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Abstract

This report sets out to investigate how neutrino wakes can be revealed, detected and what properties can be deduced from the results. Data from the N-body Quijote simulation is used to stack centred and velocity aligned halos to reduce noise and increase a dipole feature. The overdensity difference between CDM and neutrinos is determined to try and reveal a neutrino wake. No neutrino wake was found in this report likely due to the dipole density fluctuations found (confirming recent studies) dominating over any possible neutrino wake signal.

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1 Introduction

The neutrino was originally proposed in 1930 by Pauli in order to account for the missing momentum and energy in beta decay [1]. In the standard model (SM) there are three flavours of neutrinos. There is the electron neutrino, discovered in the Cowan-Reines neutrino experiment (actually detected the electron antineutrino, [2]), the muon neutrino, discovered in 1962 in [3], and the tau neutrino that was first observed in 2001 in [4]. Each of these neutrino flavours are produced through different means (ν_e produced in nuclear reactions, ν_μ produced in pion beams and ν_τ produced with a proton beam on a tungsten target) [5, 6, 4]. Given that ν_e are produced in nuclear reactions, they should be produced in large quantities in the Sun from the first step in the p-p chain (the neutrino only interacts with the weak force). Neutrinos produced in the Sun are typically referred to as “solar neutrinos”. When two protons fuse together into a deuterium nucleus, they release a positron and an electron neutrino:

$$p + p \rightarrow d + e^+ + \nu_e, \quad (1)$$

which can be detected on Earth [7]. These were first detected in the Homestake Mine experiment by using the reaction



however only approximately a third of the expected neutrinos were detected [8]. This became the first piece of evidence for a phenomenon known as neutrino oscillations. Neutrino oscillations are caused by the mixing between mass and flavour eigenstates, a neutrino is produced with a definite or “pure” flavour, however, will then propagate as mass eigenstates mixing into other neutrino flavours [9]. This is why only a third of the expected neutrinos were detected in the Homestake Mine experiment, by the time the neutrinos had reached Earth, they had oscillated into other flavour states. Further solar neutrino experiments have taken place to provide more evidence for the existence of neutrino oscillations and flavour change (eg. [10, 11, 12]). Neutrinos can be produced in the atmosphere as well (i.e. atmospheric neutrinos) and when trying to detect these neutrinos leads to a similar conclusion. When cosmic rays strike the atmosphere they produce neutrinos (mostly ν_e and ν_μ) but, again, the ratio of detected muon to electron neutrinos was low and so provides evidence of these neutrinos oscillating into tau neutrinos [13].

A neutrino oscillation can be most easily understood in the simplified case of two neutrino flavours with two neutrino mass eigenstates. This derivation can be found in appendix A.1, [14]. The case of three neutrino flavours mixing can be described by the PMNS (Pontecorvo–Maki–Nakagawa–Sakata) matrix,

$$|\nu_l\rangle = \sum_i U_{li}^* |\nu_i\rangle, \quad (3)$$

where $|\nu_l\rangle$ is the neutrino field of left handed neutrinos (neutrinos with), U_{li}^* is the PMNS matrix and $|\nu_i\rangle$ is the neutrino mass eigenstate (Majorana or Dirac, another unknown property of neutrinos; a Majorana particle is its own antiparticle and a Dirac particle is not) with mass m_i [15].

Exact neutrino masses have not yet been determined and remains a very active and exciting field of research. Although bounds to neutrino masses have been determined. Because of the neutrino oscillations two of the three neutrino mass eigenstates must be significantly larger than the other one thus the neutrino mass eigenstates can be placed into a hierarchy. There is the normal hierarchy (NH, $m_1 < m_2 \ll m_3$) and the inverted hierarchy (IH, $m_3 \ll m_1 < m_2$). By inspecting the mass ordering in each hierarchy, the mass-squared difference ($\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$) between the masses is clearly $\Delta m_{21}^2 \ll \Delta m_{32}^2 \approx \Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$ for the NH and $\Delta m_{21}^2 \ll -(\Delta m_{31}^2 \approx \Delta m_{32}^2 < 0)$ for IH. The neutrino mass hierarchy therefore depends on the sign of Δm_{31}^2 . Presently the most up to date values for the mass-squared difference is $\Delta m_{21}^2 \approx 7.6 \times 10^{-5}$ eV² and $|\Delta m_{31}^2| \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ eV²[16]. An overview of the experimental techniques used to determine the squared-mass difference can be found in [17]. Different hierarchies prefer different theoretical models so determining mass ordering will eliminate large amounts of different models in particle physics [16, 18]. A way this can be done is by finding the total sum of the neutrino mass eigenstates. In doing so a mass hierarchy can be determined. The current bounds on the neutrino mass are in the region of 0.7 to 0.12 eV (at a 95% CL) [19, 20]. This was achieved through cosmological studies as cosmology is one of the possible ways the sum of neutrino masses can be constrained. This is the focus of this report, to attempt to find neutrino properties through studying the cosmological N-body simulation Quijote.

The structure of this report is as follows, Section 2 will discuss the thermal history and evolution of neutrino over time and the free-streaming property of neutrinos and Section 3 will follow this by explaining the observable impacts neutrinos can have on the universe and the wakes they form around dark matter halos. Section 5 will go through the methodology used in this report, the results are then shown and discussed in Section 6 and finally the report is concluded in Section 8.

2 Thermal History & Free-streaming

The cosmic neutrino background (CNB, sometimes called “relic neutrinos”) is predicted by the SM but has not yet been detected although its existence has been established by the agreement of calculated and observed cosmological values. In the early universe, neutrinos were produced through weak interactions at very high temperatures and kept in thermal equilibrium with the primordial plasma (electrons, positrons and photons to name a few) [21]. These were reactions such as $e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ but after a short period of time (approximately one second), the neutrinos decoupled from the plasma and stopped being produced. This happened when the weak interaction rate

$$\Gamma \approx \langle \sigma n_\nu \rangle, \quad (4)$$

fell below the Hubble expansion rate H , where σ_ν is the cross-section of the electron-neutrino weak interaction and n_ν is the neutrino number density. This occurred at an estimated temperature that can be derived by setting $\Gamma = H$. The expansion rate is given by the Hubble parameter

$$H = \sqrt{\left(\frac{8\pi\rho}{3M_P^2}\right)}, \quad (5)$$

for relativistic species the number density scales as $n \propto T^3$ and the cross-section of the weak interaction can be approximated as the Fermi constant times energy squared ($G_F^2 E^2$) allowing us to make the approximation

$$\Gamma \approx G_F^2 T^5, \quad (6)$$

(as E scales with T). The total energy density, $\rho \propto T^4$ and M_P is the Planck mass, these can be substituted into equation 5 to give

$$H \propto \frac{T^2}{G_F^{1/2}}. \quad (7)$$

By equating equations 6 and 7 the decoupling temperature is found as

$$T_{dec} \approx \left(\frac{1}{G_F^2 M_P}\right)^{1/3}, \quad (8)$$

which is approximately equal to a few MeV. More specifically the decoupling occurred at $T_{\nu_e} = 1.87$ MeV and $T_{\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau} = 3.12$ MeV [22, 21, 23]. These decoupled neutrinos were then “free-streaming” and travelling at relativistic speeds because the neutrino energies were dominated by momentum. As the universe continued to expand and cool, the momentum of the neutrinos (which follows a Fermi-Dirac distribution) redshifted. This is easily shown as the neutrino momentum and temperature are proportional to the inverse of the scale factor,

$$p \propto \frac{1}{a(t)}, T_\nu \propto \frac{1}{a(t)}, \quad (9)$$

so the neutrinos lose kinetic energy and slow down over time, eventually becoming non-relativistic [23]. The transition to the non-relativistic regime occurred when the thermal energy of the neutrino became comparable to its rest mass, and after such the neutrino energies were dominated by its rest mass [24]. When this happened exactly will depend on the neutrino mass and the neutrino flavour. This brings neutrinos to their present day state, free-streaming and non-relativistic.

The free-streaming scale is the distance neutrinos can travel freely due to their thermal velocities without clustering. It is defined as the comoving (factors out the expansion of the universe) distance a neutrino travels in one Hubble time (inverse of the Hubble constant)

$$\lambda_{fs} \approx \frac{\sigma_\nu}{H_0}, \quad (10)$$

where σ_ν is the velocity dispersion and $H_0 \approx 70$ km/s/Mpc is the Hubble constant. The velocity dispersion can be approximated as $\sigma_\nu \approx 3T_{\nu,0}/m_\nu$ where m_ν is the neutrino mass and $T_{\nu,0}$ is the temperature of neutrinos today (and the speed of light has been set as $c = 1$). For $T_{\nu,0} \approx 1.7 \times 10^{-4}$ eV and $m_{\nu,1,2,3} = 0.1, 0.2$ and 0.4 eV the velocity dispersion

is $\sigma_{\nu,1} = 1530$ km/s, $\sigma_{\nu,2} = 765$ km/s and $\sigma_{\nu,3} = 382.5$ km/s. Substituting these values into equation 10 the free-streaming scale for the three neutrino masses are $\lambda_{fs,1} \approx 21.9$ Mpc, $\lambda_{fs,2} \approx 10.9$ Mpc and $\lambda_{fs,3} \approx 5.46$ Mpc [25]. It is obvious that as neutrino mass increases, the free-streaming scale associated with said mass decreases. So as the neutrino mass becomes heavier it becomes easier for them to cluster like CDM does. Figure 1, from [26], clearly shows the correlation of CDM and neutrino density fields and that heavier neutrinos cluster more than lighter ones.

3 Neutrino's Impact on the Universe

The CNB affects the evolution of the homogeneous and the inhomogeneous universe. The homogeneous universe is at the background level and is described in the Friedmann equations. The expansion of the universe is described through the Friedmann equation for the Hubble parameter

$$H(a) = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho(a) - \frac{K}{a^2} \quad (11)$$

where a is the cosmic scale factor, G is the gravitational constant, K parametrises the curvature of space and ρ is the total energy density. In the early universe ($T \leq 1$ MeV), neutrinos were relativistic meaning they contributed to the radiation energy density like photons do, $\rho_r = \rho_\gamma + \rho_\nu$ (once non-relativistic they contribute to the matter density). This means neutrinos increased the energy density in the early universe which increased H in equation 11 [23, 27]. This has a consequential cosmological impact on the epoch of matter-radiation equality. The epoch of matter-radiation equality occurred when the matter density, ρ_m , was equal to the radiation density, ρ_r . Given that heavier neutrinos, as will be discussed in the next Section, become non-relativistic earlier they contribute more to the matter density in the universe. This leads to an observable impact in the universe as one looks back into the cosmic microwave background (CMB) that can be used to constrain the neutrino mass [17]. This can be measured through the matter power spectrum, $P(k)$ which is a Fourier transform of the two point correlation function of matter in the universe. The correlation function is explained more in Section 4 and it is a very powerful tool in cosmology.

