



# What WMAP taught us about inflation, and what to expect from Planck

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# How Do We Test Inflation?

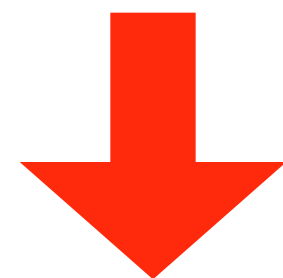
- How can we answer a simple question like this:
  - “*How were primordial fluctuations generated?*”

# Stretching Micro to Macro

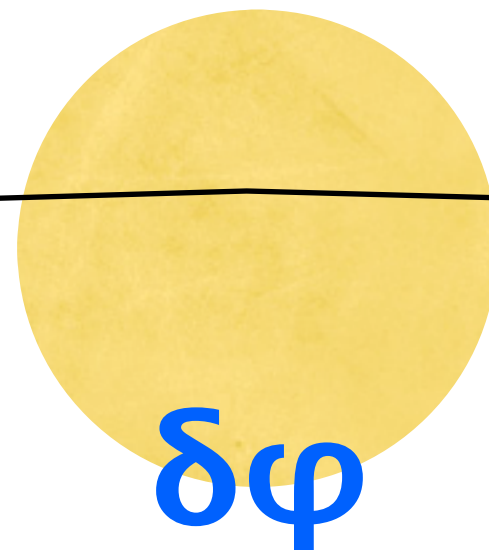
$H^{-1}$  = Hubble Size



Quantum fluctuations on microscopic scales



**INFLATION!**

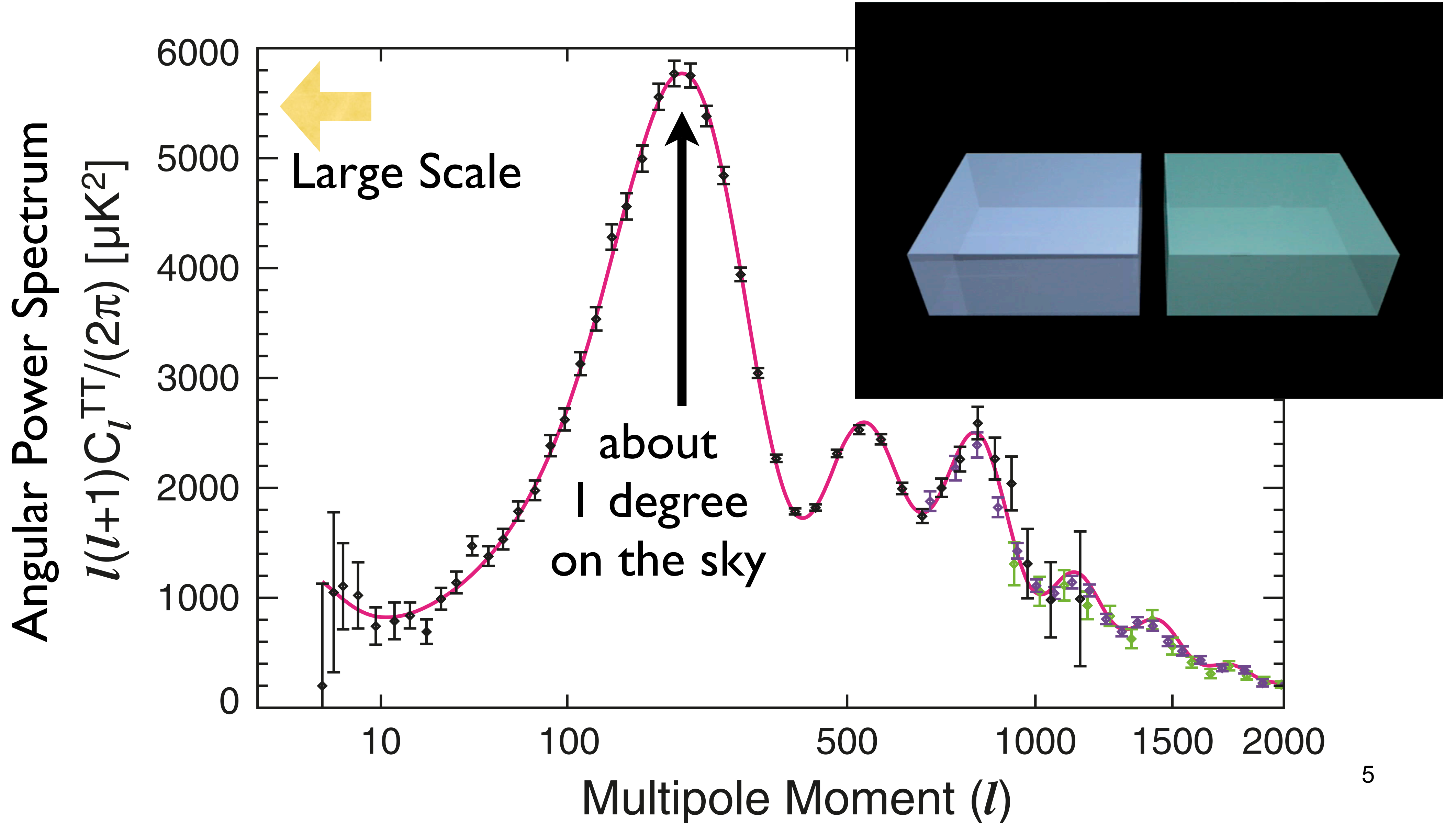


Quantum fluctuations cease to be quantum, and become observable

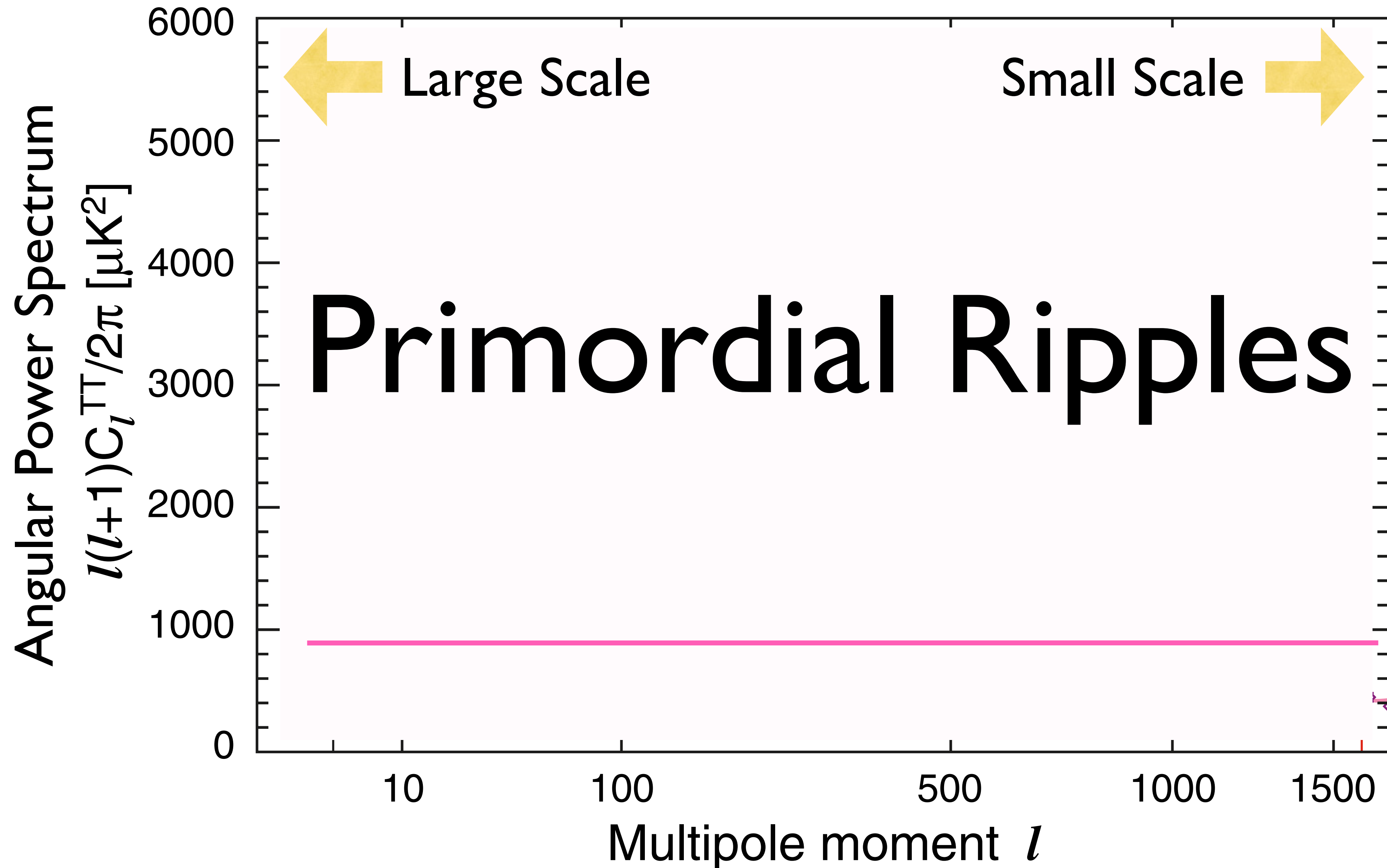
# Power Spectrum

- A very successful explanation (Mukhanov & Chibisov; Guth & Pi; Hawking; Starobinsky; Bardeen, Steinhardt & Turner) is:
  - *Primordial fluctuations were generated by quantum fluctuations of the scalar field that drove inflation.*
  - The prediction: a nearly scale-invariant power spectrum in the curvature perturbation,  $\zeta = -(H dt/d\varphi)\delta\varphi$ 
    - **$P_\zeta(\mathbf{k}) = \langle |\zeta_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle = A/k^{4-n_s} \sim A/k^3$**
    - where  $n_s \sim 1$  and  $A$  is a normalization.

