

# Recent Progress in simulations of dense quantum plasmas and warm dense matter

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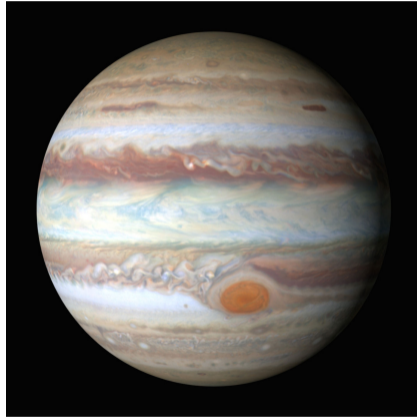
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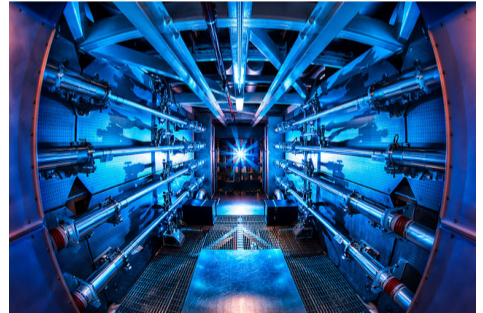
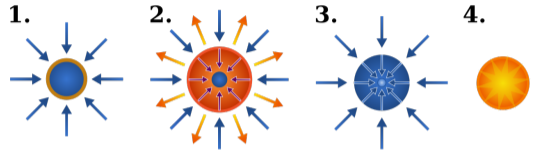
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## National Ignition Facility (Livermore, California)



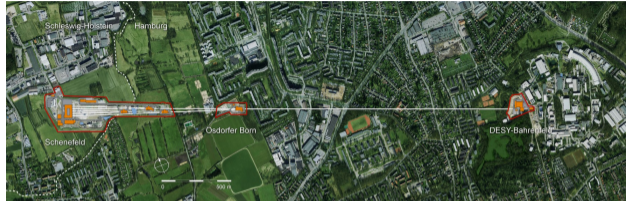
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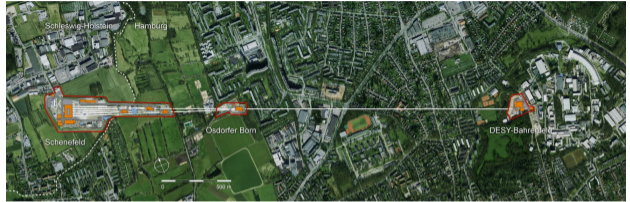


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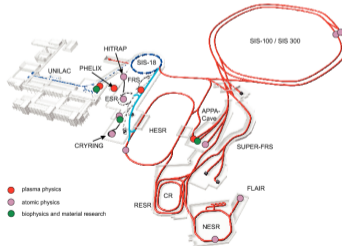
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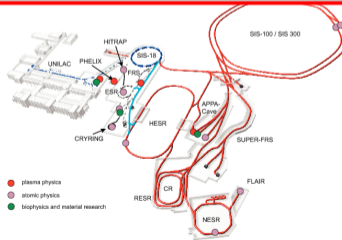
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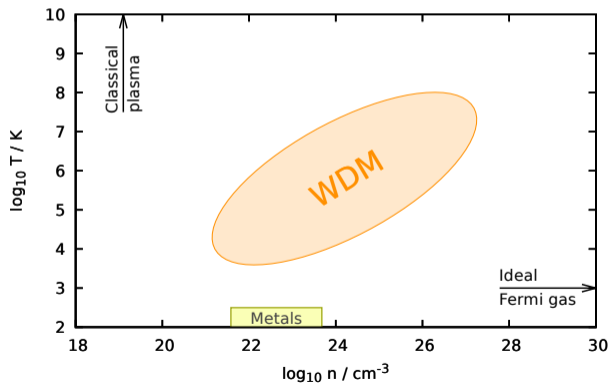
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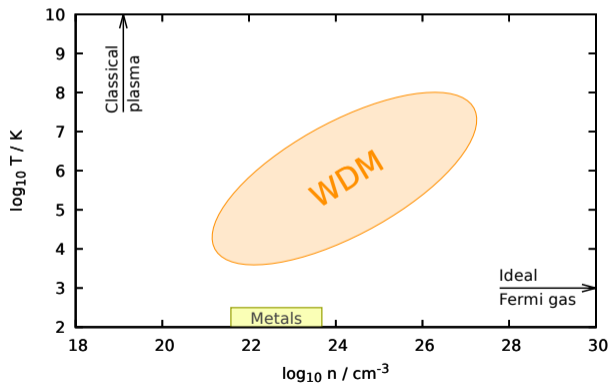
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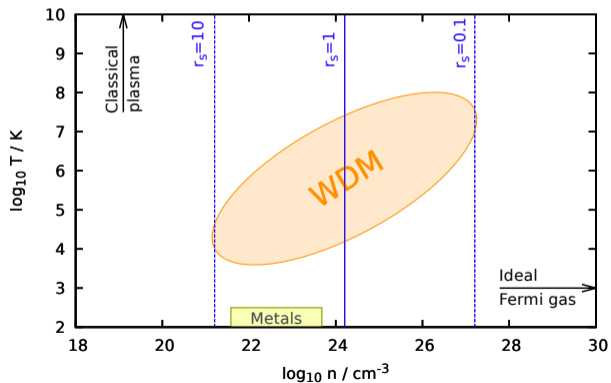
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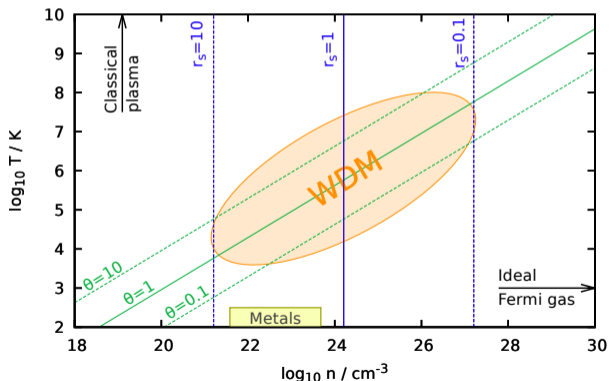
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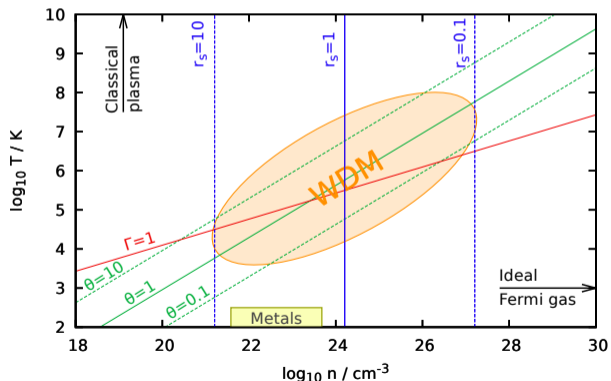
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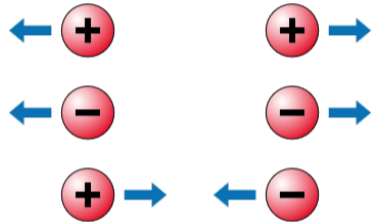
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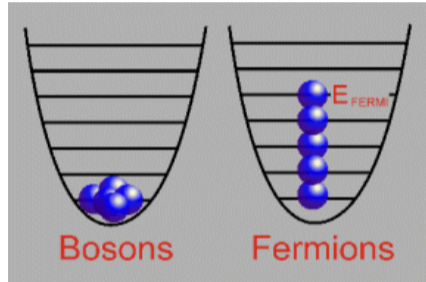
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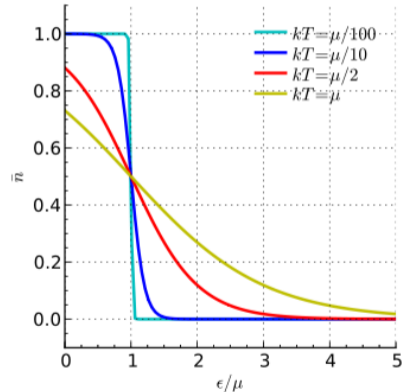
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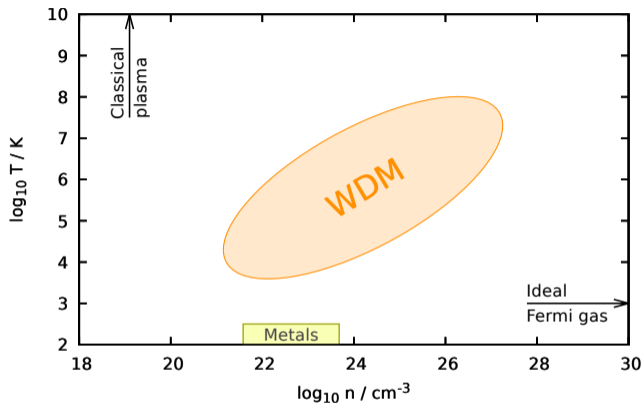
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- Experimental strategies:**
1. X-ray diffraction: morphology of solid and liquid state,
  2. Transport (conductivity) and optics (e.g. X-ray absorption)
  3. Recent breakthroughs: light scattering (X-ray Thomson scattering) temperature, density, charge state, plasmon dispersion/damping...



