

Constraining M_ν with the Bispectrum I: Breaking Parameter Degeneracies

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ABSTRACT

Massive neutrinos suppress the growth of structure below their free-streaming scale and leave an imprint on large-scale structure. Measuring this imprint allows us to constrain the sum of neutrino masses, M_ν , a key ingredient for particle physics beyond the Standard Model. However, degeneracies with cosmological parameters limit the constraining power of standard two-point clustering statistics. In this work, we investigate whether we can break these parameter degeneracies and constrain M_ν with the next higher-order correlation function, the bispectrum. We first examine the degeneracy between M_ν and σ_8 using 800 N -body simulations from the HADES suite and demonstrate that the redshift-space halo bispectrum helps break this degeneracy. Next, we quantify the information content of the redshift-space halo bispectrum in a Fisher matrix forecast that includes M_ν and cosmological parameters Ω_m , Ω_b , h , n_s , and σ_8 . This is the first N -body simulation based Fisher matrix forecast of cosmological parameters using the bispectrum. More importantly, for $k_{\text{max}} = 0.2$ and 0.5 we find

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1. INTRODUCTION

very brief intro on neutrinos

Brief intro on the impact of massive active neutrinos on the matter powerspectrum and how that's detectable with CMB and LSS

Quick summary of current constraints and where they come from. Talk about the CMB-LSS lever arm. The degeneracy between A_s and τ and how that's a bottleneck short thing about how τ is hard to constrain.

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Fortunately the imprint of neutrinos on the matter distribution leaves imprints on clustering. So with clustering measurements alone we can derive constraints on M_ν and at the very least tighten constraints.

Brief summary of previous works that look at the powerspectrum. Then Discuss the shortcomings of the powerspectrum only analysis– Not good enough.

However, we don’t have to settle for just two point statistics, three-point statistics such as the bispectrum and 3PCF...

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2. HADES AND QUIJOTE SIMULATION SUITES

We use a subset of the HADES¹ and Quijote simulation suites. Below, we briefly describe these simulations; a brief summary of the simulations can be found in Table 1. The HADES simulations start from Zel’dovich approximated initial conditions generated at $z = 99$ using the Zennaro et al. (2017) rescaling method and follow the gravitational evolution of $N_{\text{cdm}} = 512^3$ CDM, plus $N_\nu = 512^3$ neutrino particles (for massive neutrino models), to $z = 0$. They are run using the GADGET-III TreePM+SPH code (Springel 2005) in a periodic $(1h^{-1}\text{Gpc})^3$ box. All of the HADES simulations share the following cosmological parameter values, which are in good agreement with Planck constraints Ade et al. (2016): $\Omega_{\text{m}}=0.3175$, $\Omega_{\text{b}}=0.049$, $\Omega_{\Lambda}=0.6825$, $n_{\text{s}}=0.9624$, $h=0.6711$, and $k_{\text{pivot}} = 0.05 \text{ hMpc}^{-1}$.

The HADES suite includes models with degenerate massive neutrinos of different masses: $M_\nu = 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV . These massive neutrino models are run using the “particle method”, where neutrinos are described as a collisionless and pressureless fluid and therefore modeled as particles, same as CDM (Brandbyge et al. 2008; Viel et al. 2010). HADES also includes models with massless neutrino and different values of σ_8 to examine the $M_\nu - \sigma_8$ degeneracy. The σ_8 values were chosen to match either σ_8^m or $\sigma_8^c - \sigma_8$ computed with respect to total matter (CDM + baryons + ν) or CDM + baryons — of the massive neutrino models: $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818, 0.807$, and 0.798 . Each model has 100 independent realizations and we focus on the snapshots saved at $z = 0$. Halos closely trace the CDM+baryon field rather than the total matter field and neutrinos have negligible contribution to halo masses (*e.g.* Ichiki & Takada 2012; Castorina et al. 2014; LoVerde 2014; Villaescusa-Navarro et al. 2014). Hence, dark matter halos are identified in each realization using the Friends-of-Friends algorithm (FoF; Davis et al. 1985) with linking length $b = 0.2$ on the CDM + baryon distribution; only halos with masses $> 3.2 \times 10^{13} h^{-1} M_\odot$ are included. For further details on the HADES simulations, we refer readers to Villaescusa-Navarro et al. (2018).

In addition to HADES, we use simulations from the Quijote simulation suite, a set of 23,000 N -body simulations that in total contain more than 3.3 trillion (3.3×10^{12}) particles over a volume of $23000(h^{-1}\text{Gpc})^3$. These simulations were constructed to quantify the information content of different cosmological observables using Fisher matrix forecasting (*e.g.* Section 4.2). They are therefore designed to accurately calculate the covariance matrices of observables and the derivatives of observ-

¹ <https://franciscovillaescusa.github.io/hades.html>

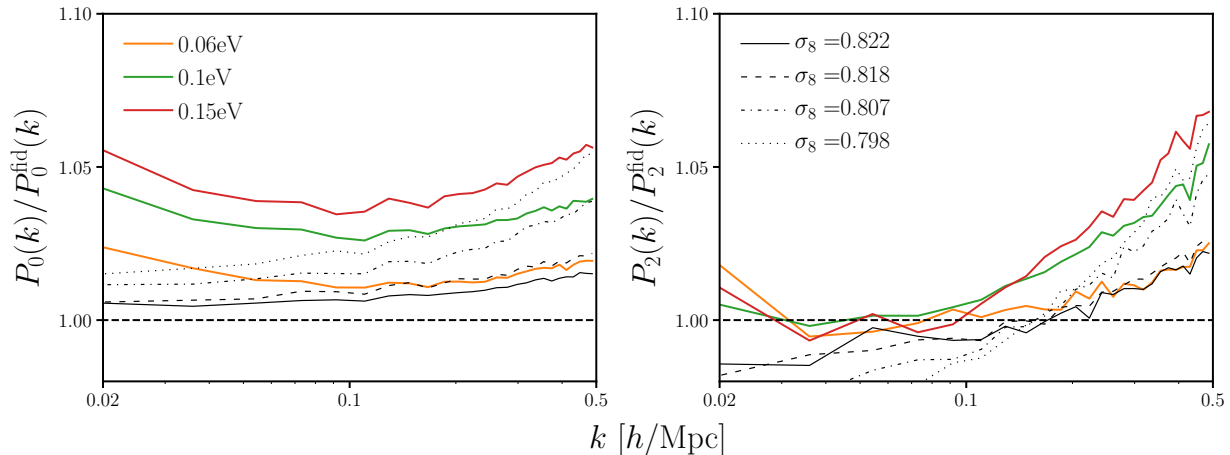


Figure 1. Impact of M_ν and σ_8 on the redshift-space halo power spectrum monopole and quadrupole measured using the HADES simulation suite. M_ν and σ_8 produce almost identical effects on halo clustering on small scales ($k > 0.1 h/\text{Mpc}$). This degeneracy can be partially broken through the quadrupole; however, M_ν and σ_8 produce almost the same effect on two-point clustering — within a few percent.

ables with respect to cosmological parameters. The suite considers 6 cosmological parameters: Ω_m , Ω_b , h , n_s , σ_8 , and M_ν .

To calculate covariance matrices, Quijote includes 15,000 N -body simulations run at a fiducial cosmology ($\Omega_m=0.3175$, $\Omega_b=0.049$, $h=0.6711$, $n_s=0.9624$, $\sigma_8=0.834$, and $M_\nu=0.0$ eV). It also includes sets of 500 N -body simulations run at different cosmologies where only one parameter is varied from the fiducial cosmology at a time for the derivatives. Along Ω_m , Ω_b , h , n_s , and σ_8 , the fiducial cosmology is adjusted by either a small step above and below the fiducial value. Along M_ν , because the derivative of certain observable with respect to M_ν is noisy, Quijote includes sets of 500 simulations for $M_\nu = 0.1$, 0.2 , and 0.4 eV. In Table 1, we list the cosmologies included in the Quijote suite.

The initial conditions for all Quijote simulations were generated at $z = 127$ using 2LPT for simulations with massless neutrinos and the Zel’dovich approximation for massive neutrinos. Like HADES, the initial conditions of simulations with massive neutrinos take their scale-dependent growth factors/rates into account using the Zennaro et al. (2017) method. From the initial conditions, all of the simulations follow the gravitational evolution of 512^3 dark matter particles, and 512^3 neutrino particles (for massive neutrino models), to $z = 0$ using GADGET-III TreePM+SPH code (same as HADES). The simulations run at the fiducial cosmology for covariance matrix estimation are standard N -body simulations. However, the rest are paired fixed simulations, which greatly reduce cosmic variance without introducing bias for a large set of statistics (Angulo & Pontzen 2016; Pontzen et al. 2016; Villaescusa-Navarro et al. 2018). We confirm that the paired fixed simulations do not introduce any bias for the redshift-space halo bispectrum (the observable we consider in this paper). For further details on the Quijote simulations, we refer readers to Villaescusa-Navarro et al. (in preparation).

