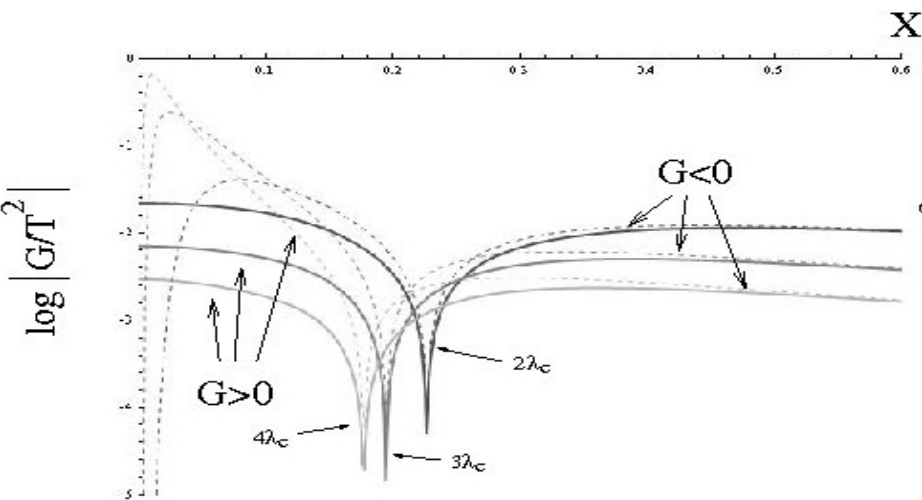
◆ thermodynamical quantities: 2-loop/1-loop ( $<10^{-3}$ ), 3-loop/1-loop ( $<10^{-7}$ )

◆ polarization tensor of massless mode:



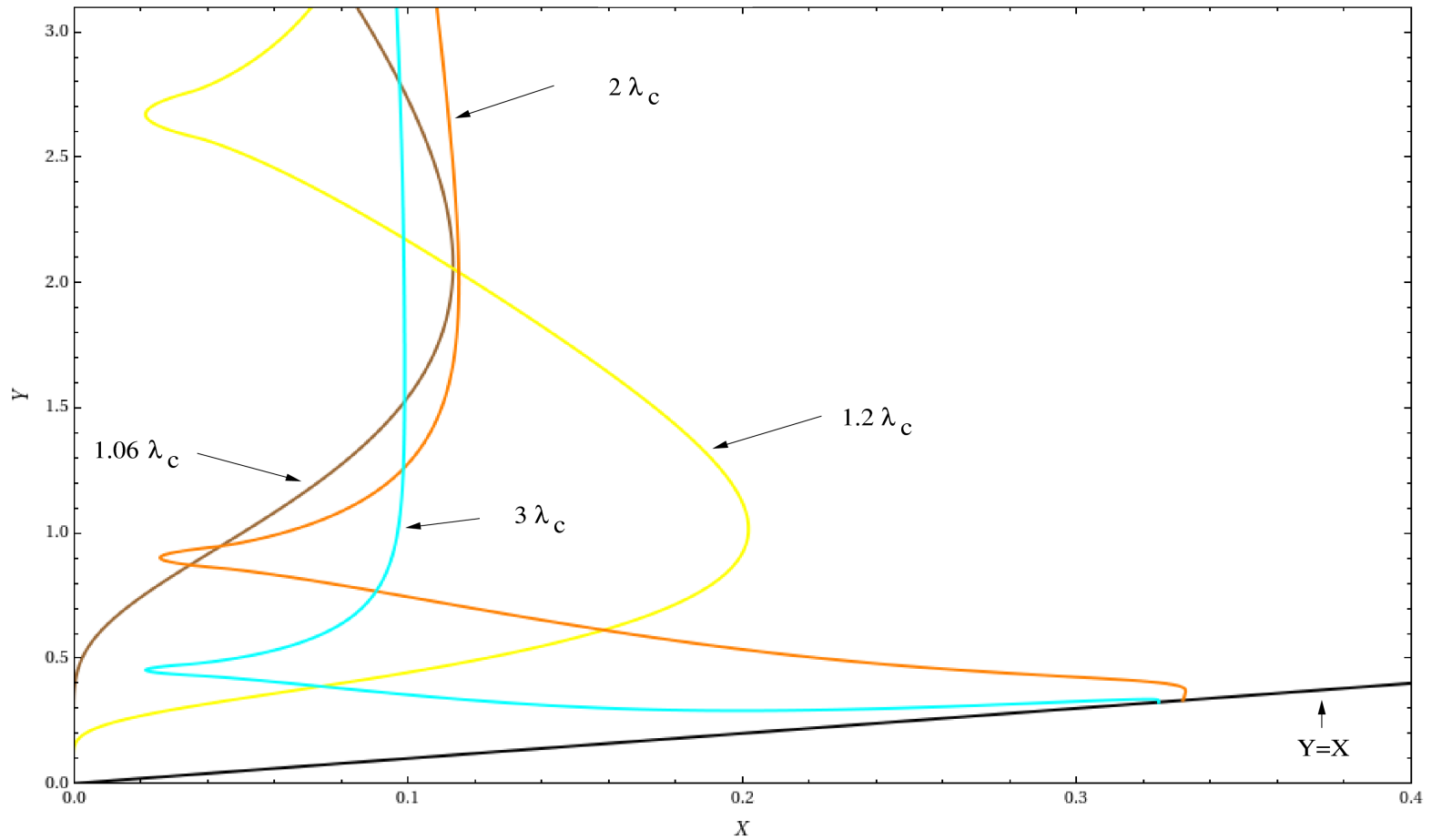
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- ◆ transverse photons, screening function  $G$  :  
[Schwarz et al. (2007), Ludescher et Hofmann (2008)]