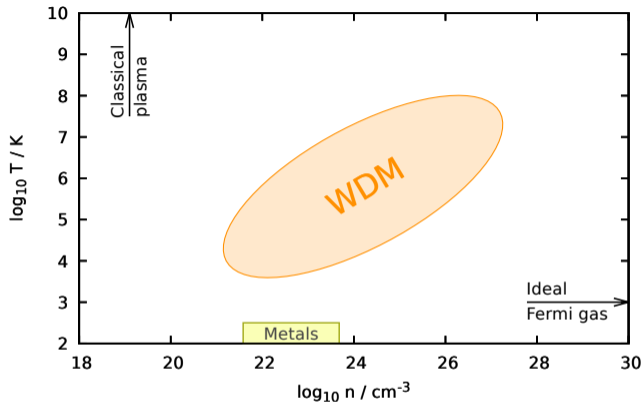
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**Theoretical strategies:** 1. Make a complex (but poor) model of the entire “mess”, e.g. phenomenology, hydrodynamics, DFT, or

2. Perform an excellent description of one piece of it (our approach)

⇒ Series of recent breakthroughs: exact quantum Monte Carlo approach: from thermodynamic to dielectric and transport properties

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## Warm dense matter ( $T \sim T_F$ ):

- ▶ **Thermal DFT<sup>3</sup>:** minimize free energy  $F = E - TS$
- **Requires parametrization of XC free energy of UEG:**

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- ▶  $f_{xc}(r_s, \theta)$  direct input for **Equation of state (EOS) models** of astrophysical objects<sup>4</sup>
- ▶  $f_{xc}(r_s, \theta)$  contains **complete thermodynamic information** of UEG

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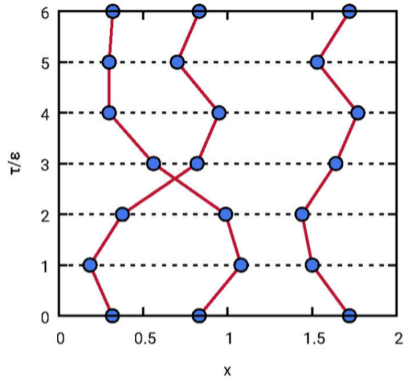
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PIMC configuration of  $N = 3$  particles,  $W(\mathbf{X}) < 0$

