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If $a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1, \lambda \geq 0$ then:

$$\sum \frac{a^2}{1 + \lambda bc} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 3}$$

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$$\sum a^2 = 1 \text{ or } \frac{(\sum a)^2}{3} \leq 1 \text{ (CBS) or } \left(\sum a \right) \leq \sqrt{3} \quad (1)$$

$$abc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{27} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{27} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum \frac{a^2}{1 + \lambda bc} = \sum \frac{a^4}{a^2 + a^2 \lambda bc} \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \lambda abc(a + b + c)} \stackrel{(1),(2) \& \sum a^2=1}{\geq} \frac{1}{1 + \lambda \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9} \sqrt{3}} = \frac{3}{\lambda + 3}$$

$$\text{Equality for } a = b = c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$