Shown in Figure 2 are the matter power spectrums illustrated at different redshift as presented in [23]. Measuring the matter power spectrum can therefore be used to constrain the total neutrino mass and even the individual neutrino masses. The power spectra in Figure 2 show that the IH ordering of neutrino masses has stronger clustering at the scale of approximately $10^{-2}k$, where a large k corresponds to short scale distances and a large k corresponds to larger scale distances. Simulations, such as in [28], show that the amplitude of the matter power spectrum is reduced at large k in the presence of massive neutrinos.

The CNB has a similar effect on the halo mass function (HMF). The HMF quantifies the abundance of dark matter halos at different masses, it is often written as $\frac{dn}{dM}$ where n is the comoving number density of halos. To begin with the HMF is dependent on the initial density perturbations and growth of structure [29]. Since the HMF is dependent on the growth of structure, and the growth of structure is suppressed on small scale beneath the free-streaming scale, this can lead to fewer low-mass halos [30].

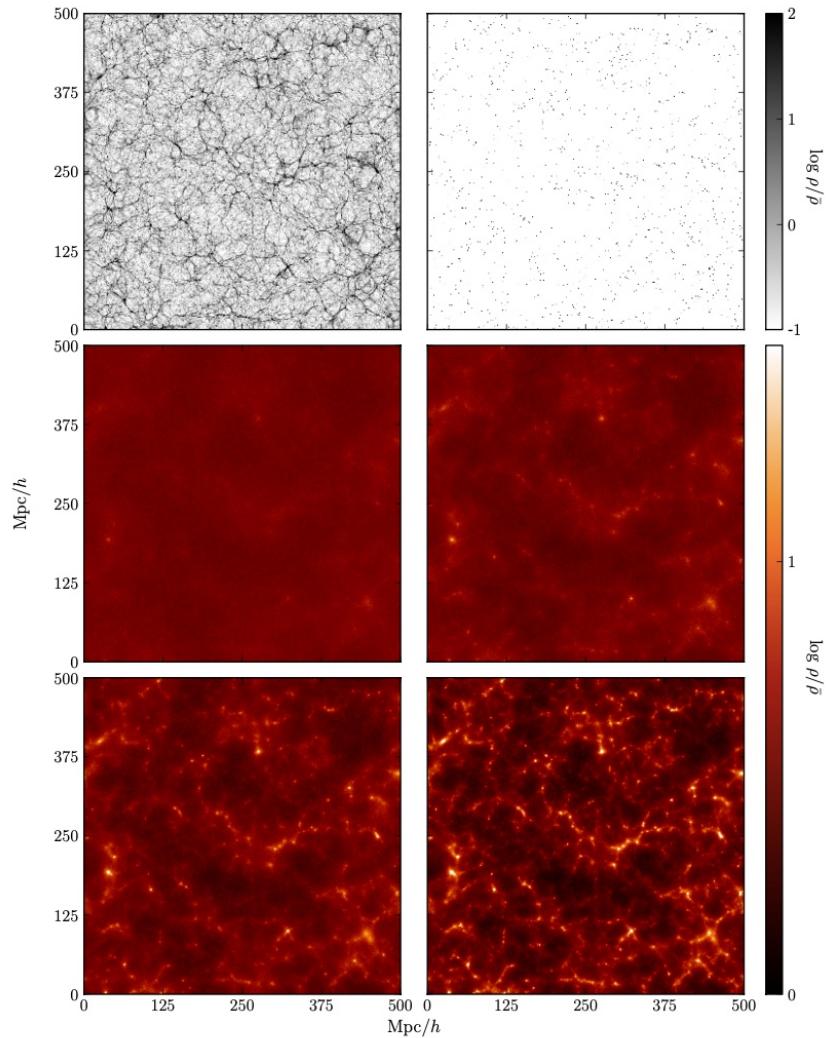


Figure 1: Along the top row are dark matter (left) and halo (right) density slices from 0.2 eV neutrino simulations. Starting from the middle left and finishing in the bottom right are neutrino density slices from 0.05, 0.1, 0.2 and 0.4 eV neutrino simulations, respectively.

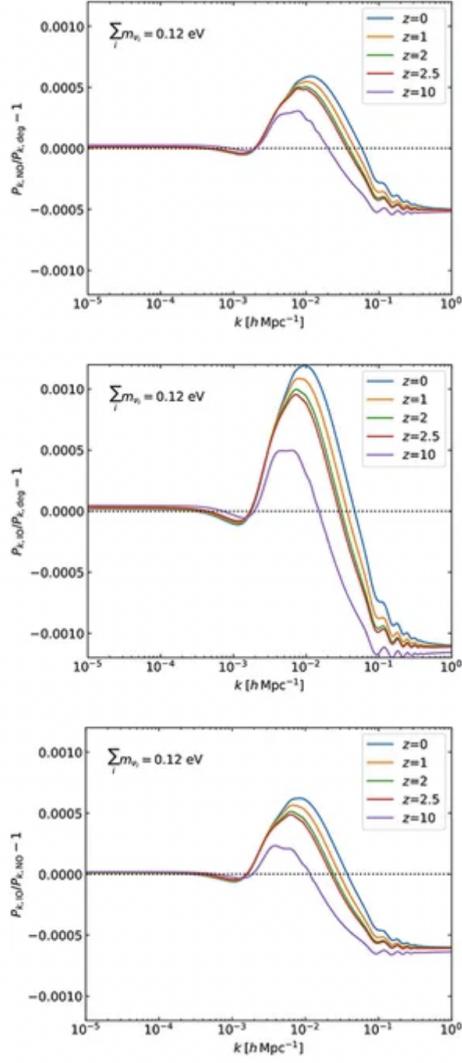


Figure 2: The top row shows the matter power spectrum for normal mass ordering, the middle row shows the matter power spectrum for inverted ordering and the bottom row shows the ratio of the two hierarchies.

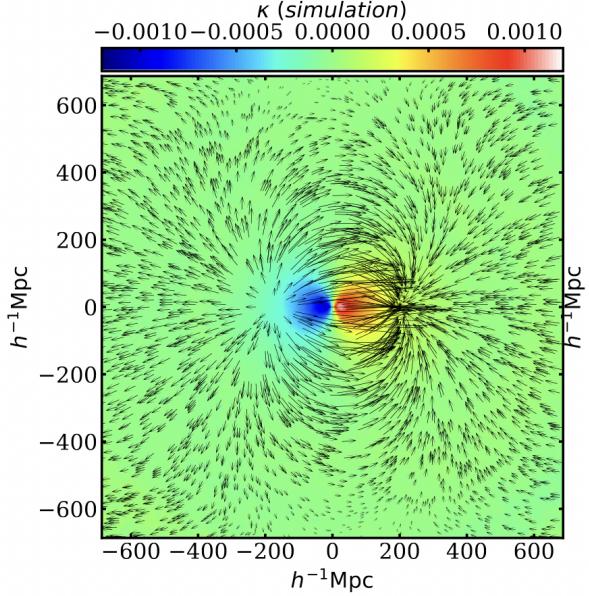


Figure 3: Sourced from [33]. This is the projected matter density fluctuation corresponding to the large-scale velocity field.

4 Neutrino Wakes

There are two types of dipole in the direction of the moving dark matter halo, there is the large scale density fluctuations caused by the large gravitational potential of the matter and the second is the neutrino wake. Both shall be discussed here. The “bulk velocity field” is the average coherent motion of particles (in this case for the CDM and CNB) at any given point in space and time and the “relative bulk velocity field” is the difference between two bulk velocity fields. Simulations show that the neutrino free-streaming induces a relative velocity field between the CNB and the CDM [26]. The relative velocity field has been proposed as a method to measuring the sum of neutrino masses [31]. Due to the relative velocity between the neutrinos and the CDM, a dipole distortion in the cross-correlation function can be observed over large linear scales[31, 32]. The cross-correlation function,

$$\xi_{CDM,\nu}(r) = \langle \delta_{CDM}(x)\delta_\nu(x+r) \rangle \quad (12)$$

defines the excess probability of finding a neutrino at a distance $x+r$ from an overdensity of CDM at position x . A dipole in this function is a front-back asymmetry. This dipole is expected to produce a high density region in front of the moving halo, as the halo accelerates towards the source of gravity, and a low density behind the halo. This effect is expected to happen over tens or hundreds of Mpc and has been simulated in [33] as shown in Figure 3. The dipole also emerges in the relative velocity field of the CDM and neutrinos. The local peculiar velocity is expected to point in this direction as it is parallel to the direction of gravity. This effectively pulls the halo along the up the gravity gradient and a neutrino density plot should appear equivalently, with a high density region ahead of the halo and low density behind it [33].

Shown in Figure 3 is a stacked velocity field between of pure CDM. It produces a

dipole distortion as predicted by [31] and a similar method to that produced this plot will be used in this report. Dark matter halos travelling through the CNB experience a force causing them to decelerate, this is known as dynamical friction and is due to interactions with the neutrinos. The dynamical friction causes a displacement in the dark matter halo's position over one Hubble time of

$$\Delta x \propto v_{\nu,c} m_\nu^4 \quad (13)$$

where $v_{\nu,c}$ is the rms relative velocity, so different neutrino masses will have different velocities and displacements that can be calculated [34]. This displacement of the halo relative to the neutrinos leads to neutrinos accumulating anisotropically behind the halo and forming an overdensity - the neutrino wake. The neutrino wake is a dipole phenomenon taking place on much smaller scales in comparison to the large-scale dipole feature, making it much harder to simulate. This can be thought of as equivalent to a wake behind a boat or a stone skimming on water as the dark matter halo moves through the CNB it gravitationally focuses neutrinos into a small overdensity downstream of the halo [35, 25]. A derivation of the clustering of a neutrino wake behind a single halo can be found in [25] and the Figure from such can be found in appendix A.2, Figure 7. [25] also completes a derivation for the neutrino density contrast for wakes in a general CDM distribution in an expanding universe. The neutrino density contrast in this case is shown to be

$$\delta_\nu(\vec{k}) = \left(\frac{k_{fs}}{k} \right)^2 \left[1 + i\gamma(\hat{k} \cdot \hat{z}) \frac{\sigma_{rel}}{\sigma_\nu} \right] \delta(\vec{k}) \quad (14)$$

where $p_{rel}(\vec{k}) = i(\hat{k} \cdot \hat{z})\sigma_{rel}\delta(\hat{k})$ is the relative momentum term of the neutrinos to the CDM in Fourier space, k_{fs} is the free-streaming scale (in Fourier space), γ is a numerical factor, σ is the velocity dispersion and $\delta(\vec{k})$ is the background CDM density contrast [25, 34, 35]. It is easy to spot in this equation that the neutrino density contrast will indeed be strongest close to the halo (i.e. below the free-streaming scale), parallel to the halos direction of motion (here this is the \hat{z} direction) and downstream of the halo, where you would expect to find a neutrino wake. Given that the neutrino density contrast of the wake is proportional to the free-streaming scale and the neutrinos relative momentum to the CDM the neutrino density contrast is proportional to the neutrino mass and measuring the density contrast of the neutrino wake could be used to constrain the neutrino mass [35]. Since the neutrino wake is much weaker than large scale dipole and potentially easily washed out by the velocity dispersion of the neutrinos, detecting it in a simulation will require a low noise environment with lots of halos for data. This makes halo stacking essential with velocity aligned to average out the background noise and constructively add the neutrino wake.