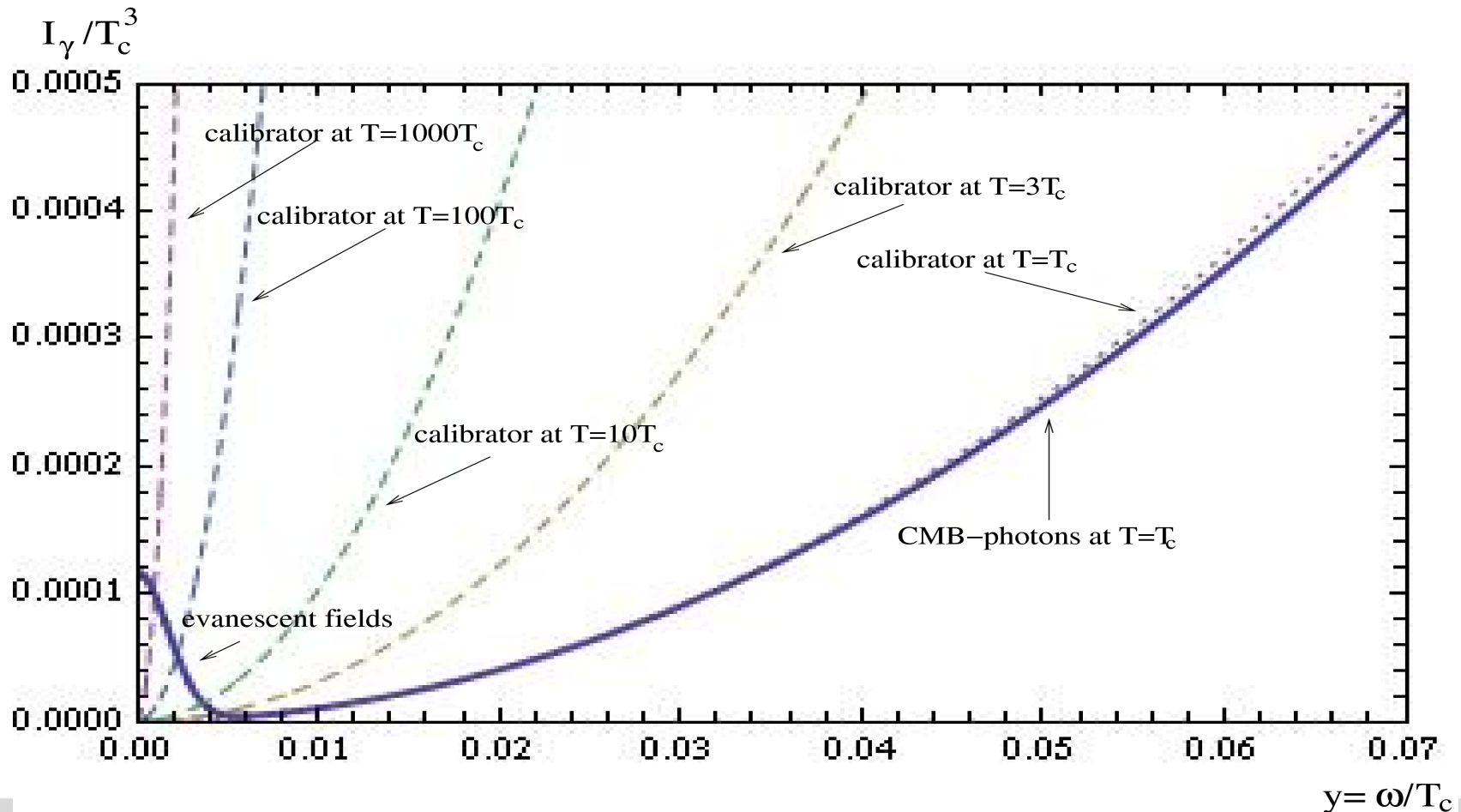
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- ◆ longitudinal „photons“ (purely magnetic), dispersion law :  
[Falquez et al. (2011)]



