

# Primordial non-Gaussianity after *Planck* 2015: looking for new observational tests and new signatures

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# Outline

- *Inflation and NG: current status*
- *Some prospects for the future:  
primordial NG and CMB spectral distortions*
- *New signatures:  
NG from modified gravity*

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*Based on*

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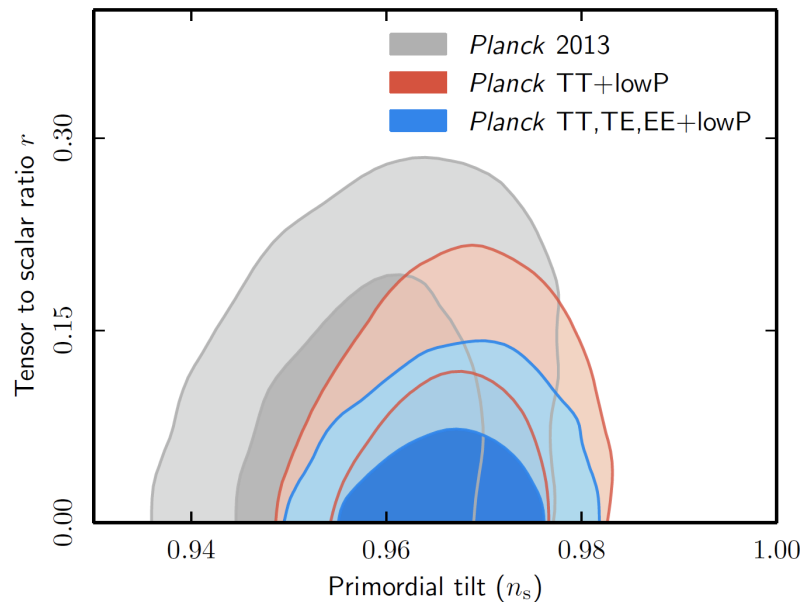


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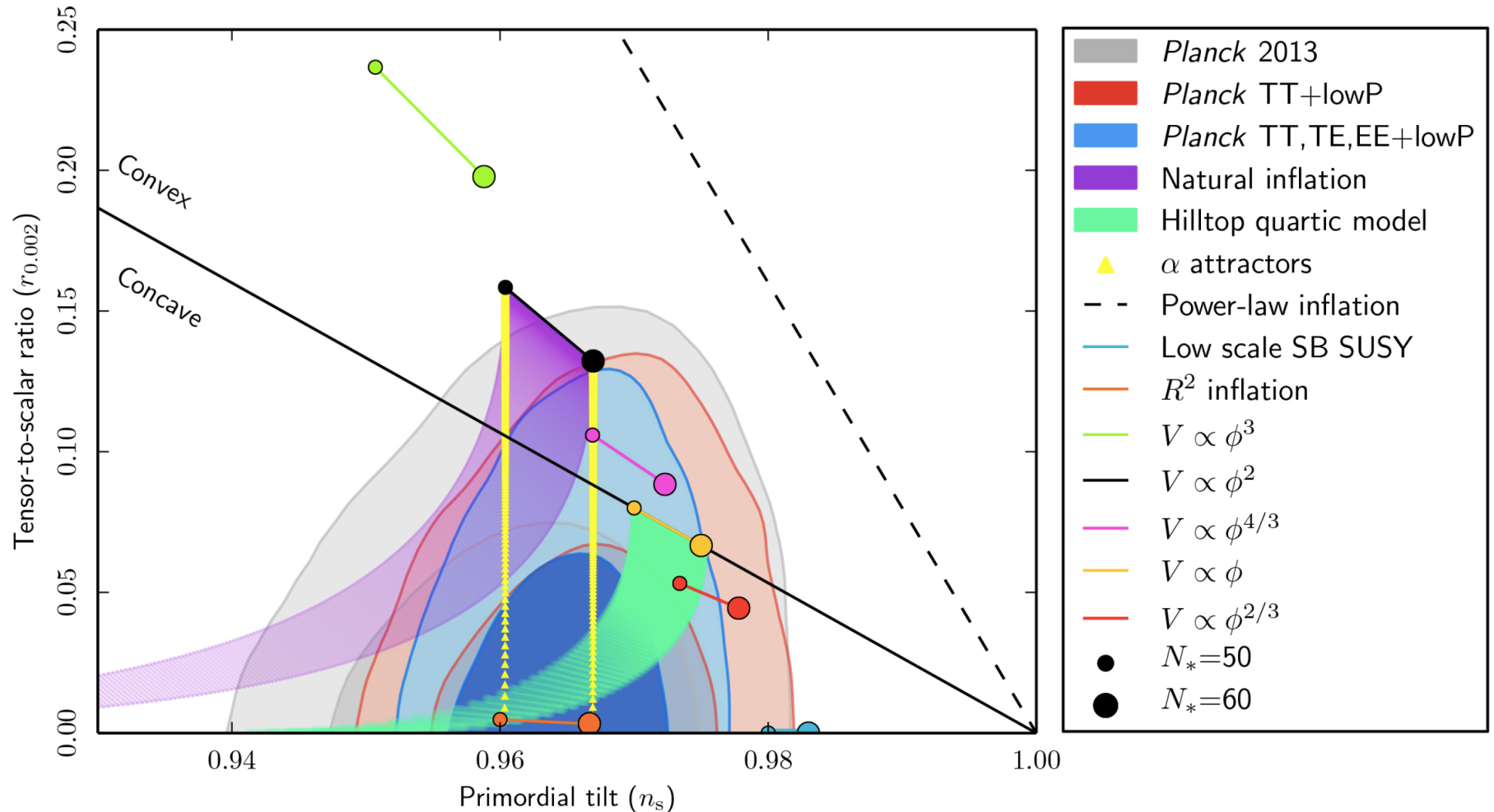
$$n_s = 0.968 \pm 0.006 \text{ (68\% CL)}$$

$r_{0.05} < 0.09$  (95% CL) from latest measurements of B-modes BICEP2/Keck array



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# *Primordial non-Gaussianity*

# Primordial NG

$\zeta(\mathbf{x})$ : primordial perturbations

If the fluctuations are Gaussian distributed then their statistical properties are completely characterized by the two-point correlation function,  $\langle \zeta(\mathbf{x}_1)\zeta(\mathbf{x}_2) \rangle$  or its Fourier transform, the power-spectrum.

Thus a non-vanishing **three point function**, or its Fourier transform, the **bispectrum is an indicator of non-Gaussianity**

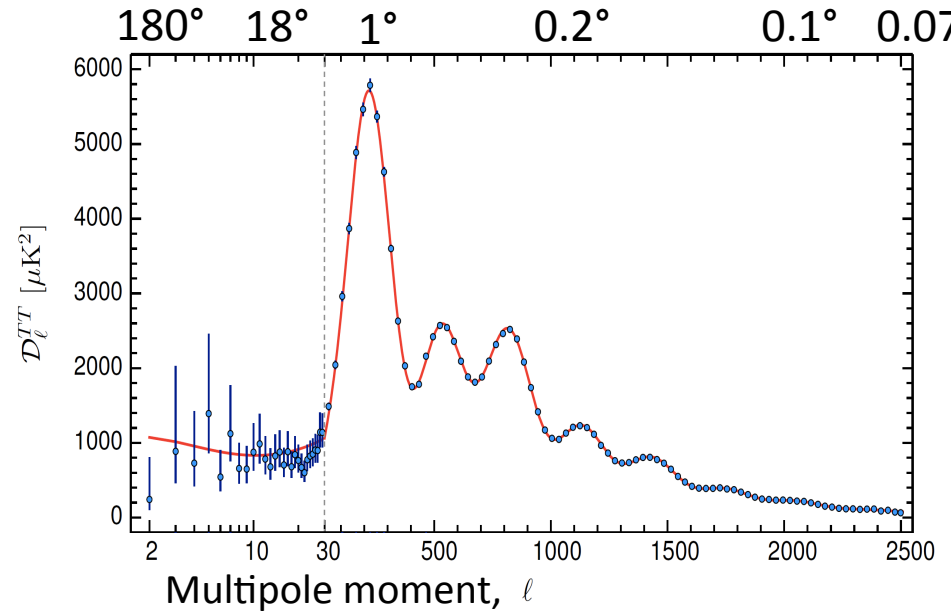
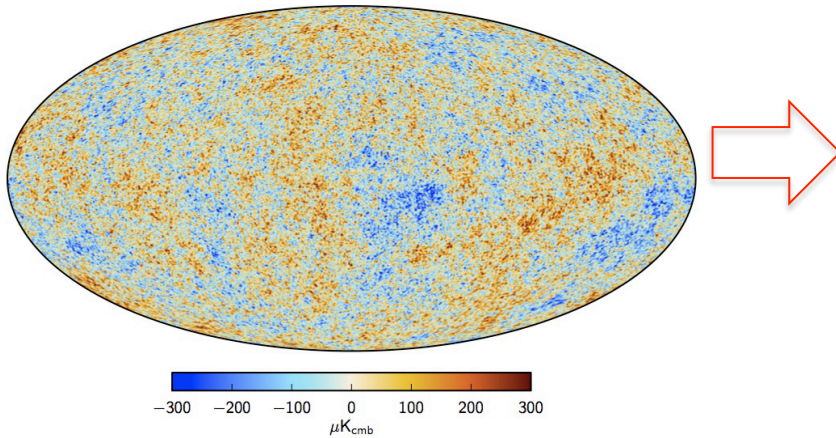
$$\left\langle \xi(\vec{k}_1)\xi(\vec{k}_2)\xi(\vec{k}_3) \right\rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3) f_{NL} F(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

Amplitude

Shape

$$\rightarrow \left\langle \frac{\Delta T}{T}(n_1) \frac{\Delta T}{T}(n_2) \frac{\Delta T}{T}(n_3) \right\rangle$$

# Bispectrum vs power spectrum information



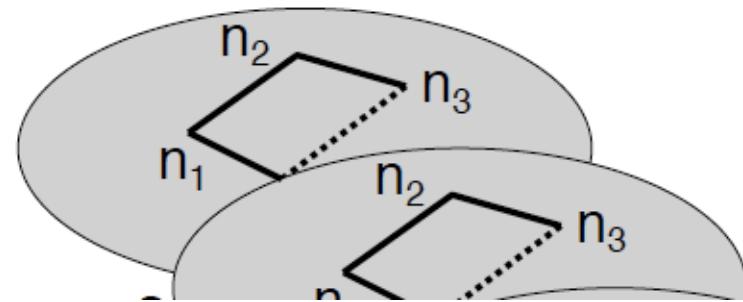
Planck 2015 Results. I. Overview of products and scientific results

***5×10<sup>6</sup> pixels compressed  
into ~2500 numbers:  
O.K. only if gaussian***

***If not we could miss  
precious information***



***Measure 3 point-function  
and higher-order***



# Primordial NG

Gaussian



free (i.e. non-interacting)  
field, linear theory

Collection of independent harmonic oscillators  
(no mode-mode coupling)

## ***Physical origin of primordial NG:***

self-interactions of the inflaton field, e.g.  $\lambda \phi^3$ ,  
interactions between different fields,  
non-linear evolution of the fields during inflation,  
gravity itself is non linear.....

***Why primordial NG is important?***

One (among many) good reason:

**$f_{\text{NL}}$  and shape are model dependent:**

e.g.: standard single-field models of slow-roll inflation predict

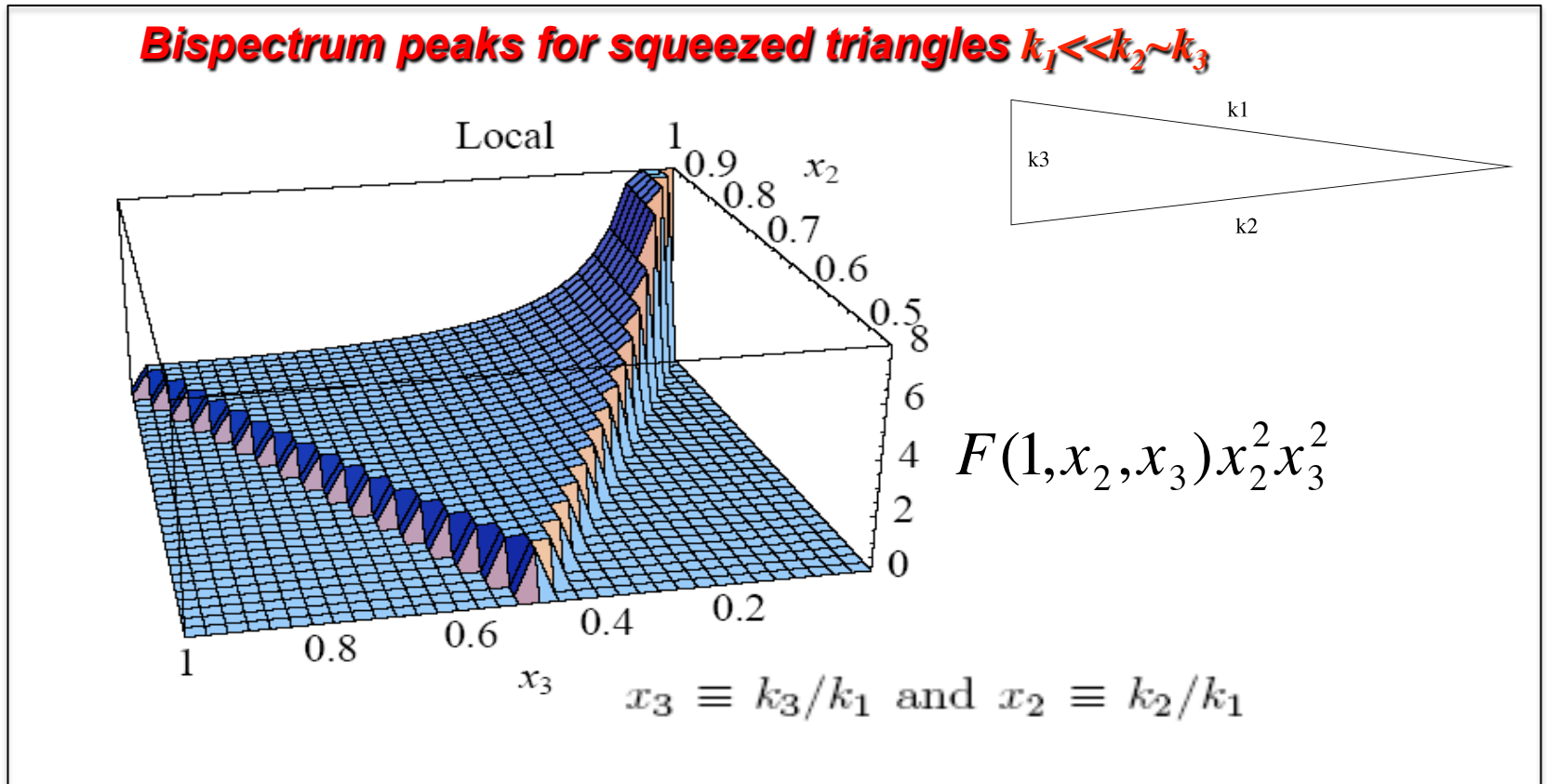
$$f_{\text{NL}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon, \eta) \ll 1$$