3. BISPECTRUM

Table 1. Specifications of the HADES and Quijote simulation suites.

Name	M_ν (eV)	Ω_m	Ω_b	h	n_s	σ_8^m ($10^{10}h^{-1}M_\odot$)	σ_8^c ($10^{10}h^{-1}M_\odot$)	realizations
HADES suite								
Fiducial	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.833	0.833	100
	0.06	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.819	0.822	100
	0.10	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.809	0.815	100
	0.15	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.798	0.806	100
	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.822	0.822	100
	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.818	0.818	100
	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.807	0.807	100
	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.798	0.798	100
Quijote suite								
Fiducial	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	15,000
M_ν^+	<u>0.1</u>	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
M_ν^{++}	<u>0.2</u>	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
M_ν^{+++}	<u>0.4</u>	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
Ω_m^+	0.0	<u>0.3275</u>	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
Ω_m^-	0.0	<u>0.3075</u>	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
Ω_b^+	0.0	0.3175	<u>0.050</u>	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
Ω_b^-	0.0	0.3175	<u>0.048</u>	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
h^+	0.0	0.3175	0.049	<u>0.6911</u>	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
h^-	0.0	0.3175	0.049	<u>0.6511</u>	0.9624	0.834	0.834	500
n_s^+	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	<u>0.9824</u>	0.834	0.834	500
n_s^-	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	<u>0.9424</u>	0.834	0.834	500
σ_8^+	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	<u>0.849</u>	<u>0.849</u>	500
σ_8^-	0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	<u>0.819</u>	<u>0.819</u>	500

Top: The HADES suite includes sets of 100 N -body simulations with degenerate massive neutrinos of $M_\nu = 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV as well as sets of simulations with massless neutrino and $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818, 0.807$, and 0.798 to examine the $M_\nu - \sigma_8$ degeneracy. **Bottom:** The Quijote suite includes 15,000 N -body simulations at the fiducial cosmology to accurately estimate the covariance matrices. It also includes sets of 500 paired fixed simulations at different cosmologies, where only one parameter is varied from the fiducial value (underlined), to estimate derivatives of observables along the cosmological parameters.

We're interested in breaking parameter degeneracies that limit the constraining power on M_ν of two-point clustering analyses using three-point clustering statistics — *i.e.* the bispectrum. In this section, we describe the bispectrum estimator used throughout the paper. We focus on the bispectrum monopole ($\ell = 0$) and use an estimator that exploits Fast Fourier Transforms (FFTs).

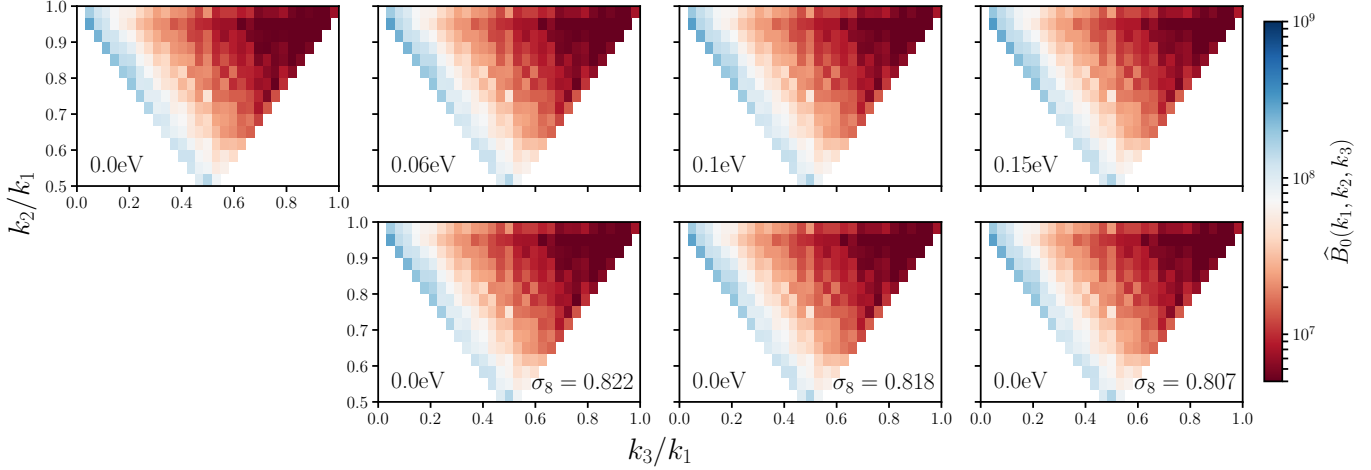


Figure 2. The redshift-space halo bispectrum, $\hat{B}_0(k_1, k_2, k_3)$, as a function of triangle configuration shape for $M_\nu = 0.0, 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV (upper panels) and $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807 (lower panels). The HADES simulations of the top and bottom panels in the three right-most columns, have matching σ_8 values (Section 2). We describe the triangle configuration shape by the ratio of the triangle sides: k_3/k_1 and k_2/k_1 . The upper left bin contains squeezed triangles ($k_1 = k_2 \gg k_3$); the upper right bin contains equilateral triangles ($k_1 = k_2 = k_3$); and the bottom center bin contains folded triangles ($k_1 = 2k_2 = 2k_3$). We include all triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 \leq k_{\text{max}} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc.}$ and use the \hat{B}_0 estimator in Section 3.

Our estimator is similar to the estimators described in Scoccimarro (2015); Sefusatti et al. (2016); we also follow their formalism in our description below. Although Sefusatti et al. (2016) and Scoccimarro (2015) respectively describe estimators in redshift- and real-space, since we focus on the bispectrum monopole, we note that there is no difference.

To measure the bispectrum of our halo catalogs, we begin by interpolating the halo positions to a grid, $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ and Fourier transforming the grid to get $\delta(\mathbf{k})$. We use a fourth-order interpolation to interlaced grids, which has advantageous anti-aliasing properties (Hockney & Eastwood 1981; Sefusatti et al. 2016) that allow unbiased measurements up to the Nyquist frequency. Then using $\delta(\mathbf{k})$, we measure the bispectrum monopole as

$$\hat{B}_{\ell=0}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{1}{V_B} \int_{k_1} d^3 q_1 \int_{k_2} d^3 q_2 \int_{k_3} d^3 q_3 \delta_D(\mathbf{q}_{123}) \delta(\mathbf{q}_1) \delta(\mathbf{q}_2) \delta(\mathbf{q}_3) - B_{\ell=0}^{\text{SN}} \quad (1)$$

δ_D above is a Dirac delta function and hence $\delta_D(\mathbf{q}_{123}) = \delta_D(\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3)$ ensures that the \mathbf{q}_i triplet actually form a closed triangle. Each of the integrals above represent an integral over a spherical shell in k -space with radius δk centered at \mathbf{k}_i — *i.e.*

$$\int_{k_i} d^3 q \equiv \int_{k_i - \delta k/2}^{k_i + \delta k/2} dq q^2 \int d\Omega. \quad (2)$$

