

# Dynamics of pair correlations

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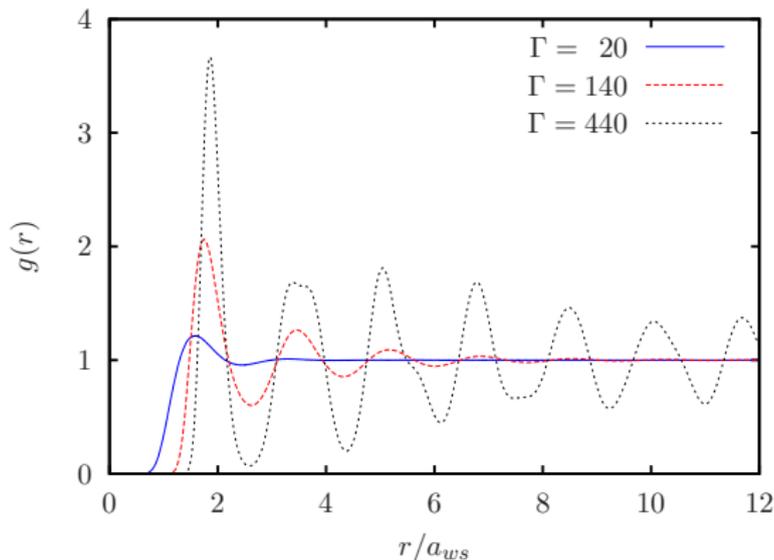
# Strong Correlation effects: from ideal gas to crystal

Increasing correlation strength leads to increased particle localization (repulsive pair interaction).

Adequately reflected by pair distribution function.

Ideal system:  $g(r) \equiv 1$ .

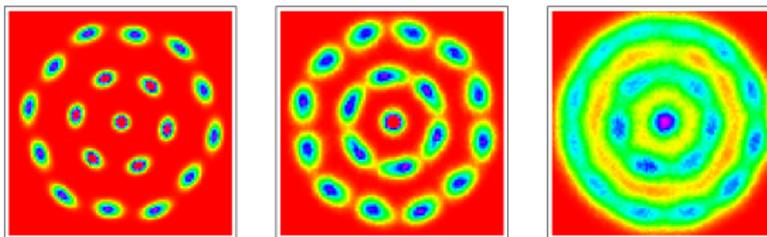
Coupling parameter  $\Gamma = \langle U \rangle / \langle K \rangle$



# Wigner crystallization in few-electron systems

*N* Electrons in 2D quantum dot: (harmonic spherical confinement potential)

Density increase from left to right: orientational and radial melting



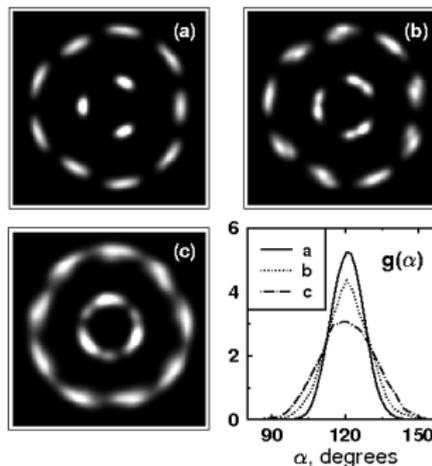
- First principle path integral Monte Carlo simulations

A. Filinov, MB and Yu.E. Lozovik, Phys. Rev. Lett. **86**, 3851 (2001)

Fluctuations captured by *angular pair distribution function* (right fig.)

- Extension to charged bosons: superfluidity, mesoscopic supersolid

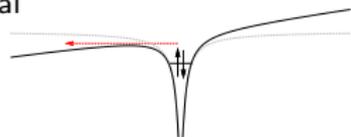
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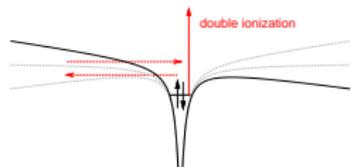
# Photoionization processes in atoms. Correlation effects

- ▶ Example: Non-sequential double ionization of Helium
- ▶ double ionization increased by correlations. 1 electron theories (SAE) fail
- ▶ captured by time-dependent electron pair distribution function  $g(\mathbf{r}_{12}, t)$

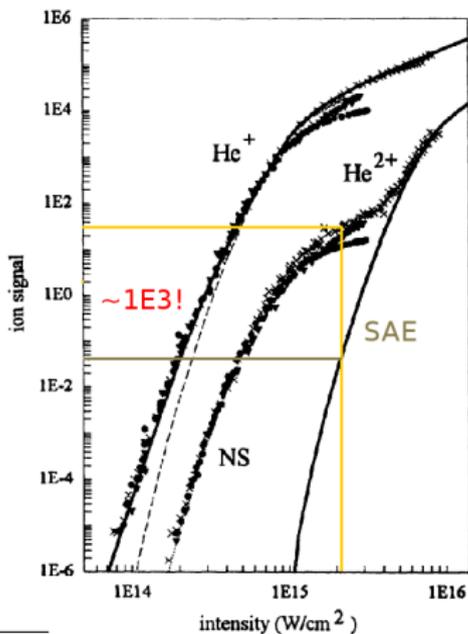
(1) one electron leaves binding potential



(2) field direction changes, electron accelerated towards the ion



(3) "kicks off" second electron



<sup>1</sup>B. Walker et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **73**, 1227 (1994)

# Relevance of pair correlations

## Two-particle correlations

- ▶ yield information about bound or scattering states: atoms, molecules, excitons etc.
- ▶ yield the static (and dynamic) structure factor
- ▶ identify relevant process (e.g. reaction channels)
- ▶ are experimentally measurable (coincidence methods), examples:
  - high energy collisions, fragmentation
  - chemical reaction products
  - “Reaction microscope” (COLTRIMS) electron-electron and electron-ion correlations with fs resolution
  - etc.

