

Non-Gaussianity Consistency Relation for Multi-Field Inflation

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} > \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \right)^2 \quad \text{for the local form}$$

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did most of the work!**

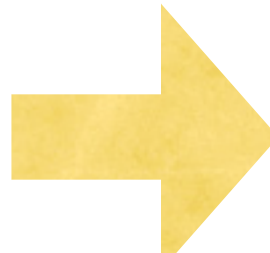
Theme

- How to falsify inflation?

or

- Why bother measuring the trispectrum?

Motivation

- I will be focused on the local-form non-Gaussianity.
- The local-form bispectrum is particularly important because its detection would rule out all single-field inflation models (Creminelli & Zaldarriaga 2004).
 - $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} \gg 1$ (like 30, as suggested by the current data)
 ALL single-field inflation models would be ruled out.

But, what about multi-field models?

Motivation

- **Can we rule out multi-field models also?**
 - If we rule out single-field AND multi-field, then...

Falsifying “inflation”

- We still need inflation to explain the flatness problem!
 - (Homogeneity problem can be explained by a bubble nucleation.)
- However, the observed fluctuations may come from different sources.
- So, what I ask is, “**can we rule out inflation as a mechanism for generating the observed fluctuations?**”

Conclusion

- It is almost possible.

Strategy

- We look at the local-form four-point function (trispectrum).
- Specifically, we look for a consistency relation between the local-form bispectrum and trispectrum that is respected by (almost) all models of multi-field inflation.
- We found one: $\tau_{\text{NL}} > \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \right)^2$

provided that 2-loop and higher-order terms are ignored.

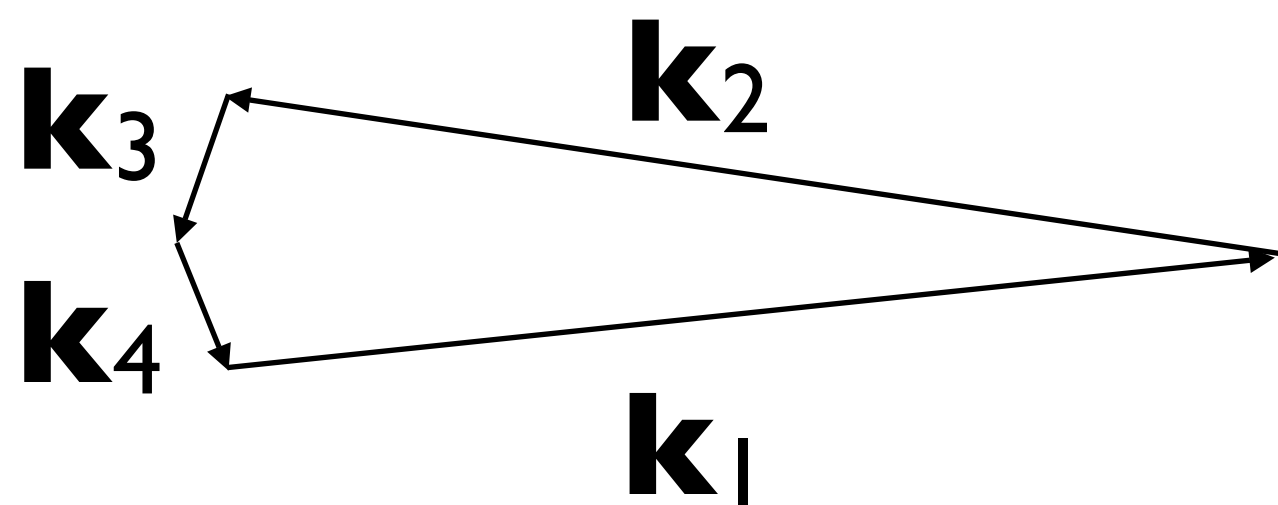
Which Local-form Trispectrum?

- The local-form bispectrum:
 - $B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) f_{\text{NL}} [(6/5) P_{\zeta}(k_1) P_{\zeta}(k_2) + \text{cyc.}]$
- can be produced by a 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:
 - $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_g(\mathbf{x}) + (3/5) f_{\text{NL}} [\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^2 + (9/25) g_{\text{NL}} [\zeta_g(\mathbf{x})]^3$