(Acquaviva, Bartolo, Riotto, Matarrese 2002;  
Maldacena 2002)

A detection of a primordial  $|f_{\text{NL}}| \sim 1$  would rule out *all* standard single-field models of slow-roll inflation



# SHAPES OF NG: LOCAL NG



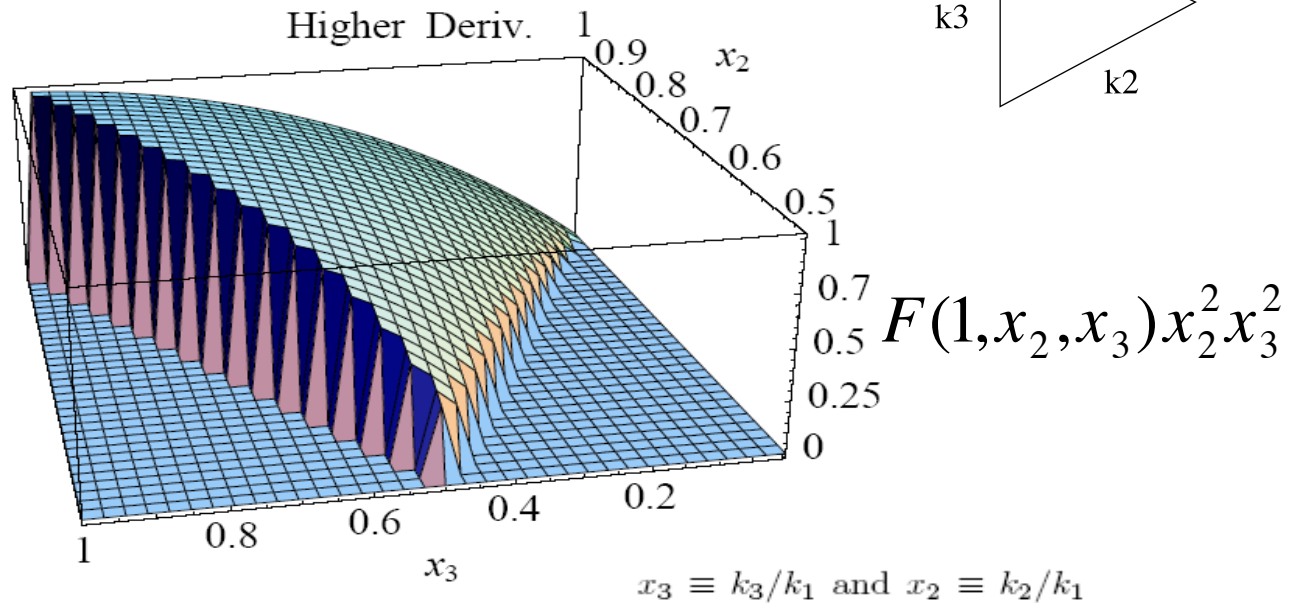
Babich et al. astro-ph/0405356

$$\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta^G(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{3}{5} f_{\text{NL}} (\zeta^G(\mathbf{x}))^2$$

Non-linearities develop outside the horizon during or immediately after inflation  
(e.g. **multifield models of inflation**)

# EQUILATERAL NG

**Bispectrum peaks for equilateral triangles:  $k_1=k_2=k_3$**



Babich et al. (2004)

**Single field models of inflation with non-canonical kinetic term**  $L=P(\varphi, X)$  where  $X=(\partial \varphi)^2$  (DBI or K-inflation) where NG comes from higher derivative interactions of the inflaton field

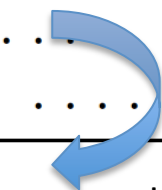
Example:  $\dot{\delta\phi}(\nabla\delta\phi)^2$

# ***Limits set by Planck***

*See Planck 2015 results. XVII. Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity*

# Observational limits set by Planck

Shape and method	$f_{\text{NL}}(\text{KSW})$	
	Independent	ISW-lensing subtracted
SMICA ( $T$ )		
Local . . . . .	10.2 $\pm$ 5.7	<b>2.5</b> $\pm$ <b>5.7</b>
Equilateral . . . . .	-13 $\pm$ 70	<b>-16</b> $\pm$ <b>70</b>
Orthogonal . . . . .	-56 $\pm$ 33	<b>-34</b> $\pm$ <b>33</b>
SMICA ( $T+E$ )		
Local . . . . .	6.5 $\pm$ 5.0	<b>0.8</b> $\pm$ <b>5.0</b>
Equilateral . . . . .	3 $\pm$ 43	<b>-4</b> $\pm$ <b>43</b>
Orthogonal . . . . .	-36 $\pm$ 21	<b>-26</b> $\pm$ <b>21</b>



e.g. models with non-standard kinetic terms

e.g. multi-field models of inflation

# *Implications for inflation models*

- The standard models of single-field slow-roll inflation has survived the most stringent tests of Gaussianity to-date:  
*deviations from primordial Gaussianity are less than 0.01% level. This is a fantastic achievement, one of the most precise measurements in cosmology!*

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\Phi^{(1)}(\mathbf{x})}_{\sim 10^{-5}} + \underbrace{f_{\text{NL}}}_{\sim \text{few}} \left( \underbrace{\Phi^{(1)}(\mathbf{x})}_{\sim 10^{-10}} \right)^2 + \dots\dots$$

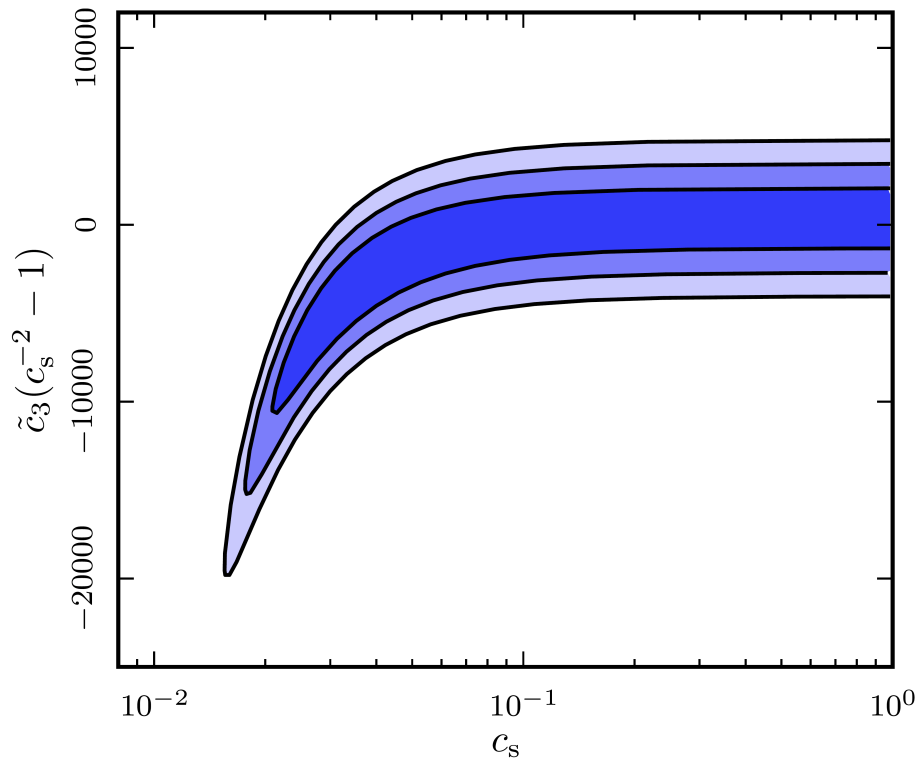
- *The NG constraints* on different primordial bispectrum shapes *severely limit/rule out specific key (inflationary) mechanisms alternative to the standard models of inflation*

# General single-field models of inflation: Implications for Effective Field Theory of Inflation

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H}}{c_s^2} \left( \dot{\pi}^2 - c_s^2 \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} \right) - M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H} (1 - c_s^{-2}) \dot{\pi} \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} + \left( M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H} (1 - c_s^{-2}) - \frac{4}{3} M_3^4 \right) \dot{\pi}^3 \right]$$

$f_{\text{NL}} \propto \frac{1}{c_s^2}$

(Cheung et al. 08; Weinberg 08)  
for extensions see also N.B., Fasiello, Matarrese, Riotto 10)



Constraints obtained from

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil}} = -16 \pm 70 \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{ortho}} = -34 \pm 33 \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

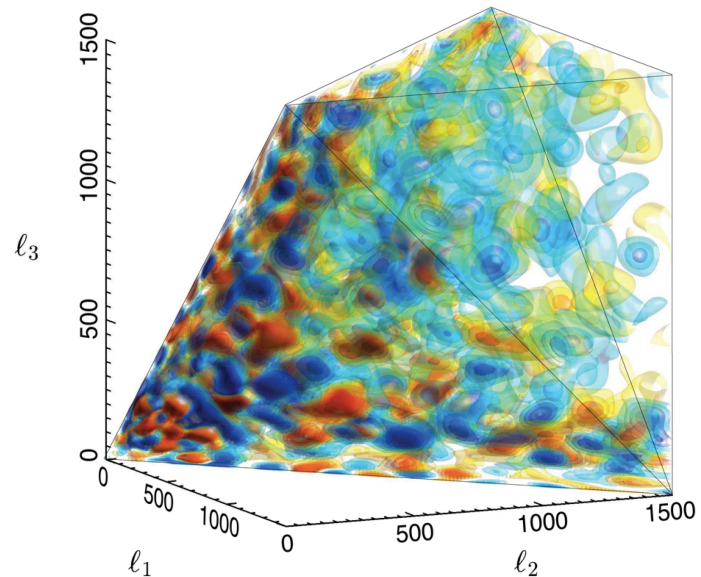
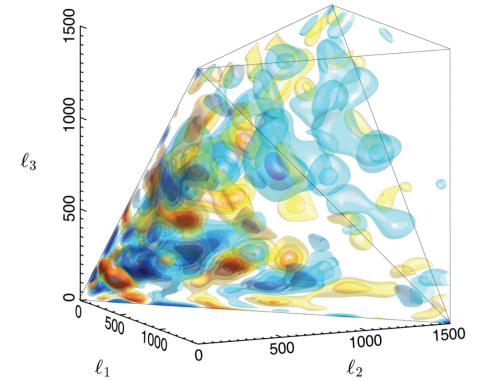
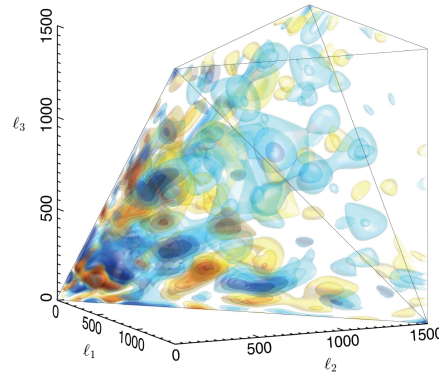
$$c_s \geq 0.02 \quad \text{at } 95\% \text{ CL}$$

# The CMB bispectrum as seen by Planck

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T}(\vartheta, \phi) = \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\vartheta, \phi)$$

$$B_{l_1 l_2 l_3} = \sum_m \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \langle a_{l_1}^{m_1} a_{l_2}^{m_2} a_{l_3}^{m_3} \rangle;$$

$$B_{l_1 l_2 l_3} = h_{l_1 l_2 l_3} b_{l_1 l_2 l_3}$$



***So..... what next for NG?  
(or next to next)***



# Significant thresholds

- **multiple field models of inflation generically predict  $f_{\text{NL}}(\text{local}) \geq 1$ .**

e.g curvaton models

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = \frac{5}{4r_{\text{D}}} - \frac{5r_{\text{D}}}{6} - \frac{5}{3}$$

with minimum value  $-(5/3)$  (N.B, Matarrese, Riotto 2004).

- **also for equilateral NG a motivated threshold is  $f_{\text{NL}}(\text{equil}) \geq 1$**

(see Marcelo Alvarez et al . arXiv:1412.4671).

- Of course a clear distinction between. e.g., single and multiple field inflation, requires to improve current sensitivities by at least one order of magnitude, thus probing a range of amplitudes which is at the level of the standard single-field slow-roll prediction

$$f_{\text{NL}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon, \eta) \ll 1 \quad (\text{Acquaviva, Bartolo, Riotto, Matarrese 2002; Maldacena 2002})$$

# New observational strategies

CMB is a privileged laboratory for cosmic inflation.

Improvements are possible thanks to CMB polarization.

An experiment like PRISM or CMBpol, cosmic variance dominated in E-mode up to to  $l_{\text{max}} \sim 3000$  can improve by a factor of 3 the error bars on  $f_{\text{NL}}$  for *all shapes*.

