

Connecting weight derivatives to derivative discontinuities in N -centered ensemble DFT

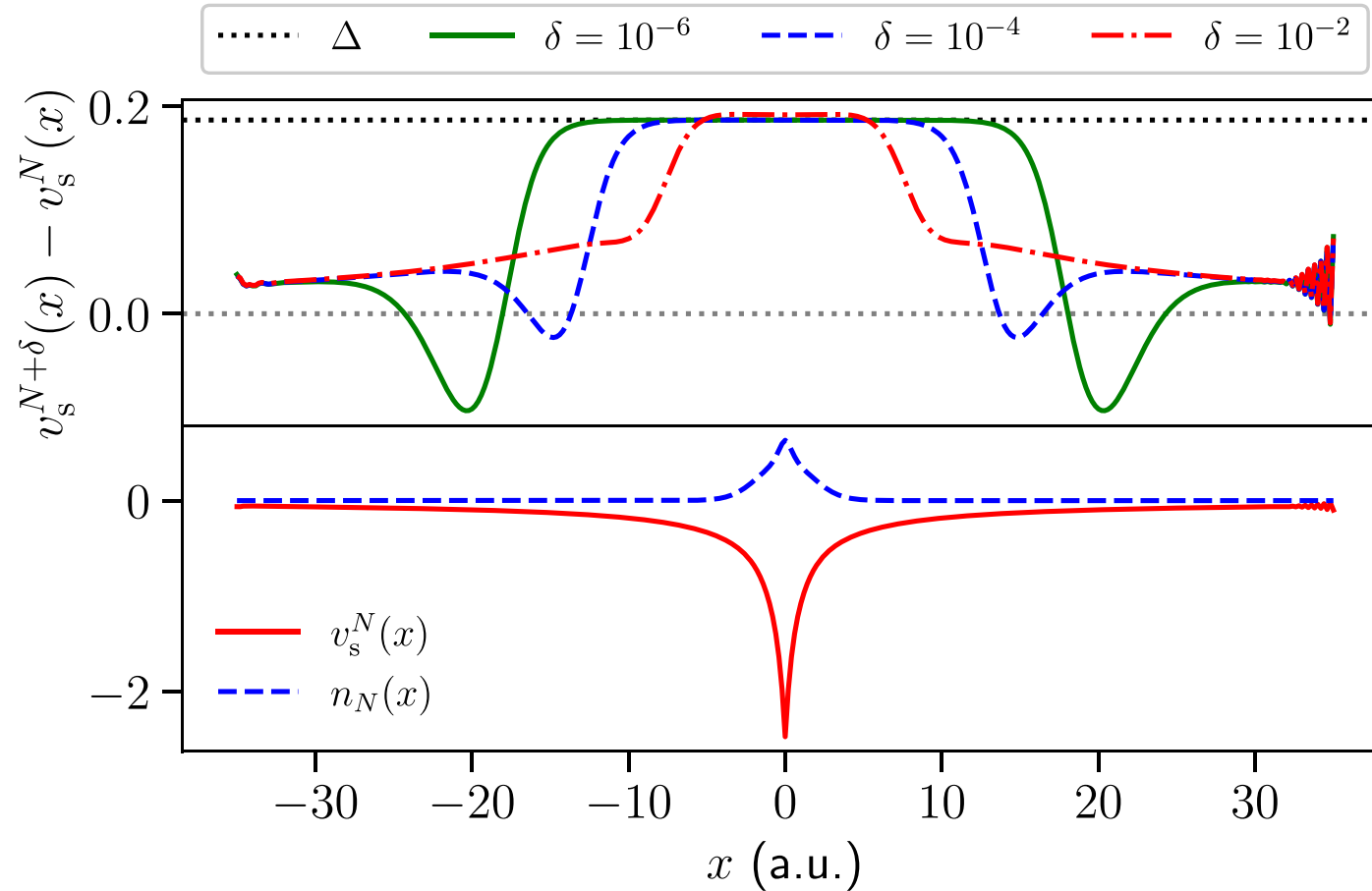
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