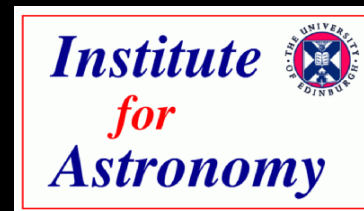


Assessing the impact of baryonic feedback on dark energy constraints

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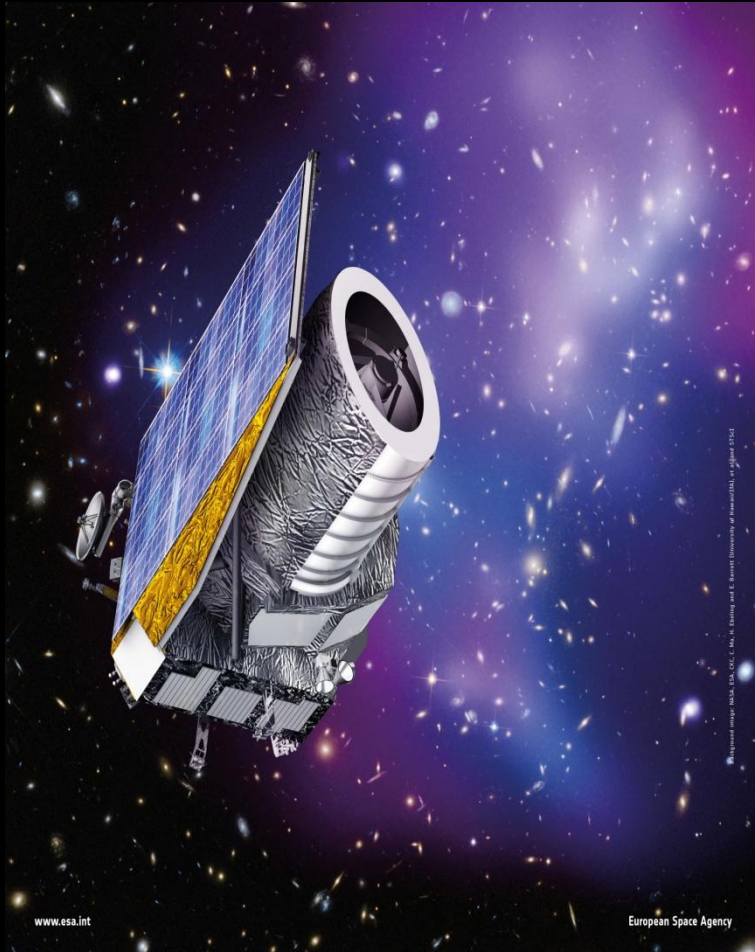
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Euclid Survey

- The Euclid mission (2020 launch) will cover 15,000 deg² of sky.



- Weak gravitational lensing and galaxy clustering measurements act as cosmological probes of dark energy signatures in large scale structure
- Percent level precision of dark energy parameters.

Baryonic Feedback

- Baryonic astrophysical processes (e.g. star formation, supernova and AGN feedback, adiabatic cooling) have a non-negligible effect on large scale structure.
- A comprehensive theoretical understanding is very limited.
- Potentially significant degeneracies with dark energy effects.

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Mead 2015 (MNRAS 2015 454(2)) halo model suggests baryon effects can be captured by two parameters:

- 1) A_B controls the amplitude of the halo profile via the concentration factor,

$$c(M, z) = A_B \left(\frac{1 + z_f}{1 + z} \right)$$

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2) η encapsulates effects dependent on halo mass.

$$W(k, M) \rightarrow W(v^\eta k, M)$$

$$W(k, M) = \int_0^{r_v} r^2 \frac{\sin(kr)}{kr} \rho(r, M) dr$$

$$v \equiv \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma(M)}$$

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$$\rho_{NFW, \text{mod}} = \frac{\rho_N}{\left(\frac{r_b + r}{r_s}\right) \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^2}$$