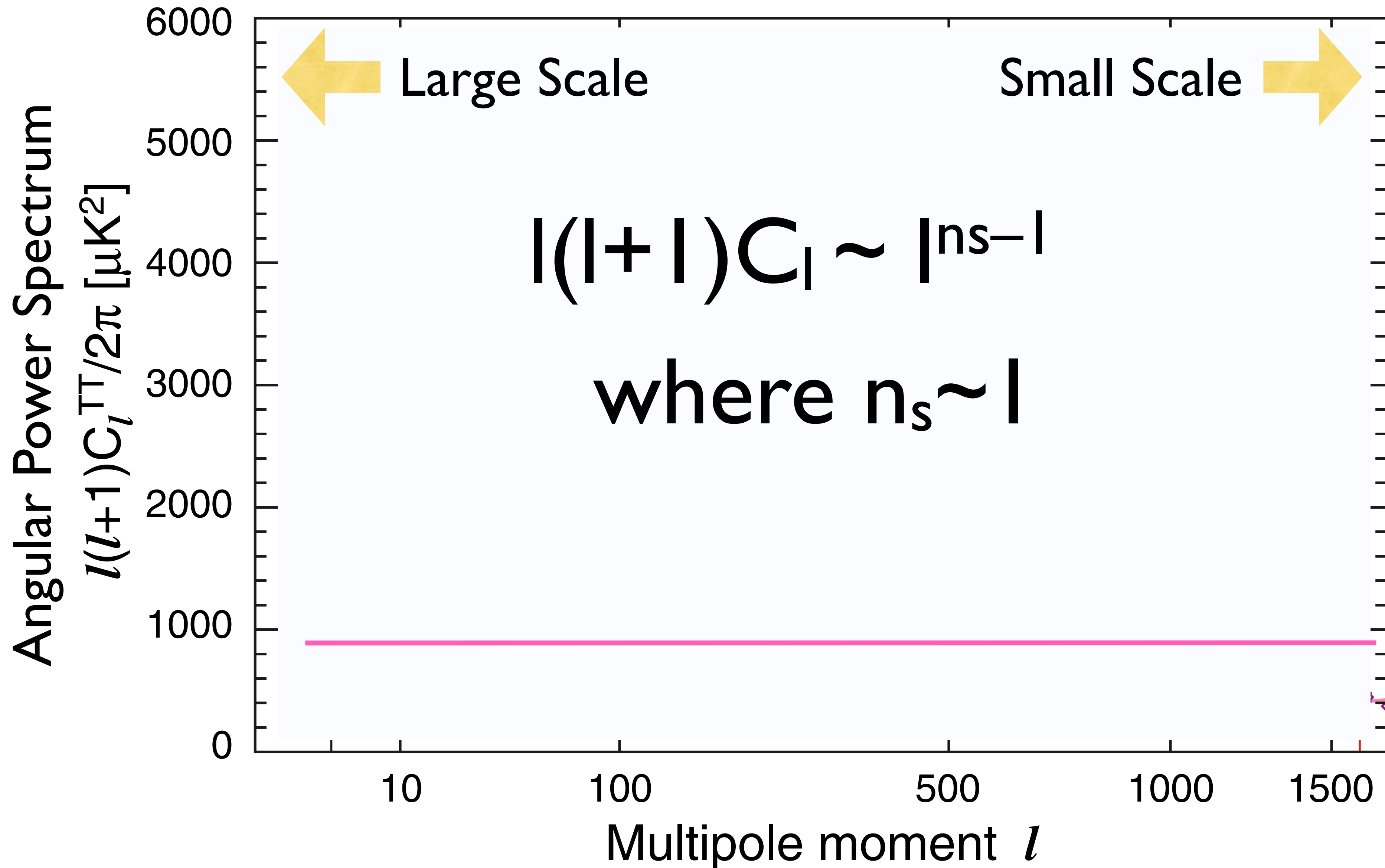
# WMAP Power Spectrum



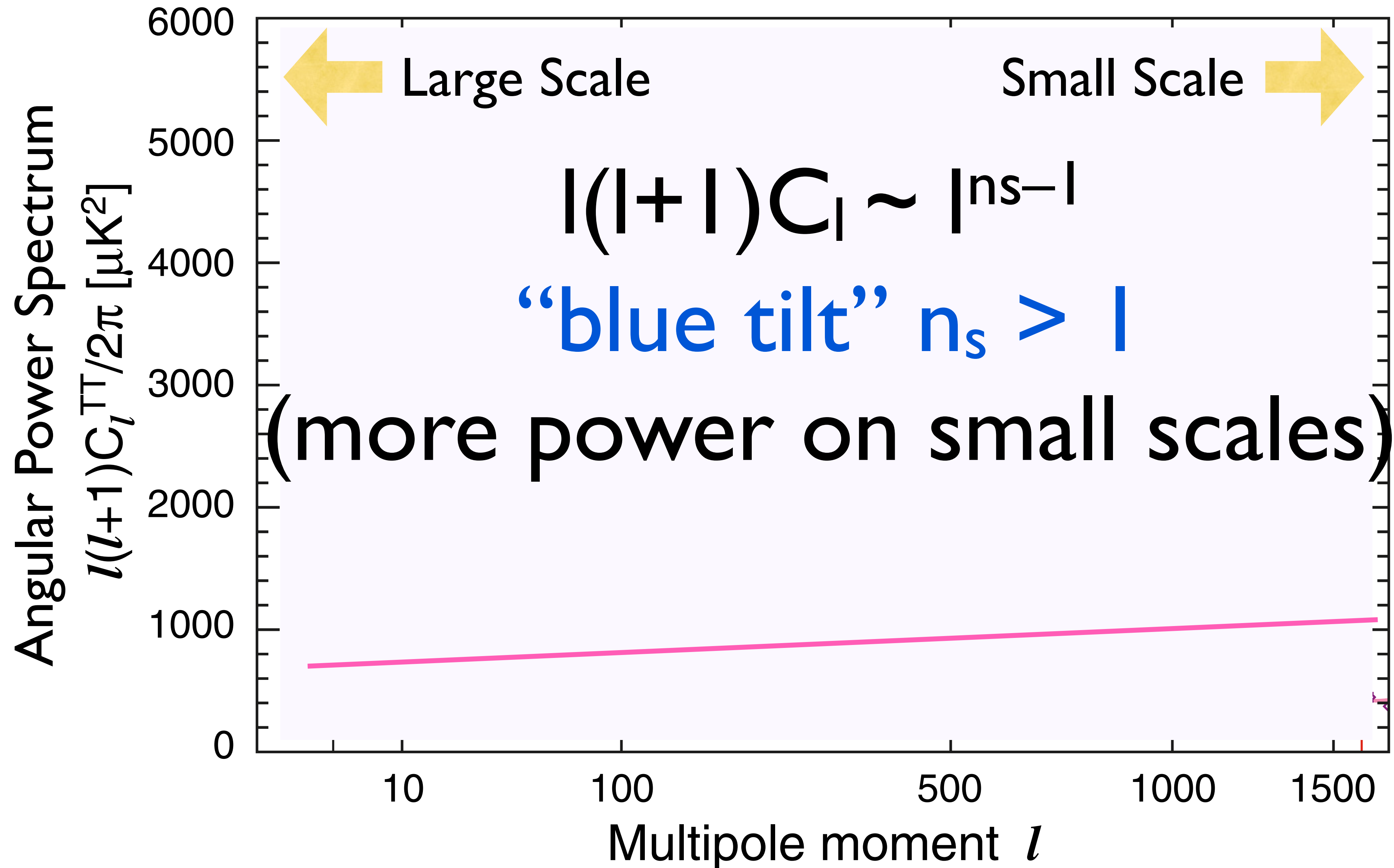
# Getting rid of the Sound Waves



# Inflation Predicts:

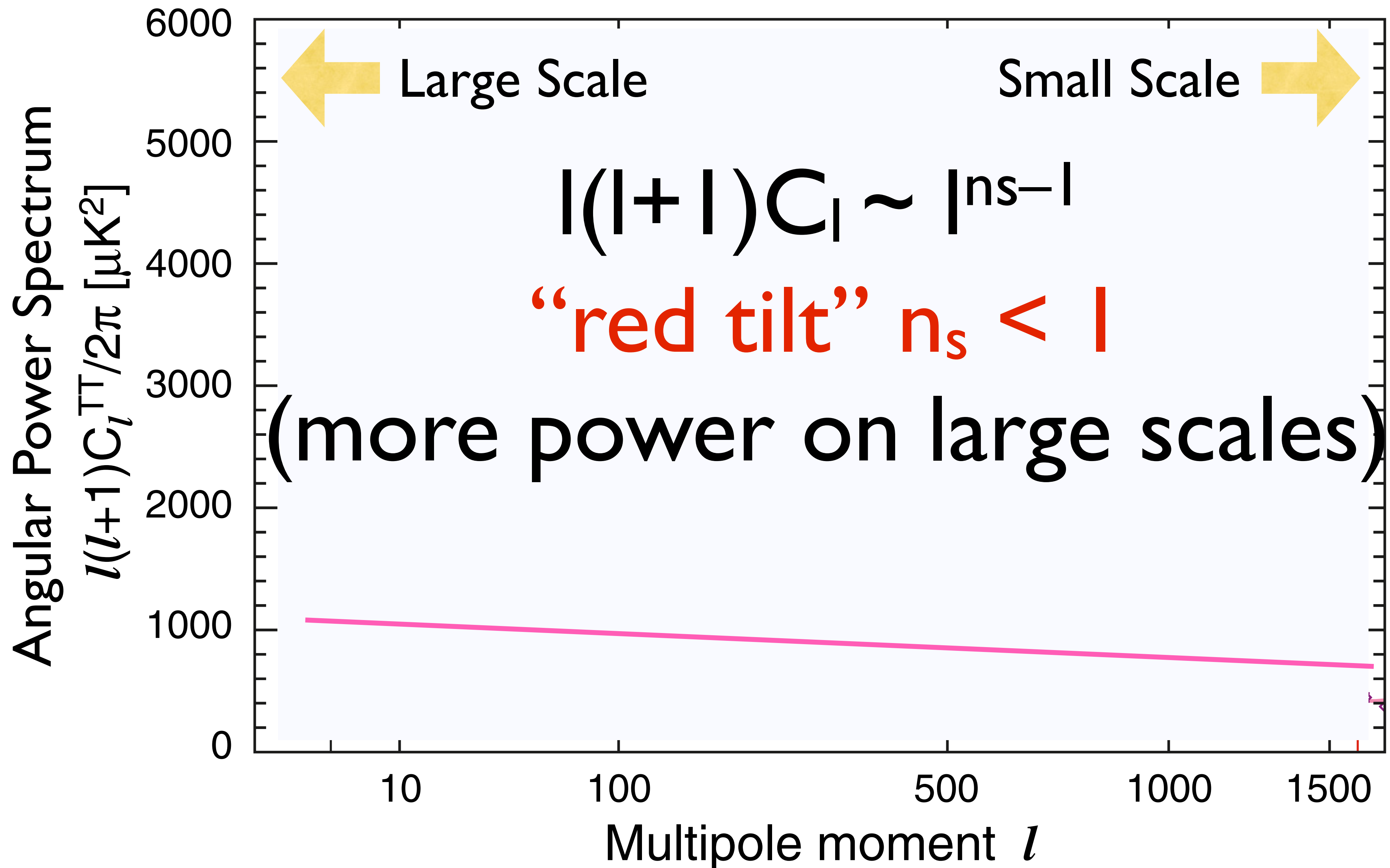


# Inflation may do this

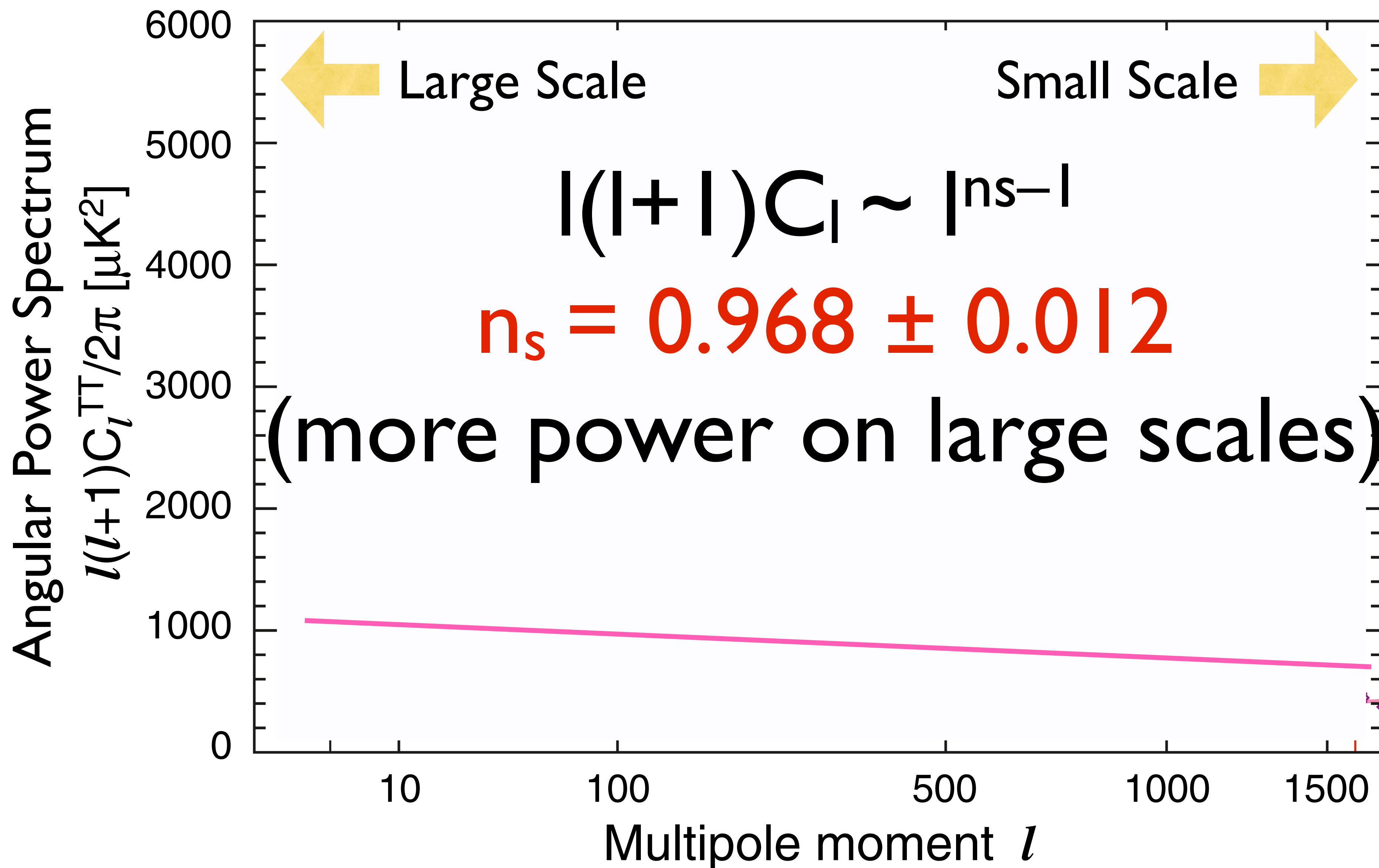




...or this



# WMAP 7-year Measurement (Komatsu et al. 2011)



After 9 years of observations...

# WMAP taught us:



- **All of the basic predictions of single-field and slow-roll inflation models are consistent with the data**
  - But, not all models are consistent (i.e.,  $\lambda\phi^4$  is out unless you introduce a non-minimal coupling)

# Testing Single-field by Adiabaticity

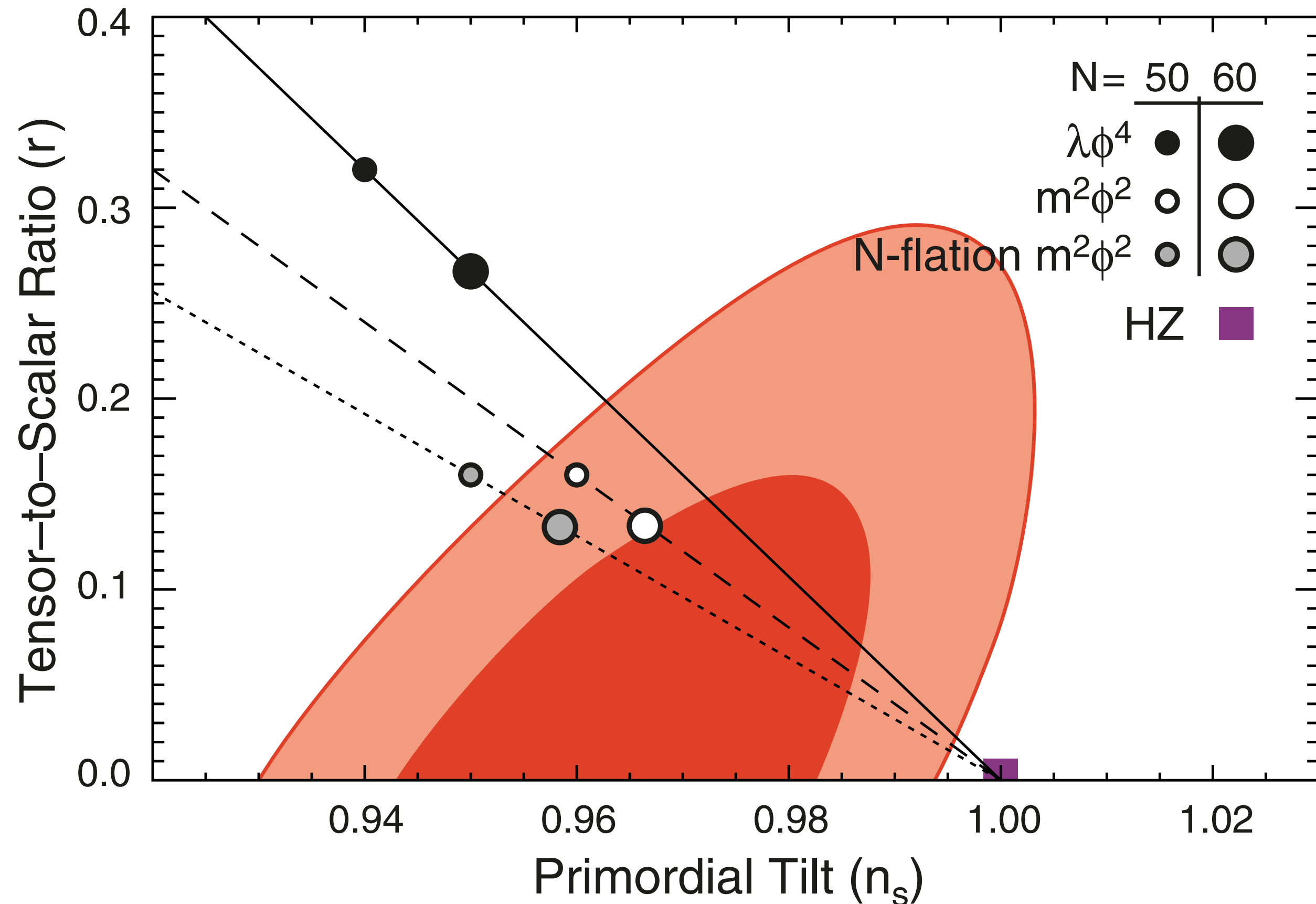
- Within the context of single-field inflation, all the matter and radiation originated from a single field, and thus there is a particular relation (adiabatic relation) between the perturbations in matter and photons:

$$S_{c,\gamma} \equiv \frac{\delta\rho_c}{\rho_c} - \frac{3\delta\rho_\gamma}{4\rho_\gamma} = 0$$

The data are consistent with  $S=0$ :

