

# Potential Theory

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# Outlines

## Examples of spherical models:

- “Potential based” models
- “Density based” models

## Axisymmetric models for disk galaxies

- “Potential based” models
- Potential of flattened systems
- Potential of infinite thin (razor-thin) disks
- “Potential based” razor-thin disks models
- Potential of spheroidal shells (homoeoids)
- Potential of spheroids
- Potential of infinite thin (razor-thin) disks from homoeoids

## Idealized but useful models

- the infinite wire, the infinite slab
- infinite slab with oscillatory surface density, tightly wound spiral

# Spherical systems : useful relations

	$\rho(r)$	$\Phi(r)$	$M(r)$	$\frac{d\Phi}{dr}$
$\rho(r)$	$\rho(r)$	$\frac{1}{4\pi G} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dr} \right)$	$\frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{dM(r)}{dr}$	$\frac{1}{4\pi G} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dr} \right)$
$\Phi(r)$	$-\frac{GM(r)}{r} - 4\pi G \int_r^\infty dr' r' \rho(r')$	$\Phi(r)$	$-G \int_r^\infty dr' \frac{M(r')}{r'^2}$	$-\int_r^\infty dr' \frac{d\Phi}{dr}$
$M(r)$	$4\pi \int_0^r dr' r'^2 \rho(r')$	$\frac{r^2}{G} \frac{d\Phi}{dr}$	$M(r)$	$\frac{r^2}{G} \frac{d\Phi}{dr}$
$\frac{d\Phi}{dr}$	$\frac{4\pi G}{r^2} \int_0^r dr' r'^2 \rho(r')$	$\frac{d\Phi}{dr}$	$\frac{GM(r)}{r^2}$	$\frac{d\Phi}{dr}$

Poisson in spherical coordinates

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dr} \right) = 4\pi G \rho(r)$$

Mass inside a radius  $r$

$$M(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r dr' r'^2 \rho(r')$$

Potential in spherical coordinates

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM(r)}{r} - 4\pi G \int_r^\infty \rho(r') r' dr'$$

Gradient of the potential in spherical coordinates

$$\frac{d\Phi(r)}{dr} = \frac{GM(r)}{r^2}$$

# **Examples of Spherical models**

**“Potential based”  
models**

# Point mass

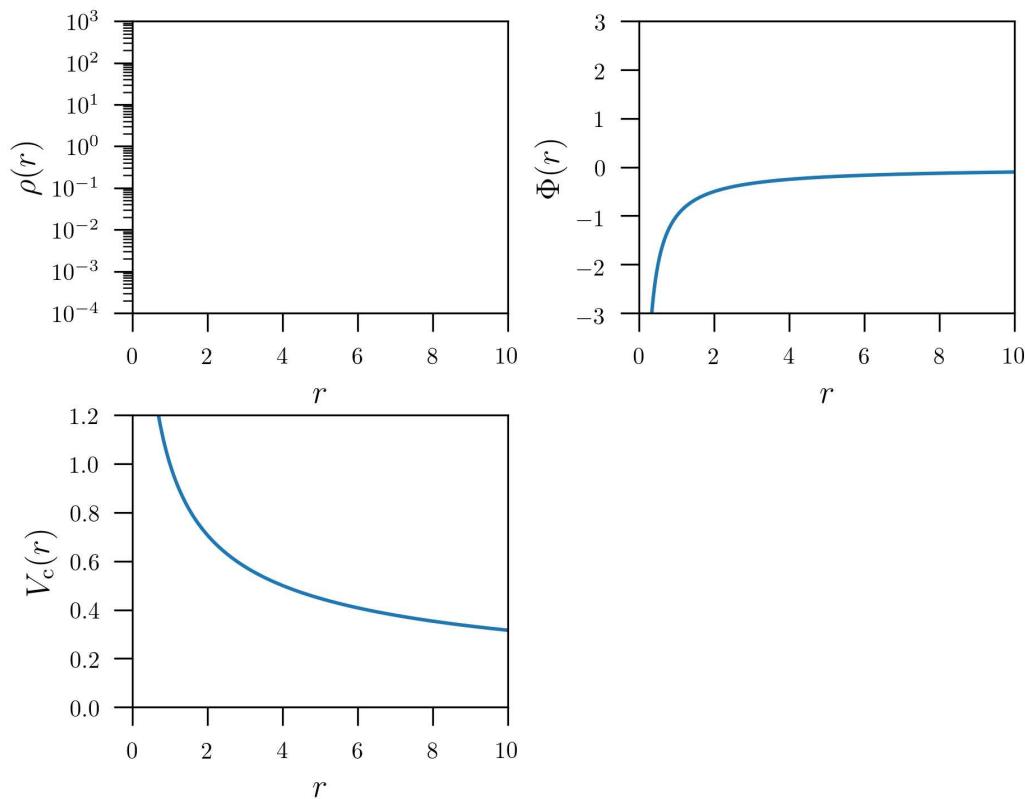
$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM}{r}$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{M\delta(0)}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$M(r) = M$$

$$V_c^2(r) = \frac{GM}{r}$$

$$T(r) = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{r^3}{GM}}$$



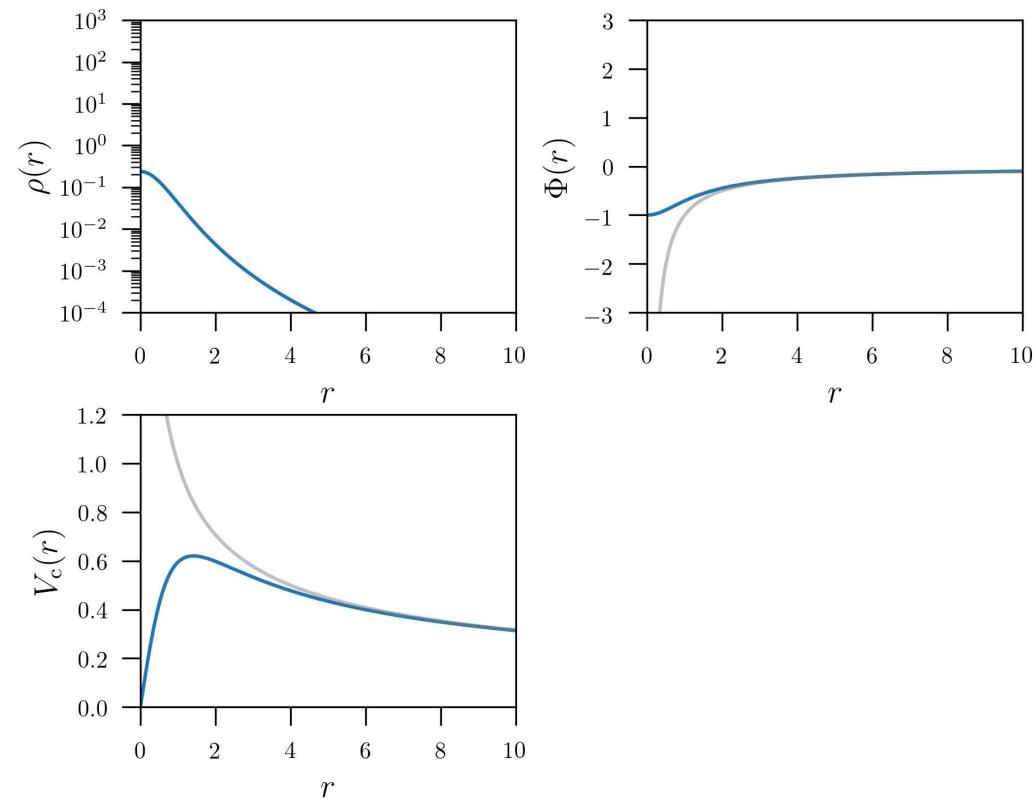
# Plummer model

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{r^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3M}{4\pi b^3} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{b^2}\right)^{-5/2}$$

$$M(r) = \frac{Mr^3}{(r^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$V_c^2(r) = \frac{GMr^2}{(r^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$



- Globular clusters, dwarf spheroidal galaxies

# Isochrone potential

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM}{b + \sqrt{r^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\rho(r) = M \frac{3(b + \sqrt{b^2 + r^2})(b^2 + r^2) - r^2(b + 3\sqrt{b^2 + r^2})}{4\pi(b + \sqrt{b^2 + r^2})^3(b^2 + r^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$M(r) = \frac{Mr^3}{\sqrt{b^2 + r^2}(b + \sqrt{b^2 + r^2})^2}$$

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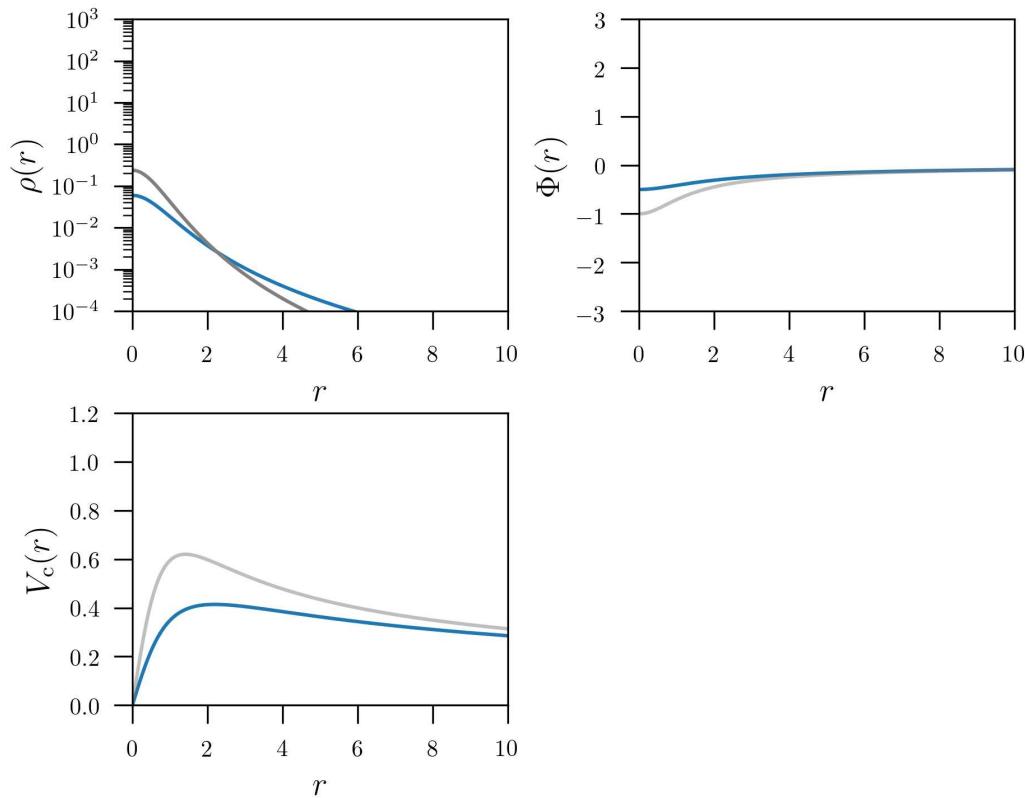
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Orbits are analytical !

# **Examples of Spherical models**

**“Density based”  
models**

# Homogeneous sphere

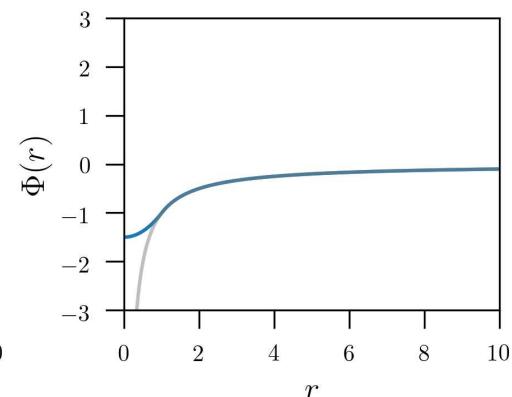
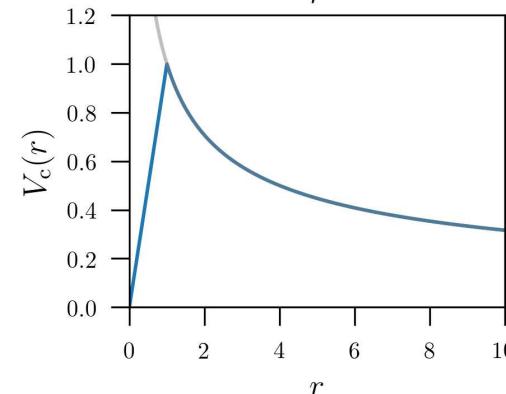
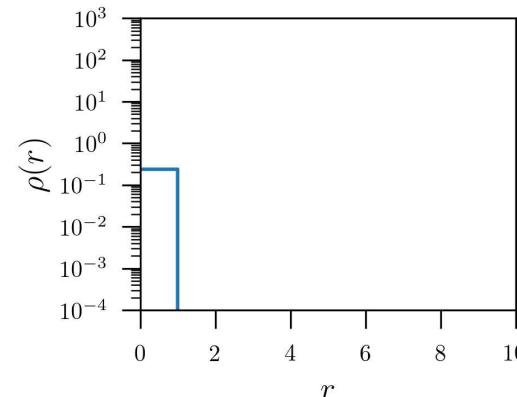
$$\rho(r) = \begin{cases} \rho & r < R \\ 0 & r > R \end{cases}$$

$$M(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho_0 & r < R \\ \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho & r > R \end{cases}$$

$$\Phi(r) = \begin{cases} -2\pi G \rho (R^2 - \frac{1}{3}r^2) & r < R \\ -4\pi G \rho R^3 / (3r) & r > R \end{cases}$$

$$V_c^2(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{3}\pi G \rho_0 r^2 & r < R \\ \frac{4}{3}\pi G \rho_0 \frac{R^3}{r} & r > R \end{cases}$$

$$T(r) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{G\rho_0}} & r < R \\ \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{G\rho_0 R^3}} r^{3/2} & r > R \end{cases}$$



$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = -\frac{d\Phi(r)}{dr} = -\frac{GM(r)}{r^2} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_0 r = -\omega^2 r$$

Harmonic oscillator !

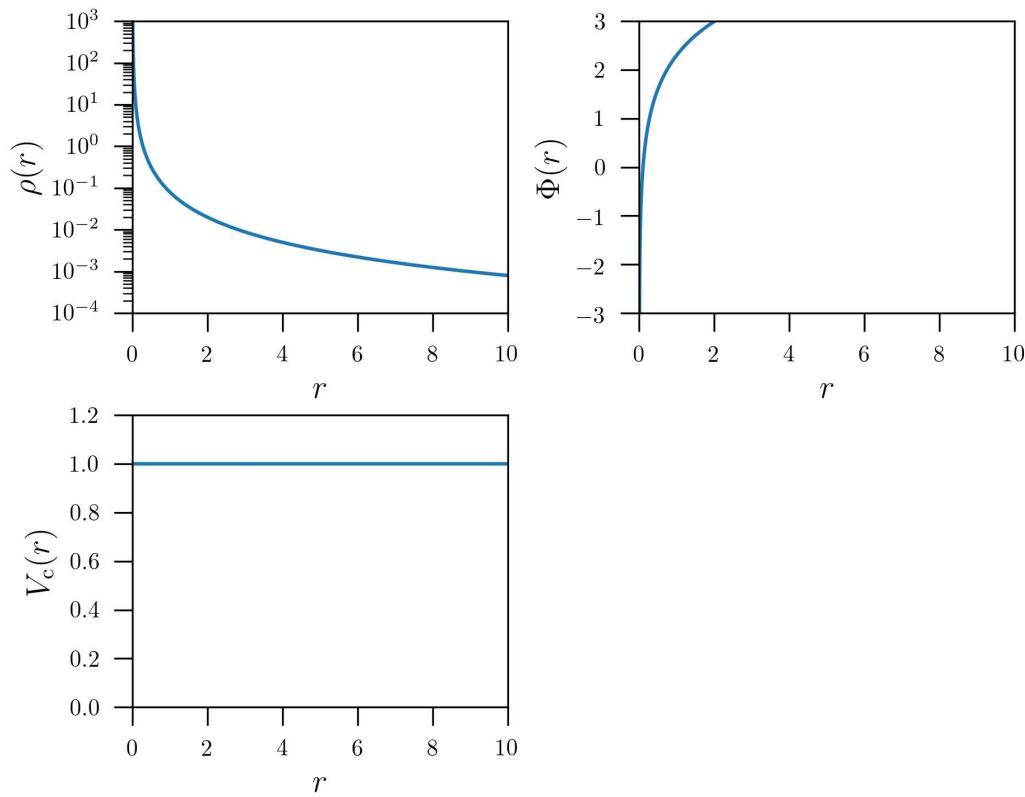
# Isothermal sphere

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \frac{a^2}{r^2}$$

$$\Phi(r) = 4\pi G \rho_0 a^2 \ln\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)$$

$$M(r) = 4\pi \rho_0 a^2 r$$

$$V_c^2(r) = 4\pi G \rho_0 a^2$$



- often used for gravitational lens models
- But !
  - diverge towards the centre !
  - infinite mass !

# Pseudo-isothermal sphere

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \frac{a^2}{a^2 + r^2}$$

$$\Phi(r) = 4\pi G \rho_0 a^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln(a^2 + r^2) + \frac{a}{r} \arctan\left(\frac{r}{a}\right) \right)$$

$$M(r) = 4\pi r \rho_0 a^2 \left( 1 - \frac{a}{r} \arctan\left(\frac{r}{a}\right) \right)$$

$$V_c^2(r) = 4\pi G \rho_0 a^2 \left( 1 - \frac{a}{r} \arctan\left(\frac{r}{a}\right) \right)$$

- Avoid the central divergence of the isothermal sphere
  - However, the mass is still not bounded

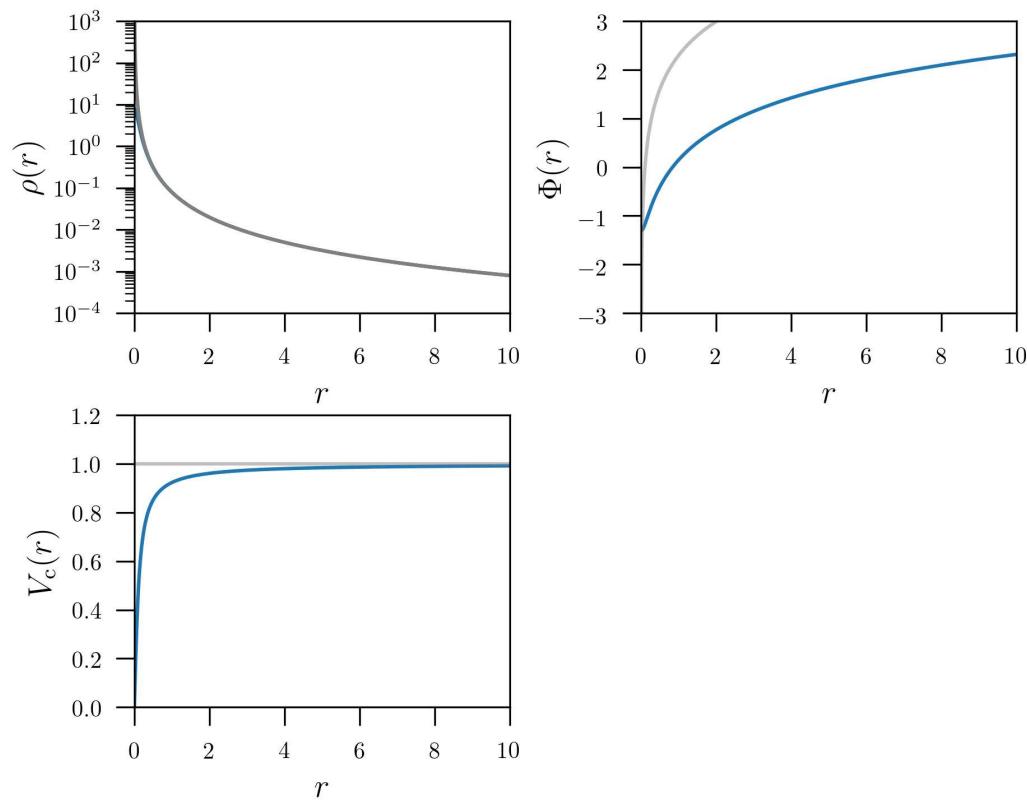
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# Generic two power density models

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{(r/a)^\alpha (1+r/a)^{\beta-\alpha}}$$

