

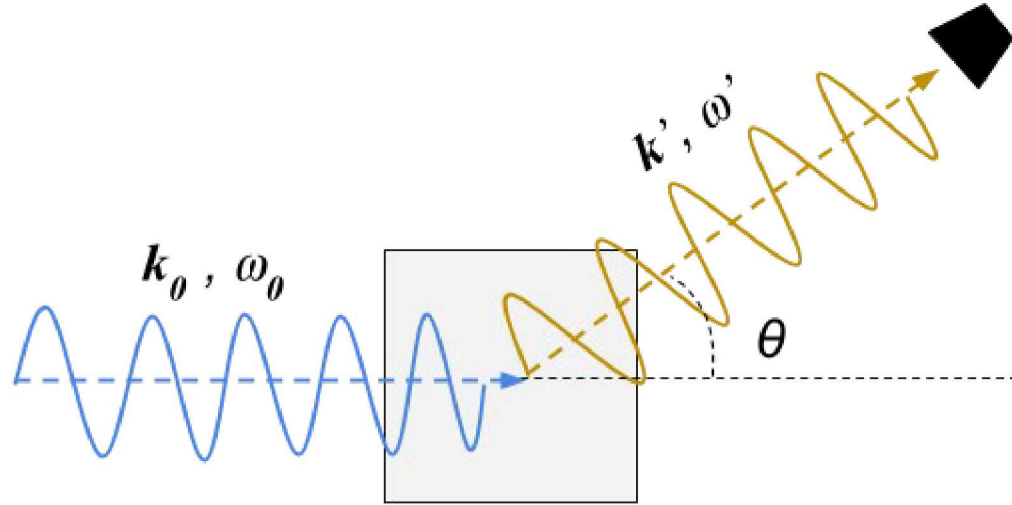
Dielectric functions and stopping powers in the RPA

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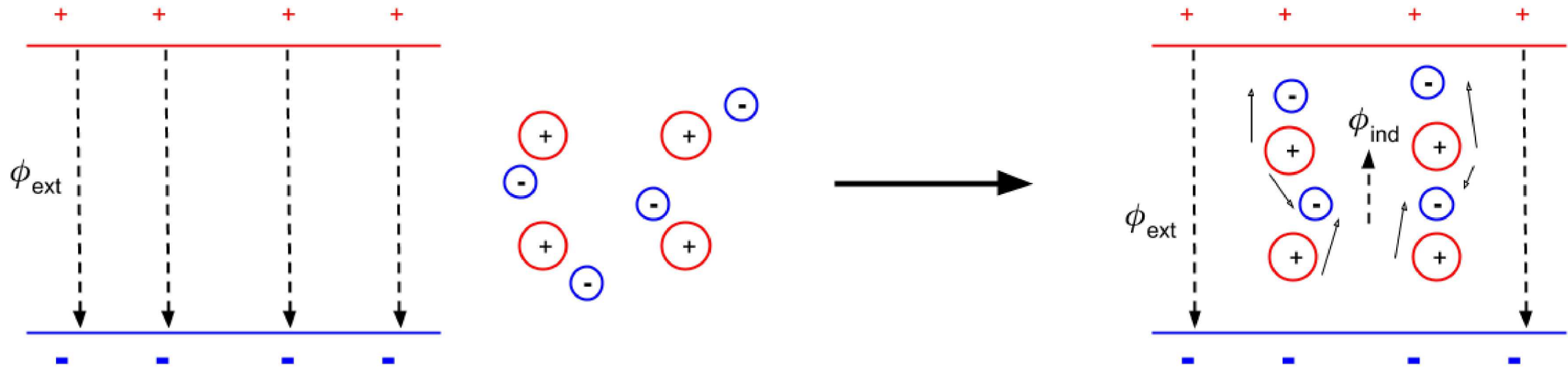
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X-ray scattering experiments

- $k = | \mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}_0 |$
- $\omega = \omega' - \omega_0$



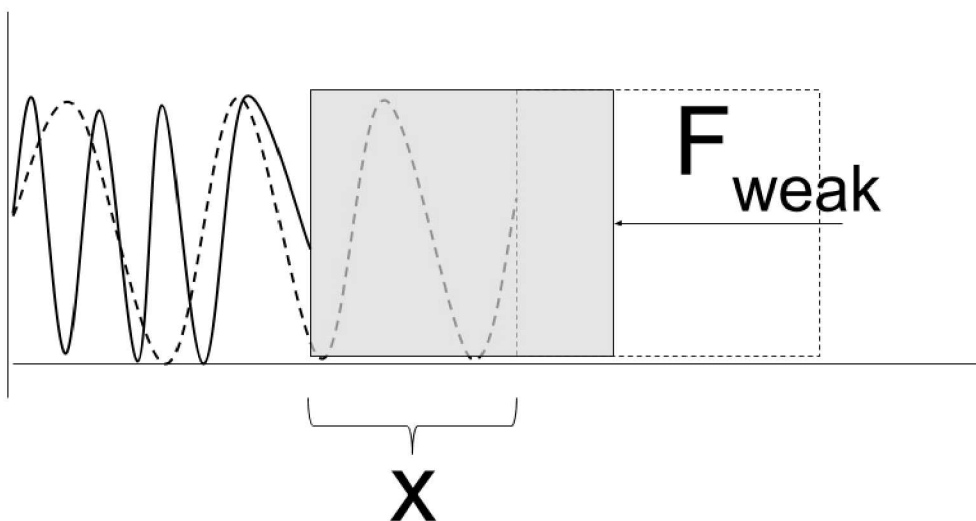
Response to an electric field



Measure: $\phi_{\text{tot}} = \phi_{\text{ext}} + \phi_{\text{ind}}$
 $\rightarrow \rho_{\text{tot}} = \rho_{\text{ext}} + \rho_{\text{ind}}$

Linear Response

- If ϕ_{ext} is weak, then $\rho_{ind} \sim \phi_{ext}$



Hooke's Law:
 $x \sim F_{weak}$

- The response, $\chi(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t')$, can be non-local in space and time:

$$\rho_{ind}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int d\mathbf{r}' \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \chi(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') \phi_{ext}(\mathbf{r}', t')$$

Dielectric Function

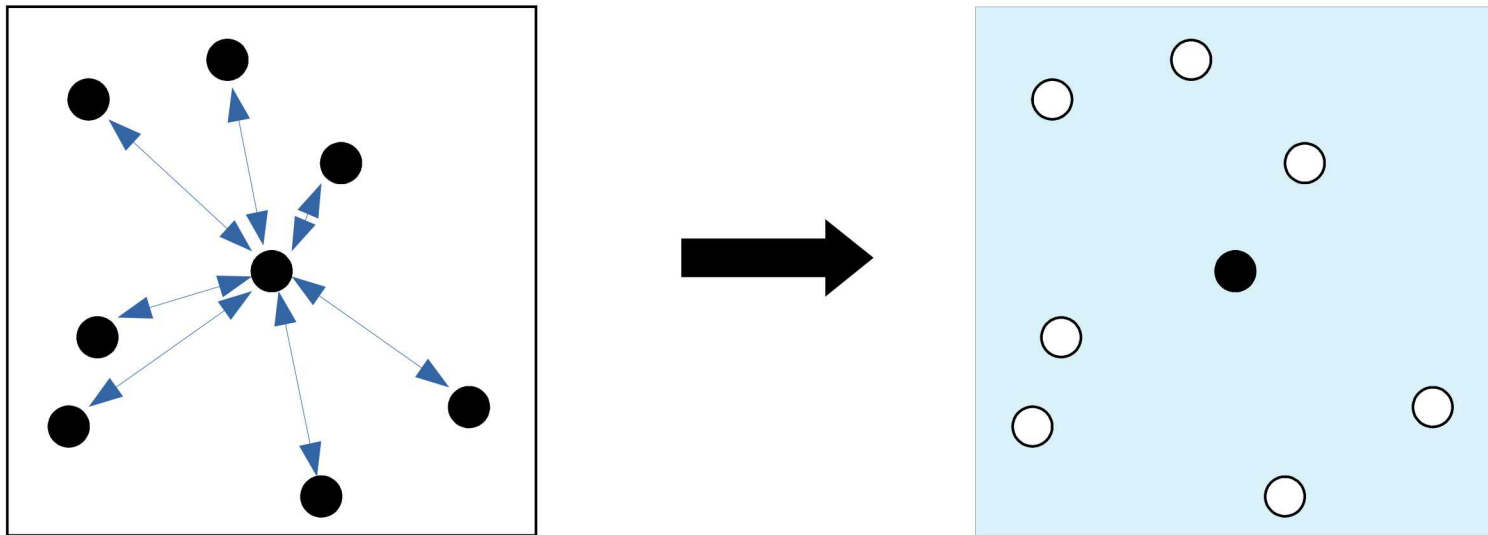
- $\epsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, the dielectric function, is related to the response function. In frequency space:

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{1 + V_C(\mathbf{k})\chi(\mathbf{k}, \omega)}$$

The dielectric function tells us how the electrons respond to an external potential

Random Phase Approximation

- $\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ is (currently) too difficult to determine
- RPA is a type of mean field approximation

