



Thermodynamic and transport properties of metals based on density functional theory for laser-matter interaction problems

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GOAL:

Using DFT calculations as reference data
construct semiempirical models of
thermodynamic and transport properties

For EOS:

- exclude fitting parameters from the contribution of electrons

For thermal conductivity and dielectric function:

- fit coefficients in the semiempirical expressions for the models to be consistent with DFT results



Traditional Form of a Semiempirical Equation of State

Adiabatic approximation ($m_e \ll m_i$)

$$F(V, T) = F_e \left(V, T, \left\{ \vec{R}_t^0 \right\} \right) + F_n \left(V, T, \left\{ \vec{R}_t^0 \right\} \right)$$

Free energy of electrons in the field of fixed ions

Free energy of ions interacting with potential depending on V and T

Traditional form of semiempirical EOS. Free energy

$$F(V, T) = F_c(V) + F_a(V, T) + F_e(V, T)$$

Cold curve

Thermal contribution of atoms and ions

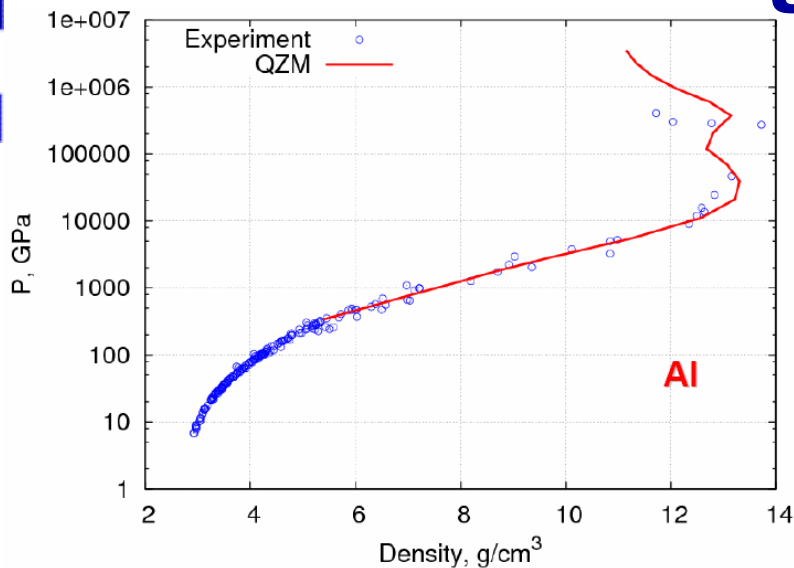
Thermal contribution of electrons

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Semiempirical expressions

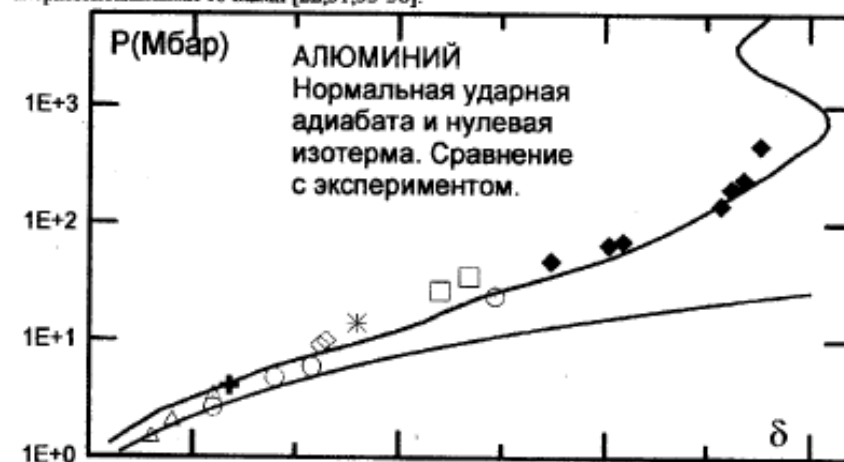
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Mean atom model



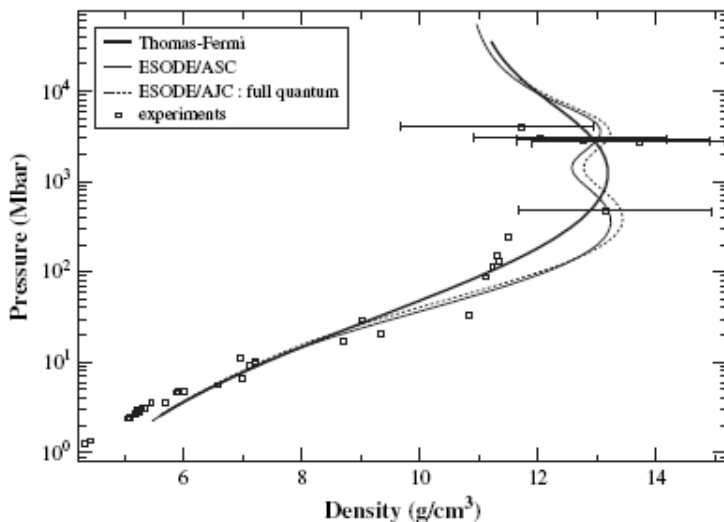
Shock Hugoniot of Al



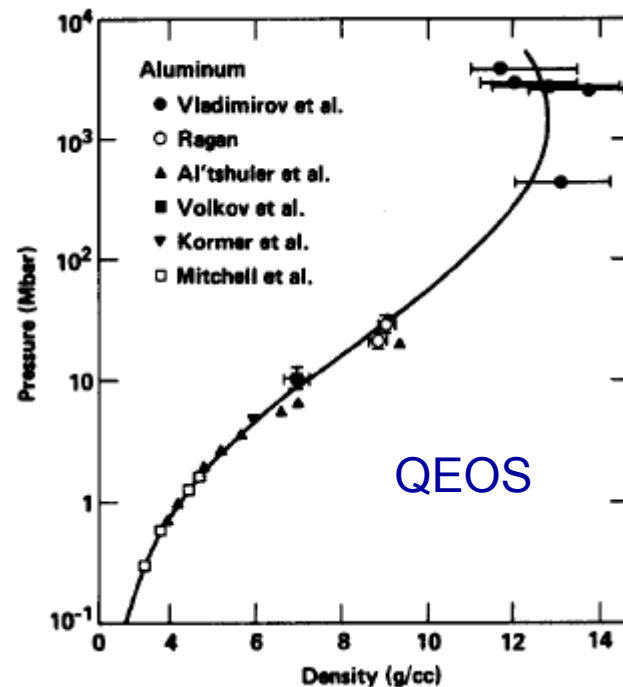
Grushin A.S., Novikov V.G.



Kirzhnits D.A., Shpatakovskaya G.V.
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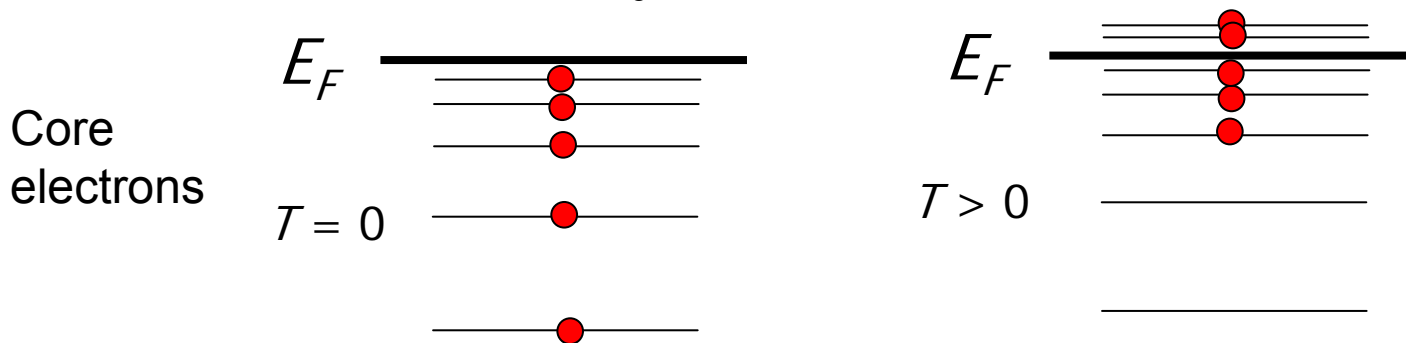
Density functional theory: full-potential and pseudopotential approaches

Full-potential approach: all electrons are taken into account (FP-LMTO)

(S. Yu. Savrasov, PRB **54** 16470 (1996),
G. V. Sin'ko, N. A. Smirnov, PRB **74** 134113 (2006)

Pseudopotential approach: the core is replaced by a pseudopotential, the Kohn-Sham equations are solved only for valent electrons (VASP)

G. Kresse and J. Hafner, Phys. Rev. B **47**, 558 (1993); **49**, 14251 (1994).
G. Kresse and J. Furthmuller, Phys. Rev. B **54**, 11169 (1996).

