

*Density matrix embedding theory:  
A one-electron reduced density matrix functional perspective*

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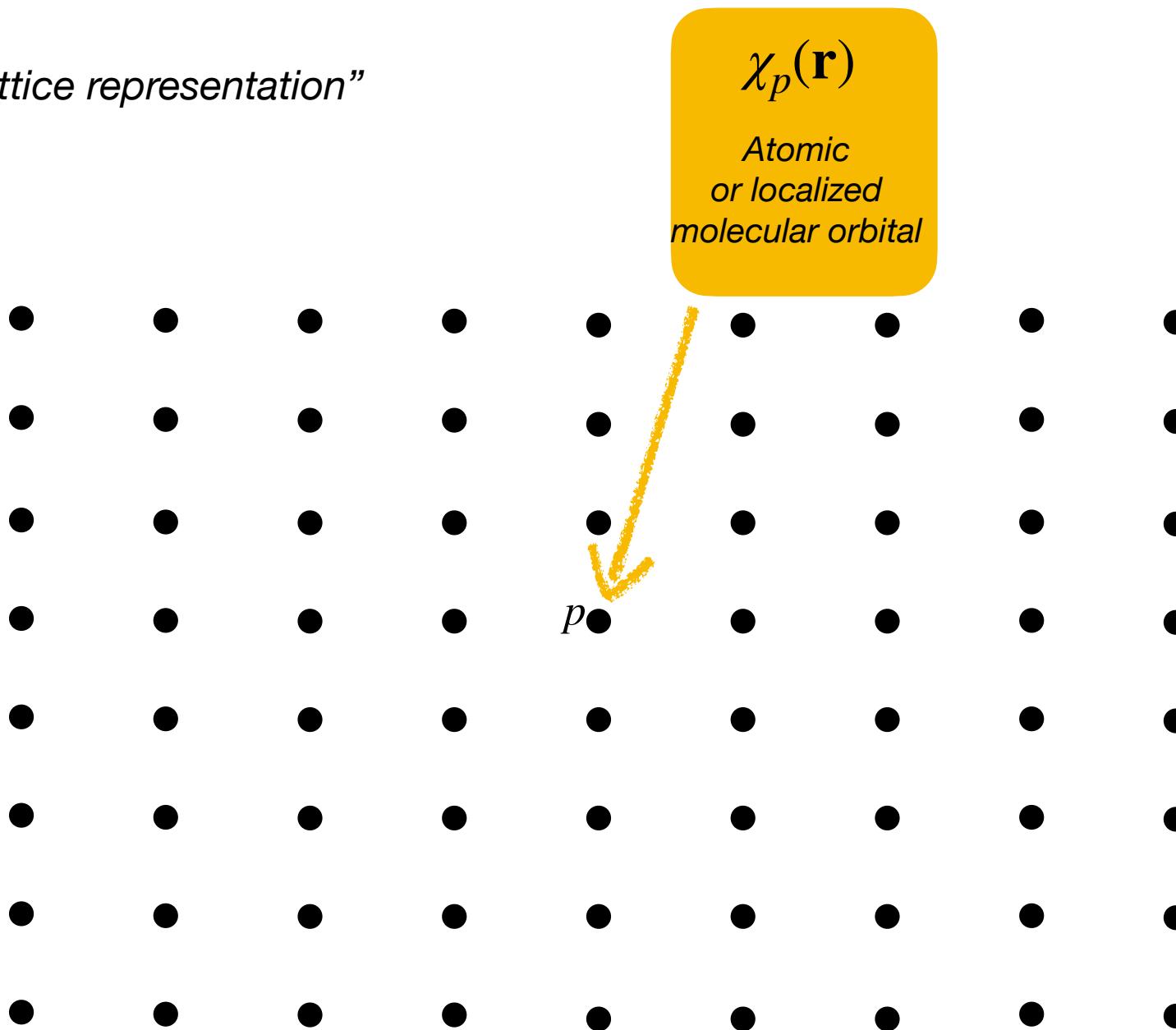
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# *On the quantum embedding of (strongly correlated) electrons*

**Keywords:** *Second quantization, exponential wall, localised orbitals, fragmentation.