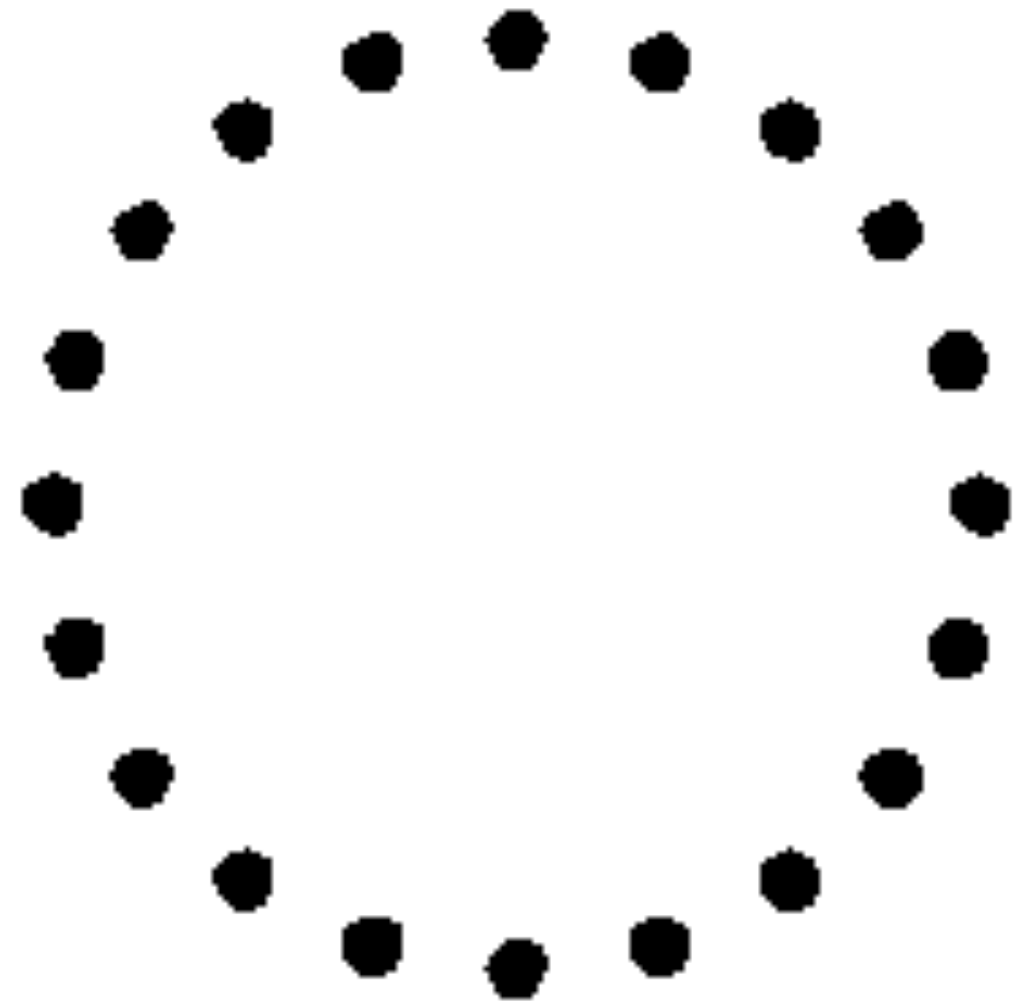
$$\frac{|\delta\rho_c/\rho_c - 3\delta\rho_\gamma/(4\rho_\gamma)|}{\frac{1}{2}[\delta\rho_c/\rho_c + 3\delta\rho_\gamma/(4\rho_\gamma)]} < 0.09 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

# Inflation looks good



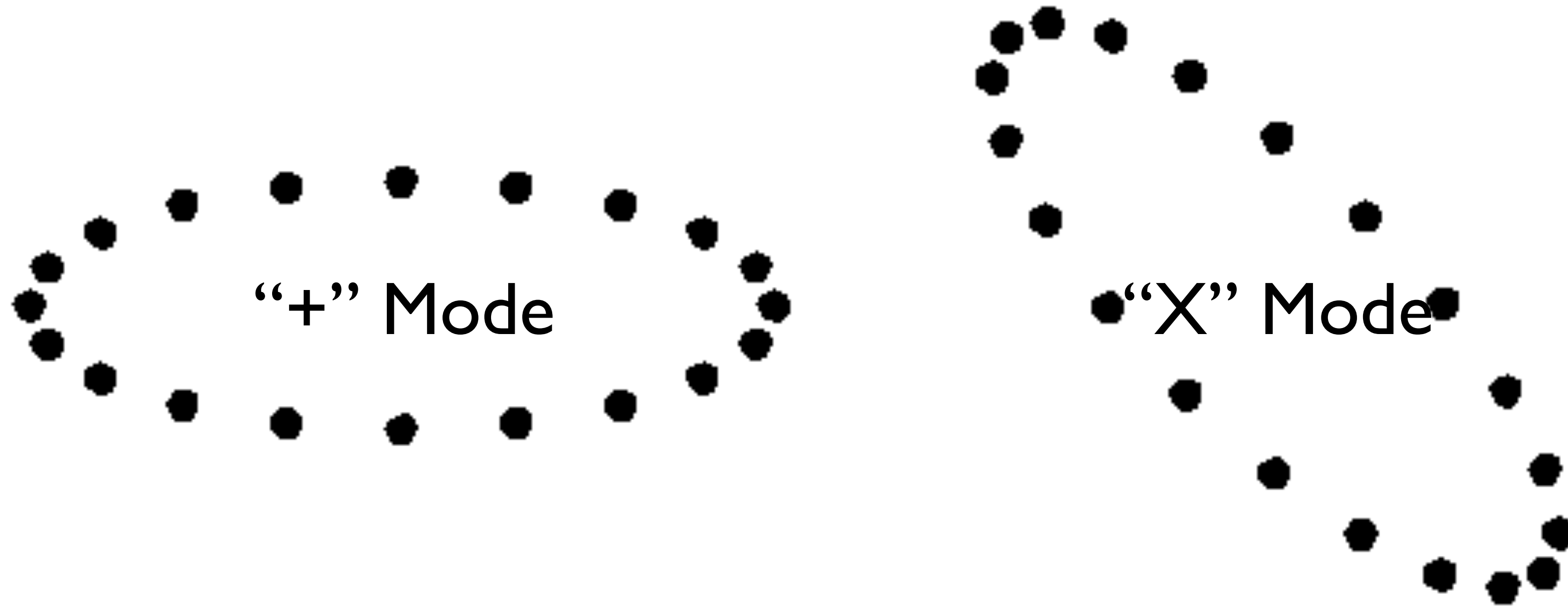
- Joint constraint on the primordial tilt,  $n_s$ , and the tensor-to-scalar ratio,  $r$ .
- **$r < 0.24$**  (95%CL; WMAP7+BAO+ $H_0$ )

# Gravitational waves are coming toward you... What do you do?



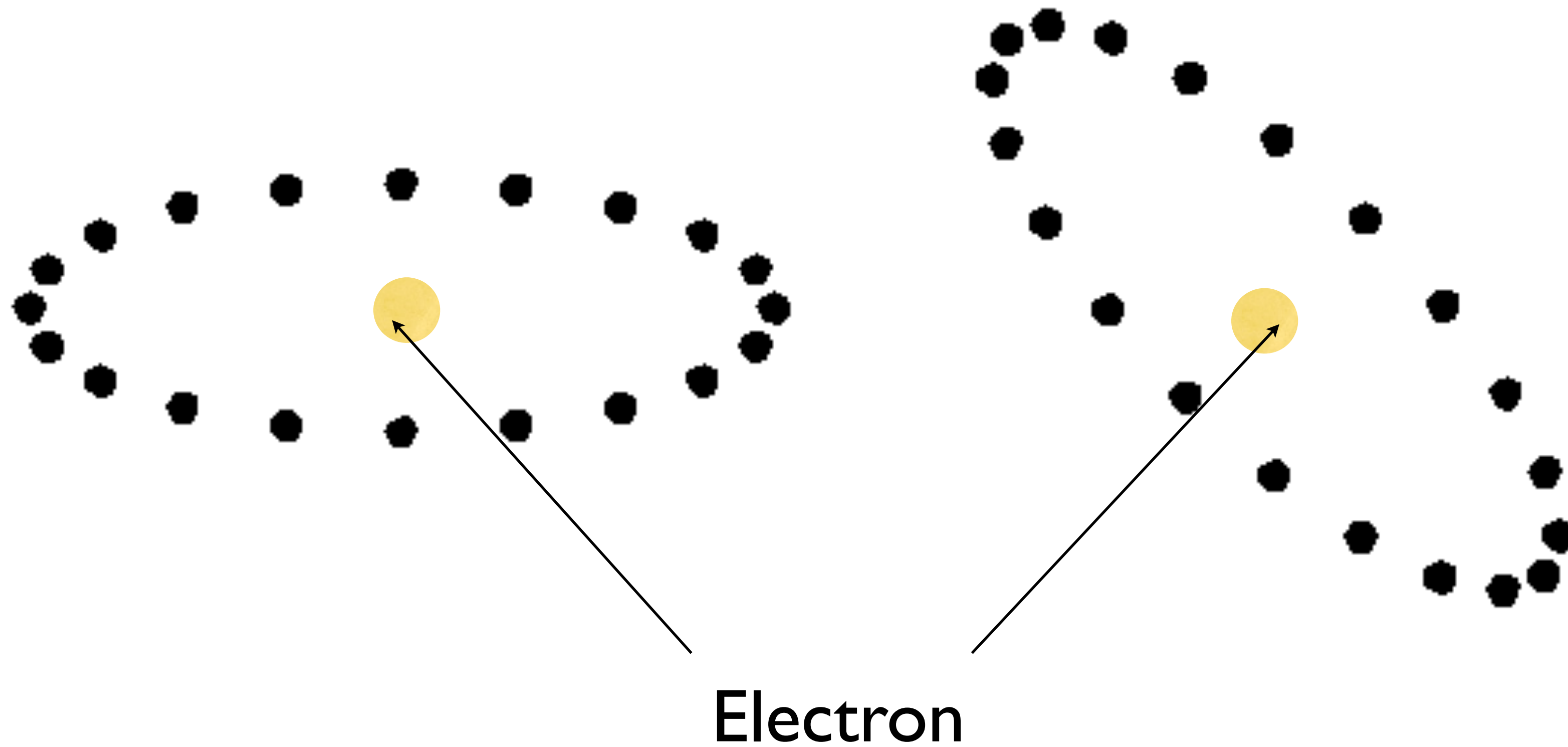
- Gravitational waves stretch space, causing particles to move.

# Two Polarization States of GW



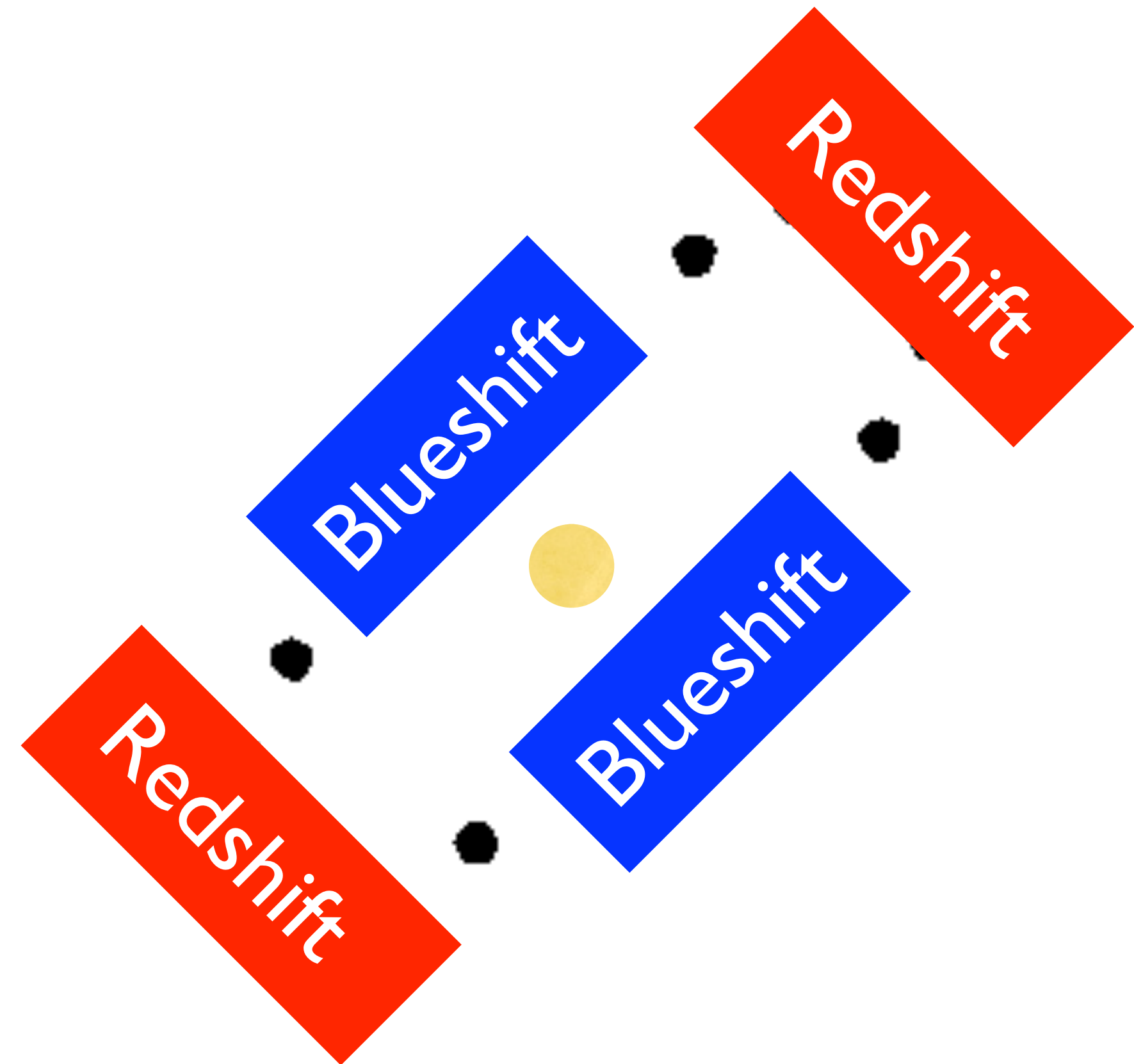
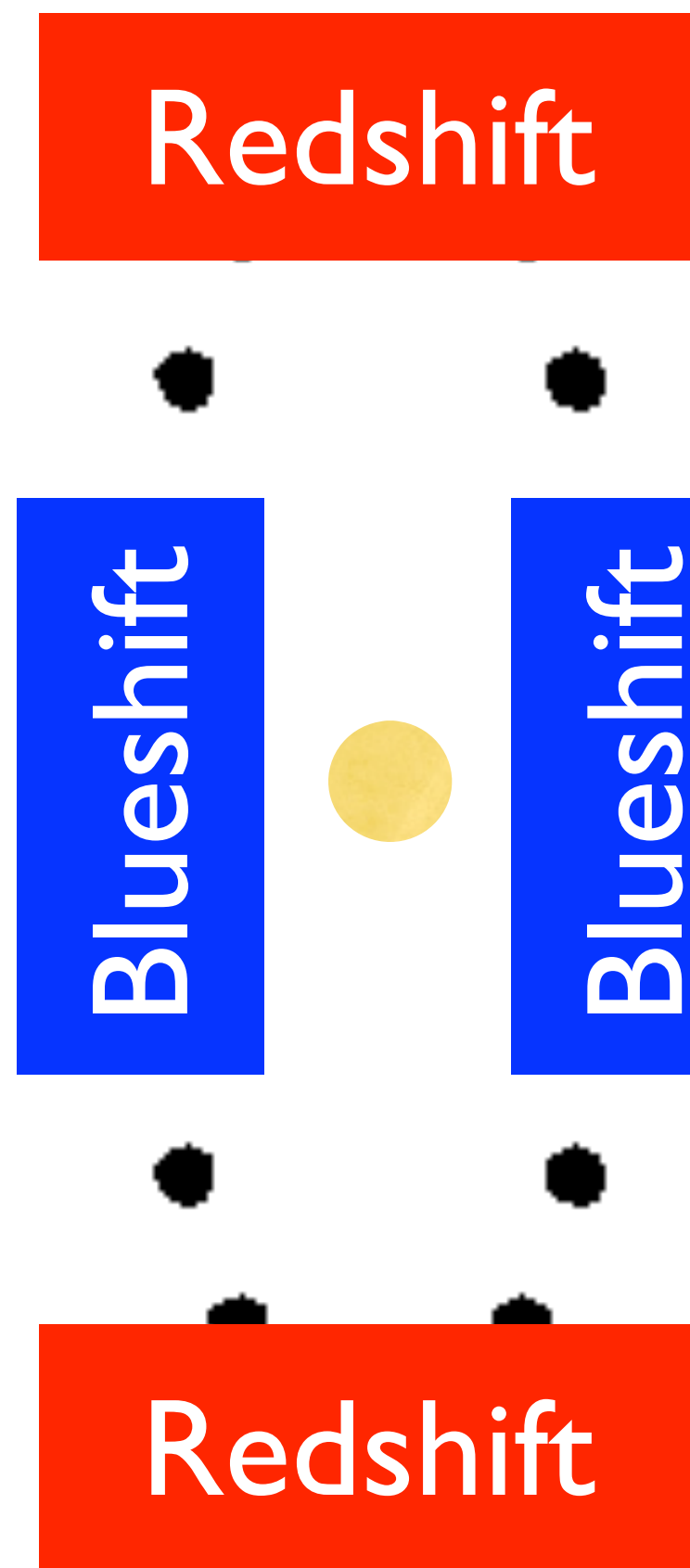
- This is great - this will automatically generate quadrupolar temperature anisotropy around electrons!

