Determination of Compton profiles at solid surfaces from first-principles calculations

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Projected momentum distributions of electrons, i.e., Compton profiles above the topmost atomic layer have recently become experimentally accessible by kinetic electron emission in grazing-incidence scattering of atoms at atomically flat single crystal metal surfaces. Subthreshold emission by slow projectiles was shown to be sensitive to high-momentum components of the local Compton profile near the surface. We present a method to extract momentum distribution, Compton profiles, and Wigner and Husimi phase space distributions from *ab initio* density-functional calculations of electronic structure. An application for such distributions to scattering experiments is discussed.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The local density of states above the topmost layer, the occupied states of which represent the electron density spilling out into vacuum, is an important quantity characterizing many properties of the surface and image states, $1,2$ $1,2$ surface magnetism, $3,4$ $3,4$ and chemical reactivity mediated by charge transfer.^{5,[6](#page-5-6)} Yet, many of its properties are difficult to directly access experimentally because they are overshadowed by bulk contributions. A case in point is the projected momentum distribution, the Compton profile of the electronic structure. While bulk Compton profiles have been mapped out in considerable detail by electron scattering, $\frac{7}{1}$ fast ion scattering, $\frac{8}{3}$ and x-ray scattering, $\frac{9}{3}$ little is known about the surface Compton profile characterizing the anisotropic momentum distribution of the ground-state electronic structure reaching out into vacuum.

Recent experiments for grazing-incidence scattering of low energy neutral rare-gas atoms at $Al(111)$ and $Al(110)$ single crystal surfaces provide first evidence of highmomentum components in the electronic selvage.¹⁰ The projectile threshold velocity v_{th} required for the kinetic emission of surface electrons by atoms in a head-on binary encounter collision $(2v_{th} + v_e)^2/2 \ge (E_F + W)$ $(E_F:$ Fermi energy, *W*: work function) was found to be below the standard value v_{th}^0 (Ref. [11](#page-5-11)) for $v_e = v_F$ (v_F : Fermi velocity). This subthreshold kinetic emission indicates the presence of off-shell velocity (momentum) components well above the Fermi velocity v_e $=v_F$. Obviously, the frequently employed free-electron gas approximation for conduction band electrons is not sufficiently accurate to account for subthreshold kinetic electron emission (KE).^{[10](#page-5-10)} The experimental data can be taken as first evidence for the presence of momenta above the Fermi momentum q_F in realistic momentum distributions above the surface taking many-particle effects (correlation) and the crystal potential into account.

In the present communication we discuss the extraction of the momentum distribution and related quantities from ground-state density-functional calculations of the surface band structure. For estimating impact-parameter dependent emission probabilities in grazing-incidence surface scattering information beyond the projected momentum distribution, the Compton profile, is desirable: the quantum phase-space distribution or Wigner function, $12 \rho^W(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$. It allows to determine the correlation between position above the surface and local momentum encoded in the electron density compatible with the Heisenberg uncertainty principle. We also consider the Husimi distribution,¹³ $\rho^H(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$, which represents a minimum wave packet average over ρ^{W} .

We present numerical results for $Al(111)$ and $Al(110)$ single crystal surfaces. Applications to KE will be discussed. Atomic units are used throughout unless stated otherwise.

II. CALCULATION OF THE GROUND STATE

The ground state for the $Al(111)$ and $Al(110)$ surfaces was generated using density functional theory¹⁴ (DFT) as employed in the ABINIT program package.¹⁵ In the case of Al(111) we used a slab configuration with ten atomic layers and eight vacuum layers, in the case of $Al(110)$ 11 atomic and 11 vacuum layers. The structure was relaxed as part of the ground-state calculations. As we expected corrugation to provide an important contribution to the above surface Compton profiles we chose the structure-optimized pseudopotentials of the Rappe group¹⁶ with the exchangecorrelation potential V_{xc} in the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof parameterization to the generalized-gradient approximation.¹⁷ The cutoff energy was set to E_{cut} =25 a.u. based on the choice of the pseudopotentials.¹⁶ In both cases a nearestneighbor distance $a \approx 7.63$ a.u. was found in close agreement with the experimental value of a_{exp} =7.65 a.u.