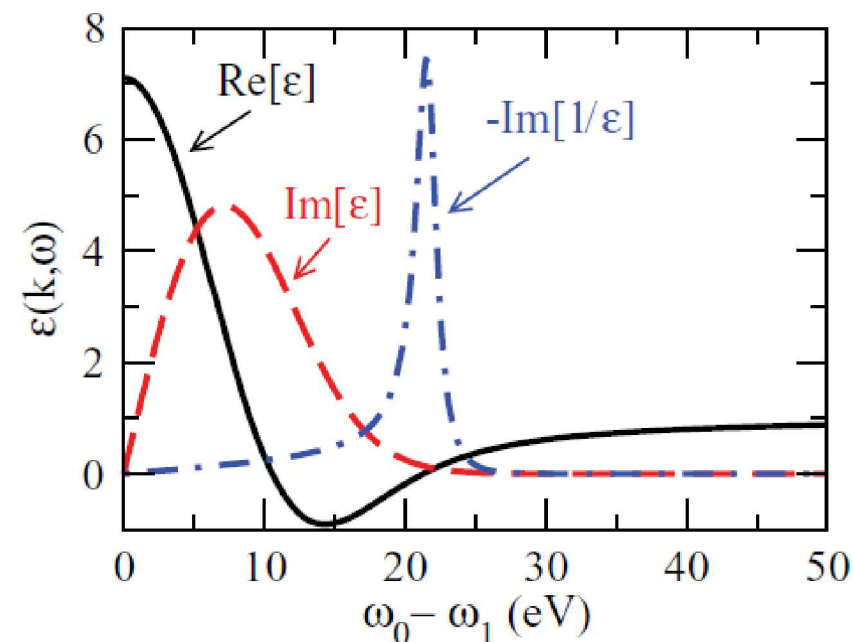


RPA Dielectric function

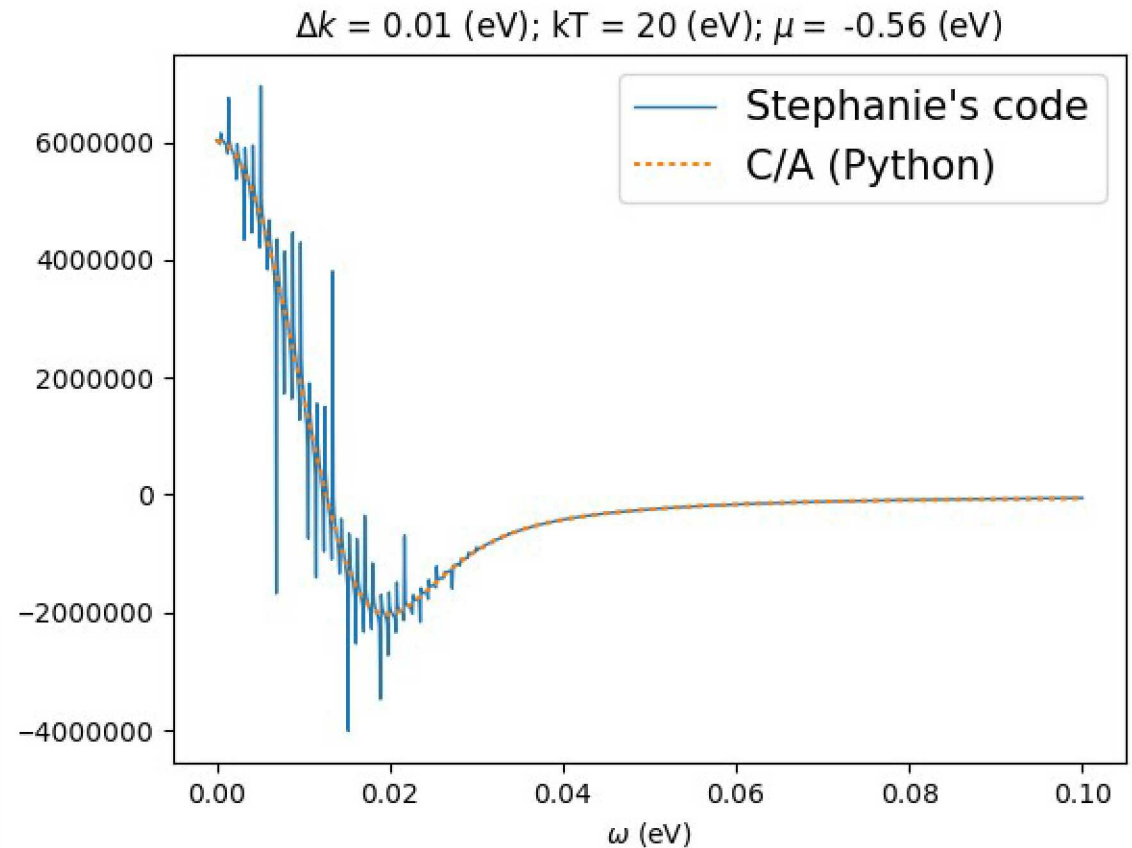
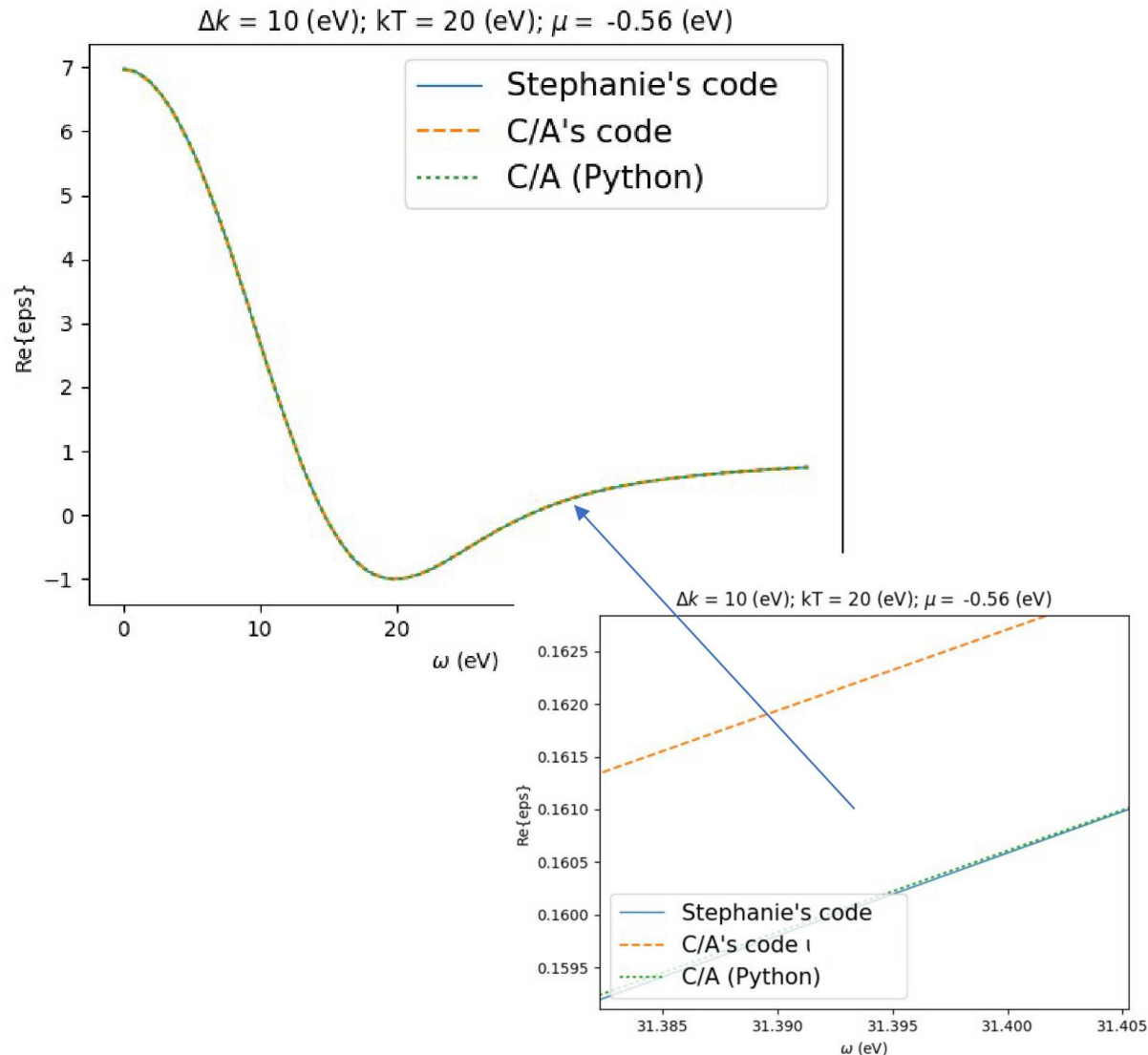
$$\epsilon^{\text{RPA}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2$$

$$\epsilon_1 = \text{Re}\{\epsilon\} = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi k^3} \int_0^\infty dp p f(p) \left[\log \frac{|k^2 + 2pk + 2\omega|}{|k^2 - 2pk + 2\omega|} + \log \frac{|k^2 - 2pk + 2\omega|}{|k^2 - 2pk - 2\omega|} \right]$$

$$\epsilon_2 = \text{Im}\{\epsilon\} = \frac{2k_b T}{k^3} \log \left\{ \frac{1 + \exp \left[\left(\mu - \frac{(|2\omega - k^2|/2k)^2}{k_b T} \right) \right]}{1 + \exp \left[\left(\mu - \frac{((2\omega + k^2)/2k)^2}{k_b T} \right) \right]} \right\}$$