# From GW to CMB Polarization

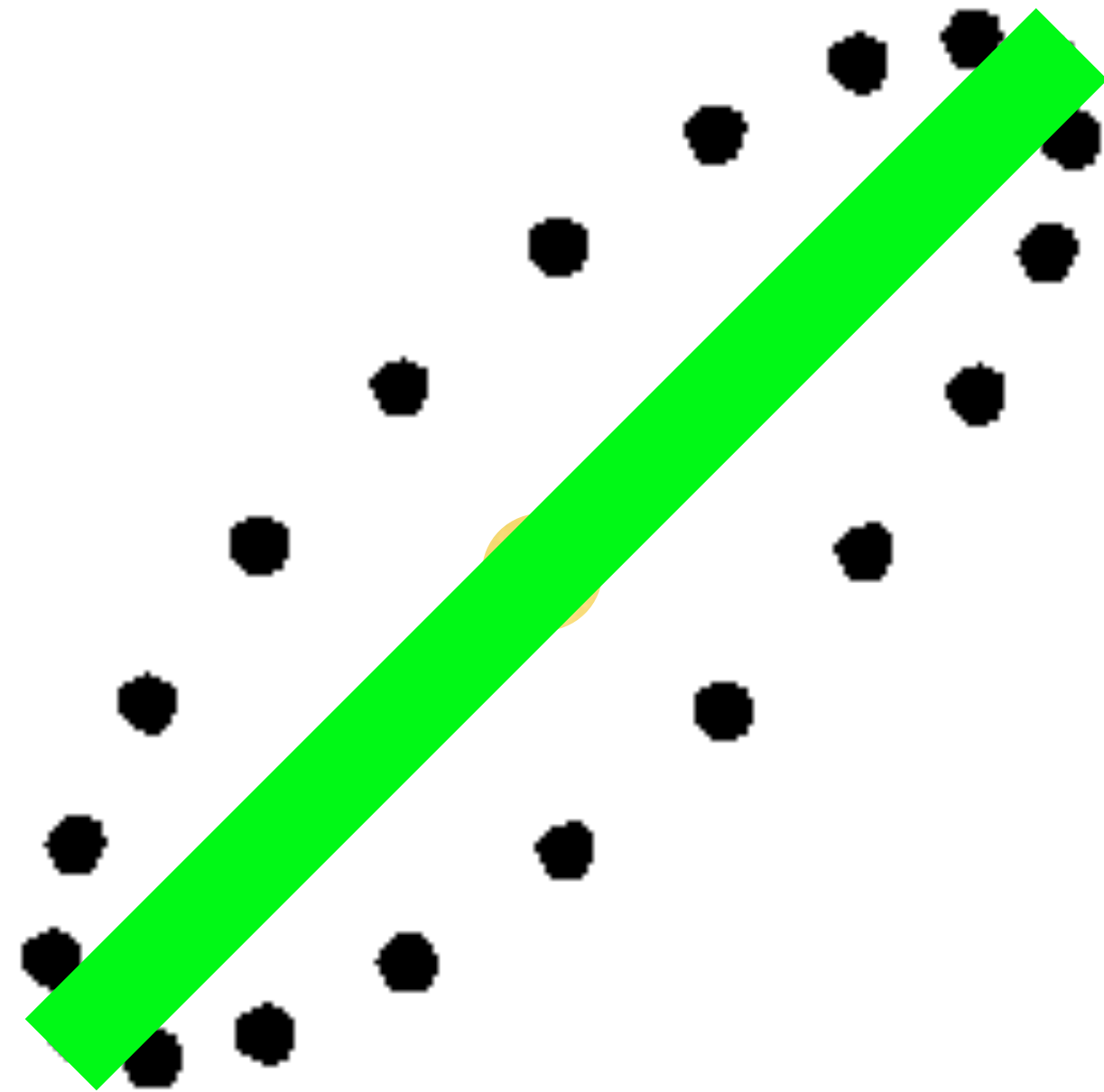
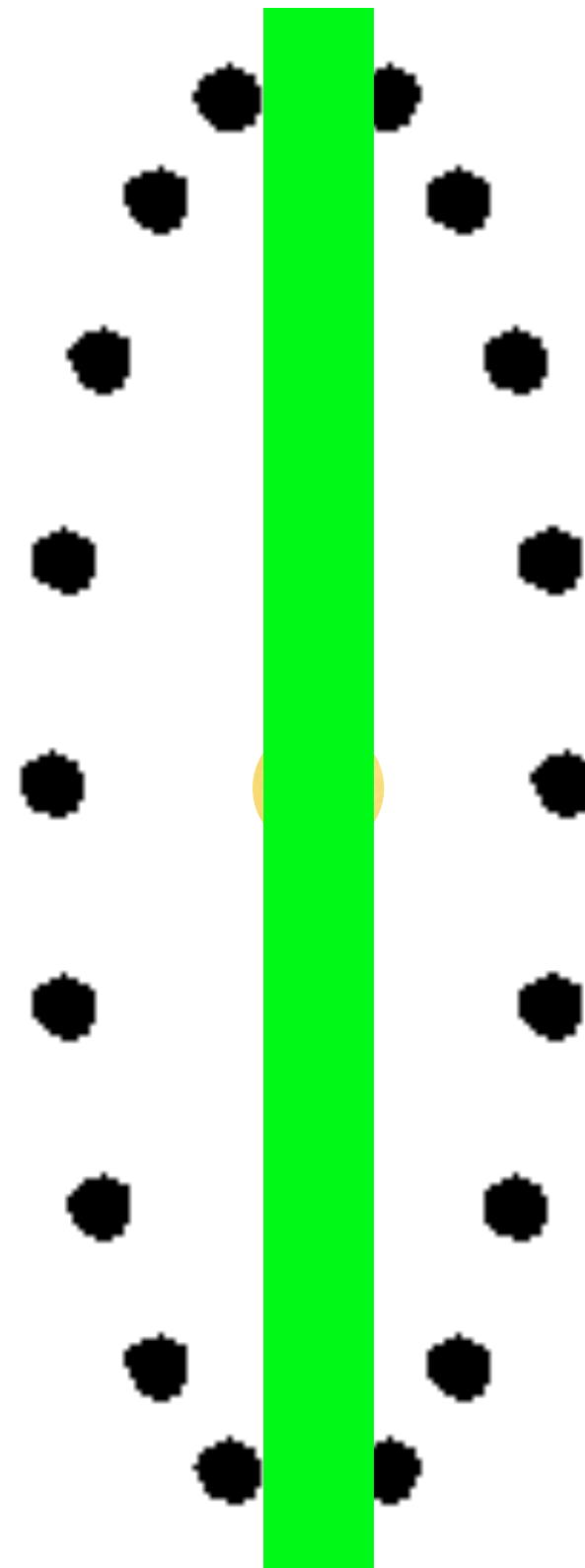




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“Tensor-to-scalar Ratio,”  $r$

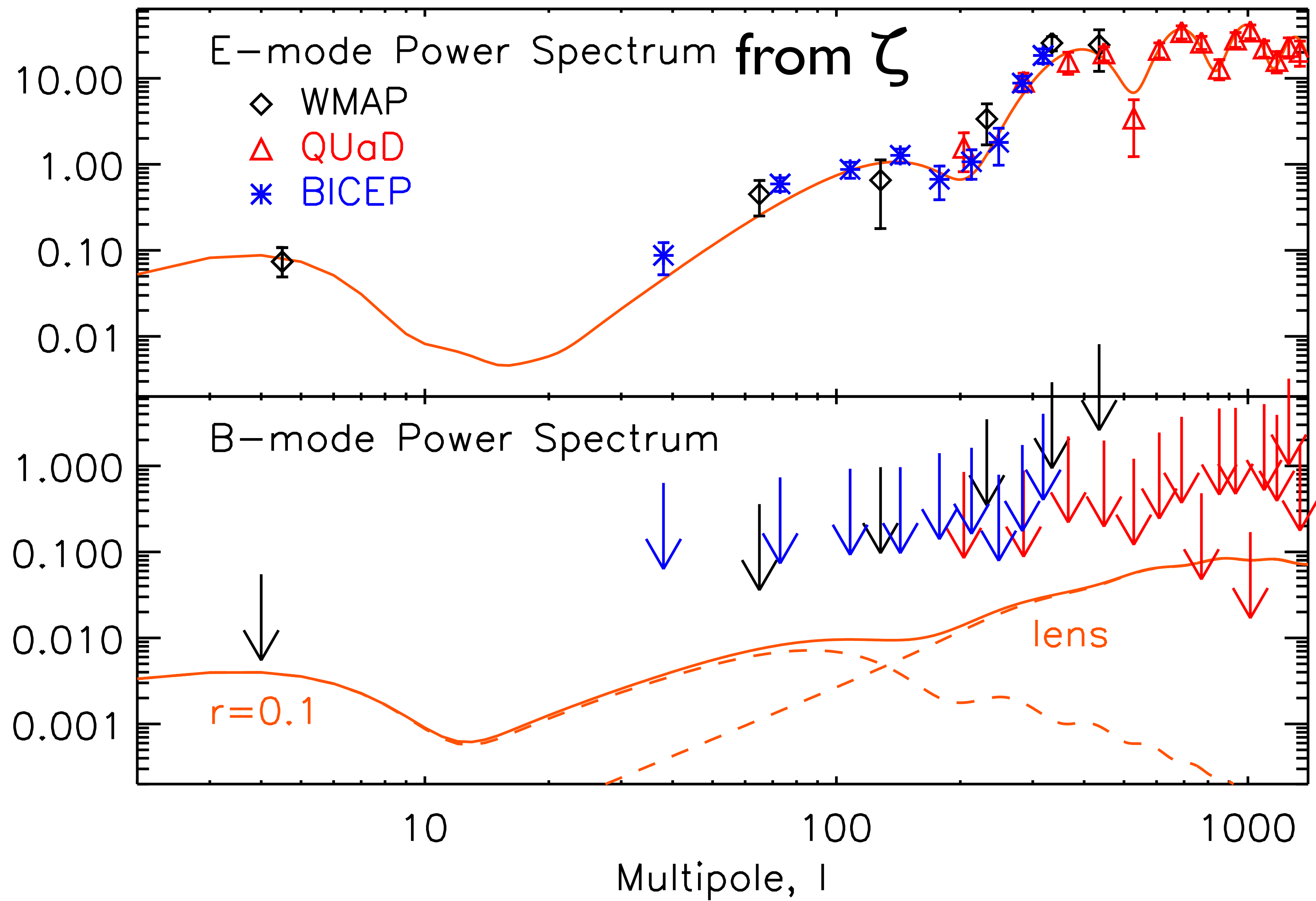
$$r \equiv \frac{2 \langle |h_{\mathbf{k}}^+|^2 + |h_{\mathbf{k}}^\times|^2 \rangle}{\langle |\zeta_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle}$$

In terms of the slow-roll parameter:

$$r = 16\varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon = -(\dot{H}/H^2) = 4\pi G(\dot{\varphi})^2/H^2 \approx (16\pi G)^{-1}(dV/d\varphi)^2/V^2$

# Polarization Power Spectrum



- No detection of polarization from gravitational waves (B-mode polarization) yet.

# However

- We cannot say, just yet, that we have definite evidence for inflation.
- *Can we ever prove, or disprove, inflation?*

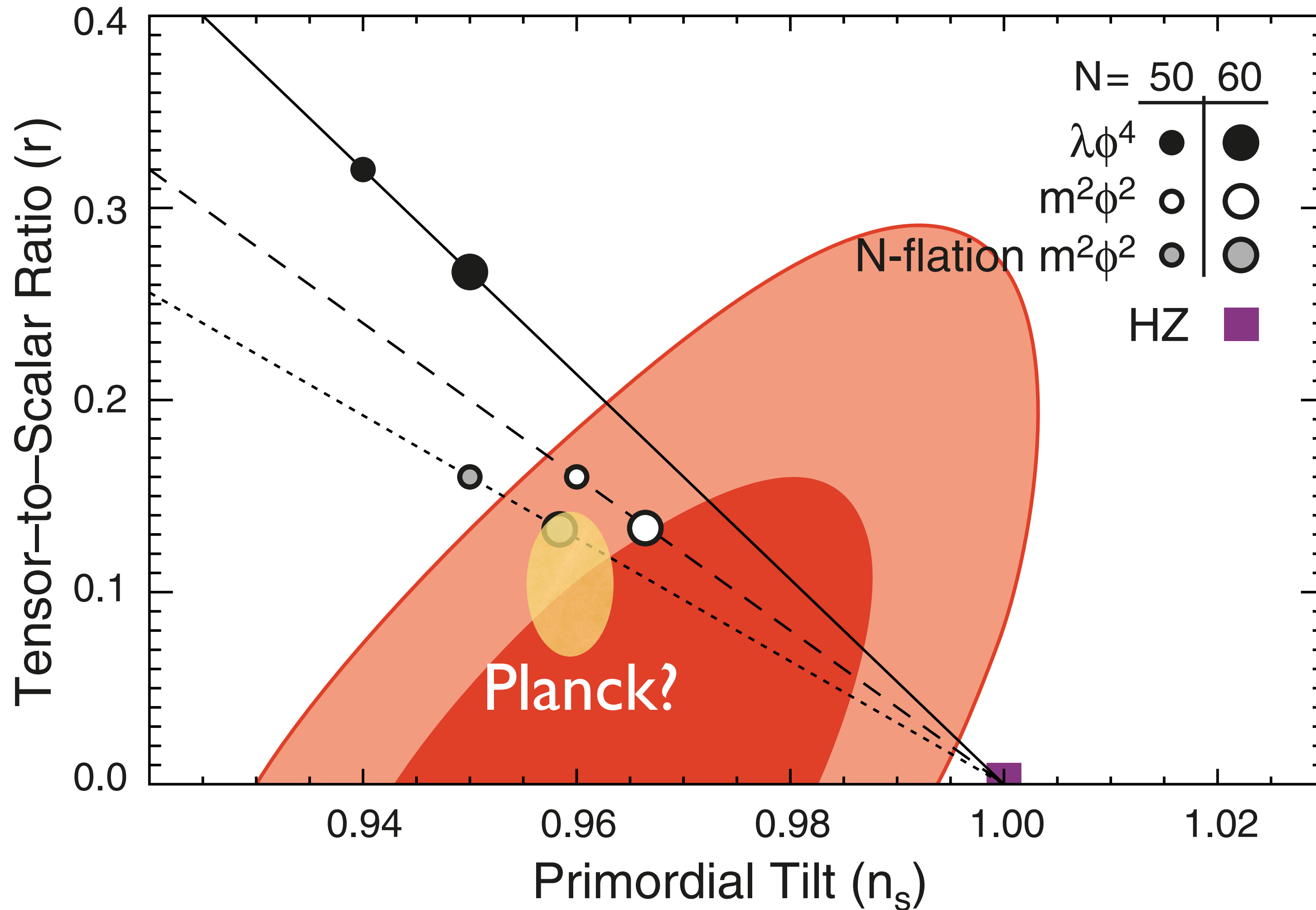


# Planck may:

- **Prove** inflation by detecting the effect of primordial gravitational waves on polarization of the cosmic microwave background (i.e., detection of  $r$ )
- **Rule out** single-field inflation by detecting a particular form of the 3-point function called the “local form” (i.e., detection of  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}$ )
- **Challenge** the inflation paradigm by detecting a violation of inequality that should be satisfied between the local-form 3-point and 4-point functions

**NEW**

# Planck might find gravitational waves (if $r \sim 0.1$ )



If found, this would give us a pretty convincing proof that inflation did indeed happen.