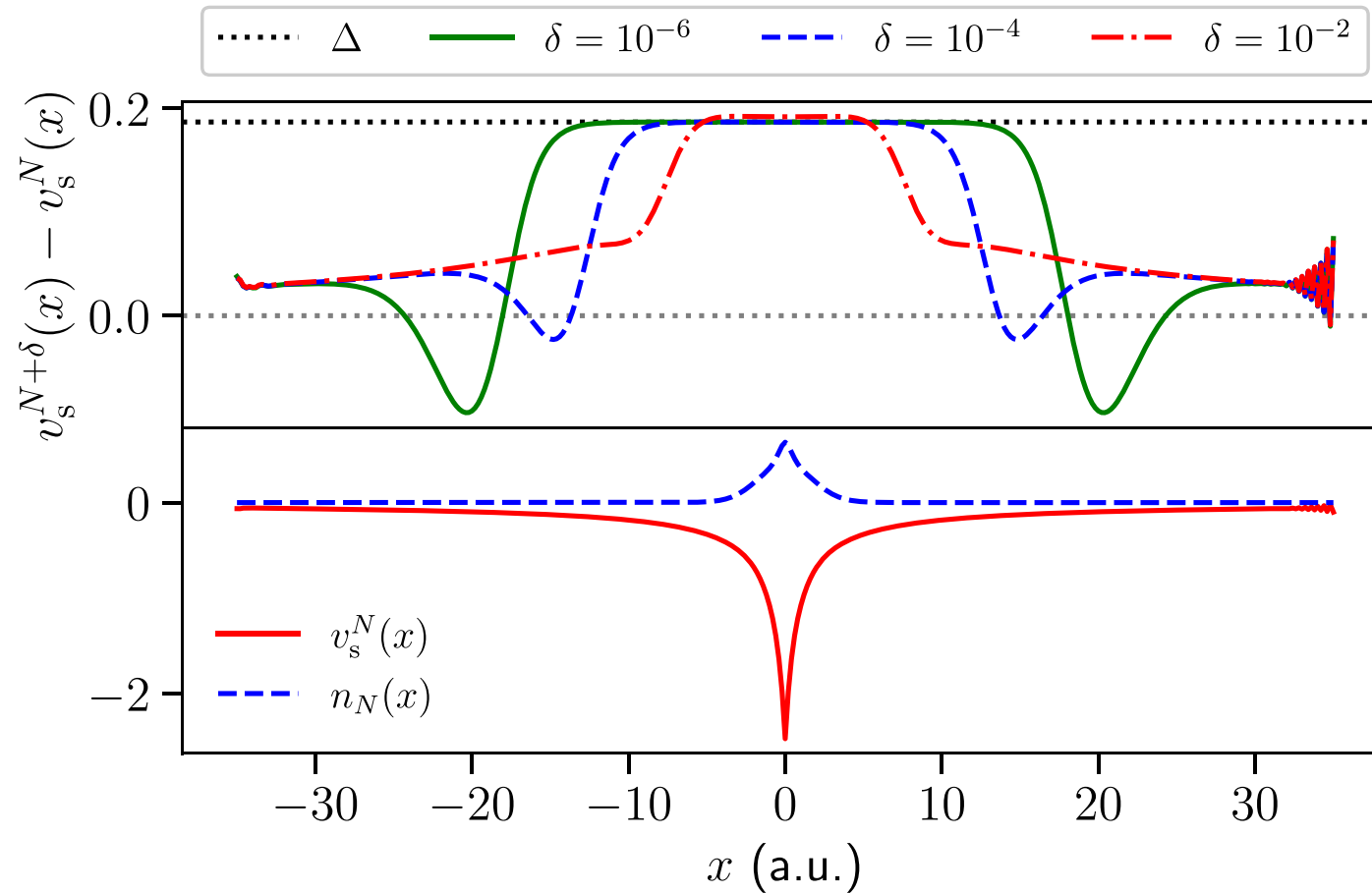
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Conventional Perdew-Parr-Levy-Balduz (PPLB) approach