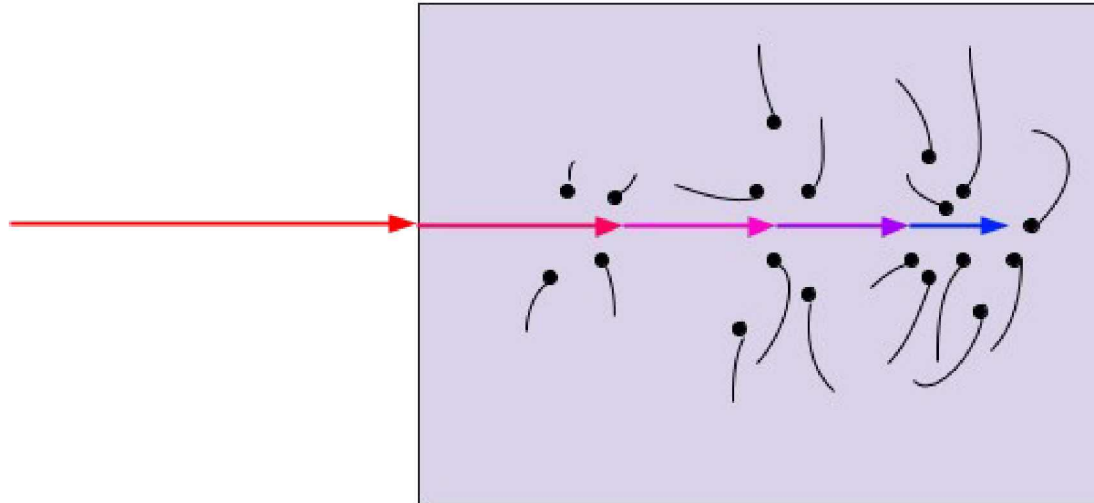


Numerically calculating ϵ_1



Stopping power

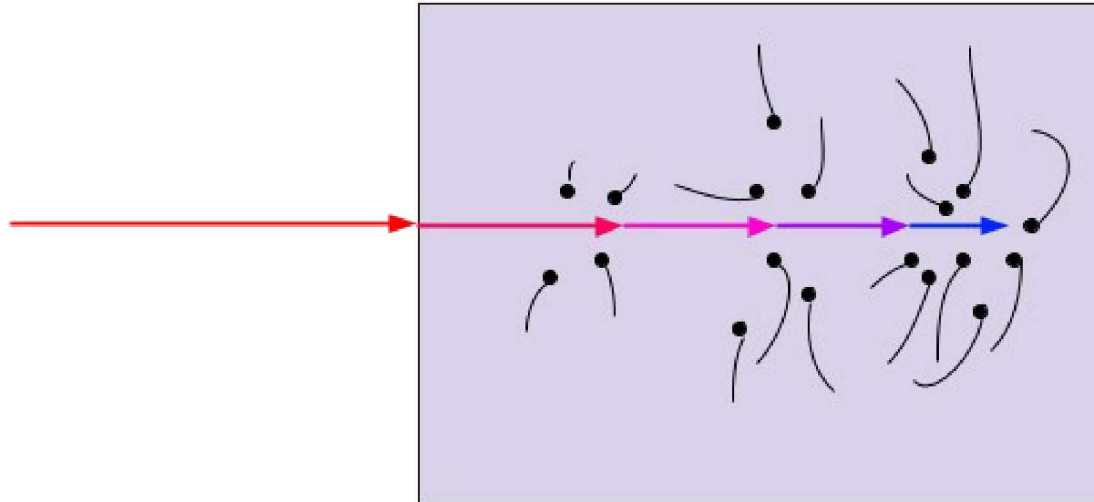
$$S_e(v) = \frac{2Z^2}{\pi v^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k} \int_0^{kv} d\omega \omega \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{-1}{\epsilon(k, \omega)} \right),$$



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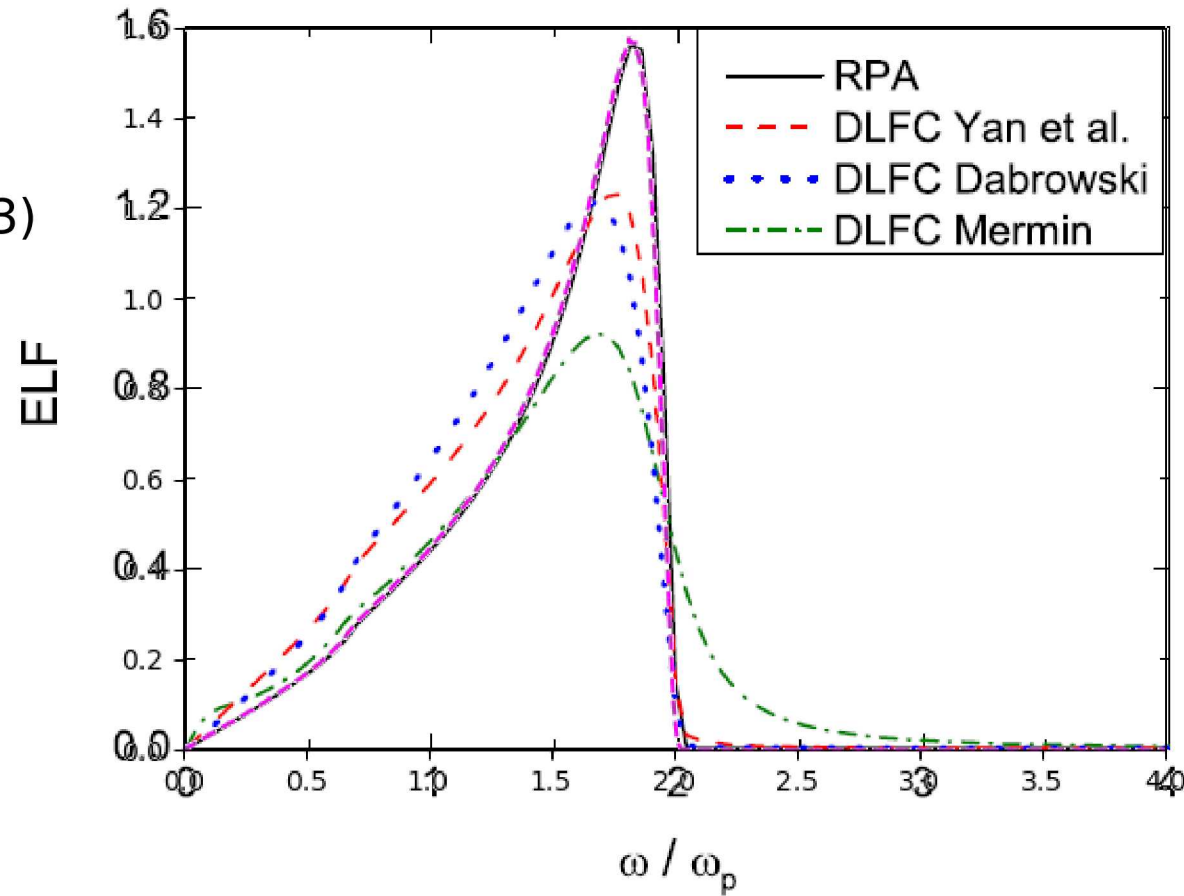
- Electron Loss Function = $\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2}$



Electron loss function (ELF)