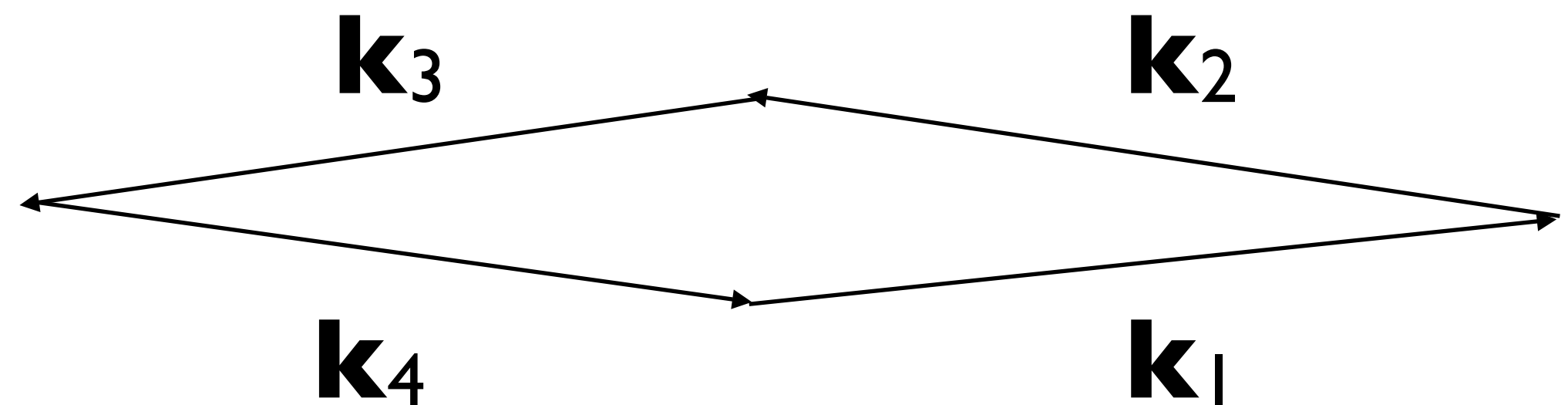
This term (ζ^3) is too small to see, so I will ignore this in this talk.

Two Local-form Shapes

- 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_{NL}



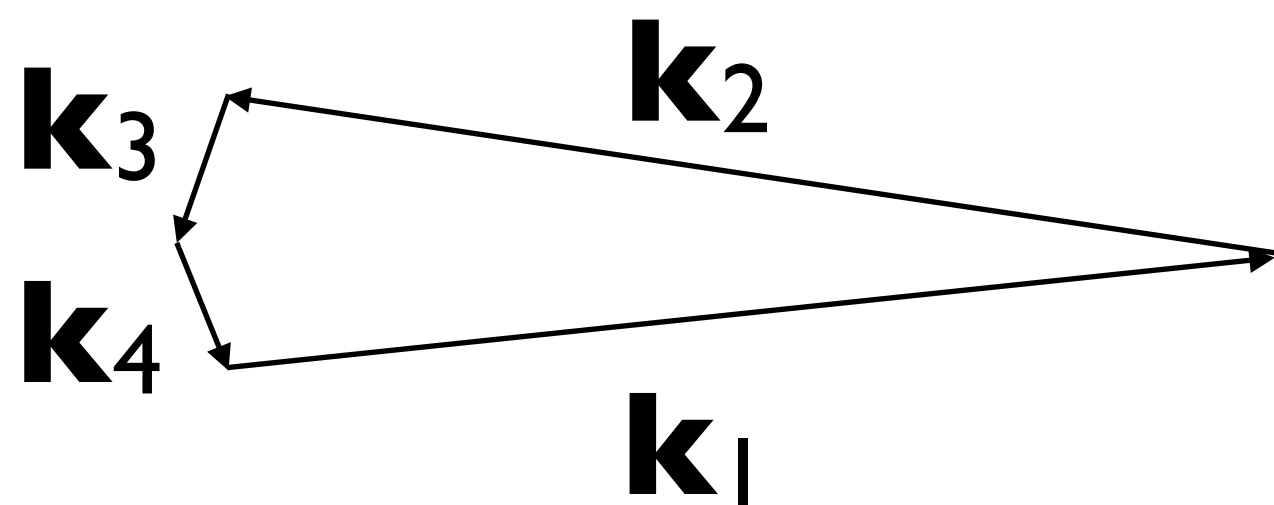
f_{NL}^2

Generalized Trispectrum

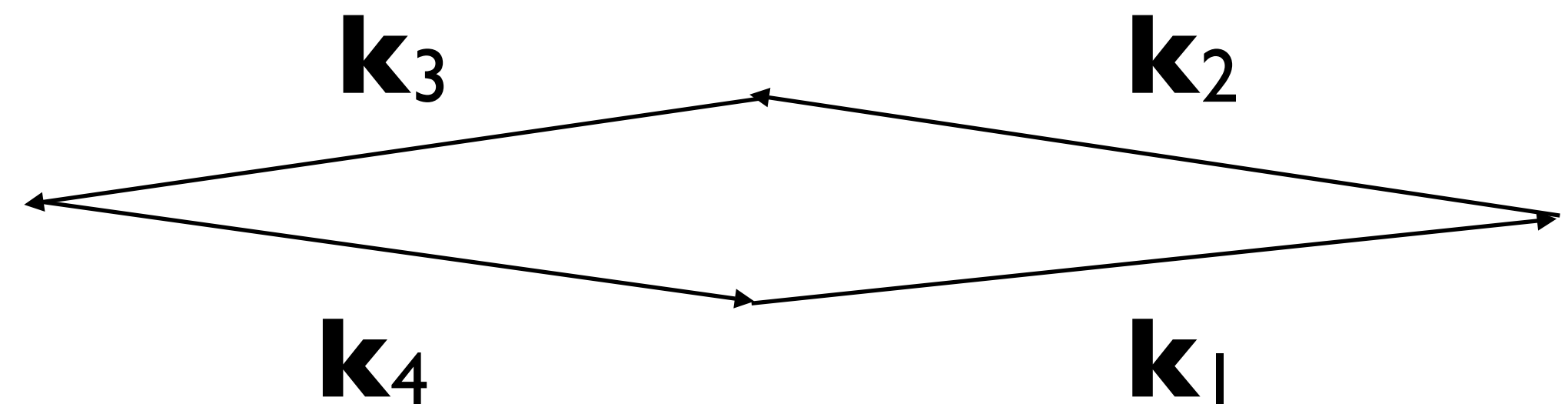
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The single-source local form consistency relation,