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# Equations of motion for Keldysh Green function G

- ▶ **Martin-Schwinger Hierarchy** on Keldysh contour

$$[i\partial_t + h(1)] G(1, 1') = \delta_c(1 - 1') \pm i \int_c d2 h^{\text{int}}(1 - 2) G(12, 1'2^+) \\ \text{\& adjoint}$$

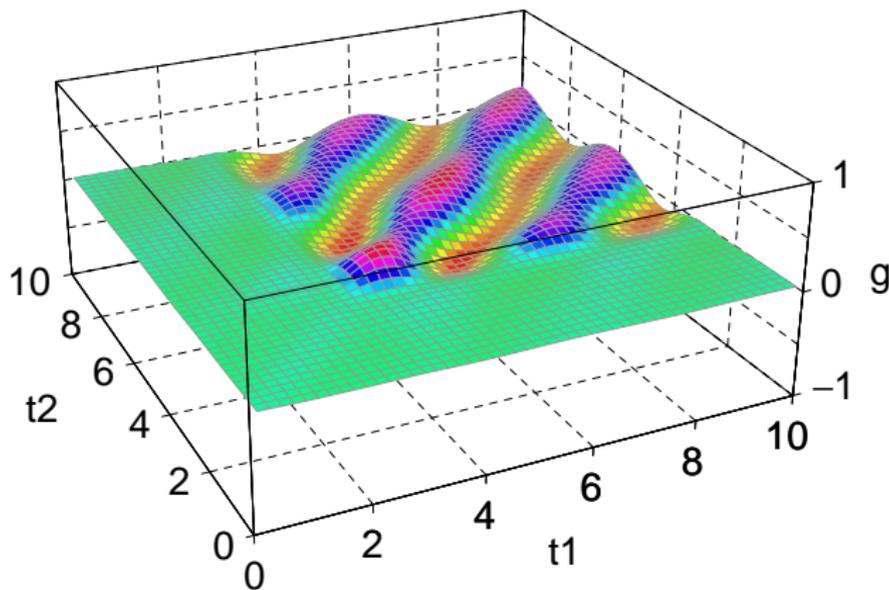
- ▶ Formal decoupling of hierarchy introducing **selfenergy**  $\Sigma$

$$\pm i \int_c d2 h^{\text{int}}(1 - 2) G(12, 1'2^+) = \int_c d2 \Sigma(1, 2) G(2, 1')$$

beautiful results for single-particle Green's function, spectral function etc.

- ▶ But: loose easy access to pair correlations, contained in  $G(12, 12^+)$

# Evolution of two-time Green function



Build up of level population (along diagonal) and of correlated spectrum (across diagonal, calculation by Karsten Balzer).

# How to obtain pair distributions from Keldysh Green function $G$

- ▶ Formal decoupling of hierarchy introducing **selfenergy**  $\Sigma$

$$\pm i \int_{\mathcal{C}} d2 h^{\text{int}}(1-2) G(12, 1'2^+) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} d2 \Sigma(1, 2) G(2, 1')$$

- ▶ two-time calculation yields  $G(1, 1')$  for given approximation  $\Sigma[G]$
- ▶ **Solution 1:** Functional derivative

$$\pm G(12, 1'2^+) = \frac{\delta G(1, 1')}{\delta v(2)} - i \langle \hat{n}(2) \rangle G(1, 1')$$

$v$ : fictitious single particle potential in  $\hat{H}$  with  $v \rightarrow 0$  at the end,

or: real potential with scalar factor  $\lambda$ ,  $v \rightarrow \lambda v$ :  $dG(\lambda)/d\lambda|_{\lambda=1}$

but: requires large (and dense) number of calculations for different  $v$

- ▶ **Solution 2:** from known  $\Sigma[G]$  reconstruct  $G(12, 1'2')[G]$  dynamically (for each time step)

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## Nonequilibrium BBGKY hierarchy

Nonequilibrium Hierarchy of equations for reduced density operators (BBGKY)<sup>1</sup>

1-particle density operator  $F_1(t) \sim \langle a^\dagger a \rangle \sim G^<(1, 1')|_{t_1=t'_1=t}$

2-particle density operator  $F_{12}(t) \sim \langle a^\dagger a^\dagger aa \rangle \sim G^<(1, 2; 1', 2')|_{t_1=t_2=t'_1=t'_2=t}$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_1 - [H_1, F_1] = n \text{Tr}_2 [V_{12}, F_{12}], \quad (1)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_{12} - [H_{12}, F_{12}] = n \text{Tr}_3 [V_{13} + V_{23}, F_{123}], \quad (2)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_{123} - [H_{123}, F_{123}] = n \text{Tr}_4 [V_{14} + V_{24} + V_{34}, F_{1234}], \dots \quad (3)$$

equal time limit of Martin-Schwinger hierarchy,  
obtained from difference: MS-hierarchy minus adjoint ( $\rightarrow$  commutators)