- diverges at the center if  $\alpha \neq 0$

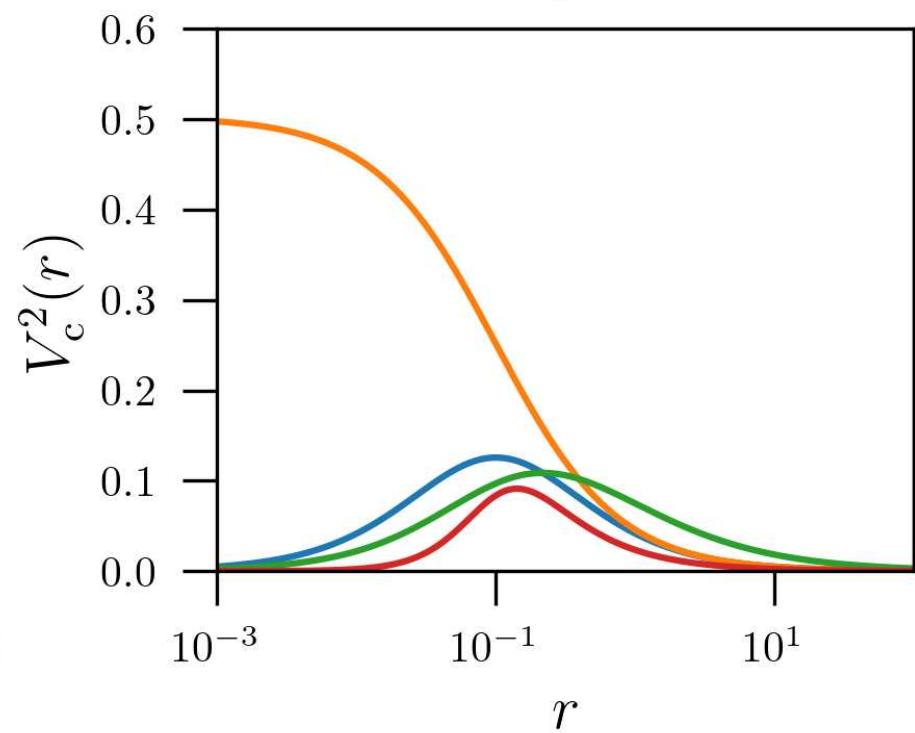
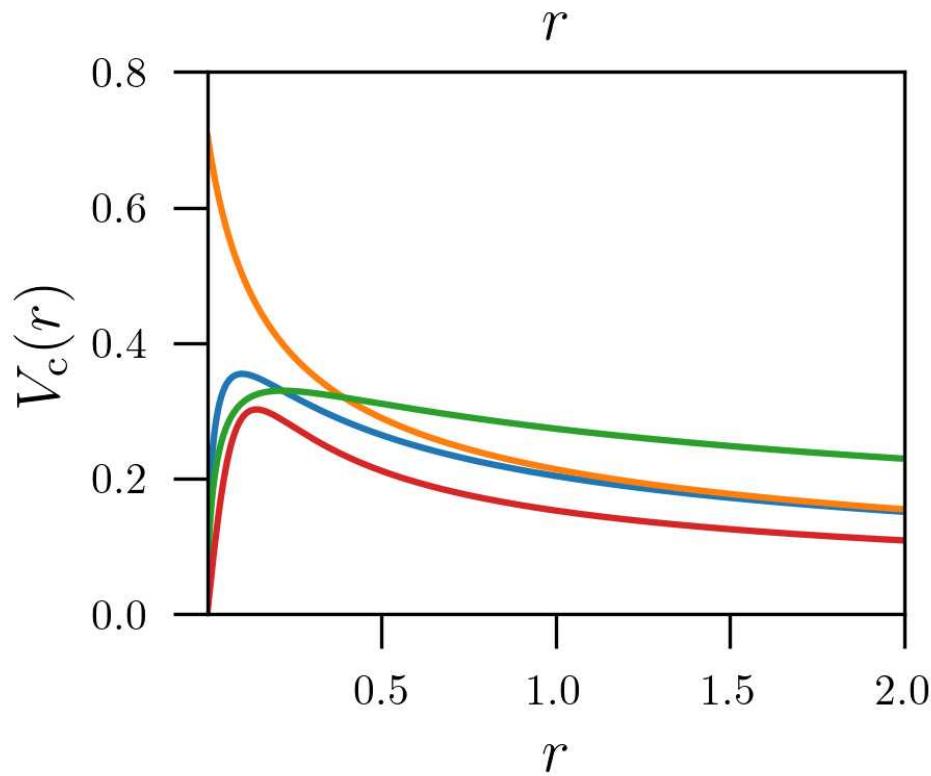
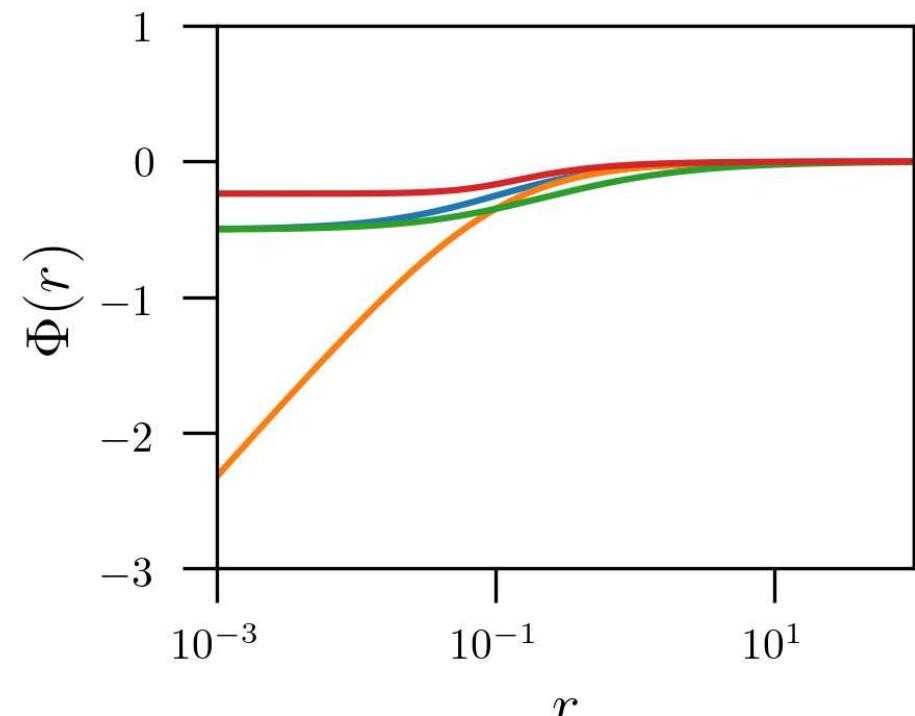
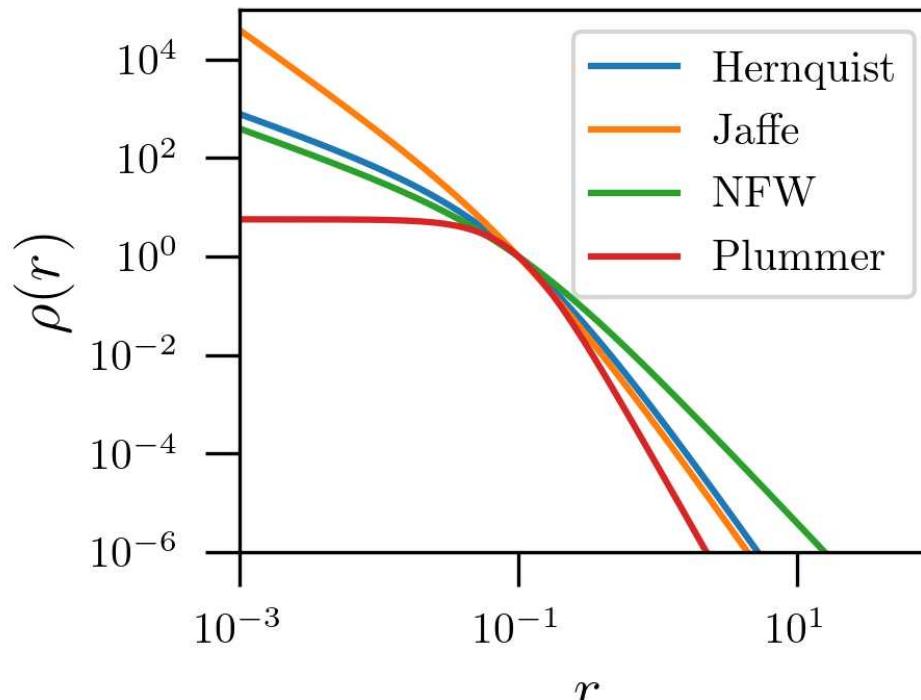
$$M(r) = 4\pi \rho_0 a^3 \int_0^{r/a} s \frac{s^{2-\alpha}}{(1+s)^{\beta-\alpha}}$$

model name	inner slope $\alpha$	outer slope $\beta$	
Plummer	0	5	• globular clusters
Dehnen	any	4	
Hernquist	1	4	• bulges, elliptic. gal.
Jaffe	2	4	• elliptic. galaxies
NFW	1	3	• dark haloes

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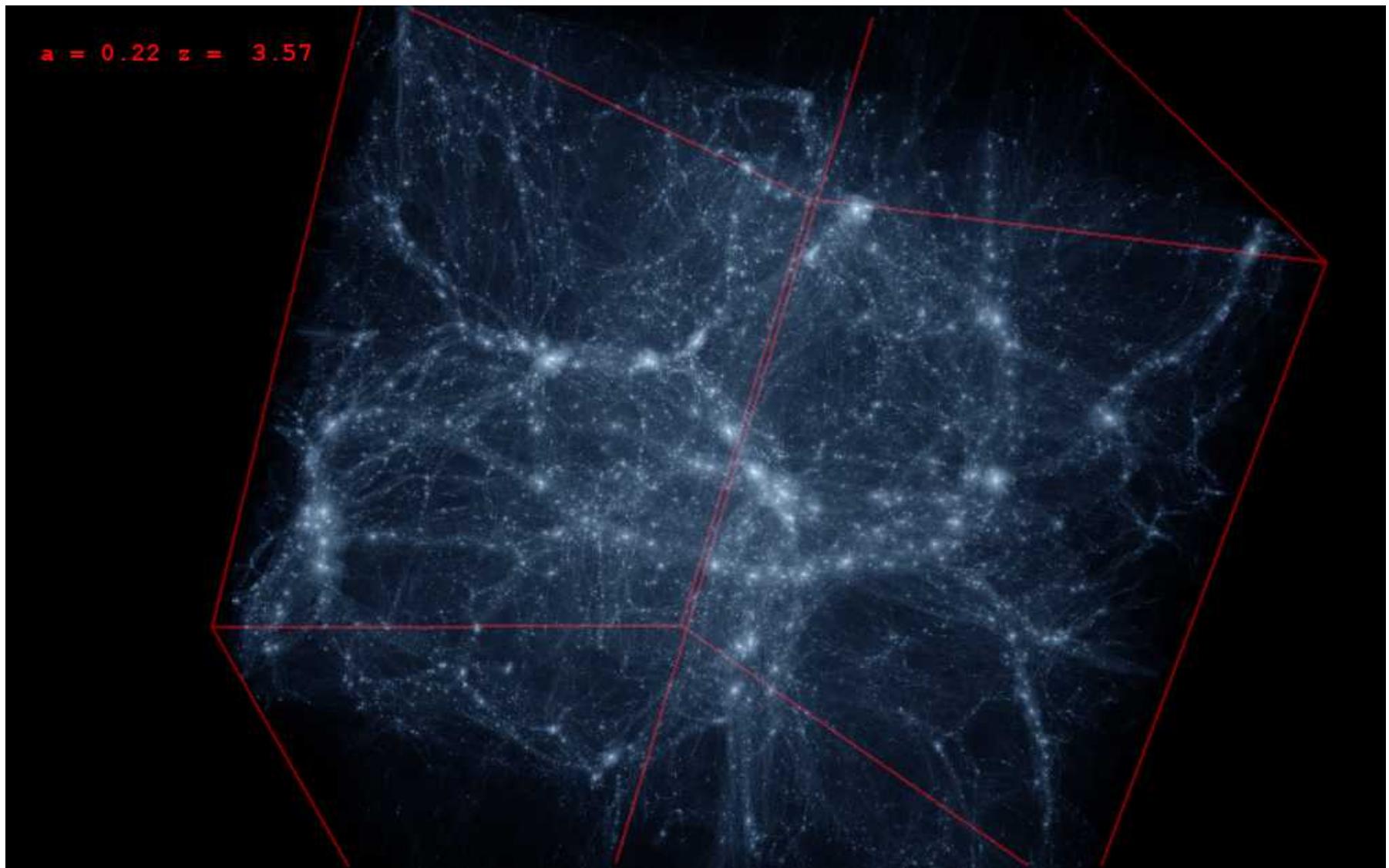
$$M(r) = 4\pi\rho_0 a^3 \times \begin{cases} \frac{r/a}{1+r/a} & \text{(Jaffe)} \\ \frac{(r/a)^2}{2(1+r/a)^2} & \text{(Hernquist)} \\ \ln(1 + r/a) - \frac{r/a}{1+r/a} & \text{(NFW)} \end{cases} \quad \bullet \text{ diverges !!}$$

$$\Phi(r) = -4\pi G\rho_0 a^2 \times \begin{cases} \ln(1 + a/r) & \text{(Jaffe)} \\ \frac{1}{2(1+r/a)} & \text{(Hernquist)} \\ \frac{\ln(1+r/a)}{r/a} & \text{(NFW)} \end{cases}$$



# NFW (Navarro, Frenk & White 1995, 1996)

- Density profile that fit dark matter haloes formed in LCDM numerical simulations



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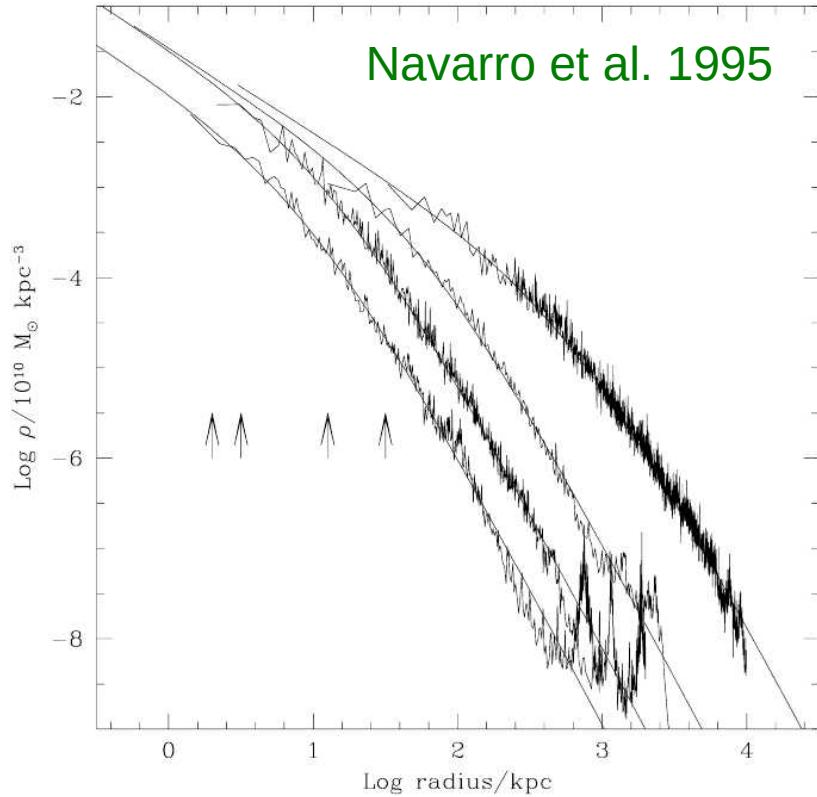
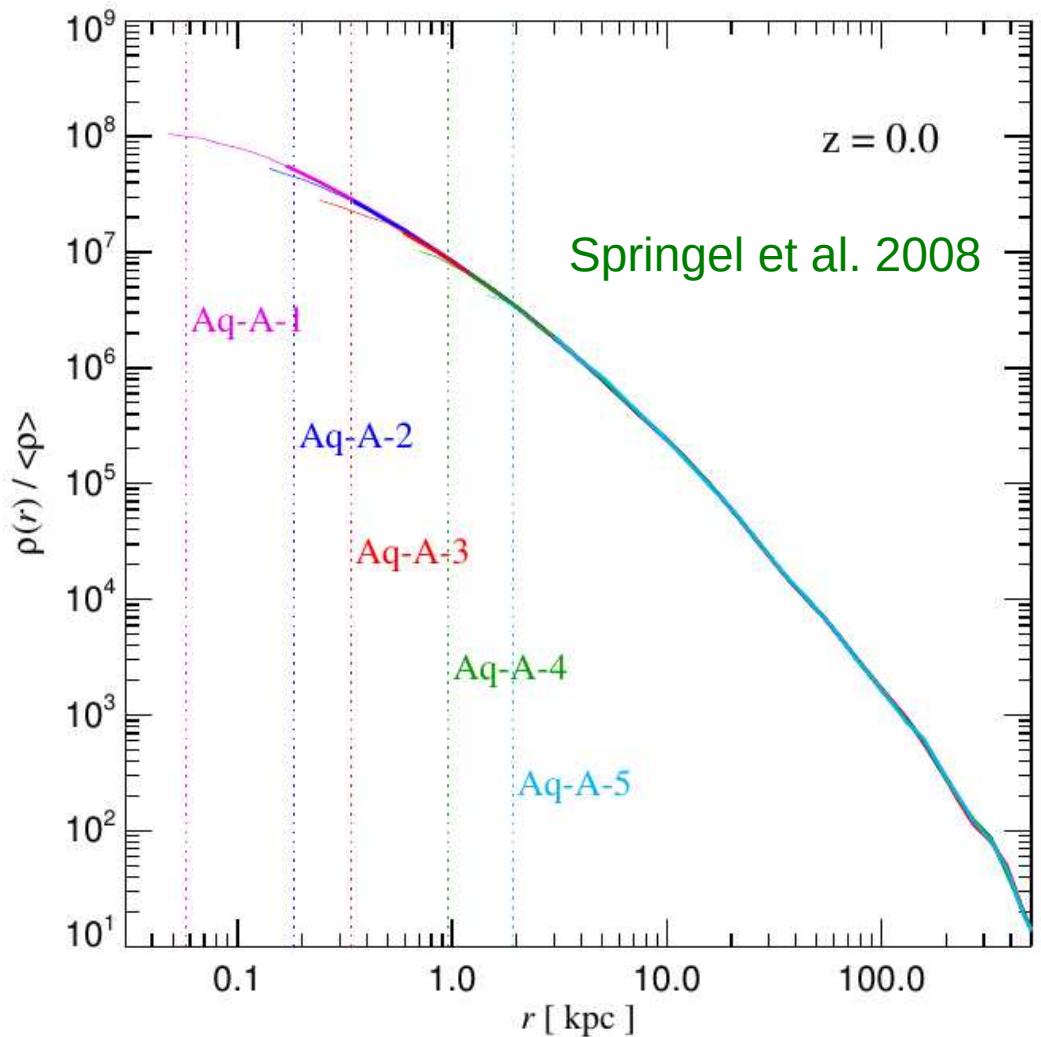


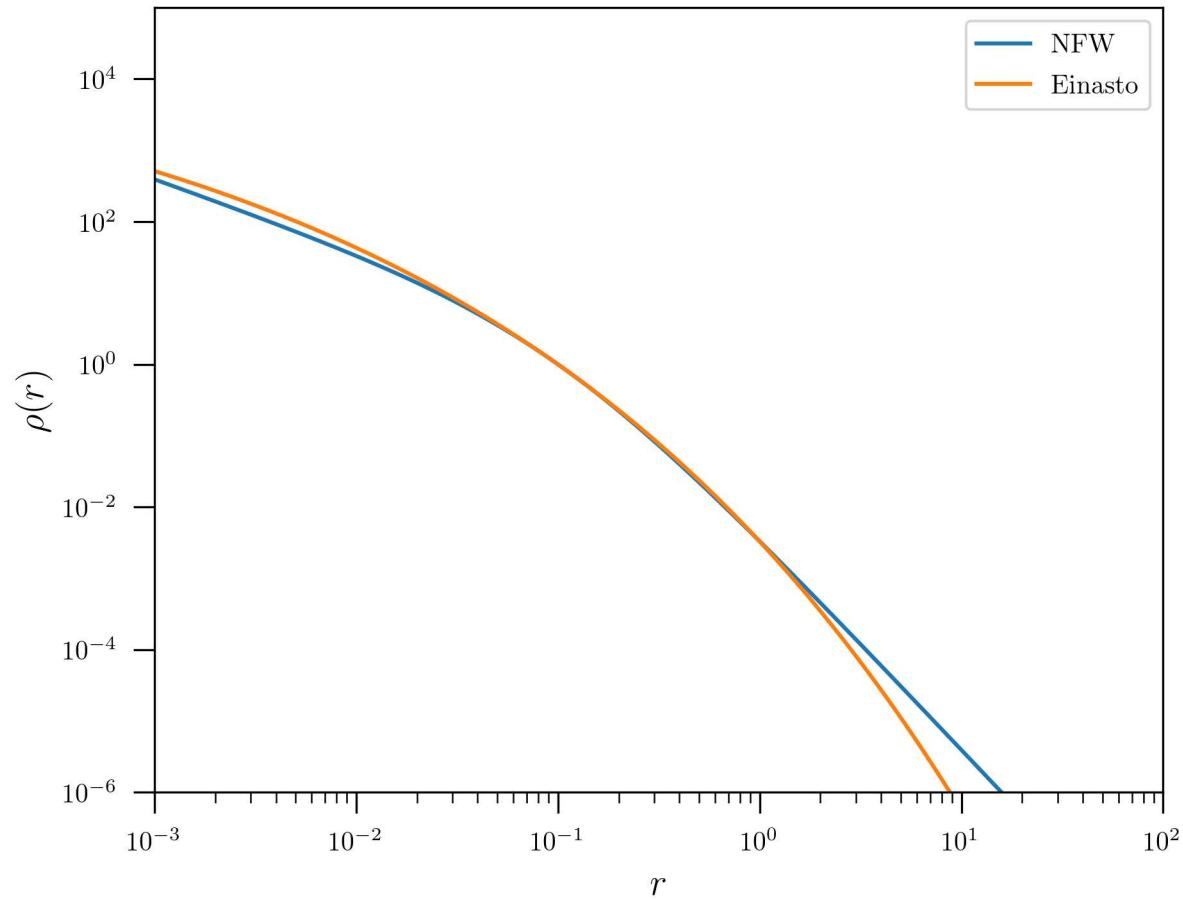
Fig. 3.— Density profiles of four halos spanning four orders of magnitude in mass. The arrows indicate the gravitational softening,  $h_g$ , of each simulation. Also shown are fits from eq.3. The fits are good over two decades in radius, approximately from  $h_g$  out to the virial radius of each system.



**Figure 4.** Spherically averaged density profile of the Aq-A halo at  $z = 0$ , at different numerical resolutions. Each of the pro-

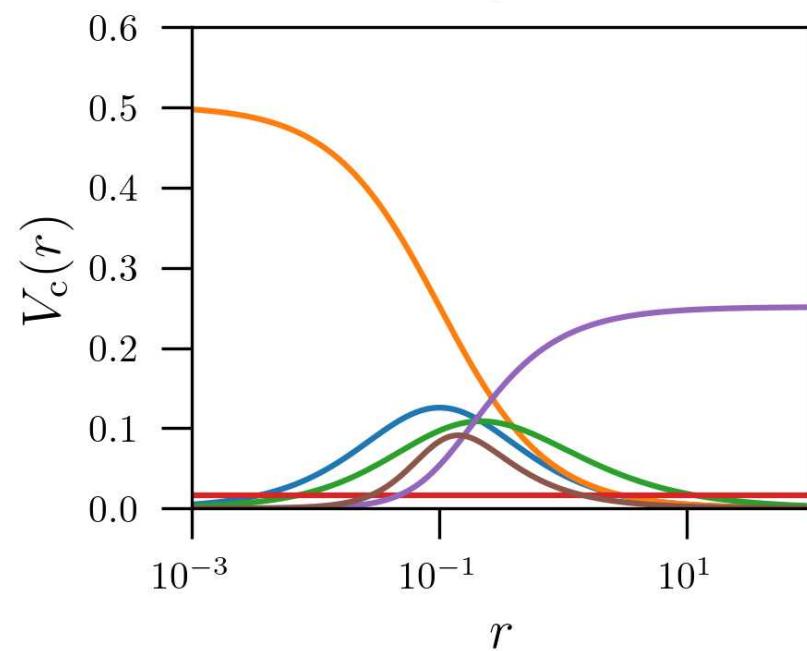
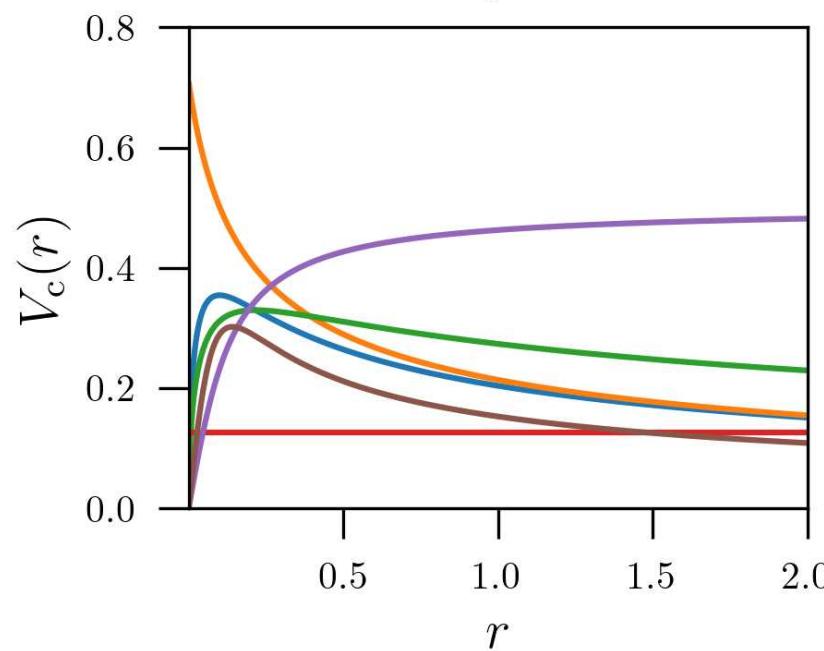
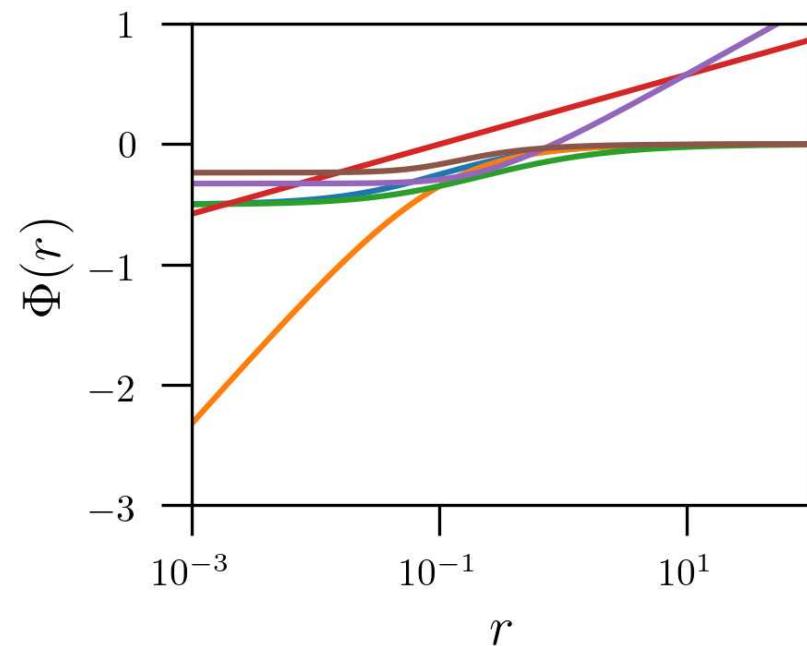
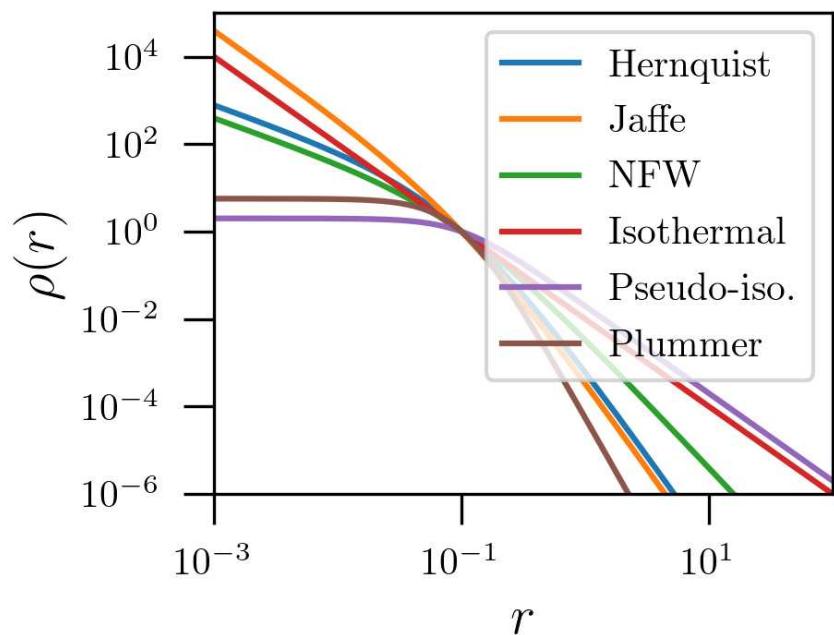
# Einasto model