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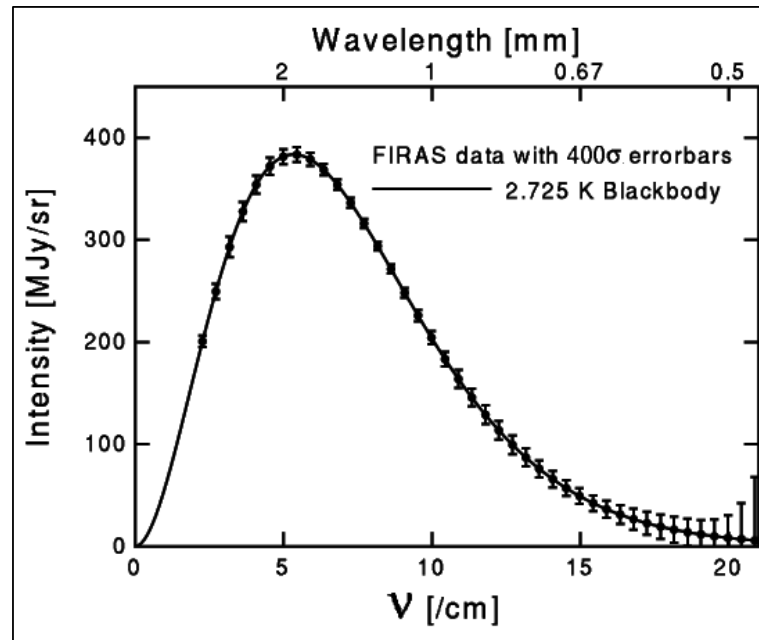
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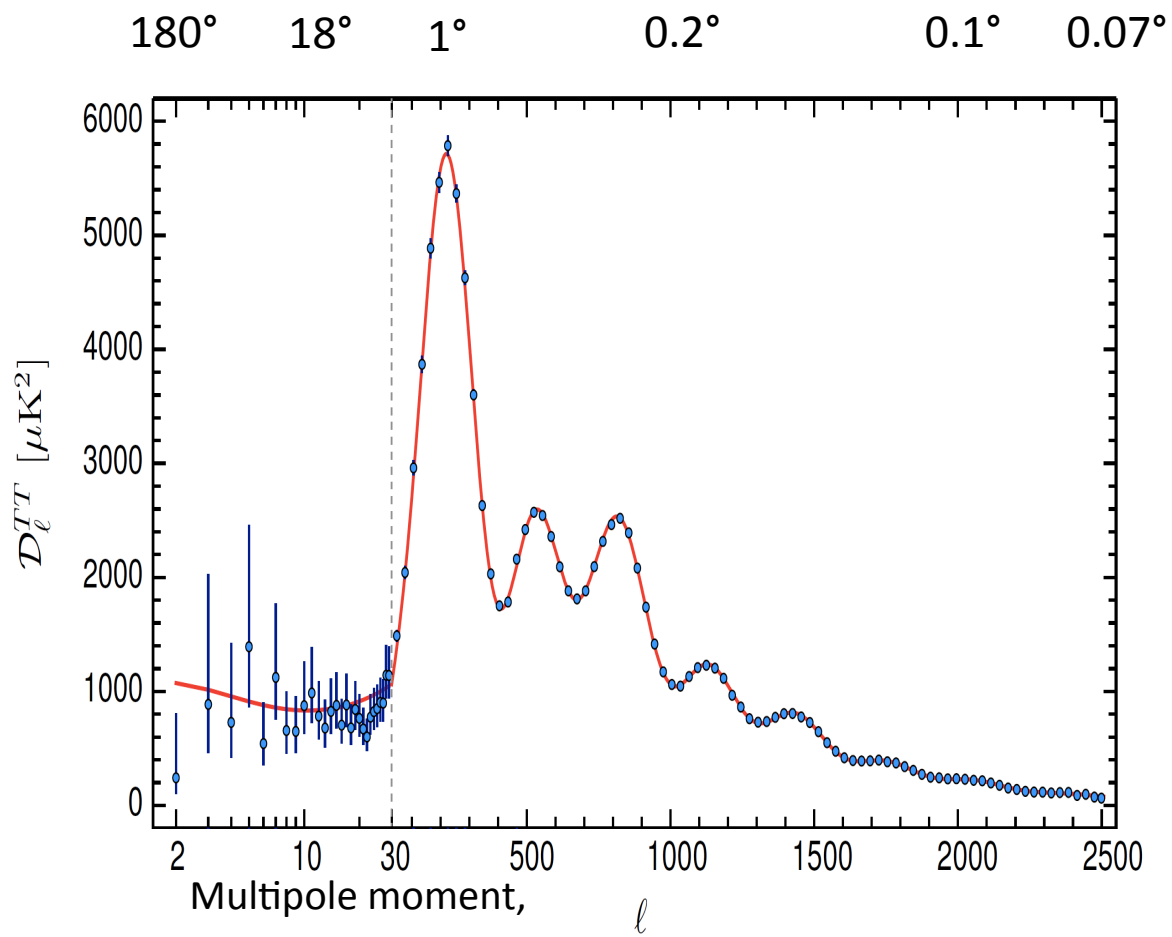
➤ We know there must be tiny deviations from a perfect black body of the CMB spectrum in the frequency domain

➤ Not detected yet (apart  $y$ -distortions from Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect)

➤  $\frac{\Delta I_\nu}{I_\nu} < 10^{-4}$        $\mu < 9 \times 10^{-5}$        $y < 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$       (95% C.L)

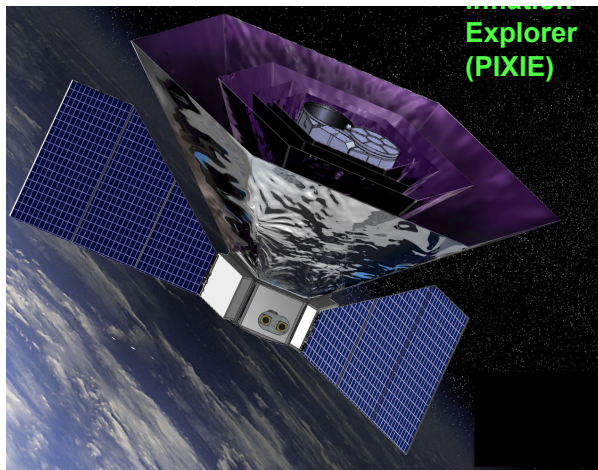
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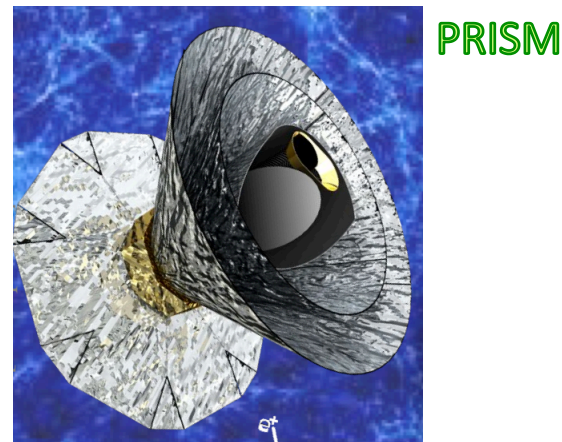


# CMB spectral distortions

- Various planned and proposed satellite missions can achieve the required sensitivity to measure the primordial  $\mu$  and  $y$  spectral distortions: these are predicted to be  $\langle\mu\rangle\approx 1.9\times 10^{-9}$  and  $\langle y\rangle\approx 4.2\times 10^{-8}$



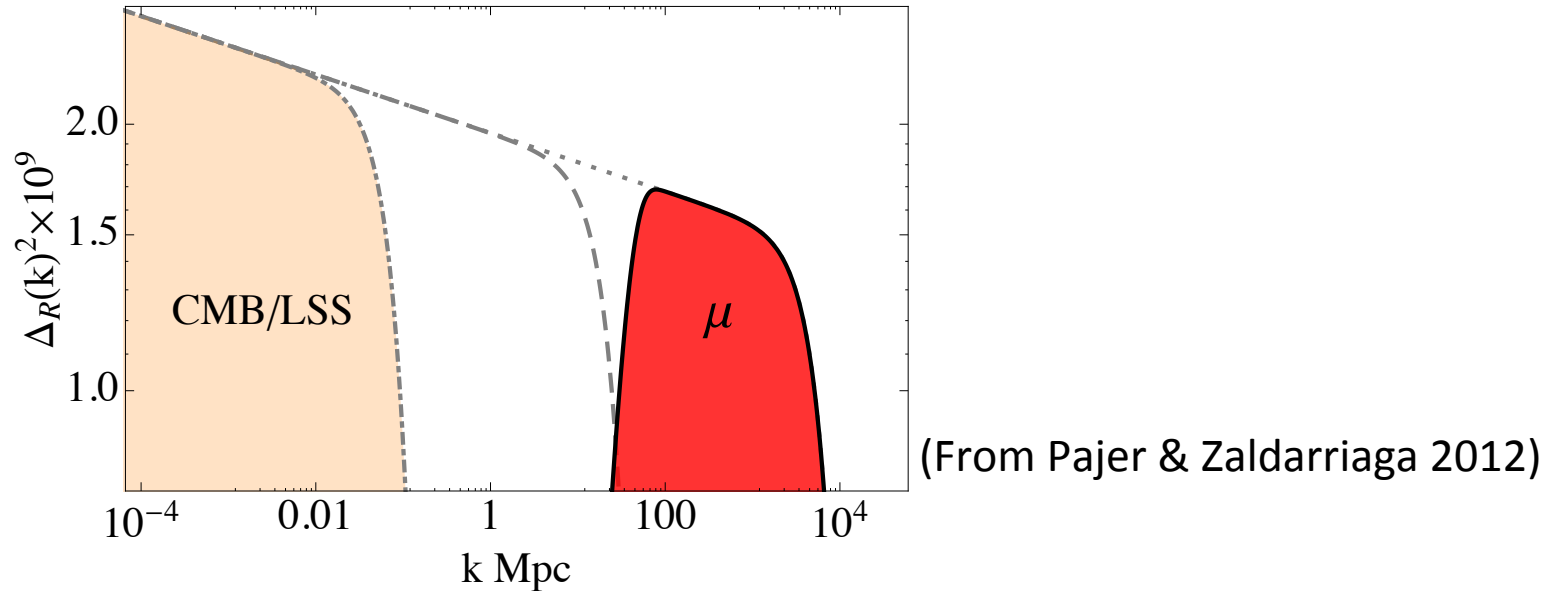
Sensitive to a minimum  $\langle\mu\rangle_{\min}\approx 10^{-9}$



Sensitive to a minimum  $\langle\mu\rangle_{\min}\approx 10^{-8}$

- Besides being a probe of the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model (including inflation) it can unveil new physics, e.g. about
  - decaying and annihilating dark matter particles
  - black holes and cosmic stringsand it can allow to measure a whole series of signals like  $y$ -distortions from re-ionized gas

# A powerful source of information



- CMB spectral distortions expected in the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model:  
AN ALMOST UNEXPLOITED OBSERVATIONAL WINDOW  
(see, e.g., Kathri and Sunyaev 2013, arXiv: 1303.7212;  
Chluba 2016, arXiv: 1603.02496)
- In particular can probe very small scales  $10^{-4}$  - 0.02 Mpc!



# CMB $\mu$ distortions

- Energy injection from dissipation of acoustic waves due to Silk damping

The relevant redshift range is

$$5 \times 10^4 = z_f < z < z_i = 2 \times 10^6$$

and the relevant scales are  $k_D(z_i) = 12000 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  and  $k_D(z_f) = 46 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

$$\mu \approx \frac{1.4}{4} \left[ \langle \delta_\gamma^2(x) \rangle_p \right]_{z_f}^{z_i} \quad \Delta_\gamma(k) \simeq 3 \cos(kr) \exp[-k^2 / k_D^2(z)]$$

- Transfer functions

$$\mu(\mathbf{x}) \simeq \left[ \prod_{n=1}^2 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_n}{(2\pi)^3} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_n} \right] \int d^3 \mathbf{k}_3 \delta^{(3)} \left( \sum_{n=1}^3 \mathbf{k}_n \right) f(k_1, k_2, k_3) e^{-i \mathbf{k}_3 \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

$$f(k_1, k_2, k_3) \equiv \frac{9}{4} W \left( \frac{k_3}{k_s} \right) \left[ e^{-(k_1^2 + k_2^2) / k_D^2(z)} \right]_{z_f}^{z_i}$$

➤ Selects squeezed config.  $k_1, k_2 > k_D(z_f) > k_3$

- The monopole

$$\langle \mu \rangle \simeq \int d \ln k \Delta_\zeta^2(k) \left[ e^{-2k^2 / k_D^2} \right]_f^i \quad \text{It is predicted to be } 1.9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ for the best fit } \Lambda \text{CDM}$$

# CMB spectral distortions and NG

- Pajer & Zaldarriaga (2012) and Ganc & Komatsu (2012) pointed out that the cross-correlation between CMB  $\mu$ -distortion and CMB temperature fluctuations can be a diagnostic very sensitive to local-type bispectra peaking in the squeezed configuration: a cosmic variance limited experiment can achieve  $f_{\text{NL}} \sim 0.001$

Local primordial non-Gaussianity correlates short- with long-mode perturbations, so it induces a correlation between the dissipation process on small scales

$$\mu \sim \delta_\gamma^2 \sim \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2}$$