The relaxed structure was calculated with 16 *k*-points within the irreducible Brioullin zone in directions parallel to the surface and two *k*-points normal to the surface. After convergence was reached the result was expanded based on 14 *k*-points parallel and one *k*-point normal to the surface *over the whole Brioullin zone*. Using these parameters a *k*-grid spacing of $0.01 < \Delta k < 0.015$ a.u. was reached for both structures. This *k*-grid spacing was in all cases dense enough for the calculations presented in the following sections.

It is noteworthy, that the main features appearing in our results are insensitive to the choice of parameters entering the calculations and could also be reproduced using other

pseudopotentials, other choices of V_{xc} , or different thicknesses of slab and vacuum layers, as long as convergence of the calculation is reached.

III. MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTIONS AND DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY

State-of-the-art electronic structure calculations for the bulk and surface invoke DFT (for electronic structure pro-grams employing DFT see, e.g., Refs. [15](#page-5-15) and [18](#page-6-2)-20). Ground-state energies as well as excitation spectra can be calculated within linear response with sub-eV accuracy. Apart from the ubiquitous uncertainty with regard to the appropriate exchange-correlation potential, V_{xc} , application of DFT to other classes of observables faces the conceptual difficulty that appropriate read-out functionals are, *a priori*, not known unless the observable can be directly expressed in terms of the electronic density $\rho(\vec{r})$. In the present contribution we inquire into a read-out functional for the Compton profile, i.e., the momentum distribution $\rho(\vec{q})$ near surfaces.

DFT employs the solution of a set of one-particle Kohn-Sham (KS) equations for the pseudo-wave-functions ψ_l $(Ref. 21)$ $(Ref. 21)$ $(Ref. 21)$

$$
H_{\rm eff}(\vec{r})\psi_l(\vec{r}) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_{\rm eff}[\rho(\vec{r})]\right)\psi_l(\vec{r}) = \varepsilon_l\psi_l(\vec{r})\qquad(1)
$$

which have the property to add up to the exact electron density

$$
\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l} |\psi_l(\vec{r})|^2, \qquad (2)
$$

provided the exact functional form of the exchangecorrelation potential V_{xc} entering the effective potential V_{eff} is known. This, however, is not the case and a variety of approximate functionals suited for specific problems are in use.

The quasicontinuum of bands *n* filled up to a maximum energy E_F is replaced by a discretized set of wave functions with band indices *n* and *k*. Then, for any band with band index *n* the wave function associated with momentum \vec{k} in the first Brioullin zone solving the Schrödinger equation for the solid can be written by a sum over plane waves

$$
\psi_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{G}) e^{i(\vec{k} + \vec{G})\vec{r}}, \tag{3}
$$

where *G* is any reciprocal lattice vector. Employing periodic boundary conditions, first-principle codes compute the electron density either for infinitely extended crystals computational box is equal to the crystal unit cell) or, at crystal surfaces, by calculating the ground state for an infinite number of thin crystal slabs ("supercell methods"). In either case, the coefficients $c_{n,k}$ are returned as output of the calculation. The total electron density is given by,

$$
\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{n} \sum_{\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} |\psi_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{r})|^2, \tag{4}
$$

where $\operatorname{occ}_{n,k}$ is the occupation of the (pseudo-) state with indices *n* and \vec{k} and $w_{\vec{k}}$ is the weight for the point \vec{k} in reciprocal space resulting from symmetry considerations if calculations are restricted to the irreducible Brioullin zone. In our case, w_k =const as we work on an equal-spaced grid extended over the whole Brioullin zone.