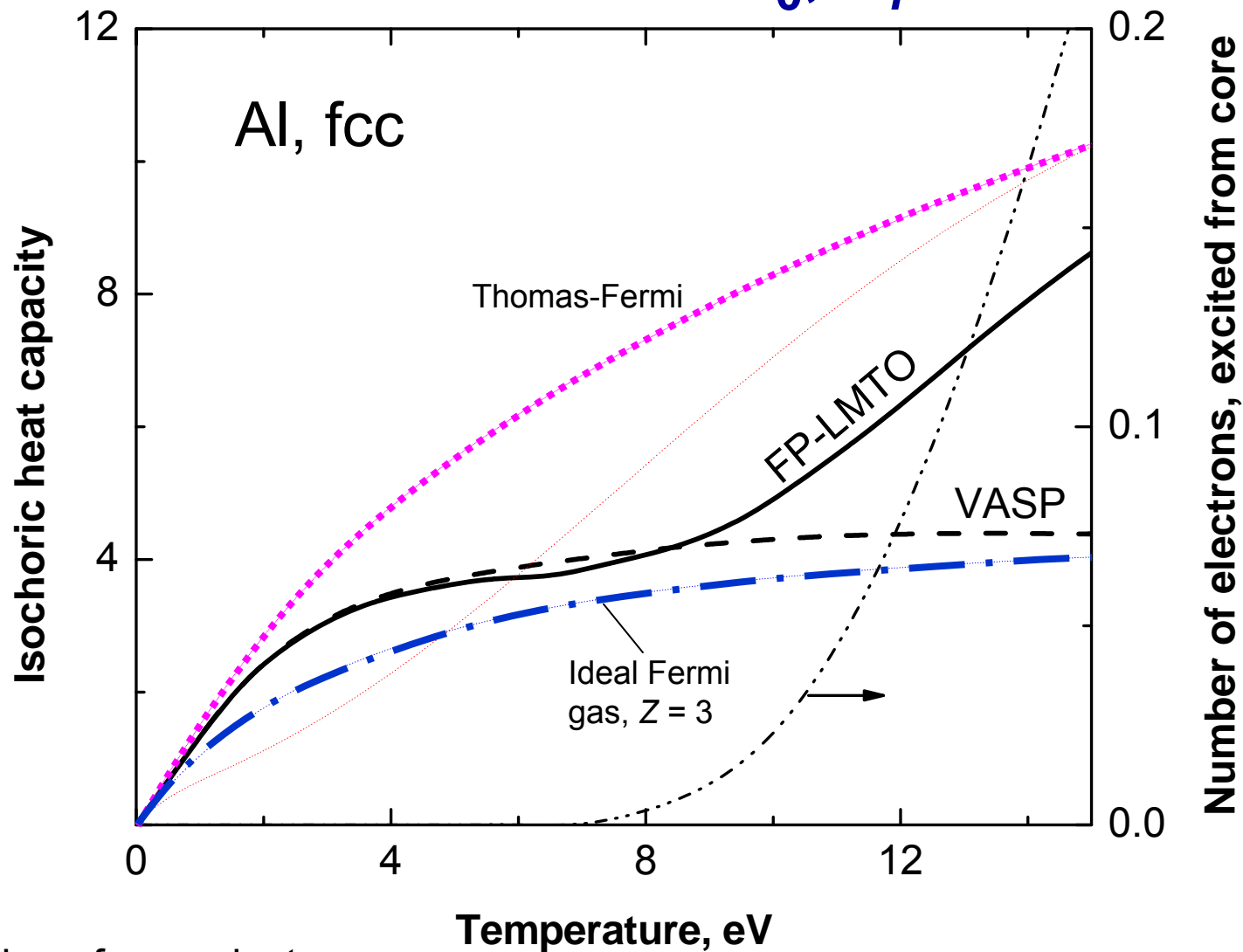


Calculations were made for the fcc unit cell for Al at cold ions. In VASP calculations the number of valent electrons were taken $Z = 3$ for Al

For dielectric function: 108 particles of Al in a cubic supercell, DFT-MD, 15 configurations



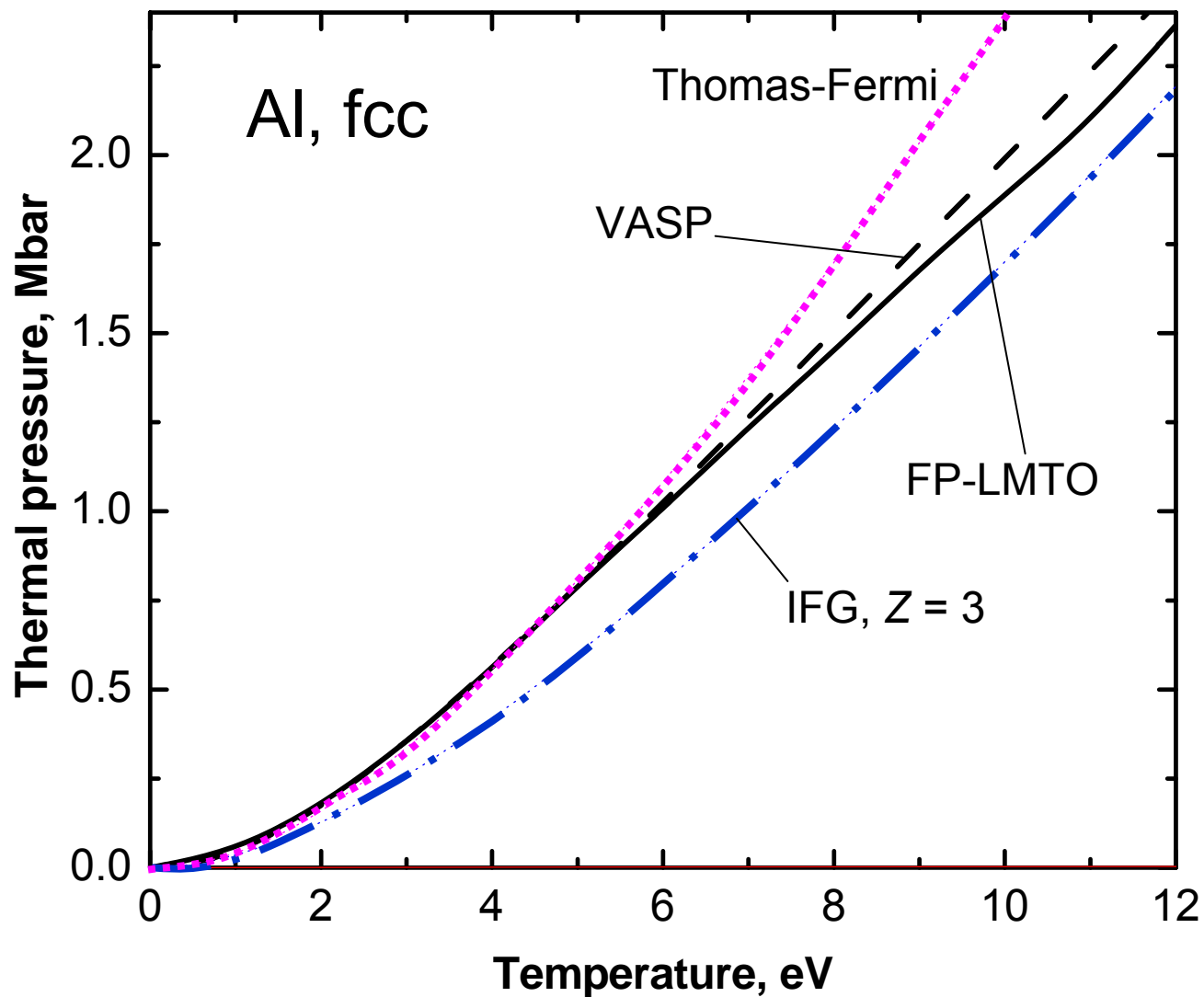
Electron heat capacity of Al, isochore $V = V_0$, $T_i = 0$



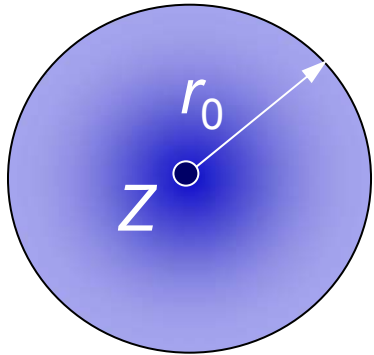
Excitation of core electrons
increases heat capacity



Aluminum, $T_i = 0$, $V = V_0$. Thermal Pressure



Thermal contribution of electrons in average atom models (Thomas-Fermi)



- Calculation of first and second derivatives of free energy

Using grand canonical ensemble derivatives at high T

Asymptotic expressions at low T

- Calculation of thermal contribution

$$F_T(V, T) = F(V, T) - F(V, 0) \quad \text{at high temperatures}$$

Asymptotic expressions at low temperatures



Cold Curve and Thermal Contribution of Atoms and Ions

$$F(V, T) = F_c(V) + F_a(V, T) + F_e(V, T)$$

Cold curve

$$F_c(V) = a_0 V_{0c} \ln \sigma_c - 3V_{0c} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{a_i}{i} (\sigma_c^{-i/3} - 1) + 3V_{0c} \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{b_i}{i} (\sigma_c^{i/3} - 1), \quad \sigma_c \geq 1$$

$$F_c(V) = V_{0c} \left[A \sigma_c^m / m + B \sigma_c^n / n + C \sigma_c^l / l \right] + E_{sub}, \quad \sigma_c < 1$$

$$\sigma_c = V_{0c} / V$$

Thermal contribution of atoms and ions (quasiharmonic model)

$$F_a(V, T) = 3RT \ln \left(1 - \exp \left(-\theta(V) / T - \sqrt{T_a \sigma^{2/3} / T} \right) \right)$$