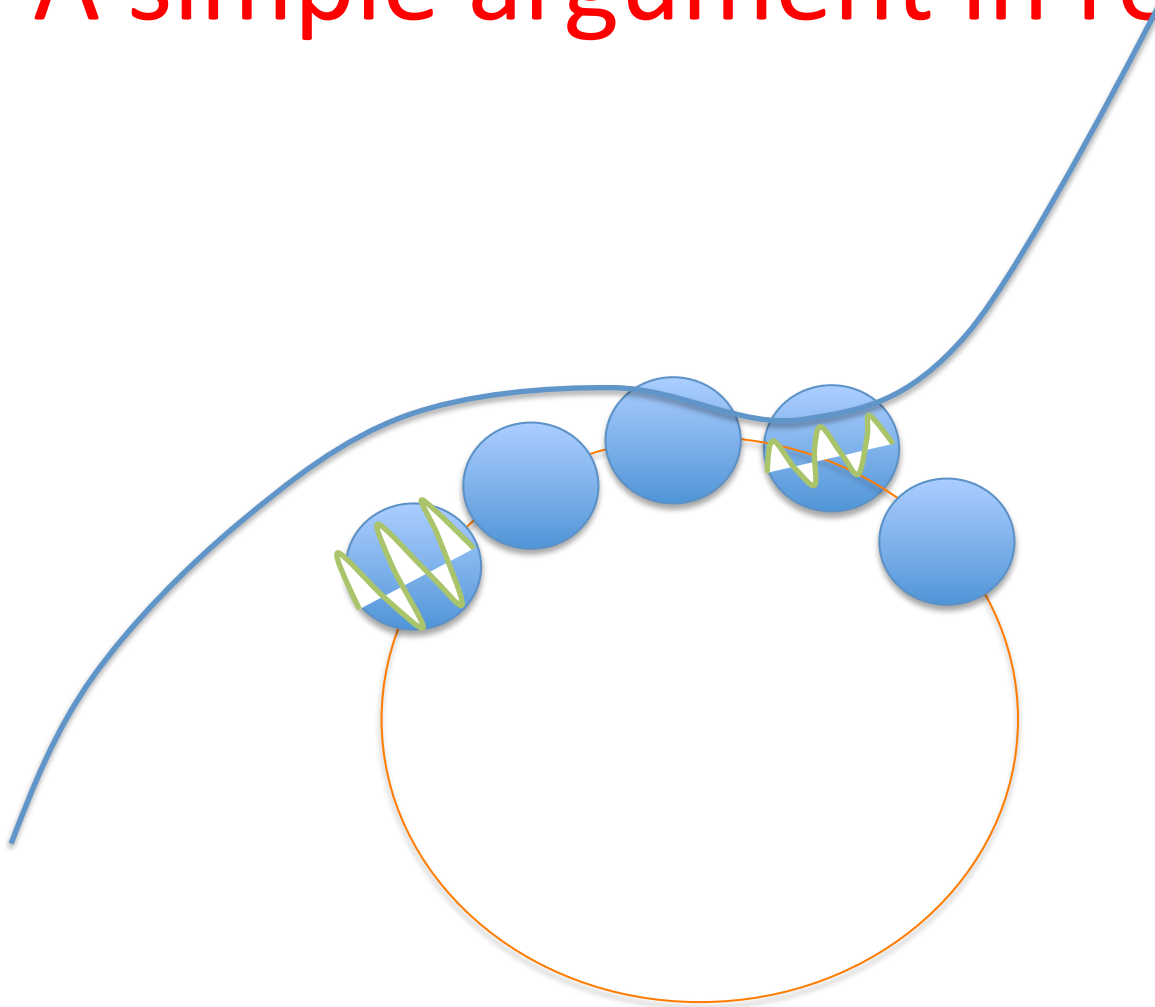
and the long-mode fluctuations in the CMB

$$\delta T/T \sim \zeta_{\mathbf{k}}$$



$$C_\ell^{\mu T} \sim \langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle$$

# A simple argument in real space



If there is a local model of non-Gaussianity, then the small scale power spectrum of curvature perturbation  $\Delta^2_{\zeta}(k,x)$  will be modulated from patch to patch, by the long-wavelength curvature fluctuation and correlated to it

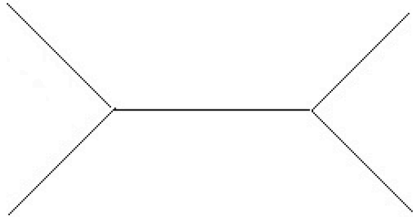
Looking at the inflationary trispectra  
(4-point correlation functions)

# Looking at the inflationary trispectra

$$\langle \hat{\zeta}_{\vec{k}_1} \hat{\zeta}_{\vec{k}_2} \hat{\zeta}_{\vec{k}_3} \hat{\zeta}_{\vec{k}_4} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3 + \vec{k}_4) T_\zeta(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{k}_3, \vec{k}_4)$$

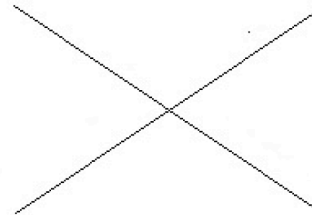
## Scalar exchange:

comes from terms in the 3-order action,  
e.g.  $(\delta\phi)^3$



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

**Contact interaction:** e.g.  $\lambda (\delta\phi)^4$  (intrinsic contributions from the 4-th order action)



$$g_{\text{NL}}$$

# Looking at the inflationary trispectra

## Motivations:

- It can also provide crucial information to further distinguish between competing models (or alternatives to inflation)
- Sizeable amplitudes can arise only in multi-field models (or in models with higher derivative interactions of the inflaton field)
- Testing consistency relations  
e.g. Suyama-Yamaguchi relation  $\tau_{\text{NL}} \geq (6f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}}/5)^2$
- Scenarios where the trispectrum has larger S/N ratio than the bispectrum (e.g. some curvaton models, some multifield models; technically natural models do exist (e.g., Senatore & Zaldarriaga 2012; N.B., Fasiello, Matarrese, Riotto 2012)).

# Local trispectra

Possible models

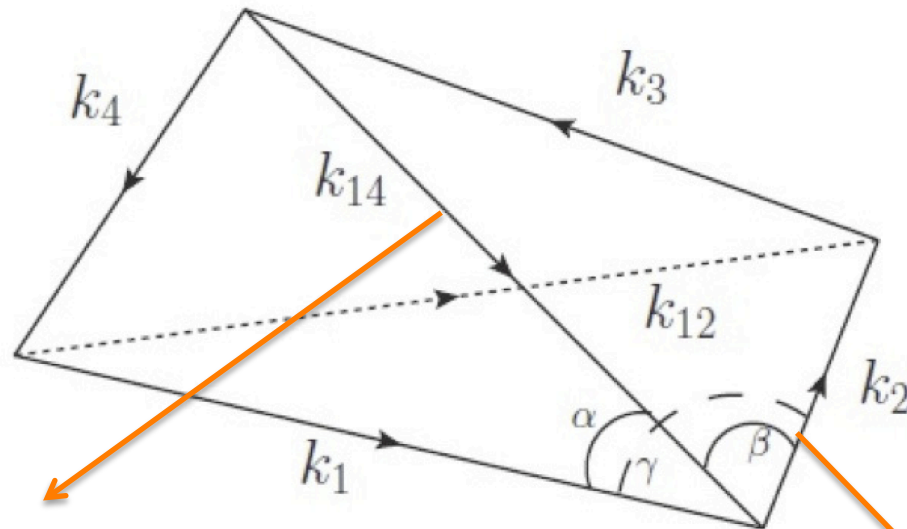
$$\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{3}{5} f_{\text{NL}} (\zeta^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}))^2 + \frac{9}{25} g_{\text{NL}} (\zeta^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}))^3$$

or

$$\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}) + \sqrt{\tau_{\text{NL}}} \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \zeta^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x})$$

Typically arising in multi-field models of inflation

# Looking at the inflationary trispectra



e.g.  $k_{14} \rightarrow 0$   
corresponds to  $\tau_{NL}$ :  
a modulation of power spectra

e.g.  $k_2 \rightarrow 0$   
corresponds to  $g_{NL}$ :  
a modulation of the  
bispectrum



# ***Observational limits set by Planck***

$$\tau_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}} < 2800 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

$$g_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = (-9.0 \pm 7.7) \times 10^4;$$

$$g_{\text{NL}}^{\dot{\sigma}^4} = (-0.2 \pm 1.7) \times 10^6;$$

$$g_{\text{NL}}^{(\partial\sigma)^4} = (-0.1 \pm 3.8) \times 10^5. \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

## ***Also From LSS***

$$-4.5 \times 10^5 < g_{\text{NL}} < 1.6 \times 10^5 \quad 95\% \text{ CL} \quad (\text{Giannantonio et al. 2013})$$

# A warning

- *$T\mu$  (and  $\mu\mu$ ) cross-correlation is not able to determine the  $g_{NL}$  parameter*
- the  $TT\mu$  *bispectrum* is a potential powerful way to measure  $g_{NL}$
- An ideal, cosmic variance dominated experiment can reach  $g_{NL} \sim 0.1$   
(N.B., Liguori and Shiraishi 2015)

# A simple guide argument

- Why  $T\mu$  cross-correlation is sensitive to  $f_{NL}$ ?

Local primordial non-Gaussianity correlates small and long wavelengths, so that it modulates the small-scale monopole  $\langle\mu\rangle$  from patch to patch on the last scattering surface:  $\langle\mu\rangle$  is an (integrated) power spectrum on small scales which gets modulated by  $f_{NL}$ .

- By the same token:  $\langle\mu\mu\rangle$  depends on two power spectra.  $\tau_{NL}$  is a modulation of two power spectra

- So where the idea of  $TT\mu$  came from?

$T\mu$  is a bispectrum and  $T(T\mu)$  is a modulation of a bispectrum (exactly what  $g_{NL}$  does).

# A simple computation

A local non-Gaussianity modulates the small scale power spectrum and hence the  $\mu$ -distortions

$$\langle \mu \rangle \simeq \int d \ln k \Delta_{\zeta}^2(k) F(k)$$

Take as a model  $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{9}{25} g_{\text{NL}} (\zeta^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}))^3$

Split into short and long fluctuation parts  $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_{\text{S}}(\mathbf{x}) + \zeta_{\text{L}}(\mathbf{x})$

$$\zeta_{\text{S}}(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_{\text{S}}^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}) \left[ 1 + \frac{27}{25} g_{\text{NL}} (\zeta_{\text{L}}^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}))^2 \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\delta \langle \zeta^2 \rangle}{\langle \zeta^2 \rangle} \simeq \frac{\delta \mu}{\mu} \simeq \frac{54}{25} g_{\text{NL}} (\zeta_{\text{L}}^{\text{G}}(\mathbf{x}))^2$$

# A simple computation

$$\left\langle \frac{\delta T_1}{T} \frac{\delta T_2}{T} \frac{\delta \mu_3}{\mu} \right\rangle \simeq \frac{54}{25} g_{\text{NL}} \left\langle \frac{\zeta_1}{5} \frac{\zeta_2}{5} (\zeta_{L3}^{\text{G}})^2 \right\rangle = 108 g_{\text{NL}} \left\langle \frac{\delta T_1}{T} \frac{\delta T_3}{T} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{\delta T_2}{T} \frac{\delta T_3}{T} \right\rangle$$



$$b_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{TT\mu} \simeq 108 g_{\text{NL}} \underbrace{\frac{9}{4} A_S \ln \left( \frac{k_i}{k_f} \right)} C_{\ell_1}^{TT} C_{\ell_2}^{TT}$$

This corresponds to the monopole  $\langle \mu \rangle$  for a scale-invariant power spectrum

# Forecasts

Simple Fisher matrix analysis

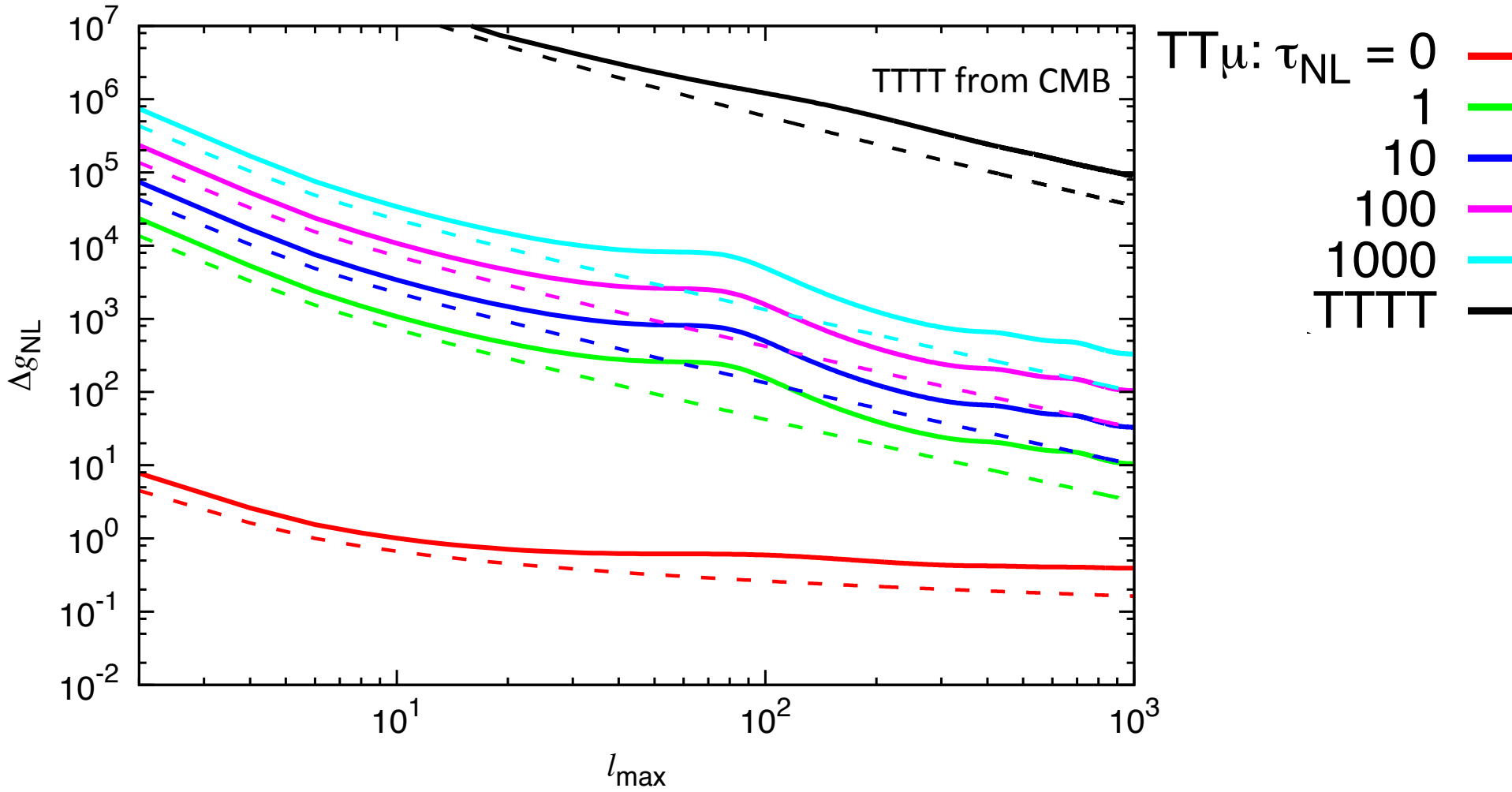
$$F^{TT\mu} = \sum_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} \frac{\left( h_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} \hat{b}_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{TT\mu} \right)^2}{2C_{\ell_1}^{TT} C_{\ell_2}^{TT} C_{\ell_3}^{\mu\mu}}$$

Some subtleties:

- $C_{\ell}^{T\mu} = 0$  taking  $f_{\text{NL}}=0$
- Also:  $C_{\ell}^{\mu\mu}$  receives a contribution from  $\tau_{\text{NL}}$  if  $\tau_{\text{NL}} \neq 0$ .

