

# Parameter Forecasts From CMB Lensing and Galaxy Lensing Power- and Bispectra

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## 1 Introduction

Weak lensing has been used as a probe to constrain cosmological parameters since the 2000's [18, 3, 16, 27, 4]. A range of upcoming surveys, such as the survey by the Simons Observatory (SO) [1], the Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) [14], and Euclid [19] aim to measure weak lensing of the CMB and of galaxies. These upcoming surveys are expected to achieve significantly higher accuracy than their predecessors, leading to tighter constraints on cosmological parameters and advancing our overall understanding of physics. Typically, the statistic of interest is the power spectrum (or equivalently, two point function) of the lensing potential. This can be measured in terms of the lensing convergence  $\kappa$ , lensing shear  $\gamma$ , or lensing potential  $\psi$ . In the weak lensing regime they all contain the same amount of information and can be directly converted into one another, see appendix B. In CMB surveys the temperature and polarization anisotropies are used to estimate the lensing potential [23], while with galaxies one instead calculates lensing effects by

measuring the lensing shear, which can be deduced from the ellipticity distribution of the observed galaxies [13].

Even with Gaussian initial conditions, there are significant amounts of non-Gaussianity in the weak lensing signal, especially in galaxy lensing due to it being a probe of the more recent distribution of matter [6, 25]. In addition to looking at the power spectrum, a natural next step is thus to measure the lensing bispectrum. While the bispectrum has been measured for galaxy lensing signals [28], a definitive detection of the CMB lensing bispectrum is still pending. Upcoming surveys such as the ones mentioned earlier may detect this signal. Therefore it is timely to consider the detectability, as well as ability to constrain cosmological parameter of CMB lensing power- and bispectra, galaxy lensing power- and bispectra, and cross correlations between the two weak lensing observables.

In this paper we aim to answer this question in the context of experimental parameters similar to those of next generation surveys. We are especially interested in seeing if approximate parameter degeneracies can be broken by combining all data. Calculating the covariance matrix of unbiased optimal estimators of the cosmological parameters can be done by combining a Boltzmann code for cosmological perturbations with a Fisher matrix analysis. See figure 1 for an overview of the calculation done in this paper. We look at  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters as well as the sum of neutrino masses  $\sum m_\nu$  and dark energy equation of state parameter,  $w_0$ .

Useful derivations relevant to this paper can be found in the appendices. In particular, they include a derivation for the Fisher matrix formalism for the non-trivial context of bispectra with multiple tracers. While the final formula is available in the literature (e.g., the appendix of [17]), this paper includes a derivation as the authors were unable to locate one elsewhere.

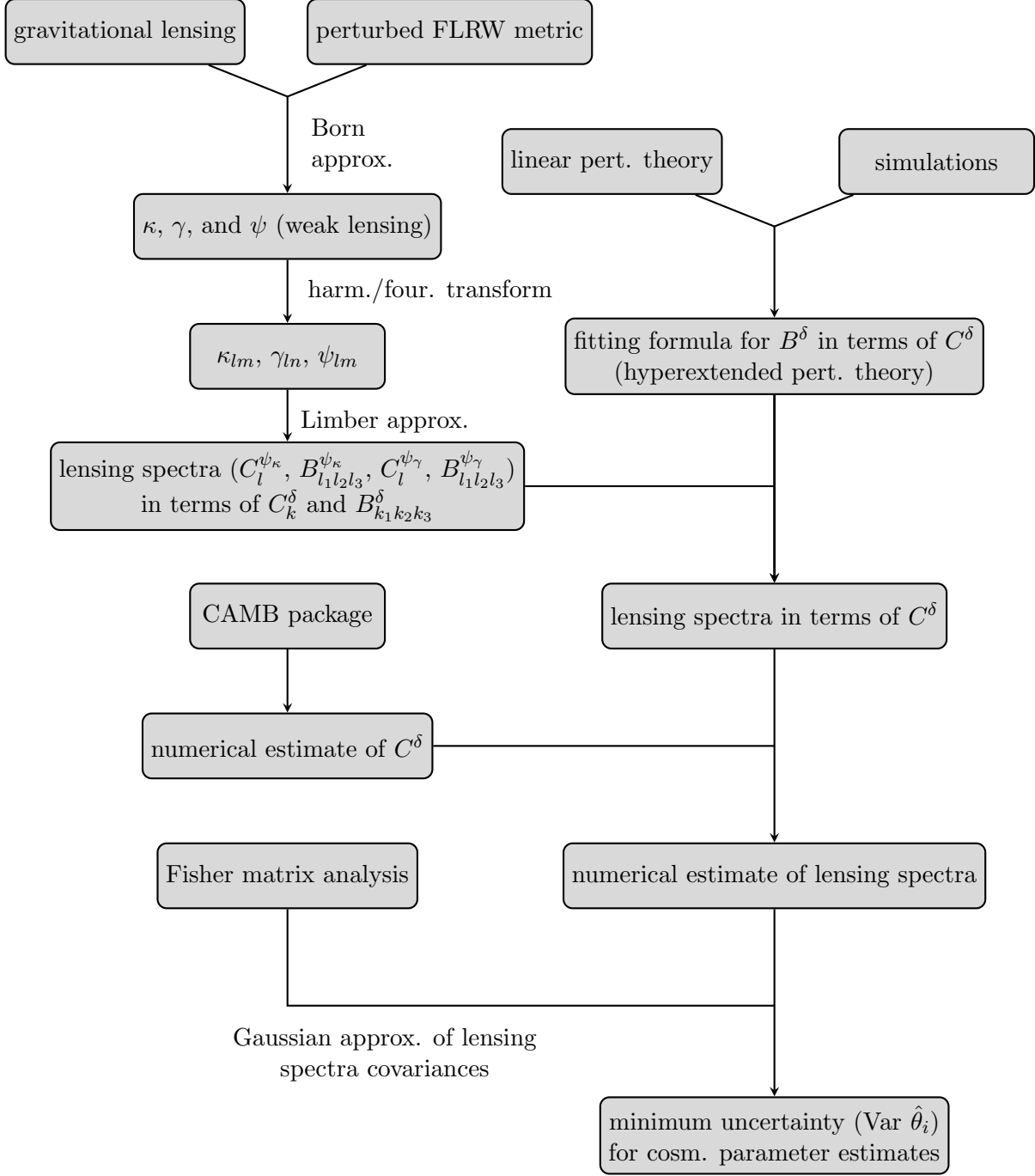
The structure of this paper is as follows: we introduce relevant formulas for weak lensing statistics, nonlinear matter bispectrum, and fisher matrix formalism in section 2. We specify details such as the fiducial values of the parameters and noise models used in section 3. Parameter constraints and signal to noise ratios are presented in section 4 and discussed in section 5. The appendices review the derivations of the formulas for weak lensing power- and bispectra. We also derive the Fisher matrix formalism, in particular for the more involved case of measuring bispectra with multiple tracers.

All code written for this project is uploaded on github at [https://github.com/Jonas-Frugte/fisher\\_calc\\_weak\\_lensing](https://github.com/Jonas-Frugte/fisher_calc_weak_lensing).

## 2 Theory

### 2.1 Weak lensing spectra

Radiation from cosmological objects is distorted due to gravitational lensing. Typically, this lensing is a relatively weak effect and is thus referred to as weak lensing. Weak lensing is quantified through the deflection field  $\mathbf{d}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$  which equals the difference between the observed angle of a point on the sky and the true (unlensed) angle. This field is the gradient of the lensing potential,  $\psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$ , which is expressed as a weighted integral of the mass distribution along the line of sight from the observer to the source.



**Figure 1.** Flowchart of steps involved in calculating the minimum error/uncertainty in cosmological parameter estimates using convergence and shear power- and bi-spectra.

In the case of CMB surveys, lensing alters the statistical properties of the temperature and polarization fields and can thus be calculated by comparing to the expected unlensed signal, see e.g. [21]. In galaxy surveys, lensing alters the ellipticities of observed galaxies. If a large enough number of galaxies are observed, this effect can be separated from the intrinsic ellipticities of the galaxies and thus the lensing potential can be estimated.

To constrain cosmological parameters we can then look at the lensing potential of the CMB,  $\psi_{\text{CMB}}$ , and of galaxy surveys,  $\psi_{\text{gal}}$ . These are directly related to the matter power and bispectra as

$$\begin{aligned} C_l^{\psi_X \psi_Y} &= \frac{9}{\ell^4} \Omega_m^2 H_0^4 \int_0^{\chi_*} \chi^2 d\chi a(\eta_0 - \chi)^{-2} W_X(\chi) W_Y(\chi) C^\delta(\ell/\chi, \eta_0 - \chi), \\ B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{\psi_X \psi_Y \psi_Z} &= \sqrt{\frac{(2\ell_1 + 1)(2\ell_2 + 1)(2\ell_3 + 1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{27}{\ell_1^2 \ell_2^2 \ell_3^2} \Omega_m^3 H_0^6 \\ &\quad \times \int \chi^2 d\chi a(\eta_0 - \chi)^{-3} W_X(\chi) W_Y(\chi) W_Z(\chi) B^\delta(\{\ell_i/\chi\}, \eta_0 - \chi), \end{aligned}$$

with  $X, Y, Z \in \{\text{CMB}, \text{gal}\}$ . A derivation can be found in appendices A and B, or in the literature, see e.g. [5].  $\Omega_m$  is the present day matter density parameter,  $H_0$  is the present day Hubble constant,  $a(\eta)$  is the scale factor,  $\eta_0$  is the conformal time today,  $\chi$  is the comoving radial distance,  $\chi_*$  the distance to surface of last scattering,  $C^\delta(k, \eta)$  the matter power spectrum,  $B^\delta(k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta)$  the matter bispectrum,  $W_X(\chi)$  the window function, and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

the Wigner 3-j symbol. The only factor that differs between CMB and galaxy lensing is the window function, defined as

$$W_X(\chi) = \int_\chi^\infty d\chi' p_X(\chi') \frac{\chi' - \chi}{\chi' \chi},$$

with  $p_X$  the radius distribution of the radiation source. For the CMB we take  $p(\chi) = \delta(\chi - \chi_*)$ .

