

THE ROLE OF RESONANCES

**IN N-BODY MODELS OF BARRED
GALAXIES**

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Realistic orbits and resonances

- Natural frequencies of a general orbit:

$$\Omega, K, \nu$$

- Pattern frequency: Ω_p

$$l K + m_1 \Omega + n \nu = m_2 \Omega_p$$

$$l, m_i, n$$

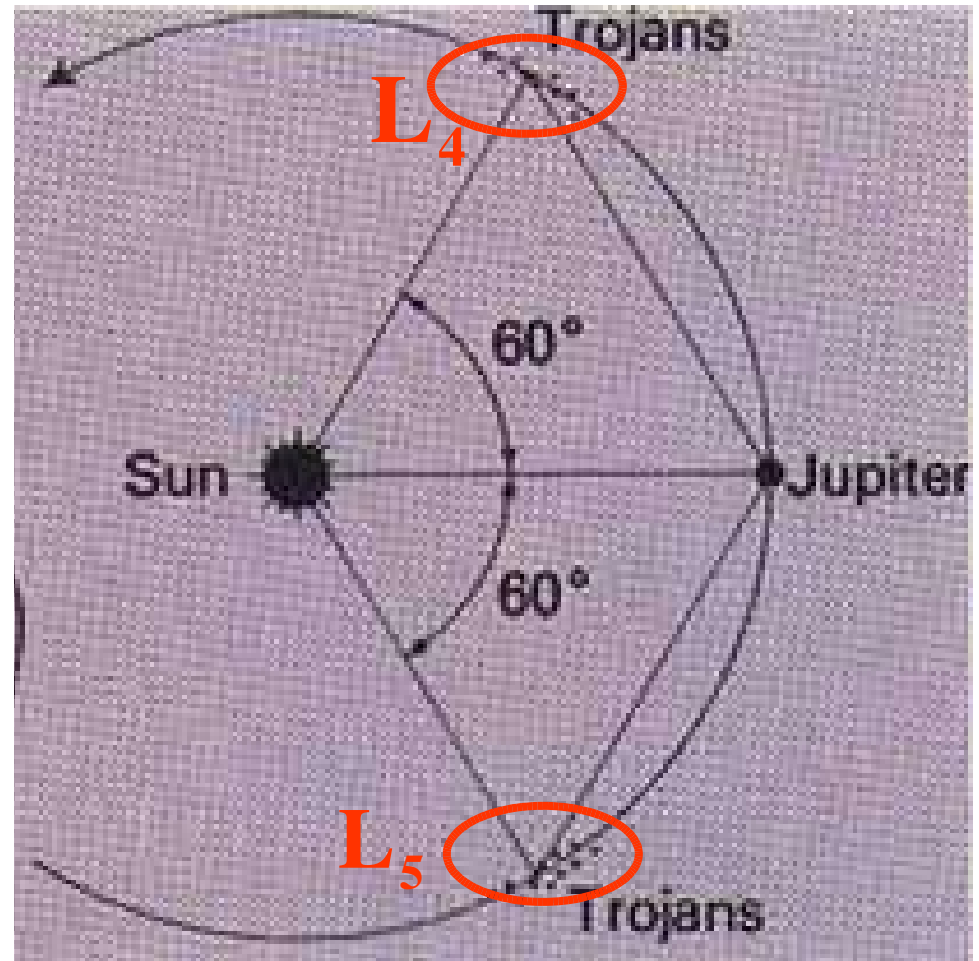
are integers.

RESONANCE!

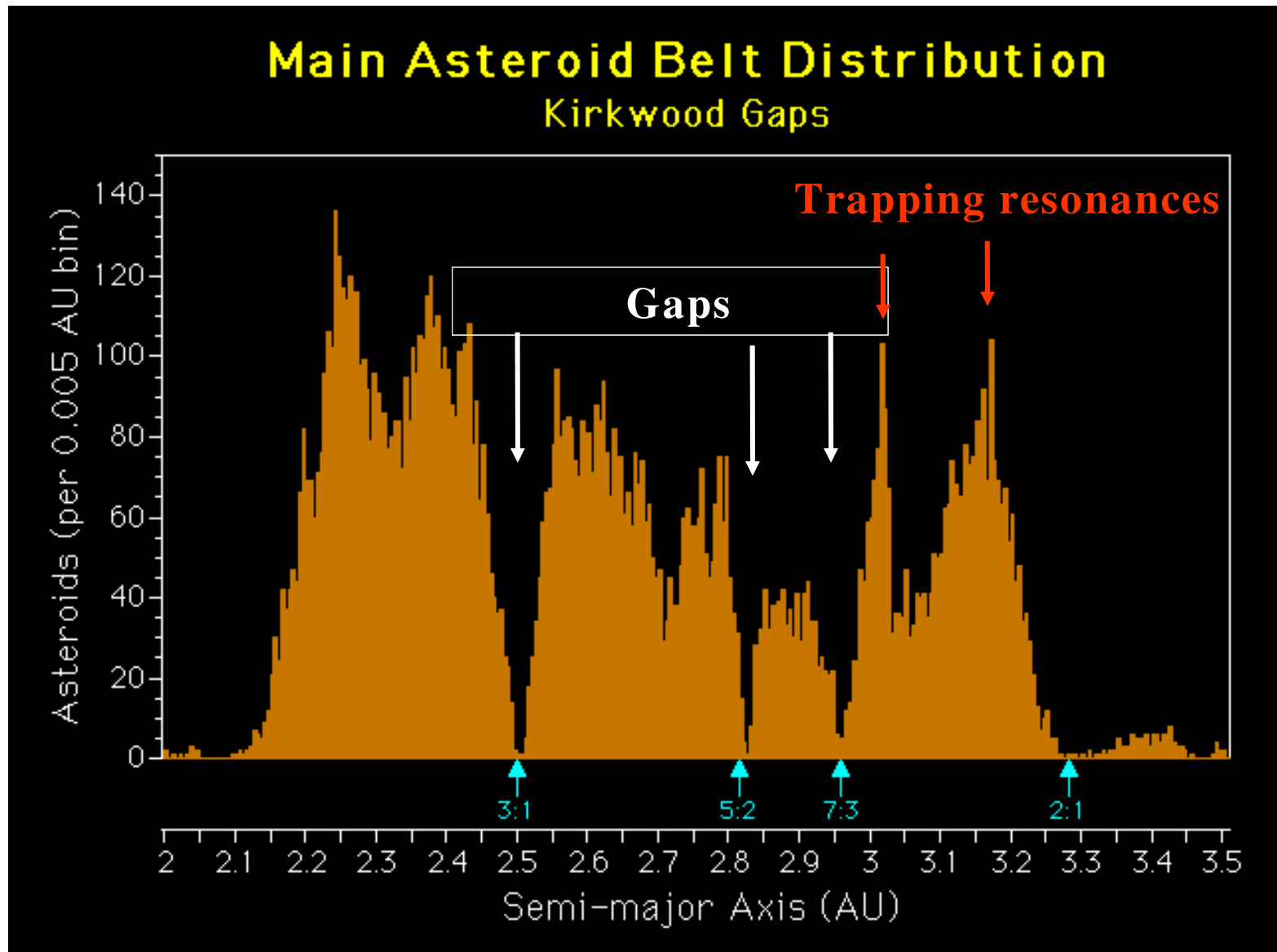
- Linear regime: A resonance produces a dramatic change in the evolution of the orbit.
- This is **not** always the case.

Resonances in the solar system: Trojan asteroids.

- Libration around Lagrangian points L_4 and L_5 of the system Sun-Jupiter.
- Example of a trapping resonance. **1:1** .



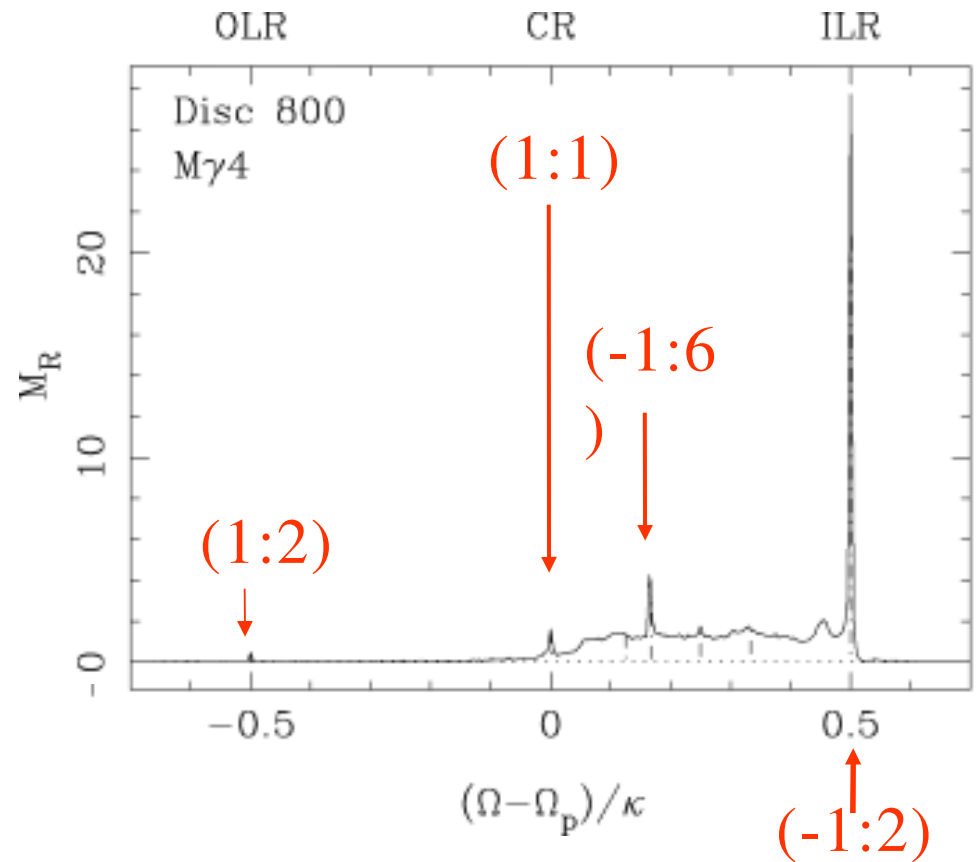
Gaps.



Searching resonances in N-body simulations.