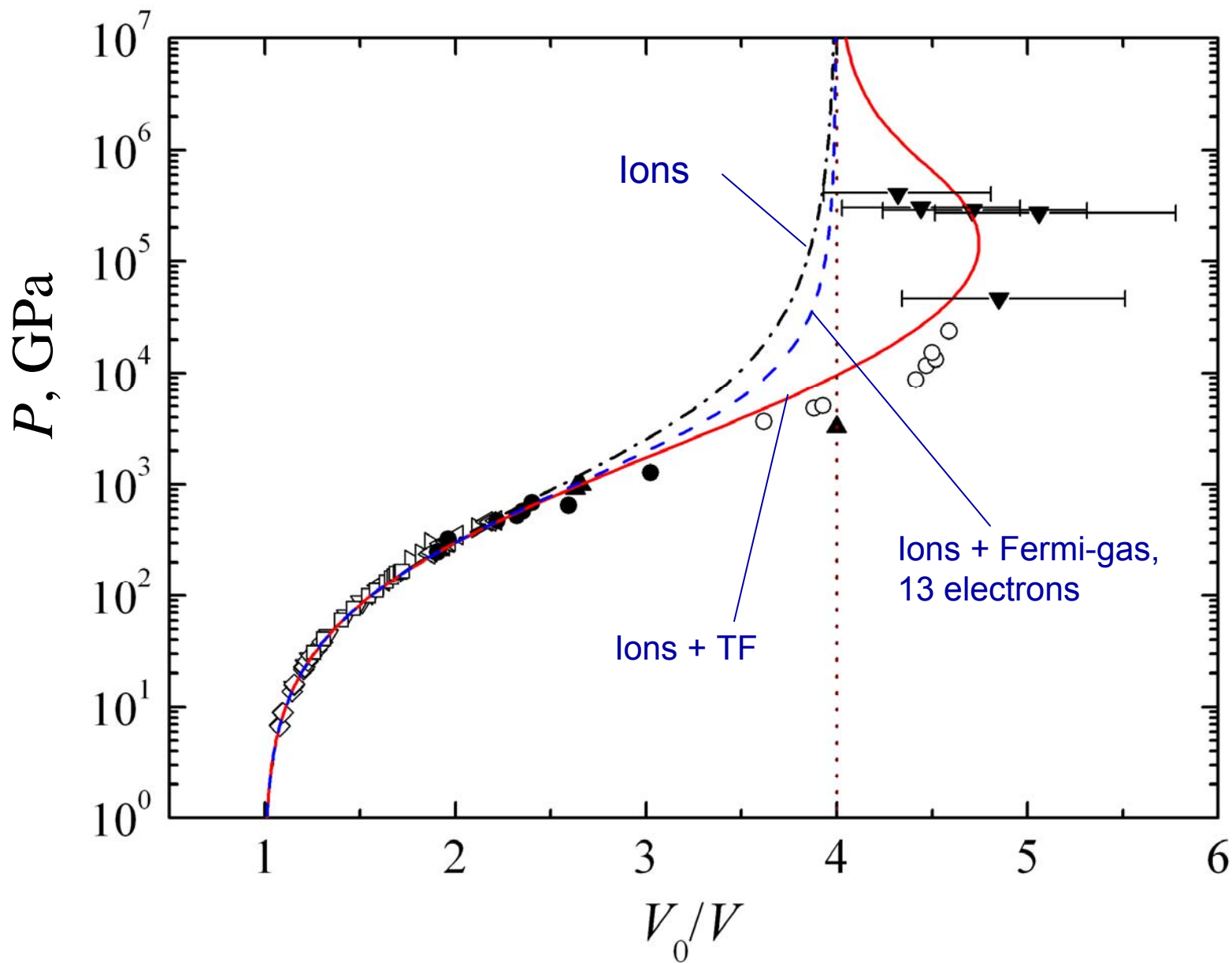
$$\theta(V) = \theta_0 \sigma^{2/3} \exp \left[\left(\gamma_0 - 2/3 \right) \frac{B^2 + D^2}{B} \operatorname{arctg} \frac{B \ln \sigma}{B^2 + D(\ln \sigma + D)} \right]$$

(Bushman, Fortov, Lomonosov, Khishchenko)

Unknown parameters $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, A, B, C, m, n, l, T_a, D, B, \theta_0, V_{0c}$ are determined from the comparison with experimental and theoretical data



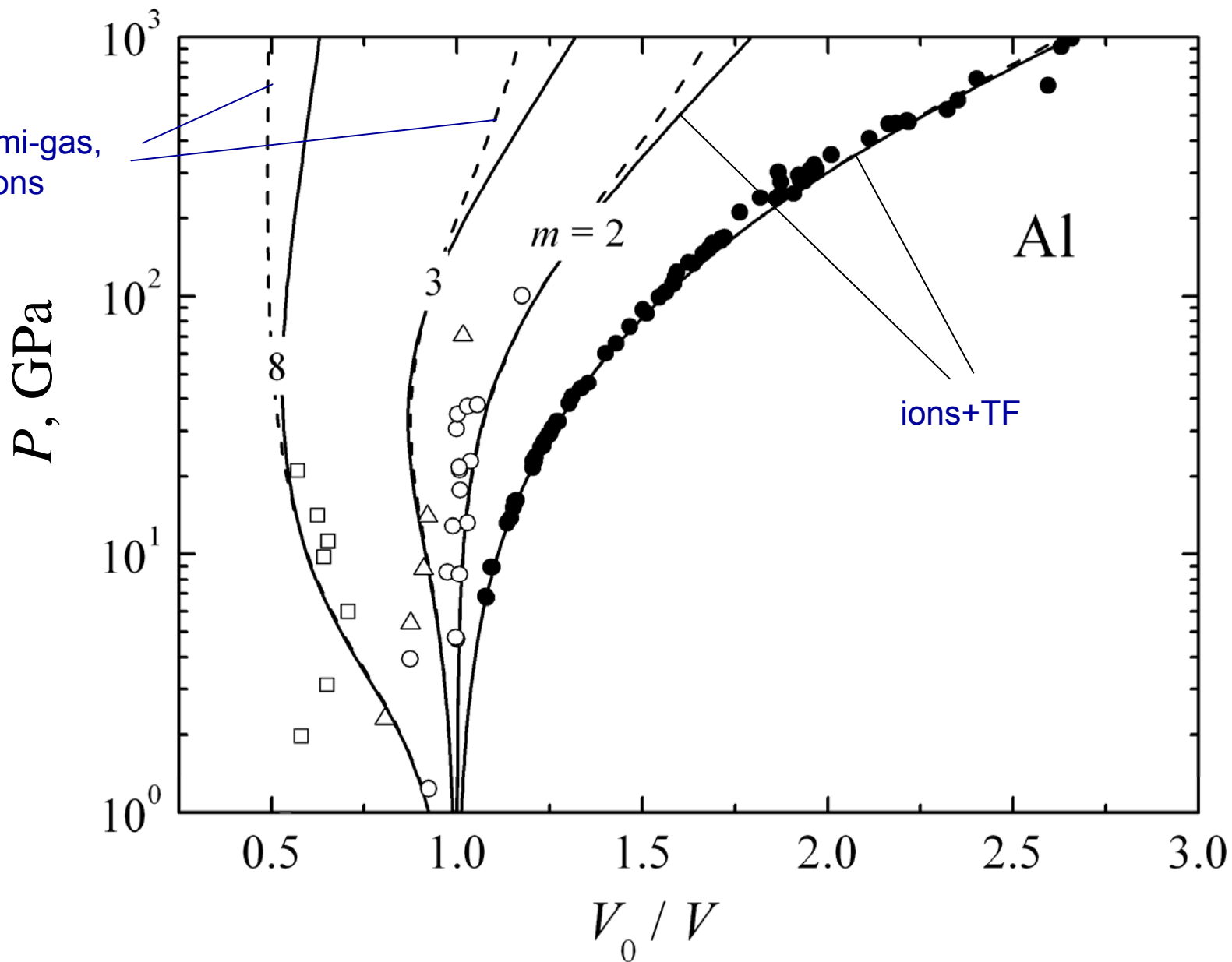
Shock Hugoniot of Al





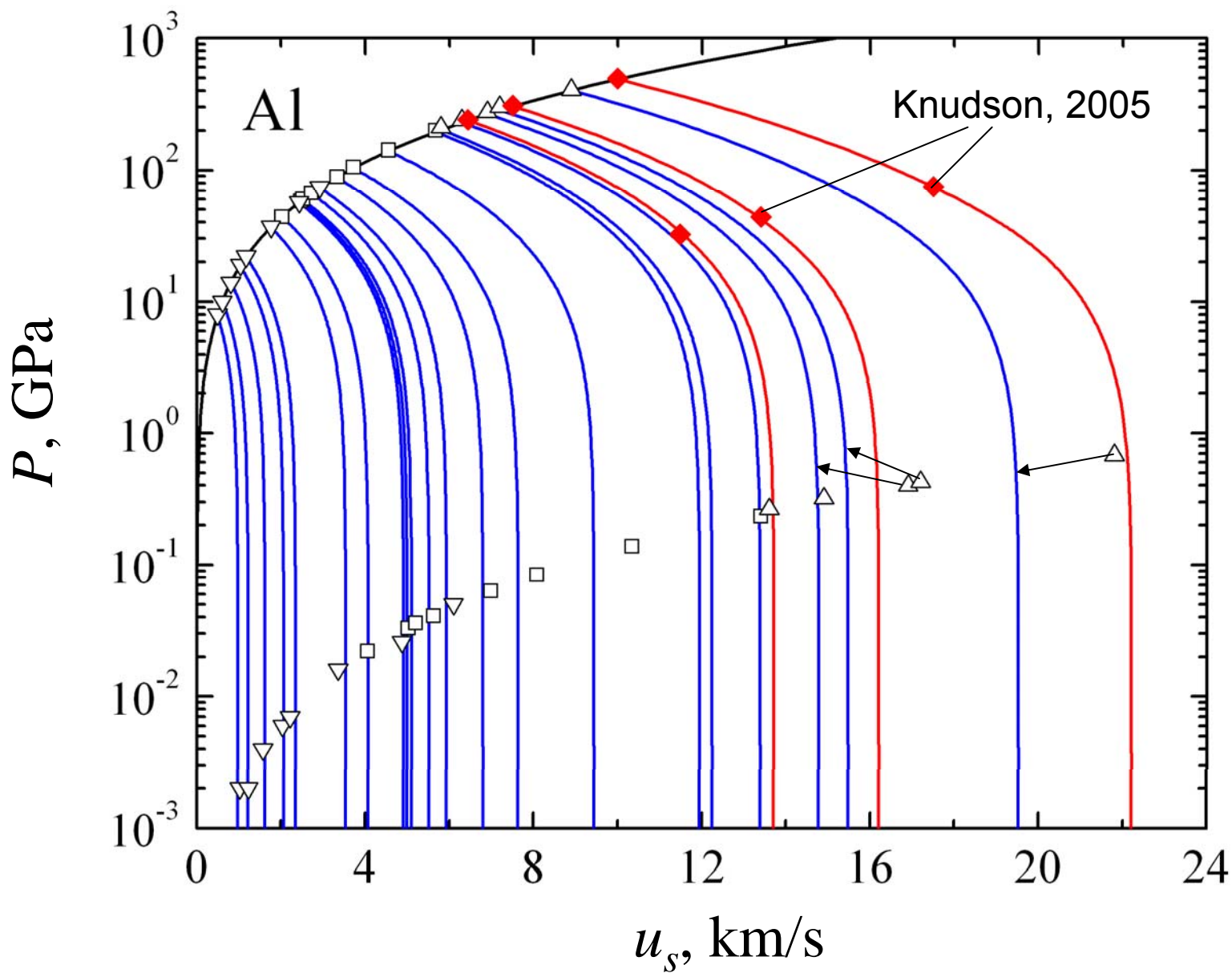
Porous Shock Hugoniot of Al

ions+Fermi-gas,
13 electrons





Release Isentropes of Al





Complex dielectric function

$$\varepsilon_{\text{met}}(\omega_L, \rho, T_i, T_e) = \varepsilon_{bb} + 1 - \frac{n_e}{n_{\text{cr}}(1 + i\nu_{\text{eff}}/\omega_L)}$$

