



PROJECT 2016-2018

"DYNAMICAL MECHANISMS
OF ACCRETION IN GALACTIC NUCLEI"

LINEAR THEORY PREDICTIONS

FIRST YEAR / RUSSIAN TEAM

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Non-self-consistent models

Black hole potential — spherical symmetry

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM_C}{r}$$

DF — axial symmetry

$$F_0(E, L_z, I_3) \Rightarrow F_0(E, L_z, L) \quad L \approx \text{const}$$

Potential produced by the cluster is neglected

$$\delta\Phi(r, \theta) \ll \Phi(r)$$

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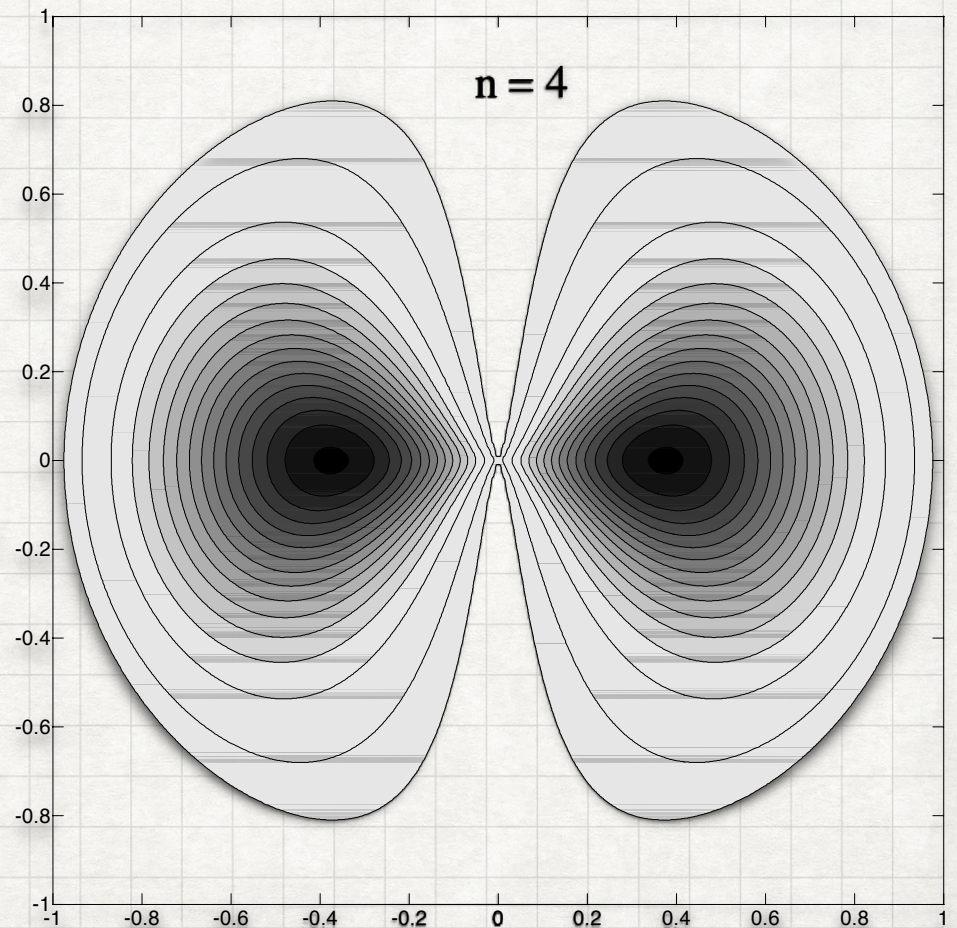
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Non-self-consistent models – Example 1

$$F = A_n \delta(E - E_0) L_z^n$$

Volume density:

$$\rho(r, \theta) = B_n \frac{M}{R^3} \times \\ \times \left(\frac{r}{R} \sin \theta \right)^n \left(\frac{R}{r} - 1 \right)^{(n+1)/2}$$



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Non-self-consistent models – Example 2

$$F = A_{nm} \delta(E - E_0) \frac{L_z^n}{L^m}$$

Volume density:

$$\rho(r, \theta) = B_{nm} \frac{M}{R^3} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{n-m} \left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)^{(n-m+1)/2} \sin^n \theta$$

Location of the maximum:

$$r = R_{\max} = \frac{n - m - 1}{2(n - m)}$$

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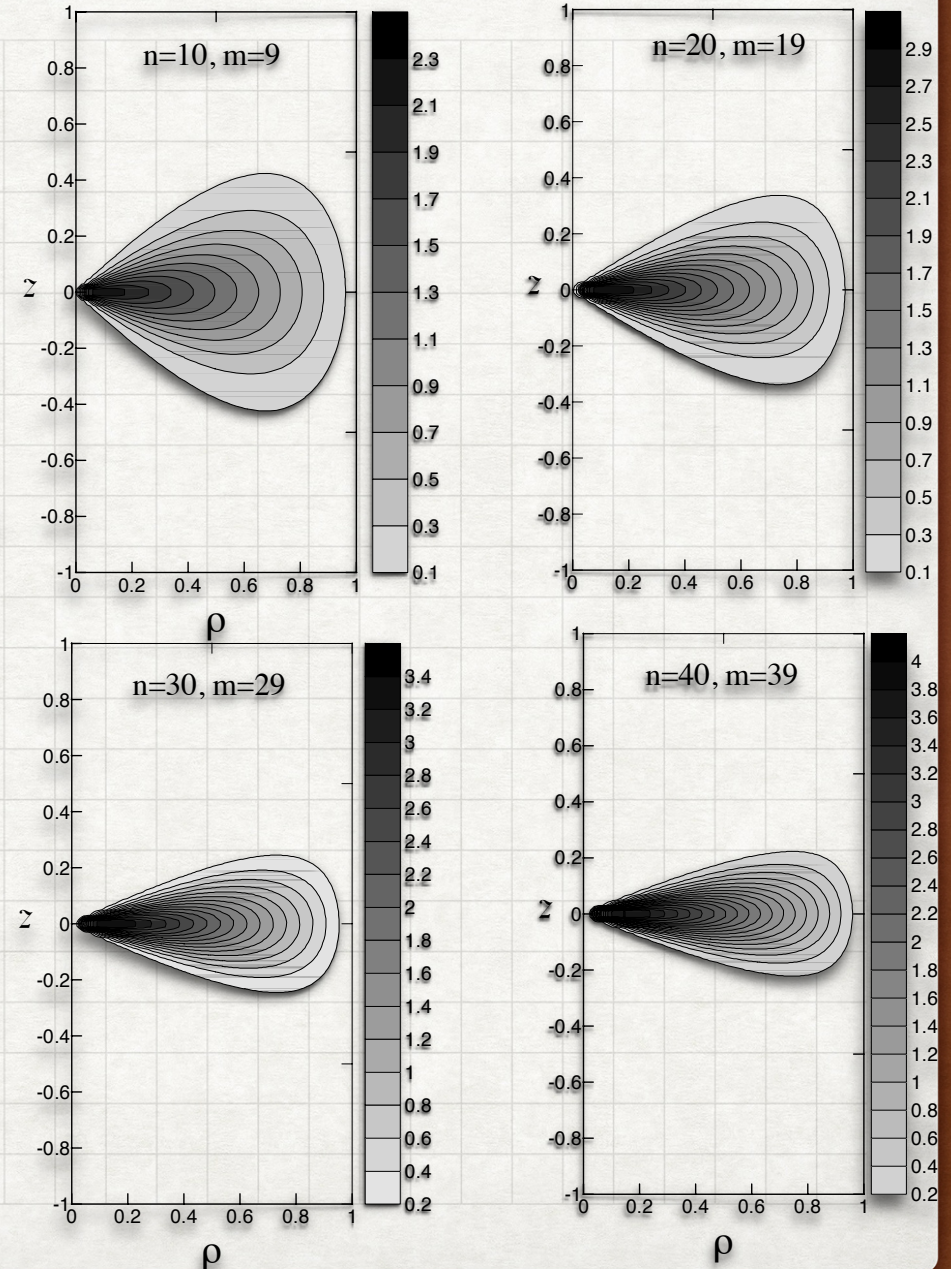
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Non-self-consistent models – Example 2

$$m = n - 1$$

Volume density:

$$\rho(r, \theta) = B_{n,n-1} \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right) \sin^n \theta$$



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Self-consistent models

Axisymmetric potential

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM_C}{r} + \delta\Phi(r, \theta)$$

How DF is transformed? No problem for

$$F_0(E, L_z)$$

In case of the near-Keplerian potentials, the DF

$$F_0(E, L_z, I_3)$$

can be constructed by perturbation theory using canonical transformation

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Self-consistent models

Usual action-angle variables:

$$(I_1, I_2, I_3; W_1, W_2, W_3)$$

$$I_1 = I_r, \quad I_2 = L - |L_z|, \quad I_3 = L_z$$

Delaunay variables (B&T, Appendix E):

$$(J_1, J_2, J_3; w_1, w_2, w_3)$$

$$I_1 = J_1 - J_2, \quad I_2 = J_2 - |J_3|, \quad J_3 = I_3$$

Hamiltonian:

$$H = -\frac{(GM_C)^2}{2(I_1 + I_2 + |I_3|)^2} = -\frac{(GM_C)^2}{2(I_r + L^2)} = -\frac{(GM_C)^2}{2J_1^2}$$