# Forecasts for $g_{NL}$

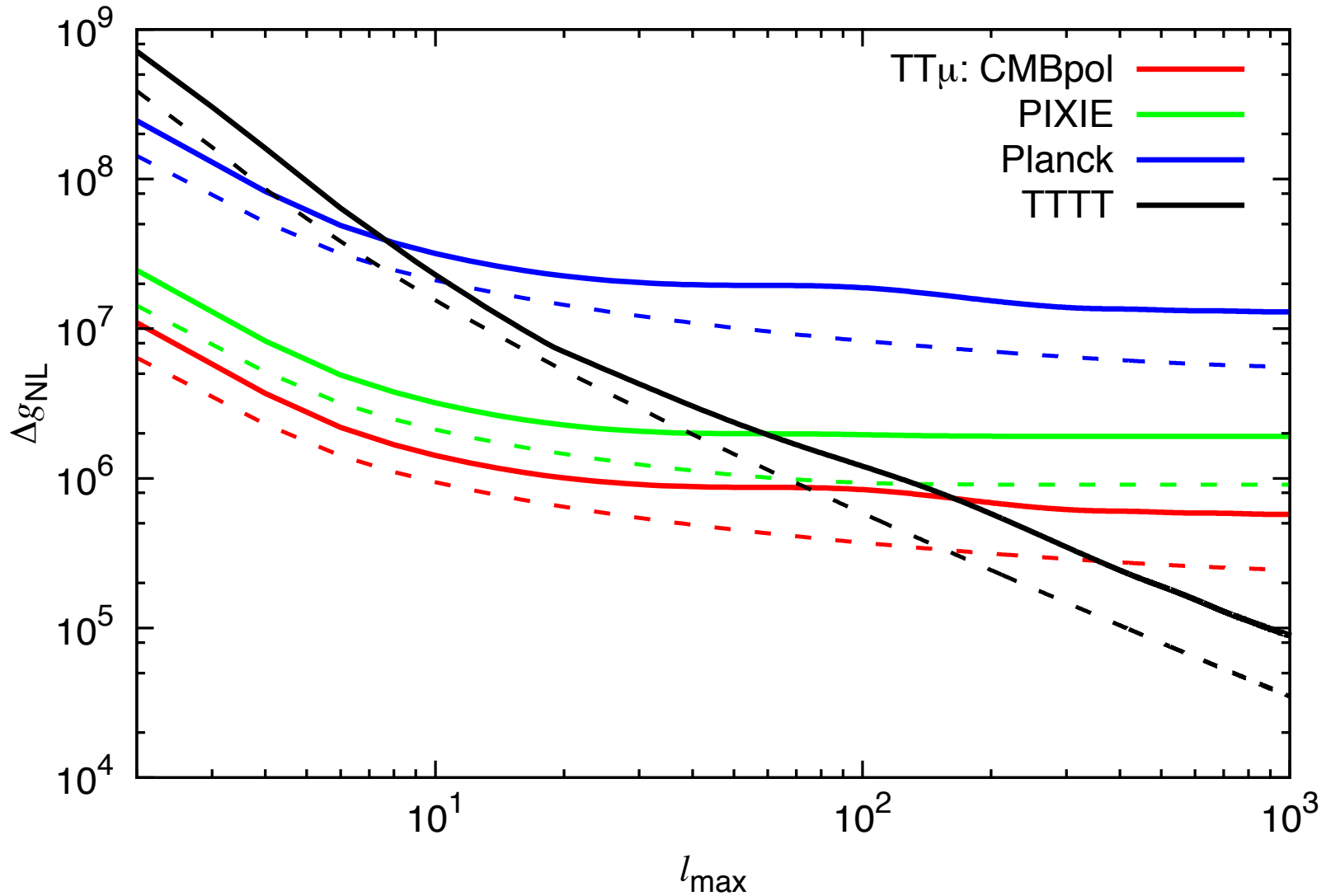
Cosmic variance dominated case



***You can reach  $\Delta g_{NL} \sim 0.4$ :***

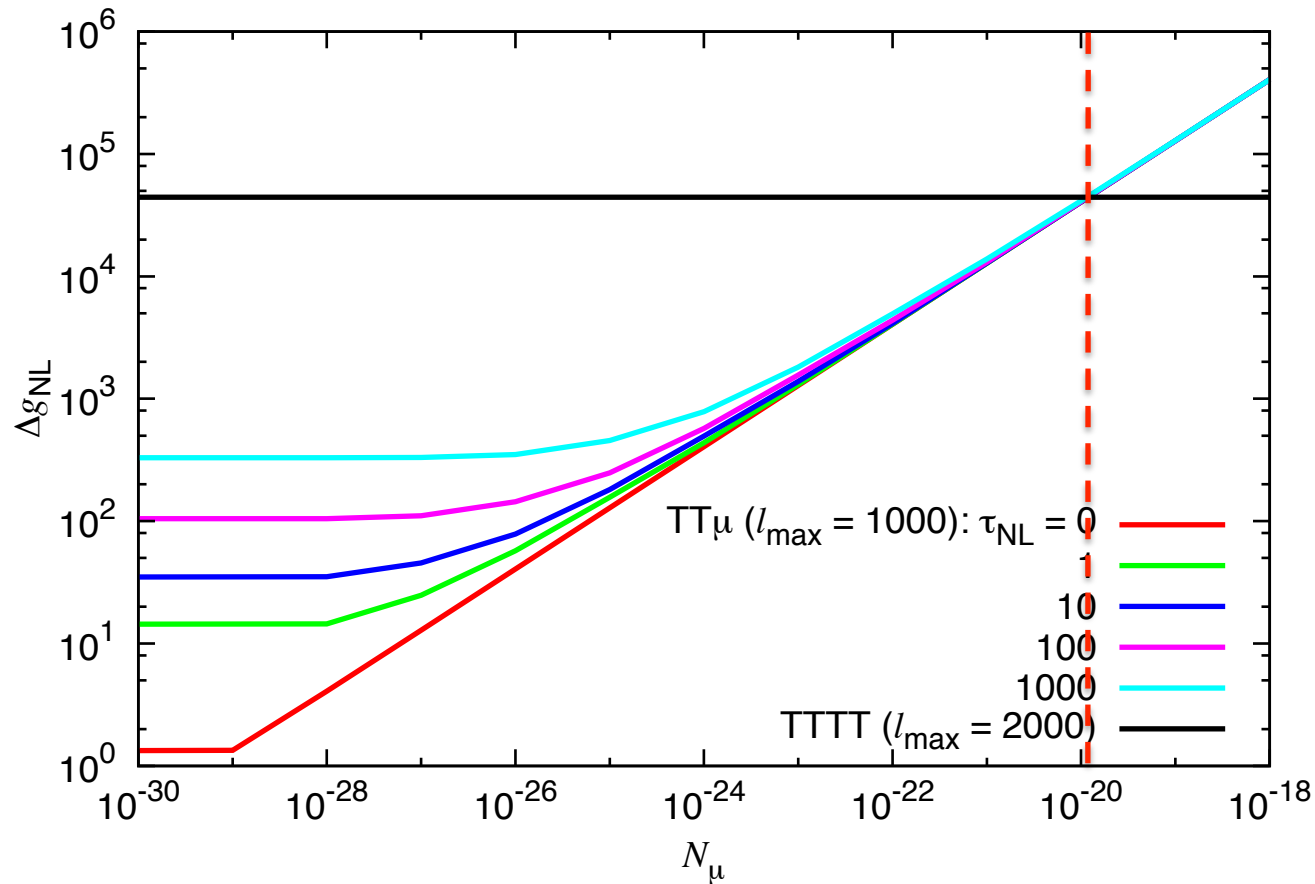
***5 orders of magnitude improvement w.r.t to current constraints***

# $g_{\text{NL}}$ forecasts for experiments





# Effect of experimental noise



$$C_\ell^{\mu\mu} = C_\ell^{\mu\mu, \text{sig}} + N_\ell^{\mu\mu} \quad N_\ell^{\mu\mu} = N_\mu \exp(\ell^2 / \ell_\mu^2)$$

$$(N_\mu, \ell_\mu) = (10^{-15}, 861) \text{ (Planck)}, (10^{-17}, 84) \text{ (PIXIE)}$$

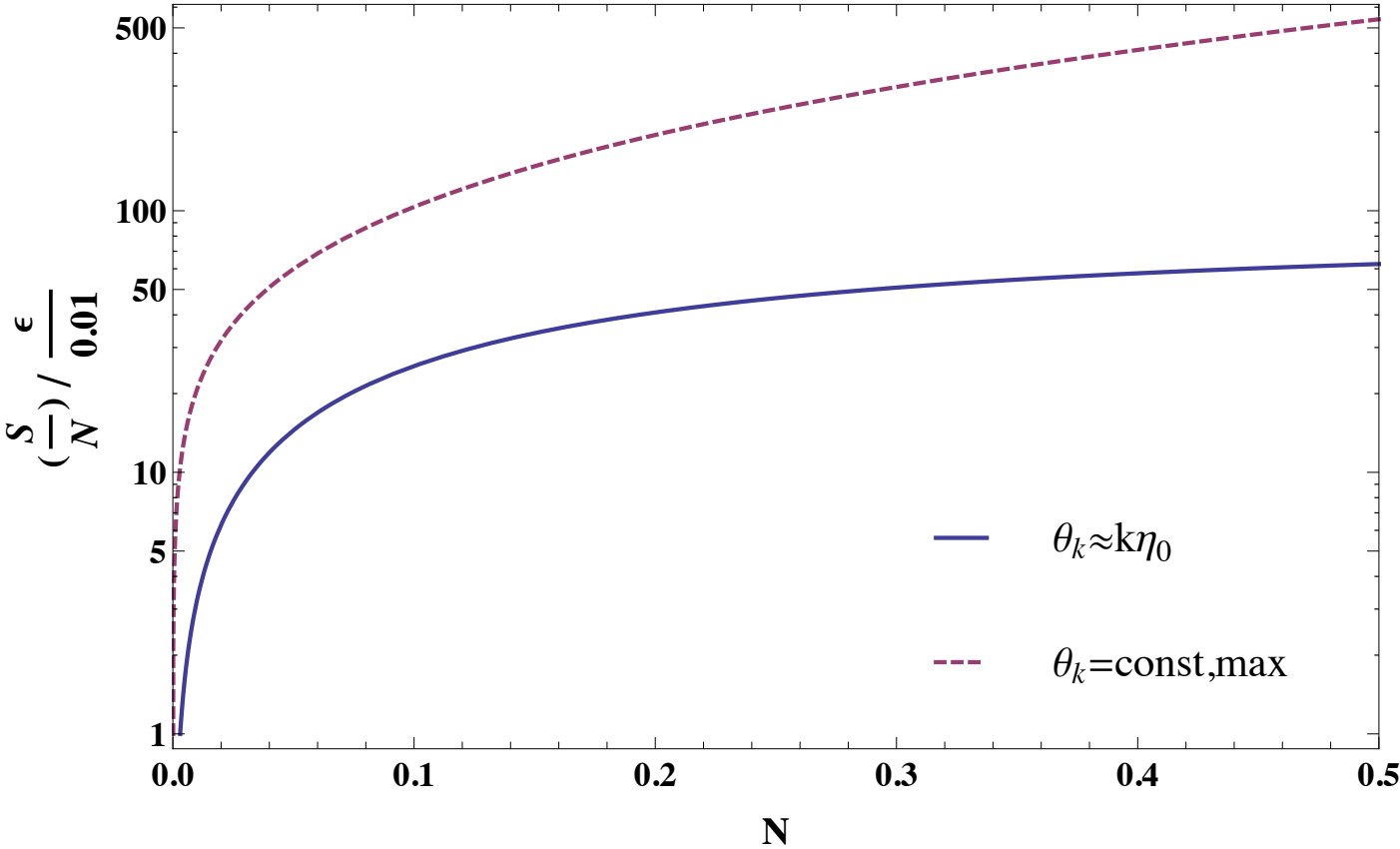
$$(2 \times 10^{-18}, 1000) \text{ (CMBpol)}$$

# So why CMB spectral distortions are interesting in this context?

Among the many reasons:

1. There is an enormous wealth of information that can be potentially exploited through new and original applications
2. We are testing the predictions of the standard cosmological model:  $\Lambda$ CDM+standard models of inflation
3. The specific signal in  $T\mu$ ,  $TT\mu$  depends on the specific inflationary models considered (e.g. imprints from primordial vector fields, non-Bunch Davies vacuum states).  
Also: can test alternative models of inflation, like ekpyrotic models which predict  $g_{NL} < -1700$  or  $-1000 < g_{NL} < -100$ .
4. Our  $TT\mu$  provides an unbiased estimator for the local trispectrum  $g_{NL}$