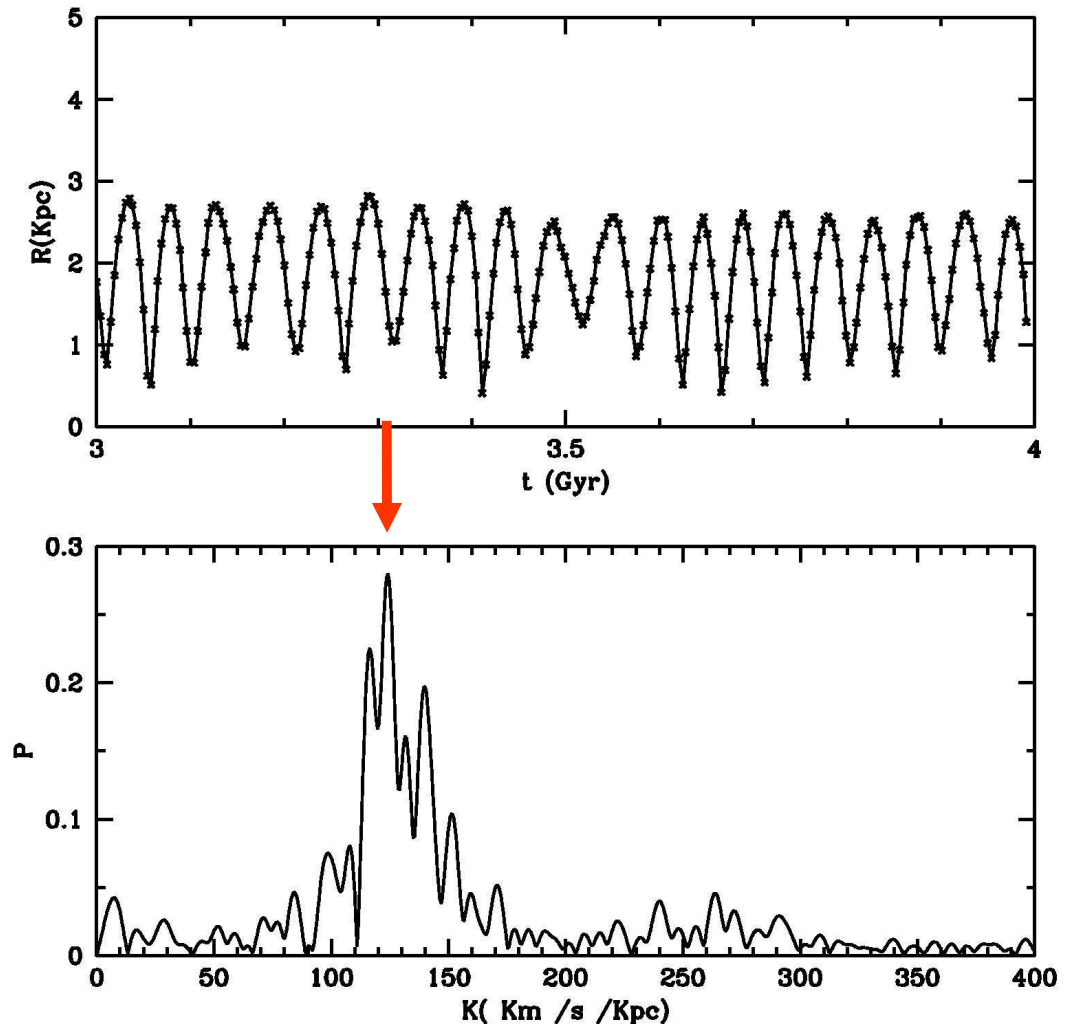
- **Athanassoula 2003:**
 - **Frozen potential.**
 - **Ratio:**

$$(\Omega - \Omega_p) / K = -l / m, \text{ where } l \text{ and } m \text{ are integers}$$



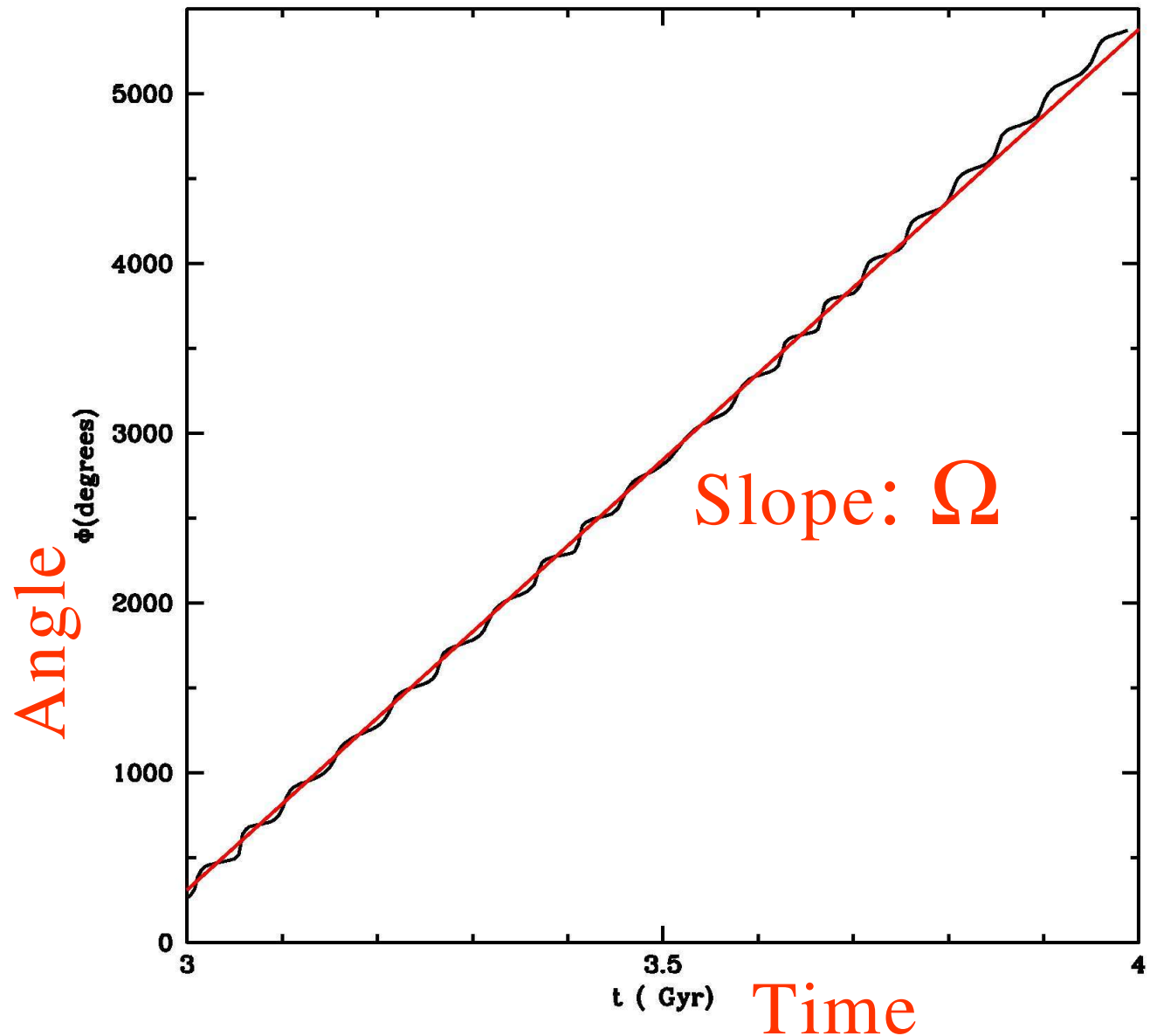
Radial frequency (K) measurements

- For every particle, we **measure** the frequencies during a given period of time (1-2 Gyrs) in which the pattern speed is almost constant.
 - **K: Fourier Analysis** of the radial evolution.

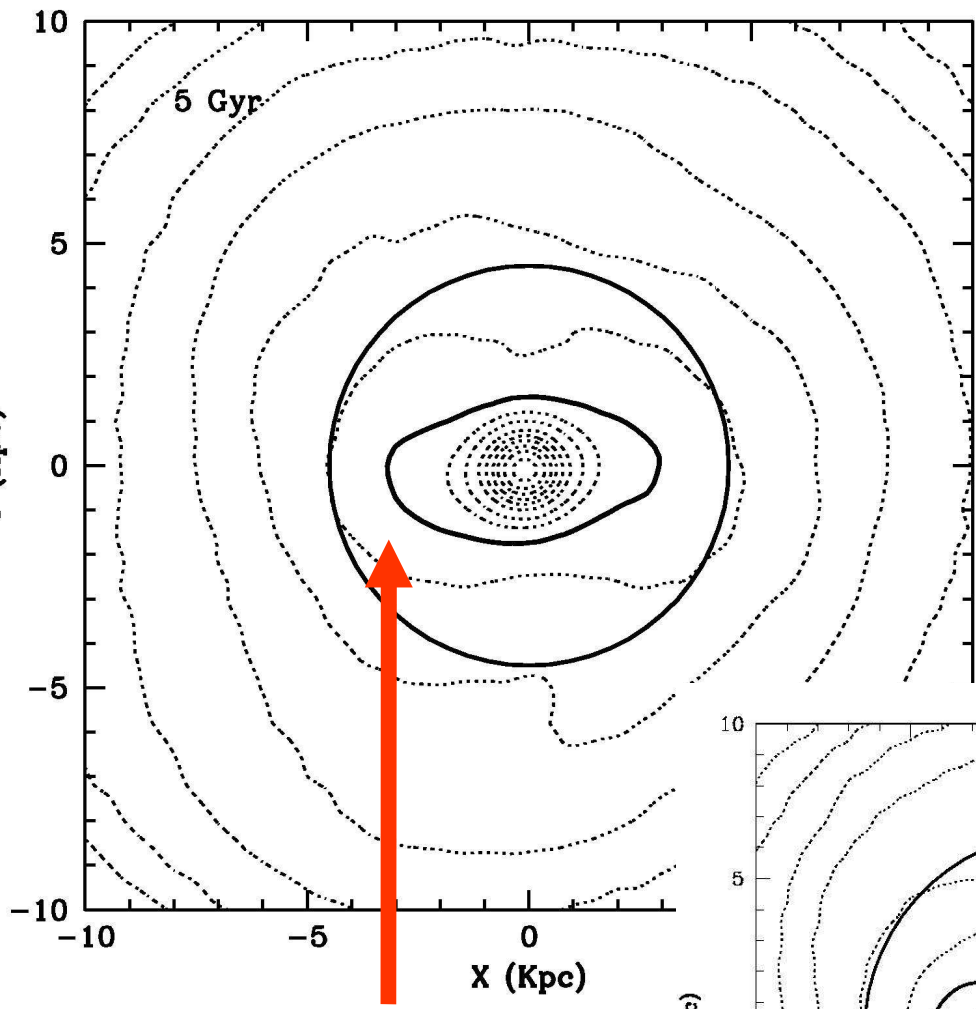


Angular frequency (Ω)

Ω : Averaged
time of one
angular
revolution.