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



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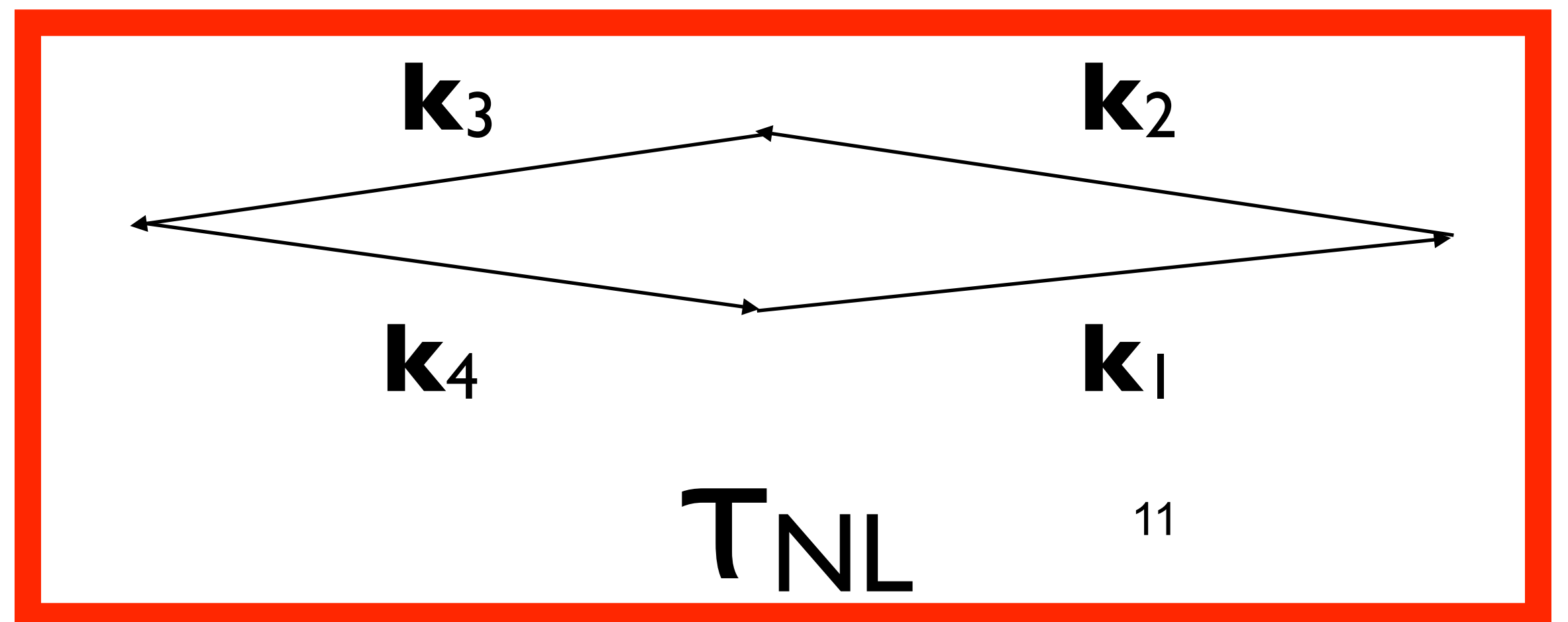
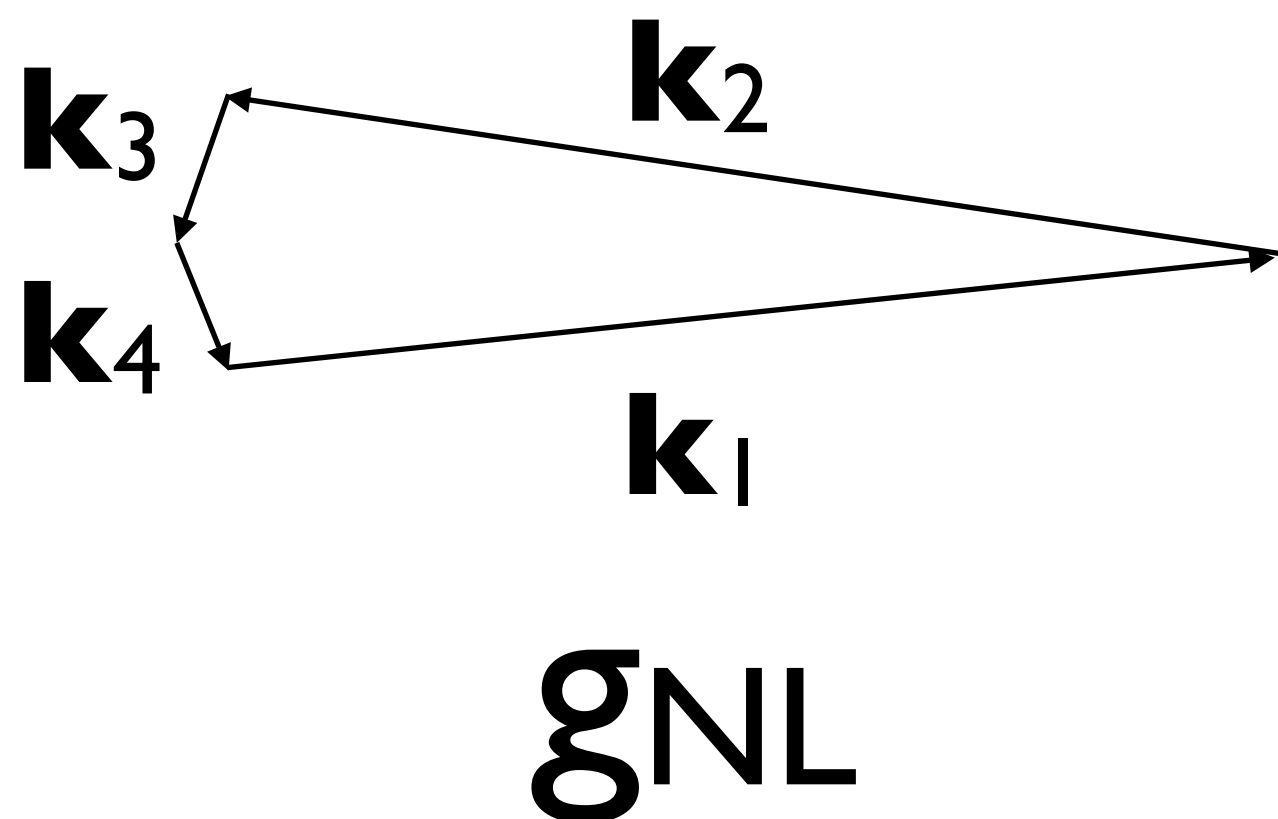