Transform second equation introducing pair *correlation* operator<sup>2</sup>:

$$F_{12} = F_1(1)F_1(2) + c_{12}$$

<sup>1</sup>for details see M. Bonitz *Quantum Kinetic Theory*

<sup>2</sup>for notational simplicity omit exchange (Fock) term

## Evolution of pair correlation operator

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_1 - [\bar{H}_1, F_1] = n \text{Tr}_2 [V_{12}, c_{12}] \quad (4)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c_{12} - [\bar{H}_{12}, c_{12}] = [V_{12}, F_1 F_2] + \quad (5)$$

$$n \text{Tr}_3 \left\{ [V_{13}, F_1 c_{23}] + [V_{23}, F_2 c_{13}] + [V_{13} + V_{23}, c_{123}] \right\} \quad (6)$$

with mean field hamiltonians and Hartree potential  $U^H$ :

$$\bar{H}_1 = H_1 + U_1^H, \quad U_1^H = n \text{Tr}_2 V_{12} F_2. \quad (7)$$

$$\bar{H}_{12} = \bar{H}_1 + \bar{H}_2 + V_{12}, \quad (8)$$

- ▶ known many-body approximations can be identified<sup>3</sup>, e.g.
  - TD Hartree-Fock:  $c_{12} \equiv 0$
  - 2nd Born approximation:  $c_{123} = 0$  and neglect of ladder ( $V_{12}$  in  $H_{12}$ ) and polarization diagrams [line (6)]
- ▶ numerical solution: coupled system for  $F_1(t)$  and  $c_{12}(t)$   
or: find analytical solution for  $c_{12}(t)$  and insert into kinetic equation (4)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup>exists one to one correspondence to NEGF, including selfenergy

<sup>4</sup>avoided in NEGF by introducing selfenergy

# Evolution of pair correlation operator in Born approximation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_1 - [\bar{H}_1, F_1] = n \text{Tr}_2 [V_{12}, c_{12}] \quad (9)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c_{12} - [\bar{H}_1 + \bar{H}_1, c_{12}] = [V_{12}, F_1 F_2] \quad (10)$$

with initial conditions (arbitrary):  $F_1(t_0) = F_1^0$  and  $c_{12}(t_0) = c^0$

Analytical solution for  $c_{12}$ :

$$c_{12}(t) = U_{12}^{0+}(tt_0) c^0 U_{12}^{0-}(t_0t) + \quad (11)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} d\bar{t} U_{12}^{0+}(t\bar{t}) \left\{ \hat{V}_{12} F_1 F_2 - F_1 F_2 \hat{V}_{12}^\dagger \right\}_{\bar{t}} U_{12}^{0-}(\bar{t}t) \quad (12)$$

Free<sup>5</sup> propagator (retarded):  $U_{12}^{0+}(tt') \longrightarrow \Theta(t - t') e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} [\bar{E}_1^0 + \bar{E}_2^0](t-t')}$

Initial correlation contribution [(11), decays] and correlation build up term (12)

Kinetic equation (9) contains two collision integrals (r.h.s): standard collision term involving (12) and additional integral with (11)<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>5</sup>can be renormalized and damped, corresponds to  $g^R(1, 1')g^R(2, 2')$

<sup>6</sup>Bonitz, Kremp, Phys. Lett. **212**, 83 (1996)

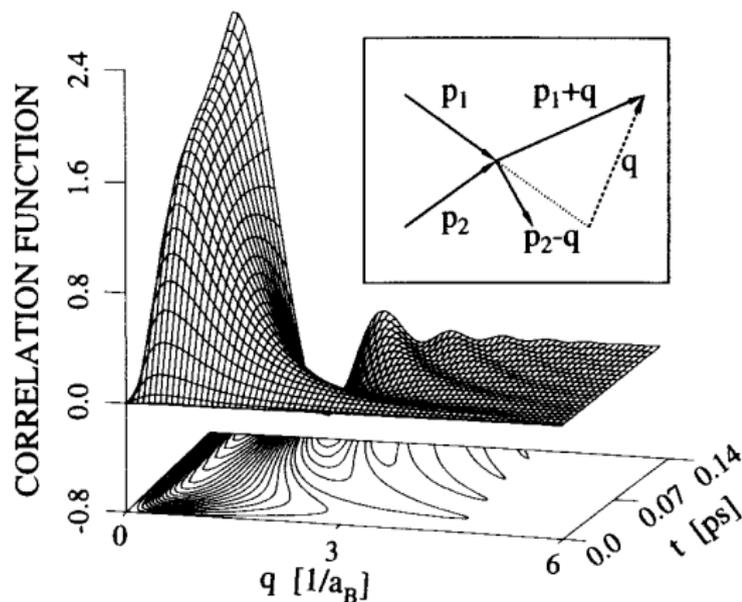
Evolution of pair correlation operator in Born approximation<sup>7</sup>

Figure:  $\text{Im}c_{12}$  for static e-e scattering in a homogeneous bulk semiconductor with  $c_{12}^0 = 0$ .  $f^0(p)$  is a Gaussian centered at  $k = 3a_B^{-1}$ ,  $n = 3.64 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Initial momenta of the particle pair are  $p_1 = p_2 = 3\hbar/a_B$  with  $\mathbf{p}_1$  and  $\mathbf{p}_2$  being parallel.

