

# Testing Physics of the Early Universe **Observationally:** *Are Primordial Fluctuations Gaussian, or Non-Gaussian?*

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# How Do We Test Inflation?

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

# Power Spectrum

- A very successful explanation (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,  $\zeta$ :
    - **$P_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}) = A/k^{4-n_s}$**
    - where  $n_s \sim 1$  and  $A$  is a normalization.

# $n_s < 1$ Observed

- The latest results from the WMAP 5-year data:
  - $n_s = 0.960 \pm 0.013$  (68%CL; for tensor modes = zero)
  - $n_s = 0.970 \pm 0.015$  (68%CL; for tensor modes  $\neq$  zero)
    - tensor-to-scalar ratio  $< 0.22$  (95%CL)
- Another evidence for inflation
- Detection of non-zero tensor modes is a next important step

# Anything Else?

- One can also look for other signatures of inflation. For example:
  - **Isocurvature perturbations**
    - Proof of the existence of multiple fields
  - **Non-zero spatial curvature**
    - Evidence for the Land Scape, if curvature is negative. Rules it out if positive.
  - **Scale-dependent  $n_s$  (running index)**
    - Complex dynamics of inflation

# Anything Else?

- One can also look for other signatures of inflation. For example:
  - 95%CL limits on **Isocurvature perturbations**
    - **<8.9%** (axion CDM); **<2.1%** (curvaton CDM)
  - 95%CL limits on **Non-zero spatial curvature**
    - **<1.8%** (positive curvature); **<0.8%** (negative curvature)
  - 95%CL limits on **Scale-dependent  $n_s$** 
    - **$-0.068 < dn_s/d\ln k < 0.012$**

# Beyond Power Spectrum

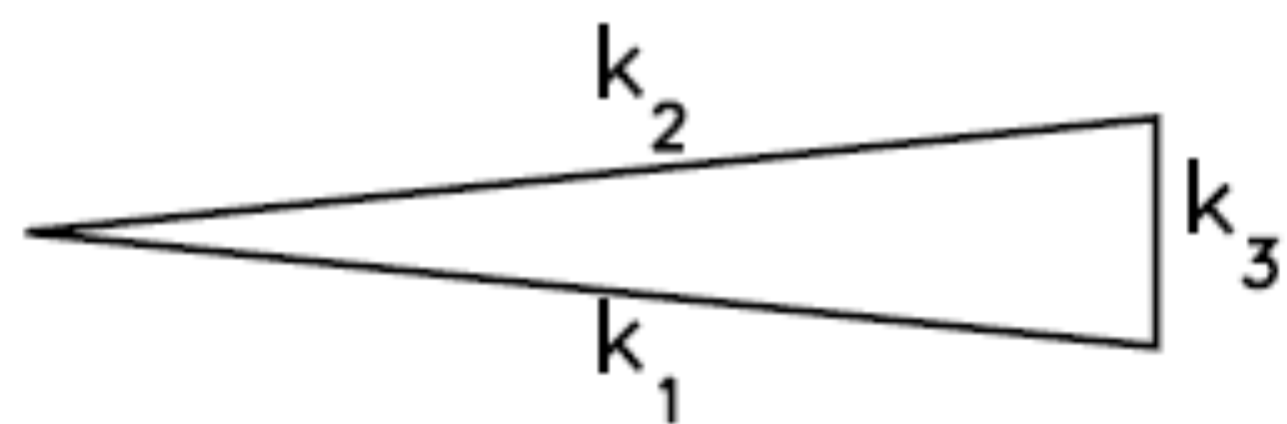
- All of these are based upon fitting the observed power spectrum.
- Is there any information one can obtain beyond the power spectrum?

# Bispectrum

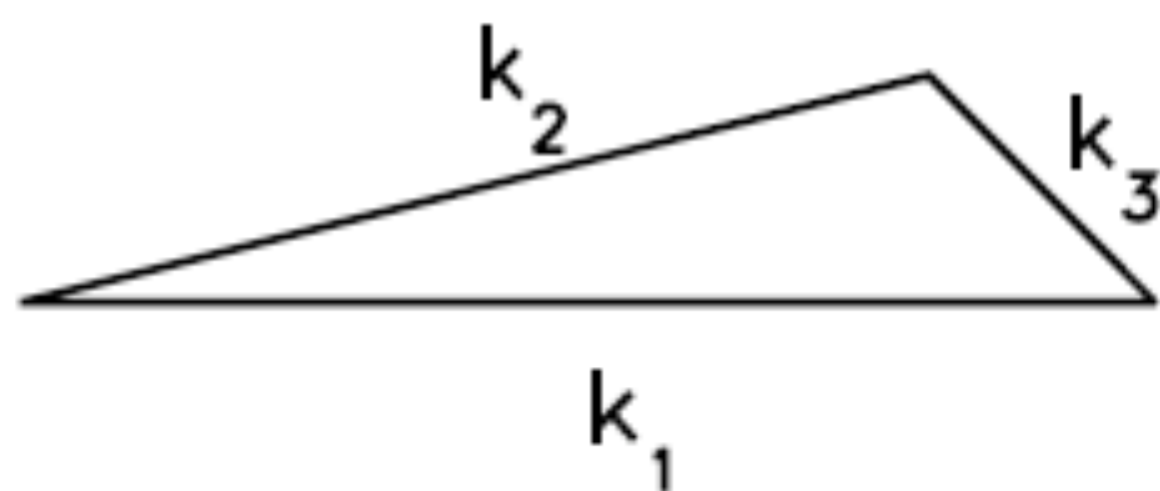
- Three-point function!
- $B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = (\text{amplitude}) \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) b(k_1, k_2, k_3)$



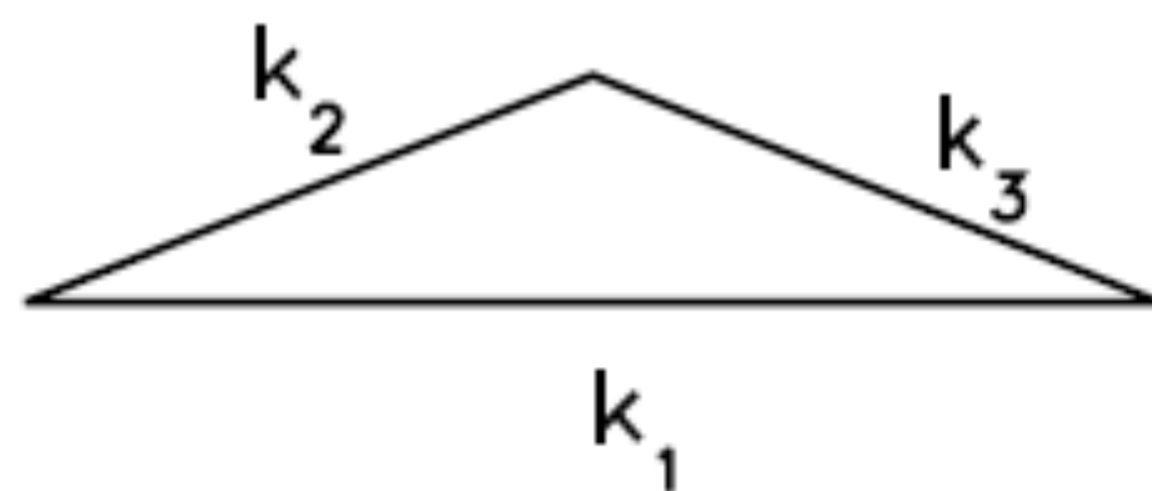
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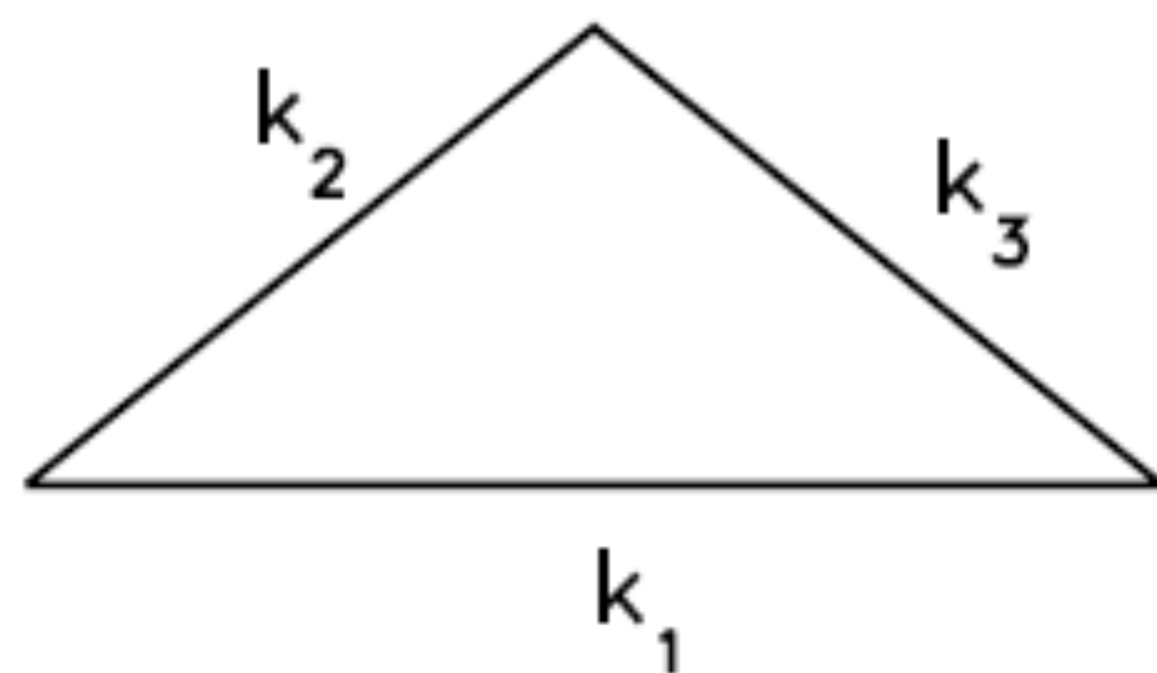
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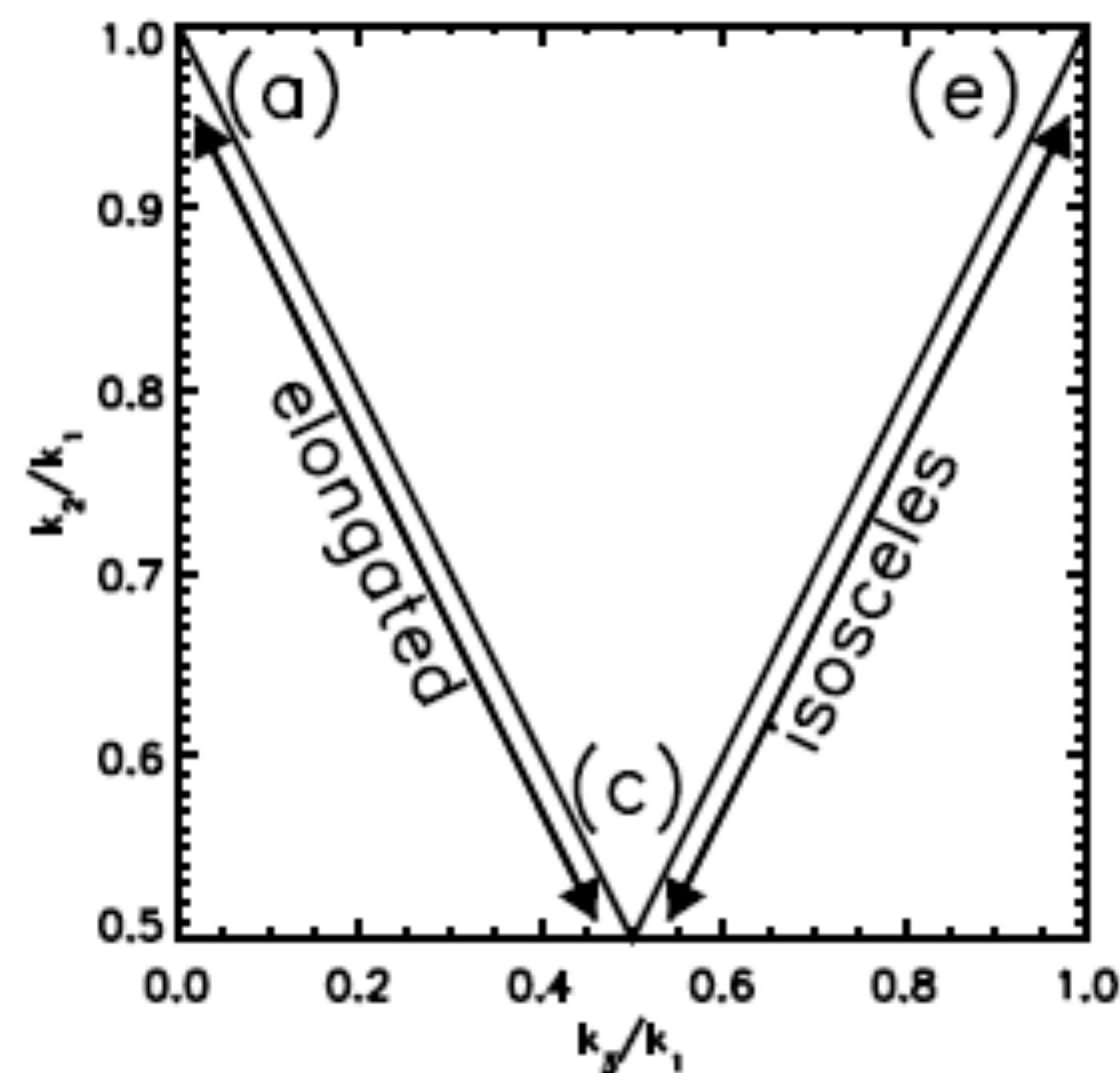
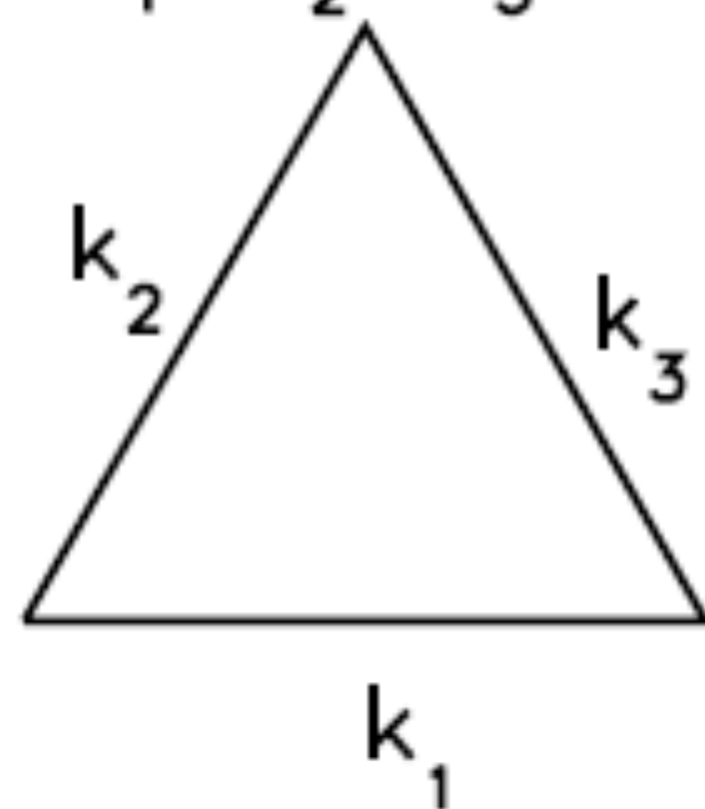
(c) folded triangle  
( $k_1 = 2k_2 = 2k_3$ )



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



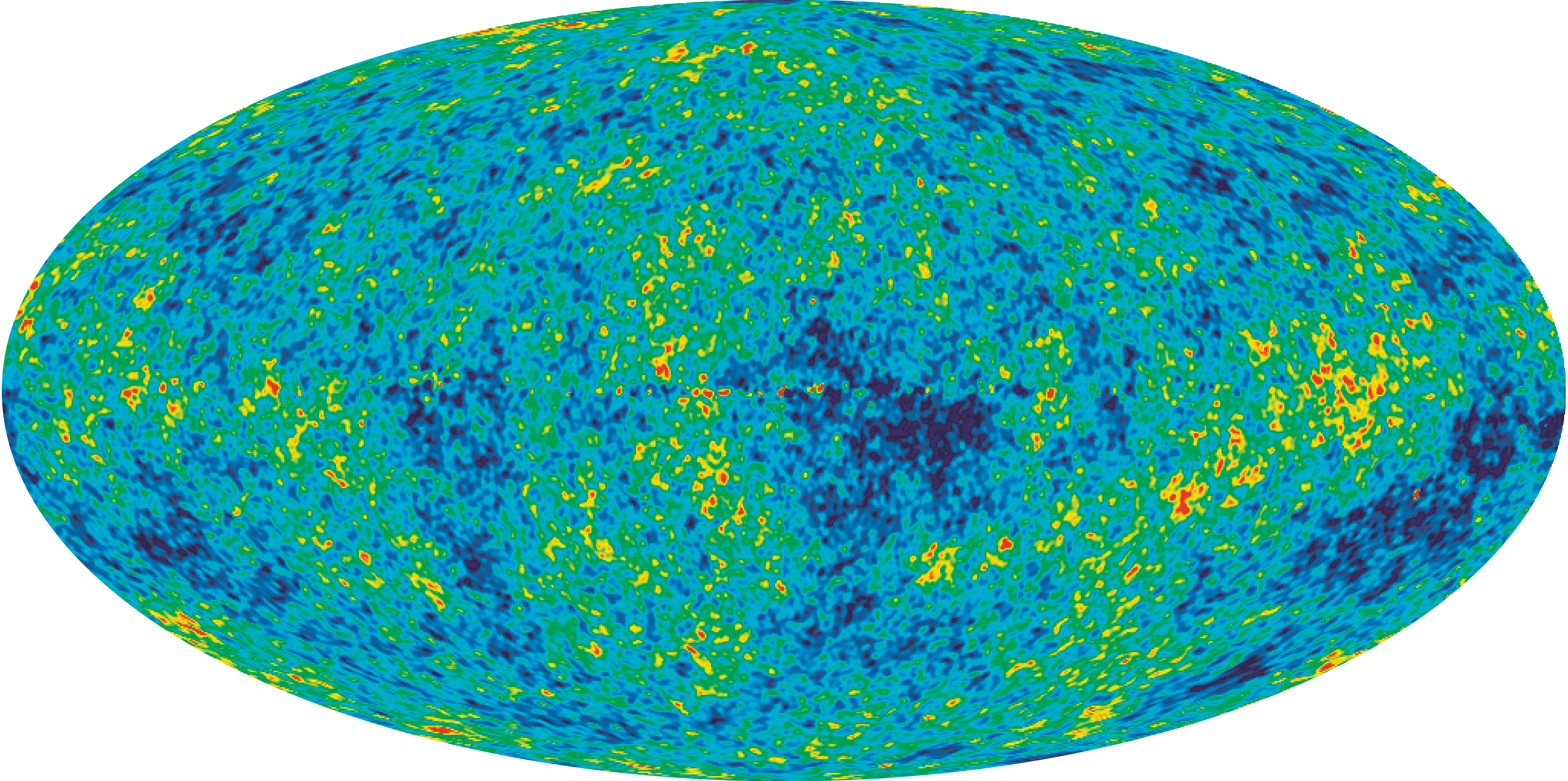
(e) equilateral triangle  
( $k_1 = k_2 = k_3$ )



# Why Study Bispectrum?

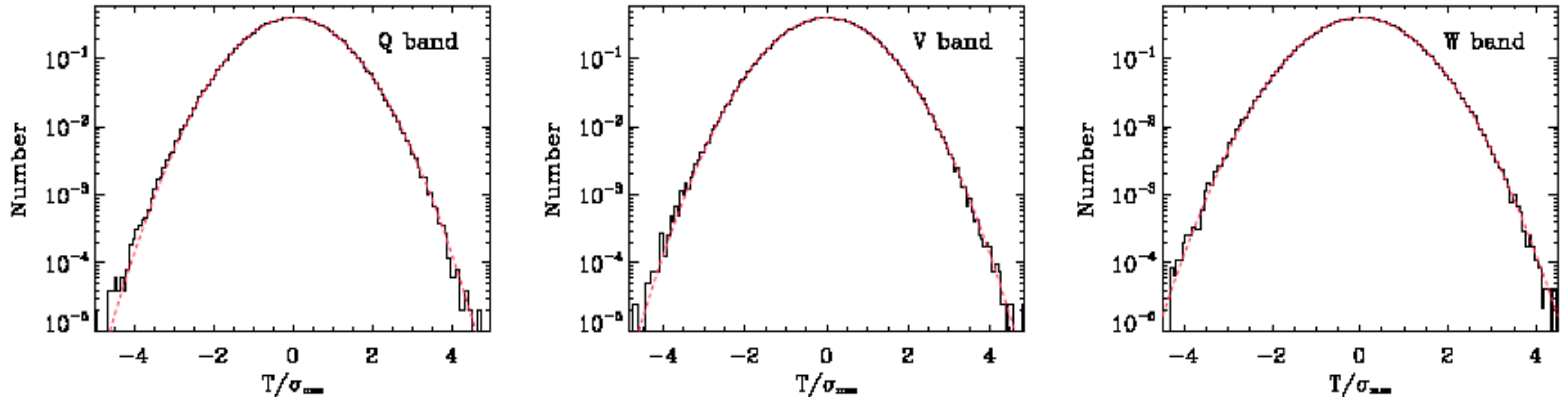
- It probes the interactions of fields - new piece of information that cannot be probed by the power spectrum
- But, above all, it provides us with a **critical test** of the simplest models of inflation: “***are primordial fluctuations Gaussian, or non-Gaussian?***”
- Bispectrum vanishes for Gaussian fluctuations.
- Detection of the bispectrum = detection of non-Gaussian fluctuations

# Gaussian?



WMAP 5-year

# Take One-point Distribution Function



- The one-point distribution of WMAP map looks pretty Gaussian.
  - Left to right: Q (41GHz), V (61GHz), W (94GHz).
- Deviation from Gaussianity is small, if any.



# Inflation Likes This Result

- According to inflation (Guth & Yi; Hawking; Starobinsky; Bardeen, Steinhardt & Turner), CMB anisotropy was created from **quantum fluctuations of a scalar field in Bunch-Davies vacuum** during inflation
- Successful inflation (with the expansion factor more than  $e^{60}$ ) *demands* the scalar field be almost interaction-free
- The wave function of free fields in the ground state is a Gaussian!

# But, Not Exactly Gaussian

- Of course, there are always corrections to the simplest statement like this
- For one, inflaton field **does** have interactions. They are simply weak – of order the so-called slow-roll parameters,  $\epsilon$  and  $\eta$ , which are  $O(0.01)$

# Non-Gaussianity from Inflation

- You need cubic interaction terms (or higher order) of fields.