## 2.2 Nonlinear matter bispectrum

Determining the nonlinear matter powerspectrum can be done using numerical codes such as CAMB [20]. The nonlinear matter bispectrum was calculated from the powerspectrum using a fitting formula based on perturbation theory in [12]. It is given by

$$B^\delta(k_1, k_2, k_3, \chi) = 2F_2(k_1, k_2, z) C^\delta(k_1, z) C^\delta(k_2, z) + 2 \text{ perm}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $C^\delta$  is the nonlinear matter power spectrum<sup>1</sup>, and the kernel  $F_2$  is modified from the tree level result with factors  $a(k, z)$ ,  $b(k, z)$ , and  $c(k, z)$ :

$$F_2(k_1, k_2, z) = \frac{5}{7} a(k_1, z) a(k_2, z) + \frac{k_1^2 + k_2^2}{2k_1 k_2} b(k_1, z) b(k_2, z) \cos \theta + \frac{2}{7} c(k_1, z) c(k_2, z) \cos^2 \theta. \quad (2.2)$$

They are defined as:

$$a(k, z) = \frac{1 + \sigma_8^{a_6}(z) \sqrt{0.7} Q(n_{\text{eff}}) (q^{a_1})^{n_{\text{eff}} + a_2}}{1 + (q^{a_1})^{n_{\text{eff}} + a_2}}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$b(k, z) = \frac{1 + 0.2 a_3 (n_{\text{eff}} + 3) (q^{a_7})^{n_{\text{eff}} + 3 + a_8}}{1 + (q^{a_5})^{n_{\text{eff}} + 3.5 + a_8}}, \quad (2.4)$$

$$c(k, z) = \frac{1 + \left[ \frac{4.5 a_4}{1.5 + (n_{\text{eff}} + 3)^4} \right] (q^{a_5})^{n_{\text{eff}} + 3 + a_9}}{1 + (q^{a_5})^{n_{\text{eff}} + 3.5 + a_9}}. \quad (2.5)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Compare to the tree level bispectrum where we instead use the linear powerspectrum.

Here,  $Q(n_{\text{eff}})$  is given by:

$$Q(x) = \frac{4 - 2x}{1 + 2^{x+1}}. \quad (2.6)$$

The effective spectral index of the linear power spectrum is defined as:

$$n_{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{d \ln C_{\text{lin}}^{\delta}(k)}{d \ln k}. \quad (2.7)$$

Additionally,  $q$  is given by:

$$q = \frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $k_{\text{NL}}$  is the scale at which nonlinearities become significant, satisfying:

$$4\pi k_{\text{NL}}^3 C_{\text{lin}}^{\delta}(k_{\text{NL}}, 0) = 1. \quad (2.9)$$

The coefficients  $a_i$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0.484, & a_2 &= 3.740, & a_3 &= -0.849, & a_4 &= 0.392, \\ a_5 &= 1.013, & a_6 &= -0.575, & a_7 &= 0.128, & a_8 &= -0.722, & a_9 &= -0.926. \end{aligned}$$

### 2.3 Fisher matrix analysis

SNR and parameter constraints are obtained through a Fisher matrix analysis as is standard [11]. A full derivation of below statements can be found in appendix C. The auto and cross power spectrum Fisher matrix is given as

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_l \sum_{XY} \sum_{X'Y'} (2l+1) \partial_{\alpha} C_l^{XY} (C^{-1})_l^{XX'} (C^{-1})_l^{YY'} \partial_{\beta} C_l^{X'Y'},$$

where

$$C_l := \begin{pmatrix} C_l^{\psi_{\kappa}\psi_{\kappa}} & C_l^{\psi_{\kappa}\psi_{\gamma}} \\ C_l^{\psi_{\kappa}\psi_{\gamma}} & C_l^{\psi_{\gamma}\psi_{\gamma}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

For the bispectra we instead get

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{l_1 \leq l_2 \leq l_3} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \sum_{XYZ} \sum_{X'Y'Z'} \partial_{\alpha} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ} (C^{-1})_{l_1}^{XX'} (C^{-1})_{l_2}^{YY'} (C^{-1})_{l_3}^{ZZ'} \partial_{\beta} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{X'Y'Z'},$$

with  $\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}$  defined as the number of distinct permutations that can be made with  $l_1 l_2 l_3$ . When only considering autospectra the formulas simplify to

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_l \sum_{XY} \sum_{X'Y'} \frac{2l+1}{2} \frac{\partial_{\alpha} C_l^{XX} \partial_{\beta} C_l^{XX}}{(C_l^{XX})^2},$$

and (for bispectra)

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{l_1 \leq l_2 \leq l_3} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \frac{\partial_{\alpha} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XXX} \partial_{\beta} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XXX}}{C_{l_1}^{XX} C_{l_2}^{XX} C_{l_3}^{XX}}.$$

### 3 Calculation Details

We chose our fiducial cosmology in line with the results from the Planck mission [2], see table 1. For all parameter constraints we use a prior similar to the one used in [23], see table 1. This prior only restricts  $\Omega_b h^2$  and  $n_s$  significantly. The power spectra, in particular, exhibit complete insensitivity to certain parameters. Consequently, relying solely on them to constrain the entire cosmological model results in very poor constraints. Future lensing surveys will of course use information from surveys measuring other statistics such as galaxy distributions or primary CMB anisotropies, so not using any priors is not representative of what stage 4 experiments could achieve. Even a weak prior improves the constraining power of our power spectra considerably.

parameter	notation	fiducial value	$\sigma$ of prior
Hubble constant	$H_0$	67.4 km/s/Mpc	17.3
Physical baryon density parameter	$\Omega_b h^2$	0.0223	0.0005
Physical cold dark matter density parameter	$\Omega_c h^2$	0.119	0.288
Scalar spectral index	$n_s$	0.965	0.02
Amplitude of primordial scalar fluctuations	$A_s$	$2.13 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$
Sum of neutrino masses	$\sum m_\nu$	0.06	$\infty$
Dark energy equation of state parameter	$w_0$	-1	$\infty$

**Table 1.** Cosmological parameters varied ( $\Lambda$ CDM +  $w_0 + m_\nu$ ). We use a prior similar to the one used by the Planck weak lensing results [23] which essentially only restricts  $\Omega_b h^2$  and  $n_s$  significantly.

This paper considers noise levels for “stage 3” and “stage 4” weak lensing surveys. Values can be found in table 2, including the experiments they are representative of. A comparison of noise power spectrum to lensing power spectrum can be found in figure 2.

source	survey stage	noise vals	comparable experiments
CMB	stage 3	$\sigma = 1', \Delta_P = 6' \mu\text{K}$	Advanced ACTPol, SPT-3G
	stage 4	$\sigma = 3', \Delta_P = 1' \mu\text{K}$	CMB-S4, LiteBIRD
galaxies	stage 3	$\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 0.3, n_g = 5 \text{arcmin}^{-2}$	DES, KiDS
	stage 4	$\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 0.3, n_g = 30 \text{arcmin}^{-2}$	LSST, Euclid

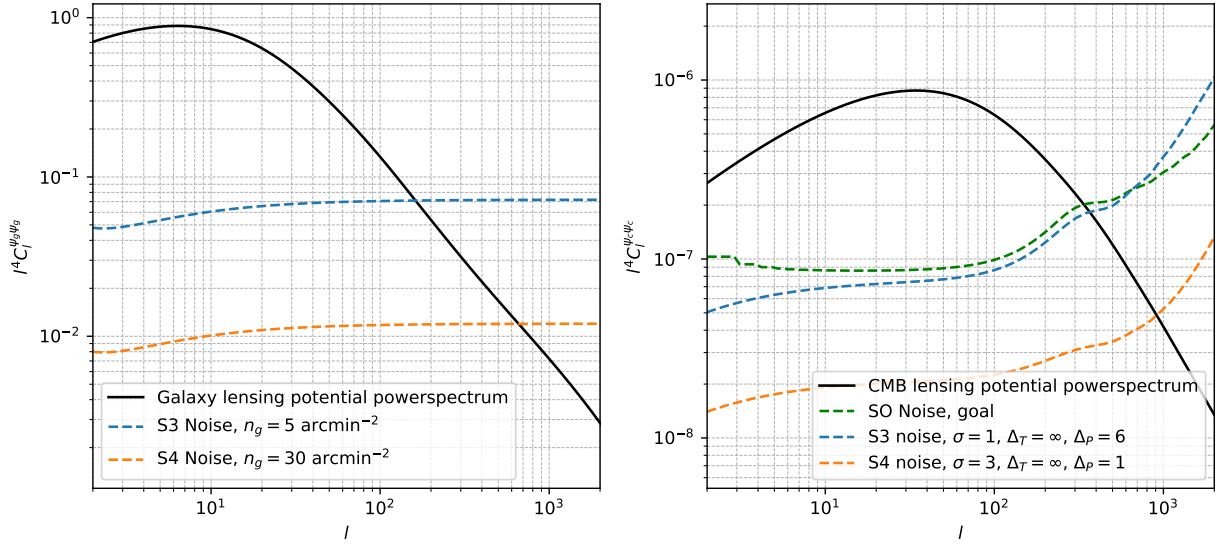
**Table 2.** Noise levels considered for weak lensing of galaxies and the CMB.  $\sigma$  (beam width) and  $\Delta_P$  (polarization white noise) describe CMB survey specifications, while  $\sigma_{\text{rms}}$  (intrinsic galaxy ellipticity) and  $n_g$  (observed galaxy density) refer to galaxy shear surveys.

CMB lensing noise is estimated through the quadratic estimator developed in [21]. We consider experiments that only measure polarization noise. This is similarly done in [22]. The parameters characterizing the noise levels are thus beam width,  $\sigma$  and polarization white noise,  $\Delta_P$ . Galaxy lensing is determined by measuring lensing shear (see appendices A and D). The noise in this measurement is dominated by scale independent shot noise and has associated noise power spectrum  $N_l^{\text{shear}} = \sigma_{\text{rms}}^2 / n_g$ , [5].  $n_g$  is the amount of galaxies observed per unit angle. The noise power spectrum for the lensing potential then equals

$$N_l^{\text{lens. potential}} = \frac{(l-1)l(l+1)(l+2)}{4} N_l^{\text{shear}}.$$

For parameter constraints we use stage 4 noise levels.

CMB and galaxy lensing potential powerspectra with noise



**Figure 2.** CMB (right) and galaxy (left) lensing potential power spectra compared to associated experimental noise. Current (stage 3) noise values are displayed as well as near future (stage 4) noise values. The CMB lensing experiment uses only polarization. CMB noise values are chosen in accordance with [22]. Shear noise values are chosen to be similar to e.g. Euclid measurements for stage 4 and e.g. KiDS for stage 3.

The redshift distribution of the observed galaxies is commonly parameterized as [5]

$$n(z) \propto z^a \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{z}{z_0} \right)^b \right].$$

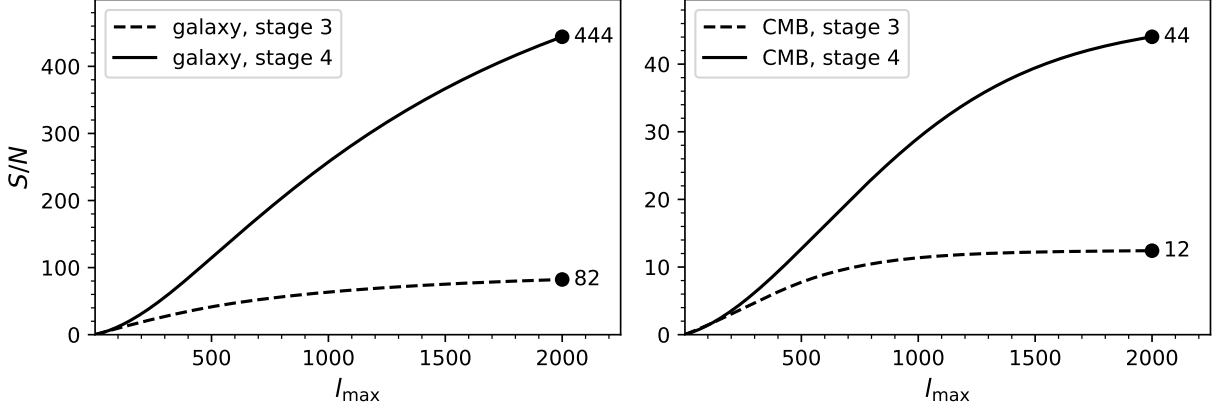
We choose the parameter combination  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3/2$  and  $z_0 = 0.64$  which is similar to the expected distributions of Euclid, (which will probe primarily in the 0.2 - 2.6 redshift range [10]) and the LSST mission (which has  $a \approx 2$ ,  $b \approx 1$ , and  $z_0 \approx 0.3$  from predictions for the obtained data [15]).

