# Basis-set correction based on density-functional theory: Rigorous framework for a one-dimensional model

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- We give a new **formulation of the method** and we develop an **adapted local-density approximation (LDA) for the basis-set correction functional** $\bar{E}^{\mathcal{B}}[\rho]$ **for any basis** $\mathcal{B}$ using a **finite uniform electron gas** Traore, Giner, Toulouse, JCP, 2022

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- In a finite one-electron basis set, we thus expect a **slow convergence with the basis size** very similar to the slow convergence observed in 3D quantum systems with the Coulomb electron-electron interaction

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  - The HF ground-state energy is

$$E_{\text{HF}} = -Z^2 + \frac{Z}{2} - \frac{1}{12} = -3.083333\ldots \text{ a.u.}$$

  - The doubly occupied HF orbital is

$$\phi_1(x) = 2\beta\sqrt{\gamma}\frac{e^{-\beta|x|}}{1 - \gamma\, e^{-2\beta|x|}}$$

with $\beta = Z - 1/2 = 3/2$ and $\gamma = 1/(4Z - 1) = 1/7$

Nogami, Vallières, van Dijk, AJP, 1976

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- The **full-configuration-interaction (FCI) ground-state energy** for this basis set $\mathcal{B}$ is

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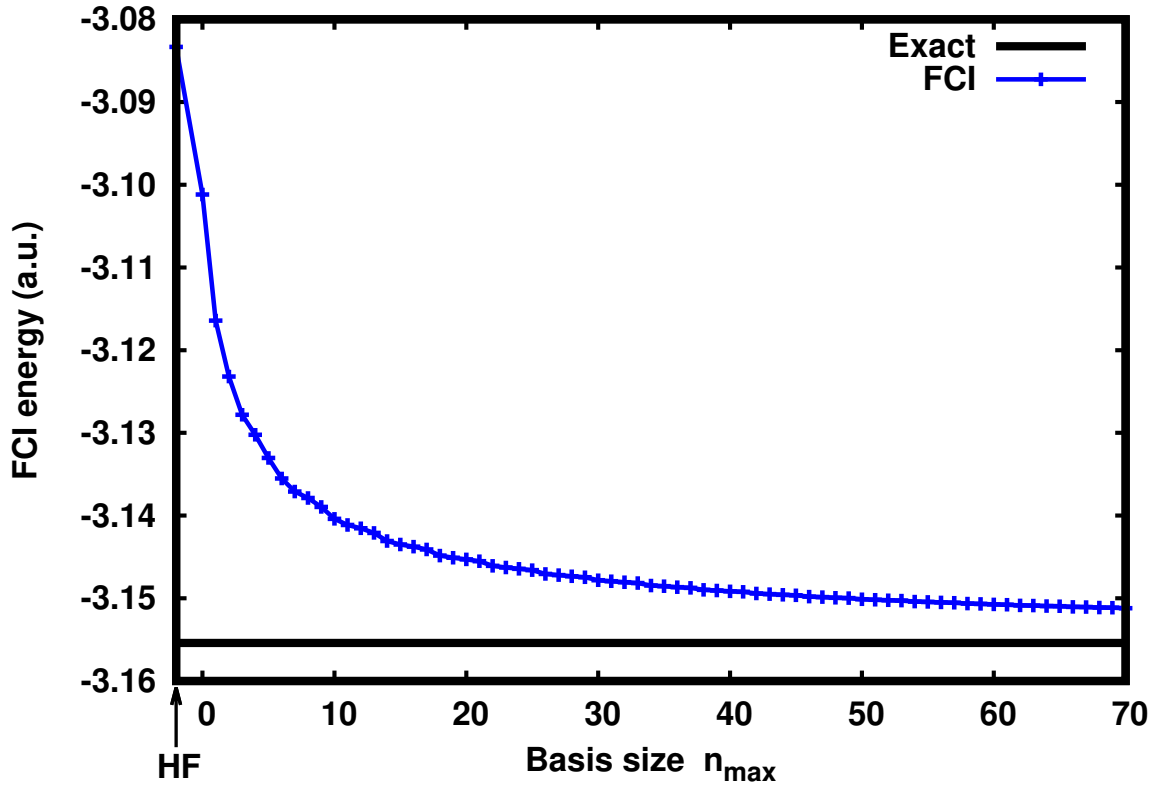
# Basis convergence of the FCI ground-state energy

- **Convergence** of $E_{\text{FCI}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ as a function of the **basis size** $n_{\text{max}}$




- As in the 3D Coulomb case, we find a **slow power-law convergence**:

$$E_{\text{FCI}}^{\mathcal{B}} \underset{n_{\text{max}} \to \infty}{\sim} E_0 + \frac{A}{n_{\text{max}}^b} \qquad \text{with } b \approx 0.5$$