–  $V(\phi) \sim \phi^3$ : *Falk, Rangarajan & Srendnicki (1993)* [gravity not included yet]

– Full expansion of the action, including gravity action, to cubic order was done a decade later by *Maldacena (2003)*

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \phi &= \phi(t) + \varphi(t, x) \\
 \partial^2 \chi &= \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2\dot{\rho}^2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( -\frac{\dot{\rho}}{\dot{\phi}} \varphi \right) \\
 h_{ij} &= e^{2\rho} \hat{h}_{ij}
 \end{aligned} \right| S_3 = \int e^{3\rho} \left( -\frac{\dot{\phi}}{4\dot{\rho}} \varphi \dot{\varphi}^2 - e^{-2\rho} \frac{\dot{\phi}}{4\dot{\rho}} \varphi (\partial\varphi)^2 - \dot{\varphi} \partial_i \chi \partial_i \varphi + \right. \\
 \left. + \frac{3\dot{\phi}^3}{8\dot{\rho}} \varphi^3 - \frac{\dot{\phi}^5}{16\dot{\rho}^3} \varphi^3 - \frac{\dot{\phi} V'''}{4\dot{\rho}} \varphi^3 - \frac{V''''}{6} \varphi^3 + \frac{\dot{\phi}^3}{4\dot{\rho}^2} \varphi^2 \dot{\varphi} + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{4\dot{\rho}} \varphi^2 \partial^2 \chi \right. \\
 \left. + \frac{\dot{\phi}}{4\dot{\rho}} (-\varphi \partial_i \partial_j \chi \partial_i \partial_j \chi + \varphi \partial^2 \chi \partial^2 \chi) \right)$$

# Computing Primordial Bispectrum

- Three-point function, using in-in formalism  
(*Maldacena 2003; Weinberg 2005*)

$$\text{3-point function}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) = \langle \text{in} \left| \tilde{T} e^{i \int_{-\infty}^t H_I(t') dt'} \Phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \Phi(\mathbf{x}_2) \Phi(\mathbf{x}_3) T e^{-i \int_{-\infty}^t H_I(t') dt'} \right| \text{in} \rangle$$

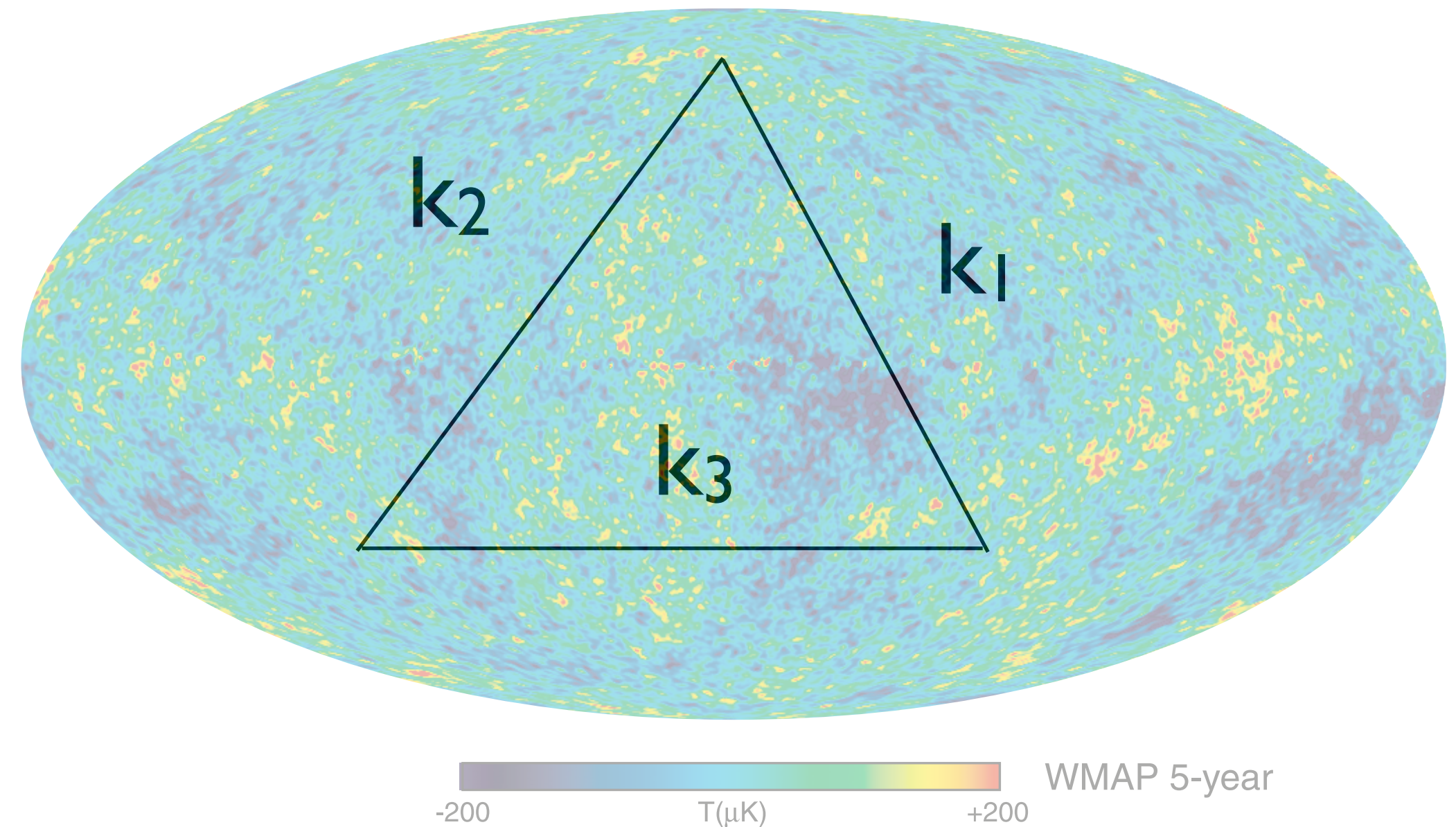
- $H_I(t)$ : Hamiltonian in interaction picture
  - Model-dependent: this determines which triangle shapes will dominate the signal
- $\Phi(x)$ : operator representing curvature perturbations in interaction picture



# Why Study Bispectrum?

- Because a detection of the bispectrum has a best chance of **ruling out the largest class of inflation models.**
- Namely, it will rule out inflation models based upon
  - a single scalar field with
  - the canonical kinetic term that
  - rolled down a smooth scalar potential slowly, and
  - was initially in the Bunch-Davies vacuum.
- ***Detection of the bispectrum would be a major breakthrough in cosmology.***

“ $f_{NL}$ ”



- **$f_{NL}$  = the amplitude of bispectrum**, which is
  - $B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = \langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1) \zeta(\mathbf{k}_2) \zeta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle$   
 $= \mathbf{f}_{NL} (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) b(k_1, k_2, k_3)$
  - $b(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  is a model-dependent function that defines the shape of triangles predicted by various models.



# Forms of $b(k_1, k_2, k_3)$

- Local form [*can be generated by multi-field models*]

- $$b^{\text{local}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = (6/5)[P_\zeta(k_1)P_\zeta(k_2) + \text{cyc.}]$$

*Komatsu & Spergel (2001)*

- Equilateral form [*can be generated by non-canonical kinetic terms, e.g., DBI*]

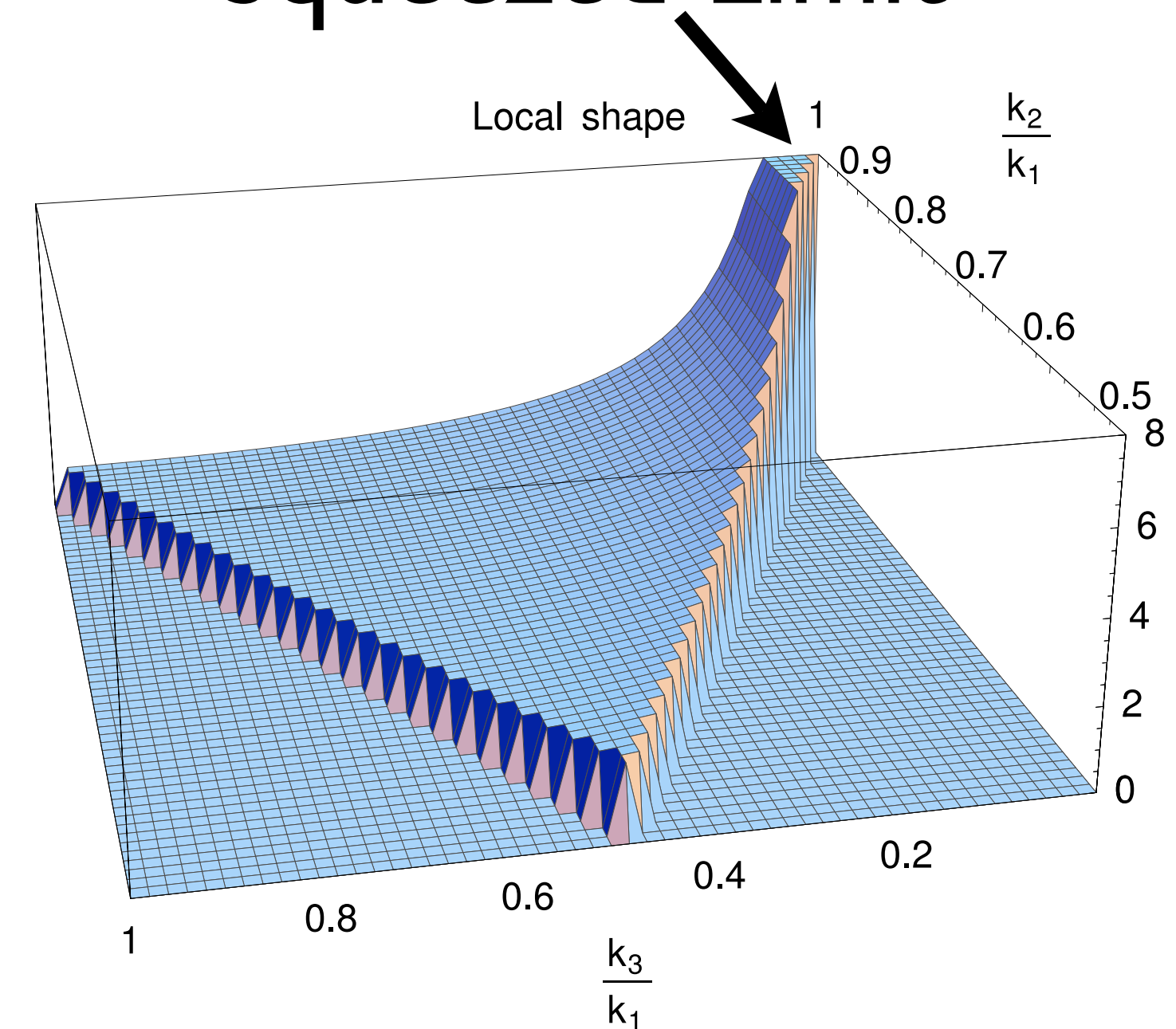
- $$b^{\text{equilateral}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = (18/5)\{-$$

$$[P_\zeta(k_1)P_\zeta(k_2) + \text{cyc.}] - 2[P_\zeta(k_1)P_\zeta(k_2)P_\zeta(k_3)]^{2/3}$$

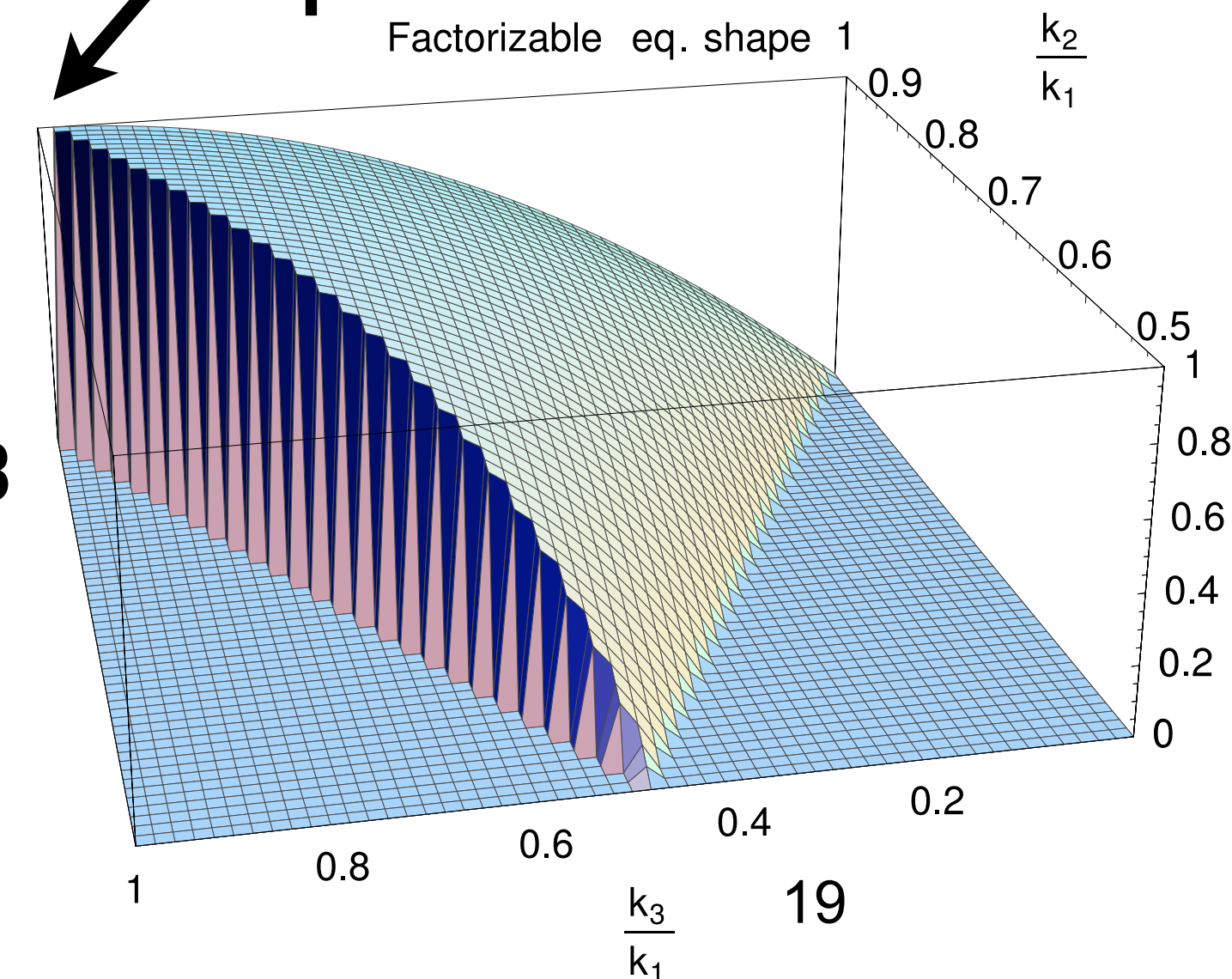
$$+ [P_\zeta(k_1)^{1/3}P_\zeta(k_2)^{2/3}P_\zeta(k_3) + \text{cyc.}]\}$$

*Babich, Creminelli & Zaldarriaga (2004)*

## Squeezed Limit



## Equilateral Limit



# Local Form Non-Gaussianity

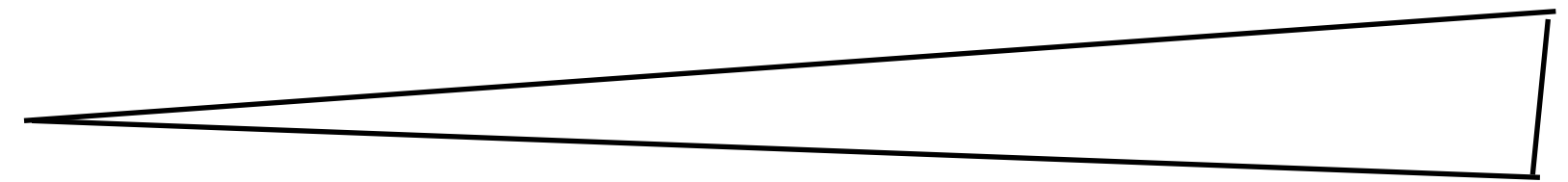
- The local form bispectrum,  
$$B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} [(6/5) P_{\zeta}(k_1) P_{\zeta}(k_2) + \text{cyc.}]$$
- is equivalent to having the curvature perturbation in position space, in the form of:
  - $$\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_{\text{gaussian}}(\mathbf{x}) + (3/5) f_{\text{NL}} [\zeta_{\text{gaussian}}(\mathbf{x})]^2$$
    - This provides a useful model to parametrize non-Gaussianity, and generate initial conditions for, e.g., N-body simulations.
- This can be extended to higher-order:
  - $$\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_{\text{gaussian}}(\mathbf{x}) + (3/5) f_{\text{NL}} [\zeta_{\text{gaussian}}(\mathbf{x})]^2 + (9/25) g_{\text{NL}} [\zeta_{\text{gaussian}}(\mathbf{x})]^3$$

# What if $f_{\text{NL}}$ is detected?

- A single field, canonical kinetic term, slow-roll, and/or Bunch-Davies vacuum, must be modified.

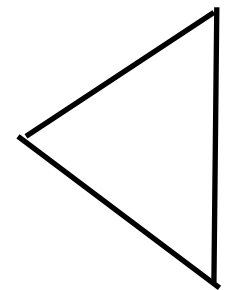
**Local**

- Multi-field (curvaton)



**Equil.**

- Non-canonical kinetic term (k-inflation, DBI)

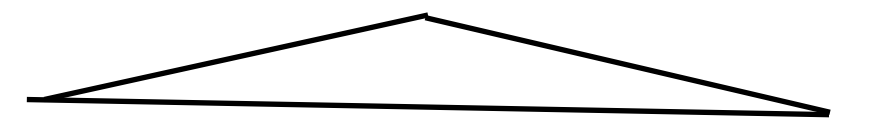


**Bump  
+Osci.**

- Temporary fast roll (features in potential)

**Folded**

- Departures from the Bunch-Davies vacuum

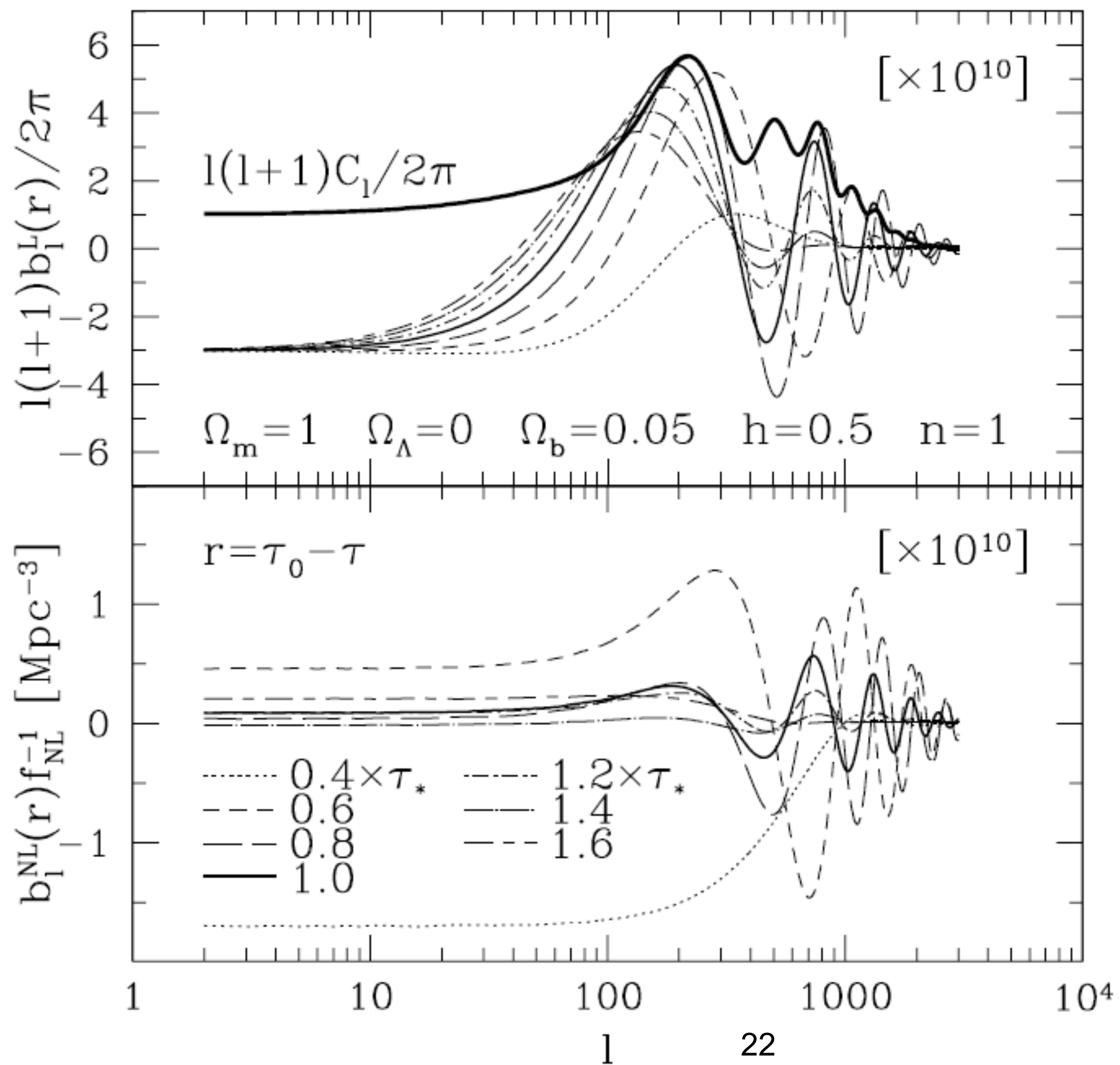


- *It will give us a lot of clues as to what the correct early universe models should look like.*



# Decoding Bispectrum

- Hydrodynamics at  $z=1090$  generates acoustic oscillations in the bispectrum
- Well understood at the linear level (*Komatsu & Spergel 2001*)
- Non-linear extension?
  - *Nitta, Komatsu, Bartolo, Matarrese & Riotto, arXiv: 0903.0894*
  - $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} \sim 0.5$



# Measurement

- Use everybody's favorite:  $\chi^2$  minimization.

- Minimize:

$$\chi^2 \equiv \sum_{2 \leq l_1 \leq l_2 \leq l_3} \frac{\left( B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{obs} - \sum_i A_i B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{(i)} \right)^2}{\sigma_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^2}$$

- with respect to  $A_i = (f_{NL}^{local}, f_{NL}^{equilateral}, b_{src})$
- $B^{obs}$  is the observed bispectrum
- $B^{(i)}$  is the theoretical template from various predictions

# Journal on $f_{NL}$ (95%CL)

- Local

- $-3500 < f_{NL}^{local} < 2000$  [COBE 4yr,  $l_{max}=20$ ] Komatsu et al. (2002)

- $-58 < f_{NL}^{local} < 134$  [WMAP 1yr,  $l_{max}=265$ ] Komatsu et al. (2003)

- $-54 < f_{NL}^{local} < 114$  [WMAP 3yr,  $l_{max}=350$ ] Spergel et al. (2007)

- **$-9 < f_{NL}^{local} < 111$  [WMAP 5yr,  $l_{max}=500$ ]** Komatsu et al. (2008)

- Equilateral

- $-366 < f_{NL}^{equil} < 238$  [WMAP 1yr,  $l_{max}=405$ ] Creminelli et al. (2006)

- $-256 < f_{NL}^{equil} < 332$  [WMAP 3yr,  $l_{max}=475$ ] Creminelli et al. (2007)

- **$-151 < f_{NL}^{equil} < 253$  [WMAP 5yr,  $l_{max}=700$ ]** <sup>24</sup>  
Komatsu et al. (2008)



# Latest on $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}$

(Fast-moving field!)