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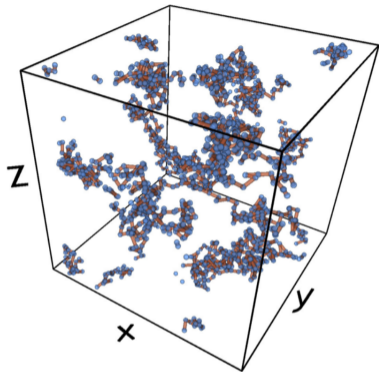
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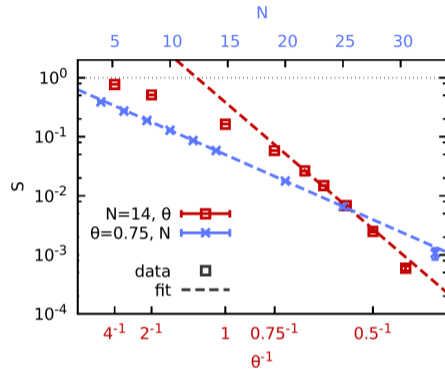
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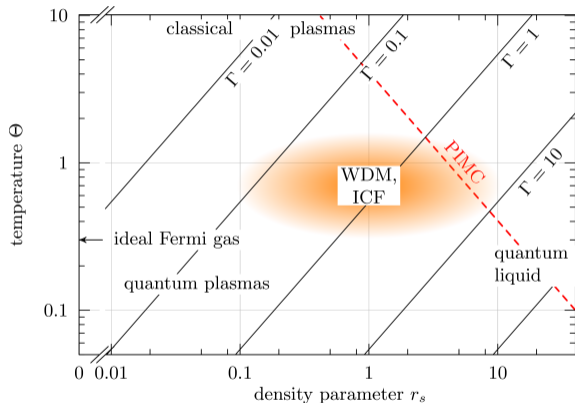


Exponential decrease of the average sign  $S$  with system size  $N$  and quantum degeneracy  $\theta^{-1}$

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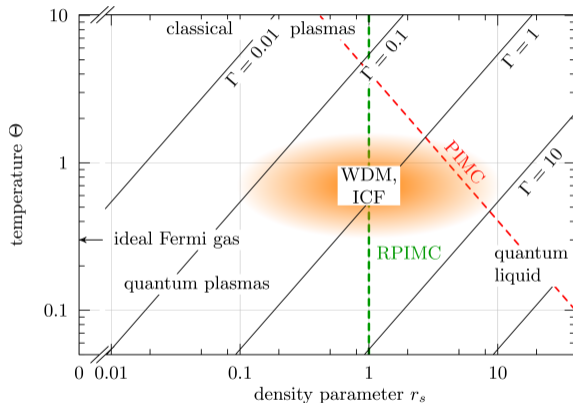
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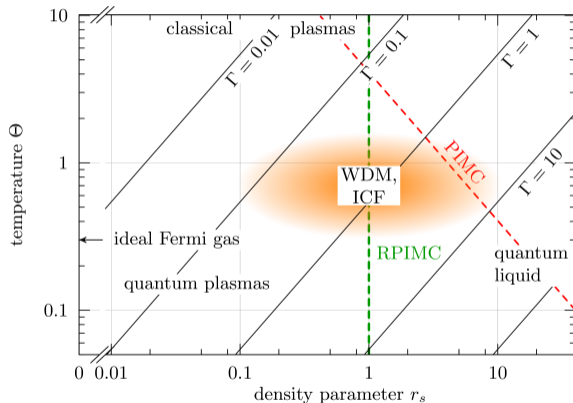