*

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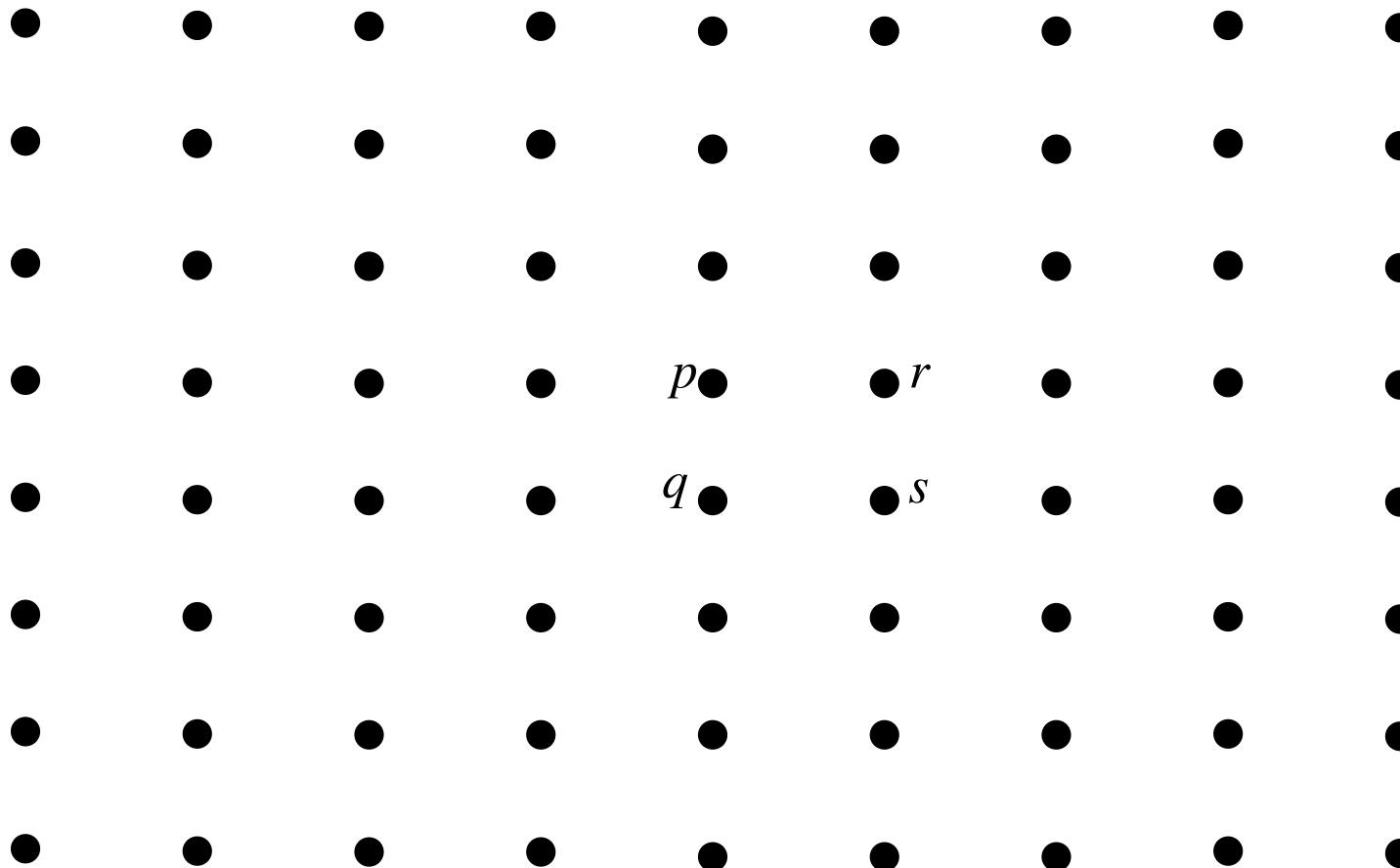


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See the video\* for further explanations

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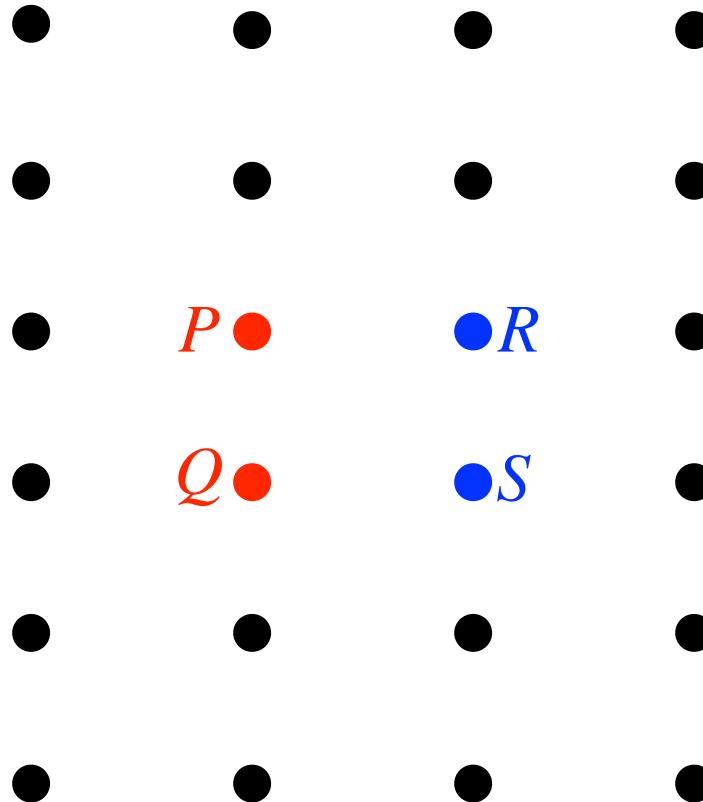
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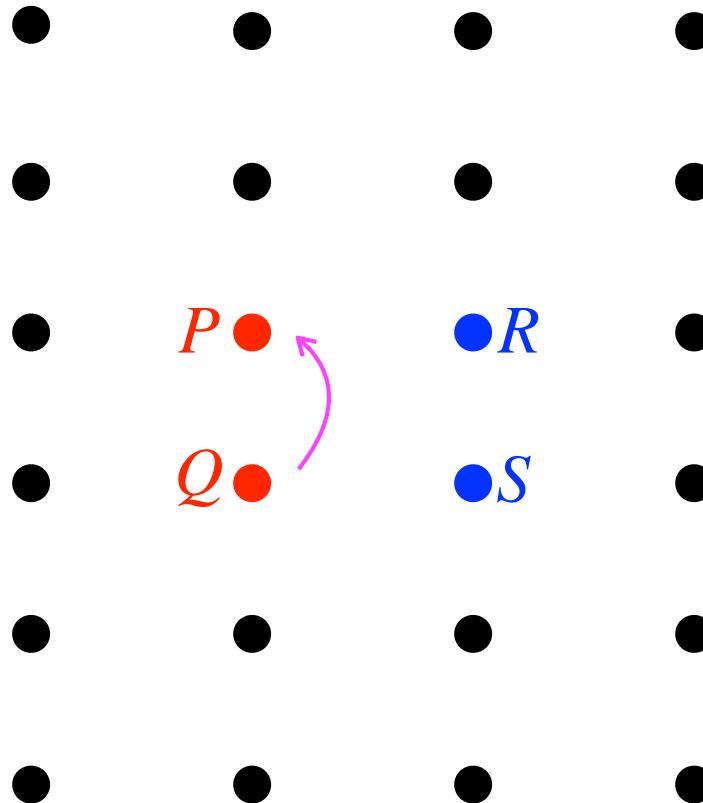