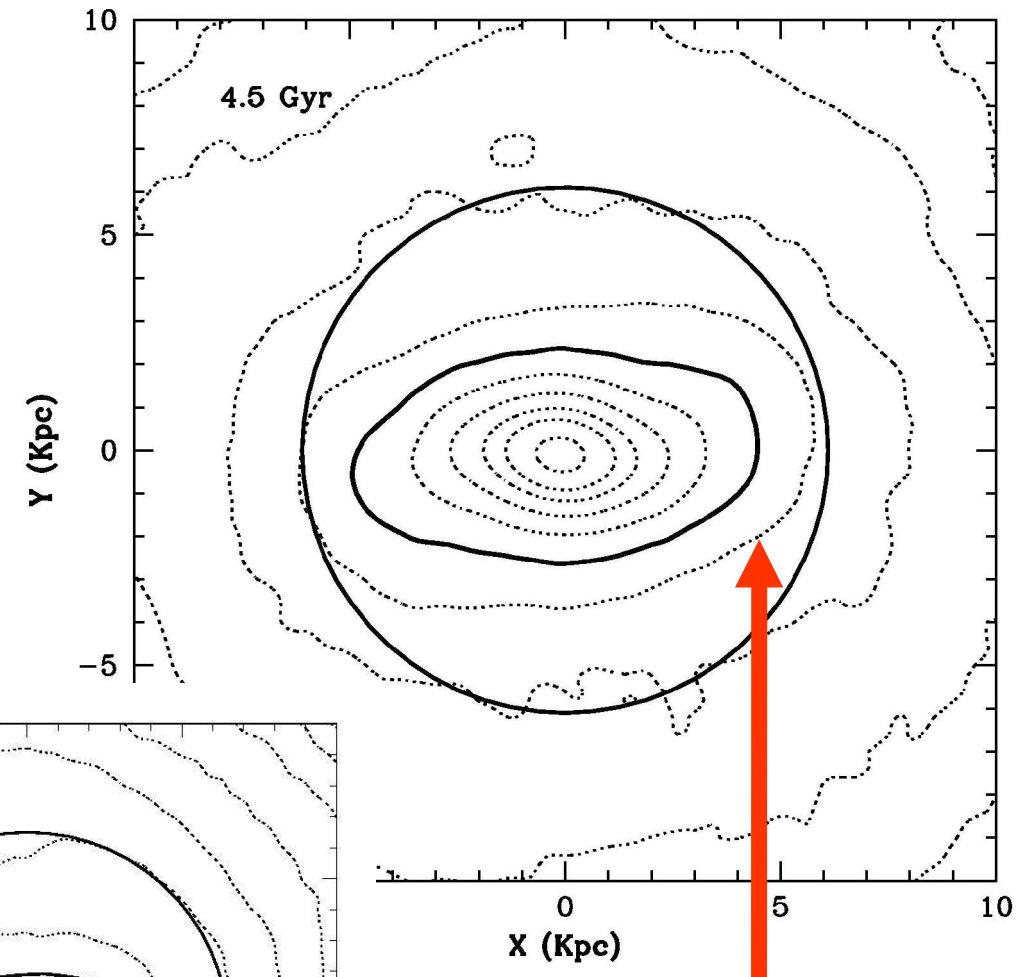


Face-on views of the Models
using contours of equal density.

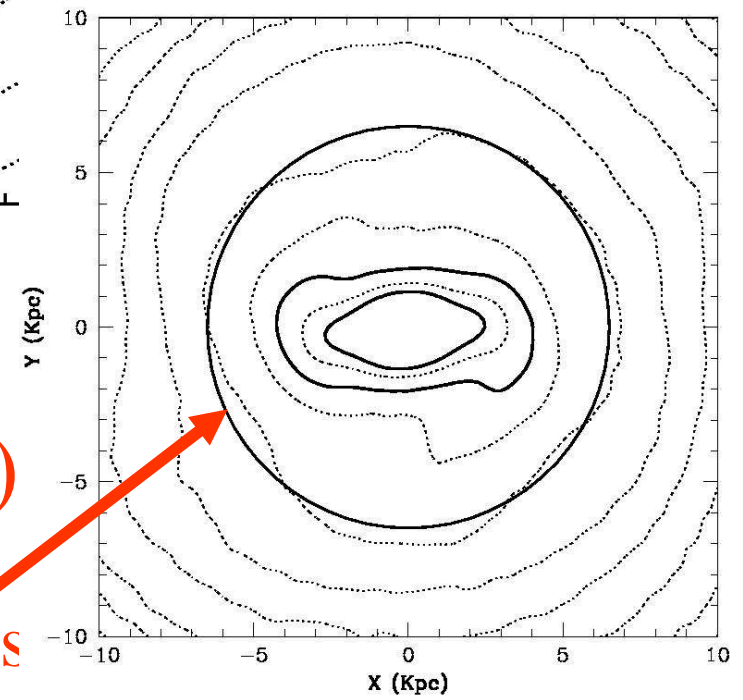


weak bar
(Pseudobulge)

Corotation radius



strong bar

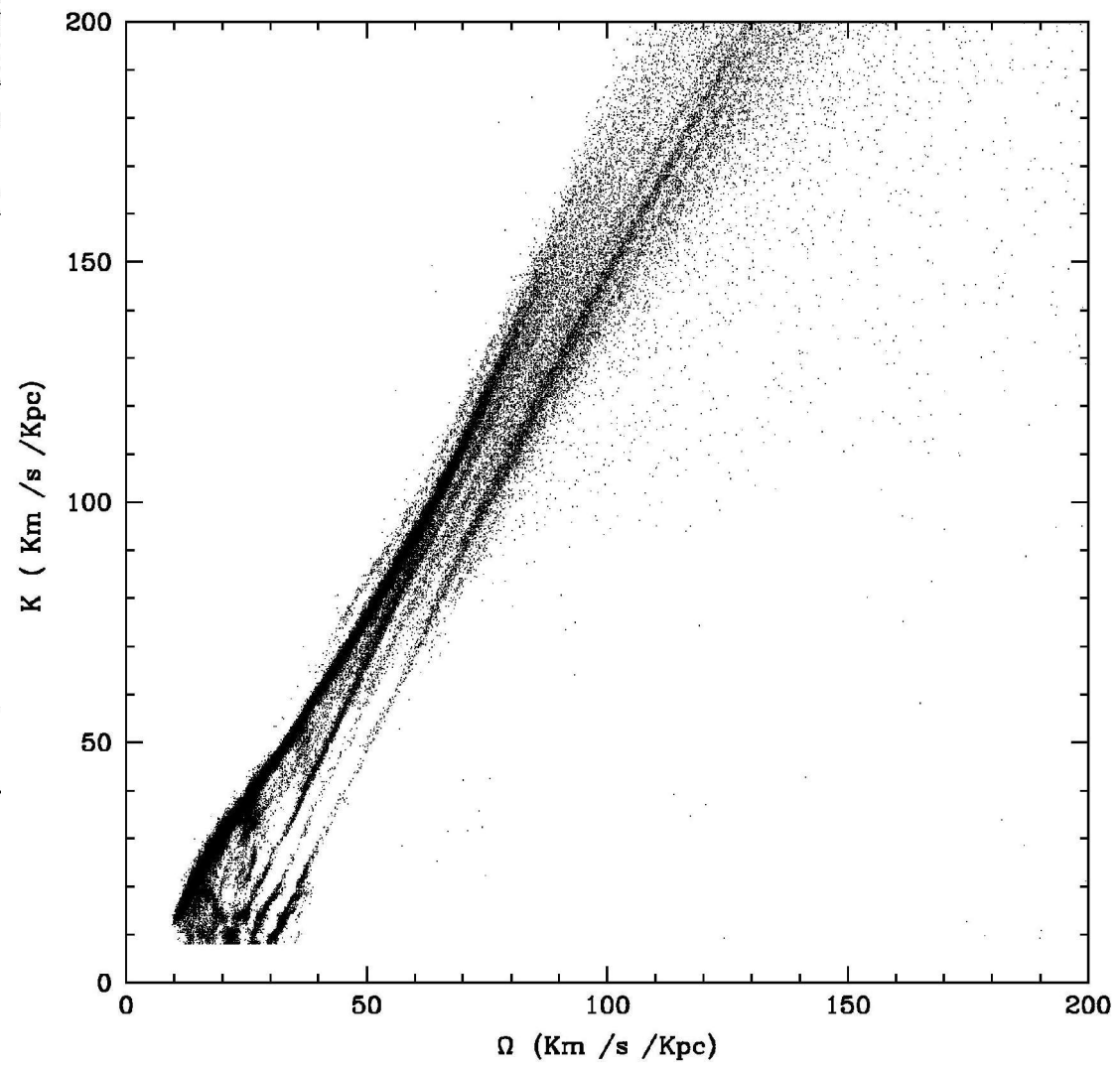
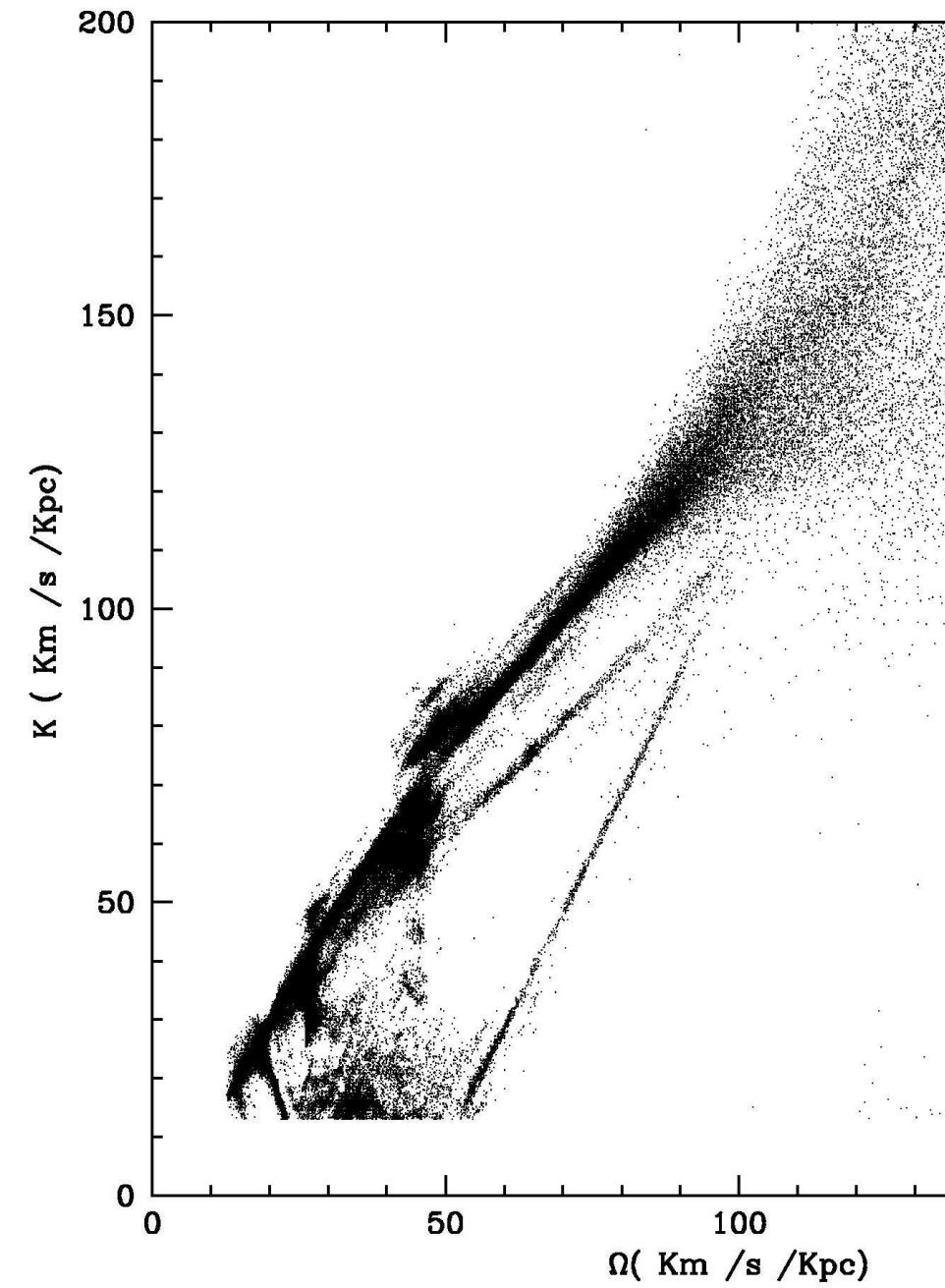