Derivatives are calculated with a central difference formula, more information can be found in appendix E. Obtaining accurate derivatives was challenging. In order to check the accuracy of our results we calculated constraints for similar experimental parameters as in references [23, 25, 22] and found good agreement in all cases.

## 4 Results

Lensing power spectra are well detectable in nearly all cases. The signal to noise ratios of the CMB and galaxy lensing bispectra versus the maximum multipole moment measured can be found in figure 3. Shear bispectra can be measured well by both stage 3 and stage 4 experiments, while CMB lensing is only marginally detectable by a stage 3 experiment but well detectable by stage 4 experiments. CMB  $S/N$  results match those of reference [22].





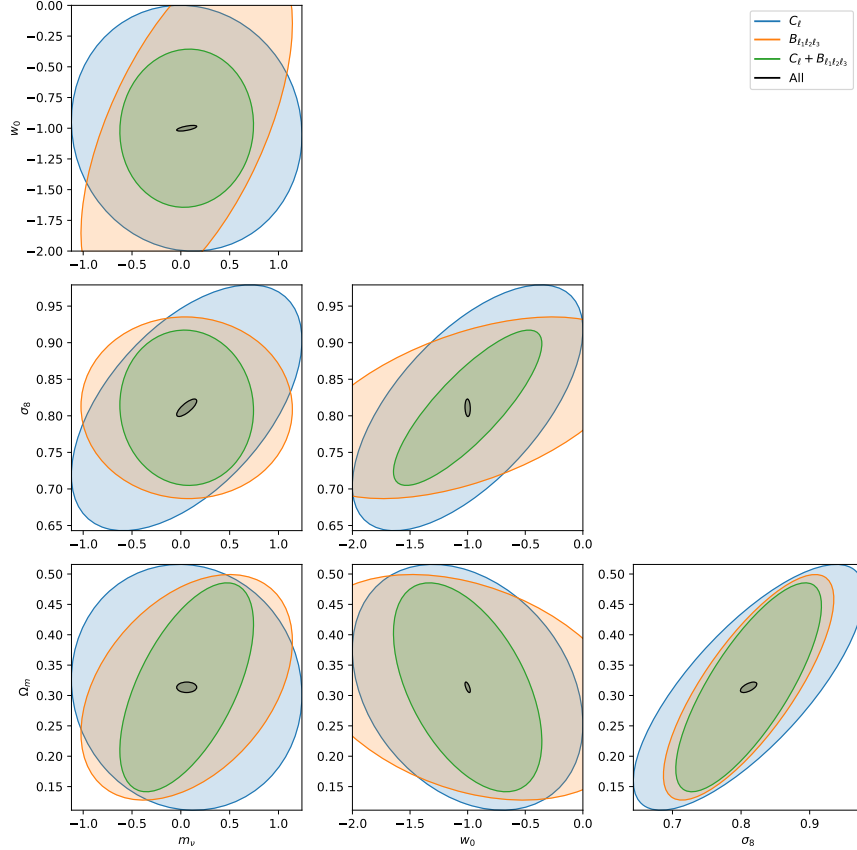
**Figure 3.** Signal to noise ratios for galaxy lensing (dashed) and CMB lensing (non-dashes) power- (in red) and bispectra (in blue). The  $x$ -axis labels the maximum multipole moment measured up to, starting from  $l_{\min} = 2$ .

Below we show parameter constraints for a selection of variables that have the potential to be particularly well constrained by weak lensing, i.e.  $m_\nu$ ,  $w_0$ ,  $\sigma_8$ , and  $\Omega_m$ . Constraints for  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters can be found in appendix F. Figures 4 and 5 show confidence ellipses from stage 4 CMB and galaxy lensing surveys, respectively. Table 3 contains the forecasted constraints as uncertainties in percentage of the fiducial values. Despite picking priors that significantly increase powerspectrum constraining power, constraints are significantly improved by including bispectrum information in nearly all cases. Again in agreement with reference [22], where a 33 percent and 35 percent improvement was found for  $m_\nu$  and  $w_0$ , respectively, by measuring the CMB lensing bispectrum in addition to the powerspectrum. Constraints also improve significantly, though not quite as much, when combining CMB and galaxy lensing, compared to only measuring one of these signals. Other key observations are:

- Lensing powerspectra alone are not sufficient to competitively constrain  $\Lambda$ CDM +  $w_0$  +  $m_\nu$  without priors even in the case of stage 4 surveys.
- For low-enough noise values (in particular for stage 4 noise) the bispectra by themselves can competitively constrain the parameters and contain more information than the power spectra. If we denote the multipole moment at which the noise surpasses the powerspectrum signal as  $\ell_{N>C}$ , then the fisher matrices for the bispectra roughly scale as  $F_{\alpha\beta}^B \propto \ell_{N>C}^3$  while for the powerspectra they scale as  $F_{\alpha\beta}^C \propto \ell_{N>C}^2$  (with an extra multipole factor due to the  $2\ell + 1$  factor in the powerspectrum estimator covariance). The powerspectrum is sufficiently bigger than the bispectrum that it contains more information given current day noise levels, however as surveys get better the bispectra may eventually contain more information because of the more favorable  $\ell_{N>C}$  scaling.
- The information from bispectra is sensitive to the cosmology in a different way than that of the powerspectra. The main parameter combinations where approximate degeneracies are broken are  $(n_s, \Omega_b h^2)$ ,  $(\Omega_b h^2, H_0)$ ,  $(\Omega_c h^2, H_0)$ ,  $(\Omega_c h^2, \Omega_b h^2)$ ,  $(n_s, \Omega_c h^2)$ ,  $(m_\nu, H_0)$ ,  $(m_\nu, n_s)$ ,  $(A_s, \Omega_b h^2)$ . This means that even if stage 4 surveys aren't able to reach the noise levels assumed in this paper, the bispectra will likely still lead to significantly tighter constraints.

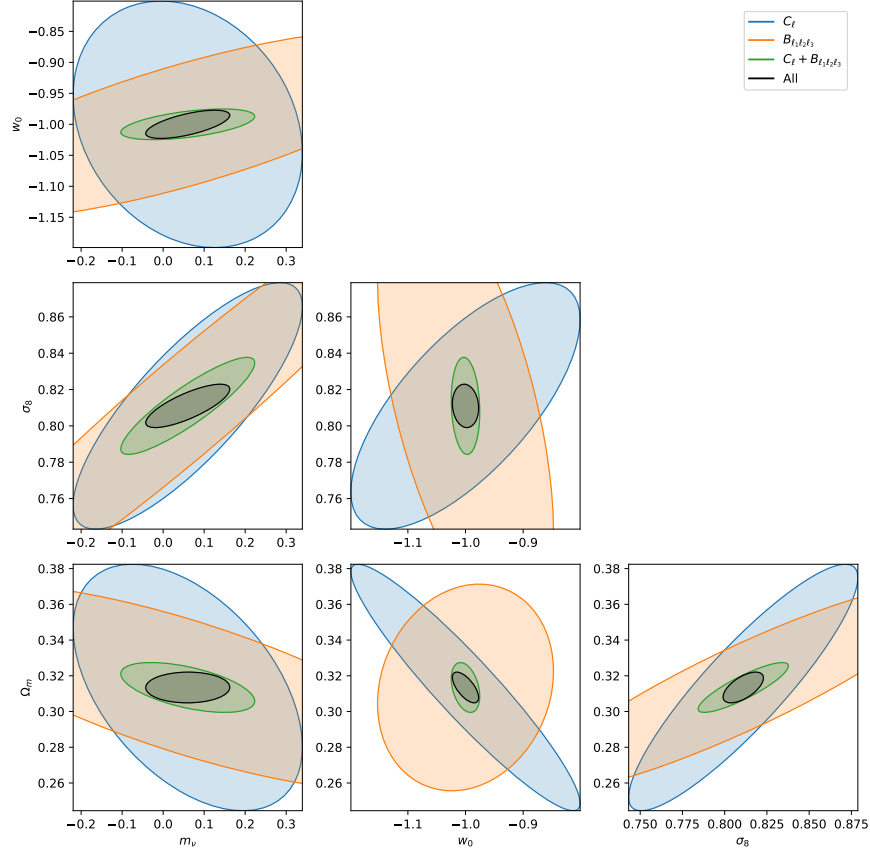
Par	CMB lensing			Gal. lensing			CMB $\times$ Gal. lensing		
	$C_\ell$	$B_{\ell_1\ell_2\ell_3}$	$C_\ell + B_{\ell_1\ell_2\ell_3}$	$C_\ell$	$B_{\ell_1\ell_2\ell_3}$	$C_\ell + B_{\ell_1\ell_2\ell_3}$	$C_\ell$	$B_{\ell_1\ell_2\ell_3}$	$C_\ell + B_{\ell_1\ell_2\ell_3}$
$m_\nu$	1262.54	1630.18	779.06	435.57	1015.84	268.14	304.87	250.06	169.29
$w_0$	77.72	103.75	57.12	19.05	14.94	2.46	17.58	9.37	2.26
$\sigma_8$	15.62	13.64	12.35	7.92	14.67	3.26	6.73	3.47	1.47
$\Omega_m$	64.20	57.93	52.32	21.14	18.26	4.44	20.46	10.21	2.74

**Table 3.** Parameter constraints in percentage of the fiducial values for different combinations of weak lensing information.  $C$  stands for powerspectra, and  $B$  for bispectra. All surveys are assumed to be stage 4 surveys with multipole range  $2 \leq \ell \leq 2000$ . We use the prior described in table 1.



**Figure 4.** Parameter constraints and confidence ellipses for  $\mu_\nu$ ,  $w_0$ ,  $\sigma_8$ , and  $\Omega_m$ . Using “stage 4” noise with multipole range from 2 to 2000. The colored plots show CMB lensing power- and/or bispectrum constraints. Priors used can be found in table 1. The confidence ellipses are for  $1\sigma$  certainty. They show approximate degeneracies in the information gained from a survey if they are “stretched”. When the information of ellipses with degeneracies in different directions is combined, the degeneracies are removed and the constraints typically becomes much better on the relevant parameters. The black plots show the constraints using all lensing information, i.e. CMB lensing spectra, galaxy lensing spectrum, and all cross spectra.