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*Let's consider a 2D lattice of localised spin-orbitals*



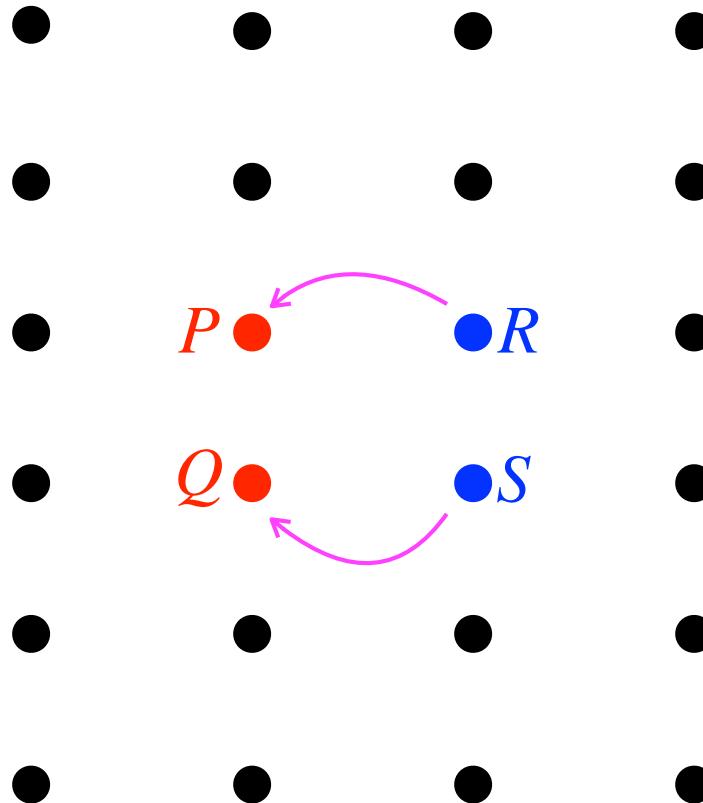
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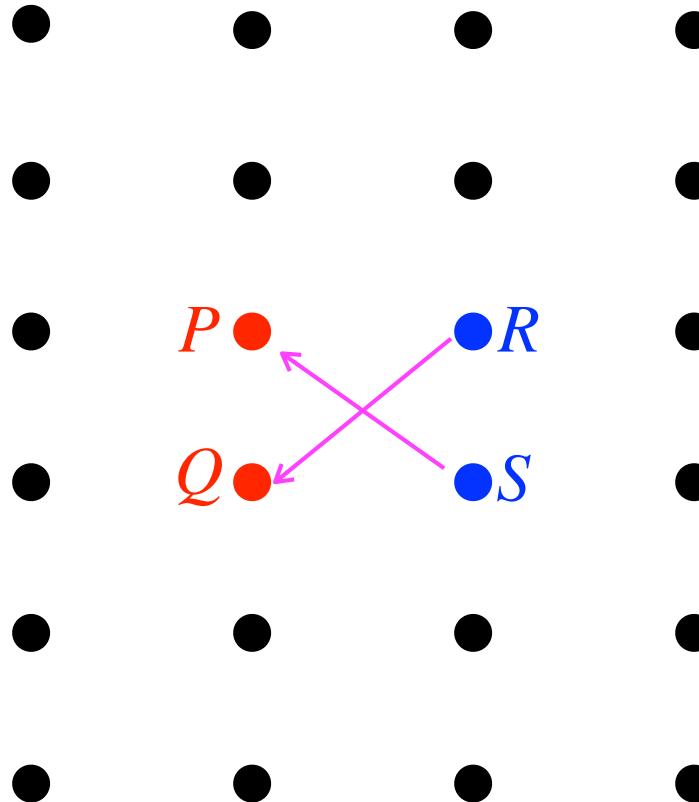
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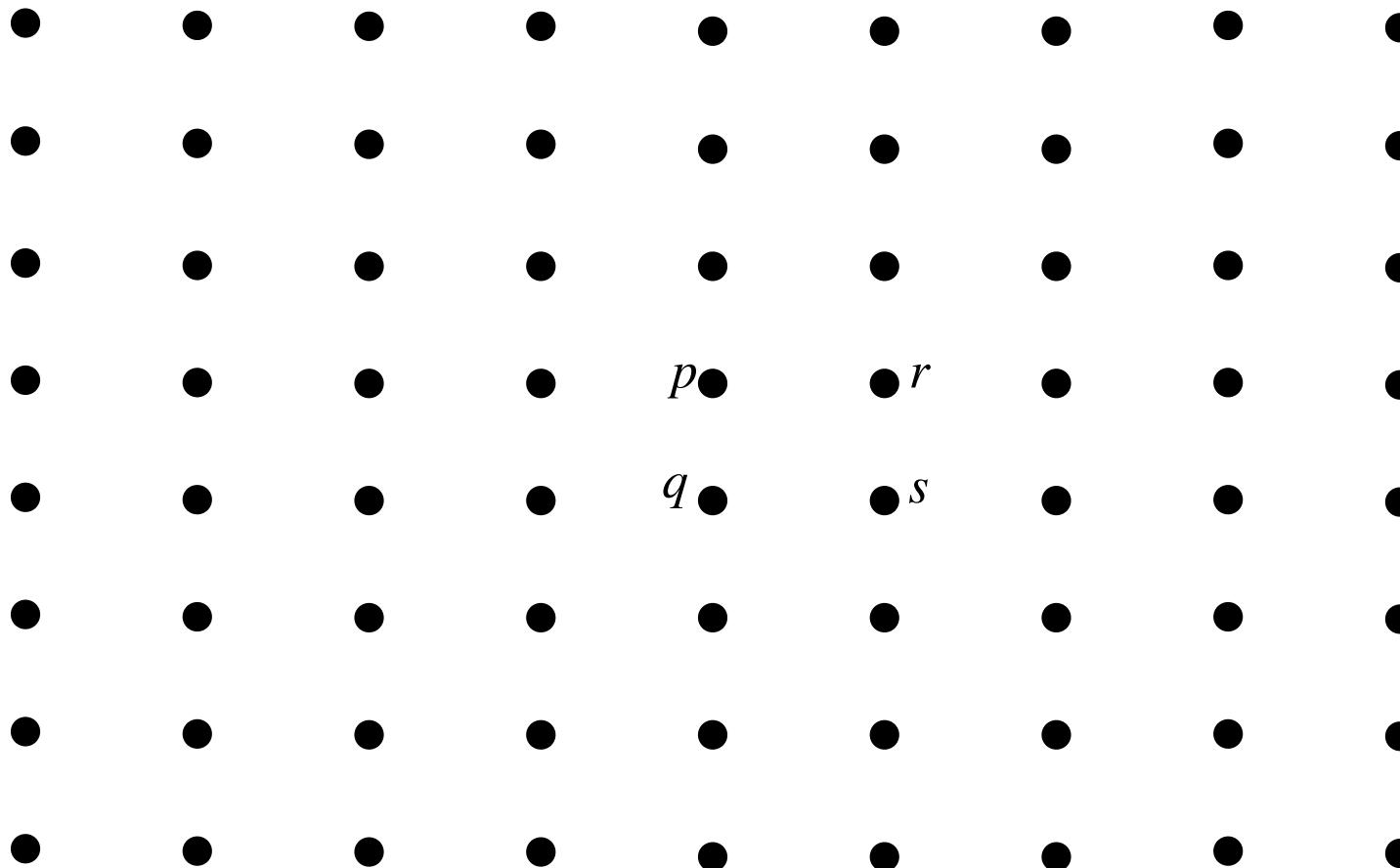


