

# X-ray Thomson Scattering in Non-Equilibrium

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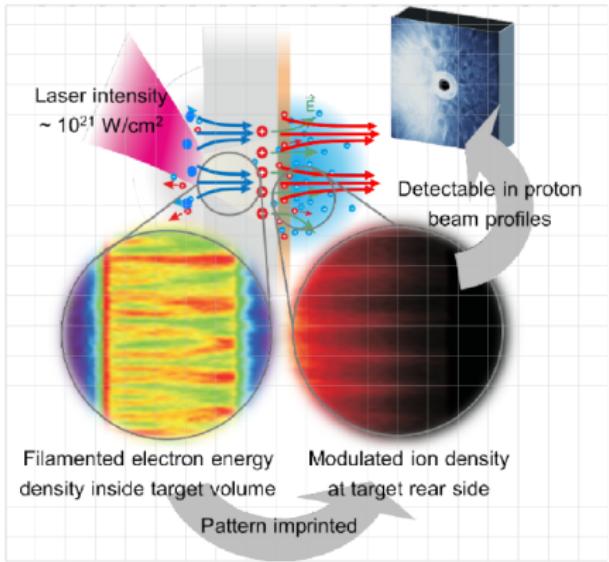
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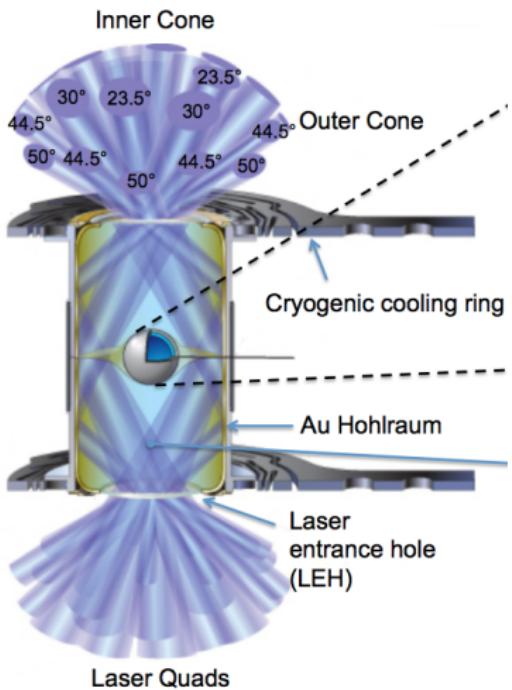
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# Laser-matter interaction



high power lasers

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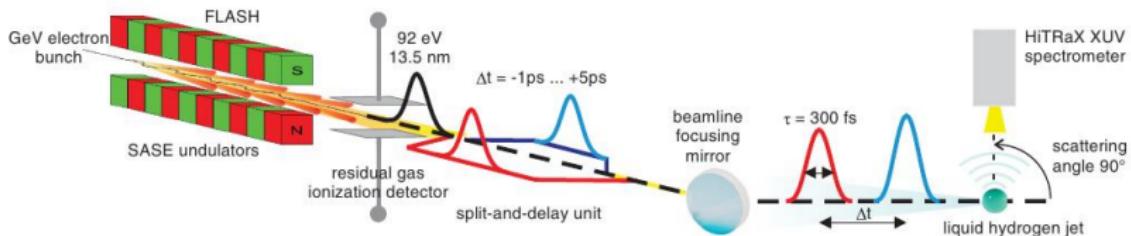


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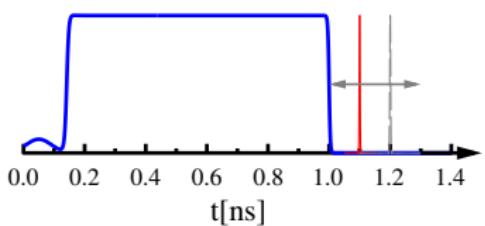
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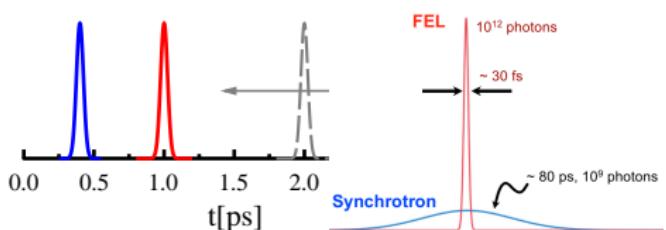
# Ultrafast excitation and diagnostics