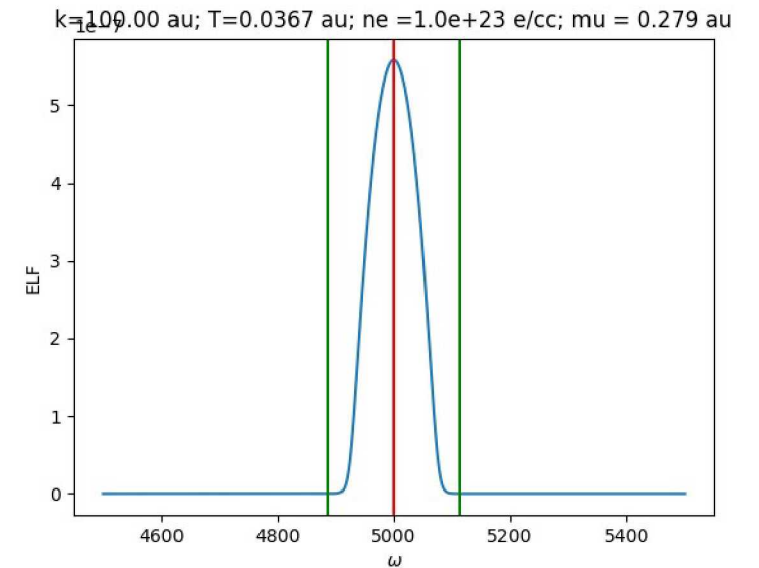
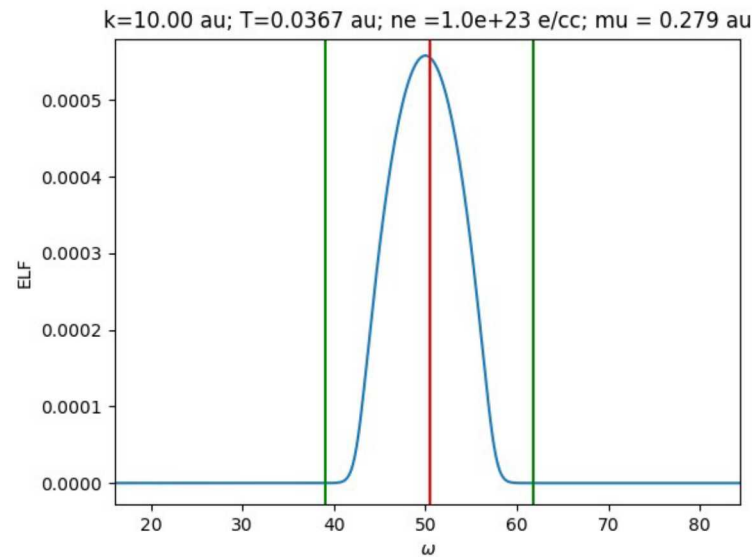
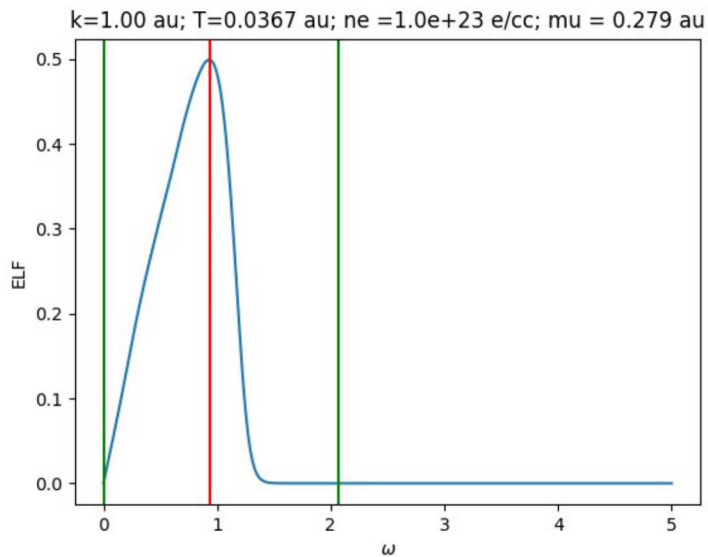
$$f_{ELF} = \text{Im} \left\{ \frac{-1}{\varepsilon(k, \omega)} \right\} = \frac{\text{Im}\{\varepsilon\}}{\varepsilon^* \varepsilon}$$

$T = 0.1 \text{ eV}$
 $n_e = 10^{23} \text{ e/cc}$
 $\mu = 0.288 \text{ (for Al w/ } Z^*=3)$

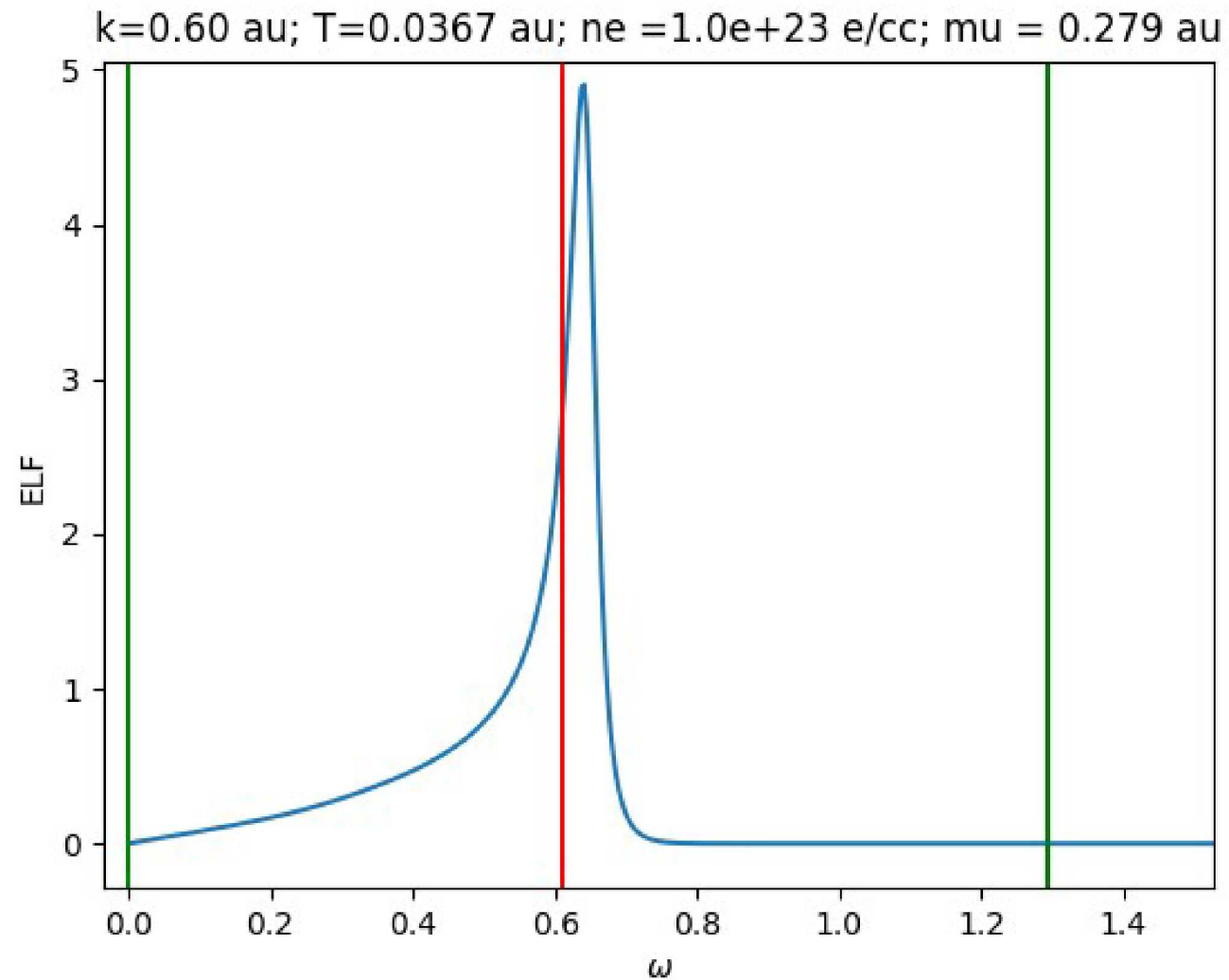


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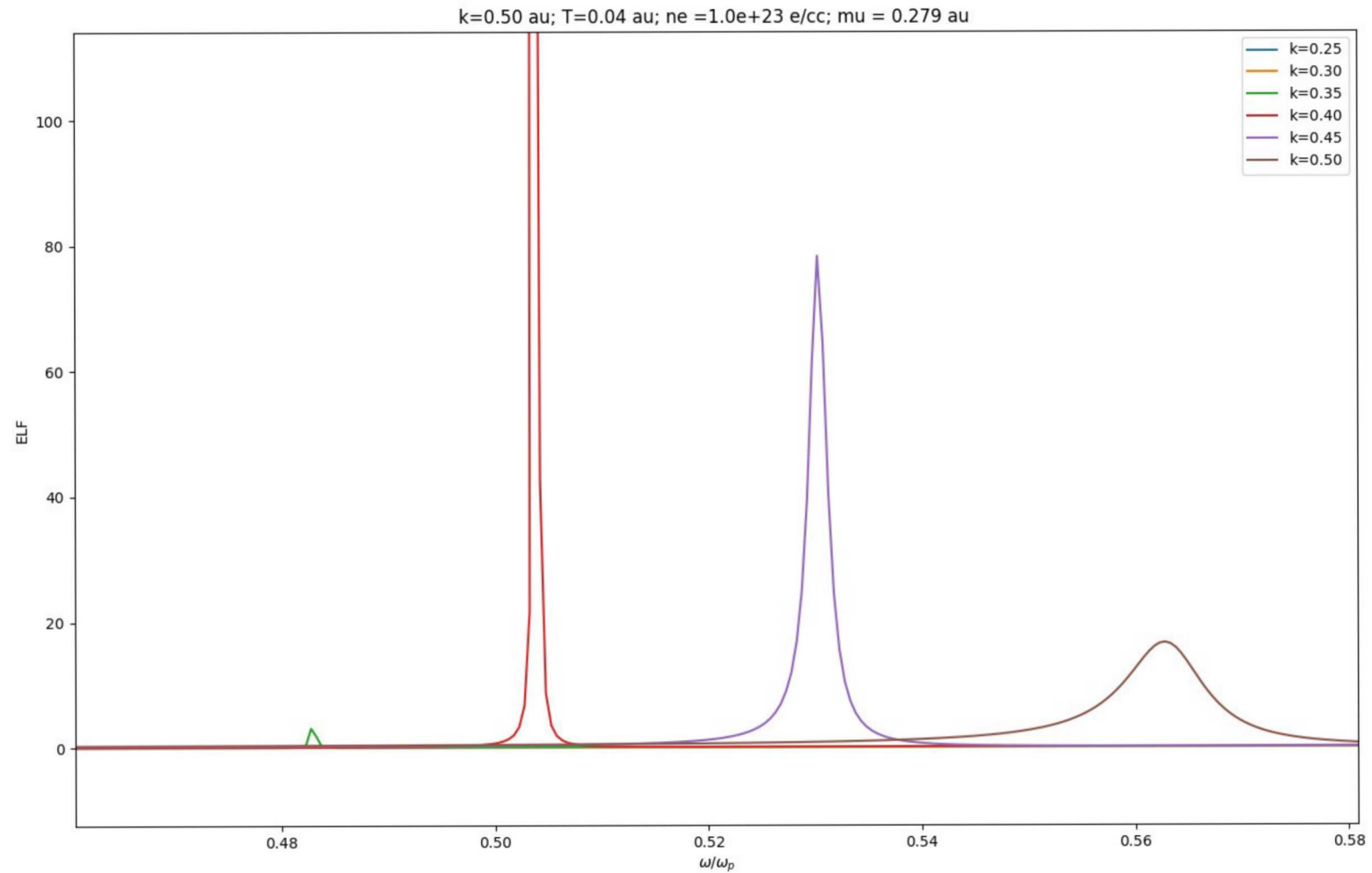
- Approximate function for max. position: $\omega_{\max}(k, T, n_e)$
- edges = $\omega_{\max} \pm \gamma(T, \mu, x)k$