# Spectral black-body anomaly

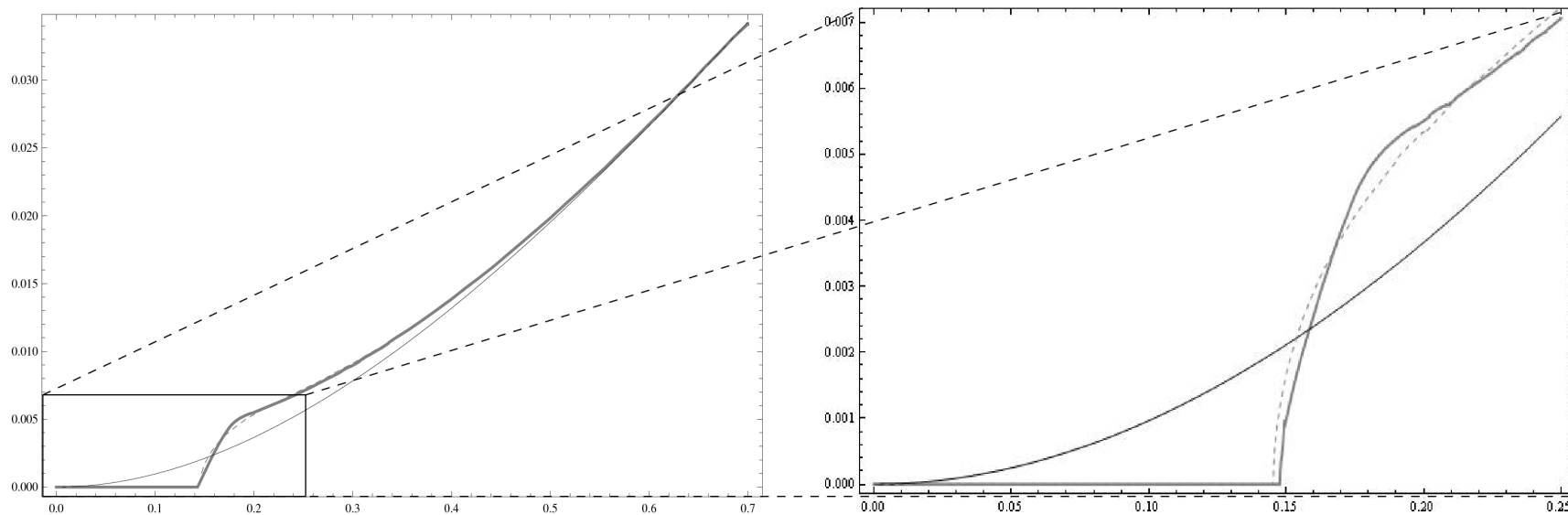
- What is  $T_c$  ?  $\longrightarrow$  ARCADE 2
- bump interpreted as contribution of evanescent modes ( $\omega < m_\gamma$ ),  
 $m_\gamma$  photon Meissner mass (condensation of electric monopoles)
- $T_c$  very close to present CMB temperature  $T_0$   $\longrightarrow$  **SU(2)<sub>CMB</sub>**  
 [Hofmann (2009)]



