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LIV. Sensitivity to neutrino parameters

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ABSTRACT

Context. The *Euclid* mission of the European Space Agency will deliver weak gravitational lensing and galaxy clustering surveys that can be used to constrain the standard cosmological model and extensions thereof.

Aims. We present forecasts from the combination of the *Euclid* photometric galaxy surveys (weak lensing, galaxy clustering, and their cross-correlations) and its spectroscopic redshift survey with respect to their sensitivity to cosmological parameters. We include the summed neutrino mass, $\sum m_\nu$, and the effective number of relativistic species, N_{eff} , in the standard Λ CDM scenario and in the dynamical dark energy ($w_0 w_a$ CDM) scenario.

Methods. We compared the accuracy of different algorithms predicting the non-linear matter power spectrum for such models. We then validated several pipelines for Fisher matrix and Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) forecasts, using different theory codes, algorithms for numerical derivatives, and assumptions on the non-linear cut-off scale.

Results. The *Euclid* primary probes alone will reach a sensitivity of $\sigma(\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}) = 56 \text{ meV}$ in the Λ CDM+ $\sum m_\nu$ model, whereas the combination with cosmic microwave background (CMB) data from *Planck* is expected to achieve $\sigma(\sum m_\nu) = 23 \text{ meV}$, offering evidence of a non-zero neutrino mass to at least the 2.6σ level. This could be pushed to a 4σ detection if future CMB data from LiteBIRD and CMB Stage-IV were included. In combination with *Planck*, *Euclid* will also deliver tight constraints on $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.144$ (95%CL) in the Λ CDM+ $\sum m_\nu$ + N_{eff} model or even $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.063$ when future CMB data are included. When floating the dark energy parameters, we find that the sensitivity to N_{eff} remains stable, but for $\sum m_\nu$, it gets degraded by up to a factor of 2, at most.

Conclusions. This work illustrates the complementarity among the *Euclid* spectroscopic and photometric surveys and among *Euclid* and CMB constraints. *Euclid* will offer great potential in measuring the neutrino mass and excluding well-motivated scenarios with additional relativistic particles.

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1. Introduction

Over the last two decades, the continuous improvement of the precision and accuracy of cosmological observations has opened a window to constraining neutrino properties via cosmological data. In particular, the sum of the three neutrino masses can be well constrained due to its effect of suppressing the clustering of cold dark matter after the neutrino non-relativistic transition.

Neutrino oscillation experiments demonstrated that at least two neutrinos are massive by measuring two squared mass differences $\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$ as

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2,$$

$$\Delta m_{3i}^2 = \begin{cases} (2.517^{+0.026}_{-0.028}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 & \text{(NO)}, \\ (-2.498^{+0.028}_{-0.028}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 & \text{(IO)}, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where the sign of Δm_{3i}^2 depends on the mass ordering, which can be either normal (NO: $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$, $\Delta m_{3i}^2 = \Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$) or inverted (IO: $m_3 < m_1 < m_2$, $\Delta m_{3i}^2 = \Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$), see Esteban et al. (2020), Gonzalez-Garcia & Yokoyama (2022). According to these results, the minimum value of the neutrino mass sum is either 0.06 eV^1 in NO or 0.10 eV in IO. However, neutrino oscillation experiments cannot constrain the absolute neutrino mass sum. On the other hand, β -decay experiments are sensitive to the effective electron anti-neutrino mass. Recently, the Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment (KATRIN) constrained $m_\nu < 0.45 \text{ eV}$ (90% CL, see Aker et al. 2024). Future β -decay experiments, such as Project 8 (Project 8 Collaboration 2022), could potentially reach a sensitivity of 40 meV .

Despite the great progress made in the precision of β -decay experiments², cosmology provides the most stringent (albeit model-dependent) constraints to date on the absolute neutrino mass scale. The *Planck* Collaboration reported an upper bound of $\sum m_\nu < 0.24 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL) by combining the temperature,

polarisation, and lensing of the cosmic microwave background (CMB). Adding external baryon acoustic oscillation (BAO) data further improves the bound to $\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL, see Planck Collaboration VI 2020). Including Pantheon type Ia supernovae, baryon acoustic oscillations and redshift-space distortions from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey and weak-lensing measurements from the Dark Energy Survey leads to an upper bound of 0.11 eV (Alam et al. 2021). Recently, the DESI Collaboration reported an upper limit of $\sum m_\nu < 0.072 \text{ eV}$ at the 95% CL from the combination of DESI BAO and CMB data. This bound mildly favours the NO scenario and shows that there might be a possibility of indirectly constraining the neutrino mass hierarchy using cosmological data. Current data on the full-shape galaxy power spectrum do not yet improve the constraint on $\sum m_\nu$ compared to the combination of CMB and the BAO geometric information (Ivanov et al. 2020a), but future galaxy surveys are expected to improve it. Finally, it is important to reiterate that changing the underlying cosmological model could potentially relax the constraints obtained from many of the cosmological probes (Lambiase et al. 2019; di Valentino et al. 2022).

The ability of cosmology to constrain the neutrino mass paved the way to investigate, via cosmological data, additional neutrino properties and particularly the number density of neutrinos. The standard model of particles physics predicts three active neutrino species, as confirmed by accelerator experiments (Mele 2015). In cosmology, this would correspond to an effective neutrino number $N_{\text{eff}} = 3$ in the instantaneous decoupling limit, or (when sticking to the same definition of this effective number) to $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044$ when neutrino decoupling is modelled accurately (Froustey et al. 2020; Akita & Yamaguchi 2020; Bennett et al. 2021). Any deviation from this value is a hint at non-standard physics in the neutrino sector (e.g. low-temperature reheating, non-thermal corrections to the neutrino distribution generated by new physics, non-standard neutrino interactions or sterile neutrinos, Dvorkin et al. 2022; Archidiacono & Gariazzo 2022; Dasgupta & Kopp 2021), or exotic radiation components (e.g. axions or other forms of dark radiation, Marsh 2016; Kawasaki & Nakayama 2013; Di Luzio et al. 2020).

The continuous improvement of cosmological constraints on neutrino properties has opened up the question of whether

¹ Hereafter for neutrino masses we assume natural units and report the values in eV, rather than in eV/c^2 .

² We note that, if neutrinos are Majorana particles, their mass can also be constrained by means of neutrinoless double- β -decay experiments (Cirigliano et al. 2022); however, there is no evidence for lepton number violation yet.

upcoming cosmological surveys will be able to deliver a detection of a non-zero neutrino mass, to distinguish between the IO and NO scenarios due to a tight upper limit, and to investigate additional neutrino properties. One of the primary science goals of *Euclid* is to improve the cosmological constraints on the neutrino mass, possibly delivering evidence for a non-zero value. The aim of this work is to assess the sensitivity of *Euclid* to the neutrino mass, as well as its robustness against variations of the number of neutrinos or the modelling of dark energy.

Euclid (Euclid Collaboration 2024d) is a medium-class mission of the European Space Agency, which will map the Local Universe to improve our understanding of the expansion history and of the growth of structures. The satellite will observe roughly 14 000 deg² of the sky through two instruments, a visible imager (VIS, Euclid Collaboration 2024b) and Near-Infrared Spectrometer and Photometer (NISF, Euclid Collaboration 2024c), delivering the images of more than one billion galaxies and the spectra of between 20 and 30 million galaxies out to a redshift of about 2. The combination of spectroscopy and photometry will allow us to measure galaxy clustering and weak gravitational lensing, aiming at a 1% level of accuracy in the corresponding power spectra.

The paper is organised as follows. In Sect. 2, we review the main effects of massive neutrinos in cosmology and discuss their impact on the theoretical predictions for *Euclid* observables in Sect. 3. In Sect. 4 we introduce additional probes like cluster number counts from *Euclid* itself and external CMB data, which are potentially very synergistic with *Euclid* primary (weak lensing and galaxy clustering) probes. The methodology used to perform the forecast is described in Sect. 5, the code is validated in Sect. 6, and the results are presented in Sect. 7. Finally, we draw our conclusions on the sensitivity of *Euclid* to neutrino physics in Sect. 8. Along the main text, we point the reader to several Appendices A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, providing technical details on the analysis, as well as additional figures and consistency checks.

2. Neutrino cosmology

In the following, we briefly review the main effects of the neutrino masses and number density on structure formation. For a thorough description, we refer the readers to Bashinsky & Seljak (2004), Hannestad (2006), Lesgourgues & Pastor (2006, 2012), Lesgourgues et al. (2013), Lattanzi & Gerbino (2018), Archidiacono et al. (2017, 2020), and Lesgourgues & Verde (2022).

2.1. Massive neutrinos

Massive neutrinos play an important role in the distribution of large-scale structures. They decouple from the primordial plasma around $T \sim 1$ MeV, while still being relativistic. The redshift z_{nr} at which they enter the non-relativistic regime depends on the individual mass, m_ν , of each neutrino as $(1 + z_{\text{nr}}) \sim 2 \times 10^3 (m_\nu / 1 \text{ eV})$. After decoupling, neutrinos travel with a thermal velocity, v_{th} , that defines the neutrino free-streaming wavenumber (Lesgourgues & Pastor 2006) as

$$k_{\text{FS}} = \left(\frac{4\pi G_N \bar{\rho} a^2}{v_{\text{th}}^2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (2)$$

where $\bar{\rho}$ is the total background density, a is the scale factor, and G_N is the Newton constant. After the non-relativistic transition the thermal velocity decays as $v_{\text{th}} = \langle p \rangle m_\nu^{-1} \propto a^{-1}$, therefore,

the free-streaming wavenumber goes through a minimum value of $k_{\text{nr}} = k_{\text{FS}}(z = z_{\text{nr}}) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2}) h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ at the time of the non-relativistic transition; here $h = H_0 / (100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1})$ is the reduced Hubble parameter. Neutrinos cannot cluster in regions smaller than their free-streaming length ($\lambda_{\text{FS}} = 2\pi a / k_{\text{FS}}$). On scales larger than the maximum free-streaming length, corresponding to $k < k_{\text{nr}}$, massive neutrinos always behave as cold dark matter and the power spectrum of matter density fluctuations, $P_{\text{mm}}(k)$, does not change with respect to the power spectrum of a cosmology that assumes the neutrinos are massless, but their non-relativistic density is added to that of cold dark matter. On the other hand, on scales smaller than the current value of the free-streaming length ($k > k_{\text{FS}}^0$), massive neutrinos induce a suppression of the linear matter spectrum, $P_{\text{mm}}(k)$, at a redshift of $z = 0$ by approximately, $\Delta P_{\text{mm}}(k) / P_{\text{mm}}(k) \simeq -8f_\nu$, where $f_\nu = \Omega_{\nu,0} / \Omega_{\text{m},0}$ is the fraction of neutrino with respect to matter density (Hu et al. 1998; Lesgourgues et al. 2013). The reason is twofold: on scales where neutrinos are free-streaming, they do not contribute to gravitational clustering; and they slow down the growth of cold dark matter perturbations, which is given by $a^{1-3f_\nu/5}$ during matter domination (Bond et al. 1980). The second effect is responsible for the majority of the overall suppression and the scale dependence of the linear growth factor induced by massive neutrinos must be taken into account in the modelling of large-scale structure observables (see Sect. 3).

An important consideration is that the suppression of the power spectrum (as well as the effect of neutrino masses on the CMB spectrum) is almost the same independently of which neutrino ordering (IO or NO) is present in nature. This has been shown, for example, in Lesgourgues et al. (2004), Lesgourgues & Pastor (2006) and Archidiacono et al. (2020). Indeed, the cosmological observables are mainly sensitive to f_ν , that is, to $\Omega_{\nu,0} h^2 \approx \sum m_\nu / (93.12 \text{ eV})$, and thus, to the summed neutrino mass, $\sum m_\nu$ (see Mangano et al. 2005)³.

The step-like suppression induced by neutrino free streaming is best seen when varying $\sum m_\nu$ while fixing the density of total matter, the density of baryonic matter, and the fractional density of the cosmological constant, namely, the parameters $\{\Omega_{\text{m},0} h^2, \Omega_{\text{b},0} h^2, \Omega_\Lambda\}$. This is illustrated in the top panel of Fig. 1. However, such a transformation also changes characteristic times and scales that are strongly constrained by CMB experiments, such as the redshift of equality between radiation and matter or the angular diameter distance to the last-scattering surface. To understand what is left for such experiments as *Euclid* to measure, given our knowledge of the CMB spectrum, it makes more sense to look at the variation in the matter power spectrum when floating $\sum m_\nu$, while fixing the redshift of equality, baryonic matter density, and angular scale of the sound horizon at decoupling (Archidiacono et al. 2017; Lesgourgues & Verde 2022). In particular, this means fixing the parameters $\{\Omega_{\text{c},0} h^2, \Omega_{\text{b},0} h^2, \theta_s\}$, where $\Omega_{\text{c},0}$ accounts for the fractional density of cold dark matter only. We note that neutrinos with a realistic mass were still relativistic at the time of radiation-to-matter equality, so that for a fixed CMB temperature and effective neutrino number, the redshift of equality is fixed by $(\Omega_{\text{c},0} + \Omega_{\text{b},0}) h^2$ – and not by $\Omega_{\text{m},0} h^2 = (\Omega_{\text{b},0} + \Omega_{\text{c},0} + \Omega_{\nu,0}) h^2$. In that case, the effect of the neutrino mass is displayed in the

³ However, the effect of the ordering is slightly enhanced by the non-linear evolution (Wagner et al. 2012) and the detection might become possible in the future, especially with upcoming line-intensity mapping surveys, as suggested in Pritchard & Pierpaoli (2008) and Bernal et al. (2021).

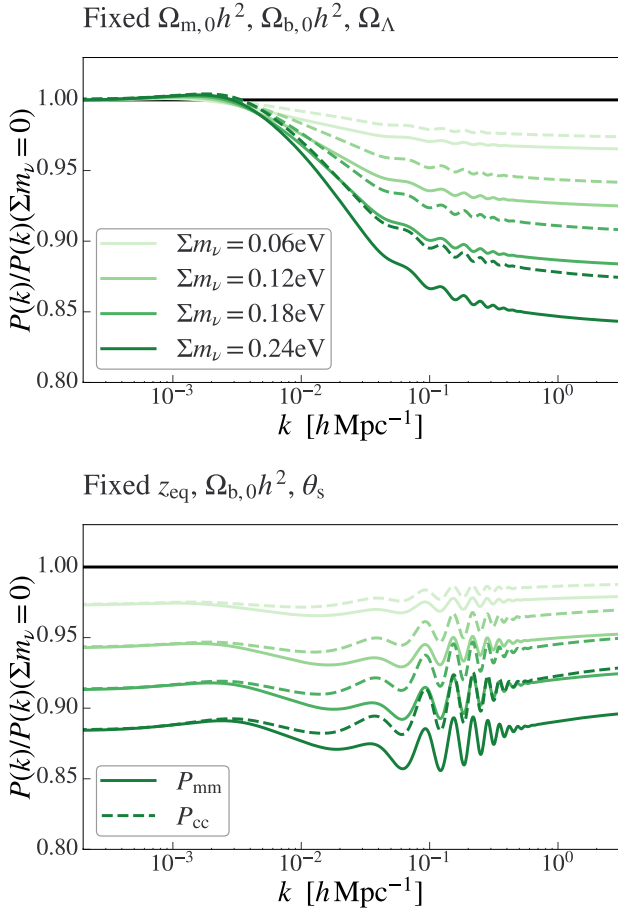


Fig. 1. Effects of the neutrino mass on the linear total matter (solid) or cold-plus-baryonic matter (dashed) power spectrum, presented as ratios with respect to the Λ CDM spectrum with massless neutrinos for four different values of the summed neutrino mass. Top: Singling out the effect of neutrino free-streaming, we keep the parameters $\{\Omega_{m,0}h^2, \Omega_{b,0}h^2, \Omega_\Lambda\}$ fixed. Bottom: Quantities best constrained by CMB data, that is, $\{z_{\text{eq}}, \Omega_{b,0}h^2, \theta_s\}$, are fixed to show what is left for *Euclid* to measure. The mass is always equally split between the three neutrino species.

bottom panel of Fig. 1. The increase in $\sum m_\nu$ with a fixed θ_s implies a decrease of h that suppresses the large-scale power spectrum roughly by the same amount as neutrino free-streaming suppresses the small-scale power spectrum. As a result, in a combined fit to *Euclid* data and CMB data from (for instance) *Planck*, the neutrino mass would manifest itself mainly as an overall decrease of the amplitude of the matter power spectrum relative to that measured at the time of decoupling by CMB data. This decrease is slightly redshift dependent: the smaller the redshift, the more the power spectrum gets suppressed. Besides that, variations in $\sum m_\nu$ induce a small shift in BAO scales, responsible for the oscillations shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 1.

The *Euclid* weak-lensing probe traces total matter, whereas (to a very good approximation) the galaxy clustering probe traces only the fluctuations of cold and baryonic dark matter (Castorina et al. 2014). The two panels in Fig. 1 also show the impact of varying $\sum m_\nu$ on the cold-plus-baryonic matter power spectrum, P_{cc} (dashed line). The effect of the neutrino mass on the amplitude of the linear small-scale spectrum, P_{cc} , is slightly reduced compared to the total matter case, with a suppression given roughly by $\Delta P_{\text{cc}}(k)/P_{\text{cc}}(k) \approx -6f_\nu$.

2.2. Number of relativistic species

The contribution of ultra-relativistic species to the background density of radiation, ρ_r (including that of neutrinos before their non-relativistic transition) can be parameterised in terms of an effective number of neutrinos N_{eff} as

$$\rho_r = \left[1 + \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right] \rho_\gamma, \quad (3)$$

where ρ_γ stands for the photon background density. In the above expression, the factor $7/8$ accounts for the Fermi–Dirac statistics of neutrinos, and $(4/11)^{4/3}$ accounts for the neutrino-to-photon temperature ratio in the instantaneous decoupling approximation (Lesgourgues & Pastor 2006). We would expect $N_{\text{eff}} = 3$ for three standard model neutrinos that thermalised in the early Universe and decoupled well before electron-positron annihilation. However, theoretical predictions set $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044$ in the standard cosmological model (Mangano et al. 2002; Froustey et al. 2020; Bennett et al. 2021; Drewes et al. 2024) because neutrinos decouple gradually with residual scatterings during this time⁴. This value would change in the presence of non-standard neutrino features (see for example Lesgourgues et al. 2013, for the case of a large leptonic asymmetry, non-thermal distortions from low-temperature reheating, non-standard interactions, etc.), or additional relativistic relics contributing to the energy budget (see for example Dvorkin et al. 2022).

At the level of background cosmology all these effects and models are captured by a single parameter N_{eff} . However, at the level of perturbations some model-dependent features may arise, for instance if the additional relics carry small masses or feature (self-)interactions. In this work, for simplicity, we stick to the class of models where additional non-relativistic relics are decoupled, massless and free-streaming. However, we must simultaneously take the effect of neutrino masses into account – in most of our forecasts, $\{\sum m_\nu, N_{\text{eff}}\}$ are two free model parameters. In this work, we will consider two ways to distribute the total mass $\sum m_\nu$ over the different species.

- By default, we considered three active neutrino species degenerate in mass ($m_\nu = \sum m_\nu/3$), thermally distributed and with a temperature chosen in such a way that each species contributes to N_{eff} by $3.044/3$. Then, the additional free-streaming and massless dark radiation mentioned before enhances the total effective neutrino number as $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044 + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ with $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \geq 0$. In particular, this assumption is used throughout the results presented in Sect. 7. Considering three degenerate massive neutrinos offers the advantage of predicting a matter power spectrum nearly indistinguishable from that of the realistic NO and IO scenarios with the same total mass, while models with only one or two massive species provide poorer approximations (Lesgourgues et al. 2004; Lesgourgues & Pastor 2006; Archidiacono et al. 2020).
- For the specific validation presented in Sect. 6, we adopted the same model as in most previous forecasts, both for the sake of comparison with earlier work and because the calculation of Fisher matrices is easier when parameters can vary symmetrically around their fiducial value. Then, like in the baseline analysis of Planck Collaboration VI (2020),

⁴ During the completion of this work, there is a claim that this value shall be revised to $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.043$ following a high-precision calculation of QED effects during electron-positron annihilation (Cielo et al. 2023). In this work we stick to $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044$ – this difference has no impact on our sensitivity forecasts.

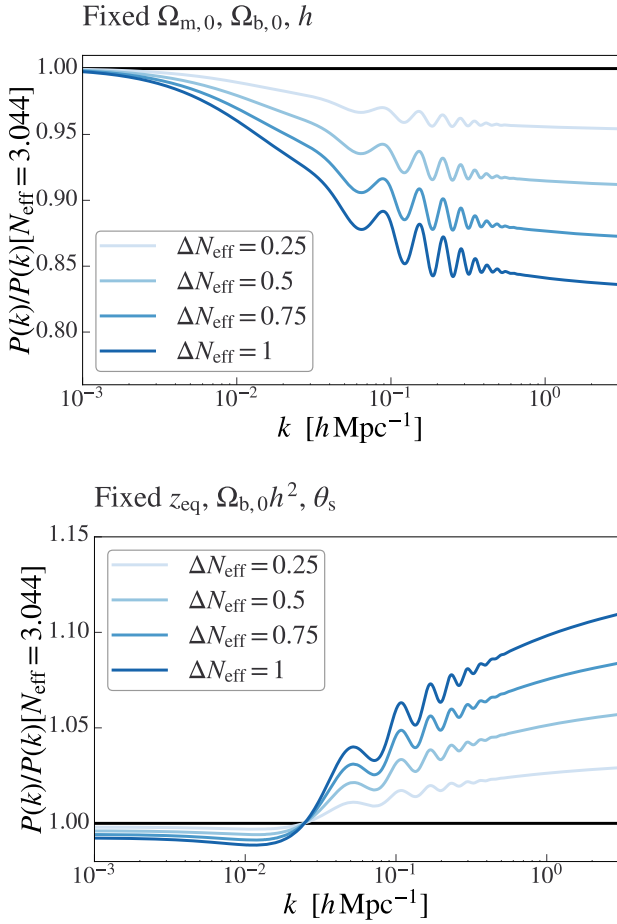


Fig. 2. Effect of the effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044 + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ on the linear total matter power spectrum, presented as ratios with respect to the Λ CDM spectrum with $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044$. Top: Density and Hubble parameters $\{\Omega_{\text{m},0}, \Omega_{\text{b},0}, h\}$ fixed only. Bottom: Quantities best constrained by CMB data, that is, $\{z_{\text{eq}}, \Omega_{\text{b},0} h^2, \theta_s\}$, are fixed to show what is left for *Euclid* to measure. Here, we assume only massless neutrinos.

we stuck to a single massive neutrino ($m_\nu = \sum m_\nu$), with the same thermal distribution and temperature as in the previous model. We considered additional free-streaming and massless species, contributing to the effective neutrino number by $N_{\text{eff}} - 3.044/3$, such that N_{eff} can be either bigger or smaller than 3.044.

We note that some of the models mentioned before (that feature non-standard physics in the neutrino sector) would require other model-dependent schemes for the splitting of the total mass across species and for the phase-space distribution of each massive species. However, the sensitivity of *Euclid* to the parameters $\sum m_\nu$ and N_{eff} is expected to depend only weakly on each particular scheme, such that our sensitivity forecast assuming case (a) is representative of other cases.

The effect of varying N_{eff} on the linear matter power spectrum depends on which other parameters are kept fixed. For instance, the top panel of Fig. 2 shows the impact of increasing N_{eff} with fixed $\Omega_{\text{m},0}$, $\Omega_{\text{b},0}$, and h . The leading effect is then a shift in the redshift of equality, inducing a suppression of the power spectrum. However, like for neutrino masses, in order to understand what is left for *Euclid* to measure, it is interesting to fix the cosmological parameters that are best constrained by CMB data, namely the redshift of radiation-to-matter equality z_{eq} ,

the baryon matter density, and the sound horizon angular scale (Hou et al. 2013; Lesgourgues et al. 2013; Lesgourgues & Verde 2022). With such a choice, the effect of varying N_{eff} is displayed in the bottom panel of Fig. 2. Since z_{eq} is given by the matter-to-radiation density ratio $\Omega_{\text{m},0}/\Omega_{\text{r},0}$, increasing the radiation density with a fixed baryon matter density implies an increase in the cold dark matter density, and thus, a decrease of the baryon-to-cold matter density ratio $\Omega_{\text{b},0}/\Omega_{\text{c},0}$. This has two well-known consequences: an enhancement of the amplitude of the matter power spectrum on scales $k > k_{\text{eq}}$, where $k_{\text{eq}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2}) h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ is the wavenumber crossing the Hubble radius at equality; and a decrease in the amplitude of BAO oscillations. The scale of BAO peaks is also slightly shifted due to an enhanced neutrino drag effect (Bashinsky & Seljak 2004; Lesgourgues et al. 2013; Baumann et al. 2019). In the bottom panel of Fig. 2, one can clearly identify the power enhancement at $k > k_{\text{eq}}$, as well as the oscillations produced by the shift in BAO phase and amplitude. The small power suppression on large scales comes from the fact that the matter fractional density, $\Omega_{\text{m},0}$, which controls the overall amplitude of the matter power spectrum on those scales, decreases slightly when we increase $\Omega_{\text{m},0} h^2$, while fixing θ_s .

3. Theoretical predictions for *Euclid* observables

The modelling of *Euclid* observables follows the recipes presented in Euclid Collaboration (2020), EC20 hereafter, and subsequently updated in Euclid Collaboration (2024a). However, the equations must be modified to account for the presence of massive neutrinos. Below we will briefly review the main equations, highlighting the relevant differences needed in massive neutrino cosmologies.