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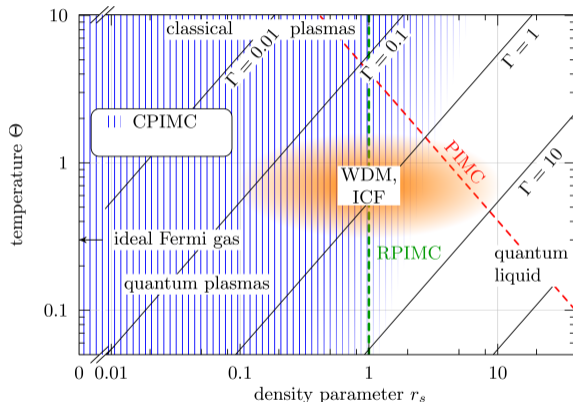
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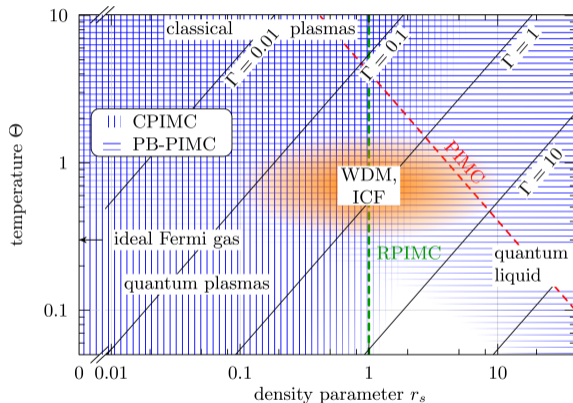
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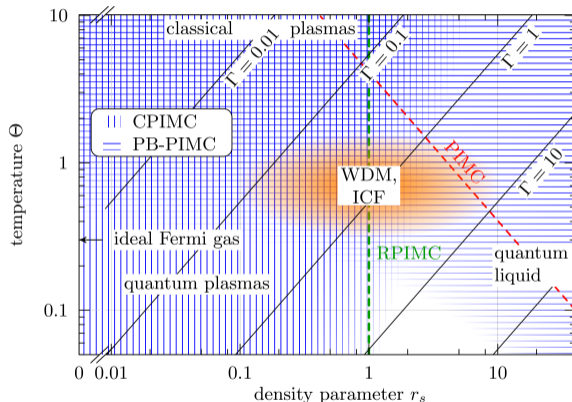
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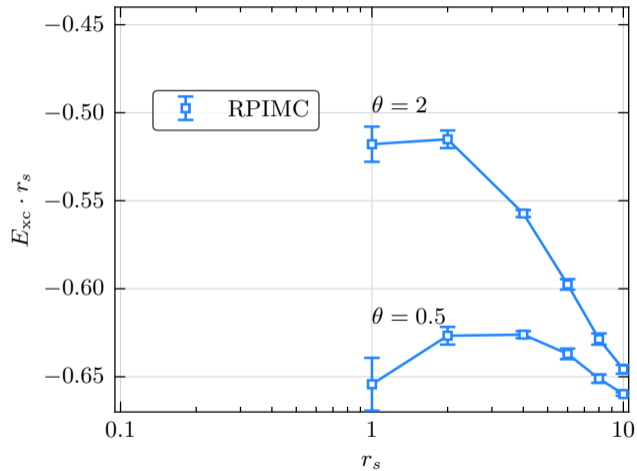
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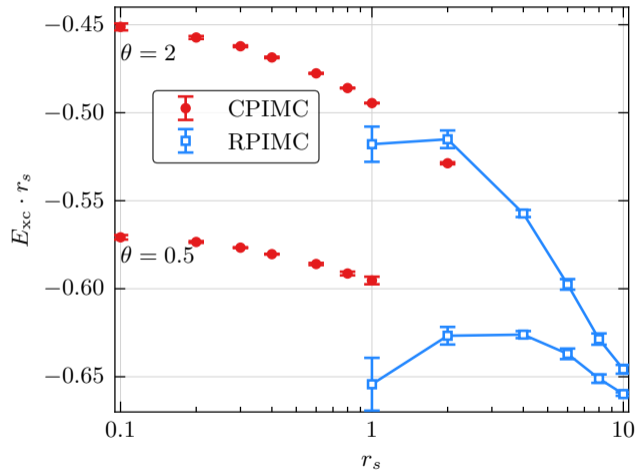
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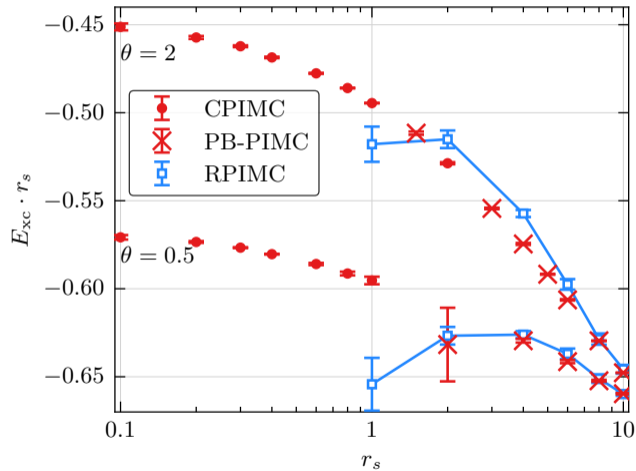
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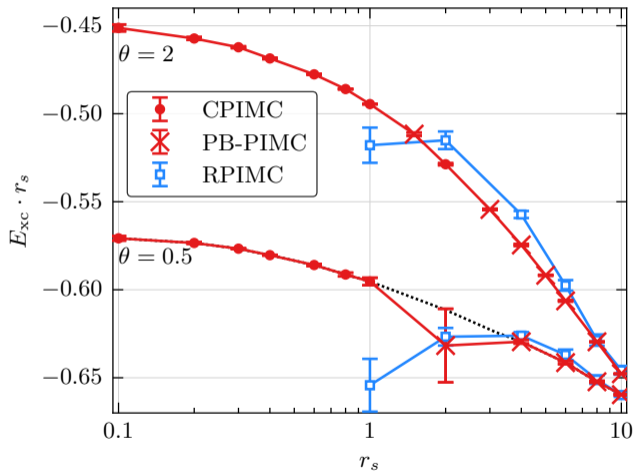
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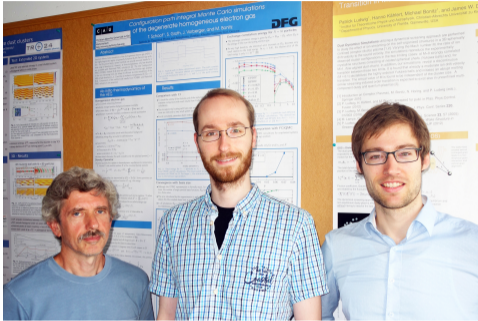
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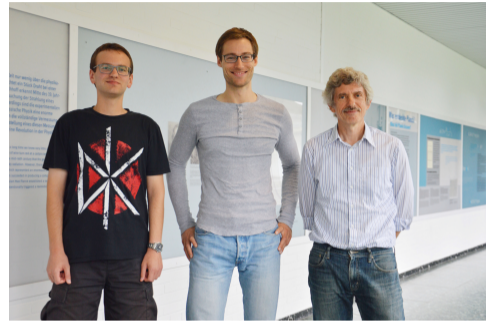
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Recent review: T. Dornheim, S. Groth, and M. Bonitz, *Physics Reports* **744**, 1-86 (2018), Photos: J. Siekmann  
*APS John Dawson Award 2021, together with F. Malone, M. Foulkes and T. Sjostrom*

## *Ab Initio* PIMC approach to equilibrium response and transport properties

### **Quantities accessible in PIMC:**

all thermodynamic functions from  $F(r_s, \theta)$ ; structural properties:  $g(r)$ ,  $S(q)$

fluctuations in response to excitation:  $\delta\hat{H}(\mathbf{q}) \rightarrow \delta\rho(\mathbf{q})$

correlation functions: e.g.  $\langle \delta\rho(\mathbf{q}_1, \tau_1)\rho(\mathbf{q}_2, \tau_2) \rangle$  yield transport properties

### **Susceptibilities from linear response theory (LRT):**

$\delta\rho(\mathbf{q}) = \chi(\mathbf{q})\delta H(\mathbf{q})$ ,  $\chi$ : static density response  $\rightarrow$  comparison for PIMC to LRT/experiment

**Correlation and exchange effects:** encoded in “local field correction”  $G(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$

straightforward connection to transport, optics etc.:  $\chi(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ ,  $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ ,  $\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ ,  $\sigma(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ , **plasmon dispersion**