<sup>7</sup>from M. Bonitz, *Quantum Kinetic Theory*

## Initial correlations in the KB equations

- ▶ Martin Schwinger hierarchy defines initial value problem<sup>8</sup> for  $G(1, 1'), G(1, 2, 1', 2') \dots$ , need initial values at  $t_1 = \dots t'_2 = t_0$
- ▶ Early studies: Fujita, Hall, Craig, Tikhodeev, Danielewicz
- ▶ Special case of equilibrium initial correlations: solved by using deformed Keldysh contour (imaginary branch)
- ▶ Extension to general case:

$$I(1, 1') = \pm i \int_{\mathcal{C}} d2 V(1-2) G(12, 1'2^+) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} d2 \Sigma(1, 2) G(2, 1')$$

valid for arbitrary  $t_1, t'_1$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . In particular, for  $t_1, t'_1 \rightarrow t_0$ :

$$I(t_0, t_0) = \pm i \int dr_2 w(r_1 - r_2) G(12, 1'2^+) |_{t_0} = \lim_{t_1, t'_1 \rightarrow t_0} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d2 \Sigma(1, 2) G(2, 1')$$

only time-local selfenergies (such as Hartree-Fock) survive the limit

$\Rightarrow$  structure of  $G(1, 2, 1', 2')$  requires existence of additional selfenergy  $\Sigma^{IN}$

<sup>8</sup>this is masked by the formal closure via the selfenergy

Nonequilibrium initial correlations in the KB equations<sup>9</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(t_0, t_0) &= \pm i \int dr_2 w(r_1 - r_2) G(12, 1'2^+)|_{t_0} = \lim_{t_1, t'_1 \rightarrow t_0} \int_C d2 \Sigma(1, 2) G(2, 1') \\
 &= \pm i \int dr_2 w(r_1 - r_2) \left\{ G^{HF}(12, 1'2^+) + C(12, 1'2') \right\} |_{t_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

with 2-particle Hartree-Fock and correlation Green function ( $C$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 G^{HF}(12, 1'2') &= G(1, 1')G(2, 2') \pm G(1, 2')G(2, 1') \\
 C(12, 1'2')|_{t_0} &= c_{12}(t_0), \quad \text{1-time pair correlation operator}
 \end{aligned}$$

- requires structure of selfenergy  $\Sigma(1, 1') = \Sigma^{HF} + \Sigma^{cor} + \Sigma^{IN}$   
with  $\Sigma^{HF}, \Sigma^{IN} \sim \delta_C(t_1 - t'_1)$ ,  $\Sigma^{cor}$  does not contribute to  $I(t_0, t_0)$
- Initial correlation selfenergy yields additional collision term:

$$I^{IN}(t_0, t_0) = \pm i \int dr_2 w(r_1 - r_2) c_{12}(t_0) = \lim_{t_1, t'_1 \rightarrow t_0} \int_C d2 \Sigma^{IN}(1, 2) G(2, 1')$$

- Explicit results for  $\Sigma^{IN}$  in Born and T-matrix approximation available

<sup>9</sup>Semkat, Kremp, Bonitz, Phys. Rev. E **59**, 1557 (1999), J. Math. Phys. **41**, 7458 (2000).

# Example: 2nd Born approximation

- ▶ spatially homogeneous system, momentum representation
- ▶ for  $t = t' = t_0$  :  $g^{R/A} = 1$
- ▶ initial correlation  $c$  evolves in time with free two-particle propagators

$$I^{\text{IC}}(\mathbf{p}_1; t, t') = -2i\hbar^5 \mathcal{V} \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}_2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} V(\mathbf{q}) \\ \times g^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}; t, t_0) g^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}; t, t_0) c(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; t_0) g^{\text{A}}(\mathbf{p}_2; t_0, t) g^{\text{A}}(\mathbf{p}_1; t_0, t')$$

- ▶ same results as in 1-time approach (p. 15), except for full propagators
- ▶ examples for nonequilibrium initial correlations:
  - rapid quench (cooling)
  - rapid change of interaction potential<sup>10</sup>
  - rapid photoionization of atoms (switch of spin statistics)<sup>11</sup>
- ▶ unusual short-time relaxation possible: correlation induced cooling

<sup>10</sup>Gericke, Murillo, Semkat, Bonitz, Kremp, J. Phys. A: Math. Gen. **36**, 6087 (2003)

<sup>11</sup>Gericke, Murillo, Bonitz, Semkat, J. Phys. A: Math. Gen. **36**, 6095 (2003) 

# Effect of initial correlations on energy relaxation

Dense hydrogen plasma,  $T = 10,000\text{K}$ ,  $n = 10^{21}\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $k = 0.6/a_B$

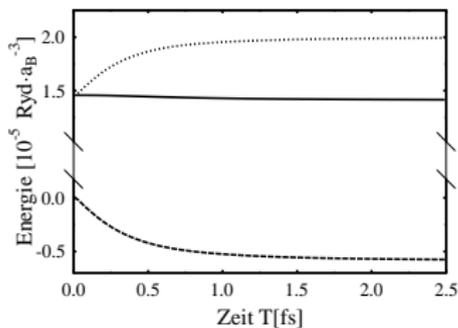
Solution of KB equations **conserves total energy**  $H(t) = T(t) + U(t) = H(0)$