τ_{NL}

(Slightly) Generalized Trispectrum

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

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Tree-level Result (Suyama & Yamaguchi)

- Usual δN expansion to the second order

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

gives:

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

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

Now, stare at these.

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Change the variable...

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

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

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

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

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

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} = (\sum_I a_I^2) (\sum_I b_I^2)_{14}$$

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)

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

But, this is valid only at the tree level!

Harmless models can violate the tree-level result

- 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_{NL} and τ_{NL} result from the second term).

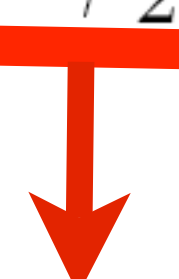
In this case,

$$\tau_{\text{NL}} \sim 10^3 (f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}})^{4/3}$$

(Suyama & Takahashi 2008) ¹⁶

“1 Loop”

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



Fourier transform this,
and multiply 3 times

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 s}{(2\pi)^3} \langle \delta \tilde{\phi}_2(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{p}) \delta \tilde{\phi}_2(\mathbf{p}) \delta \tilde{\phi}_2(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{q}) \delta \tilde{\phi}_2(\mathbf{q}) \delta \tilde{\phi}_2(\mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{s}) \delta \tilde{\phi}_2(\mathbf{s}) \rangle \\ &= \left(\frac{H^2}{2} \right)^3 (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{p^3 |\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{p}|^3 |\mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{p}|^3} + (\text{permutations}) \\ &\approx \left(\frac{H^2}{2} \right)^3 (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \frac{8 \ln(k_b L)}{2\pi^2} \left[\frac{1}{k_1^3 k_3^2} + \frac{1}{k_2^3 k_3^2} + \frac{1}{k_1^3 k_2^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$p_{\min} = 1/L$

- $k_b = \min(k_1, k_2, k_3)$

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 δN

Starting point

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

- We need the fourth-order expansion for the complete calculation at the 1-loop level.
- Then, Fourier transform this and calculate the bispectrum and trispectrum...