# Spectral black-body anomaly

spectral distribution of energy density,  $T = 2T_0$

$I/T^3$

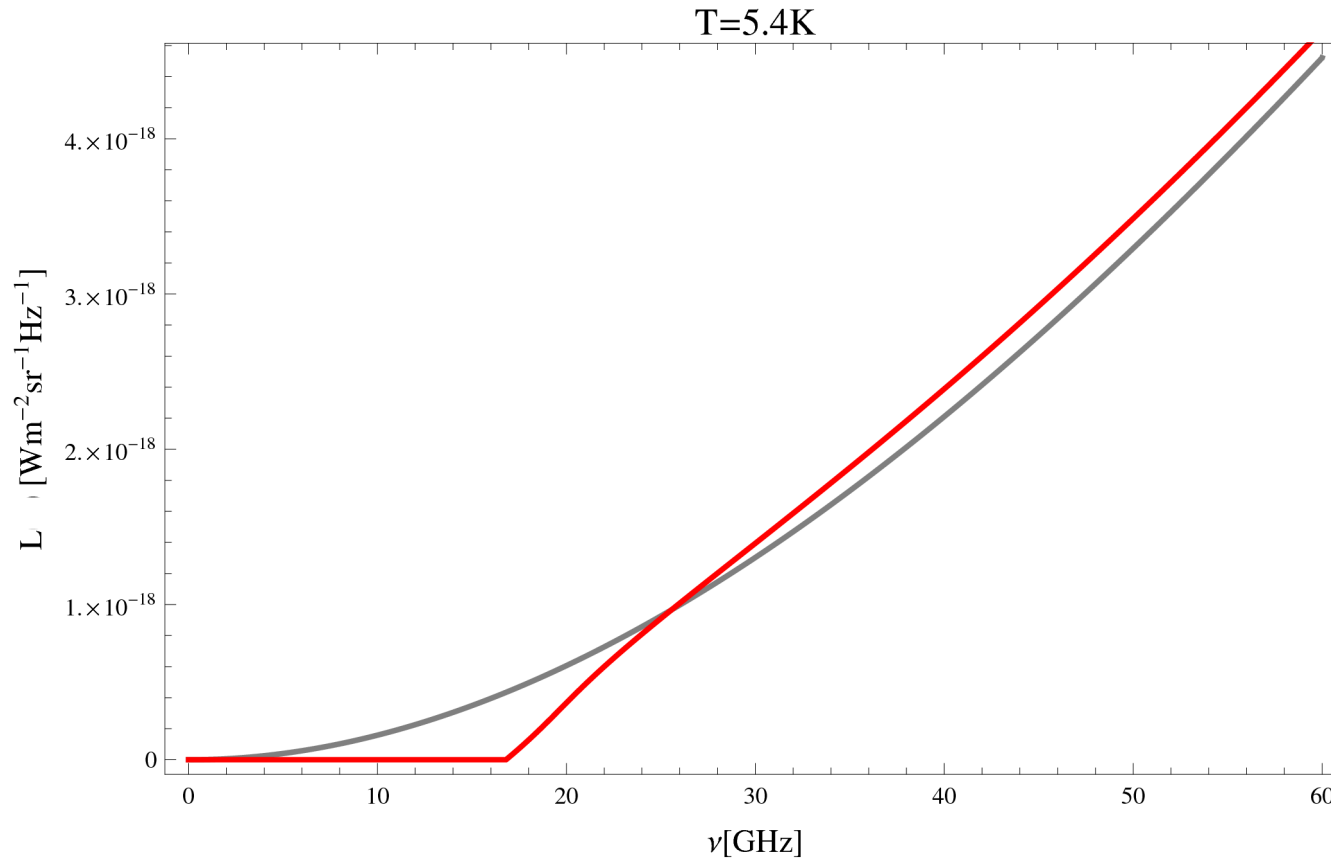


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# Spectral black-body anomaly

Radiance,  $T = 2T_0$



## - integral BB anomaly:

- ◆  $\delta\rho(T) \equiv \rho_{\text{SU}(2)_{\text{CMB}}} - \rho_{\text{U}(1)}$

- ◆  $T = \bar{T}(t) + \delta T(t, \vec{x})$

- ◆ **in simulations** bias factor  $F(\bar{T}, \delta T)$  for  $\delta T$  in phys. voxel volume  $\Delta V$  :

$$F(\bar{T}, \delta T) = \frac{P_{\text{SU}(2)}}{P_{\text{U}(1)}} \quad \text{where} \quad P = \frac{\exp(-\rho\Delta V/\bar{T})}{\int_{T_0}^{\infty} dT \exp(-\rho\Delta V/\bar{T})} .$$

- ◆  $\delta\rho$  potential for scalar field  $\delta T$   $\longrightarrow$

- ◆ **Manton's programme**  $\partial_{\mu}\delta T\partial^{\mu}\delta T$

introduce kinetic term

**action density:**

$$\sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{CMB}} = \left( \frac{\bar{T}_0}{\bar{T}} \right)^3 (k \partial_{\mu}\delta T\partial^{\mu}\delta T - \delta\rho(T))$$

where  $k$  empirically determined normalization

## Effective theory, cntd.

- varying action, linearizing e.o.m., and coordinate change  $\longrightarrow$

$$\partial_{\tilde{\mu}} \partial^{\tilde{\mu}} \delta T - \frac{3}{\bar{T}} \partial_{\tau} \bar{T} \partial_{\tau} \delta T + \frac{T_0^2}{kH_0^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 \hat{\rho}}{dT^2} \Big|_{T=\bar{T}} \delta T + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dT} \Big|_{T=\bar{T}} \right] = 0,$$

where  $\delta \rho = T_0^2 \hat{\rho}$  and ct  $\tilde{x}_0 \equiv \tau = H_0 t$ ,  $\tilde{x}_i = \frac{da}{dt} x_i = \frac{x_i}{H^{-1}} a$ .

(time i.u. of today's age of universe; spatial coordinates i.u. size of actual universe)

- assuming 3D spherical symmetry  $\longrightarrow$

$$0 = \partial_{\tau} \partial_{\tau} \delta T - \left( \frac{da}{a d\tau} \right)^2 \left[ \partial_{\sigma} \partial_{\sigma} \delta T + \frac{2}{\sigma} \partial_{\sigma} \delta T \right] - \frac{3}{\bar{T}} \partial_{\tau} \bar{T} \partial_{\tau} \delta T + \frac{T_0^2}{kH_0^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 \hat{\rho}}{dT^2} \Big|_{T=\bar{T}} \delta T + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dT} \Big|_{T=\bar{T}} \right]$$