### 3. Some models can already be at reach of present sensitivities



Deviations from a Bunch-Davies vacuum state during inflation could be already detected by Planck via CMB  $\mu$ -spectral distortions; for sure at reach of a PIXIE like experiment

# 4. An unbiased estimator for $TT\mu$

- We have verified that the *Gaussian component* of  $TT\mu$  is largely suppressed
- This is particularly interesting, and very different w.r.t to the CMB trispectrum estimator, where a miscalibration of the Gaussian part can produce a strong bias
- So it is actually already worth to carry on an analysis with present *Planck* CMB data (N.B.: we do not need absolute measurements of the distortions)
- An analysis of *Planck* data for  $T\mu$  and  $\mu\mu$  already exists (see Khatri )

The exact shape of the  $TT\mu$  bispectrum depends on the primordial inflationary scenario under exam

*e.g. CMB spectral distortions*

*(+ CMB anisotropies and some LSS observables)*

*can be efficient also in constraining anisotropic sources during inflation, related e.g. to the presence of vector fields*

*New signatures (I):  
anisotropic sources of inflation*

# *Preliminary considerations*

Typically when vector fields are present during inflation with a non-vanishing vev  $\langle \vec{A} \rangle \neq 0$  the power spectrum of primordial curvature perturbations get a quadrupolar correction

e.g. 
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{I^2(\varphi)}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$P'(\mathbf{k}) = P(k) \left( 1 + g(k) (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 \right)$$



breaking of statistical isotropy

*Planck* 95% CL

$$-0.0225 \leq g_* \leq 0.0363$$

# Preliminary considerations

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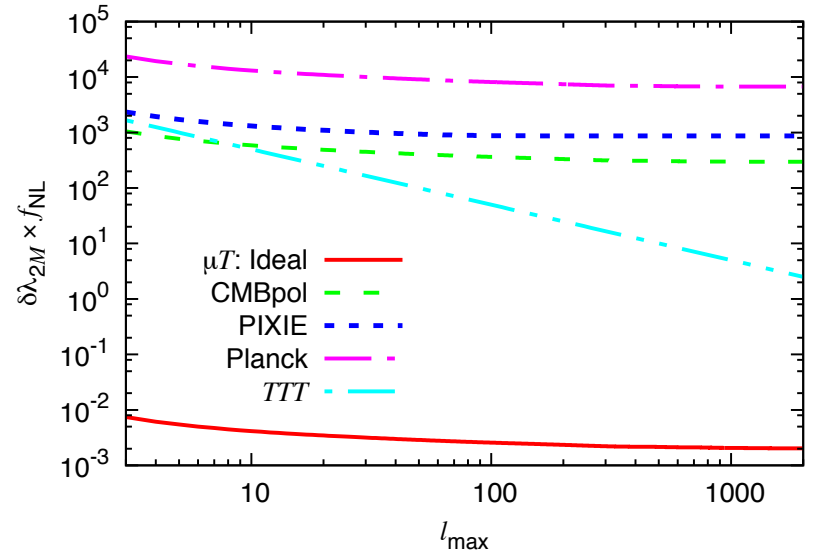
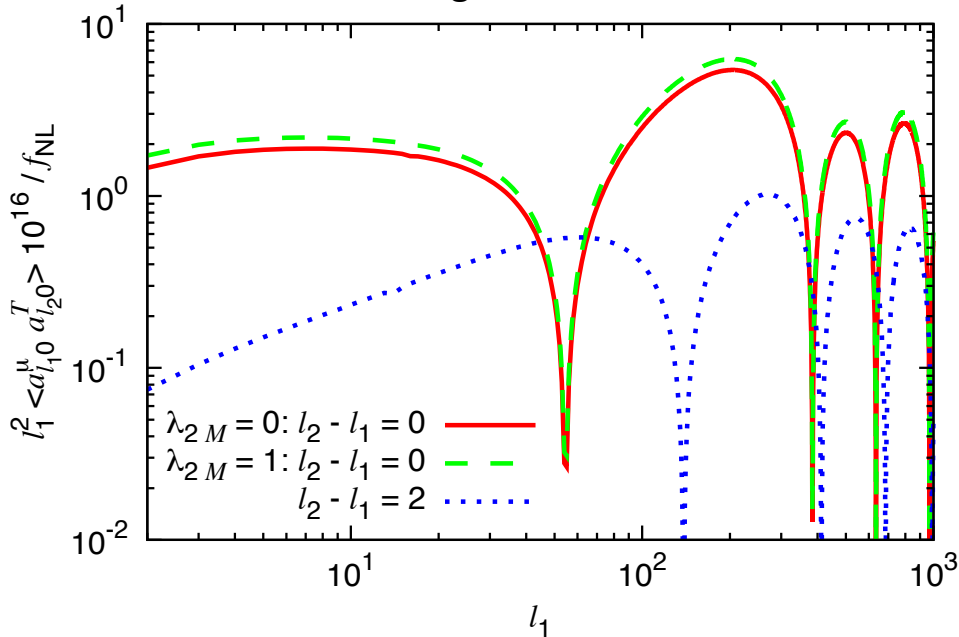
$$B_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3} = \frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} P(k_1) P(k_2) \left[ 1 + \sum_M \lambda_{2M} \left( Y_{2M}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1) + Y_{2M}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_2) \right) \right] + (2 \text{ perm})$$

- For the vast majority these bispectra peaks in the squeezed configuration
- We therefore expect that CMB spectral distortions to be sensitive also to this kind of anisotropic bispectra



# CMB spectral distortions: $T\mu$

M. Shiraishi, M.Liguori, N.B, S. Matarrese 2015



➤ Distinctive off-diagonal signals in the  $\mu$ - $T$  correlation coupling  $l_1$  with  $l_2 \pm 2$   $\langle a_{l_1 m_1}^\mu a_{l_2 m_2}^T \rangle$

➤ What is achievable for an ideal cosmic variance limited experiment?

$$\delta \lambda_{2M}^{\mu T} \approx \frac{5 \cdot 10^{-3}}{f_{\text{NL}}} \left( \frac{\bar{C}_\ell^{\mu\mu}}{10^{-28}} \right)^{1/2} (\ln \ell_{\text{max}})^{-1/2}$$

For  $f_{\text{NL}} \sim 1$  can be sensitive to  $\lambda_{2M}$  of 0.1% improving of 2 order of magnitudes w.r.t. to the TTT CMB bispectrum estimators

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- Estimators for anisotropic bispectra has been proposed in N.B., E. Dimastrogiovanni, M.Liguori, S. Matarrese, A. Riotto. Not yet applied to the real data.
- So, to connect to what is actually constrained with the data one usually makes an angle-average of the anisotropic bispectrum (only isotropic bispectra have been constrained so far).

## Prediction for primordial NG: bispectrum

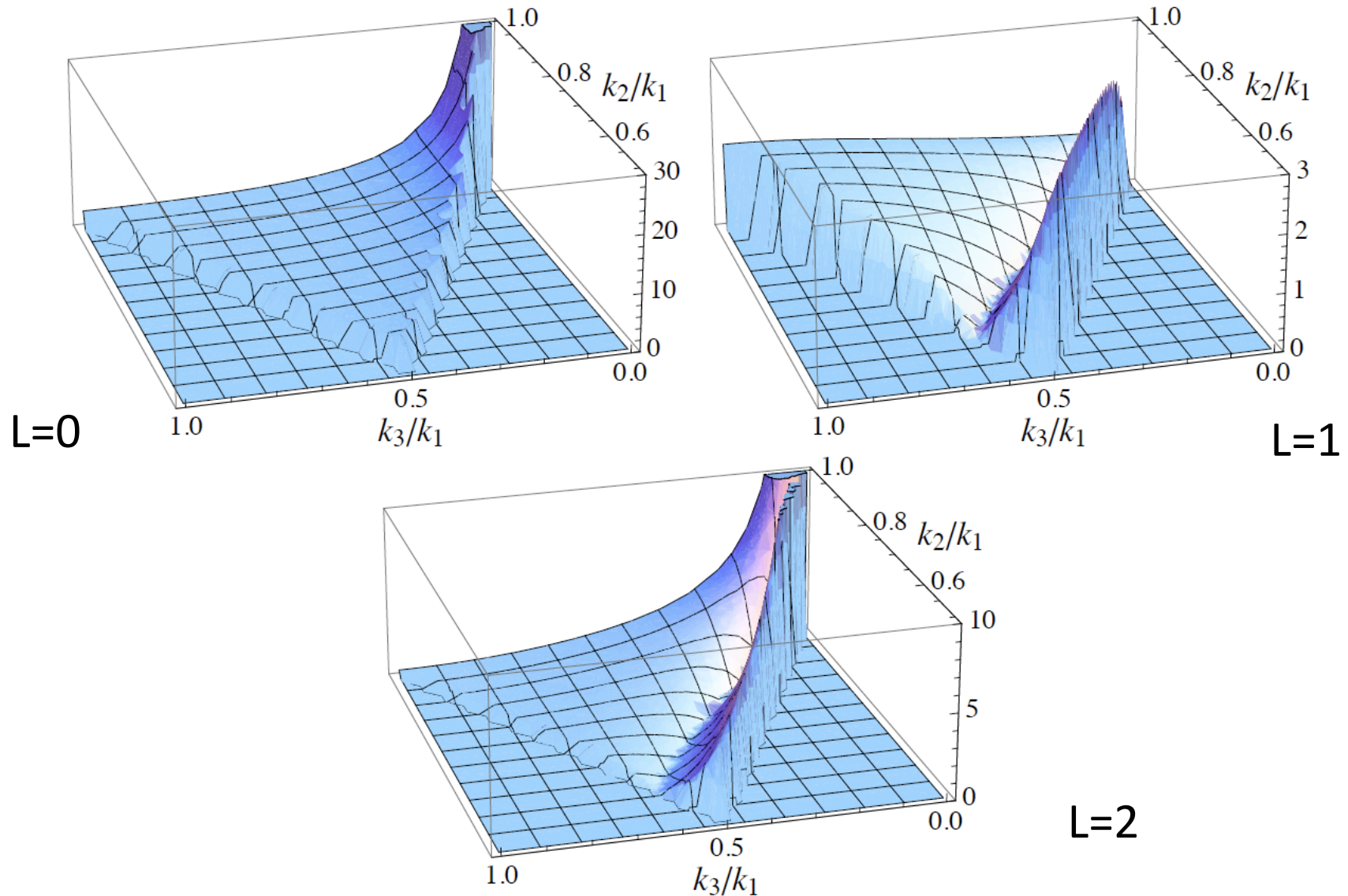
$$\left\langle \prod_{n=1}^3 \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_n} \right\rangle = \frac{\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3)}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \sum_L c_L P(k_1) P(k_2) P_L(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_2) + 2 \text{ perms}$$

$c_0$  corresponds to the so called local non-Gaussianity

**Why Looking for  $c_L$  with  $L>0$ ?** They are sensitive to vector fields or to non-trivial Symmetry of the inflaton field

- $I^2(\phi)F^2$  producing  $c_0$  and  $c_2=c_0/2$   
(N.B., S. Matarrese, M. Peloso, A. Ricciardone, 2013; M. Shiraishi, E. Komatsu, M. Peloso, N. Barnaby 2013)
- models with an axion inflaton field  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) + I^2(\phi) \left( -\frac{1}{4}F^2 + \frac{\gamma}{4}F\tilde{F} \right)$   
(N.B., S. Matarrese, M. Peloso, M. Shiraishi, 2015)
- Solid inflation with  $c_2 \gg c_0$  (S. Endlich, A. Nicolis, and J. Wang, 2013)
- Large-scale magnetic fields generate  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ , and  $c_2$  at the radiation era  
(M. Shiraishi 2012)

# Prediction for primordial NG: bispectrum



## Prediction for primordial NG: trispectrum

$$\langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_4} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4) \times \\ d_L \left[ \mathcal{P}_L(\hat{k}_1 \cdot \hat{k}_3) + \mathcal{P}_L(\hat{k}_1 \cdot \hat{k}_{12}) + \mathcal{P}_L(\hat{k}_3 \cdot \hat{k}_{12}) \right] P(k_1)P(k_3)P(k_{12}) + (23 \text{ perm})$$