Interband
transitions

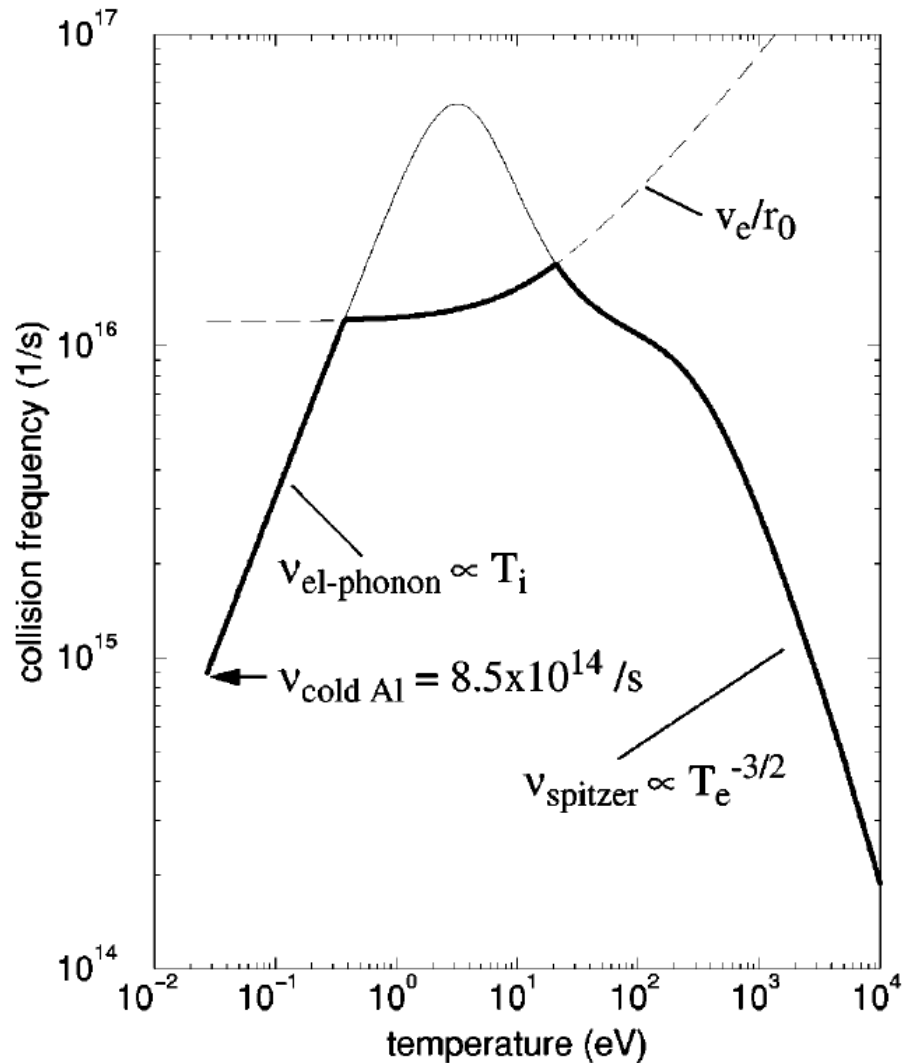
$$\varepsilon_{\text{pl}}(\omega_L, \rho, T_e) = 1 - \frac{n_e}{n_{\text{cr}}} [K_1(\xi) - i(\nu_{\text{eff}}/\omega_L)K_2(\xi)]$$

Approximation:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}(\varepsilon_{\text{met}} + \varepsilon_{\text{pl}}) + \frac{1}{2}(\varepsilon_{\text{pl}} - \varepsilon_{\text{met}}) \tanh \left(2 \frac{2T_e - T_2 - T_1}{T_2 - T_1} \right)$$



Electron-ion collision frequency



Eidmann et al. PRE 62 (2000)

Pump-probe for v_{cold}

[30] Elsayed et al. PRL 58, 1212 (1987)

[31] Groeneveld et al. PRL 64, 784 (1990)

[32] Schoenlein et al. PRL 58, 1680 (1987)



Complex electrical conductivity from first-principle calculations

Real part: from Kubo-Greenwood formula:

$$\sigma_1(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{2\pi}{3\omega\Omega} \sum_{j=1}^{n_b} \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 [F(\epsilon_{i,\mathbf{k}}) - F(\epsilon_{j,\mathbf{k}})] \times \langle \Psi_{j,\mathbf{k}} | \nabla_{\alpha} | \Psi_{i,\mathbf{k}} \rangle^2 \delta(\epsilon_{j,\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon_{i,\mathbf{k}} - \omega).$$

Fermi-Dirac functions

broadening

Imaginary part: from Kramers-Kronig relation:

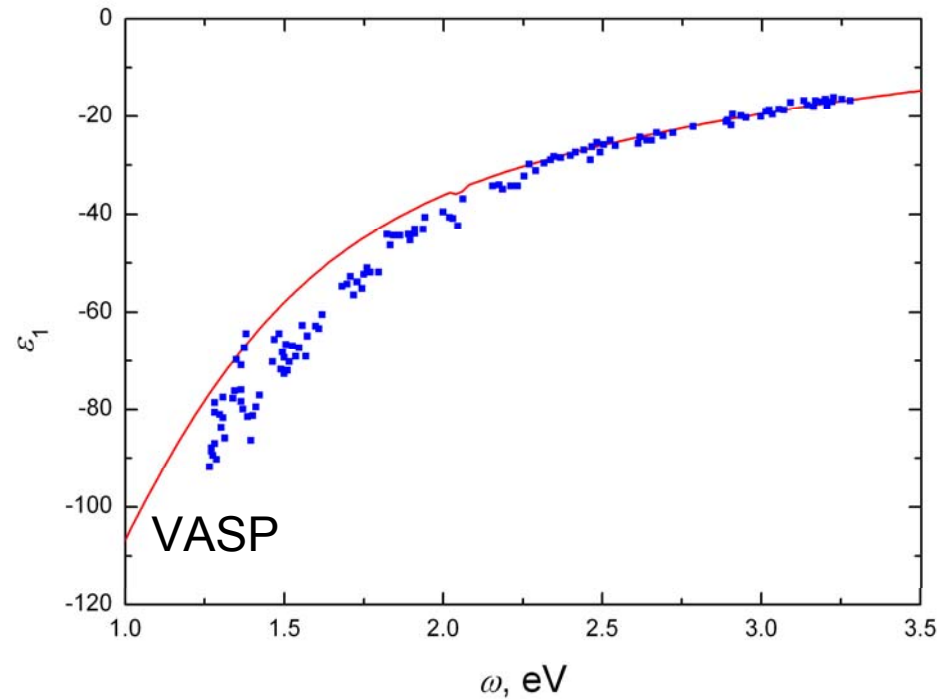
$$\sigma_2(\omega) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \text{P} \int \frac{\sigma_1(\nu)\omega}{(\nu^2 - \omega^2)} d\nu.$$

- DFT-MD calculations with 108 Al particles
- Thermal equilibrium ~100 MD steps
- 2000 time steps (15 configuration for averaging)

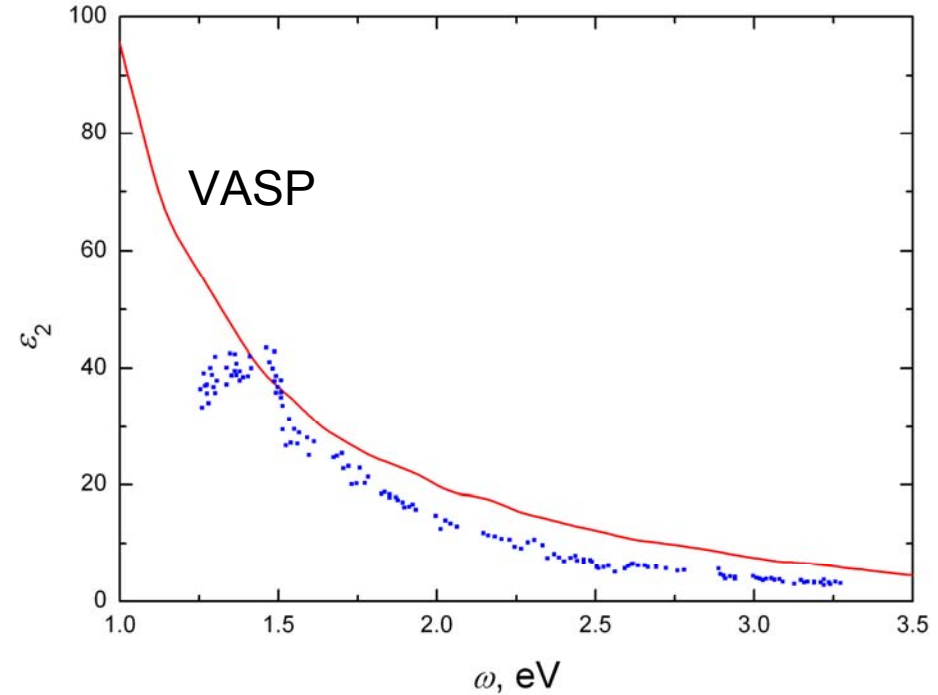


Complex dielectric function of liquid Al, $T = 1550$ K, $\rho = 2.231$ g/cm³

Re ϵ



Im ϵ

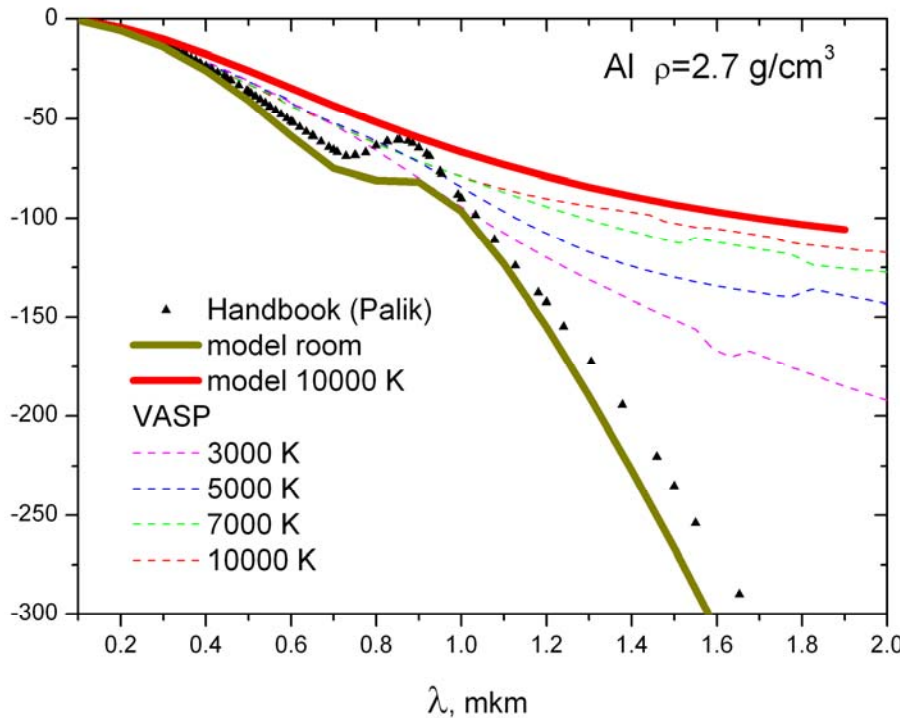


Experiment: Krishnan S. and Nordine P.C. PRB 47, 11780 (1993)