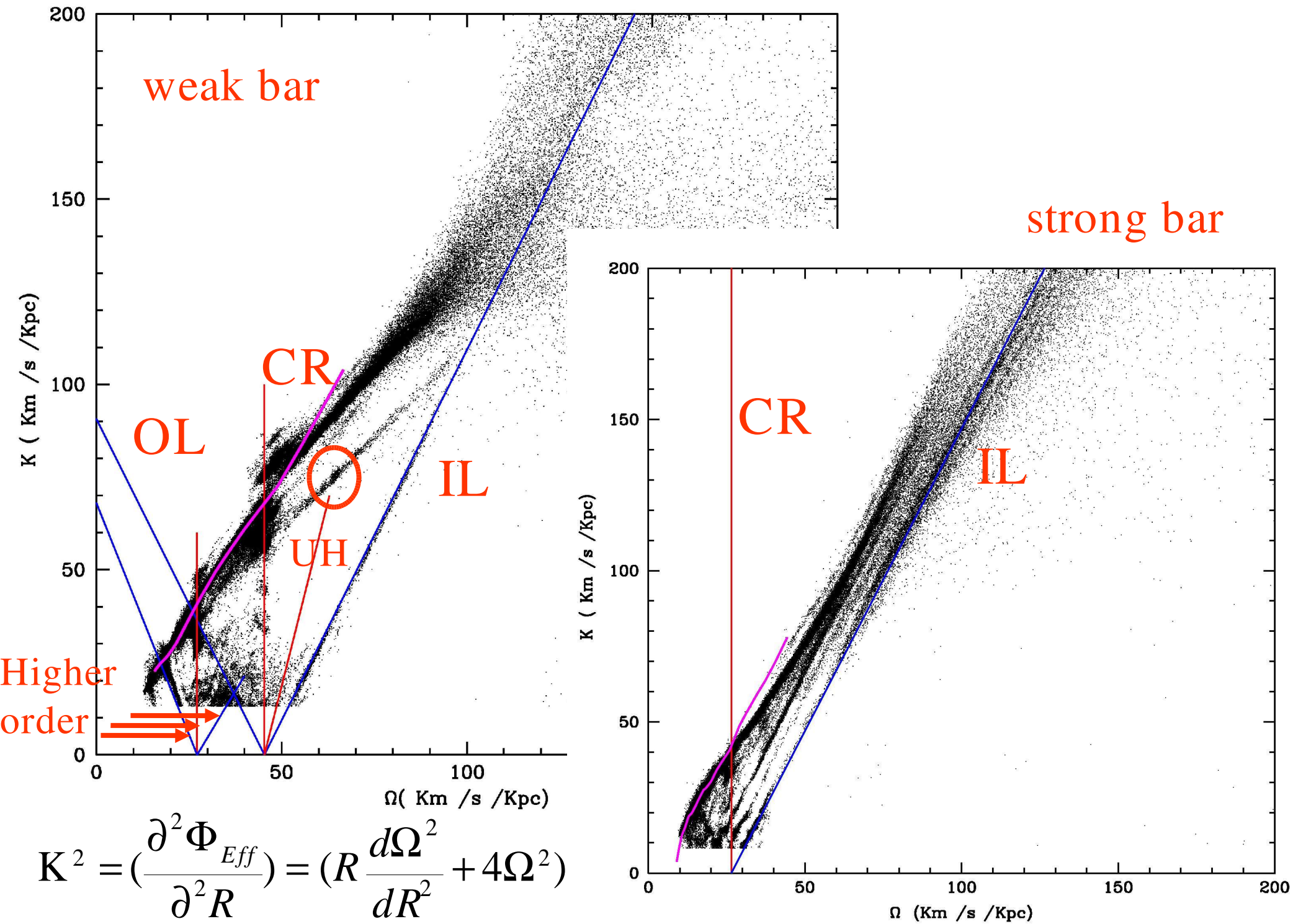
The frequency space: K vs Ω .

Commonly used in plasma physics and planetary science. (Laskar 1990)

Each point represents the orbit of a particle.

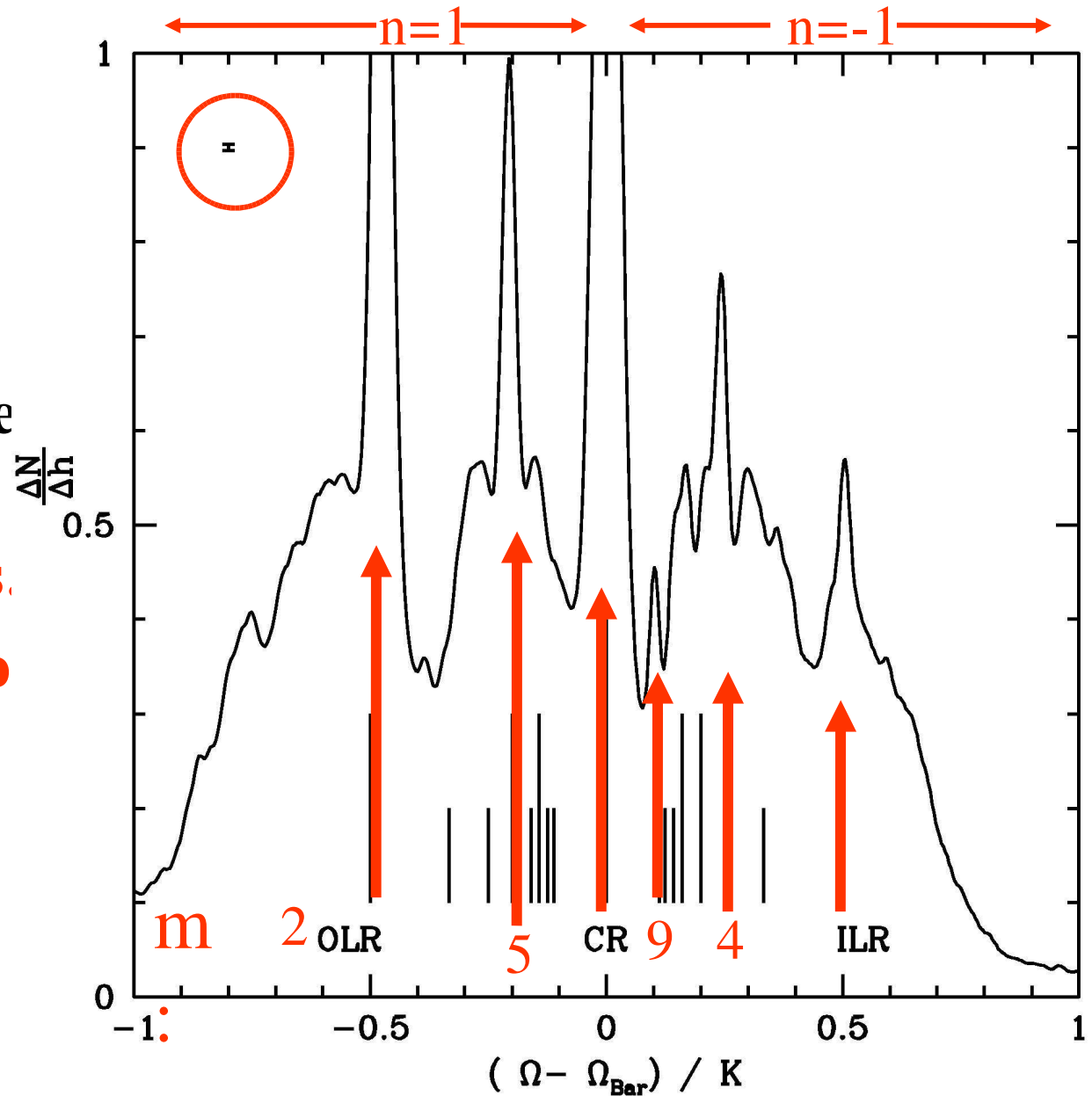
Straight lines with certain slopes define the main resonances.