Initial state uncorrelated

(zero correlation energy  $U$ )

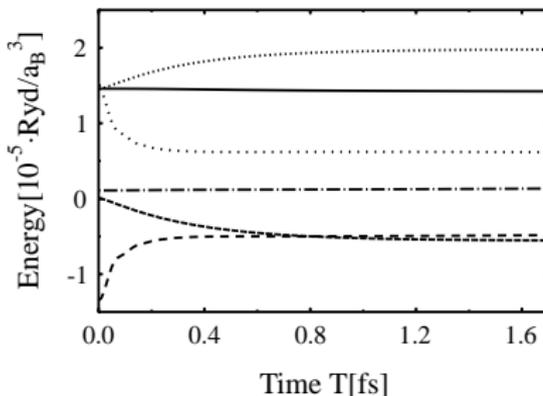
Correlations build up  $\rightarrow$  increase of  $|U|$

$\rightarrow$  Increase of kinetic energy  $T$ .



$T(t)$  and  $U(t)$  saturate at **correlation time**  $t \approx \tau_{cor} \sim \omega_{pl}^{-1}$

Uncorrelated vs. over-correlated initial state



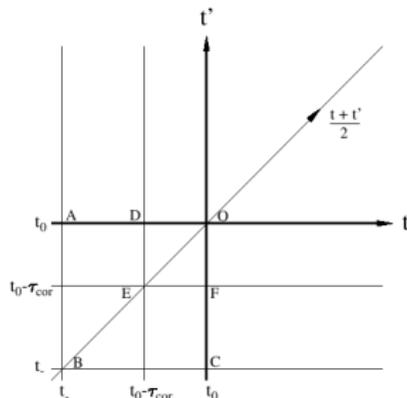
Preparing system in **over-correlated initial state leads to cooling.**

Semkat, Kremp, Bonitz, Phys. Rev. E **59**, 1557 (1999)

Bonitz/Semkat, *Introduction to Computational Methods for Many Body Systems*,    

Physically relevant initial correlations  $c_{12}^0$ 

Consistency: Only those  $c_{12}^0$  are relevant which can be produced by a dynamical evolution<sup>12</sup>, e.g. by two-time solution from an earlier uncorrelated state at  $t_-$ :

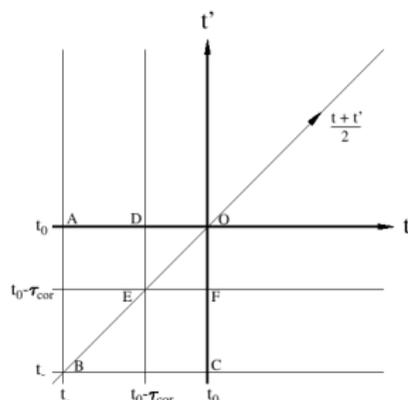


Example: Homogeneous system, collision terms in KBE at  $(t_0, t_0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -2i\hbar\mathcal{V} \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}_2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} V(\mathbf{q}) c(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; t_0) = \\
 & = \int_{t_-}^{t_0} d\bar{t} [\Sigma^>(\mathbf{p}_1; t_0, \bar{t}) g^<(\mathbf{p}_1; \bar{t}, t_0) - \Sigma^<(\mathbf{p}_1; t_0, \bar{t}) g^>(\mathbf{p}_1; \bar{t}, t_0)]
 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>12</sup>Semkat, Bonitz, Kremp, Contrib. Plasma Phys. **43**, 321 (2003)

## Semigroup property



If two-particle propagators possess semigroup property<sup>13</sup>

$$g_{12}^R(t, t_0) = g_{12}^R(t, t_1)g_{12}^R(t_1, t_0), \quad t_0 \leq t_1 \leq t, \quad (13)$$

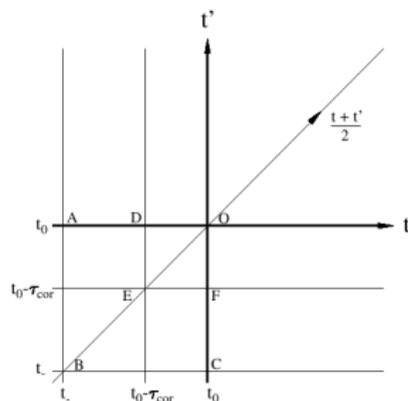
the time evolution can be continued in simple fashion, see below.

Yet this may be possible only in special cases. Otherwise there exists a more general semi-group property derived by Velicky et al., J. Phys. Conf. Ser. **35**, 1-16 (2006)<sup>14</sup>

<sup>13</sup>Semkat, Bonitz, Kremp, Contrib. Plasma Phys. **43**, 321 (2003)

<sup>14</sup>we thank Pawel Danielewicz for pointing this out to us

## Semigroup property: Efficient continuation of calculations



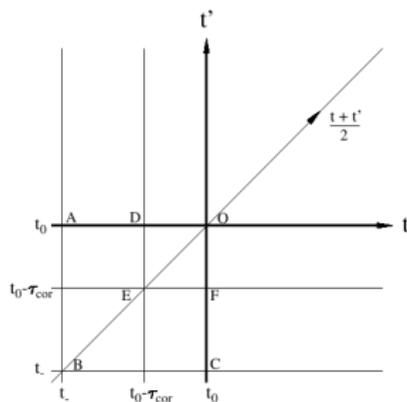
Advantage: (possibly substantial) reduction of 2-time simulation length,

