#### Exploring Multi-Streaming in the Universe

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### **Science Problem**

#### Study formation of large scale structures such as filaments, clusters, and pancakes



### Simulation

- Particle based simulations with ID, position, and velocity of each particle
- Initially evenly distributed with Gaussian random density field
- Collisionless Vlasov-Poisson dynamics
- Simulation starts in linear regime under influence of gravity
- Evolution transition to quasi-linear, then to non-linear regimes

# **Multi-streaming**

- Challenge: find where, when, and how of multistreaming events.
- Multiple descriptions
  - Shandarin/Zeldovich criterion: particles move in opposite or drastically different speeds.
  - Caustics: "where particles from different lagrangian positions and velocities converge at a given eulerian location"
  - Associated with transition from linear to quasi-linear to nonlinear regimes.
  - "Irrotational but not a potential flow", and others

# Feature Extraction Strategies

- Halo-finder (existing density based methods)
- Extension of Shandarin/Zeldovich criterion from 1D to 3D (sign change in tetrahedral volume)
- Measure of dissimilarity of velocities at a point
- Measure of high shear in flow field
- Measure of linearity
- Vorticity and divergence
- Critical point analysis
- retc.

# Shandarin/Zeldovich Criterion

#### One dimensional phase portrait



### Extension to 3D

- Track 4 vertices of a tetrahedron.
- If particles are going in opposite direction or going at different speeds, then after some time, there will be a sign-change in the volume of the tetrahedron



# Velocity variance

Measure local "velocity dispersion"

- Treat each velocity component as a random variable
- Calculate local covariance matrix
- Calculate the trace of the matrix

#### Measure shear in flow

- Calculate velocity gradient tensor
- Perform eigen-analysis
- Identify regions with high shear e.g. use von Mises criterion

max\_shear=
$$\sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2 + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)^2 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)^2}{2}}$$

# Vorticity

 Measure local tendency of particles to spin
Interested in regions with high vorticity magnitude

vortMag=
$$\left\| \nabla \times \vec{V} \right\|$$

# Divergence

- Measure of a vector field's source-like or sink-like behavior
- Hypothesis: multi-streaming regions have a sink-like property that attracts neighboring particles.

$$\operatorname{div} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z}$$

#### **Simulation Data**

- The Zel'dovich pancake test data.
  - 64<sup>3</sup> particles (~270 K), multivariates, 250 time steps.
- MC<sup>2</sup> data (Mesh based Cosmology Code).
  256<sup>3</sup> particles (~17 M), multivariates, 251 time steps.

#### Pancake density



# Pancake: Tracking tetrahedra

#### The three multi-streaming pancake regions.



### Pancake vorticity



### Pancake divergence



#### Pancake shear



### Pancake critical points



### MC2 density



# MC2 vorticity



### MC2 divergence



#### MC2 shear



#### MC2 critical points



### **Current and Future Work**

- Can identify and characterize the behavior of multi-streaming regions much better than density based methods.
- However, still cannot accurately predict the onset multi-streaming.
- Will have to validate findings so far.
- Modify to use cloud-in-cell algorithm.
- Compare different feature extraction strategies
- Explore alternative formulations of multistreaming.

### Status

- One MSCS graduate: Eddy Chandra
- New graduate student: Uliana Popov
- Paper under review: Pacific Visualization 2010
- Proposal under review: DOE



#### Test Data

#### Some 3D critical point types:





# Test Data: Major Eigenvector Field (method 1)



# Test Data: Major Eigenvector Field (method 2)



#### Pancake Data: Eigenvalues



#### Method 1 Minor eigenvalues

#### Method 2 Max – min eigenvalues



#### Pancake: Dot Product

#### The threshold is set between 0 and 0.05.



#### MC<sup>2</sup>: Dot Product

#### The threshold is set between -0.05 and 0.05.



# Pancake: Max-Min



### MC<sup>2</sup>: High Shear Flow



# Pancake: major



# Pancake Data: Major Eigenvector Field



#### MC<sup>2</sup>: Max-Min Eigenvalue



### MC<sup>2</sup>: Minor Eigenvalue



minorEigenval -130.07 -412.08 -694.10 -976.11 -1258.1

### MC<sup>2</sup>: High Shear Flow