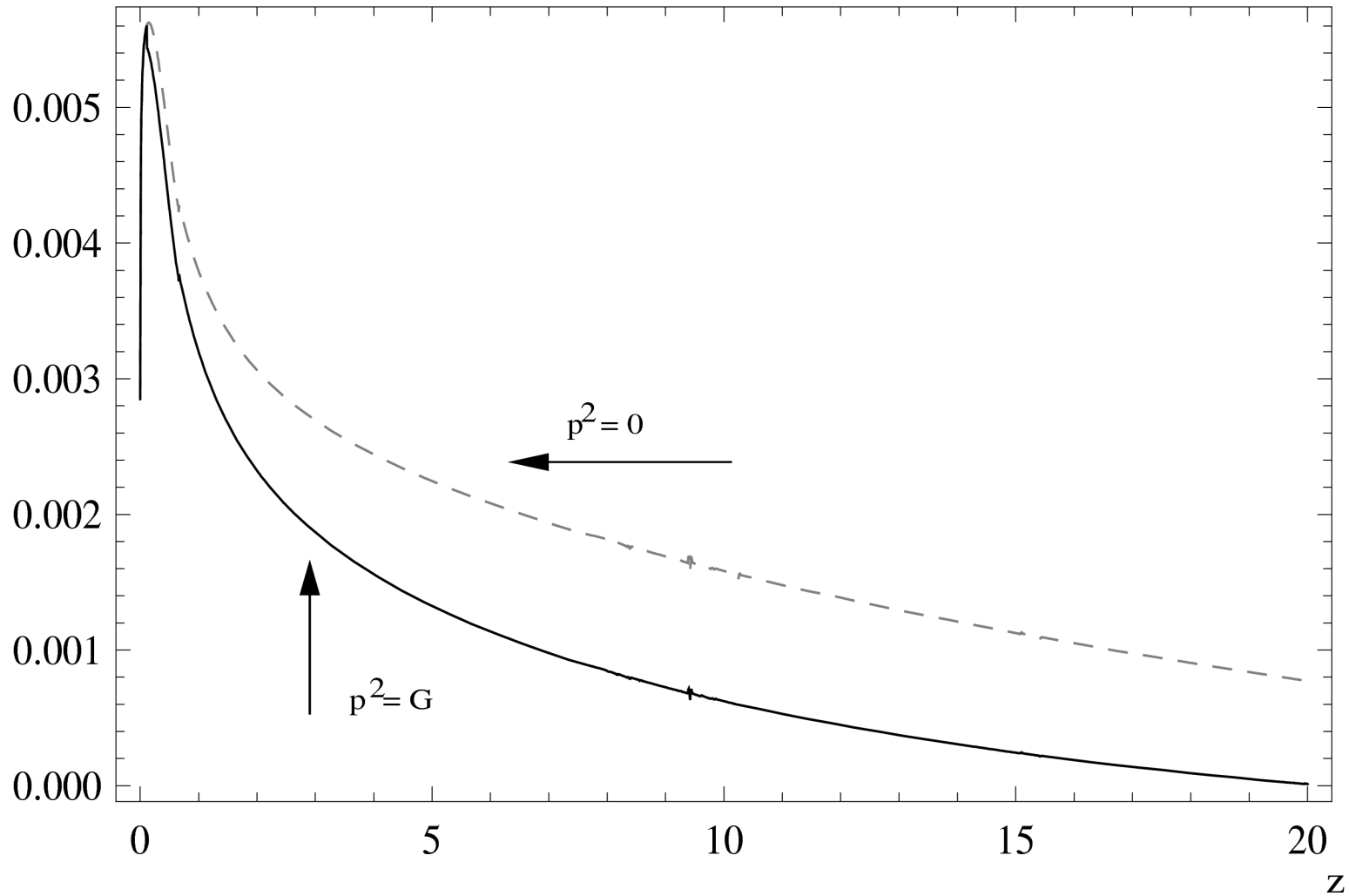
where

$$\sigma \equiv \sqrt{\tilde{x}_1^2 + \tilde{x}_2^2 + \tilde{x}_3^2}.$$

source term  $\uparrow$

# source term:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d \delta \rho}{dT} \right|_{T=\bar{T}} [\text{K}^3]$$

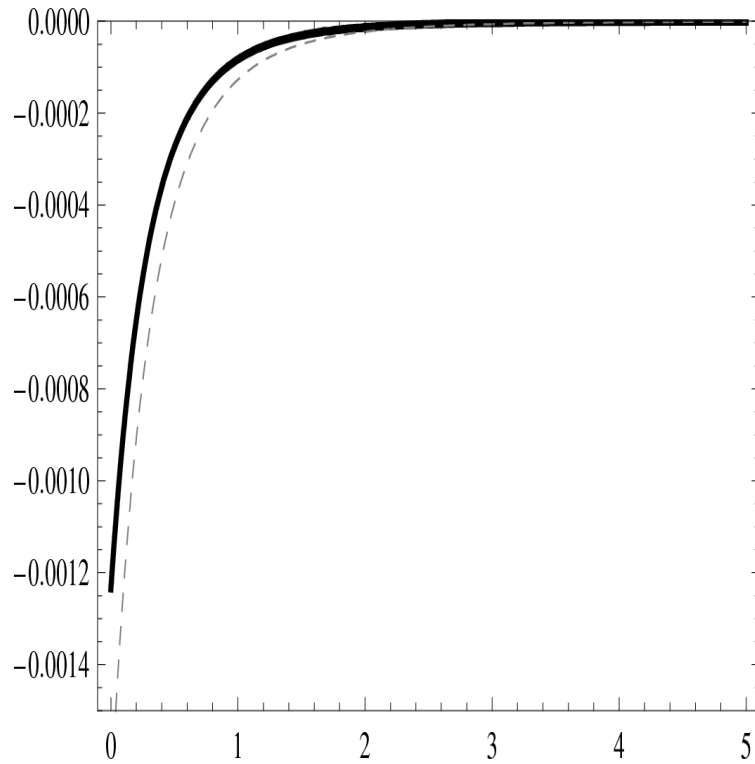


# $\delta T$ depression:

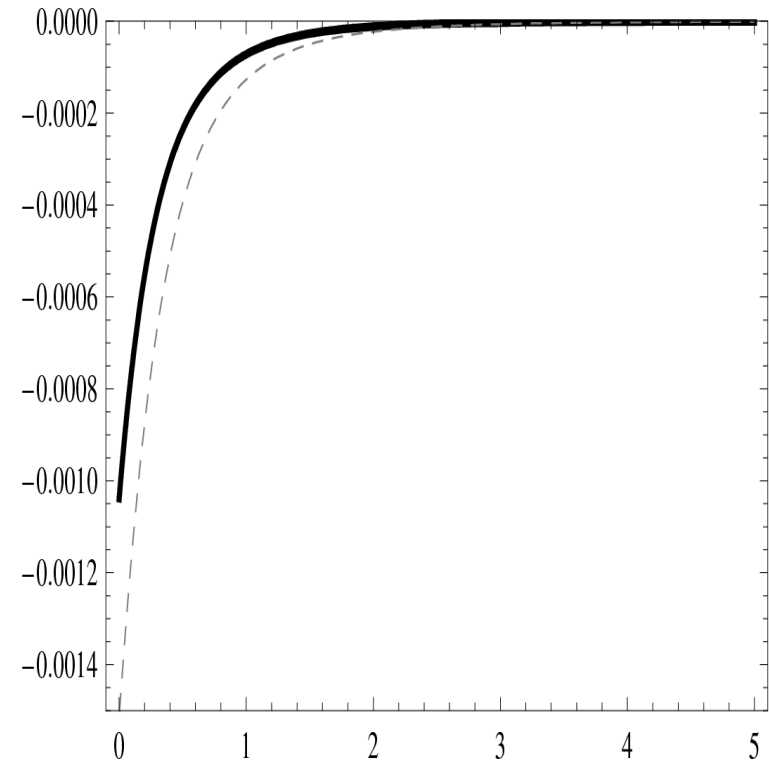
- study evolution in terms of  $z$  subject to best-fit  $\Lambda$ CDM
- **initial conditions:** fluctuation of primordial norm., arbitr. width,  
speed of initial fluctuation **zero** for  $z_i > 20$  or so
- **boundary conditions:** extremum at  $\sigma = 0$  , **zero** at  $\sigma = 1$   
(causal connection to  $\sigma = 0$  )
- determine  $k$  phenomenologically (mismatch of Local Group motion  
with motion extracted kinematically from measured CMB dipole or  
directly from a large-angle anomaly in dipole subtracted map, later)  
[Ludescher et Hofmann (2009), Erdogdu et al.( 2006)]