- $\frac{6}{5}f_{\text{NL}} \simeq \left[\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_a + \text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^2) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right]^{-2}$
 $\times \left[\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_b \tilde{N}_{ab} + \left(\text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^3) + 2\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_{bc} \tilde{N}_{abc} \right) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right]$

where

$$\tilde{N}_a \equiv N_a + \frac{1}{2} N_{abb} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_{\text{max}} L),$$

$$\tilde{N}_{ab} \equiv N_{ab} + \frac{1}{2} N_{abcc} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_{\text{max}} L).$$

[Byrnes et al. (2007)]

- $\tau_{\text{NL}} \simeq \left[\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_a + \text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^2) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right]^{-3}$
 $\times \left[\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_{ab} \tilde{N}_{bc} \tilde{N}_c + \left(2\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_{ab} \tilde{N}_{cd} \tilde{N}_{bcd} + \text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^4) \right. \right.$
 $\left. + 2\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_{bc} \tilde{N}_{bd} \tilde{N}_{acd} + \tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_b \tilde{N}_{acd} \tilde{N}_{bcd} \right) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right]$

where

$$\tilde{N}_{abc} \equiv N_{abc} + \frac{1}{2} N_{abcd} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_{\text{max}} L)$$

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

$$\alpha \equiv [N_a N_a (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})]^{-2} [N_a N_b N_{ab} + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L)]$$

$$\beta \equiv [N_a N_a (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})]^{-2} [\text{Tr}(N^3) + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc}] \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L),$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} (\alpha + \beta)^2$$

$$[N_a N^a (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})]^{-4} \times \left[\left(N_a N_b N_{ab} + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right)^2 + \left(\text{Tr}(N^3) + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc} \right)^2 \mathcal{P}_*^2 \ln^2(k_0 L) \right] \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \right)^2$$

- $$\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \simeq \left[\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_a + \text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^2) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right]^{-2} \times \left[\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_b \tilde{N}_{ab} + \left(\text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^3) + 2\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_{bc} \tilde{N}_{abc} \right) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right]$$

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1st term

$$\frac{\left(N_a N_b N_{ab} + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L)\right)^2}{(N_a N_a)^4 (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})^4} < \frac{N_b N_{ba} N_{ad} N_d + 2 N_d N_{da} N_{abc} N_{bc} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L)}{(N_a N_a)^3 (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})^3} + \frac{N_{ab} N_{abc} N_{cde} N_{de} \mathcal{P}_*^2 \ln^2(k_0 L)}{(N_a N_a)^3 (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})^3},$$

- where we have used the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\left(\sum_a u_a v_a\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_a u_a^2\right) \left(\sum_a v_a^2\right)$$

$$v_a \equiv N_a \quad u_a \equiv N_b N_{ba} + N_{bc} N_{abc} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L)$$

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$$\times \left[\tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_b \tilde{N}_{ab} + \left(\text{Tr}(\tilde{N}^3) + 2 \tilde{N}_a \tilde{N}_{bc} \tilde{N}_{abc} \right) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right]$$

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$$\times \left[\left(N_a N_b N_{ab} + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc} \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L) \right)^2 \right.$$

$$\left. + \left(\text{Tr}(N^3) + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc} \right)^2 \mathcal{P}_*^2 \ln^2(k_0 L) \right] \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \right)^2$$

2nd term

$$\frac{(\text{Tr}(N^3) + N_a N_{bc} N_{abc})^2 \mathcal{P}_*^2 \ln^2(k_0 L)}{(N_a N_a)^4 (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})^4} < \frac{(\text{Tr}(N^4) + 2N_{ac} N_{cb} N_{dab} N_d + N_c N_{cab} N_{abd} N_d) \mathcal{P}_* \ln(k_0 L)}{(N_a N_a)^3 (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}})^3}$$

- where we have used the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\text{Tr}^2(LM) \leq \text{Tr}(M^2) \text{Tr}(L^2)$$

with

$$L_{ab} \equiv N_{ab} \quad M_{ab} \equiv N_{ac} N_{cb} + N_c N_{cab}$$

- and $\mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}} / (1 + \mathcal{P}_{\text{loop}}) < 1$

Collecting terms, here comes a simple result

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

- 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, $\tau_{\text{NL}} \geq (6f_{\text{NL}}/5)^2$
- This relation *can* have a logarithmic scale dependence.
- You don't have to know what N is!

What we have learned

- The tree-level inequality cannot be taken at the face value.
- 1-loop corrections do not destroy the inequality completely (it just modifies the coefficient), so it can still be used to falsify inflation as a mechanism for generating the observed fluctuations.