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \exp \left[ -(r/a)^{1/m} \right] \quad (m \cong 6)$$



- Alternative to NFW

# Spherical systems model comparison



# Potential Theory

## Axisymmetric models for disk galaxies

$$\rho(\vec{x}) = \rho(R, |z|)$$

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

# Examples of axisymmetric models

“Potential based”  
models

# Kuzmin disk

Kuzmin 1956

$$\Phi_K(R, z) = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{R^2 + (a + |z|)^2}} = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2 + a^2 + 2a|z|}}$$

Comparison with Plummer:

$$\Phi_P(R, z) = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2 + a^2}}$$

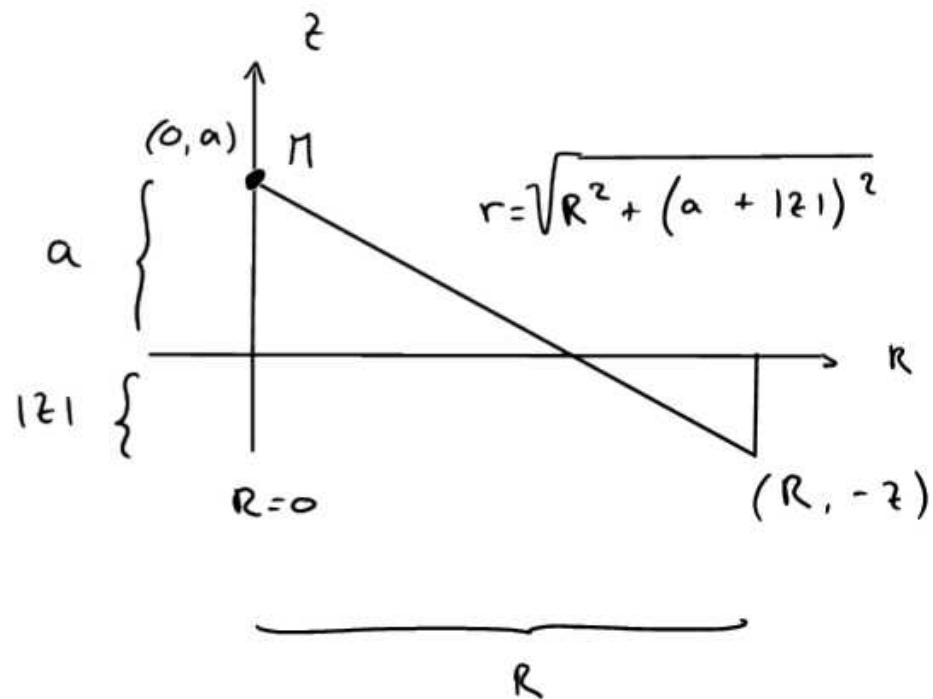
Equivalent to the following configuration

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Potential due to

a mass  $M$  at  $(0, a)$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{GM}{r} = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{R^2 + (a + |z|)^2}}$$



# Kuzmin disk

Kuzmin 1956

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Plummer based model

$$\Sigma_K(R) = \frac{aM}{2\pi(R^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

EXERCICE

Infinitely thin disk

$$V_{c,K}^2(R) = \frac{GM R^2}{(R^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

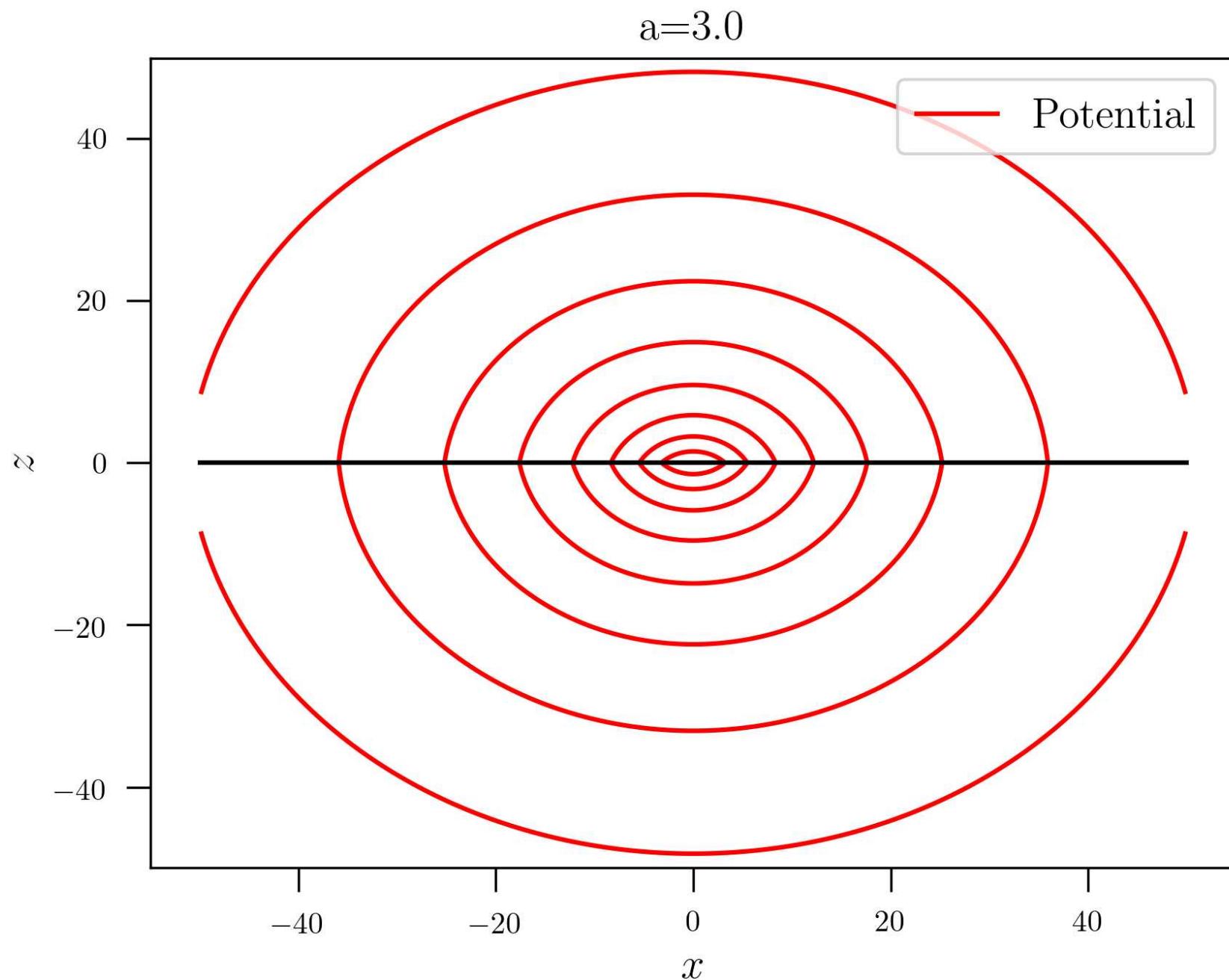
Equivalent to the Plummer model

Note: for an axi-symmetric model, the circular velocity is computed in the plane  $z=0$ .

$$V_c^2(R) = R \frac{d\Phi(R, z=0)}{dR}$$

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# Kuzmin disk



# Miyamoto-Nagai potential

Miyamoto & Nagai 1975

$$\Phi_{\text{MN}}(R, z) = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{R^2 + (a + \sqrt{z^2 + b^2})^2}} \quad b=0 \rightarrow \text{Kuzmin}$$

$$\rho_{\text{MN}}(R, z) = \left(\frac{b^2 M}{4\pi}\right) \frac{aR^2 + (a + 3\sqrt{z^2 + b^2})(a + \sqrt{z^2 + b^2})^2}{[R^2 + (a + \sqrt{z^2 + b^2})^2]^{5/2}(z^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$V_{c,\text{MN}}^2(R) = \frac{GM R^2}{(R^2 + (a + b)^2)^{3/2}} \quad \text{Equivalent to the Plummer model}$$

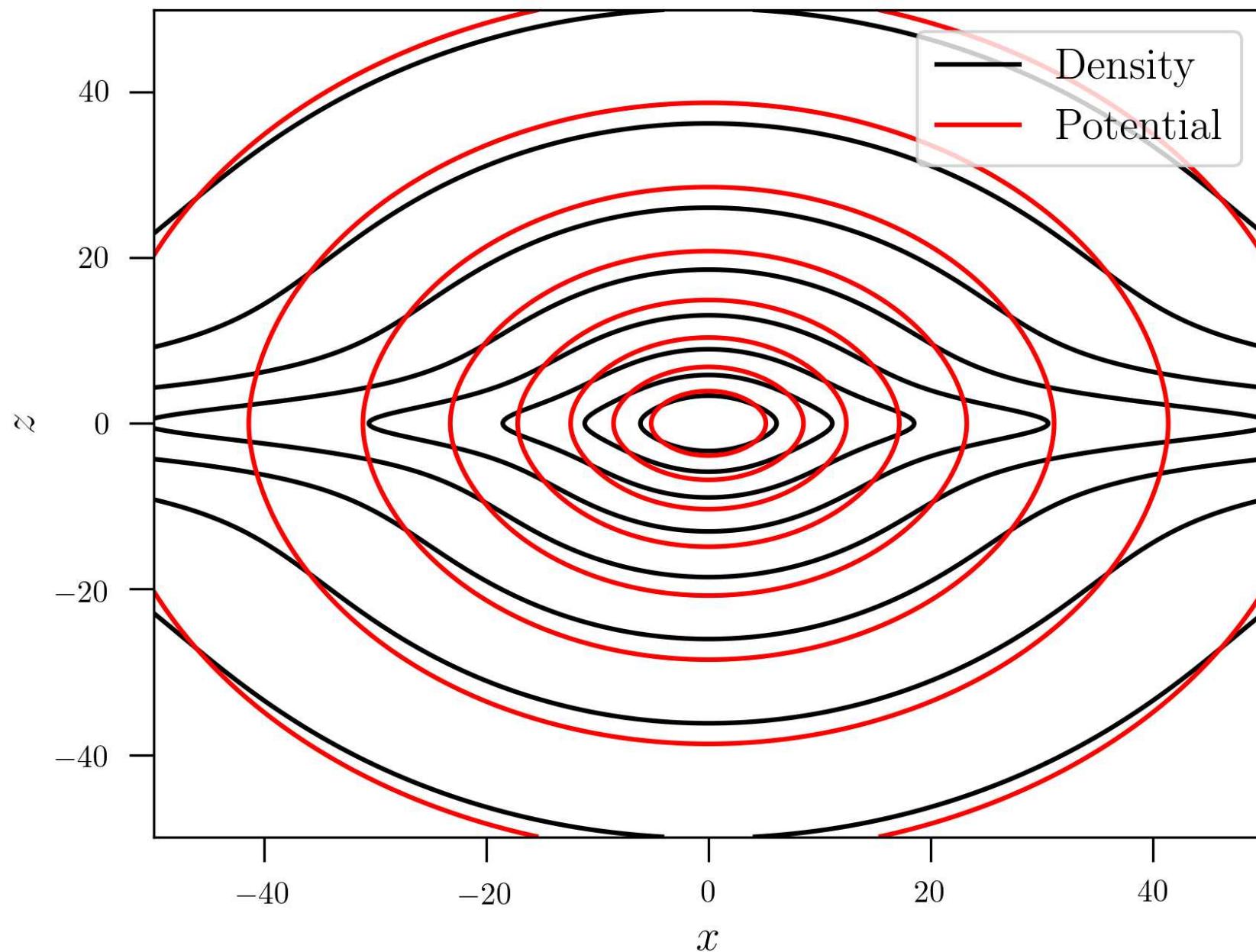
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Better parametrisation :  
Revaz & Pfenniger 2004

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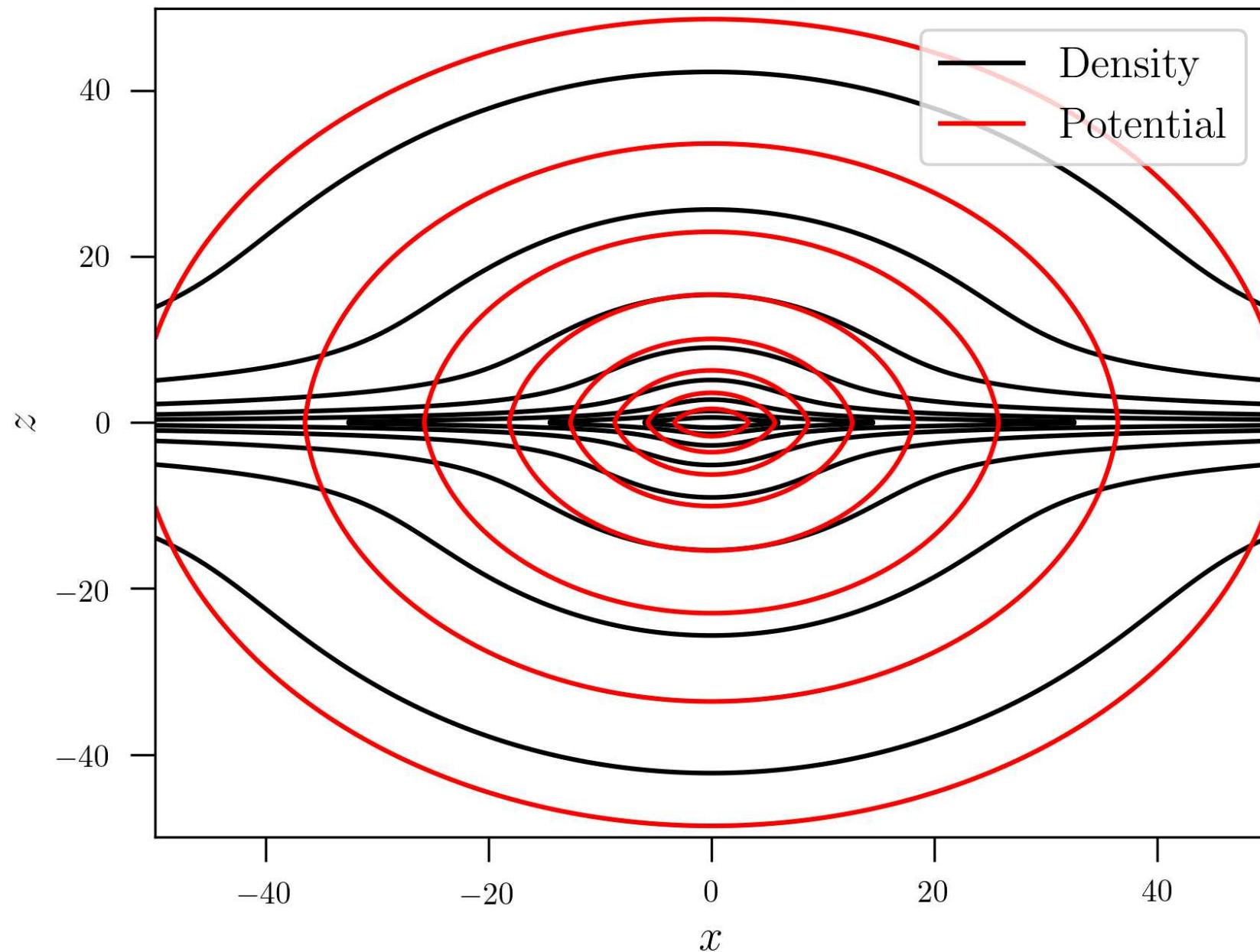
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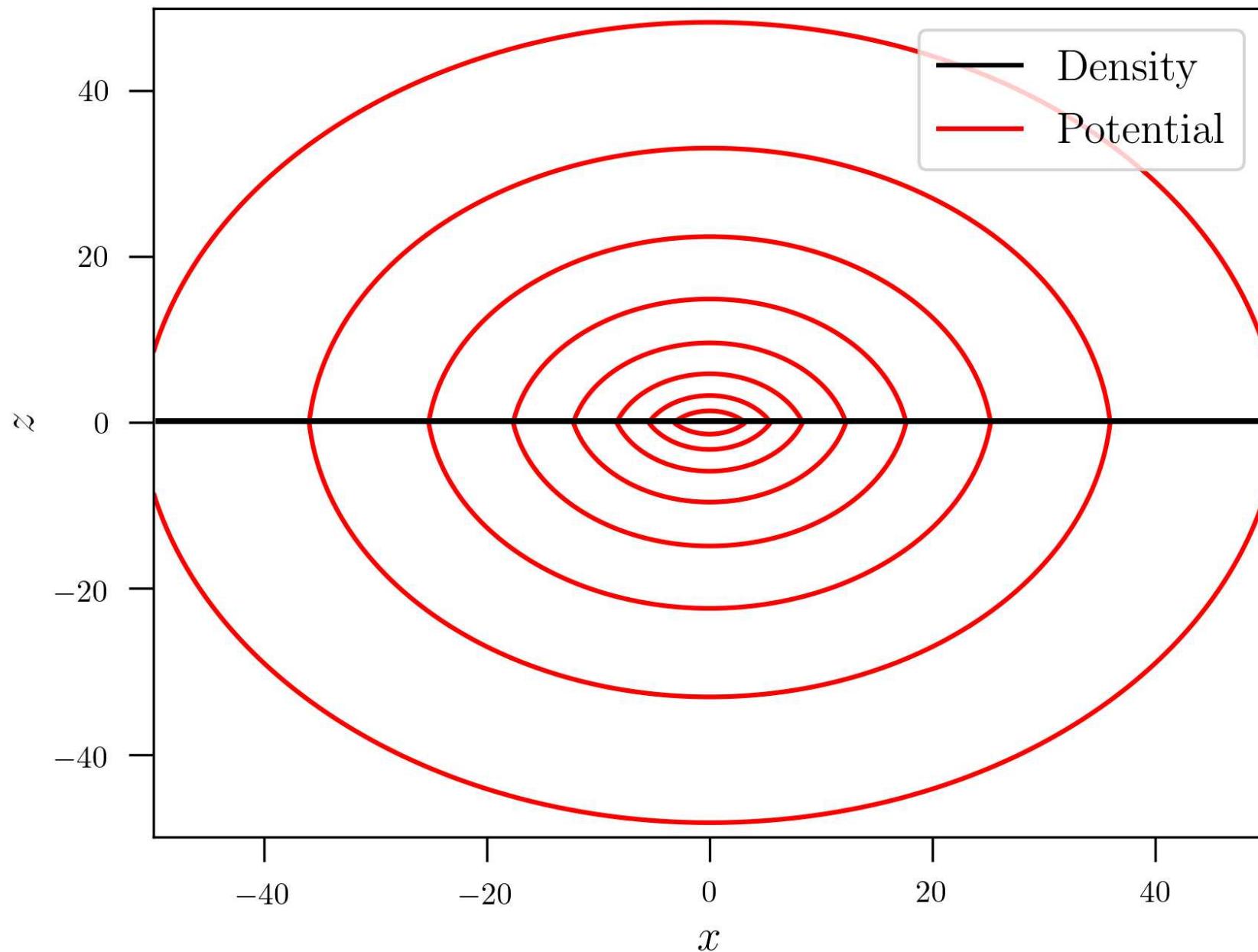
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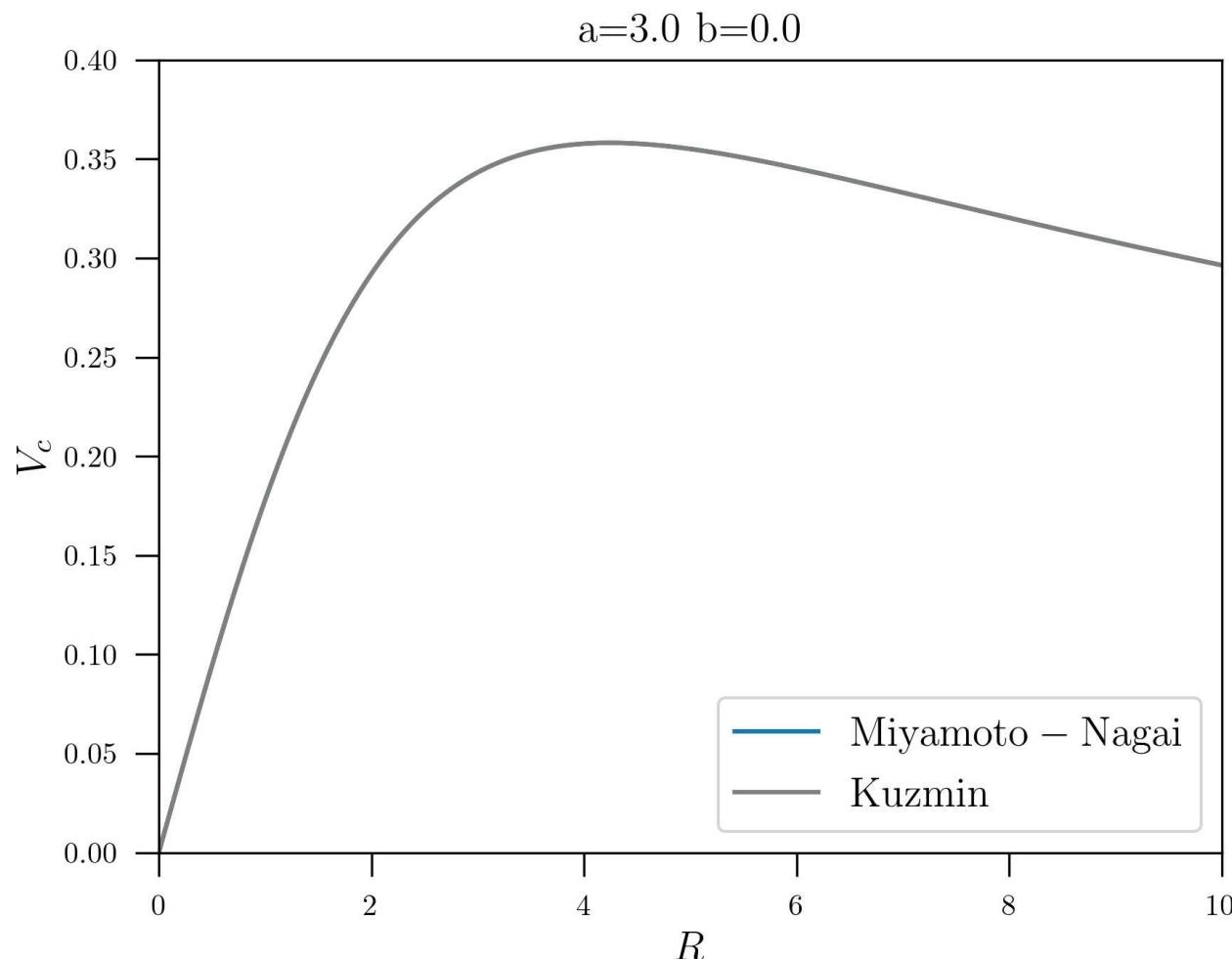
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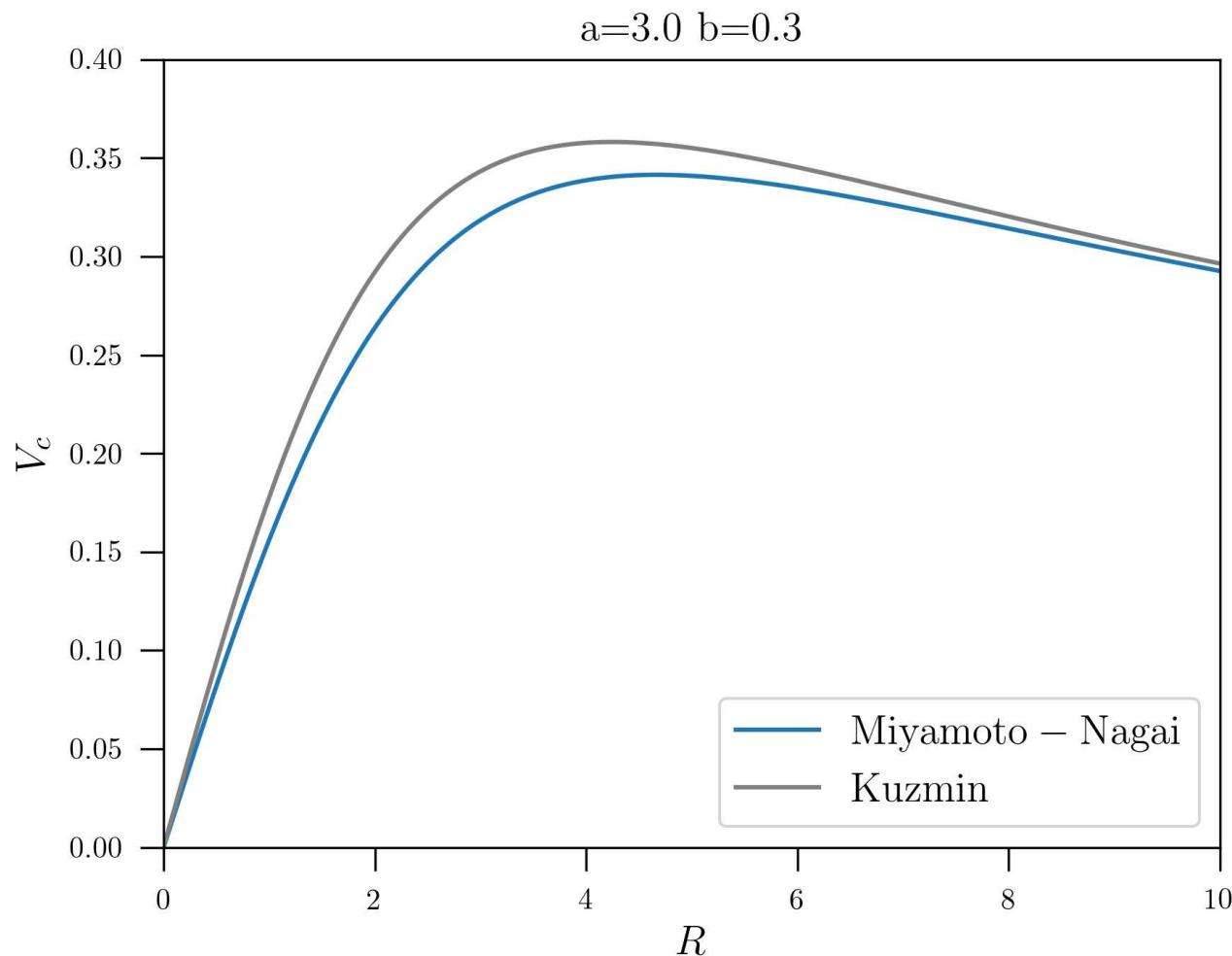
## Circular velocity rotation curve