3.1. Photometric survey

The information from the *Euclid* imaging and photometric surveys can be embedded in three primary observables: the weak gravitational lensing (hereafter WL); the photometric reconstruction of galaxy clustering (hereafter GC_{ph}); and their cross-correlation. For the purpose of our forecast, we decompose the observables into spherical harmonics leading to 2D angular power spectra (C_ℓ). Assuming the Limber (see also Kilbinger et al. 2017) and the flat-sky approximations, the equation for the C_ℓ is expressed as

$$C_{ij}^{XY}(\ell) = c \int_{z_{\text{min}}}^{z_{\text{max}}} dz \frac{W_i^X(k_\ell, z) W_j^Y(k_\ell, z)}{H(z) r^2(z)} P_{\delta\delta}^{XY}(k_\ell, z) + N_{ij}^{XY}(\ell), \quad (4)$$

where X and Y each stand either for L (referring to WL) or G (referring to GC_{ph}), i and j denote the redshift bins⁵, and $H(z)$ is the Hubble rate. The nonlinear power spectrum of density fluctuations is denoted by $P_{\delta\delta}^{XY}(k, z)$ and is evaluated at $k_\ell = (\ell + 1/2)/r(z)$ (Kilbinger et al. 2017), with $r(z)$ being the comoving distance. Finally, $W_i^X(z)$ is the window function of the i -th redshift bin at z for the X observable⁶, which can be written

⁵ We assume 10 equally populated redshift bins in the range $z_{\text{min}} = 0.001$ to $z_{\text{max}} = 2.5$.

⁶ In Eq. (4), $H(z)$ has units of $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, c of km s^{-1} , r of Mpc , $P_{\delta\delta}^{XY}$ of Mpc^3 , and $W_i^X(z)$ of Mpc^{-1} , while all other quantities are dimensionless.

as

$$W_i^L(k, z) = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_{m,0} \frac{H_0^2}{c^2} (1+z)r(z) \int_z^{z_{\max}} dz' \frac{n_i(z')}{\bar{n}_i} \frac{r(z'-z)}{r(z')} + W_i^{IA}(k, z), \quad (5)$$

$$W_i^G(k, z) = \frac{H(z)}{c} b_i(k, z) \frac{n_i(z)}{\bar{n}_i}, \quad (6)$$

for WL and for GC_{ph}, respectively. Here, $n_i(z)/\bar{n}_i$ is the normalised galaxy distribution and $b_i(k, z)$ is the galaxy bias in the i -th redshift bin. The contribution of the intrinsic alignment is embedded in $W_i^{IA}(k, z)$ and we adopt the modelling through nonlinear alignment method, the so-called extended nonlinear alignment (eNLA) model, used in EC20⁷. The intrinsic alignment window function is then expressed as

$$W_i^{IA}(k, z) = -\frac{\mathcal{A}_{IA} C_{IA} \Omega_{m,0} \mathcal{F}_{IA}(z)}{D(z, k)} \frac{n_i(z)}{\bar{n}_i} \frac{H(z)}{c}, \quad (7)$$

where $D(z, k)$ is the scale-dependent linear growth factor. The function $\mathcal{F}_{IA}(z)$ depends on the luminosity function and is given by

$$\mathcal{F}_{IA}(z) = (1+z)^{\eta_{IA}} \left[\frac{\langle L \rangle(z)}{L_*(z)} \right]^{\beta_{IA}}, \quad (8)$$

where $\langle L \rangle(z)$ and $L_*(z)$ are the redshift-dependent mean and characteristic luminosities of source galaxies. The parameters \mathcal{A}_{IA} and η_{IA} are nuisance parameters, and are allowed to vary around the fiducial values $\{\mathcal{A}_{IA}, \eta_{IA}\} = \{1.72, -0.41\}$; the parameters $C_{IA} = 0.0134$ and $\beta_{IA} = 2.17$ are kept fixed.

Finally, N_{ij}^{XY} is the shot-noise term, which is zero for the cross-correlation between observables [$N_{ij}^{GL}(\ell) = 0$], while for the auto-correlation it can be written as

$$N_{ij}^{GG}(\ell) = \frac{1}{\bar{n}_i} \delta_{ij}, \quad N_{ij}^{LL}(\ell) = \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{\bar{n}_i} \delta_{ij},$$

where \bar{n}_i is the average number of galaxies per redshift bin expressed in steradians and obtained by dividing the expected total number of observed galaxies, $n_{\text{gal}} = 30 \text{ arcmin}^{-2}$, by the number of redshift bins, $N_{\text{bins}} = 10$, and $\sigma_\epsilon = 0.30$ is the variance of the observed ellipticities. Following EC20, we neglect any subdominant contributions from redshift-space distortions and lensing magnification.

The primary impact of the neutrinos can be summarised through their scale-dependent growth and their impact on the expansion history. Obviously, the neutrino mass enters as an additional component in the computation of $H(z)$. Besides this trivial difference, the first relevant difference in the modelling of *Euclid* observables in massive neutrino cosmologies with respect to Λ CDM concerns $P_{\delta\delta}^{XY}(k_\ell, z)$. Indeed, it has been shown (Castorina et al. 2014, 2015) that in the presence of massive neutrinos the tracer of galaxy clustering is given by the clustering of cold dark matter and baryons, neglecting the contribution of neutrinos. Defining the power spectrum in terms of cold dark matter only [$P_{\delta\delta}^{GG}(k_\ell, z) = P_{\text{cc}}(k_\ell, z)$ with $\text{c} = \text{CDM} + \text{baryons}$], makes the bias less scale dependent at linear and at mildly nonlinear scales. Therefore, we can approximate $b_i(k, z) \simeq b_i(z)$ in Eq. (6) and we can model the bias with only one nuisance parameter for each redshift bin. We still take into account the scale-dependent

⁷ For a more general model of intrinsic alignment see for example Ref. Chen et al. (2024).

Table 1. Specifications assumed in the modelling of the photometric observables.

| | Pessimistic | Optimistic |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| ℓ_{\max}^{WL} | 1500 | 5000 |
| $\ell_{\max}^{\text{GC}_{\text{ph}}}$ | 750 | 3000 |
| $\ell_{\max}^{\text{XC}_{\text{ph}}}$ | 750 | 3000 |

growth in all relevant terms, as, for example, in Eq. (7). An erroneous definition of the bias in terms of total matter power spectrum in massive neutrino cosmologies leads to an overestimate of the sensitivity of future galaxy surveys to $\sum m_\nu$ (Vagnozzi et al. 2018).

On the other hand, massive neutrinos do contribute to the gravitational potential, which is the source of the weak lensing effects. Therefore, we set $P_{\delta\delta}^{\text{LL}}(k_\ell, z) = P_{\text{mm}}(k_\ell, z)$. For the cross-correlation of these two probes, we assume $P_{\delta\delta}^{\text{GL}}(k, z) = \sqrt{P_{\delta\delta}^{\text{GG}}(k, z) P_{\delta\delta}^{\text{LL}}(k, z)}$. Finally, we stress that the recipe used here to model the photometric observables implies that all the power spectra are nonlinear; thus, the nonlinear corrections described in Sect. 3.3 were applied to both $P_{\text{mm}}(k_\ell, z)$ and $P_{\text{cc}}(k_\ell, z)$.

The final log-likelihood can be modelled as a Gaussian with respect to the angular power spectrum and written as

$$\chi^2 = f_{\text{sky}} \sum_\ell (2\ell + 1) \left(\frac{d_\ell^{\text{mix}}}{d_\ell^{\text{th}}} + \ln \frac{d_\ell^{\text{th}}}{d_\ell^{\text{fid}}} - N \right), \quad (9)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} d_\ell^{\text{th}} &= \det [C_{ij}(\ell)], \\ d_\ell^{\text{fid}} &= \det [C_{ij}^{\text{fid}}(\ell)], \\ d_\ell^{\text{mix}} &= \sum_k \det \left[\begin{array}{cc} C_{ij}(\ell) & \text{if } j \neq k \\ C_{ij}^{\text{fid}}(\ell) & \text{if } j = k \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Here ‘fid’ denotes the values of $C_{ij}(\ell)$ computed for the fiducial model parameters, and $f_{\text{sky}} = 0.3636$ is the sky fraction covered by the wide survey⁸. Following EC20 and Euclid Collaboration (2024a), we assume two different sets of specifications for photometric probes, a pessimistic and an optimistic one, as listed in Table 1. We will use both settings in our validation tests, but in Sect. 7 all our final forecast results rely solely on the pessimistic settings, for which multipoles are included in the likelihood only up to $\ell_{\max} = 1500$. We note that at higher multipoles, it becomes important to include baryonic feedback effects in the modelling of the observable power spectrum. These effects could be potentially degenerate with those of the neutrino mass and number density. However, as hinted in previous works as Spurio Mancini & Bose (2023) and as explicitly shown in Appendix H, this is not the case when the data is cut at $\ell_{\max} = 1500$. Thus, we neglect baryonic feedback in the rest of this work.

⁸ Here, we use the same sky fraction, as well as other specifications, of EC20, however, some of them have changed since then (see, for instance, the reduction of wide survey area from $15\,000 \text{ deg}^2$ to $14\,000 \text{ deg}^2$ reported in Ref. Euclid Collaboration 2022), and keep changing continuously based on the performance of the satellite.

3.2. Spectroscopic survey

The observable extracted from the *Euclid* spectroscopic survey is a 3D galaxy power spectrum, which can be written as:

$$P_{\text{obs}}(k_{\text{fid}}, \mu_{\text{fid}}; z) = \frac{1}{q_{\perp}^2(z)q_{\parallel}(z)} \times \left\{ \frac{[b\sigma_8(z) + f(k, z)\sigma_8(z)\mu^2]^2}{1 + f(k, z)^2 k^2 \mu^2 \sigma_p^2(z)} \right\} \times \frac{P_{\text{dw}}(k, \mu; z)}{\sigma_8^2(z)} F_z(k, \mu; z) + P_s(z), \quad (11)$$

where $\mu = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}/(kr)$ is the cosine of the line-of-sight angle with respect to the wavenumber \mathbf{k} (with absolute value $k = |\mathbf{k}|$), and the subscript ‘‘fid’’ denotes the quantities computed with the fiducial cosmology (which is used to convert angles and redshifts to physical distances). In the following, we will briefly review the modelling of the main observational effects that are taken into account in Eq. (11) to convert the cold dark matter and baryon power spectrum $P_{\text{cc}}(k_{\ell}, z)$ into the observed galaxy power spectrum $P_{\text{obs}}(k_{\text{fid}}, \mu_{\theta, \text{fid}}; z)$. As already explained in Sect. 3.1, since the tracers of this observable are galaxies, we always refer to $P_{\text{cc}}(k_{\ell}, z)$, thereby removing the contribution of neutrinos, rather than refer to the total matter power spectrum. We briefly summarise the impact of the neutrinos on the various terms below.

The first term on the right-hand side is the Alcock–Paczynski effect (Alcock & Paczynski 1979), arising from the assumption about the underlying cosmology applied in the conversion of redshifts and angles into parallel and perpendicular distances as

$$q_{\perp}(z) = \frac{D_A(z)}{D_{A, \text{fid}}(z)}, \quad q_{\parallel}(z) = \frac{H_{\text{fid}}(z)}{H(z)}, \quad (12)$$

where $D_A(z)$ is the angular diameter distance, and $H(z)$ is the Hubble rate. Both quantities are obviously affected by the impact of neutrinos on the expansion rate. We also note that as usual $\mu = \mu_{\text{fid}} q_{\perp}/q_{\parallel} G$ as well as $k = k_{\text{fid}} G/q_{\perp}$, where $G^2 = 1 + \mu_{\text{fid}}^2 (q_{\perp}^2/q_{\parallel}^2 - 1)$. Here ‘‘fid’’ denotes that the values are set to their fiducials, following the recipe of EC20 and Euclid Collaboration (2024a).

The term in the numerator in curly brackets, $[b(z)\sigma_8(z) + f(k, z)\sigma_8(z)\mu^2]$, accounts for redshift-space distortions, which are anisotropic perturbations appearing in redshift-space, due to the Doppler effect being an additional source of redshift beyond the cosmological one. The effect is modelled according to the Kaiser formula (Kaiser 1987). Here $b(z)$ is the bias (see Sect. 3.1 for a justification of dropping the scale dependence) and $f(k, z)$ is the scale-dependent growth factor of CDM+baryons, explicitly excluding neutrinos since we are interested in clustered objects (galaxies). The growth factor is computed with respect to the CDM+baryon component as $f(z, k) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d \ln [P_{\text{cc}}(z, k)]^9}{d \ln a}$. Finally, $\sigma_8(z)$ is defined also using CDM+baryons only. As such, the entire numerator is impacted by the mass of the neutrinos through the scale dependence of the growth as well as the reduction of the amplitude, $\sigma_8(z)$.

The term in the denominator in curly brackets, $[1 + f(k, z)^2 k^2 \mu^2 \sigma_p^2(z)]$, represents the Fingers of God effect, due to the additional redshift coming from galaxy peculiar

velocities. The effect was modelled as a Lorentzian factor, where $\sigma_p(z)$ is the distance dispersion corresponding to the velocity dispersion σ , or explicitly $\sigma_p(z) = \sigma/[H(z)a(z)]$. Given the uncertainty in the modelling and in the redshift dependence of $\sigma_p(z)$, we treated it as four additional nuisance parameters: one for each redshift bin.

$P_{\text{dw}}(k, \mu_{\theta}; z)$ is the partially de-wiggled power spectrum, computed starting from the linear $P_{\delta\delta}^{\text{GG}10}$, which is P_{cc} , and accounting for the smearing of the baryon acoustic oscillations due to nonlinear effects; it can be written as (Wang et al. 2013):

$$P_{\text{dw}}(k, \mu; z) = P_{\delta\delta}^{\text{GG}}(k; z) e^{-g_{\mu} k^2} + P_{\text{nw}}(k; z) (1 - e^{-g_{\mu} k^2}), \quad (13)$$

where P_{nw} is the no-wiggle power spectrum obtained by removing the BAO from $P_{\delta\delta}^{\text{GG}}$ (Boyle & Komatsu 2018), and

$$g_{\mu}(k, \mu, z) = [\sigma_v(z)]^2 \{1 - \mu^2 + \mu^2 [1 + f^{\text{fid}}(z, k)]^2\}, \quad (14)$$

where $\sigma_v(z)$, which has dimensions of length, reflects the galaxy velocity dispersion and is being treated as four additional nuisance parameters, one for each redshift bin, as for $\sigma_p(z)$.

The term $F_z(k, \mu; z) = \exp[-k^2 \mu^2 \sigma_r^2(z)]$ represents the damping due to the spectroscopic redshift errors along the line of sight, where $\sigma_r(z) = \frac{c}{H(z)} \sigma_z$ with a redshift-independent error $\sigma_z = 0.002$.

The last term in Eq. (11), $P_s(z)$, is the shot noise caused by the Poissonian distribution of measured galaxies on the smallest scales due to the finite total number of observed galaxies. We modelled it in the same way as in EC20 and Euclid Collaboration (2024a), with one contribution given by the fiducial inverse number density in each bin, and a second contribution accounting for residual shot noise that we treat as a nuisance parameter in each bin.

The final likelihood is modelled as a Gaussian, comparing the observed power spectrum to a fiducial one. The χ^2 is given by

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \int_{-1}^1 \int_{10^{-3}}^{k_{\text{max}}} dk_{\text{fid}} d\mu_{\text{fid}} k_{\text{fid}}^2 \frac{V_i^{\text{fid}}}{8\pi^2} \times \left\{ \frac{P_{\text{obs}}[k(k_{\text{fid}}, \mu_{\text{fid}}, z_i), \mu(\mu_{\text{fid}}, z_i), z_i] - P_{\text{obs}}^{\text{fid}}(k_{\text{fid}}, \mu_{\text{fid}}, z_i)}{P_{\text{obs}}[k(k_{\text{fid}}, \mu_{\text{fid}}, z_i), \mu(\mu_{\text{fid}}, z_i), z_i]} \right\}^2, \quad (15)$$

where i denotes the index of the redshift bin and V_i is the comoving volume of the spherical shell of the redshift bins probed by the experiment and k_{max} is in Table 2. The partial sky coverage of the survey is approximately taken into account through multiplication of the volume by a sky fraction $f_{\text{sky}} = 0.3636$.

Following EC20 and Euclid Collaboration (2024a) we assumed two different sets of specifications for spectroscopic galaxy clustering, as reported in Table 2.

Over the past few years, more accurate modelling of galaxy clustering including higher order perturbations using the effective field theory of large scale structures has been developed (Senatore & Zaldarriaga 2017; Schmittfull et al. 2021;

¹⁰ Contrary to the recipe for photometric observables, the recipe for spectroscopic observables is built on the linear power spectrum, and the nonlinear effects are modelled through the Lorentzian factor and the damping of the wiggle-only power spectrum to which a de-wiggled contribution is added to restore the broadband shape of the power spectrum; the nonlinear corrections of Sect. 3.3 are never applied here.

⁹ In this context, it is not obvious whether one should use P_{cc} or P_{mm} . A comparison with simulations suggests, however, that using P_{cc} is a better approximation, see Eq. (8) of Villaescusa-Navarro et al. (2018) or the discussion that follows Eq. (6.13) of Castorina et al. (2015).

Table 2. Specifications assumed in the modelling of the spectroscopic galaxy clustering.

| | | Pessimistic | Optimistic |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| k_{\max} | $[h^{\text{fid}} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}]$ | 0.25 | 0.30 |

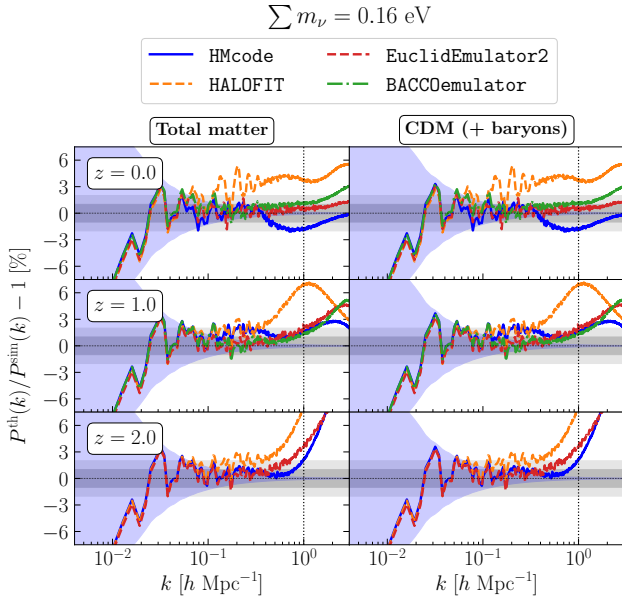


Fig. 3. Relative percentage difference of the nonlinear power spectrum computed with various recipes with respect to the DEMNUni simulations for the case $\sum m_\nu = 0.16 \text{ eV}$. We note that here, contrary to the forecast analysis, and to be consistent with the DEMNUni simulations, we assume the total neutrino mass to be equally shared among the three neutrino species $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = \sum m_\nu/3$. The left column shows the total matter power spectrum, while the right column shows the cold dark matter power spectrum. The spectra are evaluated at $z = 0, 1, 2$ (first, second and third rows, respectively). The theoretical predictions are provided by HALOFIT (dashed orange line), HMcode (solid blue line), EuclidEmulator2 (dashed red line), and BACCOemulator (dot-dashed green line). The purple shaded area represents the shot noise of the simulations, and the vertical dotted line the maximum wavenumber. In the third row the predictions of BACCOemulator are missing because the emulator is trained only up to $z = 1.5$. The predictions for the cold dark matter power spectrum (neglecting the contribution of neutrino perturbations) is computed according to the approximate formula Eq. (16) (see text for details).

Chudaykin et al. 2021) and applied to real data from existing surveys (Chen et al. 2022; D’Amico et al. 2020; Ivanov et al. 2020b). However, the result of a forecast based on synthetic data depends weakly on the specific modelling; additionally, our final results (Sect. 7) combine galaxy clustering with photometric probes, thus, further reducing the impact of the higher order terms on the prediction of the overall sensitivity of *Euclid* to neutrino parameters.

3.3. Nonlinear modelling

Modelling nonlinear clustering in massive neutrino cosmologies is essential to achieve robust constraints on their mass. A thorough comparison of the performance of several N -body codes and emulators is shown in Adamek et al. (2023). Their findings show that, in cosmologies where only the total neu-

trino mass is varied, the most up-to-date emulators (HMcode, EuclidEmulator2, BACCOemulator) agree with simulations at the 1–2% level for the matter power spectrum. However, none of the aforementioned emulators has been explicitly trained on or built for models with a varying number of neutrino-like species. We present below a comparison of these emulators to N -body simulations in order, firstly, to confirm that they accurately capture the effect of neutrino mass, and secondly, to check whether they can also account for the impact of varying N_{eff} .

In Fig. 3 (left column) we show the accuracy in the prediction of the total matter power spectrum of HALOFIT (Takahashi et al. 2012) with the neutrino corrections of Bird et al. (2012), HMcode (Mead et al. 2021), EuclidEmulator2 (Euclid Collaboration 2021a)¹¹, and BACCOemulator (Angulo et al. 2021). The accuracy is computed with respect to the Dark Energy and Massive Neutrino Universe (DEMNUi) N -body simulations (Carbone et al. 2016; Parimbelli et al. 2022) at redshifts $z = 0, 1, 2$. We find that HALOFIT is the least accurate in reproducing the results from the simulations, both at intermediate (BAO) scales and at smaller scales for any redshift. Instead, HMcode and the two emulators show a very similar performance, apart from a few exceptions. At $z = 0$ HMcode underestimates the power at small scales with respect to the two emulators, which describe the neutrino mass suppression with 1–2% accuracy. At $z = 1$ HMcode slightly overestimates power at BAO scales, while deeply in the nonlinear regime it seems to reproduce the results of the simulations more accurately. Finally, at $z = 2$ HMcode performs slightly better than EuclidEmulator2, while BACCOemulator is not yet trained up to this redshift. Overall, both HMcode and the emulators are within 2% accuracy at any redshift and at any scale where the simulations can be trusted ($k < 1 h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$).

In our usage case, it is not only important to accurately model the clustering of the total power spectrum but also of the CDM+baryon power spectrum (see Sect. 3). In the right column of Fig. 3 we show the accuracy of the same nonlinear recipes in predicting the cold dark matter and baryons power spectrum $P_{\text{cc}}(k, z)$ extracted from the DEMNUni simulations. In order to convert the nonlinear $P_{\text{mm}}(k)$ into the nonlinear $P_{\text{cc}}(k)$ we use the formula

$$P_{\text{mm}}(k) = f_c^2 P_{\text{cc}}(k) + 2f_v f_c P_{\text{cv}}(k) + f_v^2 P_{\text{vv}}(k), \quad (16)$$

where $P_{\text{mm}}(k)$ is the total matter auto-correlation power spectrum, $P_{\text{vv}}(k)$ the neutrino auto-correlation power spectrum, $P_{\text{cv}}(k)$ the cross-correlation cold dark matter–neutrino power spectrum, f_c the cold fraction of dark matter, and $f_v = (1 - f_c)$ the hot one. The formula is correct as long as all the power spectra appearing both in the left-hand side and in the right-hand side are either linear or nonlinear. An approximation arises when mixing linear and nonlinear power spectra. Here we consider nonlinear $P_{\text{mm}}(k)$ and $P_{\text{cc}}(k)$, while $P_{\text{cv}}(k)$ and $P_{\text{vv}}(k)$ are assumed to be linear. This assumption is accurate for $P_{\text{vv}}(k)$, because for $\sum m_\nu \lesssim 0.6 \text{ eV}$ the neutrino free-streaming length is larger than the nonlinear scale today (and even more so at higher redshifts). On the other hand, while we expect the cold dark matter–neutrino cross-power spectrum $P_{\text{cv}}(k)$ to exhibit some nonlinearities, these are found to be negligible.

¹¹ We note that EuclidEmulator2 was trained in the range $\sum m_\nu \in [0.0, 0.15] \text{ eV}$. However, the minimum value in the DEMNUni simulations is $\sum m_\nu = 0.16 \text{ eV}$. Therefore, we had to slightly extend the range of validity of the emulator, assuming it would not cause any dramatic effect on the predictions.

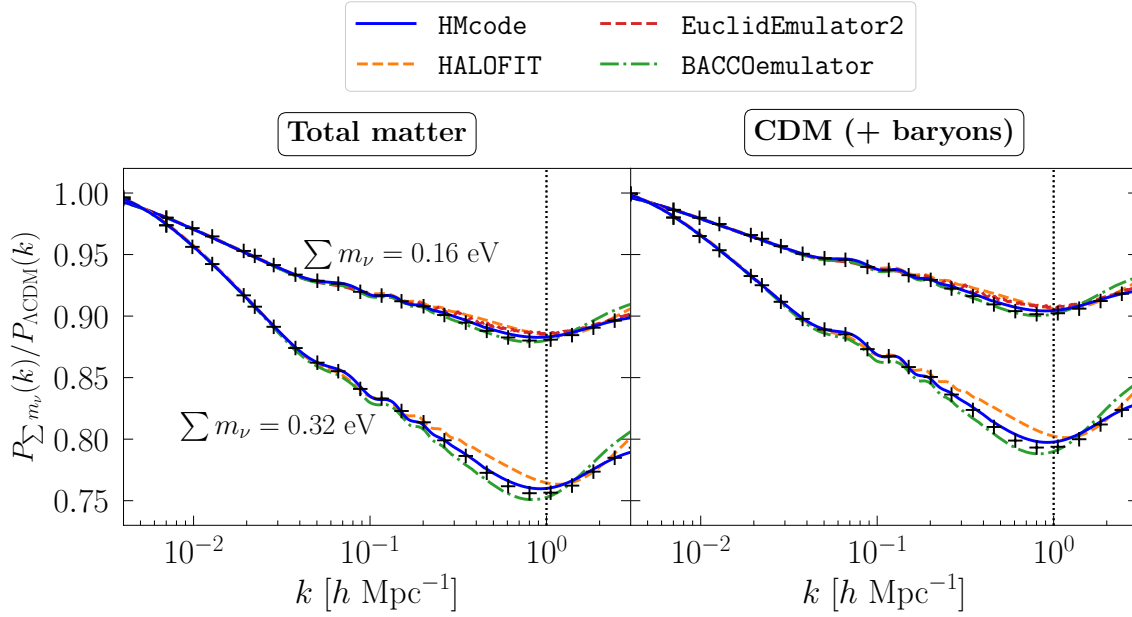


Fig. 4. Theoretical predictions of the suppression of the total matter power spectrum (left) and of the cold dark matter power spectrum (right) in massive neutrino cosmologies ($\Sigma m_\nu = 0.16 \text{ eV}$ and $\Sigma m_\nu = 0.32 \text{ eV}$) with respect to the pure ΛCDM case with massless neutrinos at $z = 0$. The colour coding of the theoretical predictions is the same as in Fig. 3. In the case $\Sigma m_\nu = 0.32 \text{ eV}$, EuclidEmulator2 is not shown because the value of the neutrino mass is too far away from the range of validity of the emulator. The DEMNUni simulations are depicted as black pluses.