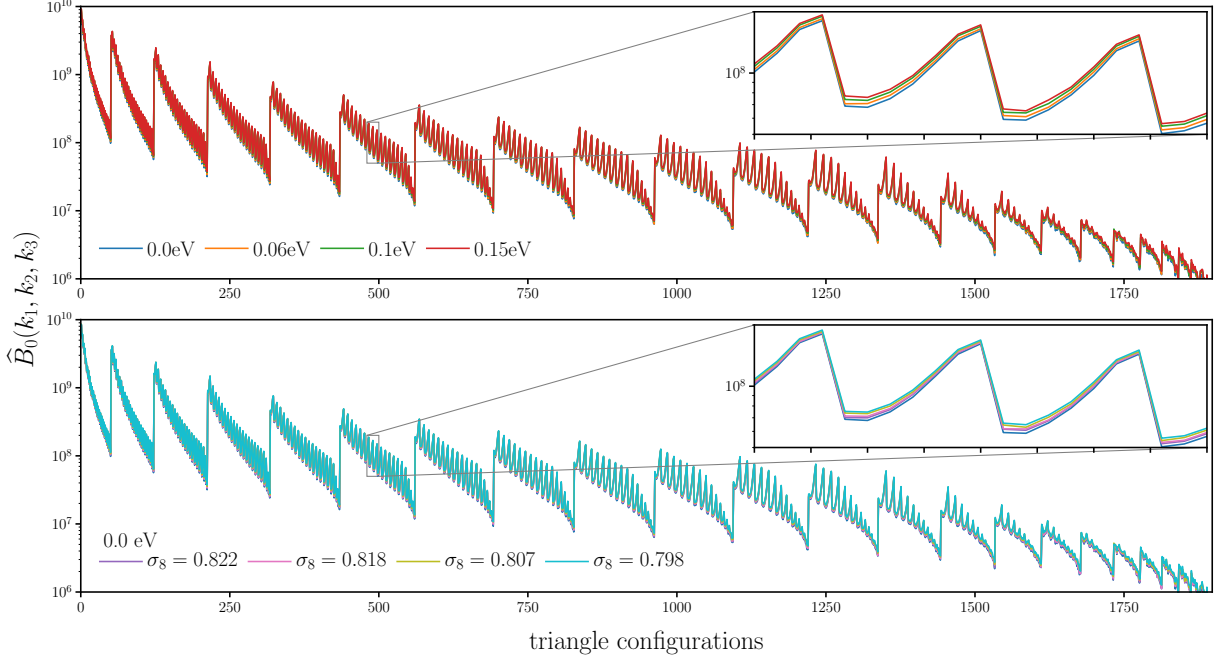


Figure 3. The redshift-space halo bispectrum, $\hat{B}_0(k_1, k_2, k_3)$, as a function of triangle configurations for $M_\nu = 0.0, 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV (top panel) and $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV, $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818, 0.807$, and 0.798 (lower panel). We include all possible triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 \leq k_{\max} = 0.5$ h/Mpc where we order the configurations by looping through k_3 in the inner most loop and k_1 in the outer most loop satisfying $k_1 \leq k_2 \leq k_3$. In the insets of the panels we zoom into triangle configurations with $k_1 = 0.113$, $0.226 \leq k_2 \leq 0.283$, and $0.283 \leq k_3 \leq 0.377$ h/Mpc .

V_B is a normalization factor proportional to the number of triplets \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2 , and \mathbf{q}_3 that can be found in the triangle bin defined by k_1 , k_2 , and k_3 with width δk :

$$V_B = \int_{k_1} d^3 q_1 \int_{k_2} d^3 q_2 \int_{k_3} d^3 q_3 \delta_D(\mathbf{q}_{123}) \quad (3)$$

Lastly, $B_{\ell=0}^{\text{SN}}$ is the correction for the Poisson shot noise, which contributes due to the self-correlation of individual objects:

$$B_{\ell=0}^{\text{SN}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{1}{\bar{n}} (P_0(k_1) + P_0(k_2) + P_0(k_3)) + \frac{1}{\bar{n}^2}. \quad (4)$$

\bar{n} is the number density of objects (halos) and P_0 is the powerspectrum monopole.

In order to evaluate the integrals in Eq. 1, we take advantage of the plane-wave representation of the Dirac delta function and rewrite the equation as

$$\hat{B}_{\ell=0}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{1}{V_B} \int \frac{d^3 x}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{k_1} d^3 q_1 \int_{k_2} d^3 q_2 \int_{k_3} d^3 q_3 \delta(\mathbf{q}_1) \delta(\mathbf{q}_2) \delta(\mathbf{q}_3) e^{i\mathbf{q}_{123} \cdot \mathbf{x}} - B_{\ell=0}^{\text{SN}} \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{V_B} \int \frac{d^3 x}{(2\pi)^3} \prod_{i=1}^3 I_{k_i}(\mathbf{x}) - B_{\ell=0}^{\text{SN}} \quad (6)$$

where

$$I_{k_i}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_k d^3q \delta(\mathbf{q}) e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}. \quad (7)$$

At this point, we measure $\widehat{B}_{\ell=0}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ by calculating the I_{k_i} s with inverse FFTs and summing over in real space.² For $\widehat{B}_{\ell=0}$ measurements throughout the paper, we use $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ grids with $N_{\text{grid}} = 360$ and triangle configurations defined by k_1, k_2, k_3 bins of width $\Delta k = 3k_f = 0.01885 h/\text{Mpc}$.

We present the redshift-space halo bispectrum of the HADE simulations measured using the estimator above in two ways: one that emphasizes the triangle shape dependence (Figure 2) and the other that emphasizes the amplitude (Figure 3). In Figure 2, we plot $\widehat{B}_0(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ as a function of k_2/k_1 and k_3/k_1 , which describe the triangle configuration shape. In each panel, the colormap in each $(k_2/k_1, k_3/k_1)$ bin is the weighted average \widehat{B}_0 amplitude of all triangle configurations in the bin. The upper left bins contain squeezed triangles ($k_1 = k_2 \gg k_3$); the upper right bins contain equilateral triangles ($k_1 = k_2 = k_3$); and the bottom center bins contain folded triangles ($k_1 = 2k_2 = 2k_3$). We include all possible triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 < k_{\text{max}} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$. The \widehat{B}_0 in the upper panels are HADES models with $M_\nu = 0.0$ (fiducial), 0.06, 0.10, and 0.15 eV; \widehat{B}_0 in the lower panels are HADES models with $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV and $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807. The top and bottom panels of the three right-most columns have matching σ_8 values (Section 2).

Next, in Figure 3, we plot $\widehat{B}_0(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ for all possible triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 < k_{\text{max}} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$ where we order the configurations by looping through k_3 in the inner most loop and k_1 in the outer most loop with $k_1 \leq k_2 \leq k_3$. In the top panel, we present \widehat{B}_0 of HADES models with $M_\nu = 0.0, 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV; in the lower panel, we present \widehat{B}_0 of HADES models with $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV and $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807. We zoom into triangle configurations with $k_1 = 0.113, 0.226 \leq k_2 \leq 0.283$, and $0.283 \leq k_3 \leq 0.377 h/\text{Mpc}$ in the insets of the panels.

4. RESULTS

4.1. Breaking the $M_\nu - \sigma_8$ degeneracy

One major bottleneck of constraining M_ν with the power spectrum alone is the strong $M_\nu - \sigma_8$ degeneracy. The imprint of M_ν and σ_8 on the power spectrum are degenerate and for models with the same σ_8^c , the power spectrum only differ by $< 1\%$ (see Figure 1 and Villaescusa-Navarro et al. 2018). The HADES suite, which has simulations with $M_\nu = 0.0, 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV as well as $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV simulations with matching $\sigma_8^c - \sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807, provide an ideal set of simulations to separate the impact of $M_\nu > 0.0$ eV and examine the degeneracy between M_ν and σ_8 (Section 2 and Table 1). Hence, by measuring bispectrum of these simulations (Figure 2 and 3), we can determine whether the bispectrum helps break the $M_\nu - \sigma_8$ degeneracy. Below, we present our comparison of the HADES bispectrum and illustrate that the bispectrum can significantly improve M_ν constraints by breaking the $M_\nu - \sigma_8$ degeneracy.

We begin by examining the triangle shape dependent imprint of M_ν on the redshift-space halo bispectrum versus σ_8 alone. In Figure 4, we present the fractional residual, $(\Delta \widehat{B}_0 = \widehat{B}_0 - \widehat{B}_0^{\text{fid}})/\widehat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$,

² The code that we use to evaluate $\widehat{B}_{\ell=0}$ is publicly available at <https://github.com/changhoonhahn/pySpectrum>

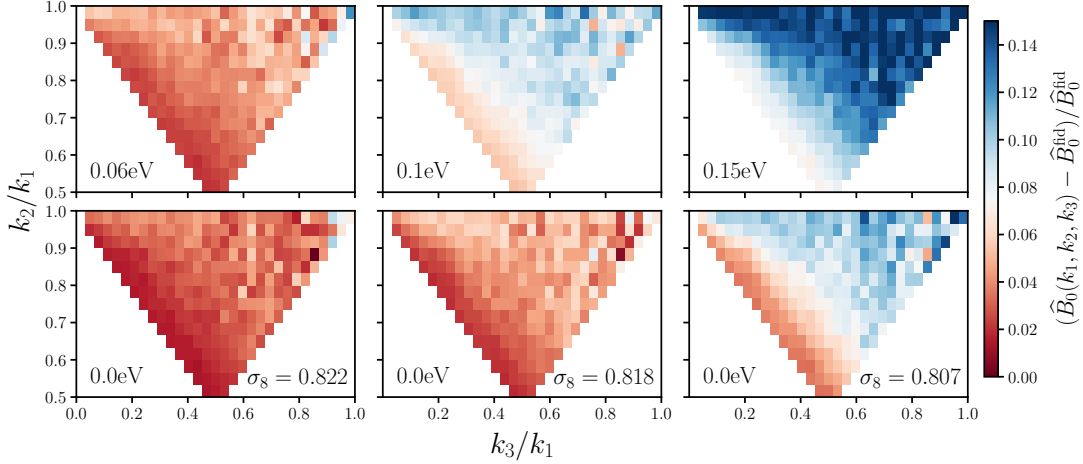


Figure 4. The shape dependence of the M_ν and σ_8 imprint on the redshift-space halo bispectrum, $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$. We align the $M_\nu = 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV HADES models in the upper panels with $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807 models on the bottom such that the top and bottom panels in each column have matching σ_8^c , which produce mostly degenerate imprints on the redshift-space power spectrum. The difference between the top and bottom panels highlight that M_ν leaves a distinct imprint on elongated and isosceles triangles (bins along the bottom left and bottom right edges, respectively) from σ_8 . *The imprint of M_ν has an overall distinct shape dependence on the bispectrum that cannot be replicated by varying σ_8 .*

