Model-independent constraints on the cosmological anisotropic stress

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The effective anisotropic stress or gravitational slip $\eta = -\Phi/\Psi$ is a key variable in the characterization of the physical origin of the dark energy, as it allows us to test for a nonminimal coupling of the dark sector to gravity in the Jordan frame. It is however important to use a fully model-independent approach when measuring η to avoid introducing a theoretical bias into the results. In this paper we forecast the precision with which future large surveys can determine η in a way that only relies on directly observable quantities. In particular, we do not assume anything concerning the initial spectrum of perturbations, nor on its evolution outside the observed redshift range, nor on the galaxy bias. We first leave η free to vary in space and time and then we model it as suggested in Horndeski models of dark energy. Among our results, we find that a future large scale lensing and clustering survey can constrain η to within 10% if k-independent, and to within 60% or better at $k = 0.1 \ h/Mpc$ if it is restricted to follow the Horndeski model.

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I. INTRODUCTION

With the recent first results of the Planck satellite [1] we have definitely reached the era of precision cosmology: The Planck observations of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) are well described by the six-parameter flat Λ CDM model, and most of those six parameters are determined to percent-level accuracy [2]. The most impressive achievement is the measurement of the acoustic scale of the CMB with a precision of 0.06% by Planck, but also the physical baryon and the matter densities have been determined to within an uncertainty of only 1% to 2%.

But the conclusion from these measurements is that we live in a Universe where only 5% of today's energy density consists of the kind of matter described by the standard model of particle physics. Another 27% appears to be matter that is only interacting gravitationally with the visible world, and the remaining 68% is made up of a cosmological constant.

The physical nature of the dark sector is however completely unknown, and especially the cosmological constant suffers from severe theoretical problems. For this reason it is of crucial importance to look beyond the perfectly homogeneous cosmological constant and to investigate general dark energy models, including also modifications of Einstein's theory of general relativity (GR). When considering a general dark energy model however, high precision is much harder to achieve, and it is important to understand first what can actually be observed to avoid introducing a theoretical bias into the observational results. Coming from this angle, we determined in a recent paper [3] that cosmological measurements at linear scales can determine, in addition to the expansion rate H(z), only three additional variables *R*, *A* and *L*, given by

$$A = Gb\delta_{m,0}, \quad R = Gf\delta_{m,0}, \quad L = \Omega_{m,0}GY(1+\eta)\delta_{m,0}.$$
(1)

Denoting with k the norm of the wave number and with a the cosmic scale factor, we refer with G(k, a) to the linear growth function (normalized to unity today) with f = G'/G to the growth rate, with b(k, a) to the galaxy bias with respect to the dark matter density contrast and with $\delta_{m,0}(k)$ to the dark matter density contrast today. The functions $\eta(k, a)$ and Y(k, a) describe the impact of the dark energy on the cosmological perturbations. Later on, we will also need the quantities $\overline{A} \equiv A/\delta_{t,0}$, $\overline{R} \equiv R/\delta_{t,0}$, $\overline{L} \equiv L/\delta_{t,0}$ with $\delta_{t,0} = \delta_{m,0}/\sigma_8$. If we write the line element describing the perturbed Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) metric as

$$ds^{2} = -(1+2\Psi)dt^{2} + a(t)^{2}(1+2\Phi)d\mathbf{x}^{2}, \qquad (2)$$

then η and Y are defined through [4,5]

$$\eta(k,a) \equiv -\frac{\Phi}{\Psi}, \qquad Y(k,a) \equiv -\frac{2k^2\Psi}{3\ \Omega_{\rm m}\delta_{\rm m}}.$$
 (3)

We see that η corresponds to the gravitational slip, which is linked to the effective anisotropic stress of the dark energy, and Y describes the clustering of the dark energy. The function η is particularly important, as it is a key variable to distinguish scalar-field type dark energy models from modifications of GR [6,7].

TABLE I. Values of k_1 , k_2 and k_{max} for every redshift bin, in units of (h/Mpc).

z	k_{\min}	k_1	k_2	k _{max}
0.6	0.007	0.022	0.063	0.180
0.8	0.007	0.023	0.071	0.215
1.0	0.007	0.024	0.078	0.249
1.2	0.007	0.026	0.086	0.287
1.4	0.007	0.027	0.094	0.329
1.8	0.007	0.029	0.112	0.426

So far these are rather abstract considerations. An obviously important question is whether we can actually measure these quantities with realistic surveys, and to what precision. In [3,8] we showed that we can use the motion of light and of nonrelativistic test particles like galaxies to map out the metric functions Φ and Ψ in principle, and that therefore η is an observable quantity. But *Y* depends on the dark matter distribution, which is not directly observable, and so also *Y* itself is in general not directly observable due to the dark degeneracy [9].

In order to reconstruct η from A, R and L it is necessary to remove the dependence on $\delta_{t,0}$ (notice that \overline{A} , \overline{R} and \overline{L} are not observables), since it is an unknown quantity that does not depend on dark energy physics but rather on inflation or other primordial effects. This can be done by considering ratios like $P_1 = R/A$, $P_2 = L/R$ and $P_3 = R'/R$. In terms of these model-independent ratios, the gravitational slip becomes [3,8]

$$1 + \eta = \frac{3P_2(1+z)^3}{2E^2(P_3 + 2 + \frac{E'}{E})}$$
(4)

where we also set $E(z) \equiv H(z)/H_0$.

When constraining η later on, we will use an equivalent quantity which we call $\bar{\eta}$, defined as

$$\bar{\eta} \equiv \frac{2}{1+\eta} = \frac{2\Psi}{\Psi - \Phi}.$$
(5)

The reason is that even for large future surveys the expected error on P_3 is substantial, especially when we want to allow for an unknown redshift and scale dependence. The large

error makes the division by $(P_3 + 2 + E'/E)$ in Eq. (4) badly behaved. $\bar{\eta}$ on the other hand is more stable, as we discuss in more detail in the Appendix.

Based on these results, we will use the Fisher matrix formalism in this paper to forecast the expected precision on \overline{A} , \overline{R} and \overline{L} , which are then projected onto the accuracy with which we can obtain P_1 , P_2 and P_3 , and finally on $\overline{\eta}$, based on the expected performance of future large-scale galaxy and weak lensing surveys. We will also include a supernova survey to improve the constraints on the background expansion rate E(z), although we find that its impact on the final constraints on η is rather modest. In the final step we will assume four models for η :

- First, we assume that η is constant at all scales and at all redshifts (let us call this case the constant-η case). This occurs for instance in ΛCDM and in all models in which dark energy does not cluster and is decoupled from gravity.
- (2) Second, we assume that η is constant in space but varies in redshift (z-varying case). In other words, we assume that η has a different arbitrary value for each redshift bin.
- (3) Third, we assume η varies in both redshift and space (z, k-varying case).
- (4) Fourth, we take for η the quasistatic Horndeski result [3]

$$\eta = h_2 \left(\frac{1 + k^2 h_4}{1 + k^2 h_5} \right). \tag{6}$$

(Here we assume k to be measured in units of 0.1 h/Mpc, so the h_i functions are dimensionless). We denote this model as the Horndeski case. The Horndeski Lagrangian is the most general Lagrangian for a single scalar field leading to second-order equations of motion. The expression (6) arises in the quasistatic limit [5] where the time-derivative terms are subdominant, which implies that the scales of interest are inside the (sound-) horizon.