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Angular momentum:

$$L = J_2$$

Goal: find $\Delta J_2 = J_2' - J_2$ when H transforms to

$$H \Rightarrow H' = H + h, \quad h = \delta\Phi \propto \epsilon \sim M/M_C \ll 1$$

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Self-consistent models

Generating function:

$$S(\mathbf{w}', \mathbf{J}) = \mathbf{w}' \cdot \mathbf{J} + s(\mathbf{w}', \mathbf{J}), \quad s(\mathbf{w}', \mathbf{J}) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Corrections:

$$E' = E + \delta\Phi(r, \theta), \quad L' \equiv J_2' = L + \Delta L, \quad L_z' = L_z$$

$$\Delta L(E, L, L_z; r, \theta) = \Delta J_2 = \frac{4}{\Omega_1} \sum_{l=0}^{l_{\max}} T_l \sum_{l_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{l_2 > 0, \\ l_2 \text{ even}}} (l_2/l_1) \times \\ \times \left[\phi_{l_1 l_2}^{\text{A}} \cos(l_1 w_1) \cos(l_2 w_2) - \phi_{l_1 l_2}^{\text{B}} \sin(l_1 w_1) \sin(l_2 w_2) \right]$$

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Polynomial model

DF:

$$F = N\delta(E - E_0)\alpha^n, \quad \alpha \equiv L/L_{\text{circ}}$$

Volume density:

$$\rho = C_n x^n (1 - x^2)^{(n+1)/2}, \quad x \equiv r/R$$

Potential (near-h + self-g):

$$\Phi_0(r) = \frac{\Omega_0^2 r^2}{2} + \Phi_G(r)$$

Units:

$$G = M_G = R = 1, \quad \Omega_0 = 10$$

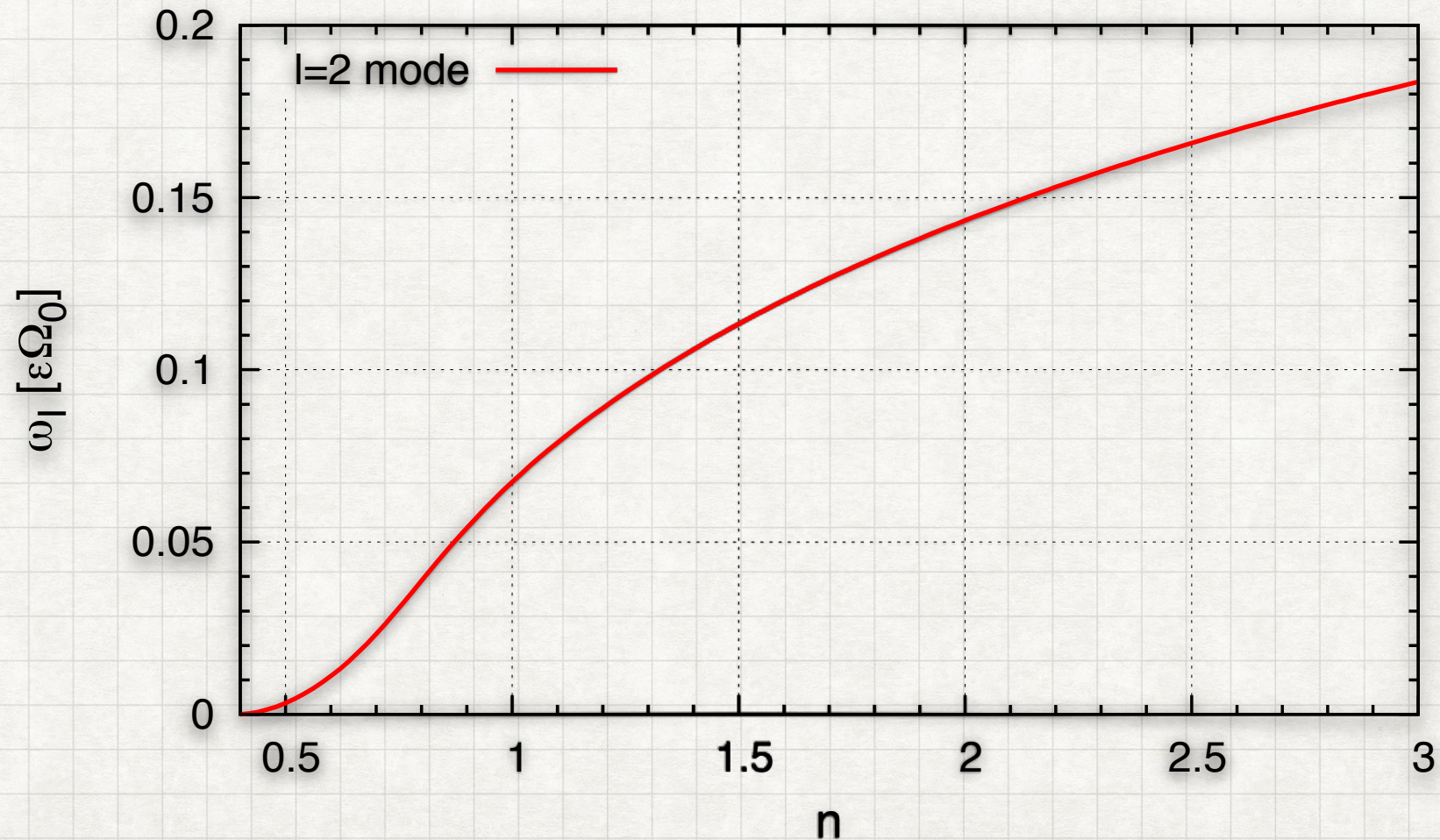
Timescales:

$$t_1 \sim \Omega_0^{-1} = 0.1, \quad t_2 \sim (\epsilon\Omega_0)^{-1} = 10, \quad \epsilon \equiv \frac{GM_G}{R^3\Omega_0^2}$$

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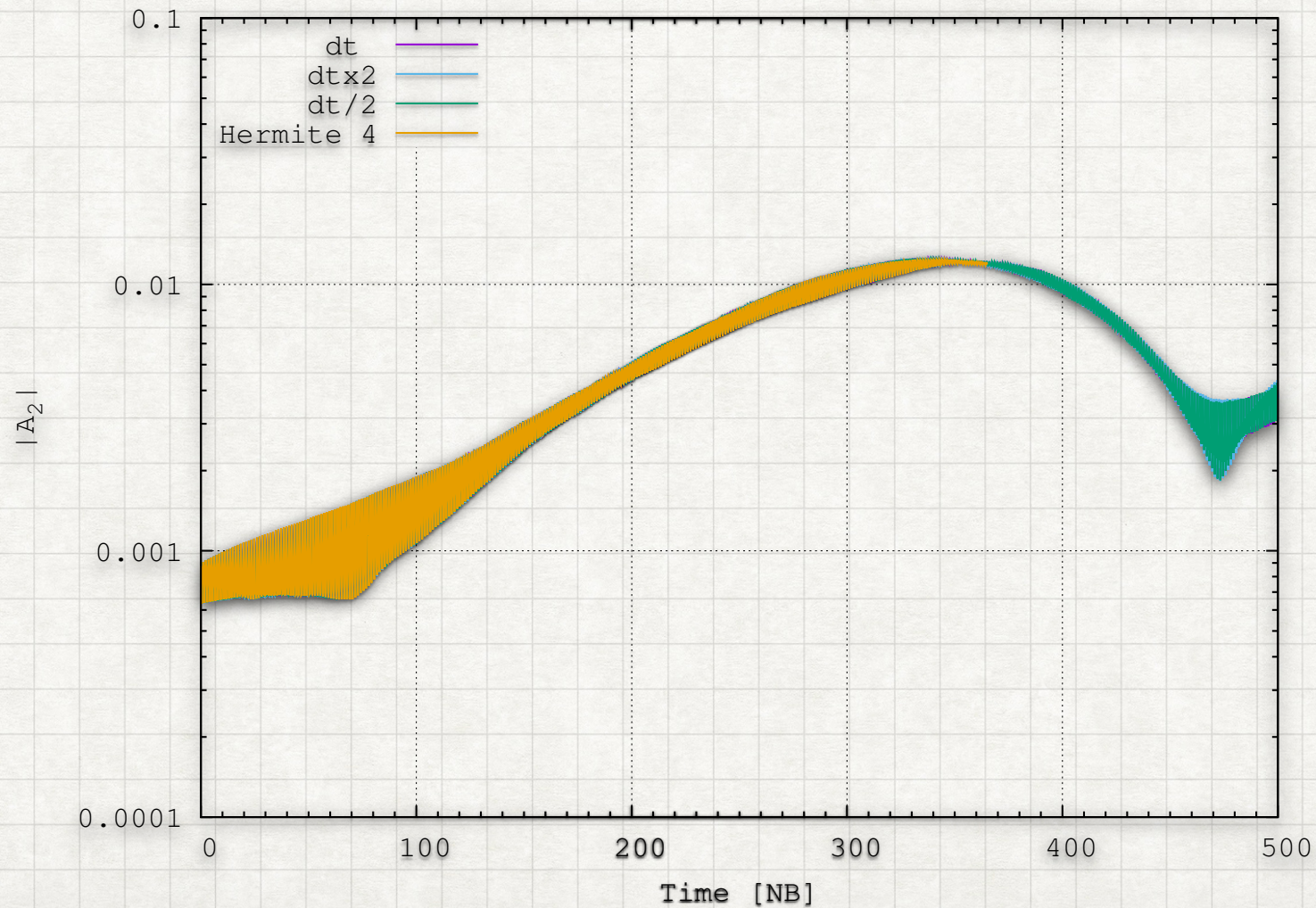
Polynomial model - theoretical predictions