The primary method that is theorised to detect a neutrino wake or density dipole is gravitational lensing. Gravitational lensing is a phenomenon where light from distant sources on its way to Earth passes by a large object with strong gravity (e.g. clusters of dark matter). The gravity will bend the path of the light as a lens does and hence the name, gravitational lensing. The amount of bending is described by Einstein's theory of general relativity and can therefore be used to measure the mass of the astrophysical

object causing the lensing. This method has already been put forward by several papers [33, 35].

5 Method

The data used in this paper was processed in python and originally produced in a Quijote simulation. The Quijote simulation is an N-body simulation that modelled massive neutrinos of three different masses, these being the $M_\nu^+ = 0.1$ eV, $M_\nu^{++} = 0.2$ eV and $M_\nu^{+++} = 0.4$ eV ¹ [36]. The information describing the set-up and initial parameters of the simulation can be read about in [37]. The python modules used were the python libraries for the analysis of numerical simulations (aka. Pylians3) modules ²

The first results in Figure 4 were made in the code found in Section A.3. The data was imported using the `readgadget` module and sorted through by reading of the headers (particle's positions, velocities, etc). Information about the size of the box in the simulation is then printed for the user's convenience and a grid size to average the particles positions into is chosen. The grid here is 3 dimensional, so the data will be contained into a grid made up of the value of L cubed (L being the length of the grid, for the results in Figure 4 $L = 512$ for the CDM and $L = 228$ for the neutrinos). The density fields are computed into this grid using the `MASL.density_field_gadget()` function and stored as NumPy arrays. In order to display the data on a 2 dimensional plot, the simulation data must be sliced and averaged. A slice (in the Y-Z plane) of an inputted depth is created, such that the new 3 dimensional array is of $L \times L \times$ slice depth, where L is the length of the simulation box. This density values of this slice are then averaged over the slice depth (in the X direction) to create a 2 dimensional array ($L \times L$ in size) ready for plotting. The location of the slice within the box is irrelevant as it is statistically the same. Following this the slice is easily plotted using `matplotlib` functions and these results are shown in Figure 4.

Following on from this, in order to reveal a density of neutrinos and CDM around a moving halo as shown in Figure 5, the images must be stacked. In the code found in appendix A.4, the halo of mass less than $10^{14} M_\odot$ are filtered out of the grid. Next a slice is taken at the edge of the box, as was done in the previous paragraph, and each halo is centred into the slice (without losing the periodicity of the box) and then rotated such that their velocity is parallel to the positive x-axis. This halo centred and aligned slice is then averaged over the X direction and the 2D plot is stored in a list. This process is repeated for every halo in the slide. In order to artificially increase the number of halos available and average out the noise, this process is repeated in all 3 dimension. After taking a slice in the Y-Z plane, centring, aligning and storing each halo averaged over the X direction, a slice is taken in the X-Z plane and the X-Y plane and the process is repeated over the Y and Z directions respectively. Since each direction is orthogonal to one another it is independent and this can reliably improve the construction of the dipole and neutrino wake features. This process of taking a slice along each direction is then repeated through a python loop, where each iteration moves the slice along until

¹More information can be read about the Quijote simulation for massive neutrinos at <https://quijote-simulations.readthedocs.io/en/latest/Mnu.html>

²This can be found at <https://github.com/franciscovillaescusa/Pylians3>.

the entire box has been covered such that every halo has been used 3 times. This leads to just over 80,000 halos being used. All the stored 2D plots of centred and aligned halos are then stacked together and averaged, maximising the data that can be extracted from a single simulation. This is similar to the method found in [33]. The halos were centred using the `numpy.roll` function to maintain the periodicity of the box and rotated using the `scipy.ndimage.rotate` function. This results in the plot being a square with a circle of radius 1000 Mpc/h and the corners being a consequence of the rotation that can be ignored. The plot produced was be changed by modifying the dataset in the `ax.imshow()` function in line 348. The neutrino wake is revealed with the equation

$$\delta_{\text{wake}} = f_{\text{opt}} \delta_{\nu} - \delta_{\text{CDM}} \quad (15)$$

where the f_{opt} is the optimum factor determined by chi-squared, this derivation can be found in appendix A.5. The calculated values for f_{opt} can be found in table 1 in appendix A.6.

This method of stacking the halos is very computationally heavy and slow, taking hours for a $500 \times 500 \times 500$ grid so a faster method implementing NumPy broadcasting was tested however, while the computational time was significantly decreased in order to achieve the same grid size or higher thousands of gigabytes of memory were required. This memory-speed trade-off was not worth it in the end as getting access to over a thousand gigabytes of memory at once was not possible and so this method proved to be the best.

6 Results & Discussions

The results show in Figure 4 clearly show a clustering of CDM and neutrinos around the dark matter halos. There is also a visible increase in clustering of neutrinos around the dark matter halos as the neutrino mass increases. While the neutrino overdensity for M_{ν}^{+++} doesn't appear to reach values as high as it does in the M_{ν}^+ case, the space between the clusters of dark matter halos is more void of neutrinos in the M_{ν}^{+++} case than in the M_{ν}^+ case. This is expected as the free-streaming scale of neutrinos, defined in equation 10, is inversely proportional to the neutrino mass. As neutrino mass increases the neutrinos are expected to cluster more and this can be visually seen Figure 10. These results are also in agreement with the results from [26] in Figure 1. Figure 1 also clearly shows the correlation between the decrease of the neutrino free-streaming scale with increasing neutrino mass.

Shown in Figure 5 are the stacked plots for centred and aligned halos. A high overdensity of neutrinos in front of the halos can clearly be seen, along with a low overdensity almost immediately behind the halos. This is the large scale dipole described in Section 4. The difference between the different neutrino masses is stark. For the M_{ν}^+ neutrino mass the transition in the overdensity across the dipole is very smooth and washed out. The dipole feature is also weaker with a maximum overdensity value of 0.00875 and a minimum value of -0.00640 . In comparison the M_{ν}^{+++} neutrino mass has a very clear dipole feature in the overdensity with a maximum overdensity of 0.0185 and a minimum overdensity of -0.00771 . The change in the strength of the (approximately 0.578% weaker in M_{ν}^+ compared to M_{ν}^{+++}) dipole is most likely due to the significantly larger

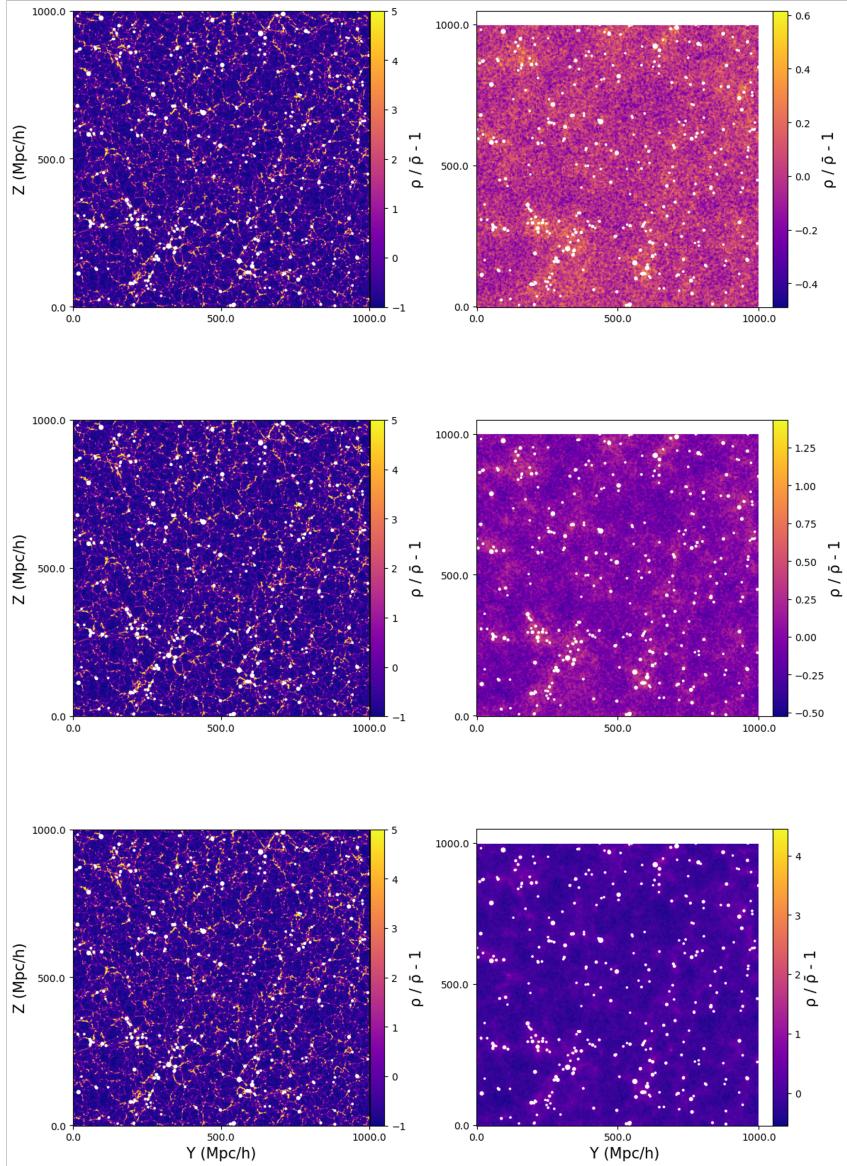


Figure 4: These are plots produced from the code found in appendix A.3. Along the top row are the results of simulations of mass M_ν^+ , the middle row a mass of M_ν^{++} and the bottom for a mass of M_ν^{+++} . On the left are the CDM overdensity fields, and on the right are the neutrino overdensity fields, both have halos within their respective slice plotted over the top. The voxel size and slice depth for the CDM is 1.95 Mpc/h. The voxel size for the neutrinos is 4.39 Mpc/h and the depth of the slice is 13.16 Mpc/h.