In all cases the fiducial model will be chosen to be Λ CDM, for which $\eta = \bar{\eta} = 1$. For the first two cases we need only a binning in redshift, while for the third and fourth case we will bin both in redshift and in *k*-space. The fiducial values in the first Horndeski case are $h_2 = 1$, $h_4 = h_5 = 0$.

TABLE II. Fiducial values and errors for \overline{A} , \overline{R} and E using six redshift bins. Units of galaxy number densities are $(h/Mpc)^3$.

z	$\bar{n}(\bar{z}) \times 10^{-3}$	Ā	$\Delta \bar{A}$	$\Delta ar{A}(\%)$	R	$\Delta \bar{R}$	$\Delta ar{R}(\%)$	Е	ΔE	$\Delta E(\%)$
0.6	3.56	0.612	0.0022	0.37	0.469	0.0092	2.0	1.37	0.12	8.5
0.8	2.42	0.558	0.0017	0.3	0.457	0.0068	1.5	1.53	0.073	4.8
1.0	1.81	0.511	0.0015	0.29	0.438	0.0056	1.3	1.72	0.058	3.4
1.2	1.44	0.47	0.0014	0.29	0.417	0.0049	1.2	1.92	0.05	2.6
1.4	0.99	0.434	0.0015	0.35	0.396	0.0047	1.2	2.14	0.051	2.4
1.8	0.33	0.377	0.0018	0.47	0.354	0.0039	1.1	2.62	0.061	2.3

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The outline of the paper is as follows: In Secs. III, IV and V we set up the Fisher matrix formalism for the galaxy clustering, weak lensing, and SN-Ia observations. As already mentioned above, we will see that we need to combine the different probes to obtain constraints on η , and we discuss the combination of the Fisher matrices in Sec. VI before concluding in the final section.

II. NOTATION AND GENERAL DEFINITIONS

In this section we complete the definition of our notation and provide definitions for quantities that are useful in several of the following sections. Our metric signature and the gravitational potentials are already defined in Eq. (2). In Eq. (3) we define the functions η and Y that parametrize the "dark energy perturbations" (as the dark matter does not contribute to the anisotropic stress¹). The function η assumes a central stage in this paper as it is observable without requiring further assumptions, see Eq. (4).

Although the observables *E*, *A*, *R* and *L* can be measured in a fully model-independent way, the precision with which we can determine them depends also on the true nature of the Universe. When evaluating our forecasts, we will use a flat Λ CDM fiducial model, characterized by the WMAP 7year values, $\Omega_{m,0}h^2 = 0.134$, $\Omega_{b,0}h^2 = 0.022$, $n_s = 0.96$, $\tau = 0.085$, h = 0.694 and $\Omega_k = 0$. The new WMAP 9-year and Planck results are not very different so the results are not significantly affected by our choice. The dimensionless background expansion rate in the fiducial model and at low redshifts is given by

$$E(z)^{2} = \Omega_{\rm m,0}(1+z)^{3} + (1 - \Omega_{\rm m,0}), \tag{7}$$

and we will often use the dimensionless angular diameter distance $\hat{d}_A(z) = \hat{r}(z)/(1+z)$ and the dimensionless luminosity distance $\hat{d}_L(z) = \hat{r}(z)(1+z)$, where in a flat FLRW Universe

$$\hat{r}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\mathrm{d}\tilde{z}}{E(\tilde{z})}.$$
(8)

The usual distances are related to the dimensionless distances through $\hat{r} = H_0 r$ and $\hat{d} = H_0 d$. In Λ CDM we have that $\eta = 1$ and Y = 1. In the fiducial model, both *G* and *f* only depend on the scale factor, not on *k*.

We will combine in the following the Fisher matrices for future galaxy clustering, weak lensing and supernovae surveys. More specifically, we will take for galaxy clustering (GC) and weak lensing (WL) a stage IV kind of survey [11] like Euclid² [12]. Notice that the survey specifications

²http://www.euclid-ec.org/

we use in this paper are meant only to be representative of a future dark energy survey and do not necessarily reflect the actual Euclid configuration. For supernovae (SN) we assume a survey of 10^5 sources with magnitude errors similar to the currently achievable uncertainties, as expected in the LSST survey [13].

III. GALAXY CLUSTERING

The galaxy power spectrum can be written as [14]

$$P(k,\mu) = (A + R\mu^2)^2 e^{-k^2\mu^2\sigma_r^2}$$

= $(\bar{A} + \bar{R}\mu^2)^2 \delta_{t,0}^2(k) e^{-k^2\mu^2\sigma_r^2},$ (9)

where $\sigma_r = \delta z/H(z)$, δz being the absolute error on redshift measurement, and we explicitly use $\delta_{m,0} = \sigma_8 \delta_{t,0}$, and where μ is the cosine of the angle between the line of sight and the wave vector. Notice that \bar{R} is often denoted in the literature as $f\sigma_8(z)$.

As already emphasized, we will ignore in the following the information contained in $\delta_{t,0}^2(k)$ since this depends on initial conditions that are in general not known, and we cannot disentangle the initial conditions from the information on the dark energy (we refer to [3] for a discussion about this point). Removing the information from the shape of the power spectrum of course reduces the amount of information available and so increases the error bars. This is the price to pay if we want to stay fully model independent.

The dependence on *E* is implicitly contained in μ and *k* through the Alcock-Paczynski effect [15]. However, we can only take into account the μ dependence, since the *k* dependence occurs through the unknown function $\delta_{m,0}$. The Fisher matrix for the parameter vector p_{α} is in general [14]

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{\rm GC} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-1}^{1} d\mu \int_{k_{\rm min}}^{k_{\rm max}} k^2 V_{\rm eff} D_{\alpha} D_{\beta} dk, \qquad (10)$$

where

$$D_{\alpha} \equiv \frac{d\log P}{dp_{\alpha}}\Big|_{r} \tag{11}$$

is the parameter derivative evaluated on the fiducial values (designated by the subscript "r") and where

$$V_{\rm eff} = \left(\frac{\bar{n}P(k,\mu)}{\bar{n}P(k,\mu)+1}\right)^2 V_{\rm survey}$$
(12)

is the effective volume of the survey, with \bar{n} the galaxy number density in each bin (discussed later). The Fisher matrix is evaluated at the fiducial model. For this evaluation we will assume that the bias in Λ CDM is scale independent and equal to unity, which implies that the barred variables \bar{A} and \bar{R} also do not depend on k in the fiducial model (although of course in general they will be scale dependent).