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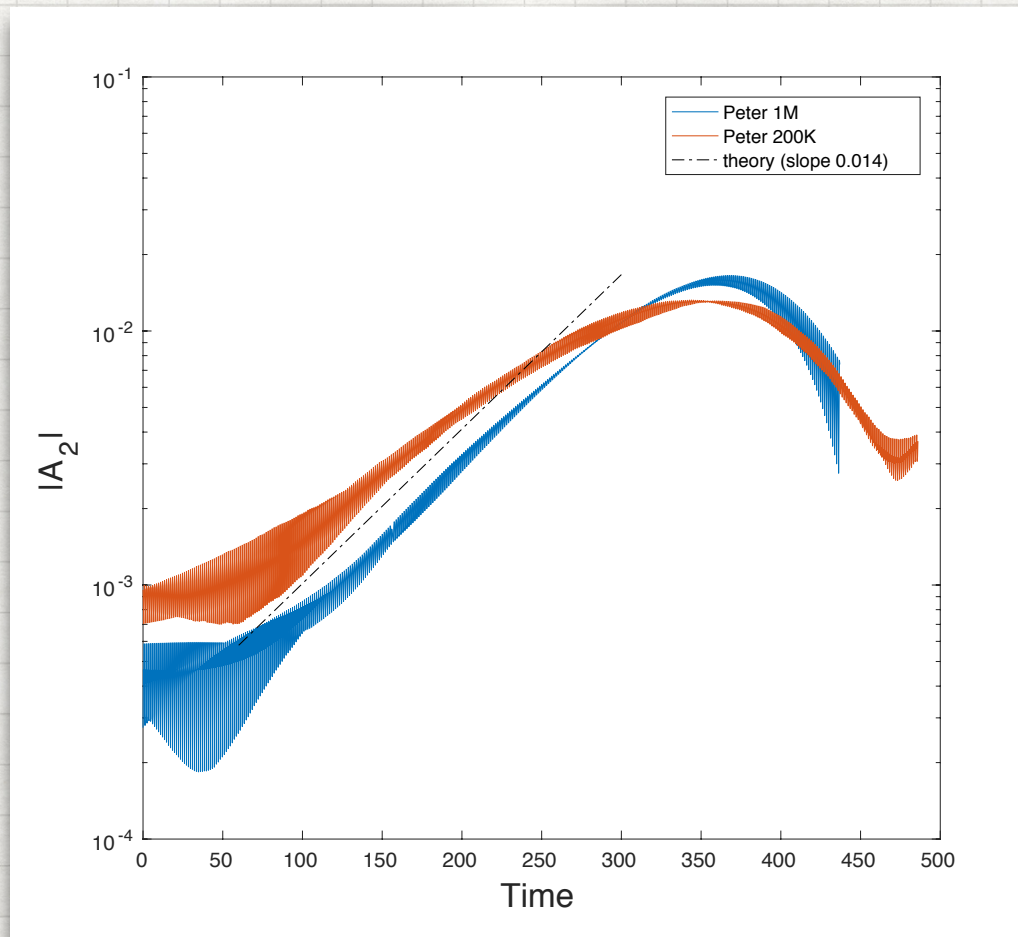
Polynomial model - N-body experiments (200K)



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Radial equilibrium:

$$R\Omega^2(R) = \frac{d}{dR} [\Phi_0(R) + h_0(R)]$$

Linear perturbations:

$$-i\omega_* v_R - 2\Omega v_\theta = -\frac{d}{dR} (\Phi + h)$$

$$-i\omega_* v_\theta + \frac{\kappa^2}{2\Omega} v_R = -\frac{im}{R} (\Phi + h)$$

$$-i\omega_* \Sigma + \frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dR} (R\Sigma_0 v_R) + \frac{im\Sigma_0}{R} v_\theta = 0$$

$$h = c_s^2 \frac{\Sigma}{\Sigma_0}$$

$$\omega_* \equiv \omega - m\Omega$$

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Standard approach (no self-grav., finite boundaries):

$$\xi = -i\omega_* v_R$$

$$\frac{d}{dr}(c_s^2 \eta) = \frac{2m\Omega}{r\omega_*}(c_s^2 \eta) - (\kappa^2 - \omega_*^2)\xi$$

$$\frac{d}{dr}(rH_0\xi) = -rH_0 \left[\left(1 - \frac{m^2 c_s^2}{r^2 \omega_*^2}\right) \eta + \frac{2m\Omega}{r\omega_*} \xi \right]$$

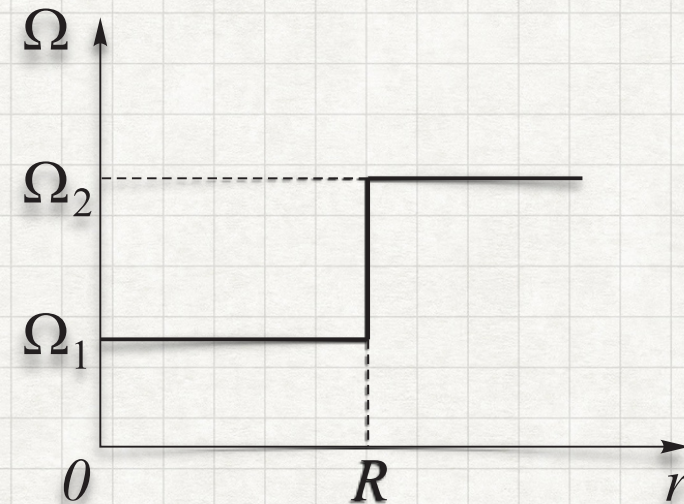
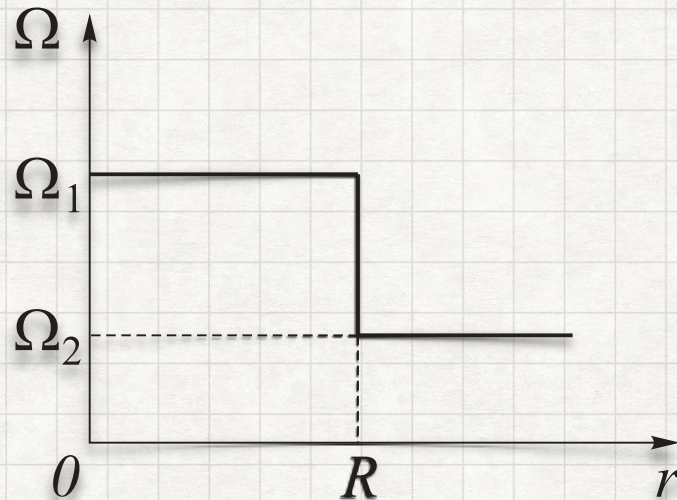
Boundary conditions — rigid walls:

$$\xi = 0$$

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Standard approach (no self-grav., finite boundaries) — angular velocity