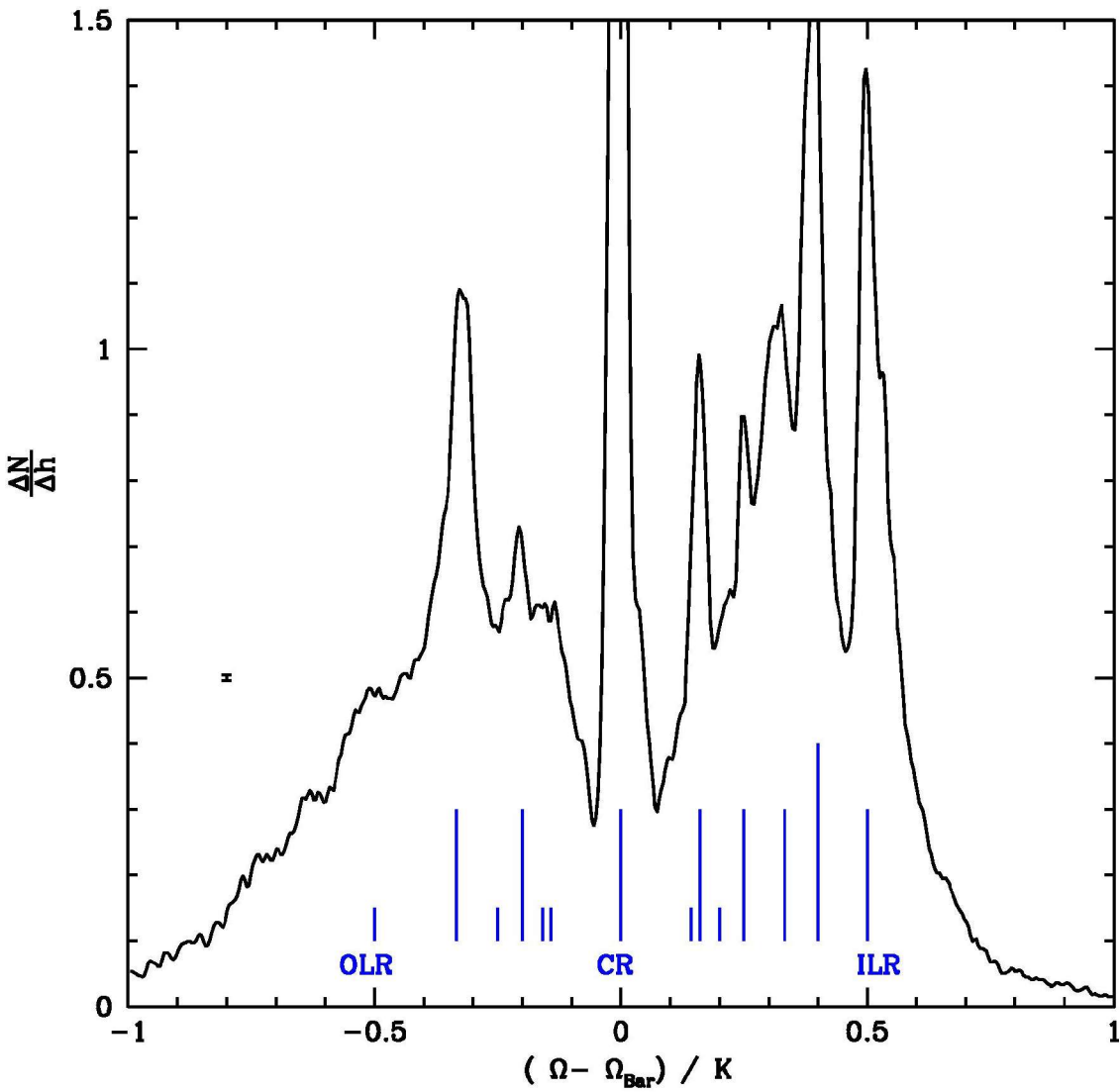


Main resonances (weak bar)

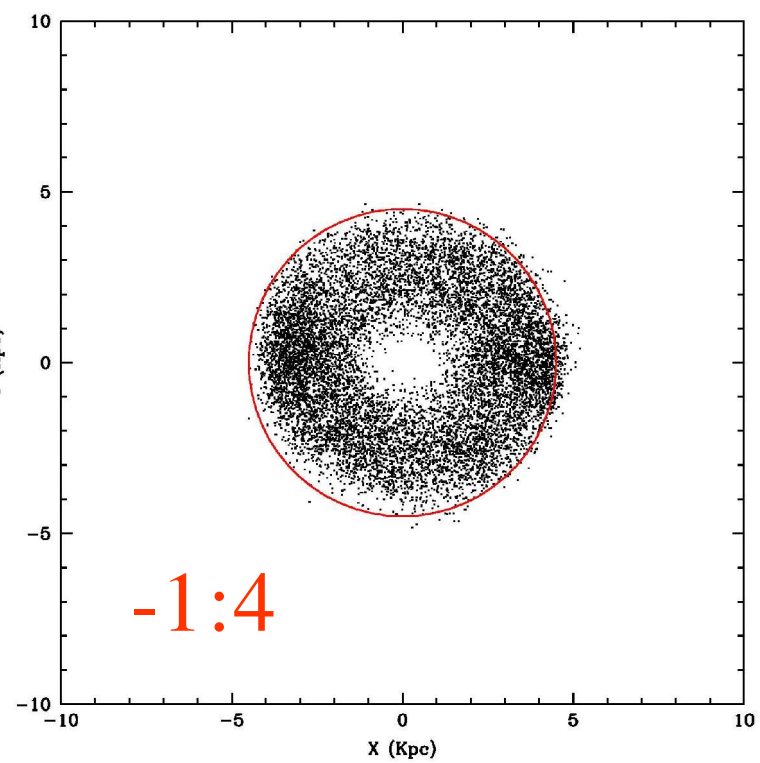
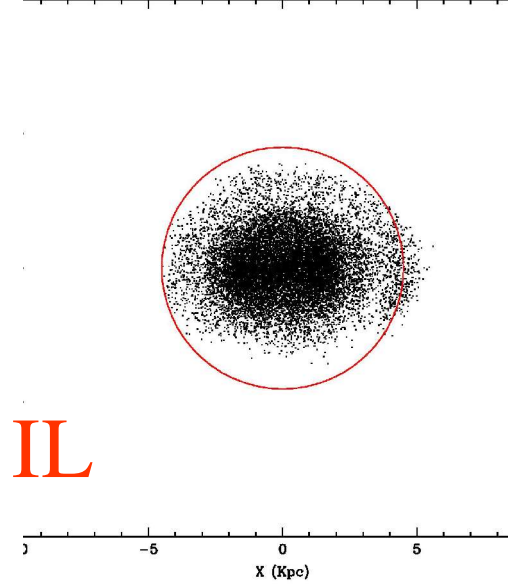
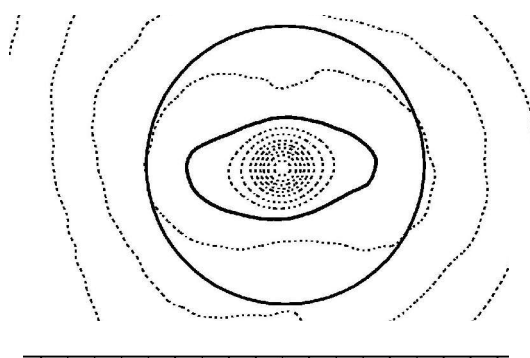
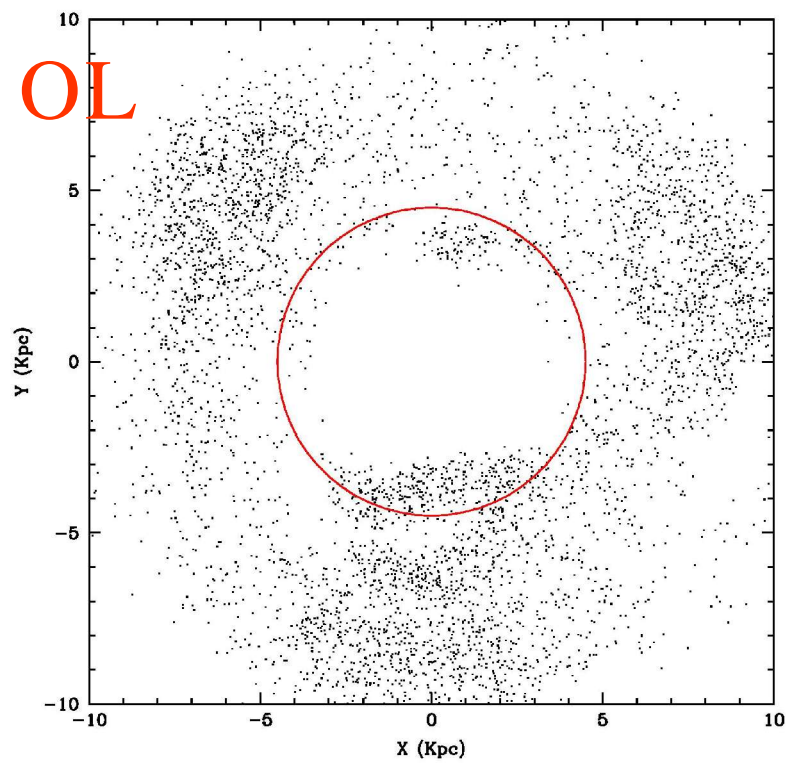
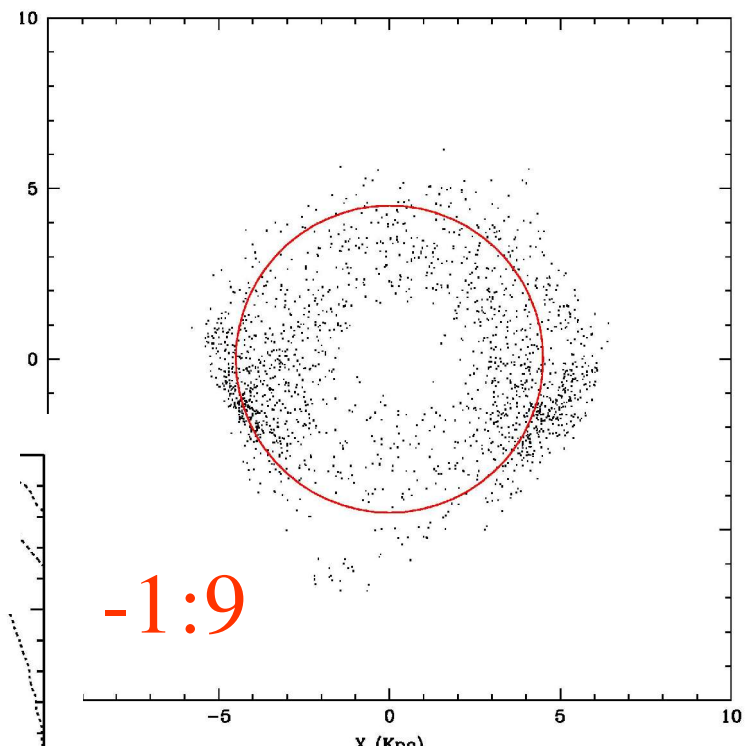
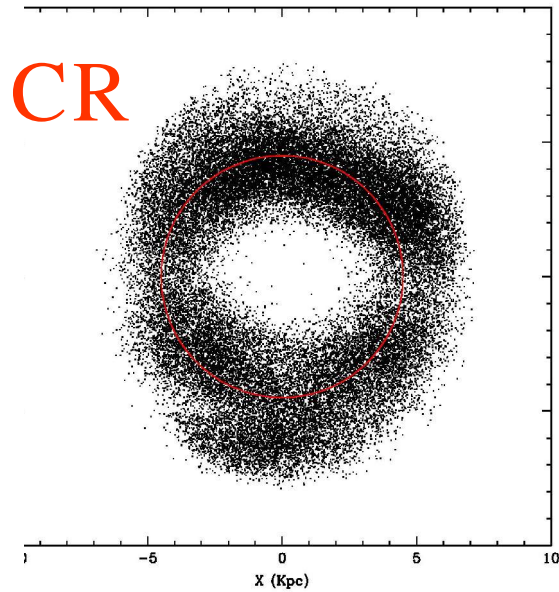
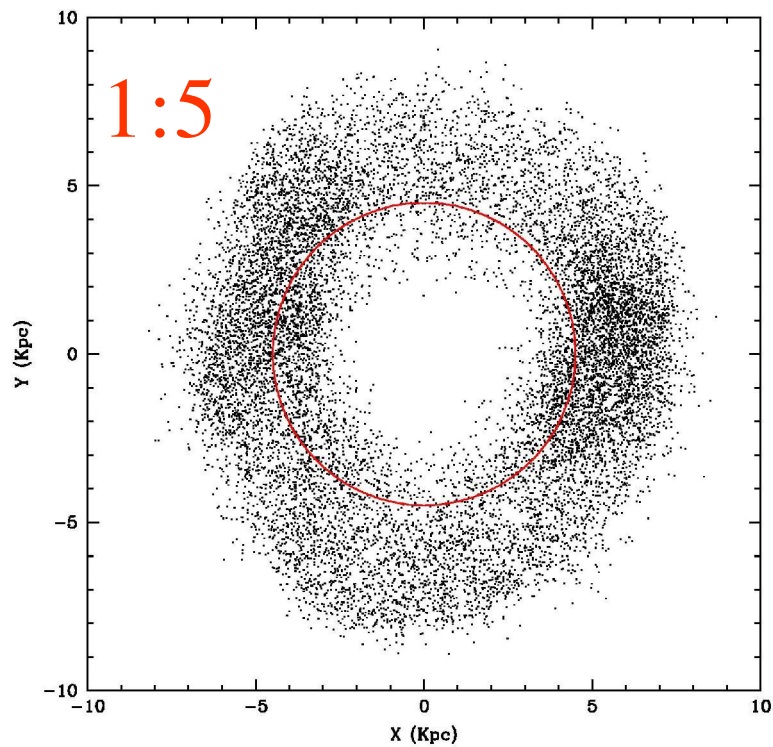
- $(\Omega - \Omega_p)/K = -n / m$
- Fraction of particles per unit bin.
- Low-order resonance ($\pm 1:m$)
- **Trapping resonances.**
- **No indications of gap of low-order.**
- 1σ statistical error.