¹Beyond first order in perturbation theory, the dark matter does in principle contribute to the pressure and anisotropic stress in the Universe, but the contribution is very small and negligible for our purpose [10].



FIG. 1 (color online). Errors on \overline{A} , \overline{R} and E from galaxy clustering in the z-binning case.

Our parameters are therefore $p_{\alpha} = \{\bar{A}(\bar{z}_1), \bar{R}(\bar{z}_1), \bar{R}(\bar{z}_1), \bar{R}(\bar{z}_2), \bar{R}(\bar{z}_2), E(\bar{z}_2), \ldots\}$, where the subscripts run over the z bins. We could have used A, R directly as parameters as in Eq. (9), but we prefer to clearly distinguish between the dark energy dependent parameters \bar{A}, \bar{R} and those that depend on different physics. Indices α or β always label the parameters in the Fisher matrix framework. From the definition of the galaxy clustering power spectrum, Eq. (9), (and without taking into account the correction from the error on redshift, as we will assume a spectroscopic survey with negligible redshift errors) we find that³

$$D_{\bar{A}} = \frac{2}{\bar{A} + \bar{R}\mu^2}, \qquad D_{\bar{R}} = \frac{2\mu^2}{\bar{A} + \bar{R}\mu^2}, \qquad (13)$$

and using [16]

$$u = \frac{H\mu_r}{H_r O},\tag{14}$$

where

$$Q = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 \hat{d}_A^2 \mu_r^2 - E_r^2 \hat{d}_{Ar}^2 (\mu_r^2 - 1)}}{E_r \hat{d}_A},$$
 (15)

we get for the derivative with respect to the parameter E

$$D_E = \frac{4\bar{R}\mu^2(1-\mu^2)}{(\bar{A}+\bar{R}\mu^2)} \left(\frac{1}{E_r} + \frac{1}{\hat{d}_{Ar}}\frac{\partial\hat{d}_A}{\partial E}\right).$$
 (16)

Here we explicitly consider the dependence of the dimensionless angular diameter distance \hat{d}_A on *E* via Eq. (8).

A. z binning

We consider a Euclid-like survey [12] from z = 0.5 - 1.5divided in equally spaced bins of width $\Delta z = 0.2$, and, in order to prevent accidental degeneracies due to low statistics, a single larger redshift bin between z = 1.5 - 2.1 (thus the number of bins is $n_B = 6$). The lower boundaries of the z-bins are labeled as z_a while the center of the bins are labeled as \overline{z}_a (latin indices a, b, \dots label the z-bins). The galaxy number densities in each bin are shown in Table II; for the bin between 1.5 and 2.1 we use an average number of $0.33 \times 10^{-3} \ (h/\text{Mpc})^3$ [17]. The error on the measured redshift is assumed to be spectroscopic: $\delta z = 0.001(1 + z)$. The transfer function in the present matter power spectrum (δ_{t0}^2) is calculated using CAMB [18] for the Λ CDM cosmology defined in Sec. II. The limits on the integration over k are taken as $k_{\min} = 0.007 \ h/Mpc$ (but the results are very weakly dependent on this value) and the values of k_{max} are chosen to be well below the scale of nonlinearity at the redshift of the bin,⁴ see Table I.

Since the angular diameter distance can be approximated by the expression

$$\hat{d}_A(\bar{z}_a) = \frac{1}{(1+\bar{z}_a)} \sum_{b=0}^{b=a} \frac{\Delta z_b}{E(\bar{z}_b)},$$
(17)

we have for the term $\frac{\partial \hat{d}_A}{\partial E}$ in Eq. (16)

$$\frac{\partial \hat{d}_A(\bar{z}_a)}{\partial E(\bar{z}_b)} = -\frac{\Delta z_b}{(1+\bar{z}_a)E_b^2}\delta_{ab},\tag{18}$$

where δ_{ab} is a Kronecker delta symbol. Then we calculate the Fisher matrix blockwise with independent submatrices $F_{\alpha\beta}^{GC}$ for each bin.

The errors in the set of parameters p_{α} are taken from the square root of the diagonal elements of the inverted Fisher matrix, i.e. the errors are marginalized over all other parameters. In Table II we present the fiducial values for \overline{A} , \overline{R} and E evaluated at the center of the bins (\overline{z}_a), and the respective errors, and in Fig. 1 we plot their fiducial values and errors.

If we use a redshift dependent bias b(z) (for instance taking the values from the Euclid specifications, see

³The simplicity of the angular dependence of these expressions and the relative insensitivity of the effective volume, Eq. (12) to μ , mean that the Fisher matrix (10) leads to a generic prediction for galaxy clustering surveys: The measurements of \bar{A} and \bar{R} will be slightly anticorrelated, and galaxy clustering surveys can always measure \bar{A} about 3.5 to 4.5 times better than \bar{R} .

⁴The values of k_{max} are calculated imposing $\sigma^2(R) = 0.35$, at the corresponding $R = \pi/2k$ for each redshift, being *R* the radius of spherical cells, see [14].

TABLE III. Fiducial values and errors for \overline{A} , \overline{R} and E using six bins, considering a redshift dependent bias.

z	Ā	$\Delta \bar{A}$	$\Delta ar{A}(\%)$	R	$\Delta \bar{R}$	$\Delta ar{R}(\%)$	Ε	ΔE	$\Delta E(\%)$
0.6	0.645	0.0023	0.36	0.469	0.0094	2.	1.37	0.12	8.8
0.8	0.628	0.0018	0.28	0.457	0.0072	1.6	1.53	0.078	5.1
1.0	0.575	0.0015	0.26	0.438	0.0059	1.3	1.72	0.06	3.5
1.2	0.584	0.0014	0.24	0.417	0.0052	1.2	1.92	0.053	2.7
1.4	0.561	0.0015	0.27	0.396	0.005	1.3	2.14	0.053	2.5
1.8	0.561	0.0015	0.26	0.354	0.0038	1.1	2.62	0.056	2.1

TABLE IV. Relative errors for \overline{A} , \overline{R} and E at every redshift and every *k*-bin (labeled with the index *i*). Since fiducial values for \overline{A} , \overline{R} and E are independent of *k*, these are the same for the three *k*-bins.

z	i	Ā	$\Delta \bar{A}$	$\Delta ar{A}(\%)$	\bar{R}	$\Delta \bar{R}$	$\Delta ar{R}(\%)$	Е	ΔE	$\Delta E(\%)$
	1		0.025	4.		0.07	15.			
0.6	2	0.612	0.0058	0.94	0.469	0.017	3.6	1.37	0.11	8.4
	3		0.0023	0.38		0.0097	2.1			
	1		0.018	3.2		0.05	11			
0.8	2	0.558	0.0039	0.71	0.457	0.012	2.6	1.53	0.074	4.8
	3		0.0018	0.32		0.0074	1.6			
	1		0.014	2.7		0.039	8.9			
1.0	2	0.511	0.003	0.59	0.438	0.0089	2.	1.72	0.058	3.4
	3		0.0016	0.31		0.0062	1.4			
	1		0.011	2.4		0.032	7.7			
1.2	2	0.47	0.0025	0.54	0.417	0.0072	1.7	1.92	0.051	2.6
	3		0.0015	0.32		0.0055	1.3			
	1		0.01	2.3		0.028	7.			
1.4	1	0.434	0.0024	0.55	0.396	0.0065	1.6	2.14	0.052	2.4
	3		0.0018	0.41		0.0057	1.4			
	1		0.0063	1.7		0.015	4.3			
1.8	2	0.377	0.0022	0.58	0.354	0.0047	1.3	2.62	0.059	2.3
	3		0.0024	0.64		0.0061	1.7			

[12,19]), we get only slight deviations from the errors found for the previous case, as we can see in Table III. Thus, our choice of a bias equal to unity does not impact the Fisher errors significantly.