as a function of k_2/k_1 and k_3/k_1 for $M_\nu = 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV in the upper panels and 0.0 eV $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807 in the bottom panels. The simulations in the top and bottom panels of each column have matching σ_8^c . Overall as M_ν increases, the bispectrum increases for all triangle shapes (top panels). This increase is due to halo bias (Villaescusa-Navarro et al. 2018, ; see also Figure 1). We impose a fixed M_{lim} on our halos so lower values of σ_8 translate to a larger halo bias, which boosts the amplitude of the bispectrum. Within the overall increase in amplitude, however, equilateral triangles (upper left) have the largest increase. For $M_\nu = 0.15$ eV, the bispectrum is $\sim 15\%$ higher than \hat{B}_0^{fid} for equilateral triangles. Meanwhile, the bispectrum increases by $\sim 8\%$ for folded triangles for 0.15 eV (lower center). The noticeable difference in $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ between equilateral and squeezed triangles (upper left) is roughly consistent with the comparison in Figure 7 of Ruggeri et al. (2018). They, however, fix A_s in their simulations and measure the real-space halo bispectrum so we refrain from any detailed comparisons.

As σ_8 increases, with $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV fixed, the bispectrum increases overall for all triangle shapes (bottom panels). However, the comparison of the top and bottom panels in each column reveals significant differences in $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ for M_ν versus σ_8 alone. Between $M_\nu = 0.15$ eV and 0.0 eV $\sigma_8 = 0.807$, there is an overall $\gtrsim 5\%$ difference. In addition, the shape dependence of the $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ increase is different for M_ν than σ_8 . This is particularly clear in the differences between 0.1 eV (top center panel) and 0.0 eV and $\sigma_8 = 0.807$ (bottom right panel): near equilateral triangles in the two panels have similar $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ while triangle shapes near the lower left edge from the squeezed to folded triangles have significantly different $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$. Hence, M_ν leaves an imprint on the bispectrum

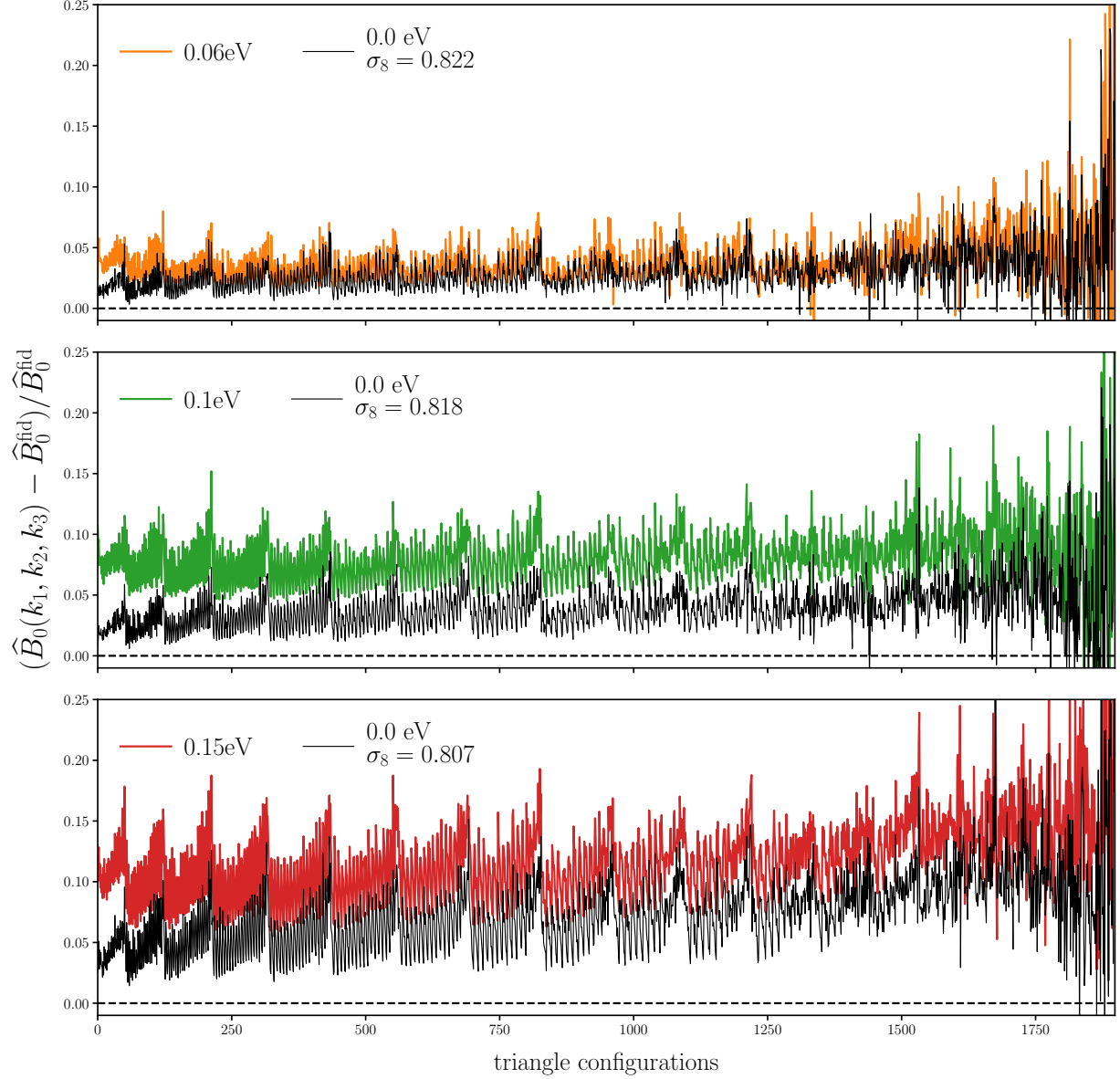


Figure 5. The impact of M_ν and σ_8 on the redshift-space halo bispectrum, $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$, for all 1898 triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 \leq 0.5h/\text{Mpc}$. We compare $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ of the $M_\nu = 0.06$ (top), 0.10 (middle), and 0.15 eV (bottom) HADES models to $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ of $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807 models. The impact of M_ν on the bispectrum has a significantly different amplitude than the impact of σ_8 . For instance, $M_\nu = 0.15$ eV (red) has a $\sim 5\%$ stronger impact on the bispectrum than $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV $\sigma_8 = 0.798$ (black) even though their powerspectrums only differ by $< 1\%$ (Figure 1). Combined with the different shape-dependence (Figure 4), the distinct imprint of M_ν on the bispectrum illustrate that the bispectrum can break the degeneracy between M_ν and σ_8 that degrade constraints from two-point analyses.

with a distinct triangle shape dependence than σ_8 alone. In other words, unlike the power spectrum, the triangle shape dependent impact of M_ν on the bispectrum cannot be replicated by varying σ_8 .