Main resonances (strong bar)

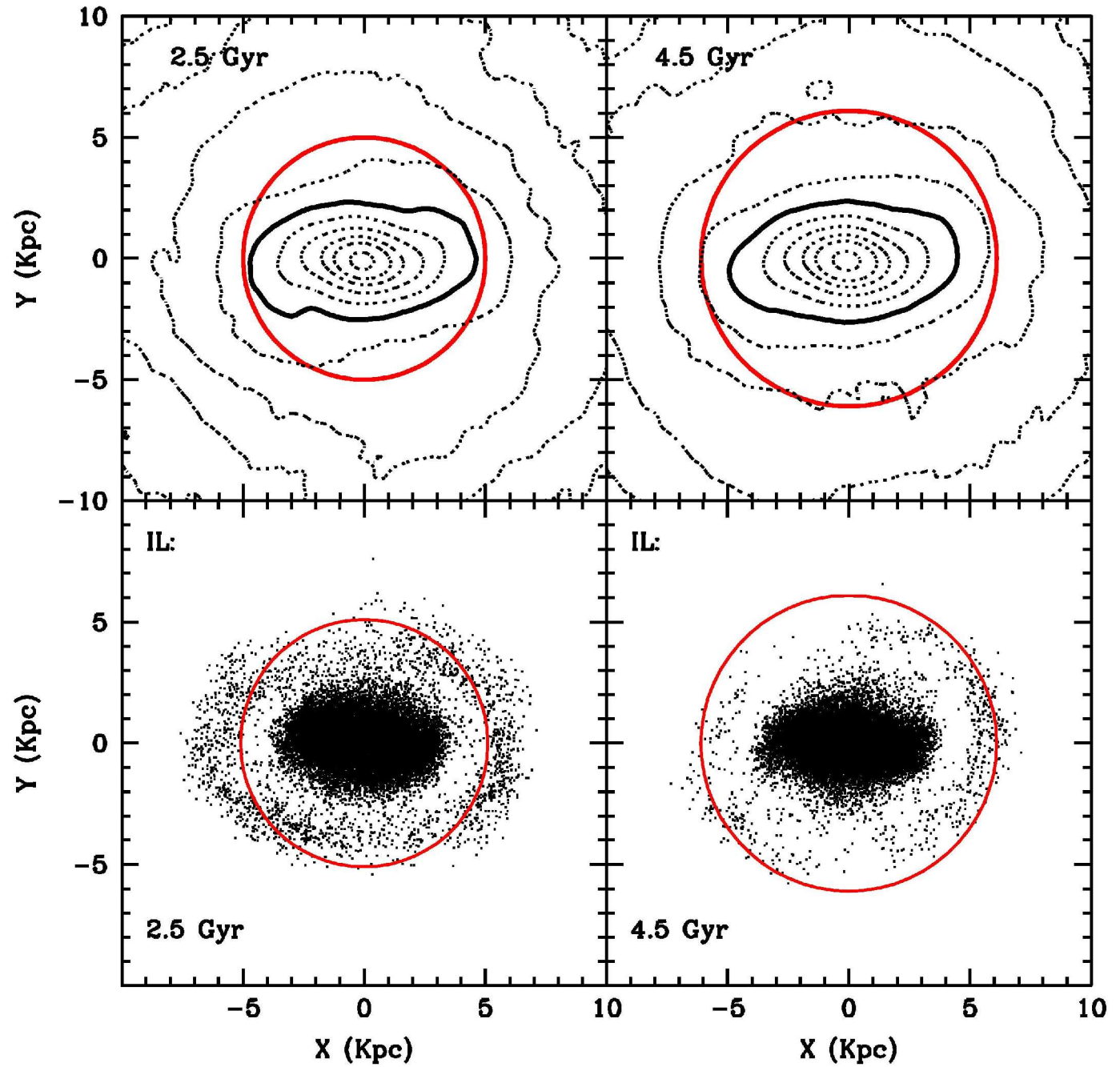


A portrait of resonances for a weak
bar.



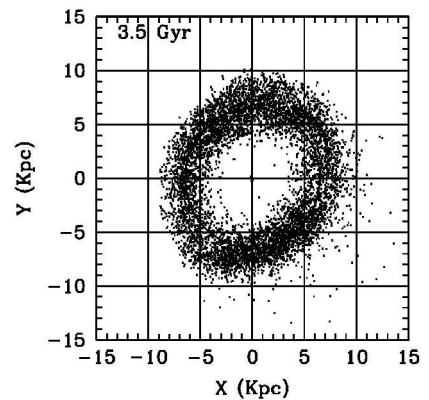
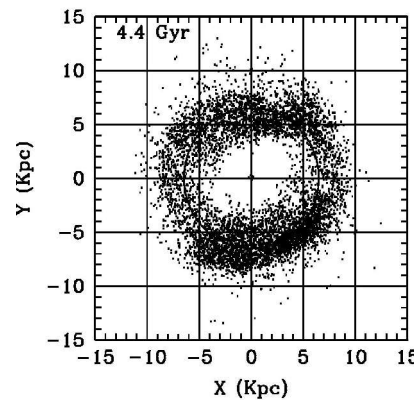
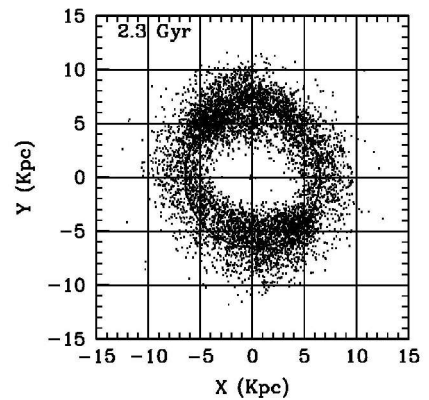
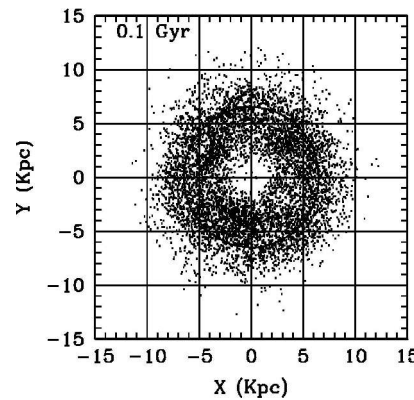
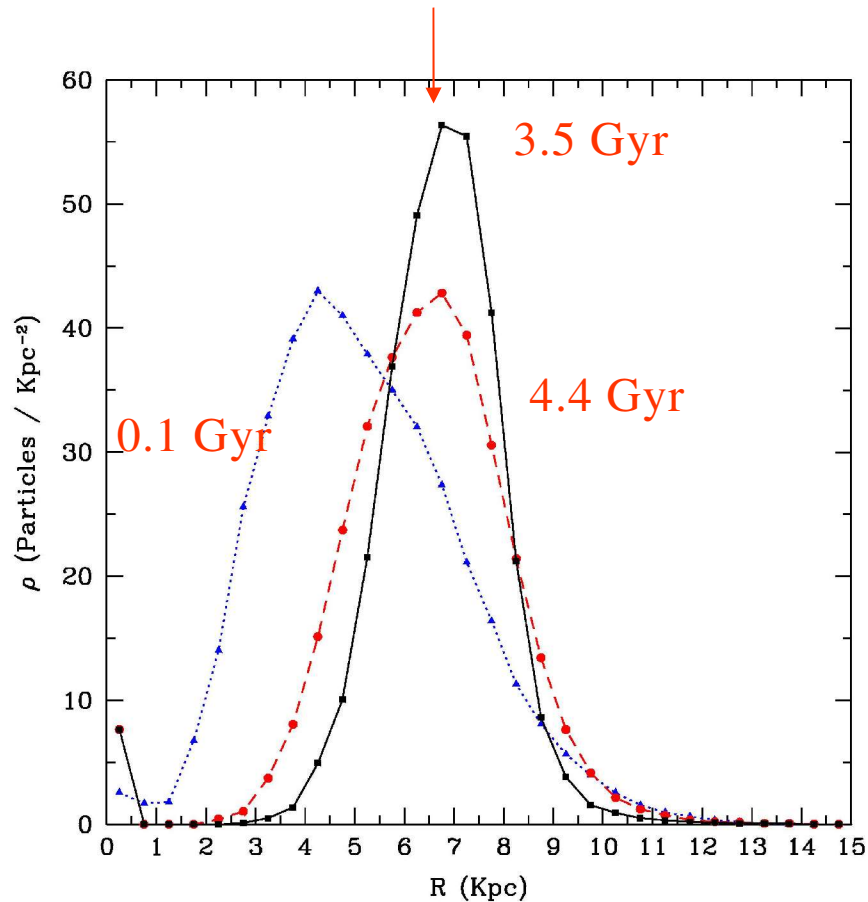
Inner Lindblad