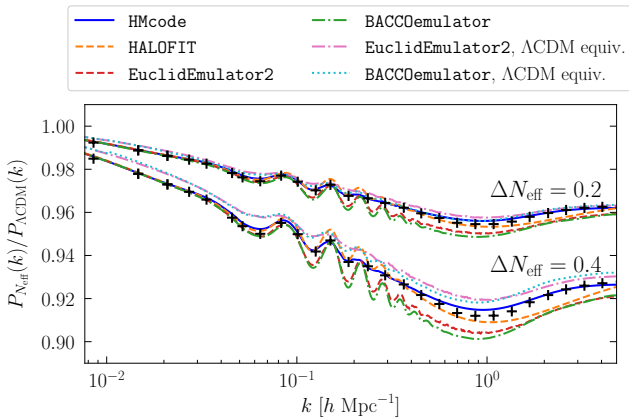


Fig. 5. Theoretical predictions of the suppression of the total matter power spectrum in non-standard N_{eff} cosmologies with respect to the standard one, at $z = 0$, and assuming fixed values of $\{\Omega_{\text{m},0}, \Omega_{\text{b},0}, h\}$, like in the top panel of Fig. 2. The colour coding of the theoretical predictions is the same as in Fig. 3. We add here two more prescriptions, obtained by rescaling $\Omega_{\text{c},0}$, $\Omega_{\text{b},0}$ and h to mimic changes in N_{eff} . We refer to it as “ ΛCDM equivalent”: the dot-dashed pink line represents results for EuclidEmulator2; and the dotted cyan line represents the BACCOemulator prediction. Black crosses represent results from N -body simulations.

The right panel of Fig. 3 shows precisely the accuracy of this approximation: we compare results from the DEMNUni simulations against the nonlinear $P_{\text{cc}}(k)$ of the various emulators obtained by inverting Eq. (16), where only $P_{\text{mm}}(k)$ is assumed to be fully nonlinear. Concerning the accuracy on $P_{\text{cc}}(k)$ of the different prescriptions adopted to compute the theoretical $P_{\text{mm}}(k)$ [from which we derive $P_{\text{cc}}(k)$] the same considerations drawn for the total matter power spectrum hold true here. While HALOFIT fails to accurately reproduce the results of the simulations, the accuracy of the emulators is better than the one of HMcode, espe-

cially at low redshift. However, both HMcode and the emulators remain within 2% accuracy with respect to the DEMNUni simulations at any redshift and scale.

In Fig. 4, we show the massive neutrino ($\Sigma m_\nu = 0.16 \text{ eV}$ and $\Sigma m_\nu = 0.32 \text{ eV}$) induced suppression in the total matter power spectrum (left plot) and in the CDM+baryon power spectrum (right plot), with respect to a ΛCDM cosmology for the DEMNUni simulations and for the nonlinear predictions described above. For larger neutrino masses, HMcode outperforms not only HALOFIT but also the emulators in the precision of modelling this suppression. We note that a neutrino mass of about 0.3 eV , although it is excluded in the minimal $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \Sigma m_\nu$ scenario by the most stringent cosmological constraints to date (e.g. Alam et al. 2021; Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 2020), remains within reach in extended models (Lambiase et al. 2019).

Finally, we are also going to vary the effective number of neutrino-like species (N_{eff}) in our main analysis. To understand the nonlinear clustering in cosmologies in this case, we performed simulations with 1024^3 particles in a box with size $L = 1024 h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$ varying N_{eff} between 0.2 and 0.4. In Fig. 5 we checked the accuracy of HALOFIT, HMcode, EuclidEmulator2, and BACCOemulator with respect to these N_{eff} simulations. The two emulators fail in reproducing the variations of the number of neutrino species (green and red lines, BACCOemulator and EuclidEmulator2, respectively); this was expected since they are not trained on cosmologies with non-standard N_{eff} . In order to overcome the parameter extension with the emulators, we tried to remap the variation in N_{eff} on large scales to a variation in the total matter and cold dark matter density parameters $\{\Omega_{\text{m},0}, \Omega_{\text{c},0}\}$ and of the reduced Hubble constant h using the relationship derived in Rossi et al. (2015). However, tweaking the parameters does not improve the accuracy of the reconstruction of the N_{eff} variations by means of emulators to a level competitive with HMcode. On the other hand, HMcode provides a good fit of the relative difference in the nonlinear clustering induced by variations of the number

of neutrino-like particles, both for the phase-shift in the BAO scale, and for the overall suppression at small scales. Indeed, even though the HMcode parameters are not fit to simulations with varying N_{eff} , the model is based on the convolution with the linear power spectrum, which naturally embeds the effect of N_{eff} .

To summarise, the emulators reach 1% accuracy in reproducing the CDM+baryon power spectrum in massive neutrino cosmologies out to $k = 1 h \text{Mpc}^{-1}$, thus performing slightly better than HMcode, as already noted in Adamek et al. (2023). However, given their range of validity in terms of redshift (BACCOemulator) and neutrino mass (EuclidEmulator2) and especially given that they are not trained in varying N_{eff} cosmologies, we opted for HMcode as our recipe to compute nonlinear corrections.

4. Additional probes

Through the history of the Universe neutrinos evolve from behaving like radiation to contributing to the total matter density. In order to capture neutrino effects at different epochs and remove parameter degeneracies, it is crucial to combine primary probes with additional secondary probes on larger scales from the *Euclid* survey, such as cluster number counts, and with external data probing the early Universe, such as from CMB anisotropies.

4.1. Cluster number counts from the *Euclid* survey

Clusters of galaxies are potentially a strong cosmological probe (Oukbir & Blanchard 1997; White et al. 1993; Bahcall & Fan 1998; Reiprich & Boehringer 2002; Mantz et al. 2008; Vikhlinin et al. 2009). Measurements of their abundance and evolution allow us to place constraints on both the geometry of our Universe and the growth of its density perturbations (Mohr 2005; Vikhlinin et al. 2009; Allen et al. 2011; Kravtsov & Borgani 2012). This could be achieved in particular from galaxy cluster number-counts experiments where, assuming that a halo number density mass function is predicted in a given cosmological model, one can confront the number of observed clusters computed in a given survey volume with its theoretical prediction and, from it, constrain cosmological parameters (Bocquet et al. 2019; Kirby et al. 2019; Costanzi et al. 2021; Sakr et al. 2022; Lesci et al. 2022). *Euclid* will study galaxy clusters abundance, an independent and complementary probe to the two primary ones, allowing the optical detection of clusters previously unattainable in terms of the depth and area covered. Under optimistic assumptions about the calibration of the mass-observable relation, Carbone et al. (2012), Basse et al. (2014), Cerbolini et al. (2013), Sartoris et al. (2016) find that the promising increase in the number of detected clusters will provide tight constraints on models of dark energy or non-minimal massive neutrinos.

To forecast constraints from cluster number counts, we have followed a similar approach to Sartoris et al. (2016) on the modelling of the mass-observable scaling relation and selection function. The cluster's mass is derived from a scaling relation with an observable quantity, such as the cluster richness, luminosity, velocity dispersion or shear from gravitational lensing. We call M_{obs} this mass. The estimated number counts of these clusters for a redshift bin l and mass bin m , corresponding to z_l and $M_{\text{obs},m}$, can then be expressed as

$$N_{l,m} = \int_{\Omega_{\text{tot}}} d\Omega \int_{z_l}^{z_{l+1}} dz \frac{dV}{dz d\Omega} \times \int_0^{+\infty} dM \frac{dn(M, z)}{dM} \frac{1}{2} [\text{erfc}(x_{m,l}) - \text{erfc}(x_{m+1,l})], \quad (17)$$

under the assumption of a log-normal observed mass distribution. Here $dn(M, z)/dM$ is the cluster mass function of Euclid Collaboration (2023) defined below, $d\Omega$ is the solid angle element in steradians, $dV/(dz d\Omega)$ is the derivative of the comoving volume with respect to the redshift and solid angle element,

$$\frac{dV}{dz d\Omega} = \frac{c(1+z)^2 D_A^2(z)}{H(z)}, \quad (18)$$

with $D_A(z)$ being the angular diameter distance and c the speed of light, while $\text{erfc}(x)$ is the complementary error function, with the argument x being the (biased) logarithm of the mass (see below). We can explicitly write this as $x_{m,l} = x(M_{\text{obs},m,l})$ defined in each mass bin m and redshift bin l as

$$x_{m,l} = x(M_{\text{obs},m,l}) = \frac{\ln(M_{\text{obs},m,l}/M) - \mathcal{B}_{\text{bias},l}}{\sqrt{2\sigma_{M_{\text{obs},m,l}}^2}}. \quad (19)$$

We define the bias and the variance to be

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{bias},l} = B_{M,0} + b_E \ln\left(\frac{M}{M_{\text{pivot}}}\right) + \alpha_E \ln(1+z_l), \quad (20)$$

and

$$\sigma_{M_{\text{obs},m,l}}^2 = \sigma_{M_{\text{obs},0}}^2 - 1 + (1+z_l)^{2\beta_E},$$

where $B_{M,0}$, b_E , and α_E are free parameters to quantify, respectively, the change in calibration, slope, and redshift dependence in the mass-observable-biased log-normal mass distribution, with $M_{\text{pivot}} = 3 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$, while $\sigma_{M_{\text{obs},0}}^2$ and β_E serve also to respectively calibrate and account for the redshift dependence in the variance. The predicted number density of halos of mass M at redshift z (the mass function) is given by

$$\frac{dn(M, z)}{dM} = \frac{\rho_{\text{bc},0}}{M} \mathcal{F}[\sigma(R, z)] \frac{d \ln([\sigma(R, z)]^{-1})}{dM}, \quad (21)$$

where $\sigma(R, z)$ is the variance of the density field within a sphere of radius R at redshift z , and it is computed following Costanzi et al. (2013) neglecting the massive neutrino component, from the linear CDM+baryon power spectrum $P_{\text{cc}}(k, z)$ as

$$\sigma^2(R, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} dk k^2 P_{\text{cc}}(k, z) W^2(kR), \quad (22)$$

where $W(kR)$ is the top-hat filter in k -space,

$$W(kR) = 3 \frac{[\sin(kR) - kR \cos(kR)]}{(kR)^3}, \quad (23)$$

$R = R(M) = (3M/4\pi\rho_{\text{bc},0})^{1/3}$ is the radius of a sphere enclosing a mass M , and $\rho_{\text{bc},0} = \rho_{\text{crit},0} \Omega_{\text{bc},0}$ is the mean CDM+baryon energy density at $z = 0$. Here we have used the critical density $\rho_{\text{crit},0}$ and the CDM+baryon density fraction $\Omega_{\text{bc},0} = \Omega_{\text{m},0} - \Omega_{\nu,0}$. Finally, the multiplicity function reads, according to the modified Press–Schechter formalism of Euclid Collaboration (2023):

$$\mathcal{F}(v, z) = v A(p, q) \sqrt{\frac{2a}{\pi}} e^{-av^2/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(av^2)^p}\right) (v\sqrt{a})^{q-1}, \quad (24)$$

Table 3. Parameters of the multiplicity function $\mathcal{F}(\nu, z)$ (Eq. (24)).

| Parameter | Value |
|-----------|---------|
| a_1 | 0.7962 |
| a_2 | 0.1449 |
| a_z | -0.0658 |
| p_1 | -0.5612 |
| p_2 | -0.4743 |
| q_1 | 0.3688 |
| q_2 | -0.2804 |
| q_z | 0.0251 |

where $\nu(M, z) = \delta_c(z)/\sigma(R, z)$, and $\delta_c(z)$ is the linear density contrast for spherical collapse. This can be computed following the prescription of [Weinberg & Kamionkowski \(2003\)](#):

$$\delta_{c,\text{lin}}(z) \simeq \frac{3}{20}(12\pi)^{2/3}[1 + 0.0123 \log_{10} \Omega_m(z)]. \quad (25)$$

Note that this formula does not take into account any massive neutrino, except for Ω_m . Here the matter density fraction $\Omega_m(z)$ at redshift z is computed from the present day total matter density $\Omega_{m,0}$ as

$$\Omega_m(z) = \Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 \frac{H_0^2}{H^2(z)}. \quad (26)$$

The redshift and scale-dependence of the parameters of Eq. (24) can be written as

$$A(p, q) = \left\{ \frac{2^{-0.5-p+q/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} [2^p \Gamma(q/2) + \Gamma(-p+q/2)] \right\}^{-1}, \quad (27)$$

$$q = q_R [\Omega_{\text{bc}}(z)]^{q_z}, \quad (28)$$

$$q_R = q_1 + q_2 \left[\frac{d \ln \sigma(R, z)}{d \ln R} + 0.5 \right], \quad (29)$$

$$p = p_1 + p_2 \left[\frac{d \ln \sigma(R, z)}{d \ln R} + 0.5 \right], \quad (30)$$

$$a = a_R [\Omega_{\text{bc}}(z)]^{a_z}, \quad (31)$$

$$a_R = a_1 + a_2 \left[\frac{d \ln \sigma(R, z)}{d \ln R} + 0.6125 \right]^2, \quad (32)$$

where the parameters a_i , p_i , and q_i are calibrated to the simulation. The adopted values of the seven fitted parameters are listed in Table 3.

The corresponding likelihood function is based on Poisson statistics ([Cash 1979](#); [Holder et al. 2001](#); [Bonamente 2020](#)):

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}} &= \ln \mathcal{P}(n_{l,m} | N_{l,m}) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^{N_l} \sum_{m=1}^{N_m} [n_{l,m} \ln(N_{l,m}) - N_{l,m} - \ln(n_{l,m}!)], \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where $\mathcal{P}(n_{l,m} | N_{l,m})$ is the Poisson distribution probability of finding $n_{l,m}$ clusters given an expected number of $N_{l,m}$ in each bin in redshift and mass. The $N_{l,m}$ are computed from Eq. (17), whereas the $n_{l,m}$ are the fiducial values of the $N_{l,m}$. To estimate the number counts, we have considered equally spaced redshift bins in $z \in [0.2, 1.8]$, with a width of $\Delta z = 0.1$. As for the limiting mass, we have followed the selection function used in [Sartoris et al. \(2016\)](#) in the pessimistic case where the lower

mass for clusters is defined as the one corresponding to the significance of detection threshold, or the ratio between the cluster galaxy number count and the field RMS, $N_c/\sigma_{\text{field}}$ is above 5. In our analysis, we also conservatively vary the nuisance parameters. In order to compute the fiducial mocks the latter are set to $(B_{M,0}, b_E, \alpha_E, \sigma_{\ln M,0}, \beta_E) = (0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.2, 0.125)$.

4.2. Cosmic microwave background

In Sect. 7 we forecast the sensitivity to neutrino parameters of the *Euclid* probes combined with CMB data from the *Planck* satellite. In the context of a forecast, it is easier to describe the *Planck* constraining power not through the actual data and likelihood, but through mock data and a synthetic likelihood mimicking the sensitivity of *Planck*. This allows us to assume the same underlying cosmology for our *Euclid* and *Planck* mock data, and perform our forecast in ideal conditions – of course, one should keep in mind that this is a very different exercise from a real data analysis, which can bring surprises, especially if different data sets are in tension due to statistical flukes, incomplete systematic modelling, or physical effects that have not been accounted for.

As in many previous works, we use for this purpose the `fake_planck_realistic` likelihood of the public `MontePython` package, which accounts for the measurement of CMB temperature, polarisation, and lensing by *Planck*, with a sky coverage of 57% and noise spectra very close to the actual ones. This Gaussian likelihood accounts for three correlated observables: the CMB temperature map; the E-mode polarisation map, and the reconstructed CMB lensing potential map. In principle, these observables are slightly correlated with *Euclid* observables because the same clusters can shear high-redshift *Euclid* galaxies and distort patterns on the last scattering surface. This correlation will be taken into account in the analysis of real *Euclid* data, but, for simplicity, we neglect it in the present forecasts.

Next, we estimate the potential of *Euclid* data in combination with future CMB data from the LiteBIRD satellite, optimised for large angular scales, and from the CMB Stage-IV survey (CMB-S4), optimised for smaller angular scales. As in [Brinckmann et al. \(2019\)](#) we model this combination with two mock likelihoods in the public `MontePython` package: the `litebird_lowl` likelihood accounts for LiteBIRD temperature and polarisation data in the multipole range where the survey is the most constraining, $2 \leq \ell \leq 50$; and the `cmb_s4_highl` likelihood for temperature, polarisation, and lensing data from CMB-S4 at $\ell > 50$. Details on the assumed sensitivity can be found directly in the numerical package or in [Brinckmann et al. \(2019\)](#). In that case, we follow the same methodology as for *Planck*: the CMB mock data account for the same fiducial model as *Euclid* and we neglect correlations between the CMB and large-scale structure data, although this correlation will be more important for a survey very sensitive to CMB lensing like CMB-S4.

For CMB experiments, the predicted error on N_{eff} depends mainly on the sensitivity of data to small angular scales. This means that in our modelling of LiteBIRD+CMB-S4 the assumptions regarding the CMB-S4 sensitivity at large ℓ are crucial. As in the rest of this forecast paper, we stick to conservative assumptions. Similarly to [Brinckmann et al. \(2019\)](#), we assume that foregrounds can be removed from CMB temperature and polarisation data only up to $\ell_{\text{max}} = 3000$, that the Galactic cut imposes a sky coverage $f_{\text{sky}} = 0.40$, and that the CMB-S4 instrument can be modelled with a beam width of $\theta = 3.0$ arcmin and

a sensitivity to temperature of $\sigma_T = 1.0 \mu\text{K arcmin}$. With such assumptions, the combination of LiteBIRD+CMB-S4 predicts $\sigma(N_{\text{eff}}) = 0.038$ in the $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$ case – see Table 5 of Brinckmann et al. (2019). Since in this case the posterior is nearly Gaussian, this implies a 95% CL upper bound $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.076$. This is consistent with the forecasts of the CMB-S4 white paper Abazajian et al. (2016), but that paper explores many other assumptions on CMB-S4 data, with a maximum multipole for the temperature data in the range $\ell_{\text{max}}^{\text{TT}} \in [3000, 5000]$, a sky fraction $f_{\text{sky}} \in [0.1, 0.8]$, a beam width of $\theta \in [1.0, 3.0]$ arcmin, and a sensitivity of $\sigma_T \in [1.0, 3.0] \mu\text{K arcmin}$ – see Figs. 22–24 of Abazajian et al. (2016). We should stress that in that regard the summary plot of Fig. 23 (right panel) – which can be compared with our Fig. 18 – CMB-S4 forecasts are performed under extremely optimistic assumptions: $\ell_{\text{max}}^{\text{TT}} = 5000$, $f_{\text{sky}} = 0.5$ (respectively 0.7), $\theta = 1.0$ arcmin, and $\sigma_T = 1.0 \mu\text{K arcmin}$, which gives a 95% CL upper bound $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.054$ (respectively 0.046). While these numbers provide an example of what CMB Stage-IV may ideally achieve, we want to give more conservative estimates of what will be possible with the combined surveys.

5. Forecast method

Having described our modelling of observables and likelihood functions in Sects. 3 and 4, we now explain how such likelihoods can be used for the purpose of *Euclid* forecasts. Our forecast methods are based on Euclid Collaboration (2024a), adjusted to account for the presence of massive neutrinos. The validation of the four different pipelines described in this section against each other is detailed in Sect. 6 and one of them (i.e. the MCMC pipeline) was used in deriving our main results, presented in Sect. 7.

If the parameters are well constrained, we can approximate the posteriors with a multivariate Gaussian. Since such a distribution can be described by a mean vector and a covariance matrix, with such an approximation all the information concerning the sensitivity of the experiment to the parameters of the model is contained in the Hessian matrix $F_{\alpha\beta}$ of the log-likelihood at the best fit, also called the Fisher Information (FI) matrix:

$$F_{\alpha\beta} \equiv -\langle \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta \ln \mathcal{L} |_{\text{best fit}} \rangle, \quad (34)$$

where the indices $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ run over model (cosmological or nuisance) parameters. Our version of the `MontePython` package implements mock likelihood functions $\mathcal{L}(\theta_\alpha)$ for each of the *Euclid* probes described in Sect. 3. The pipeline referred to later as `MP/Fisher` (the `MontePython` package used in Fisher mode) directly evaluates the FI matrix from Eq. (34). First, the code calls the Einstein–Boltzmann solver (EBS) `CLASS` to evaluate the cosmological observables required by the likelihood calculation (power spectra, growth rate, etc.). Then, it performs a numerical calculation of two-sided second-order derivatives, based on the evaluation of the likelihood at the best fit and in $2N^2$ neighbouring points, where N is the number of model parameters¹².

Due to the computational cost and complexity of evaluating second-order derivatives, one can use the fact that the likelihoods

¹² To compute the second derivatives using a finite difference scheme, after computing the likelihood at the best fit, the code needs to perform two likelihood evaluations for each of the N second derivatives with $\alpha = \beta$, and four evaluations for each of the $N(N-1)/2$ cross-derivatives with $\alpha \neq \beta$, leading to a total of $2N^2$ evaluations.

have a relatively simple Gaussian dependence on the power spectra (but not on the parameters) to express the Fisher matrix in terms of first derivatives only. For the photometric probe, the FI matrix can be expressed as

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} f_{\text{sky}} \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) \text{Tr} \left\{ \left[\mathbf{C}^{\text{fid}}(\ell) \right]^{-1} \left[\partial_\alpha \mathbf{C}^{\text{th}}(\ell) \right]_{\text{fid}} \right. \\ \left. \left[\mathbf{C}^{\text{fid}}(\ell) \right]^{-1} \left[\partial_\beta \mathbf{C}^{\text{th}}(\ell) \right]_{\text{fid}} \right\}, \quad (35)$$

where for each multipole ℓ the matrices \mathbf{C}^{fid} and \mathbf{C}^{th} are built out of the angular power spectra C_{ij}^{XY} defined in Eq. (4), evaluated, respectively, at fiducial parameter values in the case of \mathbf{C}^{fid} , or at two points (per dimension) in parameter space to compute numerically the first-order derivative $\partial_\alpha \mathbf{C}^{\text{th}}|_{\text{fid}}$. Since with this method only the first-order derivatives are evaluated, the total number of points needed reduces to $2N$ (using a first-order double-sided finite difference). We refer the reader to Euclid Collaboration (2024a) for more details on the definition of the matrices \mathbf{C}^{fid} and \mathbf{C}^{th} . For the spectroscopic probe, the FI matrix becomes instead

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_i \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \int_{10^{-3}}^{k_{\text{max}}} dk^2 \left[\partial_\alpha \ln(P_{\text{obs}}) \right]_{\text{fid}} \\ \times \left[\partial_\beta \ln(P_{\text{obs}}) \right]_{\text{fid}} V_i^{\text{fid}}, \quad (36)$$

where P_{obs} is the observable power spectrum defined in Eq. (11), k_{max} is given in Table 2 and the index i runs over four redshift bins with effective volume V_i^{fid} . Details on the assumed survey characteristics and binning strategy are specified in Euclid Collaboration (2024a).

The pipeline that we refer to as CF, that is, the `CosmicFish` code, uses Eqs. (35) and (36) to compute the FI matrix. It calculates the matrices $\mathbf{C}(\ell)$ and the spectra P_{obs} at the fiducial point and at a given number of neighbouring points in parameter space, and numerically evaluates the first derivatives of these observables with respect to model parameters. By default, `CosmicFish` uses two-sided first-order derivatives (two neighbouring points). To check the numerical stability of this method, we have checked that we get similar result when using a 4-point forward stencil derivative (see Appendix A). The version of `CosmicFish` used in this work internally calls one of the EBSs (`CAMB` or `CLASS`) to evaluate the cosmological observables, providing us with two forecast pipelines `CF/CAMB` and `CF/CLASS`¹³.

Our fourth pipeline called `MP/MCMC` is the `MontePython` package used in its default mode, which is running Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMCs) with a Metropolis–Hasting algorithm to explore the parameter space and infer the posterior from the likelihood according to Bayes theorem. We always assume top-hat priors on model parameters, with prior edges chosen far in the exponential tails of the posteriors, such that the confidence intervals inferred from the MCMCs at the 95% CL are unaffected by the choice of prior edge. The only exception is the summed neutrino mass $\sum m_\nu$, for which we impose a theoretical prior $\sum m_\nu > 0$. The two main advantages of MCMC forecasts is that they rely neither on a Gaussian approximation to the likelihood, nor on the calculation of numerical derivatives. We note that the `MP/Fisher` and `MP/MCMC` pipelines call the very same *Euclid* mock likelihoods, computing the same functions $\mathcal{L}(\theta_\alpha)$, which

¹³ These pipelines correspond to those called ‘`CosmicFish internal`’ in Euclid Collaboration (2024a), denoted as `CF/int/CAMB` and `CF/int/CLASS`. In this paper, we omit the ‘`int`’ since we do not use external precomputed spectra.

are the only parts of the pipeline depending on the cosmology; thus, it is impossible by construction to introduce a mistake in the modelling of cosmology (or of the *Euclid* survey) when passing from one pipeline to the other. This means that the validation of one pipeline automatically implies the validation of the other pipeline (as long as the FI matrix is well conditioned and the MCMC has converged).

This statement could be questioned in the case in which one of the two approaches (FI matrix or MCMC) requires a more accurate calculation of the cosmological observables or of the likelihood functions. In the case at hand, we know that the highest precision is required by the FI matrix approach, because a robust evaluation of numerical derivatives with small step sizes requires high accuracy and low numerical noise. However, our approach consists of validating the MP/Fisher pipeline first, which is more demanding in terms of accuracy; this in turn validates the MP/MCMC pipeline, which is less demanding. We also explicitly compare the results from the two pipelines in Sect. 6 to make sure that they agree.