Information from previous evolution  $(g, \Sigma)$  condensed in two lines  $\overline{OA}, \overline{OC}$ <sup>15</sup>

$$c(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; t_0) = \frac{i\hbar}{V} \int_{t_-}^{t_0} d\bar{t} V(\mathbf{q}) [g^>(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}, t_0, \bar{t}) g^>(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}, t_0, \bar{t}) g^<(\mathbf{p}_2; \bar{t}, t_0) g^<(\mathbf{p}_1; \bar{t}, t_0) - g^<(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}, t_0, \bar{t}) g^<(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}, t_0, \bar{t}) g^>(\mathbf{p}_2; \bar{t}, t_0) g^>(\mathbf{p}_1; \bar{t}, t_0)]. \quad (15)$$

<sup>15</sup>or even only  $\overline{DO}, \overline{OF}$ , if finite memory depth  $\tau_{cor}$

## Propagation of initial (previous) correlations



Precomputed correlation  $c$  propagates for  $t, t' \geq t_0$  via additional collision integral

$$I^{\text{IC}}(\mathbf{p}_1; t, t') = -2i\hbar^5 \mathcal{V} \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}_2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} V(\mathbf{q}) \\ \times g^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}; t, t_0) g^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}; t, t_0) c(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; t_0) g^{\text{A}}(\mathbf{p}_2; t_0, t) g^{\text{A}}(\mathbf{p}_1; t_0, t')$$

## Dynamics of pair correlations with NEGF

- Pair distribution  $h^{ab}$  of multi-component system:

$$h^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_2, t) = i^2 g^{ab, <}(1, 2, 1', 2')|_{t_1=t_2=t'_1=t'_2=t}$$

- Follows from two-particle Green function  $g^{ab}$  on Keldysh contour  
 $g^{ab}$  obeys Bethe-Salpeter equation<sup>16</sup>:

$$g^{ab}(12, 1'2') = g^a(1, 1')g^b(2, 2') \pm \delta_{ab}g^a(1, 2')g^b(2, 1') + i \int_C d\bar{1}d\bar{2}d\tilde{1}d\tilde{2} g^a(1, \bar{1})g^b(2, \bar{2})K^{ab}(\bar{1}\bar{2}, \tilde{1}\tilde{2})g^{ab}(\tilde{1}\tilde{2}, 1'2')$$

Formal closure of second equation of MS hierarchy with interaction kernel  $K^{ab}$

- Goal: compute  $h^{ab}$  from pre-computed single-particle Green function
- Problem: find  $K^{ab}$  for a given selfenergy  $\Sigma$
- below: use  $\Sigma$  in Hartree-Fock plus 2nd Born approximation

<sup>16</sup>e.g. Bornath, Kremp, Schlanges, Phys. Rev. E (1999)

Two-particle kernel  $K^{ab}$  in Born approximation

1. Screened ladder approximation:  $K^{ab}(\bar{1}\bar{2}, \tilde{1}\tilde{2}) \rightarrow V^{ab}(\bar{1}\bar{2})\delta(\bar{t}_1 - \tilde{t}_1)\delta(\bar{t}_2 - \tilde{t}_2)$
2. Neglect dynamical screening:  $V^{ab}(\bar{1}\bar{2}) \rightarrow V^{ab}(\bar{r}_{12})\delta(\bar{t}_1 - \bar{t}_2)$ ,  
where  $r_{12} = |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|$

$$g^{ab}(12, 1'2') = g^a(1, 1')g^b(2, 2') \pm \delta_{ab}g^a(1, 2')g^b(2, 1') \\ + i \int_C d\bar{t} g^a(1, \bar{1})g^b(2, \bar{2})V^{ab}(\bar{r}_{12})g^{ab}(\bar{1}\bar{2}, 1'2'), \quad \bar{t}_1 = \bar{t}_2 = \bar{t}$$

3. First iteration of integral equation (Born approximation):

$$g^{ab}(12, 1'2') = g^a(1, 1')g^b(2, 2') \pm \delta_{ab}g^a(1, 2')g^b(2, 1') \\ + i \int_C d\bar{t} g^a(1, \bar{1})g^b(2, \bar{2})V^{ab}(\bar{r}_{12}) \\ \times \left\{ g^a(\bar{1}, 1')g^b(\bar{2}, 2') \pm \delta_{ab}g^a(\bar{1}, 2')g^b(\bar{2}, 1') \right\}, \\ \text{with } \bar{t}_1 = \bar{t}_2 = \bar{t}.$$

4. need  $g^{ab<}$  with four equal time arguments to compute pair distribution function. Note:  $g^{ab}$  has Keldysh matrix with  $3^4$  components!