- CMB (WMAP5 + most optimal bispectrum estimator)

- $-4 < f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} < 80$  (95%CL) Smith et al. (2009)

- $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = 38 \pm 21$  (68%CL)

- Large-scale Structure (Using the SDSS power spectra)

- $-29 < f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} < 70$  (95%CL)

- $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = 31^{+16}_{-27}$  (68%CL)

Slosar et al. (2009)

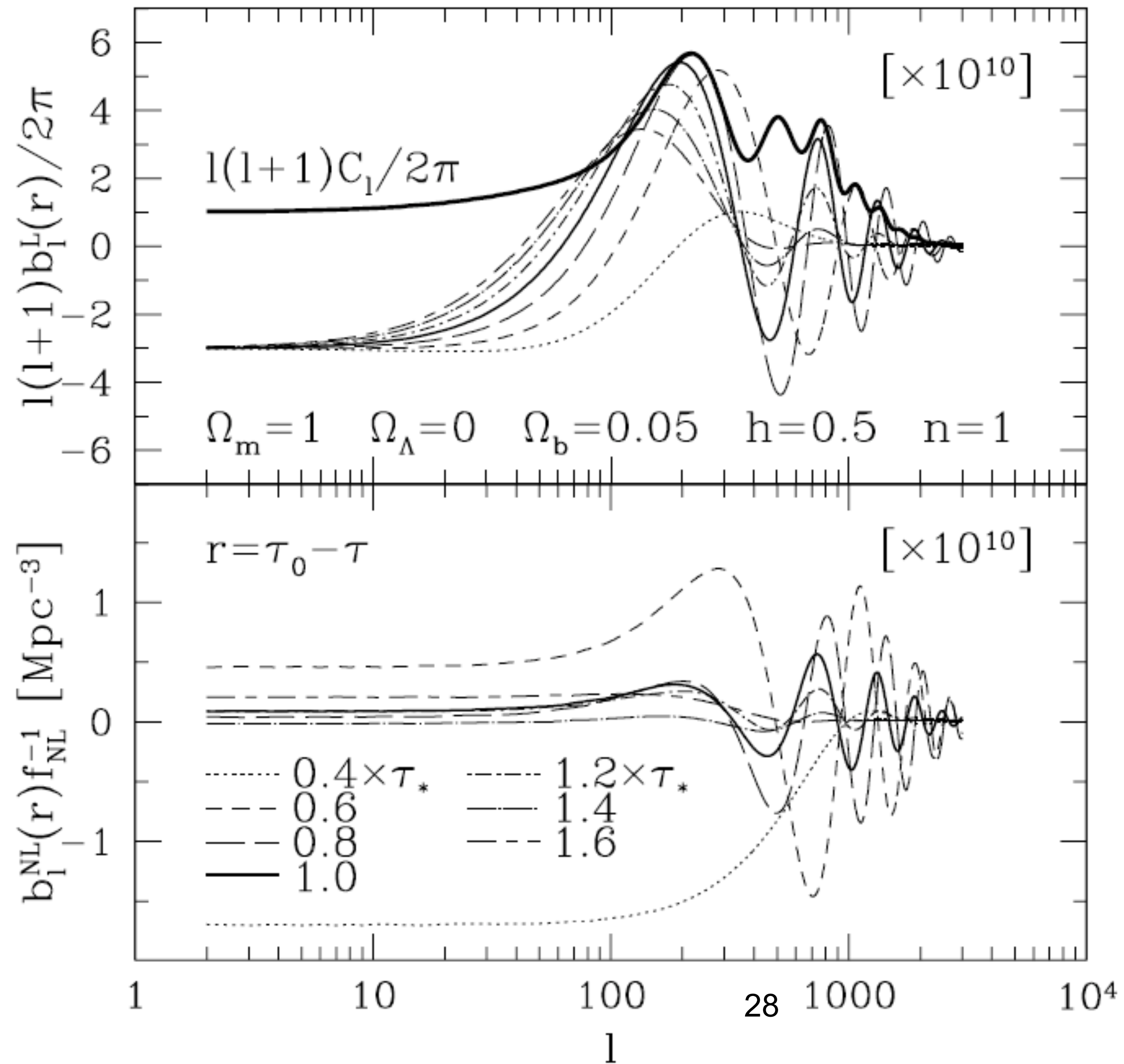
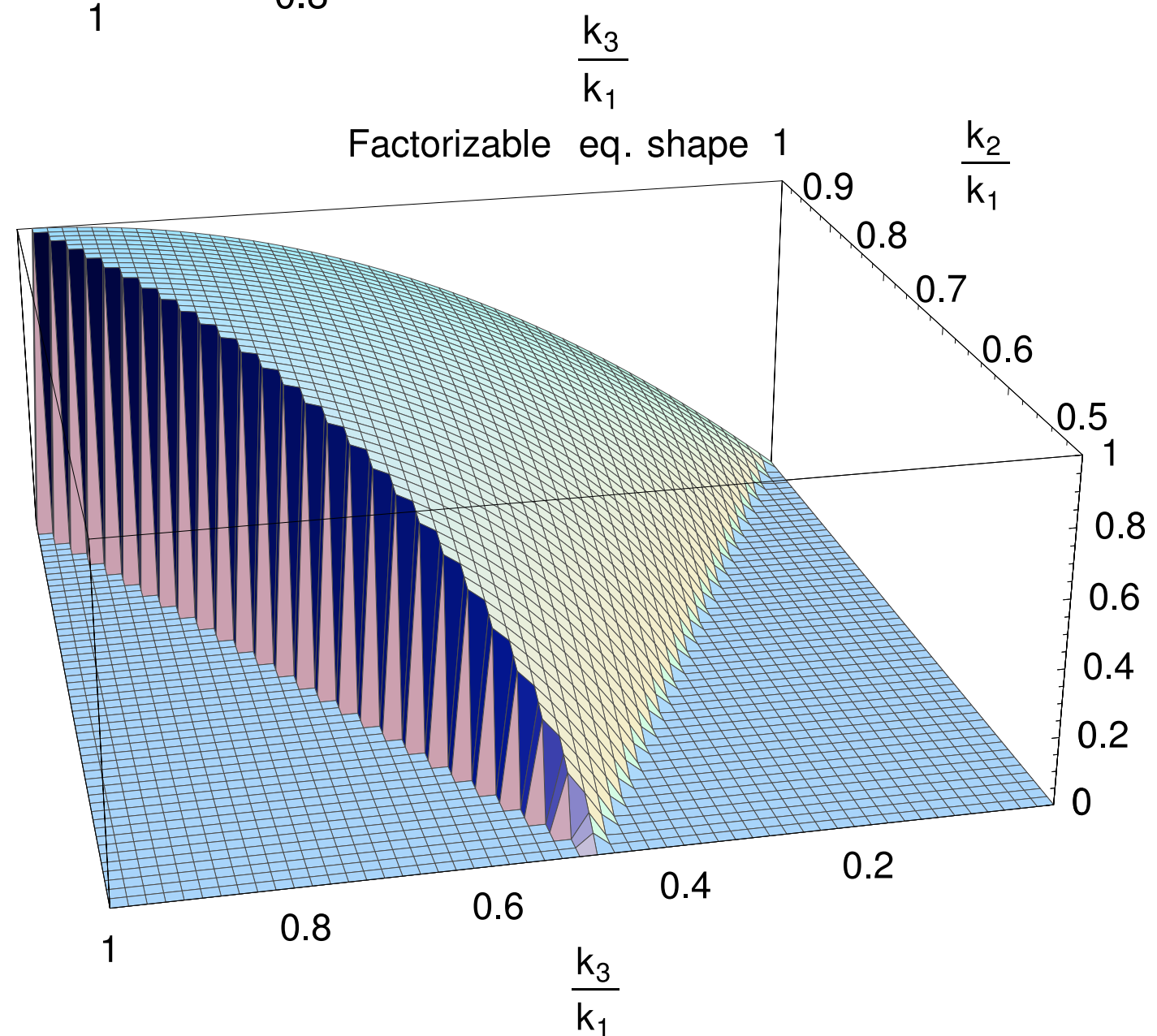
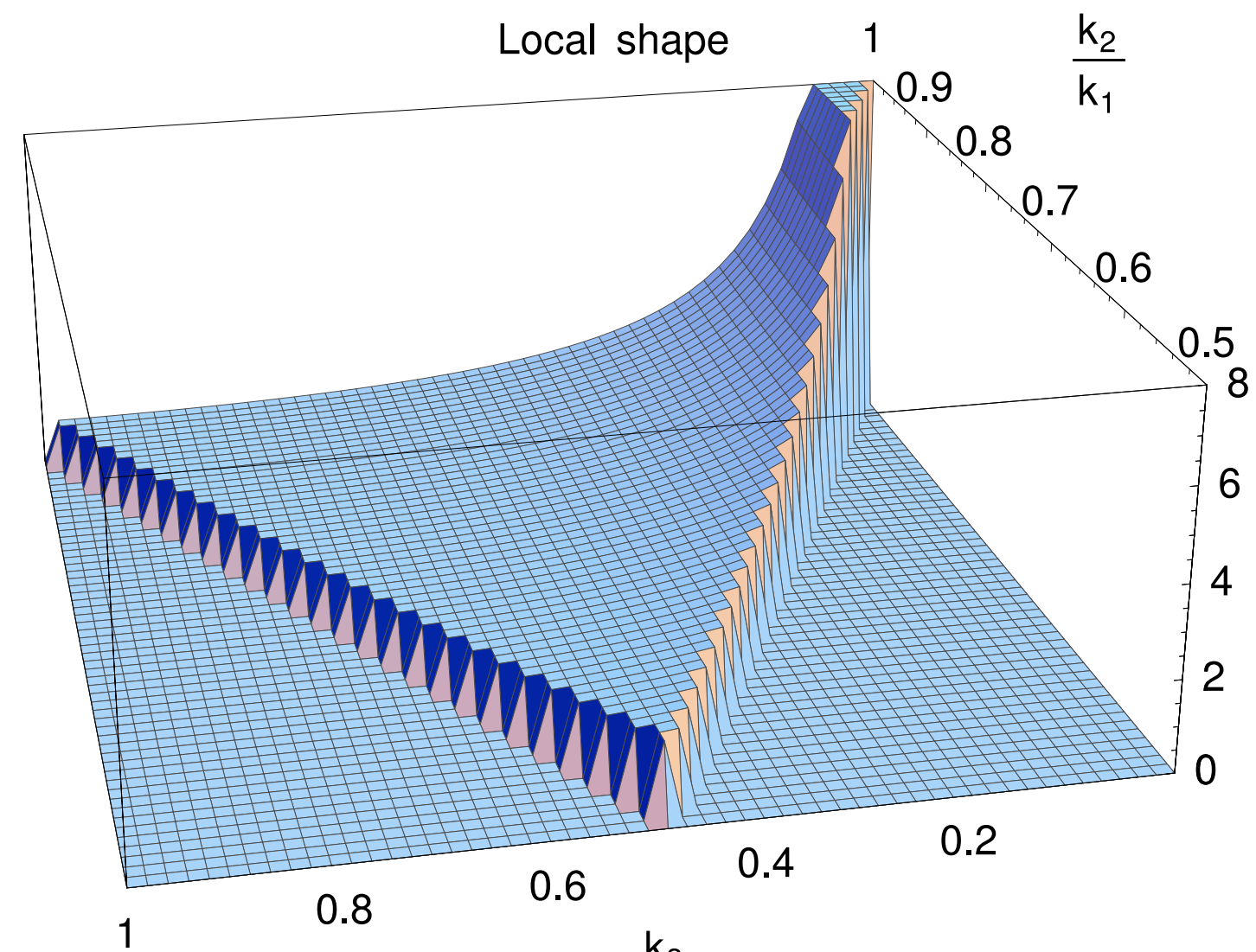
# Exciting Future Prospects

- Planck satellite (to be launched on May 6, 2009)
  - will see  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}$  at  **$8\sigma$** , IF (big if)  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}=40$

# A Big Question

- Suppose that  $f_{\text{NL}}$  was found in, e.g., WMAP 9-year or Planck. That would be a profound discovery. **However:**
- **Q:** How can we convince ourselves and other people that primordial non-Gaussianity was found, rather than some junk?
- **A:** (i) shape dependence of the signal, (ii) different statistical tools, and (iii) different tracers

# (i) Remember These Plots?



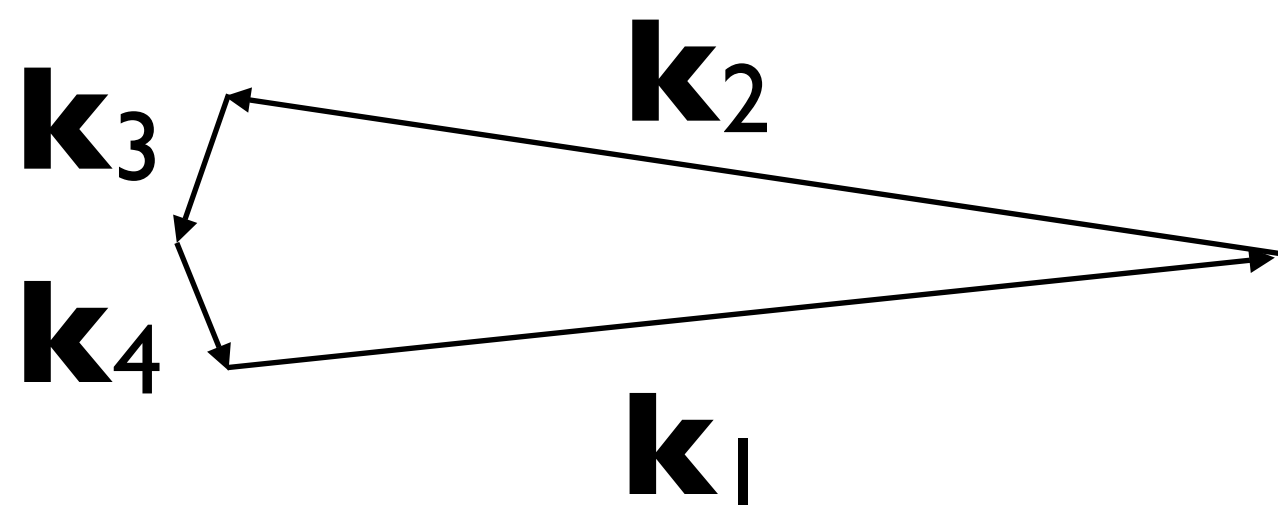
## (ii) Different Tools

- How about 4-point function (trispectrum)?

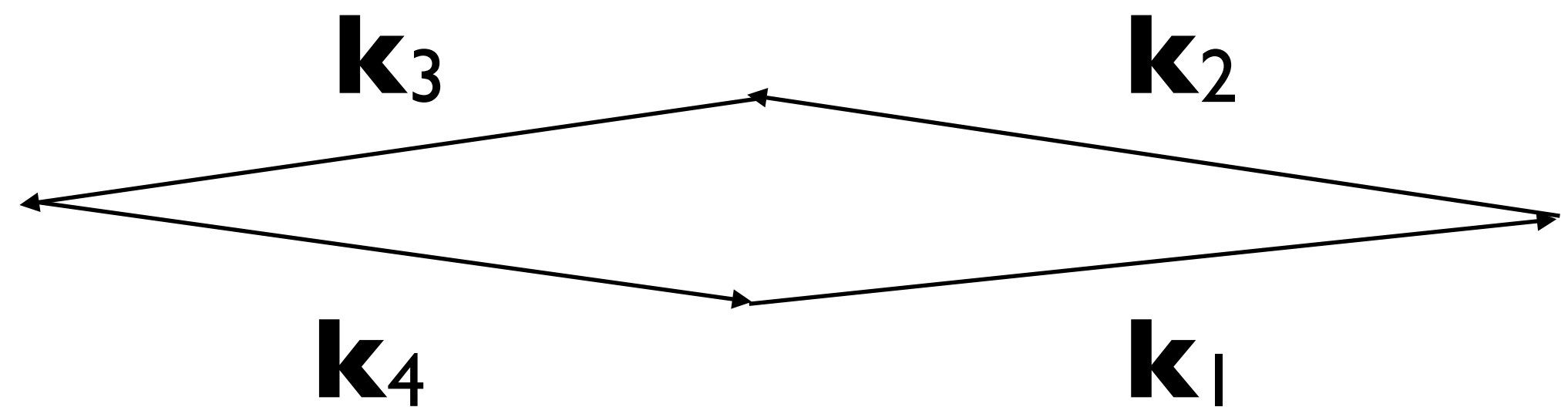


# Local Form Trispectrum

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

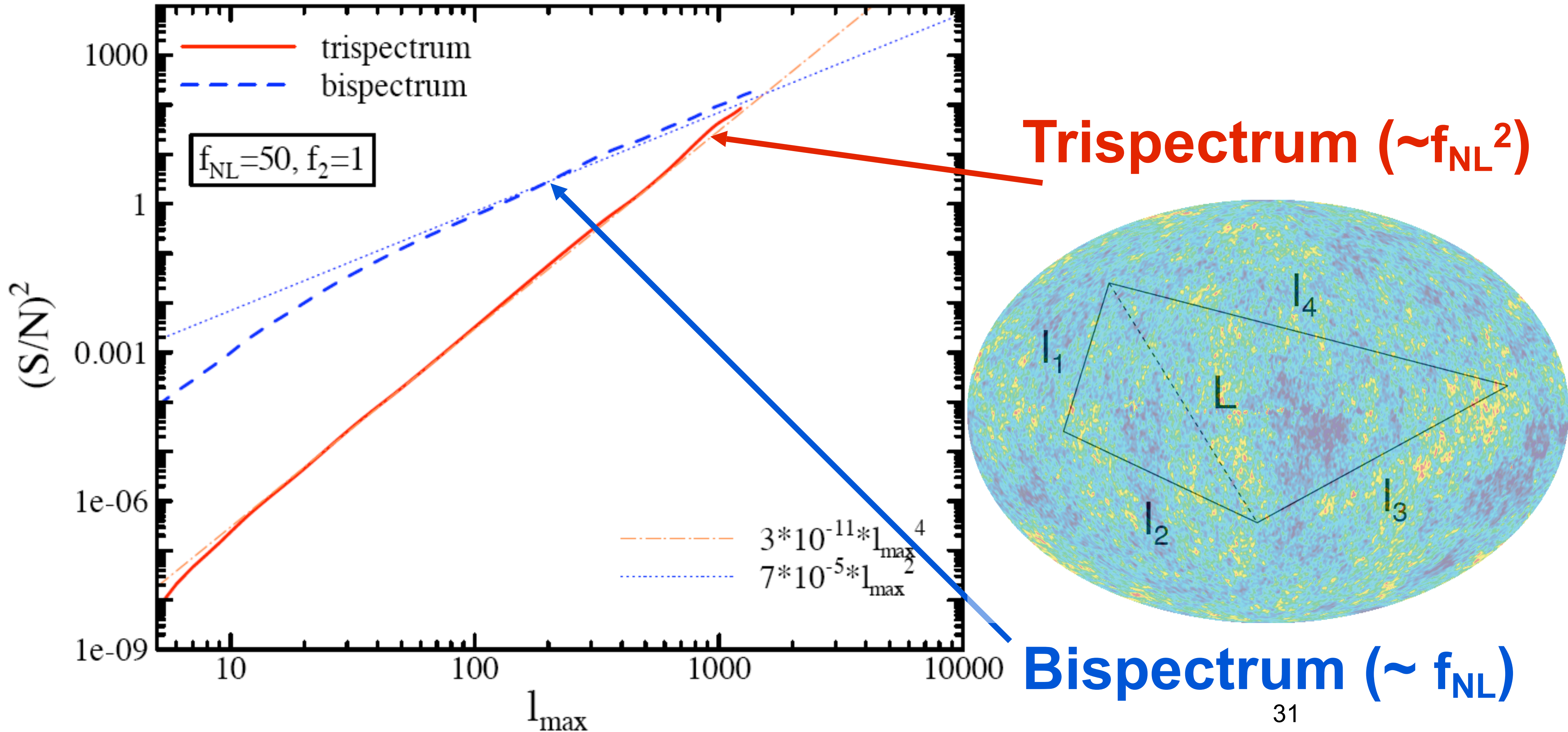


$g_{\text{NL}}$



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

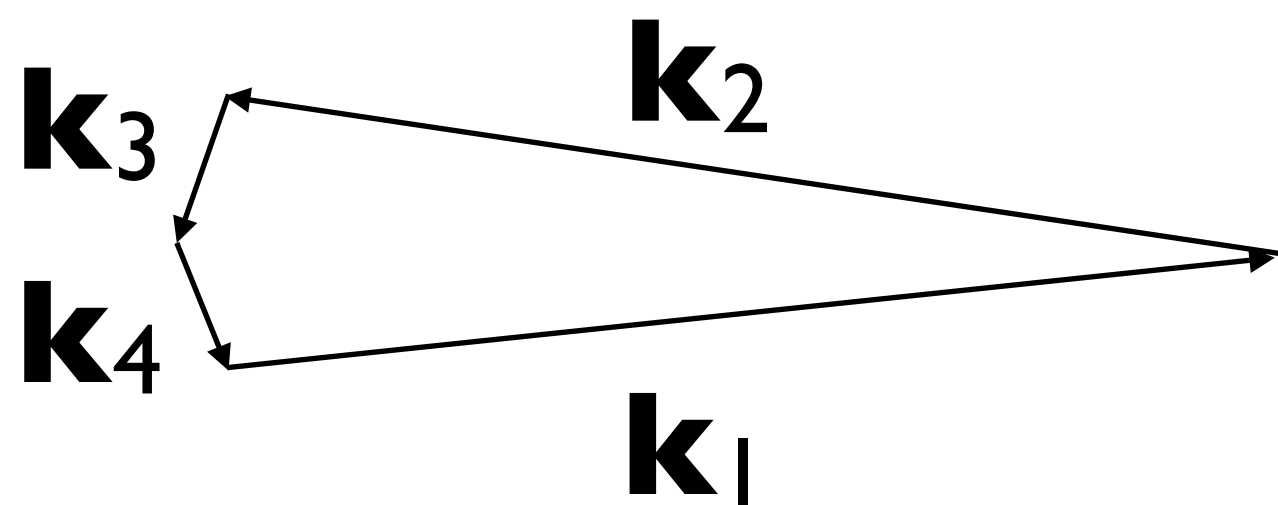
# Trispectrum: if $f_{\text{NL}}$ is $\sim 50$ , excellent cross-check for Planck