B. k binning

For the third and fourth model we also need a binning in *k*-space. Since ultimately we would like to obtain error estimates on three functions, h_2 , h_4 , h_5 , we will need a minimum of three *k*-bins, which is the choice we make here. We denote with latin indexes a, b, c... the z bins and with indexes i, j, k... the *k* bins. So for the first *z*-bin we have as parameters $s_1 = \{\bar{A}_{11}, \bar{R}_{12}, E_1\}$, for the second $s_2 = \{\bar{A}_{21}, \bar{R}_{22}, E_2\}$, and so forth, with $\bar{A}_{ai} = \bar{A}(\bar{z}_a, \bar{k}_i)$, $\bar{R}_{ai} = \bar{R}(\bar{z}_a, \bar{k}_i)$, and $E_a = E(\bar{z}_a)$, where \bar{k}_i denote the centers of the *k*-bins. The set of parameters is therefore $p_a = \{s_1, s_2, ...\}$. The Fisher matrix integration over *k* is split into three *k*-ranges between k_{max} and k_{min} which we choose so that $\Delta \log k = \text{const.}$ The Fisher matrix becomes then

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{\rm GC} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-1}^{1} d\mu \int_{\Delta k} k^2 V_{\rm eff} D_{\alpha} D_{\beta} \mathrm{d}k, \qquad (19)$$

with Δk denoting the respective range of the integration. Denoting the entry $F_{\bar{A}\bar{R}}$ as $\bar{A}\bar{R}$, and so on, we can represent the structure of the matrix for every redshift bin as follows:

$(\bar{A}_1\bar{A}_1$	$\bar{A}_1 \bar{R}_1$	0	0	0	0	$\bar{A}_1 E $	
$\bar{R}_1 \bar{A}_1$	$\bar{R}_1\bar{R}_1$	0	0	0	0	$\bar{R}_1 E$	
0	0	$\bar{A}_2 \bar{A}_2$	$\bar{A}_2\bar{R}_2$	0	0	$\bar{A}_2 E$	
0	0	$\bar{R}_2 \bar{A}_2$	$\bar{R}_2\bar{R}_2$	0	0	$\bar{R}_2 E$,
0	0	0	0	$\bar{A}_3 \bar{A}_3$	$\bar{A}_3\bar{R}_3$	$\bar{A}_3 E$	
0	0	0	0	$\bar{R}_3 \bar{A}_3$	$\bar{R}_3\bar{R}_3$	$\bar{R}_3 E$	
$\setminus E\bar{A}_1$	$E\bar{R}_1$	$E\bar{A}_2$	$E\bar{R}_2$	$E\bar{A}_3$	$E\bar{R}_3$	$_{EE}$ /	
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In Table I we display the values for the integration limits at every redshift (the *k*-bins borders), and in Table IV we present the errors for all (z, k)-bins. Notice that the errors on *E* are not affected by the *k*-binning, as *E* does not depend on *k*.

Ī	$\ell_{\rm max}$	Z _{med}	Ī	$\Delta \bar{L}$	$\Delta ar{L}(\%)$	E	ΔE	$\Delta E(\%)$
0.6	311	0.26	0.342	0.0044	1.3	1.37	0.0062	0.46
0.8	385	0.31	0.311	0.0044	1.4	1.53	0.0069	0.45
1.0	515	0.40	0.285	0.0059	2.1	1.72	0.017	0.96
1.2	609	0.45	0.262	0.0059	2.3	1.92	0.029	1.5
1.4	760	0.54	0.242	0.014	5.7	2.14	0.029	1.4
1.8	959	0.64	0.210	0.035	16	2.62	0.077	3.0

TABLE V. Errors on *E* and \overline{L} from weak lensing only (with six redshift bins) and a list of the value ℓ_{max} used at each redshift together with the corresponding z_{med} value.

IV. WEAK LENSING

We move now to estimating the Fisher matrix for a future weak lensing survey. The lensing convergence power spectrum from a survey divided into several redshift bins (same binning as in Sec. III) can be written as [20]

$$P_{ij}(\ell) = H_0 \int_0^\infty p_{ij}(z,\ell) dz$$

$$\approx H_0 \sum_a \frac{\Delta z_a}{E_a} K_i K_j \bar{L}^2 \delta_{t,0}^2(\bar{z}_a, k(\ell, \bar{z}_a)), \quad (21)$$

with the integrand

$$p_{ij}(z,\ell) = \frac{K_i(z)K_j(z)}{E(z)}\bar{L}(z)^2\delta_{t,0}^2(z,k(\ell,z)), \qquad (22)$$

where

$$k(\ell, z) = \frac{\ell}{\pi r(z)}$$
 and $K_i(z) = \frac{3}{2}(1+z)W_i(z)$, (23)



FIG. 2 (color online). The integrand of Eq. (21). The curves from left to right correspond to $p_{ii}(z, \ell = 1000)$, where i = 1, ..., 6. The contribution to the lensing signal is very broad in redshift and peaks at relatively low z even for the high-redshift bins. The median redshift for each curve is indicated by dashed lines. We give the median redshift for the lensing contribution in Table V.

and $W_i(z)$ is the weak lensing window function for the *i*th bin

$$W_i(z) = H_0 \int_z^\infty \left(1 - \frac{\hat{r}(z)}{\hat{r}(\tilde{z})} \right) n_i(\tilde{z}) \mathrm{d}\tilde{z}.$$
 (24)

Here, $n_i(z)$ equals the galaxy density n(z) if z lies inside the *i*th redshift bin and zero otherwise. Note that

$$n_i(z)dz = \frac{n_i(r(z))}{H(z)}dr.$$
(25)

The overall galaxy density is modeled as

$$n(z) \propto z^a \exp(-(z/z_p)^b).$$
(26)

We take a = 2, b = 3/2 and choose z_p such that the median of the distribution is at z = 0.9, i.e. $z_p = 0.9/1.412 = 0.6374$ [12,21]. The $n_i(z)$ (which are not to be confused with the $\bar{n}(z)$ from galaxy clustering) are then smoothed with a Gaussian to account for the photometric redshift error (see [21]) and normalized such that $\int n_i(z)dz = 1$. Following the Euclid specifications, we set the survey sky fraction $f_{sky} = 0.375$ and the photometric redshift error to $\delta z = 0.05(1 + z)$.