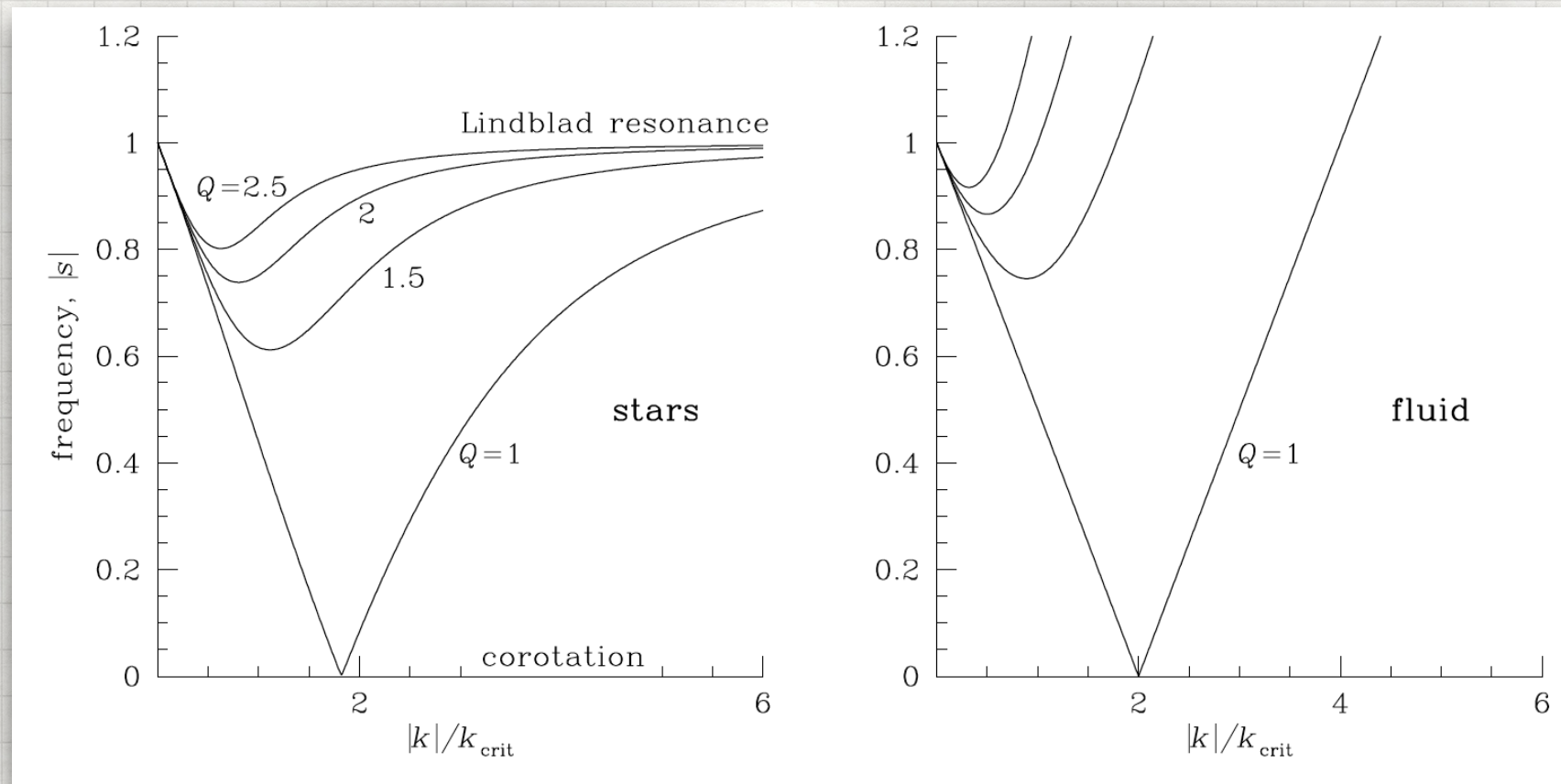
Analytic solution:

$$\eta(r) = C_1 H_m^{(1)}(kr) + C_2 H_m^{(2)}(kr) \quad k^2 = \frac{\omega_*^2 - 4\Omega^2}{c_s^2}$$

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Standard approach (self-grav., infinite outer boundary):



Radiation boundary conditions

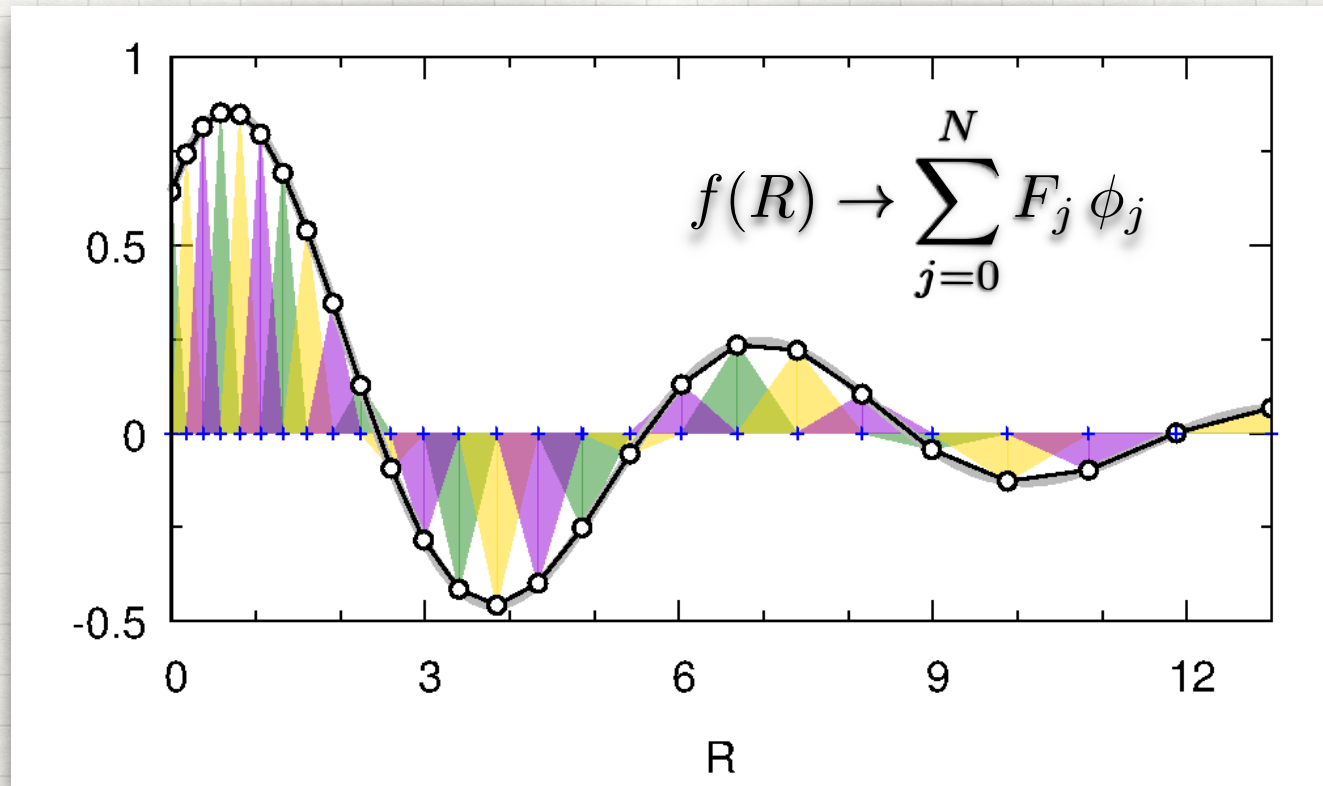
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Goal (see also P., 2005 for stellar discs):

$$\omega \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$$

Method: finite elements



$$\mathbf{x} \equiv [U_0, \dots, U_N, V_0, \dots, V_N, S_0, \dots, S_N]^T$$

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Unknown frequency is in the l.h.s only:

$$\omega v_R = m\Omega v_R + 2i\Omega v_\theta - i \frac{d}{dR} \left(\hat{H}_m \Sigma \right)$$

$$\omega v_\theta = -i \frac{\kappa^2}{2\Omega} v_R + m\Omega v_\theta + \frac{m}{R} \hat{H}_m \Sigma$$

$$\omega \Sigma = -\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dR} (R \Sigma_0 v_R) + \frac{m \Sigma_0}{R} v_\theta + m\Omega \Sigma$$