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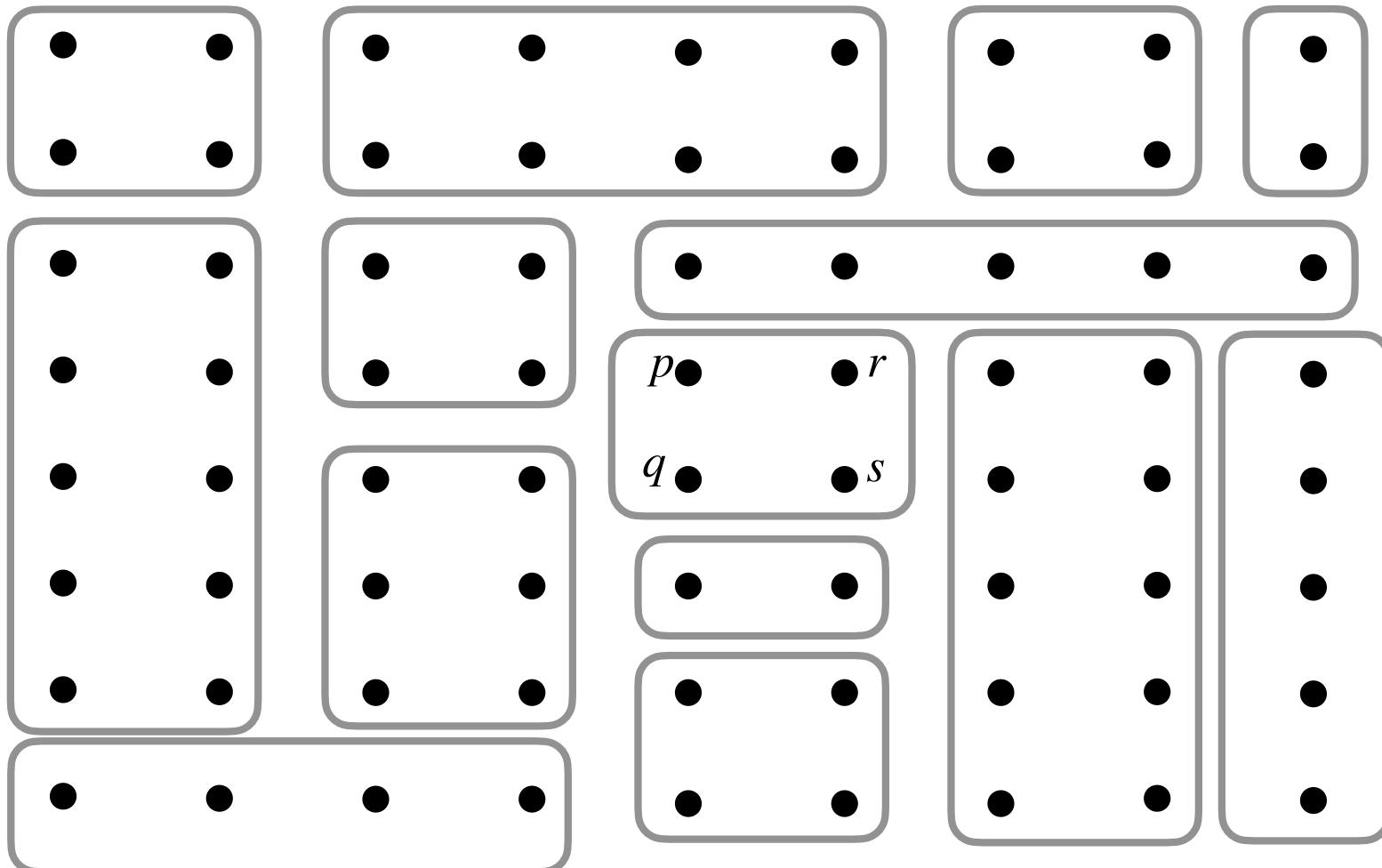
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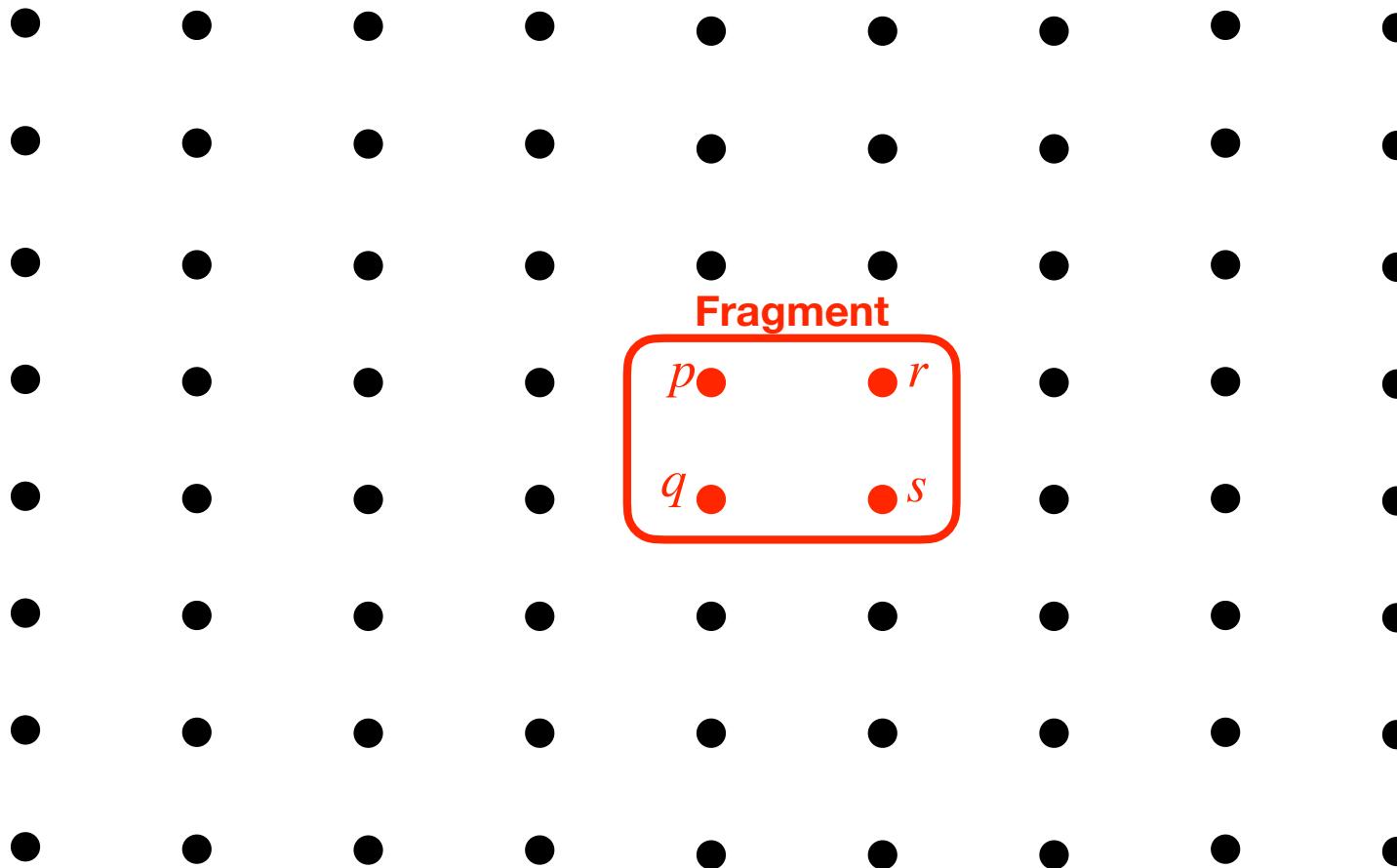
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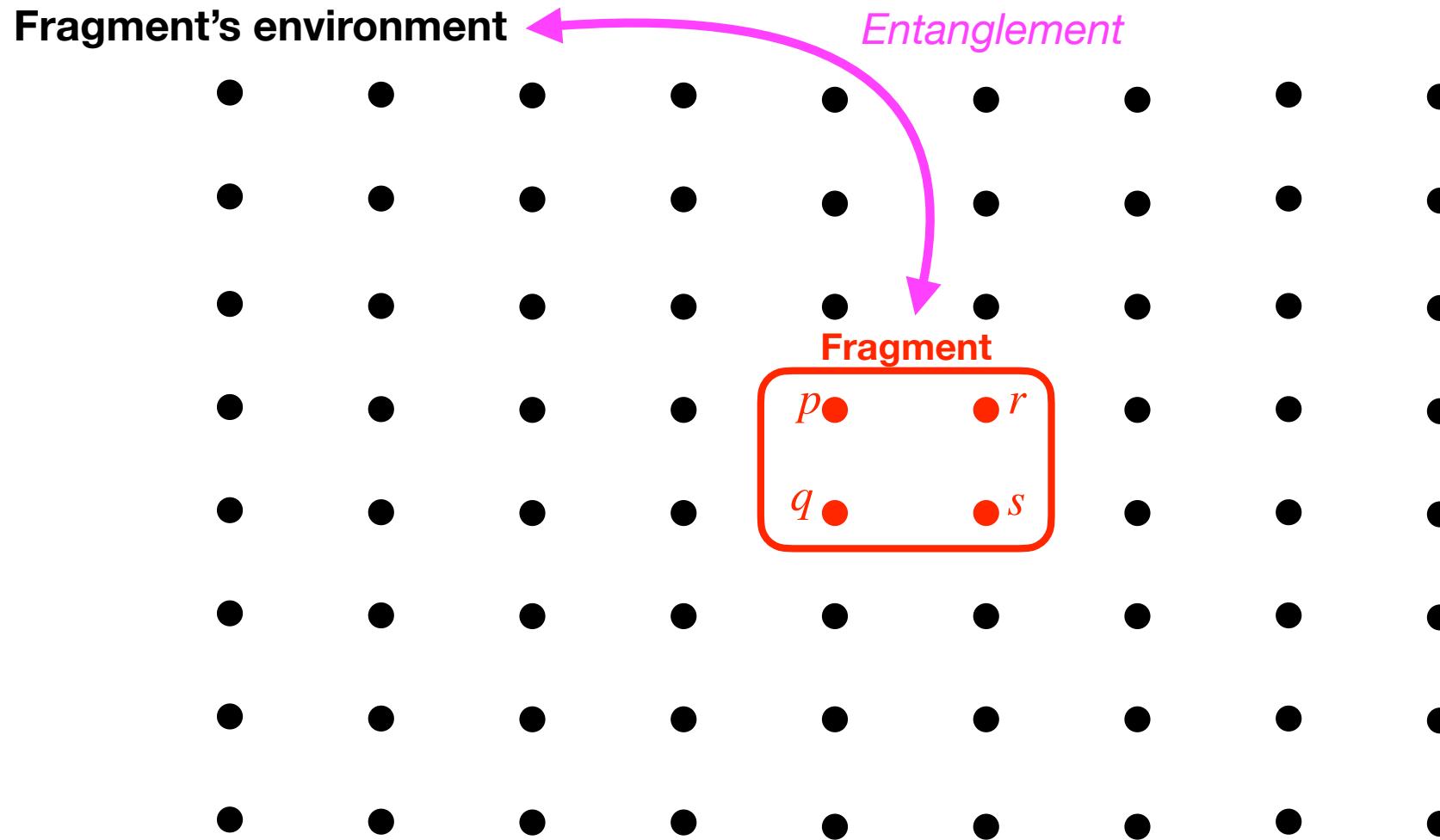
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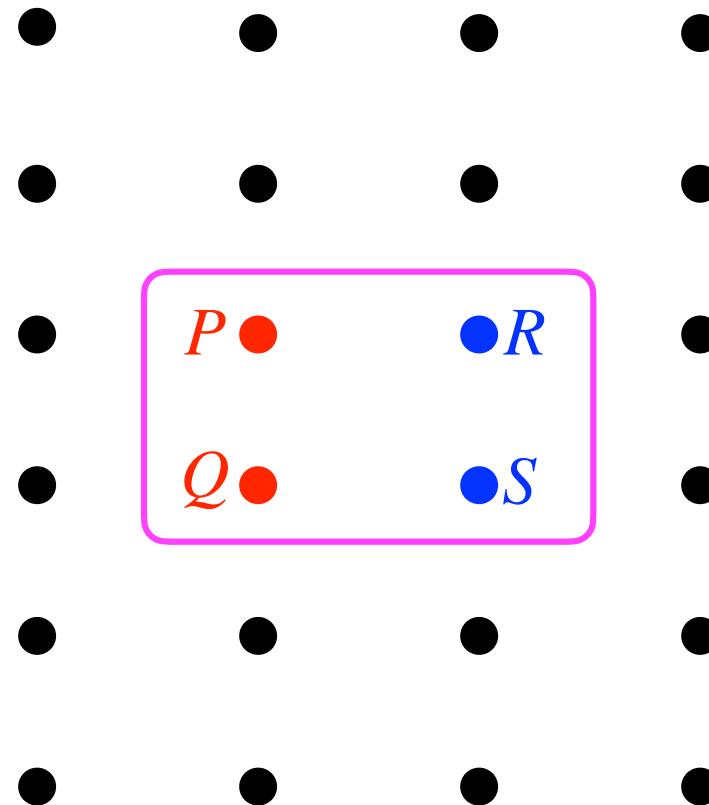