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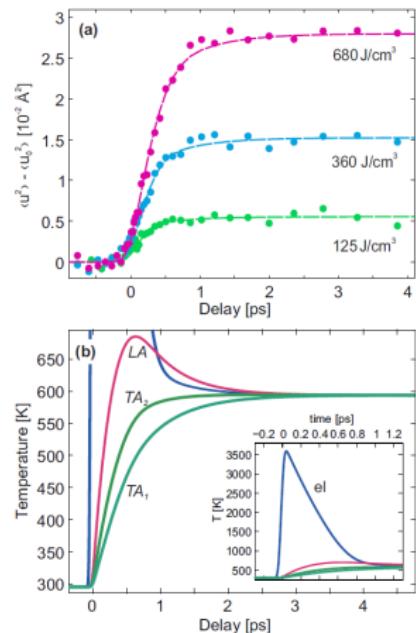
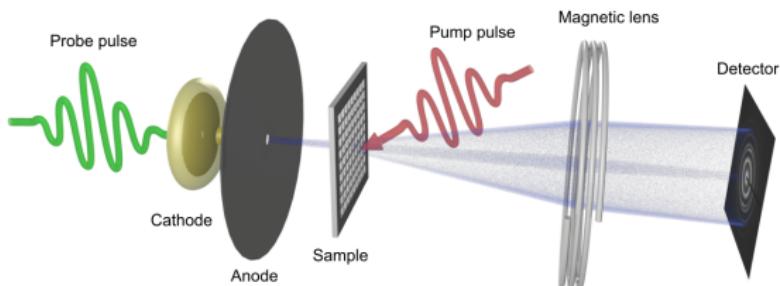
high-energy laser for compression or laser generated ions for heating

XFEL pulses are  $\leq 10$  fs long & are able to probe on these time scales

Zastrau et al. PRL (2014), PRE (2014), R. Neutze

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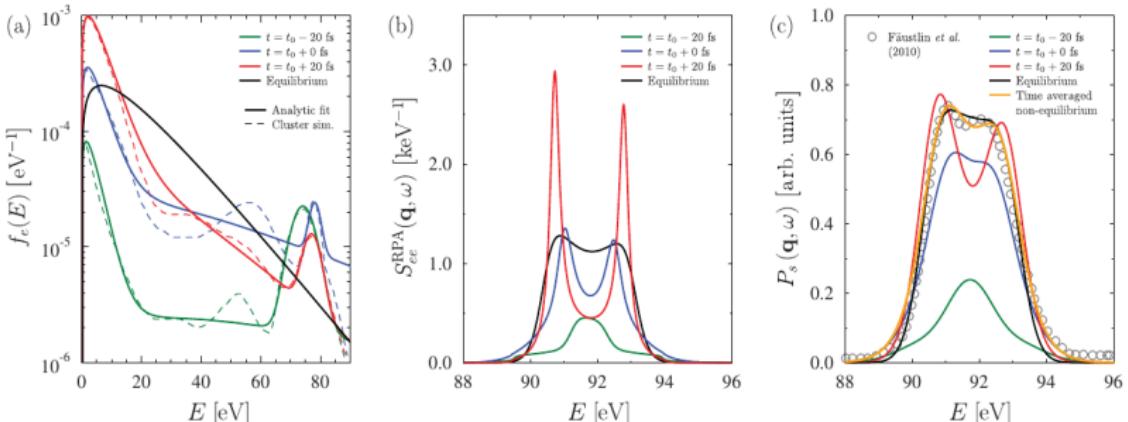
# Measuring temperature relaxation in laser heated aluminium by electron scattering



- Cannot use Born-Oppenheimer for energy transfer rates!
- How about Born-Oppenheimer in the modelling of the scattering signal (Chihara)?

L. Waldecker, R. Bertoni, R. Ernstorfer, J. Vorberger, PRX (2016)

# Evolution of the structure of hydrogen under XFEL radiation



- Femto-second lasers and XFELs allow to study initial electron relaxation and subsequent temperature & charge relaxation
- X-ray scattering theory (for diagnostics) needs to take into account **non-equilibrium** and **correlations!**

D.A. Chapman et al., PRL (2011), N. Medvedev et al., PRL (2011),  
R.R. Fäustlin et al., PRL (2010), Sperling et al. PRL (2015)

# Goals & Overview

We want to detect and diagnose

- inhomogeneities
- anisotropies
- non-equilibrium distribution functions
- two-temperature systems
- excitation & relaxation phenomena

To do this, we need a theory for x-ray scattering (the electronic structure) including different species in non-equilibrium featuring correlations and quantum effects.