# And...

- Typical “inflation data review” talks used to end here, but we now have exciting new tools: **non-Gaussianity**
- To characterize a departure of primordial fluctuations from a Gaussian distribution, we use the 3-point function (bispectrum) and 4-point function (trispectrum)

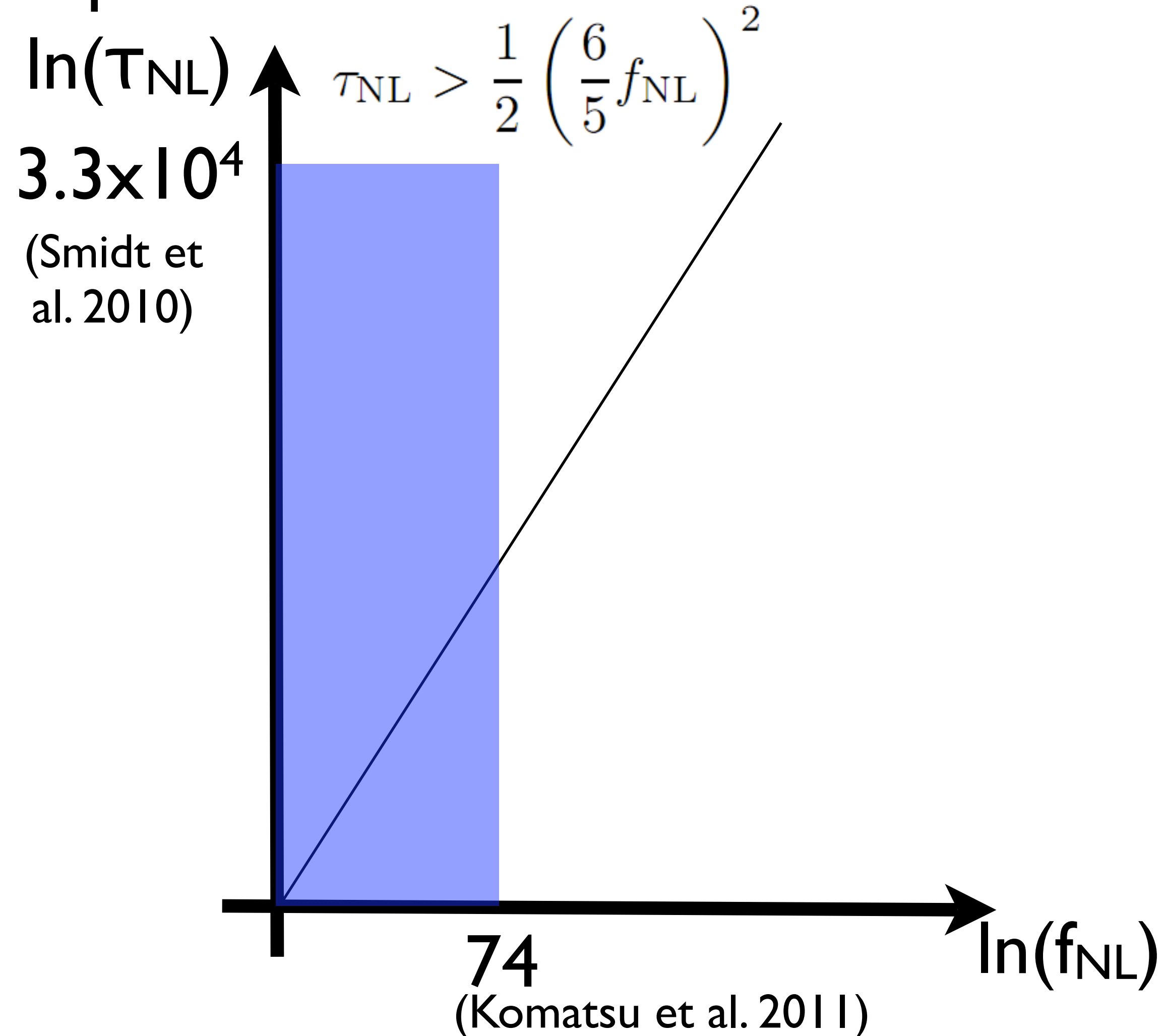


Main Conclusions First:

# Eye-catchers

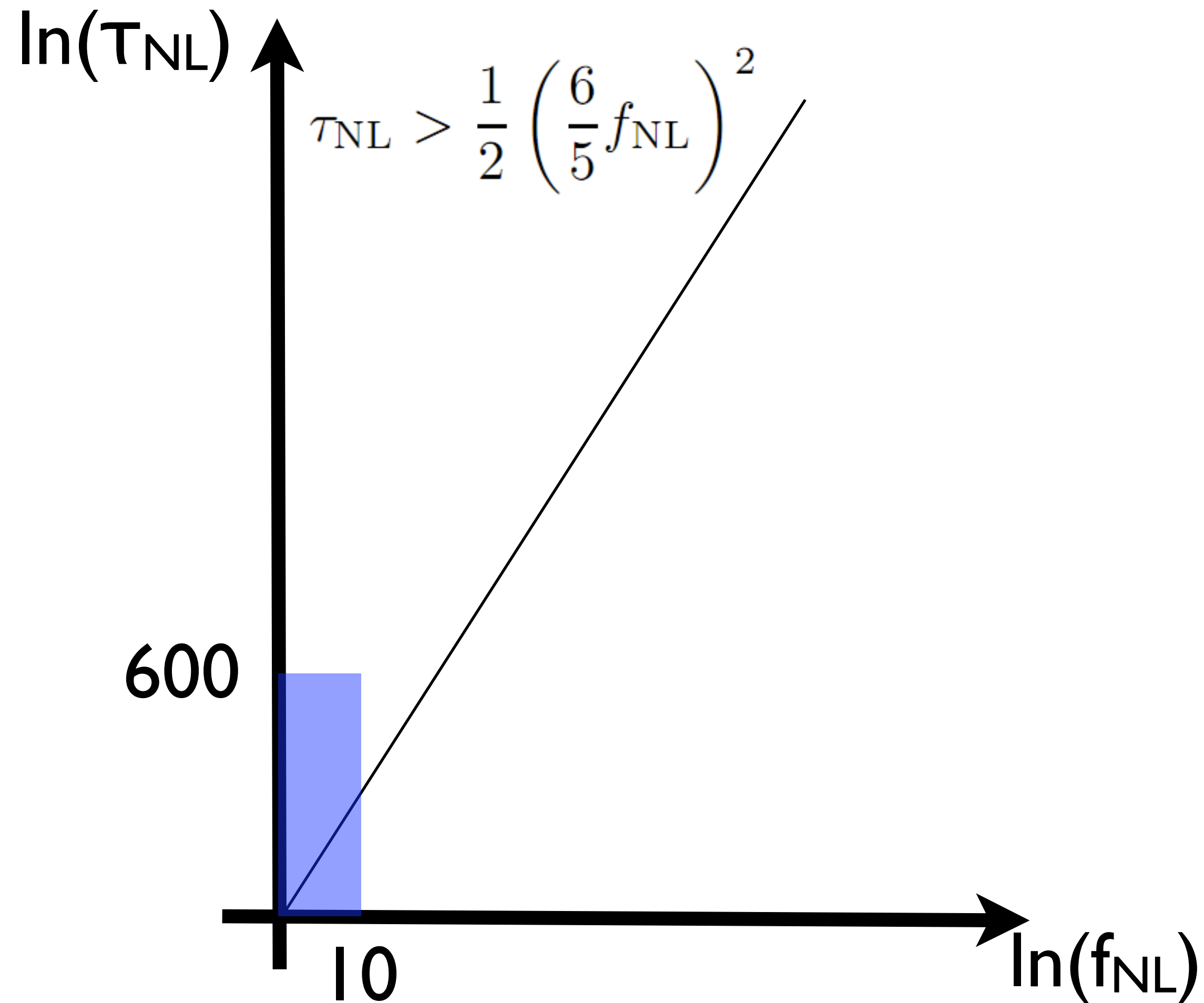
(Don't worry if you don't understand what I am talking about here: I will explain it later.)

4-point amplitude



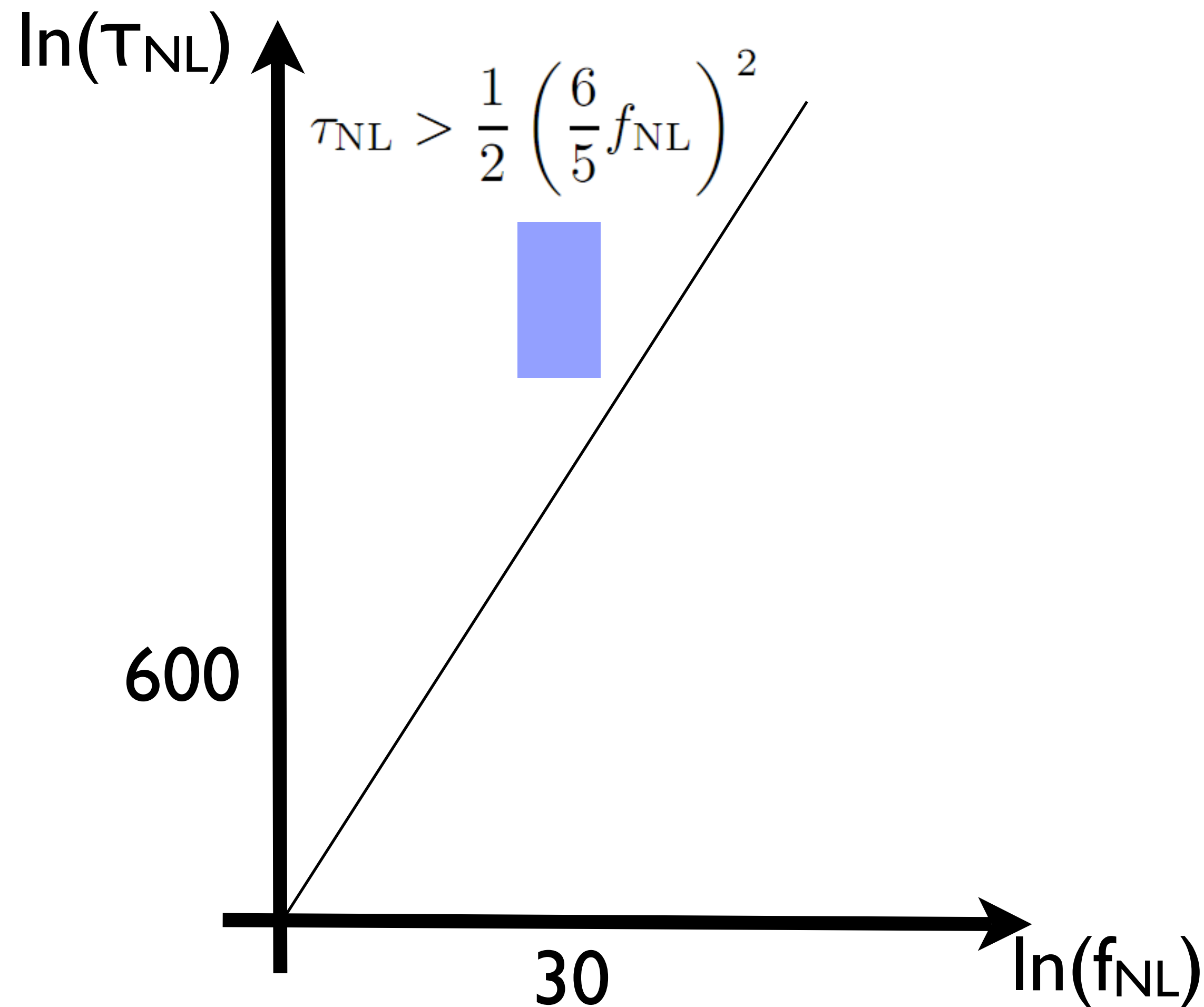
- The current limits from WMAP 7-year are consistent with single-field or multi-field models.
- So, let's play around with the future.

# Case A: Single-field Happiness



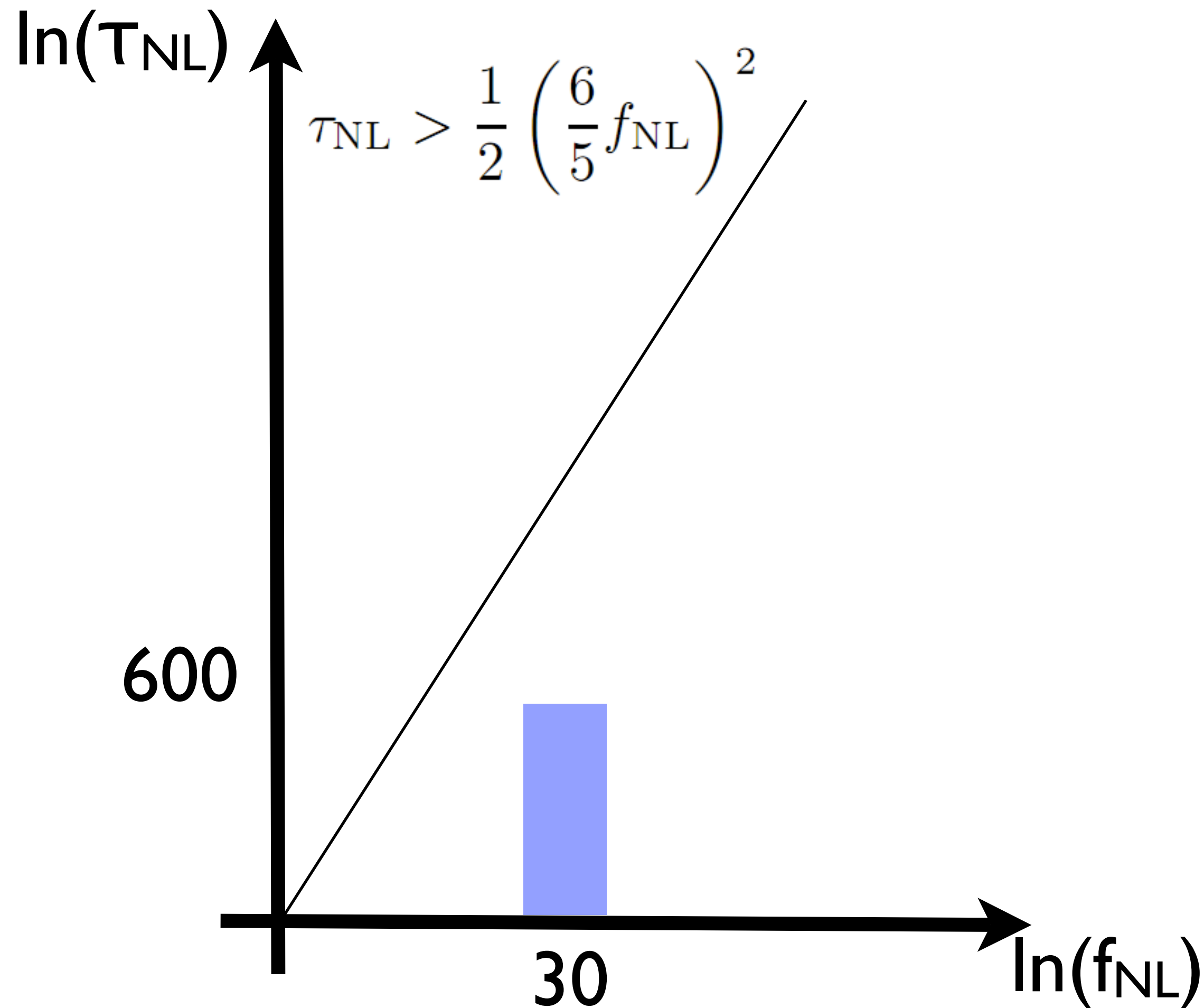
- No detection of anything ( $f_{\text{NL}}$  or  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$ ) after Planck. Single-field survived the test (for the moment: the future galaxy surveys can improve the limits by a factor of ten).