6. Code validation

In order to validate the four forecast pipelines described in Sect. 5 against each other, we need to choose a framework (fiducial model and set of parameters) in which the FI formalism can be applied in a robust way. In the results section, we will be interested in extensions of the minimal five-dimensional (5D) flat Λ CDM model with up to four additional free parameters $\{\sum m_\nu, N_{\text{eff}}, w_0, w_a\}$ ¹⁴. However, floating these nine parameters simultaneously opens up strong degeneracies in the parameter space and leads to very non-Gaussian posteriors. In that case, the Gaussian approximation breaks down. Then, the FI matrix calculation becomes unstable, since it depends heavily on the choice of numerical derivative step sizes. Besides, the FI matrix no longer provides a good estimate of the experimental sensitivity.

To overcome this issue, we decided to validate our forecasting pipelines by looking separately at three 7-parameter models for which the posterior remains close to Gaussian (as confirmed by contour plots from MCMC runs displayed in Sect. 6.2). This strategy does not limit the range of validity of our final results, since at the end, after validating the pipelines against each other, we will use the MCMC pipeline for our main results. This pipeline does not rely on any Gaussian approximation and can be used even for full 9-parameter forecasts.

The three seven-parameter models used for validation are defined as follows. Firstly, we stick to a $w_0 w_a$ CDM cosmology, with a time-varying dark energy equation of state parameter $w(a) = w_a(1 - a) + w_0$ (Chevallier & Polarski 2001; Linder 2003) but fixed $\{\sum m_\nu, N_{\text{eff}}\}$. This model was already used in the forecasts of Euclid Collaboration (2024a) and allows us to cross-check that the previous validation still holds. Secondly, we investigate cosmologies where we vary the neutrino mass and the effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom, Λ CDM+ $\sum m_\nu$ + N_{eff} , but stick to a cosmological constant. This framework allows us to cross-check our implementation on neutrino effects on the observables. Thirdly, we consider models with varying neutrino mass and dark energy equation of state, w_0 CDM+ $\sum m_\nu$, with fixed $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044$ and $w_a = 0$. This last set up will prove that our modelling of nonlinear corrections is

¹⁴ We recall that τ_{reio} is relevant for CMB observables but not for cosmic shear or galaxy clustering, making the model effectively 5D instead of 6D.

Table 4. Fiducial values of the cosmological parameters used in the validation and result sections.

| Fiducial | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|------------|--------------------|------------------|-------|-------|--|
| Λ CDM | | | | | Extensions | | | | |
| $\Omega_{\text{m},0}$ | $100 \Omega_{\text{b},0}$ | h | n_s | σ_8 | $\sum m_\nu$ [meV] | N_{eff} | w_0 | w_a | |
| 0.314571 | 4.92 | 0.6737 | 0.9661 | 0.81 | 60 | 3.044 | -1 | 0 | |

Notes. The optical depth to reionisation is fixed to the *Planck* best-fit value $\tau = 0.0543$ when only *Euclid* observables are included in the analysis, while we allow it to vary in the joint analysis with CMB probes.

consistent across the different pipelines even when neutrino and DE parameters are varied simultaneously.

The fiducial values of cosmological parameters used in Sects. 6 and 7 are summarised in Table 4. Despite identical fiducial values, the models used for validation in this section and for forecasts in the next section feature two subtle differences with respect to each other. First, as already explained in Sect. 2.2 (case b), we assume here a single massive neutrino species with mass $m_\nu = \sum m_\nu$, which allows for easier comparison with earlier work and for simpler FI matrix calculations (given that the N_{eff} posterior remains symmetric around the fiducial value). Second, we fix here the nonlinear modelling parameters σ_p and σ_v to their fiducial values in order to keep the contours of the spectroscopic probe more Gaussian. In Sect. 7, we instead consider three degenerate massive neutrino species, each with mass $m_\nu = \sum m_\nu/3$ (see Sect. 2.2, case a) and we will marginalise over σ_p and σ_v .

We performed validation tests for each of the three seven-parameter models, each probe (photometric or spectroscopic), and each case (pessimistic or optimistic). Thus, the number of validation tests amounted to 12. In each of these 12 situations, we proceeded as follows:

1. Validate the predictions and accuracy settings of the EBSs by comparing the CF/CAMB and CF/CLASS pipeline results;
2. Validate our MontePython likelihood and our FI matrix implementation by comparing the results from the CF/CLASS and MP/Fisher pipelines;
3. Check the validity and stability of our FI forecasts (choice of step size in numerical derivatives and validity of Gaussian approximation) by comparing the previous two pipelines with MP/MCMC runs.

In practice, we performed steps 1 and 2 simultaneously, by comparing all three derived FI matrices. For steps 1 and 2, our test consisted of comparing the marginalised and unmarginalised errors on each cosmological and nuisance parameter¹⁵. Validation was achieved when all errors were within 10% of the median. This subjective criterion¹⁶ was already adopted in previous *Euclid* validation papers like EC20 and Euclid Collaboration (2024a). The results of these tests are shown in Sect. 6.1. For step 3 we compared 1D posteriors and 2D confidence contours in triangle plots in Sect. 6.2.

¹⁵ Marginalised errors are obtained by an inversion of the Fisher matrix. They represent the error on one parameter when the posterior is integrated over all possible values of the other parameters, effectively erasing or averaging over their information.

¹⁶ As detailed in Sect. 3.1.6 of EC20, a fractional error of 10% on the marginalised 1σ forecasted errors corresponds roughly to a requirement at the 10^{-4} level on the numerical accuracy of the elements of the Fisher matrix and its inverse.

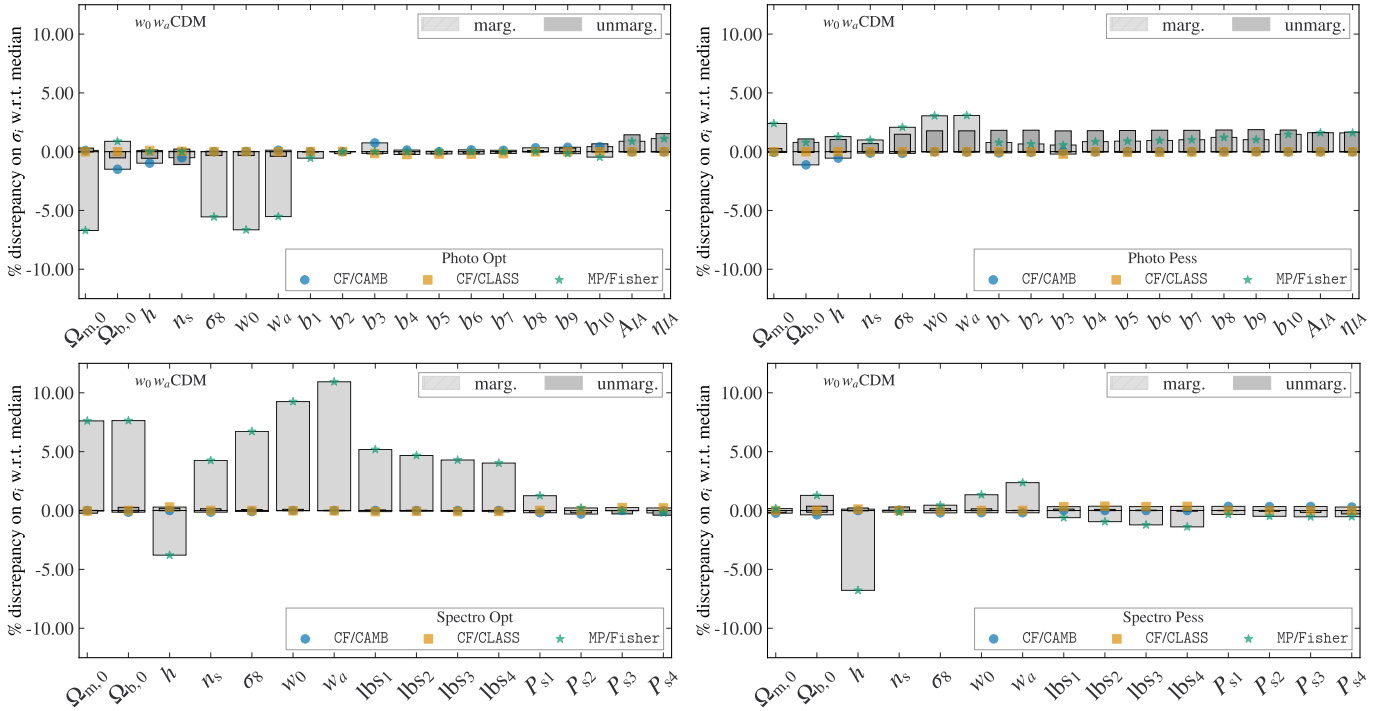


Fig. 6. For the w_0w_a CDM model, comparison of each of the Fisher marginalised (light grey) and unmarginalised (dark grey) errors on each cosmological and nuisance parameter for: photometric optimistic probe (top left); photometric pessimistic probe (top right); spectroscopic optimistic probe (bottom left); and spectroscopic pessimistic probe (bottom right). For the spectroscopic probe the labels lb_{s_i} are short for the parameters $\ln(b\sigma_8)_i$.

6.1. Validation of Fisher pipelines

We show the marginalised and unmarginalised errors predicted by each pipeline (CF/CAMB, CF/CLASS, MP/Fisher) used to compute the FI matrix, each probe, and each case, respectively, in Fig. 6 for the w_0w_a CDM model, in Fig. 7 for the Λ CDM+ $\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ model, and in Fig. 8 for the w_0 CDM+ $\sum m_\nu$ model. In all cases, the errors are within 10% of the median, leading to the validation of the pipelines.

Uncertainties from CF/CAMB and CF/CLASS are usually within 2% of each other, which shows the excellent agreement between the two EBSs. Such a level of agreement was achieved after a careful setting of the parameters describing underlying assumptions on the cosmological models (especially those controlling the modelling of the neutrino sector) and of accuracy settings. Our choice of input and accuracy settings for CAMB and CLASS is described in Appendix B. The errors from CF/CAMB and CF/CLASS differ by more than 2% only in the photometric case, in which the σ_8 and $\sum m_\nu$ errors are 3–5% away from each other. We believe this is due to the tiny but irreducible difference in the neutrino treatment between CLASS and CAMB. As shown in Fig. B.1, the suppression of the power spectrum on small scales due to neutrinos seems to start earlier in CLASS than CAMB, inducing differences of the order of 0.1% in the linear matter power spectrum. Still, the final error bars achieve a level of agreement that is remarkable and sufficient for *Euclid* purposes.

Errors from CF/CLASS and MP/Fisher are within 10% of each other. The precise level of agreement is sensitive to the choice of step sizes, especially in the MP/Fisher pipeline. For this choice, we adopted the following strategy

- For CF/CAMB and CF/CLASS, we adopt by default relative steps of 1% in each parameter (or 0.01 for w_a). How-

ever, we observed that this choice is inappropriate for $\sum m_\nu$, since this parameter has a smaller impact on the matter power spectrum. The effect of a 1% variation in the neutrino mass on both P_{mm} and P_{cc} is so small that numerical derivatives would be dominated by numerical noise from the EBSs. Thus, for $\sum m_\nu$, we adopt a step size of 10%, that is, $\Delta(\sum m_\nu) = 6 \text{ meV}$. We checked that the results are relatively stable against small variations in the step sizes (see Appendix C) and against a change in the numerical derivative method (see Appendix A).

- In MP/Fisher, we stick to the recommendation of Euclid Collaboration (2024a) and choose the step size in relation to the marginalised 1D parameter uncertainty for each individual parameter for a given model. To get the uncertainties, we could either run an MCMC or use the error obtained from CosmicFish. In this case we use the uncertainties obtained from CosmicFish. In the case of the photometric probe, we choose a step size of 10% of the posterior error, while for the spectroscopic probe, we used a step size of 5% of the error.

These results are very sensitive to the modelling of nonlinear corrections. In Sect. 3.3, we argue that the most recent version of HMcode (Mead et al. 2021) reproduces simulations featuring massive neutrinos significantly better than HALOFIT (Takahashi et al. 2012; Bird et al. 2012). We checked that using HALOFIT instead of HMcode does affect the marginalised forecasted errors by a large factor of 1.5 (see Appendix D). The assumption that galaxies trace cold-plus-baryonic matter instead of total matter is also important for *Euclid*, but to a lesser extent. When replacing P_{cc} by P_{mm} everywhere in the spectroscopic likelihood, the uncertainties vary by at most 5% on $\sum m_\nu$ (for our fiducial value $\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}$) (as shown in Appendix E).

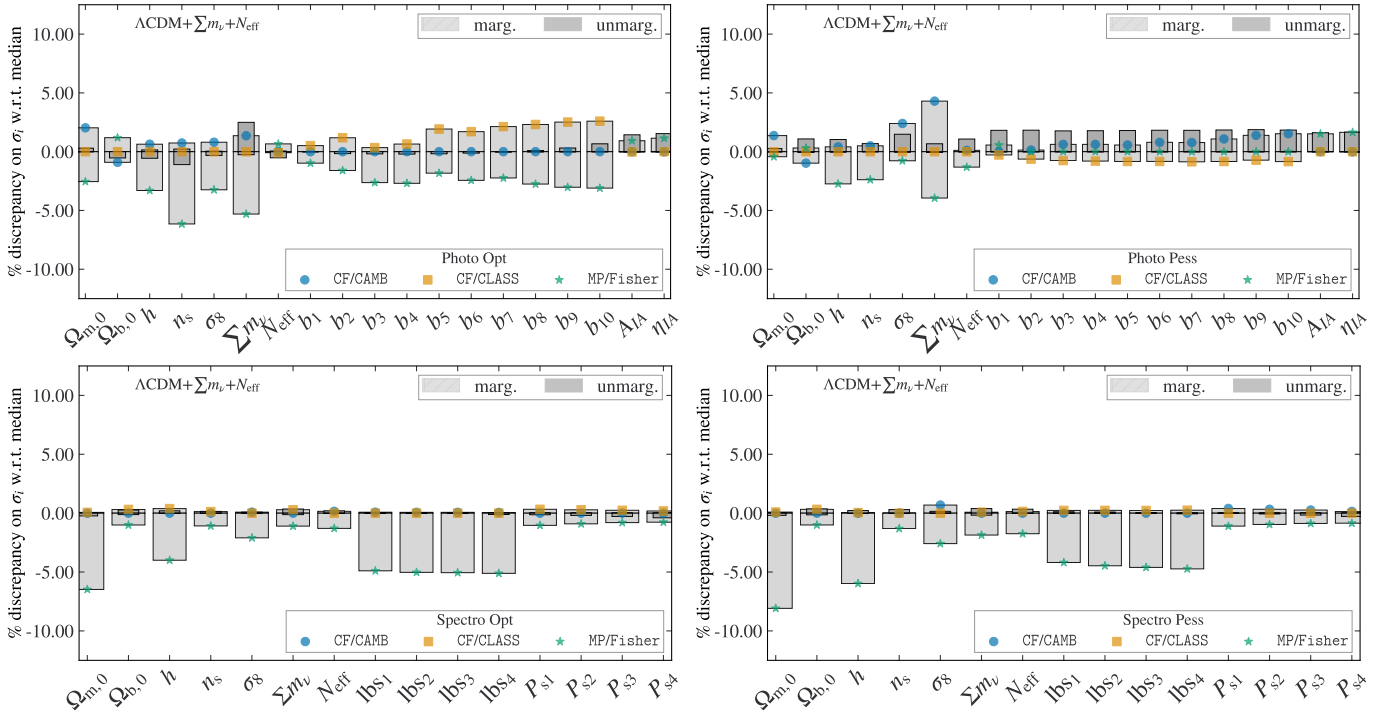


Fig. 7. Same as Fig. 6, but for the $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$ model.

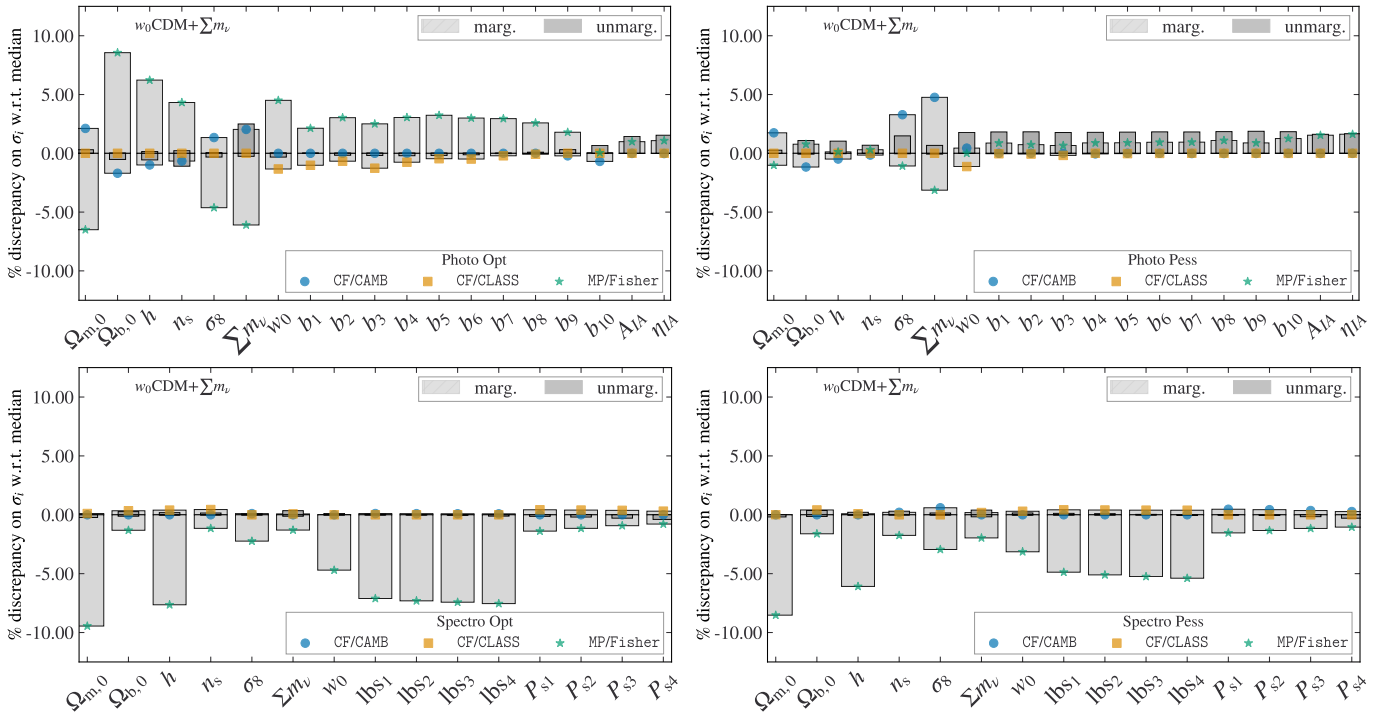


Fig. 8. Same as Fig. 6, but for the $w_0\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model.

6.2. Comparison of Fisher ellipses and MCMC contours

For each of the three validation models and each of the two probes, we show the 1D marginalised posteriors and the 2D marginalised confidence contours of our MP/MCMC runs in the triangle plots of Figs. 9 to 11. For this test, we only consider the optimistic case, which is the most sensitive to details in the modelling of the observables, and the most likely to reveal possi-

ble discrepancies in the numerical implementation of the likelihoods. This case is also the most constraining, and thus closer to the Gaussian approximation and the most suited for comparison with FI matrix predictions. In Figs. 9 to 11, we actually plot the Gaussian posteriors and elliptical contours of the CF/CAMB and MP/Fisher pipelines on top of the MP/MCMC results.

First and foremost, we can see in Fig. 9 that the previous validation of photometric probes presented in [Euclid Collaboration](#)

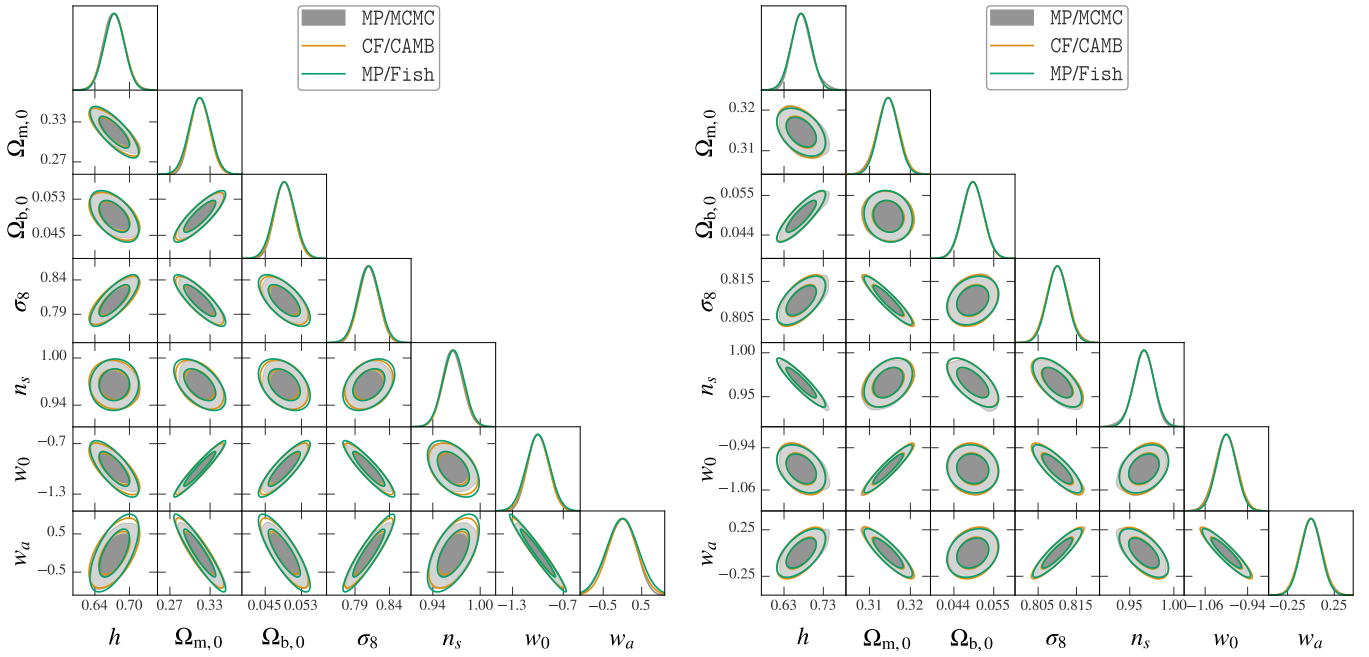


Fig. 9. Comparison of the 1D marginalised posteriors and 2D (95% C.L. and 68% C.L.) marginalised contours obtained with the MP/MCMC pipeline to the Gaussian posteriors and elliptical contours from the FI pipelines CF/CAMB and MP/Fisher for the w_0w_a CDM model. Left: Spectroscopic optimistic probe. Right: Photometric optimistic probe.

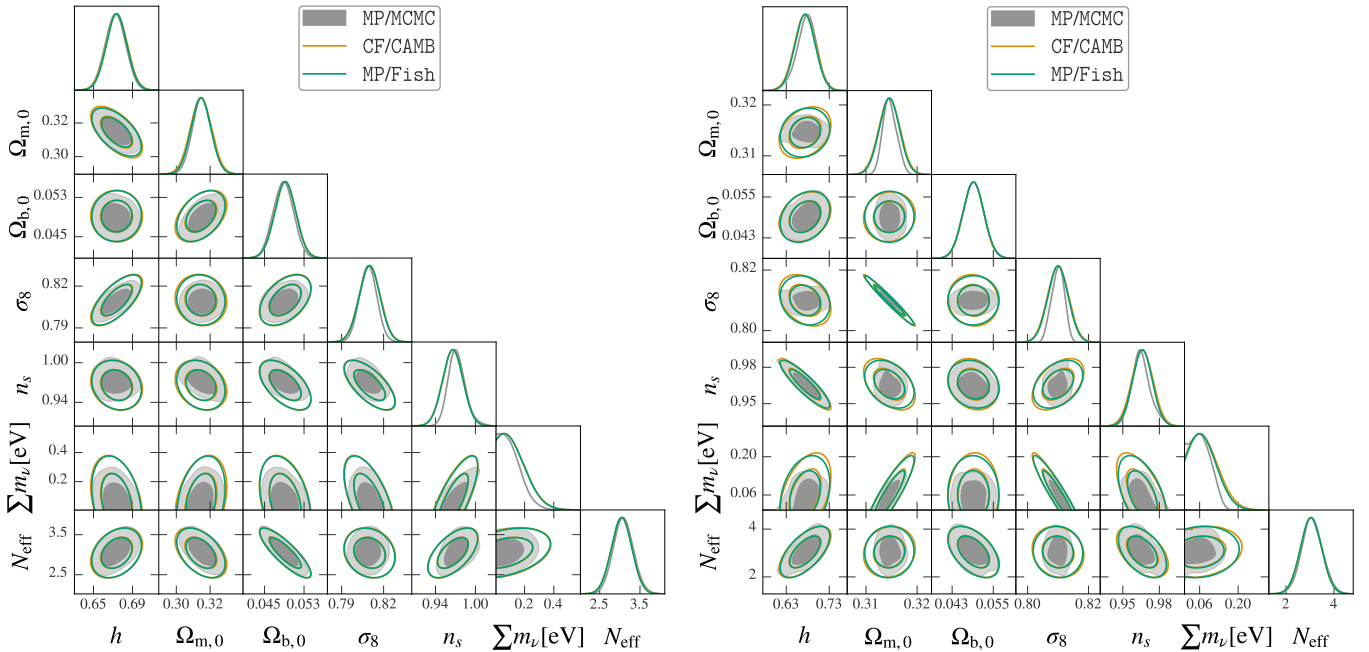


Fig. 10. Same as Fig. 9, but for the Λ CDM+ $\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ model.