### **PIMC: susceptibilities beyond validity limits of LRT**

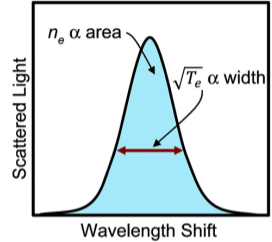
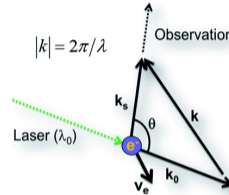
*Ab initio* spectral properties, **momentum distribution**  $n(p)$

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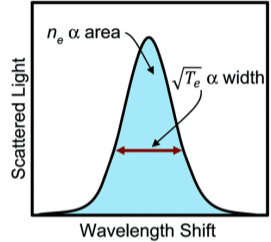
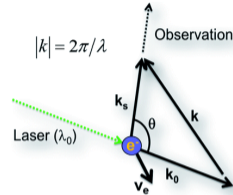
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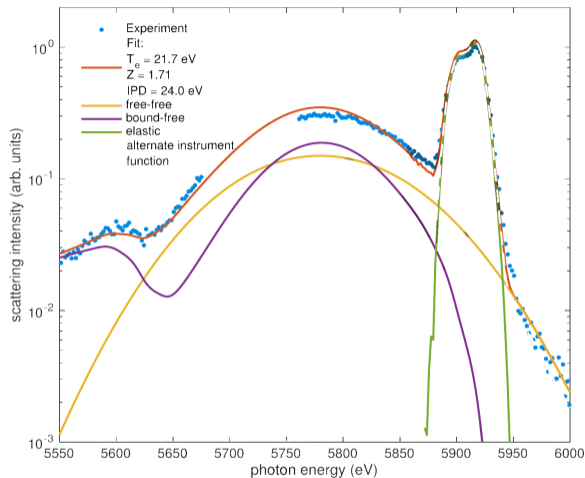
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- ▶ **Practical example:** Fit model for  $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega; T_e)$  to spectrum to determine electron temperature  $T_e$

- ▶ **Problem:**

$F(\mathbf{q}, t)$  requires **real time-dependent simulations**

→ with PIMC have to use analytic continuation, reconstruct  $F(q, it)$  and 4 frequency moments, but: insufficient information



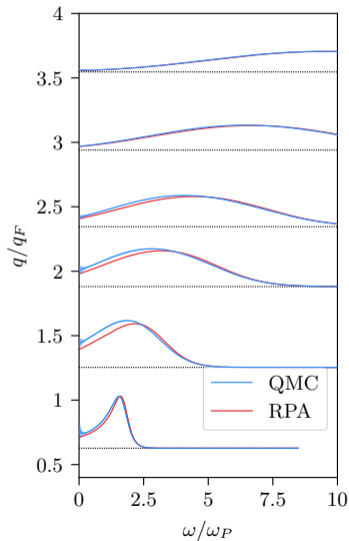
Scattering spectrum of isochorically heated graphite at LCLS.  
From D. Kraus *et al.*, *Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion* (2019)

# Correlation effects, Landau and collisional damping in $S(q, \omega)$ : $\theta = 1$ , $r_s = 2$

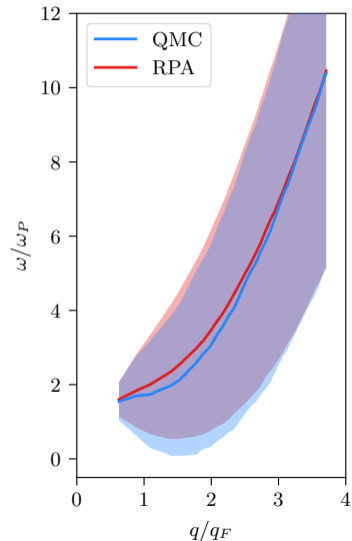
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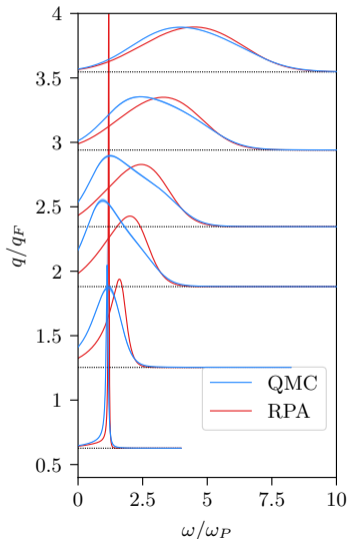
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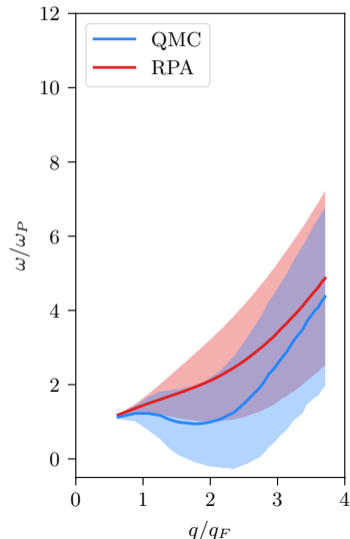
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- ▶ **Closely related to plasmons**  
**Requires dielectric function  $\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$**

$$S(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = -\frac{\text{Im} \epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)}{\pi n \tilde{v}(\mathbf{q})(1 - e^{-\beta \omega})}$$

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## Dielectric function. Plasmons

- ▶ Solution of Maxwell's equations: EM field modes,  $E(\mathbf{q}, t)$ , in plasma (isotropic), from

$$\hat{\epsilon}[\vec{q}, \omega(\mathbf{q})] = 0$$

- ▶ contains collective excitations (plasmon)
- ▶ weak damping approximation (WDA):

$$\text{Re } \hat{\epsilon}[\vec{q}, \omega(\mathbf{q})] = 0$$

- ▶ roots on real axis vanish for  $q \geq q_{\text{cr}}$ , and damping,  $|\text{Im } \omega|$ , becomes large
- ▶ drop WDA and find exact roots

$$\hat{\epsilon}(\vec{q}, z) = 0$$

at complex frequencies  $z = \omega - i\gamma$ :

$$E(\mathbf{q}; t) \sim e^{i\omega(\mathbf{q})t} e^{-\gamma(\mathbf{q})t}, \quad \gamma > 0$$