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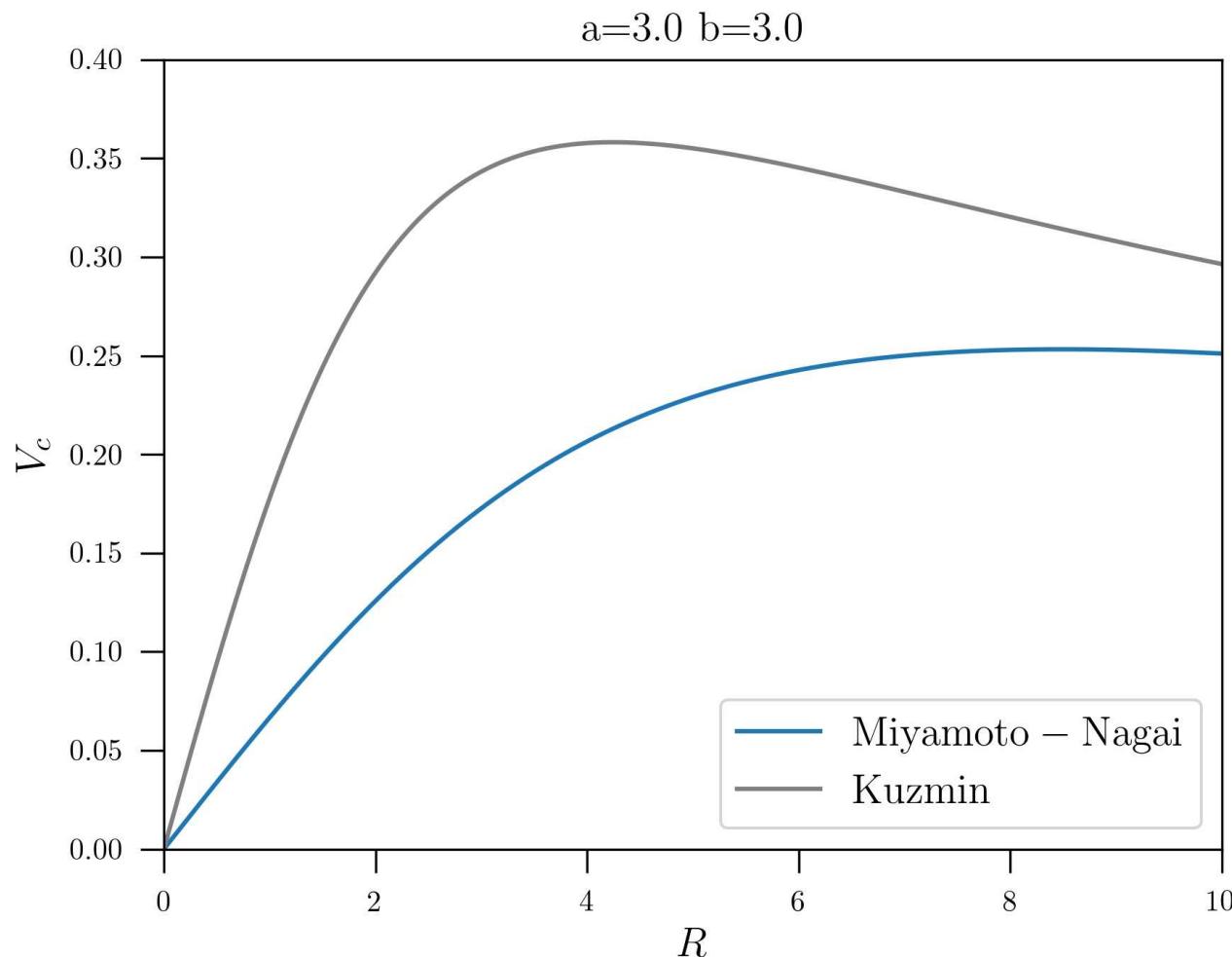
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# Logarithmic potential

$$\Phi_{\log}(R, z) = \frac{1}{2} V_0^2 \ln \left( R_c^2 + R^2 + \frac{z^2}{q^2} \right)$$

$R_c=0$  and  $q=1$   
→ Isothermal sphere

$$\rho_{\log}(R, z) = \frac{V_0^2}{4\pi G q^2} \frac{(2q^2 + 1)R_c^2 + R^2 + (2 - 1/q^2)z^2}{(R_c^2 + R^2 + (z^2/q^2))^2}$$

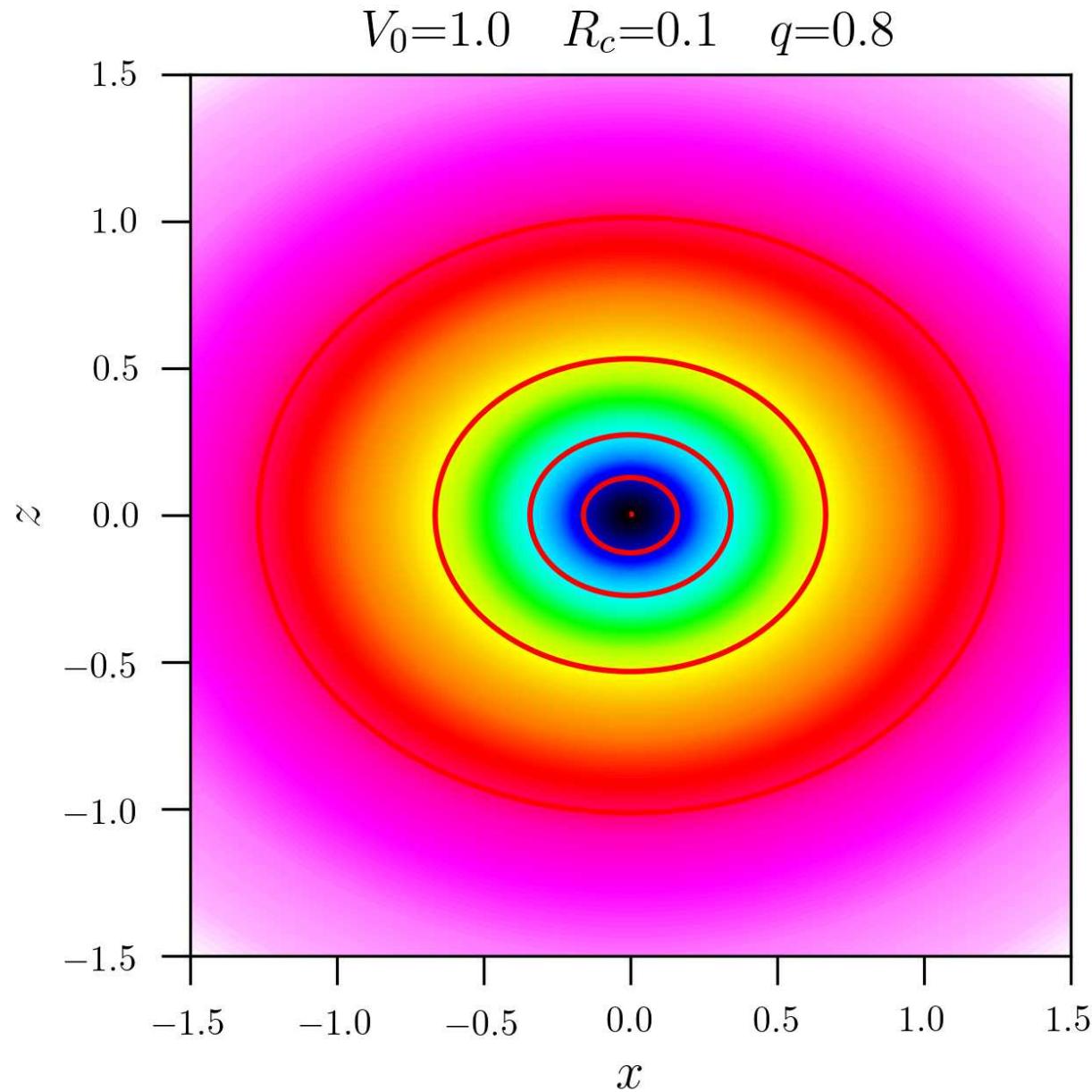


- negative for  $q < 1/\sqrt{2} \cong 0.707$

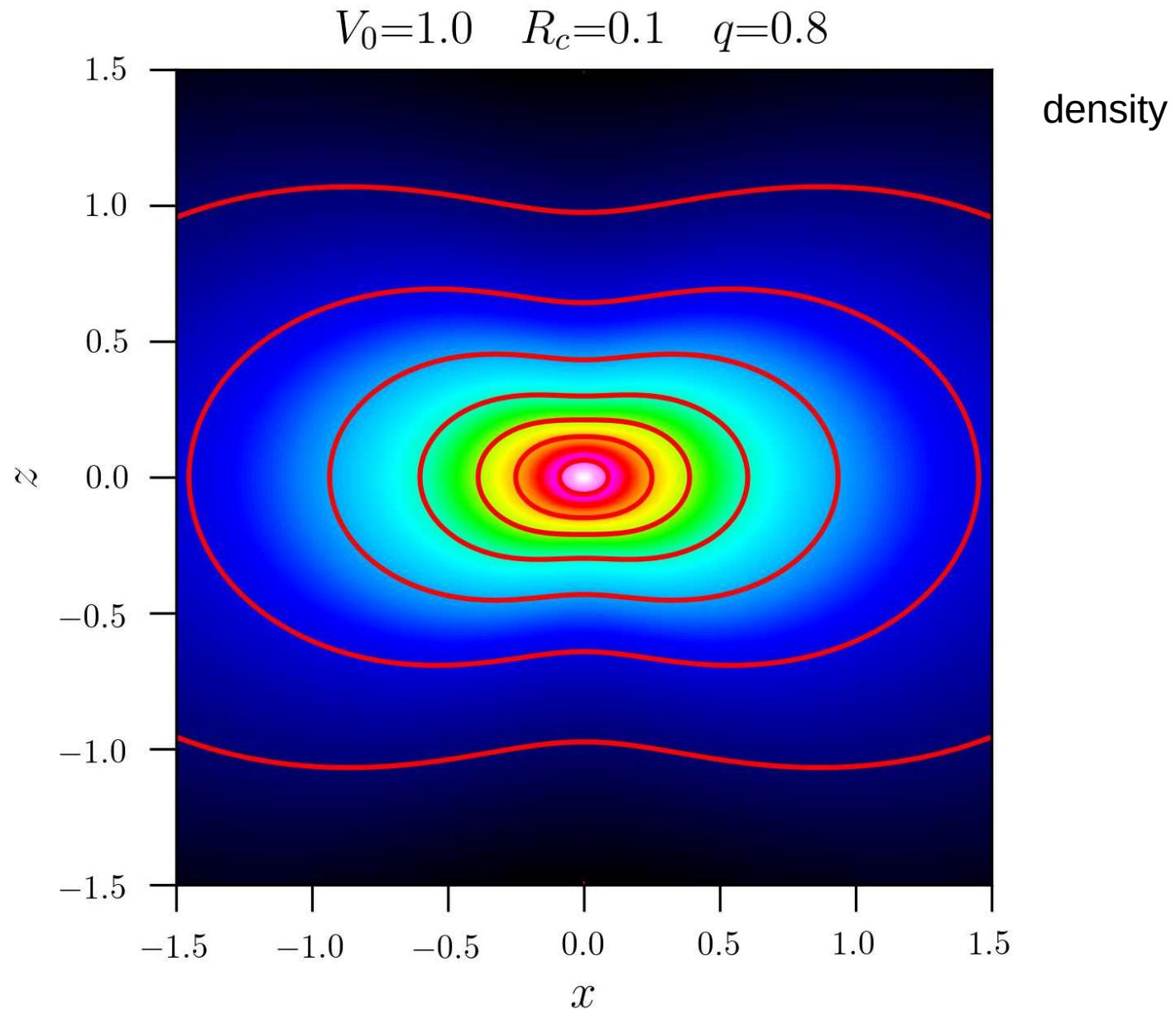
$$V_{c,\log}^2(R) = V_0^2 \frac{R^2}{R_c^2 + R^2}$$