## Dynamics of pair correlations in Born approximation

Single time two-particle Green function on Keldysh contour simpler:

$$g^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1\mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1\mathbf{r}'_2; t) = g^{ab, HF}(\mathbf{r}_1\mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1\mathbf{r}'_2; t) + i \int_C d\bar{t} G_0^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1\mathbf{r}_2; \bar{\mathbf{r}}_1\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2, t\bar{t}) \Sigma_0^{ab}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_1\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1\mathbf{r}'_2; \bar{t}t)$$

with definition of ideal two-particle functions

$$G_0^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1\mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1\mathbf{r}'_2; tt') = g^a(\mathbf{r}_1t; \mathbf{r}'_1t') g^b(\mathbf{r}_2t; \mathbf{r}'_2t')$$

$$\Sigma_0^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1\mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1\mathbf{r}'_2; tt') = V^{ab}(r_{12}) \{ G_0^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1\mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1\mathbf{r}'_2; tt') \pm \delta_{ab} G_0^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1\mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1\mathbf{r}'_2; tt') \}$$

Integral has same structure as collision integral in KBE

in case of equilibrium pair correlations: two contributions (beyond HF):

$$g_{cor}^{ab<} \sim G_0^{ab,<} \circ \Sigma_0^{ab,A} + G_0^{ab,R} \circ \Sigma_0^{ab,<} \\ g_{IC}^{ab<} \sim G_0^{ab,] \star \Sigma_0^{ab, \uparrow}$$

## Result for pair correlations in Born approximation

$$\frac{1}{i^2} h^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2; t) = \left\{ g^{abHF} + g_{cor}^{ab<} + g_{IC}^{ab<} \right\} (\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2; t)$$

$$i^2 g^{abHF}(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2; t) = \rho^a(\mathbf{r}_1, t) \rho^b(\mathbf{r}_2, t) \pm \delta_{ab} \rho^a(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2, t) \rho^b(\mathbf{r}_2 \mathbf{r}_1, t)$$

$$g_{cor}^{ab<}(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2; t) = i \int_0^t d\bar{t} \int d^3 \bar{r}_1 d^3 \bar{r}_2 V^{ab}(\bar{r}_{12}) \left\{ g^{a,>}(\mathbf{r}_1 t; \bar{\mathbf{r}}_1 \bar{t}) g^{b,>}(\mathbf{r}_2 t; \bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 \bar{t}) \times \right. \\ \left. [g^{a,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_1 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_1, t) g^{b,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_2, t) \pm \delta_{ab} g^{a,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_1 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_2, t) g^{b,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_1, t)] - (>\leftrightarrow<) \right\}$$

analogous result for  $g_{IC}^{ab<}$  <sup>17</sup>, agrees with one-time theory (p. 15)

- Extract information on distance dependence:

Diagonal matrix elements:  $\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{r}'_1$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{r}'_2$

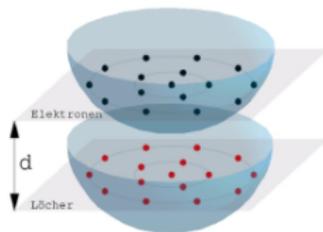
center of mass and relative coordinates:  $\mathbf{R} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2}{2}$ ,  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2$

Result: local pair distribution  $h^{ab}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}; t)$

<sup>17</sup>M. Bonitz, K. Balzer and L. Rosenthal, to be published

Equilibrium pair correlations in e-h bilayers<sup>18</sup>

- ▶ Spatially separated electrons and holes, ( $N_e = N_h$ ), masses  $m_{e(h)}^*$
- ▶ zero thickness layers with distance  $d^*$ , harmonic in plane confinement
- ▶ coupling strength given by parameter  $\lambda$



- Dimensionless Hamiltonian:  $\left( \mathbf{r} \rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r_0}, r_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m_e^* \Omega}}, \lambda = \frac{r_0}{a_B} \sim \sqrt{\frac{m_e^*}{\Omega}} \right)$

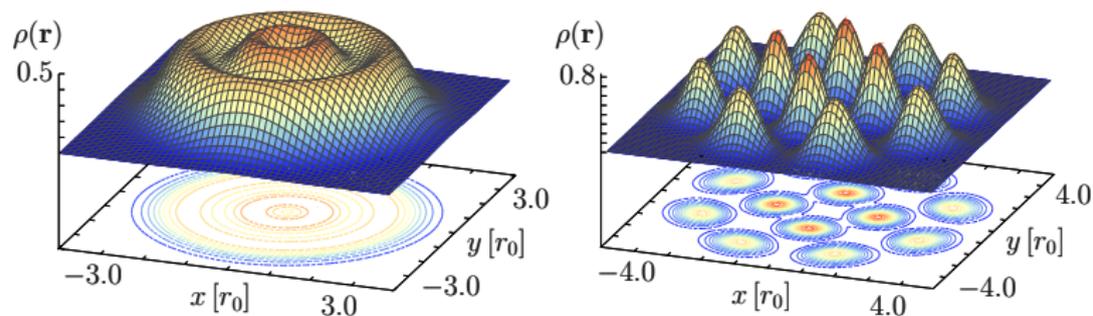
$$\hat{H}_e = \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \frac{1}{2} \left( -\Delta_{i,e} + \mathbf{r}_{i,e}^2 \right) + \lambda \sum_{i < j=2}^{N_e} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{r}_{i,e} - \mathbf{r}_{j,e})^2}}$$

$$\hat{H}_h = \sum_{i=1}^{N_h} \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{m_e^*}{m_h^*} \Delta_{i,h} + \frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*} \mathbf{r}_{i,h}^2 \right) + \lambda \sum_{i < j=2}^{N_h} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{r}_{i,h} - \mathbf{r}_{j,h})^2}}$$

$$\hat{H}_{e-h} = -\lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \sum_{j=1}^{N_h} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{r}_{i,e} - \mathbf{r}_{j,h})^2 + d^{*2}}}$$