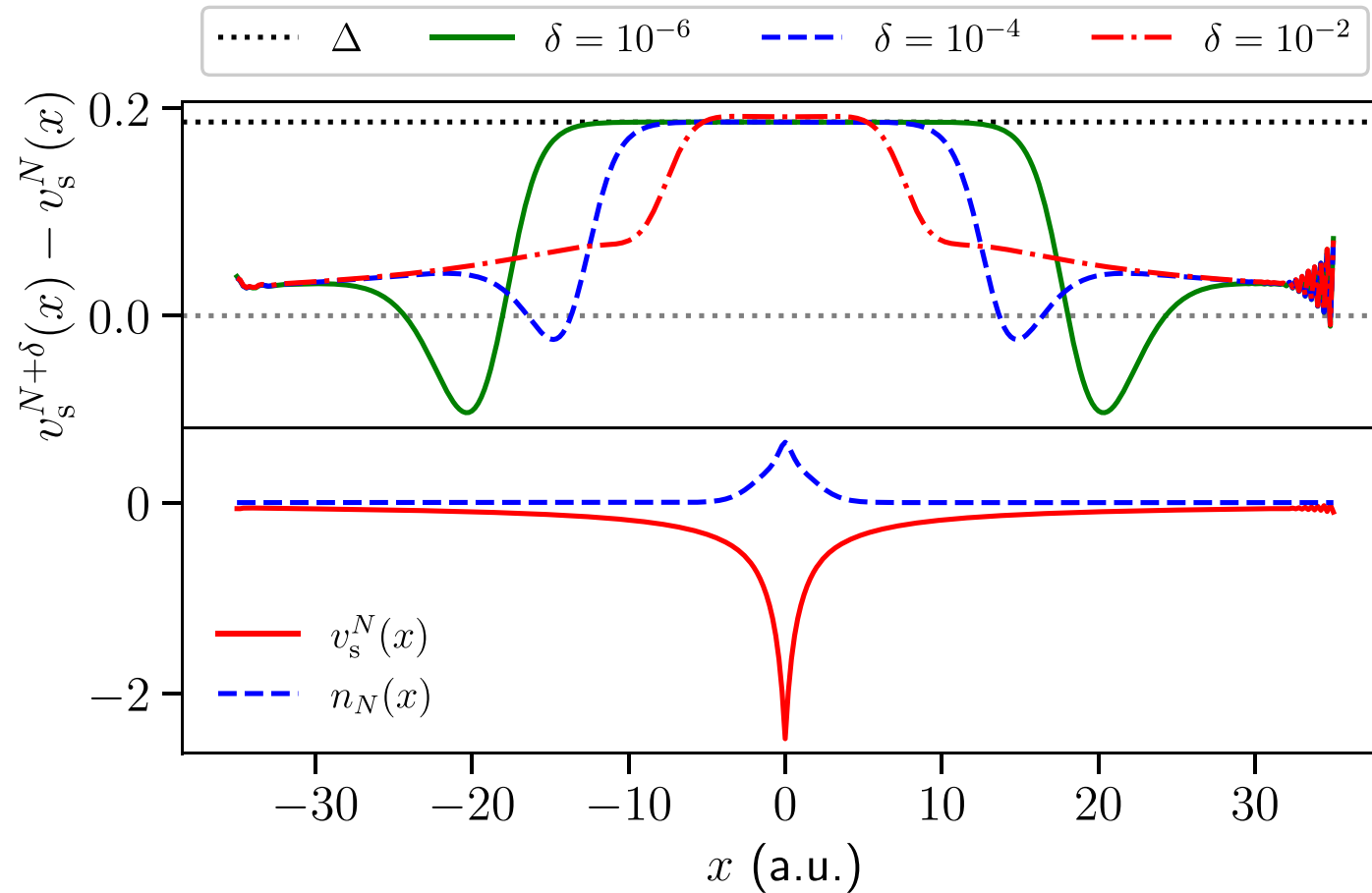
$$\hat{H} \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{d^2}{dx_i^2} + \left(-\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{3}{1 + |x_i|} + \sum_{i < j}^N \frac{1}{1 + |x_i - x_j|} \right) \times$$