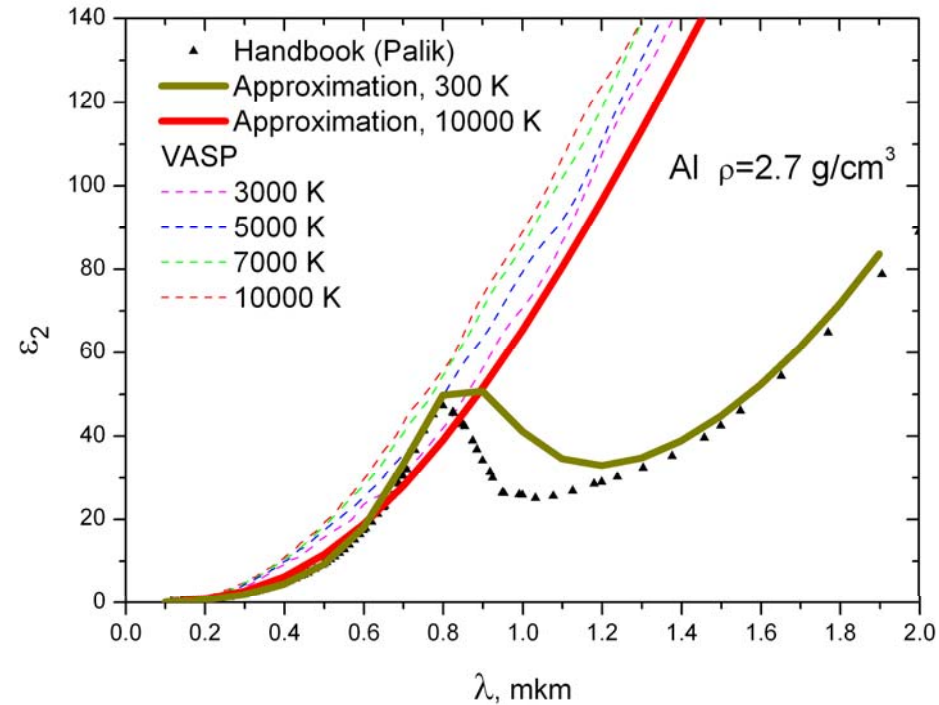


Complex dielectric function of Al at normal density

Re ϵ



Im ϵ



Electron-phonon contribution to dielectric function should be reduced after melting



Application to Laser-Matter Interaction: Influence of EOS

Al, $I = 10^{12}$ W/cm², $\tau = 10$ ps, $\lambda = 800$ nm

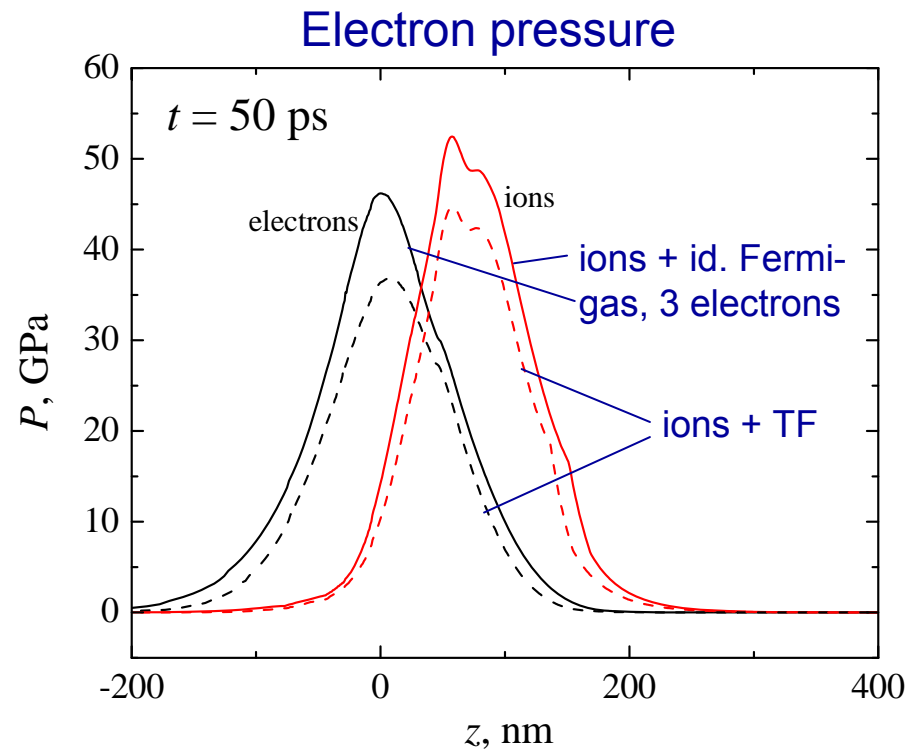
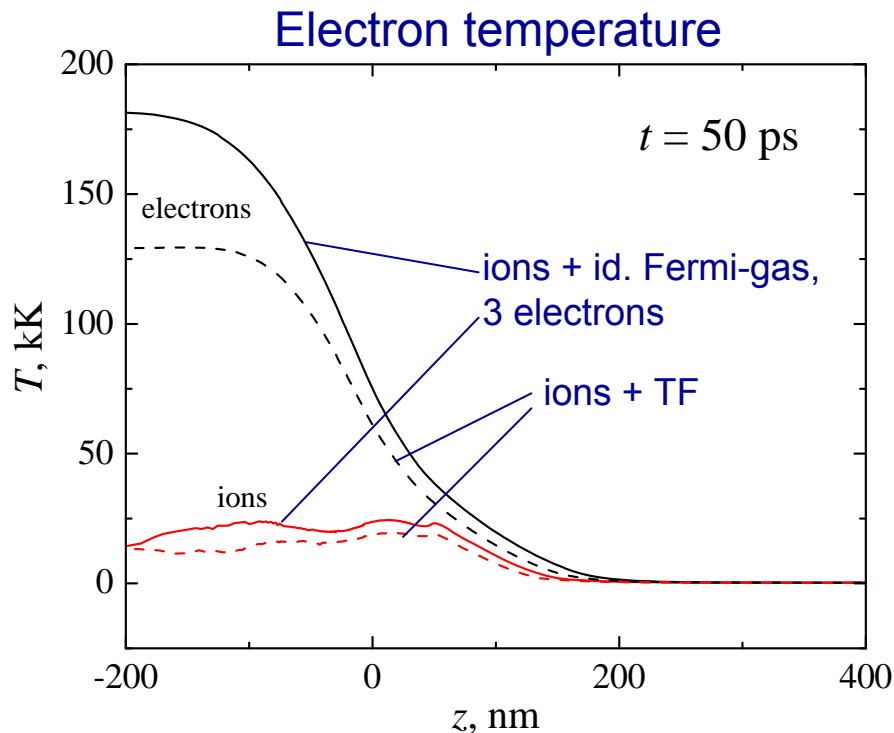
1D 2T one-velocity hydrodynamic model

Povarnitsyn et al., PRB 75, 235414 (2007)

Povarnitsyn et al., PRL 103, 195002 (2009)

EOS1: ions + ideal Fermi-gas (3 electrons)