# Calculating the x-ray scattering signal in equilibrium

Scattering from a single electron

Incident photon

Electron

$\omega_s, \mathbf{k}_s$

$\theta$

$\omega_t, \mathbf{k}_t$

Scattered photon

Energy conservation:

$$\omega = \omega_i - \omega_s \rightarrow \pm \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i - \hbar k^2 / 2m_e$$

Momentum conservation:

$$k = |\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_s| \rightarrow \sqrt{k_i^2 + k_s^2 - 2k_i k_s \cos \theta}$$

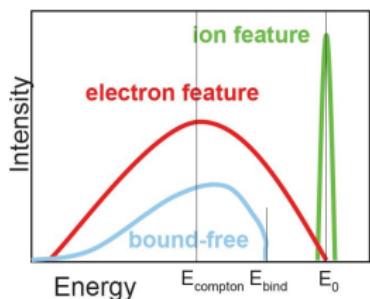
Scattering of x-rays from a partially ionized plasma

Screening cloud

Free electrons in continuum

Tightly bound core electrons

Photoionized electrons



$$\text{scattered intensity} \sim S_{ee}^{tot}(k, \omega) = \bar{Z} S_{ee}^0(k, \omega)$$

$$+ \sum_{ab} \sqrt{x_a x_b} [f_a(k) + q_a(k)][f_b(k) + q_b(k)] S_{ab}(k, \omega)$$

$$+ \sum_a Z_a^c x_a \int \tilde{S}_{ce}(k, \omega - \omega') S_s(k, \omega') d\omega'$$

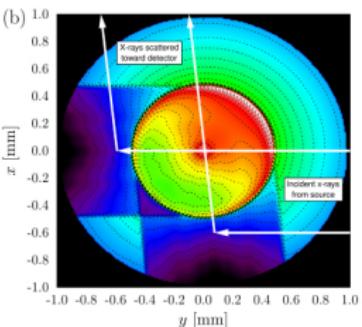
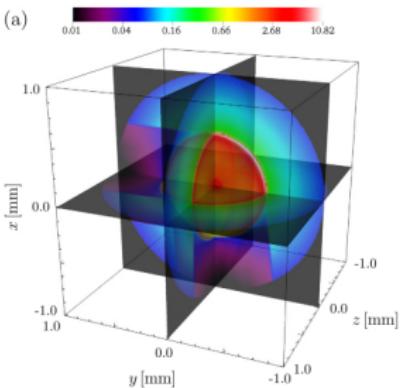
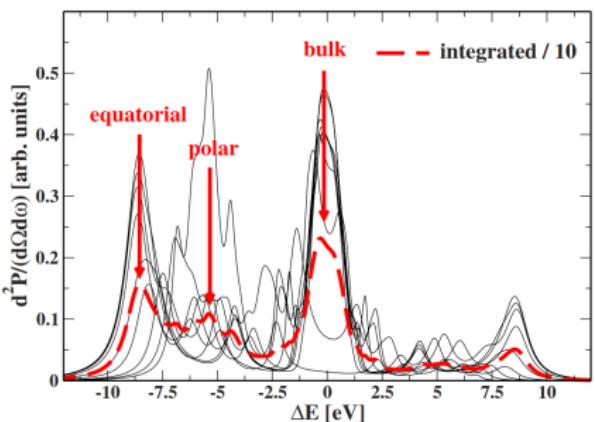
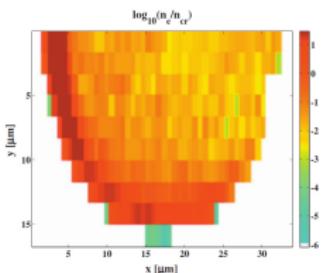
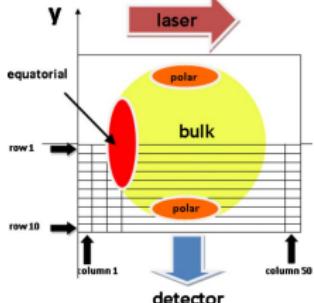
Chihara J Phys F (1987), Chihara J Phys Cond