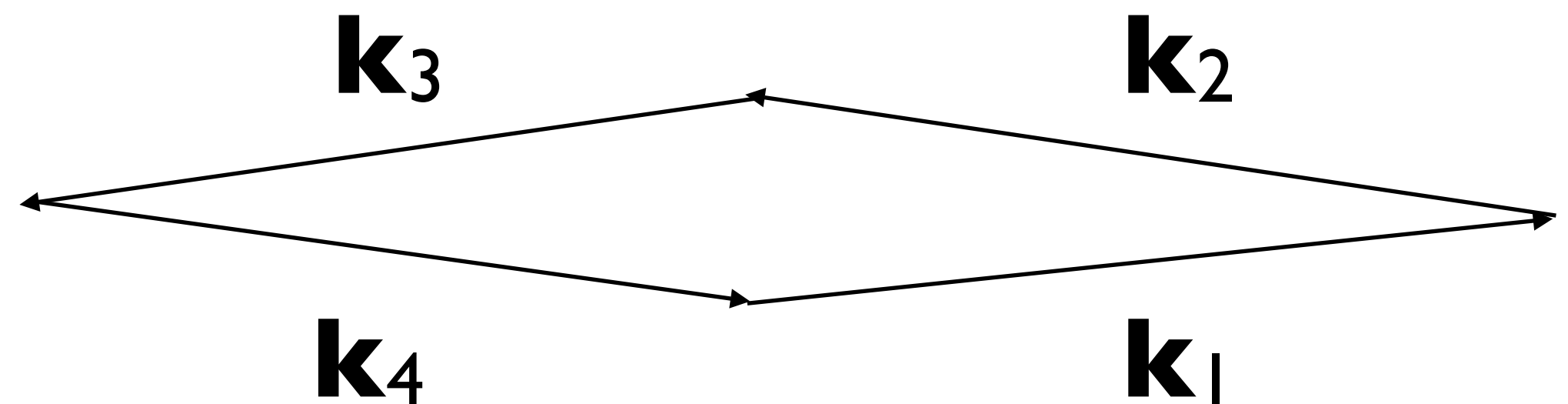
# (Slightly) Generalized Trispectrum

- $T_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4)$   
 $\{g_{\text{NL}}[(54/25)P_{\zeta}(k_1)P_{\zeta}(k_2)P_{\zeta}(k_3) + \text{cyc.}]$   
 $+ T_{\text{NL}}[(18/25)P_{\zeta}(k_1)P_{\zeta}(k_2)(P_{\zeta}(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_3|) + P_{\zeta}(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_4|)) + \text{cyc.}]\}$

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



$g_{\text{NL}}$



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



# Trispectrum: Next Frontier

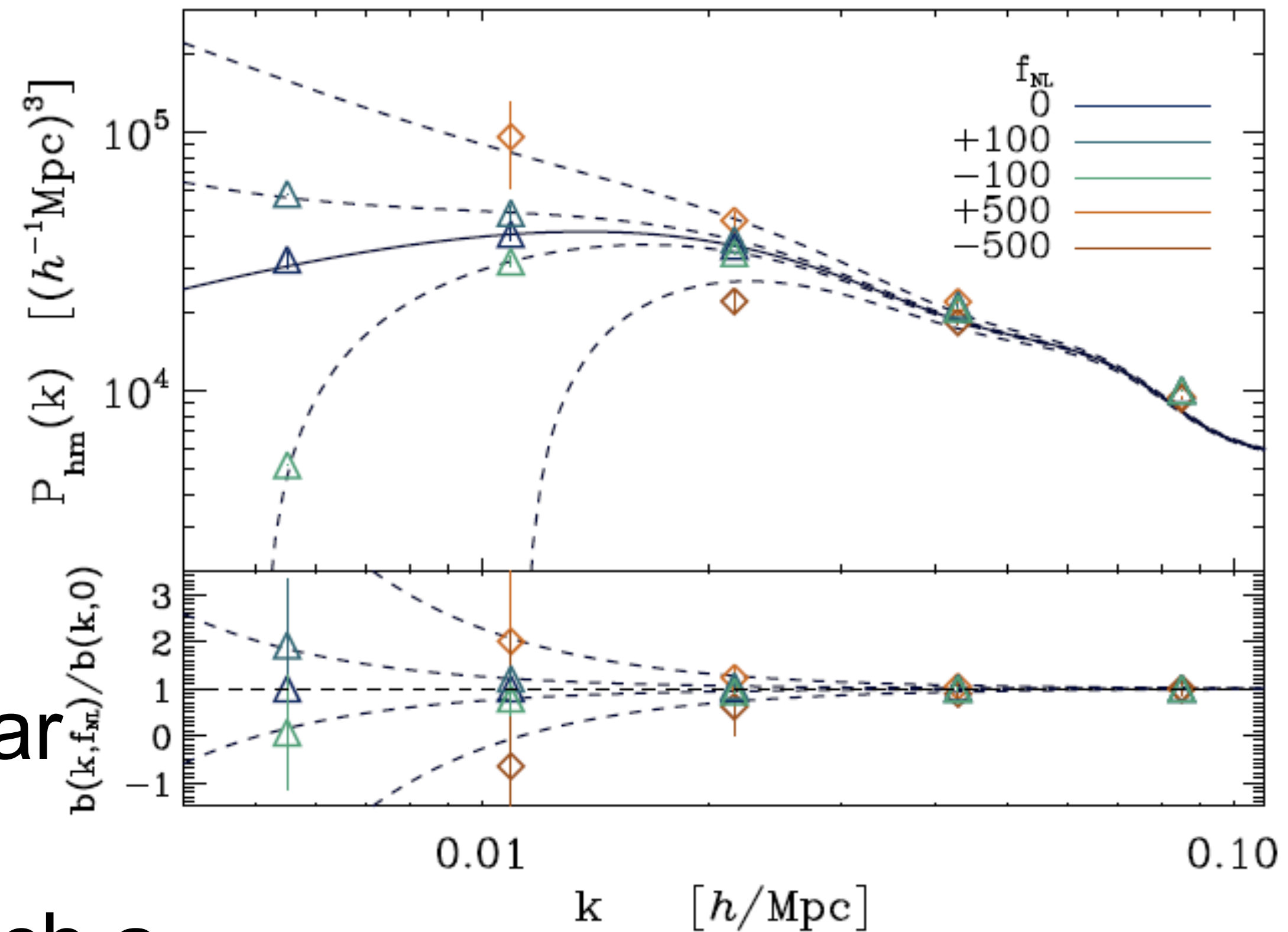
- **A new phenomenon:** many talks given at the IPMU non-Gaussianity workshop emphasized the importance of the trispectrum as a source of additional information on the physics of inflation.
- $\tau_{NL} \sim f_{NL}^2$ ;  $\tau_{NL} \sim f_{NL}^{4/3}$ ;  $\tau_{NL} \sim (\text{isocurv.}) * f_{NL}^2$ ;  $g_{NL} \sim f_{NL}$ ;  $g_{NL} \sim f_{NL}^2$ ; or they are completely independent
- Shape dependence? (Squares from ghost condensate, diamonds and rectangles from multi-field, etc)

## (ii) Different Tracers

- New frontier: large-scale structure of the universe as a probe of primordial non-Gaussianity

# New, Powerful Probe of $f_{\text{NL}}$

- $f_{\text{NL}}$  modifies the power spectrum of galaxies on very large scales
  - *Dalal et al.; Matarrese & Verde*
  - *Mcdonald; Afshordi & Tolley*
- The statistical power of this method is **VERY** promising
  - SDSS:  $-29 < f_{\text{NL}} < 70$  (95%CL); Slosar et al.
  - Comparable to the WMAP 5-year limit already
  - Expected to beat CMB, and reach a sacred region:  $f_{\text{NL}} \sim 1$



# Effects of $f_{\text{NL}}$ on the statistics of PEAKS

- The effects of  $f_{\text{NL}}$  on the power spectrum of peaks (i.e., galaxies) are profound.
- **How about the bispectrum of galaxies?**

# Previous Calculation

- Scoccimarro, Sefusatti & Zaldarriaga (2004); Sefusatti & Komatsu (2007)
- Treated the distribution of galaxies as a *continuous distribution*, biased relative to the matter distribution:
  - $\delta_g = b_1 \delta_m + (b_2/2)(\delta_m)^2 + \dots$
- Then, the calculation is straightforward. Schematically:
  - $\langle \delta_g^3 \rangle = (b_1)^3 \langle \delta_m^3 \rangle + (b_1^2 b_2) \langle \delta_m^4 \rangle + \dots$ 
    - Non-linear Gravity*      *Non-linear Bias Bispectrum*
    - Primordial NG*

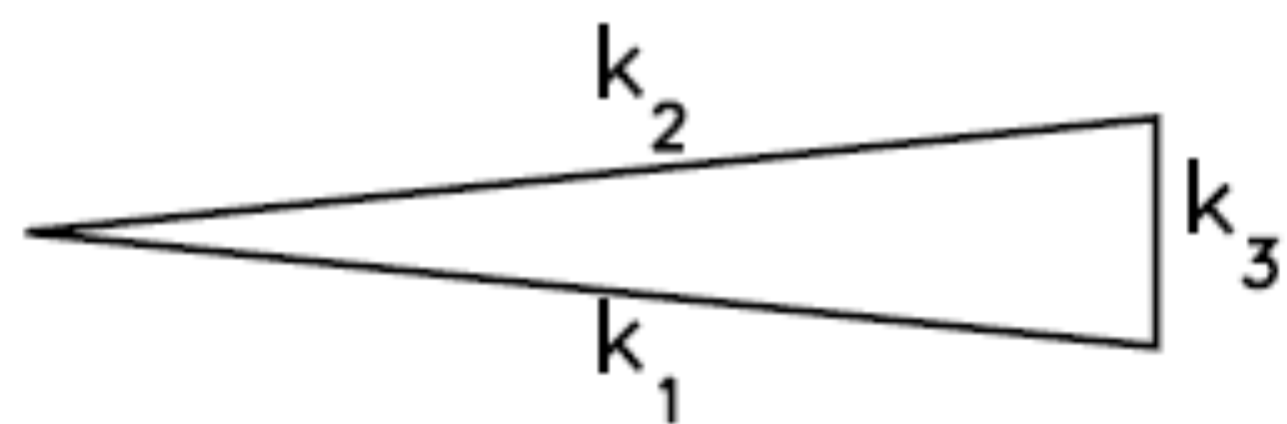
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$$\begin{aligned}
 & B_g(k_1, k_2, k_3, z) \\
 &= 3b_1^3 f_{\text{NL}} \Omega_m H_0^2 \left[ \frac{P_m(k_1, z)}{k_1^2 T(k_1)} \frac{P_m(k_2, z)}{k_2^2 T(k_2)} \frac{k_3^2 T(k_3)}{D(z)} + (\text{cyclic}) \right] \textit{Primordial NG} \\
 &+ 2b_1^3 \left[ F_2^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) P_m(k_1, z) P_m(k_2, z) + (\text{cyclic}) \right] \textit{Non-linear Gravity} \\
 &+ b_1^2 b_2 [P_m(k_1, z) P_m(k_2, z) + (\text{cyclic})] \textit{Non-linear Bias}
 \end{aligned}$$

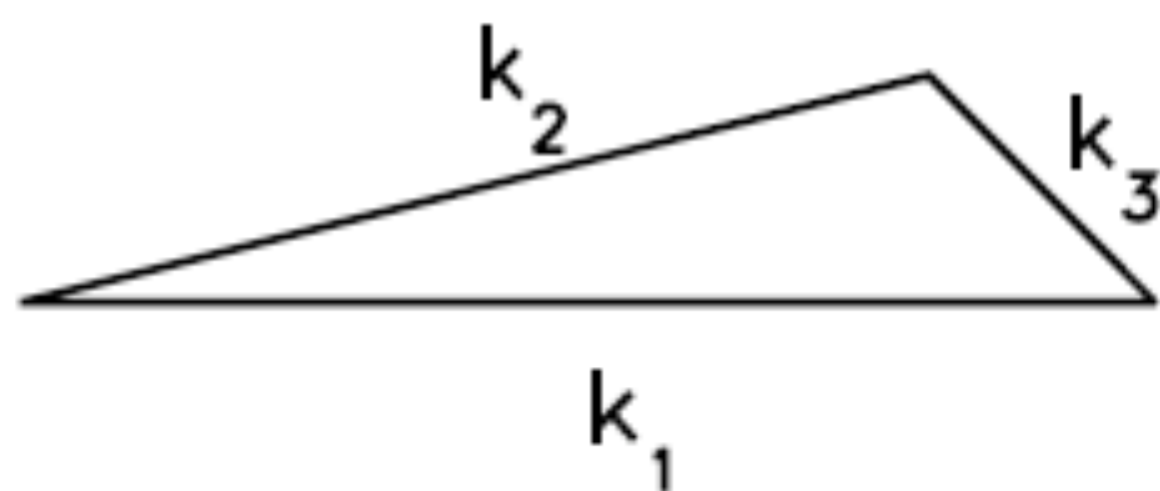
- We find that this formula captures only a part of the full contributions. In fact, **this formula is sub-dominant in the squeezed configuration, and the new terms are dominant.** <sup>38</sup>



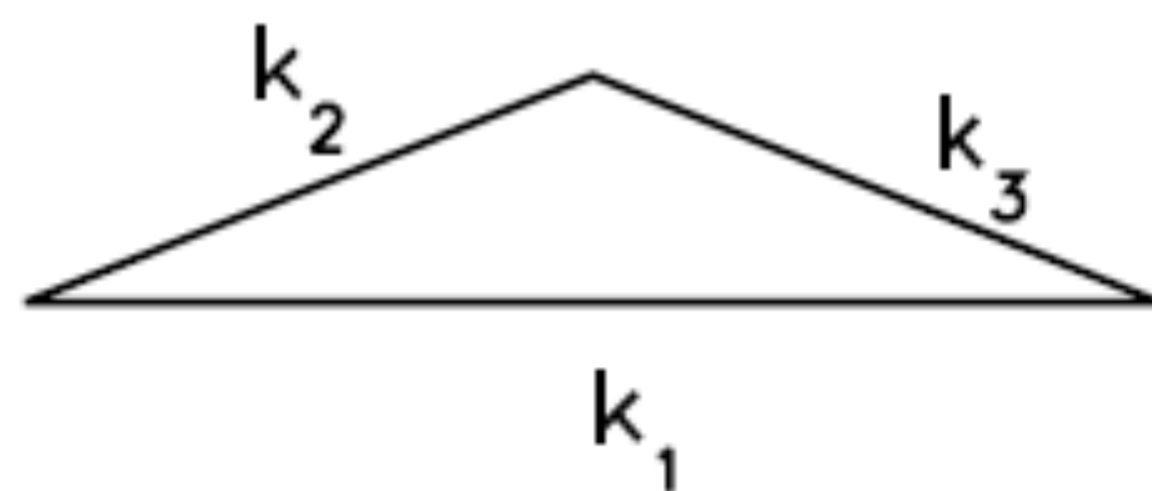
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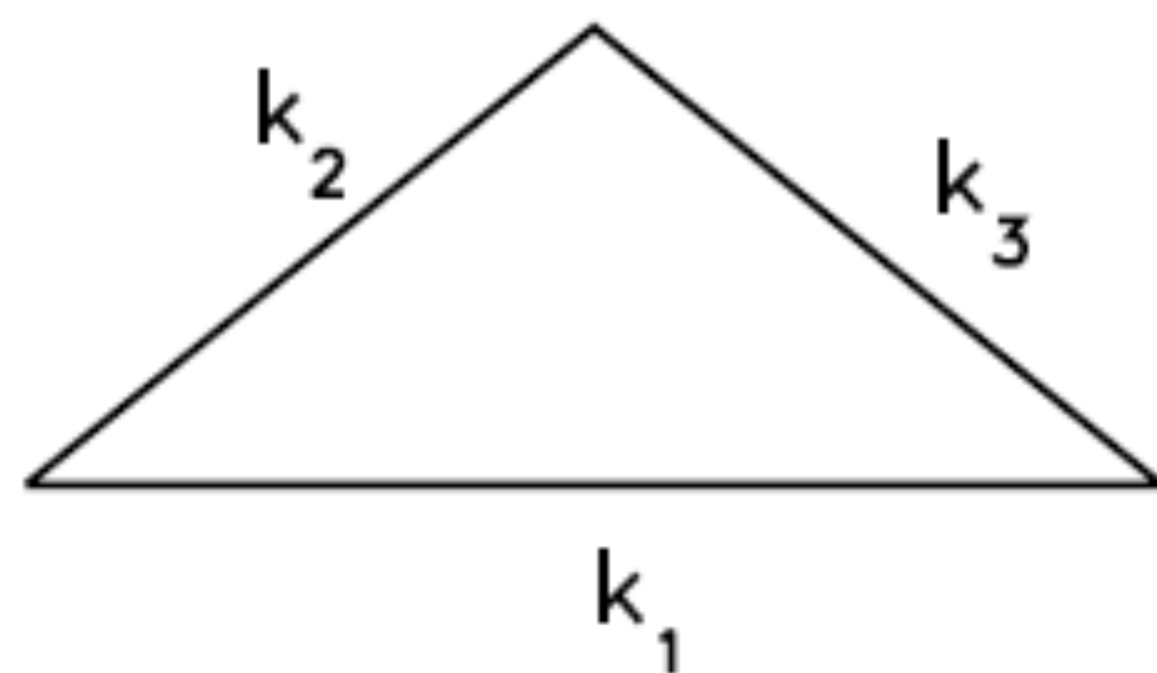
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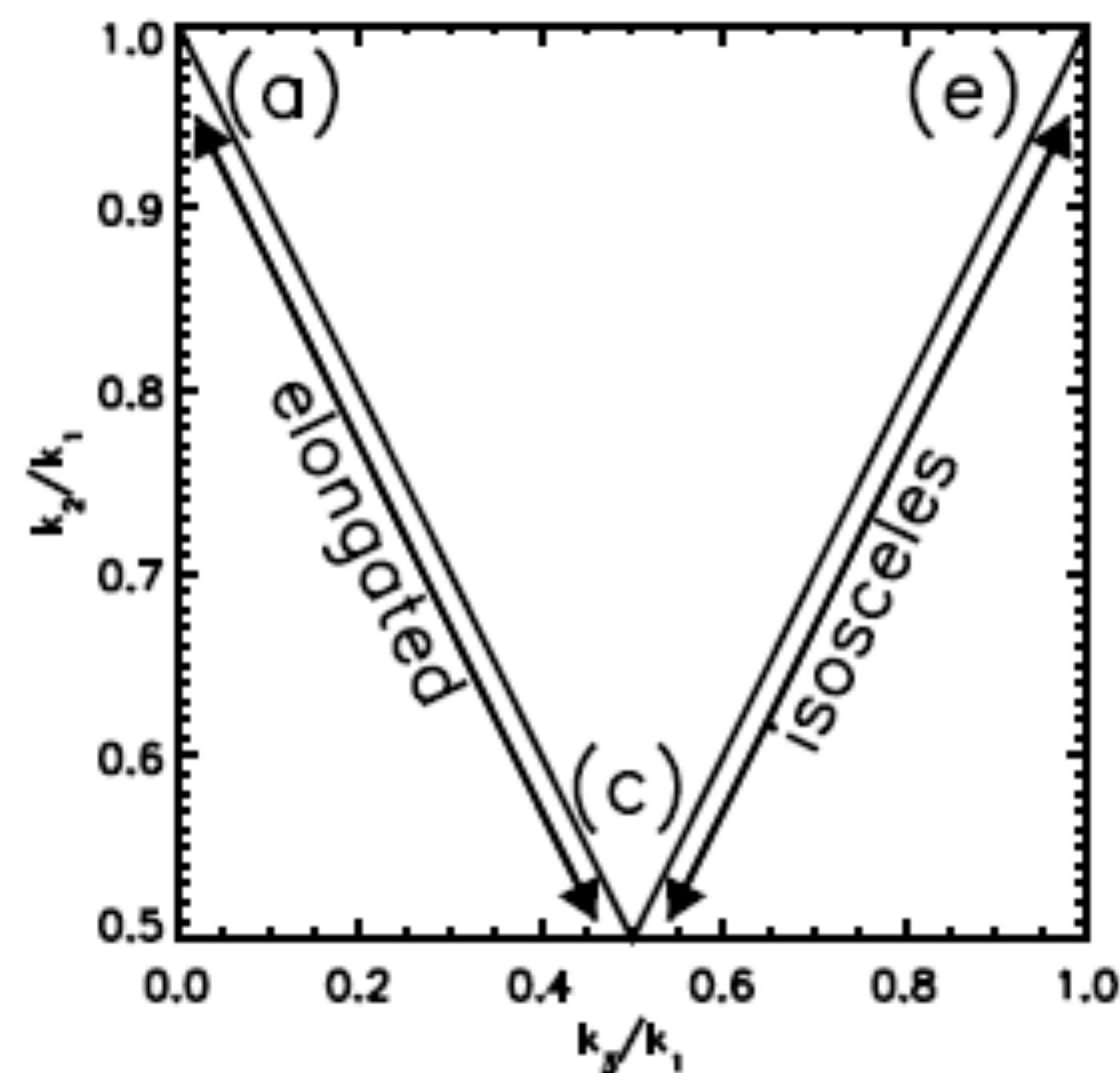
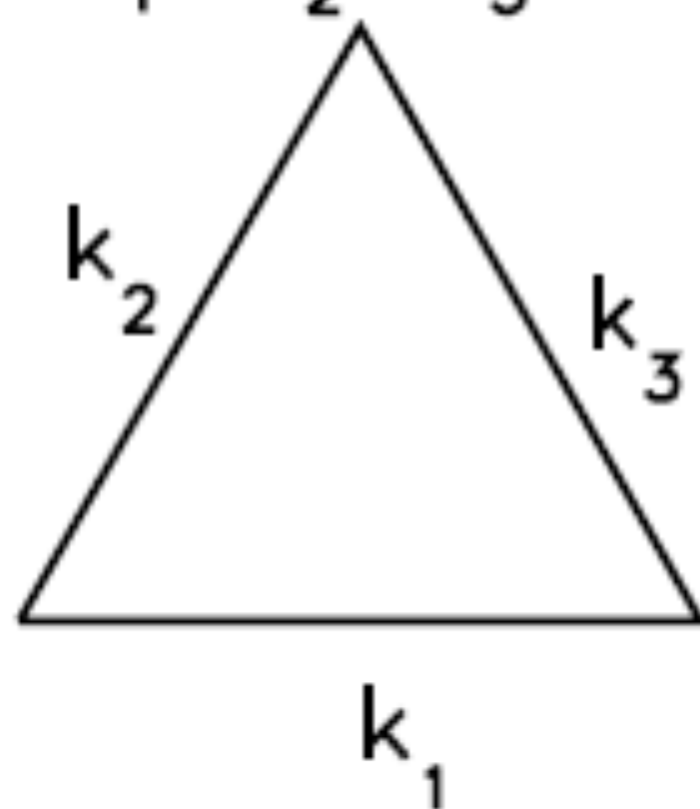
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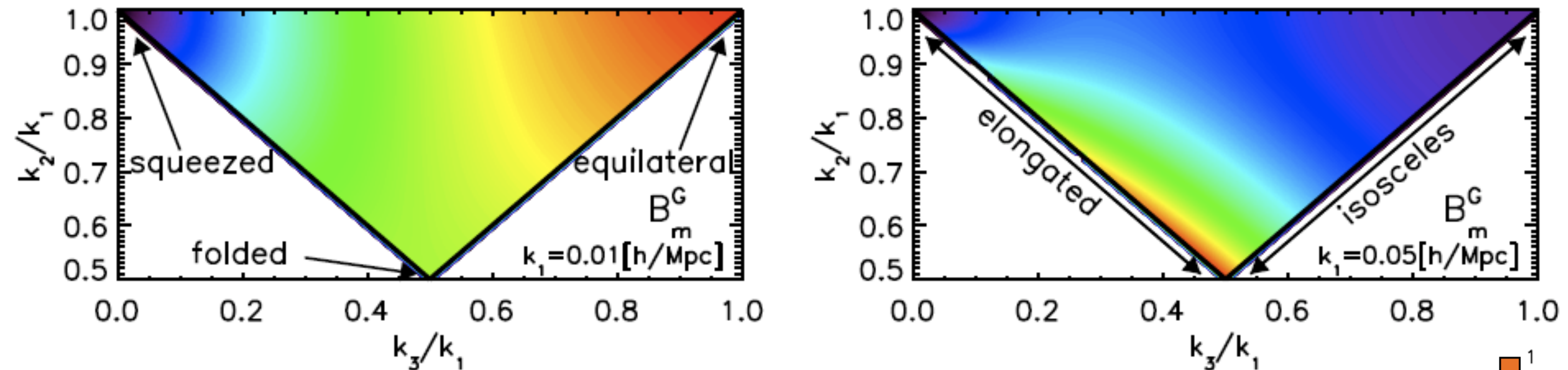
(d) isosceles triangle  
( $k_1 > k_2 = k_3$ )



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



# Non-linear Gravity



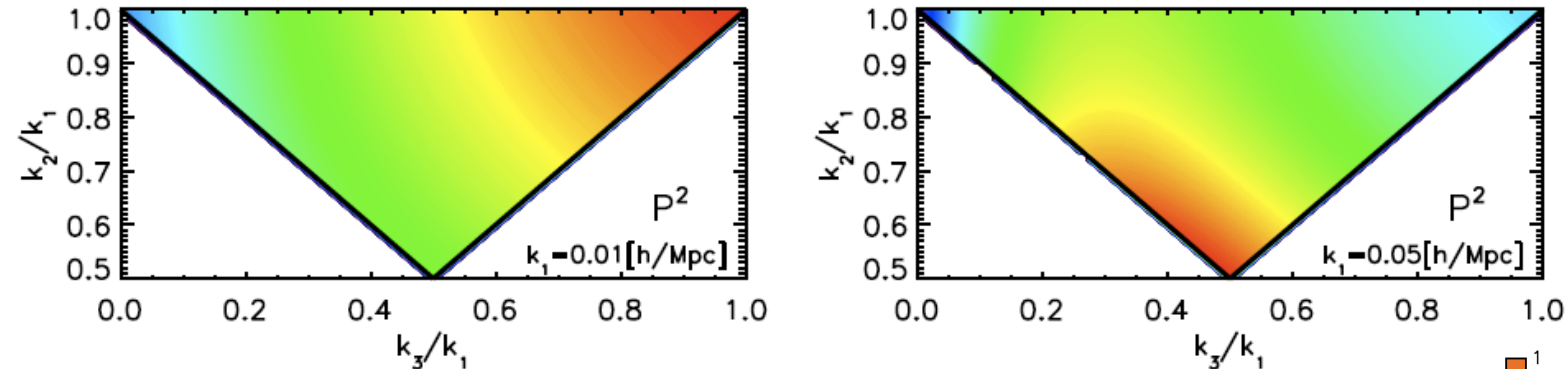
$$2b_1^3 \left[ F_2^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) P_m(k_1, z) P_m(k_2, z) + (\text{cyclic}) \right]$$

- For a given  $k_1$ , vary  $k_2$  and  $k_3$ , with  $k_3 \leq k_2 \leq k_1$
- $F_2(k_2, k_3)$  vanishes in the squeezed limit, and peaks at the elongated triangles.