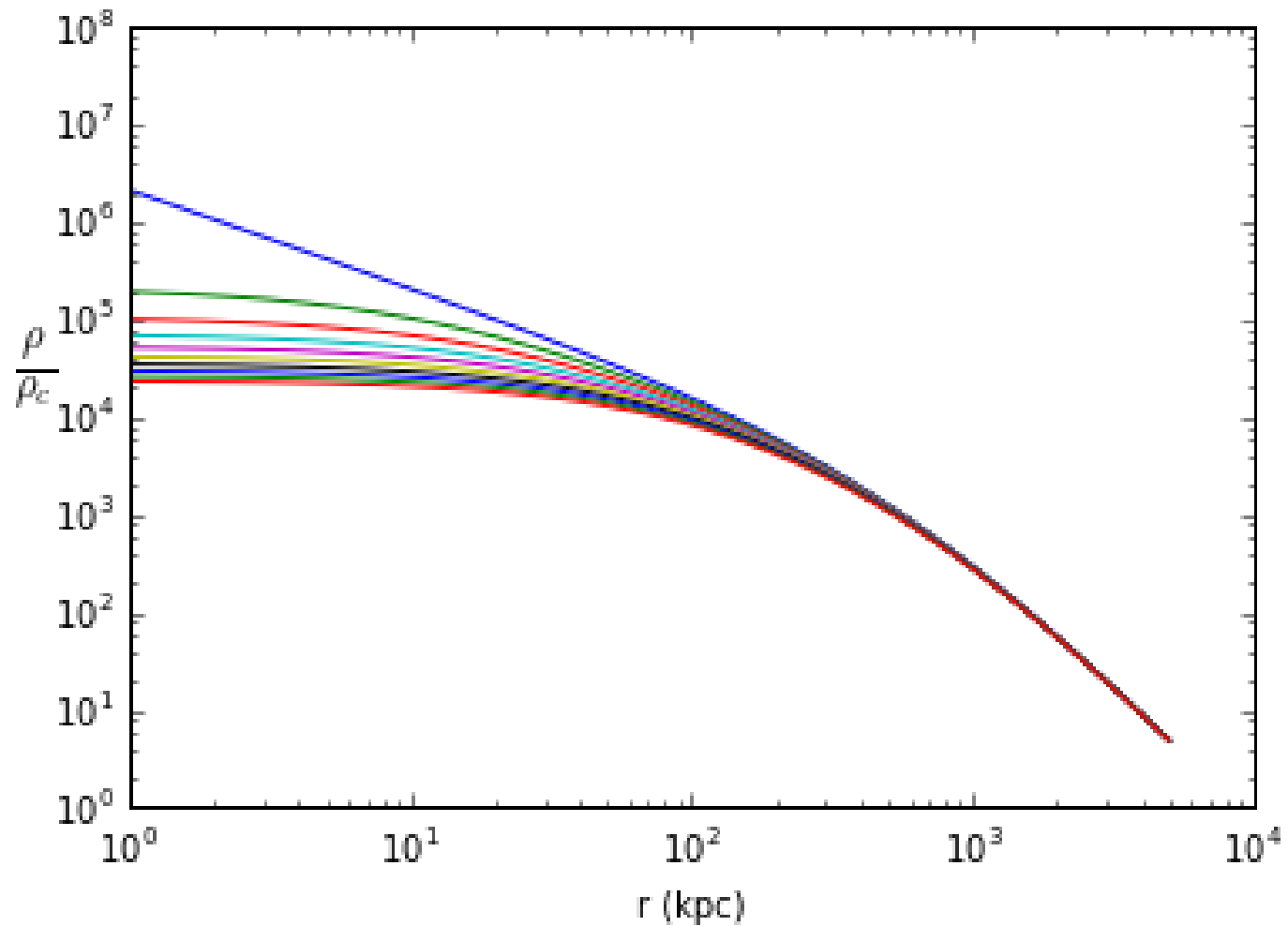


Fig. 1: Modified NFW profiles in real space, with successive r_b values in the range 10 - 100 kpc corresponding to increasing depressions of the core. The NFW profile (blue) is included for comparison.