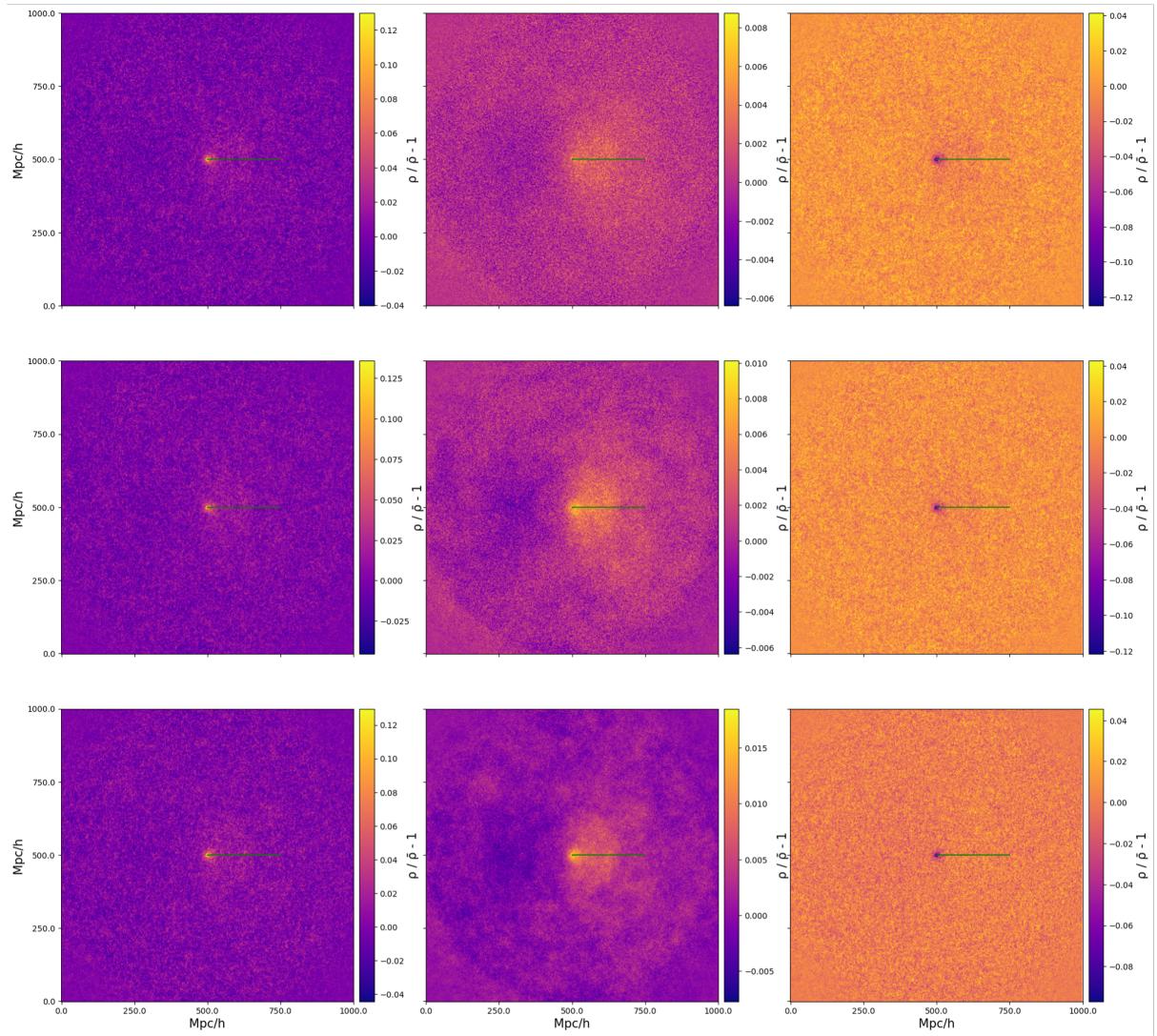


Figure 5: Shown here are the halo centred stacked plots produced from the code in Appendix A.4 where each cube of the grid has a side length of 2 Mpc/h. The top row contains M_ν^+ , the middle contains M_ν^{++} and the bottom contains M_ν^{+++} . The left column is displays the CDM overdensity, the centre column displays the neutrino overdensity and the right column displays a subtraction of the CDM overdensity from the neutrino overdensity multiplied by the factor calculated in Appendix A.5. The green dot in the centre is the stacked halo position and the green arrow indicates the direction of the halo velocity.

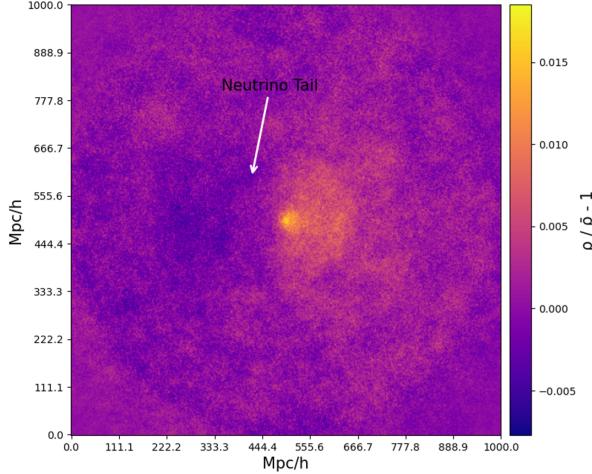


Figure 6: The stacked neutrino overdensity for the M_ν^{+++} neutrino mass. Annotated above is the neutrino “tail”.

thermal dispersion and velocity of the M_ν^+ neutrinos. As shown in Section 2, the thermal dispersion for a neutrino of mass $M_\nu^+ = 0.1$ eV over three times greater than the thermal dispersion for a neutrino of mass M_ν^{+++} . For completeness the maximum overdensity for the M_ν^{++} dipole overdensity is 0.0101 and a minimum of -0.00634 . A particularly interesting feature is the noticeable semi-circle of mild overdensity between the neutrino shadow (the low overdensity part of the dipole) and the halo itself, as pointed out in Figure 6. This feature is easy to spot for the M_ν^{+++} and M_ν^{++} neutrino masses but it is very faint for the M_ν^+ neutrino mass. This is again likely due to the difference in thermal dispersions. It could be a neutrino wake as it appears to be a clustering of neutrinos downstream of the halo velocity, however it is unlikely as other models have predicted the size of this wake to be much smaller and the wake should be present at non-linear scales. For example in Figure 7 the calculated neutrino wake is only about 1 Mpc in size.

This dipole feature should be produced by the CDM as well but at a smaller scale. While there is a very slight difference in the overdensity in front and behind the halo for the CDM, the difference is negligible. This is most likely due to the CDM clustering far more than the neutrinos as the thermal dispersion of CDM that is much smaller than the neutrino’s. The free-streaming scale of the CDM is therefore much smaller than the neutrino free-streaming scale as well.

In the subtracted fields on the right of Figure 5 the large scale dipole feature on the neutrino plot is not clear and has been removed as expected by the methodology, however there is no apparent neutrino wake present as expected in the methodology. The high overdensity of neutrinos in front of the halo has vanished and the absence of the CDM in the centre is easy to see. Even with the optimization factor applied to the neutrino field the high density of the CDM around the dark matter halo appears to dominate the image, perhaps vanishing other features such as a neutrino wake. It is also possible that the neutrino wake isn’t differentiable in the stacked neutrino plots and is “covered up” by noise i.e. the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is too high to produce a plot with a visible neutrino wake. This has been suggested by the paper [38] where the cumulative SNR is found to increase with neutrino mass. This would mean that the large-scale dipole

dominates over the neutrino wake signal regardless of neutrino mass. It is also possible the resolution of the plot simply isn't fine enough. In Figures 4 and 5 the voxels have a side length of 2 Mpc/h which is a good enough resolution to show the distributions and dipoles of neutrinos and CDM. If any neutrino wakes in Figure 5 are of this scale it is likely they will be hidden in the noise and the lack of resolution.

The existence of the neutrino sea and information about neutrino properties could potentially still be deduced from these plots. As described in Section 4 the presence of neutrinos could be observable through gravitational lensing. A dark matter halo could be identified through a gravitational lensing pattern and then through the fine structure of the lensing can be studied. The density dipole of neutrinos should be revealed in such along with the dipole feature produced by the CDM, even if the dipole is much weaker and smaller.

7 Future Work & Development

A major missing set of components of the neutrino and CDM behaviour around dark matter halos are the velocity fields. As stated in Section 4, [31, 33] shows how neutrino masses can be measured from the relative velocity field between neutrinos and CDM. These two fields also produce a relative dipole that could be used to infer the presence of a neutrino wake. Following a similar method to this report the relative velocity field could be constructed with the equation

$$v_{rel} = f_{opt} v_\nu - v_{CDM} \quad (16)$$

from the same method of centring and rotating halo positions and then stacking the velocity fields to produce an overall relative velocity field.

The subtraction of the CDM overdensity field from the neutrino overdensity field could also be developed further. Since the CDM produces a dipole too weak to be visible in Figure 5, the subtraction only reveals the significant difference between the clustering at small distances around the halo. This could be improved by amplifying the dipole signal in the CDM overdensity field before subtraction. This however would have to be matched with the neutrino dipole and if the physical lengths do not align this might become technically very difficult.

Improved methods of filtering the noise due to the neutrino's high velocity dispersion could also be added. Applying Gaussian filters and Fourier analysis to remove different signals could further enhance the dipole signal for the CDM, which can then be matched with the neutrino signal and removed to reveal a wake structure.

8 Conclusion

As shown neutrinos accumulate in front of dark matter halos and form a large scale dipole, confirming the results of other studies. This phenomenon is also seen very weakly for the CDM. Unfortunately no neutrino wakes were revealed by inspecting the difference between the neutrino and CDM overdensity fields. This is most likely due to the large SNR predicted in [38] and the large scale with low resolution to reveal structures such

as a neutrino wake. This means that the large scale dipole dominates over the neutrino wake regardless of neutrino mass which has not yet been shown in studies. Finding the neutrino wake signal in data such as this will therefore prove a challenge for future work. The CDM large scale dipole is negligible here as the clustering directly around the dark matter halo washes it out. Fixing this issue could produce a more balanced subtraction and reveal the weaker signal of a neutrino wake. There is also the interesting feature of the neutrino “tail” pointed out in Figure 6. This tail should be studied further as to determine whether it will become an issue in the dipole subtraction between the CDM and the neutrinos or is related to the neutrino wake. Properties of neutrinos can still be drawn from measuring the effects of this dipole and investigating the tail of the high neutrino overdensity perhaps through gravitational lensing.

As future surveys become able to measure the properties described in this report in more detail, it could be possible to measure an observable that proves the existence of neutrino wakes. More complex simulations with a more thorough analysis will also be conducted that can find potential affects caused by neutrino wakes.

The code used in this report can be found in full at the github link: <https://github.com/F1onnlagh03/Senior-Honours-Project> and is available for public use.