# Case B: Multi-field Happiness(?)



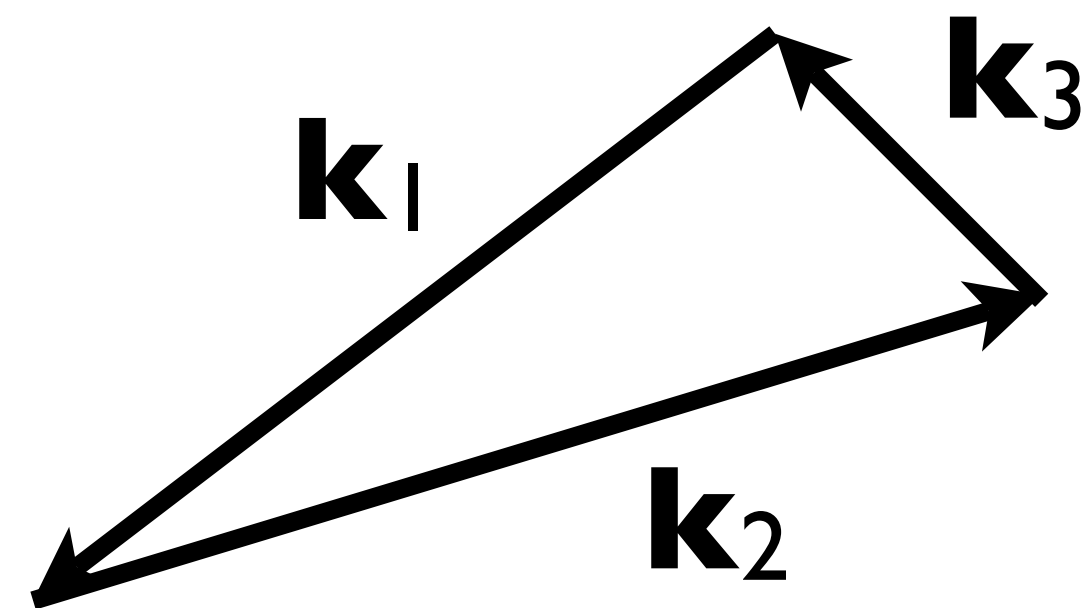
- **$f_{\text{NL}}$  is detected.**  
**Single-field is gone.**
- But,  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$  is also detected, in accordance with  $\tau_{\text{NL}} > 0.5(6f_{\text{NL}}/5)^2$  expected from most multi-field models.

# Case C: Madness



- $f_{\text{NL}}$  is detected. Single-field is gone.
- But,  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$  is not detected, or found to be negative, inconsistent with  $\tau_{\text{NL}} > 0.5(6f_{\text{NL}}/5)^2$ .
- **Single-field AND most of multi-field models are gone.**

# Bispectrum

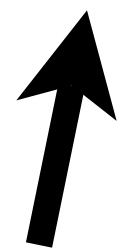


- Three-point function!

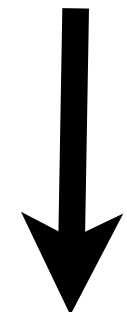
- $B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3)$

$$= \langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle = (\text{amplitude}) \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) F(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

model-dependent function

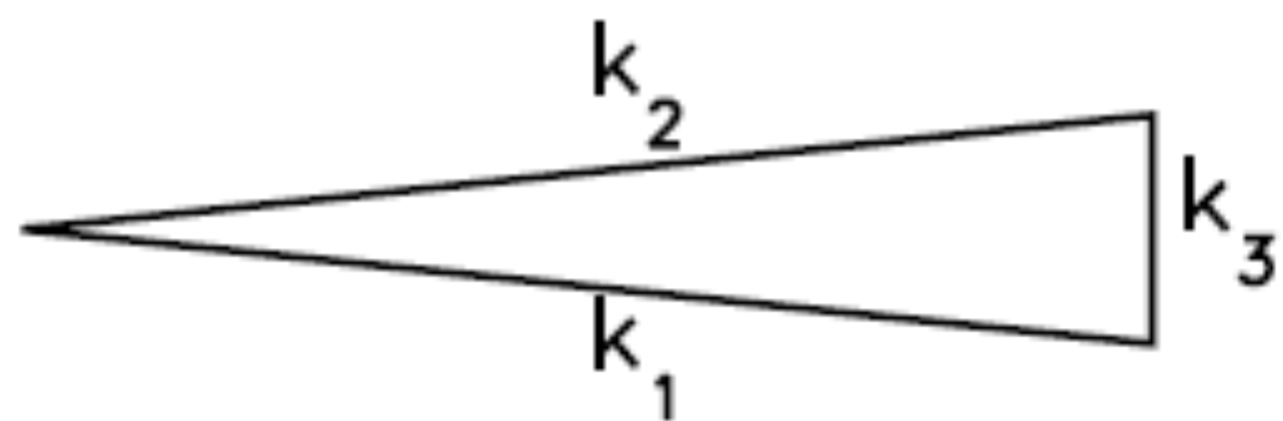


Primordial fluctuation

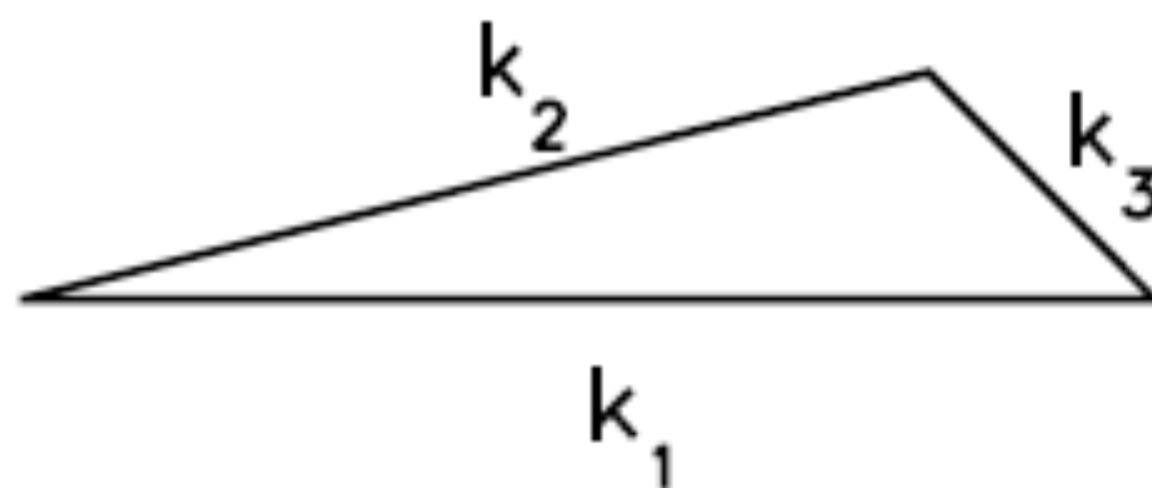


" $f_{\text{NL}}$ "

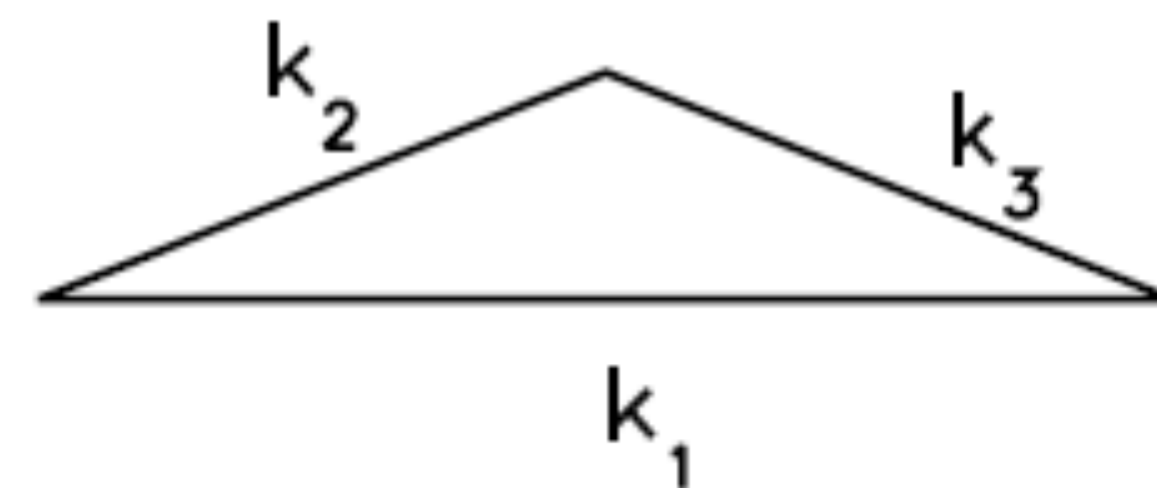
(a) squeezed triangle  
( $k_1 \approx k_2 \gg k_3$ )



(b) elongated triangle  
( $k_1 = k_2 + k_3$ )

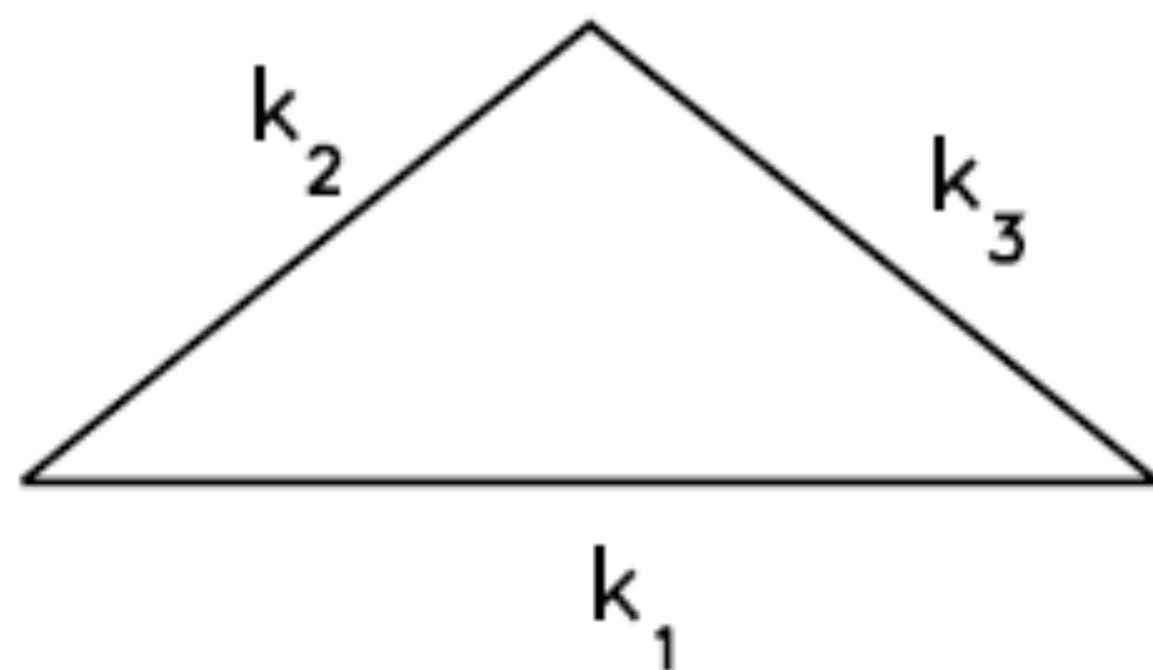


(c) folded triangle  
( $k_1 = 2k_2 = 2k_3$ )

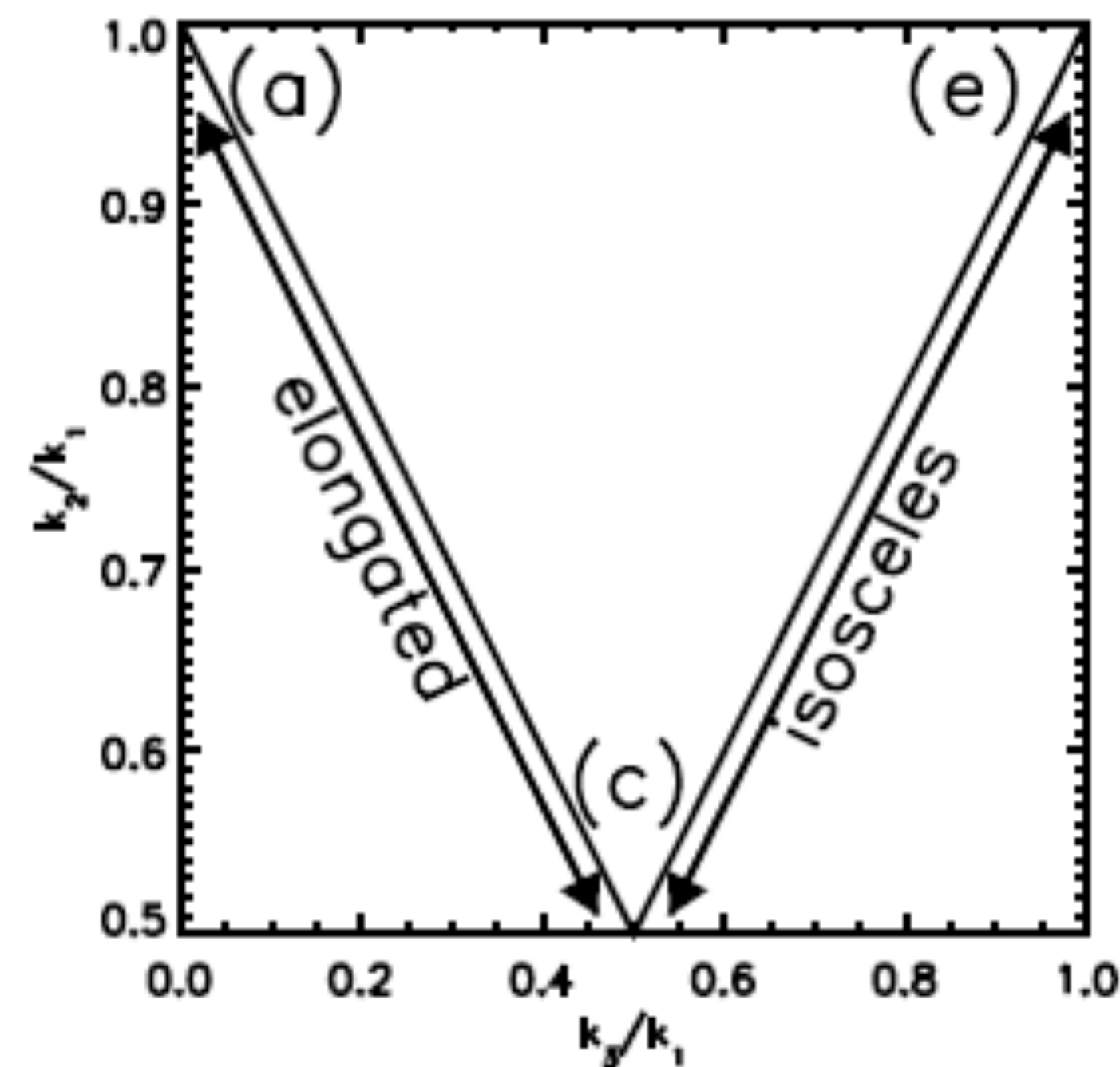
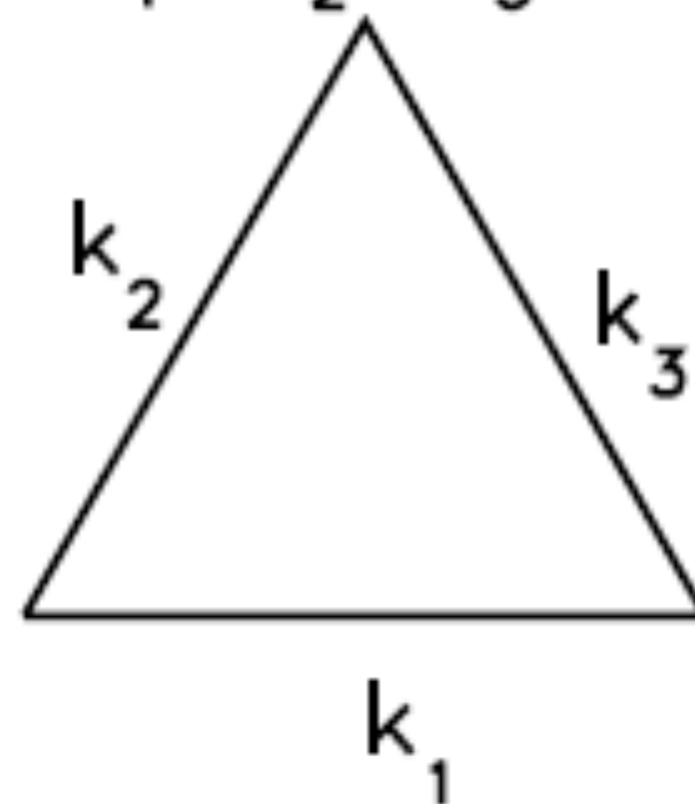