- does not depends on  $q$
- flat rotation curve at large radius

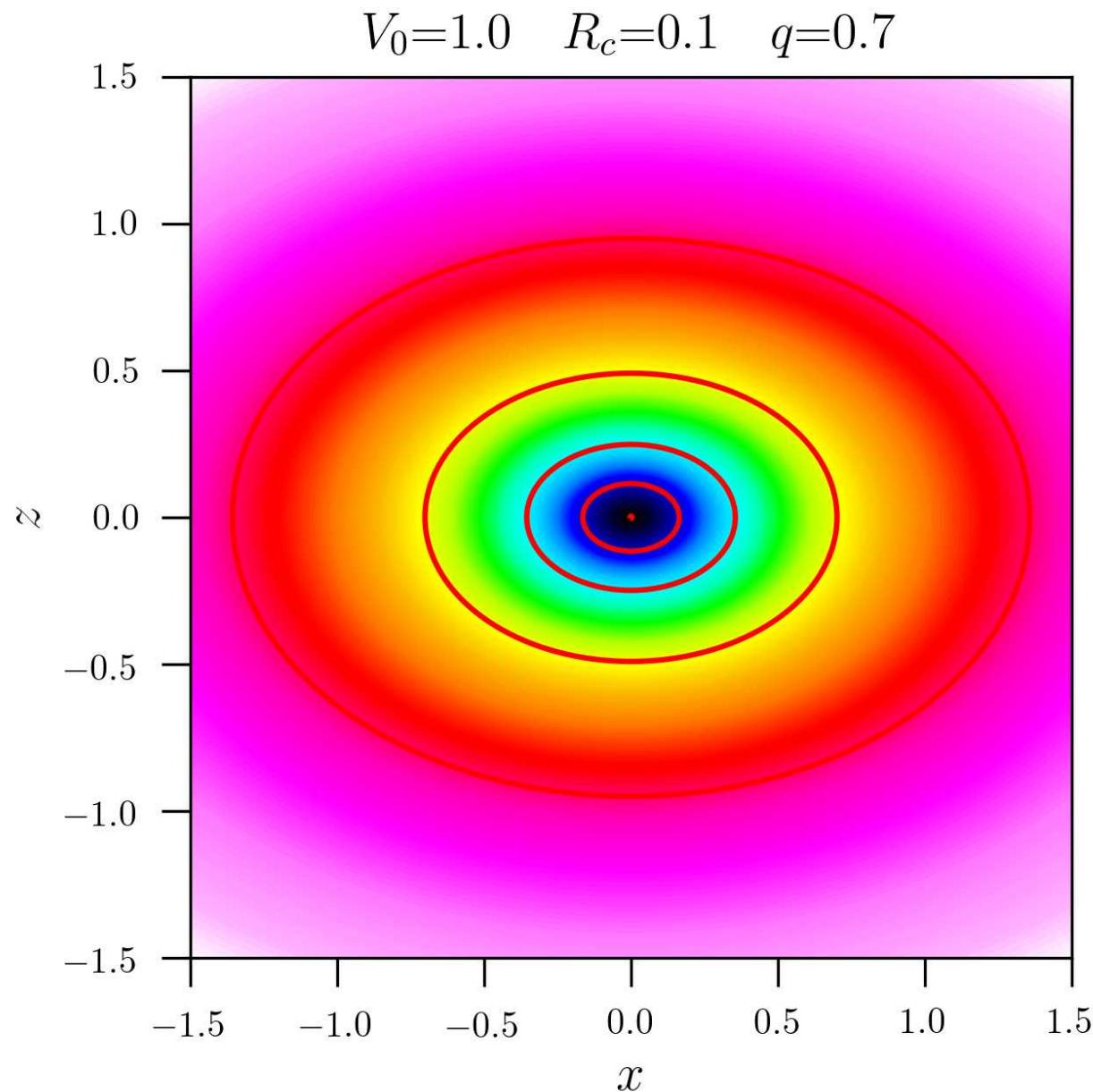
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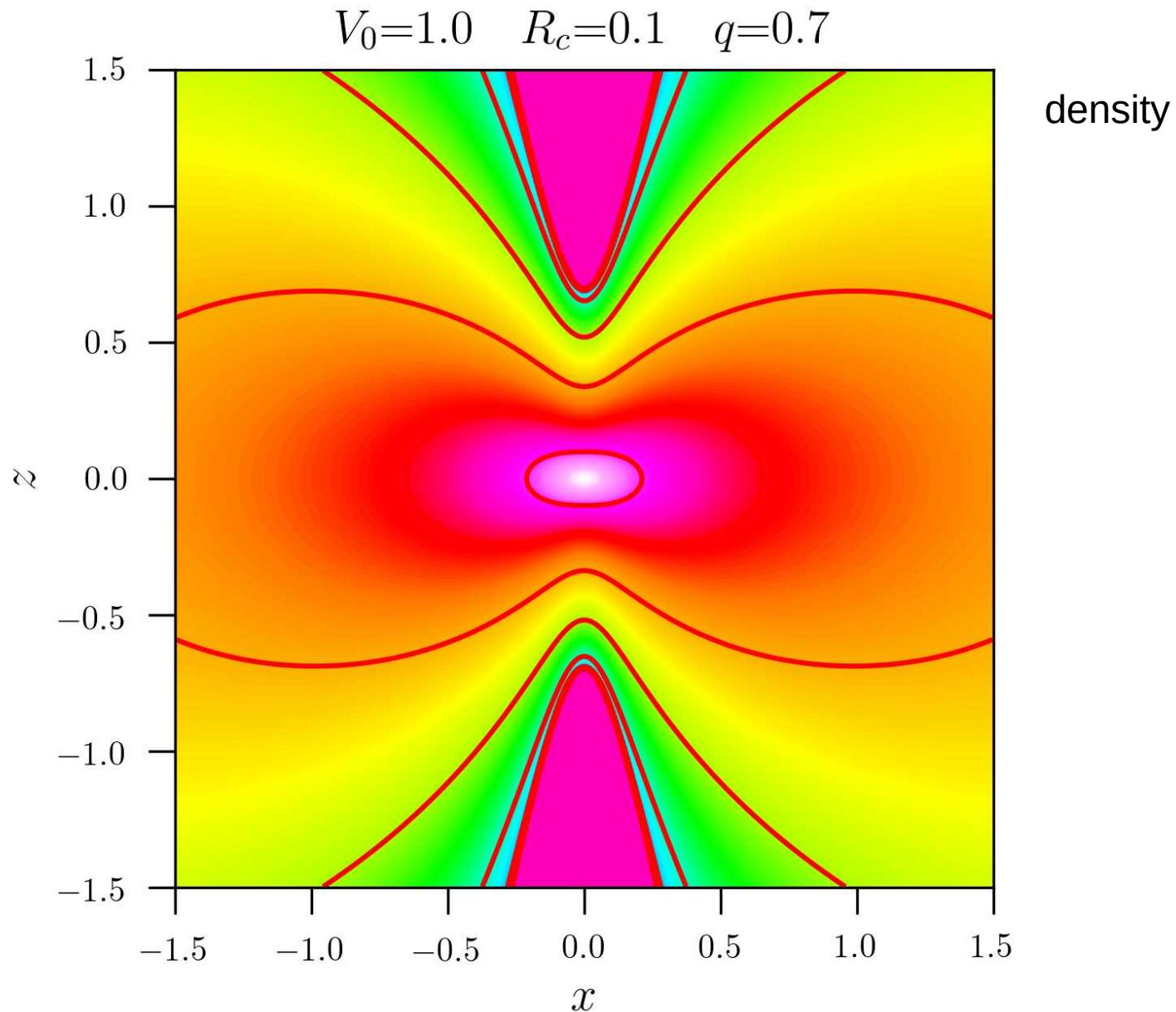
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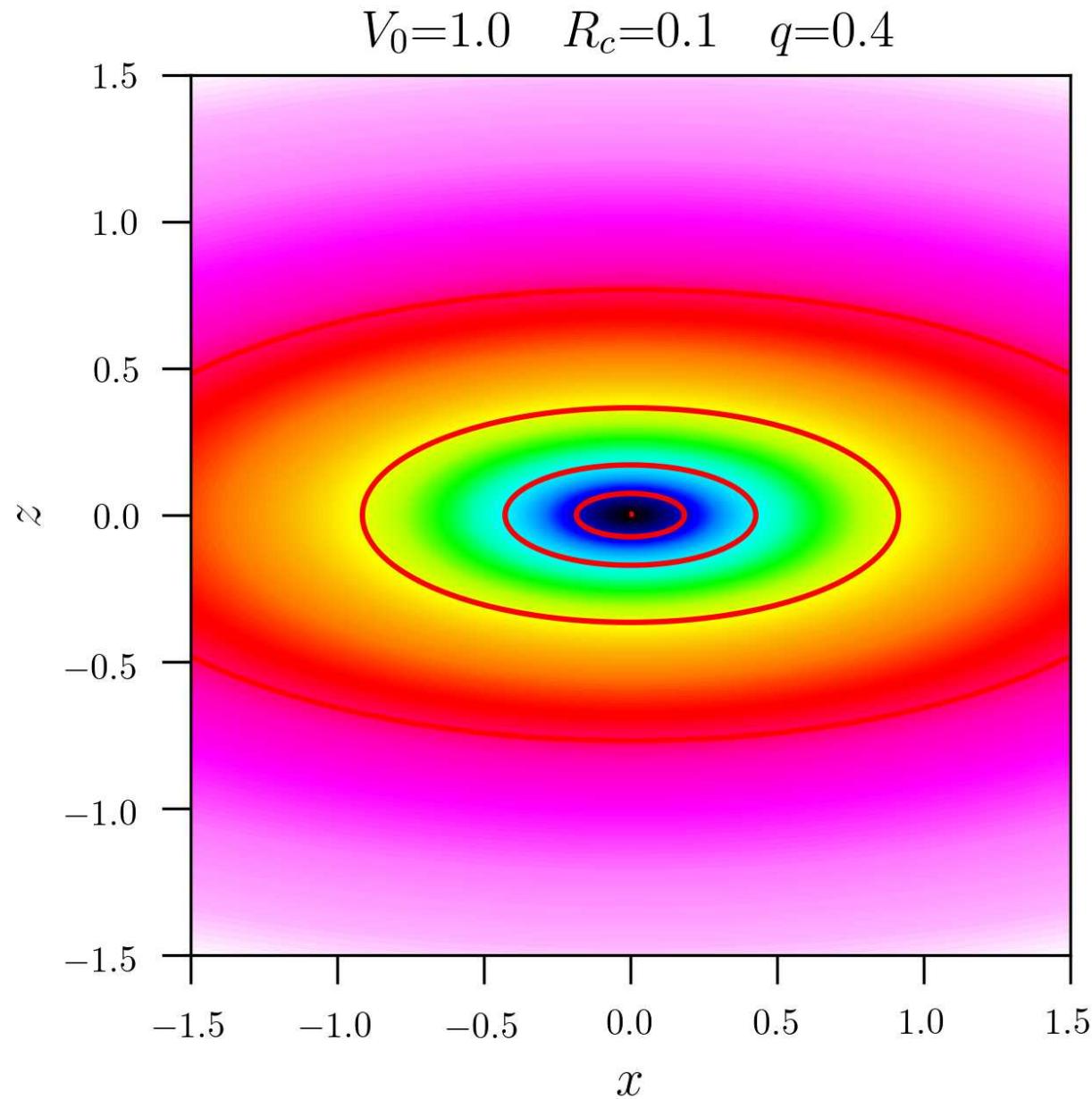
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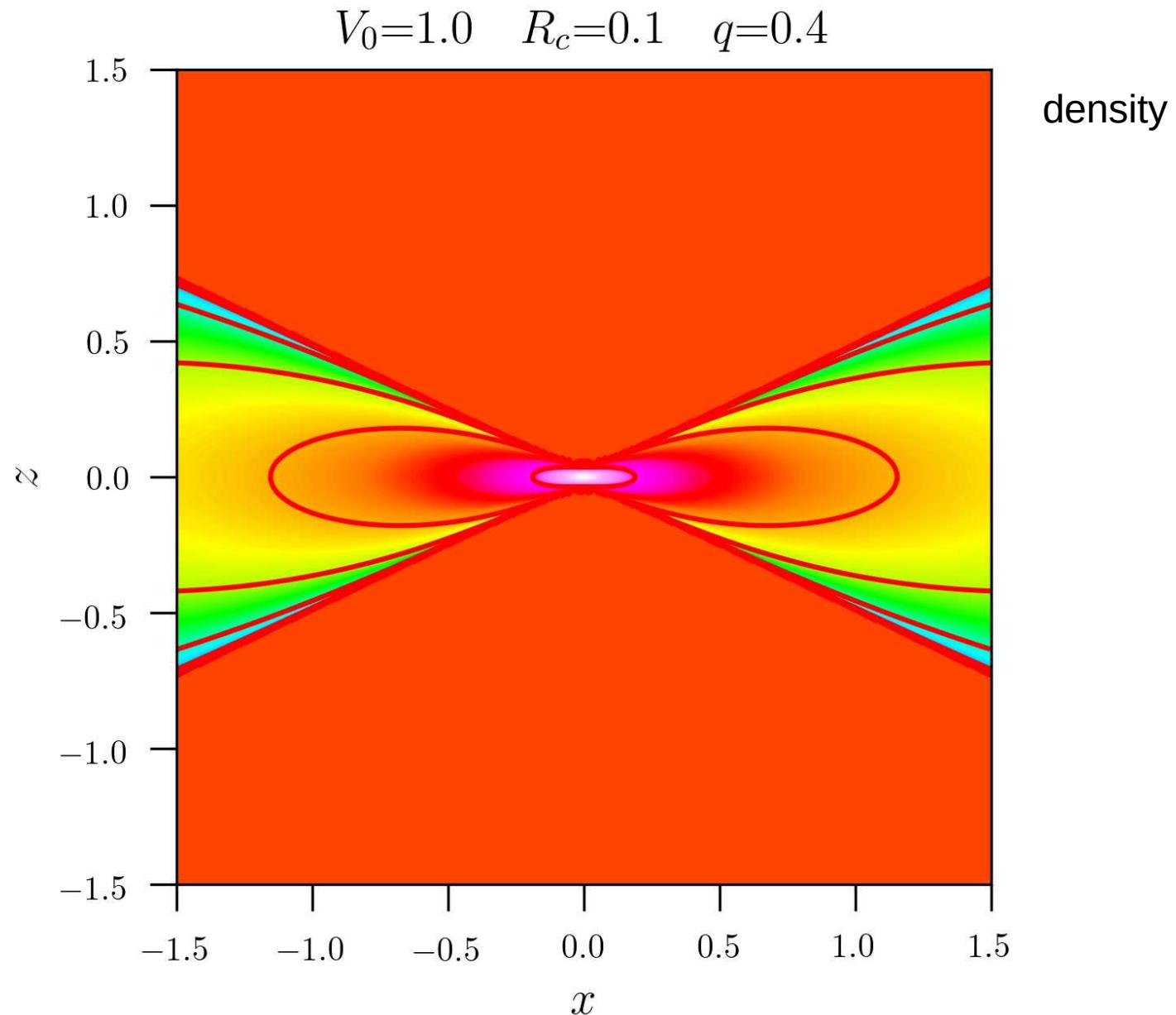
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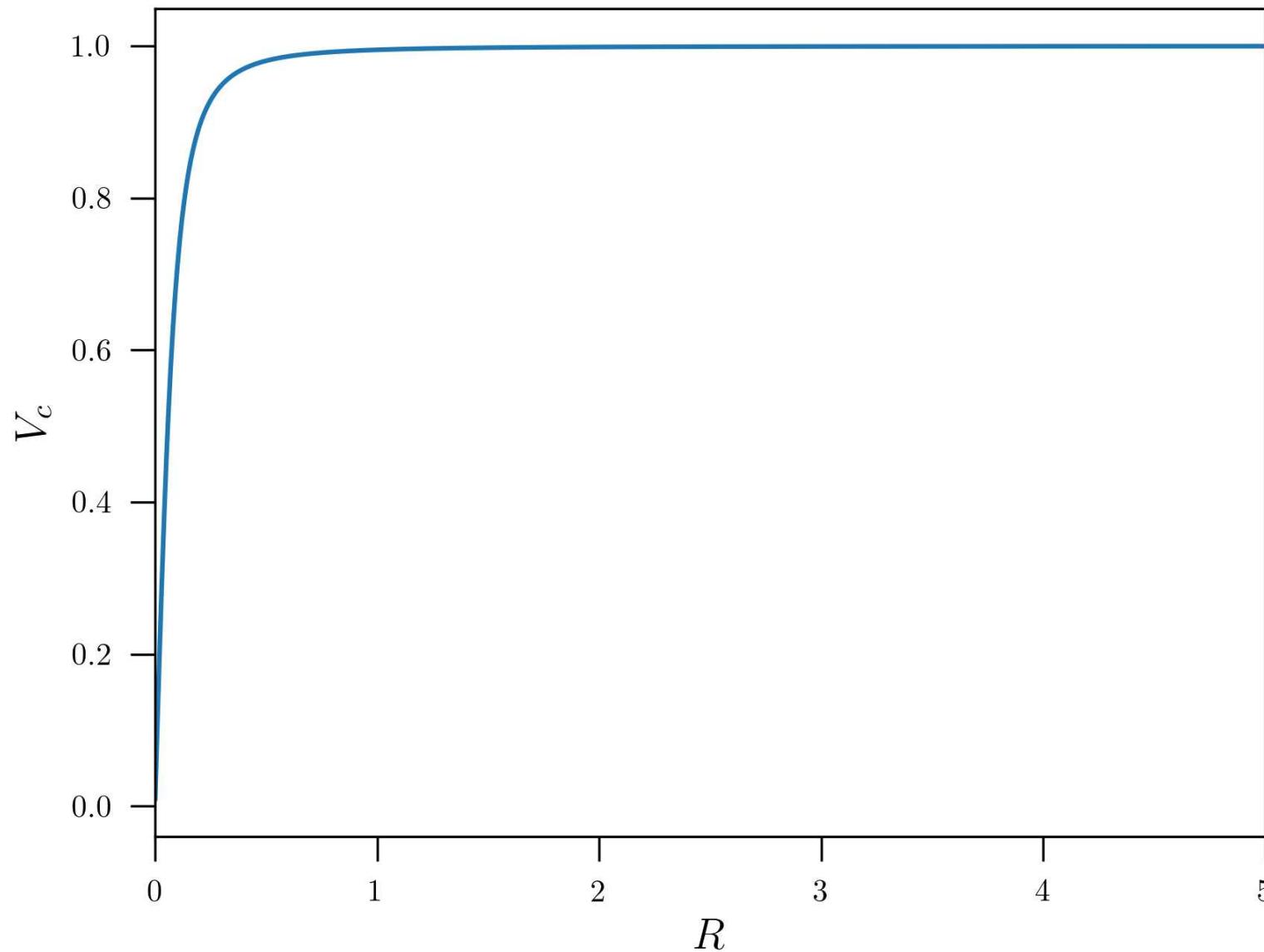
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## Circular velocity rotation curve

$$V_0=1.0 \quad R_c=0.1 \quad q=0.8$$



# Potential Theory

**The potential of flattened  
systems**

## Poisson Equation for very flattened axisymmetric systems

Aim : get  $\phi(R, z)$  from  $\rho(R, z)$

Poisson equation in cylindrical coord. for axisymmetric systems  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \phi = 0$

$$\nabla^2 \phi(R, z) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 4\pi G \rho(R, z)$$

What is the behaviour of the Poisson equation when the system get flatter and flatter ?

Example : Miyamoto-Nagai disk  $b \rightarrow 0$

1)  $\rho_{MN}(R, z=0) \stackrel{b \rightarrow 0}{=} \frac{b^2 M}{4\pi} \frac{aR^2 + a^3}{(R^2 + a^2)^{5/2}} \frac{1}{b^3} \sim \frac{1}{b} \rightarrow \infty$

2)  $\frac{\partial \phi_{MN}}{\partial R} \bigg|_{z=0} = \frac{\partial \phi_K}{\partial R} \bigg|_{z=0} = \frac{GM}{(R^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$  : does not diverge

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \right)$  : does not diverge

$\Rightarrow$  becomes negligible

compared to  $\rho$

Near  $z=0$  the Poisson equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 4\pi G \rho(R, z)$$

The vertical variation of  $\phi$  depends only on the density  $\rho$  at that radius

## Solutions of the Poisson equation

$$\phi(R, z) = \underbrace{\phi_o(R, 0)}_{\text{"zero point"}} + \underbrace{\phi_z(R, z)}_{\text{"vertical dep."}}$$

$$1) \quad \phi_z(R, z) = 4\pi G \int_0^z dz' \int_0^{z'} dz'' \rho(R, z'')$$

2)  $\phi_o(R, 0)$  is obtained by assuming a "razor-thin" disk

$$\rho(R, z) \rightarrow \Sigma(R)$$

We need a machinery to find  $\phi_o(R, 0)$  from  $\Sigma(R)$

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**Surface density-based  
(razor-thin) disks**

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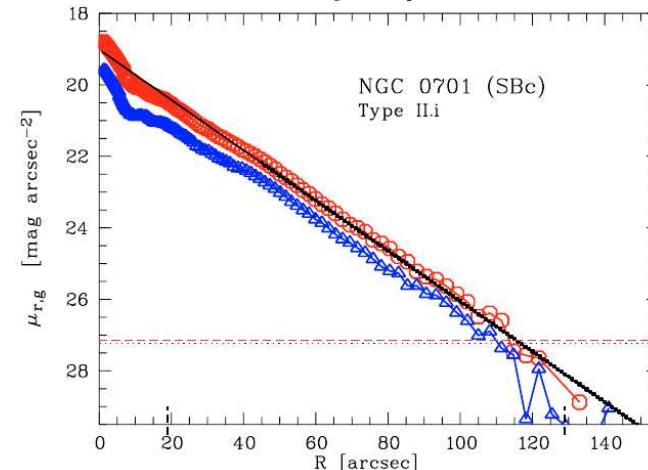
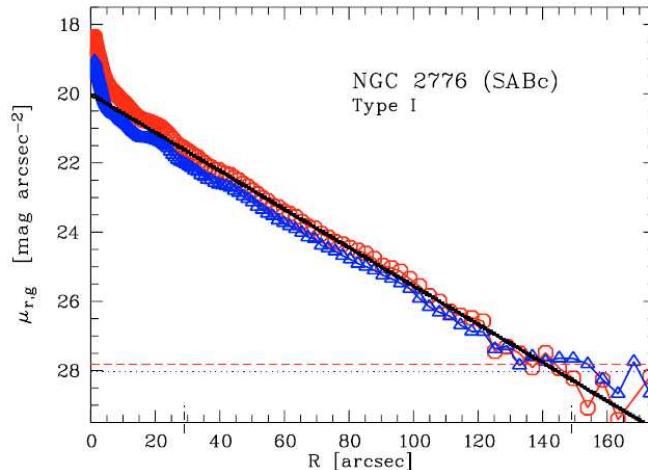
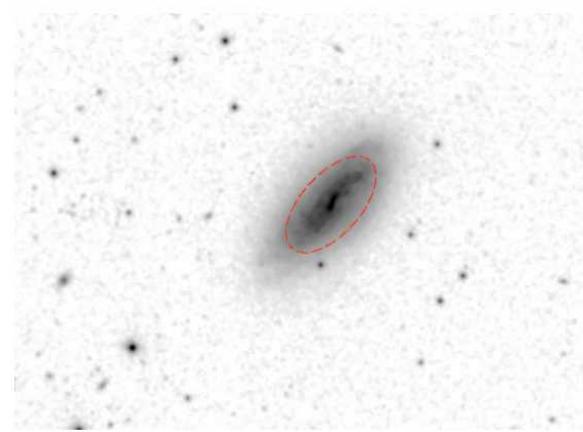
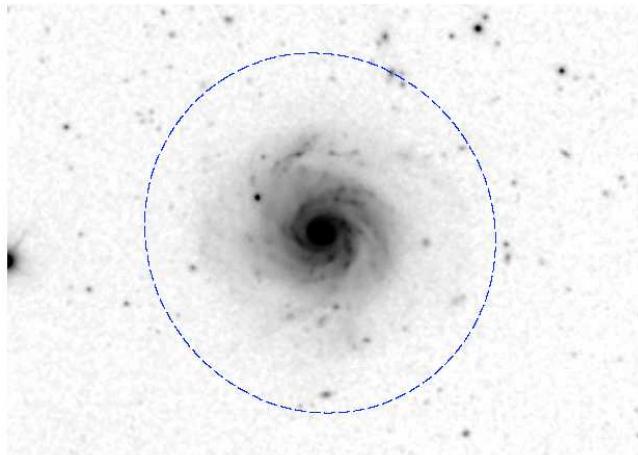
# Mestel disk

$$\Sigma(R) = \begin{cases} \frac{v_0^2}{2\pi G R} & (R < R_{\max}) \\ 0 & (R \geq R_{\max}) \end{cases} \quad \text{“2D” version of the Isothermal sphere}$$

$$\Phi(R, z) = ? \quad V_{\text{c}}(R) = ?$$

# Exponential disk

$$\Sigma(R) = \Sigma_0 e^{-R/R_d}$$



$$\Phi(R, z) = ? \quad V_c(R) = ?$$

Pohlen & Trujillo 2006  
See also Freeman 1970

# Potential Theory

**The potential of infinite thin  
(razor-thin) disks**

## Potential of zero-thickness (razor-thin) disks

Idea : Sum the contribution of a set of rings  
as we did for spherical models, summing shells

$$\Sigma(R) = \frac{M \delta(R - R_0)}{2\pi R_0}$$

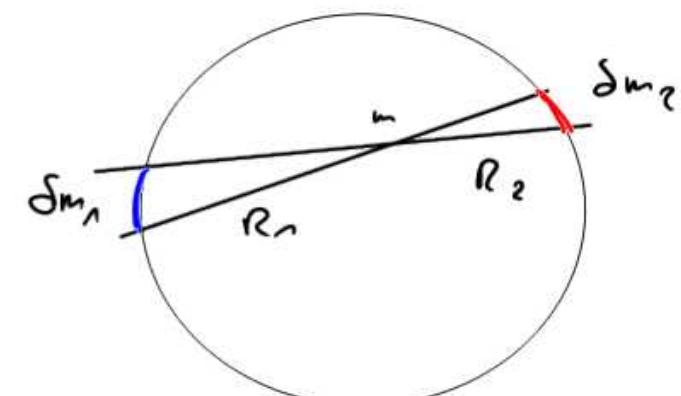
as  $M = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{M}{2\pi R_0} \delta(R - R_0) R dR$

## Potential of a ring

no Newton theorem ! 

$$\rightarrow \delta m_1 = \Sigma \cdot R_1 d\theta dR$$

$$\rightarrow \delta m_2 = \Sigma \cdot R_2 d\theta dR$$

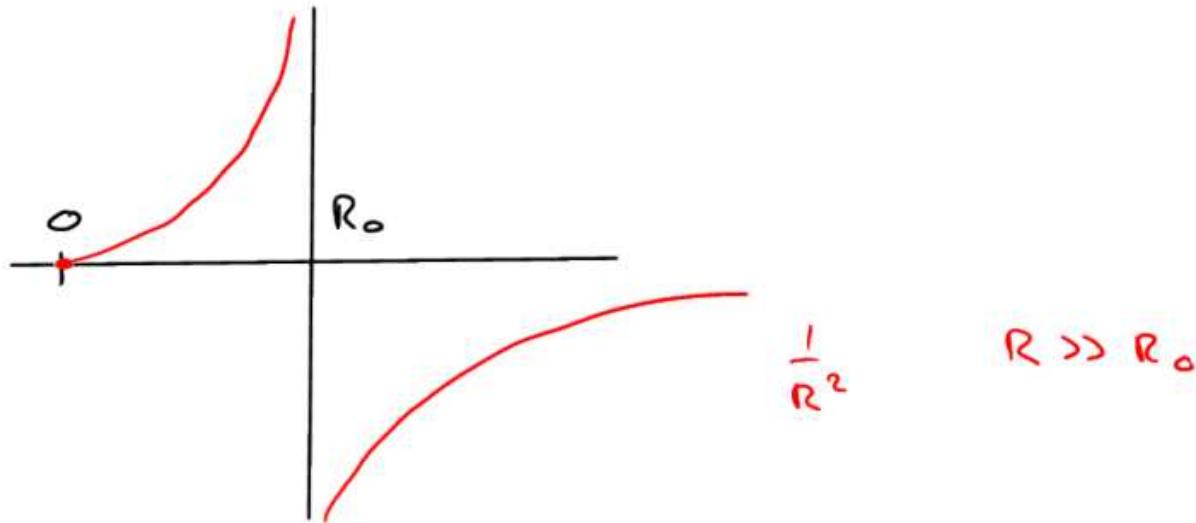


$$\delta F_1 = \frac{Gm \Sigma d\theta dR}{R_1} \neq \frac{Gm \Sigma d\theta dR}{R_2} = \delta F_2$$

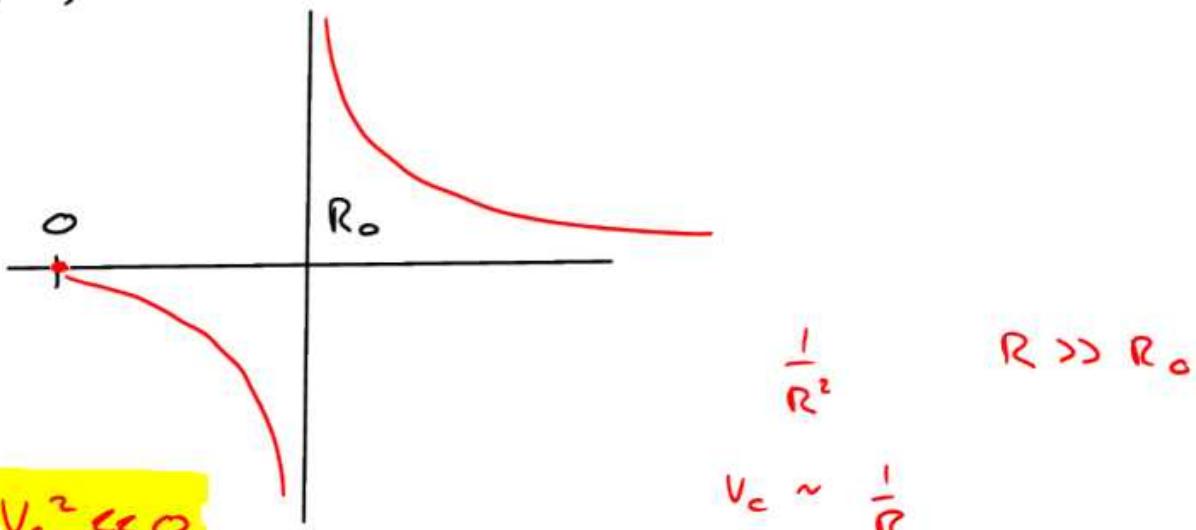
# Estimation of the gravitational field / circular velocity

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$$g(R)$$



$$V_c^2 = R \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} = -g(R)R$$



$$\phi(R, z) = - \frac{2 GM K(k)}{\pi \sqrt{(R_0 + R)^2 + z^2}}$$

$\rightarrow$   
 $= \infty$   
 $k = 1$   
 $R_0 = R$

$$\left( k^2 = \frac{4R_0 R}{(R + R_0)^2 + z^2} \right)$$

$$g(R, z) = - \frac{GM}{R \pi \sqrt{(R_0 + R)^2 + z^2}} \left[ k \frac{R^2 - R_0^2 - z^2}{4(1-k)RR_0} E(k) + K(k) \right]$$

with •  $K(m)$  : complete elliptic integral of first kind

$$K(m) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ 1 - m^2 \sin(t)^2 \right]^{-1/2} dt$$