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A Appendices

A.1 Appendix A

Consider ν_e and ν_μ being represented as two orthogonal linear superpositions of two different mass eigenstates, m1 and m2:

$$|\nu_e\rangle = \cos(\theta) |\nu_1\rangle + \sin(\theta) |\nu_2\rangle \quad (17)$$

$$|\nu_\mu\rangle = -\sin(\theta) |\nu_1\rangle + \cos(\theta) |\nu_2\rangle \quad (18)$$

In quantum mechanics, a wave function evolves according to $H\Psi = i\hbar \frac{d\Psi}{dt}$, so after time t the wave function ν_e will evolve to

$$|\nu_e\rangle_t = e^{-\frac{iE_1 t}{\hbar}} \cos(\theta) |\nu_1\rangle + e^{-\frac{iE_2 t}{\hbar}} \sin(\theta) |\nu_2\rangle \quad (19)$$

Equations 17, 18, 19 can be rearranged to give:

$$|\nu_e\rangle_t = e^{-\frac{iE_1 t}{\hbar}} [(\cos^2(\theta) + e^{\frac{i(E_1-E_2)t}{\hbar}} \sin^2(\theta)) |\nu_e\rangle - \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) 1 - e^{\frac{i(E_1-E_2)t}{\hbar}} |\nu_\mu\rangle] \quad (20)$$

The square of the amplitude of $|\nu_e\rangle$ is thus the probability of the electron neutrino after some time t being in the state ν_e is:

$$P_e(t) = |\cos^2(\theta) + e^{\frac{i(E_1-E_2)t}{\hbar}} \sin^2(\theta)|^2 \quad (21)$$

A.2 Appendix B

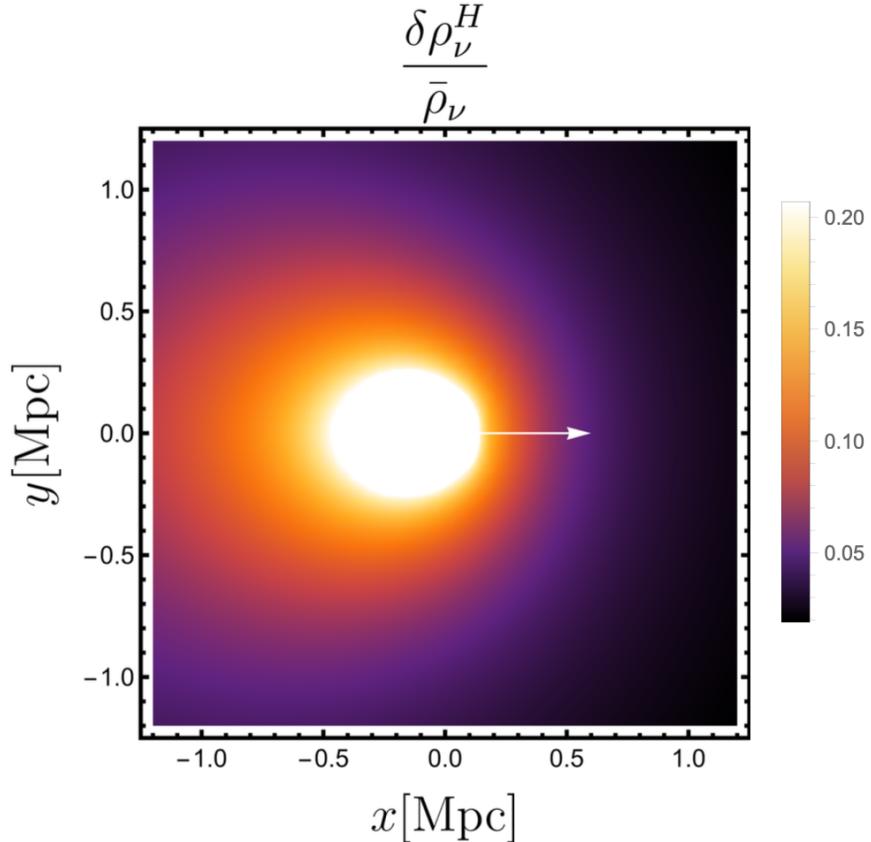


Figure 7: Anisotropic clustering of neutrinos behind a point mass halo. In this case $m_\nu = 0.1$ eV and $M_H = 10^{13} M_\odot$. Sourced from [25].

A.3 Appendix C

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1 import readgadget
2 import numpy as np
3 import MAS_library as MASL
4
5 # input files
6 snapshot_Mn_p = '/ceph/cephfs/agon/quijote/Mn_p/0/snapdir_004/
    snap_004'
7 snapshot_Mn_pp = '/ceph/cephfs/agon/quijote/Mn_pp/0/snapdir_004/
    snap_004'
8 snapshot_Mn_ppp = '/ceph/cephfs/agon/quijote/Mn_ppp/0/snapdir_004
    /snap_004'
9
10 print("snapshot_files_imported")
11
12 #[1] (CDM), [2] (neutrinos) or [1,2] (CDM+neutrinos)

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13
14 ptype_CDM = [1]
15 ptype_Neutrino = [2]
16
17 # read header
18 header_p = readgadget.header(snapshot_Mn_p)
19 BoxSize = header_p.boxsize/1e3 #Mpc/h
20 Nall = header_p.nall #Total number of particles
21 Masses = header_p.massarr*1e10 #Masses of the particles in Msun
   /h
22 Omega_m = header_p.omega_m #value of Omega_m
23 Omega_l = header_p.omega_l #value of Omega_l
24 h = header_p.hubble #value of h
25 redshift = header_p.redshift #redshift of the snapshot
26 Hubble = 100.0*np.sqrt(Omega_m*(1.0+redshift)**3+Omega_l)#Value
   of H(z) in km/s/(Mpc/h)
27
28 # read positions, velocities and IDs of the particles
29 pos_CDM_p = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_p, "POS_U",
   ptype_CDM)/1e3 #positions in Mpc/h
30 vel_CDM_p = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_p, "VEL_U",
   ptype_CDM) #peculiar velocities in km/s
31 ids_CDM_p = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_p, "ID_UU",
   ptype_CDM)-1
32
33
34 pos_Neutrino_p = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_p, "POS_U",
   ptype_Neutrino)/1e3
35 vel_Neutrino_p = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_p, "VEL_U",
   ptype_Neutrino)
36 ids_Neutrino_p = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_p, "ID_UU",
   ptype_Neutrino)-1
37
38 # read header
39 header_pp = readgadget.header(snapshot_Mn_pp)
40 BoxSize = header_pp.boxsize/1e3 #Mpc/h
41 Nall = header_pp.nall #Total number of particles
42 Masses = header_pp.massarr*1e10 #Masses of the particles in
   Msun/h
43 Omega_m = header_pp.omega_m #value of Omega_m
44 Omega_l = header_pp.omega_l #value of Omega_l
45 h = header_pp.hubble #value of h
46 redshift = header_pp.redshift #redshift of the snapshot
47 Hubble = 100.0*np.sqrt(Omega_m*(1.0+redshift)**3+Omega_l)#Value
   of H(z) in km/s/(Mpc/h)
48
49 # read positions, velocities and IDs of the particles
50 pos_CDM_pp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_pp, "POS_U",
   ptype_CDM)/1e3 #positions in Mpc/h

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51 vel_CDM_pp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_pp, "VEL_U",
52 ptype_CDM)      #peculiar velocities in km/s
52 ids_CDM_pp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_pp, "ID_UU",
53 ptype_CDM)-1
53
54
55 pos_Neutrino_pp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_pp, "POS_U",
56 ptype_Neutrino)/1e3
56 vel_Neutrino_pp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_pp, "VEL_U",
57 ptype_Neutrino)
57 ids_Neutrino_pp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_pp, "ID_UU",
58 ptype_Neutrino)-1
58
59 # read header
60 header_ppp = readgadget.header(snapshot_Mn_ppp)
61 BoxSize = header_ppp.boxsize/1e3 #Mpc/h
62 Nall = header_ppp.nall          #Total number of particles
63 Masses = header_ppp.massarr*1e10 #Masses of the particles in
64 Msun/h
64 Omega_m = header_ppp.omega_m    #value of Omega_m
65 Omega_l = header_ppp.omega_l    #value of Omega_l
66 h = header_ppp.hubble          #value of h
67 redshift = header_ppp.redshift #redshift of the snapshot
68 Hubble = 100.0*np.sqrt(Omega_m*(1.0+redshift)**3+Omega_l)#Value
69 of H(z) in km/s/(Mpc/h)
69
70 # read positions, velocities and IDs of the particles
71 pos_CDM_ppp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_ppp, "POS_U",
72 ptype_CDM)/1e3 #positions in Mpc/h
72 vel_CDM_ppp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_ppp, "VEL_U",
73 ptype_CDM)      #peculiar velocities in km/s
73 ids_CDM_ppp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_ppp, "ID_UU",
74 ptype_CDM)-1
74
75
76 pos_Neutrino_ppp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_ppp, "POS_U",
77 ptype_Neutrino)/1e3
77 vel_Neutrino_ppp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_ppp, "VEL_U",
78 ptype_Neutrino)
78 ids_Neutrino_ppp = readgadget.read_block(snapshot_Mn_ppp, "ID_UU",
79 ptype_Neutrino)-1
79
80 print("Positions & velocities acquired")
81
82 #####To get the halo catalog
82 #####
83 f_catalog_p = '/ceph/cephfs/agon/quijote/Mn_p/halos/0/out_4_pid.
83     list'

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84 f_catalog_pp = '/ceph/cephfs/agon/quijote/Mn_pp/halos/0/out_4_pid
85     .list'
86 f_catalog_ppp = '/ceph/cephfs/agon/quijote/Mn_ppp/halos/0/
87     out_4_pid.list'
88
89 # read the halo catalog
90 data_p = np.loadtxt(f_catalog_p)
91 data_pp = np.loadtxt(f_catalog_pp)
92 data_ppp = np.loadtxt(f_catalog_ppp)
93
94 print("Halo data imported")
95
96 pid_p = data_p[:,41]
97 idx_p = pid_p == -1 #ids of the halos
98 data_halo_p = data_p[idx_p]
99
100 pid_pp = data_pp[:,41]
101 idx_pp = pid_pp == -1
102 data_halo_pp = data_pp[idx_pp]
103
104 pid_ppp = data_ppp[:,41]
105 idx_ppp = pid_ppp == -1 #ids of the halos
106 data_halo_ppp = data_ppp[idx_ppp]
107
108 #Units: Masses in Msun / h
109 #Units: Positions in Mpc / h (comoving)
110 #Units: Velocities in km / s (physical, peculiar)
111 #BoxSize=1000.0
112
113 halo_pos_p = data_halo_p[:,8:11]
114 halo_velocity_p = data_halo_p[:,11:14]
115 halo_mass_p = data_halo_p[:,2]
116
117 halo_pos_pp = data_halo_pp[:,8:11]
118 halo_velocity_pp = data_halo_pp[:,11:14]
119 halo_mass_pp = data_halo_pp[:,2]
120
121 halo_pos_ppp = data_halo_ppp[:,8:11]
122 halo_velocity_ppp = data_halo_ppp[:,11:14]
123 halo_mass_ppp = data_halo_ppp[:,2]
124 print("Halo positions, velocities & masses acquired")
125
126 halo_filter = 1e14 #Solar Masses
127
128 # Filter out halos with less mass than 1e14 solar masses
129 idx = np.where(halo_mass_p > halo_filter)
130 halo_mass_p = halo_mass_p[idx]
131 halo_pos_p = halo_pos_p[idx]
132 halo_vel_p = halo_velocity_p[idx]