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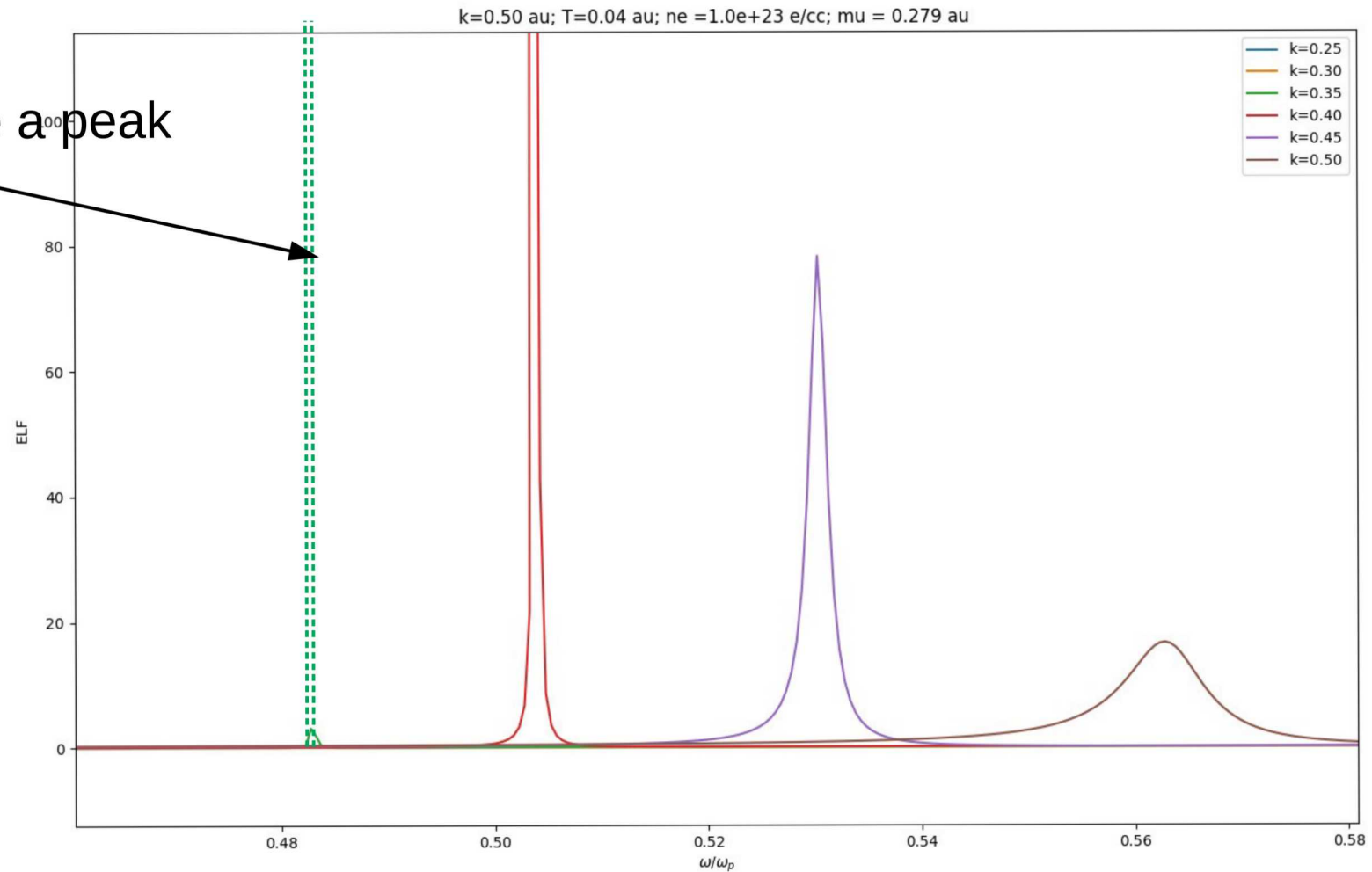


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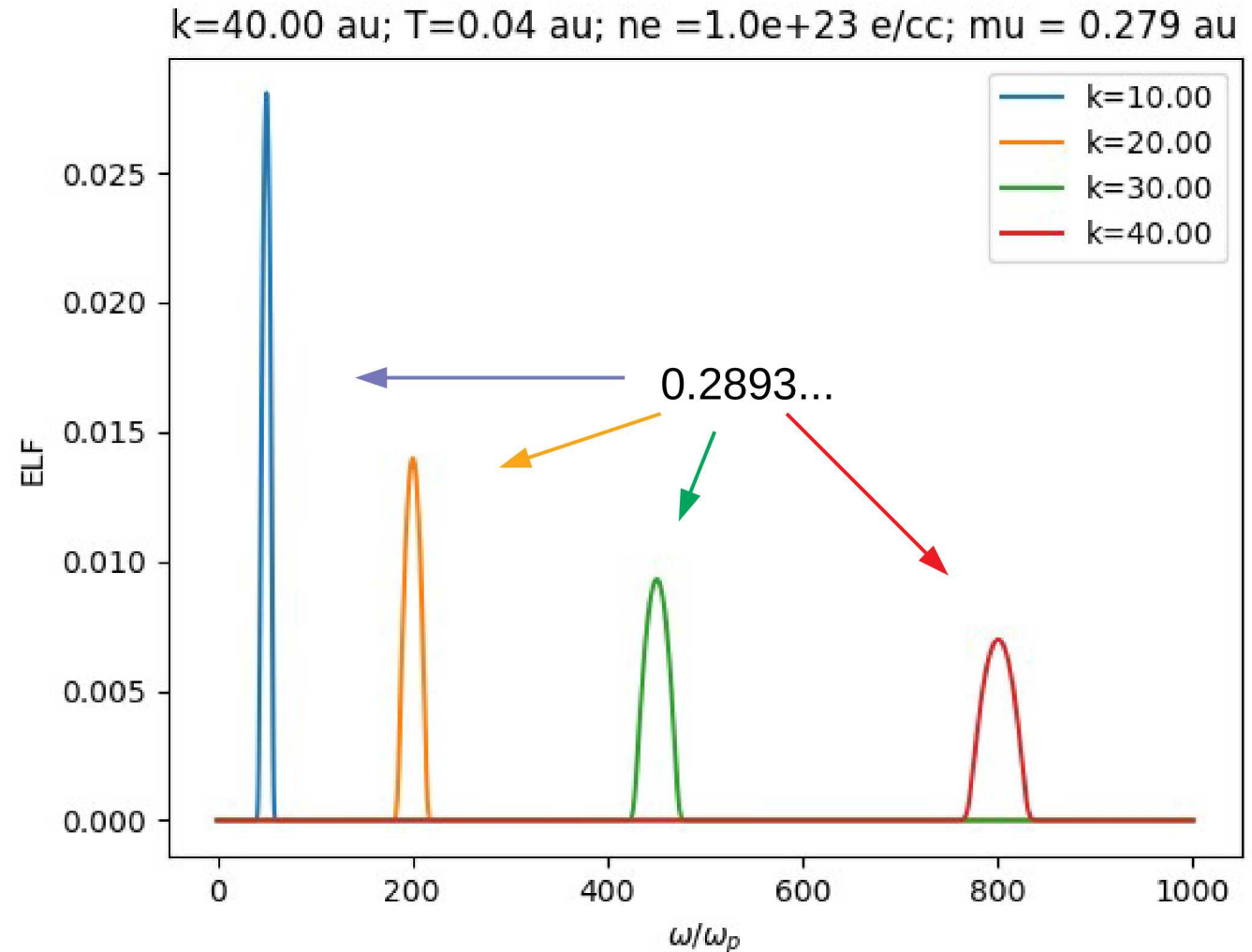
There should be a peak here!