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$$N = 2 \rightarrow N + \delta$$

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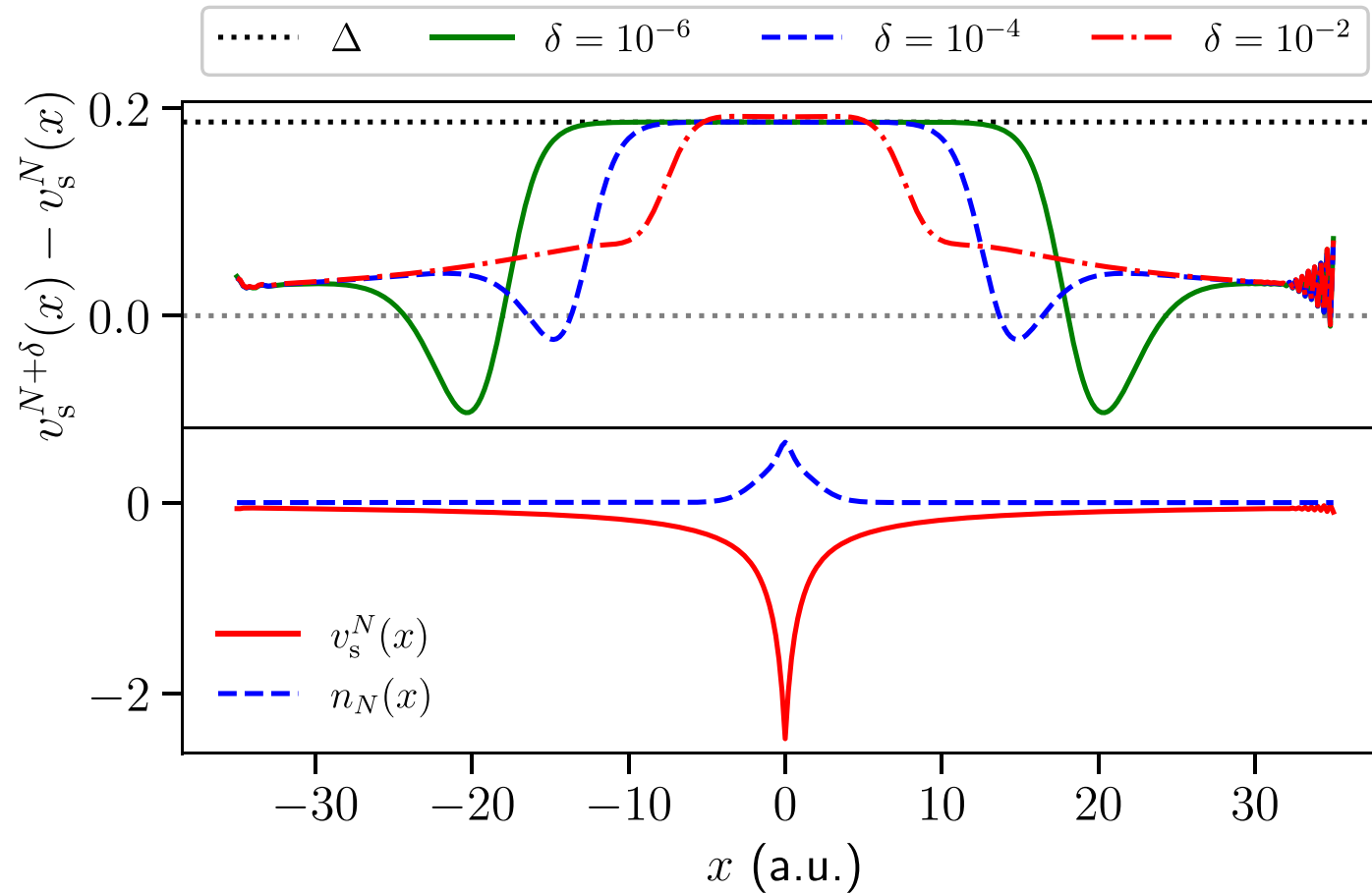
Ionization potential (IP)

$$A^N = I^{N+1} = -\epsilon_{N+1}^{N+1}$$

Electron affinity (EA)