•  $E(m)$  : complete elliptic integral of second kind

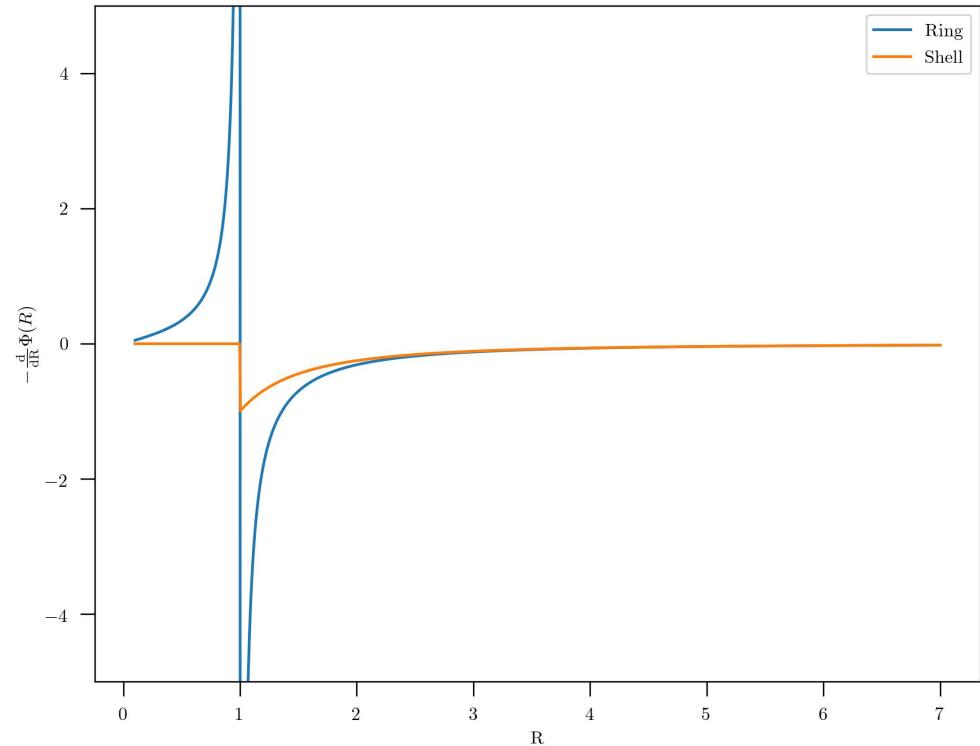
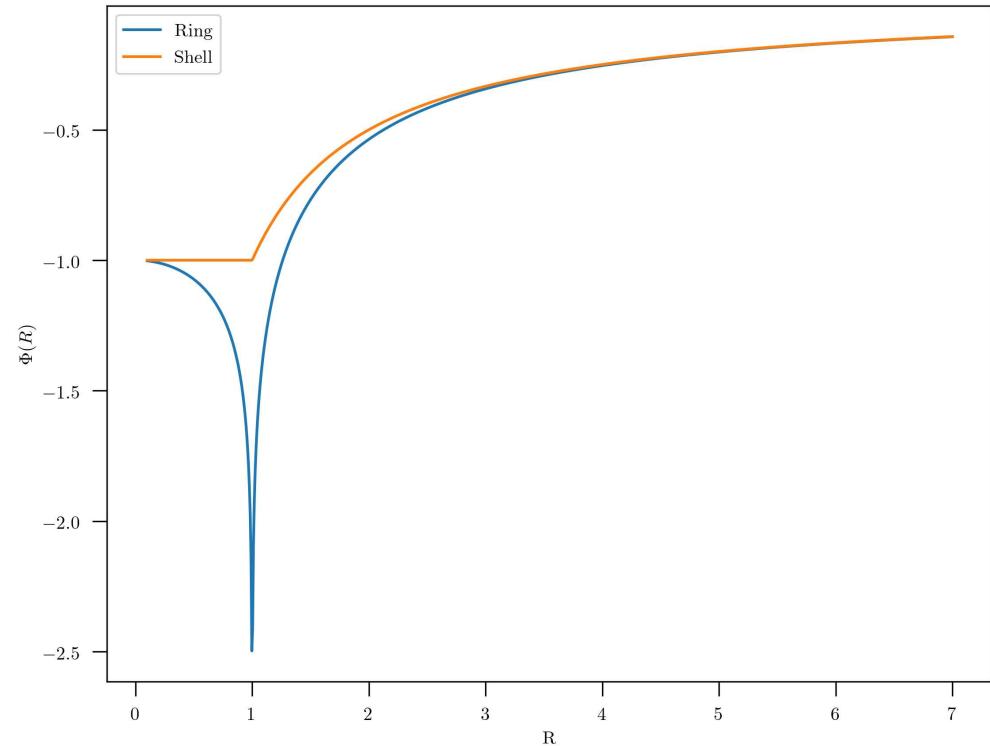
$$E(m) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ 1 - m^2 \sin(t)^2 \right]^{+1/2} dt$$

$$\phi(R, z) = - \frac{2 GM K(k)}{\pi \sqrt{(R_0 + R)^2 + z^2}}$$

$\rightarrow = \infty$   
 $k=1$   
 $R_0 = R$

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# Potential of a rate-thin disk of surface density $\Sigma(R)$

Sum of rings

$$\phi(R, z) = \int \delta_{R'} \phi(R', z)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} - \frac{2 G \delta M' K(k)}{\pi \sqrt{(R' + R)^2 + z^2}} \quad \text{with } \delta M' = 2\pi \Sigma(R') R' dR'$$

$$\phi(R, z) = -4 G \int_0^{\infty} dR' \frac{\Sigma(R') R'}{\pi \sqrt{(R' + R)^2 + z^2}} K(k)$$

$$\text{with } k = \sqrt{\frac{4R' R}{(R' + R)^2 + z^2}} \quad z = 0$$

we get

$$\phi(R, z=0) = -\frac{4G}{\sqrt{R}} \int_0^{\infty} dR' \Sigma(R') \sqrt{R'} k(k)$$

BT 2.265



This integral has a singularity for  $R' \rightarrow R$

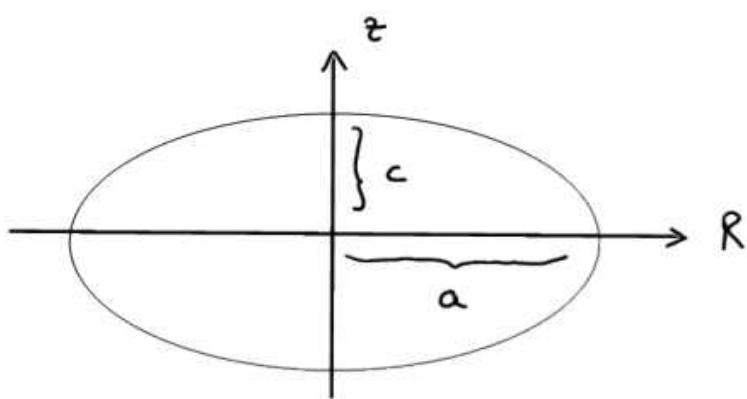
as  $k(1) = \infty$

# Potential Theory

**The potential of spheroidal  
shells (homoeoids)**

Spheroids = ellipse of revolution

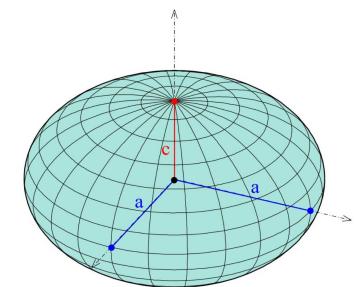
(axisymmetric system)



Eccentricity :  $e^2 = 1 - \frac{c^2}{a^2}$

Equation of an ellipse

$$\frac{R^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$



we assume a constant density  $\rho$

$$\underline{\underline{\rho}} \quad \underline{\underline{\rho}} \quad c = \rho \cdot a$$

Mass

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi a^2 c$$

$$\Rightarrow M(a) = \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho a^3 c$$

Surface density  $\Sigma(R) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \rho(R, z) = \rho \int_{-z(R)}^{z(R)} dz = 2\rho z(R)$

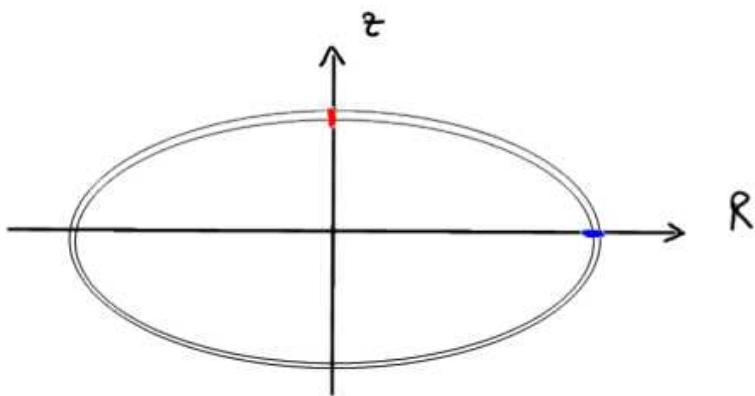
From the ellipse equation  $z^2(R) = c^2 \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{a^2}\right)$

$$z(R) = \sqrt{a^2 - R^2}$$

$$\Sigma(R, a) = 2\rho \sqrt{a^2 - R^2}$$

$$\Sigma_o(a) = \Sigma(0, a) = 2\rho a$$

Homoeoid : Shell of a spheroid of constant density



(i) inner

$$\frac{R^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

(o) outer

$$\frac{R^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = (1 + \delta\beta)^2$$

For  $z = 0$

(i)

$$R = a$$

(o)

$$R = a + a\delta\beta$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta R = a\delta\beta \end{array} \right\}$$

For  $R = 0$

(i)

$$z = c$$

(o)

$$z = c + c\delta\beta$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta z = c\delta\beta \end{array} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$

the thickness of the shell varies

$\checkmark M(a) = \text{mass of a spheroid}$

Mass

$$\delta M(a) = \frac{dM}{da} \delta a = 4\pi g \rho a^2 \delta a = 2\pi a \Sigma_o(a) \delta a$$

$$\delta M(a) = 2\pi a \Sigma_o(a) \delta a$$

$\checkmark \Sigma(a) = \text{surface density of a spheroid}$

Surface density

$$\delta \Sigma(a) = \frac{d\Sigma}{da} \delta a = \frac{2\rho g a}{\sqrt{a^2 - R^2}} \delta a = \frac{\Sigma_o(a)}{\sqrt{a^2 - R^2}} \delta a$$

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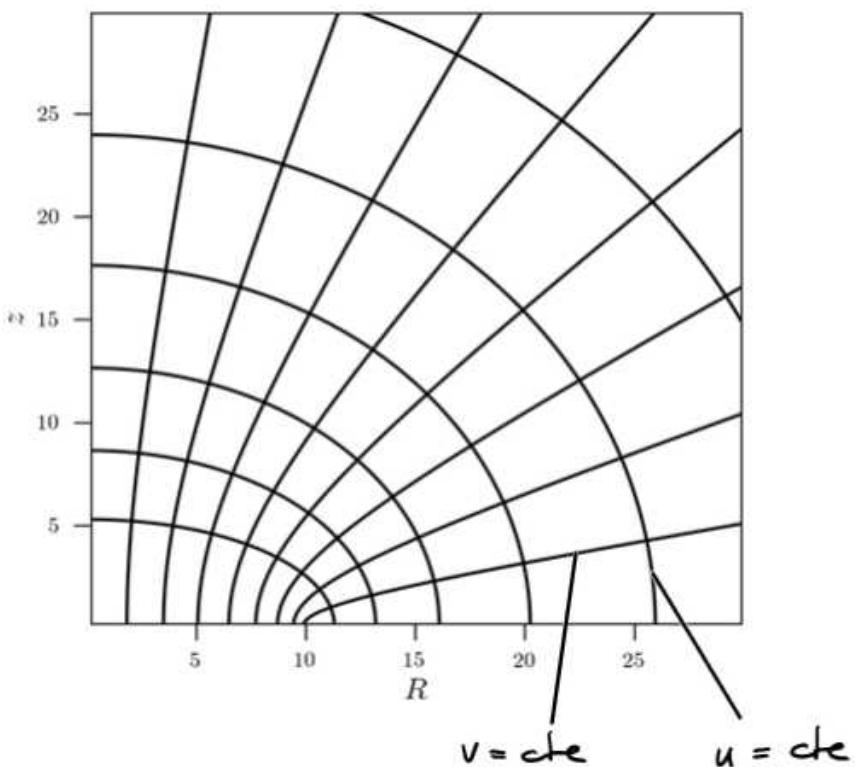
# Potential of homocoids

## Spheroidal coordinates

$$(R, \phi, z) \rightarrow (u, \phi, v) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R = \Delta \cosh u \sin v \\ z = \Delta \sinh u \cos v \end{array} \right.$$

positive constant

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For a constant  $u$  (removing  $v$ )

$$\frac{R^2}{\Delta^2 \cosh^2 u} + \frac{z^2}{\Delta^2 \sinh^2 u} = 1$$

Eccentricity  $e^2 = 1 - \frac{\sinh^2 u}{\cosh^2 u} = 1 - \tanh^2 u$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u = 0 & e = 1 \\ u = \infty & e = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

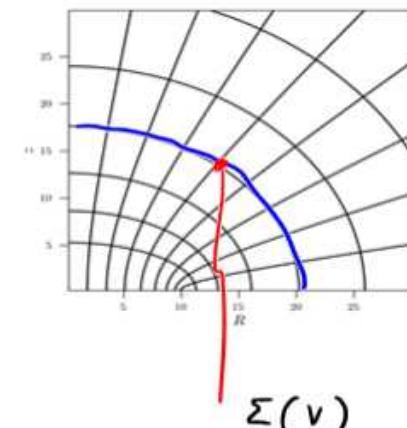
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = \Delta \cosh u \\ c = \Delta \sinh u \end{array} \right.$$

It is possible to demonstrate that

1) the surface density of an <sup>thin</sup> homoeoidal of "radius"  $u_0$   
and mass  $\delta M$

$$a = \Delta \cosh u$$

$$\Sigma(v) = \frac{\delta M}{4\pi a^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2 \sin^2 v}}$$



2) its corresponding potential is

$$\phi(u) = -\frac{G\delta M}{ae} \begin{cases} \arcsin(e) & u \leq u_0 \\ \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u)}\right) & u \geq u_0 \end{cases}$$

## Potential of an homocloid

Assume  $\phi = \phi(u)$  and try to solve  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$

for  $\phi = \phi(u)$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{\Delta^2 (\sinh^2 u + \cosh^2 u)} \left[ \frac{1}{\cosh u} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left( \cosh u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \right) \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left( \cosh u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \right) = 0$$

Solutions

$$1) \phi = \phi_0 = c$$

$$2) \phi = -A \operatorname{arcsinh} \left( \frac{1}{\cosh u} \right) + B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{arcsinh} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \\ \cosh &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sinh u} \end{aligned}$$

for  $u \rightarrow \infty$ , using  $R = \Delta \cosh u \cdot \sin v$

$$z = \Delta \sinh u \cos v$$

$$\text{and } \cosh^2 u = \sinh^2 u \quad (u \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\text{we get } r^2 = R^2 + z^2 = \Delta^2 (\cosh^2 u \sin^2 v + \sinh^2 u \cos^2 v) \\ = \Delta^2 \cosh^2 u$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cosh(u)} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{r}$$

$$\text{so, } -A \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u)}\right) + B \approx -A \arcsin\left(\frac{\Delta}{r}\right) + B \equiv -\frac{\Delta}{r} + B$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{G \delta M}{\Delta} \quad B = 0$$


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So, we get the potential:

$$\phi(u) = -\frac{G \delta M}{\Delta} \begin{cases} \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u_0)}\right) & u < u_0 \\ \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u)}\right) & u > u_0 \end{cases}$$

$u_0$  is the surface of an ellipsoid of semi-major/minor axis

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = \Delta \cosh u_0 \\ c = \Delta \sinh u_0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\cosh^2 u_0}{\sinh^2 u_0}} = \frac{1}{\cosh u_0}$$

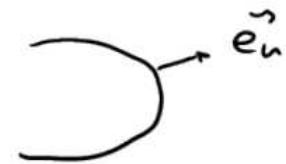
$$\text{and } ac = \Delta$$

$$\phi(u) = -\frac{GM}{ac} \begin{cases} \arcsin(c) & u < u_0 \\ \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u)}\right) & u > u_0 \end{cases}$$

What is the density at the surface  $u_0$  ?

Gauss theorem :

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{ds} = 4\pi G M$$



$$\delta M = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{e}_n \, ds^2}{4\pi G}$$

$$\Sigma(u) = \frac{\delta M}{ds^2} = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{e}_n}{4\pi G}$$

In elliptical coord :  $\vec{\nabla} \phi(u) = \frac{1}{\Delta \sqrt{\sin^2 u + \cos^2 v}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \vec{e}_n$

so  $\Sigma(u) = \frac{1}{\Delta \sqrt{\sin^2 u + \cos^2 v}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} \Big|_{u=u_0} \frac{1}{4\pi G}$

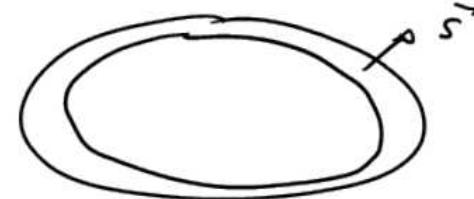
$$\Sigma(u) = \frac{\delta M}{4\pi a^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2 \sin^2 v}}$$

Link between  $\Sigma(n)$  and the surf. density of an homocoid

$$\beta^2 = \beta^2(R, z) = \frac{R^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}$$

$$\vec{s} = s \cdot \vec{e}_n = s \cdot \frac{\vec{\nabla} \beta}{|\vec{\nabla} \beta|}$$

$$\delta \beta = \vec{s} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \beta \quad \beta(R, z) = \beta(R_0, z_0) + \vec{\nabla} \beta \cdot \vec{s}$$



$|\vec{s}| = s = \text{thickness of the shell}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R}{a} \right)^2 \frac{c^2}{a^2}$$

$$s = \frac{\delta \beta}{|\vec{\nabla} \beta|} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{\nabla} \beta = \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial R} \vec{e}_R + \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{R}{a^2} \vec{e}_R + \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{z}{c^2} \vec{e}_z \\ |\vec{\nabla} \beta| = \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{a^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4}} \beta^{-2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$s = \left( \frac{R^2}{a^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \beta \delta \beta$$

$$\Sigma = \rho \cdot s = \rho \left( \frac{R^2}{a^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \beta \delta \beta$$

We introduce  $v$ , such that :  $R = \beta a \sin(v)$   $z = \beta c \cos(v)$

$$e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2}{a^2}}$$

$$e^2 = 1 - \frac{c^2}{a^2}$$

$$e^2 a^2 = a^2 - c^2$$

$$\left( \frac{R^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \beta \int d\beta$$

$$R^2 = \beta^2 a^2 \sin^2 v$$

$$z^2 = \beta^2 c^2 \cos^2 v$$

$$\frac{R^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}$$

$$\frac{\beta^2}{a^2} \sin^2 v + \frac{\beta^2}{c^2} \cos^2 v$$

$$c^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$$

$$\beta^2 \left( \frac{\sin^2 v}{a^2} + \frac{\cos^2 v}{c^2} \right)$$

$$c = a \sqrt{1 - e^2}$$

$$\beta^2 \left( \frac{c^2 v}{a^2} + \frac{1 - \sin^2 v}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\beta^2}{a^2 c^2} \left( c^2 \sin^2 v + a^2 - a^2 \sin^2 v \right)$$

$$\frac{\beta^2}{a^2 c^2} \left( \sin^2 v (c^2 - a^2) + a^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{\beta^2}{a^2 c^2 (1 - e^2)} (1 - e^2 \sin^2 v)$$

$$\Sigma = \int \left( \frac{a^2}{c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \beta \delta \beta$$

$$= \frac{a \sqrt{1-e^2}}{\beta \sqrt{1-e^2 \sin^2 v}} \int \cancel{\beta} \delta \beta = \frac{a \sqrt{1-e^2} \beta \delta \beta}{\sqrt{1-e^2 \sin^2 v}}$$

$$\text{Volume of the ellipsoid} \quad V = \frac{4}{3} \pi a^2 c \beta^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi a^2 \beta^2 \sqrt{1-e^2}$$

$$\delta M = \delta(\rho M) = 4 \pi a^2 \beta^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \delta \beta$$

introduce  $\delta \beta$  in  $\Sigma = \frac{a \sqrt{1-e^2} \beta \delta \beta}{\sqrt{1-e^2 \sin^2 v}}$

and set  $\beta = 1$

$$\Sigma(v) = \frac{a \sqrt{1-e^2} \rho \delta M}{4\pi a^3 \beta^2 \rho \sqrt{1-e^2} \sqrt{1-e^2 m^2} v}$$

$$\Sigma(v) = \frac{\delta M}{4\pi a^2 \sqrt{1-e^2 m^2} v}$$

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# Newton's Theorems

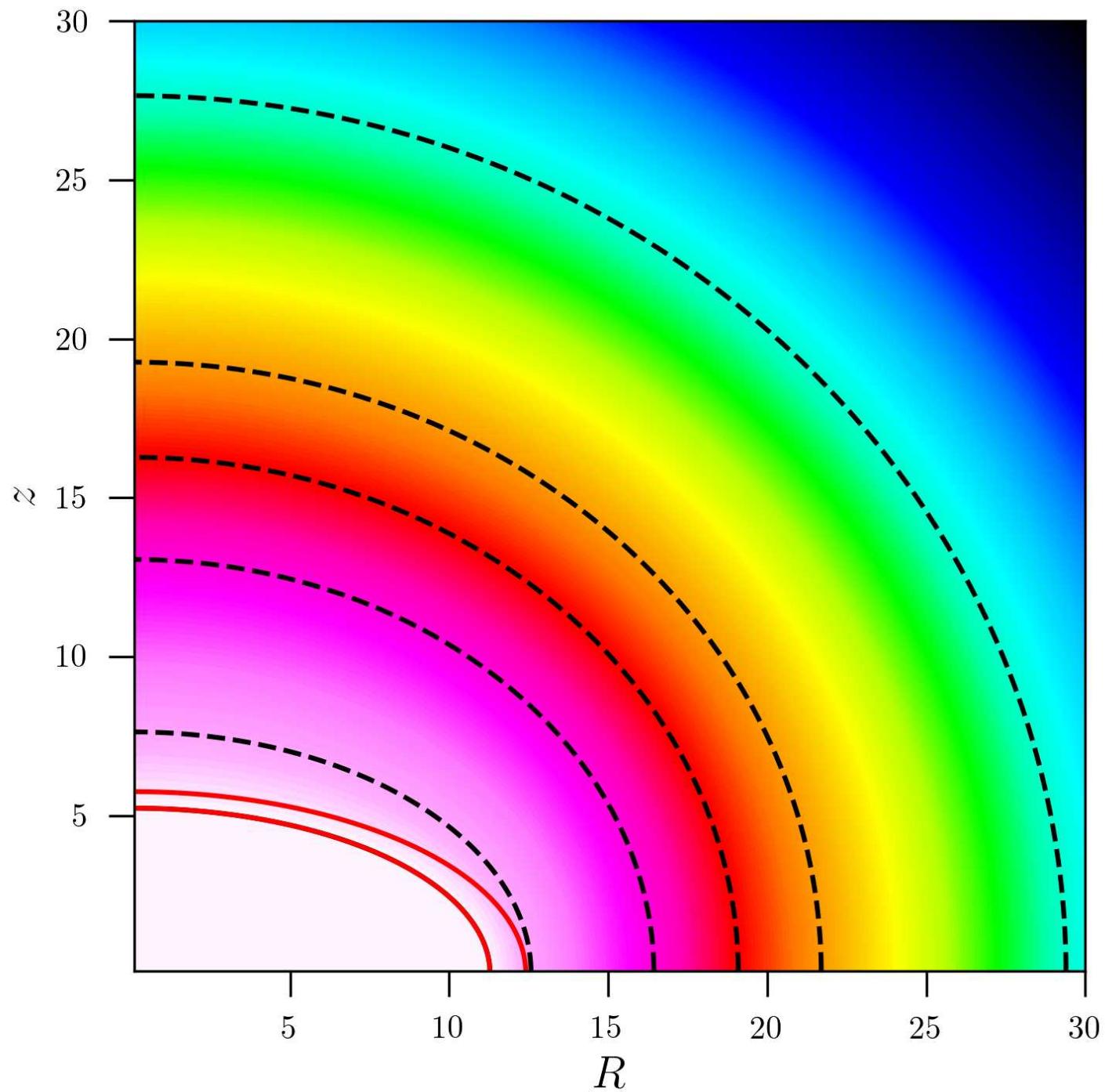
## Homoeoid theorem:

- The exterior iso-potential surfaces of a thin homoeoid are the spheroids that are confocal ( $u=\text{constant}$ ) with the shell itself. Inside the shell, the potential is constant.

## Newton's third theorem:

- A mass that is inside a homoeoid experiences no net gravitational force from the homoeoid.