(2024a) for the w_0w_a CDM model is reproducible, despite the changes in the likelihood code and nonlinear recipe triggered by the assumption of massive neutrinos. Concerning the spectroscopic probes, here we have corrected for an inconsistency in the unit conversion from Mpc^{-1} to $h \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ that affected previous forecasts; thus, the sensitivity to h degrades with respect to Euclid Collaboration (2024a), while the sensitivity to the other cosmological parameters is only mildly altered due to their correlations with h . Nevertheless, the conclusions drawn in Euclid Collaboration (2024a) about the validation of MP/MCMC

for this case still hold: the posteriors of the photometric and spectroscopic probes are very close to multivariate Gaussians. We get another confirmation of this, since the MCMC and FI posteriors or contours are hardly distinguishable by eye and agree up to typical MCMC convergence errors.

In the case of the Λ CDM+ $\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ model, we see in Fig. 10 that non-Gaussian effects come into play. This is particularly obvious when looking at the marginalised neutrino posteriors, which are truncated at $\sum m_\nu = 0$ by the physical prior, and whose tails fall quicker than a Gaussian distribution for large

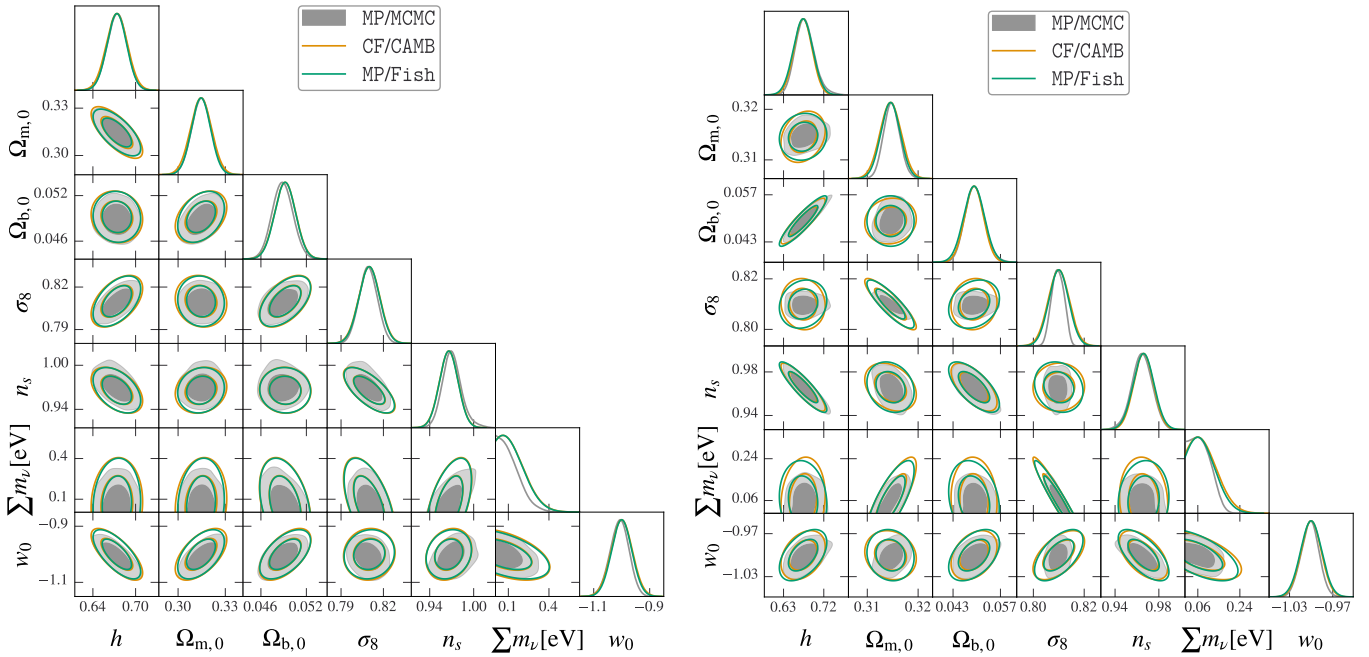


Fig. 11. Same as Fig. 9, but for the w_0 CDM model+ $\sum m_\nu$ model.

masses. This non-Gaussianity propagates to the parameters that are most correlated with $\sum m_\nu$. Indeed, the orientation of the 2D contours shows that h , $\Omega_{m,0}$, n_s , and σ_8 are significantly correlated with $\sum m_\nu$, while $\Omega_{b,0}$ and N_{eff} are not. The former parameters are also the ones whose posteriors deviate the most from a Gaussian shape. The fact that the MCMC contours are overall tighter than the FI ellipses is also a consequence of the non-Gaussianity with respect to $\sum m_\nu > 0$, which cuts off a region of the parameter space (with either negative or too large neutrino mass) that would otherwise be reachable by FI contours. Deviations from Gaussianity are found to be even stronger within the photometric probe, both because the neutrino mass posterior is more suppressed for large masses and due to the very strong correlation between $\sum m_\nu$, $\Omega_{m,0}$, and σ_8 .

Finally, in the case of the w_0 CDM+ $\sum m_\nu$ model, we see some qualitatively similar trends in Fig. 11. For the spectroscopic probe, we observe a ‘banana’-shaped contour in the n_s - $\sum m_\nu$ plane and slightly non-elliptic contours in other planes. Once again, the non-Gaussianity is even more pronounced with the photometric probe, due to the cut-off of negative or too large neutrino masses.

As in Sect. 5, we stress that the MP/Fisher and MP/MCMC pipelines call the very same *Euclid* mock likelihoods functions $\mathcal{L}(\theta_a)$. Given that these functions have been validated by the tests presented in the previous subsection, and that the MCMC runs presented here have reached a high convergence level, the difference between the MCMC and FI contours can only be attributed to the intrinsic non-Gaussianity of the problem. This shows that for extended cosmological models, particularly in the case of a free neutrino mass parameter, robust *Euclid* forecasts (and even more so with respect to analyses of future real data) require a full MCMC analysis. Having validated the MontePython likelihoods against CosmicFish forecasts, we have proved that our MP/MCMC pipeline offers a robust and accurate implementation of the physical assumptions performed in this work. Thus, we can use it in the next section in order to derive our main forecast results.

7. Results

Here, we present the results of our forecast analysis. We use the previously validated MP/MCMC pipeline based on the MontePython sampler, interfaced with the Boltzmann solver CLASS. The underlying cosmology is either flat Λ CDM with the standard cosmological constant or w_0w_a CDM, where dark energy is a fluid with a time-varying equation-of-state parameter according to Chevallier & Polarski (2001) and Linder (2003).

As already explained in Sect. 2.2 (case a), from the many possible ways of distributing the total mass $\sum m_\nu$ among the different species contributing to the effective number of neutrinos N_{eff} (which could lead to potentially different results), we made a choice that is representative of a large class of well-motivated scenarios. We assume that the three active neutrino species are degenerate in mass with a fiducial value $\sum m_\nu = 60$ meV close to the minimum allowed by normal ordering. We further assume that massive neutrinos contribute to N_{eff} through the standard value 3.044 and that additional free-streaming massless particles account for $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = N_{\text{eff}} - 3.044$, with $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} > 0$ (see Appendix B.1 for details on the specific settings in CLASS and CAMB). Sticking to these assumptions, we consider four extended cosmological scenario with an increasing number of free parameters:

- Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ (baseline);
- Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ + ΔN_{eff} ;
- w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu$;
- w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ + ΔN_{eff} .

In Table 4 we list the fiducial values for the parameters of our models.

Here (in contrast to the validation of the MCMC pipeline) we use pessimistic specifications, additionally also varying the nonlinear nuisance parameters σ_ν and σ_p of the GC_{sp} recipe. The reasoning behind this choice is that additional theoretical errors and systematic effects might have been overlooked in the modelling of the observables adopted in EC20 and Euclid Collaboration (2024a). Therefore, applying optimistic specifications might overestimate the sensitivity to the neutrino

mass, while our aim is to provide a conservative forecast of the *Euclid* discovery potential. Moreover, the cut-off at $\ell_{\max} = 1500$, implied by pessimistic specifications, prevents our results from being biased due to the uncertainties on the modelling of baryonic feedback, as we discuss in Appendix H.

We fit both *Euclid* and CMB synthetic data (for the latter, see Sect. 4.2). For *Euclid*, the observables are the 3×2 pt angular power spectra from photometric data (photometric galaxy clustering, weak lensing, and their cross-correlation, see Sect. 3.1), the 3D galaxy power spectrum from spectroscopic data (Sect. 3.2), and cluster number counts (CC, Sect. 4.1).

The cosmological parameter fiducial values were already specified in Table 4. The parameters w_0 and w_a are kept fixed to the fiducial value when the underlying cosmological model is Λ CDM. The parameters of the baseline model are always varied, while the parameters of the extended models (such as the number of relativistic degrees of freedom and the dark energy equation of state parameters) are kept fixed, unless specified. The optical depth to reionisation is fixed to the *Planck* best fit value $\tau = 0.0543$ when only *Euclid* observables are included in the analysis, while we allow it to vary in the joint analysis with CMB probes.

In Table 5, we show the 1σ uncertainty (or the 95% CL upper limit) on each cosmological parameter inferred from our MCMC forecasts, assuming different cosmological models and varying the combination of synthetic data¹⁷. In Fig. 12, we show the same results expressed in terms of a dimensionless sensitivity, which is the 1σ uncertainty relative to the fiducial value¹⁸. In each panel we compare the two underlying cosmologies, which are Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ (solid colour bars) and w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ (hatched colour bars). The effective number of neutrino species is additionally varied in the bottom panel. The different colours show the sensitivity of three different data combinations: WL+GC_{ph}+XC_{ph}+GC_{sp} (blue); *Euclid*+*Planck* (orange); and *Euclid*+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD (green).

Comparison with previous forecast. When comparing the results of the present forecast to those of EC20, one has to consider that we assume the same specifications labelled as pessimistic there. However, our baseline case includes the variation in the neutrino mass, which was not done in EC20. In light of these considerations, we observe that the sensitivity of the photometric probes (WL+GC_{ph}+XC_{ph}) to w_0 and w_a is consistent with the previous *Euclid* forecast from Table 11 of EC20 (note that they cite relative sensitivities, while we cite absolute sensitivities). On the other hand, the sensitivity to the other cosmological parameters degrades because of the correlation with the neutrino parameters; for example, the sensitivity to σ_8 degrades by a factor of 1.6 in w_0w_a CDM+ $\sum m_\nu$ + ΔN_{eff} due to the free neutrino mass, while varying ΔN_{eff} does not have any impact. A direct comparison of the results that include GC_{sp} with those of EC20 is not feasible because, as already mentioned in Sect. 6.2, here we have corrected an inconsistency in the unit conversion from $h\text{Mpc}^{-1}$ to Mpc^{-1} that was present in the pipeline of EC20. This issue produced a fake signal on H_0 , and, thus, a spurious enhancement of the sensitivity to h , which affected also the sensitivity to other cosmological parameters that are correlated with h . Note that we checked that reintroducing the bug would make our results consistent with those of EC20. Our results are also consistent with the older *Euclid*-like sensitivity forecast of Audren et al. (2013), which predicted

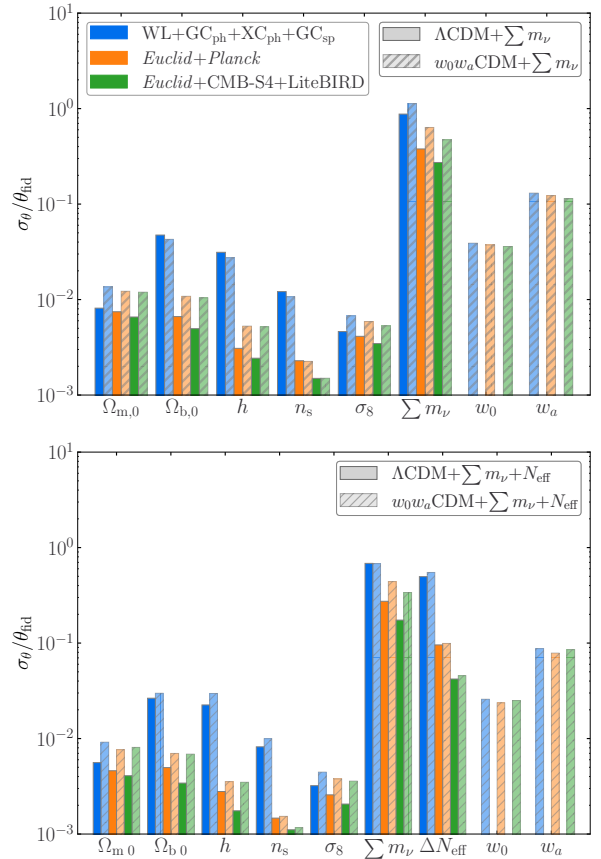


Fig. 12. Sensitivity (relative errors with respect to the fiducial values) to the cosmological parameters, comparing Λ CDM cosmologies (solid colour bars) and w_0w_a CDM cosmologies (hatched colour bars), for models with (bottom panel) and without (top panel) varying N_{eff} . The different colours correspond to the sensitivity of different data combinations: WL+GC_{ph}+XC_{ph}+GC_{sp} (blue); *Euclid*+*Planck* (orange); and *Euclid*+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD (green). We note that for w_a we show the absolute errors, while for ΔN_{eff} we show the 95% upper limits. For the neutrino mass we always show the relative 1σ uncertainty as computed from the posterior variance in order to facilitate the comparison between different data sets.

a 1σ sensitivity to $\sum m_\nu$ of 32 meV for *Euclid* WL + *Planck* or 25 meV for *Euclid* GC_{sp} + *Planck*, while we obtain 23 meV for the combined WL + GC_{ph} + XC_{ph} + GC_{sp} + *Planck* data set. Interestingly, to account for the imperfect modelling of nonlinear scales, that forecast included a marginalisation over a theoretical error smoothly growing towards smaller scales, instead of cutting the data abruptly at some k_{\max} or ℓ_{\max} like in the present work. Audren et al. (2013) adopted a theoretical error amplitude suggested by the covariance of the nonlinear power spectra predicted by different N -body codes for the same cosmology. The fact that our results are comparable suggests that their theoretical error and our pessimistic settings are equally conservative. A slightly different modelling of the theoretical error in Sprenger et al. (2019) led to a sensitivity to $\sum m_\nu$ of 24 meV for *Euclid* GC_{sp} + WL + *Planck* with pessimistic specifications (there labelled as conservative), consistent with our results. Other works in the literature present *Euclid*-like forecasts (Yankelevich & Porciani 2019; Chudaykin & Ivanov 2019; Sailer et al. 2022) including only galaxy clustering with a one-loop modelling. However, the differences in assumptions, methodologies, and survey specifics make direct comparisons challenging.

¹⁷ In the table, we switch from the 1σ uncertainty to the 95% CL upper limit whenever the posterior is compatible with the lower prior edge at the 1σ CL (otherwise, our estimates of the 1σ uncertainty could be biased).

¹⁸ In the case of the parameter w_a , whose fiducial value is zero, we quote the 1σ uncertainty in place of the sensitivity; while for ΔN_{eff} we quote the 95% CL upper limit.

Table 5. Marginalised 1σ uncertainties on cosmological parameters in Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$, in Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$, in w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu$, and in w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$.

| | $\Omega_{m,0}$ | $100\Omega_{b,0}$ | Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ | | σ_8 | $\sum m_\nu$ [meV] | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|--|--------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| | | | h | n_s | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> -only | | | | | | | | | |
| GC _{sp} | 0.0068 | 0.37 | 0.033 | 0.029 | 0.0077 | <320 | | | |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} | 0.0032 | 0.36 | 0.035 | 0.017 | 0.0047 | <260 | | | |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp} | 0.0026 | 0.24 | 0.022 | 0.013 | 0.0039 | 56 | | | |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp} +CC | 0.0025 | 0.24 | 0.022 | 0.012 | 0.0037 | 53 | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> + <i>Planck</i> | 0.0023 | 0.033 | 0.0021 | 0.0022 | 0.0033 | 23 | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB-S4+LiteBIRD | 0.0021 | 0.024 | 0.0016 | 0.0014 | 0.0028 | 16 | | | |
| | $\Omega_{m,0}$ | $100\Omega_{b,0}$ | Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ | | σ_8 | $\sum m_\nu$ [meV] | ΔN_{eff} | | |
| | | | h | n_s | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> -only | | | | | | | | | |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp} | 0.0026 | 0.19 | 0.023 | 0.012 | 0.0039 | <220 | <0.746 | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> + <i>Planck</i> | 0.0022 | 0.037 | 0.0028 | 0.0021 | 0.0031 | 25 | <0.144 | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB-S4+LiteBIRD | 0.0019 | 0.025 | 0.0018 | 0.0016 | 0.0025 | 16 | <0.063 | | |
| | $\Omega_{m,0}$ | $100\Omega_{b,0}$ | w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ | | σ_8 | $\sum m_\nu$ [meV] | w_0 | w_a | |
| | | | h | n_s | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> -only | | | | | | | | | |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp} | 0.0043 | 0.21 | 0.019 | 0.010 | 0.0055 | <220 | 0.04 | 0.13 | |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> + <i>Planck</i> | 0.0038 | 0.053 | 0.0036 | 0.0022 | 0.0048 | 38 | 0.04 | 0.12 | |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB-S4+LiteBIRD | 0.0038 | 0.051 | 0.0035 | 0.0015 | 0.0043 | 28 | 0.04 | 0.11 | |
| | $\Omega_{m,0}$ | $100\Omega_{b,0}$ | w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ | | σ_8 | $\sum m_\nu$ [meV] | ΔN_{eff} | w_0 | w_a |
| | | | h | n_s | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> -only | | | | | | | | | |
| GC _{sp} | 0.024 | 0.52 | 0.056 | 0.043 | 0.022 | <440 | <1.352 | 0.21 | 0.59 |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} | 0.0049 | 0.38 | 0.065 | 0.029 | 0.0065 | <260 | <1.705 | 0.05 | 0.18 |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp} | 0.0043 | 0.25 | 0.036 | 0.016 | 0.0054 | <220 | <0.935 | 0.04 | 0.14 |
| WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp} +CC | 0.0037 | 0.21 | 0.029 | 0.014 | 0.0049 | <220 | <0.745 | 0.03 | 0.12 |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Euclid</i> + <i>Planck</i> | 0.0036 | 0.052 | 0.0036 | 0.0022 | 0.0046 | 40 | <0.149 | 0.04 | 0.12 |
| <i>Euclid</i> +CMB-S4+LiteBIRD | 0.0038 | 0.051 | 0.0035 | 0.0017 | 0.0044 | 31 | <0.069 | 0.04 | 0.13 |

Notes. We show results from *Euclid*-only observables and in combination with current (*Planck*) and future (CMB-S4+LiteBIRD) CMB surveys. The label *Euclid* stands for GC_{sp}+WL+GC_{ph}+XC_{ph} (all the primary probes from both photometric and spectroscopic data). In the baseline model (Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$) and in the extended model (w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$) we also tested the combination GC_{sp}+WL+GC_{ph}+XC_{ph}+CC that includes, besides *Euclid* primary probes, also *Euclid* cluster number counts. For the ΔN_{eff} parameter, we always quote the upper bounds at 95% CL. For $\sum m_\nu$, we quote the 95% upper bounds when the posterior is one-sided.

Complementarity of *Euclid* probes. In Fig. 13, we show the constraints on the extended w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model expected from *Euclid*-only probes. The same figure for the baseline model Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ can be found in Appendix F. We note that in the extended w_0w_a CDM + $\sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model the constraints on h and ΔN_{eff} are dominated by the spectroscopic probes and those on σ_8 , $\sum m_\nu$, w_0 , and w_a by the photometric probes. The complementarity of the photometric and spectroscopic probes is impressive: the GC_{sp} contours exhibit parameter degeneracies in different directions than the WL+GC_{ph}+XC_{ph} ones in several planes of the parameter space. In particular, the correlations between the dimensionless Hubble constant h and some of the other cosmological parameters that are present in GC_{sp} are broken by the photometric information. This leads to a remarkable sensitivity increase in the joint analysis of the two primary *Euclid* probes.

As far as the total neutrino mass is concerned, photometric probes are potentially more powerful than spectroscopic ones in constraining $\sum m_\nu$. As long as we are not including CMB information, the observable effect of the total neutrino mass is best described by the top panel of Fig. 1, that is, a steplike suppression of the matter and cold-plus-baryonic power spectra. The longer lever arm of WL data thus provides the best constraint. However, the *Euclid* probes alone cannot provide significant evidence for a non-zero neutrino mass, neither in the w_0w_a CDM cosmology ($\sum m_\nu \lesssim 0.22$ eV, 95% CL, see Table 5) nor in Λ CDM [$\sigma(\sum m_\nu) = 56$ meV, see Table 5].

When using CMB data, there is a well-known correlation between $\sum m_\nu$ and h , due to their opposite effects on the angular diameter distance to last scattering. This strong correlation does not show up when fitting *Euclid* probes alone, mainly thanks to the sensitivity of galaxy clustering data to the unique scale

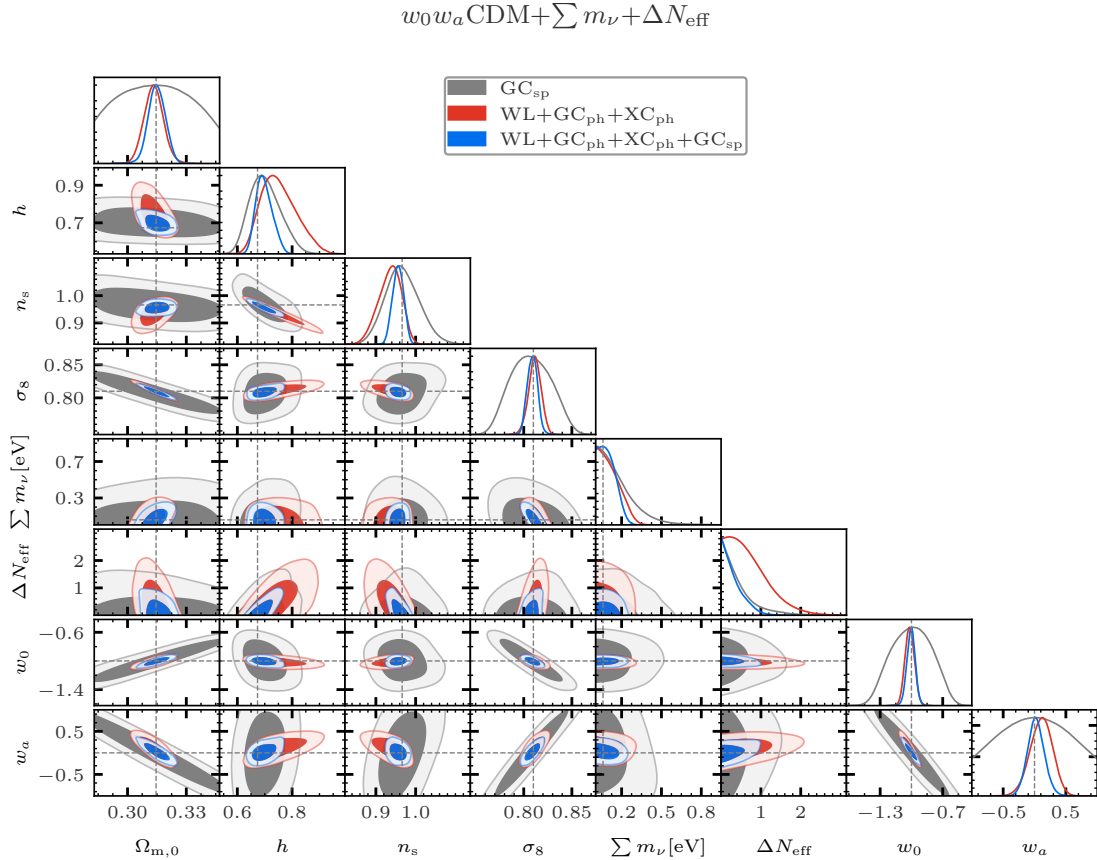


Fig. 13. Marginalised 1D distribution (diagonal) and 2D (off-diagonal) 68% and 95% contours for a selection of parameters of the $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ model obtained by fitting GC_{sp} (grey), $\text{WL}+\text{GC}_{\text{ph}}+\text{XC}_{\text{ph}}$ (red), and their combination (blue). The horizontal and vertical dashed lines mark the fiducial values.

dependence of the growth factor induced by massive neutrinos. Note that this conclusion does not depend on the specific underlying cosmological model, whether it is ΛCDM or $w_0w_a\text{CDM}$, and whether ΔN_{eff} is varying or fixed. We anticipate that the different directions of degeneracy between $\sum m_\nu$ and h in *Euclid* and CMB probes will induce a significant improvement on the $\sum m_\nu$ constraints in the *Euclid*+CMB joint analysis. Finally, note that we do not find any specific correlation between the neutrino mass and the bias parameters, neither in GC_{ph} nor in GC_{sp} , as we show in Appendix G.

Concerning dark radiation, as already mentioned, a variation in ΔN_{eff} impacts the matter and cold-plus-baryonic matter power spectra both through a change in the overall shape (caused by a shift of the time of equality) and in the phase and amplitude of BAO peaks (due to neutrino drag), as can be checked in the top panel of Fig. 2. The first effect induces a correlation between ΔN_{eff} and h , since both parameters can be increased while maintaining a fixed redshift of equality. This correlation, combined with the prior volume effect induced by the physical prior $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} > 0$ (Hadzhiyska et al. 2023), leads to a small bias in the mean value of h and of n_s reconstructed from photometric probes. We have explicitly checked that this bias disappears in the models where ΔN_{eff} is fixed. The *Euclid* constraints on ΔN_{eff} are dominated by the spectroscopic probe, because GC_{sp} data partially break the correlation between ΔN_{eff} and h thanks to a better measurement of BAO peaks. Nevertheless, the photometric probes contribute to the ΔN_{eff} constraints by breaking the degeneracy in the $\sum m_\nu$ versus ΔN_{eff} plane. Normally, one would expect a negative correlation between these parameters,

due to their opposite effects on the BAO peak scale¹⁹. This negative correlation is clearly visible on the GC_{sp} -alone contour of Fig. 13. Thanks to the large lever arm of WL data, the photometric probe allows us to distinguish the difference in overall shape and growth rate induced by variations of $\sum m_\nu$ or ΔN_{eff} in the matter and cold-plus-baryonic power spectra, and to lift the degeneracy. As a consequence, a combination of the probes improves the sensitivity to both ΔN_{eff} and $\sum m_\nu$.