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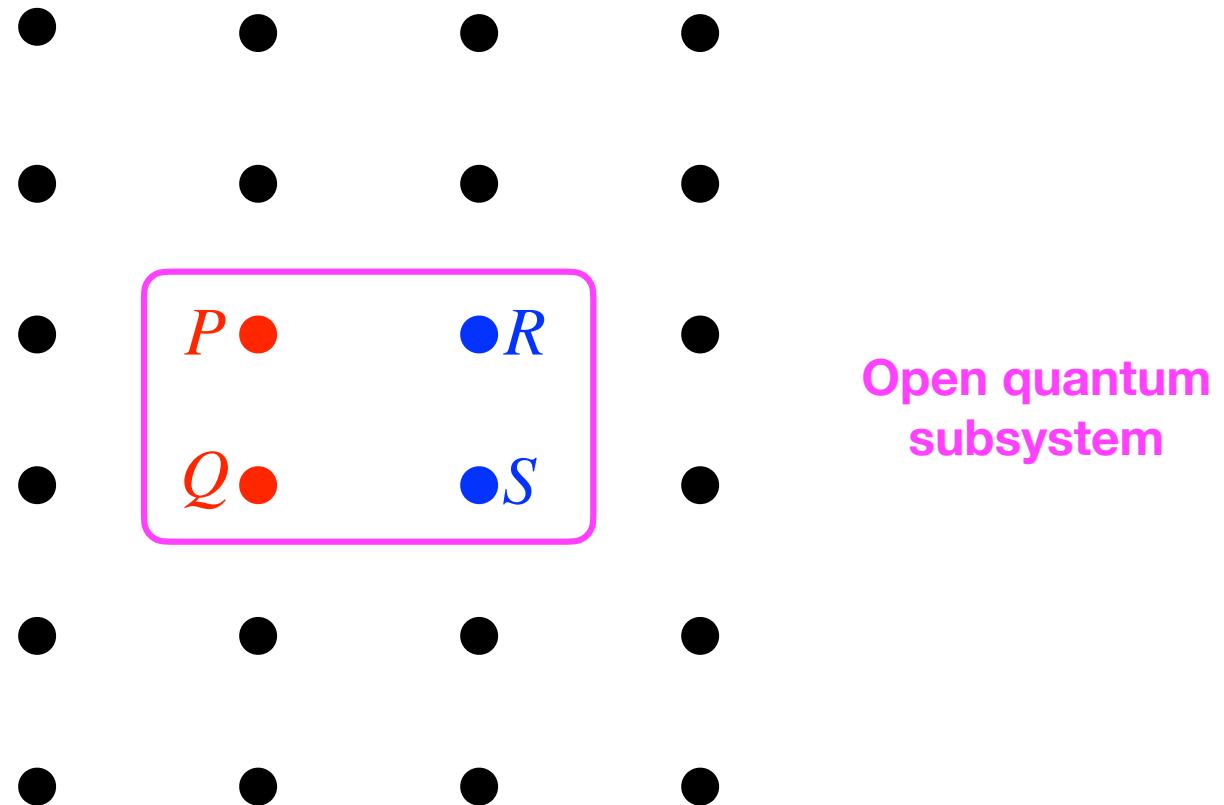
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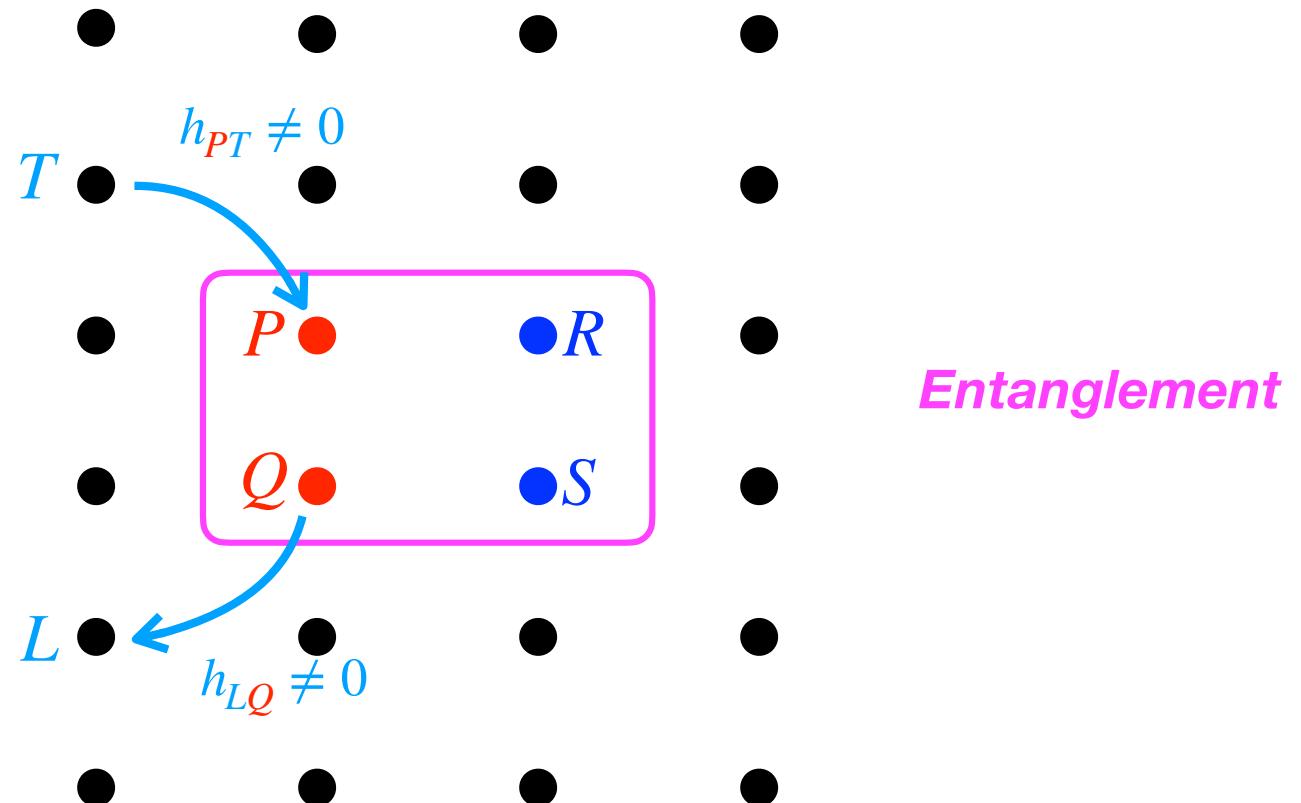
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A  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  consisting of electrons simply distributed among **disconnected fragments** **cannot** match  $\hat{H} |\Psi_0\rangle$ !