# potential of homoeoids



# Potential Theory

## The potential of spheroids

The potential of spheroids defined by

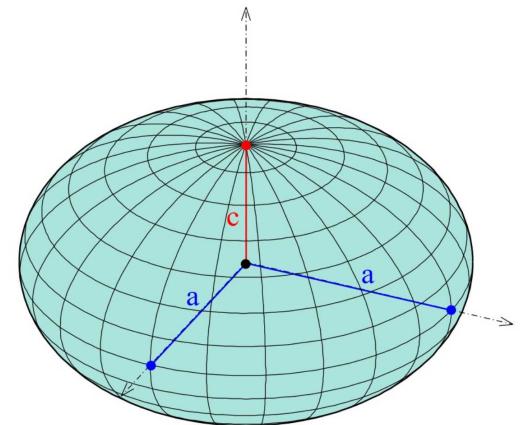
$$\text{constant} = m^2 \equiv R^2 + \frac{z^2}{1 - e^2}$$

of density  $\rho(m^2)$   
may be obtained by summing homoeoids

$$\Phi(R_0, z_0) = -2\pi G \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^2}}{e} \times \left( \psi(\infty) \sin^{-1} e - \frac{a_0 e}{2} \int_0^\infty d\tau \frac{\psi(m)}{(\tau + a_0^2) \sqrt{\tau + c_0^2}} \right)$$

with:

$$\psi(m) \equiv \int_0^{m^2} dm^2 \rho(m^2)$$



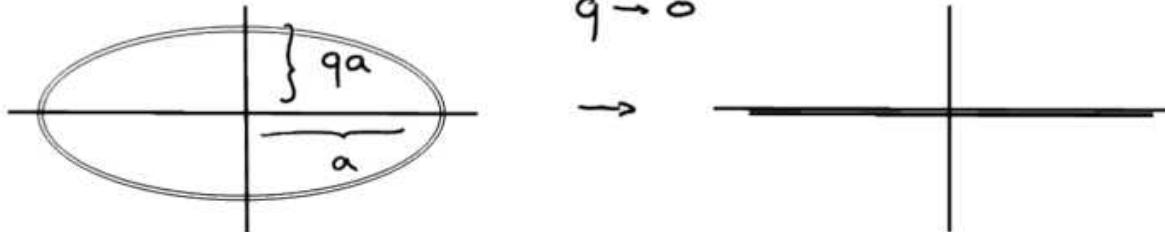
# Potential Theory

The potential of infinite thin  
(razor-thin) disks from  
homoeoids

# The potential of zero thickness (razor-thin) disks from homoeoids

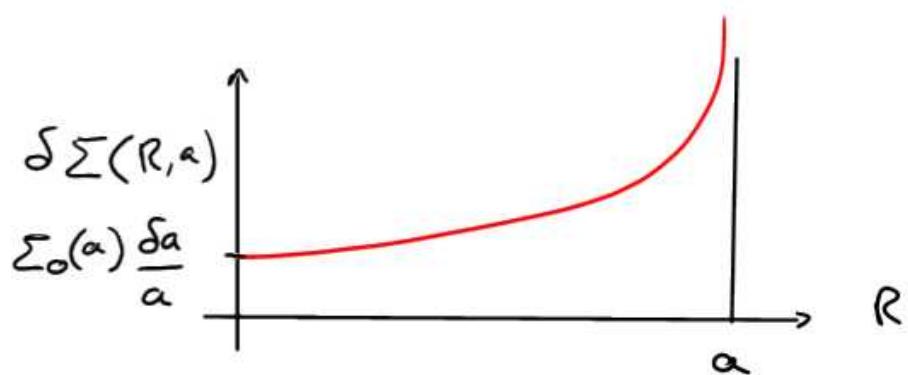
Idea Reproduce any surface density  $\Sigma(R)$  by summing a set of infinitely flattened homoeoids

## Infinitely flattened homoeoids



The surface density remains the same (indep. of  $q$ )

$$\delta\Sigma(a, R) = \frac{\Sigma_0(a)}{\sqrt{a^2 - R^2}} \delta a$$



## Summing infinitely flattened homocoids

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma(R) &= \sum_{a \geq R} \delta \Sigma(a, R) = \sum_{a \geq R} \frac{d}{da} \Sigma(a, R) \delta a = \sum_{a \geq R} \frac{\Sigma_o(a)}{\sqrt{a^2 - R^2}} \delta a \\
 &= \int_R^{\infty} \frac{\Sigma_o(a)}{\sqrt{a^2 - R^2}} da \quad \text{Abel integral}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\Sigma_o(a) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{d}{da} \left( \int_a^{\infty} dR \frac{R \Sigma(R)}{\sqrt{R^2 - a^2}} \right)$$

For a given  $\Sigma(R)$  we can compute  $\Sigma_o(a)$  (the weights)

such that  $\Sigma(R) = \int_R^{\infty} \delta \Sigma(a, R)$

# Potential of infinitely flattened homocoids

The potential is continuous across the plane  $z=0$   
 we can compute it just above the plane i.e., outside the shell

$$\phi(u) = -\frac{G\delta M}{ae} \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u)}\right) \quad u \geq u_0$$

with  $\delta M = 2\pi a \sum_0(a) \delta a$  and for  $u \geq u_0$

and noting that for  $q \rightarrow 0$   $e \rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\phi_a(R, z) &= -\frac{G 2\pi a \sum_0(a) \delta a}{ae} \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u)}\right) \\ &= -2\pi G \sum_0(a) \delta a \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\cosh(u)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Expression for  $u$  from  $\begin{cases} R = \Delta \cosh u \sin v & \text{and} \\ z = \Delta \sinh u \cos v \end{cases}$

$$\cos^2 v + \sin^2 v = 1$$

$$\cosh^2 u = \frac{1}{4a^2} \left[ \underbrace{\sqrt{z^2 + (a + R)^2}}_{\sqrt{+}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{z^2 - (a - R)^2}}_{\sqrt{-}} \right]^2$$

Thus

$$\delta\phi_a(R, z) = -2\pi G \Sigma_o(a) \arcsin\left(\frac{2a}{\sqrt{+} + \sqrt{-}}\right) \delta a$$

Summing the contribution of all homocoids

$$\phi(R, z) = \int_0^\infty \delta\phi_a(R, z) = -2\pi G \int_0^\infty \Sigma_o(a) \arcsin\left(\frac{2a}{\sqrt{+} + \sqrt{-}}\right) da$$

but  $\Sigma_o(a) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{d}{da} \left( \int_a^\infty dR' \frac{R' \Sigma(R')}{\sqrt{R'^2 - a^2}} \right)$

$$\phi(R, z) = 4G \int_0^\infty da \arcsin\left(\frac{2a}{\sqrt{+} + \sqrt{-}}\right) \frac{d}{da} \left( \int_a^\infty dR' \frac{R' \Sigma(R')}{\sqrt{R'^2 - a^2}} \right)$$

dep. only on "a": can be tabulated

Integrating by part gives

$$\phi(R, z) = -2\sqrt{2}G \int_0^\infty da \frac{[(a+R)/\sqrt{+}] - [(a-R)/\sqrt{-}]}{\sqrt{R^2 - z^2 - a^2} + \sqrt{+} \cdot \sqrt{-}} \int_a^\infty dR' \frac{R' \Sigma(R')}{\sqrt{R'^2 - a^2}}$$

Circular velocity

$$V_c^2(R) = R \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \Big|_{z=0}$$

$$\frac{d}{dR} \arcsin \left( \frac{2a}{|a+R| + |a-R|} \right)$$

- $R < a \rightarrow a+R + a-R = 2a \Rightarrow \arcsin(1) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dR} = 0$
- $R > a \rightarrow a+R - a+R = 2R \Rightarrow \arcsin\left(\frac{a}{R}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dR} = -\frac{a/R^2}{\sqrt{1-(a/R)^2}}$

$$V_c^2(R) = -4G \int_0^R \frac{a}{\sqrt{R^2 - a^2}} \frac{d}{da} \left( \int_a^\infty dR' \frac{R' \Sigma(R')}{\sqrt{R'^2 - a^2}} \right) \boxed{|||}$$

# Exponential disk

$$\Sigma(R) = \Sigma_0 e^{-R/R_d}$$

The integral in the razor-thin potential equation is then:

$$\int_a^\infty R' \frac{R' \Sigma_0 e^{-R'/R_d}}{\sqrt{R'^2 - a^2}} = \Sigma_0 a K_1(a/R_d)$$

The potential:

$$\Phi(R, z) = -2\sqrt{2} G \int_0^\infty a \frac{\frac{a+R}{\sqrt{z^2 + (a+R)^2}} - \frac{a-R}{\sqrt{z^2 + (a-R)^2}}}{\sqrt{R^2 - z^2 - a^2 + \sqrt{z^2 + (a+R)^2} \sqrt{z^2 + (a-R)^2}}} \times \Sigma_0 a K_1(a/R_d)$$

The circular velocity:

$$v_c^2 = 4\pi G \Sigma_0 R_d y^2 [I_0(y)K_0(y) - I_1(y)K_1(y)]$$

$$y = \frac{R}{2R_d}$$

Bessel functions

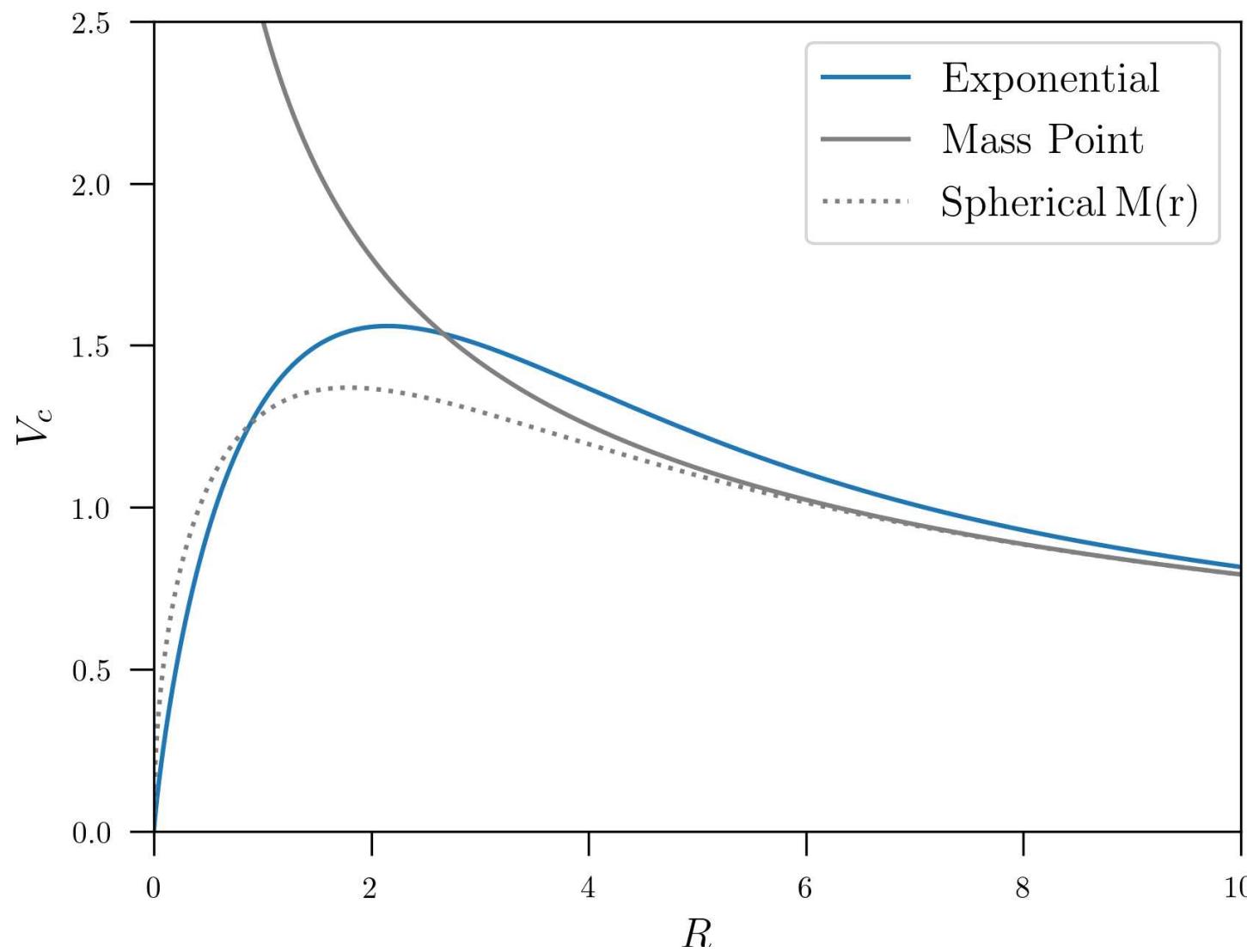
$$I_\nu(z) = i^{-\nu} J_\nu(iz)$$

$$K_\nu(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{I_{-\nu}(z) - I_\nu(z)}{\sin(\nu\pi)}$$

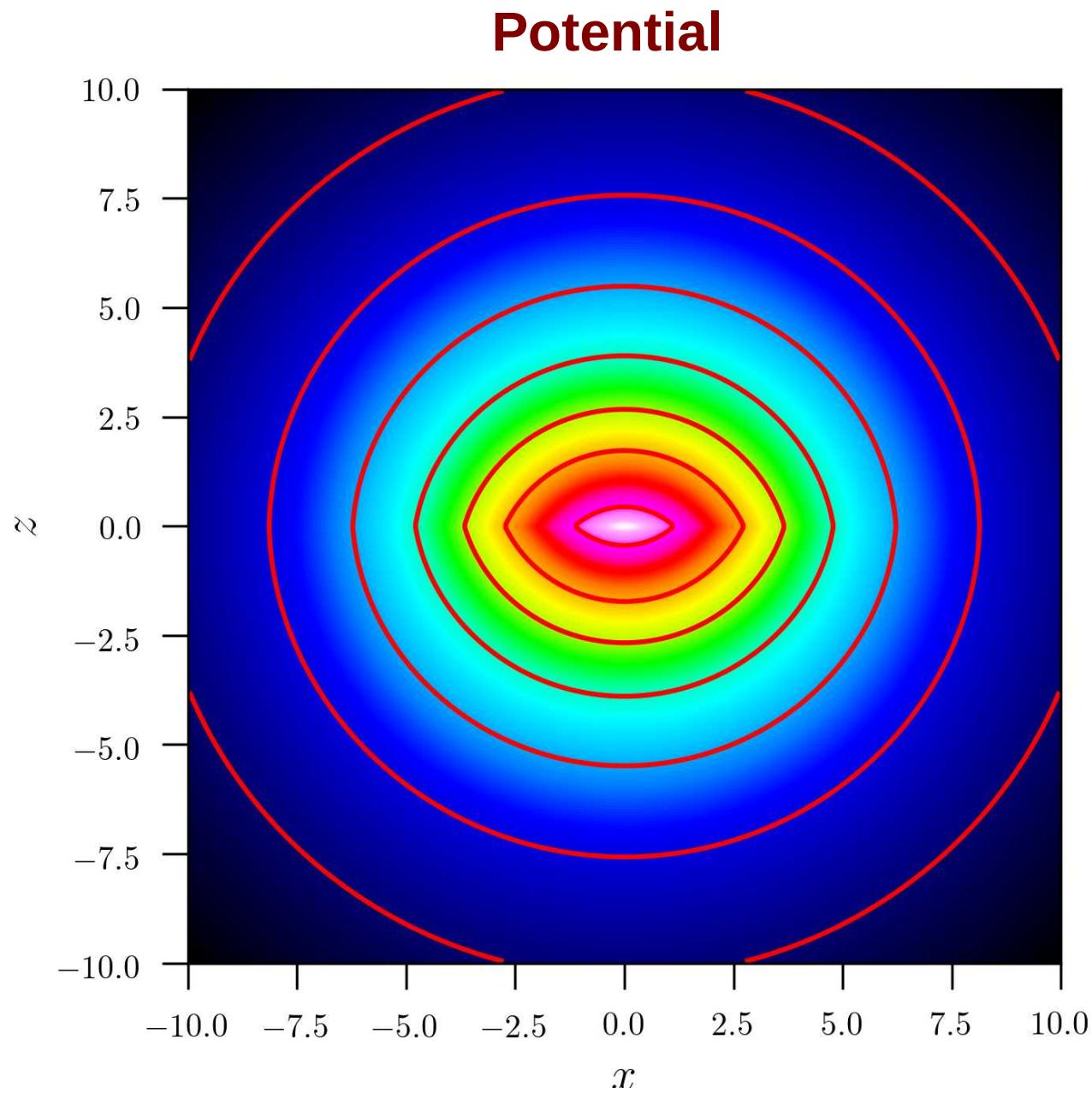
$$J_\nu(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(\nu+k)!} \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{\nu+2k}$$

# Exponential disk

## Circular velocity rotation curve



# Exponential disk



# Mestel disk

$$\Sigma(R) = \begin{cases} \frac{v_0^2}{2\pi G R} & (R < R_{\max}) \\ 0 & (R \geq R_{\max}) \end{cases} \quad \text{“2D” version of the Isothermal sphere}$$

for  $R_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$

$$v_c^2 = \frac{2v_0^2}{\pi} \int_0^R \frac{a}{\sqrt{R^2 - a^2}} = v_0^2 = \text{cte}$$

Computing the cumulative mass:

$$M(R) = 2\pi \int_0^R R' R' \Sigma(R') = \frac{v_0^2 R}{G}$$

we get:

$$v_0^2 = v_c^2(R) = \frac{GM(R)}{R}$$



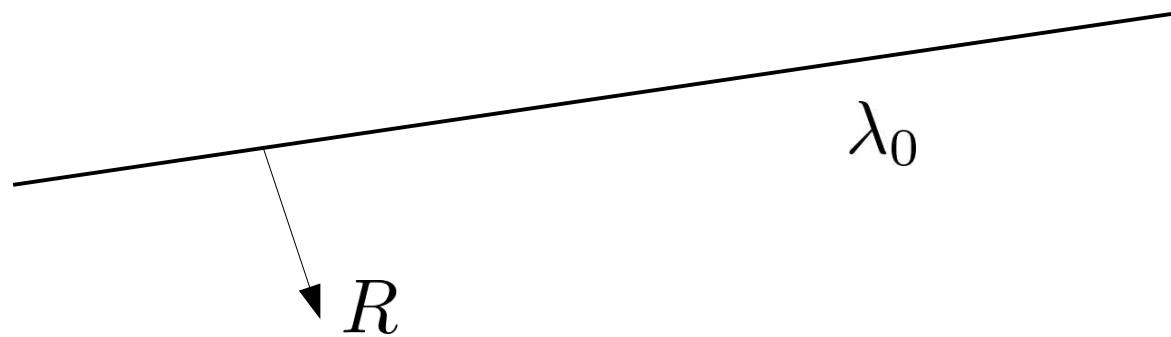
This is very specific to the Mestel disk...  
In general the external mass matter.

**EXERCICE**

# Potential Theory

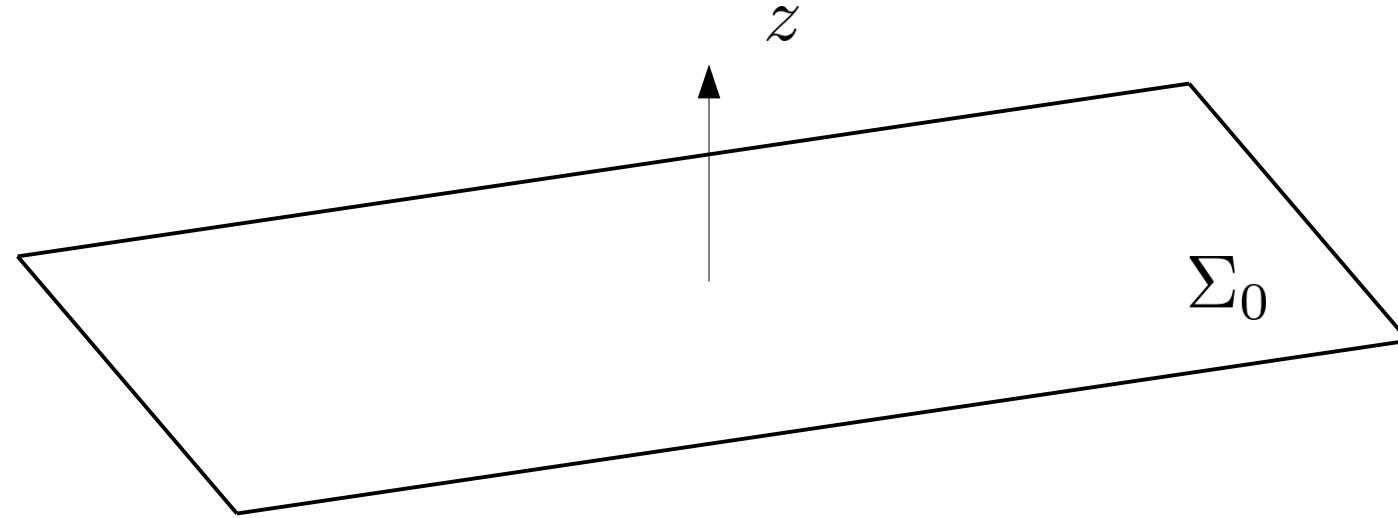
Idealized but useful models

# Potential of an infinite wire of constant linear density



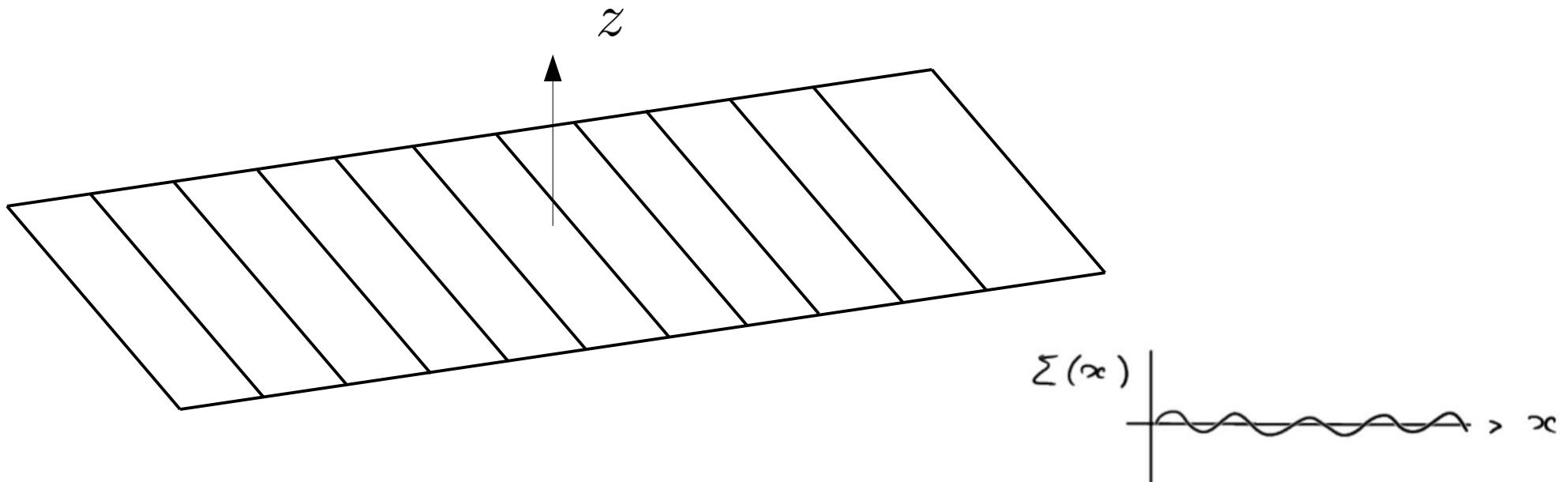
$$\Phi(R) = 2G\lambda_0 \ln(R) + C$$

# Potential of an infinite slab of constant surface density



$$\Phi(z) = 2\pi G \Sigma_0 |z| + C$$

# Potential of an infinite slab with an oscillatory surface density



$$\Sigma(x, y) = \Sigma_1 \operatorname{Re} \left( e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})} \right)$$

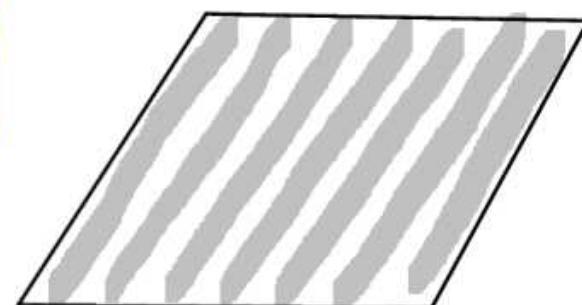
! will be negative !