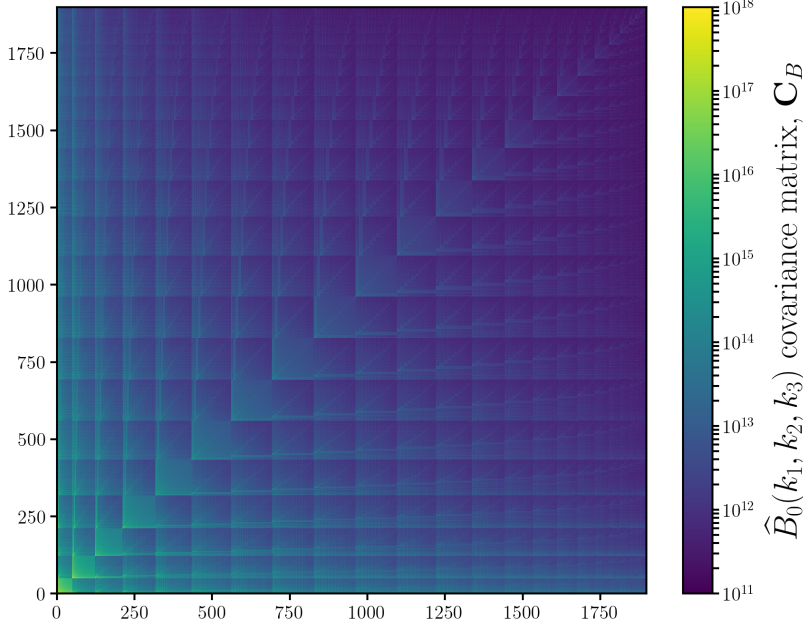


Figure 6. Covariance matrix of the redshift-space halo bispectrum estimated using the 15,000 realizations of the Quijote simulation suite at the fiducial cosmology: $\Omega_m=0.3175$, $\Omega_b=0.049$, $h=0.6711$, $n_s=0.9624$, $\sigma_8=0.834$, and $M_\nu=0.0$ eV. We include all possible triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 < k_{\text{max}} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$ and order the configurations (bins) in the same way as Figures 3 and 5. We use the covariance matrix above for the Fisher matrix forecasts presented in Section 4.2.

We next examine the amplitude of the M_ν imprint on the redshift-space halo bispectrum versus σ_8 alone for all triangle configurations. We present $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ for all 1898 possible triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 < k_{\text{max}} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$ in Figure 5. We compare $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ of the $M_\nu = 0.06, 0.10$, and 0.15 eV HADES models to the $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ of $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV $\sigma_8 = 0.822, 0.818$, and 0.807 models in the top, middle, and bottom panels, respectively. The comparison confirms the difference in overall amplitude of varying M_ν and σ_8 (Figure 4). For instance, $M_\nu = 0.15$ eV (red) has a $\sim 5\%$ stronger impact on the bispectrum than $M_\nu = 0.0$ eV $\sigma_8 = 0.798$ (black) even though their power spectra differ by $< 1\%$ (Figure 1).

The comparison in the panels of Figure 5 also reveal a difference in the configuration dependence in $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ between M_ν versus σ_8 . The triangle configurations are ordered by looping through k_3 in the inner most loop and k_1 in the outer most loop such that $k_1 \leq k_2 \leq k_3$. In this ordering, k_1 increases from left to right. $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ of M_ν expectedly increases with k_1 : for small k_1 (on large scales), neutrinos behave like CDM and therefore the impact is reduced. However, $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ of M_ν has a smaller k_1 dependence than $\Delta\hat{B}_0/\hat{B}_0^{\text{fid}}$ of σ_8 . Combined with the different shape-dependence (Figure 4), the distinct imprint of M_ν on the redshift-space halo bispectrum illustrates that the bispectrum can break the degeneracy between M_ν and σ_8 . Moreover it illustrates that by including the bispectrum, we can more precisely constrain M_ν than with the power spectrum alone.

4.2. M_ν and other Cosmological Parameter Forecasts

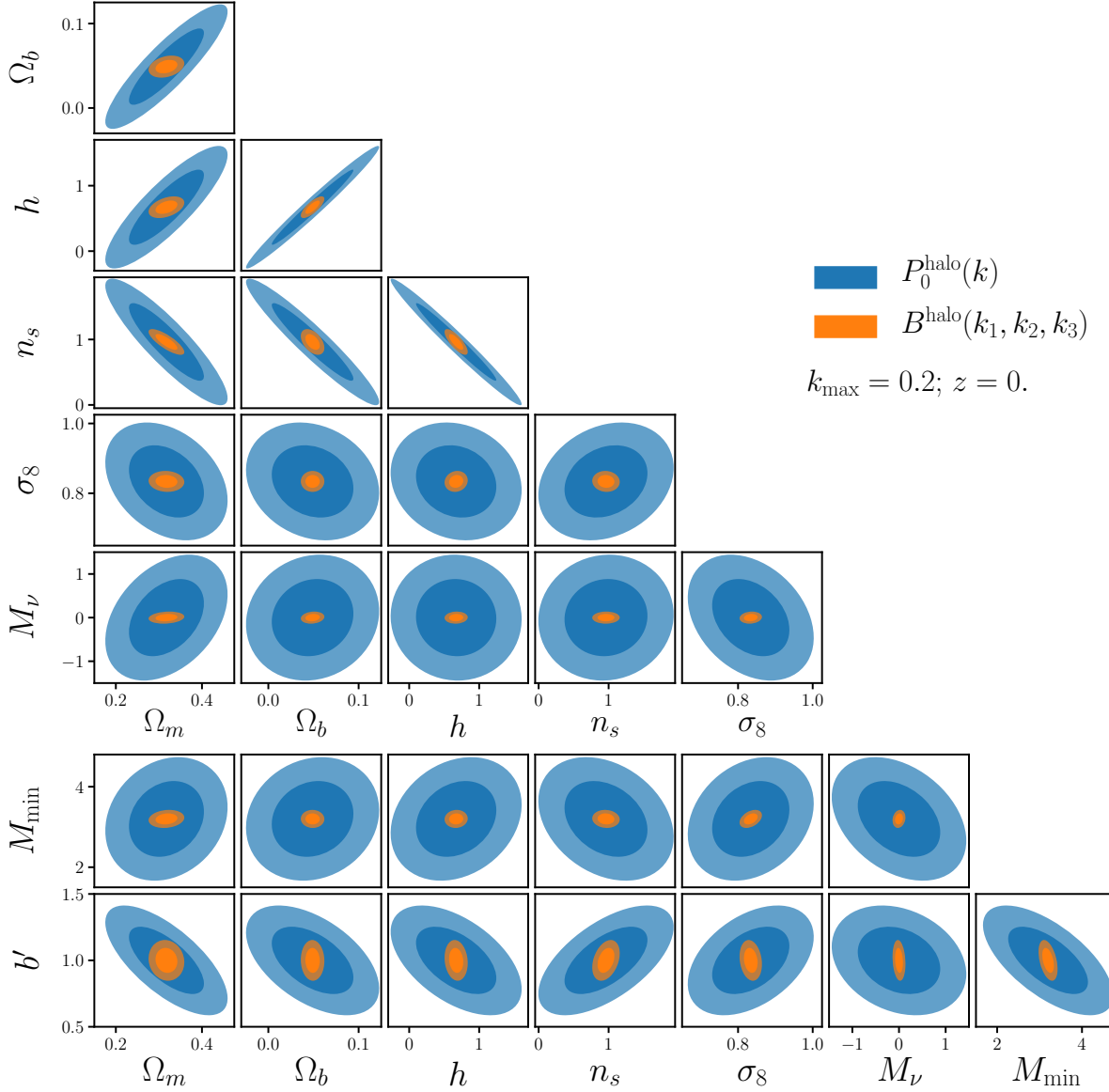


Figure 7. Fisher matrix constraints for M_ν and other cosmological parameters for the redshift-space halo bispectrum monopole (orange). For comparison, we include Fisher parameter constraints for the redshift-space halo powerspectrum monopole in blue. The contours mark the 68% and 95% confidence intervals. We set $k_{\text{max}} = 0.2 \, h/\text{Mpc}$ for both power spectrum and bispectrum. We include in our forecasts b' and M_{\min} , a free amplitude scaling factor and halo mass limit, respectively. They serve as a simplistic bias model and we marginalize over them so that our constraints do not include extra constraining power from the difference in bias/number density in the different Quijote cosmologies. The bispectrum *substantially* improves constraints on all of the cosmological parameters over the power spectrum. *For M_ν , the bispectrum improves the constraint from $\sigma_{M_\nu} = 1.163$ to $0.112 \, \text{eV}$ — an order of magnitude improvement over the power spectrum.*