IL is not
localized at a
given radius



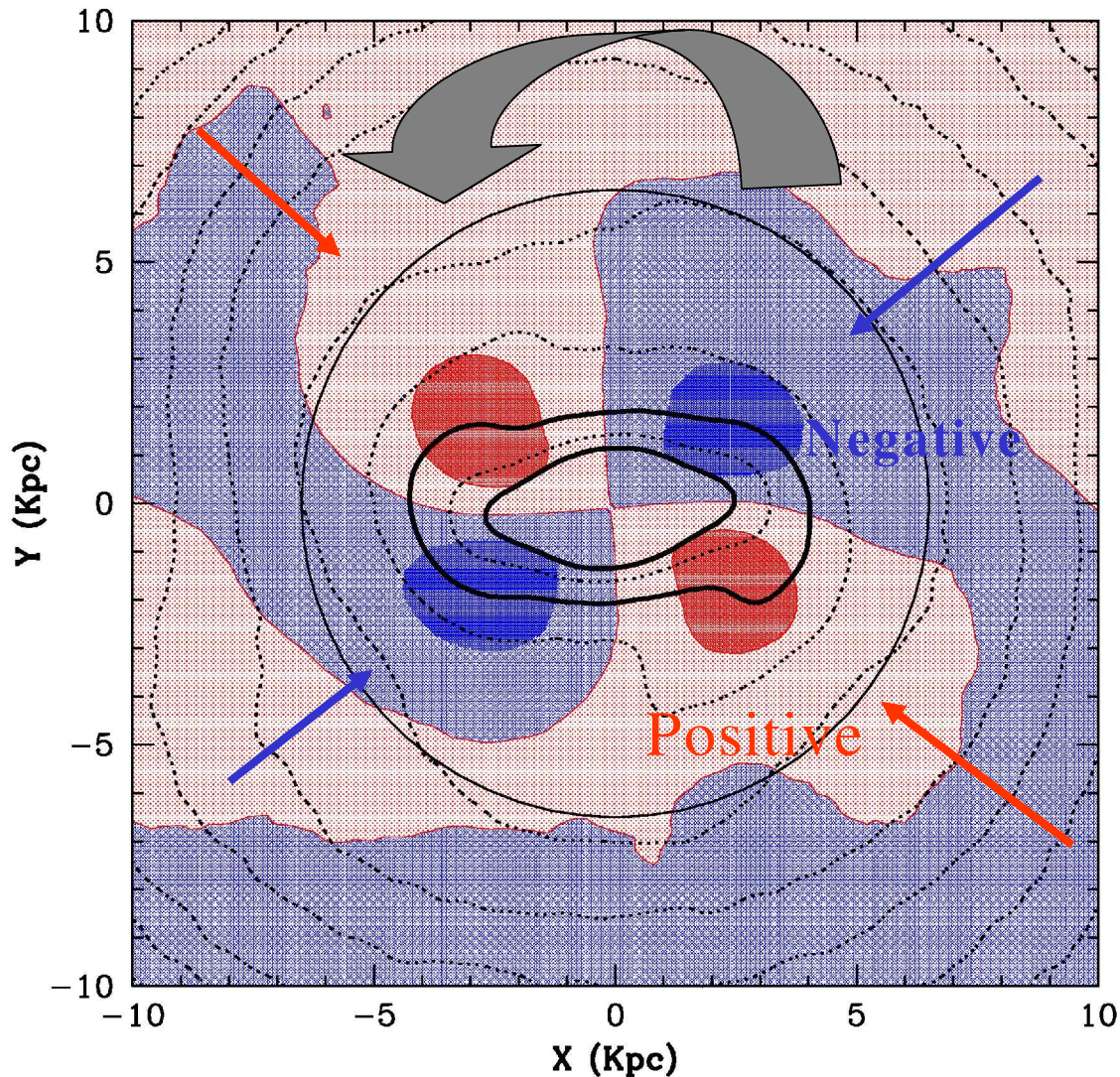
Third model: Corotation.

Selected particles in corotation at 3.5 Gyr
COROTATION



Particles are trapped at corotation.

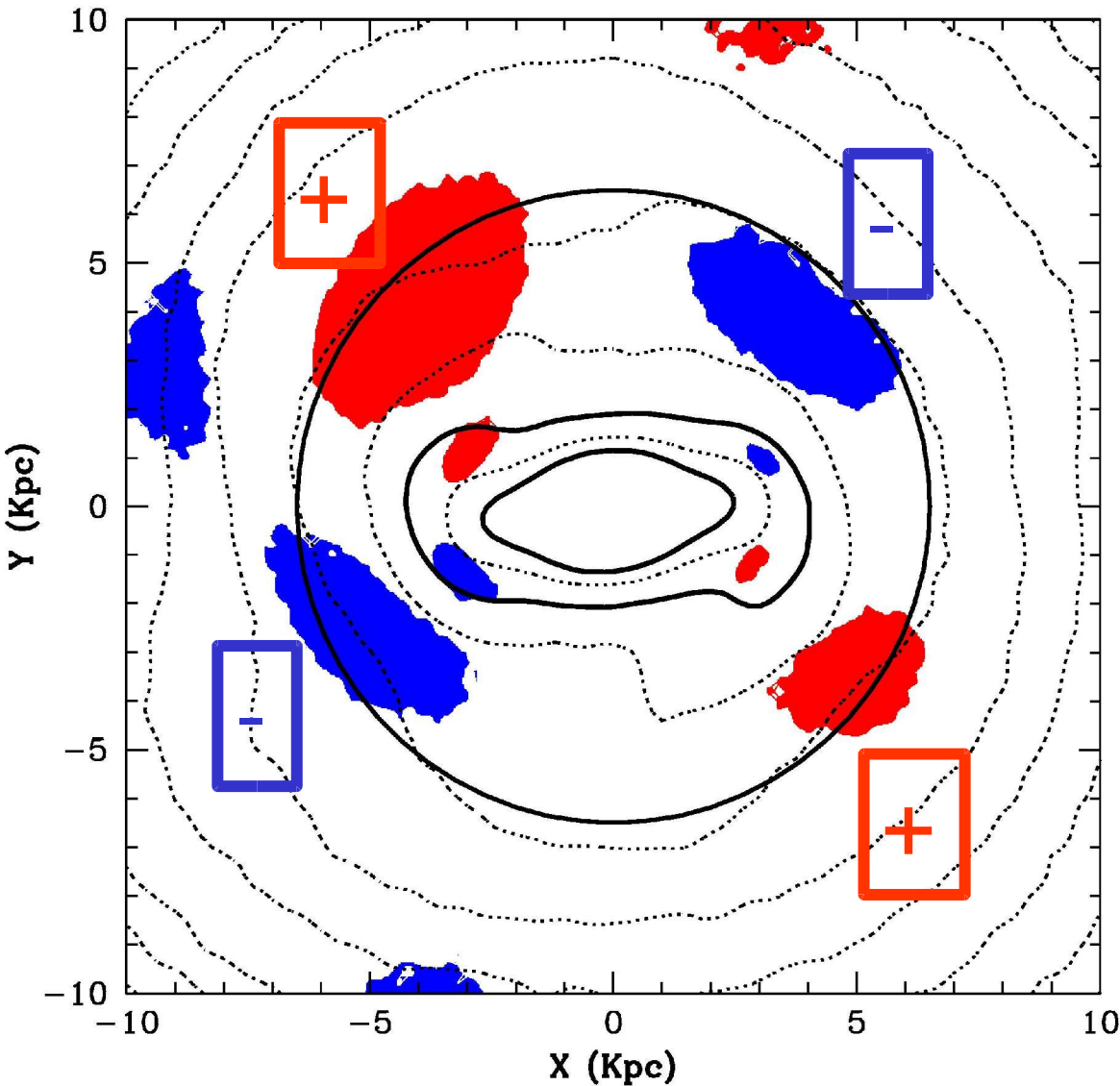
Instantaneous change of angular momentum.



Torque field.

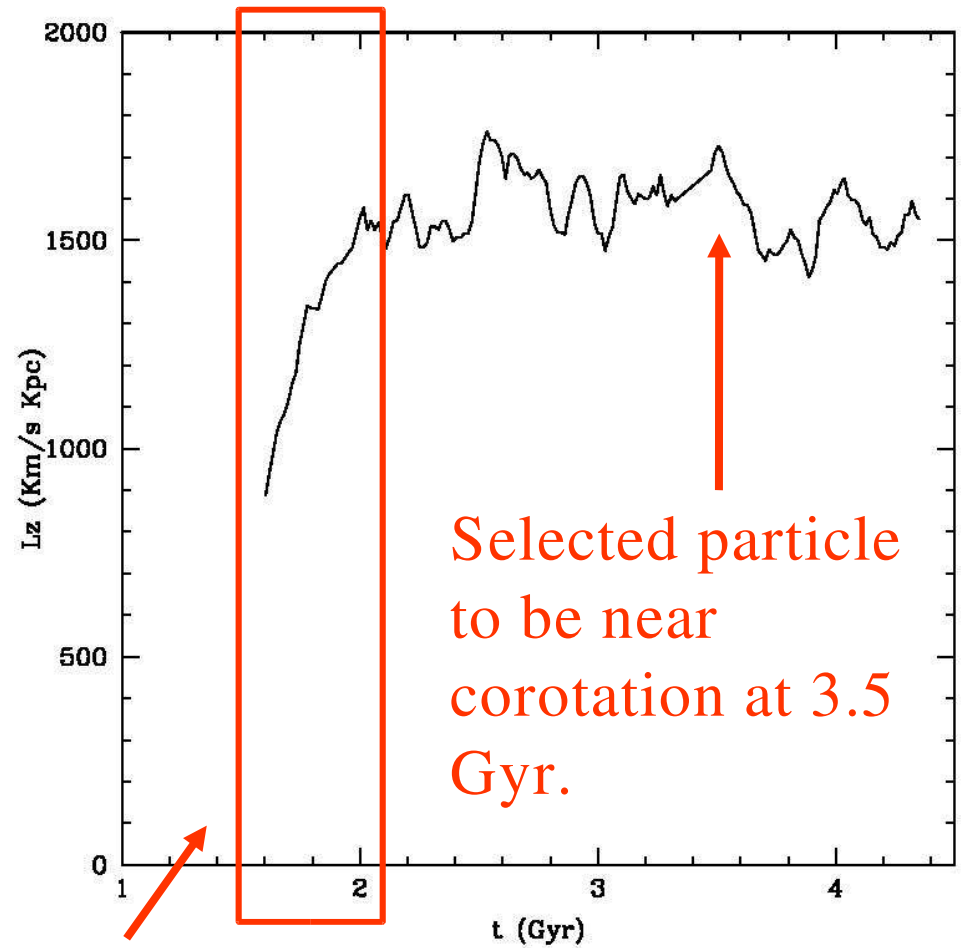
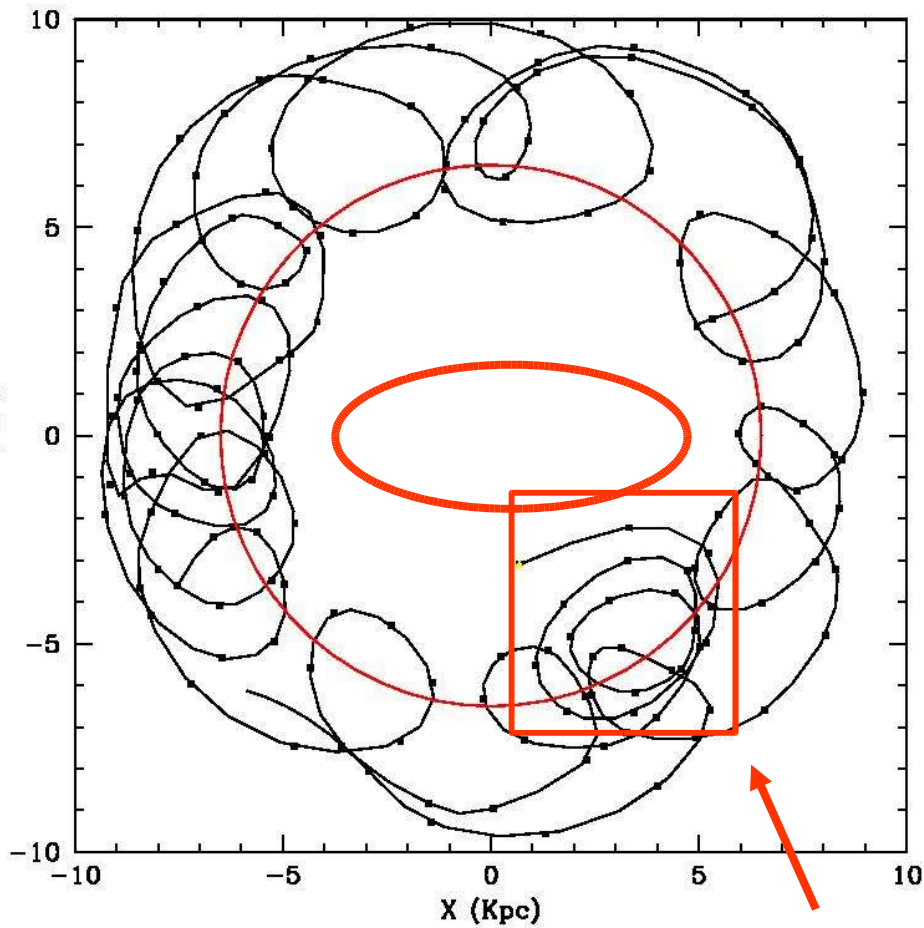
Areas in which the angular momentum of the particles increases (positive torque) or decreases (negative torque).