- Stage 4 CMB and galaxy weak lensing surveys have similar constraining power if both measure powerspectra and bispectra. Galaxy surveys are usually somewhat better, but not significantly so. Some degeneracies are broken but not quite as much as when looking at combining power and bispectra. The main parameter combinations where this happens are  $(n_s, H_0)$ ,  $(n_s, \Omega_b h^2)$ ,  $(m_\nu, H_0)$ ,  $(m_\nu, \Omega_s)$ ,  $(A_s, H_0)$ ,  $(w_0, A_s)$ ,  $(w_0, m_\nu)$ ,  $(w_0, \Omega_s)$ .



**Figure 5.** Same as figure 4, except here the colored plots show galaxy lensing constraints.

## 5 Discussion and conclusion

In this work, we have presented parameter forecasts from CMB lensing and galaxy lensing power- and bispectra, considering experimental setups similar to Stage 3 and Stage 4 surveys. Our analysis shows that while lensing power spectra are generally well detectable, the inclusion of bispectra offers significant improvements. Notably, shear bispectra are found to be measurable with both Stage 3 and Stage 4 experimental noise levels, whereas CMB lensing bispectra are semi-detectable with Stage 3 and well-detectable with Stage 4 noise levels.

The primary impact of incorporating bispectrum information is a significant tightening of cosmological parameter constraints, particularly for parameters like  $H_0$ ,  $\sigma_8$ , and  $\Omega_m$ , and in breaking key parameter degeneracies. We found that for sufficiently low noise levels, characteristic of Stage 4 surveys, the bispectra themselves can offer constraining power comparable to or even exceeding that of the power spectra, due to a more favorable scaling of information content with the maximum usable multipole<sup>2</sup>. Furthermore, the combination of CMB and galaxy lensing probes, especially when both power spectra and bispectra are utilized, further enhances constraints and aids in mitigating degeneracies. However, lensing power spectra alone, even for Stage 4 surveys, appear insufficient to competitively constrain an 8-parameter  $\Lambda$ CDM +  $w_0 + \sum m_\nu$  model without priors.

<sup>2</sup>The multipole at which the noise powerspectrum starts exceeding the cosmological powerspectrum.

There are a number of limitations in this work. The limitations inherent to the fisher matrix formalism and to non physical noise models such as those considered in this paper are already well known. The main limitations specific to this work are:

- The fitting formula used for the nonlinear matter bispectrum (from [12]) has an estimated accuracy of only up to about 10 percent. This intrinsic inaccuracy in the model for  $B^\delta$  will propagate to the lensing bispectra.
- Certain cosmological parameters that affect nonlinear large-scale structure, such as neutrino masses, likely alter the fitting parameters of the matter bispectrum formula when varied. In the literature this is currently not considered, which can make the derivatives of the bispectrum with respect to these cosmological parameters less accurate.
- We assumed throughout this paper that surveys would measure multipoles as low as  $\ell = 2$ . However, our analytical formulas to calculate lensing spectra utilize the Limber approximation, which is only robust for  $\ell \gtrsim 50$ . Avoiding the Limber approximation would significantly complicate calculations, requiring knowledge of unequal-time matter power and bispectra, and would be computationally much more demanding due to the need to evaluate double integrals instead of single integrals. With the methods used in this paper, recalculating Fisher matrices without the Limber approximation would not be feasible, even if unequal-time matter spectra were readily available. Methods such as those explored in reference [8] might offer a path to address this.
- As noted in appendix C, the Gaussian approximation was used for the covariance of the spectra estimators, i.e. we ignored any contributions not arising from standard Wick contractions. A next step could be to account for these additional contributions, perhaps through N-body and ray-tracing simulations. Notably, such simulations could potentially also allow for a more accurate calculation of the lensing spectra themselves, without relying on fitting formulas for the matter bispectrum or the Limber approximation, depending on simulation accuracy.
- The CMB lensing noise was estimated via a quadratic estimator. While standard, such estimators may not be strictly optimal, especially with complex foregrounds or non-Gaussianities. Better estimators exist; for example, the iterative estimator developed in [24] can lead to a significantly better signal-to-noise ratio for the CMB lensing bispectrum, as shown in [22].
- To calculate the Fisher matrices within a manageable timeframe, derivatives of the lensing spectra with respect to cosmological parameters were computed using a central difference formula. This introduces errors (estimated at most a few percent, though larger for neutrino mass derivatives, see appendix E). Functions such as the matter power spectrum and fitting parameters for the matter bispectrum were approximated using pre-generated data and interpolation, also introducing errors of at most a few percent. Currently, these numerical errors are not considered significant because this paper primarily aims to provide a qualitative understanding of the utility of CMB and galaxy weak lensing spectra. However, for precise quantitative results, these factors would need to be revisited and improved.

Despite these limitations, this work provides valuable insight into the potential of future weak lensing surveys. Addressing these limitations will be crucial for obtaining robust cosmological constraints from upcoming observational data.

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## A Weak Lensing

### A.1 Perturbed Photon Paths

We work in the conformal newtonian gauge and with natural units. Denoting conformal time and conformal radial distance by  $\eta$  and  $\chi$ , respectively, the perturbed line element in FLRW spacetime

is given by

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)((1 + 2\Psi_N)d\eta^2 - (1 + 2\Phi_N)\gamma_{ij}dx^i dx^j), \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where  $\gamma_{ij}$  is the unperturbed line element

$$\gamma_{ij} = dx^i dx^j = d\chi^2 + f_K^2(\chi)(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2), \quad (\text{A.2})$$

and  $f_K(\chi)$  is the comoving angular diameter distance. We will hereafter only consider a flat universe, so that  $f_K(\chi) = \chi$ . Weak lensing of a point source can be quantified by looking at the deflection field  $\mathbf{d}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \theta_{\text{obs}} - \theta_{\text{true}}$ , i.e. the (small) difference between the angle at which we see the object and the angle at which we would see the object had no lensing occurred. To first order in  $\Psi_N$  and  $\Phi_N$ , the deflection is given as [11]

$$\mathbf{d}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = -2 \int_0^{\chi_*} d\chi \frac{\chi_* - \chi}{\chi_* \chi} \nabla_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}} \Psi(\chi \hat{\mathbf{n}}; \eta_0 - \chi), \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where  $\Psi$  is the Weyl Potential,  $\Psi := (\Psi_N - \Phi_N)/2$ , and  $\chi_*$  is the conformal distance to the source.  $\nabla_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}}$  is the derivative along the axes orthogonal to the line of sight. The above equation can be written in terms of the lensing potential,  $\psi$ , as  $\mathbf{d}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \nabla_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}} \psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$ , with

$$\psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) := -2 \int_0^{\chi_*} d\chi \frac{\chi_* - \chi}{\chi_* \chi} \Psi(\chi \hat{\mathbf{n}}; \eta_0 - \chi). \quad (\text{A.4})$$

If the source is instead distributed over radial distance according to some distribution function  $p(\chi)$ , with  $p(\chi)$  normalized to integrate to 1, the  $(\chi_* - \chi)/(\chi_* \chi)$  factor is changed as

$$\frac{\chi_* - \chi}{\chi_* \chi} \rightarrow W(\chi) := \int_{\chi}^{\infty} d\chi' p(\chi') \frac{\chi' - \chi}{\chi' \chi}.$$

$W(\chi)$  is then called the window function. In the most general case, the lensing potential is thus given by

$$\psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) := -2 \int_0^{\infty} d\chi W(\chi) \Psi(\chi \hat{\mathbf{n}}; \eta_0 - \chi). \quad (\text{A.5})$$

The integration limit is sometimes also taken to be the surface of last scattering, as any window function vanishes after that distance. In the case of CMB lensing we can take  $p(\chi') = \delta(\chi' - \chi_*)$ , in which case the window function reduces to  $H(\chi_* - \chi)(\chi_* - \chi)/(\chi_* \chi)$ , with  $H(\chi)$  the Heaviside step function.

## A.2 Convergence and Shear

The magnification matrix is defined as

$$A_{ij} := \delta_{ij} + \frac{\partial}{\partial n_j} d_i(\hat{\mathbf{n}}). \quad (\text{A.6})$$

This matrix can be decomposed in the following form, which immediately gives us definitions for the **convergence**,  $\kappa$ , **shear**,  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ , and **rotation**,  $\omega$ :

$$A_{ij}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \kappa - \gamma_1 & -\gamma_2 + \omega \\ -\gamma_2 - \omega & 1 - \kappa + \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.7})$$



At 1st order  $A$  is a symmetric matrix by definition and  $\omega$  vanishes, we will ignore it from here on out. Intuitively,  $A$  tells you how a small patch in the sky transforms due to lensing. If we change the unlensed direction of a light source by  $\delta\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ , then the corresponding change in direction in the lensed image can be calculated as

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \delta\hat{\mathbf{n}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \delta\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \mathbf{d}(\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \delta\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \mathbf{d}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) + \delta\hat{\mathbf{n}} + A_{ij}(\delta\hat{\mathbf{n}})_j. \quad (\text{A.8})$$

For an image on the sky,  $A_{ij}$  thus introduces distortion. Note that  $|A_{ij}| = (1 - \kappa)^2 + \omega^2 - |\gamma|^2 = 1 - 2\kappa + O(\kappa^2, \gamma^2, \omega^2)$ . We can thus interpret  $\kappa$  as telling us about the overall magnification of the source. The  $\gamma_i$  represent the area preserving distortion, i.e. stretching and squeezing in a specific direction.

We can relate  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  directly to the lensing potential as

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\psi, \quad \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{n_1}^2 - \partial_{n_2}^2)\psi, \quad \gamma_2 = \partial_{n_1}\partial_{n_2}\psi. \quad (\text{A.9})$$

It is shown in appendix D that

$$\gamma := \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2 = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\partial}_1(\tilde{\partial}_0\psi) \quad (\text{A.10})$$

where the spin raising operator,  $\tilde{\partial}_s$  acts on a spin  $s$  function defined on  $S^2$  to create a spin  $s + 1$  function.  $\tilde{\partial}_s$  can be written in spherical coordinates  $(\theta, \phi)$  as<sup>3</sup>

$$\tilde{\partial}_s = -\sin^s\theta(\partial_\theta + \frac{i}{\sin\theta})\frac{1}{\sin^s\theta}. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

In this context a spin  $s$  function refers to a function  ${}_sf(\theta, \phi)$  that transforms under any rotation of coordinates by picking up a phase factor  $e^{is\alpha}$ , with  $\alpha$  the angle of the rotation, i.e.

$$f'(\theta', \phi') = e^{is\alpha}f(\theta, \phi). \quad (\text{A.12})$$

Shear is thus a spin 2 function, which can be checked by noting that rotating a galaxy image stretched and squeezed through weak lensing by 180 degrees gives the same stretching and squeezing, i.e. the same shear.

The spherical harmonics are eigenfunctions of  $\nabla^2$  and the spin raising and lowering operators. Using this property, the corresponding relations in spherical harmonic space can be shown to be

$$\kappa_{lm} = \frac{l(l+1)}{2}\psi_{lm}, \quad \gamma_{lm} = \frac{\sqrt{(l-1)l(l+1)(l+2)}}{2}\psi_{lm}.$$

## B Weak Lensing Statistics

### B.1 Lensing Potential Powerspectrum

The lensing potential can be decomposed into spherical harmonics as

$$\psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \sum_{lm} \psi_{lm} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}). \quad (\text{B.1})$$

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<sup>3</sup>We use the physics convention for the definition of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  here.