Sum rule

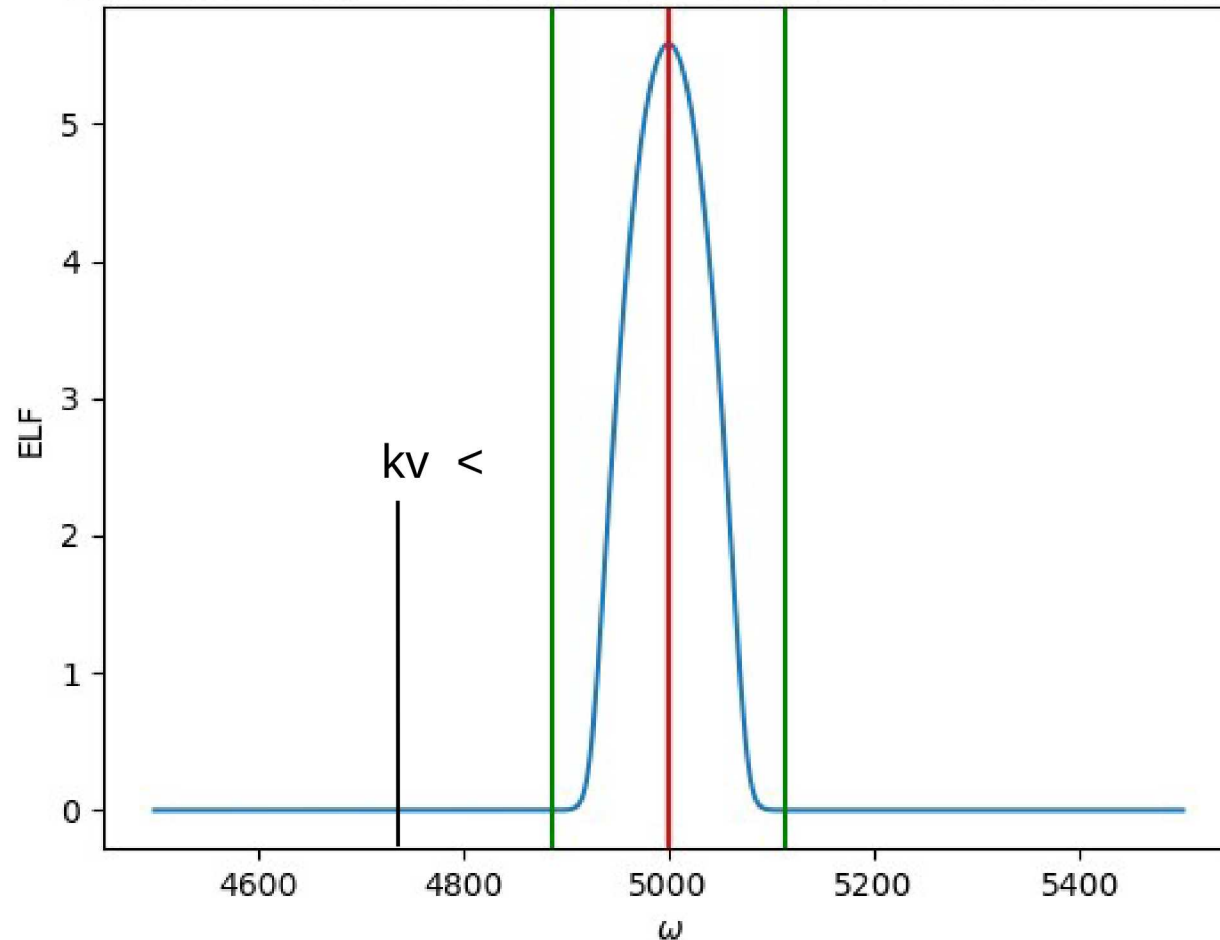
- F-sum rule:

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \omega \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{-1}{\epsilon} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \omega_p^2$$
$$= 0.2922\dots$$



Stopping Power

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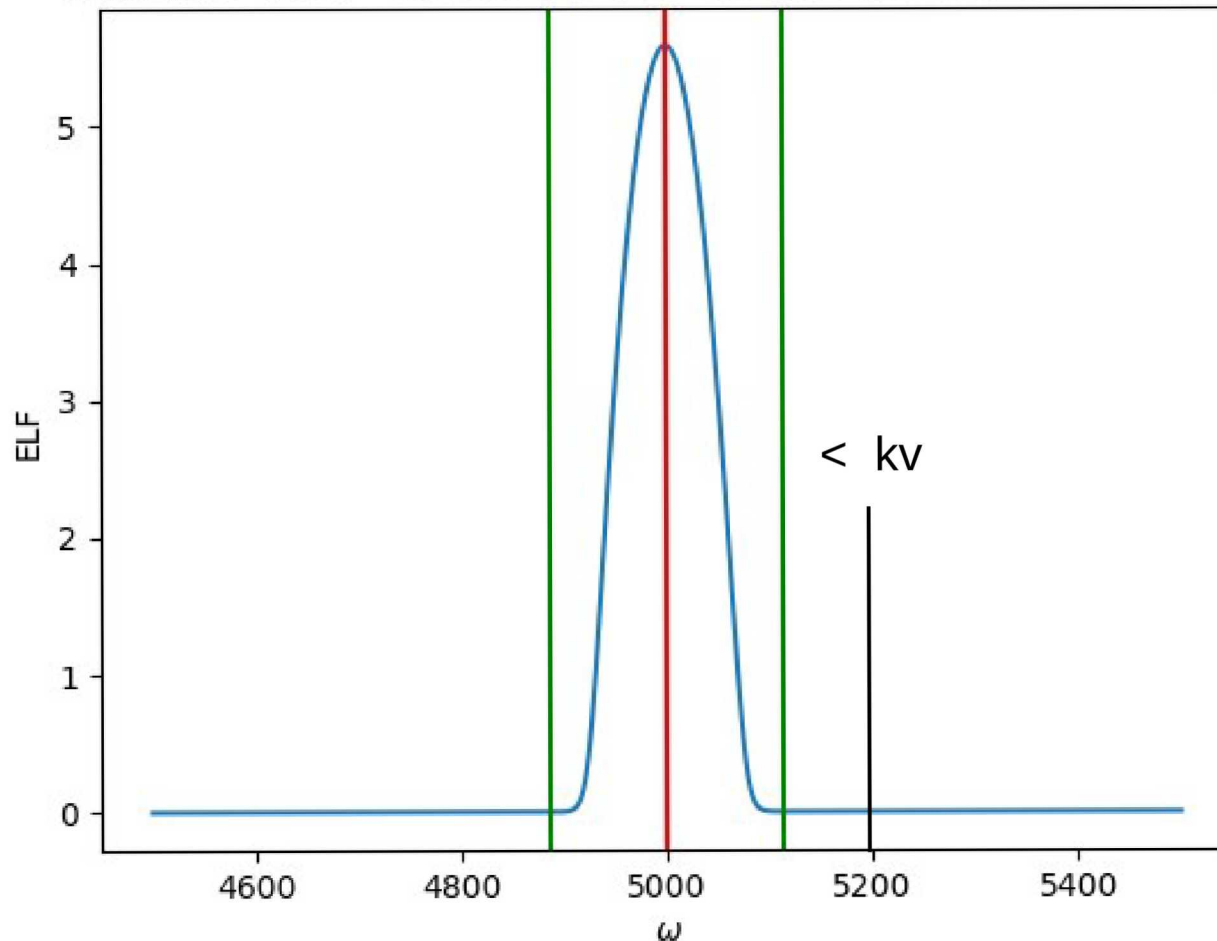


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- If $k \cdot v > \omega_{\max} + \gamma(T, \mu)k$, then ω -integral = sum rule; true for $k_2 < k < k_3$.

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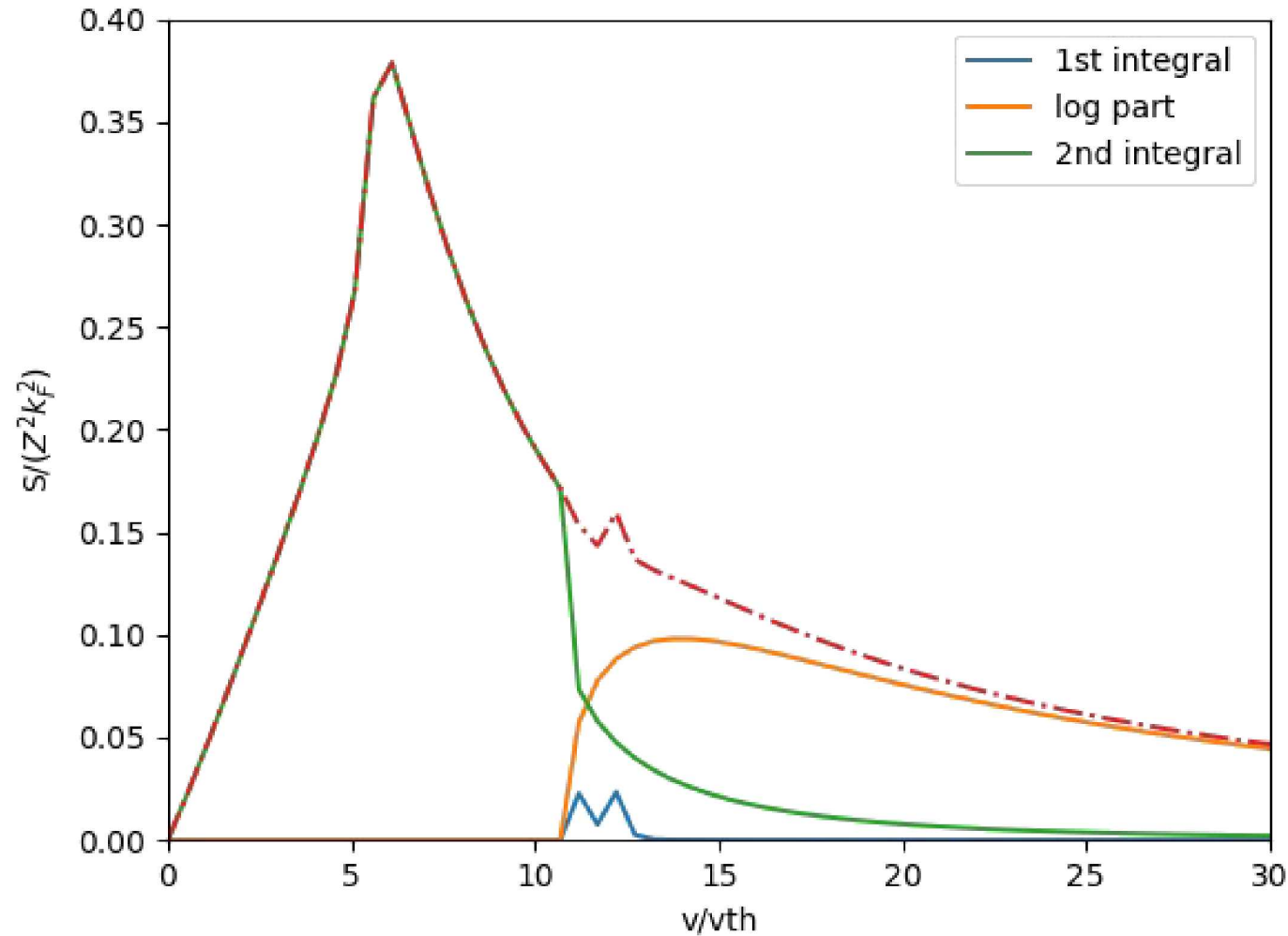
$\xrightarrow{\text{Arrows}} = 0$