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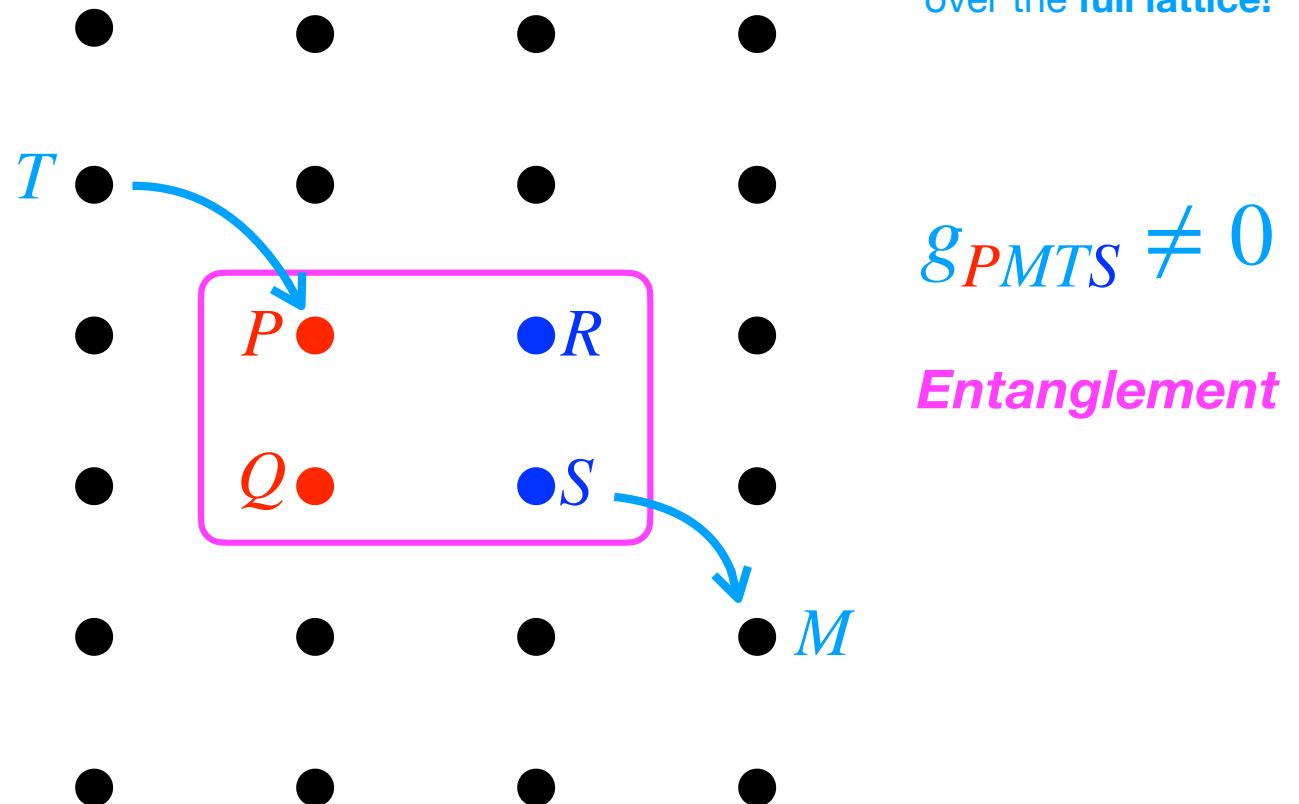
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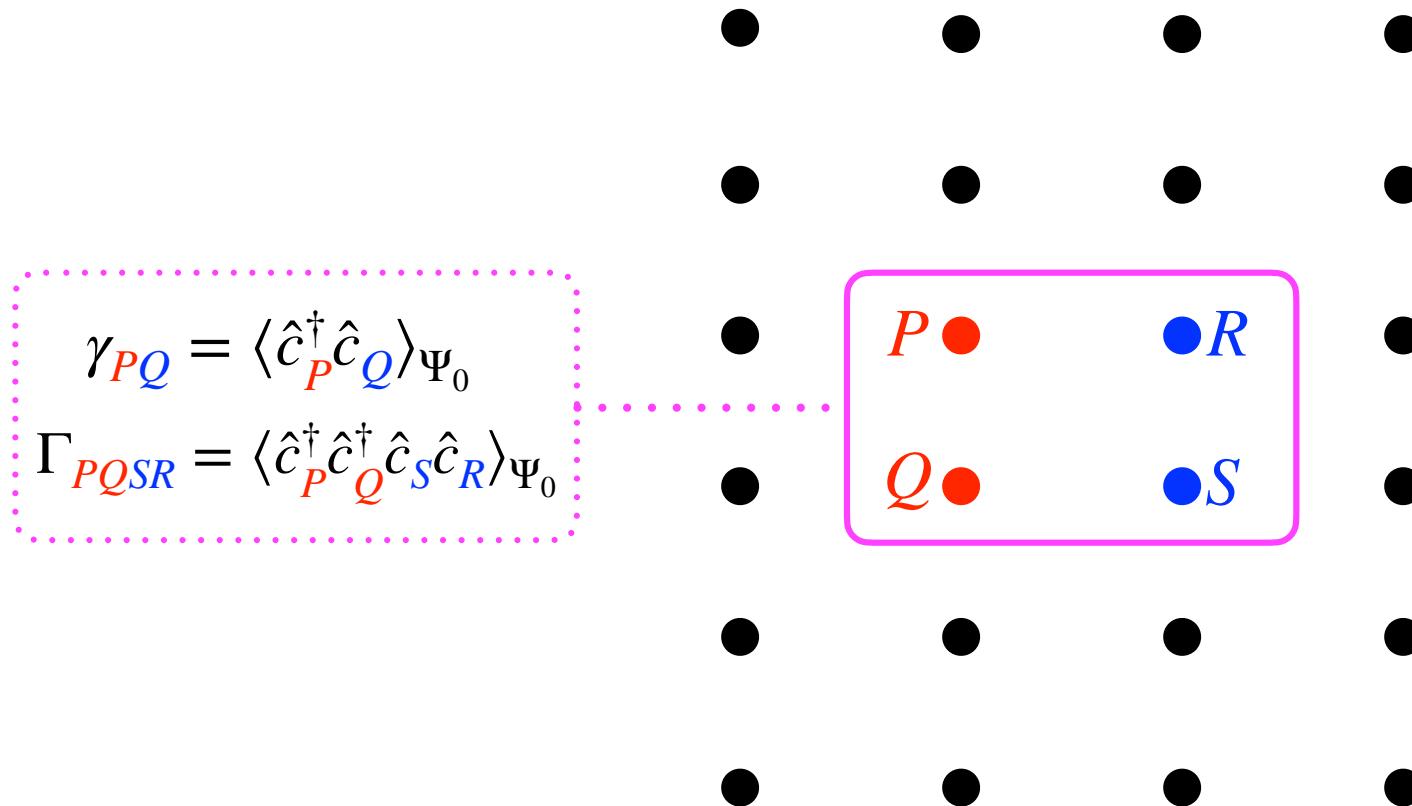
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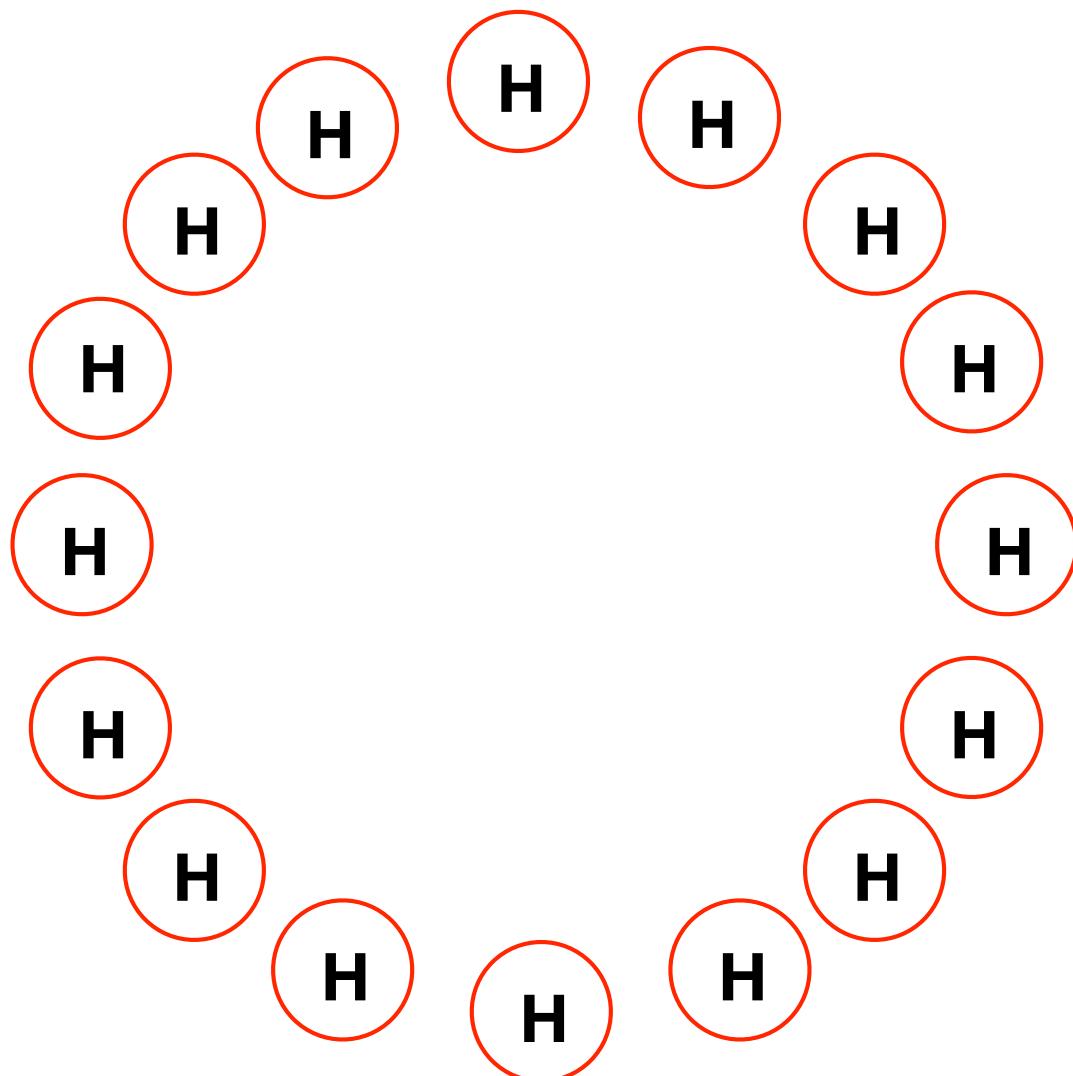
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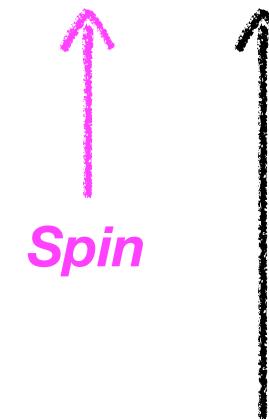