<sup>18</sup>Lasse Rosenthal, Diploma thesis, Kiel University 2009

# One-particle densities for weak and strong coupling



**Figure:** One-particle density for  $N_{e(h)} = 12$  electrons and holes for  $\lambda = 2.0$  (left figure) and  $\lambda = 15.0$  (right figure)

# Equilibrium radial distribution functions

Calculation of the equilibrium pair correlation function in Hartree-Fock approximation:

- ▶ local pair distribution function:

$$h_{HF}^{ab}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}) = g_{HF}^a(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_1) g_{HF}^b(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_2) - \delta_{ab} g_{HF}^a(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) g_{HF}^b(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1) \Big|_{\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{R} + \frac{\mathbf{r}}{2}, \mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{r}}{2}}$$

- ▶ global pair distribution function:

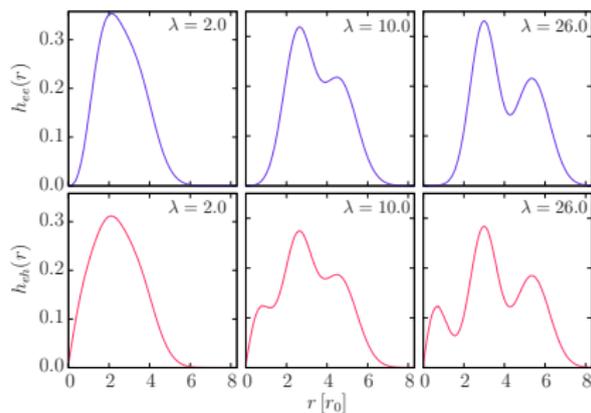
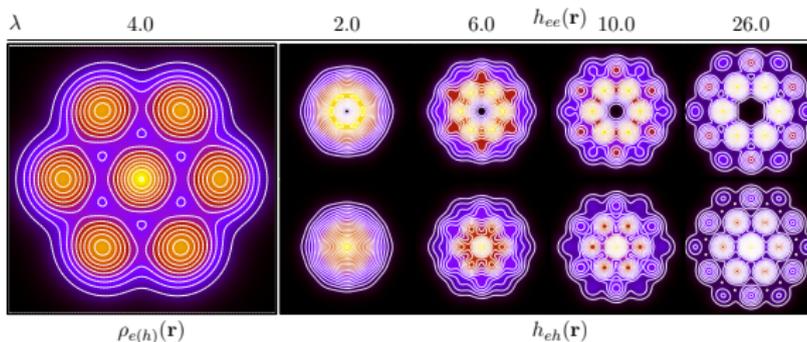
$$h_{HF}^{ab}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{R} h_{HF}^{ab}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r})$$

- ▶ radial pair distribution function:

$$h_{HF}^{ab}(\mathbf{r}) \xrightarrow[\text{transformation}]{\text{coordinate}} h_{HF}^{ab}(r, \varphi)$$

$$h_{HF}^{ab}(r) = \int d\varphi r h_{HF}^{ab}(r, \varphi)$$

## Results for radial pair distributions in e-h bilayers



- global pair distribution function for  $N_{e(h)} = 7$  (upper figure)

- radial pair distribution function for  $N_{e(h)} = 7$  (left figure)

→ different regimes of localisation

## Nonequilibrium pair correlations: computational aspects

$$\frac{1}{i^2} h^{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2; t) = \left\{ g^{abHF} + g_{cor}^{ab<} + g_{IC}^{ab<} \right\}(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2; t)$$

$$g_{cor}^{ab<}(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2; t) = i \int_0^t d\bar{t} \int d^3 \bar{r}_1 d^3 \bar{r}_2 V^{ab}(\bar{r}_{12}) \left\{ g^{a,>}(\mathbf{r}_1 t; \bar{\mathbf{r}}_1 \bar{t}) g^{b,>}(\mathbf{r}_2 t; \bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 \bar{t}) \times \right. \\ \left. [g^{a,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_1 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_1, t) g^{b,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_2; t) \pm \delta_{ab} g^{a,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_1 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_2, t) g^{b,<}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 \bar{t}, \mathbf{r}'_1; t)] - (>\leftrightarrow<) \right\}$$

- Structure very similar to collision integral (obviously):

$$\pm i \int_C d2 V(1-2) G(12, 1'2^+) = \int_C d2 \Sigma(1, 2) G(2, 1')$$

⇒ advantageous to compute on the fly, with the collision integral

- besides spatial correlations also correlations of various orbitals of interest: such as  $h_{kk, ll}^{ab}$

# Conclusion & Outlook

1. Pair correlations are key quantities for many-particle effects
2. Simple access in single-time theory (density operators): initial correlation term (decays) plus correlation build up
3. NEGF: nonequilibrium initial correlations give rise to additional selfenergy and collision integral
4. If pair propagators possess semi-group property: efficient restart of calculations possible, using nonequilibrium initial correlations
5. Explicit result for time-dependent pair correlations in Born approximation derived. Can be straightforwardly computed on the fly
6. Equilibrium pair correlations: first numerical results presented for strongly correlated electron-hole bilayer