# Non-linear Galaxy Bias

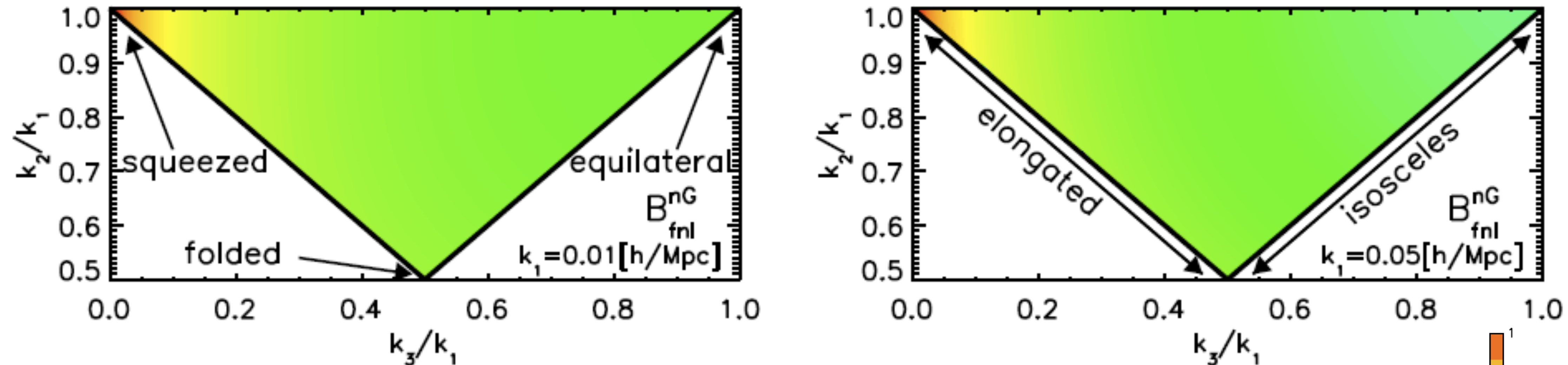


$$b_1^2 b_2 [P_m(k_1, z) P_m(k_2, z) + (\text{cyclic})]$$

- There is no  $F_2$ : less suppression at the squeezed, and less enhancement along the elongated triangles.
- Still peaks at the equilateral or elongated forms.



# Primordial NG (SK07)



$$3b_1^3 f_{\text{NL}} \Omega_m H_0^2 \left[ \frac{P_m(k_1, z)}{k_1^2 T(k_1)} \frac{P_m(k_2, z)}{k_2^2 T(k_2)} \frac{k_3^2 T(k_3)}{D(z)} + (\text{cyclic}) \right]$$

- Notice the factors of  $k^2$  in the denominator.
- This gives the peaks at the squeezed configurations.

# New Terms

- But, it turns out that Sefusatti & Komatsu's calculation, which is valid only for the continuous field, misses the dominant terms that come from the statistics of PEAKS.
- Jeong & Komatsu, arXiv:0904.0497



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# MLB Formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1 + \xi_h(x_{12}) + \xi_h(x_{23}) + \xi_h(x_{31}) + \zeta_h(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) \\
 = \exp & \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\nu^2}{\sigma_R^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_R^{(2)}(x_{ij}) + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{m_1=0}^n \sum_{m_2=0}^{n-m_1} \frac{\nu^n \sigma_R^{-n}}{m_1! m_2! m_3!} \right. \right. \\
 & \times \xi_R^{(n)} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_3 \\ m_1 \text{ times} \quad m_2 \text{ times} \quad m_3 \text{ times} \end{array} \right) \\
 & \left. \left. - 3 \frac{\nu^n \sigma_R^{-n}}{n!} \xi_R^{(n)} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x} \\ n \text{ times} \end{array} \right) \right\} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- N-point correlation function of peaks is the sum of M-point correlation functions, where  $M \geq N$ .

# Bottom Line

- **The bottom line is:**
- The power spectrum (2-pt function) of peaks is sensitive to the power spectrum of the underlying mass distribution, and the bispectrum, and the trispectrum, etc.
  - Truncate the sum at the bispectrum: sensitivity to  $f_{NL}$
  - Dalal et al.; Matarrese&Verde; Slosar et al.; Afshordi&Tolley



# Bottom Line

- **The bottom line is:**
- The bispectrum (3-pt function) of peaks is sensitive to the bispectrum of the underlying mass distribution, and the trispectrum, and the quadspectrum, etc.
  - Truncate the sum at the trispectrum: sensitivity to  $\tau_{\text{NL}} (\sim f_{\text{NL}}^2)$  and  $g_{\text{NL}}$ !
  - This is the new effect that was missing in Sefusatti & Komatsu (2007).

# Real-space 3pt Function

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_h(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) &= \frac{\nu^3}{\sigma_R^3} \xi_R^{(3)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ &+ \frac{\nu^4}{\sigma_R^4} \left[ \xi_R^{(2)}(x_{12}) \xi_R^{(2)}(x_{23}) + (\text{cyclic}) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\nu^4}{2\sigma_R^4} \left[ \xi_R^{(4)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) + (\text{cyclic}) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- Plus 5-pt functions, etc...

# New Bispectrum Formula

$$B_h(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = b_1^3 \left[ B_R(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) + \frac{b_2}{b_1} \{P_R(k_1)P_R(k_2) + (\text{cyclic})\} + \frac{\delta_c}{2\sigma_R^2} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} T_R(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) + (\text{cyclic}) \right].$$

- First: bispectrum of the underlying mass distribution.
- Second: non-linear bias
- Third: trispectrum of the underlying mass distribution.

# Local Form Trispectrum

$$\Phi = (3/5)\zeta$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\mathbf{x}) + f_{\text{NL}} [\phi^2(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \phi^2 \rangle] + g_{\text{NL}} \phi^3(\mathbf{x})$$

$$T_{\Phi}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4)$$

$$= 6g_{\text{NL}} [P_{\phi}(k_1)P_{\phi}(k_2)P_{\phi}(k_3) + (\text{cyclic})] + 2f_{\text{NL}}^2 \times [P_{\phi}(k_1)P_{\phi}(k_2) \{P_{\phi}(k_{13}) + P_{\phi}(k_{14})\} + (\text{cyclic})]$$

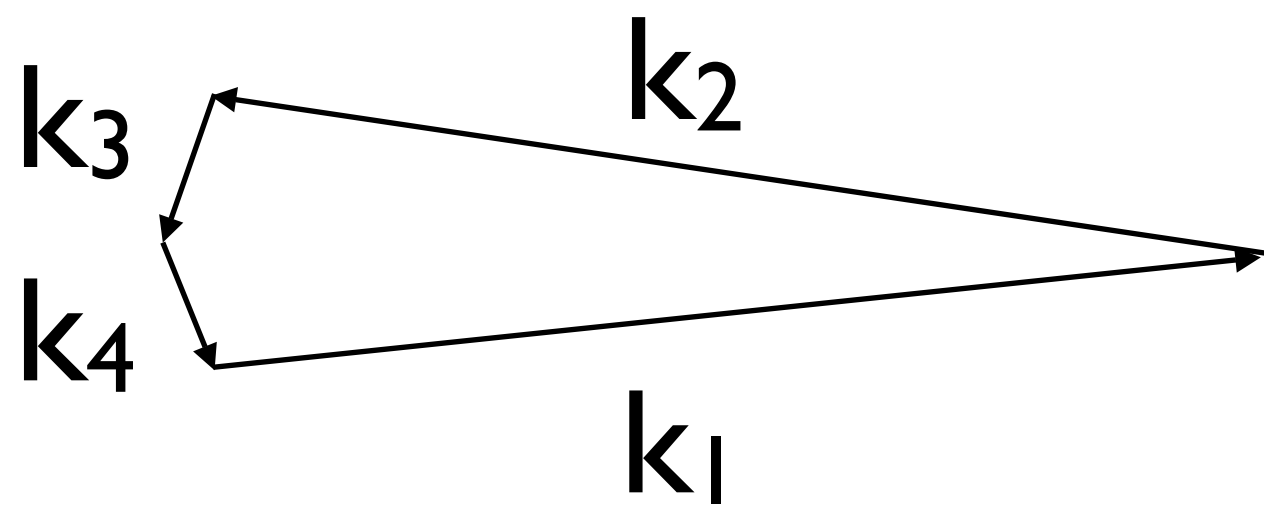
- For general multi-field models,  $f_{\text{NL}}^2$  can be more generic: often called  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$ .
- Exciting possibility for testing more about inflation! <sup>49</sup>

# Local Form Trispectrum

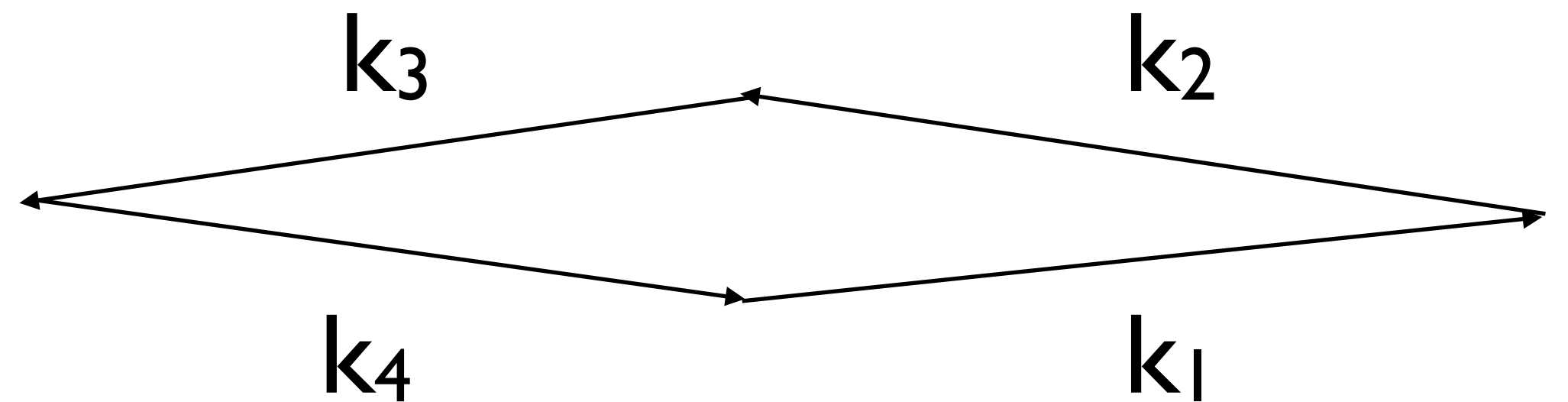
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$g_{\text{NL}}$



$f_{\text{NL}}^2$  (or  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$ )



# Trispectrum Term

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\delta_c}{2\sigma_R^2} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} [T_R(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) + (\text{cyclic})] \\ &= g_{\text{NL}} B_{g_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}(k_1, k_2, k_3) + f_{\text{NL}}^2 B_{f_{\text{NL}}^2}^{nG}(k_1, k_2, k_3), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{g_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}(k_1, k_2, k_3) &\equiv \frac{\delta_c}{2\sigma_R^2} \left[ 6\mathcal{M}_R(k_2)\mathcal{M}_R(k_3) [P_\phi(k_2) + P_\phi(k_3)] \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{M}_R(q)\mathcal{M}_R(|\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}|) P_\phi(q) P_\phi(|\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}|) + (\text{cyclic}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 12\mathcal{M}_R(k_2)\mathcal{M}_R(k_3) P_\phi(k_2) P_\phi(k_3) \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{M}_R(q)\mathcal{M}_R(|\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}|) P_\phi(q) + (\text{cyclic}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{f_{\text{NL}}^2}^{nG}(k_1, k_2, k_3) &\approx \frac{\delta_c}{2\sigma_R^2} \left[ 8\mathcal{M}_R(k_2)\mathcal{M}_R(k_3) P_\phi(k_1) [P_\phi(k_2) + P_\phi(k_3)] \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{M}_R(q)\mathcal{M}_R(|\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}|) P_\phi(q) + (\text{cyclic}) \right. \\ &\quad + 4\mathcal{M}_R(k_2)\mathcal{M}_R(k_3) P_\phi(k_2) P_\phi(k_3) \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{M}_R(q)\mathcal{M}_R(|\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}|) \\ &\quad \left. \times [P_\phi(|\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{q}|) + P_\phi(|\mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{q}|)] + (\text{cyclic}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