EOS2: ions + Thomas-Fermi





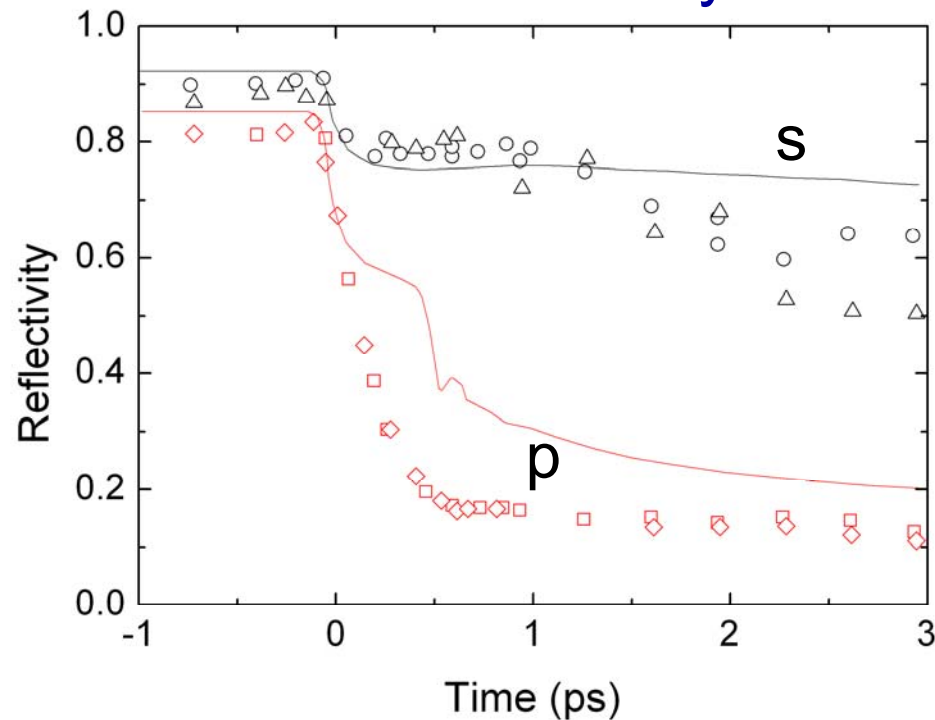
Application to Laser-Matter Interaction

Pump pulse: Al, $I = 10^{14}$ W/cm², $\tau = 120$ fs, $\lambda = 400$ nm

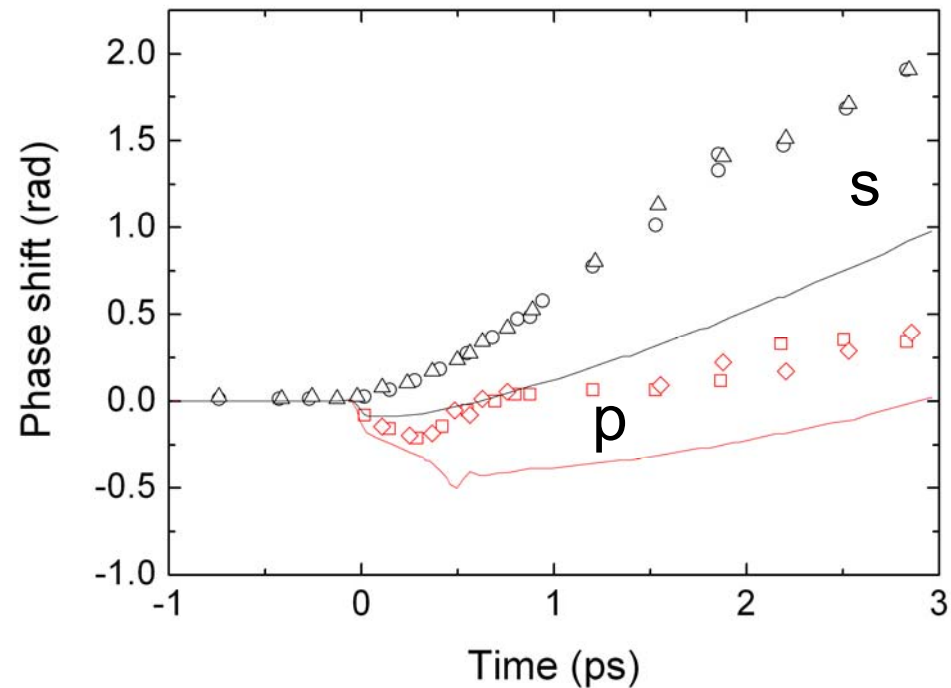
Probe pulse: $\tau = 110$ fs, $\lambda = 800$ nm, $\theta = 45^\circ$

Experiment: Widmann et al. Phys. Plasmas **8**, 3869 (2001)

Reflectivity



Phase shift



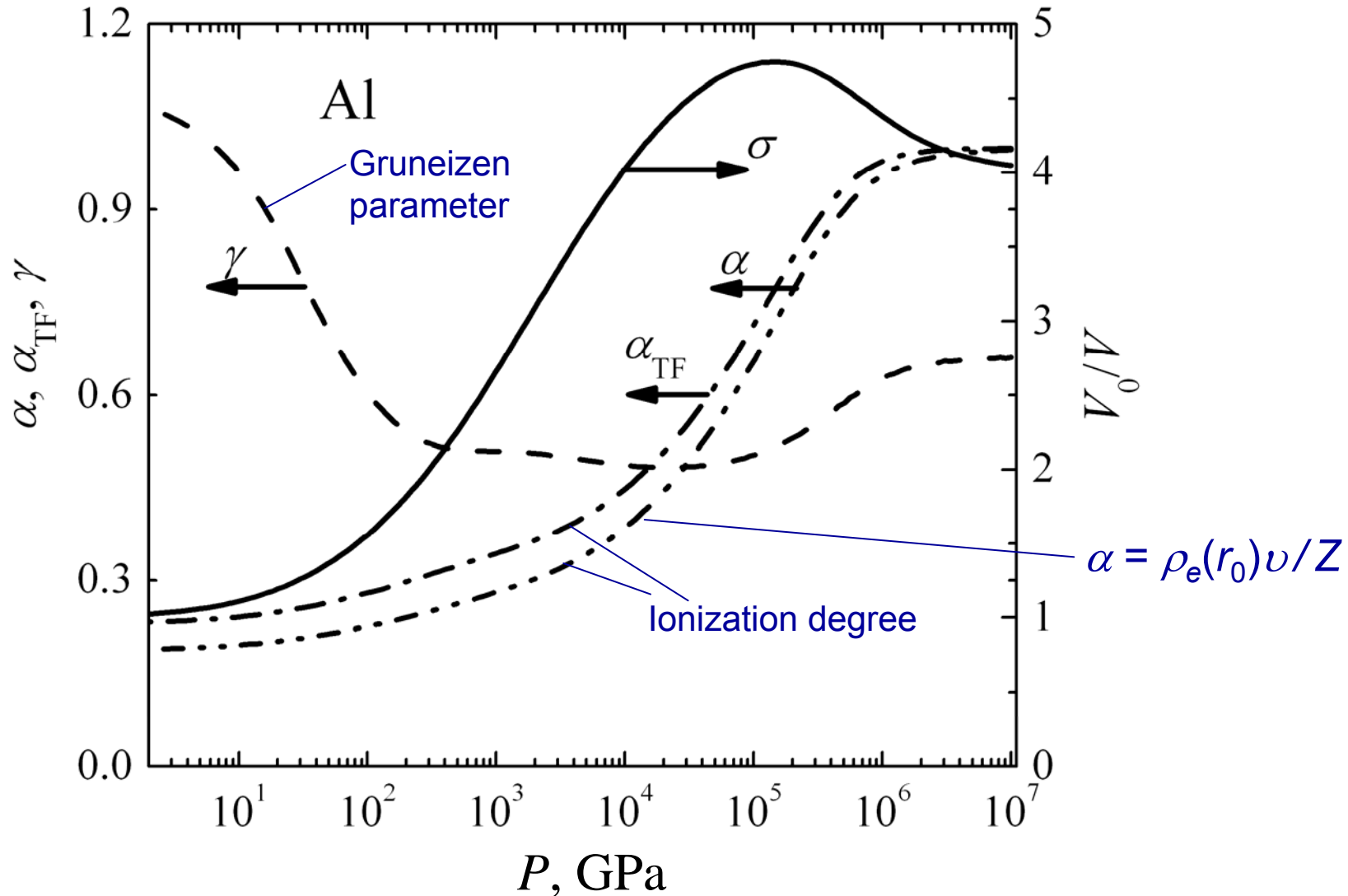


Conclusions

- DFT is a useful tool for calculations of thermodynamic and transport properties of metals
- Thermal contribution of electrons to semiempirical EOSs can be replaced by expressions from average atom models (without fitting parameters)
- DFT gives reliable results for dielectric function in liquid and dense plasma at low temperatures; higher temperatures require huge computational efforts
- Other values (thermal conductivity, electron-ion exchange) should be investigated with DFT

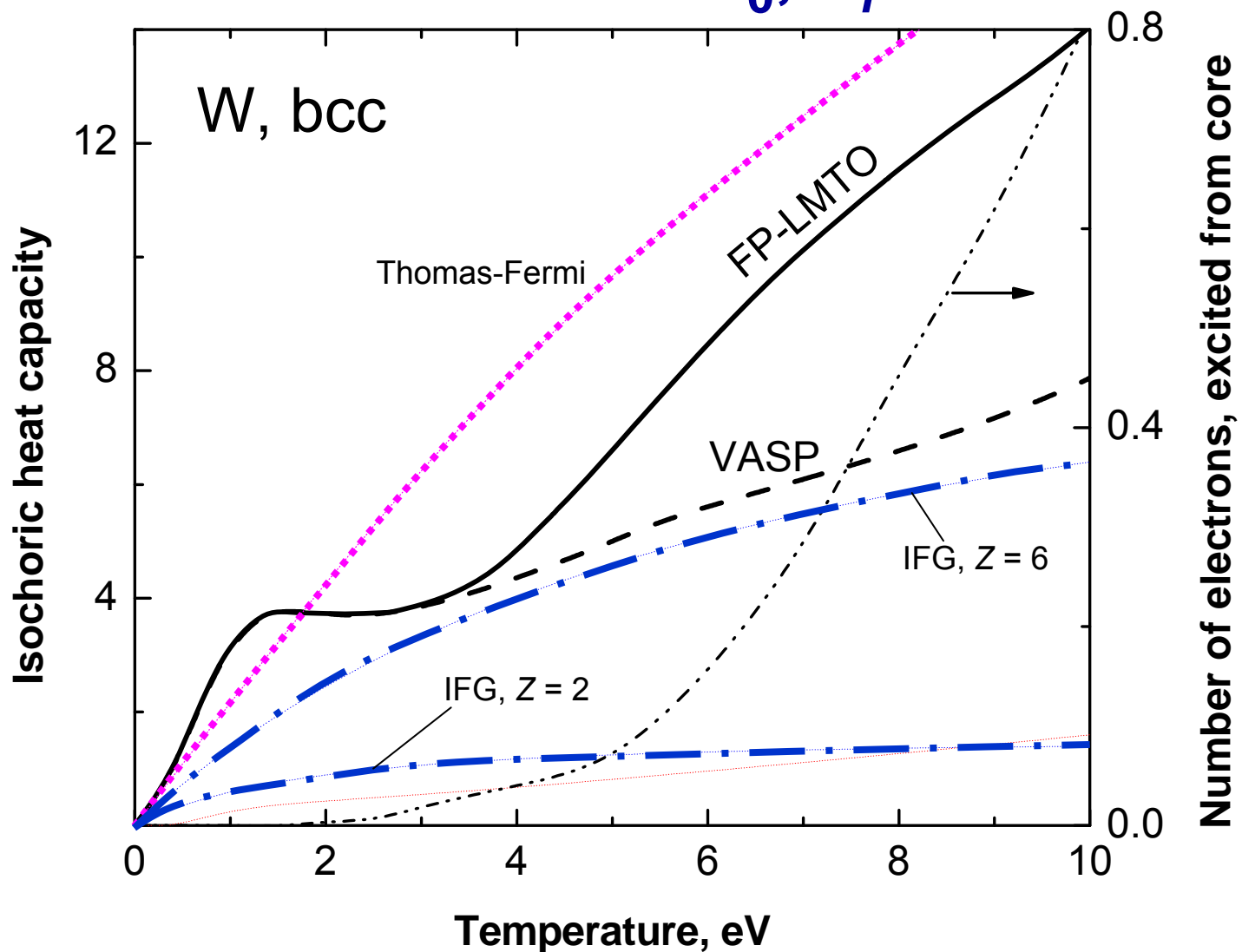


Compression Ratio, Gruneisen Parameter and Mean Degree of Ionization on the Shock Hugoniot of Al