$$\epsilon_{N+1}^{N+1} = \epsilon_{N+1}^N + \Delta$$

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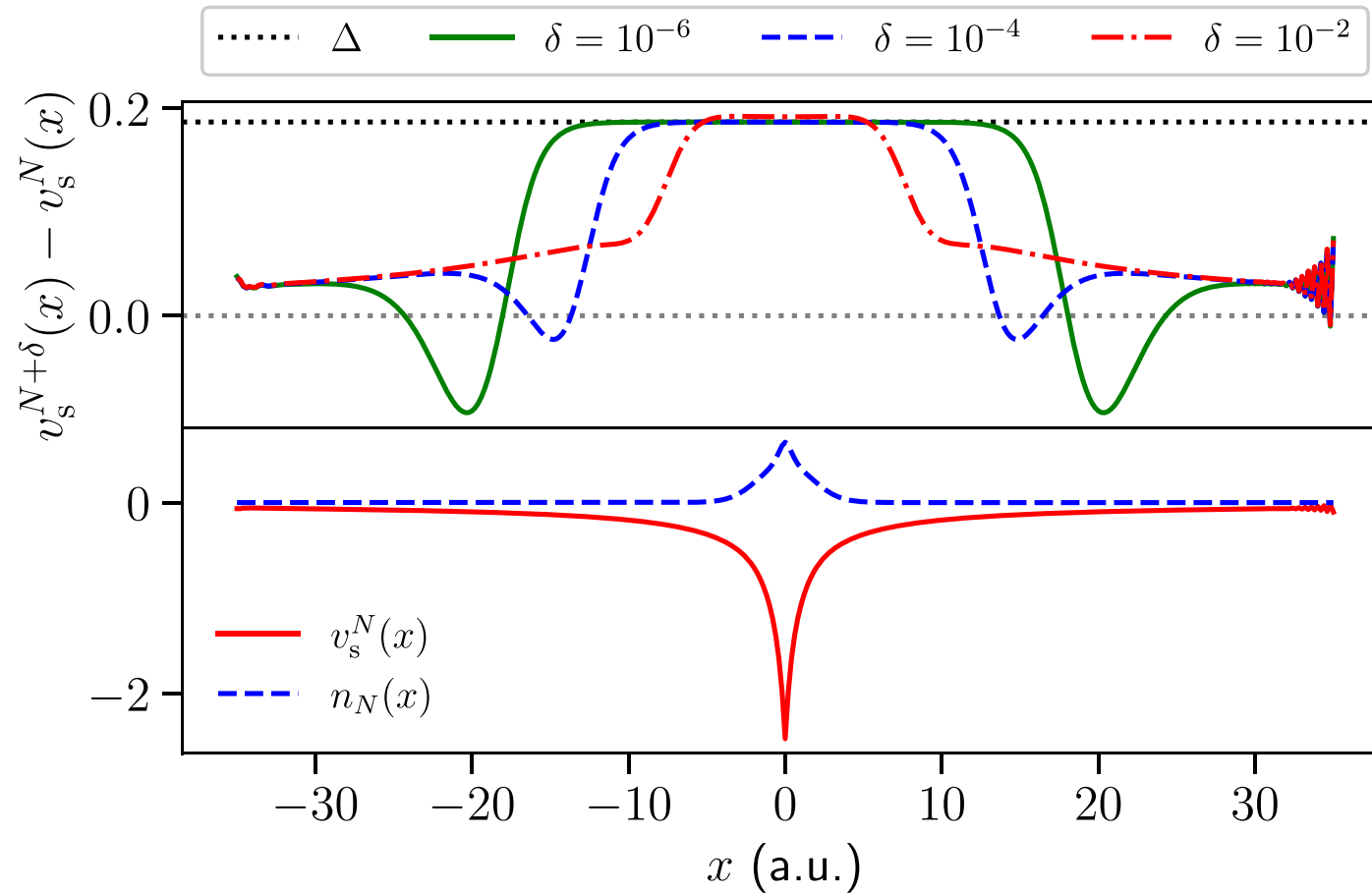
Number of electrons