Matt (2000), Wünsch et al. EPL (2011)

$$S_{ea}(k, \omega) = [f_a(k) + q_a(k)] S_{aa}(k, \omega)$$

$$+ [f_b(k) + q_b(k)] S_{ab}(k, \omega)$$

# Inhomogeneous systems – hydrogen

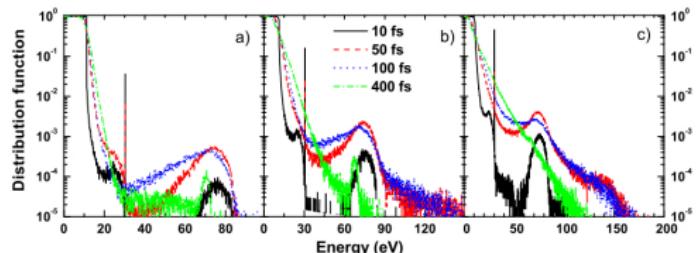


add up small volumes of different  $n$  and  $T$ , account for attenuation

Thiele et al. PRE (2010), Chapman et al. PoP (2014)

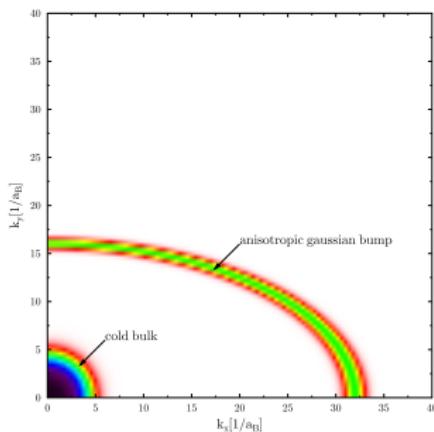
# Non-equilibrium distribution functions

tails of fast thermalized electrons, Auger electrons, laser accelerated electrons giving anisotropies...



**top:** electron distribution in laser illuminated aluminium

**right:** model anisotropic electron distribution



there is no viable first principle quantum simulation to use for such situations.

Fäustlin et al. PRL (2011), Medvedev et al. PRL (2011), Sperling et al. PRL (2015)

# Non-equilibrium structure theory

$$S_{ee}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{i}{2\pi} L_{ee}^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \langle \delta\rho(\mathbf{k}, \tau, t) \delta\rho(\mathbf{k}, 0, t) \rangle e^{i\omega\tau}$$

This becomes  $S_{ee}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 1/\pi[1 + n_B(\omega)] \text{Im} L_{ee}^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  in equilibrium

$$L_{ee}(t_1, t_2) = \Pi_{ee}(t_1, t_2) + \sum_{cd} \int_C d\bar{t} \Pi_{ec}(t_1, \bar{t}) V_{cd} L_{de}(\bar{t}, t_2)$$

real time Green's functions approach, local approximation, two-fluid picture

$$L_{ee}^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{\mathcal{L}_e^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + |\mathcal{L}_e^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)|^2 V_{ei}^2(k) \mathcal{L}_i^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)}{|1 - V_{ie}(k) \mathcal{L}_e^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) V_{ei}(k) \mathcal{L}_i^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)|^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_a^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{\Pi_a^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)}{|1 - V_{aa} \Pi_a^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)|^2}, \mathcal{L}_a^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{\Pi_a^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)}{1 - V_{aa} \Pi_a^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)}$$

Chapman et al. PRL (2011)), Vorberger & Chapman PRE (2018)

# Dynamic local field corrections in non-equilibrium

Exact connection of density response and polarisation function

$$\mathcal{L}_a(t_1, t_2) = \Pi_a(t_1, t_2) + \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\bar{t} \Pi_a(t_1, \bar{t}) V_{aa} \mathcal{L}_a(\bar{t}, t_2).$$

Ansatz = definition of non-equilibrium LFCs

$$\mathcal{L}_a(t_1, t_2) = \mathcal{L}_a^0(t_1, t_2) + \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\bar{t} d\bar{\bar{t}} \mathcal{L}_a^0(t_1, \bar{t}) V_{aa} [1 - G_{aa}(\bar{t}, \bar{\bar{t}})] \mathcal{L}_a(\bar{\bar{t}}, t_2).$$