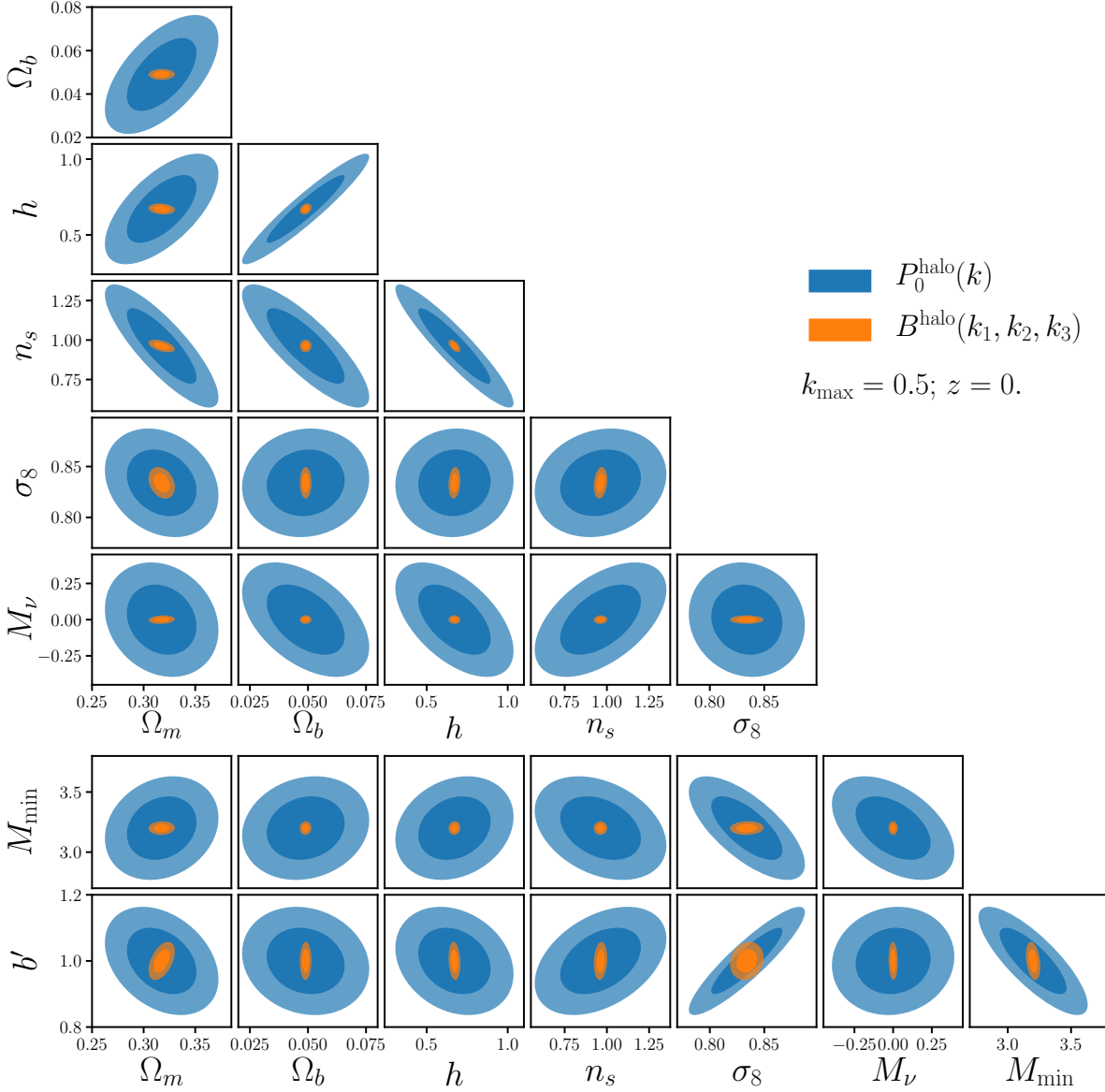


Figure 8. Same as Figure 7 but for $k_{\text{max}} = 0.5$ h/Mpc. Again, the bispectrum substantially improves constraints on all cosmological parameters over the power spectrum. For M_ν , the bispectrum improves σ_{M_ν} from 0.319 to 0.0239 eV — over an order of magnitude improvement over the power spectrum.

We demonstrate in the previous section with the HADES simulations, that the bispectrum helps break the M_ν – σ_8 degeneracy, a major challenge in precisely constraining M_ν with the power spectrum. This establishes the bispectrum as a promising probe for M_ν . However, we are ultimately interested in determining the constraining power of the bispectrum for an analysis that include cosmological parameters beyond M_ν and σ_8 — *i.e.* Ω_m , Ω_b , h , and n_s . The Quijote suite of simulations is *specifically* designed to answer this question using Fisher matrix forecast.

First, the Quijote suite includes 15,000 realizations run at a fiducial cosmology: $M_\nu=0.0\text{eV}$, $\Omega_m=0.3175$, $\Omega_b=0.049$, $n_s=0.9624$, $h=0.6711$, and $\sigma_8 = 0.834$ (see Table 1. This allows us to robustly

Table 2. Cosmological parameter constraints from the redshift-space halo power spectrum (top) and bispectrum (bottom) for different values of k_{\max} .

	k_{\max} (h/Mpc)	M_ν (eV)	Ω_m	Ω_b	h	n_s	σ_8	b'	M_{\min} ($10^{13}h^{-1}M_\odot$)
		0.0	0.3175	0.049	0.6711	0.9624	0.834	1.	3.2
P_0	0.2	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm
	0.3	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm
	0.4	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm
	0.5	± 0.319	± 0.0444	± 0.0221	± 0.294	± 0.315	± 0.0430	± 0.35	± 0.13
B_0	0.2	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm
	0.3	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm
	0.4	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm	\pm
	0.5	± 0.0239	± 0.0103	± 0.00202	± 0.0295	± 0.0321	± 0.0125	± 0.046	± 0.047

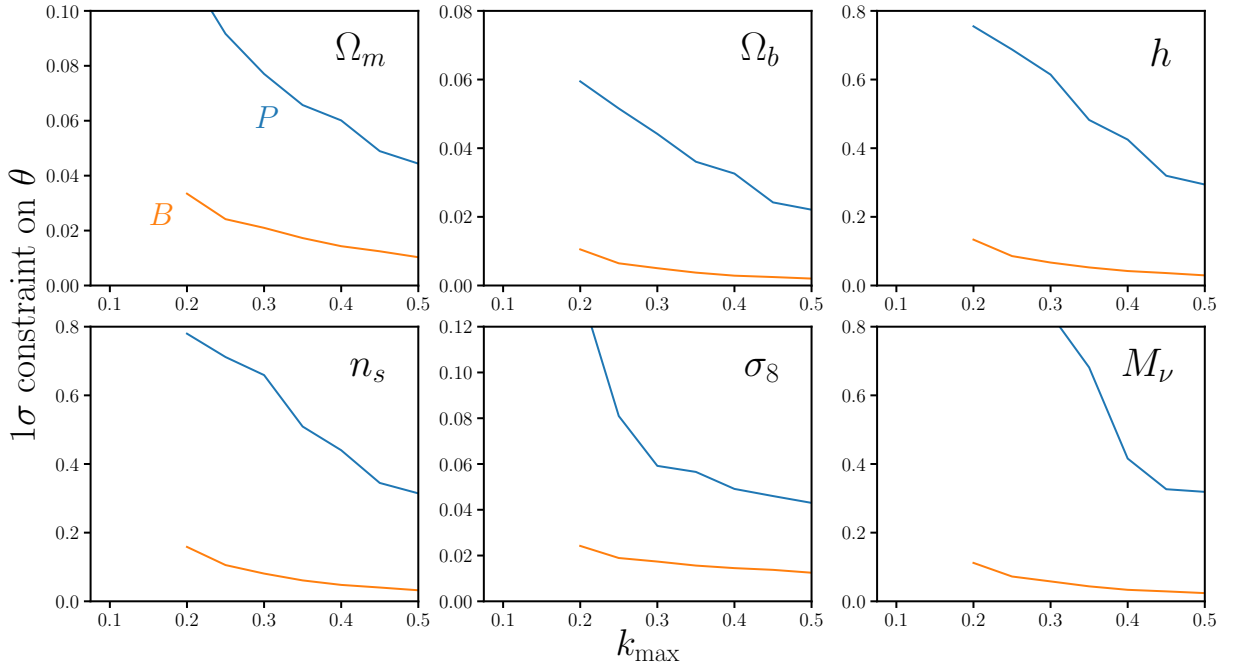


Figure 9. Marginalized 1σ constraints of Ω_m , Ω_b , h , n_s , σ_8 , and M_ν as a function of k_{\max} for the redshift-space halo bispectrum (orange) and power spectrum (blue). Though not included in the figure, we marginalize over b' and M_{\min} in our forecast. **CH: more**

estimate the covariance matrix of the bispectrum, \mathbf{C} , which has $\sim 1,800$ triangle configurations (Figure 6). Second, the Quijote suite includes 500 fixed-pair realizations evaluated at 13 different cosmologies, each a small step away from the fiducial cosmology parameter values along one param-

eter (Section 2 and Table 1). These realizations allow us to precisely estimate the derivatives of the bispectrum with respect to each of the cosmological parameters.