$$\hat{H}_m \Sigma \equiv (\hat{G}_m + c_s^2 / \Sigma_0) \Sigma = (\Phi + h)$$

$$\omega \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{L}$$

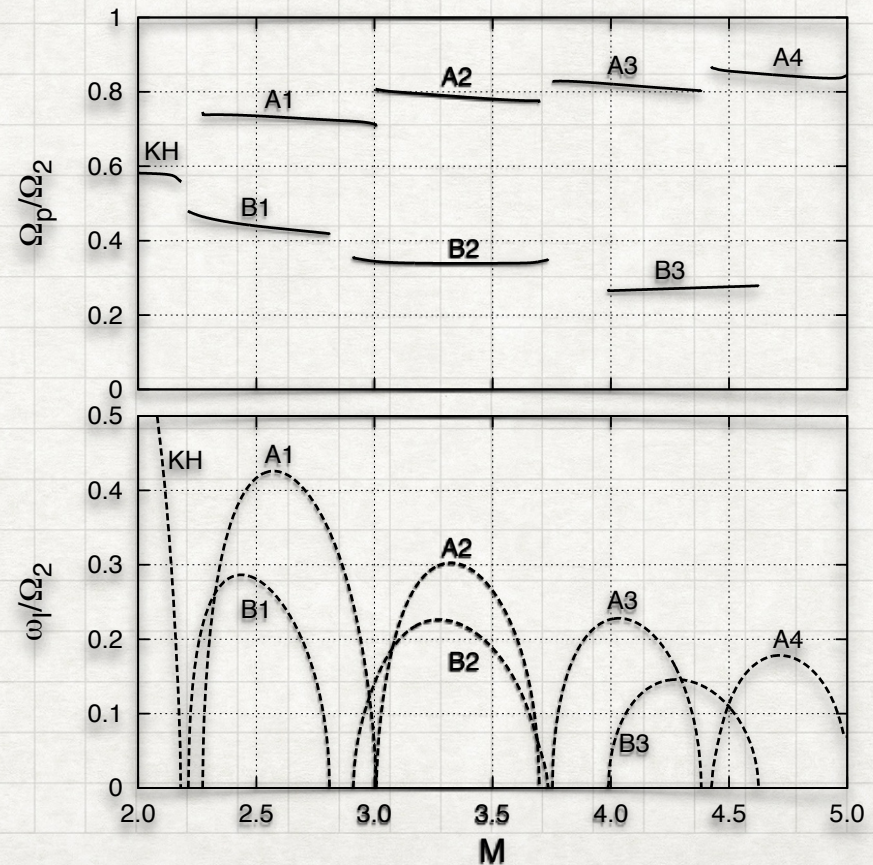
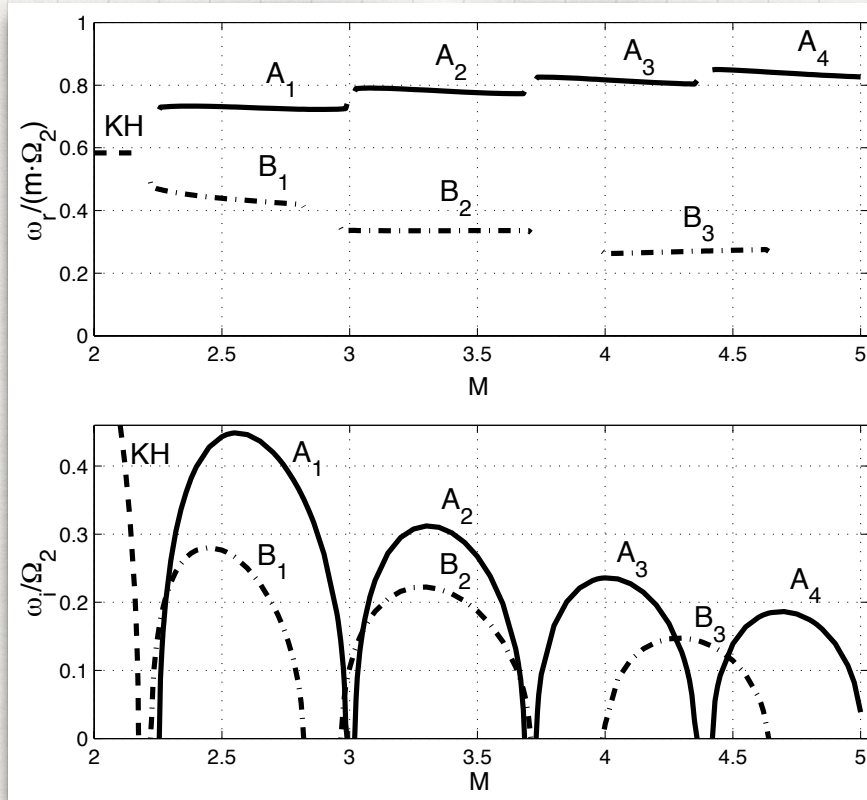
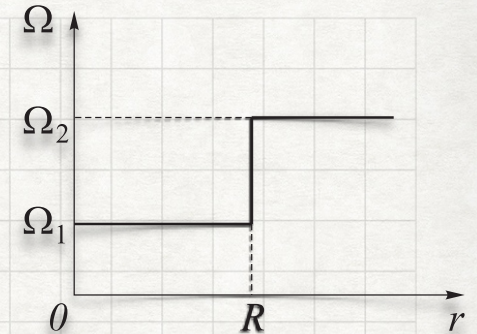
GPU!

What about boundary conditions?

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Example I — “Kelvin-Helmholtz and over-reflection instability”



Fridman + (2006)

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Example II — “Exactly solvable model” (Hunter 1963, Shukhman)

Surface density:

$$\Sigma_0(R) = \Sigma_* \xi, \quad \xi \equiv \left[1 - R^2/a^2\right]^{1/2}$$

Potential:

$$\Phi_0(R) = \frac{\Omega_D^2 R^2}{2}, \quad \Omega_D^2 = \frac{\pi^2 G \Sigma_*}{2a}$$

Pressure law:

$$p_0(R) = \frac{1}{3} \Sigma_* c_*^2 \xi^3$$

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Example II — eigenmodes

Eigenfunctions of surface density:

$$\Sigma_n(R) = \Sigma_* \frac{P_n^m(\xi)}{\xi} e^{im\theta}$$

Eigenvalues are obtained from the cubic DR:

$$1 = \frac{c_*^2/a^2 - 4\Gamma_n^m \Omega_D^2}{\omega_*^2 - 4\Omega^2} \left(n^2 + n - m^2 - \frac{2m}{\omega_*} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_n^m = \frac{(n+m)!(n-m)!}{2^{2n+1} \left[\left(\frac{n+m}{2} \right)! \left(\frac{n-m}{2} \right)! \right]^2}, \quad n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

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Example II — Convergence on N and β to $0.5 + 0.61237244i$

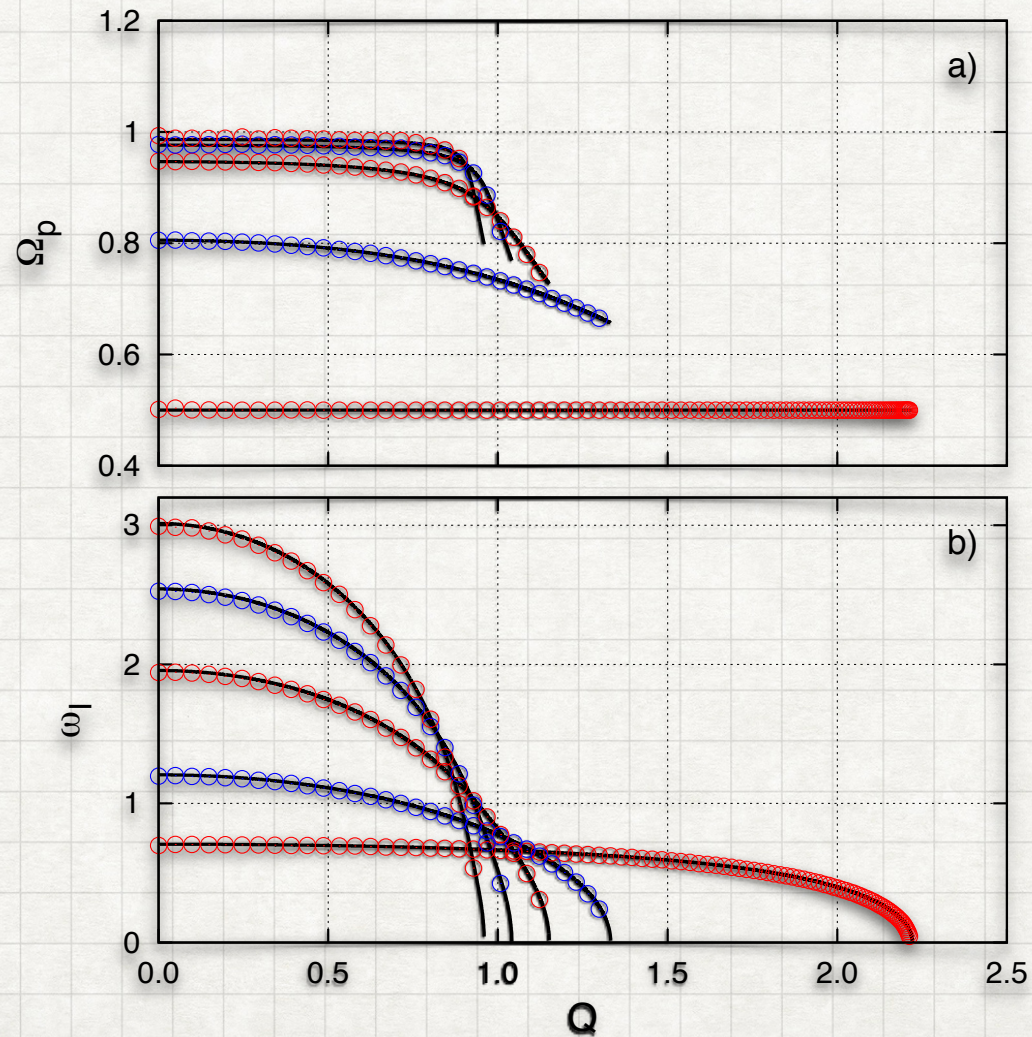
$-\lg \beta$
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| N | $10^3 \Delta_3$ | $10^3 \Delta_4$ | $10^3 \Delta_5$ |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4 | 8.7+29i | 4.5+16i | 1.7+2.4i |
| 8 | 5.2+6.7i | 4.4+14i | 2.1+4.1i |
| 16 | 2.4-13i | 4.6+8.7i | 2.8+4.2i |
| 32 | 0.84-17i | 2.7+4.0i | 2.5+5.1i |
| 64 | 0.68-15i | 0.26-1.6i | 1.4+3.8i |
| 128 | 0.43-16i | 0.008-2.2i | 0.41+1.2i |
| 256 | 0.36-16i | 0.012-2.1i | -0.06-0.4i |
| 512 | 0.32-16i | -0.016-2.3i | -0.03-0.33i |
| 1024 | 0.26-16i | -0.08-2.5i | -0.09-0.58i |