## MOST IMPORTANT

(d) isosceles triangle  
( $k_1 > k_2 = k_3$ )



(e) equilateral triangle  
( $k_1 = k_2 = k_3$ )



# Probing Inflation (3-point Function)

- Inflation models predict that primordial fluctuations are very close to Gaussian.
- In fact, **ALL SINGLE-FIELD** models predict the squeezed-limit 3-point function to have the amplitude of  $f_{\text{NL}}=0.02$ .
- Detection of  $f_{\text{NL}} > 1$  would rule out ALL single-field models!
- No detection of this form of 3-point function of primordial curvature perturbations. The 95% CL limit is:
  - $-10 < f_{\text{NL}} < 74$
  - The WMAP data are consistent with the prediction of **simple single-field inflation** models:  $1 - n_s \approx r \approx f_{\text{NL}}$

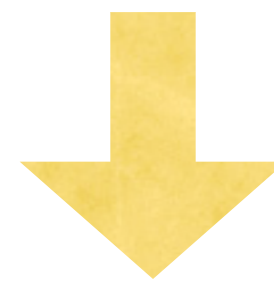
# A Non-linear Correction to Temperature Anisotropy

- The CMB temperature anisotropy,  $\Delta T/T$ , is given by the curvature perturbation in the matter-dominated era,  $\Phi$ .
- On large scales (the Sachs-Wolfe limit),  $\Delta T/T = -\Phi/3$ .  
For the Schwarzschild metric,  $\Phi = +GM/R$ .
- Add a non-linear correction to  $\Phi$ :
  - $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi_g(\mathbf{x}) + f_{\text{NL}}[\Phi_g(\mathbf{x})]^2$  (Komatsu & Spergel 2001)
  - $f_{\text{NL}}$  was predicted to be small ( $\sim 0.01$ ) for slow-roll models (Salopek & Bond 1990; Gangui et al. 1994)

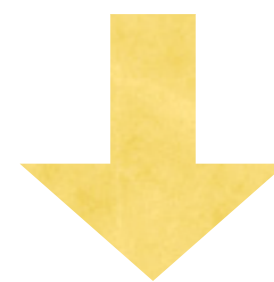


# “Local Form” $B_{\zeta}$

- $\Phi$  is related to the primordial curvature perturbation,  $\zeta$ , as  $\Phi=(3/5)\zeta$ .



- $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_g(\mathbf{x}) + (3/5)f_{\text{NL}}[\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^2$



- $B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = (6/5)f_{\text{NL}} \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \times [P_{\zeta}(k_1)P_{\zeta}(k_2) + P_{\zeta}(k_2)P_{\zeta}(k_3) + P_{\zeta}(k_3)P_{\zeta}(k_1)]$

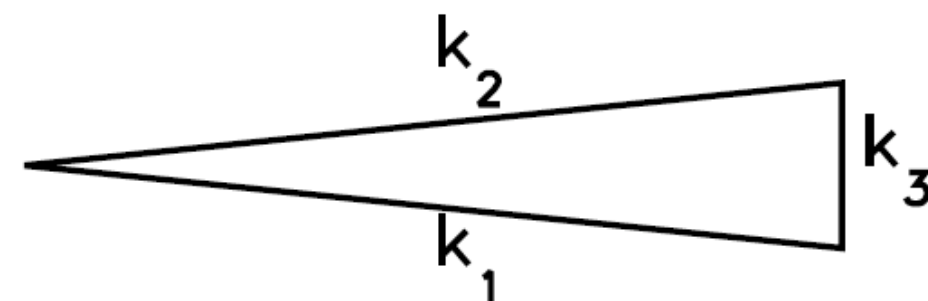
# $f_{NL}$ : Shape of Triangle

- For a scale-invariant spectrum,  $P_\zeta(k)=A/k^3$ ,
  - $B_\zeta(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = (6A^2/5)f_{NL} \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \times [1/(k_1 k_2)^3 + 1/(k_2 k_3)^3 + 1/(k_3 k_1)^3]$
- Let's order  $k_i$  such that  $k_3 \leq k_2 \leq k_1$ . For a given  $k_1$ , one finds the largest bispectrum when the smallest  $k$ , i.e.,  $k_3$ , is very small.

- $B_\zeta(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3)$  peaks when  $k_3 \ll k_2 \sim k_1$

- Therefore, the shape of  $f_{NL}$  bispectrum is the squeezed triangle!

(Babich et al. 2004)



# $B_\zeta$ in the Squeezed Limit

- In the squeezed limit, the  $f_{\text{NL}}$  bispectrum becomes:

$$B_\zeta(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \approx (12/5)f_{\text{NL}} \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \times P_\zeta(k_1)P_\zeta(k_3)$$

# Single-field Theorem (Consistency Relation)

- For **ANY** single-field models\*, the bispectrum in the squeezed limit is given by
- $B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \approx (1-n_s) \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \times P_{\zeta}(k_1) P_{\zeta}(k_3)$
- Therefore, all single-field models predict  $f_{\text{NL}} \approx (5/12)(1-n_s)$ .
- With the current limit  $n_s \sim 0.96$ ,  $f_{\text{NL}}$  is predicted to be  $\sim 0.02$ .

\* for which the single field is solely responsible for driving inflation and generating observed fluctuations.

# Suppose that single-field models are ruled out. Now what?

- We just don't want to be thrown into multi-field landscape without any clues...
- What else can we use?
  - Four-point function!

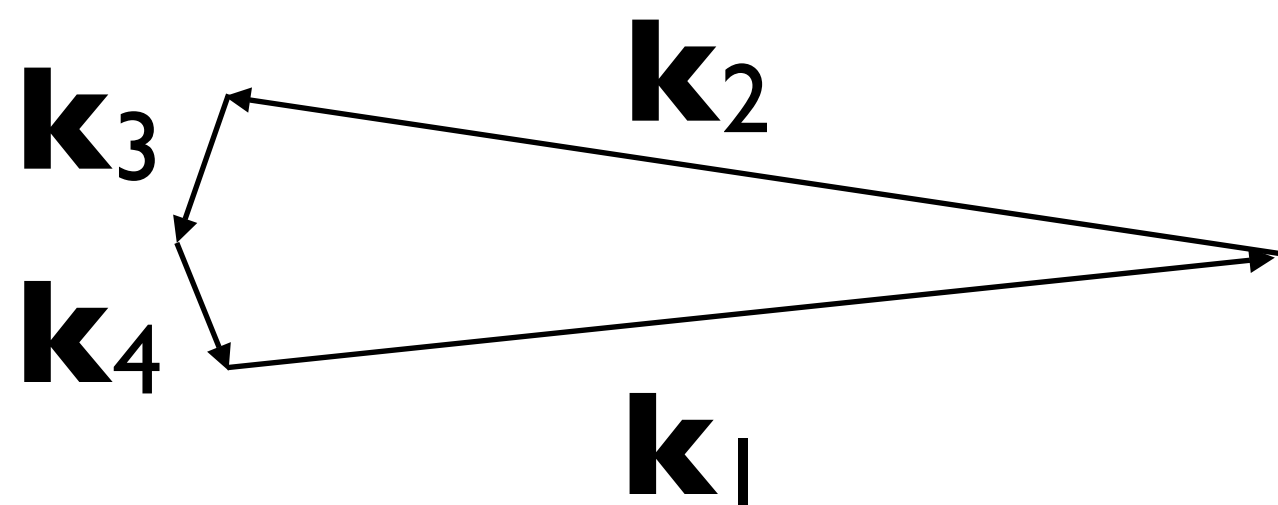
# Trispectrum: Next Frontier

- The local form bispectrum,  $B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) f_{\text{NL}} [(6/5)P_{\zeta}(k_1)P_{\zeta}(k_2) + \text{cyc.}]$
- is equivalent to having the curvature perturbation in position space, in the form of:
  - $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_g(\mathbf{x}) + (3/5)f_{\text{NL}}[\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^2$
- This can be extended to higher-order:
  - $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_g(\mathbf{x}) + (3/5)f_{\text{NL}}[\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^2 + (9/25)g_{\text{NL}}[\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^3$

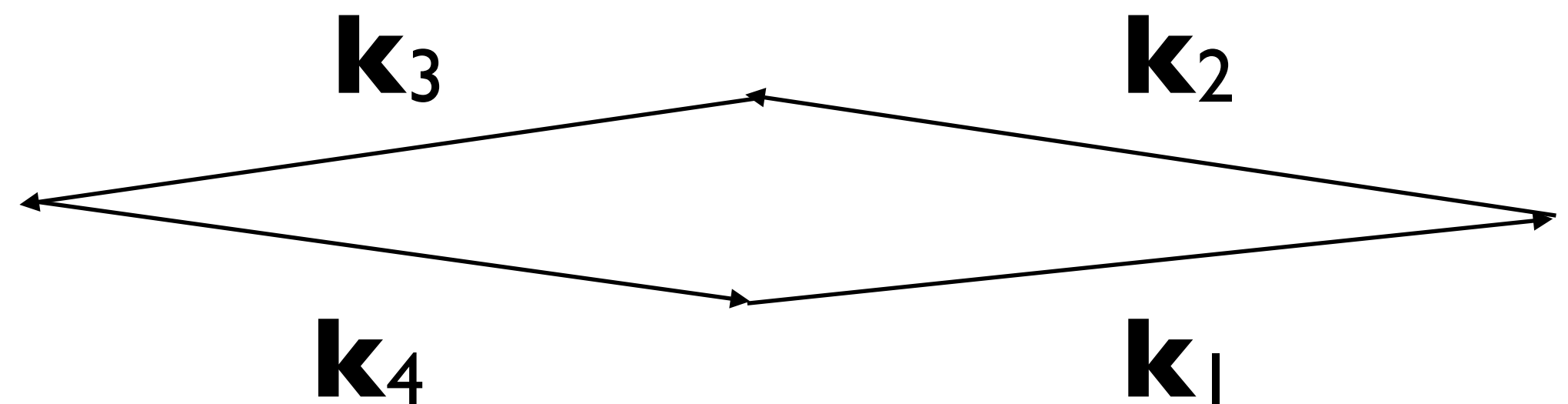
This term is probably too small to see,  
so I don't talk much about it.

# Local Form Trispectrum

- For  $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_g(\mathbf{x}) + (3/5)f_{\text{NL}}[\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^2 + (9/25)g_{\text{NL}}[\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^3$ , we obtain the trispectrum:
  - $T_\zeta(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4) \{ g_{\text{NL}}[(54/25)P_\zeta(k_1)P_\zeta(k_2)P_\zeta(k_3) + \text{cyc.}] + (f_{\text{NL}})^2[(18/25)P_\zeta(k_1)P_\zeta(k_2)(P_\zeta(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_3|) + P_\zeta(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_4|)) + \text{cyc.}] \}$



$g_{\text{NL}}$

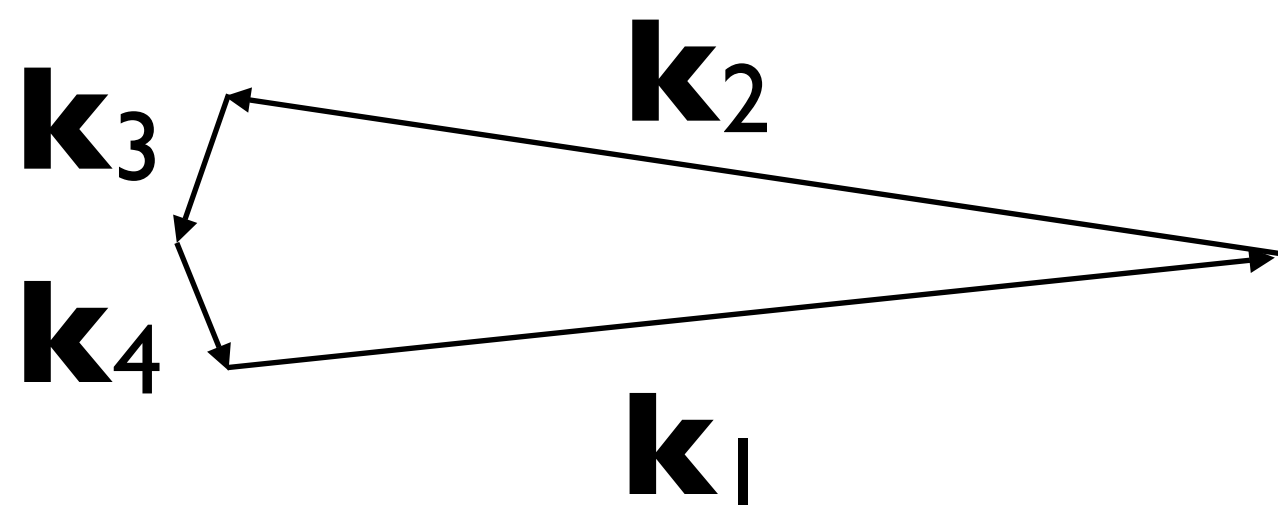


$f_{\text{NL}}^2$

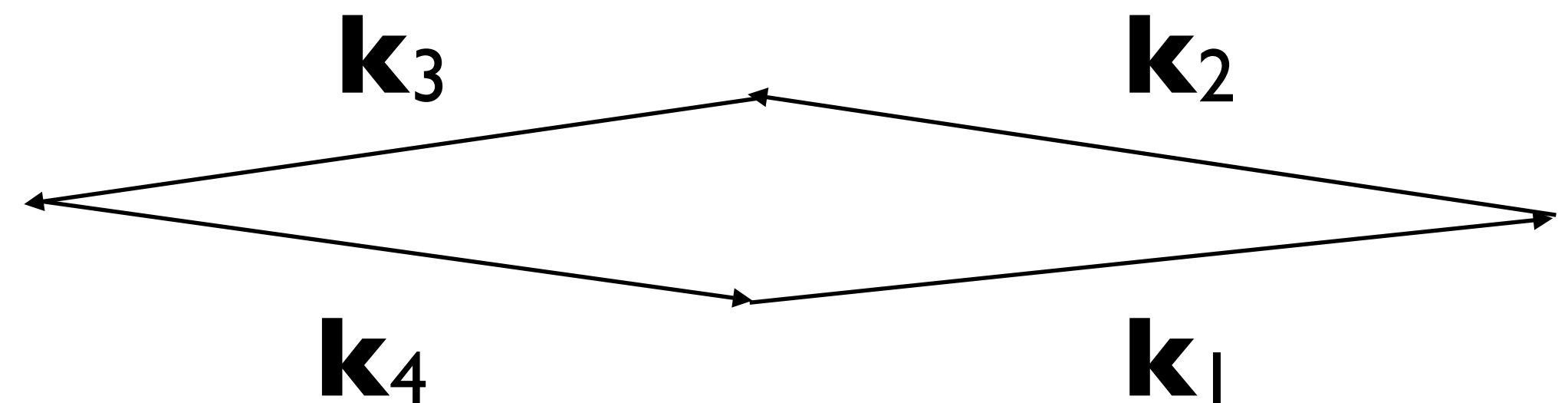
# (Slightly) Generalized Trispectrum

- $T_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4) \{ \mathbf{g}_{NL} [(54/25) P_{\zeta}(k_1) P_{\zeta}(k_2) P_{\zeta}(k_3) + \text{cyc.}] + \mathbf{\tau}_{NL} [P_{\zeta}(k_1) P_{\zeta}(k_2) (P_{\zeta}(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_3|) + P_{\zeta}(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_4|)) + \text{cyc.}] \}$