Including the noise due to intrinsic galaxy ellipticities we have

$$C_{ij} = P_{ij} + \gamma_{\rm int}^2 \hat{n}_i^{-1} \delta_{ij}, \qquad (27)$$

with the intrinsic ellipticity $\gamma_{int} = 0.22$ and the number of all galaxies per steradian in the *i*th bin, \hat{n}_i , which can be written as

$$\hat{n}_i = n_\theta \frac{\int_{z_i}^{z_{i+1}} n(z) \mathrm{d}z}{\int_0^\infty n(z) \mathrm{d}z},\tag{28}$$

where n_{θ} is the areal galaxy density, an important parameter that defines the quality of a weak lensing experiment. We set it to $n_{\theta} = 35$ galaxies per square arc minute [12].

For a weak lensing survey that covers a fraction of the sky f_{sky} , the Fisher matrix is a sum over ℓ bins of size $\Delta \ell$ [22]



FIG. 3 (color online). Errors on $E(\bar{z}_a)$ (left) and $\bar{L}(\bar{z}_a)$ (right) from weak lensing.

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{\rm WL} = f_{\rm sky} \sum_{\ell} \Delta \ell \frac{(2\ell+1)}{2} \frac{\partial P_{ij}}{\partial p_{\alpha}} C_{jm}^{-1} \frac{\partial P_{mn}}{\partial p_{\beta}} C_{ni}^{-1}, \quad (29)$$

and now the parameters are $p_{\alpha} = \{\bar{L}(\bar{z}_1), E(\bar{z}_1), \ldots\}$. Here, ℓ is being summed from 5 to ℓ_{\max} with $\Delta \log \ell = 0.1$, where ℓ_{\max} corresponds to the value listed in Table V for the redshift bin *a* or *b*—whichever is smaller.

The value $\ell_{\rm max}$ is derived as follows. We start with the relationship

$$\frac{\ell}{\pi r(z_{\rm med}(\ell, a))} = k, \tag{30}$$

where $z_{\text{med}}(\ell, a)$ is the median with respect to z of $p_{aa}(z, \ell)$, which is defined in Eq. (22). For a given wave number k and a redshift bin a, we can solve for ℓ . To find ℓ_{max} we use the following method:

TABLE VI. Borders of the ℓ -bins for each redshift bin converted from the *k*-bins according to Eq. (30).

z	ℓ_0	ℓ_1	ℓ_2	ℓ_3
0.6	6.3	39	120	410
0.8	7.9	45	190	610
1.0	9.4	66	240	880
1.2	11	83	320	1200
1.4	12	97	390	1500
1.8	14	120	550	2200

We begin with $z_{\text{med}} = 1$, compute the k_{max} for this redshift as before by imposing $\sigma^2(R) = 0.35$, solve Eq. (30) for ℓ , and compute $z_{\text{med}}(\ell, a)$. We repeat this step until the value for z_{med} converges with an accuracy of approximately 1%. A list of the values for ℓ_{max} as well as z_{med} used in each redshift bin can be found in Table V. The integrands along with their median value are depicted in Fig. 2.

To find the derivatives needed in Eq. (29), we divide the integral in Eq. (21) into n_B integrals that each cover one redshift bin. We could assume that $\bar{L}(z)$ is constant across any redshift bin to get an approximate expression for the integral that depends on \bar{L} in an analytical way, but the discrepancy between the actual integral and the approximate integral (and consequently the discrepancy of the derivative) can be up to a factor of 2, which may not be sufficient. Assuming that the integrand is linear in z gives the same result (when using only the center of the bin as the sampling point), so the issue arises when the curvature of the integrand becomes large.

As a solution, we take the actual value of the integral and simply assume that it depends quadratically on $\bar{L}(\bar{z}_a)$, such that the derivative can be written as

$$\frac{\partial P_{ij}(\ell)}{\partial \bar{L}(\bar{z}_a)} = \frac{2}{\bar{L}(\bar{z}_a)} \int_{z_a}^{z_{a+1}} p_{ij}(z,\ell) \mathrm{d}z.$$
(31)

Since *E* appears in the comoving distance, it is more complicated for the derivatives of P_{ij} with respect to $E(\bar{z}_a)$.

TABLE VII. Errors of \bar{L}_{ai} and E using weak lensing only with their fiducial values.

z	\bar{L}_{a1}	$\Delta \bar{L}_{a1}$	$\Delta \bar{L}_{a1}(\%)$	\bar{L}_{a2}	$\Delta \bar{L}_{a2}$	$\Delta \bar{L}_{a2}(\%)$	\bar{L}_{a3}	$\Delta \bar{L}_{a3}$	$\Delta \bar{L}_{a3}(\%)$	E_a	ΔE_a	$\Delta E_a(\%)$
0.6	0.342	0.025	7.4	0.342	0.0076	2.2	0.342	0.0050	1.5	1.37	0.0069	0.51
0.8	0.311	0.025	7.9	0.311	0.0064	2.1	0.311	0.0053	1.7	1.53	0.0074	0.48
1.0	0.285	0.022	7.8	0.285	0.0074	2.6	0.285	0.0062	2.2	1.72	0.017	0.97
1.2	0.262	0.024	9.1	0.262	0.0080	3.0	0.262	0.0073	2.8	1.92	0.030	1.6
1.4	0.242	0.041	17.	0.242	0.019	7.7	0.242	0.015	6.1	2.14	0.030	1.4
1.8	0.210	0.098	46.	0.210	0.048	23	0.210	0.037	17	2.62	0.079	3.0

TABLE VIII. Redshift uncertainties, number of supernovae, fiducial value of E and errors for each bin.

z	$\sigma_{\mathrm{data},a}$	n _a	$E(\bar{z})$	ΔE	$\Delta E(\%)$
0.6	0.287	46429	1.37	0.0026	0.19
0.8	0.285	25000	1.53	0.0041	0.27
1.0	0.329	16071	1.72	0.0086	0.50
1.2	0.327	7143	1.92	0.016	0.83
1.4	0.258	5357	2.14	0.028	1.3

We substitute the regular definition of E by an interpolating function that goes smoothly through all points $(\bar{z}_a, E(\bar{z}_a))$ and (0,1). Instead of depending on Ω_m it now depends on the values of all $E(\bar{z}_a)$, and so do all functions that depend on E, in particular the comoving distance and consequently the window functions $K_i(z)$. The derivatives are then obtained by varying the fiducial values of $E(\bar{z}_a)$ while keeping $L = \bar{L}\delta_{t,0}$ fixed so that we again do not include the derivative of $\delta_{t,0}^2$ with respect to k.