On the other hand, under our assumptions concerning the modelling of the *Euclid* cluster count data and likelihood, we find no significant improvement on cosmological parameter sensitivity when adding clusters. Table 5 shows the result for $\text{WL}+\text{GC}_{\text{ph}}+\text{XC}_{\text{ph}}+\text{GC}_{\text{sp}}+\text{CC}$, where CC stands for cluster count, in the $\Lambda\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu$ and $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ cases. The difference between the results with and without CC lies within MCMC convergence errors. Additionally, in the $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ case, the upper bound on ΔN_{eff} gets a tiny enhancement from a Bayesian prior volume effect related to small parameter degeneracies between ΔN_{eff} and the nuisance parameters of the CC likelihood. We recall that we performed a very conservative modelling of CC data with wide priors on sev-

¹⁹ We note that the effects of $\sum m_\nu$ and ΔN_{eff} on the BAO peaks are intrinsically different. Indeed a variation in the number of relativistic species leads to an irreducible phase-shift of the BAO peaks due to the gravitational boost of CDM perturbations at horizon entry sourced by the anisotropic stress of free-streaming species. On the other hand, a variation in $\sum m_\nu$ changes the distance of the BAO peaks by means of background effects, which can be also compensated by a variation in another cosmological parameter (such as h and $\Omega_{\text{c},0}$).

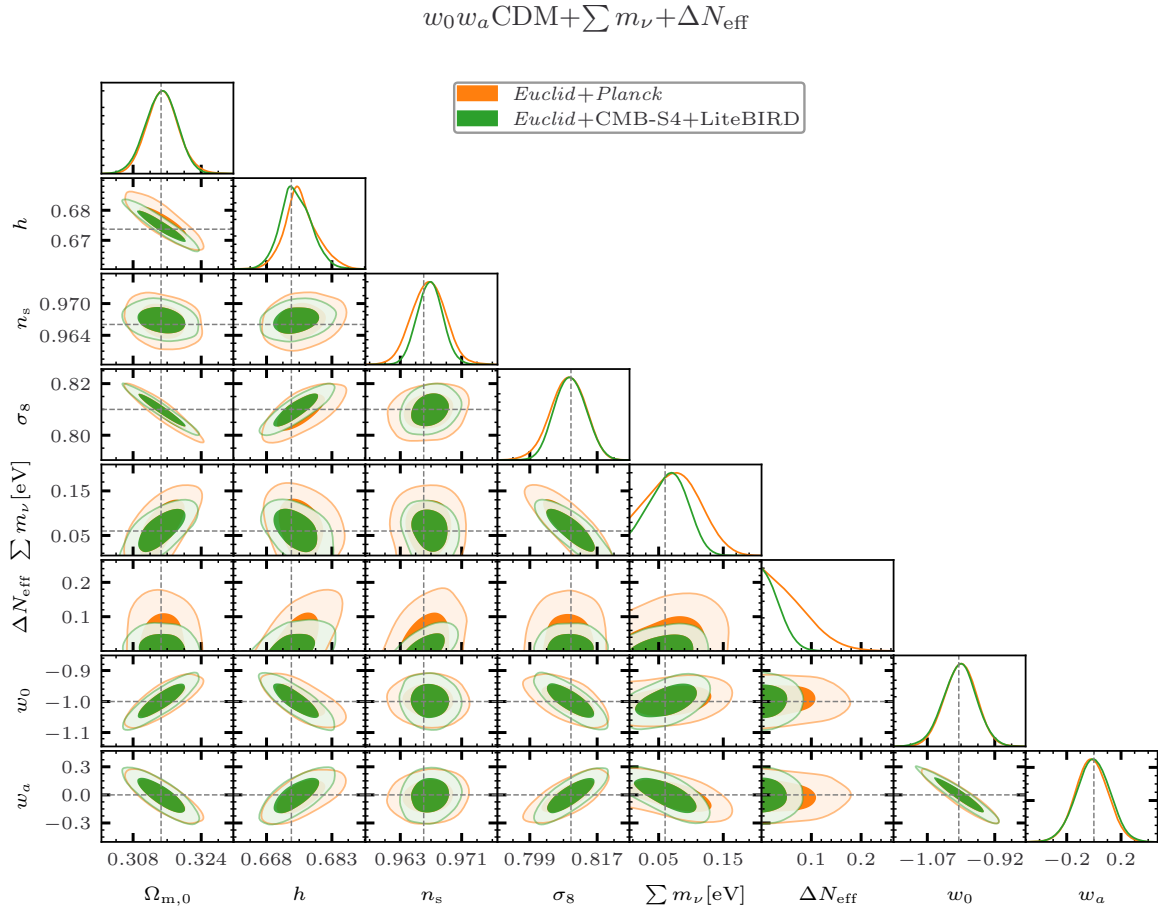


Fig. 14. Marginalised 1D distributions (diagonal) and 2D (off-diagonal) 68% and 95% contours for a selection of parameters of the $w_0 w_a \text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model obtained by fitting *Euclid+Planck* (orange), and *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD* (green). The horizontal and vertical dashed lines mark the fiducial values.

eral nuisance parameters. With a more optimistic modelling, the same data may lead to tighter constraints.

Combination with CMB. In Figs. 14 and 15, we show the constraints placed on the parameters of the $w_0 w_a \text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ and $\Lambda \text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ models for the combination of *Euclid* probes with CMB experiments, *Euclid+Planck* (orange contours), and *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD* (green contours). The same figure for the other cosmological models can be found in Appendix F. These figures show that the *Euclid* probes will play a crucial role in improving constraints on the cosmological parameters considered in this work. As a matter of fact, we can identify several cases in which future CMB data sets allow for parameter degeneracies that are broken by *Euclid* probes.

This is particularly true for the degeneracy between $\sum m_\nu$ and h . We already discussed above why these parameters are correlated in a CMB-only analysis, and why the *Euclid* probes can break this degeneracy, as can be checked again by comparing the $\{\sum m_\nu, h\}$ panel of Fig. 13 with the same panel in Fig. 14 (see also Fig. 15). Additionally, when CMB data are taken into account, the observable impact of the total neutrino mass is best described by the bottom panel of Fig. 1, and amounts mainly to an overall (redshift-dependent) suppression of the matter and cold-plus-baryonic power spectra. Then, the role of CMB data is to fix the amplitude of the primordial spectrum of fluctuations at high redshift (modulo some uncertainty on the optical depth to reionisation that depends on CMB polarisation mea-

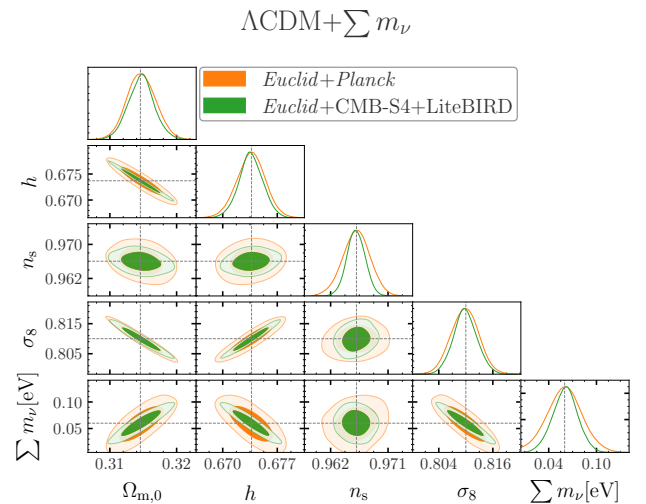


Fig. 15. Same as Fig. 14, but for the $\Lambda \text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model.

surements on large angular scales), while the *Euclid* WL probe fixes the amplitude of the matter and cold-plus-baryonic power spectra at low redshift. Therefore, the combination of *Euclid* and CMB complementary data yields much stronger bounds on $\sum m_\nu$ than either of the two data sets taken separately, allowing eventually for a neutrino mass detection. Even in the minimal hierarchy scenario, which we assume as our fiducial model, the joint

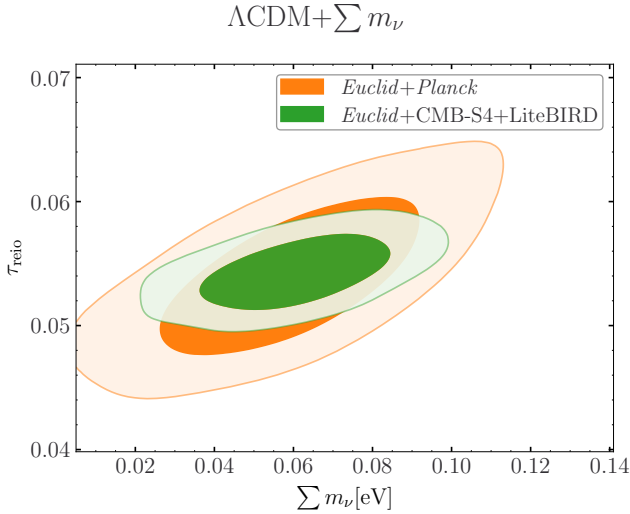


Fig. 16. Marginalised 2D contours of $\sum m_\nu$ and τ_{reio} for the $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model.

Euclid plus *Planck* forecast returns a 2.6σ evidence for a non-zero mass with $\sigma(\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}) = 23 \text{ meV}$ (*Euclid+Planck*). Finally, replacing *Planck* with a combination of future CMB surveys leads to the detection of a non-zero neutrino mass at almost 4σ with $\sigma(\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}) = 16 \text{ meV}$ (*Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD*). One of the reasons behind this improvement is the tightening of the constraints on the reionisation optical depth from LiteBIRD. Indeed, Fig. 16 shows how the joint fit of LSS and CMB data leads to a strong degeneracy between $\sum m_\nu$ and τ (Allison et al. 2015; Archidiacono et al. 2017). Therefore, the sensitivity to the neutrino mass can be further improved by means of an independent measurement of the reionisation optical depth. Such measurement can arise from future 21-cm experiments (Sailer et al. 2022)²⁰, from probing the kinetic Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect in the CMB (Park et al. 2013), and from CMB polarization (Allys et al. 2023).

Given the fantastic ability of *Euclid* to constrain the neutrino mass sum in combination with CMB data, it is worth investigating whether *Euclid* data will help to reconstruct the neutrino mass hierarchy. Figure 17 shows the neutrino mass sum required by the two neutrino mass ordering schemes as a function of the mass of the lightest neutrino. We see that, if the neutrino mass sum has indeed the minimum value allowed by neutrino oscillations in normal ordering (NO), which coincides with the fiducial value of our forecast ($\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}$), then the *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD* sensitivity to the neutrino mass sum will also imply a 2.5σ indication in favour of NO. Of course, the statistical significance of the evidence in favour of NO will decrease if the best-fit neutrino mass turns out to be larger than the minimum value of NO. It is important to stress that this measurement is not a direct probe of the neutrino mass ordering, but rather a consequence of the strong sensitivity to $\sum m_\nu$.

Contrary to the case of $\sum m_\nu$, the constraints on ΔN_{eff} are dominated by CMB probes. Nevertheless the *Euclid* probes play an important role in breaking some of the degeneracies with other cosmological parameters, and in particular between ΔN_{eff} and h . *Euclid* improves the *Planck* sensitivity to the Hubble constant by a factor of 2.5 ($\sigma(h) = 0.0021$, *Euclid+Planck*, in $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$, compared with Table 2 of

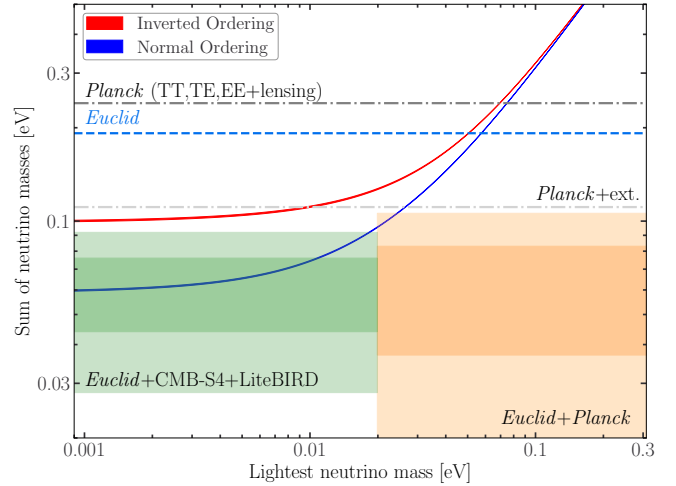


Fig. 17. Sum of neutrino masses $\sum m_\nu$ in the inverted ordering (red solid line) scenarios and in the normal ordering (blue solid line) scenarios, including the uncertainties on the mass squared differences from oscillation experiments, as a function of the lightest neutrino mass. The grey dot-dashed lines show the 95% CL upper bounds from *Planck* only (dark grey), and in combination with external data (*Planck+ext.*, light grey). For the latter we use the value quoted in Alam et al. (2021) for *Planck+Pantheon-SNe+SDSS(BAO+RSD)+DES 3 × 2pt*, which includes *Planck*, Pantheon type Ia supernovae, baryon acoustic oscillations and redshift-space distortions from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, and weak lensing measurements from the Dark Energy Survey. The region above the blue dashed line is excluded at 95% CL by *Euclid* only primary probes. The orange shading shows the 68% and 95% CL limits on $\sum m_\nu$ from *Euclid+Planck* in the baseline $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model, assuming a fiducial value $\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}$. The 68% and 95% CL constraints from *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD* are shown in green. We note that we split the two constraints into two different ranges of the lightest neutrino mass only to avoid an overlap of the two shadings. Assuming that the true value of the neutrino mass sum is indeed the minimum allowed by neutrino oscillation experiments in normal ordering, the combination *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD* will rule out the inverted ordering at 2.5σ .

Planck Collaboration VI 2020); as already discussed and shown in Fig. 13, this is mainly due to GC_{sp} data. This significantly increases the sensitivity of combined CMB and *Euclid* data to ΔN_{eff} . Additionally, as shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 2, once we include CMB information (thus fixing the angular size of the sound horizon at recombination), an increase in N_{eff} leads to an enhancement of the matter and cold-plus-baryonic power spectra at small scales. This effect provides additional sensitivity to N_{eff} . Figure 18 shows that adding *Euclid* improves the current limit (*Planck* Collaboration VI 2020) on the presence of new light particles by more than a factor of 2 ($\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.144$, 95% CL, *Euclid+Planck*, in $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$). On the longer term, the *Euclid* probes even have the potential to improve the sensitivity of future CMB data sets like LiteBIRD+CMB-S4 to N_{eff} – once more, not because of a better sensitivity to the effect of N_{eff} itself, but thanks to a significantly more accurate determination of the correlated parameter h . Under the conservative assumptions described in Sect. 4.2, LiteBIRD+CMB-S4 alone would achieve $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.076$ (95% CL, $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$). The combination *Euclid+LiteBIRD+CMB-S4* would increase the sensitivity to $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.063$ (95% CL, $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$)²¹. Such

²⁰ However, foregrounds and uncertainties on the assumptions about the astrophysical processes leading to reionisation might limit the accuracy of the determination of τ from 21-cm surveys.

²¹ If we started from more aggressive assumptions regarding the sensitivity and foreground removal in CMB-S4 data, we would still find that the combination of *Euclid* with LiteBIRD+CMB-S4 improves the sensitivity to N_{eff} .

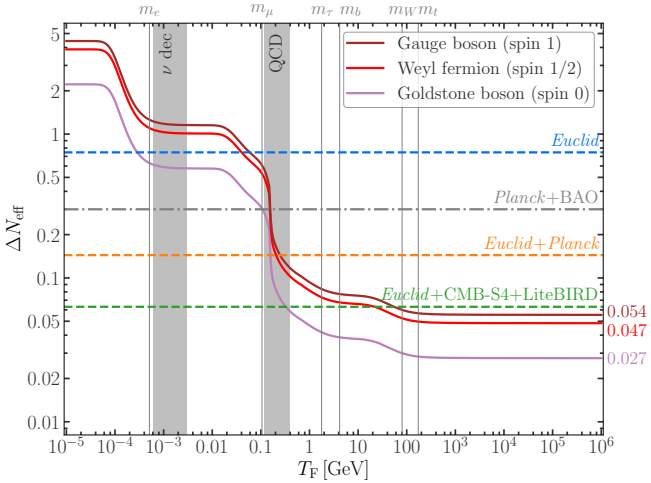


Fig. 18. Contribution of new light particles beyond the Standard Model to ΔN_{eff} as a function of their decoupling temperature. Assuming natural units, we report the temperatures in GeV. As a reference we show the contribution of a Goldstone boson (solid brown line), a Weyl fermion (solid red line), and a massless Gauge boson (solid purple line). The grey vertical bands denote the range of temperatures of the QCD phase transition (around 200 MeV) and neutrino decoupling (around 1 MeV), while the thin grey vertical lines mark the annihilation temperature of Standard Model particles. The grey horizontal dot-dashed line represents the current 95% CL limit from *Planck* TT,TE,EE+lensing+BAO (Planck Collaboration VI 2020). The horizontal dashed lines mark the 95% upper bounds on ΔN_{eff} from *Euclid* only (in blue) and in combination with current (*Planck*) and future (CMB-S4+LiteBIRD) CMB surveys (in orange and green, respectively). As explained in Sect. 4.2, we choose to adopt more conservative assumptions regarding the CMB-S4 sensitivity and foreground removal than in a similar figure in the CMB-S4 white paper, Fig. 23 of Abazajian et al. (2016).

bounds approach the asymptotic limits for particles of spin 1 and 1/2 at temperatures above the electroweak phase transition, and thus can almost exclude their existence, independently of their decoupling temperature (see Fig. 18).

The sensitivity of *Euclid* to the Hubble parameter will bring strong indications concerning the puzzle raised by the Hubble tension in the near future. We note that the sensitivity of the combination of *Euclid* spectroscopic and photometric probes is such that, in this case, future CMB observations will not lead to a significant improvement. For instance, in the $\Lambda\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu$ model, the sensitivity will marginally increase from $\sigma(h) = 0.0021$ with *Euclid+Planck* to $\sigma(h) = 0.0016$ with *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD*. In the $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu$ model, *Euclid* data are essential to break the correlation between the dark energy parameters and the other cosmological parameters, including h , therefore, there is no improvement at all in the sensitivity to h due to future CMB experiments (from $\sigma(h) = 0.0036$ with *Euclid+Planck* to $\sigma(h) = 0.0035$ with *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD*).

Moreover, *Euclid* will provide some key information regarding the σ_8 tension, having a 1σ error on $S_8 = \sigma_8 (\Omega_m/0.3)^{0.5}$ of 0.0049 from *Euclid* only in the $\Lambda\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu$ case. This is an improvement of nearly 3 (2.8) with respect to the DES Y3 3×2 pt result (Amon et al. 2022; Secco et al. 2022).

Finally, the sensitivity of *Euclid* to dynamical dark energy parameters, which was already illustrated in previous forecasts assuming a fixed neutrino mass and no extra relativistic species (EC20,Casas et al. 2023), is confirmed in the framework of extended cosmologies with varying $\sum m_\nu$ and ΔN_{eff} . As a matter of fact, the contours derived from *Euclid* probes do not show significant correlations between the dark energy and neutrino

parameters (see Fig. 13). On the other hand, the combination of *Euclid* with CMB brings back the correlation between $\sum m_\nu$ and $\{w_0, w_a\}$, as we shall comment in the next paragraph on the neutrino mass sensitivity in extended cosmologies.

Neutrino mass sensitivity in extended cosmologies. The constraints on the total neutrino mass from the *Euclid* primary probes alone are nearly independent of the assumed underlying model, as can be checked in Table 5 and in Fig. 12. However, once combined with external data sets, the constraints become more model dependent.

Floating the number of relativistic relics ΔN_{eff} has a limited impact on $\sum m_\nu$ bounds, but allowing for time-dependent dark energy degrades the mass sensitivity by a significant amount. For instance, the *Euclid+Planck* sensitivity decreases from $\sigma(\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}) = 23 \text{ meV}$ in the ΛCDM case to 38 meV in the $w_0w_a\text{CDM}$ case. Similar trends are observed with the *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD* data set. Previous studies have shown that a correlation between $\sum m_\nu$ and $\{w_0, w_a\}$ is already present in the analysis of CMB data alone (Brinckmann et al. 2019). As a matter of fact, the effect of the total neutrino mass and of the dark energy parameters on CMB lensing are difficult to disentangle. The effects of $\sum m_\nu$ (with fixed sound horizon scale, like in the bottom panel of Fig. 1) and of $\{w_0, w_a\}$ on the overall amplitude of the matter power spectrum and on the scale of CMB and BAO peaks are also relatively similar, and do not allow us to remove this correlation. Such degeneracies can be removed by including in the analysis additional statistics, such as the bispectrum, as explained in Hahn et al. (2020) (see also Ajani et al. 2020; Chudaykin & Ivanov 2019; Uhlemann et al. 2020). It is nevertheless interesting to see that the constraint on $\sum m_\nu$ never degrades by more than a factor of 2 when the cosmological constant is replaced by dynamical dark energy.

When the dark energy and radiation density parameters $\{w_0, w_a, \Delta N_{\text{eff}}\}$ are varied simultaneously, the sensitivity remains close to that in the $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu$ model. In the $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model, it is still possible to get about 2σ evidence for a non-zero mass from the *Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD* combination.

8. Conclusions

Building on the work of Euclid Collaboration (2024a), we have implemented and validated a pipeline to consistently forecast the constraints on the neutrino parameters (such as mass and abundance) that will be measurable from the upcoming *Euclid* mission of the European Space Agency. We have studied how to model the observables of the photometric survey (allowing for cosmic shear and galaxy clustering measurements) and those of the spectroscopic survey (allowing for a reconstruction of the galaxy clustering power spectrum) for cosmologies including massive neutrinos, additional relativistic degrees of freedom, and variations in the dark energy equation of state.

We find that the Fisher matrices computed with the CosmicFish and MontePython pipelines agree to a 10% level even after marginalising over all corresponding nuisance parameters, independently of which EBS (CAMB or CLASS) is used. For the purposes of this implementation, we have also compared various nonlinear treatments. We conclude that for our purpose the predictions of HMcode (Mead et al. 2021) are the closest to numerical simulations for the cosmological models considered here, even outperforming some of the emulators that we have considered.

The validated forecast pipeline predicts a great deal of complementarity between the various probes measured by *Euclid*, particularly between the photometric and spectroscopic surveys.

The combination of these probes will help to break the degeneracies between the parameters $\{H_0, \sigma_8, \Delta N_{\text{eff}}, \sum m_\nu, w_0, w_a\}$. There is a strong complementarity with additional probes as well, which can be used to lift the residual degeneracy among the small-scale fluctuation amplitude, Hubble constant, and the neutrino parameters. Once combined with data from CMB anisotropy experiments, the *Euclid* data will lead to extremely tight constraints on $\{\sigma_8, H_0, \sum m_\nu, N_{\text{eff}}\}$.

Indeed, we find that while *Euclid* data alone will already allow us to constrain $\sigma(\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}) = 53 \text{ meV}$ in the standard $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model, its combination with CMB anisotropy data from *Planck* will lead to a sensitivity of $\sigma(\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}) = 23 \text{ meV}$. Thus, we can expect *Euclid+Planck* data to raise evidence for a non-zero neutrino mass at least at the 2.6 σ level. If the combined data turns out to be best fit with $\sum m_\nu \simeq 60 \text{ meV}$, it would indicate a preference for normal ordering over inverted ordering roughly at the 2 σ level. In combination with future CMB data from LiteBIRD and CMB Stage-IV, *Euclid* will reach a sensitivity of around $\sigma(\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}) = 16 \text{ meV}$, which will allow for a neutrino mass detection at almost 4 σ . Under the same assumption, we would obtain a clear disambiguation of the neutrino mass hierarchy at 2.5 σ . These constraints are only mildly sensitive to the addition of ultra-relativistic degrees of freedom ($\Delta N_{\text{eff}} > 0$) and end up being degrading only by a factor of roughly 2 when considering a flexible model of time-varying dark energy.

Euclid is also expected to measure the Hubble parameter with exquisite precision in these cosmologies, with an uncertainty expected to reach $0.1\text{--}0.3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ in combination with CMB data. This will bring very strong clues regarding the puzzle raised by the current Hubble tension.

The determination of the effective neutrino number N_{eff} by CMB experiments is limited by a parameter degeneracy between N_{eff} and H_0 . The *Euclid* probes alone will be sensitive to N_{eff} and, even more importantly, when combined with CMB data, they will be able to partially lift this degeneracy. Assuming a fiducial model with no additional relativistic degrees of freedom beyond standard neutrinos ($N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044$), the combination of *Planck* data and *Euclid* primary probes will provide a 95% CL upper bound $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.144$ in the $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$ case. The bound will be further tightened to $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.063$ with future CMB data from LiteBIRD and CMB Stage-IV. These predictions remain stable when marginalising over dynamical dark energy parameters. Such bounds will constrain many well-motivated models of additional relativistic particles such as Goldstone bosons, Weyl fermions, or massless gauge bosons. Not only will decoupling times after the QCD transition be potentially ruled out by *Euclid* alone, but in combination with CMB experiments, decoupling times even slightly before the QCD transition can be constrained. Indeed, in combination with future CMB surveys, *Euclid* will come close to excluding the presence of these particles at any decoupling temperature (even far before the QCD transition, see Fig. 18).

In summary, *Euclid* will put tight constraints on the parameters of the ΛCDM model as well as some of its most commonly considered extensions, while bringing strong indications concerning the Hubble constant tension. In combination with either current or future CMB data, *Euclid* will constrain neutrino physics, potentially providing the first detection of a non-zero neutrino mass, along with some strong hints about the mass ordering. Moreover, the combined data will have an enhanced sensitivity to the effective number of neutrinos and a significant potential to rule out many candidates for light relics beyond the Standard Model. As such, *Euclid* will consolidate the ability of precision cosmology to probe neutrino physics.