On the other hand, consider the decomposition of  $\Psi$  in Fourier modes with the Fourier convention  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \eta) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \Psi(\mathbf{k}, \eta) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$ ,

$$\psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = -2 \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi W(\chi) \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \Psi(\mathbf{k}, \eta_0 - \chi) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}}\chi}. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

We can then relate the multipole modes of  $\psi$  to the Fourier modes of  $\Psi$  through

$$\psi_{lm} = \langle Y_l^m | \psi \rangle = \int d^2\hat{\mathbf{n}} Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{n}})^* \psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$= -2 \int d^2\hat{\mathbf{n}} Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{n}})^* \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi W(\chi) \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \Psi(\mathbf{k}, \eta_0 - \chi) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}}\chi} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

Now define the power spectrum as

$$\langle \Psi(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \Psi(\mathbf{k}', \eta') \rangle = \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} P_\Psi(k, \eta, \eta') \delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}'), \quad (\text{B.5})$$

with  $\eta$  denoting the conformal time. This gives

$$\langle \psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}') \rangle = 4 \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi' W(\chi) W(\chi') \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} P_\psi(k, \eta_0 - \chi, \eta_0 - \chi') e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}}\chi} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}}'\chi'}, \quad (\text{B.6})$$

where we used that  $\eta = \eta_0 - \chi$  along the unperturbed photon path (this is known as the Born approximation), with  $\eta_0$  the time at which the light ray hits earth. We can use the result

$$e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}}\chi} = 4\pi \sum_{lm} i^l j_l(k\chi) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{n}})^* Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = 4\pi \sum_{lm} i^l j_l(k\chi) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{k}})^*, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

where  $j_l$  is the spherical Bessel function, to rewrite the above equation. Using both versions of the identity above, we immediately get a factor  $Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) Y_{l'}^{m'}(\hat{\mathbf{k}})^*$  in our integral. We can factor the differential element of  $d^3\mathbf{k}$  into a radial and angular part as  $k^2 dk d^2\Omega_k$ , with  $\Omega_k$  the solid angle, to apply the orthonormality condition of the spherical harmonics. Note that we take the same sequence of steps a number of times in other parts of the derivations of the lensing spectra. We thus obtain

$$\langle \psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}') \rangle = 4(4\pi)^2 \sum_{l'l'mm'} i^{l-l'} \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi' W(\chi) W(\chi') \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$\times \int \frac{k^2 dk}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} j_l(k\chi) j_{l'}(k\chi') P_\psi(k, \eta_0 - \chi, \eta_0 - \chi') Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) Y_{l'm'}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}')^* \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}. \quad (\text{B.9})$$

The angular power spectrum is defined similarly to the power spectrum, i.e.

$$\langle \psi_{lm} \psi_{l'm'}^* \rangle = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} C_l^\psi. \quad (\text{B.10})$$

Note that the correlation is independent of  $m$  and  $m'$ . We can thus read from equation B.9 that

$$C_l^\psi = 4(4\pi)^2 \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi' W(\chi) W(\chi') \int \frac{k^2 dk}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} j_l(k\chi) j_l(k\chi') P_\psi(k, \eta_0 - \chi, \eta_0 - \chi'), \quad (\text{B.11})$$

which can be simplified to

$$C_l^\psi = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi' W(\chi) W(\chi') \int k^2 dk j_l(k\chi) j_l(k\chi') \frac{P_\psi(k, \eta_0 - \chi, \eta_0 - \chi')}{k^3}. \quad (\text{B.12})$$

To further evaluate the integral we will make the Limber approximation. The Bessel functions peak sharply at  $l = x$ <sup>4</sup>, with the peak being increasingly sharp for higher  $l$ . Similarly to  $\delta(x - x_0)f(x) = \delta(x - x_0)f(x_0)$ , we thus take  $j_l(k\chi)f(k) \approx j_l(k\chi)f(l/\chi)$ . The Bessel functions satisfy an orthogonality condition,

$$\int k^2 dk j_l(k\chi) j_l(k\chi') = \frac{\pi}{2\chi^2} \delta(\chi - \chi'). \quad (\text{B.13})$$

In combination with the Limber approximation we thus find

$$\int k^2 dk j_l(k\chi) j_l(k\chi') f(k) \approx \frac{\pi}{2\chi^2} \delta(\chi - \chi') f(l/\chi). \quad (\text{B.14})$$

It allows us to write the Limber-approximate angular spectrum as

$$C^\psi(l) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi' W(\chi) W(\chi') \frac{\pi}{2\chi^2} \delta(\chi - \chi') \frac{\chi^3}{l^3} P_\psi(l/\chi, \eta_0 - \chi, \eta_0 - \chi') \quad (\text{B.15})$$

$$= \frac{1}{l^3 \pi} \int_0^{\chi^*} \chi d\chi W(\chi)^2 P_\psi(l/\chi, \eta_0 - \chi, \eta_0 - \chi). \quad (\text{B.16})$$

## B.2 Lensing potential bispectrum

The derivation of the bispectrum proceeds similarly to that of the power spectrum. We aim to compute the bispectrum of the lensing potential fields of 3 (possibly distinct sources),  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\psi_1)_{l_1 m_1} (\psi_2)_{l_2 m_2} (\psi_3)_{l_3 m_3} \rangle &= \prod_i \left( -2 \int d^2 \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i (Y_{l_i}^{m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i))^* \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_i}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \chi_i} \right) \\ &\quad \times \langle \prod_i \Psi(\mathbf{k}_i, \eta_0 - \chi_i) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Defining the bispectrum of the gravitational potential as

$$\langle \prod_{i=1,2,3} \Psi(\mathbf{k}_i, \eta_0 - \chi_i) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B^\Psi(\{k_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}),$$

we rewrite the lensing potential bispectrum as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\psi_1)_{l_1 m_1} (\psi_2)_{l_2 m_2} (\psi_3)_{l_3 m_3} \rangle &= \prod_i \left( -2 \int d^2 \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i (Y_{l_i}^{m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i))^* \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_i}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \chi_i} \right) \\ &\quad \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B^\Psi(\{k_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}). \end{aligned}$$

Now using equation B.7 to rewrite the complex exponential:

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (\psi_1)_{l_1 m_1} (\psi_2)_{l_2 m_2} (\psi_3)_{l_3 m_3} \rangle \\ &= \prod_i \left( -2 \int d^2 \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i (Y_{l_i}^{m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i))^* \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_i}{(2\pi)^3} 4\pi \sum_{lm} i^l j_l(k_i \chi_i) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i)^* \right) \\ &\quad \times (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B^\Psi(\{k_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}) \\ &= \left[ \prod_i \left( -2 \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_i}{(2\pi)^3} 4\pi i^{l_i} j_{l_i}(k_i \chi_i) Y_{l_i}^{m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i)^* \right) \right] (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B^\Psi(\{k_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}). \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>4</sup>Some sources use  $x \approx l + 1/2$  instead, which is slightly more accurate for larger scales (low  $l$ ) and slightly less accurate for smaller scales.

We can write the 3D dirac delta function in terms of spherical harmonics as

$$\delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) = 8 \int d^3\mathbf{x} \prod_{i=1,2,3} \left( \sum_{l_j m_j} i^{l_j} j_{l_j}(k_i x) Y_{l_j}^{m_j}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i) Y_{l_j}^{m_j}(\hat{\mathbf{x}})^* \right).$$

This results in

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\psi_1)_{l_1 m_1} (\psi_2)_{l_2 m_2} (\psi_3)_{l_3 m_3} \rangle &= \prod_i \left( -2 \int_0^{\chi_*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_i}{(2\pi)^3} 4\pi i^{l_i} j_{l_i}(k_i \chi_i) Y_{l_i}^{m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i)^* \right) \\ &\quad \times (2\pi)^3 8 \int d^3\mathbf{x} \prod_i \left( \sum_{lm} i^l j_l(k_i x) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{x}})^* \right) B^\Psi(\{k_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}) \\ &= (2\pi)^3 8 \int d^3\mathbf{x} \prod_i \left( -2 \int_0^{\chi_*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \int \frac{k_i^2 dk_i}{(2\pi)^3} 4\pi (-1)^{l_i} j_{l_i}(k_i \chi_i) j_{l_i}(k_i x) Y_{l_i}^{m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{x}})^* \right) B^\Psi(\{k_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}) \end{aligned}$$

The angular part of the  $\mathbf{x}$  integral can be evaluated using the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\Omega_{\hat{n}} Y_{l_1 m_1}^*(\hat{x}) Y_{l_2 m_2}^*(\hat{n}) Y_{l_3 m_3}^*(\hat{n}) &= (-1)^{m_1+m_2+m_3} \int d\Omega_{\hat{n}} Y_{l_1-m_1}(\hat{n}) Y_{l_2-m_2}(\hat{n}) Y_{l_3-m_3}(\hat{n}) \\ &= (-1)^{m_1+m_2+m_3} \sqrt{\frac{(2l_1+1)(2l_2+1)(2l_3+1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ -m_1 & -m_2 & -m_3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv A_1^{\mathbf{m}}, \end{aligned}$$

giving

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\psi_1)_{l_1 m_1} (\psi_2)_{l_2 m_2} (\psi_3)_{l_3 m_3} \rangle &= (2\pi)^3 8 A_1^{\mathbf{m}} \int x^2 dx \prod_i \left( -2 \int_0^{\chi_*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \int \frac{k_i^2 dk_i}{(2\pi)^3} 4\pi (-1)^{l_i} j_{l_i}(k_i \chi_i) j_{l_i}(k_i x) \right) \\ &\quad \times B^\Psi(\{k_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}). \end{aligned}$$

Now applying the Limber approximation again:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\psi_1)_{l_1 m_1} (\psi_2)_{l_2 m_2} (\psi_3)_{l_3 m_3} \rangle &= (2\pi)^3 8 A_1^{\mathbf{m}} \int x^2 dx \prod_i \left( -2 \int_0^{\chi_*} d\chi_i W_i(\chi_i) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\pi}{2\chi_i^2} \delta(x - \chi_i) 4\pi (-1)^{l_i} \right) \\ &\quad \times B^\Psi(\{l_i/\chi_i\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi_i\}) \\ &= (2\pi)^3 8 A_1^{\mathbf{m}} \int \chi^2 d\chi \prod_i \left( -2 W_i(\chi) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\pi}{2\chi^2} 4\pi (-1)^{l_i} \right) B^\Psi(\{l_i/\chi\}, \eta_0 - \chi). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we aim to rewrite the above in terms of the angular bispectrum of the lensing potential.