It is instructive to consider the error on the spectrum itself for a particular pair *ij*. If we take as parameters $p_{\alpha} = P_{ij}$ we have a variance

$$\sigma^{-2} = f_{\rm sky} \sum_{\ell} \Delta \ell \frac{(2\ell+1)}{2} C_{ij}^{-1} C_{ij}^{-1}, \qquad (32)$$

(no sum over *ij*) and neglecting the noise (appropriate for $\ell < 500$) i.e. putting $C_{ij} = P_{ij}$, this becomes, in a small range of ℓ from ℓ_{\min} to ℓ_{\max} so that we can approximate P_{ij} with a constant,

$$\sigma^{-2} P_{ij} P_{ij} = f_{sky} \sum_{\ell} \Delta \ell \frac{(2\ell+1)}{2} = f_{sky} \frac{\ell_{max}^2 - \ell_{min}^2}{2},$$
(33)

(for $\ell_{\max,\min} \gg 1$). If ℓ_{\min} is much smaller than ℓ_{\max} this gives a relative error for every ij



FIG. 4 (color online). Errors on E from supernovae.

$$\frac{\sigma}{P_{ij}} = \ell_{\max}^{-1} \left(\frac{f_{sky}}{2}\right)^{-1/2} \approx 2.3 \ell_{\max}^{-1}, \qquad (34)$$

so that for $\ell_{\text{max}} = 300$ we should get a minimum relative error of 0.6%, which is indeed of the same order as our result. The error increases if we include the noise and a nonnegligible ℓ_{min} .

The resulting uncertainties on $E(\bar{z}_a)$ and $\bar{L}(\bar{z}_a)$ can be found in Table V; they are visualized in Fig. 3.

A. *k* binning

To test the cases three and four of our models for η , we need to consider \overline{L} as a function of k (although with the same fiducial value for all k, as the fiducial model is Λ CDM), and we divide the full k-range again into the same three bins. The observables are then $\overline{L}_{an} \equiv \overline{L}(\overline{z}_a, \overline{k}_n)$, where \overline{k}_n denote the center of the k-bins, with n = 1, 2, 3. They are defined as in Sec. III, and are given explicitly in Table I. The k-bins fix the ranges for ℓ via the relation used in Eq. (30). We label the center of the ℓ -bins accordingly as ℓ_n . See Table VI for a list of the ℓ -bins. The derivatives needed for the Fisher matrix will be evaluated at the center of these ℓ -bins.

They can be computed similarly as in Eq. (31). We find (using Kronecker deltas, no summation):

$$\frac{\partial P_{ij}(\ell)}{\partial \bar{L}(\bar{z}_a, k_n)} = \frac{2\delta_{an}}{\bar{L}(z_a)} \int_{z_a}^{z_{a+1}} p_{ij}(z, \ell) dz$$

$$\times \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \ell_{n-1} < \ell < \ell_n \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$
(35)

The derivatives with respect to $E(\bar{z}_a)$ are computed the same way as before. We can then define the parameter vector $p_{\alpha} = \{\bar{L}_{11}, E_1, \bar{L}_{12}, E_1, \bar{L}_{13}, E_3, \bar{L}_{21}, E_2, ...\}$ and evaluate the Fisher matrix formally as before. The structure of the Fisher matrix can be schematically represented as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{L}_1 \bar{L}_1 & 0 & 0 & \bar{L}_1 E \\ 0 & \bar{L}_2 \bar{L}_2 & 0 & \bar{L}_2 E \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{L}_3 \bar{L}_3 & \bar{L}_3 E \\ \bar{L}_1 E & \bar{L}_2 E & \bar{L}_3 E & E E \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (36)

The uncertainties placed on the observables by weak lensing only can be found in Table VII.

V. SUPERNOVAE

We consider now the forecasts for a supernovae survey. The likelihood function for the supernovae after marginalization of the offset is [16]

$$\mathcal{L} = -\log L = \frac{1}{2} \left(S_2 - \frac{S_1^2}{S_0} \right), \tag{37}$$

		W	WL		GC		SN		+ GC	WL + GC + SN	
z	Ε	ΔE	$\Delta E(\%)$	ΔE	$\Delta E(\%)$						
0.6	1.37	0.0062	0.46	0.12	8.5	0.0026	0.19	0.0062	0.45	0.0023	0.16
0.8	1.53	0.0069	0.45	0.073	4.8	0.0041	0.27	0.0068	0.44	0.0029	0.19
1.0	1.72	0.017	0.96	0.058	3.4	0.0086	0.50	0.016	0.91	0.0067	0.39
1.2	1.92	0.029	1.5	0.050	2.6	0.016	0.83	0.024	1.2	0.012	0.65
1.4	2.14	0.029	1.4	0.051	2.4	0.028	1.3	0.022	1.0	0.017	0.78
1.8	2.62	0.077	3.0	0.061	2.3			0.046	1.8	0.043	1.7

TABLE IX. Errors on E from the three probes.

where

$$S_n = \sum_i \frac{(m_i - \mu_i)^n}{\sigma_i^2},\tag{38}$$

being m_i the apparent magnitudes and $\mu_i = 5 \log \hat{d}_L$, where \hat{d}_L is the dimensionless luminosity distance, see Eq. (8). This can be written as

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} X_i M_{ij} X_j, \tag{39}$$

where $X_i = m_i - \mu_i$ and

$$M_{ij} = s_i s_j \delta_{ij} - \frac{s_i^2 s_j^2}{S_0},$$
 (40)

(no sum) where $s_i = 1/\sigma_i$. The Fisher matrix can be written as

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{\rm SN} = \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial p_{\alpha}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial p_{\beta}} \right\rangle,\tag{41}$$

where now the parameters are $p_{\alpha} = E(\bar{z}_a)$. Similarly to Sec. III we can write

$$\hat{d}_L(\bar{z}_a) = (1 + \bar{z}_a) \sum_{b=0}^{b=a} \frac{\Delta z_b}{E(\bar{z}_b)},$$
 (42)

so that

$$\frac{\partial d_L(\bar{z}_a)}{\partial E(\bar{z}_b)} = -\frac{\Delta z_b}{E_b^2} (1 + \bar{z}_a) \delta_{ab},\tag{43}$$

where δ_{ab} is a Kronecker symbol. The Fisher matrix is then

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{\rm SN} = \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial p_{\alpha}} M_{ij} X_j\right) \left(\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial p_{\beta}} M_{ij} X_j\right) \right\rangle = 25 Y_{i\alpha} M_{ij} Y_{j\beta},\tag{44}$$

where

$$Y_{i\alpha} \equiv \frac{\partial \log \hat{d}_L(\bar{z}_i)}{\partial p_\alpha} = \frac{1}{\hat{d}_L(\bar{z}_i)} \frac{\partial \hat{d}_L(\bar{z}_i)}{\partial E(\bar{z}_\alpha)}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{\hat{d}_L(\bar{z}_i)} \frac{\Delta z_a}{E_a^2} (1 + \bar{z}_i) \delta_{ia}.$$
(45)

We have to make a choice to define the redshifts z_i and the uncertainties σ_i for the supernovae of the simulated future experiment. We take the UNION 2.1 catalog as a reference (580 SNIa in the range $0 < z \leq 1.5$). We assume that the survey will observe supernovae in the redshift range 0.5 < z < 1.5, and divide that interval in bins of fixed width $\Delta z = 0.2$ just like in Sec. III, in order to combine the SN Fisher matrix with the galaxy clustering and the weak lensing ones. We assume the total number of observed SN to be about $n_{\rm SN} = 100000$ in that range, as expected for the LSST survey [13]. We further assume that the supernovae of the future survey will be distributed uniformly in each bin, respecting the proportions of the data of the catalog UNION 2.1 and with the same average



FIG. 5 (color online). Errors on P_1 , P_2 and P_3 in the z-varying case.