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Stirling formula for large  $N$  values

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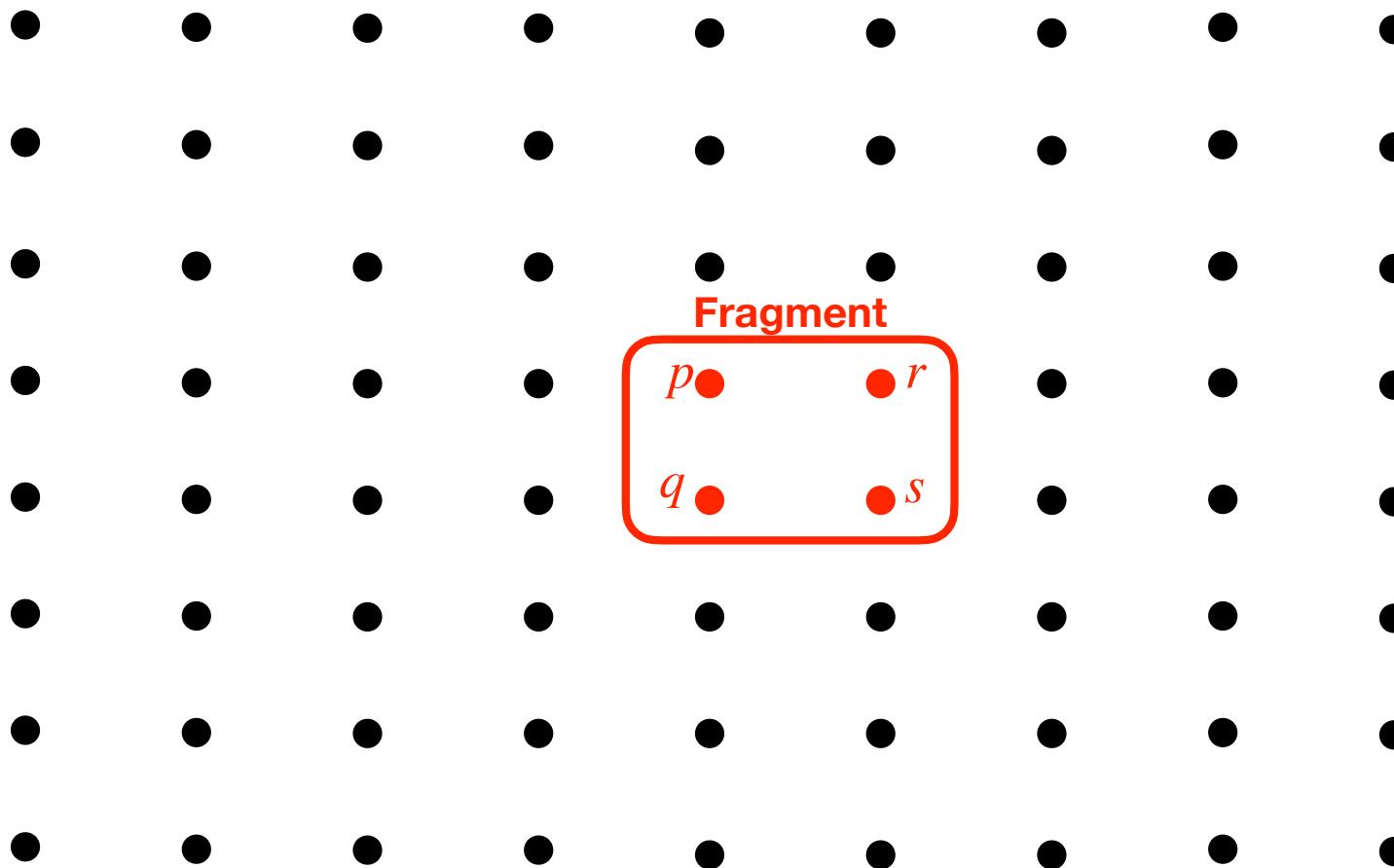
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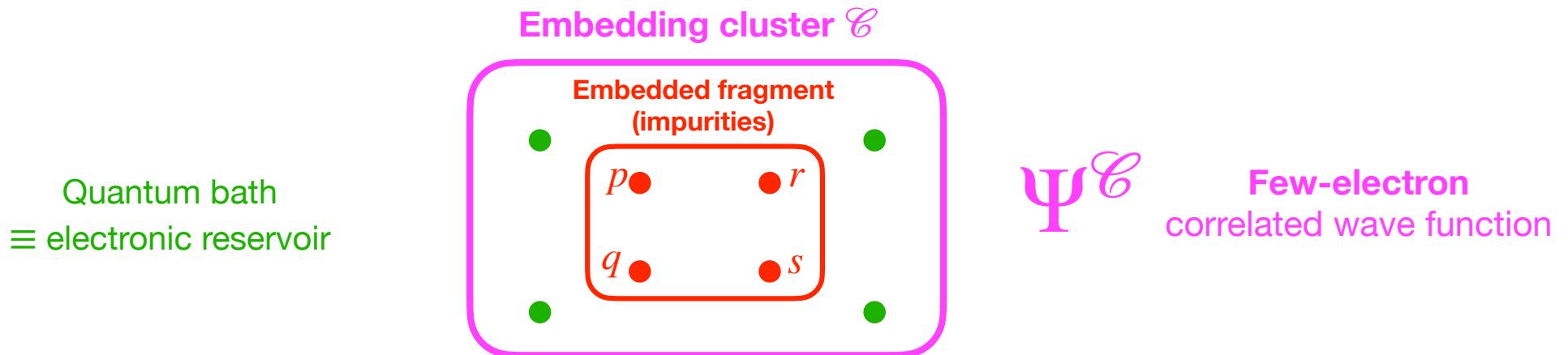


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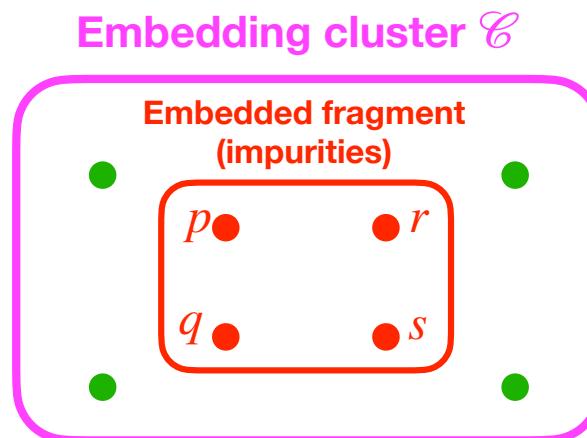