# $\delta T$ depression, cntd.

$$\frac{\delta T}{\bar{T}}$$



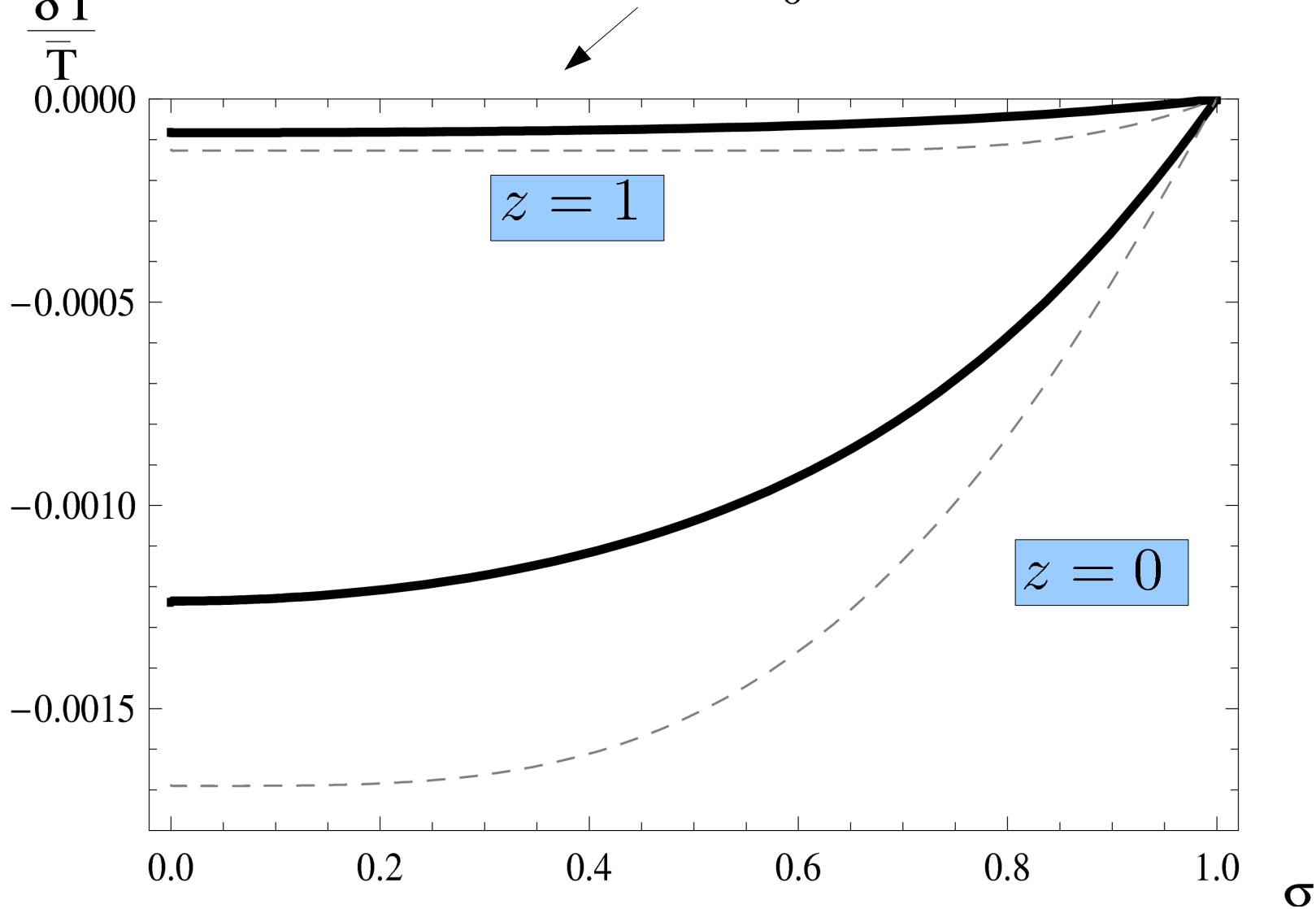
$$\sigma = 0.05 \quad (k = 0.01868 \bar{T}_0^2 / H_0^2)$$