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Appendix A: Effect of the numerical derivative method

In this work, we set CosmicFish to compute the derivative of observables with respect to cosmological parameters using double-sided derivatives, also called 3-point derivatives (3PT). To check whether our results are stable against the computation of numerical derivatives, we performed a test using a four-point forward stencil method (4PT_FWD). We compare the unmarginalised and marginalised errors inferred from the two methods in Fig. A.1. We see that the impact on unmarginalised errors are below 0.1%, while the marginalised errors are within 0.4% of each other, that is, well below our validation threshold. We have also checked in 2D contours that the directions of correlation are preserved. Noticeably, the errors from the 4PT_FWD method are always below the errors from 3PT, showing that our default choice is actually conservative. We conclude that our results are robust against the numerical derivative method.

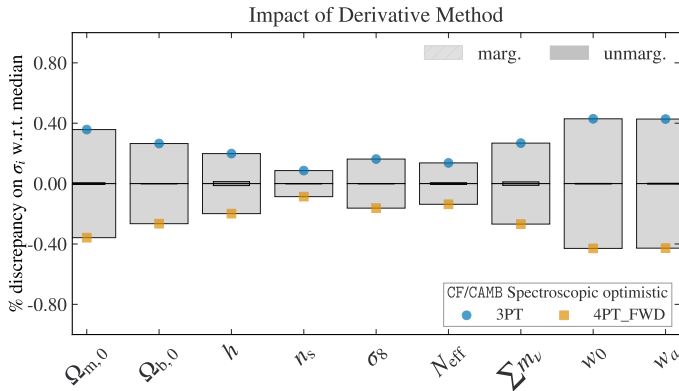


Fig. A.1. Effect on the marginalised and unmarginalised errors of changing the numerical derivative method from 3PT to 4PT_FWD in the CF/CAMB pipeline. Here we choose the case of the spectroscopic probe with optimistic settings, and we stick to the same assumptions and precision parameters as in the rest of the validation (Sect. 6). In this test, the nuisance parameters are kept fixed for simplicity. The marginalisation takes place over other cosmological parameters.

Appendix B: Settings and accuracy of Einstein–Boltzmann solvers

The question of the accuracy settings required by *Euclid* forecasts in the CAMB and CLASS EBSs has been discussed in depth in Sect. 6 and Appendix A of [Euclid Collaboration \(2024a\)](#). Here we focus on new aspects related to the promotion of $\sum m_\nu$ and N_{eff} as varied parameters. We refer the reader to [Euclid Collaboration \(2024a\)](#) for more details on other aspects.

Default accuracy settings in the public CAMB and CLASS versions have been established in order to ensure unbiased MCMC parameter inference from current CMB and large-scale structure surveys. As a general trend, the estimation of Bayesian credible intervals requires less accurate theory predictions when running MCMC than when computing Fisher matrices. Indeed, it is well-known that the excursion in parameter space performed by MCMC tends to smooth out the effect of random numerical noise (in observables and likelihoods) on the estimation of parameter credible intervals. Instead, in Fisher forecasts, the calculation of

numerical derivatives with very small step sizes and the inversion of Fisher matrices into covariance matrices tend to enhance the sensitivity of unmarginalised and marginalised errors to such numerical noise.

For that reason, like in [Euclid Collaboration \(2024a\)](#), we use enhanced accuracy settings in Fisher forecasts, using the agreement between marginalised error bars inferred from the CAMB and CLASS pipelines as an estimator of convergence. When running the MP/MCMC pipeline, we instead stick to CLASS default precision. The fact that our CF/CAMB and CF/CLASS forecasts agree so well (see Figs. 6 to 8) and remain stable against small changes in the choice of derivative step sizes (see Appendix C) proves that our high accuracy settings are sufficient to maintain numerical noise below the *Euclid* sensitivity level. Finally, the fact that our Fisher ellipses agree so well with our MCMC 2D contours whenever the posterior is Gaussian with respect to pairs of parameters (see Figs. 9 to 11) proves that default precision is sufficient for the purpose of fitting *Euclid* data with MCMC.

To be precise, this test proves that our accuracy settings are sufficient to keep random numerical noise (which is by construction independent in CAMB and CLASS) at a sufficiently low level. It does not prove that the modelling of physical effects is accurate enough, since both codes could in principle rely on the same incorrect modelling of some physical mechanism, and compute observables with the same systematic error. A potential example of this, related to the modelling of massive neutrinos, is discussed in Appendix B.1. The only way to mitigate this risk is to compare the results of fits performed with modified versions of EBSs relying on several different schemes for the treatment of hydrogen recombination, of the neutrino phase-space distribution, of the truncation of the Boltzmann hierarchy, of gauge freedom, etc. This goes beyond the level of this work. Note however that such tests have been done repeatedly in many theoretical papers and within several observational collaborations, while the modelling of the $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ model has been intensely scrutinised over three decades. Thus, the impact of these different schemes is well-known and the implementation of $w_0w_a\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+N_{\text{eff}}$ in CAMB and CLASS can be considered as robust. If CAMB and CLASS did compute observables with the same systematic error, it would be due to a new and yet unidentified physical ingredient, rather than a wrong numerical modelling of the physical assumptions currently going into this cosmological scenario.

B.1. Cosmological parameters

In this work, we use CAMB version 1.3.7. When using the photometric likelihood, we set `halofit_version = 9` to compute nonlinear corrections with the latest version of HMcode ([Mead et al. 2021](#)). For CLASS, we use a branch forked from v3.2 that implements the same version of HMcode. This branch will soon be released publicly as v3.3. In the photometric case, we activate accurate HMcode calculations with `non_linear = hmcode2020`.

The parameters passed to CAMB and CLASS to account for our fiducial cosmology are the same as described in Appendix A.1 of [Euclid Collaboration \(2024a\)](#) up to small shifts in the fiducial values. These shifts aim at matching the *Planck* best-fit values and the updated prediction $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.044$ of the standard neutrino-decoupling model ([Froustey et al. 2020](#); [Bennett et al. 2021](#)). They have no impact whatsoever on our results for predicted errors.

We note that σ_8 is not implemented as a possible input parameter in CAMB. We circumvent this issue within CosmicFish by calling CAMB twice, the first time with an arbitrary primordial amplitude parameter A_s , and the second time with the exact value of A_s needed to obtain the desired σ_8 . In the CLASS case, σ_8 is passed as a input parameter and the same steps are performed internally.

There are non-trivial aspects related to the setting of neutrino parameters. The approach of CAMB and CLASS are quite different as far as massive neutrinos are concerned. As a matter of fact, a very precise treatment of the neutrino sector matching the predictions of the standard neutrino decoupling model, described for instance in Froustey et al. (2020) and in Bennett et al. (2021), would have to take into account flavor-dependent non-thermal distortions and flavor mixing in each mass eigenstate. For the sake of computational speed and simplicity, CAMB and CLASS use by default some effective approaches that attempt to mimic these effects while sticking to a single Fermi–Dirac phase-space distribution shared by all massive neutrinos. There are several ways to set up such an effective description. CAMB and CLASS use different ones, each with its own motivation.

These two different treatments generate sub-percent-level differences in the final matter power spectrum, which are too small to be relevant in the analysis of real *Euclid* data. However, for the purpose of Fisher matrix calculations, these tiny differences can be amplified by the calculation of numerical derivatives. Thus, for the purpose of validating our Fisher pipelines against each other, we stick to a precise mapping between CAMB and CLASS parameters, which ensures that the latter code sticks to the same assumptions as the former. This mapping is very similar to the one used in Euclid Collaboration (2024a) but allows for arbitrary values of $\sum m_\nu$ and N_{eff} .

In our Fisher forecasts, we call CAMB with `num_nu_massive` set to 1, `num_nu_massless` set to the varied parameter N_{eff} minus 1, and a neutrino mass set to the varied parameter $\sum m_\nu$. Note that the forecast pipeline varies N_{eff} in a range given by the fiducial value 3.044 plus or minus one per cent, such that $3.01 < N_{\text{eff}} < 3.08$. CAMB uses by default a neutrino model corresponding to its internal option `share_delta_neff = T`.²² This option triggers several non-trivial operations. Given our input, CAMB always assumes two massless and one massive neutrino species, and rescales their respective temperature to a common value such that the total neutrino density in the early universe matches N_{eff} . For that purpose, the true effective number of ultra-relativistic degrees of freedom (for instance massless neutrinos) actually used in the CAMB equations is redefined internally from $(N_{\text{eff}} - 1)$ to a new number:

$$N_{\text{ur}} = 2 + \frac{2}{3}(N_{\text{eff}} - \text{floor}[N_{\text{eff}}]), \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where `floor`[N_{eff}] denotes the largest integer smaller than N_{eff} . Massive neutrinos are modelled as a perfect Fermi–Dirac species with a temperature T_ν and fractional density Ω_ν computed as

$$\frac{T_\nu}{T_\gamma} = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{N_{\text{eff}}}{3}\right)^{1/4}, \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$\Omega_{\nu,0} = \frac{\sum m_\nu}{94.07 \text{ eV}} \left(\frac{N_{\text{eff}}}{3}\right)^{3/4} h^{-2}. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

We note that, for the sake of consistency, the last equation uses on purpose the numerical value of the ratio $\sum m_\nu / [\Omega_{\nu,0} h^2]$ computed in the instantaneous decoupling limit, 94.07 eV, and not the more realistic value 93.12 eV (Froustey 2022). To mimic exactly the same settings in CLASS, we fix `N_ncdm` to 1, and we set the three input parameters (`N_ur`, `T_ncdm`, `Omega_ncdm`) to the three number calculated respectively with Eqs. (B.1) to (B.3).

As explained in Sect. 2.2, the final MCMC forecasts of Sect. 7 assume instead three massive neutrinos (degenerate in mass and such that each of the three species contributes to N_{eff} as 3.044/3) plus extra relativistic species contributing as $(N_{\text{eff}} - 3.044)$. We achieve this by setting `N_ncdm` to 1, `deg_ncdm` to 3, and the parameters (`N_ur`, `T_ncdm`, `Omega_ncdm`) to:

$$N_{\text{ur}} = N_{\text{eff}} - 3.044, \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$\frac{T_\nu}{T_\gamma} = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{3.044}{3}\right)^{1/4}, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$\Omega_{\nu,0} = \frac{\sum m_\nu}{94.07 \text{ eV}} \left(\frac{3.044}{3}\right)^{3/4} h^{-2}. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

B.2. Accuracy parameters

Euclid Collaboration (2024a) have defined some enhanced accuracy settings for the CAMB and CLASS codes such that, in the framework of the $w_0 w_a$ CDM model, *Euclid* Fisher forecasts performed with either code are stable and in good agreement with each other. Euclid Collaboration (2024a) also explained that in the case of CAMB, on top of increasing some accuracy parameters, it is necessary to adapt the code in order to increase the precision of a bisection algorithm used by both HALOFIT and HMcode.²³ This adaptation is still relevant in our context and we use it throughout our validation process.

From the point of view of accuracy setting, the difference between Euclid Collaboration (2024a) and this work is that we now need to compute some derivatives with respect to the parameters $\sum m_\nu$ and N_{eff} . We found that derivatives with respect to N_{eff} are stable and accurate enough with the settings used in Euclid Collaboration (2024a). Instead, getting accurate derivatives with respect to $\sum m_\nu$ requires particular care. Even after solving the issue of the potentially different modelling of massive neutrinos in the way discussed in the previous subsection, one is confronted with the fact that the effect of massive neutrinos is very small and that CAMB and CLASS compute it with limited precision in order to avoid prohibitive computational times. We circumvent this problem in two ways. Firstly, in the calculation of two-sided derivatives with respect to $\sum m_\nu$, we use a step size given by 10% of the fiducial value – instead of 1% for other parameters. With such a step, it is easier to observe a variation in the power spectrum dominated by the physical effect of massive neutrinos, rather than by numerical noise. Secondly, in both codes, we use enhanced accuracy settings specific to the massive neutrino sector.

²³ The CAMB file `fortran/halofit.f90` contains a function `THalofit_GetNonLinRatios()` that computes a characteristic radius `rmid` with a bisection method. The bisection accuracy is set by the line: `if (abs(diff).le.0.001) then ...` It is essential to substitute 0.001 with a smaller tolerance equal to (or smaller than) 10^{-6} , otherwise, the error on `rmid` is way too large given the *Euclid* sensitivity, and leads to inaccurate derivatives in the Fisher matrix calculation. In this work we use a tolerance of 10^{-6} .

²² See <https://cosmologist.info/notes/CAMB.pdf>

In general, the accuracy with which EBSs compute massive neutrino perturbations depends essentially on three things: the number of discrete momenta used to sample the neutrino phase-space distribution; the cut-off multipole ℓ_{\max} at which the Boltzmann hierarchy is truncated; and some optional approximation schemes reducing the number of equations in some regime. The number of momenta is controlled by `accuracy_boost` in CAMB and `tol_ncdm_synchronous` in CLASS. The cut-off ℓ_{\max} depends on `l_accuracy_boost` in CAMB and `l_max_ncdm` in CLASS. Additional approximations can be de-activated in CAMB with `accurate_massive_neutrino_transfers` set to true. Finally, CLASS features a neutrino fluid approximation (Lesgourgues & Tram 2011) that gets switched on when each comoving wavenumber is sufficiently deep inside the sub-Hubble regime. This approximation can either be postponed to later times by increasing `ncdm_fluid_trigger_tau_over_tau_k`, or completely de-activated by setting `ncdm_fluid_approximation` to none or 3.

In the CAMB precision settings, the two parameters `accuracy_boost` and `l_accuracy_boost` are very important, since they increase the accuracy of the code in multiple places. Euclid Collaboration (2024a) already used `accuracy_boost=3`, which is sufficient for an accurate sampling of massive neutrino momentum, and `l_accuracy_boost=3`, which leads to a truncation of the Boltzmann hierarchy for massive neutrinos at a high enough $\ell_{\max} = 75$. Thus we can define some CAMB high precision (CAMB:HP) settings that are identical to those of Euclid Collaboration (2024a) up to the addition of one flag in the last line:

Listing 1. CAMB:HP precision settings

```
do_late_rad_truncation = T
high_accuracy_default = T
transfer_interp_matterpower = T
accurate_reionization = F
accuracy_boost = 3
l_accuracy_boost = 3
# - plus tolerance parameter within
  THalofit_GetNonLinRatios() decreased manually
  to 1.e-6
# - plus one new line specific to massive
  neutrinos:
accurate_massive_neutrino_transfers = T
```

The drawback of these settings is that CAMB becomes very slow, but this is a necessity for performing accurate Fisher matrix forecasts instead of MCMC forecasts.

In the CLASS case, we also define our CLASS:HP settings in the same way as in Euclid Collaboration (2024a), up to three additional lines to deal with massive neutrino accuracy:

Listing 2. CLASS:HP precision settings

```
k_per_decade_for_bao = 50
k_per_decade_for_pk = 50
l_max_g = 20
l_max_pol_g = 15
radiation_streaming_approximation = 2
radiation_streaming_trigger_tau_over_tau_k = 240.
radiation_streaming_trigger_tau_c_over_tau = 100.
background_Nloga = 6000
thermo_Nz_log = 20000
thermo_Nz_lin = 40000
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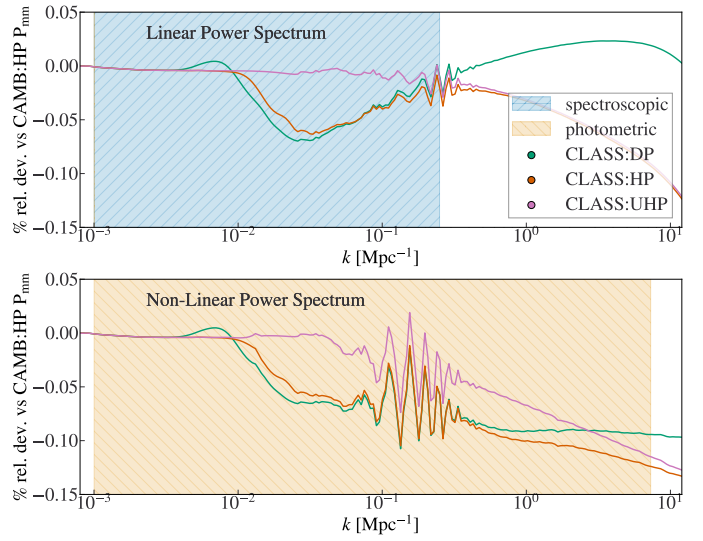


Fig. B.1. Ratio of the fiducial linear and nonlinear power spectrum $P_{\text{mm}}(k, z = 0)$ computed using CAMB with high precision settings (CAMB:HP) to that computed using CLASS with default precision (CLASS:DP), high precision (CLASS:HP) or ultra-high precision (CLASS:UHP). In this fiducial case, the summed neutrino mass is $\sum m_\nu = 60$ meV. The cyan shading denotes the range of wavenumbers probed by the spectroscopic likelihood, while the orange shading shows the range of wavenumbers for which the photometric likelihood is the most sensitive.

```
tol_perturbations_integration = 1.e-6
hmcode_tol_sigma = 1.e-8
# - plus three new lines specific to massive
  neutrinos:
tol_ncdm_synchronous = 1.e-5
l_max_ncdm = 25
ncdm_fluid_trigger_tau_over_tau_k = 100.
```

With the last line, the neutrino fluid approximation is still used, but with a smaller impact than when sticking to default precision, because it gets switched on at a later time for each wavenumber.

In Fig. B.1, we plot the percentage difference between the linear and nonlinear power spectrum at $z = 0$ computed for the fiducial model with a mass of $\sum m_\nu = 60$ meV by CAMB (using CAMB:HP) and CLASS using either default precision (CLASS:DP), high precision (CLASS:HP), or an ultra-high precision setting that will be defined below (CLASS:UHP). The shading highlights the range of scales used in the spectroscopic likelihood (with the linear spectrum as input) and in the photometric likelihood (with the nonlinear spectrum as input).

Even with default precision, the difference between CAMB:HP and CLASS:DP is at most 0.1% in the linear and nonlinear spectra, that is, below the *Euclid* sensitivity level. Thus, it is not a surprise that MCMC forecasts performed with CLASS:DP agree with Fisher forecasts performed with CAMB:HP. However, we know that Fisher forecasts require enhanced accuracy to avoid an amplification of numerical errors when computing derivatives and inverting Fisher matrices. In the case of the photometric probes, we find that CAMB:HP and CLASS:DP settings are sufficient for computing stable derivatives and obtaining a very good match between the marginalised and unmarginalised errors derived from CF/CAMB and CF/CLASS. Switching to CLASS:HP has a marginal impact, but it tends to offer even more stability in the calculation of derivatives, with an even weaker dependence

on the step sizes. To stay on the conservative side, we adopt this setting whenever using the photometric likelihood. The excellent agreement between the marginalised and unmarginalised errors obtained with CAMB:HP and CLASS:HP for this probe is illustrated by the upper panels of Figs. 6 to 8.

However, we find a slightly poorer agreement between the marginalised and unmarginalised errors obtained with CAMB:HP and CLASS:HP in the spectroscopic case (not shown here for conciseness), with differences marginally exceeding our validation threshold of 10% in some cases. Looking at various elements in the Fisher matrix, we find that this is caused by small differences in the derivatives with respect to $\sum m_\nu$. After some investigation, we conclude that the below 10^{-3} error introduced by the CLASS neutrino fluid approximation is responsible for such small differences. Even with the enhanced setting in the last line of CLASS:HP, this approximation leads to a suppression of the matter power spectrum by 0.07% on scales between $k = 10^{-2} h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ and $k = 2 \times 10^{-1} h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, which is clearly visible in the upper plot of Fig. B.1. This suppression propagates to the derivative of the linear power spectrum $\partial P(k, z)/\partial \sum m_\nu$ and finally to the Fisher matrix.

We fix this issue by defining some ultra-high precision settings, CLASS:UHP, in which the neutrino fluid approximation is never used. Switching off the fluid approximation has a potential drawback. In this case, the Boltzmann hierarchy is integrated even deep inside the Hubble scale regime. As a consequence, the evolution of perturbations can be more affected by artefacts coming from the truncation of the hierarchy at ℓ_{max} . These artefacts can be seen as an artificial reflection of power on the boundary (see for instance Hu et al. 1995; Lesgourgues & Tram 2011). Thus, the cut-off multipole must be increased accordingly. In CLASS:UHP, we set it to $\ell_{\text{max}} = 40$. Finally, in the absence of a neutrino fluid approximation, CLASS becomes much slower. We speed it up by 20% by integrating the differential equations with the evolver rkck (a Runge-Kutta evolver more optimised for highly oscillatory massive neutrino equations) instead of the default ndf15 (an implicit evolver more optimised for stiff systems, see Blas et al. 2011). All in all, this amounts to replacing the last two lines of CLASS:HP by three new lines:

Listing 3. CLASS:HP precision settings