A. Momentum distributions $\rho(\vec{q})$

For a Schrödinger wave function $\phi(\vec{r})$ coordinate-space densities and momentum densities are related through the Fourier transform of the wave function,

 $\rho(\vec{q}) = |\tilde{\phi}(\vec{q})|$

with

$$
\tilde{\phi}(\vec{q}) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int d^3r \, e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} \phi(\vec{r}).\tag{6}
$$

 \vert^{2} (5)

Since the KS pseudo-wave-functions $\psi_{n,k}(\vec{r})$ are, in general, not to be identified with true wave functions, the applicabil-ity of Eqs. ([5](#page-1-0)) and ([6](#page-1-1)) is, *a priori*, not obvious. Note that $\rho(\vec{r})$ Eq. ([2](#page-1-2)) and $\rho(\vec{q})$ are not Fourier transforms of each other. As an alternative to applying Eq. (6) (6) (6) to KS-wave-functions, it might be possible to formulate the Hohenberg-Kohn theorem in momentum space with $\rho(\vec{q})$ as fundamental quantity.²² In this case the KS equations would become integral equations and V_{xc} a nonlocal integral operator. To our knowledge, this avenue has not yet been explored.

In the following, we postulate the applicability of Eqs. (5) (5) (5) and ([6](#page-1-1)) for KS pseudo-wave-functions. This can be justified for the homogeneous electron gas. Its extension to realistic DFT calculations for surfaces can be viewed as an analogue to the local-density approximation to the exchangecorrelation potential.

Accordingly, $\psi_{n,k}$ is given in momentum representation by

$$
\widetilde{\psi}_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{q}) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int \sum_{\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{G}) e^{i(\vec{k} + \vec{G})\vec{r}} e^{-i\vec{q}\vec{r}} d^3r
$$

$$
= (2\pi)^{-3/2} \sum_{\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{G}) \delta(\vec{q} - (\vec{k} + \vec{G})). \tag{7}
$$

For the three-dimensional momentum distribution we find

$$
\rho(\vec{q}) = \sum_{n,\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} |\tilde{\psi}_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{q})|^2
$$

\n
$$
= (2\pi)^{-3} \sum_{n,\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\vec{G},\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}} (\vec{G}) c_{n,\vec{k}}^* (\vec{G})
$$

\n
$$
\times \delta(\vec{q} - (\vec{k} + \vec{G})) \delta(\vec{q} - (\vec{k} + \vec{G}))
$$

\n
$$
= (2\pi)^{-3} \sum_{n,\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\vec{G}} |c_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{G})|^2 \delta(\vec{q} - (\vec{k} + \vec{G})). \quad (8)
$$

Figure [1](#page-2-0) shows cuts through the momentum distribution of an Al(111) single crystal slab at fixed q_z values. As Al is well described by a nearly-free electron approximation, the momentum distribution closely resembles a sphere with radius $q_F \approx 0.9$ a.u. but features also small but finite contributions at higher momenta due to correlation and the crystal structure potential. Furthermore, calculating $\rho(\vec{q})$ for a crystal slab

FIG. 1. (Color online) Momentum distribution of an Al(111) slab. The Fermi momentum for Al is about $q_F \approx 0.9$ a.u. Higher momenta represent correlation and crystal structure effects.

leads to an additional increase of higher momenta normal to the surface (q_z) due to the breaking of translational symmetry at the surfaces.

B. Distance dependent momentum distributions $\rho(\vec{q}_{\parallel},z)$

If we perform the Fourier transform only for coordinates parallel to the surface we retain the z dependence (coordinate

along the surface normal) of the position distribution but extract the momentum distribution along the coordinates in the surface plane $\rho(\vec{q}_\parallel, z)$. It can be rewritten as a sum over plane-wave coefficients and delta functions,

$$
\rho(\vec{q}_{\parallel},z) = \sum_{n,\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} |\vec{\psi}_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{q}_{\parallel},z)|^2
$$

$$
= (2\pi)^{-2} \sum_{n,\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\vec{G},\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}} (\vec{G}) c_{n,\vec{k}}^* (\vec{G}) e^{i(G_z - G_z')z}
$$

$$
\times \delta(\vec{q}_{\parallel} - (\vec{k}_{\parallel} + \vec{G}_{\parallel})) \delta(\vec{q}_{\parallel} - (\vec{k}_{\parallel} + \vec{G}_{\parallel}')). \qquad (9)
$$