Since their introduction to cosmology over two decades ago, Fisher Information matrices have been ubiquitously used to forecast the constraining power of future experiments (*e.g.* Jungman et al. 1996; Tegmark et al. 1997; Dodelson 2003; Heavens 2009; Verde 2010). Defined as

$$F_{ij} = -\left\langle \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \right\rangle, \quad (8)$$

where \mathcal{L} is the likelihood, the Fisher matrix for the bispectrum can be written as

$$F_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{C}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial \theta_i} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial \theta_j} + \mathbf{C}^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_j}^T + \frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_i}^T \frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_j} \right) \right]. \quad (9)$$

Since we assume that the B_0 likelihood is Gaussian, including the first term in Eq. 9 runs the risk of incorrectly including information from the covariance already included in the mean (Carron 2013). We, therefore, conservatively neglect the first term and calculate the Fisher matrix,

$$F_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{C}^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_j}^T + \frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_i}^T \frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_j} \right) \right], \quad (10)$$

directly with \mathbf{C} and $\partial B_0 / \partial \theta_i$ along each cosmological parameter from the Quijote simulations. For Ω_m , Ω_b , h , n_s , and σ_8 , we estimate

$$\frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial \theta_i} \approx \frac{\bar{B}_0(\theta_i^+) - \bar{B}_0(\theta_i^-)}{\theta_i^+ - \theta_i^-}. \quad (11)$$

Meanwhile, for M_ν , where the fiducial value is 0.0 eV and we cannot have negative M_ν , we use the Quijote simulations at M_ν^+ , M_ν^{++} , $M_\nu^{+++} = 0.1, 0.2, 0.4$ eV (Table 1) to estimate:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{B}_0}{\partial M_\nu} \approx \frac{-21\bar{B}_0(M_\nu^{\text{fid}}) + 32\bar{B}_0(M_\nu^+) - 12\bar{B}_0(M_\nu^{++}) + \bar{B}_0(M_\nu^{+++})}{1.2}. \quad (12)$$

By using these N -body simulations, instead of analytic methods (*e.g.* perturbation theory), we exploit the accuracy of numerical simulations in the nonlinear regime and rely on fewer assumptions and approximations. **CH: something about quantity the information content of the bispectrum in the nonlinear regime unprecedented.** We discuss subtleties of the bispectrum derivatives in Appendix B and discuss tests of convergence in Appendix B.

We present the constraints on M_ν and other cosmological parameters $\{\Omega_m, \Omega_b, h, n_s, \sigma_8\}$ derived from the redshift-space halo bispectrum Fisher matrix (Eq. 10) in Figures 7 and 8. We include Fisher constraints for the redshift-space halo power spectrum monopole in blue for comparison. The contours mark the 68% and 95% confidence intervals. For both the power spectrum and bispectrum, we set $k_{\text{max}} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$. We also include in our Fisher constraints, parameters b' , a free amplitude scaling factor, and M_{min} , the halo mass limit. These parameters serve as a simplistic bias model and by marginalizing over them we ensure that our Fisher constraints do not include extra

constraining power from the difference in bias/number density in the different Quijote cosmologies used to calculate $\partial\bar{B}_0/\partial\theta_i$. b' is a multiplicative factor so $\partial\bar{B}_0/\partial b' = \bar{B}_0$. Meanwhile, we numerically estimate $\partial\bar{B}_0/\partial M_{\min}$ using \bar{B}_0 evaluated at $M_{\min}=3.3$ and $3.1 \times 10^{13} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$, with all other parameters fixed. In Table 2, we list the parameter constraints for $P_0(k < k_{\max} = 0.5 \text{ h/Mpc})$ and $B_0(k_1, k_2, k_3 < k_{\max} = 0.5 \text{ h/Mpc})$.

The bispectrum substantially improves constraints on all of the parameters over the power spectrum (Figure 7 and Table 2). More precisely, the bispectrum improves the marginalized Ω_m , Ω_b , h , n_s , and σ_8 constraints by factors of ~ 4 , 11, 10, 10, and 3 with respect to their power spectrum constraints. *For M_ν , the bispectrum improves the constraint from $\sigma_{M_\nu} = 0.319$ to 0.0239 eV — over an order of magnitude improvement over the power spectrum.*

Even at lower $k_{\max} < 0.5 \text{ h/Mpc}$, the bispectrum significantly improves cosmological parameter constraints. We compare the marginalized 1σ constraints of Ω_m , Ω_b , h , n_s , σ_8 , and M_ν as a function of k_{\max} for B_0 (orange) and P_0 (blue) in Figure 9. **CH: write this once we have to updated powerspectrum calculations.**

discussing the results

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- how does the bispectrum do so much better? — *i.e.* triangles that contribute most fisher information
- redshift-space helps us out (refer to appendix)

The results above definitively show that the bispectrum has significant constraining power in the weakly nonlinear regime ($k > 0.1 \text{ h/Mpc}$) beyond the power spectrum. Our results also demonstrated the potential of the bispectrum in constraining M_ν (an order of magnitude improvement over P_0). Below, we underline a few caveats of the results we present above. First, the parameter constraints were derived using the Fisher matrix. This assumes

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- convergence concerns (refer to appendix)
- M_ν dependence of derivatives along M_ν . (refer to appendix)
- take Fisher forecasts with a grain of salt

Another caveat is that our parameter constraints were derived using the power spectrum and bispectrum of halo in a periodic box. We do not consider a realistic survey geometry or radial selection function. A realistic selection function will smooth out the triangle configuration dependence and consequently degrade the constraining power of the bispectrum. In Sefusatti & Scoccimarro (2005), for instance, they find that the signal-to-noise of the bispectrum is significantly reduced once survey geometry is included in their forecast. Survey geometry, however, also degrade the signal-to-noise of their power spectrum forecasts. Hence, with the order of magnitude improve in the M_ν constraining

power of the bispectrum, even with survey geometry, including the bispectrum will improve M_ν constraints.

Although we focus on the halo bispectrum and power spectrum in this paper, constraints on M_ν will ultimately be derived from the distribution of galaxies. Besides the cosmological parameters, bias and nuisance parameters that allow us to marginalize over the galaxy—halo connection need to be incorporated to forecast M_ν and other cosmological parameter constraints for the galaxy bispectrum. Although we include a *naive* bias model through b' and M_{\min} , this is insufficient to describe how galaxies occupy halos. A more realistic bias model such as a halo occupation distribution (HOD) model involve extra parameters that describe the distribution of central and satellite galaxies in halos (*e.g.* Zheng et al. 2005; Leauthaud et al. 2012; Tinker et al. 2013; Zentner et al. 2016; Vakili & Hahn 2019). **CH:** maybe something about Uros and Nick’s model involving a lot of parameters. Marginalizing over these extra parameters, will likely reduce the constraining power at high k . Even if the constraining power at high k is reduced, the bispectrum still offers significant improvements over the power spectrum at $k_{\max} \sim 0.2$. Jointly analyzing power spectrum and bispectrum will help constrain these extra bias parameters. Furthermore, we again emphasize that the constraints we present in this paper is for a $1h^{-1}\text{Gpc}$ box. In Hahn et al. (in preparation), we will include a realistic HOD model and quantify the information content and constraining power of a joint galaxy power spectrum and bispectrum analysis.

5. SUMMARY

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APPENDIX

A. REDSHIFT-SPACE HALO BISPECTRUM

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B. FISHER FORECASTS USING N -BODY SIMULATIONS

The two key elements in calculating the Fisher matrices we use in our forecasts are the bispectrum covariance matrix (\mathbf{C} ; Figure 6) and the derivatives of the bispectrum along the cosmological and nuisance parameters, $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ (Section 4.2). We compute both these elements directly using the N -body simulations of the Quijote suite (Section 2). This takes advantage of the N -body simulations and allows us to accurately quantify the constraining power of the bispectrum that come from the nonlinear regime. However, to trust our forecast, we must ensure that both \mathbf{C} has converged and that the numerical calculated $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ do not introduce any biases. Below, we tests the convergence of \mathbf{C} and $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ and discuss some of the subtleties and caveats of numerically calculating $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ from the Quijote simulations.

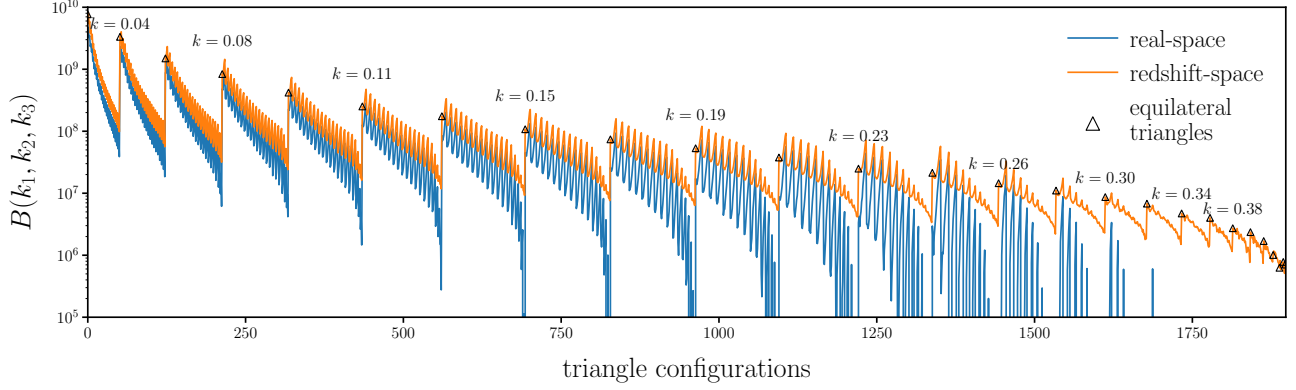


Figure 10. Comparison of the fiducial HADES simulations real and redshift-space halo bispectrum for triangle configurations with $k_1, k_2, k_3 \leq k_{\max} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$ (blue and orange respectively). We mark equilateral triangle configurations (empty triangle marker) along with their side lengths k .