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Example II — numerical and exact Q dependence



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Example III — cored exponential model (galactic disc)

Potential:

$$\Phi_0(R) = v_0^2 \ln \sqrt{1 + R^2/R_C^2}$$

Surface density:

$$\Sigma_D(R) = \Sigma_s \exp \left[-\lambda \sqrt{1 + R^2/R_C^2} \right], \quad \lambda \equiv \frac{R_C}{R_D}$$

The stellar dynamical model $F_0(E,L)$ has 3 parameters

$$\sigma_R \approx v_0 / (2\bar{N})^{1/2}$$

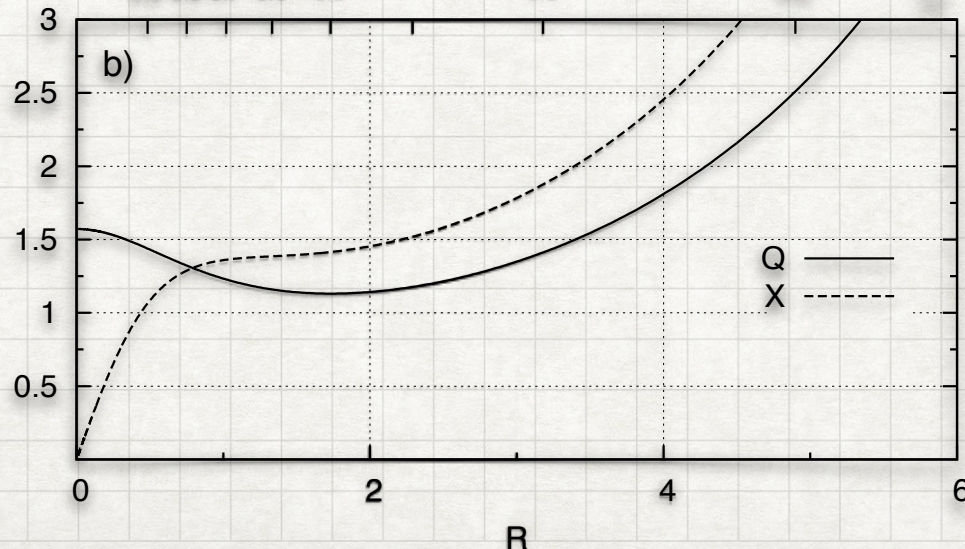
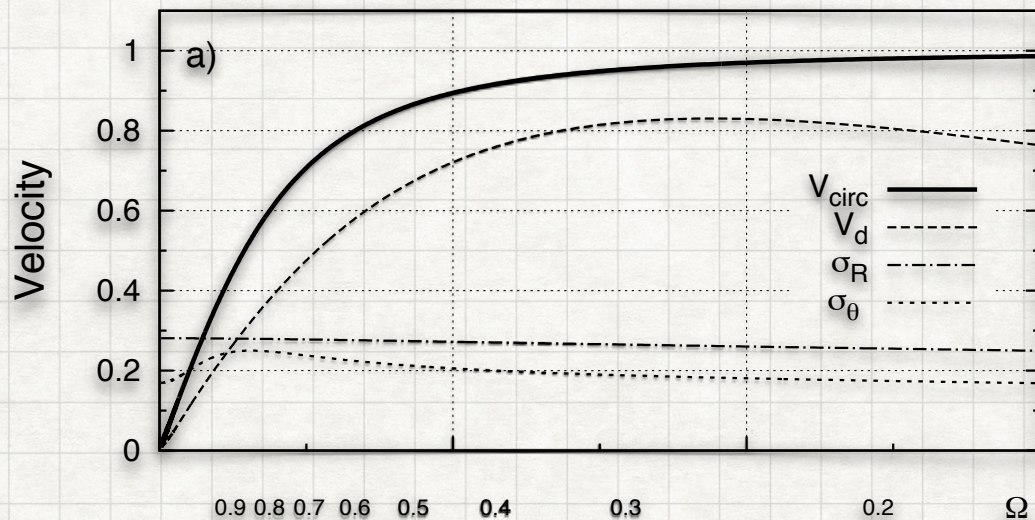
Units and adopted parameters:

$$G = v_0 = R_C = 1 \quad \bar{N} = 6, \quad \lambda = 0.625, \quad \Sigma_s = 0.34$$

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Example III — velocity and some other essential profiles



$$Q = \frac{\kappa C_s}{\pi G \Sigma_0}$$

$$1 \leq Q_{\text{min}} \leq 1.8$$

$$X \equiv \lambda_\theta / \lambda_{\text{crit}}$$

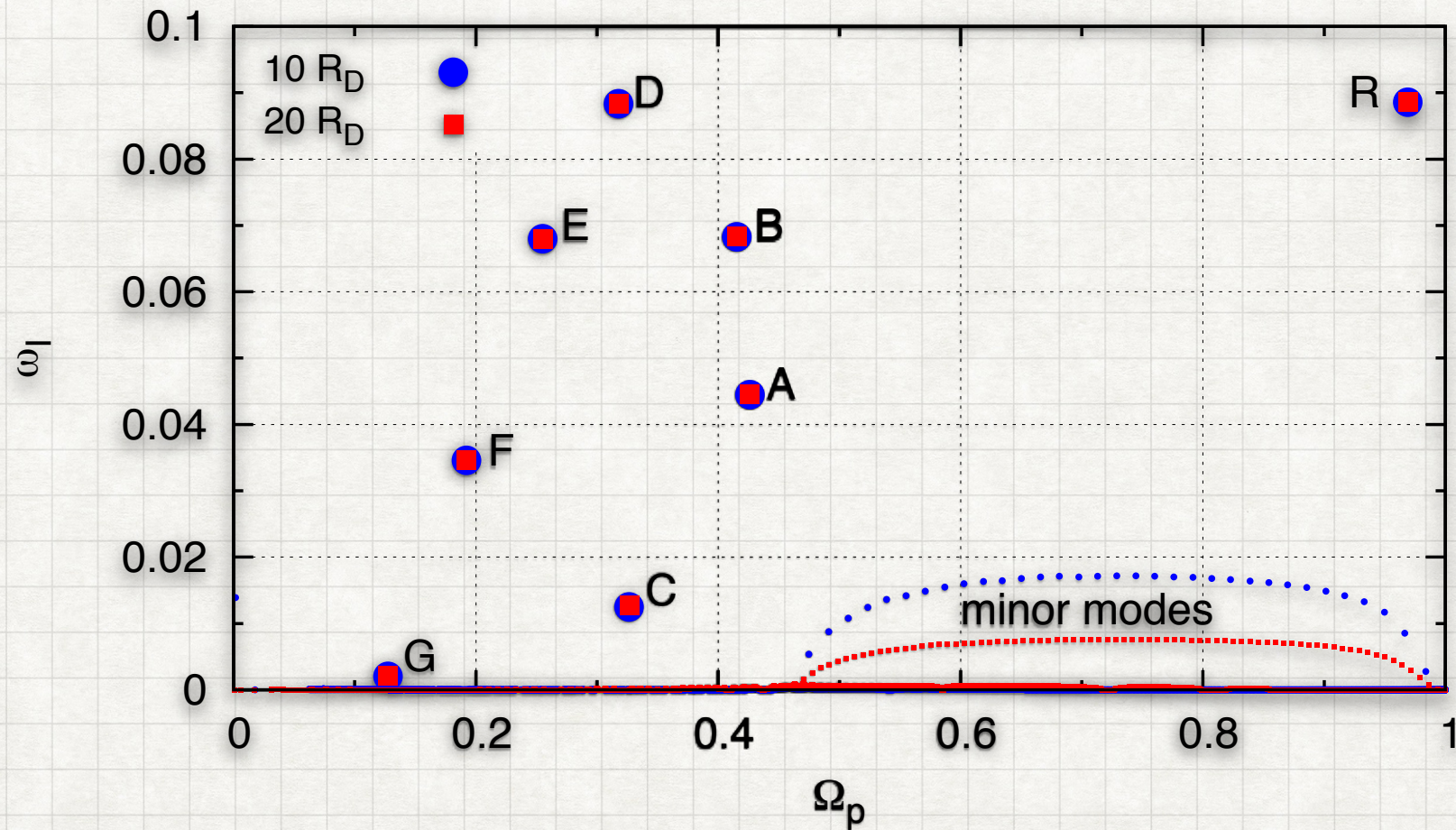
$$\lambda_\theta = 2\pi / k_\theta = 2\pi R / m$$