AM change over a longer interval



- Maximum increment and decrement in angular momentum.
- The maximum (**positive**) and minimum (**negative**) areas of AM change **lie at corotation radius.**

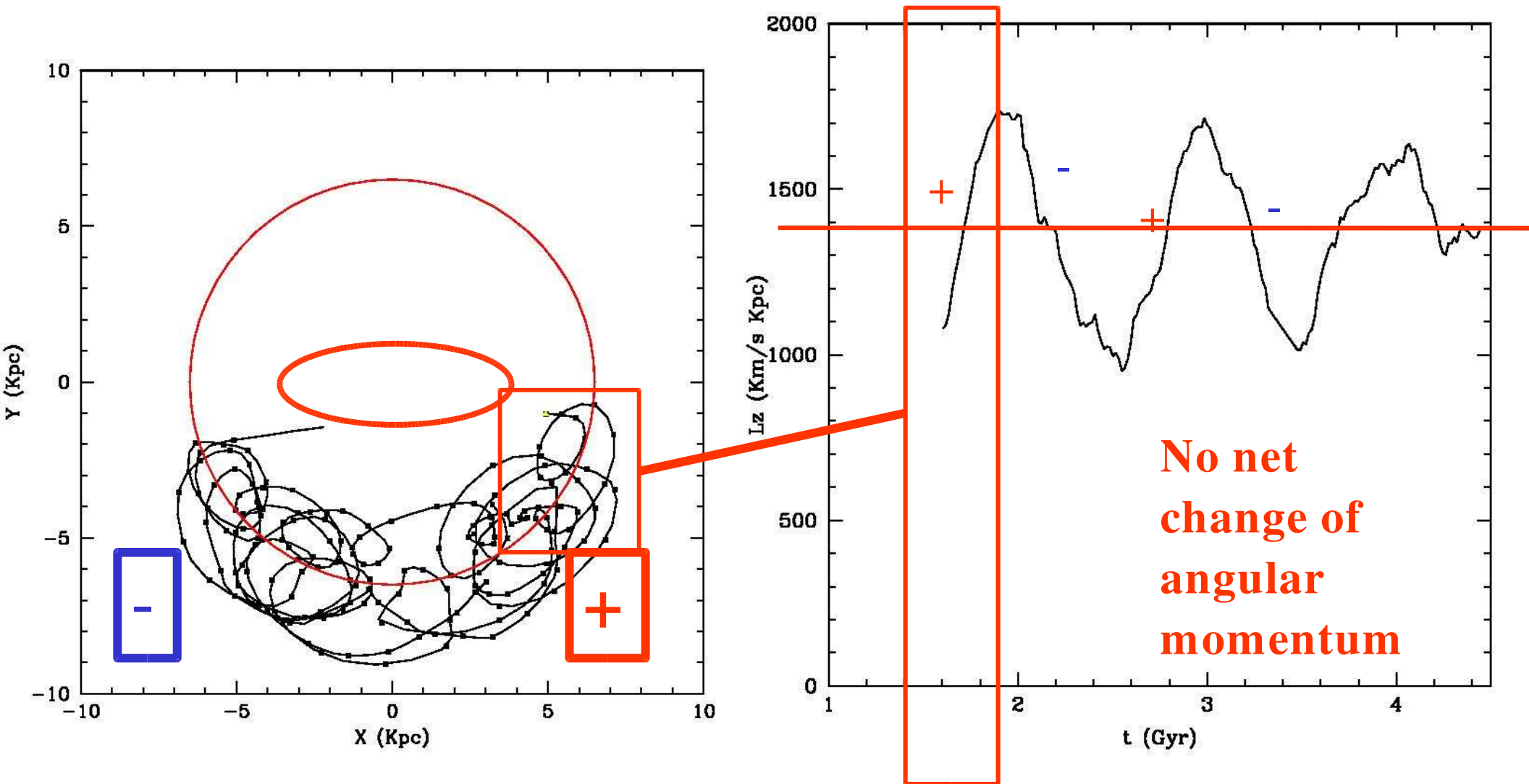
A example of a orbit that circulates along corotation.



The particle is trapped at corotation radius at 1.6 Gyr

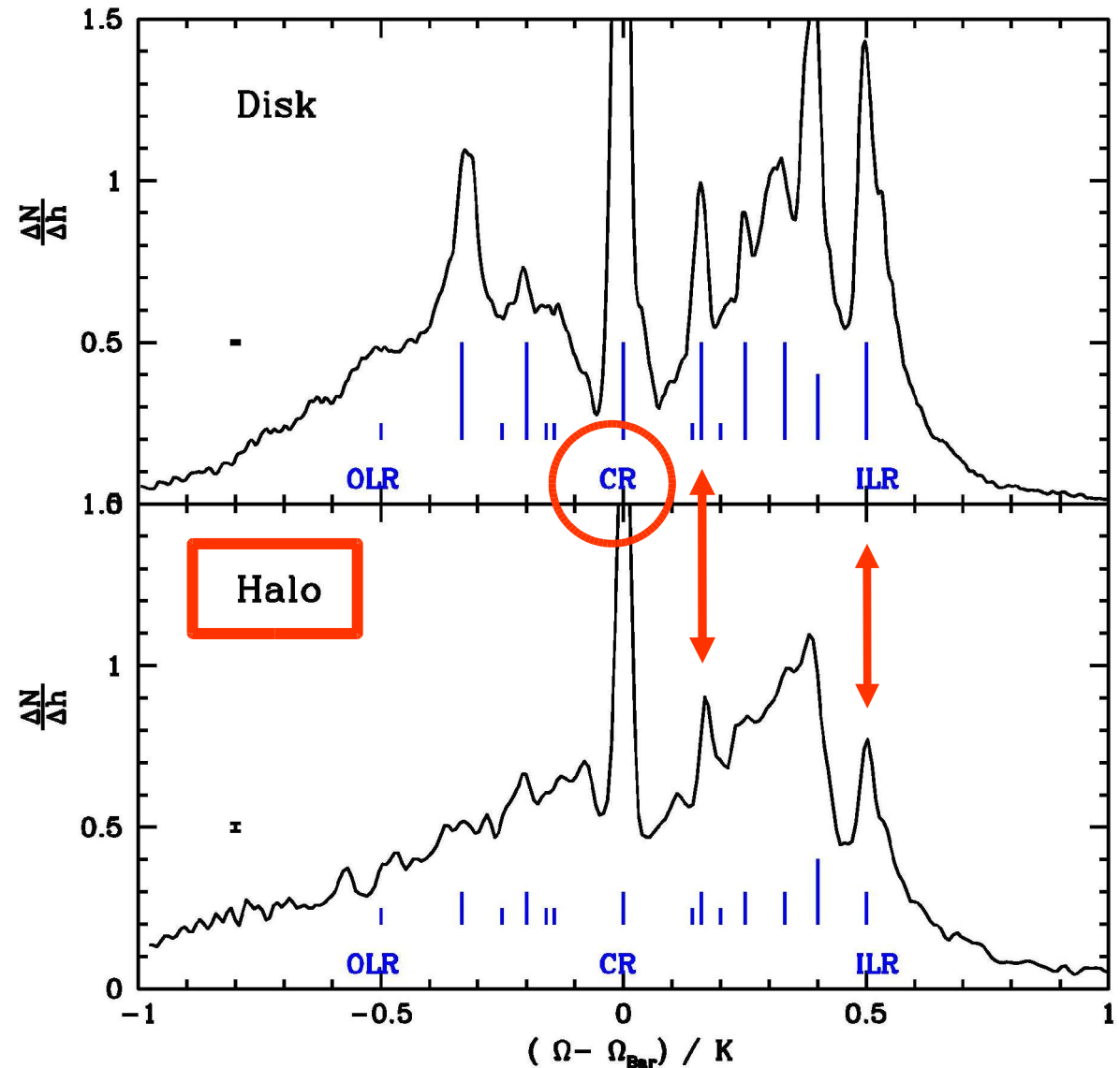
reference frame rotating with the bar.

A slow orbit: Libration around a lagrangian point at corotation .



A last result: Resonances in the halo

- Similar pattern of resonances.
- We select halo particles which are **close to the disk** so the interaction with the bar is stronger.



CONCLUSIONS

- First time that resonances are detected in a N-body simulation with a evolving disk in a living halo using only their trajectories.
- Trapping resonances. No gaps are found.
- There are no evolution after particles get trapped.
- Corotation captures particles in a ring outside the bar.
- Inner Lindblad is not localized at a given radius.
- The halo also exhibits trapping resonances.