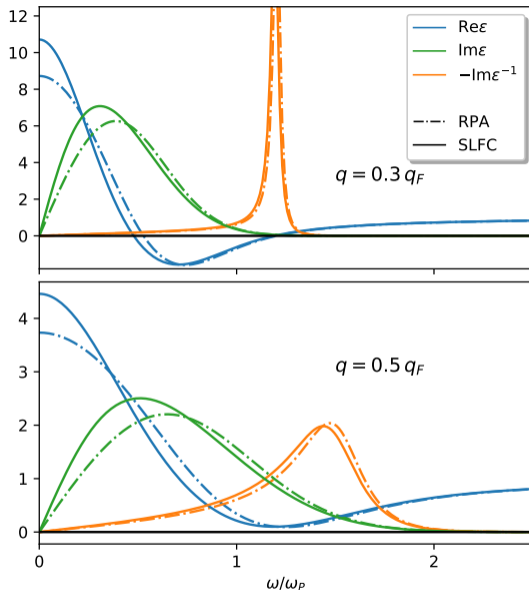
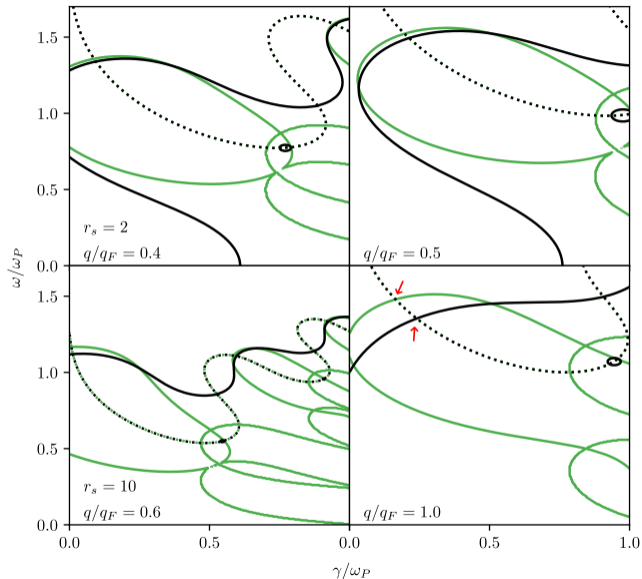


Figure: Moderately correlated electron gas,  $\Theta = 1$ ,  $r_s = 2$



# Analytic continuation (AC) of the dielectric function<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ AC of the retarded DF into the lower frequency half plane,  $\gamma > 0$ .
- ▶ full lines:  $\text{Re } \epsilon = 0$ ,  
dotted lines:  $\text{Im } \epsilon = 0$ ,  
plasmon = intersection (arrows)
- ▶ green: mean field (RPA)  
black: correlated (static LFC)
- ▶ complex zeroes may exist, even if  $\text{Re } \epsilon \neq 0$  on real axis (top right).
- ▶ Finite temperature,  $\Theta = 1$ ,  
 $r_s = 2$  (top) and  $r_s = 10$  (bottom)



<sup>1</sup>M. Bonitz, Quantum Kinetic Theory, 2nd ed. Springer 2016; P. Hamann *et al.*, Contrib. Plasma Phys. **60**, e202000147 (2020)

# Plasmon dispersion (top) and damping (bottom), $\Theta = 1$

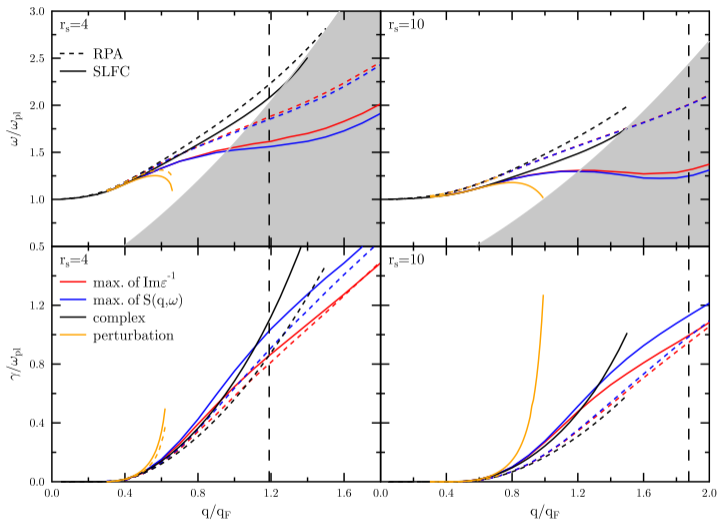


Figure: Black: complex dispersion relation, yellow: weak damping approximation, blue: peak of  $S(q, \omega)$ , grey area: pair continuum. Work in progress: Plasmon dispersion in two-component plasma (Mermin approach)

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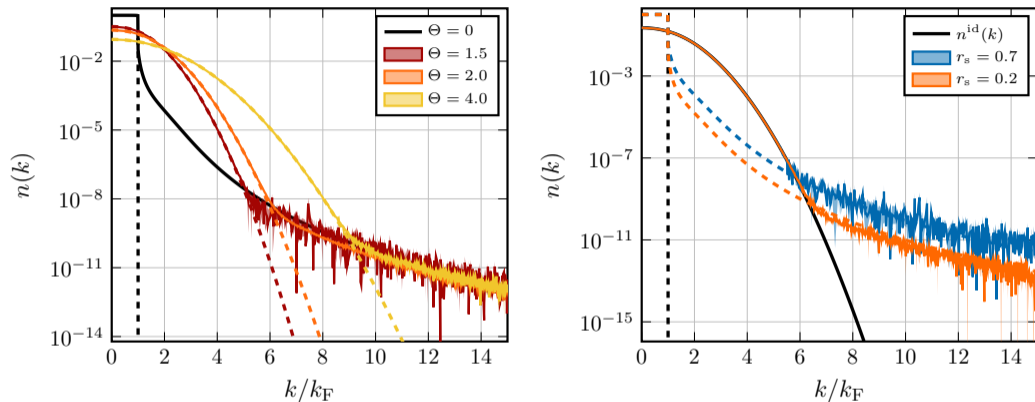
## ▶ What about nonideal Quantum plasmas?