➤ e.g.  $I^2(\phi)F^2$  Models produce  $d_0$  and  $d_2$

# Planck 2015 results. XVII. Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity

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## ABSTRACT

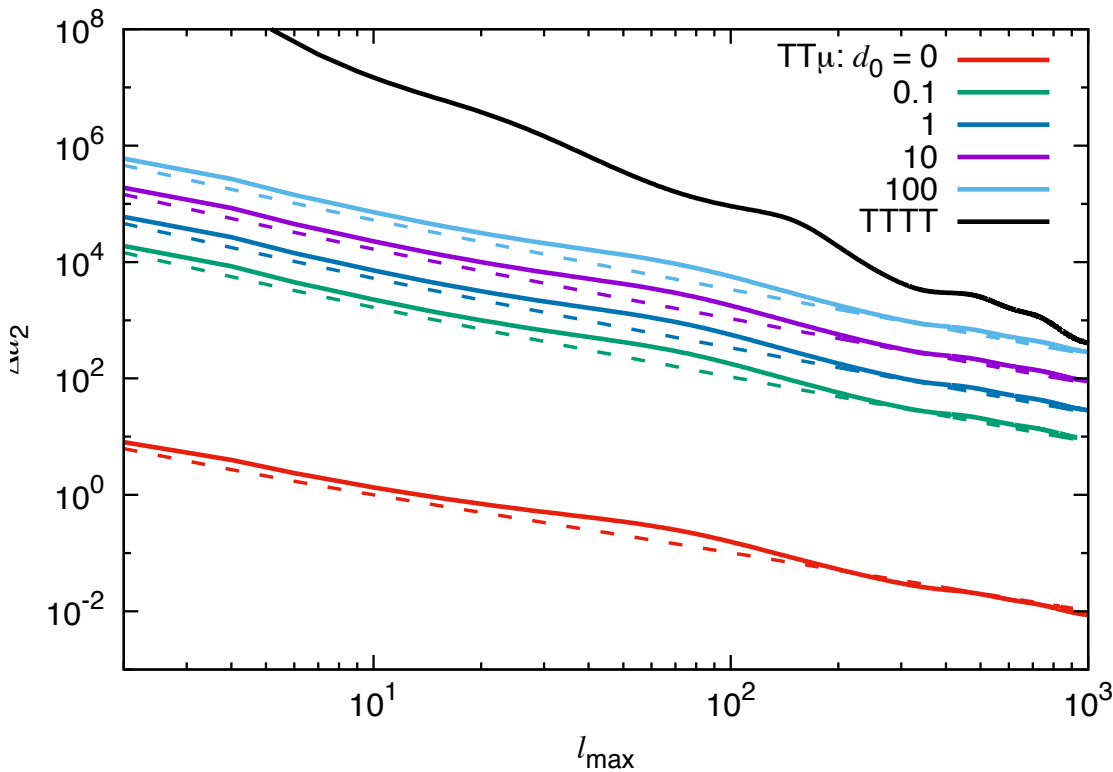
The *Planck* full mission cosmic microwave background (CMB) temperature and *E*-mode polarization maps are analysed to obtain constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity (NG). Using three classes of optimal bispectrum estimators — separable template-fitting (KSW), binned, and modal — we obtain consistent values for the primordial local, equilateral, and orthogonal bispectrum amplitudes, quoting as our final result from temperature alone  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = 2.5 \pm 5.7$ ,  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil}} = -16 \pm 70$  and  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{ortho}} = -34 \pm 33$  (68 % CL statistical). Combining temperature and polarization data we obtain  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = 0.8 \pm 5.0$ ,  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil}} = -4 \pm 43$  and  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{ortho}} = -26 \pm 21$  (68 % CL statistical). The results are based on comprehensive cross-validation of these estimators on Gaussian and non-Gaussian simulations, are stable across component separation techniques, pass an extensive suite of tests, and are consistent with estimators based on measuring the Minkowski functionals of the CMB. The effect of time-domain de-glitching systematics on the bispectrum is negligible. In spite of these test outcomes we conservatively label the results including polarization data as preliminary, due to a known mismatch of the noise model in simulations and the data. Beyond estimates of individual shape amplitudes, we present model-independent, three-dimensional reconstructions of the *Planck* CMB bispectrum and derive constraints on early universe scenarios that generate primordial NG, including general single-field models of inflation, axion inflation, initial state modifications, models producing parity-violating tensor bispectra, and directionally-dependent vector models. We present a wide survey of scale-dependent feature and resonance models, accounting for the “look-elsewhere” effect in estimating the statistical significance of features. We also look for isocurvature NG, finding no signal but obtaining constraints that improve significantly with the inclusion of polarization. The primordial trispectrum amplitude in the local model is constrained to be  $g_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = (-9.0 \pm 7.7) \times 10^4$  (68 % CL statistical), and we perform an analysis of trispectrum shapes beyond the local case. The global picture that emerges is one of consistency with the premises of the  $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology, namely that the structure we observe today was sourced by adiabatic, passive, Gaussian, and primordial seed perturbations.

# Constraints on $c_l$ bispectra from *Planck*

	Commander		NILC		SEVEM		SMICA	
	$A \pm \sigma_A$	S/N	$A \pm \sigma_A$	S/N	$A \pm \sigma_A$	S/N	$A \pm \sigma_A$	S/N
<i>L</i> = 1								
Modal2 <i>T</i> -only	-41 ± 43	-0.9	-58 ± 42	-1.4	-51 ± 43	-1.2	-49 ± 43	-1.1
KSW <i>T</i> -only	-8 ± 46	-0.2	-62 ± 46	-1.3	-34 ± 45	-0.8	-26 ± 45	-0.6
Modal2 <i>T+E</i>	-28 ± 29	-1.0	-30 ± 27	-1.1	-49 ± 28	-1.7	-31 ± 26	-1.2
KSW <i>T+E</i>	-57 ± 33	-1.7	-62 ± 32	-1.9	-79 ± 32	-2.5	-54 ± 32	-1.7
<i>L</i> = 2								
Modal2 <i>T</i> -only	0.7 ± 2.8	0.2	0.8 ± 2.8	0.4	1.1 ± 2.7	0.3	0.5 ± 2.7	0.2
KSW <i>T</i> -only	1.5 ± 5.1	0.3	-3.9 ± 5.1	-0.8	-0.4 ± 5.1	-0.1	0.1 ± 5.0	0.0
Modal2 <i>T+E</i>	1.1 ± 2.4	0.5	0.5 ± 2.4	0.2	1.3 ± 2.4	0.6	-0.2 ± 2.3	-0.1
KSW <i>T+E</i>	-3.0 ± 4.1	-0.7	-3.6 ± 4.0	-0.9	-3.8 ± 4.0	-1.0	-1.3 ± 3.9	-0.3

# CMB spectral distortions: $TT\mu$

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- a minimum value  $d_2 \sim 0.01$  is in principle detectable for a CVL exp. (4-orders of magnitude better than CMB TTTT can do)
- The signal from  $d_2$  is very low correlated to the standard local  $g_{NL}$  and  $\tau_{NL}$  signals

N.B, Shiraishi, Liguori, 2016, in preparation



## *New signatures (II)*

*Modified gravity during inflation:  
gravitational waves and non-Gaussianity*

# Modifying gravity during inflation and non-Gaussianity

- Example 1: *graviton non-Gaussianities beyond ordinary Einstein* considered in Madacena & Pimentel (2011); Soda, Kodama, Nozawa (2011); Shiraishi, Nitta, Yokoyama (2011)

$\langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle$  from higher derivative corrections

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \lambda^{-2} \left( \sqrt{-g} C^3 + \tilde{C} C^2 \right)$$

$$C^3 = C^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\gamma\delta} C^{\gamma\delta}{}_{\sigma\rho} C^{\sigma\rho}{}_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\tilde{C} C^2 = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} C_{\mu\nu\gamma\delta} C^{\gamma\delta}{}_{\sigma\rho} C^{\sigma\rho}{}_{\alpha\beta}$$

however such primordial NG is unobservably small.

# Modifying gravity during inflation and non-Gaussianity

- Example 2: an effective field theory approach to inflation

Weinberg Phys. Rev. D77 (2008): Lagrangian with all general covariant terms sup to 4 derivatives

Take  $\Psi$  to be the inflaton

$$L = \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} M_{Pl}^2 \Omega(\psi)^2 R - \frac{1}{2} h(\psi) g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi \partial_\nu \psi - U(\psi) \right]$$

EQUILATERAL  
NG

$$+ f_1(\psi) \left( g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi \partial_\nu \psi \right)^2 + f_2(\psi) g^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\rho \psi \partial_\sigma \psi \square \psi$$

$$+ f_3(\psi) \left( \square \psi \right)^2 + f_4(\psi) R^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi \partial_\nu \psi$$

$$+ f_5(\psi) R g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi \partial_\nu \psi + f_6(\psi) R \square \psi + f_7(\psi) R^2$$

$$+ f_8(\psi) R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} + f_9(\psi) C^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$

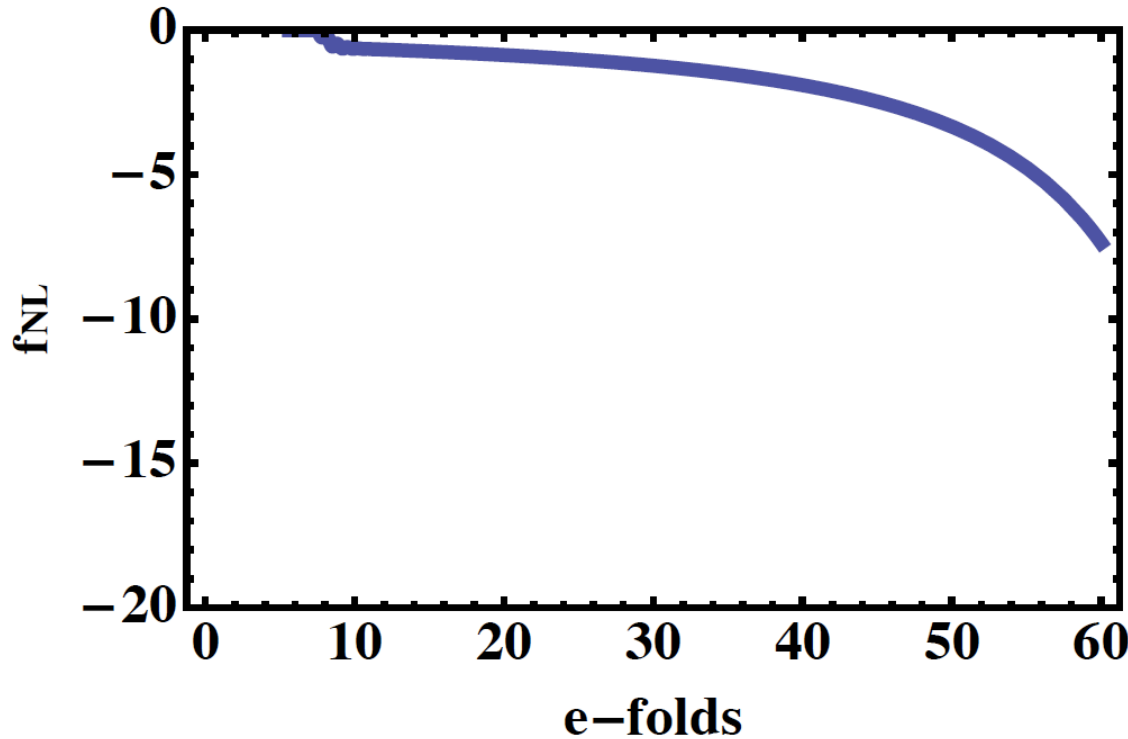
$$+ f_{10}(\psi) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\mu\nu}{}^{\kappa\lambda} C_{\rho\sigma\kappa\lambda} . \quad (1)$$

# Modifying gravity during inflation and non-Gaussianity

- Example 3: an effective field theory approach to inflation

“scalaron” field Inflaton field

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[ f(R) - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi \partial_\nu \psi - U(\psi) \right]$$



$f_{\text{NL}}$  of order -1 up to -30 can be generated (quasi-local NG).

# WHERE NG COMES FROM?

- modifications of gravity → extra scalar degree of freedom associated to  $R^2$ 
  - its non-Gaussianities can be transferred to the inflaton field

a well known mechanism can take place here (N.B., Matarrese, Riotto 2002) :  
if both fields contribute to the background then NG very low (slow-roll constraints);  
but if one of the two (e.g. in our case the one associated to  $R^2$ ) is subdominant then  
slow-roll is no longer required and an efficient transfer of NG from the isocurvature  
to the adiabatic (inflaton) field can take place

# Slow-roll inflation with Chern-Simons term

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ M_{pl}^2 R - g_{\mu\nu} D^\mu \phi D^\nu \phi - 2V(\phi) \right] + f(\phi) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\mu\nu}{}^{\kappa\lambda} C_{\rho\sigma\kappa\lambda}$$

$C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ : Weyl tensor, traceless component of the Riemann tensor

$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ : Levi-Civita pseudotensor

## Features of the Chern-Simons term

- zero on the background ( $C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{(0)} = 0$ )
- parity breaking
- surface term if  $f(\phi) = \text{const.}$  (total time derivative term)

# Quadratic analysis of the Chern-Simons term

- quadratic action of the scalar modes does not change
- use right (R) and left (L) polarization states of gravitational waves (GW)  $\gamma_{ij}$

$$\epsilon_{ij}^R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\epsilon_{ij}^+ + i\epsilon_{ij}^\times) \quad \epsilon_{ij}^L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\epsilon_{ij}^+ - i\epsilon_{ij}^\times)$$

Quadratic action for tensor modes with C-S term

$$S_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=L,R} \int d\tau \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} A_{T,s}^2 \left[ |\gamma'_s(\tau, k)|^2 - k^2 |\gamma_s(\tau, k)|^2 \right]$$

$$A_{T,s}^2 = \frac{M_{pl}^2 a^2}{2} \left( 1 - \alpha_s \frac{k}{a M_{C-S}} \right) \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_R = 1 \\ \alpha_L = -1 \end{cases} \quad M_{C-S} = \frac{M_{pl}^2}{8\dot{f}(\phi)}$$

Right (R) polarization modes with  $k_{\text{phys}} > M_{C-S}$  (Chern-Simons mass) become ghosts  
→ need to introduce a UV-cut-off  $\Lambda < M_{C-S}$

See, e.g., Alexander & Martin, 2005; Satoh, 2010; Dyda, Flanagan, Kamionkowski 2012.