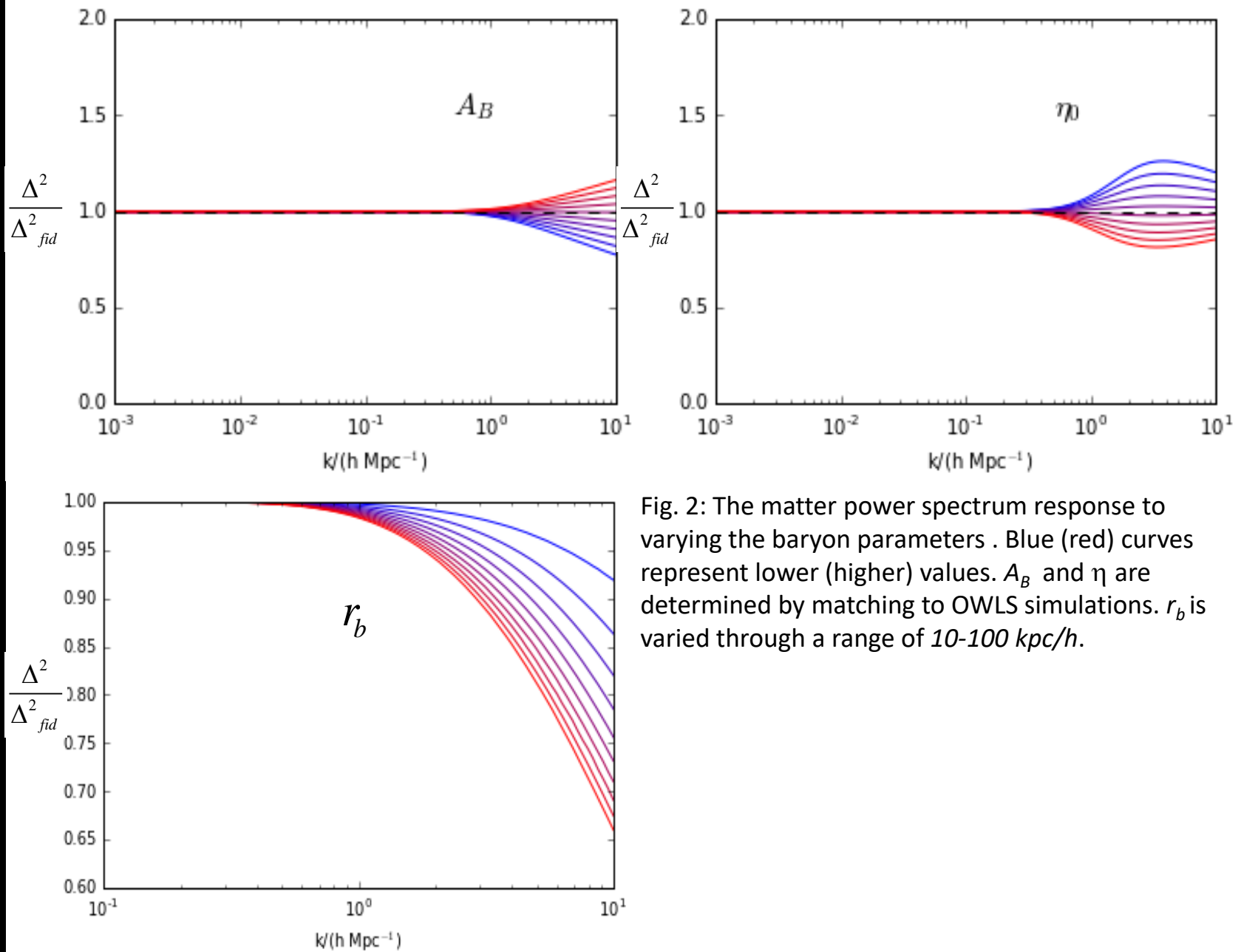
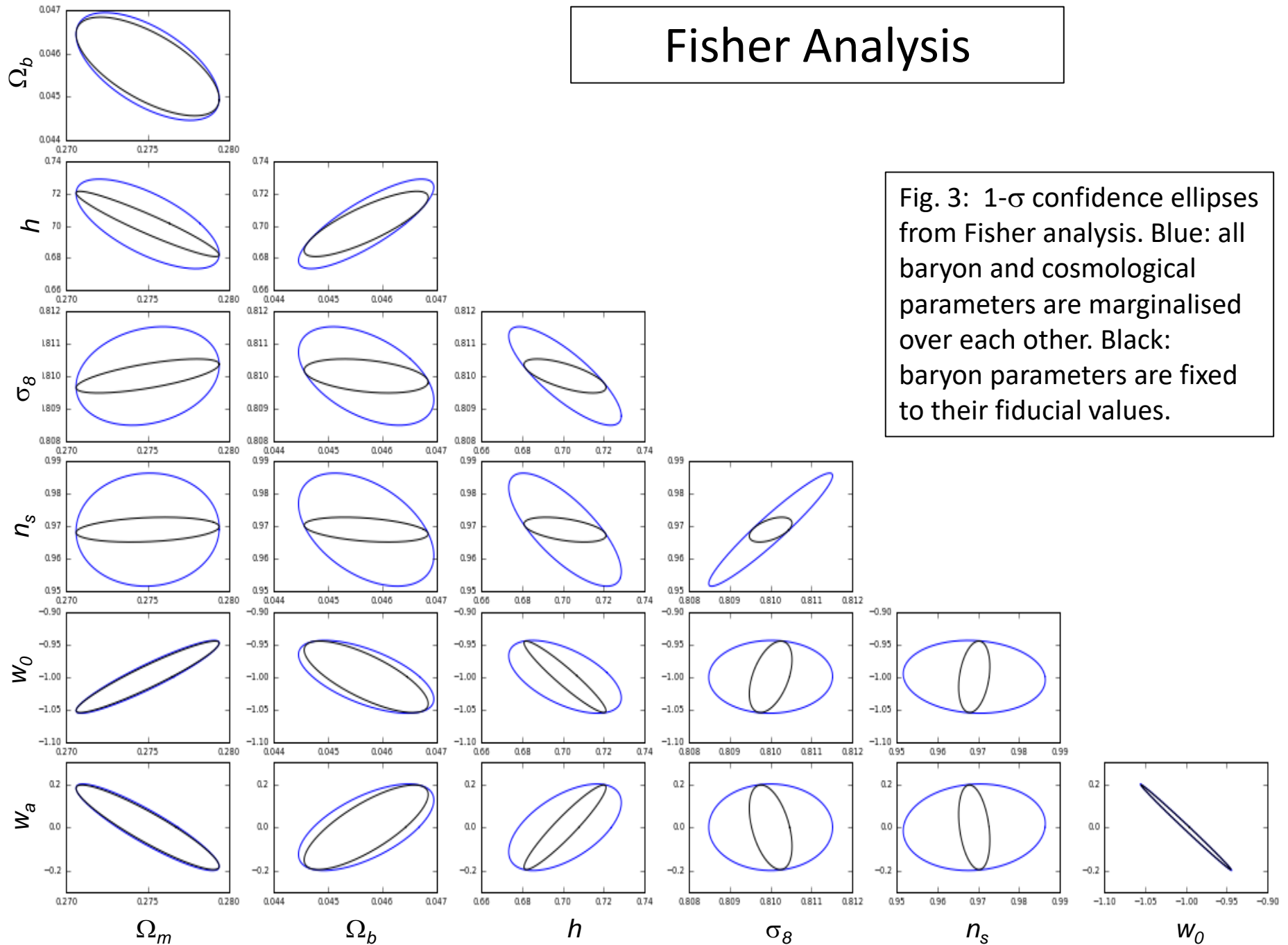


Fig. 2: The matter power spectrum response to varying the baryon parameters. Blue (red) curves represent lower (higher) values. A_B and η are determined by matching to OWLS simulations. r_b is varied through a range of 10 - $100 \text{ kpc}/h$.

Fisher Analysis



Summary

- Baryon parameterisations of the halo model can provide useful insights as to the risk of degeneracies between baryon and dark energy effects in large scale structure.
- Impact not so severe for dark energy as one might expect.
- Significant impacts for certain cosmological parameters – particularly the spectral index and σ_8 .

Future Work

- Extend analysis to include neutrinos and modified gravity effects.
- Incorporate information from observational data and simulations.
- Address the question of model bias:
 - Quantitatively how much can we trust this (or any) baryon parameterisation?
 - Possible mitigation strategy by expanding current parameters in terms of the halo mass.

Thank you

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