FIG. 6 (color online). Constraints on $\eta(k)$ in the Horndeski case for z = 0.6 (light) and z = 1.4 (dark).

magnitude error. The values of $\sigma_{\text{data},a}$ and n_a for the bins centered in \bar{z}_a are summarized in Table VIII.

Finally, the corresponding errors on E from supernovae are shown in Fig. 4 and in Table VIII. In Table IX we compare the errors on E from the three different probes with each other. We notice that the supernova constraints are the most stringent ones among the three probes and improve the WL + GC constraints by almost a factor of two. All this of course assumes that systematic errors can be kept below statistical errors.

TABLE XII. Absolute errors on h_2 and h_4 . Because of the degeneracy between h_5 and h_4 , h_5 has been fixed. The fiducial values are $h_2 = 1$ and $h_4 = 0$.

z	Δh_2	Δh_4
0.6	0.58	0.56
0.8	0.44	0.32
1.	0.37	0.22
1.2	0.35	0.18
1.4	0.25	0.1

VI. COMBINING THE MATRICES

Once we have the three Fisher matrices for galaxy clustering, weak lensing and supernovae, we insert them blockwise into a $(4n_B) \times (4n_B)$ matrix for the full parameter vector

$$p_{\alpha} = \{\bar{A}, \bar{R}, \bar{L}, E\} \times n_B, \tag{46}$$

Notice that we need also $\bar{R}' = -(1+z)[\bar{R}(z+\Delta z) - \bar{R}(z)]/\Delta z$ and $E' = -(1+z)[E(z+\Delta z) - E(z)]/\Delta z$. The full schematic structure for every bin will be:

TABLE X. Fiducial values and errors for the parameters P_1 , P_2 , P_3 , E'/E and $\bar{\eta}$ for every bin. The last bin has been omitted since R' is not defined there.

z	P_1	ΔP_1	$\Delta P_1(\%)$	P_2	ΔP_2	$\Delta P_2(\%)$	P_3	ΔP_3	$\Delta P_3(\%)$	(E'/E)	$\Delta E'/E$	$\Delta E'/E(\%)$	$\bar{\eta}$	$\Delta \bar{\eta}$	$\Delta ar{\eta}(\%)$
0.6	0.766	0.012	1.6	0.729	0.013	1.8	0.134	0.13	99	-0.920	0.022	2.4	1	0.11	11
0.8	0.819	0.010	1.2	0.682	0.011	1.6	0.317	0.12	38	-1.04	0.046	4.4	1	0.091	9.1
1.0	0.859	0.0093	1.1	0.650	0.011	1.7	0.460	0.12	26	-1.13	0.099	8.7	1	0.090	9.0
1.2	0.888	0.0092	1.0	0.628	0.014	2.3	0.569	0.13	23	-1.21	0.12	10	1	0.097	9.7
1.4	0.911	0.010	1.1	0.613	0.020	3.3	0.654	0.11	16	-1.26	0.09	7.1	1	0.073	7.3

TABLE XI. Here, the errors on P_1 , P_2 , P_3 and η are listed for the z, k-varying case with a similar structure as Table IV.

z	i	P_1	ΔP_1	$\Delta P_1(\%)$	P_2	ΔP_2	$\Delta P_2(\%)$	P_3	ΔP_3	$\Delta P_3(\%)$	$\bar{\eta}$	$\Delta \bar{\eta}$	$\Delta ar \eta(\%)$
	1		0.14	18		0.12	17		1.4	1100		1.1	120
0.6	2	0.766	0.032	4.1	0.729	0.030	4.1	0.134	0.33	240	1	0.26	26
	3		0.013	1.7		0.015	2.0		0.15	110		0.12	12
	1		0.11	13		0.092	13		1.2	380		0.93	93
0.8	2	0.819	0.024	2.9	0.682	0.021	3.1	0.317	0.26	83	1	0.2	20
	3		0.011	1.4		0.013	1.9		0.14	43		0.1	10
	1		0.093	11		0.076	12		1.1	240		0.82	82
1.0	2	0.859	0.020	2.3	0.65	0.019	2.9	0.46	0.23	51	1	0.17	17
	3		0.011	1.2		0.012	1.8		0.14	31		0.1	11
	1		0.084	9.4		0.074	12		1.1	190		0.78	78
1.2	2	0.888	0.017	2.0	0.628	0.021	3.3	0.569	0.23	40	1	0.16	16
	3		0.011	1.2		0.017	2.7		0.17	29		0.12	12
	1		0.079	8.7		0.084	14		0.79	120		0.55	55
1.4	2	0.911	0.017	1.9	0.613	0.027	4.4	0.654	0.17	26	1	0.12	12
	3		0.013	1.4		0.023	3.8		0.14	21		0.094	9.4

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$$\begin{pmatrix} AA & AR & 0 & AE \\ \bar{A}\bar{R} & \bar{R}\bar{R} & 0 & \bar{R}E \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{L}\bar{L} & \bar{L}E \\ \bar{A}E & \bar{R}E & \bar{L}E & (EE)^{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix},$$
(47)

with $(EE)^{\Sigma} = (EE)^{GC} + (EE)^{WL} + (EE)^{SN}$. This matrix must then be projected onto $\bar{\eta}$. It is, however, interesting to produce two intermediate steps, namely the matrix for $q_{\alpha} = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, E\}$ where $P_1 = R/A$, $P_2 = L/R$ and $P_3 = R'/R$, as well as the matrix for $q_{\alpha} = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, E'/E\}$. They are given by

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{(q)} = F_{\gamma\delta}^{(p)} \frac{\partial p_{\gamma}}{\partial q_{\alpha}} \frac{\partial p_{\delta}}{\partial q_{\beta}}.$$
(48)

We then project onto $\{P_1, P_2, \overline{\eta}, E\}$. In Table X we present the fiducial values for the parameters P_1, P_2, P_3 , defined in Sec. I; In Fig. 5 we plot their fiducial values and errors. Let us call this the basic Fisher matrix.

As we mentioned in the Introduction, we decided to consider four models for $\bar{\eta}$: constant, variable only in redshift, variable both in space and redshift, and the Horndeski model. For the constant $\bar{\eta}$ case we project the basic Fisher Matrix for $P_1, P_2, \bar{\eta}, E$ onto a single constant value for $\bar{\eta}$. The resulting uncertainty for $\bar{\eta}$ is 0.010.