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131
132 idx = np.where(halo_mass_pp > halo_filter)
133 halo_mass_pp = halo_mass_pp[idx]
134 halo_pos_pp = halo_pos_pp[idx]
135 halo_vel_pp = halo_velocity_pp[idx]
136
137 idx = np.where(halo_mass_ppp > halo_filter)
138 halo_mass_ppp = halo_mass_ppp[idx]
139 halo_pos_ppp = halo_pos_ppp[idx]
140 halo_vel_ppp = halo_velocity_ppp[idx]
141
142 print(f"Halos with mass less than {halo_filter} solar masses removed!")
143
144 ##### Build density field #####
145 grid_CDM = int(input("Grid size CDM:")) #the density field will have grid^3 voxels
146 grid_N = int(input("Grid size Neutrinos:"))
147 MAS = 'CIC' #Mass-assignment scheme: 'NGP', 'CIC', 'TSC', 'PCS'
148 do_RSD = False # Dont do redshift-space distortions
149 axis = 0 #axis along which place RSD; not used here
150 verbose = True #whether to print information about progress
151
152 # print some information
153 print('BoxSize: %.3f Mpc/h' % BoxSize)
154 print('Redshift: %.3f' % redshift)
155 print('CDM: ')
156 print('%.3f < X < %.3f' % (np.min(pos_CDM_p[:,0]), np.max(pos_CDM_p[:,0])))
157 print('%.3f < Y < %.3f' % (np.min(pos_CDM_p[:,1]), np.max(pos_CDM_p[:,1])))
158 print('%.3f < Z < %.3f' % (np.min(pos_CDM_p[:,2]), np.max(pos_CDM_p[:,2])))
159 print('NEUTRINOS: ')
160 print('%.3f < X < %.3f' % (np.min(pos_Neutrino_p[:,0]), np.max(pos_Neutrino_p[:,0])))
161 print('%.3f < Y < %.3f' % (np.min(pos_Neutrino_p[:,1]), np.max(pos_Neutrino_p[:,1])))
162 print('%.3f < Z < %.3f' % (np.min(pos_Neutrino_p[:,2]), np.max(pos_Neutrino_p[:,2])))
163
164 # compute the effective number of particles in each voxel
165 delta_pos_CDM_p = MASL.density_field_gadget(snapshot_Mn_p,
166 ptype_CDM, grid_CDM, MAS, do_RSD, axis, verbose)
166 delta_pos_Neutrino_p = MASL.density_field_gadget(snapshot_Mn_p,
167 ptype_Neutrino, grid_N, MAS, do_RSD, axis, verbose)

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168 delta_pos_CDM_pp = MASL.density_field_gadget(snapshot_Mn_pp,
169     ptype_CDM, grid_CDM, MAS, do_RSD, axis, verbose)
170 delta_pos_Neutrino_pp = MASL.density_field_gadget(snapshot_Mn_pp,
171     ptype_Neutrino, grid_N, MAS, do_RSD, axis, verbose)
172 delta_pos_CDM_ppp = MASL.density_field_gadget(snapshot_Mn_ppp,
173     ptype_CDM, grid_CDM, MAS, do_RSD, axis, verbose)
174 delta_pos_Neutrino_ppp = MASL.density_field_gadget(
175     snapshot_Mn_ppp, ptype_Neutrino, grid_N, MAS, do_RSD, axis,
176     verbose)
177
178 # compute the density contrast (aka overdensity)
179 delta_pos_CDM_p /= np.mean(delta_pos_CDM_p, dtype=np.float64);
180     delta_pos_CDM_p -= 1
181 delta_pos_Neutrino_p /= np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino_p, dtype=np.
182     float64); delta_pos_Neutrino_p -= 1
183
184 delta_pos_CDM_pp /= np.mean(delta_pos_CDM_pp, dtype=np.float64);
185     delta_pos_CDM_pp -= 1
186 delta_pos_Neutrino_pp /= np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino_pp, dtype=np.
187     float64); delta_pos_Neutrino_pp -= 1
188
189 delta_pos_CDM_ppp /= np.mean(delta_pos_CDM_ppp, dtype=np.float64)
190     ; delta_pos_CDM_ppp -= 1
191 delta_pos_Neutrino_ppp /= np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino_ppp, dtype=
192     np.float64); delta_pos_Neutrino_ppp -= 1
193
194
195 #print voxel sizes
196 size_CDM = BoxSize / grid_CDM
197 size_N = BoxSize / grid_N
198 print(f"Voxel size in CDM is {size_CDM} Mpc/h")
199 print(f"Voxel size in Neutrinos is {size_N} Mpc/h")
200
201 # create slice thickness
202 while True:
203     Slice_CDM = int(input("No. of slices for CDM:"))
204     Slice_N = int(input("No. of slices for Neutrinos:"))
205
206     if isinstance(Slice_CDM, int) and isinstance(Slice_N, int):
207         break
208     else:
209         print("Invalid input, please enter an integer")
210
211 slice_thickness_CDM = Slice_CDM * size_CDM
212 slice_thickness_N = Slice_N * size_N
213 print(f"CDM slice thickness: {slice_thickness_CDM} Mpc/h")
214 print(f"Neutrino slice thickness: {slice_thickness_N} Mpc/h")
215
216
217 #compute the mean along the x-axis for the slice

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206 mean_density_CDM_p = np.mean(delta_pos_CDM_p[:,Slice_CDM,:,:],axis
207     =0)
207 mean_density_Neutrino_p = np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino_p[:,Slice_N
208     ,:,:,:],axis=0)
209 mean_density_CDM_pp = np.mean(delta_pos_CDM_pp[:,Slice_CDM,:,:],
210     axis=0)
210 mean_density_Neutrino_pp = np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino_pp[:,Slice_N
211     ,:,:,:],axis=0)
212 mean_density_CDM_ppp = np.mean(delta_pos_CDM_ppp[:,Slice_CDM,:,:],
213     axis=0)
213 mean_density_Neutrino_ppp = np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino_ppp[:,:
214         Slice_N,:,:],axis=0)
214
215 print('Image shape:',mean_density_CDM_p.shape)
216 print('%.3e < mass < %.3e' %(np.min(mean_density_CDM_p), np.max(
217     mean_density_CDM_p)))
218
218 print("CDM:")
219 # filter out particles in slice
220 indexes_CDM_p = np.where((pos_CDM_p[:,0]<slice_thickness_CDM))
221 pos_slide_CDM_p = pos_CDM_p[indexes_CDM_p]
222 print('%.3f < X < %.3f' %(np.min(pos_slide_CDM_p[:,0]), np.max(
223     pos_slide_CDM_p[:,0])))
223 print('%.3f < Y < %.3f' %(np.min(pos_slide_CDM_p[:,1]), np.max(
224     pos_slide_CDM_p[:,1])))
224 print('%.3f < Z < %.3f' %(np.min(pos_slide_CDM_p[:,2]), np.max(
225     pos_slide_CDM_p[:,2])))
225 print('')
226
227 print("NEUTRINOS:")
228 indexes_Neutrino_p = np.where((pos_Neutrino_p[:,0]<
229     slice_thickness_N))
230 pos_slide_Neutrino_p = pos_Neutrino_p[indexes_Neutrino_p]
231 print('%.3f < X < %.3f' %(np.min(pos_slide_Neutrino_p[:,0]), np.
232     max(pos_slide_Neutrino_p[:,0])))
231 print('%.3f < Y < %.3f' %(np.min(pos_slide_Neutrino_p[:,1]), np.
232     max(pos_slide_Neutrino_p[:,1])))
232 print('%.3f < Z < %.3f' %(np.min(pos_slide_Neutrino_p[:,2]), np.
233     max(pos_slide_Neutrino_p[:,2])))
233
234 # filter out halo positions for the slice
235 indexes_halo_p_N = np.where(halo_pos_p[:,0] < slice_thickness_N)
236 pos_slide_halo_p_N = halo_pos_p[indexes_halo_p_N]
237 indexes_halo_p_CDM = np.where(halo_pos_p[:,0] < slice_thickness_N
238     )
238 pos_slide_halo_p_CDM = halo_pos_p[indexes_halo_p_CDM]
239

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240 indexes_halo_pp_N = np.where(halo_pos_pp[:,0] < slice_thickness_N
241     )
241 pos_slide_halo_pp_N = halo_pos_pp[indexes_halo_pp_N]
242 indexes_halo_pp_CDM = np.where(halo_pos_pp[:,0] <
243     slice_thickness_N)
243 pos_slide_halo_pp_CDM = halo_pos_pp[indexes_halo_pp_CDM]
244
245 indexes_halo_ppp_N = np.where(halo_pos_ppp[:,0] <
246     slice_thickness_N)
246 pos_slide_halo_ppp_N = halo_pos_ppp[indexes_halo_ppp_N]
247 indexes_halo_ppp_CDM = np.where(halo_pos_ppp[:,0] <
248     slice_thickness_N)
248 pos_slide_halo_ppp_CDM = halo_pos_ppp[indexes_halo_ppp_CDM]
249
250 # scale the size of the halo point by mass
251 area_p_N = halo_mass_p[indexes_halo_p_N]/5e13
252 area_p_CDM = halo_mass_p[indexes_halo_p_CDM]/5e13
253
254 area_pp_N = halo_mass_pp[indexes_halo_pp_N]/5e13
255 area_pp_CDM = halo_mass_pp[indexes_halo_pp_CDM]/5e13
256
257 area_ppp_N = halo_mass_ppp[indexes_halo_ppp_N]/5e13
258 area_ppp_CDM = halo_mass_ppp[indexes_halo_ppp_CDM]/5e13
259
260 # set up voxel sizes for each particle type
261 L_CDM = BoxSize/grid_CDM
262 L_N = BoxSize/grid_N
263
264 #####Draw Density Fields
265 #####import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
266 from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import make_axes_locatable
267 from pylab import *
268
269
270 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 16))
271
272 # Create layout of plots
273 mosaic = [
274     ["CDM_p", "Nu_p"],
275     ["CDM_pp", "Nu_pp"],
276     ["CDM_ppp", "Nu_ppp"]
277 ]
278
279 ax = fig.subplot_mosaic(mosaic, empty_sentinel=None)
280 fig.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.35, hspace=0.35)
281
282 # create function to organise each mosaic panel (one for cdm and
283     one for neutrinos)