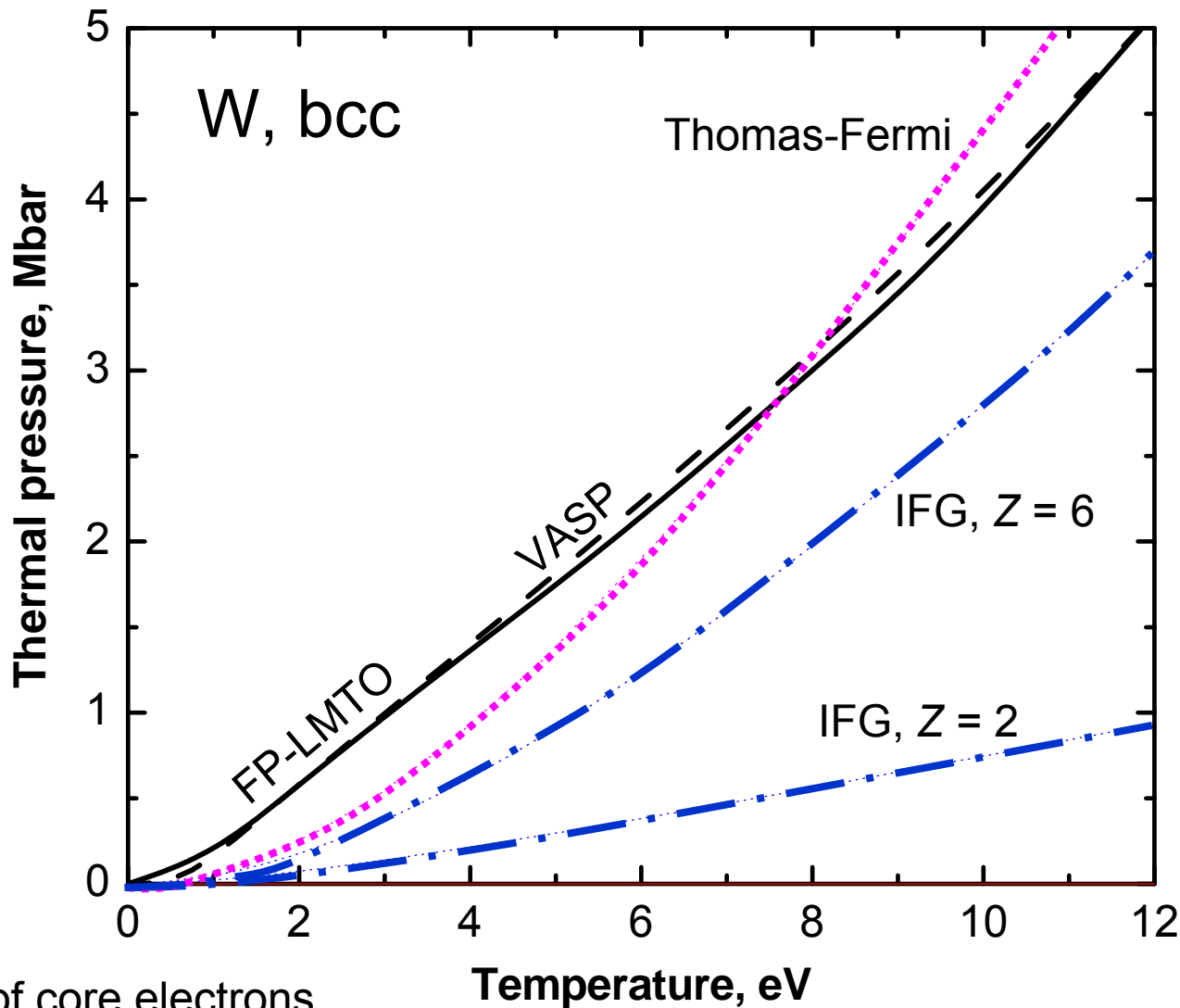


Electron heat capacity of W, isochore $V = V_0$, $T_i = 0$





Electron thermal pressure of W, isochore $V = V_0$, $T_i = 0$

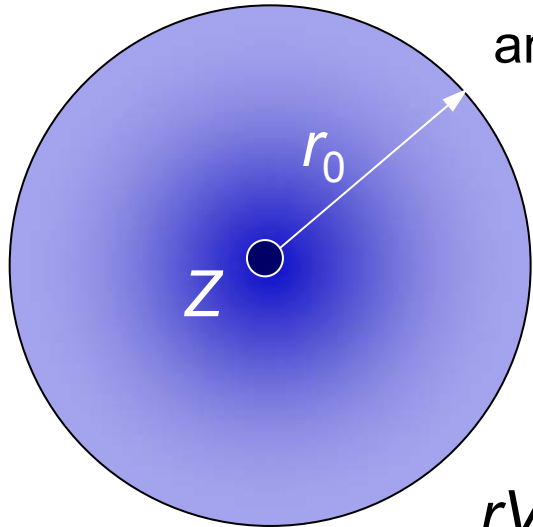


Excitation of core electrons
has weak influence on pressure



Finite-Temperature Thomas-Fermi Model

- The simplest mean atom model
- The simplest (and fully-determined) DFT model
- Correct asymptotic behavior at low T and V (ideal Fermi-gas) and at high T and V (ideal Boltzmann gas)



Poisson equation

$$\Delta V = -4\pi Z\delta(\vec{r}) + \frac{2}{\pi} (2\theta)^{3/2} I_{1/2} \left(\frac{V(\vec{r}) + \mu}{\theta} \right)$$
$$(0 \leq r < r_0)$$

$$rV(r)|_{r=0} = Z \quad V(r_0) = 0 \quad \left. \frac{dV(r)}{dr} \right|_{r=r_0} = 0$$

Is the TF model reliable at low T and relatively high V ?

For $F(T, V)$ - No

For $F(T, V) - F(0, V)$ - ?



Thermodynamic Functions of Thomas-Fermi Model

Free energy:

$$F(V, T) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\nu_a T^{5/2}}{\pi^2} \left[I_{3/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) - 8 \int_0^1 u^5 I_{3/2}(\phi) du + 3 \int_0^1 u^5 \phi I_{1/2}(\phi) du \right]$$

ϕ - dimensionless atomic potential, $\phi = \varphi / (u^2 T)$, ν_a - cell volume, $u = (r / r_0)^{1/2}$

Expressions for 1st derivatives of F (P and S) are known.

Second derivatives of free energy

$$P'_V = -F''_{VV} = \frac{(2\theta)^{3/2}}{2\pi^2} I_{1/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) \left(\mu'_V \right)_{N,T}$$

$$P'_T = -F''_{VT} = \frac{(2\theta)^{3/2}}{2\pi^2} \left[I_{1/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) \left(\mu'_T \right)_{N,V} + \frac{5}{3} I_{3/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) - \frac{\mu}{T} I_{1/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) \right]$$

$$S'_T = -F''_{TT} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}\nu_a}{\pi^2 T^{3/2}} \int_0^1 \left[5T^2 u^5 I_{3/2}(\phi) + 3u^3 \left(\phi'_T T^2 - 2\phi T \right) I_{1/2}(\phi) - u\phi \left(\phi'_T T - \phi \right) I_{-1/2}(\phi) \right] du$$



Second Derivatives of the Thomas-Fermi Model

The number of particles and potential are the functions of the grand canonical ensemble variables, which are in turn depend on the variables of the canonical ensemble:

$$N = N[\mu(N, V, T), \nu(N, V, T), T(N, V, T)]$$

$$\varphi = \varphi[\mu(N, V, T), \nu(N, V, T), T(N, V, T)]$$

From the expressions for $(N'_T)_{N,\nu}$, $(\varphi'_T)_{N,\nu}$ и $(N'_\nu)_{T,N}$ one can obtain:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N} = -\frac{(\partial N/\partial T)_{\nu,\mu}}{(\partial N/\partial \mu)_{\nu,T}}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial V}\right)_{N,T} = -\frac{(\partial N/\partial \nu)_{\mu,T}}{(\partial N/\partial \mu)_{\nu,T}}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial T}\right)_{N,\nu} = \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial T}\right)_{\mu,\nu} - \frac{(\partial N/\partial T)_{\mu,\nu}}{(\partial N/\partial \mu)_{\nu,T}} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \mu}\right)_{\nu,T}$$



We need
6 derivatives in the grand
canonical ensemble

$$(\varphi'_\nu)_{\mu,T} \quad (\varphi'_T)_{\mu,\nu} \quad (\varphi'_\mu)_{T,\nu}$$

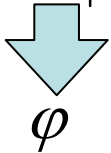
$$(N'_T)_{\nu,\mu} \quad (N'_\mu)_{T,\nu} \quad (N'_\nu)_{T,\mu}$$



TF Potential and its Derivatives on μ , ν and T

Poisson equation

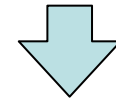
$$\begin{cases} W = \phi - u^2 \mu; \\ W'_u = 2uV; \\ V'_u = 2au^3 T^{3/2} I_{1/2} \left(\frac{W + u^2 \mu}{Tu^2} \right); \\ W|_{u=0} = Z/r_0, W|_{u=1} = W'_u|_{u=1} = 0. \end{cases}$$



ϕ

Derivative of the Poisson equation on ν :

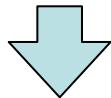
$$\begin{cases} L = (\phi'_\nu)_{\mu, T}; \\ L'_u = 2uM; \\ M'_u = \frac{4au^3 T^{3/2}}{3\nu} I_{1/2}(\phi) + auT^{1/2} I_{-1/2}(\phi)L; \\ L|_{u=1} = L'_u|_{u=1} = 0. \end{cases}$$



$(N'_\nu)_{\mu, T}$

Derivative on μ :