$$\sigma = 0.5$$

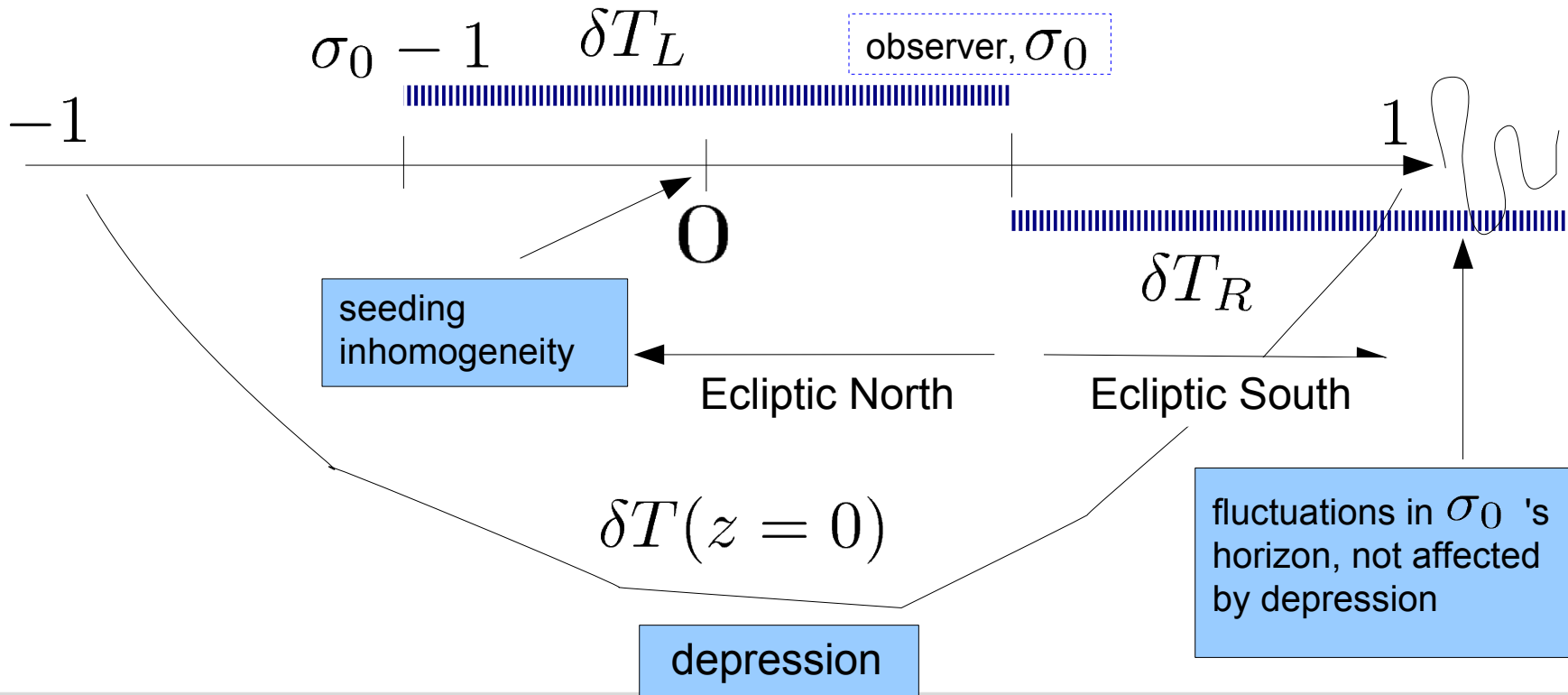
$z$

$\frac{\delta T}{\bar{T}}$  depression, cntd. observer at  $\sigma_0$



- **CMB cold spot, low variance, power asymmetry:**  
consider:

$$\delta T_L \equiv \int_{\sigma_0}^1 d\xi \delta T(z=0, \xi), \quad \delta T_R \equiv \int_{\sigma_0-1}^{\sigma_0} d\xi \delta T(z=0, \xi)$$





now:

- ◆ dynamical contribution in measured (kinematically dominated) CMB dipole →

$$|\vec{D}_{dyn}| = \frac{1}{2} (\delta T_L - \delta T_R)$$

- ◆ offset =  $\frac{1}{2} (\delta T_L + \delta T_R)$  → cold spot

- ◆ →  $\vec{d}_{CS} || \vec{e}_{\text{mirror antisymm}}$        $\vec{d}_{CS} || \vec{e}_{\text{hemisph asymmetry}}$

recall (Planck observations):  $\angle \vec{e}_{\text{mirror antisymm}}, \vec{e}_{CS} \sim 42^\circ - 56^\circ$  ;  
 $\angle \vec{e}_{\text{hemisph asym}}, \vec{e}_{CS} \sim 42^\circ$  .

- ◆ variance asymm:

North projection longer along profile → less variance,  
 South projection includes causally disconnected fluctuations  
 → more variance

- suppression of TT for  $\theta > 60^\circ$

rapid build-up of profile at  $z \sim 1$

- alignment of quadrupole and octopole (axis of evil)  
 ~ along gradient to profile,  $\vec{\nabla} \delta T|_{z=0, \sigma_0}$  :

$$\angle - \vec{e}_{aoe}, \vec{e}_{cs} \sim 49^\circ$$

- dipolar power asymmetry:

Planck: l-binned mean  $\sim 67^\circ$

concordance -model simulation: l-binned mean  $\sim 90^\circ$  

**preferred direction over large range of angular resolution after dipole subtraction:  $\vec{\nabla} \delta T|_{z=0, \sigma_0}$  or  $\vec{e}_{cs}$**

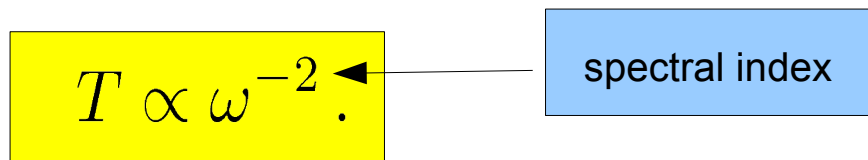
- some observational facts
- dipolar, multiplicative modulation model
- deconfining SU(2) YMTD
- dual interpretation
- photon propagation described by  $SU(2)_{\text{CMB}}$  rather than U(1)
- some evidence
- black-body anomaly
- effective theory for temperature fluctuations: rapid build-up of profile at  $z \sim 1$
- interpretation of results: accommodation of pot. dipole discrepancy, cold spot, variance and power asymmetries, and mirror antisymmetry preferred direction in the dipole subtracted CMB sky
- relax simplifying assumptions  
(spherical symmetry, instantaneous line-of-sight integrations) and do more realistic simulations
- BUT YOU CAN DO IT MUCH BETTER!  
(2-parameter model in simulations:  $\sigma_0$  and  $\xi$ )

Thank you.

# CMB large-angle and low frequency anomalies in terms of $SU(2)_{\text{CMB}}$

## - excess of radiance at low frequencies:

- ◆ photon acquires Meissner mass  $m_\gamma \sim 0.1 \text{ GHz}$  by coupling to preconfining ground state [Hofmann 2009]
- ◆ for  $\omega < m_\gamma$  : photons become evanescent (standing waves) of Gaussian radiance distribution about zero mean  $\longrightarrow$   
**line temperature for  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  :**


$$T \propto \omega^{-2} .$$

spectral index

(spectral index of line temperature  $\sim -2.6$  at  $\nu \sim 2 \text{ GHz}$ , when lower  $\nu$  included in fit spectral index increases!)  $\longrightarrow$

# massive cosmological neutrino equation of state:

Assume:  $m_\nu = \xi T$

(neutrino single center-vortex loop of yet another  
but now confining-phase SU(2), neutrino mass induced by environment)

[Moosmann, Hofmann 2008]