Implications for Inflation

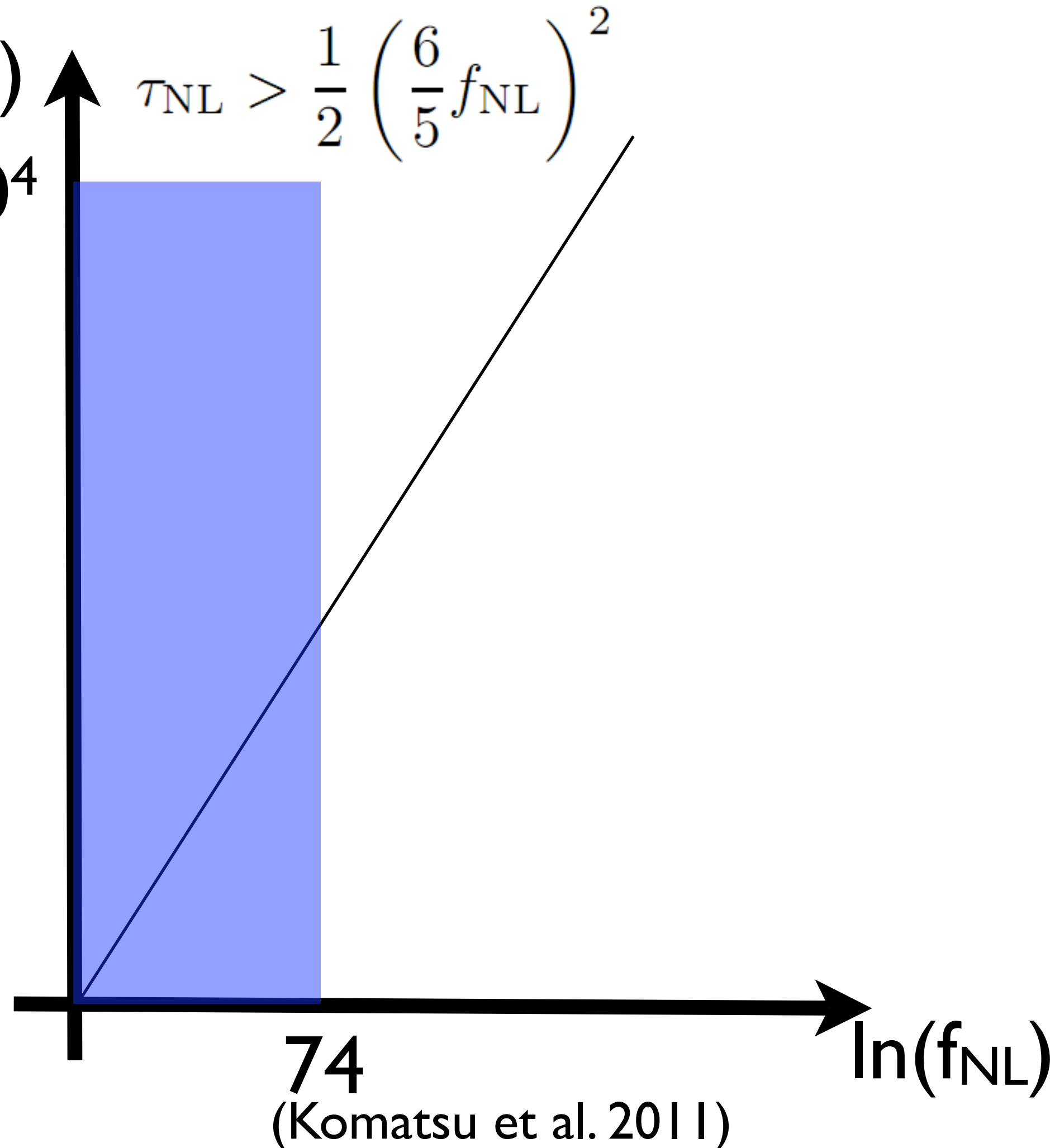
4-point
amplitude

$\ln(\tau_{\text{NL}})$

3.3×10^4

(Smidt et
al. 2010)

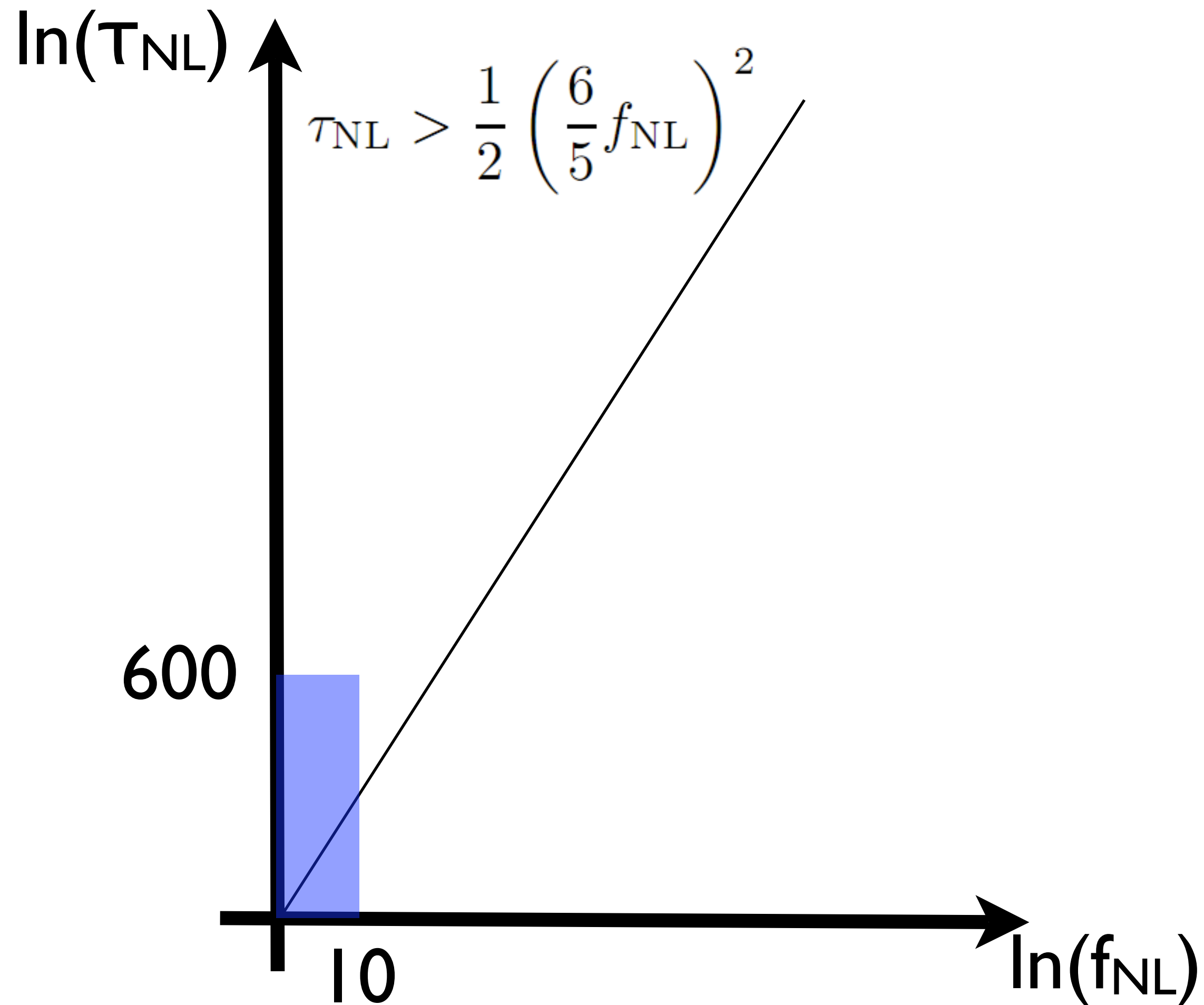
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3-point
amplitude