# Trispectrum Term

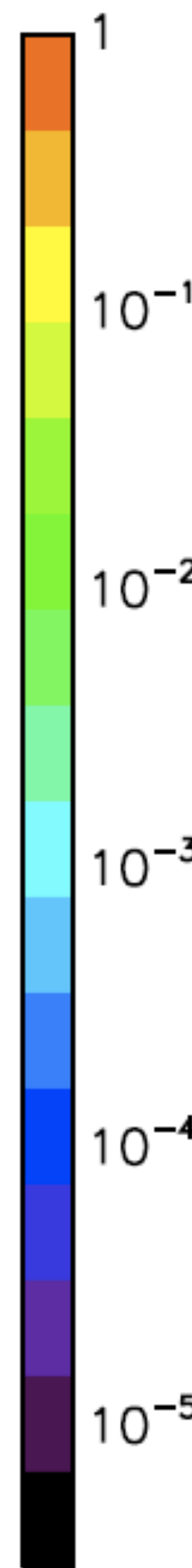
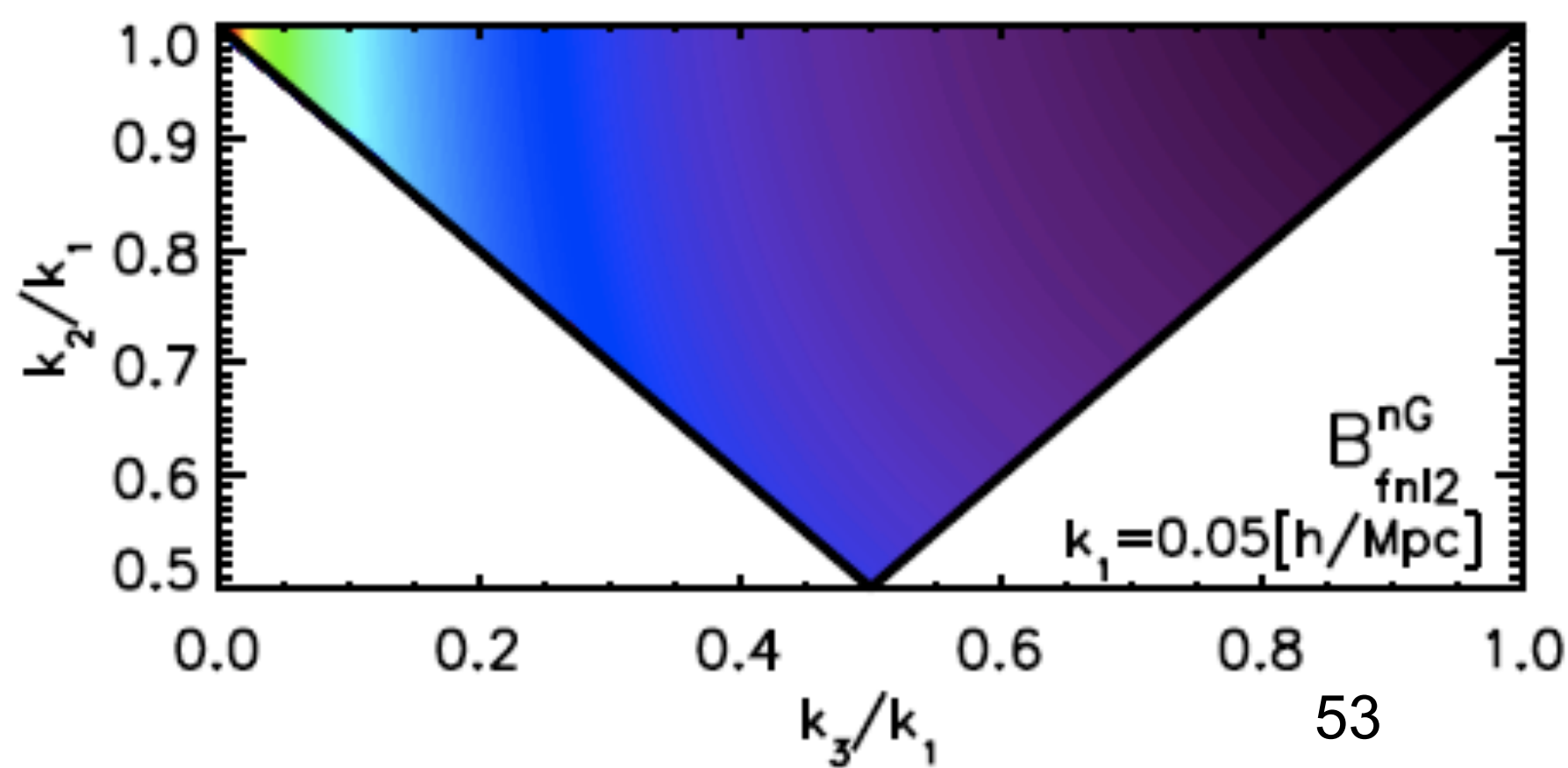
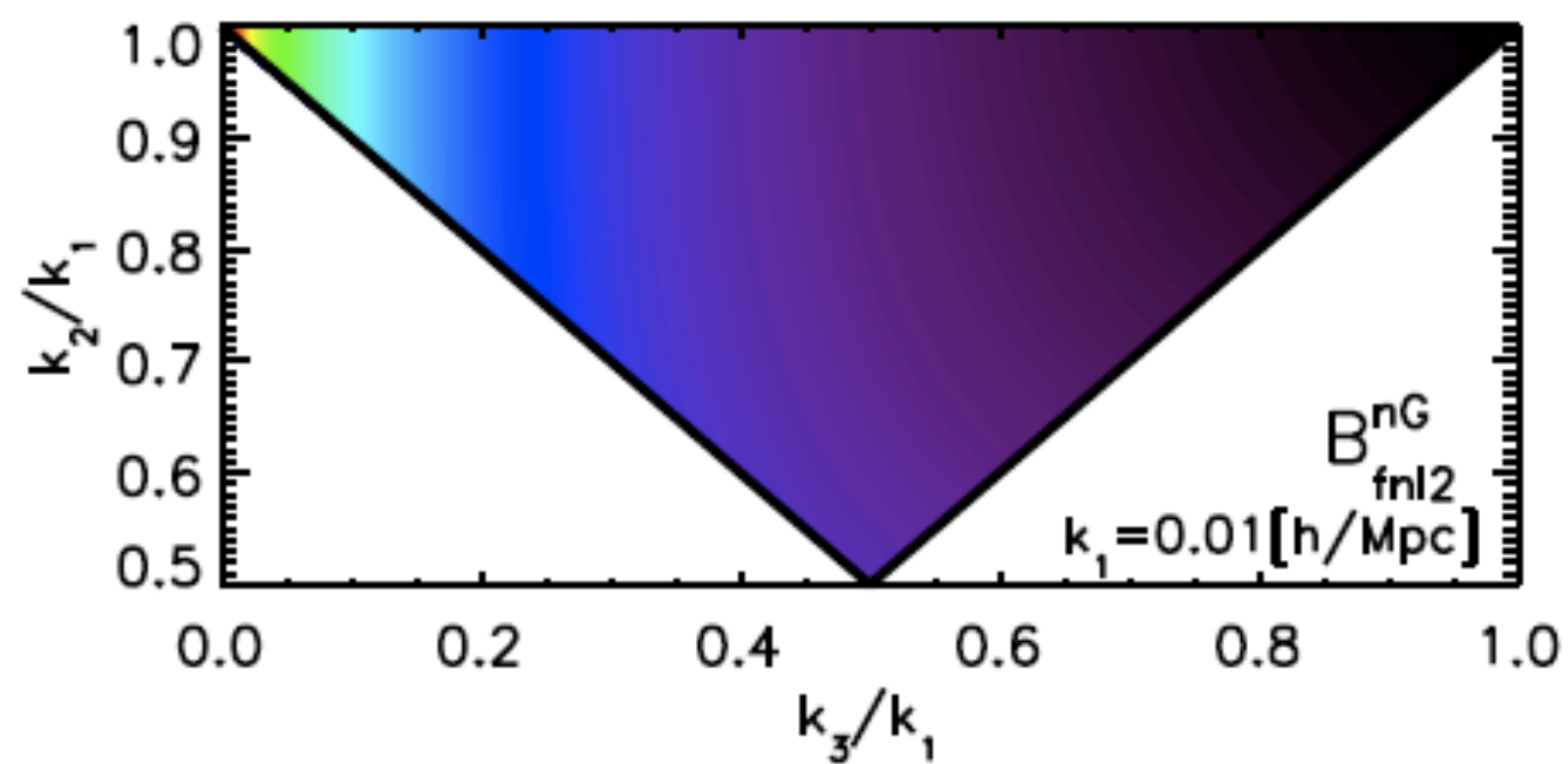
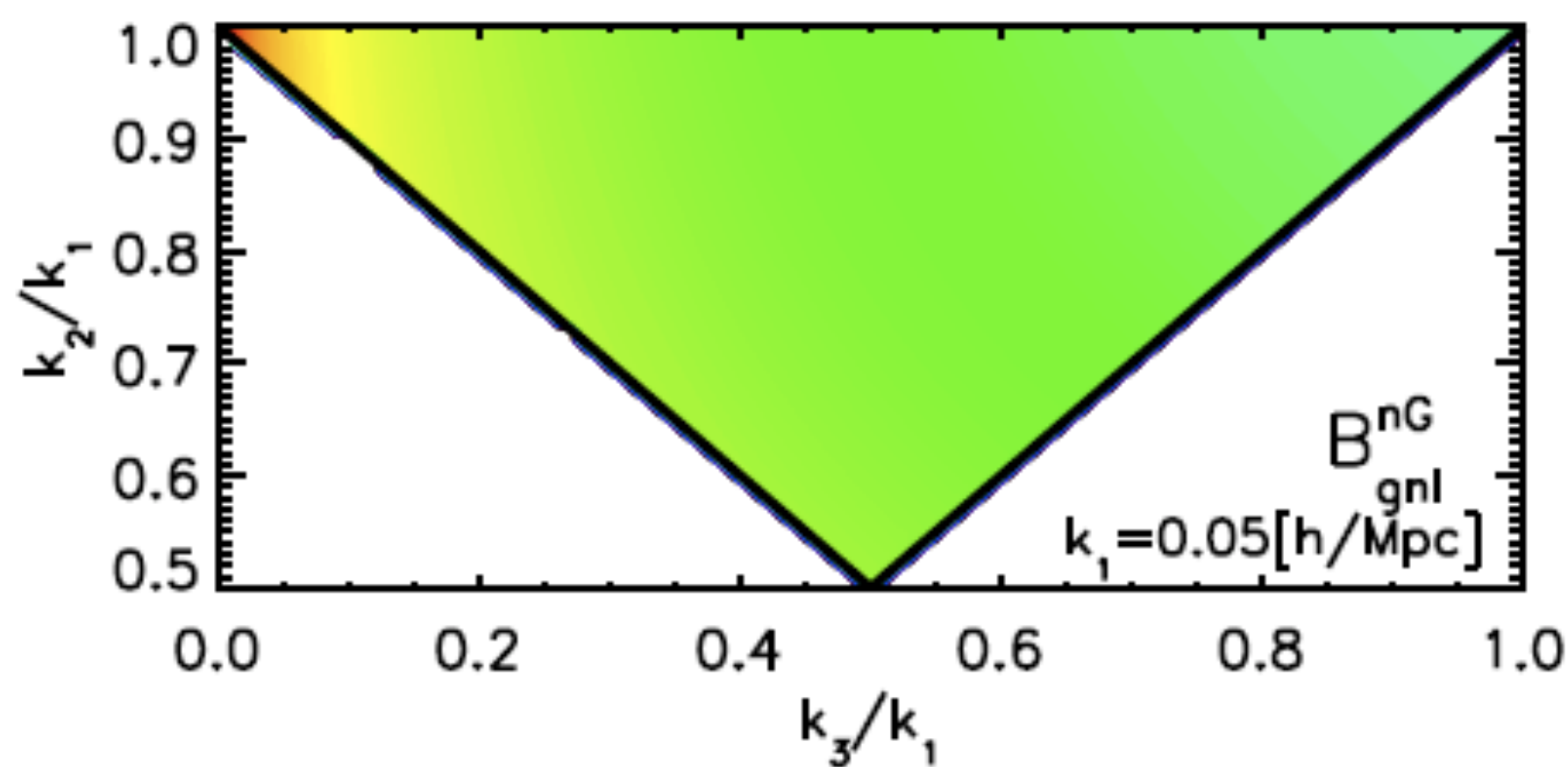
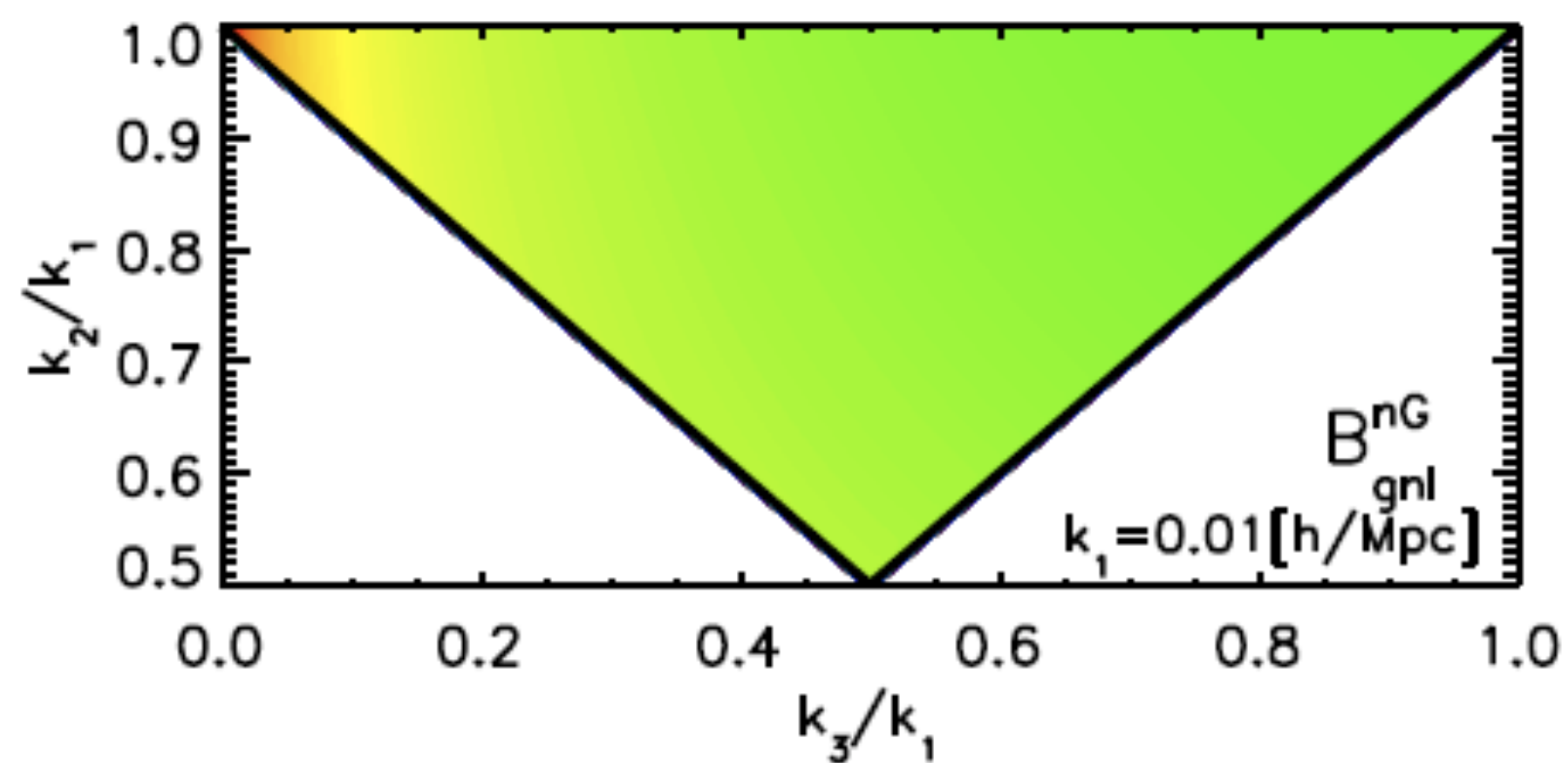
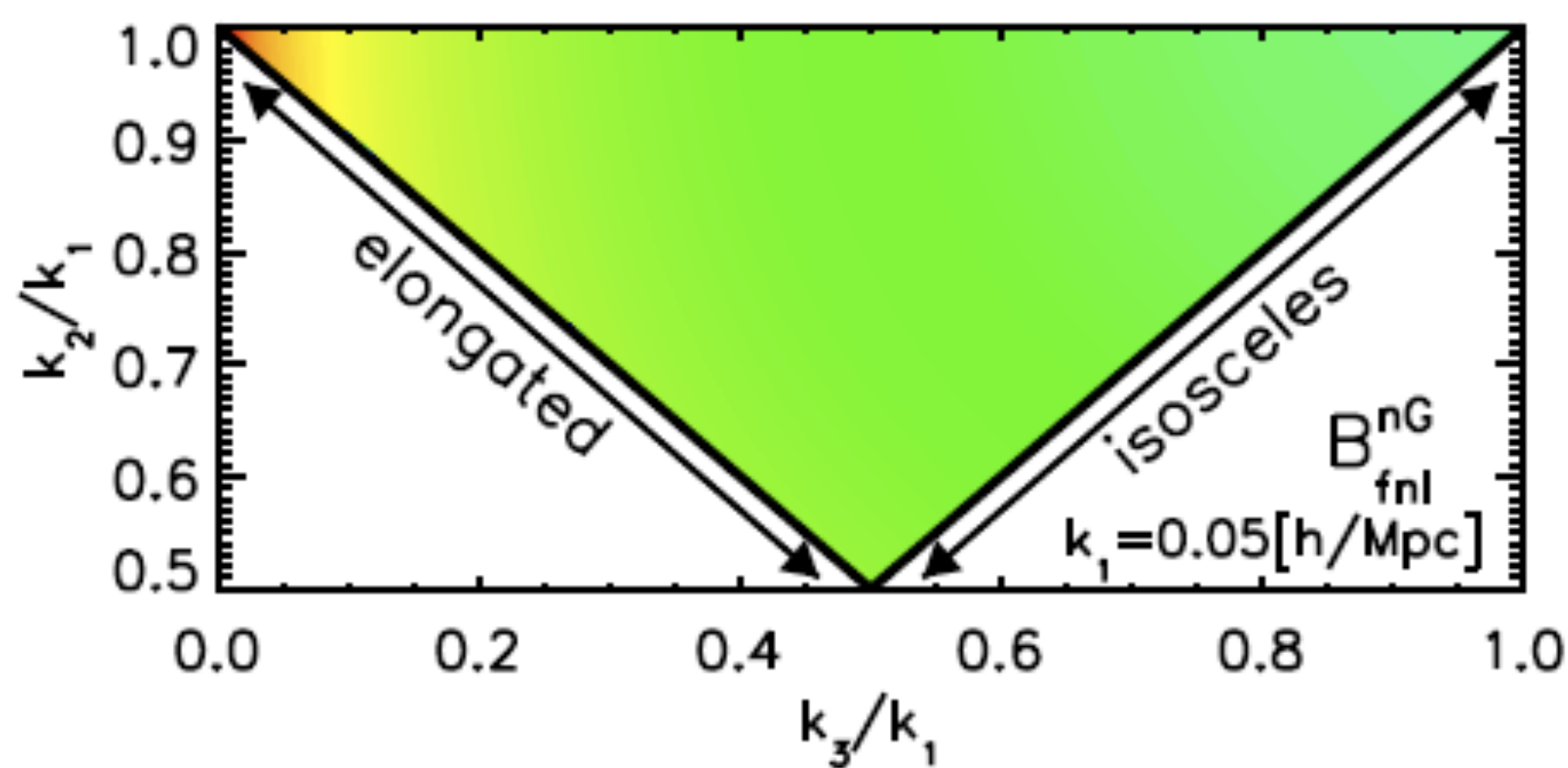
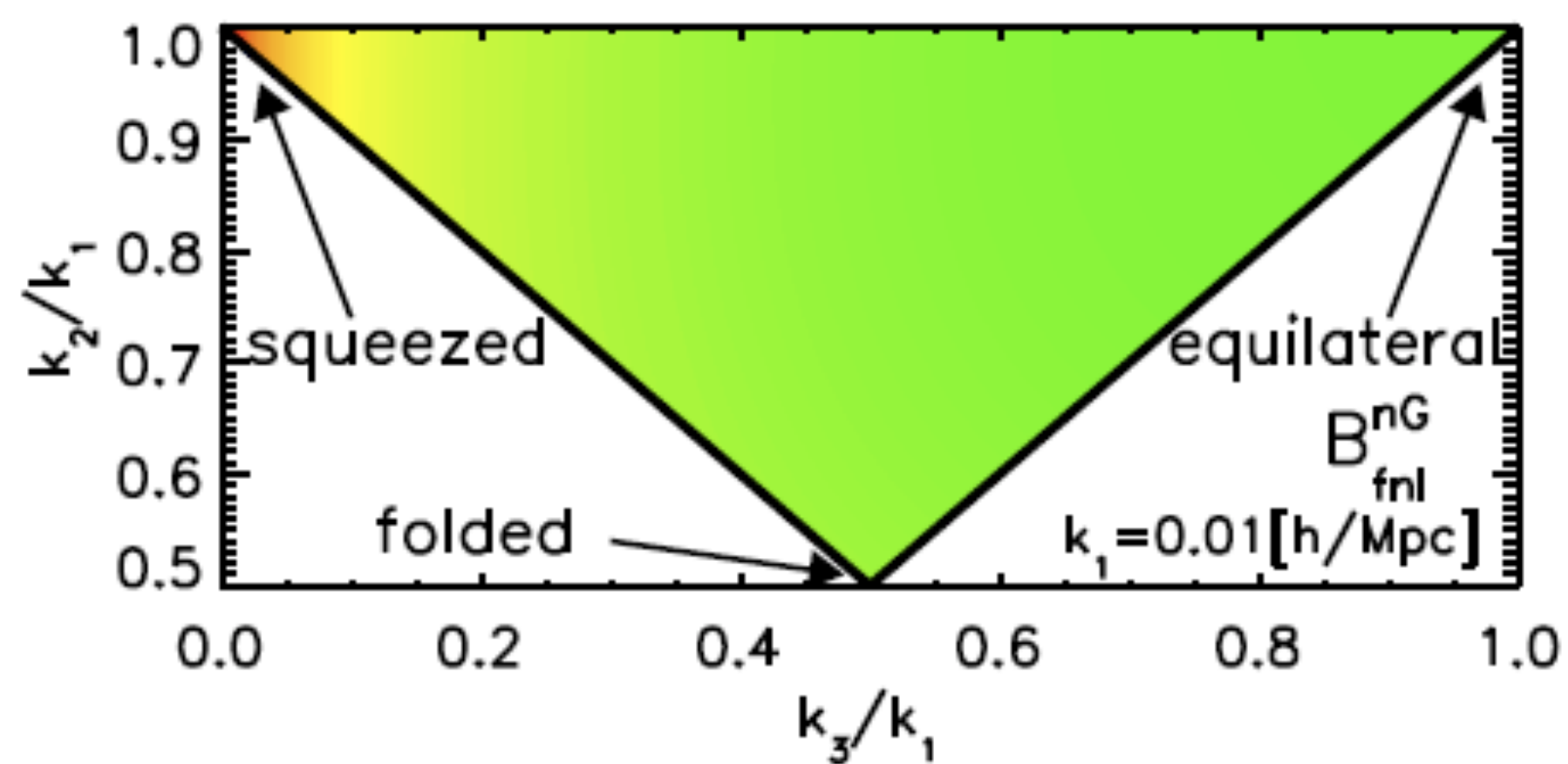
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**Most Dominant  
in the Squeezed Limit**