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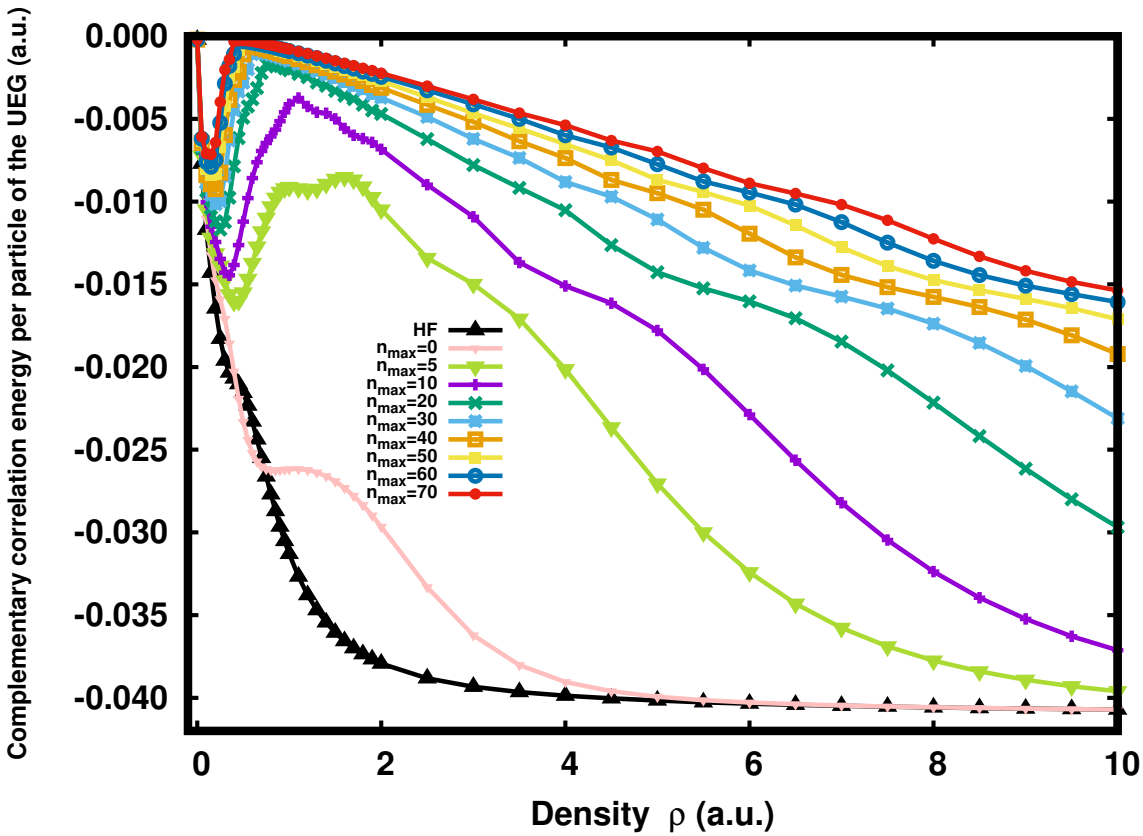


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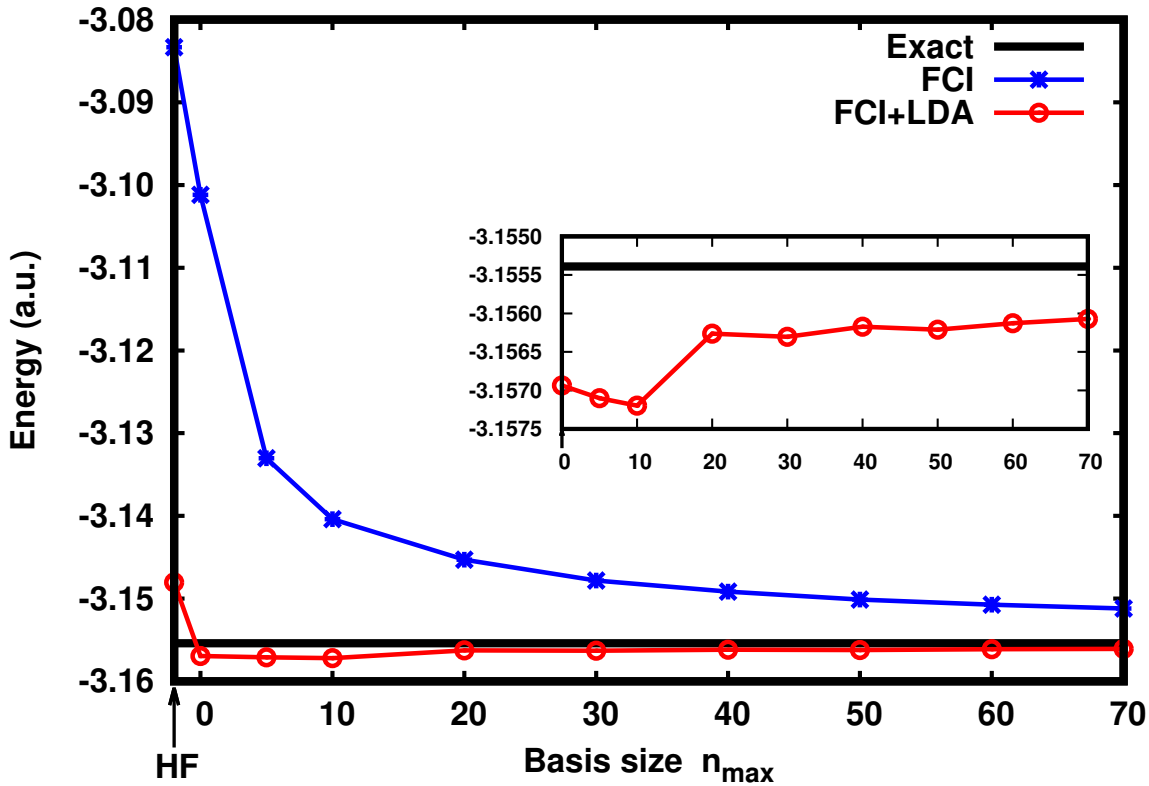


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# Summary and outlook

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  - Extension to solids?

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