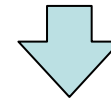
$$\begin{cases} \Phi = (\phi'_\mu)_{\nu, T} - u^2; \\ \Phi'_u = auT^{1/2} (\Phi + u^2) I_{-1/2}(\phi); \\ \Psi'_u = auT^{1/2} (\Phi + u^2) I_{-1/2}(\phi); \\ \Phi|_{u=1} = F'_u|_{u=1} = 0. \end{cases}$$



$(N'_\mu)_{\nu, T}$

Derivative on T :

$$\begin{cases} Q = (\phi'_T)_{\mu, \nu}; \\ Q'_u = 2uR; \\ R'_u = au^3 T^{1/2} [3I_{1/2}(\phi) - \phi I_{-1/2}(\phi)] + auT^{1/2} Q I_{-1/2}(\phi); \\ Q|_{u=1} = Q'_u|_{u=1} = 0. \end{cases}$$



$(N'_T)_{\mu, \nu}$



Thermal Contribution of Electrons into TF

At $\mu/T \leq 1$:

$$F_T(V, T) = F(V, T) - F(V, 0)$$

At $\mu/T \gg 1$:

For $(F_T)'_T$, $(F_T)'_{TV}$, $(F_T)'_{TT}$ Poisson equations are solved at low T for the TF potential and its derivatives

For other derivatives asymptotic expressions are used

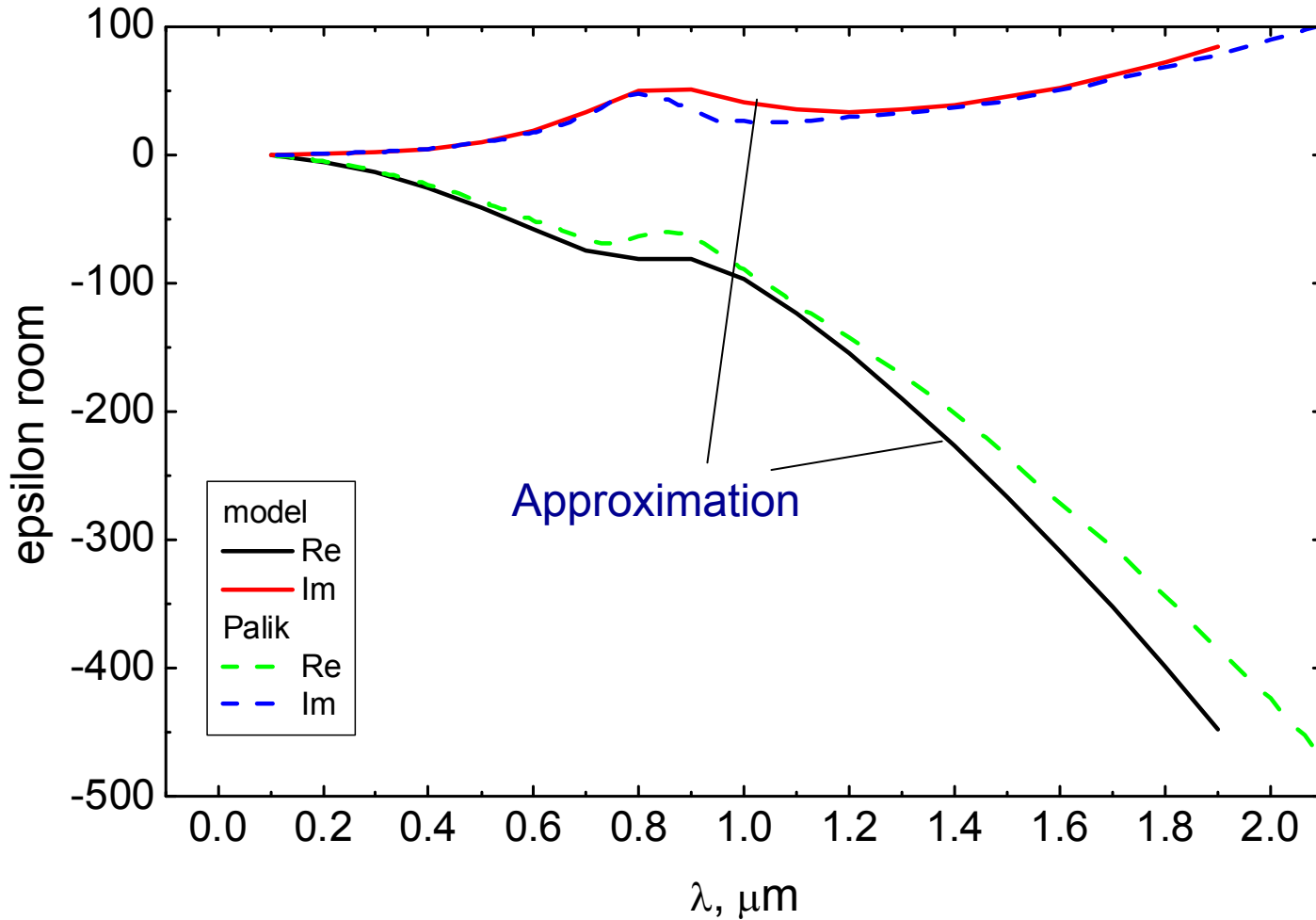
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_T = F_T^* (T/T^*)^2 \\ E_T = E_T^* (T/T^*)^2 \\ (F_T)'_V = (F_T^*)' (T/T^*)^2 \\ (F_T)''_{VV} = (F_T^*)''_{VV} (T/T^*)^2 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Values with * are taken} \\ \text{at } \mu^*/T^* = 1000 \end{array}$$

For the energy we use the expression

$$E_T = E(V, T) - E(V, 0) = \int_0^T T_1 S_T'(V, T_1) dT_1$$



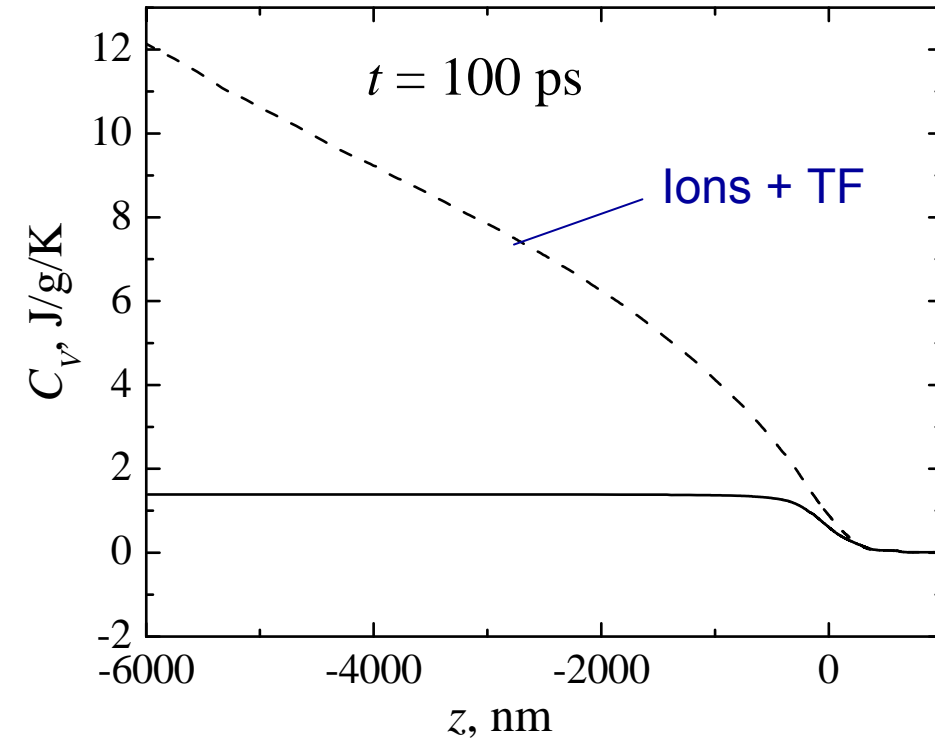
Permittivity of Al at normal conditions



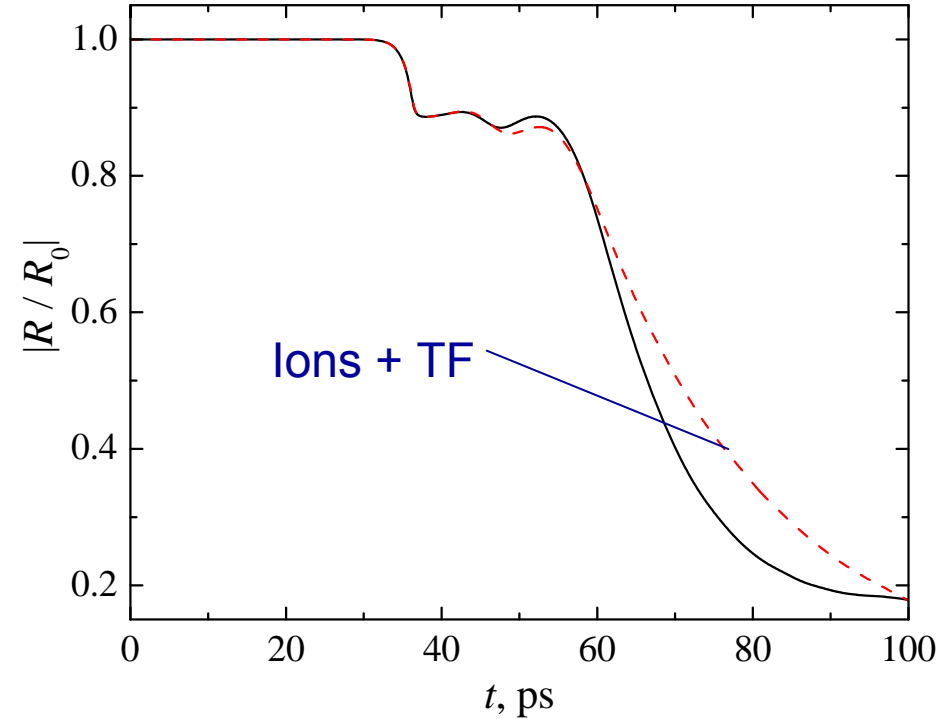


Influence of EOS

Electronic heat capacity



Reflection coefficient



Difference in electronic heat capacity leads to up to 30% difference in reflection coefficient