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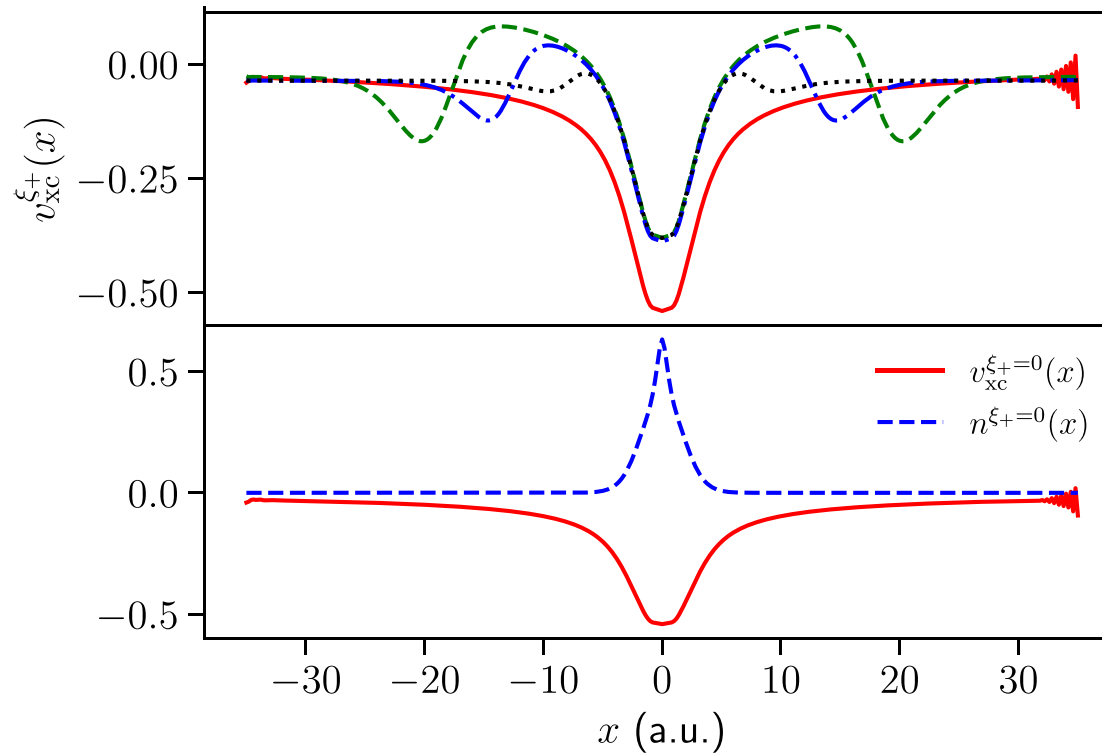
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$$v_{xc} [n^\delta] \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} 0 \quad \forall \delta > 0$$

$$n^\delta(x) = (1-\delta)n_N(x) + \delta n_{N+1}(x)$$

(Left) N -centered ensemble picture



(arbitrary) constraint:

$$v_{xc}^{\xi_+} \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

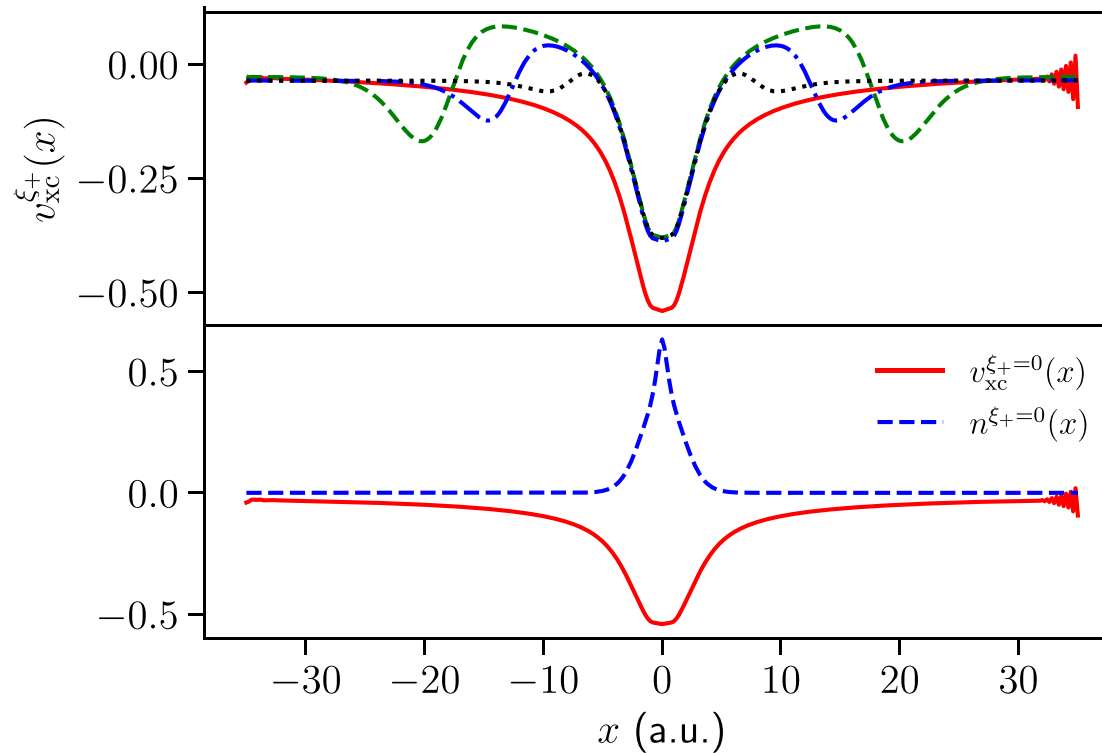
$$n^{\xi_+}(x) = \left(1 - \frac{N+1}{N} \xi_+ \right) n_N(x) + \xi_+ n_{N+1}(x)$$