Two independent LFC quantities needed

$$G_{aa}^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{1}{V_{aa}(k)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Pi_a^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)} - \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_a^{0R}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)} \right\}$$

$$G_{aa}^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{1}{V_{aa}(k)} \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{L}_a^{0>}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)}{|\mathcal{L}_a^{0R}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)|^2} - \frac{\Pi_a^{>}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)}{|\Pi_a^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)|^2} \right\}$$

# Chihara decomposition in non-equilibrium I

sketch of formulas after going from Keldysh contour to physical time axis

connection of electron-ion and ion-ion structure

$$L_{ei}^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \rho^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) L_{ii}^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)$$
$$S_{ei}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \rho^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) L_{ii}^A(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + \rho^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) S_{ii}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)$$

Chihara decomposition

$$L_{ee}^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = L_{ee}^{free R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + \rho^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) L_{ii}^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) \rho^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)$$
$$L_{ee}^> = L_{ee}^{free >} + (L_{ei}^A + L_{ei}^R) \rho^> + |\rho^R|^2 L_{ii}^>$$

independent generalized screening clouds  $\rho^R$  and  $\rho^>$  due to non-equilibrium conditions!

# Chihara decomposition in non-equilibrium II ( $\Pi_{ei} = 0$ )

$$S_{ee}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = S_{ee}^{free}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + \frac{i}{2\pi} [L_{ei}^A(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + L_{ei}^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)] \rho^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)$$
$$+ |\rho^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)|^2 S_{ii}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)$$

total electron structure = free electron structure + non-Born-Oppenheimer part  
+ screening cloud  $\times$  ion structure

$$\rho^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = V_{ei}(k) \mathcal{L}_e^{R/A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) \quad \rho^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = V_{ei}(k) \mathcal{L}_e^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)$$

$$L_{ee}^{free>}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \mathcal{L}_e^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \frac{\Pi_e^>(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)}{|1 - V_{ee}(k) \Pi_e^R(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)|^2}$$

A fully generalized version including all  $\Pi_{ei}$  terms is available!

# Exchange and correlation in non-equilibrium

only pure species contributions for polarization function in first order

$$\Pi_a(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) = \Pi_a^{RPA}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + \Pi_a^V(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + \Pi_a^{S_1}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) + \Pi_a^{S_2}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t)$$



- evaluate correlation functions  $\Pi^{\geq}$  for Vertex & Self-energy term
- use Kramers-Kronig relation for retarded quantities

$$\Pi_a^R(p, \omega; t) = i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} \frac{\Pi_a^>(p, \omega; t') - \Pi_a^<(p, \omega; t')}{\omega - \omega' + i\varepsilon}.$$

# Evaluation of the self-energy & vertex terms

static screening + application of Langreth-Wilkins rules gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 i\Pi_a^{V\gtrless}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) &= 4\pi(i\hbar)^2 \mathcal{P} \int \frac{d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi\hbar)^6} \mathcal{V}_{aa}^S(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) \\
 &\quad \times f_a^\lessgtr(\mathbf{p}, t) f_a^\gtrless(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k}, t) [f_a(\mathbf{q}, t) - f_a(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k}, t)] \\
 &\quad \times \frac{\delta(\hbar\omega + E_a(\mathbf{p}) - E_a(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k}))}{\hbar\omega + E_a(\mathbf{q}) - E_a(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k})}, \\
 i\Pi_a^{S\gtrless}(\mathbf{k}, \omega; t) &= 2\pi\hbar \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \Sigma_a(p) f_a^\gtrless(\hbar\omega + E_a(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}), t) f_a^\lessgtr(E_a(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}), t) \\
 &\quad \times \delta'(\hbar\omega + E_a(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}) - E_a(p, t)) \\
 &+ 2\pi\hbar \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \Sigma_a(p) f_a^\gtrless(E_a(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k}), t) f_a^\lessgtr(E_a(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k}) - \hbar\omega, t) \\
 &\quad \times \delta'(\hbar\omega + E_a(p, t) - E_a(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k}))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_a(p) = \hbar^2 p^2 / 2m_a$$