$$\lambda_{\text{crit}} = 4\pi^2 G \Sigma_0 / \kappa^2$$

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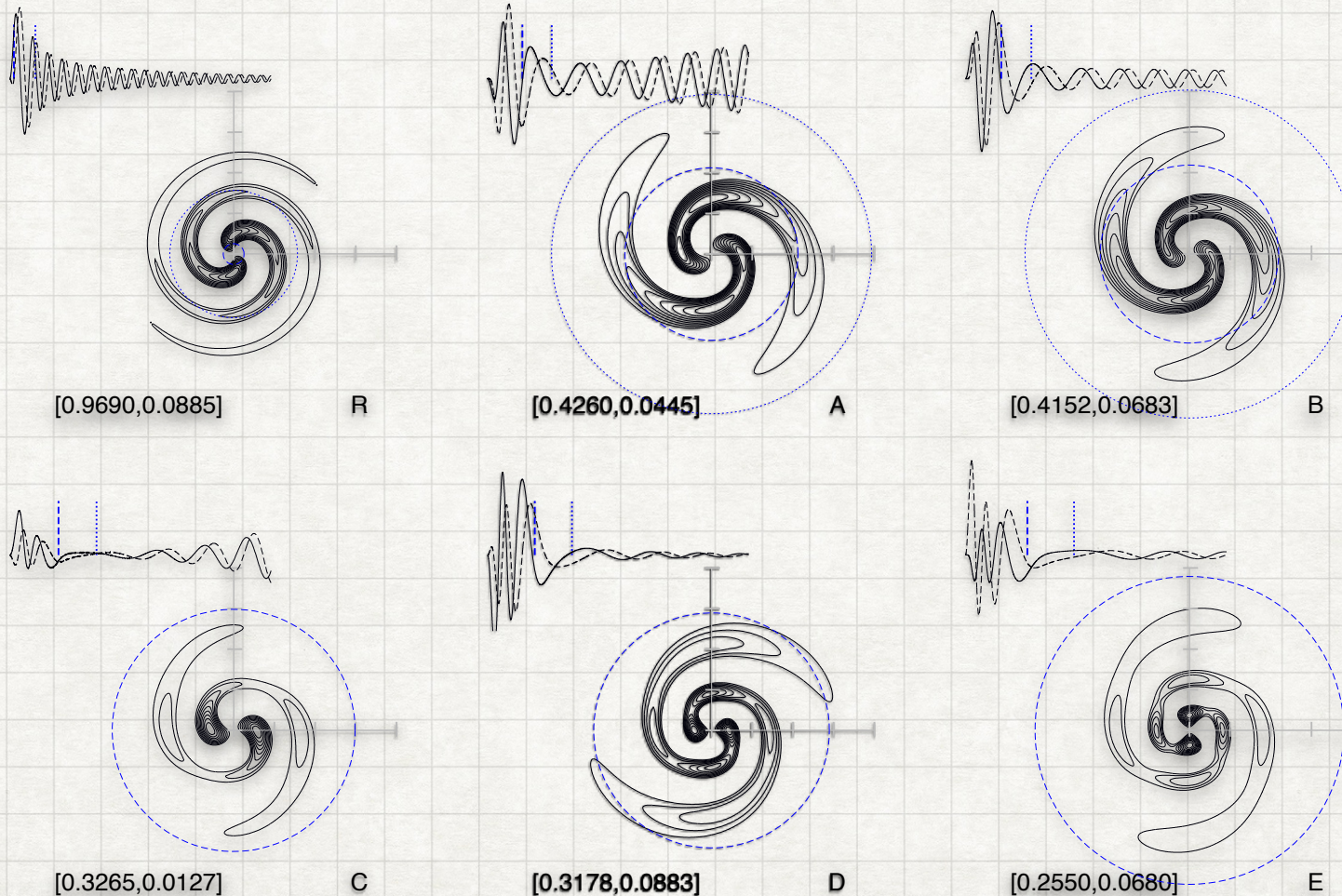
Example III — eigenmodes, various R_{out}



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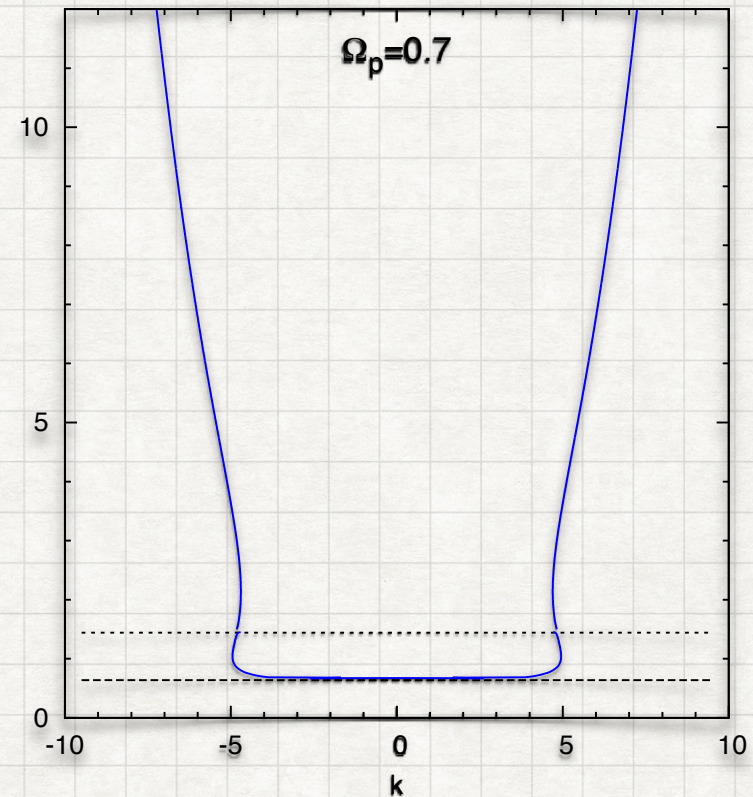
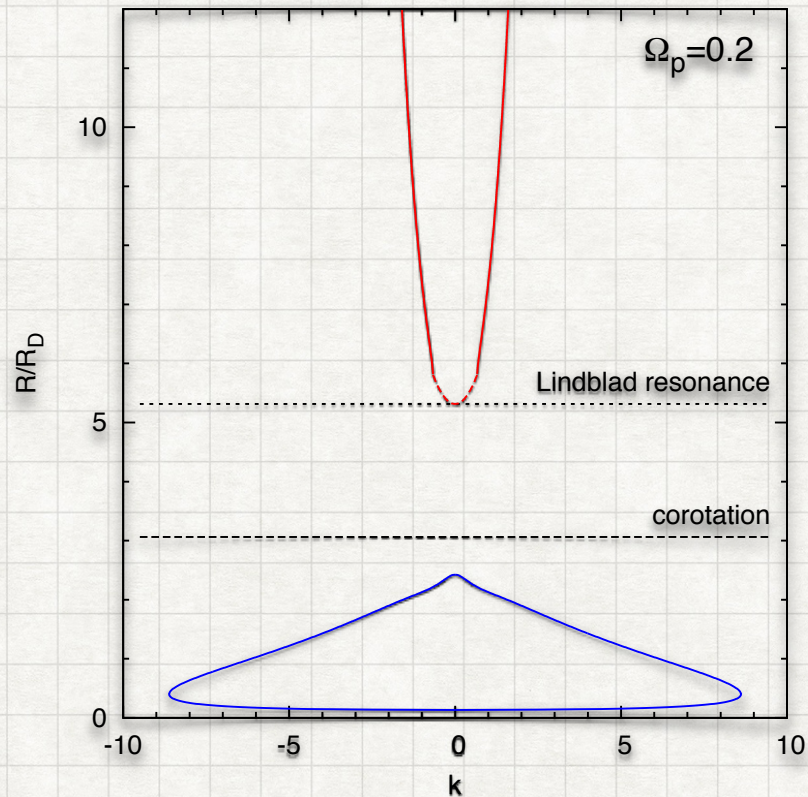
Example III — major patterns



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Example III — propagation diagrams (enhanced WKB, Bertin+89)