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(Left) N -centered ensemble picture



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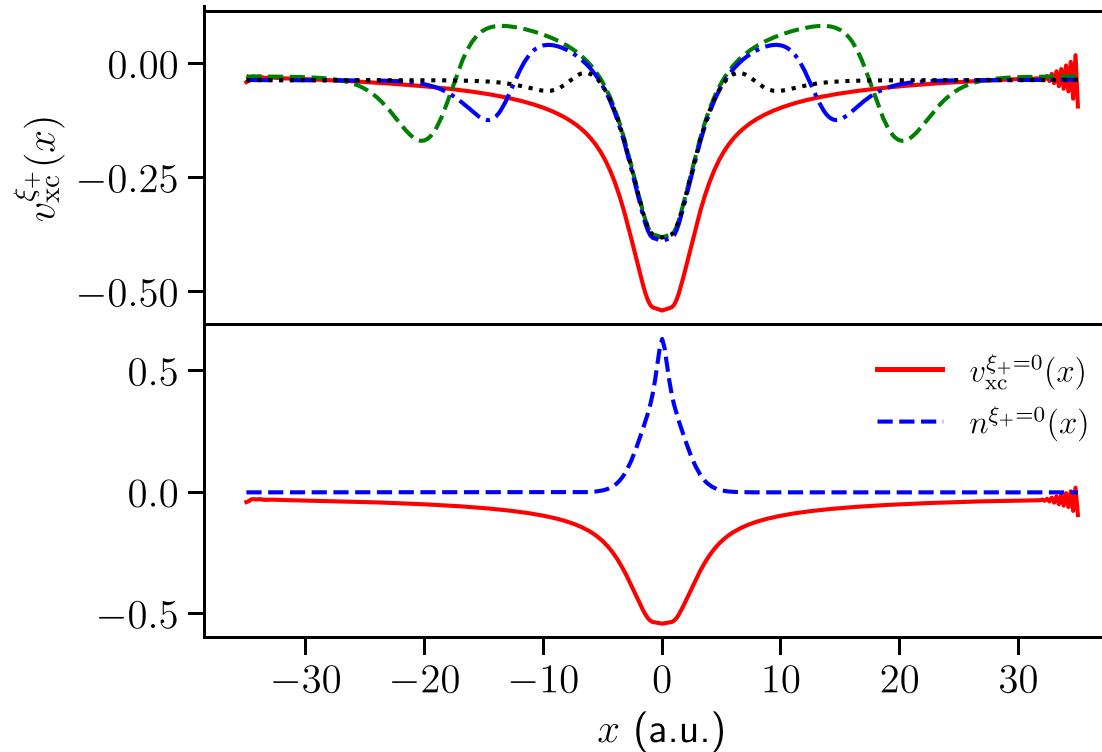
$$v_{xc}^{\xi_+} \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$



$$A^N = -\epsilon_{N+1}^{\xi_+}, \quad \forall \xi_+$$

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Levy-Zahariev shift in potential

$$A^N = - \left[\epsilon_{N+1}^{\xi_+} + C^{\xi_+}[n] \Big|_{n=n^{\xi_+}} \right] + \left(\frac{\xi_+}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{\partial E_{xc}^{\xi_+}[n]}{\partial \xi_+} \Big|_{n=n^{\xi_+}}$$

$$C^{\xi_+}[n] = \frac{E_{Hxc}^{\xi_+}[n] - \int dx n(x) v_{Hxc}^{\xi_+}[n]}{\int dx n(x)}$$