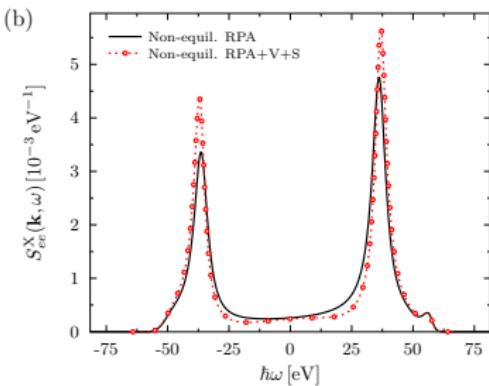
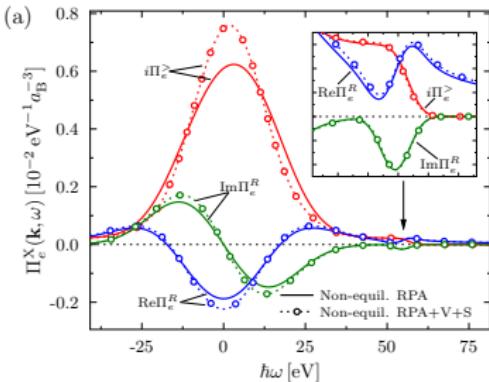
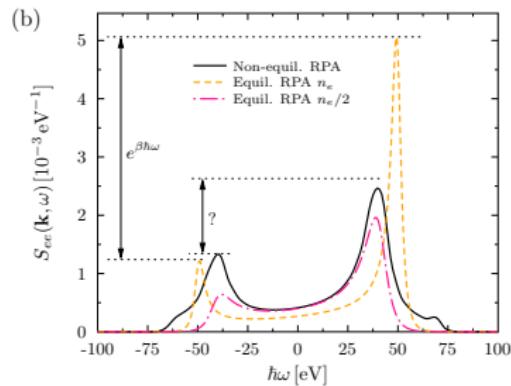
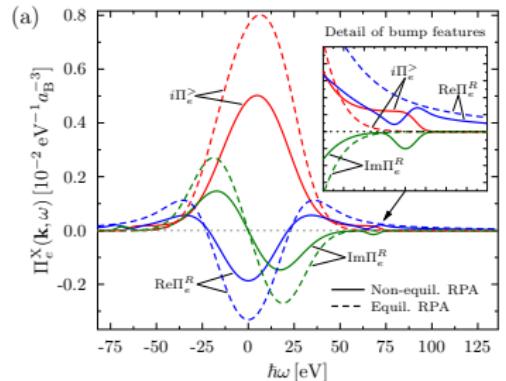
$$\Sigma_a(p, t) = -\hbar \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \mathcal{V}_{aa}^S(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) f_a(\mathbf{q}, t)$$