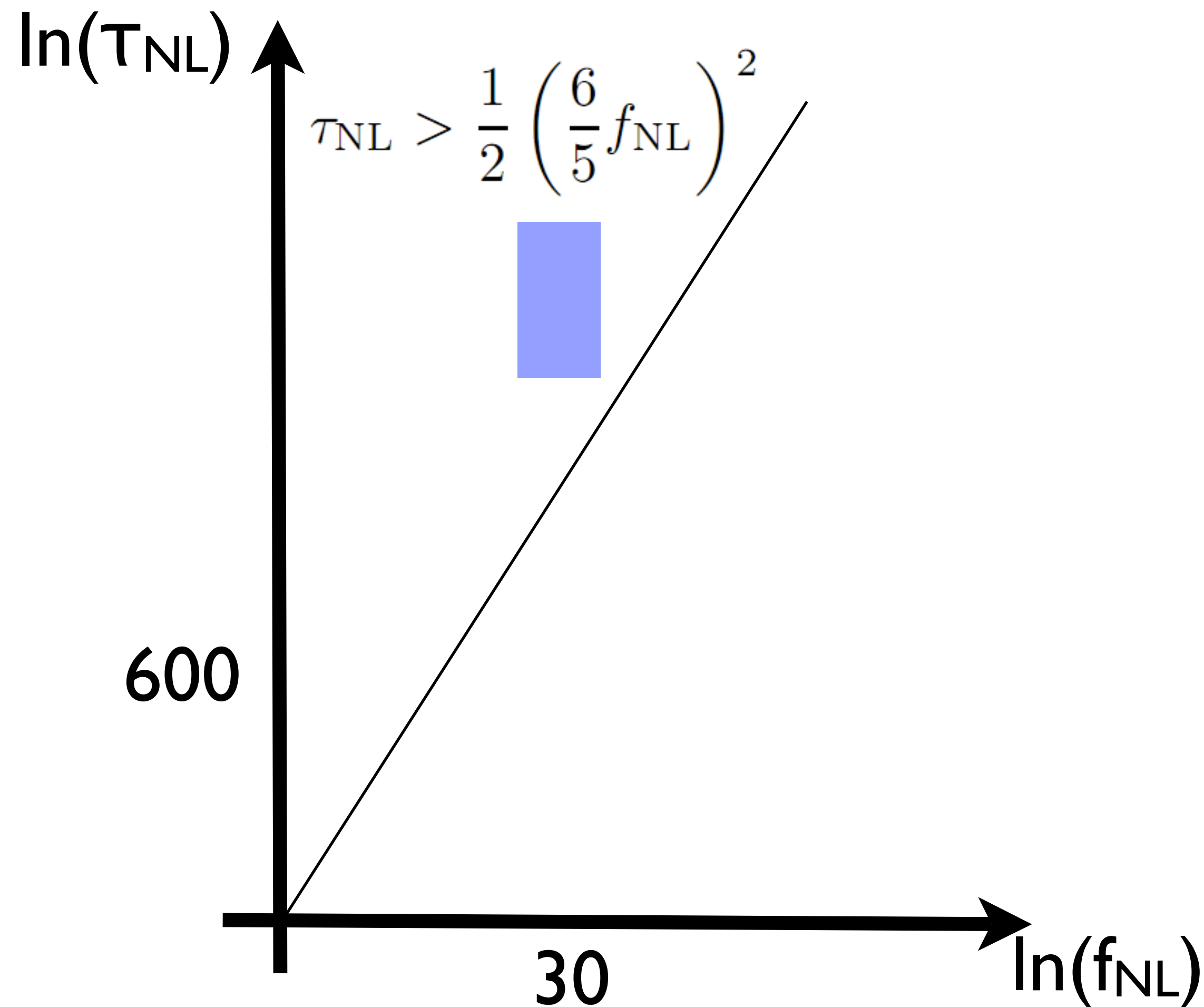
- The current limits from WMAP 7-year are consistent with single-field or multi-field models.
- So, let's play around with the future.