# Left and Right tensor power spectra

$$\tilde{\gamma}_s = \mathcal{A}_T \gamma_s \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{\vec{k}}^s = z_s(\vec{k}, \tau) \hat{a}_s(\vec{k}) + z_s^*(-\vec{k}, \tau) \hat{a}_s^\dagger(-\vec{k})$$

New equation of motion for the mode function  $z_s$

$$z_{\vec{k},s}'' + \left( k^2 - \frac{\nu_T^2}{\tau^2} - \frac{1}{4} + \alpha_s \frac{k}{\tau} \frac{H}{M_{C-s}} \right) z_{\vec{k},s} = 0$$

- $\frac{H}{M_{C-s}} \ll 1$
- assumptions:  $M_{C-s}, H \simeq \text{constant} \longrightarrow$  Whittaker equation

L and R power spectra

$$P_T^L = P_T \times \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{H}{M_{C-s}}\right)$$

$$P_T^R = P_T \times \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{H}{M_{C-s}}\right)$$



# Polarized primordial gravitational waves

Asymmetry in the power spectrum of the primordial gravitational waves

$$\Theta_{R-L} = \frac{P_T^R - P_T^L}{P_T^R + P_T^L} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{H}{M_{C-S}}$$

- $\Theta_{R-L}$  quantifies the degree of parity breaking in the power spectrum of the tensor modes
- $\Theta_{R-L} \ll 1$  for the approximation made in the theory

Modification to consistency relation

$$r_{C-S} = -8n_T (1 + \Theta_{R-L}^2)$$

# CMB anisotropies: primordial symmetry breakings and resulting CMB correlations $\langle a_{\ell_1 m_1}^X a_{\ell_2 m_2}^{Y*} \rangle$

Parity	Rotation	Examples	$\ell_1 = \ell_2$	$\ell_1 = \ell_2 \pm 1$	$\ell_1 = \ell_2 \pm 2$
○	○	Standard inflation	XX, TE	-	-
×	○	$f(\phi)R\tilde{R}, f(\phi)F\tilde{F}$	all	-	-
○	×	$f(\phi)F^2$ with $\langle \vec{A} \rangle$	XX, TE	TB, EB	XX, TE
×	×	$f(\phi)F\tilde{F}$ with $\langle \vec{A} \rangle$	all	all	all

*N.B., S. Matarrese, M. Peloso, M. Shiraishi, JCAP 1501 (2015) 01, 027*

X,Y=T,E,B

## **Specific signatures:**

- TT, TE, EE and BB correlations between  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_1 = \ell_2 \pm 1$  ( $\ell_1 + \ell_2 = \text{odd}$ )
- TB and EB correlations between  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_1 = \ell_2 \pm 2$  ( $\ell_1 + \ell_2 = \text{even}$ )

***These signals cannot be realized if one of parity and isotropy is preserved***

# Constraints and forecasts for future experiments

## Testing chirality of primordial gravitational waves with Planck and future CMB data: no hope from angular power spectra

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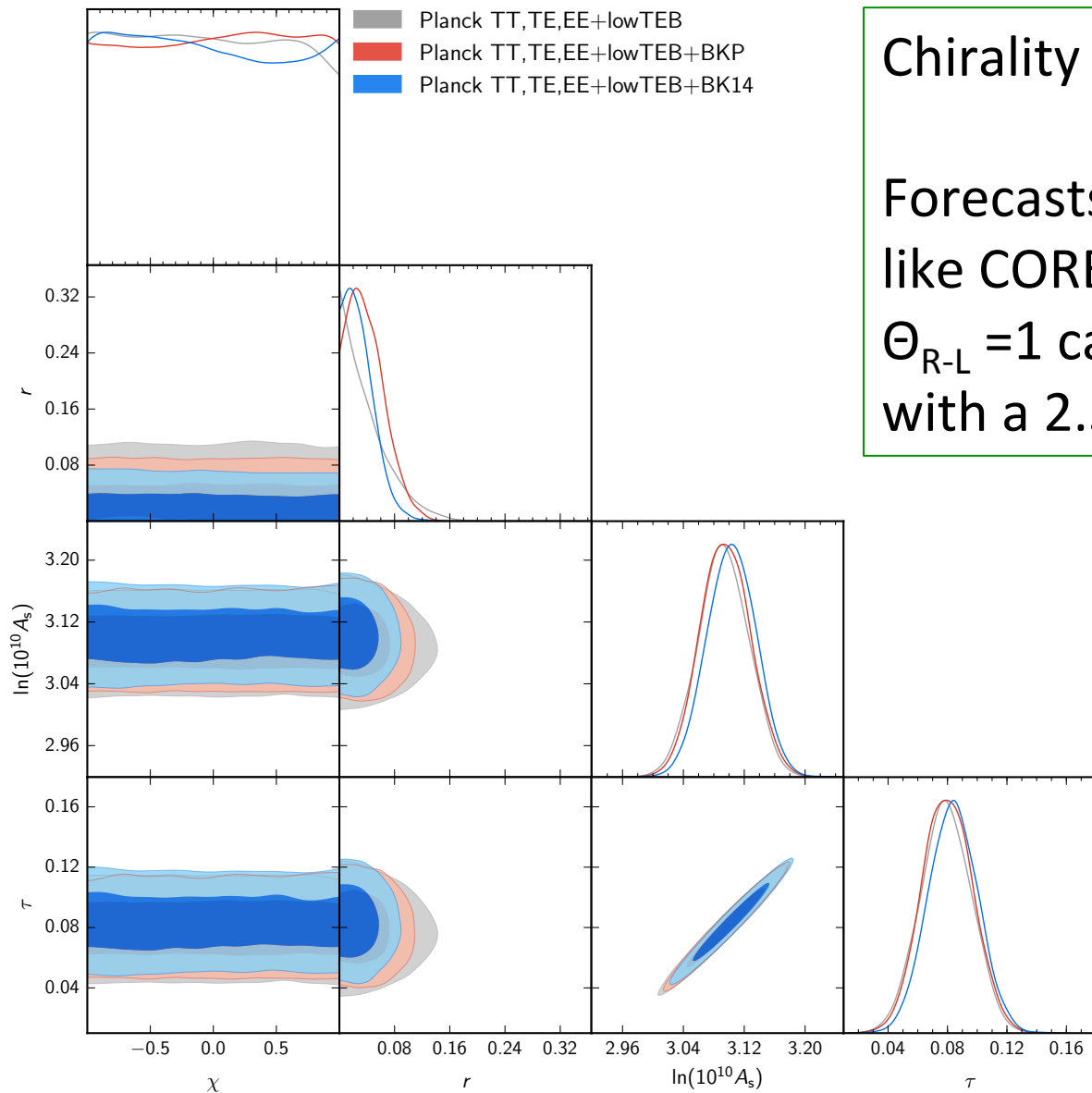
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**Abstract.** We use the 2015 Planck likelihood in combination with the Bicep2/Keck likelihood (BKP and BK14) to constrain the chirality,  $\chi$ , of primordial gravitational waves in a scale-invariant scenario. In this framework, the parameter  $\chi$  enters theory always coupled to the tensor-to-scalar ratio,  $r$ , e.g. in combination of the form  $\chi \cdot r$ . Thus, the capability to detect  $\chi$  critically depends on the value of  $r$ . We find that with present data set  $\chi$  is *de facto* unconstrained. We also provide forecasts for  $\chi$  from future CMB experiments, as CORe+, exploring several fiducial values of  $r$ . We find that the current limit on  $r$  is tight enough to disfavor a neat detection of  $\chi$ . For example in the unlikely case in which  $r \sim 0.1(0.05)$ , then the maximal chirality case, i.e.  $\chi = \pm 1$ , could be detected with a significance of  $\sim 2.5(1.5)\sigma$  at best. We conclude that the two-point statistics at the basis of CMB likelihood functions is currently unable to constrain chirality and may only provide weak limits on  $\chi$  in the most optimistic scenarios. Hence, it is crucial to investigate the use of other observables, e.g. provided by higher order statistics, to constrain these kind of parity violating theories with the CMB.

# Constraints and forecasts for future experiments



Chirality is unconstrained

Forecasts: for an experiment like CORE+ if  $r=0.1$  (0.05) then  $\Theta_{R-L} = 1$  can be detected at best with a 2.5(1.5) sigma significance

# ***Non-Gaussianities from the Chern-Simons term\****

\* (N.B., G. Orlando and M. Shiraishi in preparation)

# Non-Gaussianities from the Chern-Simons term

$\langle \zeta(\vec{k}_1) \zeta(\vec{k}_2) \zeta(\vec{k}_3) \rangle_{C-S} = 0 \longrightarrow$  scalar perturbations are parity invariant

Idea: computation of the bispectrum  $\langle \gamma_{r_1}(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_{r_2}(\vec{k}_2) \zeta(\vec{k}_3) \rangle_{C-S}$

- The dominant interaction term between 2 gravitons and 1 scalar in the slow-roll limit is

$$S_{\varphi\gamma\gamma} = \int d^4x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} f(\phi) \right) \delta\phi C_{\mu\nu}^{(1)\kappa\lambda} \Big|_T C_{\rho\sigma\kappa\lambda}^{(1)} \Big|_T \right]$$

$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} f(\phi) \right) \delta\phi$  comes from the Taylor expansion of the function  $f(\phi)$

→ We can compute the interaction term computing the Weyl tensor only up to first-order in tensor perturbations

# Computation of the bispectrum

Computation of the bispectrum  $\langle \gamma_{s_1}(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_{s_2}(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi(\vec{k}_3) \rangle$ :

In-In formalism

$$\langle \gamma_{s_1}(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_{s_2}(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi(\vec{k}_3) \rangle = i \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau' a \langle 0 | [\gamma_{s_1}'(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_{s_2}'(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi'(\vec{k}_3), L_{int}^{\varphi\gamma\gamma}(\tau')] | 0 \rangle$$

At leading order in slow-roll parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} L_{int}^{\varphi\gamma\gamma}(\tau) = & -\alpha_s \int d^3K \frac{\delta^3(\sum_i K_i)}{(2\pi)^6} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} f(\phi) \right) p \delta\phi'(\vec{k}) \gamma_{ij}^{\prime s}(\vec{p}) \gamma_s^{\prime ij}(\vec{q}) + \right. \\ & + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} f(\phi) \right) p (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}) \delta\phi'(\vec{k}) \gamma_{ij}^s(\vec{p}) \gamma_s^{ij}(\vec{q}) + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \dot{f}(\phi) \right) p \delta\phi(\vec{k}) \gamma_{ij}^{\prime s}(\vec{p}) \gamma_s^{\prime ij}(\vec{q}) \\ & \left. + a \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \dot{f}(\phi) \right) p (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}) \delta\phi(\vec{k}) \gamma_{ij}^s(\vec{p}) \gamma_s^{ij}(\vec{q}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Main results I

$$\langle \gamma_R(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_R(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi(\vec{k}_3) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3) \frac{\dot{\phi}_*}{H_*} F'(k_i) \left( H^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \phi} f(\phi) \right)^* \times \\ \times (P_T(k_1) P_T(k_2) + \text{sym})$$

$$F'(k_i) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$* \equiv \text{horizon crossing of the overall momentum } K = \frac{k_1 + k_2 + k_3}{3}$$

$$\langle \gamma_L(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_L(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi(\vec{k}_3) \rangle = -\langle \gamma_R(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_R(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi(\vec{k}_3) \rangle$$

$$\langle \gamma_L(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_R(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi(\vec{k}_3) \rangle = \langle \gamma_R(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_L(\vec{k}_2) \delta\phi(\vec{k}_3) \rangle = 0$$

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$$P_T = 8 \frac{H_*^2}{M_{Pl}^2 k^3} \left( \frac{k}{k_*} \right)^{n_T}$$



# Main results I-bis

switch to the variable  $\zeta$  on super-horizon scales

- $\zeta = -\frac{H}{\dot{\phi}}\delta\phi - \frac{\eta_V}{2}\frac{H^2}{\dot{\phi}^2}\delta\phi^2$
- non linear correction gives a disconnected contribution

$$\langle \gamma_R(\vec{k}_1)\gamma_R(\vec{k}_2)\zeta(\vec{k}_3) \rangle_{C-S} = - \left( H^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \phi} f(\phi) \right)^* \left( \sum_{i < j} P_T(k_i) P_T(k_j) \right) F'(k_i)$$

$$F'(k_i) = 8 \frac{(k_1 + k_2)(k_3^2 - k_2^2 - k_1^2) \left( 1 - \frac{k_3^2 - k_2^2 - k_1^2}{2k_1 k_2} \right)^2}{(\sum_i k_i^3)} \quad \text{Shape of the bispectrum}$$

The bispectrum peaks for squeezed configuration when  $k_3 \ll k_1 \sim k_2$

# Main results II

$$\langle \gamma_R(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_R(\vec{k}_2) \zeta(\vec{k}_3) \rangle_{C-S} = - \left( H^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \phi} f(\phi) \right)^* \left( \sum_{i < j} P_T(k_i) P_T(k_j) \right) F'(k_i)$$

$$\langle \gamma_L(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_L(\vec{k}_2) \zeta(\vec{k}_3) \rangle_{C-S} = - \langle \gamma_R(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_R(\vec{k}_2) \zeta(\vec{k}_3) \rangle_{C-S}$$

$$\langle \gamma_S(\vec{k}_1) \gamma_S(\vec{k}_2) \zeta(\vec{k}_3) \rangle_{Einstein} = \left( \sum_{i > j} P_T(k_i) P_T(k_j) \right) F(k_i)$$

$$F(k_i) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

coefficient of parity violation in the bispectrum  $\langle \gamma \gamma \zeta \rangle$

$$B_{R-L}^{\gamma \gamma \zeta} = \frac{\langle \gamma_R \gamma_R \zeta \rangle_{TOT} - \langle \gamma_L \gamma_L \zeta \rangle_{TOT}}{\langle \gamma_R \gamma_R \zeta \rangle_{TOT} + \langle \gamma_L \gamma_L \zeta \rangle_{TOT}} \sim -2 \left( H^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \phi} f(\phi) \right)^*$$

# A preliminary estimate of $B_{R-L}$

$$H \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} f(\phi) \simeq \frac{\Theta_{R-L}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_V}} \frac{M_{Pl}}{H}$$

Requirement for small time dependence of  $M_{C-S}$

$$H^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \phi} f(\phi) < \frac{H}{M_{Pl} \sqrt{\epsilon_V}} \left( H \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} f(\phi) \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left| B_{R-L}^{\gamma\gamma\zeta} \right| < \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\Theta_{R-L}}{\epsilon_V} \right)$$

- in the slow-roll limit a priori a large parity breaking is possible also with small  $\Theta_{R-L}$

# Issues under investigation

- CMB estimators targeted to measure these parity-violating effects in the tensor sector (e.g. measuring the parity violation amplitude in the  $\langle \zeta\gamma\gamma \rangle$  correlator)
- What are the effects for GW interferometers?
- How to measure these effects at interferometers?

# Conclusions

- CMB polarization can improve constraints on primordial NG.
- However to make a real breakthrough new observational tests must be pursued
- CMB spectral distortions can be one of these.
- In particular  $TT\mu$  can offer an unbiased estimator for the primordial 4-point functions
- As an example of new signatures to be investigated: parity violation and NG in the primordial gravitational waves