*The local form consistency relation,  $\tau_{NL} = (6/5)(f_{NL})^2$ , may not be respected – additional test of multi-field inflation!*



$g_{NL}$

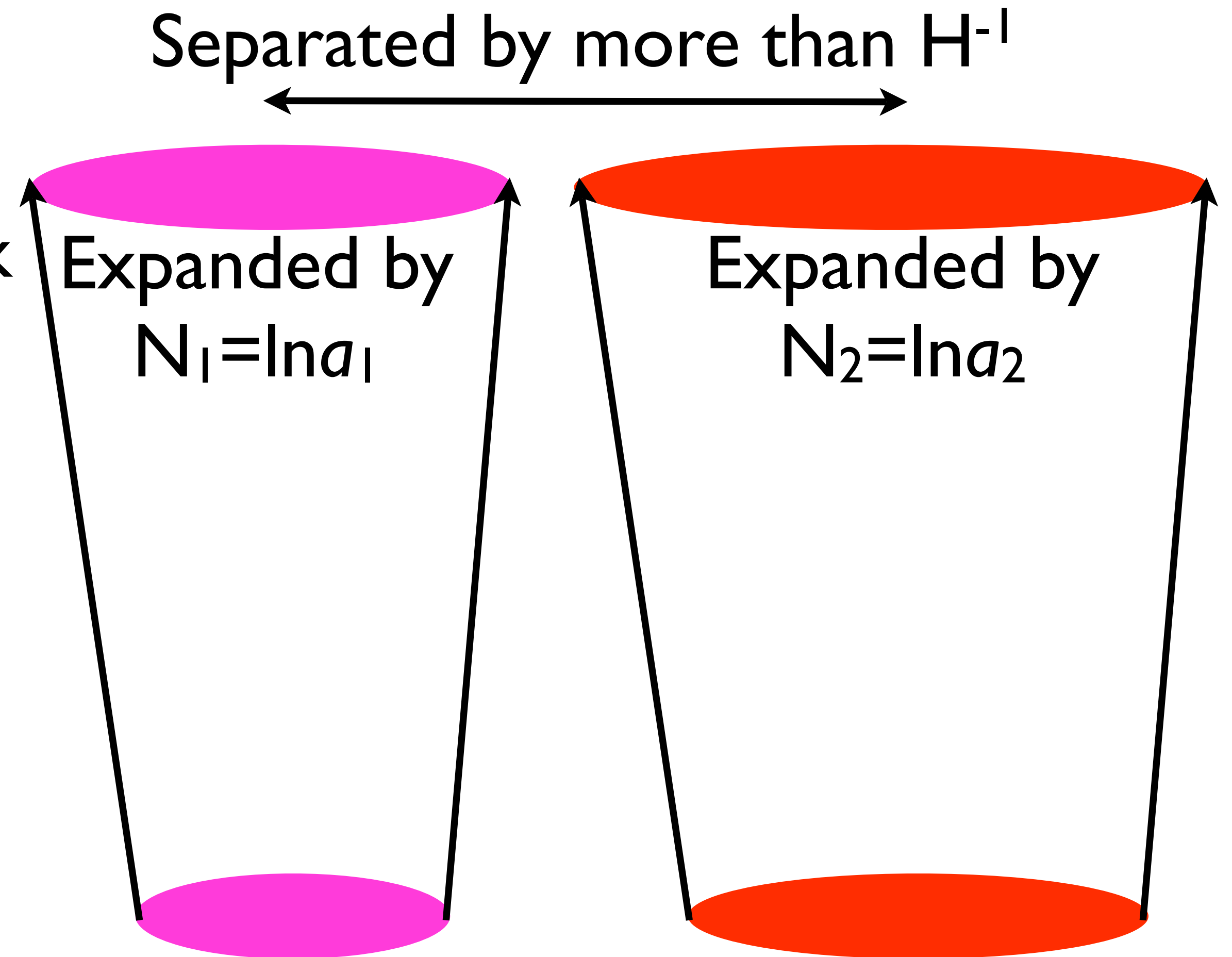


$\tau_{NL}$



# The $\delta N$ Formalism

- The  $\delta N$  formalism (Starobinsky 1982; Salopek & Bond 1990; Sasaki & Stewart 1996) states that the curvature perturbation is equal to the difference in  $N = \ln a$ .
- $\zeta = \delta N = N_2 - N_1$
- where  $N = \int H dt$



# Getting the familiar result

- Single-field example at the linear order:
- $\zeta = \delta\{\int H dt\} = \delta\{\int (H/\varphi') d\varphi\} \approx (H/\varphi') \delta\varphi$
- Mukhanov & Chibisov; Guth & Pi; Hawking; Starobinsky; Bardeen, Steinhardt & Turner

# Extending to non-linear, multi-field cases

$$\zeta = \sum_I \frac{\partial N}{\partial \phi_I} \delta\phi_I + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{IJ} \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial \phi_I \partial \phi_J} \delta\phi_I \delta\phi_J + \dots$$

(Lyth & Rodriguez 2005)

- Calculating the bispectrum is then straightforward. Schematically:

- $\langle \zeta^3 \rangle = \langle (\text{1st}) \times (\text{1st}) \times (\text{2nd}) \rangle \sim \langle \delta\varphi^4 \rangle \neq 0$

- $f_{\text{NL}} \sim \langle \zeta^3 \rangle / \langle \zeta^2 \rangle^2$

$$\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = \frac{\sum_{IJ} N_{,IJ} N_{,I} N_{,J}}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^2}$$

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- $\langle \zeta^4 \rangle = \langle (\text{1st})^2 (\text{2nd})^2 \rangle \sim \langle \delta\varphi^6 \rangle \neq 0$

- $f_{\text{NL}} \sim \langle \zeta^4 \rangle / \langle \zeta^2 \rangle^3$

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} = \frac{\sum_{IJK} N_{,IJ} N_{,J} N_{,IK} N_{,K}}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^3} = \frac{\sum_I (\sum_J N_{,IJ} N_{,J})^2}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^3}$$

# Now, stare at these.

$$\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = \frac{\sum_{IJ} N_{,IJ} N_{,I} N_{,J}}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^2},$$

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} = \frac{\sum_{IJK} N_{,IJ} N_{,J} N_{,IK} N_{,K}}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^3} = \frac{\sum_I (\sum_J N_{,IJ} N_{,J})^2}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^3}$$

# Change the variable...

$$\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = \frac{\sum_{IJ} N_{,IJ} N_{,I} N_{,J}}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^2},$$

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} = \frac{\sum_{IJK} N_{,IJ} N_{,J} N_{,IK} N_{,K}}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^3} = \frac{\sum_I (\sum_J N_{,IJ} N_{,J})^2}{[\sum_I (N_{,I})^2]^3}$$

$$a_I = \frac{\sum_J N_{,IJ} N_{,J}}{[\sum_J (N_{,J})^2]^{3/2}}$$

$$b_I = \frac{N_{,I}}{[\sum_J (N_{,J})^2]^{1/2}}$$

$$(6/5) f_{\text{NL}} = \sum_I a_I b_I$$

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} = (\sum_I a_I)^2 (\sum_I b_I)^2$$

# Then apply the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

$$\left( \sum_I a_I^2 \right) \left( \sum_J b_J^2 \right) \geq \left( \sum_I a_I b_I \right)^2$$

- Implies (Suyama & Yamaguchi 2008)

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} \geq \left( \frac{6 f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}}{5} \right)^2$$

How generic is this inequality?

# Be careful when $0=0$

- The Suyama-Yamaguchi inequality does not always hold because the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality can be  $0=0$ . For example:

$$\zeta = \frac{\partial N}{\partial \phi_1} \delta \phi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial \phi_2^2} \delta \phi_2^2$$

In this harmless two-field case, the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality becomes  $0=0$  (both  $f_{\text{NL}}$  and  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$  result from the second term).

**We need more general results!**



# Assumptions

- Scalar fields are responsible for generating fluctuations.
- Fluctuations are Gaussian and scale-invariant at the horizon crossing.
- All (local-form) non-Gaussianity was generated outside the horizon by  $\delta N$
- We truncate  $\delta N$  expansion at  $\delta\varphi^4$  (necessary for full calculations up to the “1-loop” order)

# Starting point

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(\mathbf{x}, t) = & N_a(t, t_*)\delta\varphi_*^a(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2}N_{ab}(t, t_*)\delta\varphi_*^a(\mathbf{x})\delta\varphi_*^b(\mathbf{x}) \\ & + \frac{1}{3!}N_{abc}\delta\varphi_*^a\delta\varphi_*^b\delta\varphi_*^c + \frac{1}{4!}N_{abcd}\delta\varphi_*^a\delta\varphi_*^b\delta\varphi_*^c\delta\varphi_*^d\end{aligned}$$

- Then, Fourier transform this and calculate the bispectrum and trispectrum...

Nao Sugiyama (a PhD student at Tohoku University in Sendai) did all the calculations!

# Here comes a simple result

(I have copies of our paper, so please feel free to take one if you are interested in how we derived this.)

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} + (\text{2 loop}) > \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \right)^2$$

- where (2 loop) denotes the following particular term:

$$(\text{2 loop}) = \frac{N_{ab} N_{abc} N_{cde} N_{de} \mathcal{P}_*^2 \ln^2(k_0 L)}{(N_a N_a)^3 (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})^3}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}} \equiv \frac{\text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^2)}{\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_a} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(kL)$$

# Now, ignore this 2-loop term:

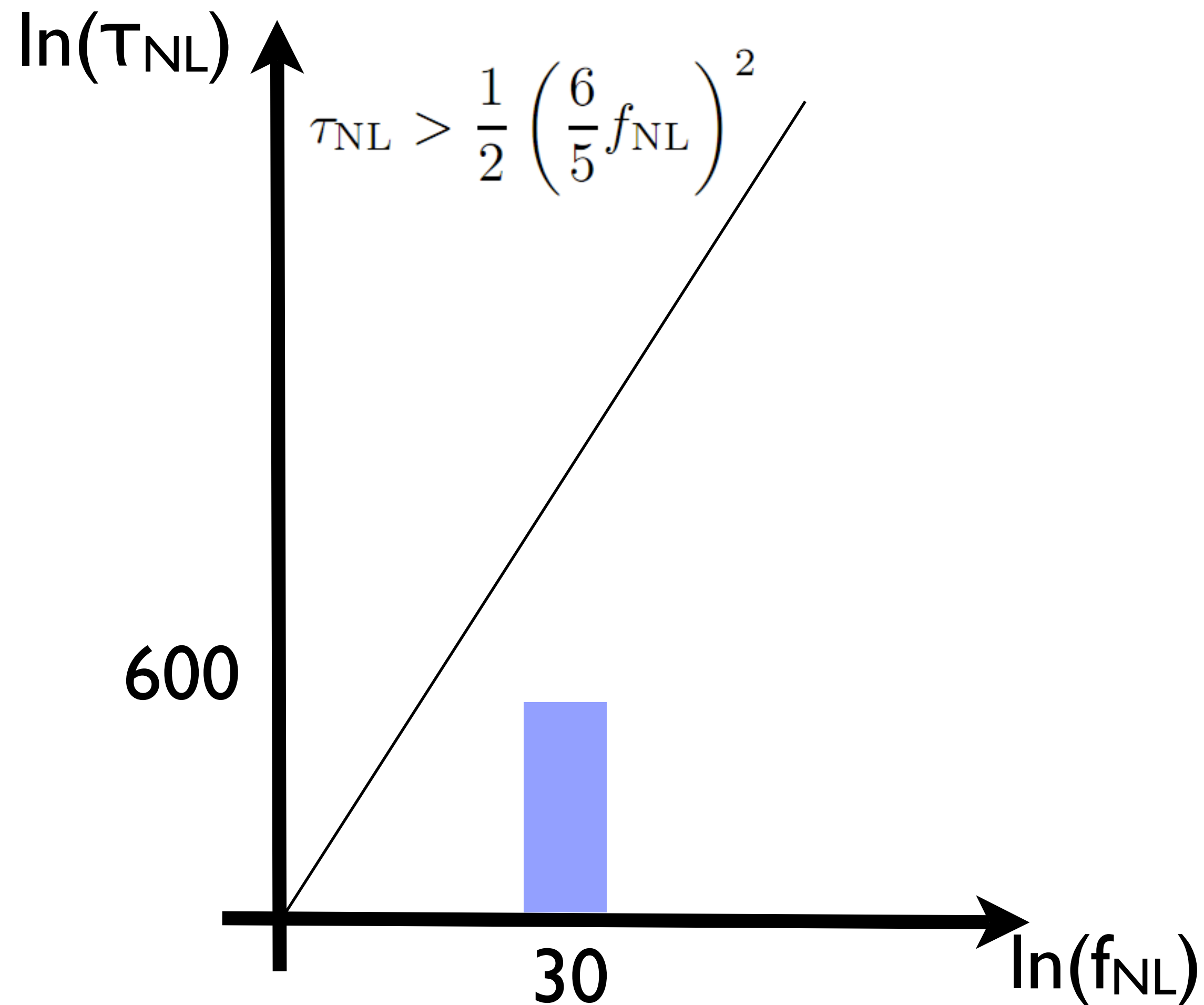
$$\tau_{\text{NL}} > \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \right)^2$$

- The effect of including all 1-loop terms is to change the coefficient of Suyama-Yamaguchi inequality,  $\tau_{\text{NL}} \geq (6f_{\text{NL}}/5)^2$

# Recapping Assumptions

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- We ignore 2-loop (and higher) terms

# Looking Forward to “Interesting” Future...



- $f_{\text{NL}}$  is detected. Single-field is gone.
- But,  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$  is not detected, or found to be negative, inconsistent with  $\tau_{\text{NL}} > 0.5(6f_{\text{NL}}/5)^2$ .
- **Single-field AND most of multi-field models are gone.**