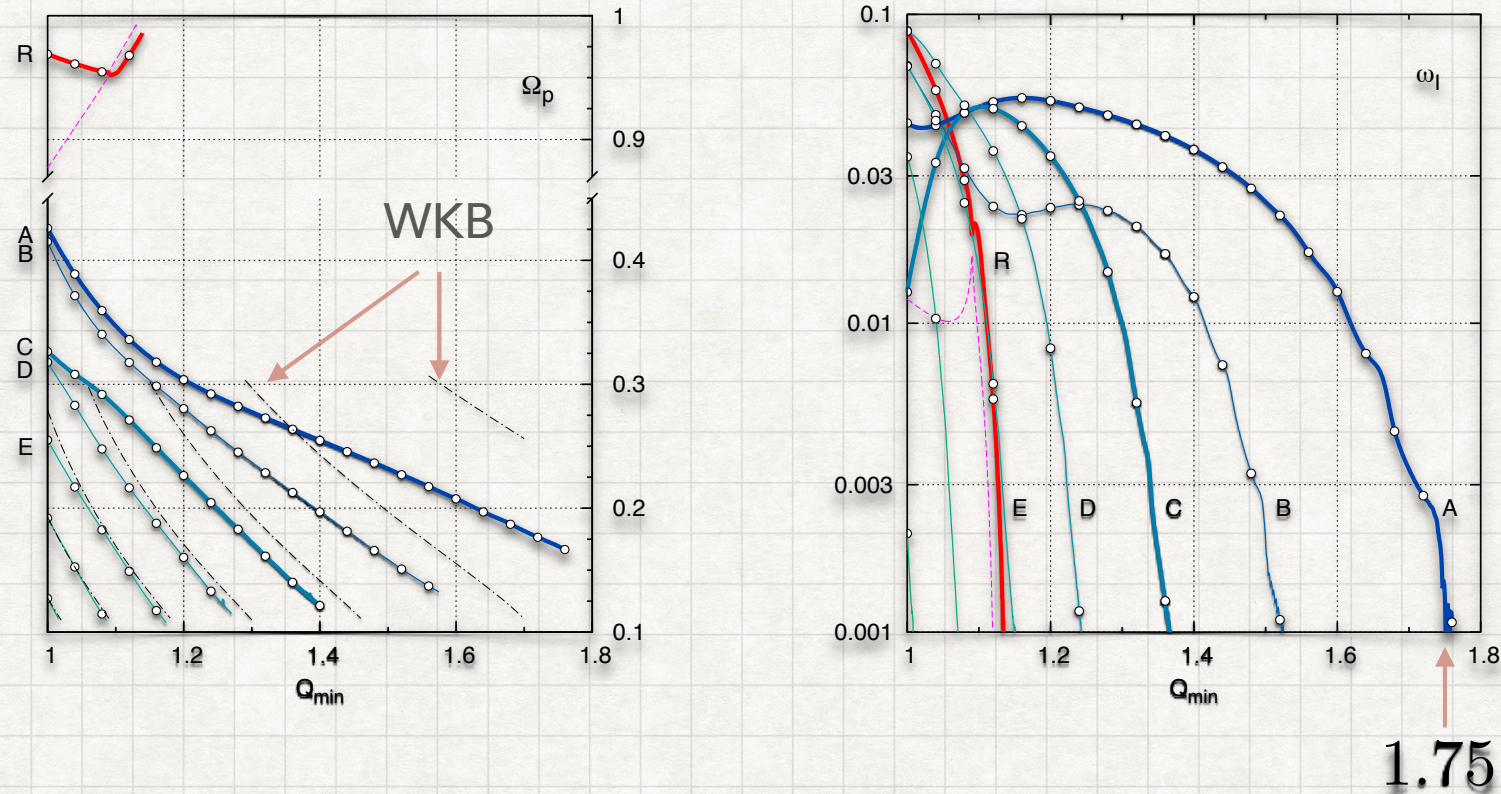
$$\oint k(\omega_R, R) dR = (2n + 1)\pi$$

$$\omega_I^{-1} \propto \oint \frac{dr}{|c_g|},$$

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Example III — major eigenmodes v.s. Q



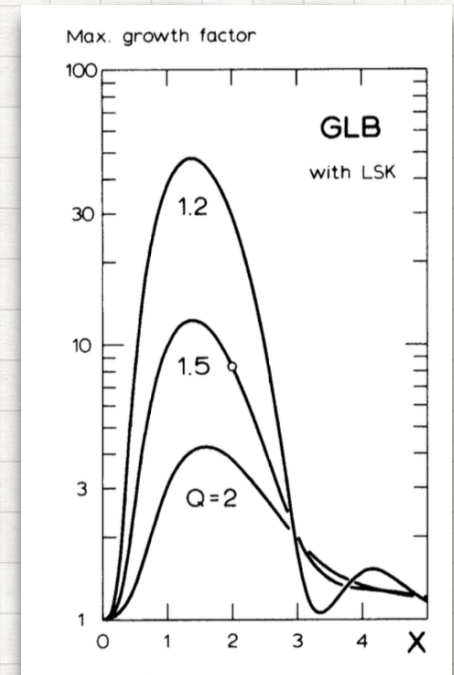
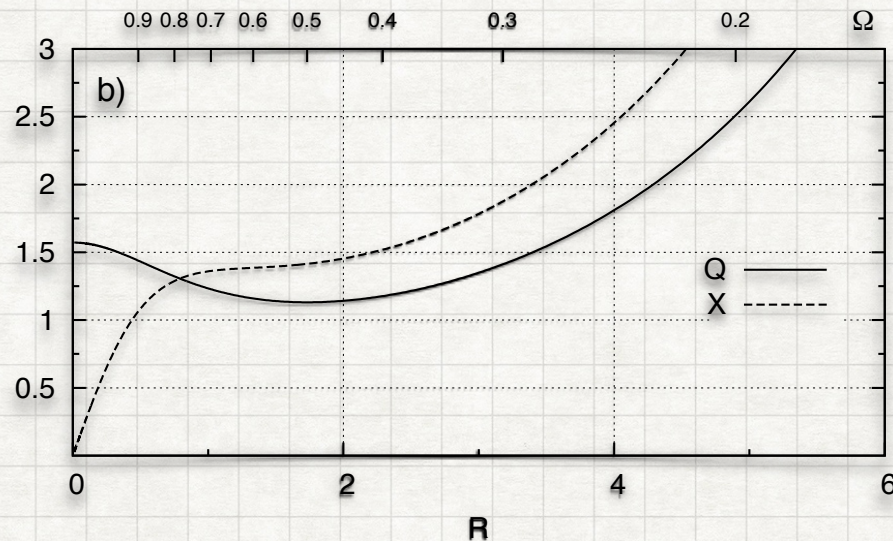
Earlier predicted value for flat r.c. (Polyachenko+, 1997):

$$Q_{\min} = \sqrt{3} \approx 1.73$$

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Example III — minor eigenmodes v.s. R_{out}

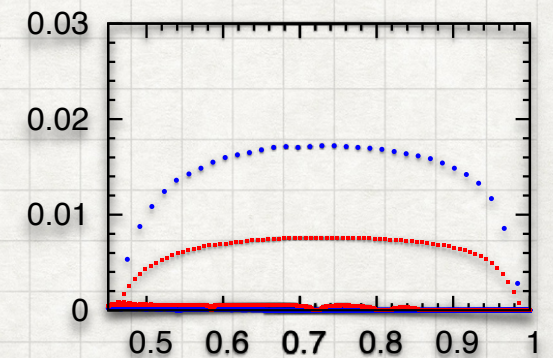


Swing amplified outer modes? Presumably yes

When R_{out} is increased from $10R_d$ to $20R_d$;

- frequency range corresponds to the max of SA growth;
- travel time for wave packets increased by factor 2.33;
- growth rates dropped by factor 2.28;
- $\Delta\Omega$ dropped by factor 2.31

$$n\lambda = 2(R_{out} - R_C)$$



1-ST YEAR SUMMARY

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- 1) (#2 "Spheroids, l_3 ") theoretical part, numerical part in progress (exp.: fall 2017)
- 2) (#3 "Loss cone inst.") negative results. Publication?
- 3) (#4 "Mode's detection") used everywhere - no separate publication.

4) Papers with acknowledgements to the project:

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2-ND YEAR PLANS

N-BODY/HYDRODYNAMIC SIMULATIONS

- 1) Self-consistent N-body/hydrodynamical simulations of the AD imbedded in the nuclear stellar cluster (teams: UGR)** Implementation of the AD heating due to interaction of the stellar population of NSC. Calculation of the accretion rate on to the BH due to dynamical friction of stars with the AD matter. Comparison of the results with the previous studies and linear theory predictions (Just et al 2012). Calibration of the BH accretion rate with various subgrid models (Springel et al. 2005; Okamoto et al. 2008; Debuhr et al. 2011).
- 2) Theoretical analysis of the possible angular momentum distributions of the stellar clusters (teams: GR)** Dependence of the stellar distribution function (DF) on the angular momentum is essential for stability. In early numerical experiments only monotonic DFs were studied (e.g., Cohn, Kulsrud 1978). However, we expect that non-monotonic distributions are also feasible. If a cluster is formed as a result of the collisionless collapse, then it remains collisionless until the collisional relaxation will take over (see, e.g., Merritt & Wang, 2005). Thus in principle, the system can have almost arbitrary DF both in the energy and in the angular momentum. We wish to analyze the variety of possible distributions over angular momentum in evolutionary models.
- 3) Numerical simulations of the possible angular momentum distributions of the stellar clusters (teams: UG)** The same as in task 2, but using numerical simulations.
- 4) Study of the possibility of the loss cone instability for spherical systems in near-Keplerian potentials (teams: UGR)** Theory gives constrains on the possible unstable spherical harmonics and width of the loss cone. Using tasks 2 and 3, we shall try to present reasonable stationary initial conditions that promote gLCl.