- ▶ slower non-exponential decay,  $\sim p^{-8}$ , predicted<sup>2</sup>
  - ▶ relevant for threshold processes: dramatic increase of reaction rates, fusion rates could be possible
  - ▶ important for electrons under warm dense matter (WDM) conditions or ions in dense stars
- ▶ First *ab initio* Quantum Monte Carlo results for WDM available:  
K. Hunger *et al.*, Phys. Rev. E **103**, 053204 (2021), arXiv:2101.00842  
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## Ab initio CPIMC-results for the momentum distribution<sup>3</sup>



**Figure:** **Left:** Temperature dependence at  $r_s = 0.5$ . Full lines: CPIMC, dashed: Fermi function  $n^{id}$ .

**Right:** Density dependence at  $\Theta = 2$ . Full lines: CPIMC, dashed: ground state, black:  $n^{id}$ .

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ground state results: Gori-Giorgi *et al.* (2001)

## Summary: *Ab Initio* QMC results for static and dynamic equilibrium properties

### Thermodynamic and structural properties of the WD UEG:

- all thermodynamic functions from  $f_{xc}(r_s, \theta)$ ; structural properties:  $g(r)$ ,  $S(q)$
- benchmarks and improvements of other models<sup>4</sup>
- Input for two-component approaches including DFT (xc-functionals) or quantum hydrodynamics

### Transport, dielectric and optical properties:

- Correlation and exchange effects encoded in “local field correction”  $G(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$
- *ab initio* correlated results for:  $\chi(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ ,  $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ <sup>5</sup>,  $\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ ,  $\sigma(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ , plasmon dispersion<sup>6</sup>
- extension to two-component quantum plasma via the Mermin dielectric function<sup>7</sup>
- correlated electron momentum distribution function<sup>8</sup>  $n(p)$

### Outlook: extension to nonequilibrium electron-ion dynamics

- DFT-MD, time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT)
- Quantum kinetic equations, Nonequilibrium Green functions (NEGF)
- Quantum hydrodynamics (QHD)

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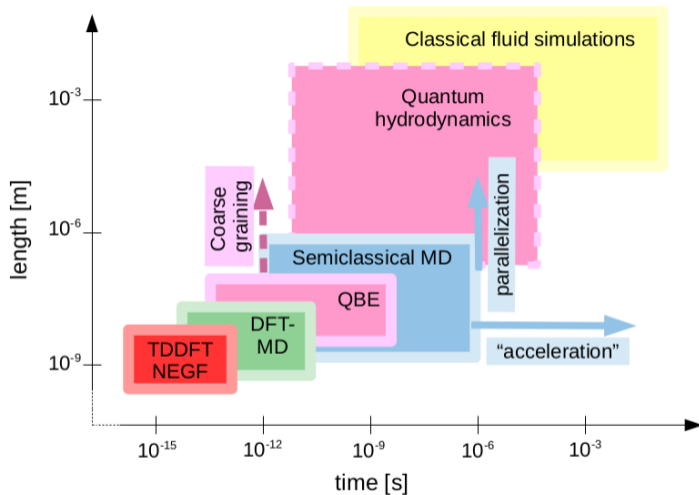
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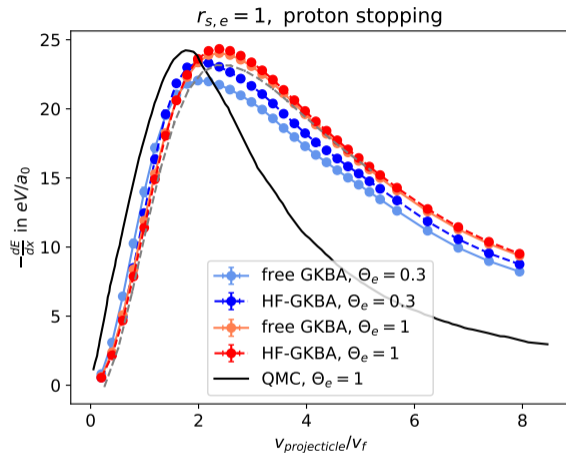
## Nonequilibrium simulations of warm dense matter



- QBE: Quantum Boltzmann equation
- NEGF: Nonequilibrium Green Functions
- TDDFT: time-dependent DFT

Figure: Approximate range of applicability of different methods; from Bonitz *et al.*, Phys. Plasmas **27** (4), 042710 (2020)

# Quantum kinetic theory simulations<sup>9</sup>



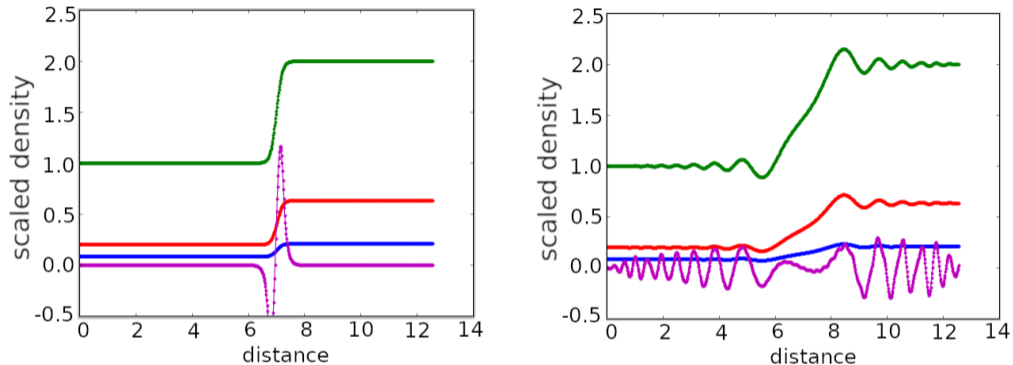
**Figure:** Stopping power of protons in a dense electron plasma. Time-dependent solution of quantum kinetic equation with the generalized Kadanoff-Baym ansatz, compared to linear response calculations involving *ab initio* QMC-input (C. Makait, Z. Moldabekov, and M. Bonitz, to be published)