To estimate \mathbf{C} , we use 15,000 Quijote N -body simulations at the fiducial cosmology. This is a *significantly* larger number of simulations than previous bispectrum analyses; however, we also consider a larger number of triangle configurations — 1898 triangles out to $k_{\max} = 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$. For reference, the recent [Gil-Marín et al. \(2017\)](#) analysis used 2048 simulations to estimate the covariance matrix of the bispectrum with 825 configurations. We, therefore, check the convergence of \mathbf{C} by varying N_{fid} , the number of simulations used to estimate \mathbf{C} , and examining whether this significantly impacts the Fisher parameter constraints. We present $\sigma_{\theta}(N_{\text{fid}})/\sigma_{\theta}(N_{\text{fid}} = 15,000)$, the ratio of the 1σ Fisher constraint for $\theta = \Omega_m, \Omega_b, h, n_s, \sigma_8$, and M_ν calculated with N_{fid} over the constraint calculated with $N_{\text{fid}} = 15,000$, as a function of N_{fid} (Figure 11 left panel). The 1σ Fisher constraints on the parameters vary by $< 10\%$ for $N_{\text{fid}} > 7000$; in fact, the constraints vary by $< 1\%$ for $N_{\text{fid}} > 14,000$. Hence, we conclude that we have a sufficient number of simulations to estimate the bispectrum \mathbf{C} and our forecasts are robust to the convergence of \mathbf{C} .

We estimate $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ numerically using 13 sets of $N_{\text{fp}} = 500$ fixed paired simulations (Table 1). To check the convergence of $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ and its impact on our forecast we present the ratio of the 1σ Fisher constraint for θ calculated using N_{fp} simulations over the constraint calculated with $N_{\text{fp}} = 500$, $\sigma_{\theta}(N_{\text{fp}})/\sigma_{\theta}(N_{\text{fp}} = 500)$, as a function of N_{fp} (Figure 11 right panel). Unlike $\sigma_{\theta}(N_{\text{fid}})$, $\sigma_{\theta}(N_{\text{fp}})$ depend significantly on θ . For instance, σ_{θ} for σ_8 and Ω_m vary by $< 10\%$ for $N_{\text{fp}} > 300$ and $< 2\%$ for $N_{\text{fp}} > 450$. σ_{θ} for the other parameter vary significantly more. Nonetheless, for $N_{\text{fp}} > 400$ and 450 they vary by < 10 and 5% , respectively. Hence we conclude that the derivatives have sufficiently converged and robust for our forecasts.

For $\Omega_m, \Omega_b, h, n_s, \sigma_8$, and M_{lim} we estimate $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ using a centered difference approximation (Eq. 11). However, for M_ν , where we cannot have values below 0.0 eV , we cannot estimate the derivative with the same method. If we use the forward difference approximation,

$$\frac{\partial \overline{B}_0}{\partial M_\nu} \approx \frac{\overline{B}_0(M_\nu^{\text{fid}} + \delta M_\nu) - \overline{B}_0(M_\nu^{\text{fid}})}{\delta M_\nu}, \quad (\text{B1})$$

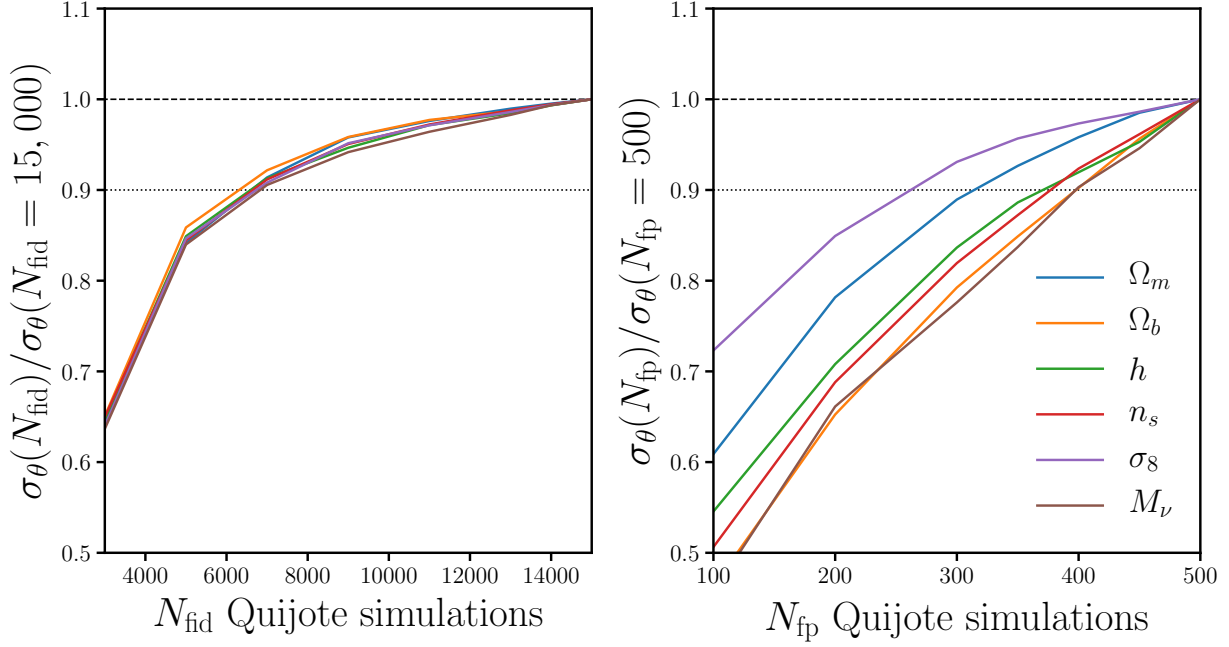


Figure 11. **Left:** The ratio of the 1σ Fisher constraint for $\theta = \Omega_m, \Omega_b, h, n_s, \sigma_8$, and M_ν calculated using N_{fid} Quijote simulations over the constraint calculated with all 15,000 simulations, $\sigma_\theta(N_{\text{fid}})/\sigma_\theta(N_{\text{fid}} = 15,000)$, as a function of N_{fid} . The N_{fid} simulations are used to estimate \mathbf{C} used to calculate the Fisher matrix (Eq. 10). The Fisher parameter constraints vary by < 10 and 1% for $N_{\text{fid}} > 7000$ and $14,000$, respectively. **Right:** The ratio of the 1σ Fisher constraint for θ calculated using N_{fp} simulations over the constraint calculated with all 500 fixed paired simulations, $\sigma_\theta(N_{\text{fp}})/\sigma_\theta(N_{\text{fp}} = 500)$, as a function of N_{fp} . The N_{fp} fixed paired simulations are used to numerically estimate $\partial B_0/\partial\theta_i$ in Eq. 10. Although $\sigma_\theta(N_{\text{fp}})/\sigma_\theta(N_{\text{fp}} = 500)$ vary among the parameters, for $N_{\text{fp}} > 400$ and 450 they vary by < 10 and 5% , respectively. Hence, we have a sufficient number of simulations to estimate \mathbf{C} and the derivatives of the bipsectrum and our forecasts are robust to their convergence.

the error goes as $\mathcal{O}(\delta M_\nu)$. Instead, we use Eq.12 which provides a $\mathcal{O}(\delta M_\nu^2)$ order approximation. In our $\partial B_0/\partial M_\nu$ approximation, we use the Quijote simulations at M_ν^+ , M_ν^{++} , and M_ν^{+++} . However, if we exclude the simulations at M_ν^{+++} , the $\sigma_{M_\nu} = 0.112$ and 0.0238 eV constraints for $k_{\text{max}} = 0.2$ and 0.5 h/Mpc from Section 4.2 increase to $\sigma_{M_\nu} = 0.125$ and 0.0288 eV. Constraints from the power spectrum also increase so the relative improvement from the bispectrum remains roughly the same.

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