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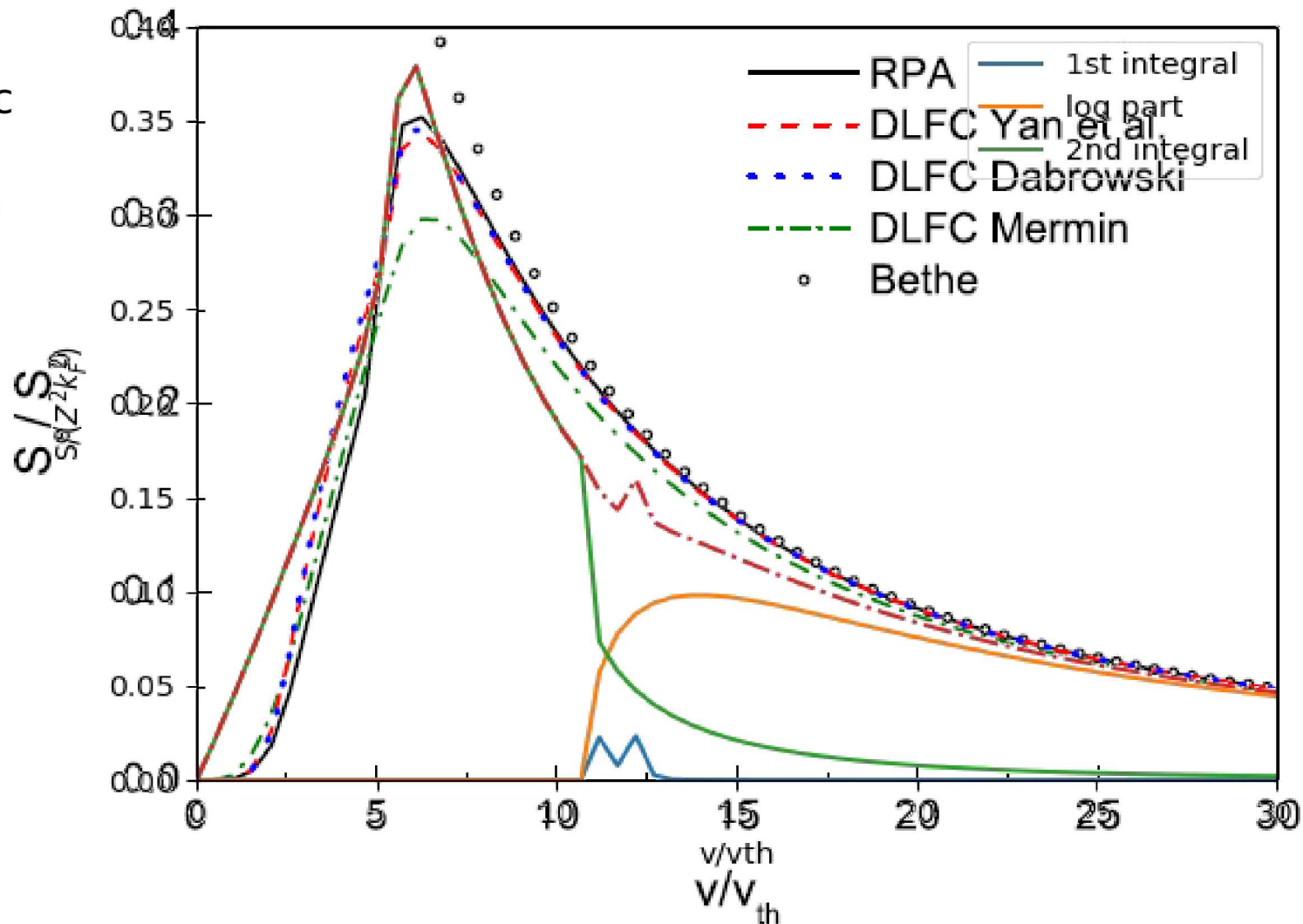
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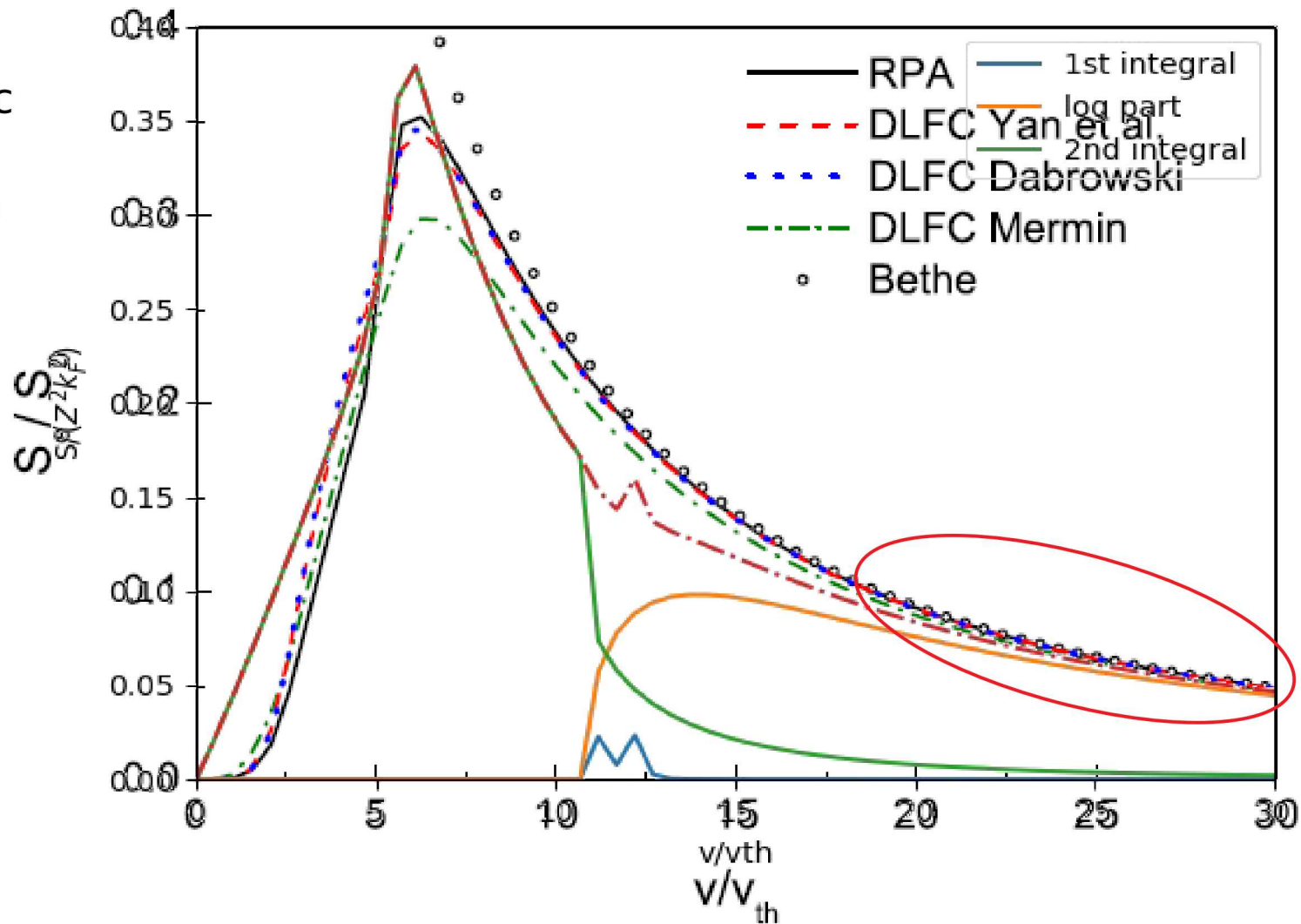
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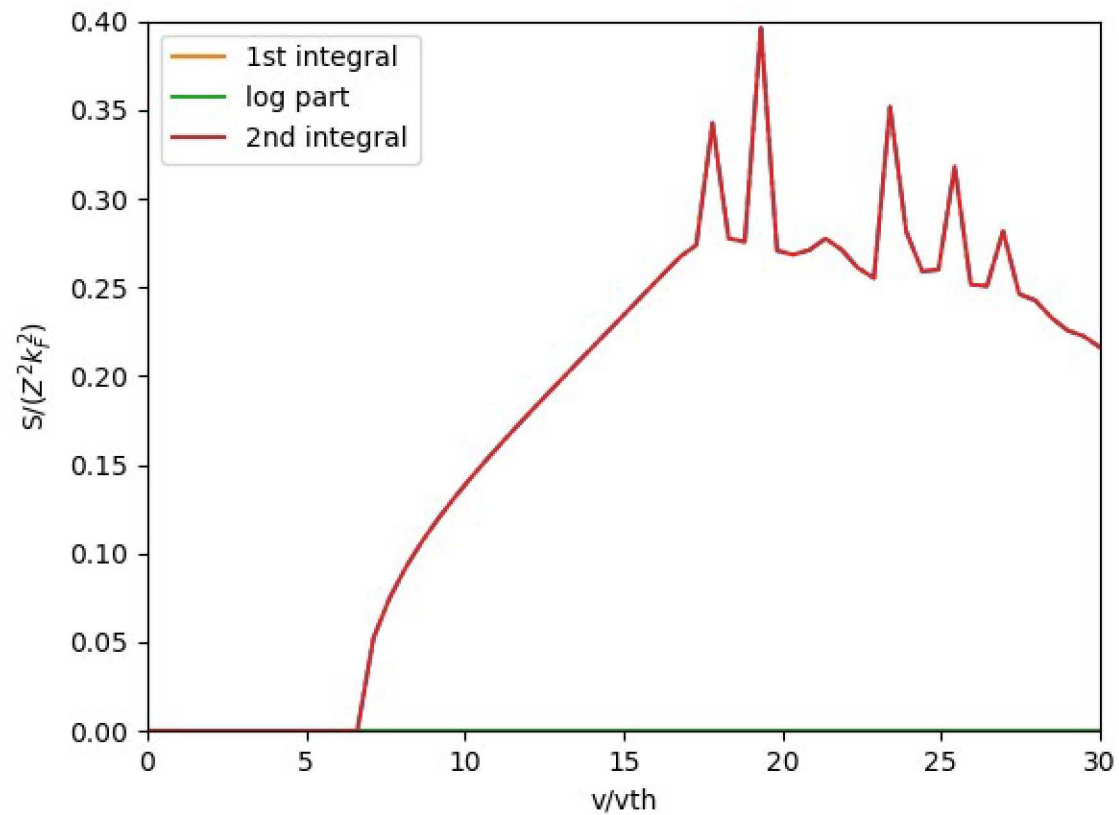
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Future Directions