N-centered ensemble picture: Summary

When $v_{xc}^{\xi_{\pm}} \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} 0 \dots$

$$C^{\xi_+}[n] \Big|_{n=n^{\xi_+}} = \left(\frac{\xi_+}{N} - 1 \right) \frac{\partial E_{xc}^{\xi_+}[n]}{\partial \xi_+} \Big|_{n=n^{\xi_+}}, \quad \xi_+ > 0 \quad \textbf{Affinity}$$

and, similarly,

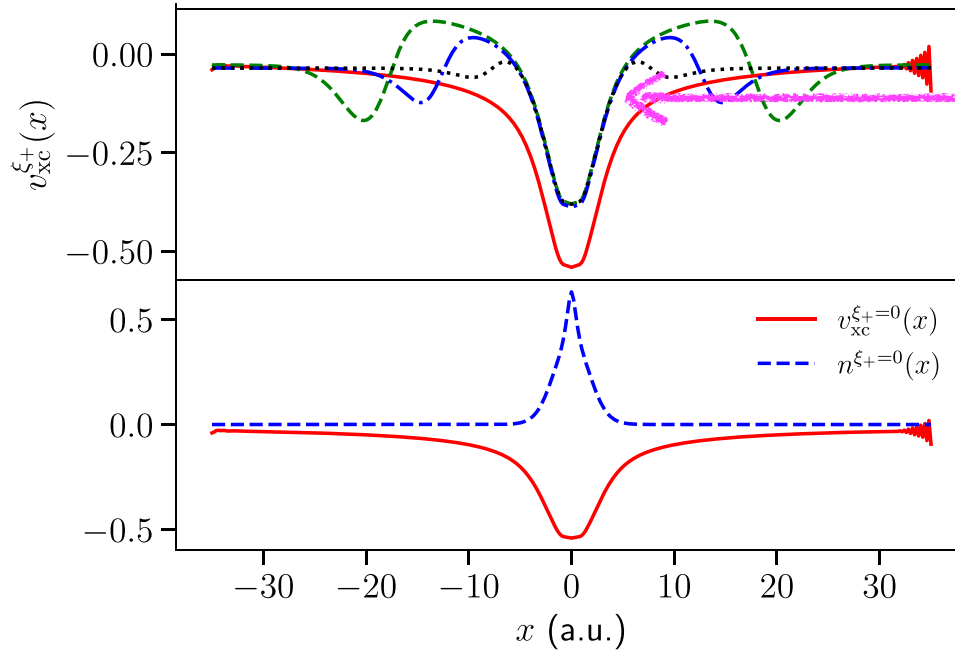
$$C^{\xi_-}[n] \Big|_{n=n^{\xi_-}} = \left(\frac{\xi_-}{N} + 1 \right) \frac{\partial E_{xc}^{\xi_-}[n]}{\partial \xi_-} \Big|_{n=n^{\xi_-}}, \quad \xi_- \geq 0 \quad \textbf{Ionization}$$

thus leading to

$$-(C^{\xi_+ \rightarrow 0}[n] - C^{\xi_- = 0}[n])_{n=n_N} = \left(\frac{\partial E_{xc}^{\xi_-}[n]}{\partial \xi_-} \Big|_{\xi_- = 0} + \frac{\partial E_{xc}^{\xi_+}[n]}{\partial \xi_+} \Big|_{\xi_+ = 0} \right)_{n=n_N} = \frac{1}{N} \int dx n_N(x) \left(v_{xc}^{\xi_+ \rightarrow 0}[n] - v_{xc}^{\xi_- = 0}[n] \right)_{n=n_N}$$

Weight Derivatives $\equiv \Delta$
Derivative Discontinuity

N-centered ensemble picture: Summary



Derivative
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Exact gap without derivative discontinuities