$$f_a^> = f_a - 1$$

$$f_a^< = f_a$$

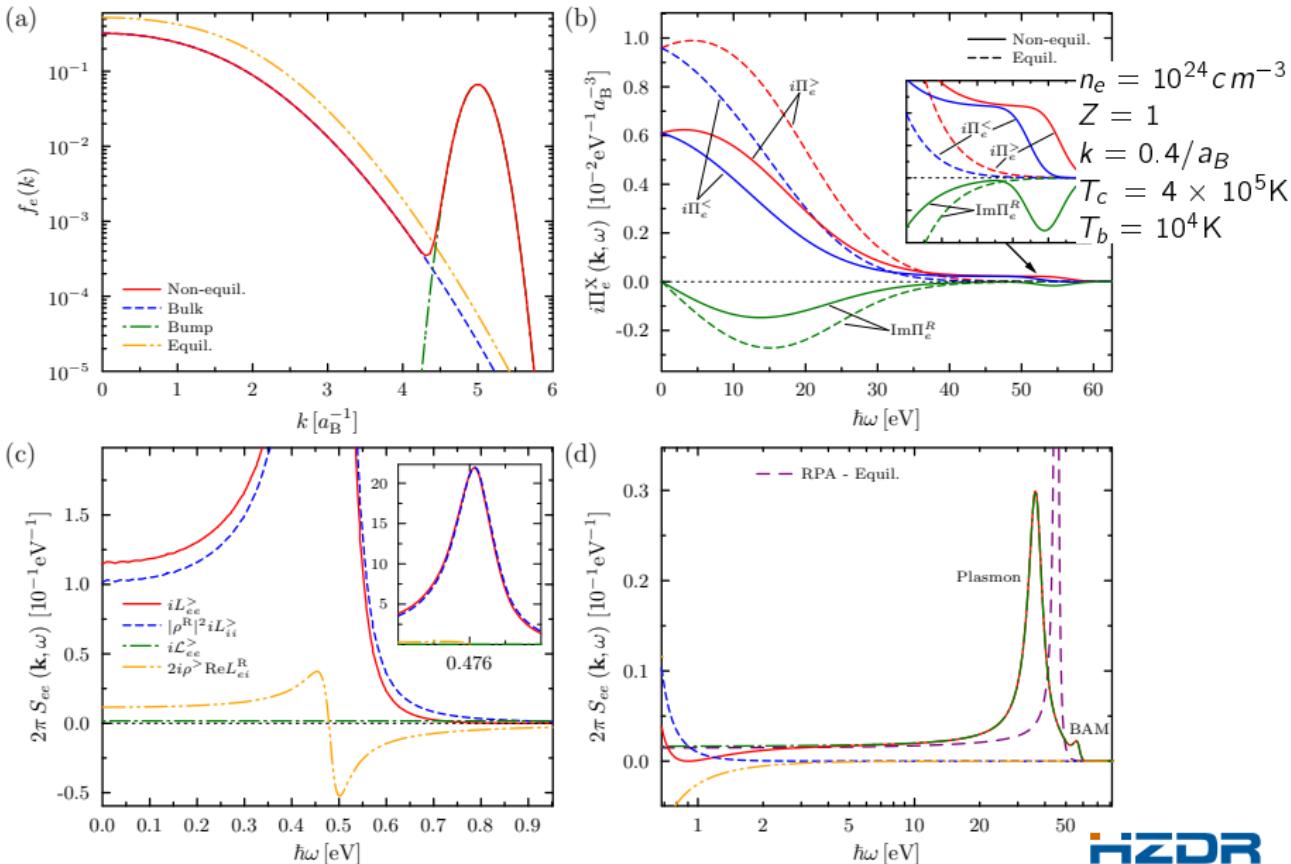


# Structure in a non-equilibrium electron gas

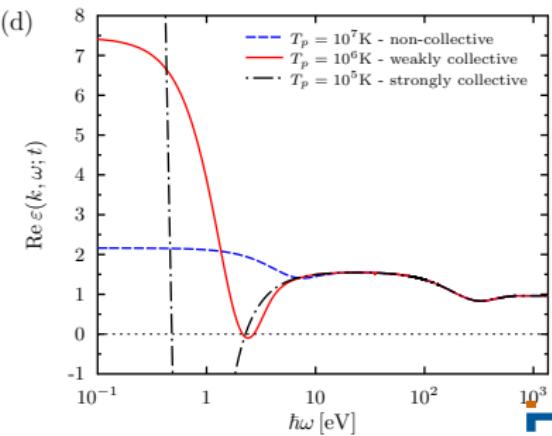
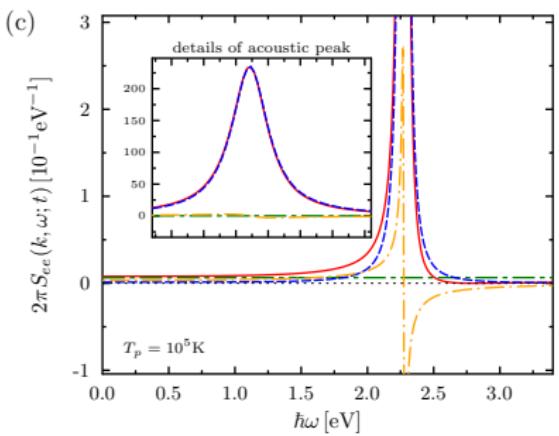
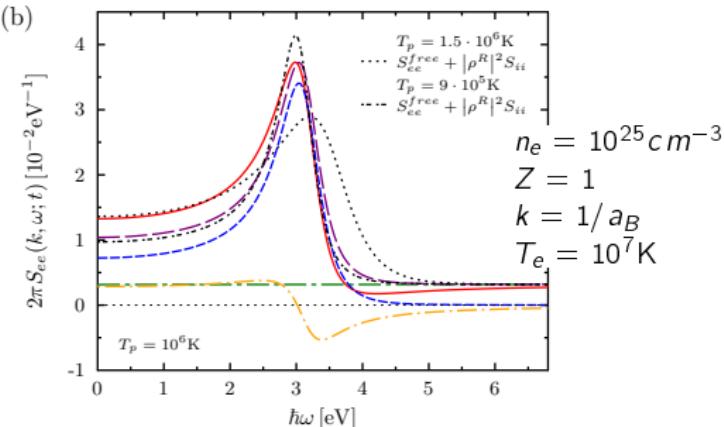
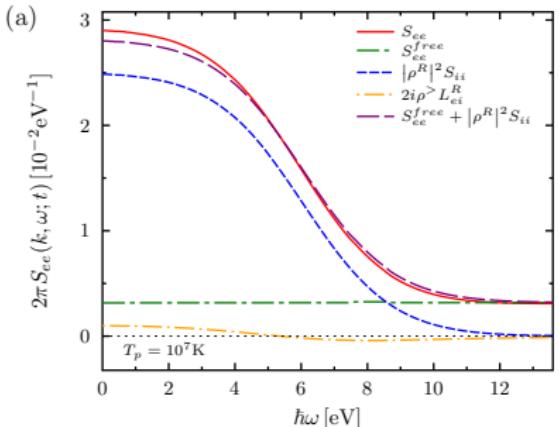