The definition for the bispectrum of any set of randomly distributed spherical harmonic components  $X_{lm}^k$  is [9]

$$\langle (X_1)_{l_1 m_1} (X_2)_{l_2 m_2} (X_3)_{l_3 m_3} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{X_1 X_2 X_3}.$$

Note the independence on  $m_i$ , this necesarilly follows from statistical isotropy. If  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \neq 0$ , the associated Wigner-3j symbol vanishes and the bispectrum is set to zero. Also note that in this definition we have immediately generalized to include cross correlation between different fields  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ . This is relevant when we look at cross correlations between CMB and galaxy lensing. 6758 Using the above definition and the symmetry property

$$\begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ -m_1 & -m_2 & -m_3 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{l_1+l_2+l_3} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

we find

$$B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{\psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3} = (-1)^{l_1 + l_2 + l_3} \sqrt{\frac{(2l_1 + 1)(2l_2 + 1)(2l_3 + 1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (2\pi)^3 8 \\ \times \int \chi^2 d\chi \prod_i \left( -2W_i(\chi, \chi_*) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\pi}{2\chi^2} 4\pi (-1)^{l_i} \right) B^\Psi(\{l_i/\chi\}, \{\eta_0 - \chi\}),$$

where we were able to drop the  $(-1)^{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$  factor due to the bispectrum vanishing if that sum doesn't equal 0, as mentioned earlier. When all  $m_i$  equal zero, the Wigner 3j-symbol gains a number of useful properties. In particular, it vanishes if  $l_1 + l_2 + l_3$  is odd, meaning we can drop the  $(-1)^{l_1 + l_2 + l_3}$  factor. Additionally cancelling common factors then gives

$$B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{\psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3} = -\sqrt{\frac{(2l_1 + 1)(2l_2 + 1)(2l_3 + 1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} 8 \int \frac{d\chi}{\chi^4} W_1(\chi) W_2(\chi) W_3(\chi) B^\Psi(\{l_i/\chi\}, \eta_0 - \chi). \quad (\text{B.17})$$

### B.3 Gravitational potential spectra in terms of matter spectra

We can rewrite equations B.16 and B.17 in terms of the matter spectra instead of the  $\psi$  spectra using the poisson equation. This allows us to numerically evaluate these lensing spectra using CAMB. The density contrast is defined as

$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}}, \quad (\text{B.18})$$

and the matter spectra are defined in terms of the fourier transformed density contrast  $\delta(\mathbf{k})$  as

$$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \delta(\mathbf{k}', \eta)^* \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') P^\delta(\mathbf{k}, \eta), \\ \langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1, \eta) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2, \eta) \delta(\mathbf{k}_3, \eta) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B^\delta(k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta).$$

The mean matter density of the universe,  $\bar{\rho}$  is given as

$$\bar{\rho}(\eta) = \frac{3\Omega_m H_0^2}{8\pi G} \frac{1}{a(\eta)^3},$$

where  $a(\eta)$  is the only time dependent factor on the right hand side. The poisson equation relates  $\Psi$  to the density contrast as [11]

$$\nabla^2 \Psi(\mathbf{x}) = 4\pi G a^2 \left( \frac{3\Omega_m H_0^2}{8\pi G} \frac{1}{a^3} \right) \delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{3\Omega_m H_0^2}{2} \frac{1}{a} \delta(\mathbf{x}) \implies \Psi(k, \eta) = -\frac{3\Omega_m H_0^2}{2} \frac{1}{a} \frac{\delta(k, \eta)}{k^2}, \quad (\text{B.19})$$

where  $\Psi(k, \eta)$  and  $\delta(k, \eta)$  are functions in Fourier space. For the power- and bispectra we find

$$\langle \Psi(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \Psi^*(\mathbf{k}', \eta) \rangle = \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} C^\Psi(k, \eta) \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \implies C^\Psi(k, \eta) = \frac{1}{k} (9\Omega_m^2 H_0^4 \pi) \frac{1}{a^2} C^\delta(k, \eta), \\ \langle \Psi(\mathbf{k}_1, \eta) \Psi(\mathbf{k}_2, \eta) \Psi(\mathbf{k}_3, \eta) \rangle = -(2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B^\Psi(k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta) \\ \implies B^\Psi(k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta) = -\frac{1}{k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2} \left( \frac{3\Omega_m H_0^2}{2} \right)^3 \frac{1}{a^3} B^\delta(\{k_i\}, \eta).$$

Finally, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_l^{\psi_X \psi_Y} &= \frac{9}{l^4} \Omega_m^2 H_0^4 \int_0^{\chi_*} \chi^2 d\chi a(\eta_0 - \chi)^{-2} W_X(\chi) W_Y(\chi) C^\delta(l/\chi, \eta_0 - \chi), \\
B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{\psi_X \psi_Y \psi_Z} &= \sqrt{\frac{(2l_1 + 1)(2l_2 + 1)(2l_3 + 1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{27}{l_1^2 l_2^2 l_3^2} \Omega_m^3 H_0^6 \\
&\quad \times \int \chi^2 d\chi a(\eta_0 - \chi)^{-3} W_X(\chi) W_Y(\chi) W_Z(\chi) B^\delta(\{l_i/\chi\}, \eta_0 - \chi).
\end{aligned}$$

## C Fisher Matrix Analysis

### C.1 Determining uncertainty in experimental parameters

The Fisher matrix formalism is used to find a lower bound on the constraints we can place on experimental parameters. It combines the Cramer-Rao Inequality [7] with the assumption that we have unbiased estimators following a gaussian distribution [11]. In particular, denoting the Fisher matrix by  $F_{\theta_i \theta_j}$ , the parameters as  $\theta_i$ , and their estimators as  $\hat{\theta}_i$ , it can be shown that

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_i) \geq (F^{-1})_{\theta_i \theta_i}. \quad (\text{C.1})$$

In the case of  $n$  measurements whose outcomes are realizations of random variables  $x_i$ , each with associated mean  $\mu_{x_i}$ , the Fisher matrix is given as

$$F_{\theta_i \theta_j} := \sum_{p,q=1}^n \frac{\partial \mu_{x_p}}{\partial \theta_i}(\tilde{\theta}_k) (\text{Cov}^{-1})_{x_p x_q}(\tilde{\theta}_k) \frac{\partial \mu_{x_q}}{\partial \theta_j}(\tilde{\theta}_k), \quad (\text{C.2})$$

where Cov is the covariance matrix associated with the random vector  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $\text{Cov}_{x_p x_q} := \text{Cov}(x_p, x_q)$ . The derivative of the mean measurement outcomes and measurement covariances will in general depend on the true, unknown, values of the experimental parameters. We therefore evaluate these quantities with for our best guess of the experimental parameters given some outside information. These are known as the “fiducial” values.

### C.2 Fisher matrices for power- and bispectra with multiple tracers

For power spectra, the definition of the Fisher matrix gives

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{l_{\min} \leq l, l' \leq l_{\max}} \sum_{[XY][X'Y']} \partial_\alpha C_l^{XY} (\text{Cov}^{-1})_{l, l'}^{XY, X'Y'} \partial_\beta C_{l'}^{X'Y'}.$$

Here the covariance matrix is given as

$$\text{Cov}_{l, l'}^{XY, X'Y'} = \langle \hat{C}_l^{XY} \hat{C}_{l'}^{X'Y'} \rangle.$$

The estimator of a power or bispectrum is the product of the estimators of the appropriate tracers, e.g.  $\hat{C}_l^{XY} = \hat{X}(l) \hat{Y}(l)$ . The sum over  $[XY]$  and  $[X'Y']$  denotes a sum over possible tracer combinations *without* counting permutations of tracer configuration. This is because permutations are

not distinct signals, i.e.  $\hat{X}(l)\hat{Y}(l) = \hat{Y}(l)\hat{X}(l)$ . In fact, if we were to count these permutations as distinct signals we will get identical columns and/or rows in our covariance matrix making inversion impossible:

$$\langle \hat{X}(l)\hat{Y}(l)\hat{X}'(l')\hat{Y}'(l') \rangle = \langle \hat{Y}(l)\hat{X}(l)\hat{X}'(l')\hat{Y}'(l') \rangle, \quad \forall X', Y', l'.$$

To evaluate the covariance matrix we again assume that the estimators are gaussian distributed so that we can apply a wick contraction, as is commonly done [26]. In this case we get

$$\text{Cov}_{l,l'}^{XY,X'Y'} = \frac{1}{2l+1} \delta_{ll'} \left( \tilde{C}_l^{XX'} \tilde{C}_l^{YY'} + \tilde{C}_l^{XY'} \tilde{C}_l^{YX'} \right).$$

Two remarks are in order.

1. By definition

$$\langle X_{lm} X'_{l'm'} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} C_l^{XX'},$$

so you can average over the measurements done for different values of  $m$ , i.e.  $X_{l(-l)}, X_{l(-l+1)}, \dots, X_{l(l-1)}, X_{ll}$ . This results in the  $(2l+1)^{-1}$  factor in the power spectrum covariance.

2. The tilde is used to denote the powerspectrum as calculated earlier plus the noise power spectrum,  $N_l^{XX'}$ , which is the power spectrum of the noise associated with the estimator of the field. This is where experimental noise is incorporated into the calculation.

Under the Gaussian approximation the covariance matrix vanishes except for  $3 \times 3$  block matrices (in the case of 2 tracers) on the diagonal. The fisher matrix is then

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_l \sum_{[XY][X'Y']} \partial_\alpha C_l^{XY} (\text{Cov}_l^{-1})^{XY,X'Y'} \partial_\beta C_l^{X'Y'}.$$

$\text{Cov}_l^{-1}$  here denotes the inverse of the block matrix at  $l$ .

Next, we consider the Fisher matrix for bispectra measurements.

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{\text{distinct signals}} \sum_{\text{distinct signals prime}} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ} (\text{Cov}^{-1})_{l_1 l_2 l_3, l'_1 l'_2 l'_3}^{XYZ, X' Z' Y'} B_{l'_1 l'_2 l'_3}^{X' Y' Z'}.$$

Counting only distinct signals requires more care compared to the power spectra. The rule is that  $B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ}$  and  $B_{l'_1 l'_2 l'_3}^{X' Y' Z'}$  are not distinct signals if there exists a permutation  $\sigma$  that simultaneously maps  $X' Y' Z'$  to  $XYZ$  and  $l'_1 l'_2 l'_3$  to  $l_1 l_2 l_3$ . It turns out that we can write a sum over distinct signals explicitly as

$$\sum_{\text{distinct signals}} = \underbrace{\sum_{l_1=l_2=l_3} \sum_{[XYZ]} \text{sum 1}} + \underbrace{\sum_{l_1=l_2 \neq l_3} \sum_{[XYZ]} \text{sum 2}} + \underbrace{\sum_{l_1 < l_2 < l_3} \sum_{XYZ} \text{sum 3}}.$$

With the same definition again for the  $[\cdot]$  notation. For example:

$$\{[XY]Z | X, Y, Z \in \{\psi_\kappa, \psi_\gamma\}\} = \{\psi_\kappa \psi_\kappa \psi_\kappa, \psi_\kappa \psi_\gamma \psi_\kappa, \psi_\gamma \psi_\gamma \psi_\kappa, \psi_\kappa \psi_\kappa \psi_\gamma, \psi_\kappa \psi_\gamma \psi_\gamma, \psi_\gamma \psi_\gamma \psi_\gamma\}.$$

It follows to show that the sets that these sums sum over form a partition of the set of all distinct signals. Clearly all 3 sets are pairwise disjoint (no common elements) because of the criteria for the  $l_i$ 's. To show that their union covers the set of distinct signals, start by considering an arbitrary signal. Its  $l$  configuration will trivially correspond to exactly one of the three sums. If it is sum 1, then we are free to permute the  $XYZ$ 's by virtue of the  $l$ 's being identical so we will be able to match the  $XYZ$  configuration to one of the elements of  $\{\{XYZ\}\}$ . Similarly, if the  $l$  configuration corresponds to sum 2, then we are free to permute the  $XY$  configuration to match with one of the elements of  $\{\{XY\}Z\}$ . The  $Z$  value does not matter because any  $Z$  value is accounted for. For sum 3 we can argue that we can switch around the order of the  $l$ 's to satisfy  $l_1 < l_2 < l_3$  and the corresponding  $XYZ$  configuration will be accounted for in sum 3 because all  $XYZ$  combinations are counted. Finally, it is simple to verify that no distinct signal is counted more than once within each sum.