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```

283 def plot_field_cdm(ax_handle, data, grid, L, halo, mass):
284
285     # plot data
286     im = ax_handle.imshow(data.T, vmin=-1, vmax=5, cmap='plasma',
287                           origin='lower')
288     ax_handle.scatter(halo[:,1]/L, halo[:,2]/L, c='g', s=mass)
289
290     # set up colorbars
291     divider = make_axes_locatable(ax_handle)
292     cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="5%", pad="2%")
293     fig.colorbar(im, cax=cax, label='\u03c1/\u03c1\u0304')
294
295     # reliable ticks from voxel co-ords to Mpc/h
296     ticks = np.linspace(0, grid, 3)
297     tick_labels = [f"{i*L:.1f}" for i in ticks]
298
299     ax_handle.set_xticks(ticks)
300     ax_handle.set_yticks(ticks)
301     ax_handle.set_xticklabels(tick_labels)
302     ax_handle.set_yticklabels(tick_labels)
303
304     ax_handle.set_xlabel("Y (Mpc/h)")
305     ax_handle.set_ylabel("Z (Mpc/h)")
306
307     return im
308
309
310 def plot_field_n(ax_handle, data, grid, L, halo, mass):
311
312     im = ax_handle.imshow(data.T, cmap='plasma', origin='lower')
313     ax_handle.scatter(halo[:,1]/L, halo[:,2]/L, c='g', s=mass)
314
315     # set up colorbars
316     divider = make_axes_locatable(ax_handle)
317     cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="5%", pad="2%")
318     fig.colorbar(im, cax=cax, label='\u03c1/\u03c1\u0304')
319
320     ticks = np.linspace(0, grid, 3)
321     tick_labels = [f"{i*L:.1f}" for i in ticks]
322
323     ax_handle.set_xticks(ticks)
324     ax_handle.set_yticks(ticks)
325     ax_handle.set_xticklabels(tick_labels)
326     ax_handle.set_yticklabels(tick_labels)
327
328     ax_handle.set_xlabel("Y (Mpc/h)")
329     ax_handle.set_ylabel("Z (Mpc/h)")
330
331     return im

```

```

331 #Mn_p
332 plot_field_cdm(ax["CDM_p"], mean_density_CDM_p, grid_CDM, L_CDM,
333     pos_slide_halo_p_CDM, area_p_CDM)
333 plot_field_n(ax["Nu_p"], mean_density_Neutrino_p, grid_N, L_N,
334     pos_slide_halo_p_N, area_p_CDM)

334
335 #Mn_pp
336 plot_field_cdm(ax["CDM_pp"], mean_density_CDM_pp, grid_CDM, L_CDM
337     , pos_slide_halo_pp_CDM, area_pp_CDM)
337 plot_field_n(ax["Nu_pp"], mean_density_Neutrino_pp, grid_N, L_N,
338     pos_slide_halo_pp_N, area_pp_N)

338
339 #Mn_ppp
340 plot_field_cdm(ax["CDM_ppp"], mean_density_CDM_ppp, grid_CDM ,
341     L_CDM, pos_slide_halo_ppp_CDM, area_ppp_CDM)
341 plot_field_n(ax["Nu_ppp"], mean_density_Neutrino_ppp, grid_N, L_N
342     , pos_slide_halo_ppp_N, area_ppp_N)

342
343 plt.show()

```

A.4 Appendix D

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1 import readgadget
2 import numpy as np
3 import MAS_library as MASL
4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5 from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import make_axes_locatable
6 from pylab import *
7 from scipy.ndimage import rotate

8
9 # input files
10 snapshot = '/Users/finlaysime/Desktop/SeniorHonourProject/Mn_p/
11     snapdir_004/snap_004'
11 print("snapshot_files imported")

12
13 #[1](CDM), [2](neutrinos) or [1,2](CDM+neutrinos)
14
15 ptype_CDM = [1]
16 ptype_Neutrino = [2]

17
18 # read header
19 header = readgadget.header(snapshot)
20 BoxSize = header.boxsize/1e3 #Mpc/h
21 Nall = header.nall #Total number of particles
22 Masses = header.massarr*1e10 #Masses of the particles in Msun/h
23 Omega_m = header.omega_m #value of Omega_m
24 Omega_l = header.omega_l #value of Omega_l
25 h = header.hubble #value of h

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26 redshift = header.redshift      #redshift of the snapshot
27 Hubble   = 100.0*np.sqrt(Omega_m*(1.0+redshift)**3+Omega_l)#Value
     of H(z) in km/s/(Mpc/h)
28
29 # read positions, velocities and IDs of the particles
30 pos_CDM = readgadget.read_block(snapshot, "POS", ptype_CDM)/1e3
     #positions in Mpc/h
31 vel_CDM = readgadget.read_block(snapshot, "VEL", ptype_CDM)
     #peculiar velocities in km/s
32 ids_CDM = readgadget.read_block(snapshot, "ID", ptype_CDM)-1
33
34 pos_Neutrino = readgadget.read_block(snapshot, "POS",
     ptype_Neutrino)/1e3
35 vel_Neutrino = readgadget.read_block(snapshot, "VEL",
     ptype_Neutrino)
36 ids_Neutrino = readgadget.read_block(snapshot, "ID",
     ptype_Neutrino)-1
37
38 print("Positions & velocities acquired")
39
40 #####To get the halo catalog
##########
41
42 f_catalog = '/Users/finlaysime/Desktop/SeniorHonourProject/
     halos/1/out_4_pid.list'
43
44 # read the halo catalog
45 data = np.loadtxt(f_catalog)
46 print("Halo data imported")
47
48 pid = data[:,41]
49 idx = pid == -1 #ids of the halos
50 data_halo = data[idx]
51
52 #Units: Masses in Msun / h
53 #Units: Positions in Mpc / h (comoving)
54 #Units: Velocities in km / s (physical, peculiar)
55
56 # retrieve halo properties
57 halo_pos = data_halo[:,8:11]
58 halo_vel = data_halo[:,11:14]
59 halo_mass = data_halo[:,2]
60
61 print("Halo positions, velocities, & masses acquired")
62
63 halo_filter = 1e14 #Solar Masses
64 # Filter out halos with less mass than 1e14 solar masses
65 idx = np.where(halo_mass > halo_filter)
66 halo_mass = halo_mass[idx]

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67 halo_pos = halo_pos[idx]
68 halo_vel = halo_vel[idx]
69
70 print(f"Halos with mass less than {halo_filter} solar masses removed!")
71
72 ##### Build density field
73
74 Grid = 200 #int(input("Grid size: ")) #density field with have grid^3 voxels
75 MAS = 'CIC' #Mass-assignment scheme:'NGP', 'CIC', 'TSC', 'PCS'
76 do_RSD = False # Dont do redshift-space distortions
77 axis = 0 #axis along which place RSD; not used here
78 verbose = True #whether to print information about progress
79
80 #Print some information
81 print('BoxSize: %.3f Mpc/h' % BoxSize)
82 print('Redshift: %.3f' % redshift)
83
84
85 # OVERDENSITY FIELD #
86
87 # compute the effective number of particles/mass in each voxel
88 delta_pos_Neutrino = MASL.density_field_gadget(snapshot,
     ptype_Neutrino, Grid, MAS, do_RSD, axis, verbose)
89 delta_pos_CDM = MASL.density_field_gadget(snapshot, ptype_CDM,
     Grid, MAS, do_RSD, axis, verbose)
90
91 # compute the density contrast
92 delta_pos_Neutrino /= np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino, dtype=np.
     float64); delta_pos_Neutrino -= 1
93 delta_pos_CDM /= np.mean(delta_pos_CDM, dtype=np.float64);
     delta_pos_CDM -= 1
94
95
96 # Define voxel size
97 L = BoxSize / Grid
98
99 ##### Draw Density Fields
100 #####
101 # prepare stacked arrays
102 stacked_n_pos = np.zeros((Grid, Grid))
103 stacked_cdm_pos = np.zeros((Grid, Grid))
104 stacked_h_pos_x = []
105 stacked_h_pos_y = []
106 num = 0
107 num_vel = 0

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108
109 # Number of slices
110 print(f"Voxel size in Neutrinos is {L}Mpc/h")
111
112 L = L.astype(int)
113
114 # Loop through each 'slice' of the box, the slice will be one
115 # voxel thick. Each iteration will
116 # include the slice along each dimension-direction and then
117 # within one j-iteration a loop is formed for
118 # each dimension. Within this inner loop the halos are then
119 # centred and stacked into a single point.
120
121
122 for j in range(Grid):
123     #Take the first 5 components along the first axis and compute
124     # the mean value
125
126     # Along X axis
127     mean_density_Neutrino_1 = np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino[j:j+L
128         ,:,:, :],axis=0)
129     #mean_vel_Neutrino_1 = np.mean(delta_vel[j:j+L,:,:,:],axis=0)
130
131     mean_density_CDM_1 = np.mean(delta_pos_CDM[j:j+L,:,:,:],axis=0)
132
133     # Along Y axis
134     mean_density_Neutrino_2 = np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino[:,j:j+L
135         ,:],axis=1)
136     #mean_vel_Neutrino_2 = np.mean(delta_vel[:,j:j+L,:],axis=1)
137
138     mean_density_CDM_2 = np.mean(delta_pos_CDM[:,j:j+L,:],axis=1)
139
140     # Along Z axis
141     mean_density_Neutrino_3 = np.mean(delta_pos_Neutrino[:, :,j:j+
142         L],axis=2)
143     #mean_vel_Neutrino_3 = np.mean(delta_vel[:, :,j:j+L],axis=2)
144
145     mean_density_CDM_3 = np.mean(delta_pos_CDM[:, :,j:j+L],axis=2)
146
147     # Halo slice
148     l_min = j*L
149     l_max = (j+1)*L
150
151     indexes_halo_1 = np.where((halo_pos[:,0] >= l_min) & (
152         halo_pos[:,0] <= l_max))
153     pos_slide_halo_1 = halo_pos[indexes_halo_1]
154     vel_slide_halo_1 = halo_vel[indexes_halo_1]

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149 indexes_halo_2 = np.where((halo_pos[:,1] >= l_min) & (
150     halo_pos[:,1] <= l_max))
151 pos_slide_halo_2 = halo_pos[indexes_halo_2]
152 vel_slide_halo_2 = halo_vel[indexes_halo_2]
153
154 indexes_halo_3 = np.where((halo_pos[:,2] >= l_min) & (
155     halo_pos[:,2] <= l_max))
156 pos_slide_halo_3 = halo_pos[indexes_halo_3]
157 vel_slide_halo_3 = halo_vel[indexes_halo_3]
158
159 # Get the angle between the halo velocity to the positive x-
160 # axis
161 angles_1 = np.degrees(np.arctan2(vel_slide_halo_1[:,1],
162                         vel_slide_halo_1[:,2]))
163 angles_1 = angles_1 % 360 # To wrap the angle back around the
164 # clockwise direction
165
166 angles_2 = np.degrees(np.arctan2(vel_slide_halo_2[:,0],
167                         vel_slide_halo_2[:,2]))
168 angles_2 = angles_2 % 360
169
170 angles_3 = np.degrees(np.arctan2(vel_slide_halo_3[:,0],
171                         vel_slide_halo_3[:,1]))
172 angles_3 = angles_3 % 360
173
174
175 # Loop over every halo in the slide, extracting its position
176 # as a reference
177 # ALONG X-AXIS
178 for i, (hx, hy, hz) in enumerate(pos_slide_halo_1):
179     num += 1
180     # change to voxel co-ords
181     cx = int(np.floor(hy/L)%Grid)
182     cy = int(np.floor(hz/L)%Grid)
183
184     # density field shift of neutrinos to centre halo
185     shifted_density_field_n = np.roll(np.roll(
186         mean_density_Neutrino_1.T, shift=-cx+Grid//2, axis=0),
187                                         shift=-cy+Grid//2, axis
188                                         =1)
189
190     shifted_density_field_cdm = np.roll(np.roll(
191         mean_density_CDM_1.T, shift=-cx+Grid//2, axis=0),
192                                         shift=-cy+Grid//2,
193                                         axis=1)
194
195
196     # rotate the neutrino density field with rotate function
197     # from scipy

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185     shifted_density_field_n = rotate(shifted_density_field_n,
186         angles_1[i], axes=(1,0), reshape=False)
187     shifted_density_field_cdm = rotate(
188         shifted_density_field_cdm, angles_1[i], axes=(1,0),
189         reshape=False)
190
191     # Form a rotation matrix
192     angle_rad = np.deg2rad(angles_1[i])
193
194     R = np.array([
195         [np.cos(angle_rad), -np.sin(angle_rad)],
196         [np.sin(angle_rad), np.cos(angle_rad)]
197     ])
198
199     stacked_n_pos += shifted_density_field_n
200
201     stacked_cdm_pos += shifted_density_field_cdm
202
203     # Extract Y,Z positions relative to the current halo
204     # center
205     pos_yz = pos_slide_halo_1[:, [1,2]] - np.array([hy, hz])
206
207     # Apply rotation in Y Z plane
208     pos_rotated_yz = pos_yz @ R
209
210     # Reinsert X coordinate unchanged
211     h_pos_rotate = np.copy(pos_slide_halo_1)
212     h_pos_rotate[:, [1,2]] = pos_rotated_yz + np.array([hy,
213             hz])
214
215     # shift halo position such that it is in the centre and
216     # halos that are moved off
217     # one edge are located appropriately on the other side
218     hy_shift = (h_pos_rotate[:,1]-hy+BoxSize/2)%BoxSize
219     hz_shift = (h_pos_rotate[:,2]-hz+BoxSize/2)%BoxSize
220     hy_shift = hy_shift//L
221     hz_shift = hz_shift//L
222
223     stacked_h_pos_x.append(hy_shift[i])
224     stacked_h_pos_y.append(hz_shift[i])
225
226     print(f"Stacked_{image}{num}", end='\r')
227
228     # ALONG Y-AXIS
229     for k, (hx, hy, hz) in enumerate(pos_slide_halo_2):
230         num += 1
231         # change to voxel co-ords
232         cx = int(np.floor(hx/L)%Grid)

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228     cy = int(np.floor(hz/L)%Grid)
229
230     # density and velocity field shift of neutrinos to centre
231     # halo
232     shifted_density_field_n = np.roll(np.roll(
233         mean_density_Neutrino_2.T, shift=-cx+Grid//2, axis=0),
234         shift=-cy+Grid//2, axis
235             =1)
236
237
238     # rotate the neutrino density and velocity fields with
239     # rotate function from scipy
240     shifted_density_field_n = rotate(shifted_density_field_n,
241         angles_2[k], axes=(1,0), reshape=False)
242     shifted_density_field_cdm = rotate(
243         shifted_density_field_cdm, angles_2[k], axes=(1,0),
244         reshape=False)
245
246
247     # Form a rotation matrix
248     angle_rad = np.deg2rad(angles_2[k])
249
250
251     R = np.array([
252         [np.cos(angle_rad), -np.sin(angle_rad)],
253         [np.sin(angle_rad), np.cos(angle_rad)]
254     ])
255
256
257     stacked_n_pos += shifted_density_field_n
258     stacked_cdm_pos += shifted_density_field_cdm
259
260     # Extract X,Z positions relative to the current halo
261     # center
262     pos_xz = pos_slide_halo_2[:, [0,2]] - np.array([hx, hz])
263
264     # Apply rotation in X Z plane
265     pos_rotated_xz = pos_xz @ R
266
267     # Reinsert Y coordinate unchanged
268     h_pos_rotate = np.copy(pos_slide_halo_2)
269     h_pos_rotate[:, [0,2]] = pos_rotated_xz + np.array([hx,
270             hz])

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```

265     # shift halo position such that it is in the centre and
266     # halos that are moved off
267     # one edge are located appropriately on the other side
268     hx_shift = (h_pos_rotate[:,0]-hx+BoxSize/2)%BoxSize
269     hz_shift = (h_pos_rotate[:,2]-hz+BoxSize/2)%BoxSize
270     hx_shift = hx_shift//L
271     hz_shift = hz_shift//L
272
273     stacked_h_pos_x.append(hx_shift[k])
274     stacked_h_pos_y.append(hz_shift[k])
275
276
277
278 # ALONG Z-AXIS
279 for q, (hx, hy, hz) in enumerate(pos_slide_halo_3):
280     num += 1
281     # change to voxel co-ords
282     cx = int(np.floor(hx/L)%Grid)
283     cy = int(np.floor(hy/L)%Grid)
284
285     # density field shift of neutrinos to centre halo
286     shifted_density_field_n = np.roll(np.roll(
287         mean_density_Neutrino_3.T, shift=-cx+Grid//2, axis=0),
288                                         shift=-cy+Grid//2, axis
289                                         =1)
290
291     shifted_density_field_cdm = np.roll(np.roll(
292         mean_density_CDM_3.T, shift=-cx+Grid//2, axis=0),
293                                         shift=-cy+Grid//2, axis
294                                         =1)
295
296     # rotate the neutrino density field with rotate function
297     # from scipy
298     shifted_density_field_n = rotate(shifted_density_field_n,
299                                         angles_3[q], axes=(1,0), reshape=False)
300     shifted_density_field_cdm = rotate(
301         shifted_density_field_cdm, angles_3[q], axes=(1,0),
302         reshape=False)
303
304     # Form a rotation matrix
305     angle_rad = np.deg2rad(angles_3[q])
306
307     R = np.array([
308         [np.cos(angle_rad), -np.sin(angle_rad)],
309         [np.sin(angle_rad), np.cos(angle_rad)]
310     ])