$n_e = 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $n_e/2$  @  $T_c = 4 \times 10^5 \text{ K}$ ,  $n_e/2$  in bump around  $p_b = 5\hbar/a_B$ ,  $k = 0.5/a_B$  (left),  $k = 0.4/a_B$  (right)

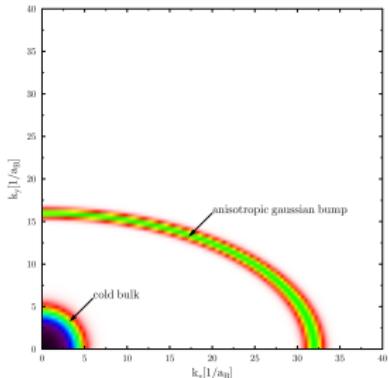
# Structure in laser pumped hydrogen



# Structure in two-temperature hydrogen

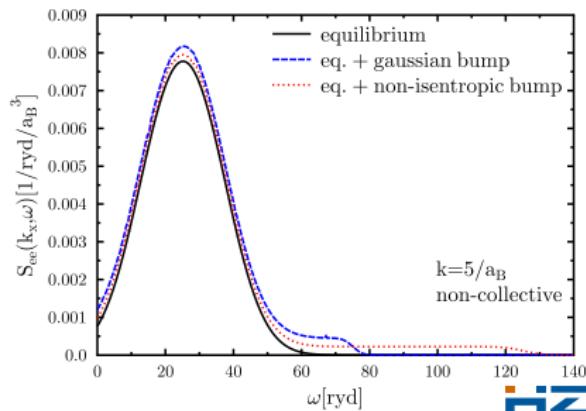
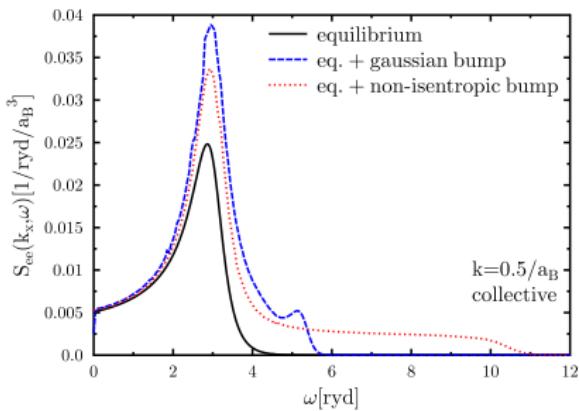


# Non-equilibrium & anisotropy in an electron gas



$$f(k_x, k_y, k_z) = \frac{1}{e^{(k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 - \mu)/k_B T} + 1}$$
$$+ A e^{-B(\sqrt{(k_x/c_x)^2 + (k_y/c_y)^2 + (k_z/c_z)^2} - D)^2}$$

anisotropic features of the electron distribution should be very well visible in scattering spectrum



# Summary & Outlook

- exact formalism to calculate structure in non-equilibrium on the basis of the Wigner distribution function
- definition of local field corrections in non-equilibrium
- account of exchange & correlation in non-equilibrium (in weak coupling approximation)
- decomposition of total electron structure factor similarly to equilibrium (Chihara)
- same formalism gives exact energy transfer rate in full non-equilibrium or two-temperature systems