Case A: Single-field Happiness



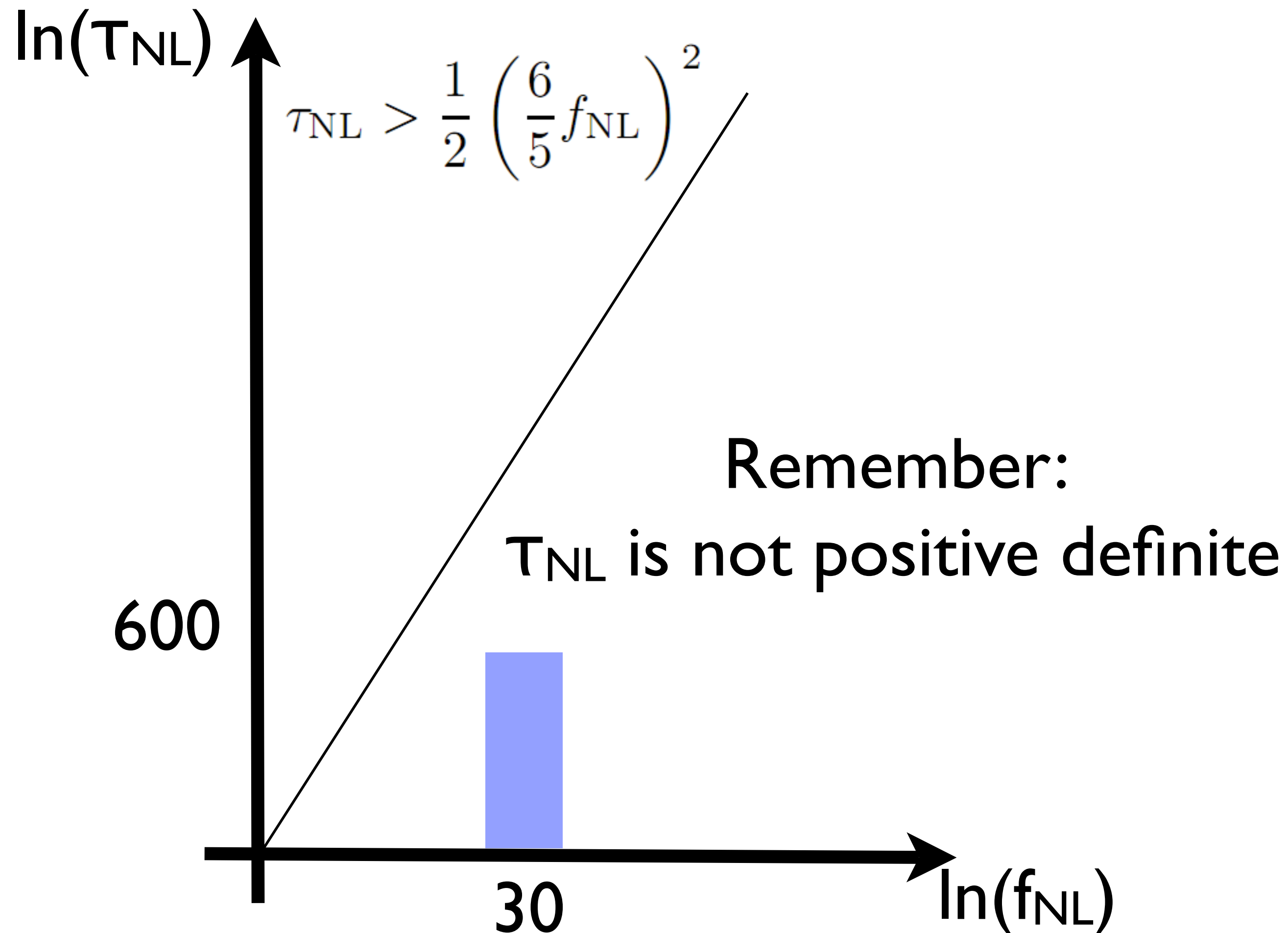
- No detection of anything (f_{NL} or τ_{NL}) after Planck. Single-field survived the test (for the moment: the future galaxy surveys can improve the limits by a factor of ten).

Case B: Multi-field Happiness(?)



- **f_{NL} is detected.**
Single-field is gone.
- But, τ_{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_{NL} is detected. Single-field is gone.
- But, τ_{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.**