```

```

305     stacked_n_pos += shifted_density_field_n
306     stacked_cdm_pos += shifted_density_field_cdm
307
308     # Extract X,Y positions relative to the current halo
309     # center
310     pos_xy = pos_slide_halo_3[:, [0,1]] - np.array([hx, hy])
311
312     # Apply rotation in X Y plane
313     pos_rotated_xy = pos_xy @ R
314
315     # Reinsert Z coordinate unchanged
316     h_pos_rotate = np.copy(pos_slide_halo_3)
317     h_pos_rotate[:, [0,1]] = pos_rotated_xy + np.array([hx,
318                                                       hy])
319
320     # shift halo position such that it is in the centre and
321     # halos that are moved off
322     # one edge are located appropriately on the other side
323     hx_shift = (h_pos_rotate[:,0]-hx+BoxSize/2)%BoxSize
324     hy_shift = (h_pos_rotate[:,1]-hy+BoxSize/2)%BoxSize
325     hx_shift = hx_shift//L
326     hy_shift = hy_shift//L
327
328     stacked_h_pos_x.append(hx_shift[q])
329     stacked_h_pos_y.append(hy_shift[q])
330
331     print(f"Stacked_{q} {num}")
332
333 # Compute the average so not just stacked
334 stacked_n_pos /= num
335 stacked_cdm_pos /= num
336
337 print(' ')
338 print("Finished plotting!")
339
340 # optimised factor according to chi-squared
341 f_opt = np.sum(stacked_n_pos * stacked_cdm_pos) / np.sum(
342     stacked_n_pos ** 2)
343
344 print("Optimal factor =", f_opt)
345 dipole_field = (stacked_n_pos * f_opt - stacked_cdm_pos)
346
347 fig, ax, = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,8))
348 im= ax.imshow(stacked_n_pos, cmap='plasma', origin='lower')
349 ax_divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)

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```

350 cax = ax_divider.append_axes("right", size="5%", pad="2%")
351 cb = fig.colorbar(im, cax=cax, label='\u03c1/\u03c1\u0304')
352 ax.scatter(stacked_h_pos_x, stacked_h_pos_y, c='g', s=1)
353 ax.set_xlabel("Mpc/h"); ax.set_ylabel("Mpc/h")
354 ax.set_title(f"Neutrino Overdensity Field, voxel size: {L} Mpc/h,
355      Mn_p")
356 ticks = np.linspace(0, Grid, 10)
357 tick_labels = [f"{i*L:.1f}" for i in ticks] # Convert to Mpc/h
358 ax.set_xticks(ticks); ax.set_xticklabels(tick_labels)
359 ax.set_yticks(ticks); ax.set_yticklabels(tick_labels)
360 plt.show()

```

A.5 Appendix E

The chi-squared value for the optimum factor is determined by minimising the chi-squared value. This was done by taking the derivative of the equation

$$\chi^2 = \sum_x (f\delta_\nu(x) - \delta_{CDM}(x)) \quad (22)$$

with respect to f and setting the equation as equal to zero; such that

$$\frac{d\chi^2}{df} = 2 \sum_x ((f\delta_\nu(x) - \delta_{CDM})\delta_\nu(x)) = 0 \quad (23)$$

It is then easy to see

$$f = \frac{\sum_x \delta_{CDM}(x)\delta_\nu(x)}{\sum_x \delta_\nu^2(x)} \quad (24)$$

A.6 Appendix F

M_ν	f_{opt}
M_ν^+	1.14
M_ν^{++}	1.68
M_ν^{+++}	2.14

Table 1: Presented here are the optimal factors for each of the neutrino masses used in equation 14 and derived using the method described in appendix A.5