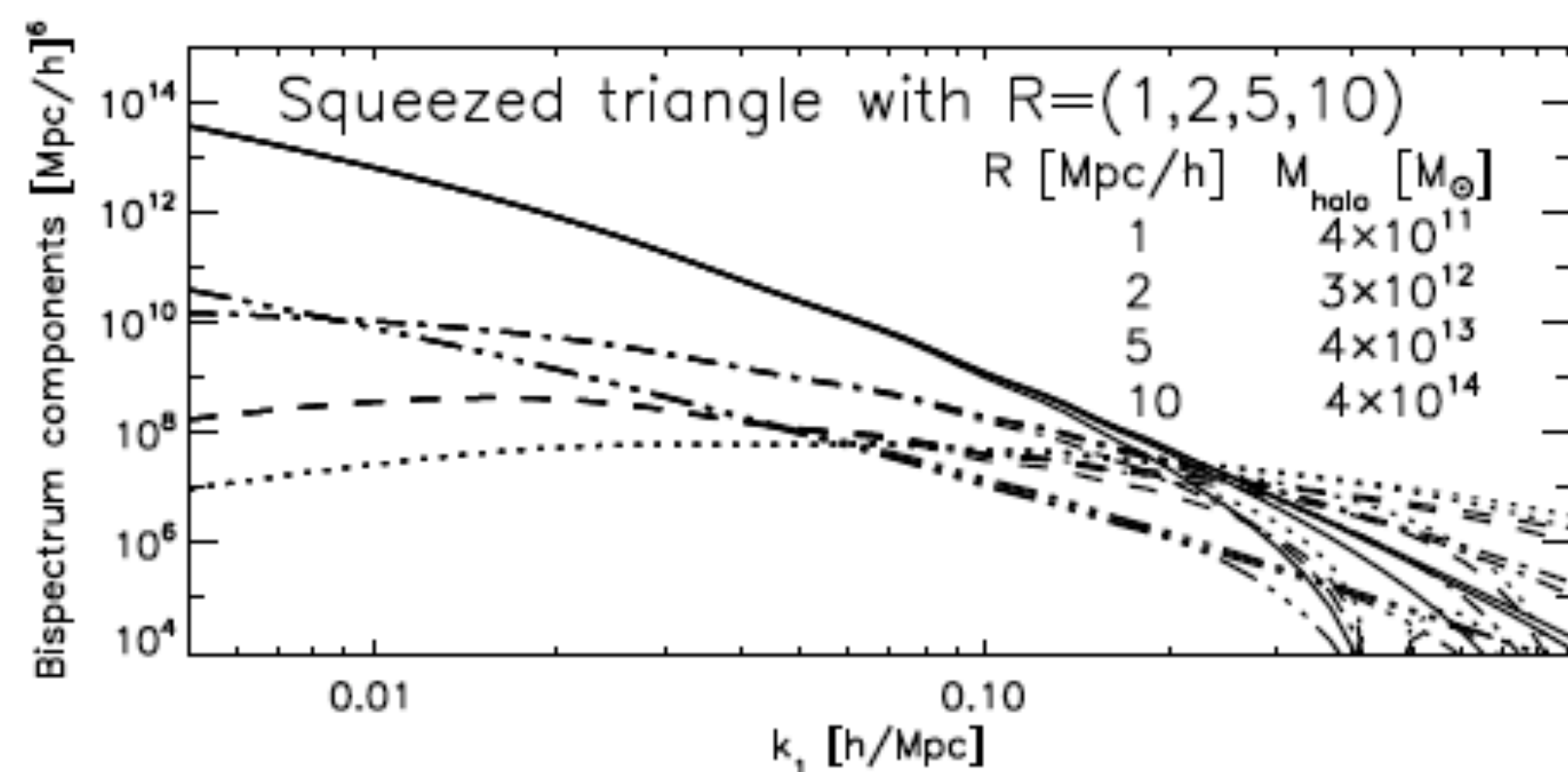
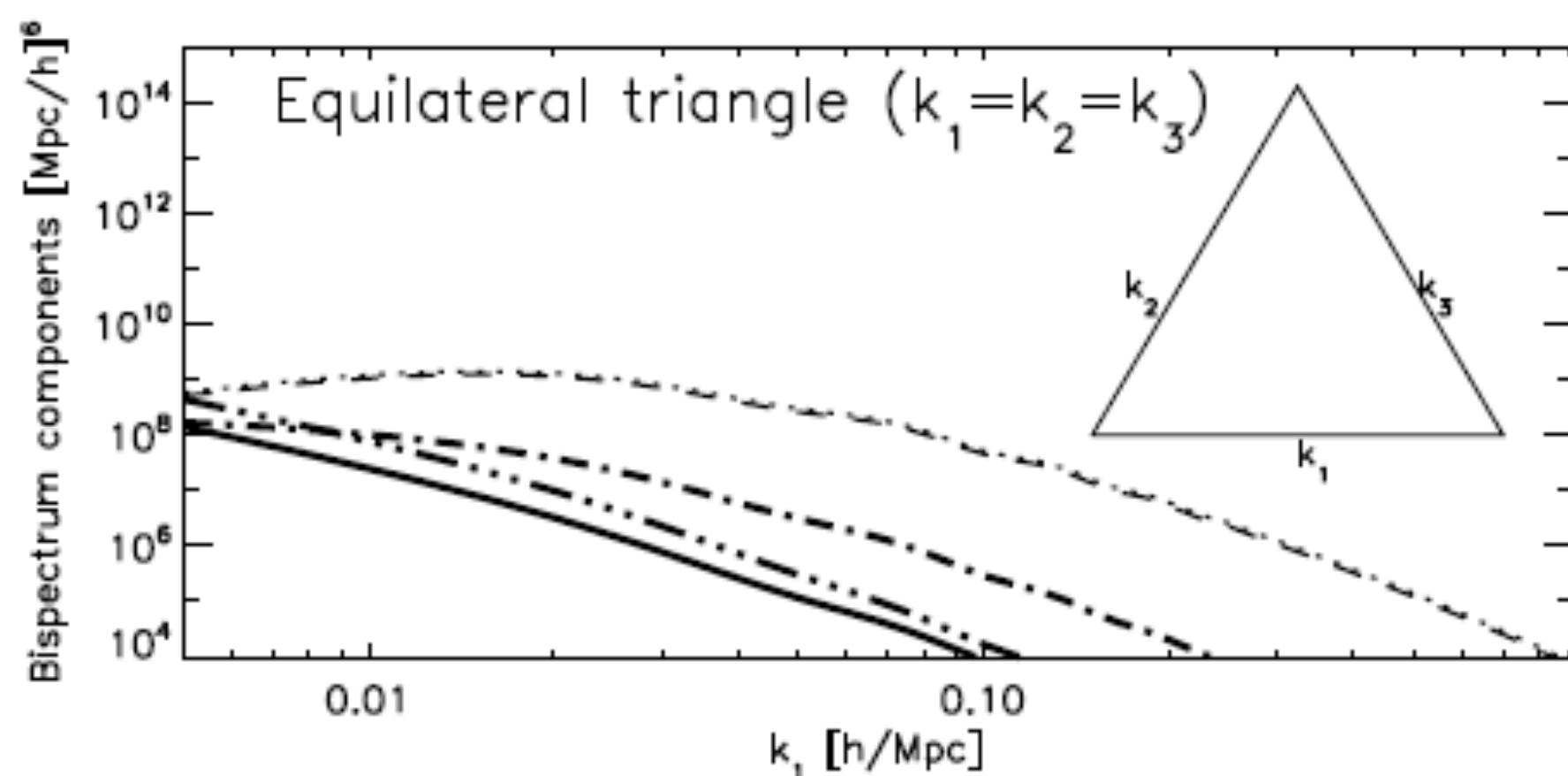
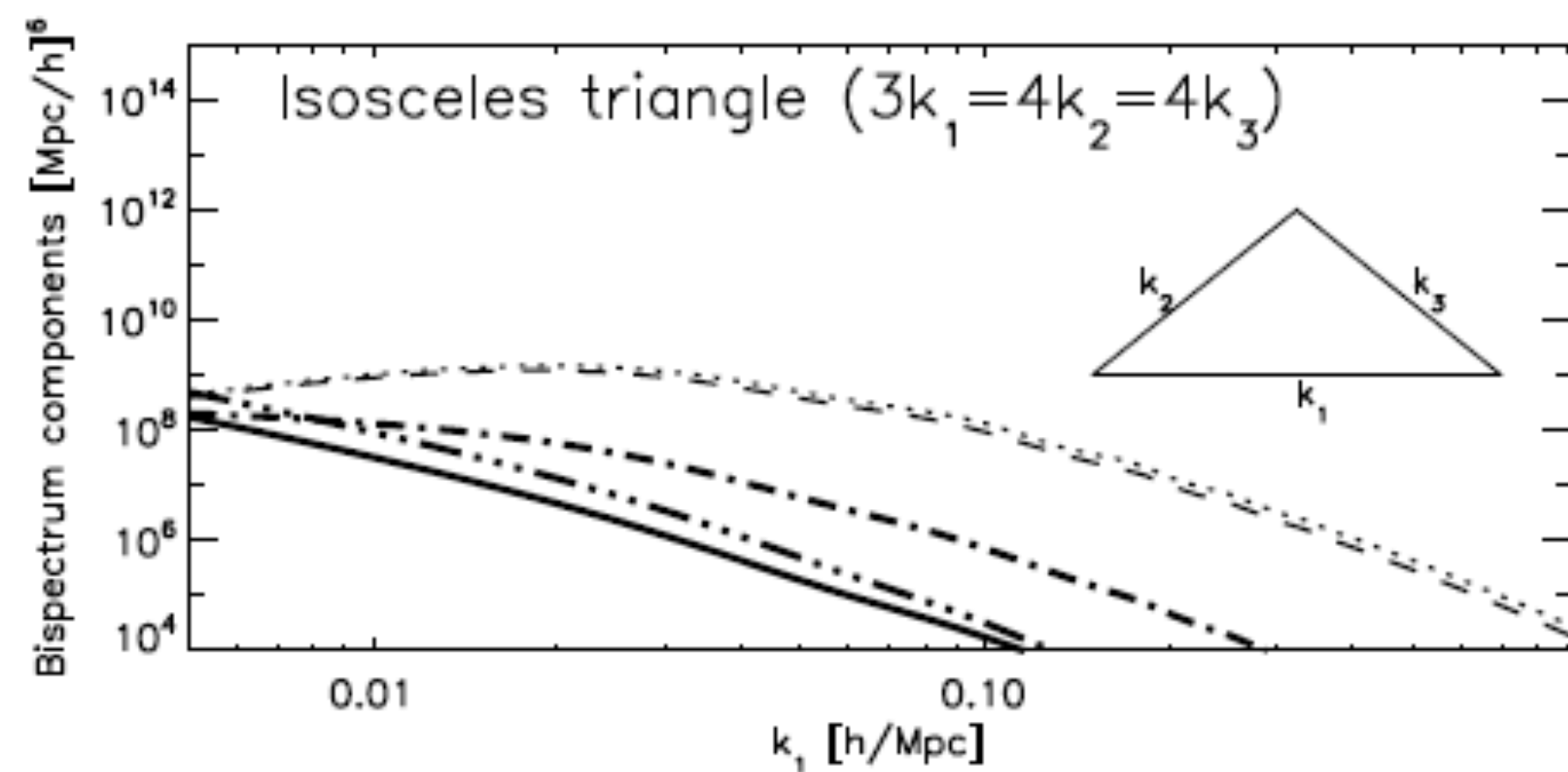
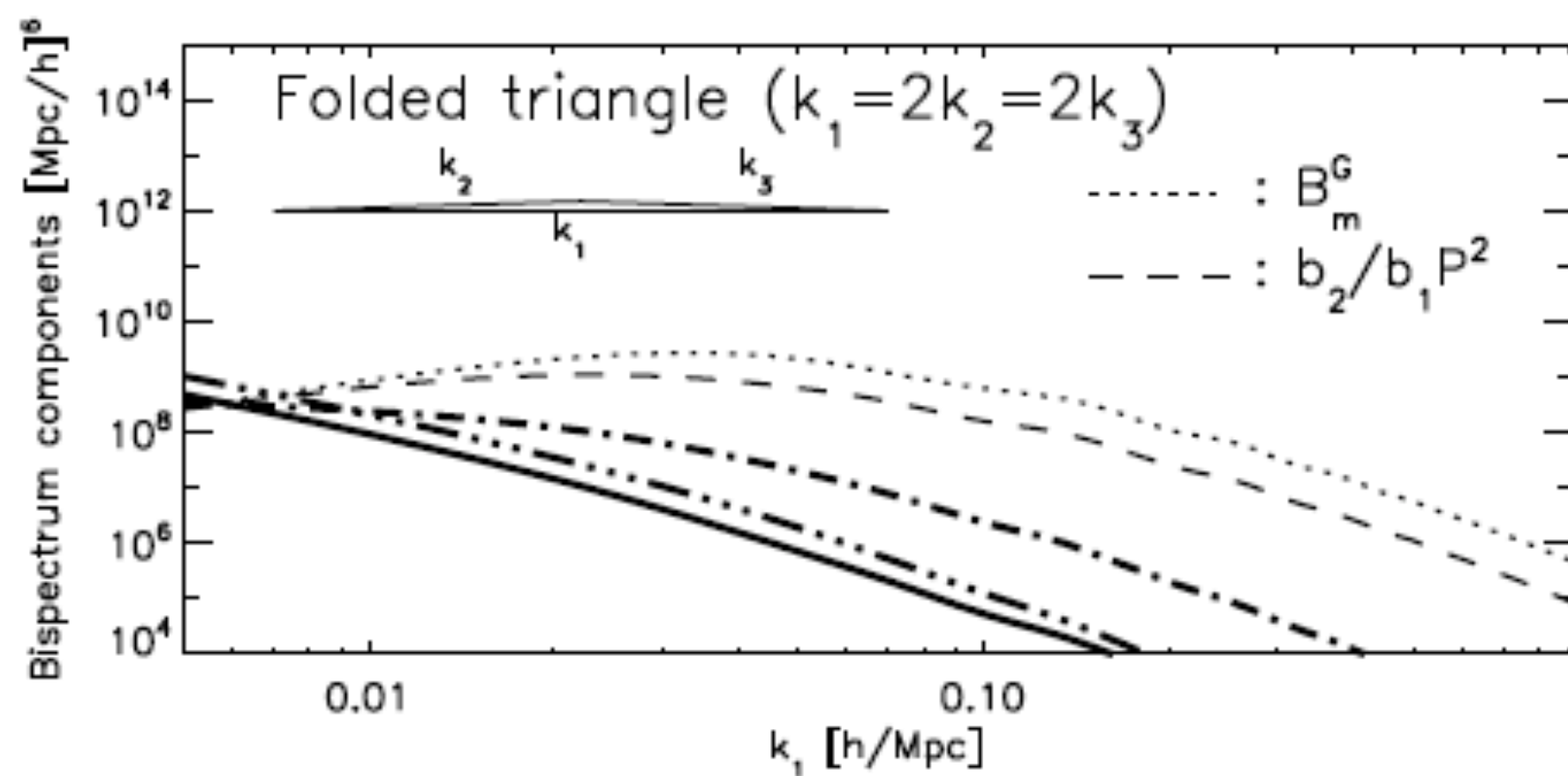
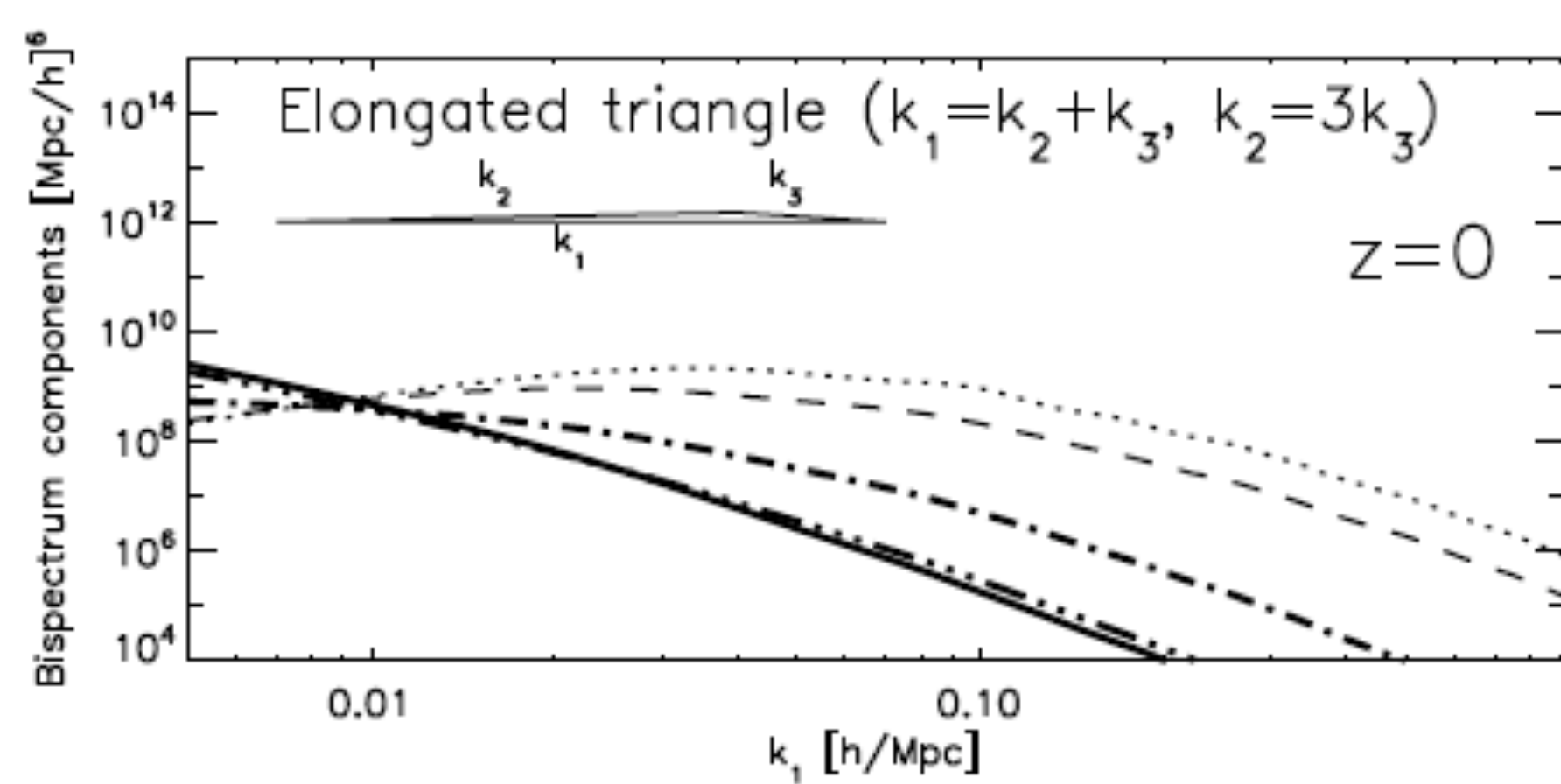
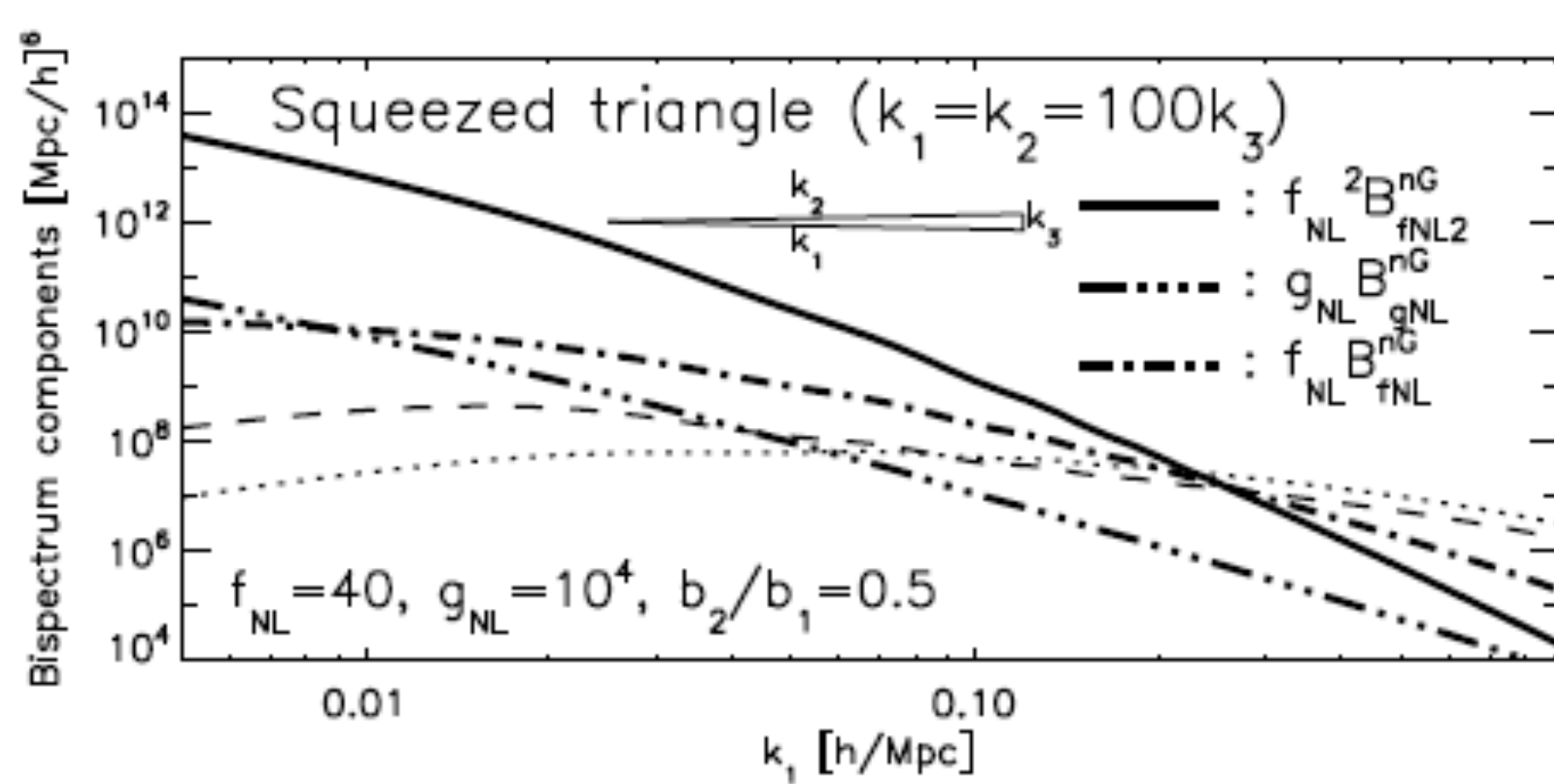
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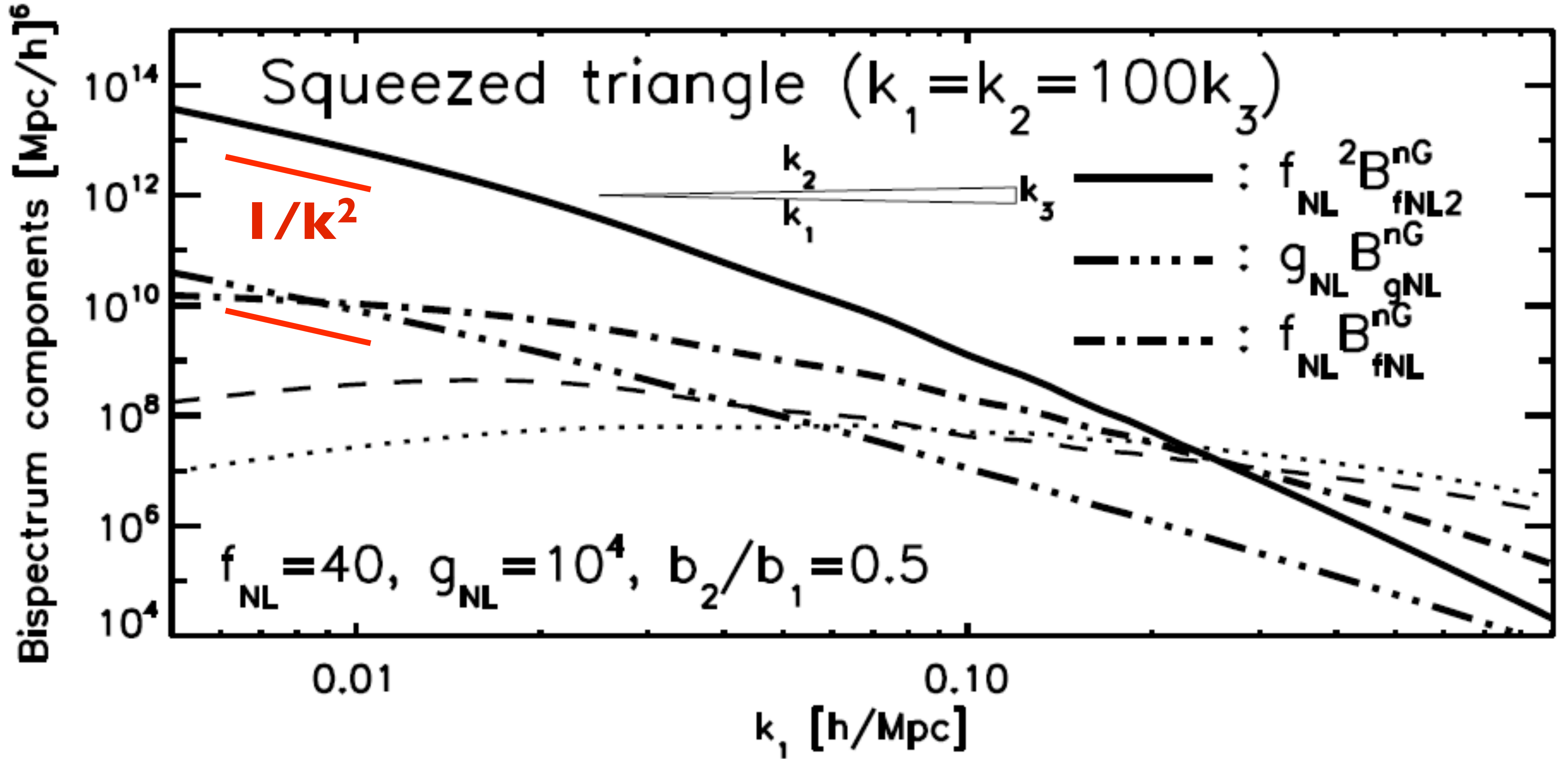
- The primordial non-Gaussianity terms peak at the squeezed triangle.
- $f_{\text{NL}}$  and  $g_{\text{NL}}$  terms have the same shape dependence:
  - For  $k_1=k_2=\alpha k_3$ ,  $(f_{\text{NL}} \text{ term}) \sim \alpha$  and  $(g_{\text{NL}} \text{ term}) \sim \alpha$
- $f_{\text{NL}}^2$  ( $\tau_{\text{NL}}$ ) is more sharply peaked at the squeezed:
  - $(f_{\text{NL}}^2 \text{ term}) \sim \alpha^3$

# Key Question

- Are  $g_{NL}$  or  $\tau_{NL}$  terms important?

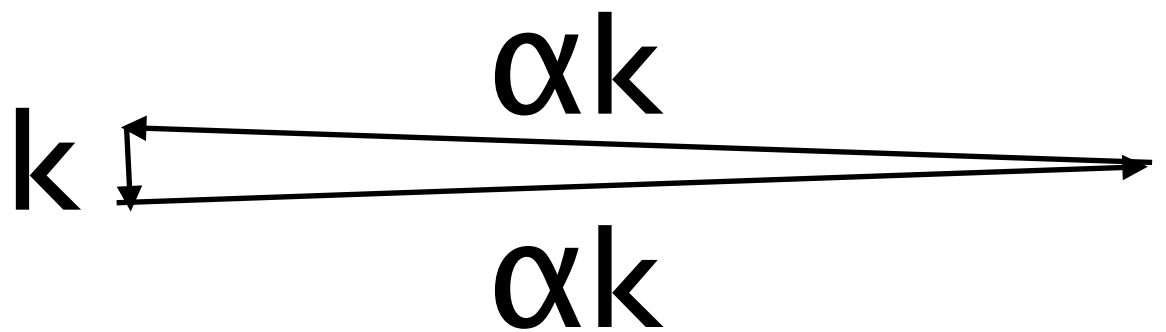






# Importance Ratios

$$\frac{f_{\text{NL}} B_{f_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}}{f_{\text{NL}}^2 B_{f_{\text{NL}}^2}^{nG}} \simeq \frac{1}{f_{\text{NL}} \alpha^2} \frac{\mathcal{M}_0 k^2}{2\mathcal{I}_0 \delta_c / \sigma_R^2}$$



$$\simeq 0.0016 \left( \frac{100}{\alpha} \right)^2 \frac{40}{f_{\text{NL}}} \left( \frac{k}{0.01 h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}} \right)^2 \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{g_{\text{NL}} B_{g_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}}{f_{\text{NL}}^2 B_{f_{\text{NL}}^2}^{nG}} \simeq \frac{4}{3\alpha^2} \frac{g_{\text{NL}}}{f_{\text{NL}}^2}$$

$$\simeq 0.0008 \left( \frac{100}{\alpha} \right)^2 \left( \frac{40}{f_{\text{NL}}} \right)^2 \frac{g_{\text{NL}}}{10^4}, \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{f_{\text{NL}} B_{f_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}}{g_{\text{NL}} B_{g_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}} \simeq \frac{f_{\text{NL}}}{g_{\text{NL}}} \frac{\mathcal{M}_0 k^2}{3\mathcal{I}_0 \delta_c / \sigma_R^2}$$

$$\simeq 1.7 \frac{f_{\text{NL}}}{40} \frac{10^4}{g_{\text{NL}}} \left( \frac{k}{0.01 h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}} \right)^2. \quad (31)$$