$$k = |\vec{k}| = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = -\frac{2\pi G \Sigma_1}{|\vec{k}|} \operatorname{Re} \left( e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})} \right) e^{-|\vec{k}| z}$$

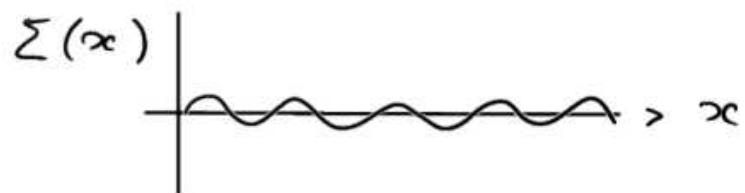
# Potential of an infinite slab with an oscillatory surface density

$$\Sigma(x, z) = \text{Re} \left( \Sigma_0 e^{i(kx)} \right)$$



Without loss of generality we can restrict to :

$$\Sigma(x) = \Sigma_0 e^{ikx}$$



Poisson equation

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \phi(x, z) = 4\pi G \Sigma(x) \delta(z)$$

Assume a corresponding potential of the type

$$\phi(x, z) = \phi_0 e^{i(kx - kz)}$$

Method : Integrate the Poisson equation over  $z$

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$$\tilde{\nabla}^2 \phi = 4\pi G \rho$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \tilde{\nabla}^2 \phi = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz 4\pi G \rho$$

and take the limit  $\infty \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{\infty \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \tilde{\nabla}^2 \phi = \lim_{\infty \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz 4\pi G \rho$$

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②

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \bar{\nabla}^2 = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$$

$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}(x, y, 0)$  is continuous across  $z=0$

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} dz \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0^+} = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0^-}$$

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} dz \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} dz \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}(x, y, z) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \Big|_{-\xi}^{\xi}$$

$$= \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \phi_0 |k| \operatorname{sgn}(z) e^{ikx - ikz} \Big|_{-\xi}^{\xi} = -2|k| \phi_0 e^{ikx}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} \quad \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} dz \quad 4\pi G \phi &= \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} dz \quad 4\pi G \Sigma_0 e^{ikx} \delta(z) \\
 &= 4\pi G \Sigma_0 e^{ikx}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining \textcircled{1} and \textcircled{2}

$$-2|\kappa| \phi_0 e^{ikx} = 4\pi G \Sigma_0 e^{ikx}$$

$$\phi_0 = -\frac{2\pi G \Sigma_0}{|\kappa|}$$

$$\phi(x, y, z) = -\frac{2\pi G \Sigma_0}{|\kappa|} e^{ikx - |kz|}$$

Thusfor  $\Sigma(x, y) = \Sigma_0 e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$ 

$$\phi(x, y, z) = -\frac{2\pi G \Sigma_0}{|\vec{k}|} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - |\vec{k}|z)}$$

Note

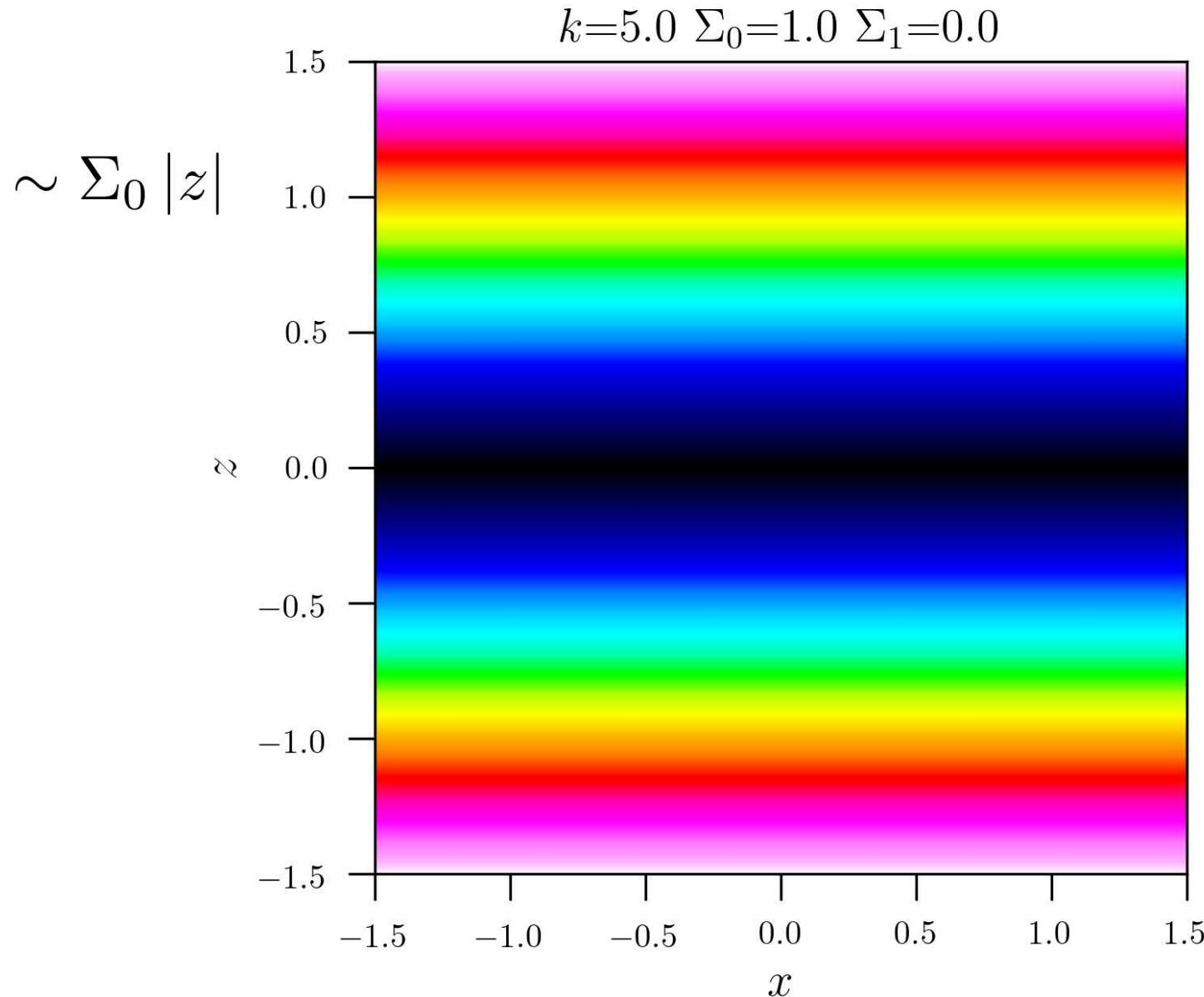
if the surface density evolves as a plane wave

$$\Sigma(x, y, t) = \Sigma_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)}$$

$$\phi(x, y, z, t) = -\frac{2\pi G \Sigma_0}{|\vec{k}|} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t) - |\vec{k}|z}$$

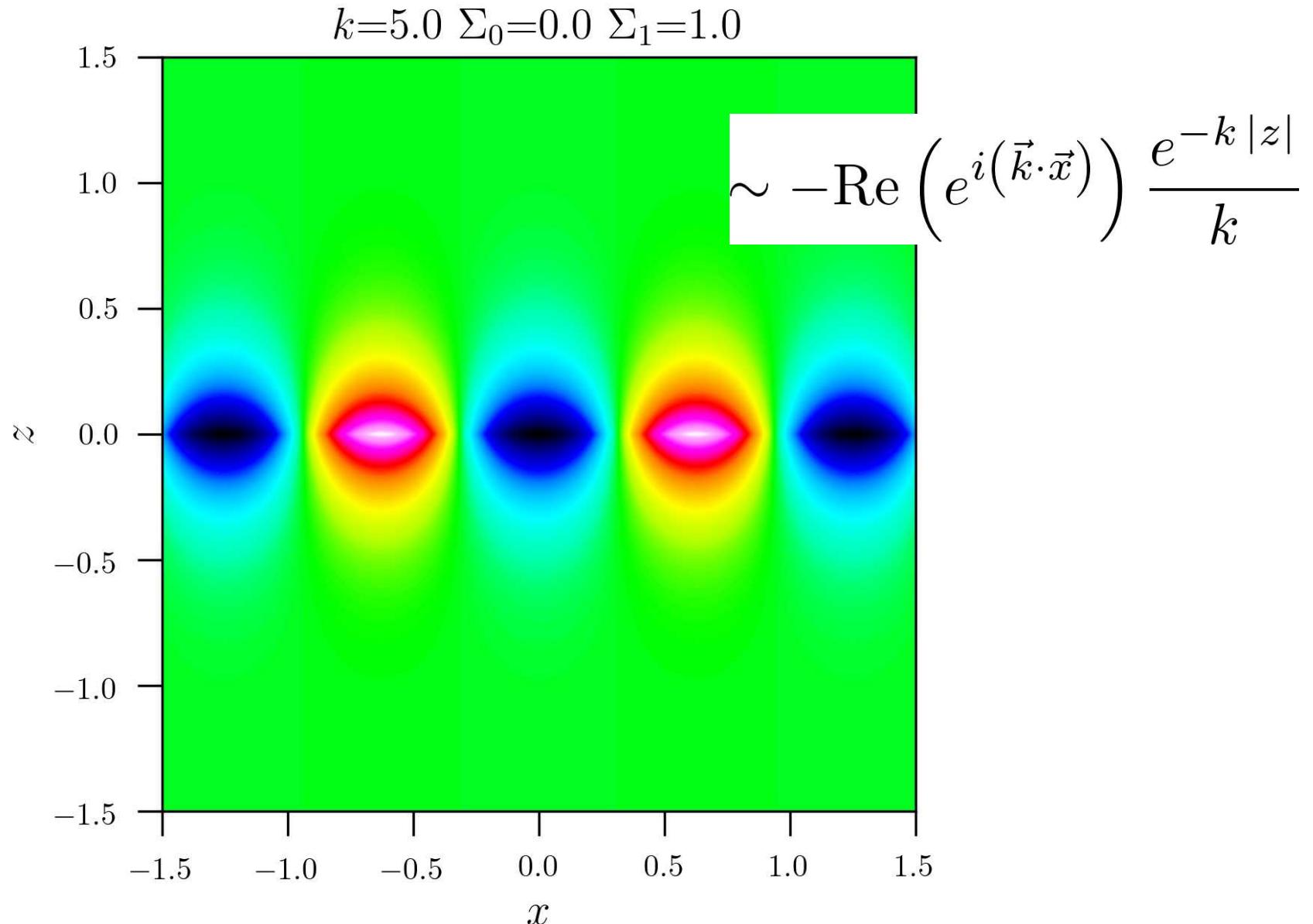
# Potential of an Infinite slab

$$\Sigma(x) = \Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1 \operatorname{Re} (e^{ikx})$$



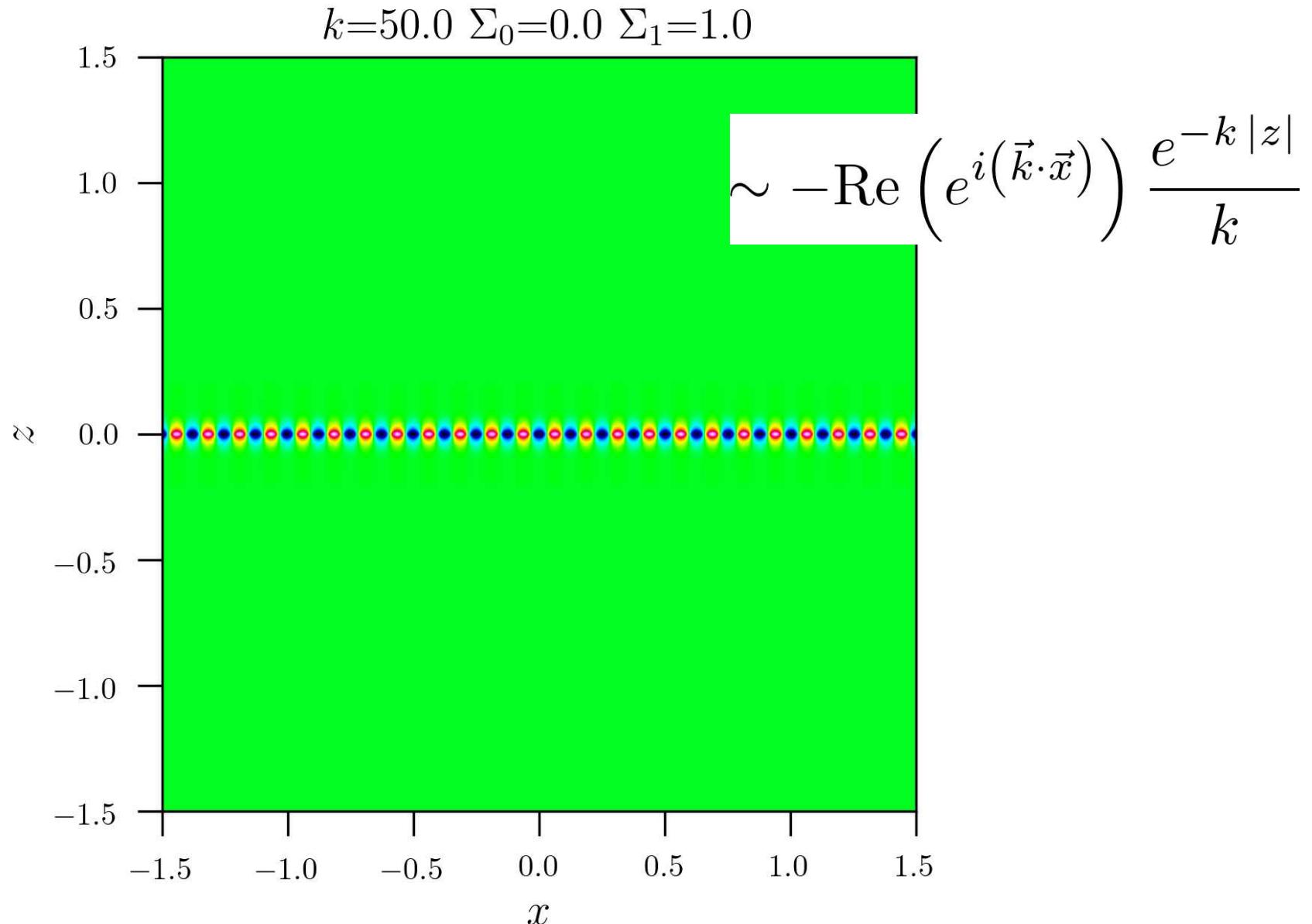
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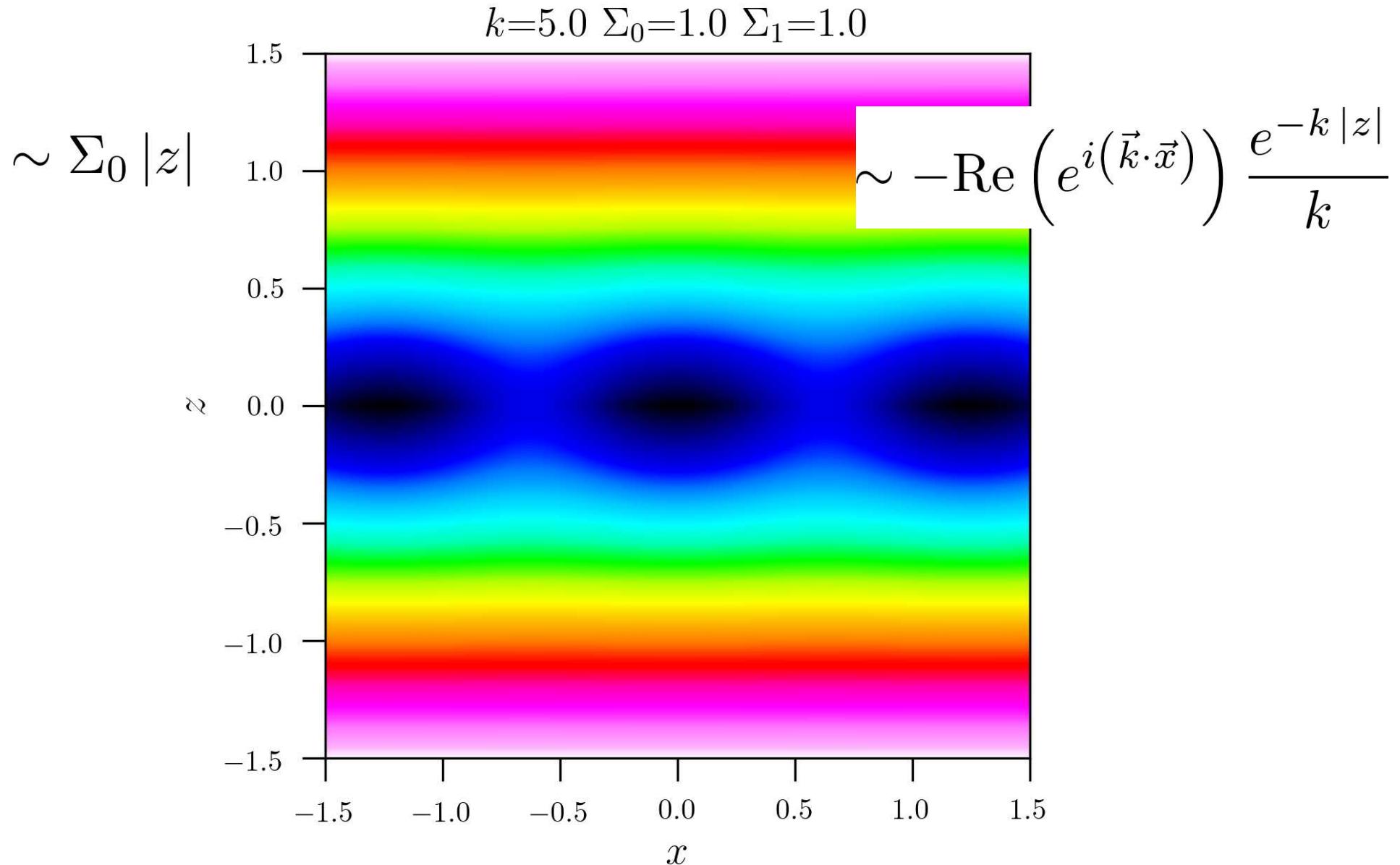
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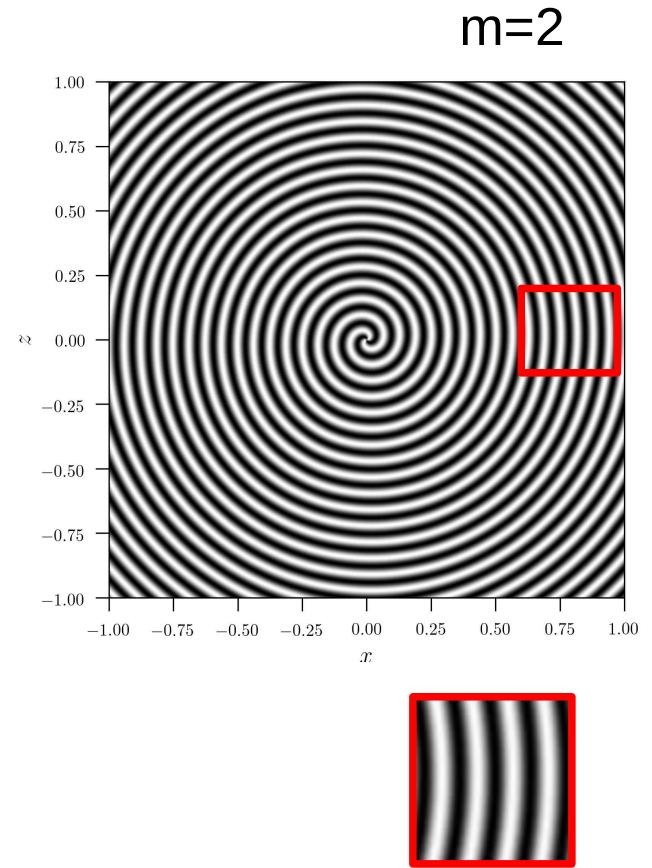
$$\Sigma(x) = \Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1 \operatorname{Re} (e^{ikx})$$



# Potential of an infinite slab with a tightly wound spiral pattern

$$\Sigma(R, \phi) = H(R) \operatorname{Re} \left( e^{i[m\phi + f(R)]} \right)$$

if  $\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial R} \cdot R \right| \ll 1$       WKB approximation  
(Wentzel,Kramers,Brillouin)



$$\Phi(R, \phi) = -\frac{2\pi G \Sigma_0}{\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial R} \right|} H(R) \operatorname{Re} \left( e^{if(R)} \right) e^{-\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial R} \cdot z \right|}$$

# Potential of an infinite slab with a tightly wound spiral pattern

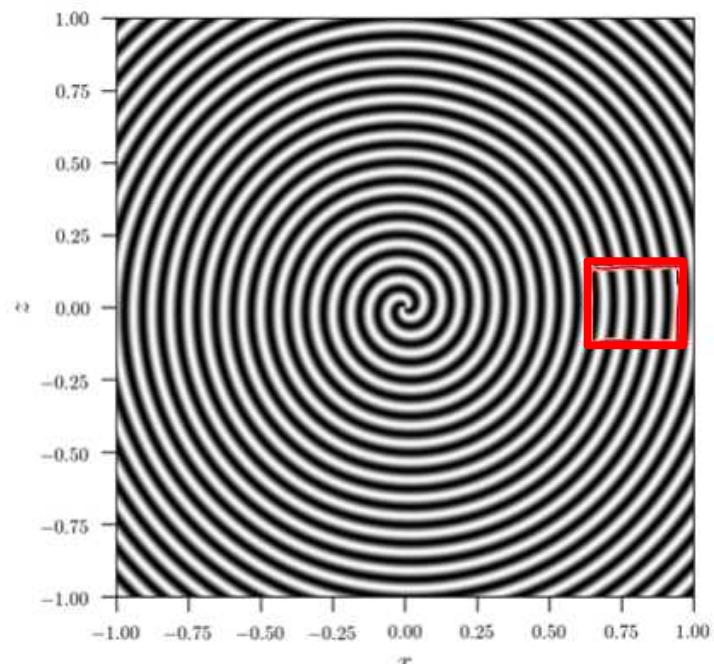
$m = 2$

$$\Sigma(R, \phi) = R_c \left( \underbrace{u(R)}_{\text{slow variation}} e^{\underbrace{i(m\phi + g(R))}_{\text{rapid variation}}} \right)$$

Note

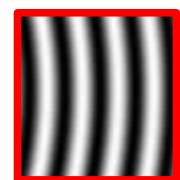
$$m\phi + g(R) = \text{const}$$

describe a spiral  $g(R) = \text{shape function}$



Idea : WKB approximation

far from the center,  $\Sigma$  is nearly  $\sim e^{i(kx)}$



Indeed

Developing  $g(R)$  around  $R_0$  gives

$$g(R) \approx g(R_0) + \left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial R} \right|_{R_0} (R - R_0)$$

For  $\Theta = 0$

$$\Sigma(R, \Theta) = \underbrace{u(R_0) e^{i\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \mid_{R_0} (R-R_0)}}_{\text{no radial} \atop \text{dependency}}$$
$$e^{i k x} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \mid_{R_0} \\ x = R - R_0 \end{array} \right.$$

We directly have the solution from the infinite slab

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$$\phi(R, \Theta) = - \frac{2\pi G}{\left| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \right|} u(R_0) e^{i\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \mid_{R_0} (R-R_0)} e^{-\left| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \right| z}$$

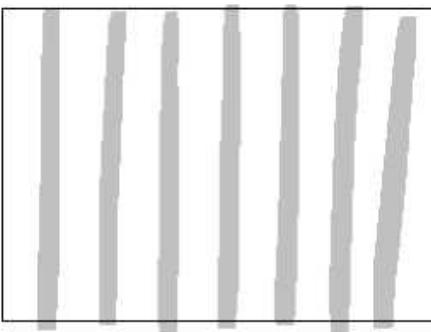
Choosing  $R_0 = R$

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$$\phi(R, \Theta) = - \frac{2\pi G}{\left| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \right|} u(R) e^{i\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \mid_{R_0} (R-R_0)} e^{-\left| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \right| z}$$

## Validity of the approximation

- we want a large number of "oscillations" over a small radius compared to  $R$



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$\sim R$

$$\left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{R}} \right| \cdot \mathbf{R} \gg 1$$

**The End**