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Look at Ham. eqns of motion for

$\dot{\rho} + \dot{p}_\rho$:

$$1) \quad \dot{\rho} = \frac{p_\rho}{(1 + 4\rho^2/a^2)m}$$

$$2) \quad \dot{p}_\rho = \frac{p_\rho^2}{2m(1 + 4\rho^2/a^2)^2} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{a^2} \right) + \frac{p_\phi^2}{m\rho^3} - 2mg\rho/a.$$

Since motion is assumed to be nearly

circular, write $\rho = \rho_0 + \xi$ with $\boxed{\rho_0^2 = ah}$.

Also, since $p_\phi = \text{const}$, assume

$$\begin{aligned} p_\phi &= \text{circular value} = m\rho^2 \dot{\phi} \Big|_{\text{circ}} = m\rho_0^2 \omega \\ &= mah \sqrt{\frac{2g}{a}} = mh \sqrt{2ga} \end{aligned}$$

Now work with equations 1) + 2) and

expand in powers of $\xi + \dot{\xi}$. Keep only

constant terms + terms linear in $\xi, \dot{\xi}, + \ddot{\xi}$.