For the *z*-variable case we project on five $\bar{\eta}$ parameters, one for each bin. The results are in Table X. We see that the error on $\bar{\eta}$ rises to around 10%. Without the SN data, the final constraints on η would weaken only by roughly 1%. If we collect the data into only three wider *z* bins, the error reduces to about 3%.

For the *z*, *k* varying case, we consider the *k*-binning of Sec. III B. Now the information is distributed over many more bins, so the errors obviously degrade (see Table XI). We find errors from 10% to more than 100%.

Finally, for the Horndeski case, Table XII gives the absolute errors on h_2 , h_4 (measuring k in units of 0.1 h/Mpc). Here we are forced to fix h_5 to its fiducial value (i.e. to zero) due to the degeneracy between h_4 and h_4 when the fiducial model is such that $h_4 = h_5$, as in the Λ CDM case. This means we are only able to measure the difference $h_4 - h_5$ rather than the two functions separately. The absolute errors on h_2 , h_4 are in the range 0.2-0.6. This result implies for instance that, at a scale of 0.1 h/Mpc and in a redshift bin 0.5-0.7, a Euclid-like mission can detect the presence of a k^2 behavior in η if it is larger than 60%

than the *k*-independent trend (see Fig. 6 for a visualization of the constraints on η).

VII. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we study the precision with which a future large survey of galaxy clustering and weak lensing like Euclid can determine the anisotropic stress of the dark sector with the help of the model-independent cosmological observables introduced in [3], when augmented with a supernova survey.

We find that galaxy clustering and weak lensing will achieve precise measurements of the expansion rate $E(z) = H(z)/H_0$, with errors of less than a percent in redshift bins of $\Delta z = 0.2$ out to z = 1.5, and with less than 4% out to z = 2, see Table IX.

They will also be able to measure $P_1 = f/b$ to about a percent precision over the full redshift range (in the same bins), and achieve a comparable precision on $P_2 = \Omega_{m,0}\Sigma/f$, except at z > 1.5 where the errors increase rapidly. The final quantity, $P_3 = f + f'/f$, is constrained much less precisely, only to about 30%, because it involves an explicit derivative. The detailed results are given in Tables X and XIII.

- We then considered four different models for $\eta = -\Phi/\Psi$:
- (1) A constant η : In this case we find that we can determine the derived quantity $\bar{\eta}$ with a precision of about 1%.
- (2) η varying with redshift, but not with scale: For bins with a size of $\Delta z = 0.2$, we find a precision on $\bar{\eta}$ of about 10% out to z = 1.5.
- (3) $\bar{\eta}$ varying both in z and in k: the errors vary considerably across the z, k range, from 10% to more than 100%.
- (4) The Horndeski case: now the absolute errors on h_2, h_4 are in the range 0.2-0.6.

We stress again that in this paper we used *only* directly observable quantities without any further assumptions about the initial power spectrum, the dark matter, the dark energy model (beyond the behavior of η in the last step) or the bias, as such assumptions may be unwarranted in a general dark energy or modified gravity context. On the other hand, we do assume that a window between nonlinear scales and subsound-horizon scales exists and is wide enough to cover all the wavelengths we have been employing in our forecasts.

TABLE XIII. Same as Table X, but with four redshift bins. The last bin has again been omitted.

Ī.	P_1	ΔP_1	$\Delta P_1(\%)$	P_2	ΔP_2	$\Delta P_2(\%)$	P_3	ΔP_3	$\Delta P_3(\%)$	(E'/E)	$\Delta E'/E$	$\Delta E'/E(\%)$	$\bar{\eta}$	$\Delta \bar{\eta}$	$\Delta ar{\eta}(\%)$
0.7	0.794	0.0079	0.99	0.703	0.0074	1.0	0.231	0.042	18	-0.983	0.023	2.3	1	0.031	3.1
1.1	0.875	0.0067	0.77	0.638	0.0072	1.1	0.518	0.050	9.7	-1.17	0.044	3.7	1	0.037	3.7
1.5	0.920	0.0099	1.1	0.607	0.010	1.7	0.688	0.048	7.0	-1.29	0.060	4.6	1	0.032	3.2



FIG. 7 (color online). The probability density function (pdf) for $(1 + \eta)/2$ (blue dashed line) and $\bar{\eta}$ (red solid line) based on sampling from the Fisher matrix for { \bar{A} , \bar{R} , \bar{L} , E}, compared to the Gaussian pdf from the Fisher matrix projection on $\bar{\eta}$ (black dotted line) in the z- and k-binning case. The left panel shows the second k-bin for $\bar{z} = 1$, and the right panel the first k-bin for $\bar{z} = 1.2$. We use $(1 + \eta)/2$ instead of η because it has the same pdf shape as η and (to lowest order) the same variance as $\bar{\eta}$. We see that even when the standard deviation of $\bar{\eta}$ is well below 1 as in the left panel, the pdf of η is significantly less Gaussian than the pdf of $\bar{\eta}$. For large standard deviation (right panel) the pdf of $\bar{\eta}$ is still well behaved and close to Gaussian, while the one of η is strongly distorted and exhibits large tails (not shown in the figure) due to a division by zero problem in the expression (4).

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APPENDIX: SAMPLING VS FISHER MATRIX ANALYSIS

In order to check whether the Fisher matrix analysis is appropriate for the nonlinear parameter combinations that make up the P_i and η we also use an alternative approach. We assume that the Fisher matrix forecast for the errors on \overline{A} , \overline{R} , \overline{L} and E is sufficiently accurate (i.e. that the joint posterior of these variables can be described by a Gaussian probability distribution function with the covariance matrix given by the inverse of the Fisher matrix), which should be a reasonable assumption given how precise the surveys that we consider here are. We then draw random samples from the multivariate Gaussian distribution defined by those Fisher matrices.

For each sample we compute P_1 , P_2 and P_3 at the corresponding values of z and k. We compute the

derivatives of E and \overline{R} by fitting a cubic spline through each realization of E(z) and $\overline{R}(z)$ and calculating the derivative of the spline. This procedure allows us to obtain estimates of the derivatives in all bins, but at the price of having to choose boundary conditions for the splines (we use the "natural spline" convention that the second derivative vanishes at the boundary).

Overall we find good agreement, and even excellent agreement when using the derivative at the points in between the bins (which agrees better with the finite difference method used for the Fisher forecasts). The agreement becomes much worse for η , as already mentioned in the Introduction. This is however no surprise, as the posterior distribution of η becomes very non-Gaussian for the survey specifications considered here (while the posterior distributions of the P_i remain close to Gaussian). We observe however that $\bar{\eta}$ retains a normal posterior, which makes it much better suited for the Fisher forecast approach, see Fig. 7. The same holds true for Markov-Chain Monte Carlo approaches which tend to have difficulties with sampling from curved, "banana-shaped" posteriors, and so we recommend quite generally to use $\bar{\eta}$ rather than η in data analysis. We finally note that when η is well constrained and has a pdf close to Gaussian, then its standard deviation should be about twice that of $\bar{\eta}$.

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