- Still working on the stopping power ...

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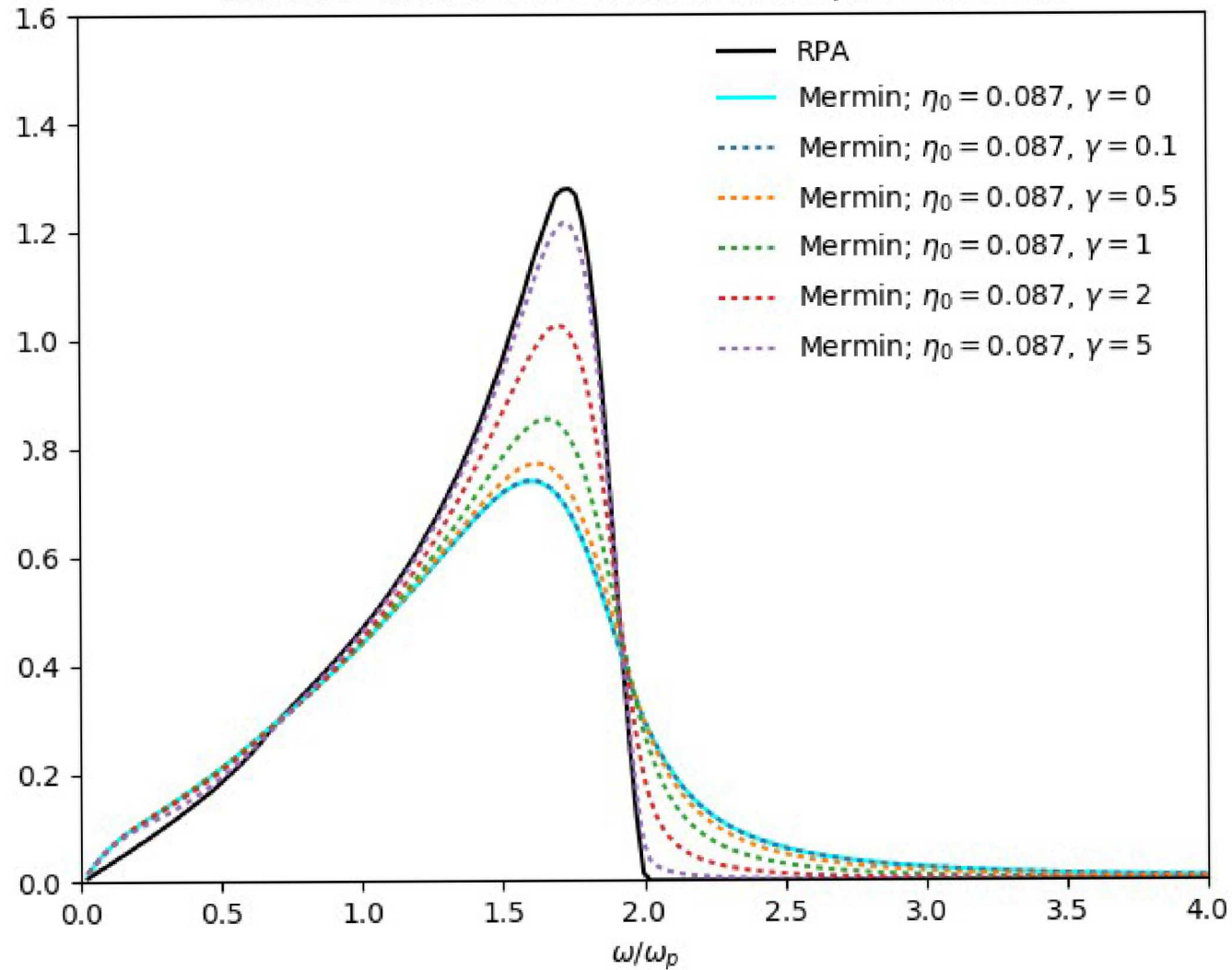
- Going beyond the RPA → include more information of interactions
- Using the Mermin dielectric function

$$\epsilon_M(k, \omega) = 1 + \frac{(\omega + i\nu)[\epsilon(k, \omega + i\nu) - 1]}{\omega + i\nu[\epsilon(k, \omega + i\nu) - 1]/[\epsilon(k, 0) - 1]}$$

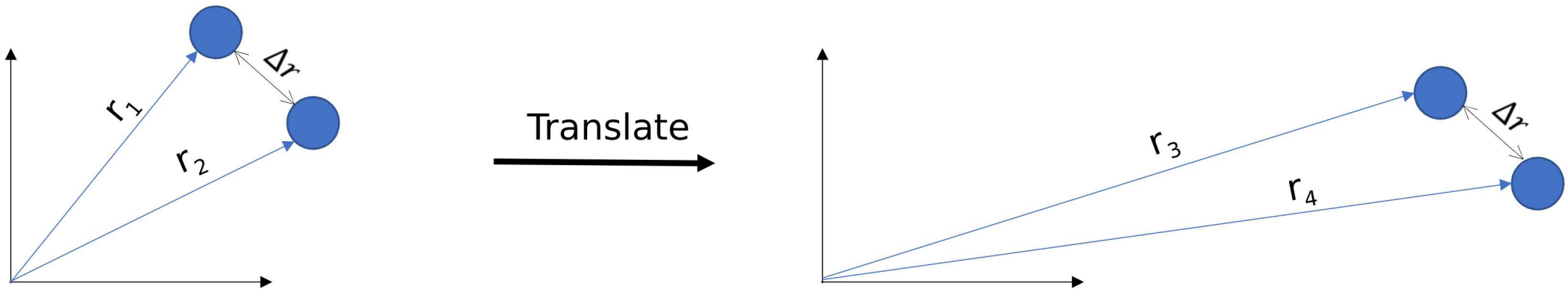
- ν - collision frequency
- Attila's code can handle this

Attila's Code with $v(\omega) = \frac{\eta_0}{1+(\gamma\omega)^2}$

ELF at T=0.03674932385837766 eV, $r_s = 2.53$ au



Translational invariance



- Let $f(x_1, x_2)$ depend on the positions of the two particles.
- Translational invariance: $f(r_1, r_2) = f(r_3, r_4) \rightarrow f \equiv f(\Delta r)$