Figure [2](#page-2-1) shows the distance dependent $|q_{\parallel}|$ distributions for Al(111) (left panels) and Al(110) surfaces (right panel) averaged over the azimuthal angle φ_q as a function of distance *z* from the topmost atomic layer on a logarithmic scale (color coding). The Fermi momentum is indicated by the black arrows. Differences between the distributions provide information on the face dependence of the momentum distributions and on the underlying surface potential. For example, the hump near the wave number $q=2\pi/a_s \approx 1.16$ a.u. in Fig. $2(a)$ $2(a)$ originates from the nearest-neighbor distance in the Al(111) surface $a_s \approx 5.4$ a.u. [white arrow in Fig. [2](#page-2-1)(c)]. In the

FIG. 2. (Color online) z-dependent momentum distributions as a function of the distance from the topmost atomic layer. Panels (a) and (b) show distributions for Al(111) and Al(110) surfaces, respectively. Black dots indicate experimental estimates for local Fermi momenta (see Chap. 3). Panels (c) and (d) show $q_x - q_y$ distributions for both faces taken at $z=1$ a.u. above the topmost atomic layer (dashed line in top panels). The white arrow in panel (c) indicates the wave number $q=2\pi/a_s \approx 1.16$ related to the nearest-neighbor distance of Al(111) surfaces.

case of the $Al(110)$ surface (right-hand panels) the existence of "wide" and "narrow" surface channels becomes evident by the different extension of the distribution in q_x and q_y directions [Fig. $2(d)$ $2(d)$].

C. Wigner distributions $\rho^W(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$

The Wigner distribution is the quantum mechanical analogue of the classical phase-space distribution $\rho^{cl}(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$. It features remarkable resemblance to $\rho^{cl}(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$ as it fulfills the following properties:

$$
\rho(\vec{q}) = \int d^3 \vec{r} \,\rho^W(\vec{q}, \vec{r}) \tag{10}
$$

$$
\rho(\vec{r}) = \int d^3 \vec{q} \,\rho^W(\vec{q}, \vec{r}), \qquad (11)
$$

as does ρ^{cl} . While ρ^W is real valued, an interpretation in terms of a probability distribution is, however, not possible as ρ^W is not positive definite. The latter is the immediate consequence of the position-momentum uncertainty. ρ^W can be calculated from the Fourier transform of the off-diagonal elements of the single-particle density matrix

$$
\hat{\rho} = \sum_{n,\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} |\psi_{n,\vec{k}}\rangle \langle \psi_{n,\vec{k}}|,\tag{12}
$$

and is given by

$$
\rho^W(\vec{q}, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\pi^3} \int \langle \vec{r} - \vec{y} | \hat{\rho} | \vec{r} + \vec{y} \rangle e^{2i\vec{q}\vec{y}} d^3y. \tag{13}
$$

Assuming now again that the KS orbitals can be taken to represent the one-particle density matrix, the calculation of ρ^W using DFT input is straightforward. It should be noted that the use of KS orbitals assures that the exact position density results from the reduction of the Wigner function [Eq. ([11](#page-3-0))]. This observation suggests that the representation of ρ^W in terms of KS orbitals and thus also of $\rho(\vec{q})$ [Eq. ([10](#page-3-1))] is a meaningful approximation. For a single-band wave function $\psi_{n,k}$ we find

$$
\rho_{n,\vec{k}}^{W}(\vec{q},\vec{r}) \propto \int \sum_{\vec{G},\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{G}) e^{i(\vec{k}+\vec{G})(\vec{r}-\vec{y})} c_{n,\vec{k}}^{*}(\vec{G}) e^{-i(\vec{k}+\vec{G})(\vec{r}+\vec{y})} e^{2i\vec{q}\vec{y}} d^{3}y
$$
\n
$$
= \sum_{\vec{G},\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{G}) c_{n,\vec{k}}^{*}(\vec{G}) e^{i(\vec{G}-\vec{G})\vec{r}} \int e^{iy(2\vec{q}-2\vec{k}-\vec{G}-\vec{G})} d^{3}y
$$
\n
$$
\propto \sum_{\vec{G},\vec{G}} c_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{G}) c_{n,\vec{k}}^{*}(\vec{G}) e^{i(\vec{G}-\vec{G})\vec{r}} \delta(2\vec{q}-2\vec{k}-\vec{G}-\vec{G}).
$$
\n(14)