- NEGF are the most accurate approach to nonequilibrium quantum plasmas, but very CPU time costly
- recently we achieved a dramatic acceleration [Schlünzen et al., PRL 2020]
- ⇒ NEGF results will provide benchmarks for real-time TDDFT and deliver improved xc-functionals
- ⇒ TDDFT results will provide benchmarks for QHD and improved Bohm potential  $V_B$
- ⇒ **Basis for accurate time-dependent quantum simulations over large time and length scales**

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## Quantum hydrodynamics for shock propagation



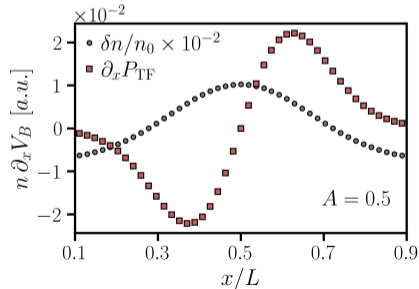
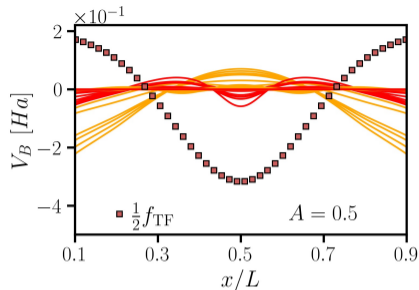
**Figure:** Influence of the Bohm potential (pink) on the density profile (green) of a running shock. Dense plasma of  $r_s = 2$  and  $\Theta \approx 0$ . Left: initial state, right:  $t = 0.62 a_B / c_s$ . Red: Thomas-Fermi pressure, blue: exchange pressure. From: Graziani *et al.*, Contrib. Plasma Phys. (2021), arXiv:2109.09081

The Bohm potential  $V_B$  causes a shear force (stretching) of the shock front. Accurate form of  $V_B$  is crucial.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup>Moldabekov *et al.*, Phys. Plasmas **25**, 031903 (2018); Bonitz *et al.*, Phys. Plasmas **26**, 090601 (2019)

# Rigorous test of QHD equations using DFT<sup>11</sup>

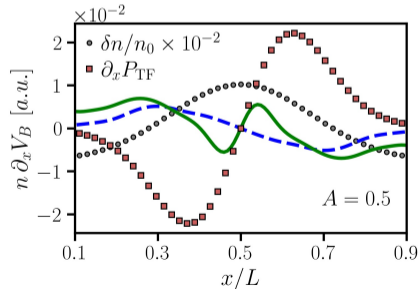
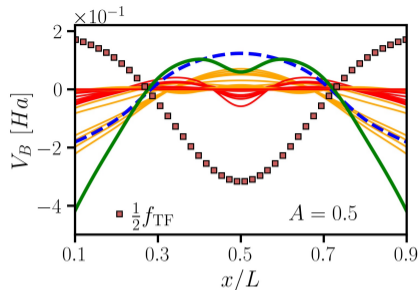
- ▶ Critically assess the validity of the QHD equations for plasmas [Manfredi and Haas, PRB (2001)],  $V_B[\bar{n}]$
- ▶  $V_B \equiv 0$  in homogeneous system.  
⇒ consider non-uniform electron gas,  $r_s = 2$ ,  $\theta = 1$ ; 1D test case: static perturbation  $v(r) = 2A \cos qr$
- ▶ Solve finite-temperature Kohn-Sham equations,  
⇒ obtain individual orbitals  $\phi_i$  and densities  $n_i$   
⇒ obtain Bohm potential for each orbital (red and yellow curves in top figure)
- ▶ grey circles: mean density, red squares: ideal free energy density (top) and force due to ideal pressure  $p_{TF}$  (bottom)



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- ▶ Bohm potential for each orbital (red and yellow curves)
- ▶ blue: Bohm potential with mean density,  $V_B(\bar{n})$  (Manfredi, Haas)
- ▶ green: many-fermion (microscopic) Bohm potential (average over orbital Bohm potentials) [Bonitz *et al.*, Phys. Plasmas **26**, 090601 (2019)]
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  force exhibits more than 100% deviations almost everywhere, despite very weak density modulation  $\Rightarrow$  previous nonlinear QHD results questionable



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# Warm dense matter and quantum plasmas – Summary and outlook<sup>13</sup>

## ► Crucial for astrophysics and laboratory experiments:

- complex state of matter, between condensed matter and plasmas
- New facilities: accurate experimental results (e.g. X-ray Thomson scattering)

## ► Accurate simulation results now available:

- *Ab initio* QMC results for the electron component, avoid sign problem<sup>a</sup>.
- Benchmarks, input for analytical models and for DFT and QHD
- *Ab initio* results for transport and dielectric properties, momentum distrib.<sup>b</sup>

## ► Outlook: accurate multiscale nonequilibrium simulations<sup>c</sup>:

- combination of Green functions, TDDFT, and QHD<sup>d</sup>
- further improvement of CPIMC, extension to two-component plasmas

<sup>a</sup>Dornheim *et al.*, Phys. Reports (2018)

<sup>b</sup>Dornheim *et al.*, PRL (2018); Hamann *et al.*, PRB (2020); Hunger *et al.*, PRE (2021)

<sup>c</sup>Bonitz *et al.*, Phys. Plasmas (2020)

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