To calculate the elements of the covariance matrix consider the following. Every element of the Fisher matrix can be seen as an inner product weighted by the inverse covariance matrix. We can choose how we order the vectors<sup>5</sup>. We organize the vectors according to the sum 1, 2, and 3 parts first. Then by  $l$  configuration. Within each  $l$  configuration we can choose any ordering for the  $XYZ$  configurations. The covariance matrix now becomes a block matrix with each block corresponding to an  $l_i$  and  $l'_i$  configuration. When wick contracting using the gaussian approximation, every block matrix where  $(l_1, l_2, l_3) \neq (l'_1, l'_2, l'_3)$  vanishes. It can then be shown that the entries of each block matrix are given as

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{Cov}_{l_1 l_2 l_3})^{XYZ, X'Y'Z'} &= \tilde{C}_{l_1}^{XX'} \tilde{C}_{l_2}^{YY'} \tilde{C}_{l_3}^{ZZ'} + \delta_{l_1 l_2} \tilde{C}_{l_1}^{XY'} \tilde{C}_{l_2}^{YX'} \tilde{C}_{l_3}^{ZZ'} + \delta_{l_2 l_3} \tilde{C}_{l_1}^{XX'} \tilde{C}_{l_2}^{YZ'} \tilde{C}_{l_3}^{ZX'} \\ &+ \delta_{l_3 l_1} \tilde{C}_{l_1}^{XZ'} \tilde{C}_{l_2}^{YY'} \tilde{C}_{l_3}^{ZX'} + \delta_{l_1 l_2} \delta_{l_2 l_3} \left( \tilde{C}_{l_1}^{XY'} \tilde{C}_{l_2}^{YZ'} \tilde{C}_{l_3}^{ZX'} + \tilde{C}_{l_1}^{XZ'} \tilde{C}_{l_2}^{YX'} \tilde{C}_{l_3}^{ZY'} \right). \end{aligned}$$

With our ordering this means that the covariance matrix is again a diagonal block matrix, now with blocks of size  $4 \times 4$  (sum 1),  $6 \times 6$  (sum 2), and  $8 \times 8$  (sum 3).

### C.3 Explicit form for inverse covariance matrix

The Fisher matrix above can be significantly simplified and written as

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{l_1 \leq l_2 \leq l_3} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \sum_{XYZ} \sum_{X'Y'Z'} \partial_\alpha B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_1}^{XX'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_2}^{YY'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_3}^{ZZ'} \partial_\beta B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{X'Y'Z'}$$

where, in the case of two tracers,

$$C_l := \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{C}_l^{\psi_1 \psi_1} & \tilde{C}_l^{\psi_1 \psi_2} \\ \tilde{C}_l^{\psi_1 \psi_2} & \tilde{C}_l^{\psi_2 \psi_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}$  is defined as the number of distinct permutations that can be made with  $l_1 l_2 l_3$ . This form was, for example, used in [17]<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>5</sup>The entries are the derivatives of the bispectra

<sup>6</sup>Note that in [17] this is based on a previous equation summing over *all*  $l_i$  (so including permutations of each configuration) which is missing a factor of  $1/6$ .

To show that the above is the same as the formula for the Fisher matrix given earlier, first partition the sum in the same way and collect all terms that fit in the different categories.

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{\alpha\beta} = & \sum_{l_1=l_2=l_3} \sum_{[XYZ]} \sum_{[X'Y'Z']} \partial_\alpha B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \sum_{d.p.XYZ} \sum_{d.p.X'Y'Z'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_1}^{XX'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_2}^{YY'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_3}^{ZZ'} \right) \partial_\beta B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{X'Y'Z'} \\
& + \sum_{l_1=l_2 \neq l_3} \sum_{[XY]Z} \sum_{[X'Y']Z'} \partial_\alpha B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \sum_{d.p.XY} \sum_{d.p.X'Y'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_1}^{XX'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_2}^{YY'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_3}^{ZZ'} \right) \partial_\beta B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{X'Y'Z'} \\
& + \sum_{l_1 < l_2 < l_3} \sum_{XYZ} \sum_{X'Y'Z'} \partial_\alpha B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_1}^{XX'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_2}^{YY'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_3}^{ZZ'} \partial_\beta B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{X'Y'Z'},
\end{aligned}$$

where “*d.p.*” stands for “distinct permutations”. The entries above are then the entries of the inverses of the block matrices mentioned earlier. This can be checked. For example, for the  $l_1 = l_2 = l_3$  sum the multiplication of block matrices corresponding to the same  $l_i$  configuration can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{[X'Y'Z']} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \sum_{d.p.XYZ} \sum_{d.p.X'Y'Z'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_l^{XX'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_l^{YY'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_l^{ZZ'} \right) (\tilde{C}_l^{X'X''} \tilde{C}_l^{Y'Y''} \tilde{C}_l^{Z'Z''} + \text{perms } X''Y''Z'') \\
& = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \left[ \left( \sum_{d.p.XYZ} \sum_{X'Y'Z'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_l^{XX'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_l^{YY'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_l^{ZZ'} \right) \tilde{C}_l^{X'X''} \tilde{C}_l^{Y'Y''} \tilde{C}_l^{Z'Z''} \right] + \text{perms } X''Y''Z'' \\
& = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \sum_{d.p.XYZ} \delta_{XX''} \delta_{YY''} \delta_{ZZ''} + \text{perms } X''Y''Z'' = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} \delta_{[XYZ], [X''Y''Z'']} + \text{perms } X''Y''Z'' \\
& = \delta_{[XYZ], [X''Y''Z'']}.
\end{aligned}$$

The sum over the different wick contractions will similarly cancel with the  $\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}/6$  factor for the  $l_1 = l_2 \neq l_3$  sum. For the  $l_1 < l_2 < l_3$  sum the proof is similar as well except no cancellation is required.

The same type of simplification can be made in the Fisher matrix for the power spectrum, though it doesn't offer any significant benefits compared to our current  $3 \times 3$  block matrix form.

#### C.4 Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR)

To quantify the detectability of the lensing spectra, we introduce an overall amplitude of our signal,  $A$ , with fiducial value 1 as experimental parameter and compute  $F_{AA}$ . Obviously,  $\partial_A (AB_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ})|_{A=1} = B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ}$ , so we find

$$\left( \frac{S}{N} \right)^2 := F_{AA} = \sum_{XYZ, X'Y'Z'} \sum_{l_1 \leq l_2 \leq l_3} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}}{6} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{XYZ} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_1}^{XX'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_2}^{YY'} (\tilde{C}^{-1})_{l_3}^{ZZ'} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{X'Y'Z'}.$$

The equation for the SNR of the power spectra is identical in form.

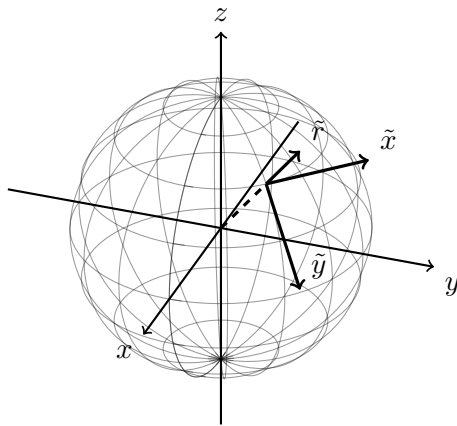


### C.5 Fisher matrix of power- + bispectra

To compute the Fisher matrix of an experiment measuring both lensing power- and bispectra we are required to compute and invert the full covariance matrix. If we keep assuming that the measurements are close enough to Gaussian to be able to use wick contractions to a good approximation, the full covariance matrix simplifies trivially. The correlation between a power- and bispectrum estimator contains an odd (5) amount of fields and thus always vanishes. We are thus allowed to simply add the Fisher matrices of the power- and bispectra to compute the combined Fisher matrix.

### D Shear equals twice spin raised lensing potential

Consider a point on  $S^2$ ,  $(r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)$ , at which we observe some cosmological object. We can then define a set of cartesian coordinates  $(\tilde{r}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{x})$  as shown in figure 6.



**Figure 6.**  $(\tilde{r}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{x})$  coordinates defined for a point on the unit sphere. These act as ordinary cartesian coordinates but rotated such that, at the associated point on  $S^2$ ,  $\hat{\tilde{r}}$  points straight out of the unit sphere,  $\hat{\tilde{y}}$  is parallel to the great arc with constant  $\phi$  and  $\hat{\tilde{x}}$  is parallel to the great arc with constant  $\theta$ . These coordinates are used to define the shear and convergence in terms of the lensing potential.