The total Wigner function is therefore

$$
\rho^W(\vec{q},\vec{r}) \propto \sum_{n,\vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n,\vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} \rho^W_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{q},\vec{r}). \tag{15}
$$

The failure of the naive interpretation as a probability distri-bution can be seen from Fig. [3:](#page-3-2) ρ^W always features negative regions and strong oscillations in the regions of interest. Fig-

FIG. 3. (Color online) Wigner function $\rho^{W}(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$ in front of an Al(111) surface. $q_z = 0$, $z = 1.5$ a.u. above a surface atom. Around the main part of the distribution, negative valued areas (purple contour, also in Fig. [4](#page-3-3)) impede the interpretation as probability distribution.

ure [4](#page-3-3) shows cuts through the Wigner function for various positions above the irreducible part of the surface unit cell (see inset) at $q_z = 0$ a.u. As Wigner functions are a natural starting point for quantum calculations of scattering processes, details of the distributions may account for features in electron emission experiments sensitive to details of the projectile trajectory along the surface.

D. Husimi distributions $\rho^H(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$

The Husimi distribution is a convoluted (or averaged) Wigner function and even closer linked to the classical phase-space distribution than the Wigner function. Husimi suggested to average the Wigner function over a minimum uncertainty wave packet. ρ^H is defined by

$$
\rho^H(\vec{q}, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\pi^3} \int d^3 \vec{x} \int d^3 \vec{p} \rho^W(\vec{p}, \vec{x})
$$

$$
\times \exp\left[-\frac{(\vec{p} - \vec{q})^2}{\sigma^2} - \sigma^2(\vec{x} - \vec{r})^2\right], \qquad (16)
$$

where σ determines the width of the wave packet in \vec{q} and \vec{r}

FIG. 4. (Color online) Wigner function for an Al(111) surface evaluated at nine points of the irreducible part of the surface unit cell (see inset) and $q_z=0$, $z=1.5$ a.u.

FIG. 5. (Color online) Wigner (a) and Husimi distributions (b)–(d) for a one-dimensional slab calculation (logarithmic color coding). Averaging over a minimum wave packet leads to positive definite distributions in phase space, interpretation of the observed momenta depends, however, strongly on the choice of the relative widths of r and q . Dashed boxes in panels (a) – (d) indicate the region of phase space limited by the width of the slab and the Fermi momentum.

directions. ρ^H is the closest analogue to classical phase-space distribution consistent with the Heisenberg uncertainty principle. In particular, ρ^H is positive definite and allows for a probability interpretation. Eq. (16) (16) (16) would be time consuming to evaluate directly as it would require the evaluation of ρ^W for all coordinates \vec{q} and \vec{r} and performing a six-dimensional integration. This, however, can be circumvented by resorting to the equivalent expressions

$$
\rho_{nk}^H(\vec{q}, \vec{r}) \propto \left| \int \psi_{n,\vec{k}}(\vec{x}) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\vec{x} - \vec{r})^2 + i\vec{q}\vec{x}\right\} d^3\vec{x} \right|^2 \tag{17}
$$

and

$$
\rho^H(\vec{q}, \vec{r}) \propto \sum_{n, \vec{k}} \text{occ}_{n, \vec{k}} w_{\vec{k}} \rho^H_{n, \vec{k}}(\vec{p}, \vec{r}), \qquad (18)
$$

which reduce the numerical effort considerably. In Eq. ([17](#page-4-0)) σ again determines the width of the wave packet in \vec{r} . The averaging process smooths out oscillations of ρ^W on the scale of the de Broglie wavelength. It has, however, the disadvantage of featuring unphysically high momentum components due to the infinitely long tail of the Gaussian distribution in Eqs. (16) (16) (16) and (17) (17) (17) . Employing such a distribution in scattering calculations will therefore lead to a spontaneous escape of electrons with energies higher than the surface potential unless a suitable projection formalism is applied. Alternatively, reducing the width of the wave packet in momentum space would also diminish the weight of the high-momentum components but would come at the price of an averaging over a large volume in \vec{r} space (and therefore *z*) smoothing out the density gradient at the surface. The Husimi distribution can therefore be primarily used for an intuitive interpretation of quantum mechanical results in terms of the quasiclassical probability distribution.

To highlight differences and similarities between the Wigner and the Husimi distributions we display in Fig. [5](#page-4-1) for simplicity results for a system of reduced dimensions. Onedimensional calculations of a 20 layer $Al(111)$ slab using the pseudopotentials of Chulkov *et al.*[23](#page-6-6) are performed. In this case the phase space is two-dimensional. The Wigner function for the system [Fig. $5(a)$ $5(a)$] and three Husimi functions derived from it [Figs. $5(b)$ $5(b)$ - $5(d)$] are shown. Oscillations appearing in the Wigner function (negative areas are located in regions with $|q| > 1$ a.u.) are smoothed out by the averaging process over the minimum-width wave packet. In Fig. $5(b)$ $5(b)$ equal widths in *q* and *r* directions are chosen $(\sigma = 1/\sigma)$ preserving the main features of the Wigner function without negative valued areas. Averaging over wave packets with reduced width in space (c) or momentum (d) but constant total width leads effectively to a severe loss of information on the structures in the original Wigner function.

IV. APPLICATION TO ABOVE SURFACE KINETIC ELECTRON EMISSION

Outside the topmost atomic layer the electron density is quickly reduced. Electron wave functions reaching farthest

out from the surface will have large momenta in direction normal to the surface (q_z) . Therefore, smaller momenta parallel to the surface are observed than in the bulk. This behavior has recently been experimentally investigated by Winter *et al.*[24](#page-6-7) They have scattered atomic projectiles off single crystal Al (111) , Al (110) , and Cu (111) surfaces under surface channeling conditions. The turning point of the trajectory was varied by changing the angle of incidence relative to the surface normal. As expected, they find a decreasing maximum q_{\parallel} , referred to as "local Fermi momentum," with increasing distance from the surface. Their data can be directly compared to our results in sections II B and II C. We have displayed the experimental results in the top panels of Fig. [2](#page-2-1) for both Al surfaces. The contour levels were chosen as to approximately match the experimental data point for closest approach to the surface. In the case of $Al(111)$ the agreement between theory and experiment is almost perfect whereas results for the $Al(110)$ surface agree only on a qualitative level. This may have two reasons: on the one hand, trajectories along Al(111) surfaces are better defined than along Al(110). The Al(111) surface features the "smoother" planar surface potential due to its closest packed structure. Additionally, electron spill-out and therefore the experimental signal is larger in front of Al(111) surfaces than in front of Al(110) which may lead to a larger error in the experimentally determined local Fermi momentum.

As the determination of the local Fermi momentum is closely related to measurements of "subthreshold" KE , 10 *z*-dependent momentum distributions are also used for its interpretation. In this case, momenta above the local Fermi momentum are related to the KE yield (shaded area in Fig. [6](#page-5-16)). KE for projectile velocities below v_{th}^0 (see Sec. I) cannot be explained within the noninteracting free electron model for metallic conduction bands.

V. CONCLUSION

We have proposed a method to extract information on the surface momentum distributions and Compton profiles from *ab initio* DFT calculations. Pseudo-wave-functions from such calculations are (partially) Fourier transformed in order to derive the momentum distributions $\rho(\vec{q})$ and $\rho(\vec{q}_\parallel, z)$ and

FIG. 6. High-momentum tail of $\rho(q_{\parallel}, z)$ for $z=2$ a.u. The local Fermi momentum (Ref. [24](#page-6-7)) is indicated by the dashed line. Contributions above ρ_F^{loc} (shaded area) lead to subthreshold kinetic electron emission.

the quantum mechanical phase-space distributions $\rho^W(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$ (Wigner distribution) and $\rho^H(\vec{q}, \vec{r})$ (Husimi distribution). Far from resembling a simple Fermi distribution, we find momentum components well above q_F originating from correlation effects and the periodic crystal potential of the solid. Two examples for applications of the calculated distributions are presented and compared to experimental results.²⁴

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