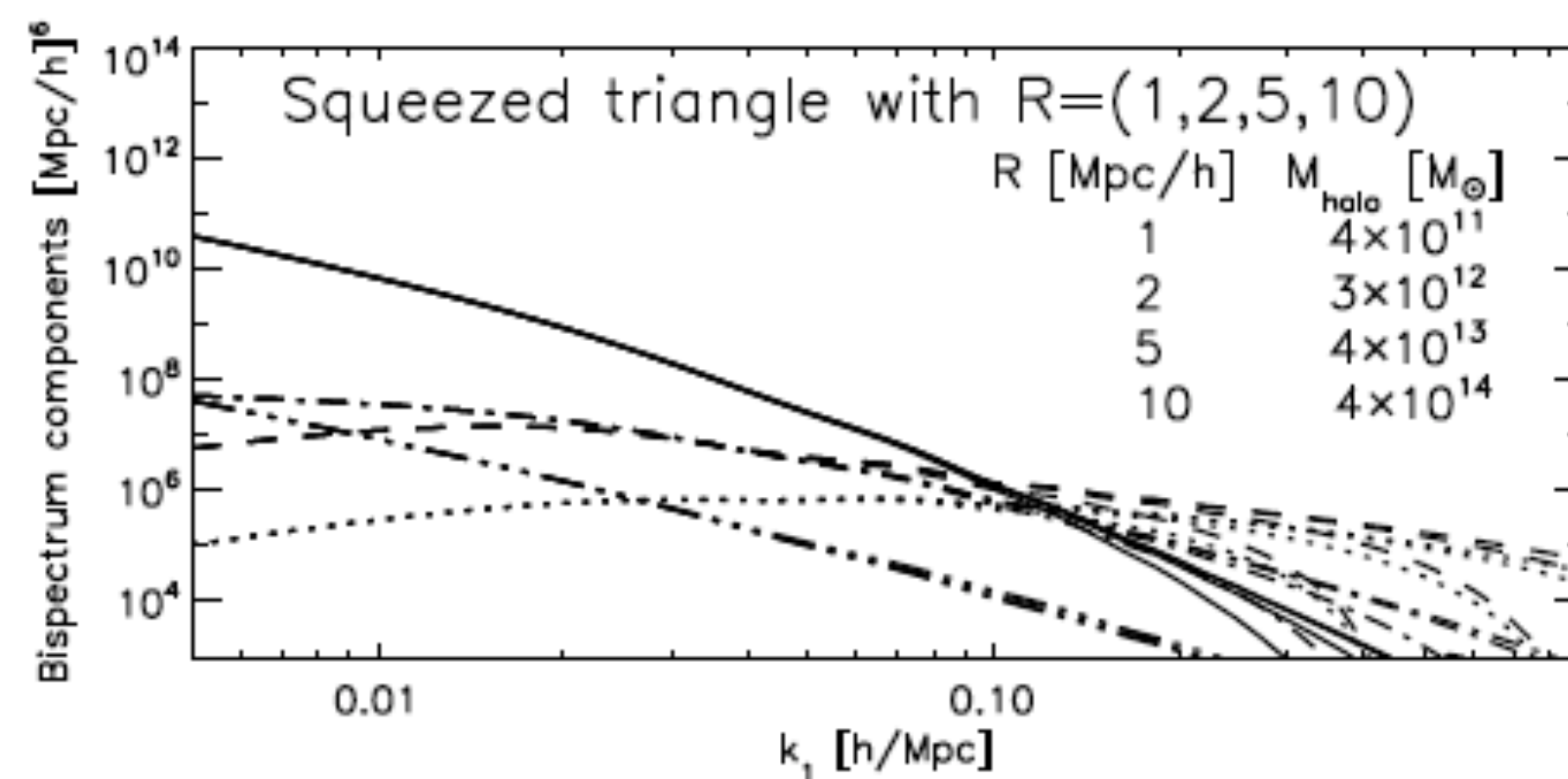
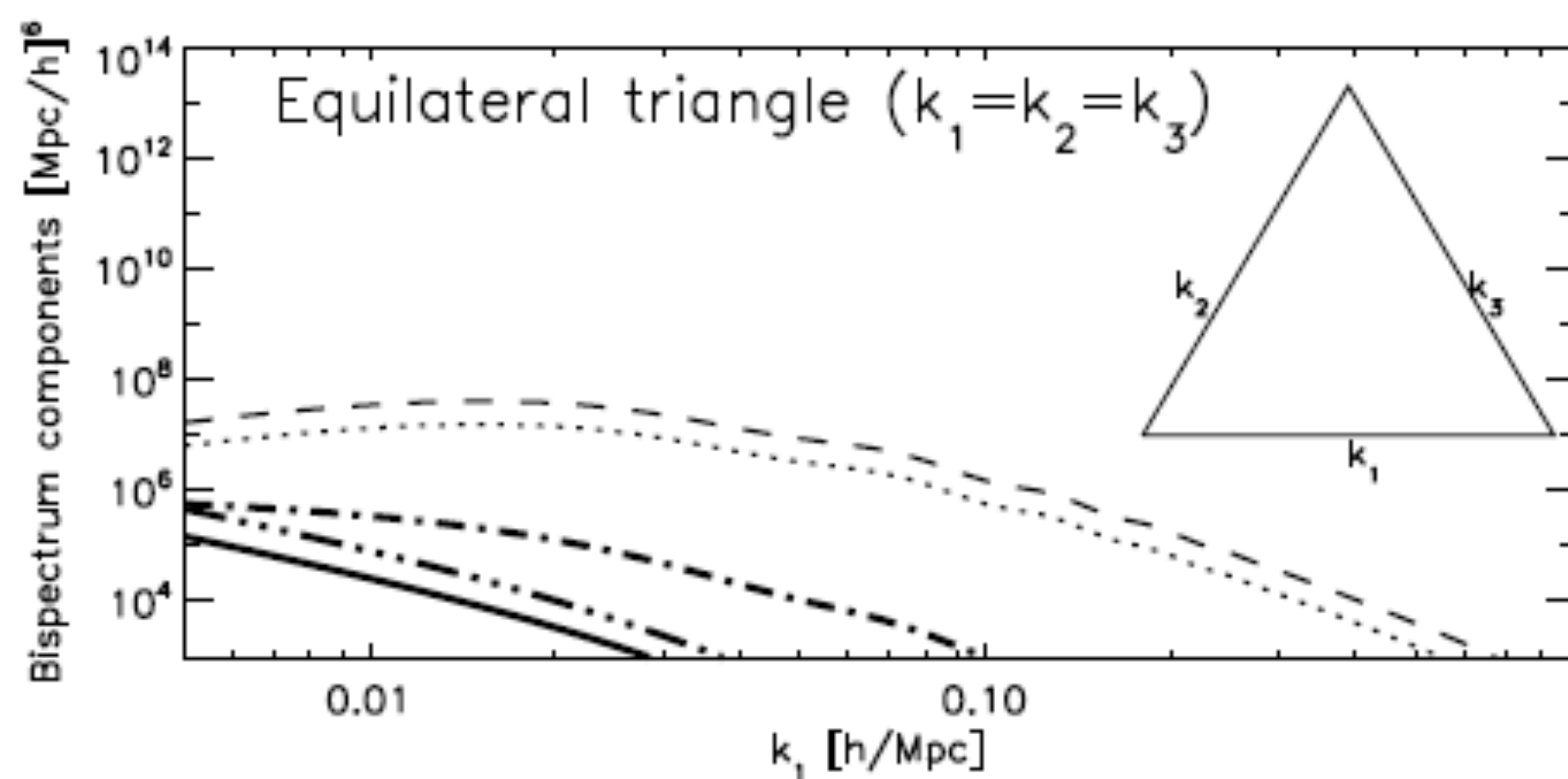
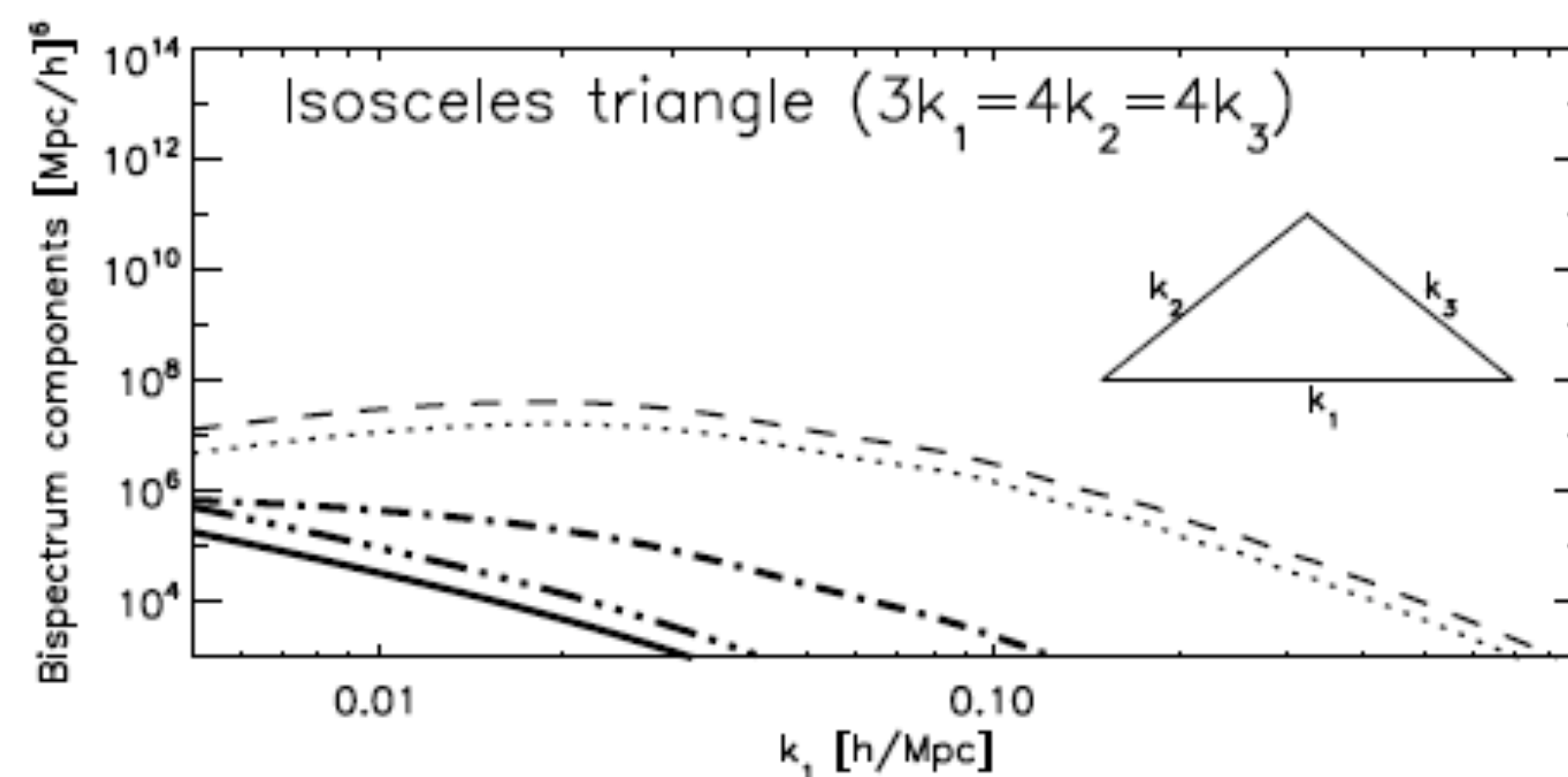
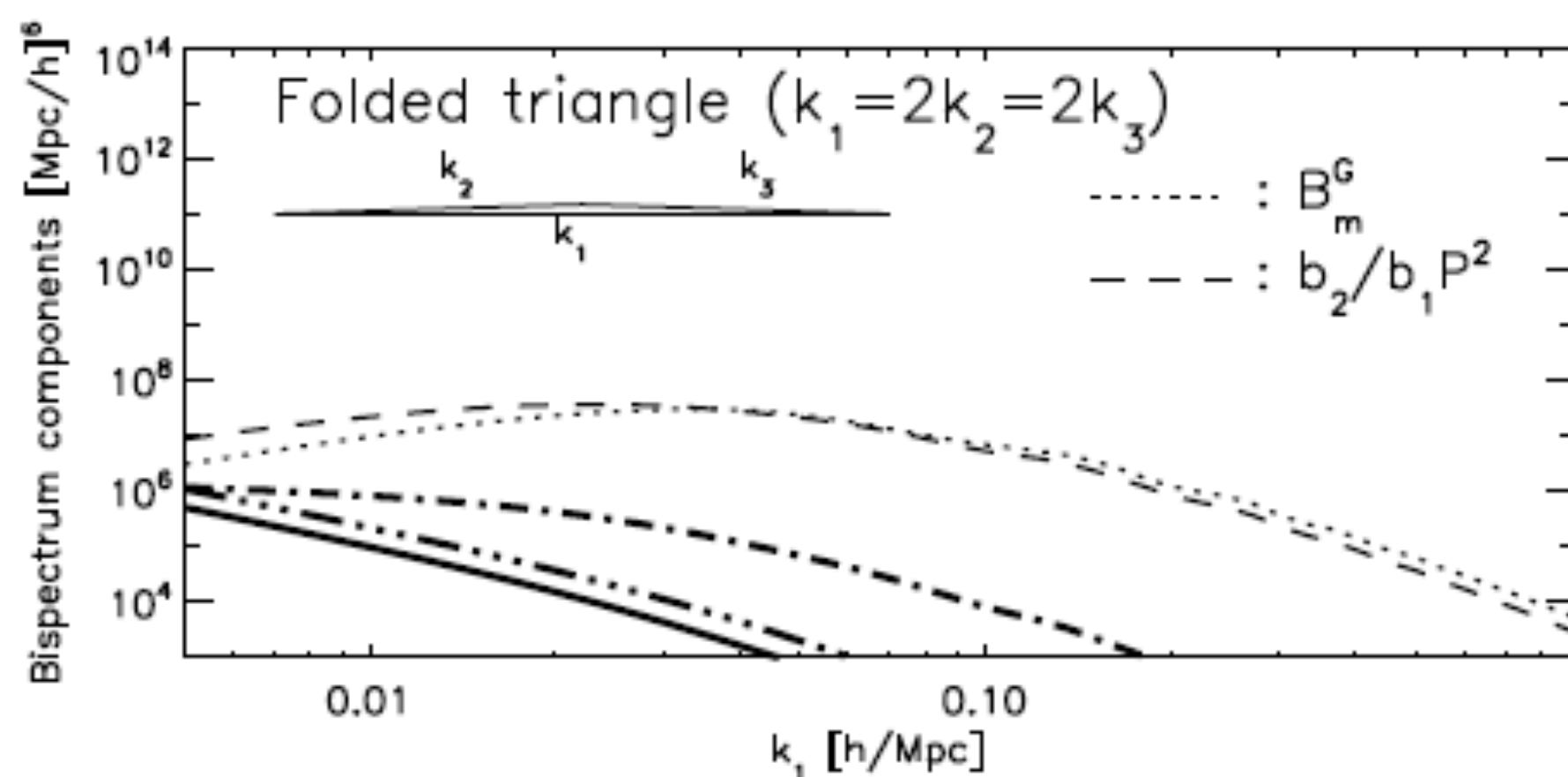
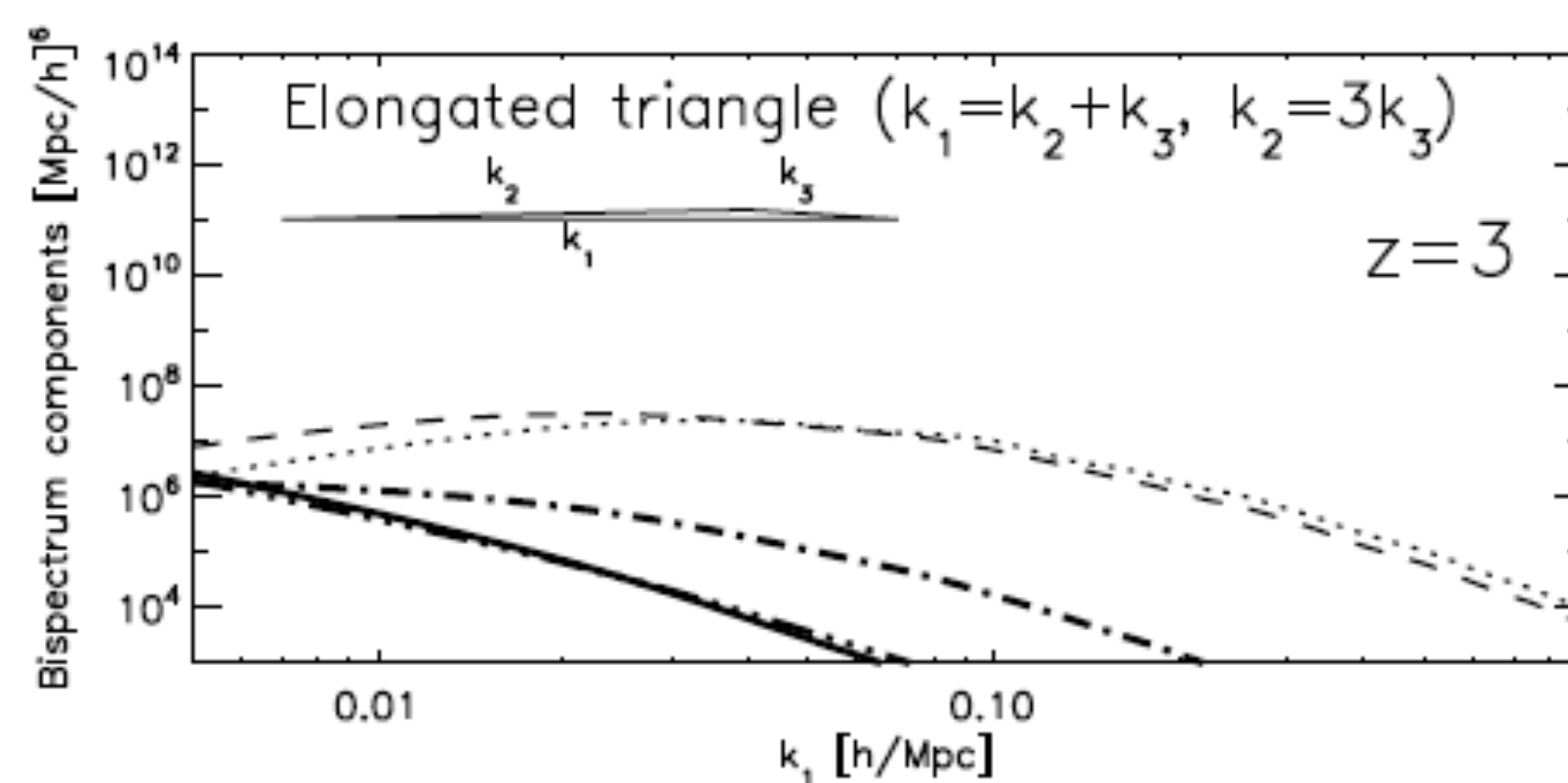
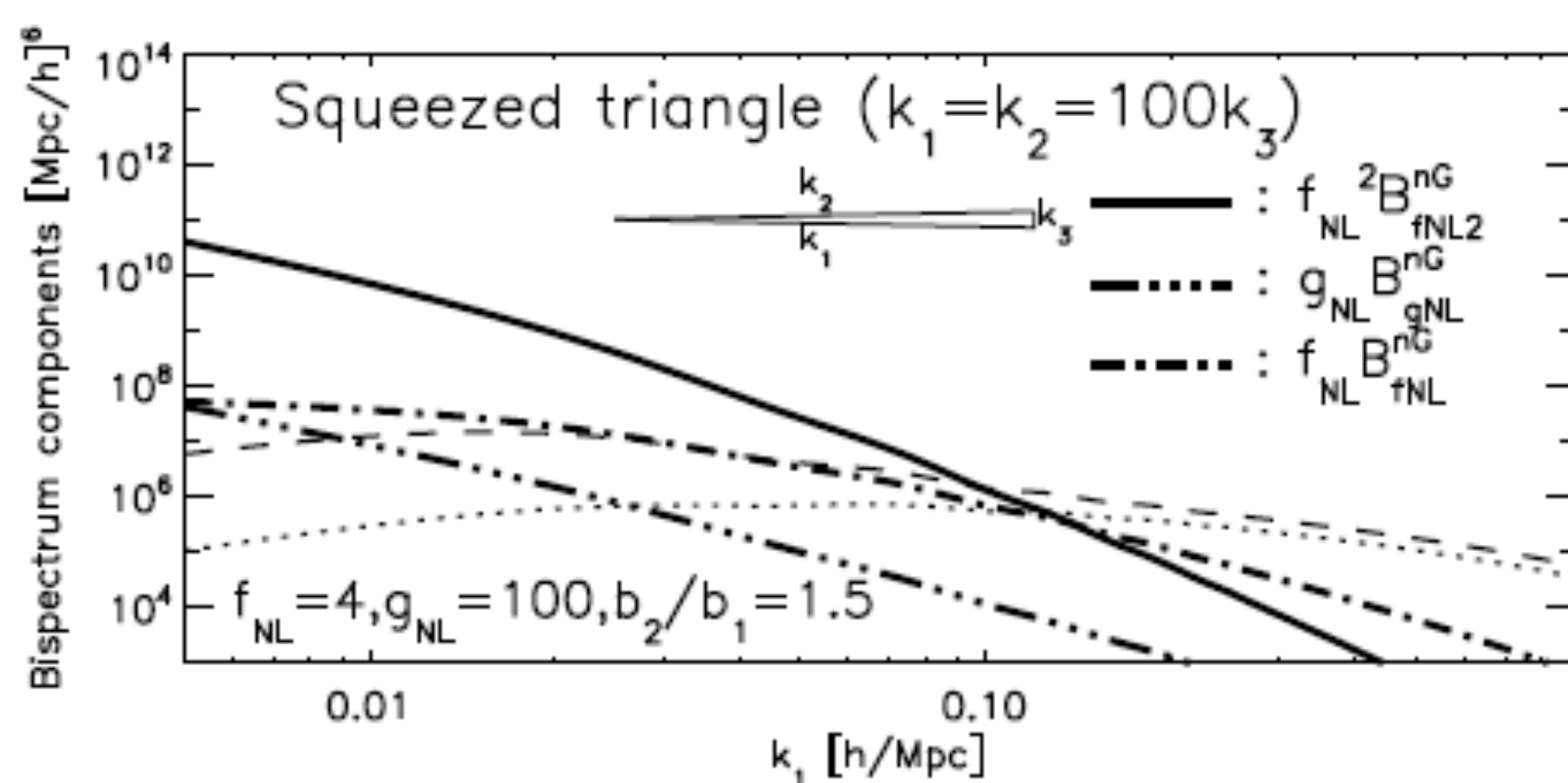
●  $f_{\text{NL}}^2$  dominates over  $f_{\text{NL}}$  term easily for  $f_{\text{NL}} > 1$ !

# Redshift Dependence

$$B_h(k_1, k_2, k_3, z) = b_1^3(z) D^4(z) \left[ B_m^G(k_1, k_2, k_3) + \frac{b_2(z)}{b_1(z)} \{P_R(k_1)P_R(k_2) + (\text{cyclic})\} + f_{\text{NL}} \frac{B_{f_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}(k_1, k_2, k_3)}{D(z)} \right. \\ \left. + f_{\text{NL}}^2 \frac{B_{f_{\text{NL}}^2}^{nG}(k_1, k_2, k_3)}{D^2(z)} + g_{\text{NL}} \frac{B_{g_{\text{NL}}}^{nG}(k_1, k_2, k_3)}{D^2(z)} \right],$$

- Primordial non-Gaussianity terms are more important at higher redshifts.
- The new trispectrum terms are even more important.







# Summary

- **Non-Gaussianity is a new, powerful probe of physics of the early universe**
  - It has a best chance of ruling out the largest class of inflation models
- Various forms of  $f_{\text{NL}}$  available today —  $1.8\sigma$  at the moment, wait for WMAP 9-year (2011) and Planck (2012) for more  $\sigma$ 's (if it's there!)
- To convince ourselves of detection, we need to see the acoustic oscillations, and the same signal in the bispectrum and trispectrum, of both CMB and the large-scale structure of the universe.

# Additional Remarks

- Unusually healthy interactions between observers and theorists: astronomers, cosmologists, phenomenologists, high-energy theorists
- The list of participants in workshops on non-Gaussianity speaks for its diversity
- Interdisciplinary efforts
- Lots of important contributions from young people
- **New “industry” – active field, something new every month**

# Now, let's pray:

- May Planck succeed!

# Now, let's pray:

- **May the signal be there!**