Note that there it isn't obvious whether to define these coordinates at the point where the lensed light hits  $S^2$  or the unlensed light hits  $S^2$ . We will assume that lensing effects are sufficiently weak that either definition works. We can then express the tilde coordinates in terms of spherical coordinates either by applying a rotation matrix or by calculating the  $r, \theta, \phi$  derivatives of  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates at  $(r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)$  to find  $\hat{\tilde{r}}$ ,  $\hat{\tilde{\theta}}$ , and  $\hat{\tilde{\phi}}$  and then take inner products. Regardless, we find

$$\tilde{r} = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \sin \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + r \sin \theta \sin \phi \sin \theta_0 \sin \phi_0 + r \cos \theta \cos \theta_0, \quad (\text{D.1})$$

$$\tilde{y} = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \cos \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + r \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \theta_0 \sin \phi_0 - r \cos \theta \sin \theta_0, \quad (\text{D.2})$$

$$\tilde{x} = -r \sin \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi_0 + r \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi_0. \quad (\text{D.3})$$

This gives derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} &= (r \cos \theta \cos \phi \sin \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + r \cos \theta \sin \phi \sin \theta_0 \sin \phi_0 - r \sin \theta \cos \theta_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{r}} \\
&\quad + (r \cos \theta \cos \phi \cos \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + r \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \theta_0 \sin \phi_0 + r \sin \theta \sin \theta_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \\
&\quad + (-r \cos \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi_0 + r \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}}. \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} &= (-r \sin \theta \sin \phi \sin \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + r \sin \theta \cos \phi \sin \theta_0 \sin \phi_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{r}} \\
&\quad + (-r \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + r \sin \theta \cos \phi \cos \theta_0 \sin \phi_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \\
&\quad + (r \sin \theta \sin \phi \sin \phi_0 + r \sin \theta \cos \phi \cos \phi_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Evaluated at our point of interest we obtain  $\partial_\theta = \partial_{\tilde{y}}$  and  $\partial_\phi = \sin \theta_0 \partial_{\tilde{x}}$ . The second order derivatives can then be obtained using the first order derivatives. We can immediately evaluate them at the point to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_\phi^2|_{(r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)} &= -\sin^2 \theta_0 \partial_{\tilde{r}} - \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_0 \partial_{\tilde{y}} + \sin^2 \theta_0 \partial_{\tilde{x}}^2, \\
\partial_\theta \partial_\phi|_{(r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)} &= \cos \theta_0 \partial_{\tilde{x}} + \sin \theta_0 \partial_{\tilde{x}} \partial_{\tilde{y}}, \\
\partial_\theta^2|_{(r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)} &= -\partial_{\tilde{r}} + \partial_{\tilde{y}}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, at  $(r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\partial}_1 (\tilde{\partial}_0 \psi) &= \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta (\partial_\theta + \frac{i}{\sin \theta} \partial_\phi) (\frac{1}{\sin \theta} (\partial_\theta + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \partial_\phi)) \\
&= \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{2i}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta \partial \phi} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} - 2i \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \phi} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\tilde{y}}^2 - \partial_{\tilde{x}}^2 + 2i \partial_{\tilde{x}} \partial_{\tilde{y}}) \psi = \gamma_1 + i \gamma_2 = \gamma.
\end{aligned}$$

## E Numerical derivative

The derivatives with respect to cosmological parameters were taken with a central difference formula, i.e.

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + \mathcal{O}(h^2).$$

Each change of the cosmological parameters requires a recalculation of the entire cosmology, making it computationally expensive. For the approximation to be accurate a balance needs to be found between numerical errors for small  $h$  and a larger  $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$  error for larger  $h$ . The  $h$  values chosen for each parameter are shown in table 4 and are similar to the values used in [22]<sup>7</sup>.

To test the accuracy, we vary  $h$  by  $\pm 5\%$  and  $\pm 10\%$  and plot the relative change in the derivative of the equilateral bispectrum in figure 7. As long as numerical noise doesn't dominate, it can be shown that the relative error in our approximation is approximately 5 times the relative difference

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<sup>7</sup>As confirmed during a conversation with the author.

Parameter	Fiducial value	Finite difference ( $h$ )
$H$	67.4	fiducial $\times 0.1$
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.0223	fiducial $\times 0.2$
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.119	fiducial $\times 0.005$
$n_s$	0.965	fiducial $\times 0.02$
$A_s$	$2.13 \times 10^{-9}$	fiducial $\times 0.15$
$m_\nu$	0.06	fiducial $\times 0.15$
$w_0$	-1	0.06

**Table 4.** Fiducial cosmological parameters and their finite-difference steps

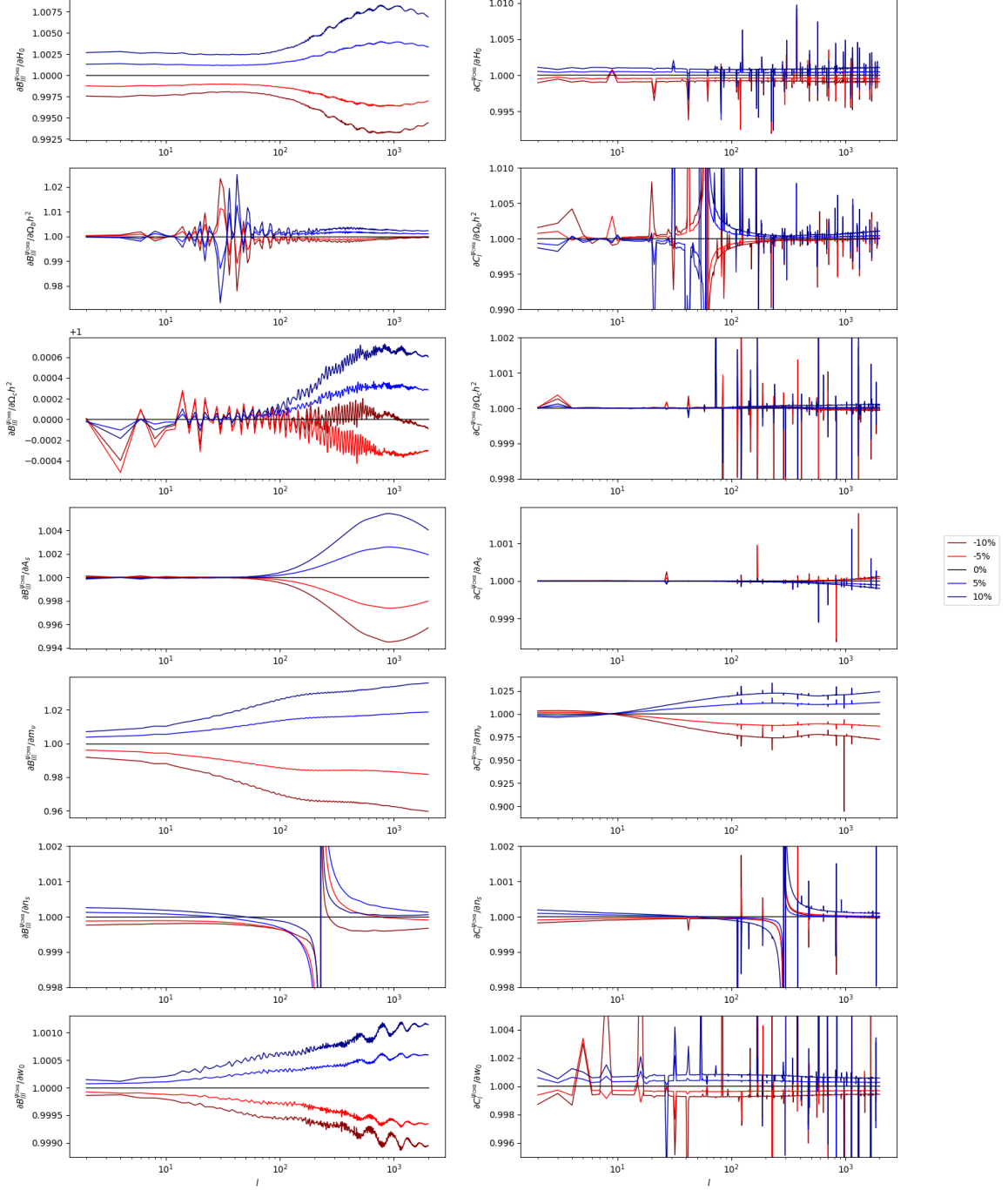
that taking  $h \rightarrow h(1 \pm 0.1)$  leads to. We thus conclude that, based on this test, the derivatives are almost always computed with up to one percent of error. The exception is the derivative with respect to neutrino masses, which introduces a larger error.

## F $\Lambda$ CDM constraints

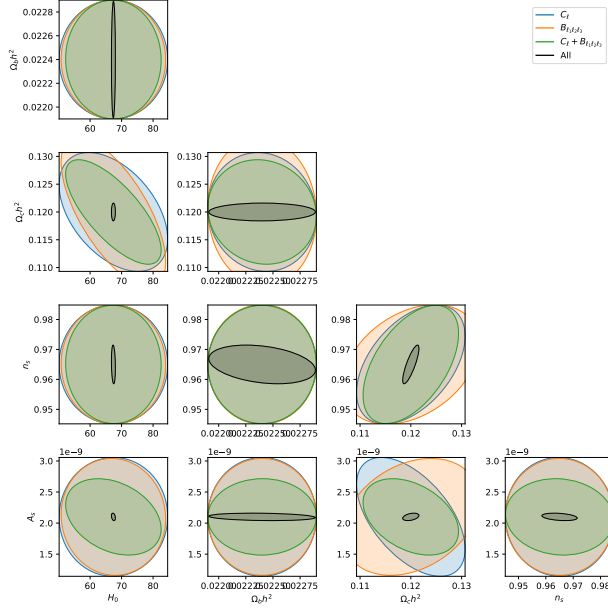
We do not expect to use weak lensing surveys to competitively constrain the main  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters. Despite this, we include these constraints for completeness in figures 8 and 9 for CMB and galaxy lensing, respectively, and in table 5. CMB and galaxy lensing respectively. All survey parameters are the same as in section 4.

Par	prior	CMB lensing			Gal. lensing			CMB $\times$ Gal. lensing		
		$C_\ell$	$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}$	$C_\ell + B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}$	$C_\ell$	$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}$	$C_\ell + B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}$	$C_\ell$	$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}$	$C_\ell + B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}$
$H_0$	25.70	25.56	24.62	22.49	8.23	7.02	1.90	7.52	3.56	0.92
$\Omega_b h^2$	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.22	2.21	2.22	2.20	2.19
$\Omega_c h^2$	240.56	8.91	11.16	7.83	4.51	3.22	2.15	3.10	2.01	1.33
$n_s$	2.07	2.06	2.07	2.05	2.03	1.90	0.88	1.44	1.44	0.67
$A_s$	47.62	45.54	44.79	29.26	10.63	4.57	3.50	6.93	4.01	2.84

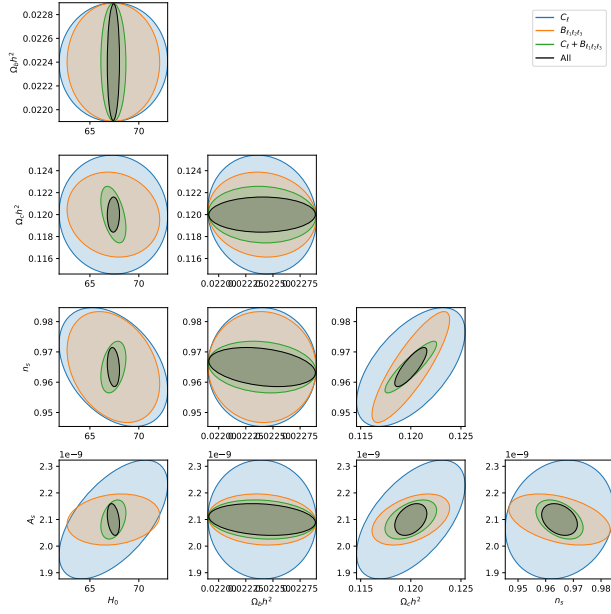
**Table 5.** Same as table 3, except for  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters.



**Figure 7.** Central difference approximation of derivative of equilateral CMB weak lensing bispectrum (left) and powerspectrum (right) for differences as specified in table 4 as well as for differences 5% and 10% larger and smaller.



**Figure 8.** Same as figure 4, except for the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters.



**Figure 9.** Same as figure 5, except for the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters.