

State-averaged multi-determinant density-functional theory based on ensembles and range separation

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- Exact range-separated energy expression (*Savin*):

$$E_0 = \min_{\Psi} \left\{ \langle \Psi | \hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{\text{lr},\mu} + \hat{V}_{\text{ne}} | \Psi \rangle + E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n_{\Psi}] \right\}$$

- The minimizing wavefunction Ψ_0^{μ} is the ground state of a long-range interacting system whose density equals the exact ground-state density n_0 .
- Ψ_0^{μ} fulfils the self-consistent equation

$$\left(\hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{\text{lr},\mu} + \hat{V}_{\text{ne}} + \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\delta E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}[n_{\Psi_0^{\mu}}] \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) \right) |\Psi_0^{\mu}\rangle = \mathcal{E}_0^{\mu} |\Psi_0^{\mu}\rangle$$

- standard KS-DFT is recovered when $\mu = 0$
- pure WFT is recovered when $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$
- **Short-range functionals**: srLDA, srPBE, ... (*Savin, Toulouse, Gori-Giorgi, Stoll, Goll, Scuseria, ...*)
- **Long-range wave function** calculation: **HF**-srDFT, **MC**-srDFT, **FCI**-srDFT, ...

- What about the **excited states** ?
- The spectrum $\{\mathcal{E}_i^\mu\}_{i=0,1,\dots}$ of the long-range interacting Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}^\mu = \hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{\text{lr},\mu} + \hat{V}_{\text{ne}} + \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\delta E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} [n_0] \hat{n}(\mathbf{r})$$

is connected with the true physical spectrum $\{E_i\}_{i=0,1,\dots}$ since $\mathcal{E}_i^\mu \rightarrow E_i$ when $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$

- How can we make this connection more explicit ?
- Interpolation techniques [E. Rebolini *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A 91, 032519 (2015)]
- Time-dependent adiabatic **linear response** theory*:

$$\left(\hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{\text{lr},\mu} + \hat{V}_{\text{ne}} + \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\frac{\delta E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} [n_{\Psi^\mu(t)}] + \delta v(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) \right) |\Psi^\mu(t)\rangle = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi^\mu(t)\rangle$$

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time-dependent **perturbation**

*E. Fromager, S. Knecht, and H.J. Aa. Jensen, J. Chem. Phys. 138, 084101 (2013).

- Perturbation expansion of the density and the short-range DFT potential: $n_{\Psi^\mu(t)} = n_0 + \delta n(t)$,

$$\left(\hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{lr,\mu} + \hat{V}_{ne} + \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\delta E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} [n_0] \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \longleftarrow \quad \boxed{\hat{H}^\mu} \right.$$

$$\left. + \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\int d\mathbf{r}' \underbrace{\frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}') \delta n(\mathbf{r})} [n_0]}_{\text{short-range kernel}} \delta n(\mathbf{r}', t) + \dots + \delta v(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) \right) |\Psi^\mu(t)\rangle = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi^\mu(t)\rangle$$

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short-range kernel

- Sum over states expression for the first excitation energy (within the Tamm–Dancoff approximation)

$$\omega \approx \mathcal{E}_1^\mu - \mathcal{E}_0^\mu + \int \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu} [n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}') \delta n(\mathbf{r})} n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r}') n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r})$$

$$+ \int \int \int \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}'_1 d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu} [n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}'_1) \delta n(\mathbf{r}_1)} \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu} [n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}') \delta n(\mathbf{r})} n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r}) n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r}'_1) \sum_{i>1} \frac{n_{0i}^\mu(\mathbf{r}_1) n_{0i}^\mu(\mathbf{r}')}{\mathcal{E}_1^\mu - \mathcal{E}_i^\mu} + \dots$$

Ensemble DFT

- Variational principle for an **equi-ensemble** (*Theophilou*): if Ψ and Ψ' are orthonormal then

$$\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle + \langle \Psi' | \hat{H} | \Psi' \rangle \geq E_0 + E_1$$

- **Generalization**: for a given ensemble weight w ,

$$(1 - w)\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle + w\langle \Psi' | \hat{H} | \Psi' \rangle = (1 - 2w) \underbrace{\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle}_{\geq E_0} + w \underbrace{\left(\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle + \langle \Psi' | \hat{H} | \Psi' \rangle \right)}_{\geq E_0 + E_1}$$

- *Gross-Oliveira-Kohn* **variational principle**:

$\text{for } 0 \leq w \leq 1/2, \quad (1 - w)\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle + w\langle \Psi' | \hat{H} | \Psi' \rangle \geq E^w$

where E^w is the exact **ensemble energy**: $E^w = (1 - w)E_0 + wE_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \omega = \frac{dE^w}{dw} = E_1 - E_0$

- E^w is a functional of the **ensemble density** $n^w = (1 - w)n_0 + wn_1$

Range-separated ensemble DFT

- **Exact range-separated** expression for the ensemble energy [Pastorzak *et al.* PRA **87**, 062501 (2013)]:

$$E^w = (1 - w) \langle \Psi_0^{\mu,w} | \hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{lr,\mu} + \hat{V}_{ne} | \Psi_0^{\mu,w} \rangle + w \langle \Psi_1^{\mu,w} | \hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{lr,\mu} + \hat{V}_{ne} | \Psi_1^{\mu,w} \rangle + E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu,w} [n^w],$$

where the auxiliary ground- and first-excited wavefunctions fulfil the **self-consistent** equation

$$\left(\hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee}^{lr,\mu} + \hat{V}_{ne} + \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\delta E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu,w} [n^w]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) \right) | \Psi_i^{\mu,w} \rangle = \mathcal{E}_i^{\mu,w} | \Psi_i^{\mu,w} \rangle, \quad i = 0, 1$$

and reproduce the **exact ensemble density** $n^w = (1 - w)n_{\Psi_0^{\mu,w}} + w n_{\Psi_1^{\mu,w}}$

- Exact range-separated **excitation energy**:

$$\omega = \mathcal{E}_1^{\mu,w} - \mathcal{E}_0^{\mu,w} + \left. \frac{\partial E_{\text{xc}}^{\text{sr},\mu,w} [n]}{\partial w} \right|_{n=n^w}$$

O. Franck and E. Fromager, *Mol. Phys.* **112**, 1684 (2014).

Range-separated ensemble DFT

- **Connection** with time-dependent **linear response** theory: in the $w \rightarrow 0$ limit,

$$\omega = \varepsilon_1^\mu - \varepsilon_0^\mu + \left. \frac{\partial E_{\text{xc}}^{\text{sr},\mu,w}[n_0]}{\partial w} \right|_{w=0}$$

- **Derivative discontinuity*** Δ : if the first excitation is a single excitation then, in the $\mu = 0$ limit,

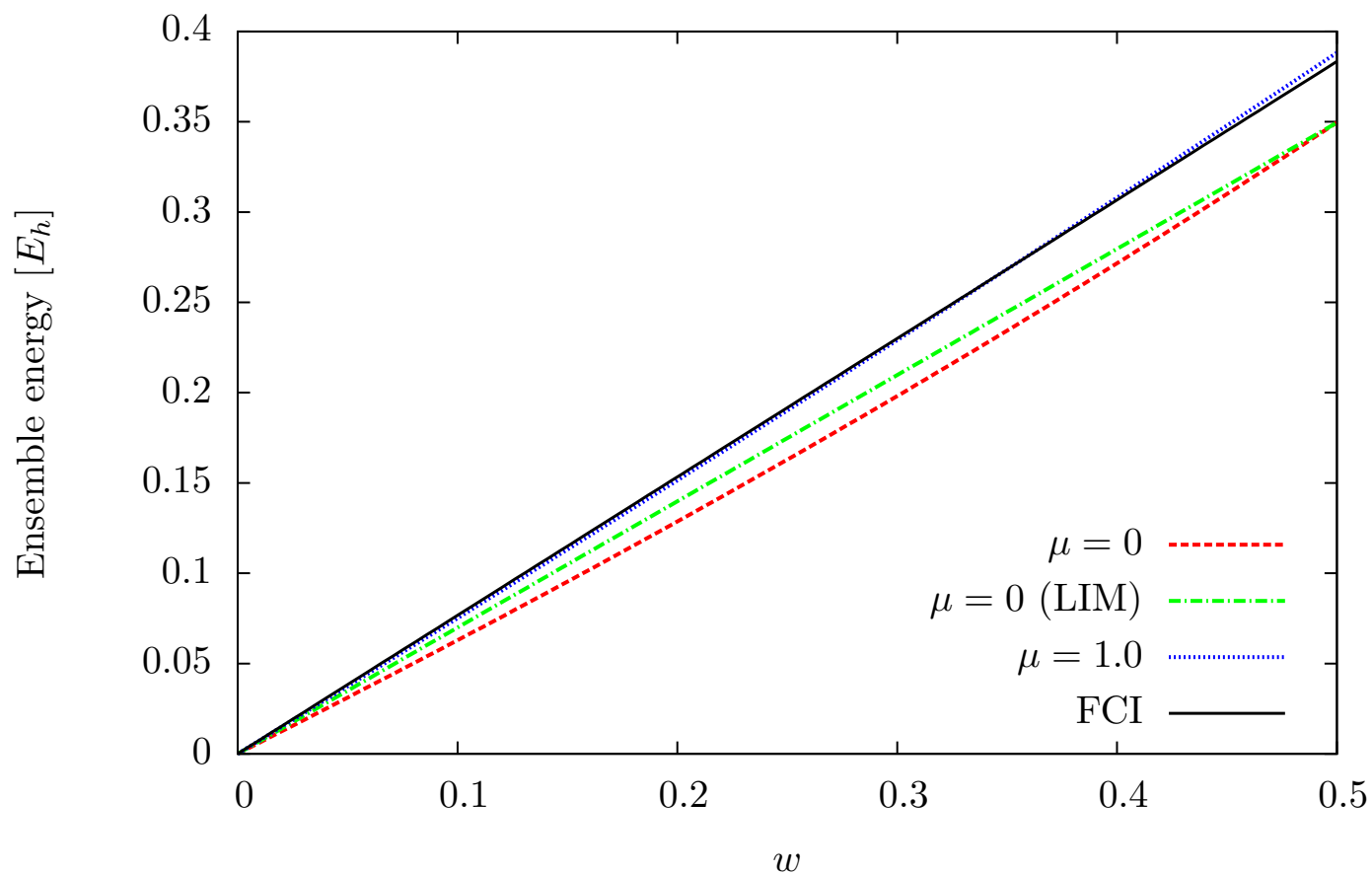
$$\omega = \left(\varepsilon_{\text{L}} + \Delta_{\text{xc}} \right) - \varepsilon_{\text{H}} \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta_{\text{xc}} = \left. \frac{\partial E_{\text{xc}}^w[n_0]}{\partial w} \right|_{w=0}$$

- From now on we shall refer to $\Delta_{\text{xc}}^{\mu,w} = \left. \frac{\partial E_{\text{xc}}^{\text{sr},\mu,w}[n]}{\partial w} \right|_{n=n^w}$ as the **short-range derivative discontinuity** (DD).

*M.Levy, *Phys. Rev. A* **52**, R4313 (1995).

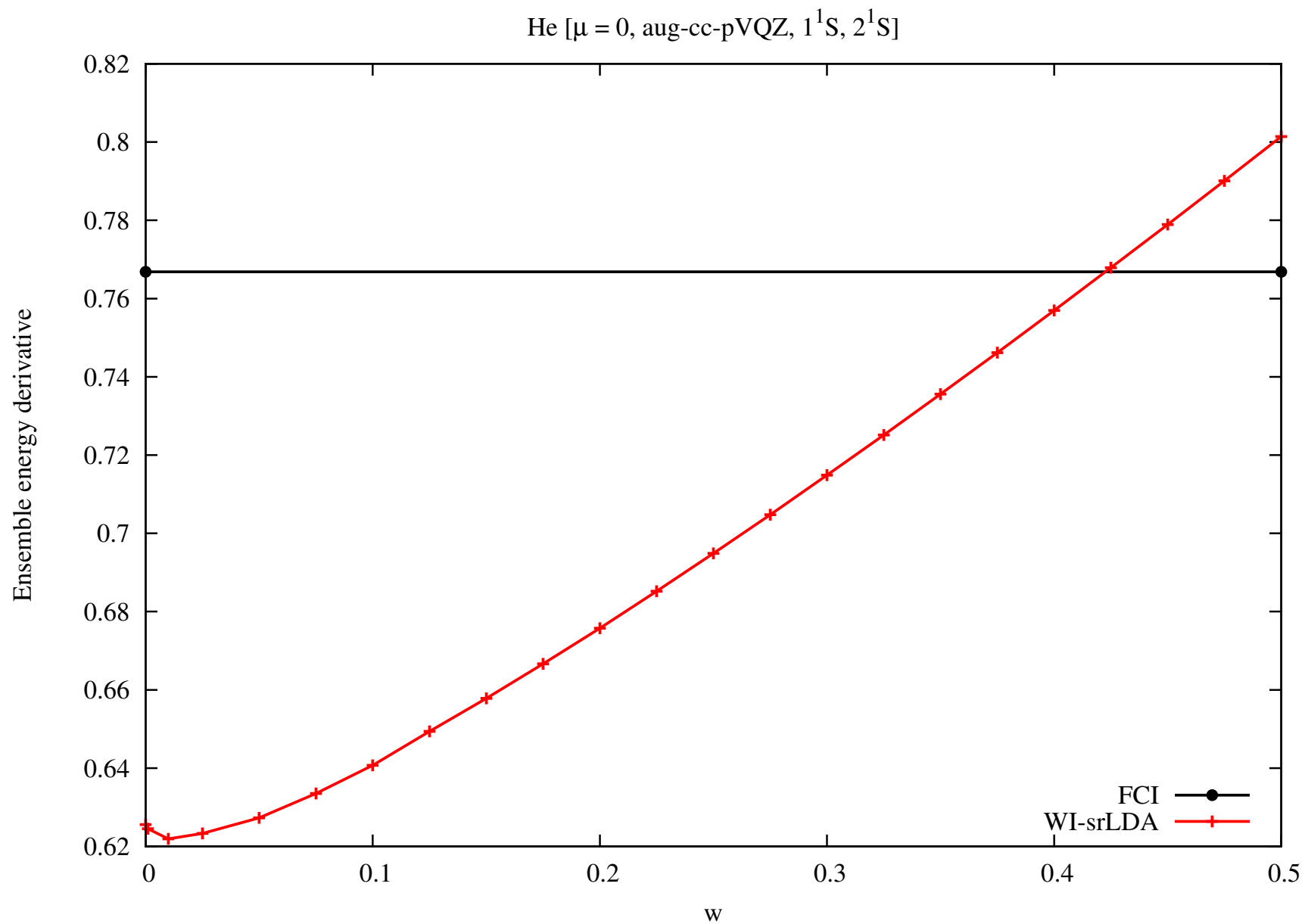
He[$1^1S, 2^1S$], srLDA, aug-cc-pVQZ

Weight-independent density-functional approximation (WIDFA): $E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu,w}[n] \rightarrow E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n]$,



B. Senjean, S. Knecht, H. J. Aa. Jensen, and E. Fromager, [arXiv:1504.06477](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.06477) (2015)

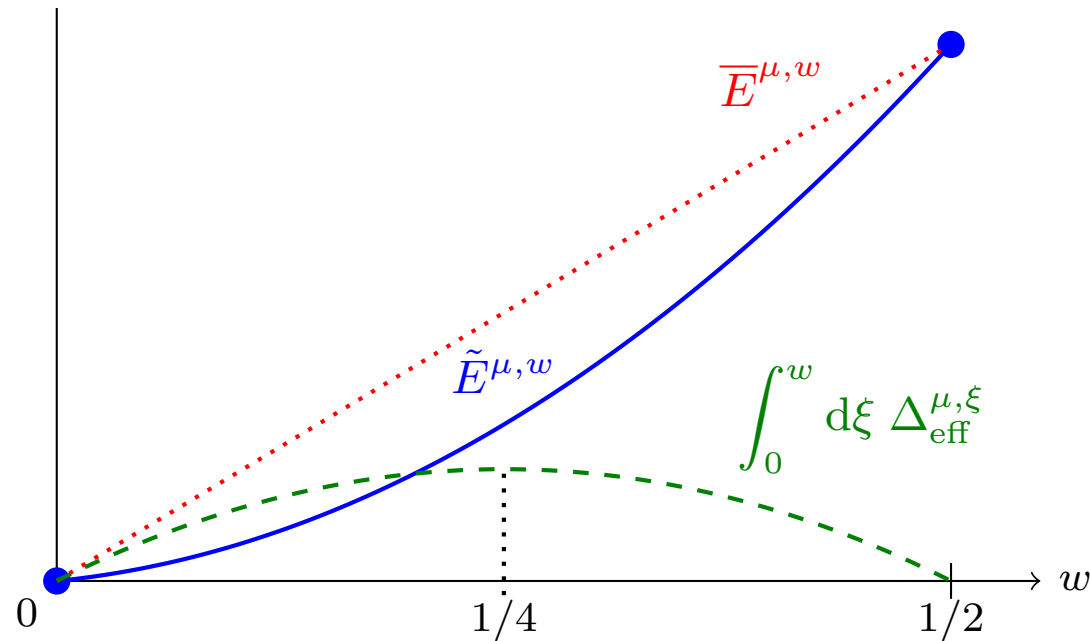
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Linear interpolation method (LIM)

- In the exact theory: $2(E^{w=1/2} - E_0) = \omega = \frac{dE^w}{dw}$
- The WIDFA ensemble energy \tilde{E}^w has **curvature**
- There is no clear definition for the WIDFA excitation energy from $\boxed{d\tilde{E}^w/dw = \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_1^w - \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_0^w = \Delta\tilde{\mathcal{E}}^w}$
- On the other hand we have $\boxed{\omega_{\text{LIM}} = 2(\tilde{E}^{w=1/2} - E_0)}$ that can be **chosen as excitation energy**,
by analogy with the fundamental gap problem *

Linear interpolation method (LIM)



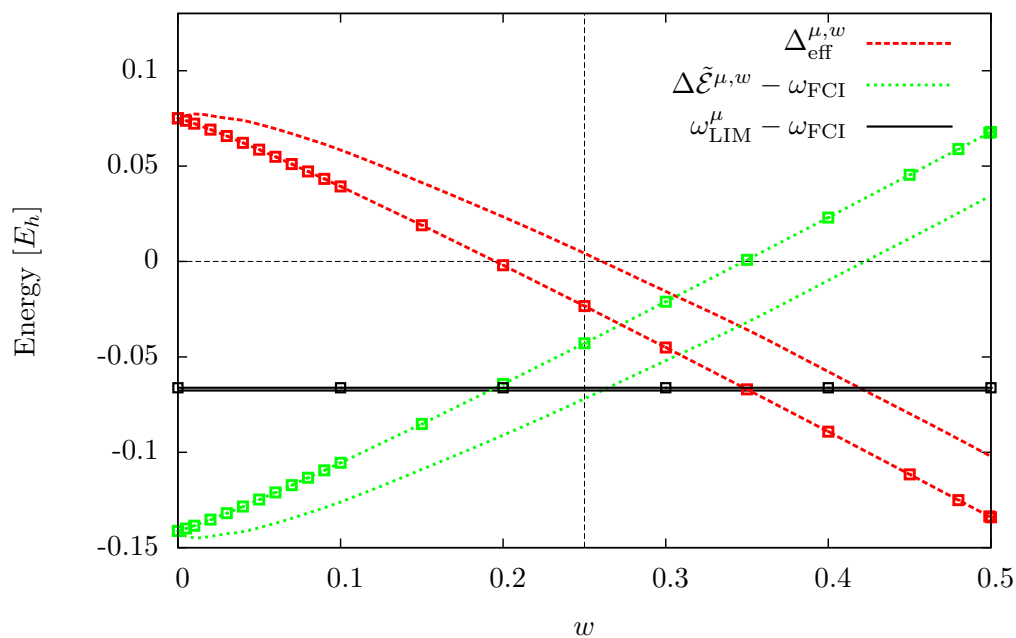
$$\underbrace{E_0 + 2w(\tilde{E}^{w=1/2} - E_0)}_{\downarrow \overline{E}^w} = \underbrace{\tilde{E}^w}_{\text{curvature correction}} + \underbrace{\int_0^w d\xi \Delta_{\text{eff}}^\xi}_{\text{curvature correction}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{2(\tilde{E}^{w=1/2} - E_0)}_{\text{excitation energy}} = \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_1^w - \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_0^w}_{\text{excitation energy}} + \underbrace{\Delta_{\text{eff}}^w}_{\text{effective DD}}$$

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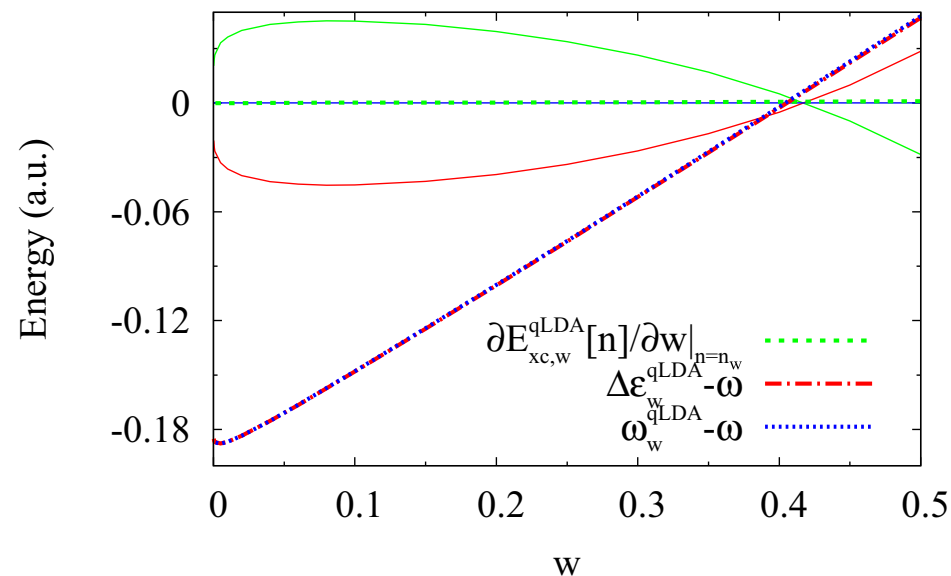
GOK-LDA ($\mu = 0$) effective DD in He [$1^1S \rightarrow 2^1S$]

□, □ : no self-consistency

He [$\mu = 0a_0^{-1}$, srLDA]



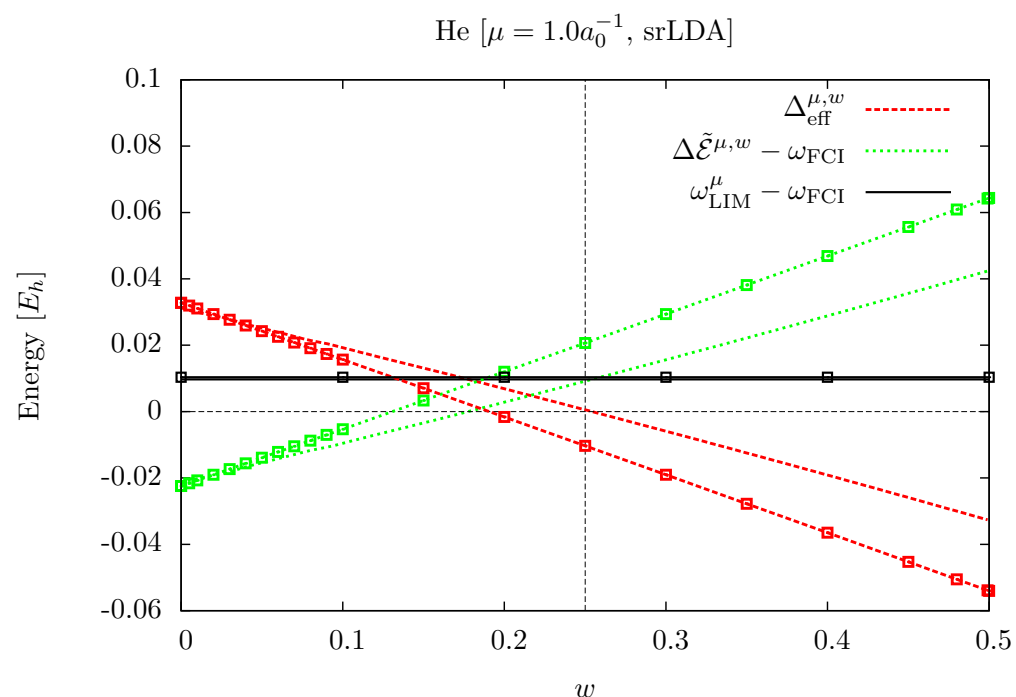
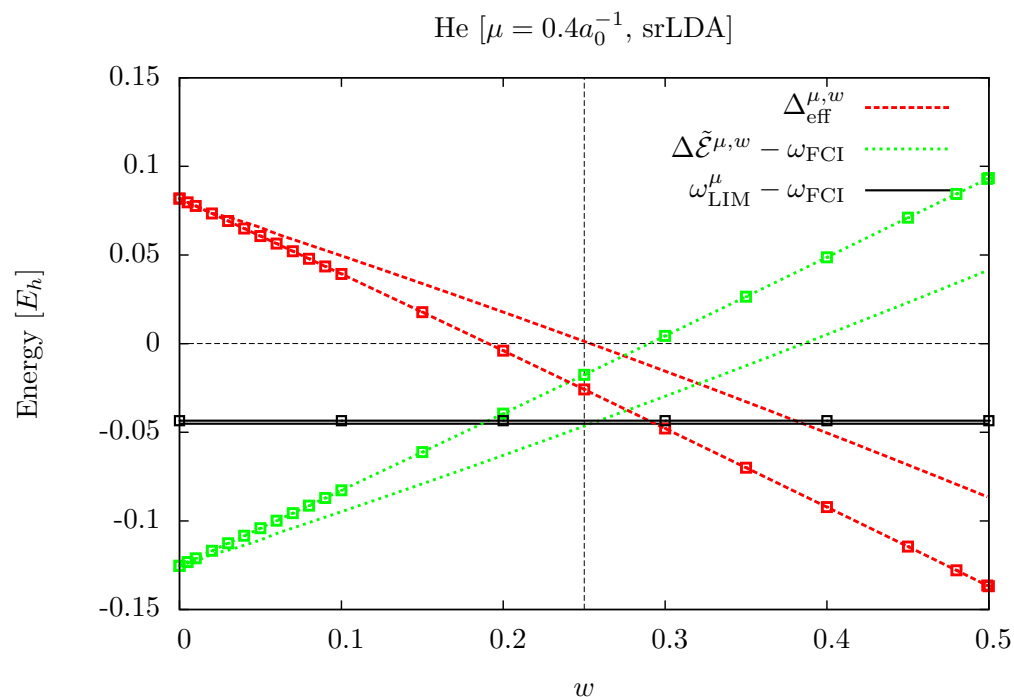
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Comparing LIM with adiabatic linear response theory

- **Taylor expansion** for the LIM excitation energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\text{LIM}} \approx & \mathcal{E}_1^\mu - \mathcal{E}_0^\mu + \frac{1}{4} \int \int d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}')\delta n(\mathbf{r})} (n_{\Psi_1^\mu}(\mathbf{r}') - n_0(\mathbf{r}')) (n_{\Psi_1^\mu}(\mathbf{r}) - n_0(\mathbf{r})) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int \int \int \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}'_1 d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}'_1)\delta n(\mathbf{r}_1)} \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}')\delta n(\mathbf{r})} (n_{\Psi_1^\mu}(\mathbf{r}) - n_0(\mathbf{r})) (n_{\Psi_1^\mu}(\mathbf{r}'_1) - n_0(\mathbf{r}'_1)) \\ & \quad \times \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{n_{0i}^\mu(\mathbf{r}_1)n_{0i}^\mu(\mathbf{r}')}{\mathcal{E}_0^\mu - \mathcal{E}_i^\mu} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- To be compared with the expression from time-dependent adiabatic **linear response** theory ...

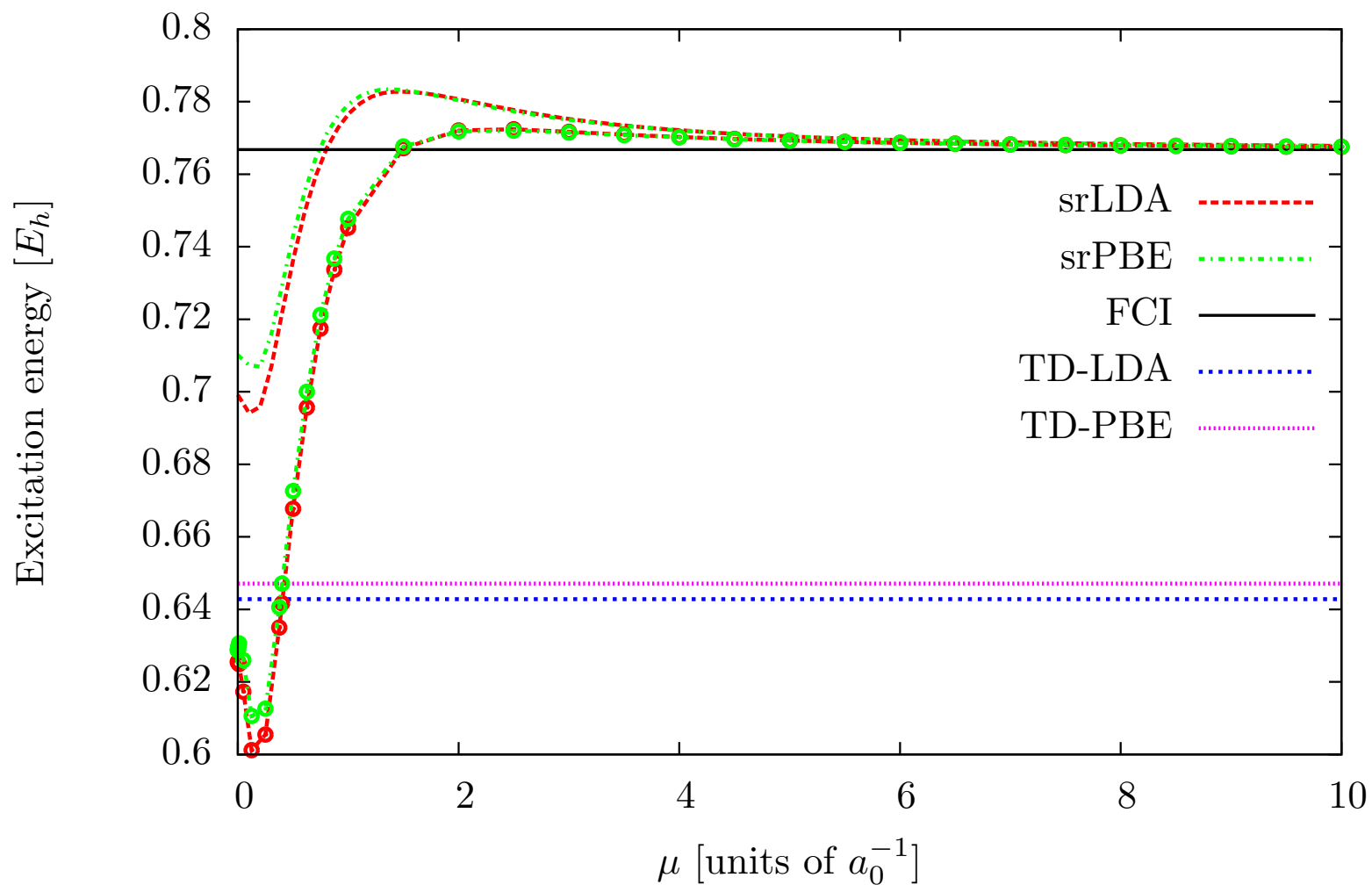
$$\begin{aligned} \omega \approx & \mathcal{E}_1^\mu - \mathcal{E}_0^\mu + \int \int d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}')\delta n(\mathbf{r})} n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r}') n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r}) \\ & + \int \int \int \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}'_1 d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}'_1)\delta n(\mathbf{r}_1)} \frac{\delta^2 E_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{sr},\mu}[n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}')\delta n(\mathbf{r})} n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r}) n_{01}^\mu(\mathbf{r}'_1) \sum_{i > 1} \frac{n_{0i}^\mu(\mathbf{r}_1)n_{0i}^\mu(\mathbf{r}')}{\mathcal{E}_1^\mu - \mathcal{E}_i^\mu} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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$1^1S \rightarrow 2^1S$

He

$\circ, \circ : \mathcal{E}_1^\mu - \mathcal{E}_0^\mu$

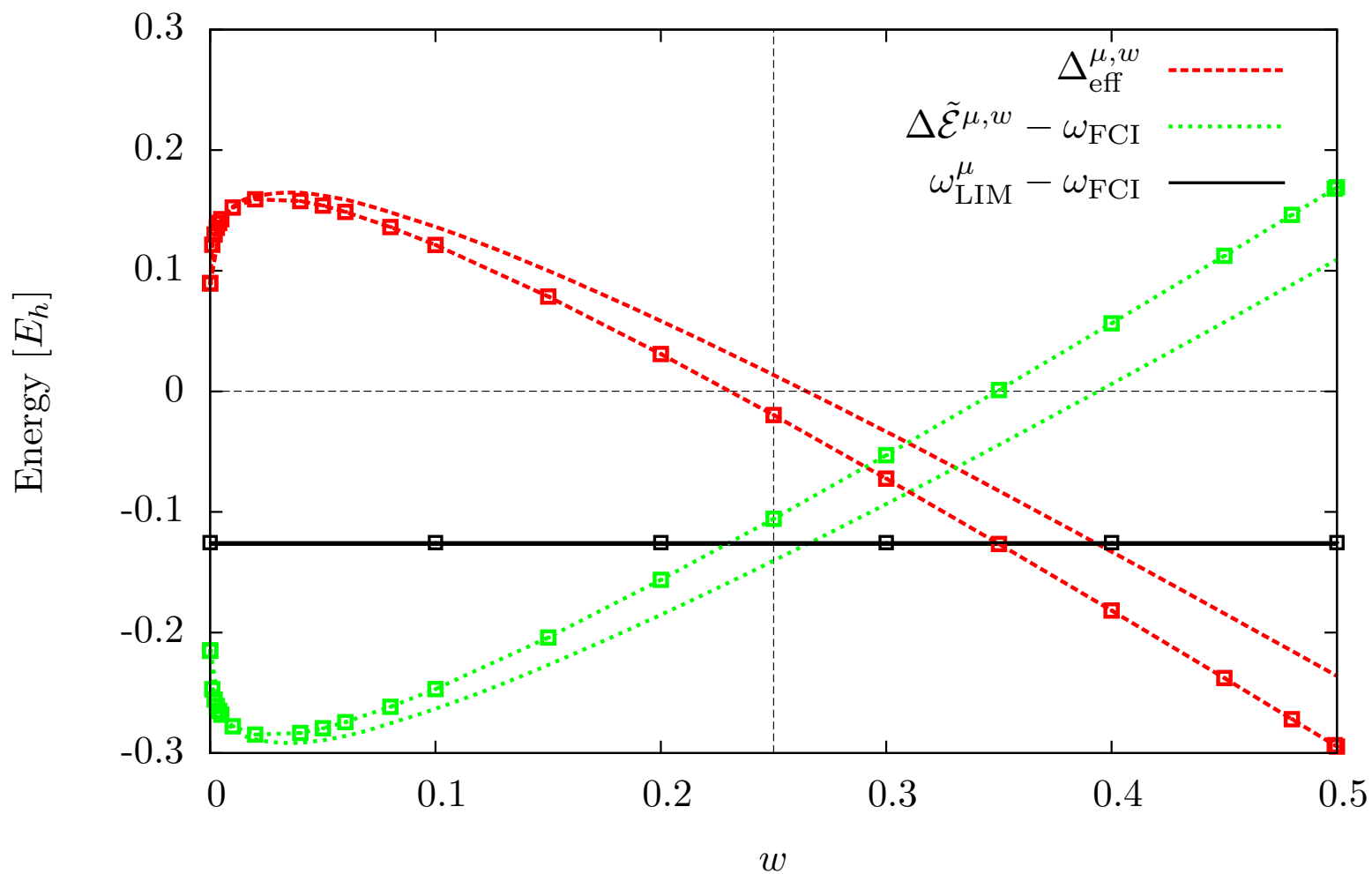


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$1^1\Sigma^+ \rightarrow 2^1\Sigma^+$

HeH⁺ [$R = 8.0a_0$, $\mu = 0a_0^{-1}$]

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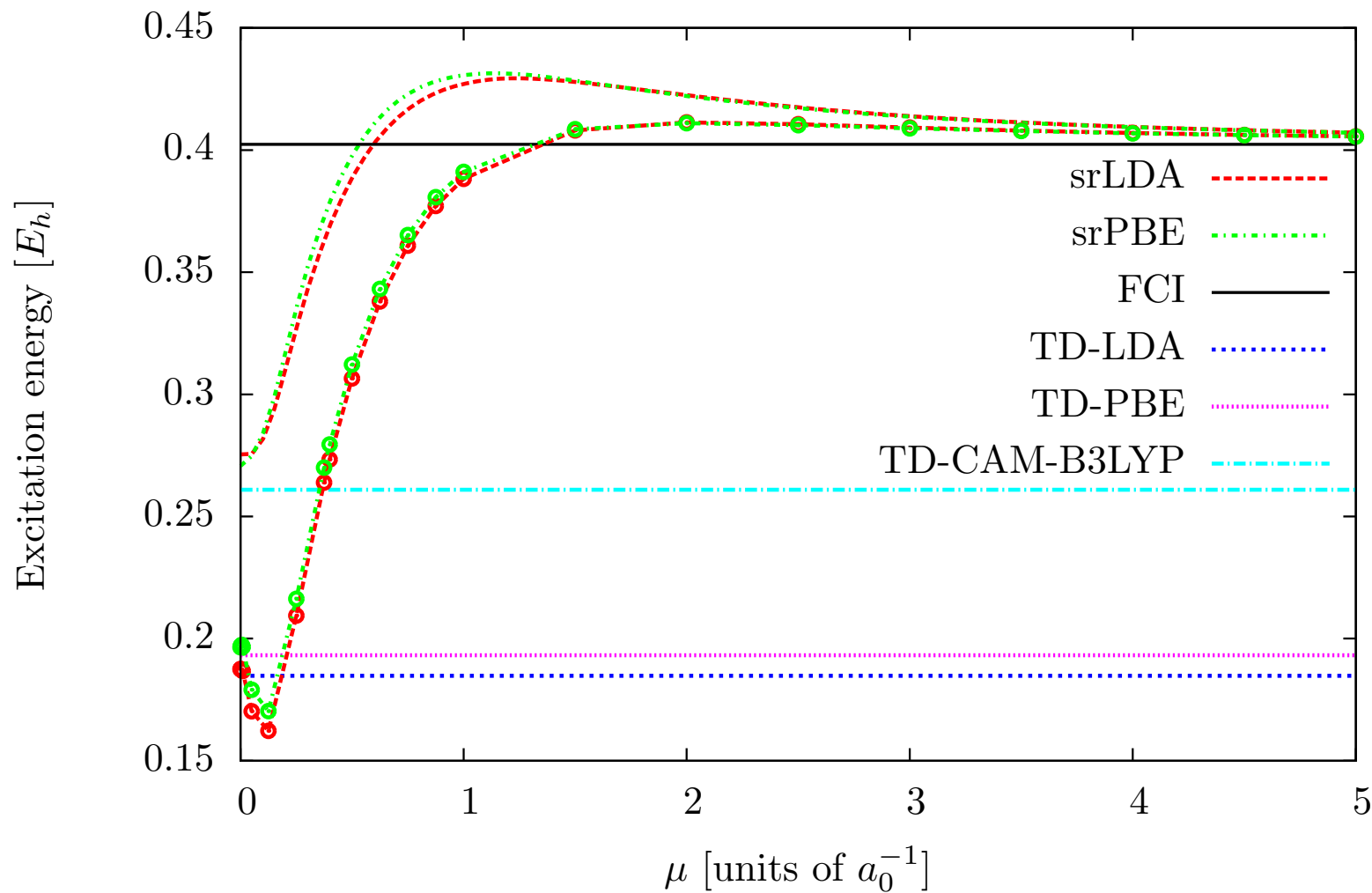


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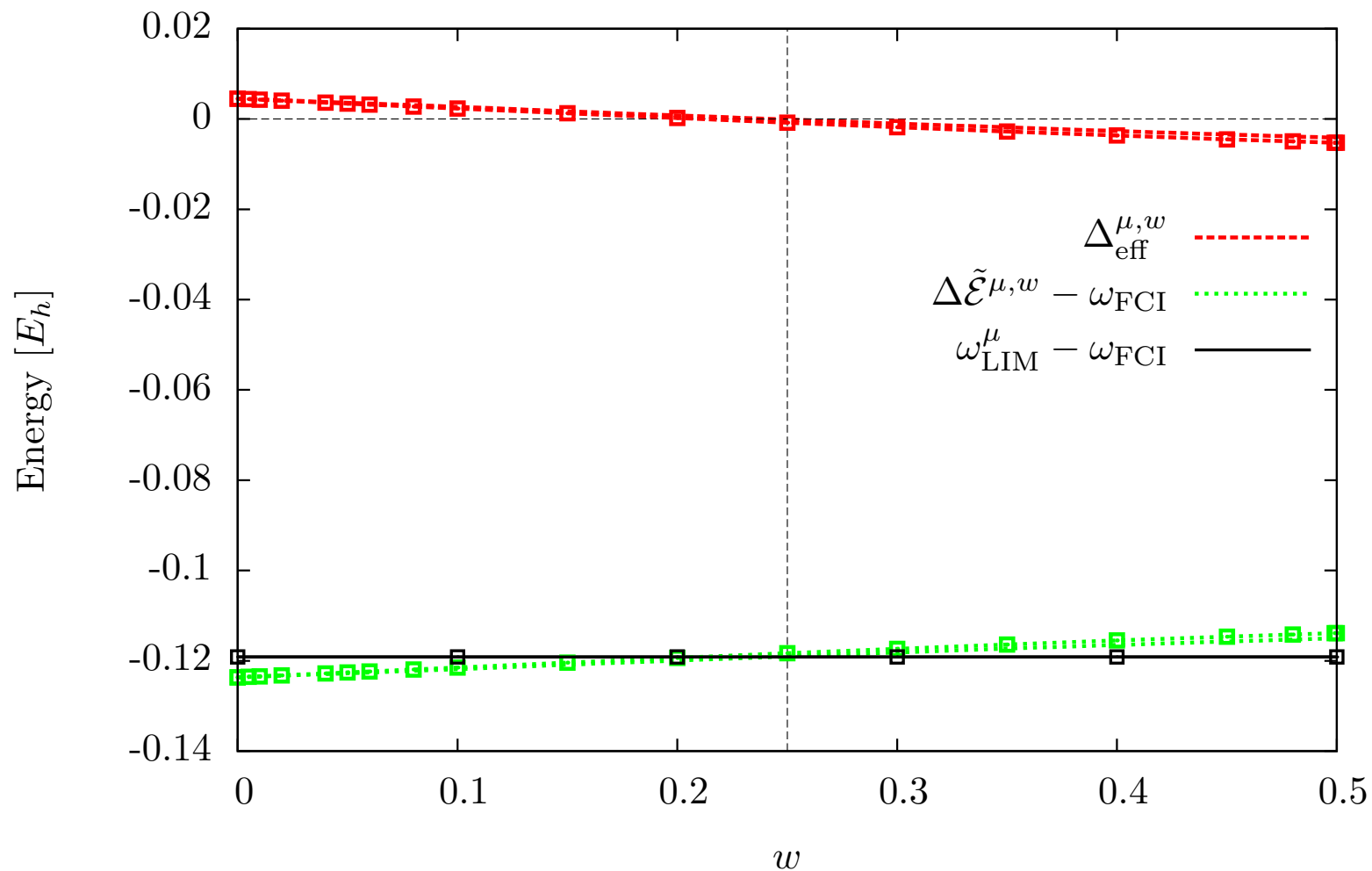
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$\text{H}_2 [R = 3.7a_0, \mu = 0a_0^{-1}]$

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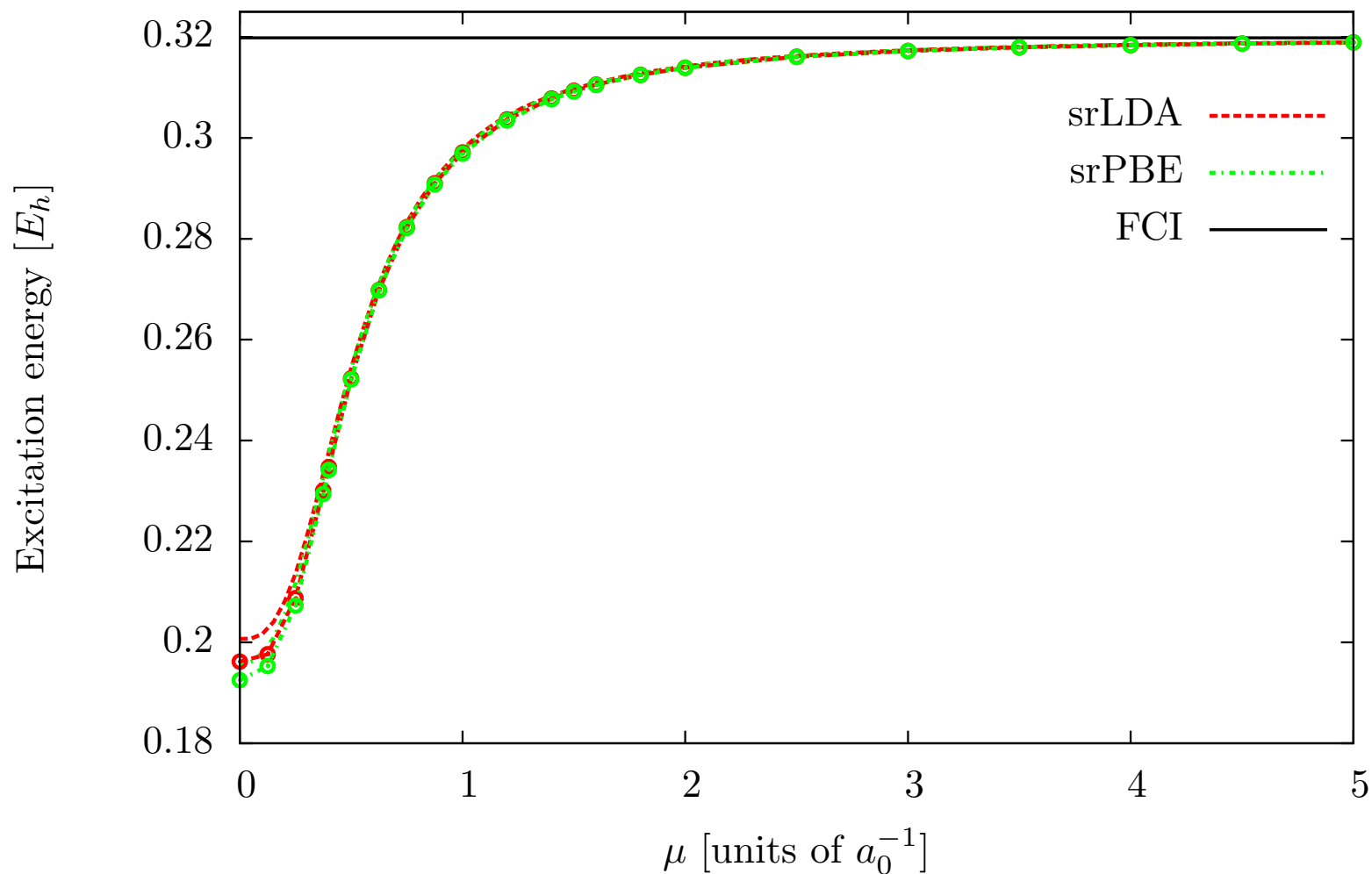


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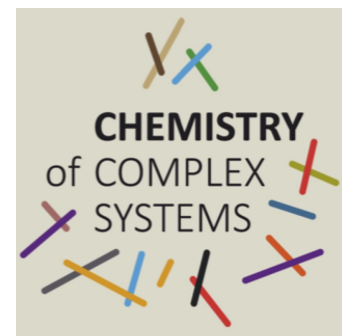
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Conclusions and outlook

- Multi-determinant range-separated **DFT** can be extended to **excited states** within the **time-independent** regime (ensembles).
- **Self-consistent** implementation at the long-range **FCI** level in the DALTON program package.
- Long-term project: use state-averaged CASSCF rather than FCI → **state-averaged CASDFT** method !
- The **linear interpolation method** (LIM) gives very promising results for single excitations (including charge transfer) **already at the GOK-DFT level** ($\mu = 0$).
- It is **worth using LIM** rather than the (ground-state density-functional) auxiliary excitation energy when $\mu \leq 1$.
- LIM can be extended to **higher excitations** (linear interpolations between equiensembles up the multiplet of interest)
- Need for **weight-dependent** density-functional approximations, especially for modeling double excitations. **Model systems** like electrons on a ring (*Gill, Loos*) are currently investigated.

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