```
k_per_decade_for_bao = 50
k_per_decade_for_pk = 50
l_max_g = 20
l_max_pol_g = 15
radiation_streaming_approximation = 2
radiation_streaming_trigger_tau_over_tau_k = 240.
radiation_streaming_trigger_tau_c_over_tau = 100.
background_Nloga = 6000
thermo_Nz_log = 20000
thermo_Nz_lin = 40000
tol_perturbations_integration = 1.e-6
hmcode_tol_sigma = 1.e-8
# - plus three new lines specific to massive
#   neutrinos:
tol_ncdm_synchronous = 1.e-5
l_max_ncdm = 40
ncdm_fluid_approximation = 3.
evolver = 0
```

With such CLASS:UHP settings, we are able to validate the Fisher matrix pipelines for the spectroscopic probe with either pessimistic or optimistic settings (see the lower panels in Figs. 6 to 8).

In summary, when using the CF/CAMB pipeline, we always use CAMB:HP settings. For the CF/CLASS and MP/Fisher pipelines, we use CLASS:HP for the photometric probe and CLASS:UHP for the spectroscopic probe. Finally, for the MP/MCMC pipeline, we always use CLASS:DP.

Appendix C: Effect of the step size for $\sum m_\nu$

Due to the smallness of the effect of the summed neutrino mass on the power spectrum, we have to use larger step sizes for $\sum m_\nu$ than for the other parameters, to ensure that the numerical derivatives are dominated by physical effects rather than numerical noise from the EBS. For other parameters our step size is set to 1% of the fiducial value. Instead, for $\sum m_\nu$, our default relative stepsize is of 10%. To check whether this choice is numerically stable, we test here the effect of using larger step sizes in the CF/CAMB pipeline, for the spectroscopic probe and with optimistic settings. The results can be seen in Fig. C.1. We find that the errors do not change by more than 3% when going from a 10% step size to a 50% step size (corresponding to step sizes of 6 meV to 30 meV). Additionally, in the 2D contour plots we checked that the directions of correlation with other cosmological parameters are preserved. This speaks again to the robustness of the derivatives. Using the CF/CLASS pipeline we find similar results, but in that case the errors remain stable even when the relative step size is lowered to a few percent only.

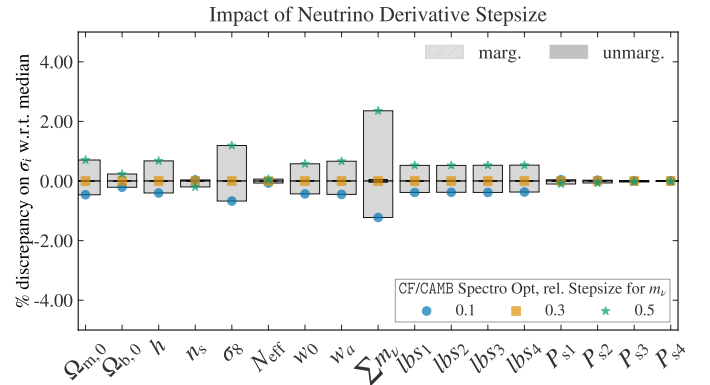


Fig. C.1. Effect on the marginalised and unmarginalised errors of changing the step size in the calculation of numerical derivatives with respect to the summed neutrino mass $\sum m_\nu$ in the CF/CAMB pipeline. We choose here the case of the spectroscopic probe with optimistic settings, and we stick to the same assumptions and precision parameters as in the rest of the validation Sect. 6. The step sizes (0.1, 0.3, 0.5) are expressed relative to the fiducial value $\sum m_\nu = 60 \text{ meV}$, and thus correspond to (6 meV, 18 meV, 30 meV).

Appendix D: Effect of the nonlinear prescription

A difference between Euclid Collaboration (2024a) and this work resides in the choice of algorithm for the computation of nonlinear corrections to the power spectrum. As explained in Sect. 3.3, in the current analysis, we switched from HALOFIT to HMcode (Mead et al. 2021). As a matter of fact, the latter is closer to the results of N -body simulations, especially in the presence of massive neutrinos. In Fig. D.1 we can see the effect induced by this change on the predicted marginalised and unmarginalised errors of the $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$ model. While the unmarginalised errors remain stable up to 10% variations, we see a strong difference – of as much as 70% – in the marginalised

errors on $\Omega_{m,0}$, σ_8 , n_s , h , and $\sum m_\nu$. The error on cosmological parameters predicted with HALOFIT are systematically lower than those obtained with HMcode. In the 2D contours of Fig. D.2 we also see that the directions of correlation between pairs of parameters are different with HALOFIT. Finally, Fig. D.3 shows that in the case of optimistic specifications if HMcode is used to generate the fiducial model – or, in other words, is assumed to account for the truth – but the fit is performed using HALOFIT, the cosmological parameters are recovered incorrectly, with up to 3σ bias in the cosmological parameters and even more in the nuisance parameters, in agreement with Euclid Collaboration (2021b). These tests stress the high sensitivity of the Euclid pipeline to the method used to predict nonlinear corrections. In order to measure cosmological parameters, it is essential to fit the data with an extremely accurate model of nonlinear corrections.

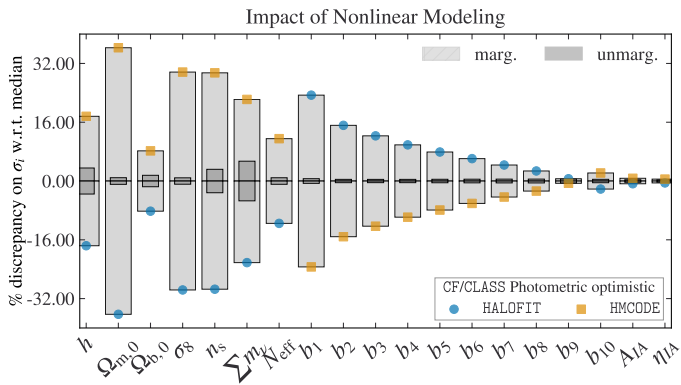


Fig. D.1. Difference between the marginalised and unmarginalised errors inferred from the CF/CAMB pipeline using either HALOFIT or HMcode.

Appendix E: Importance of using the CDM+baryons power spectrum

In Sect. 3, we stressed the importance of modelling the galaxy power spectrum as a biased tracer of the cold dark matter plus baryonic power spectrum (Castorina et al. 2014, 2015), such that on linear scales $P_{\delta\delta}^{GG}(k; z) \approx b^2(z)P_{cc}(k; z)$. Here we illustrate the importance of this assumption by deliberately adopting instead the inaccurate prescription $P_{\delta\delta}^{GG}(k; z) = b^2(z)P_{mm}(k; z)$, where the total matter power spectrum $P_{mm}(k; z)$ includes neutrino density fluctuations. At the level of a forecast, the difference between the two treatments arises not from different assumptions concerning the fiducial model, but from the different dependence of the spectrum on cosmological parameters, and particularly on the neutrino mass. Indeed, we expect that P_{cc} is less suppressed by neutrino free-streaming effects, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \partial_{\sum m_\nu} \ln P_{\delta\delta}^{GG}(k; z) \right| &= \left| \partial_{\sum m_\nu} \ln P_{cc}(k; z) \right| \\ &< \left| \partial_{\sum m_\nu} \ln P_{mm}(k; z) \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.1})$$

Thus, adopting the wrong prescription should artificially increase the sensitivity to $\sum m_\nu$ (and to all correlated parameters), as argued in more details in Vagnozzi et al. (2018).

This issue is relevant both for the galaxy clustering component of the photometric probe and for the spectroscopic probe. Here we choose to illustrate its importance in the case of the photometric probe with optimistic settings. In Figs. E.1 and E.2, we present a comparison between two Fisher forecasts for this

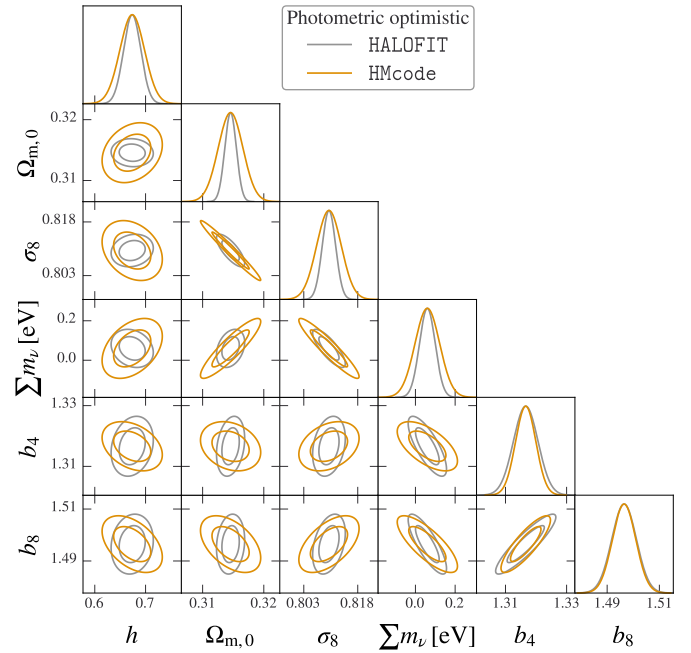


Fig. D.2. Marginalised posteriors and confidence contours for the same Fisher forecasts as in Fig. D.1, that is, when switching from HMcode to HALOFIT.

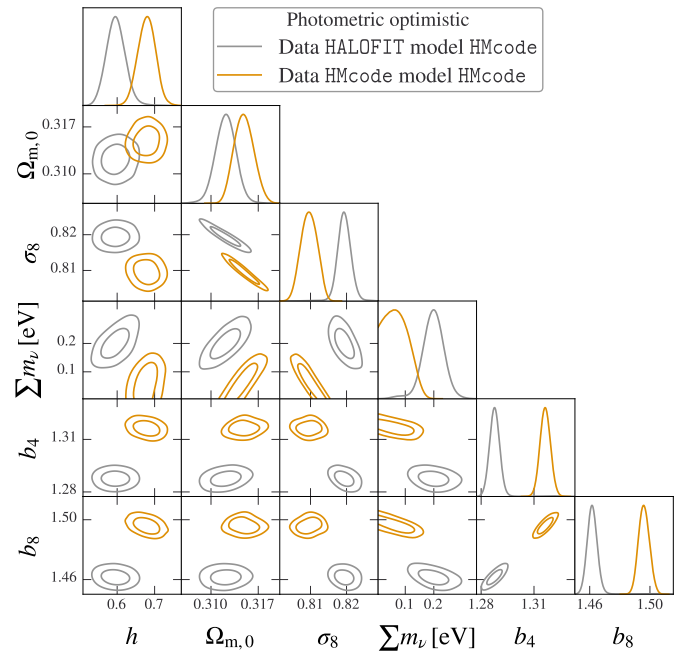


Fig. D.3. Biasing test, where the fiducial model is generated using HMcode and fitted using HALOFIT.

probe, the first one adopting the correct approach, and the second one switching to the wrong prescription both for the fiducial and fitted models. In Fig. E.3 we present a second test based on MCMC forecasts in which we stick to the correct approach for the fiducial model, but we fit it using either the correct or the incorrect prescription.

In the first test, the unmarginalised error on $\sum m_\nu$ differs by 43% between the two cases (see Fig. E.1). This is a direct consequence of the different derivatives of P_{cc} and P_{mm} with respect

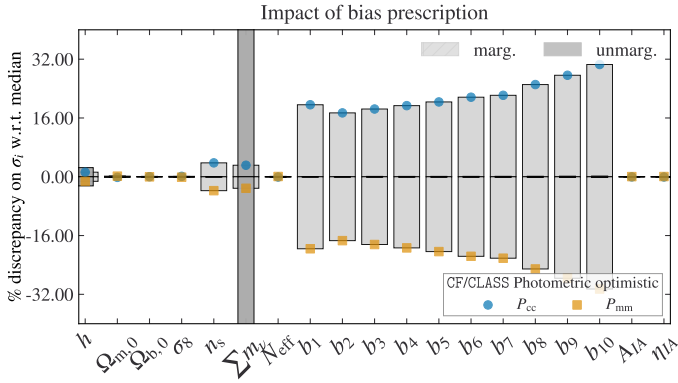


Fig. E.1. For the photometric probe with optimistic settings, comparison of the 1D marginalised and unmarginalised errors obtained under the assumption that the galaxy power spectrum is a biased tracer of either P_{mm} (incorrect modelling) or P_{cc} (correct modelling). For the parameter $\sum m_\nu$, the relative difference in the unmarginalised error goes outside the frame and is of the order of 43%.

to $\sum m_\nu$. This discrepancy gets mitigated by the marginalisation over all other parameters, which reduces the difference on $\sigma(\sum m_\nu)$ to about 3%. However, in the marginalised case, the error bars on the parameters that are correlated with $\sum m_\nu$ also increase – most noticeably for the bias parameters. As a matter of fact, the response of $P_{\text{cc}}(k; z)$ to a variation in the neutrino mass is more degenerate with a change of amplitude (and thus of linear bias) than the response of $P_{\text{mm}}(k; z)$. Thus, when using the wrong prescription, one underestimates the correlation between $\sum m_\nu$ and the bias parameters (see Fig. E.2), and artificially reduces the error not only on $\sum m_\nu$, but also on each b_i .

In the second test, we can check that fitting the correct fiducial model with the wrong prescription leads to artificially strong constraints on $\sum m_\nu$ (see Fig. E.3). In this case, the theoretical model based on P_{mm} cannot fit perfectly the fiducial model based on P_{cc} : there is always a residual difference. This test is particularly interesting because it shows that the incorrect model fits this residual by a combination of a wrong $\sum m_\nu$ and wrong biases. This could be expected, since the difference between P_{cc} and P_{mm} is close to a constant factor over a wide range of scales, as can be checked in Fig. 1. This explains the shifted means in the $\sum m_\nu$ and b_i posteriors visible in Fig. E.3. Looking at the $\sum m_\nu$ posteriors, we see that if such a mistake occurred in the analysis of real data, one would incorrectly conclude that the data prefer a vanishing neutrino mass, while in reality $\sum m_\nu = 60$ meV is preferred.

Appendix F: Parameter correlations in different cosmologies

In this appendix we show additional triangle plots with the 1D marginalised posteriors and 2D confidence contours that are not shown in Sect. 7. Figure F.1 shows the results obtained in the baseline $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model from each of the *Euclid* primary probes and from their combination. Figures F.2 and F.3 show the results obtained in the intermediate models ($\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$, and $w_0 w_a \text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$, respectively) with the data combinations *Euclid*+*Planck* (orange), and *Euclid*+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD (green). Note that, when comparing Fig. F.1 with Fig. 13, the photometric probes (red contours) show a different direction of degeneracy between $\sum m_\nu$ and h , which are positively correlated in the baseline $\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model. On the other hand, when combining *Euclid* with CMB

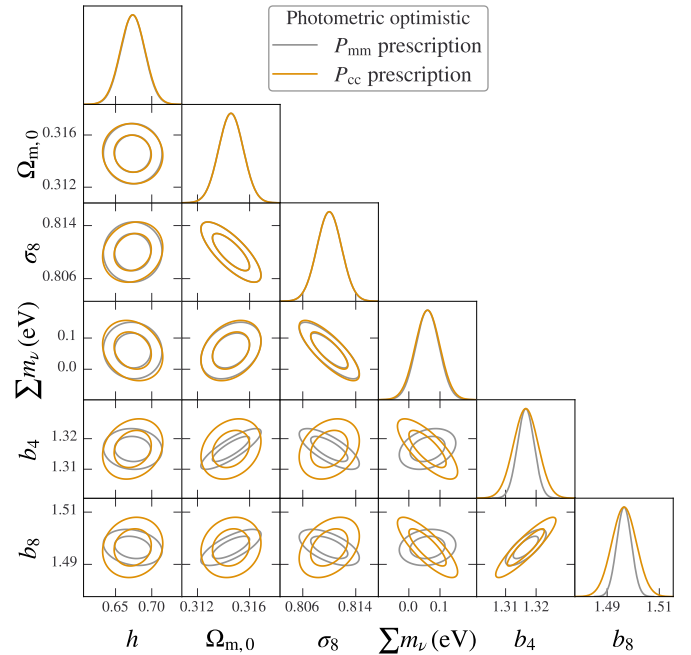


Fig. E.2. Marginalised posteriors and confidence contours for the same Fisher forecasts as in Fig. E.1.

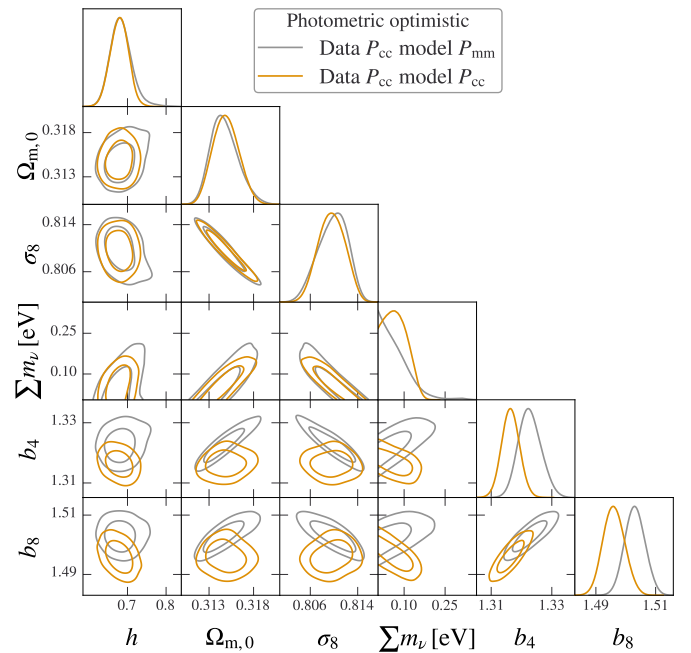


Fig. E.3. For the photometric probe with optimistic settings, marginalised posteriors and confidence contours from two MCMC forecasts based on the same fiducial model generated with the P_{cc} prescription. The mock data are then fitted either with the P_{mm} (incorrect modelling) or P_{cc} (correct modelling) prescription.

(Figs. F.2 and F.3), it is difficult to identify any significant change in the direction of the degeneracies in parameter space between one model and the other.

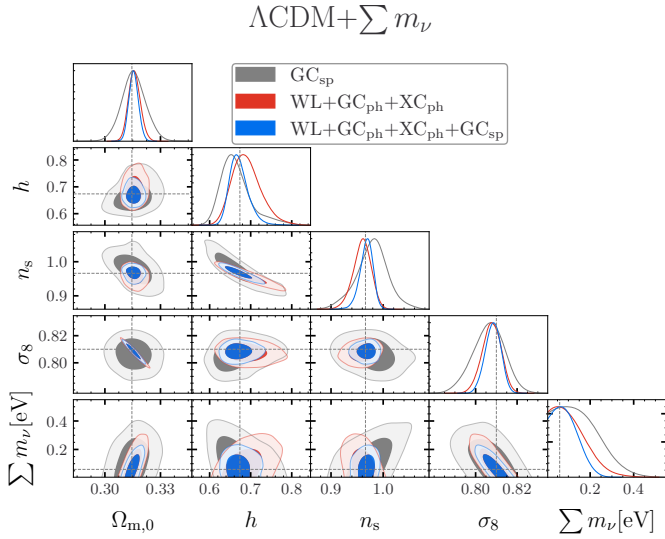


Fig. F.1. Same as Fig. 13, but for the baseline $\Lambda\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu$ model.

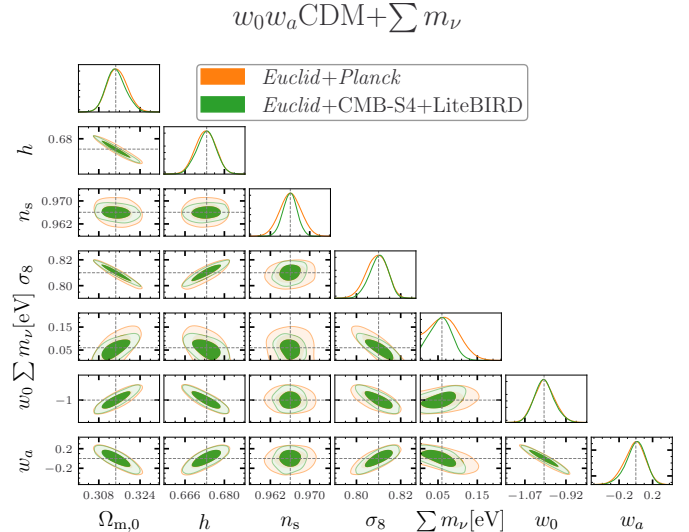


Fig. F.3. Same as Fig. 15, but for the $w_0 w_a \text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu$ model.

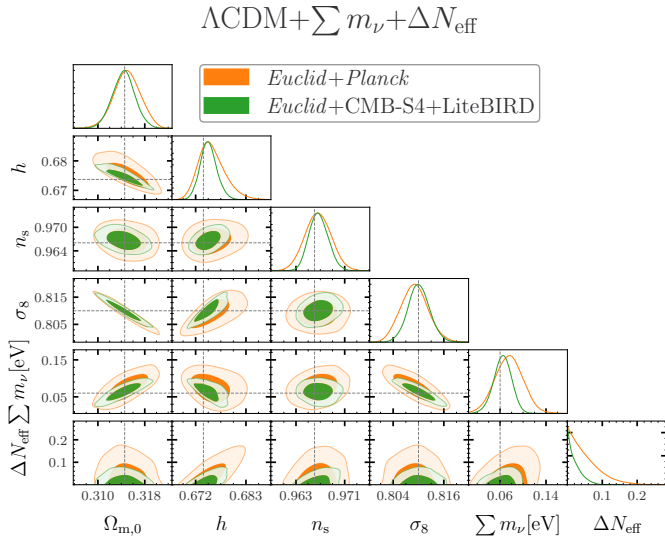


Fig. F.2. Same as Fig. 15, but for the $\Lambda\text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model.

Appendix G: Correlation with bias parameters

Figures G.1 and G.2 show the correlation between the bias parameters of photometric and spectroscopic observables, respectively, and the cosmological parameters in the extended $w_0 w_a \text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model. We show only two redshift bins for each observable noticing that the correlation is the same in all the redshift bins. It appears that there is no correlation between the neutrino mass and the bias parameters, either in $\text{WL}+\text{GC}_{\text{ph}}+\text{XC}_{\text{ph}}$ or in GC_{sp} . On the other hand, a mild anti-correlation is found between the bias parameters and ΔN_{eff} in $\text{WL}+\text{GC}_{\text{ph}}+\text{XC}_{\text{ph}}$, thus arising from GC_{ph} . The reason why this correlation appears in GC_{ph} while it is not present in GC_{sp} is that the projection of the matter power spectrum in angular harmonics and the convolution with the window function redistribute the power over a wider range of scales; the feature induced by

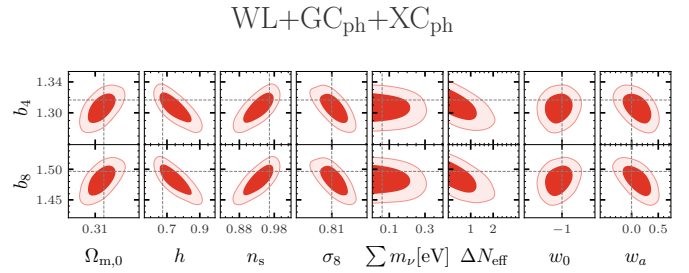


Fig. G.1. 2D confidence contours showing the correlation between the bias parameters of the fifth, and of the ninth redshift bins (b_4 and b_8) and the cosmological parameters, obtained by fitting photometric observables ($\text{WL}+\text{GC}_{\text{ph}}+\text{XC}_{\text{ph}}$) to the $w_0 w_a \text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model.

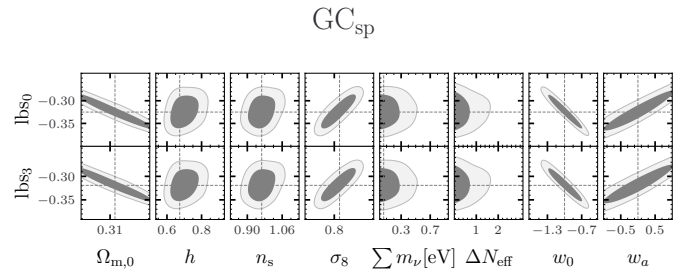


Fig. G.2. 2D confidence contours showing the correlation between the bias parameters of the first and of the fourth redshift bin [$\ln b_0 \sigma_8(z_0)$, and $\ln b_3 \sigma_8(z_3)$] and the cosmological parameters, obtained by fitting spectroscopic observables (GC_{sp}) to the $w_0 w_a \text{CDM}+\sum m_\nu+\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model.

a variation in ΔN_{eff} on the matter power spectrum (see Fig. 2) is smoothed out and thus can be mimicked by a variation in the bias.

Besides ΔN_{eff} , the bias parameters show correlations with most cosmological parameters, highlighting the importance of a careful study of bias from simulations.

Appendix H: Impact of baryonic feedback

An accurate modelling of large scale structure observables in the nonlinear regime requires accounting for baryonic feedback effects (Semboloni et al. 2011; Paribelli et al. 2019; Schneider et al. 2020a,b; Euclid Collaboration 2021b; Spurio Mancini & Bose 2023). Here, we test the robustness of our results on the neutrino mass sensitivity against such effects. To this end, we multiply the matter power spectrum $P_{\text{mm}}(k_\ell, z)$ of Eq. (4) in Sect. 3.1 by the boost factor obtained with the emulator BCemu (Giri & Schneider 2021). Note that we apply the boost factor only to $P_{\text{mm}}(k_\ell, z)$, thus, accounting for baryonic feedback effects only in weak lensing. We vary two BCemu parameters. The first one, $\log_{10} M_c$, is related to the critical mass M'_c such that halos with a virial mass that is lower than M'_c have a gas profile shallower than the Navarro-Frenk-White profile. Then, M_c is the dimensionless parameter such that $M_c = M'_c / (1 h^{-1} M_\odot)$. The second parameter is the index ν_{M_c} describing the power-law redshift dependence of M_c . This choice is motivated by the fact that $\log_{10} M_c$ is the parameter governing the suppression of $P_{\text{mm}}(k_\ell, z)$, thus, it is expected to be the most correlated with the neutrino mass. Moreover, given the cut-off at $\ell = 1500$ in our pessimistic specifications, including more than one free parameter for baryonic feedback might lead to an overfitting, leaving the additional parameters unconstrained. In Fig. H.1, we compare the constraints from the *Euclid* photometric probe on cosmological parameters obtained with and without baryonic feedback (red-filled and green-empty contours, respectively) in the $w_0 w_a \text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ model. We assume pessimistic specifications as in our final results of Sect. 7. We see that baryonic feedback does not have a dramatic impact on the constraints, and the critical mass parameter does not show a well defined correlation with either of the neutrino parameters. This outcome was expected since baryonic feedback effects are mostly relevant at $\ell > 1500$, thus, beyond the range fitted in the pessimistic scenario. Nevertheless, the variation in the $\log_{10} M_c$ parameter slightly degrades the sensitivity to the neutrino mass: more specifically, the 95% upper bound on $\sum m_\nu$ increases by about 10%. As already pointed out in Spurio Mancini & Bose (2023), if the analysis was extended to $\ell = 3000, 5000$, the degradation in sensitivity to the neutrino mass due to the inclusion of baryonic feedback effects would be more dramatic.

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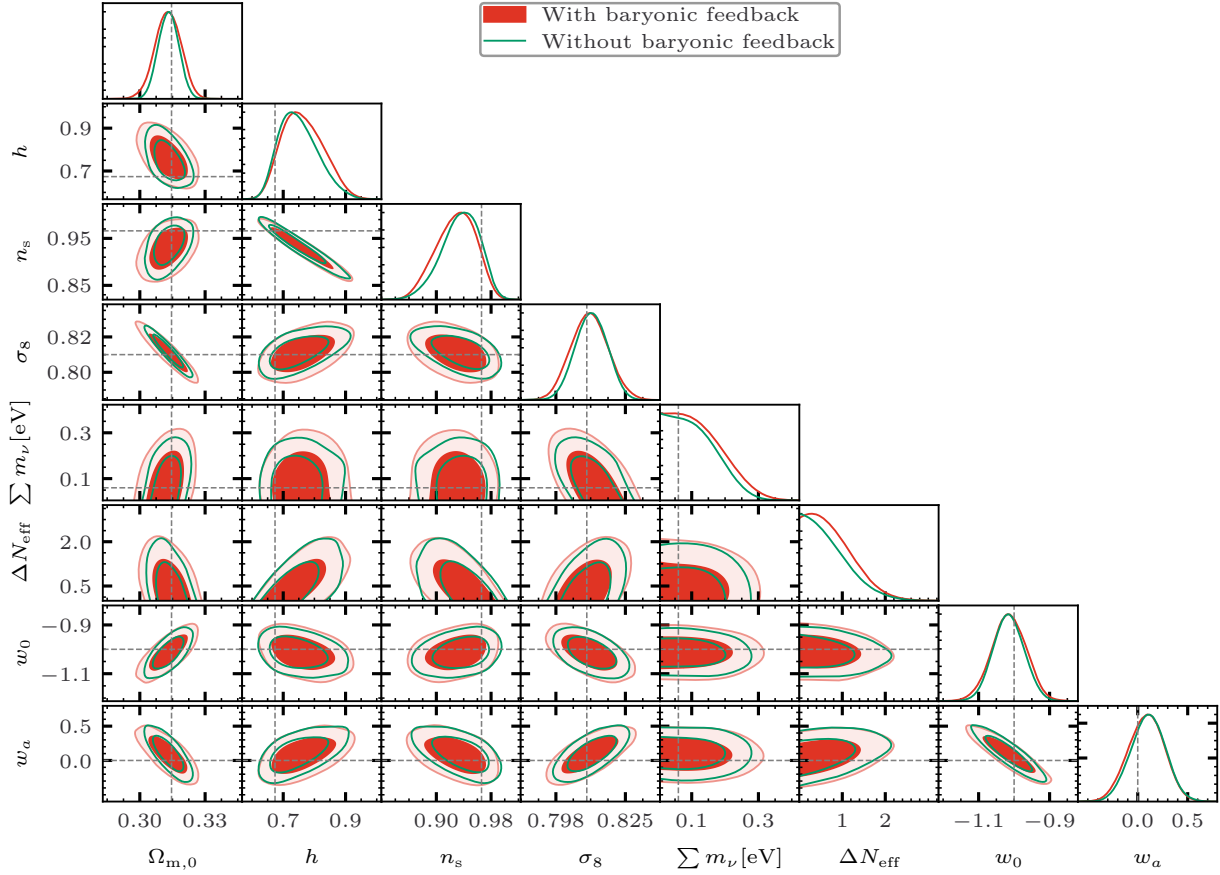


Fig. H.1. 1D marginalised posteriors and 2D confidence contours for cosmological parameters and for baryonic feedback parameters, obtained by fitting photometric observables (WL+GC_{ph}+XC_{ph}) to the $w_0 w_a \text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$ model, with and without varying baryonic feedback parameters (red-filled and green-empty contours, respectively). The contours for baryonic feedback parameters are also shown when they are varied.