

# Read-me for plots in param\_29\_30\_21\_compare

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These plots compare three runs with the same seed, but different  $\Delta V$ . The three  $\Delta V$ 's compared are labeled on the plots as:

- **narrow  $\Delta V$**  Uses the same  $\Delta V$  parameters as the previous plots in the 'parameter11\_plots' folder.
- **wide  $\Delta V$**  Uses parameters which double the width of the Gaussian envelope used for  $\Delta V$ . The overall amplitude of  $\Delta V$  is set so that the spread of  $\chi$  trajectories is comparable to those caused by 'narrow  $\Delta V$ '.
- **wide, skewed  $\Delta V$**  Uses the same width of Gaussian envelope as 'wide  $\Delta V$ ', but moves the Gaussian off centre with respect to  $\phi_p$  (the net effect is to increase the time  $V_{\chi,\chi} > 0$ ).

For plots using  $\Delta V = 0$  there is no difference between the trajectories on the three subplots.

- **potential\_surface**

This plot shows surface plots for the three potentials compared in the rest of the plots. In order to make the shape of the potential easier to see, the domain in the  $\chi$  direction is a factor of a few larger than the fluctuations in  $\chi$  caused by  $\Delta V$ .

- **sampled\_trajectories\_chi\_wodv**

This plot shows sampled trajectories of  $\chi_{\Delta V=0}$  vertical lines show the region over which  $\Delta V$  will act. One thing to notice is for 'wide  $\Delta V$ ' and 'wide, skewed  $\Delta V$ ' the initial  $\chi$  fluctuations have not frozen-out when  $\Delta V$  begins to act (the same thing is visible in 'sampled\_trajectories\_chidot\_wodv').

- **sampled\_trajectories\_chi\_wdv**

This plot shows sampled trajectories of  $\chi_{\Delta V}$ . I think these plots show that increasing the width of  $\Delta V$  results in more tightly bundled trajectories of  $\chi$  after  $\Delta V$ . 'wide, skewed  $\Delta V$ ' does damp more quickly than 'wide  $\Delta V$ ', but the effect size is less than a factor of 2 for the parameters tested.

- **sampled\_trajectories\_zeta\_dif**

This plot shows the difference in  $\zeta$  calculated along individual trajectories with/without  $\Delta V$ . The thing that I notice about these plots is 'wide  $\Delta V$ ' and 'wide, skewed  $\Delta V$ ' contain trajectories that do not change monotonically (this might also just be an effect of the monotonic trajectories having smaller amplitudes, while the non-monotonic trajectories maintain their amplitude). This might relate to  $\chi$  trajectories having not frozen-out when  $\Delta V$  acts. In the folder 'parameter28(sub-supHorizon)\_plots' the same effect can be seen in 'sampled\_trajectories\_zeta\_dif.png' for the subhorizon subplot. Another difference is that 'narrow  $\Delta V$ ' wider spread of  $\zeta$  trajectories (at least some of this increased spread is likely attributable to the larger effect on the  $\chi$  trajectories caused by 'narrow  $\Delta V$ ').

- **sampled\_trajectories\_zeta\_wdv**

This plot shows  $\zeta$  calculated along sampled trajectories. The thing that stands out in this plot is the difference in scale between the subplots.

- **mean\_zeta\_wdv**

This plot shows  $\zeta$  as calculated by averaging  $d\zeta$  over the box. The mean  $\zeta$  for all three potentials have similar magnitudes. Both the 'wide  $\Delta V$ ' and 'wide, skewed  $\Delta V$ ' level off more quickly than 'narrow  $\Delta V$ '.

- **sampled\_trajectories\_phidot\_dif**

This plot shows the difference  $\dot{\phi}_{\Delta V} - \dot{\phi}_{\Delta V=0}$ . The scales on the three subplots are different with 'wide  $\Delta V$ ' having the smallest peak difference and 'narrow  $\Delta V$ ' the largest. I think this is what is expected from slow-roll, since  $\Delta V_{narrow,\phi}$  has the largest maximum and  $\Delta V_{wide,\phi}$  has the smallest maximum.

- **sampled\_trajectories\_hub\_dif**

In this plot  $H_{local}$  is  $H$  as calculated along a trajectory from the Friedmann equation ignoring gradient terms,  $H_{global}$  is  $H$  as output from the lattice calculation. This plot shows  $\ln(H_{local}/H_{global})$  vs  $\phi$  and  $\chi$ . I've reduced the number of trajectories to three to make the plot more legible. Looking at the  $\chi$ ,  $\ln(H_{local}/H_{global})$  projection, the growth in  $\ln(H_{local}/H_{global})$  is steepest at the extremes of  $\chi$  (where  $\Delta V$  is largest) and nearly flat away from the extremes of  $\chi$  (where  $\dot{\chi}$  is largest), I interpret this to mean  $\ln(H_{local}/H_{global})$  is dominated by  $\Delta V$  and  $\dot{\chi}$  is subdominant. The size of the effect is  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$ .