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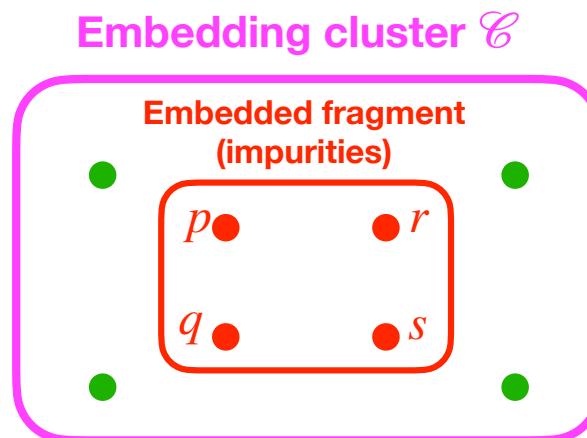
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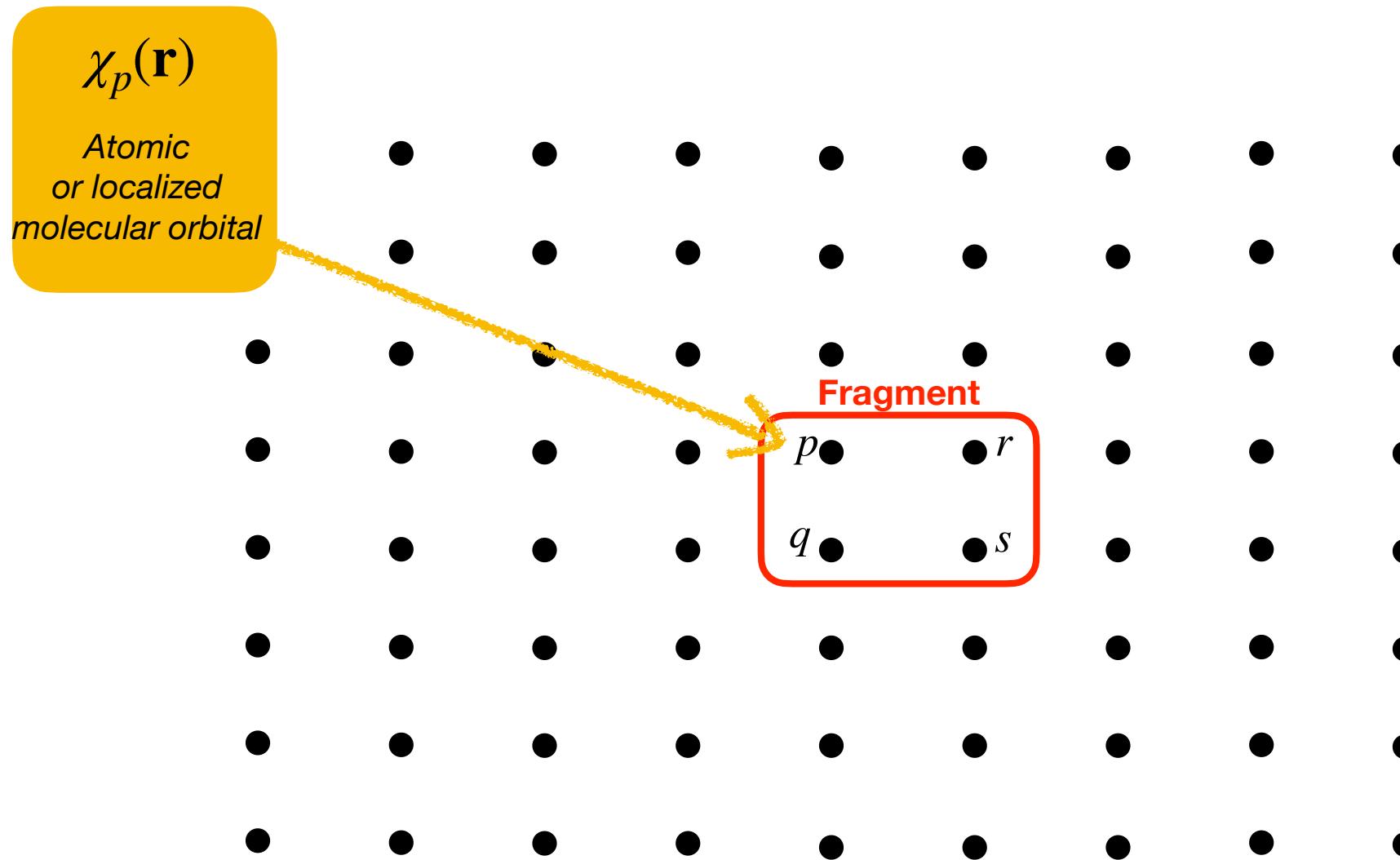
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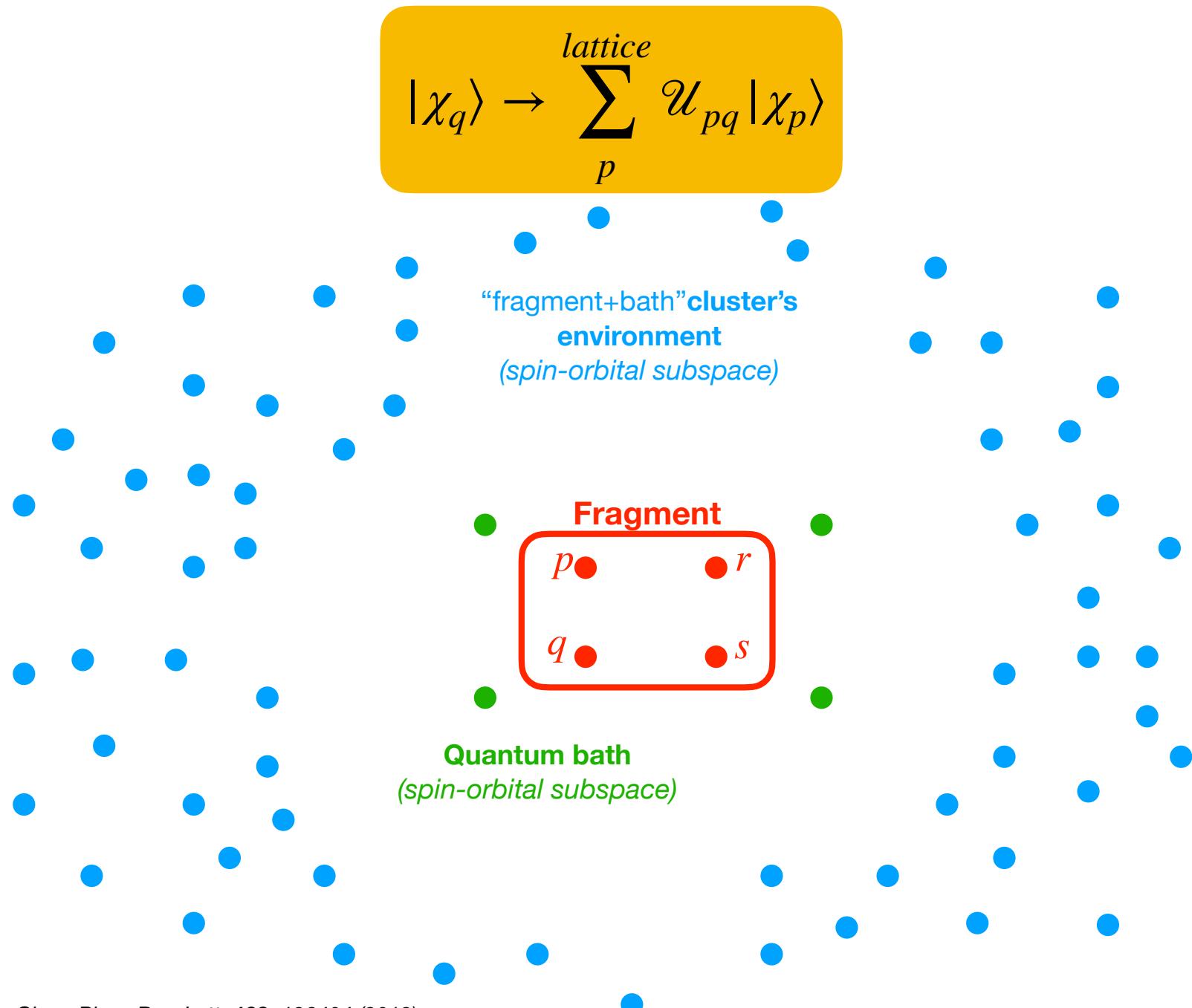
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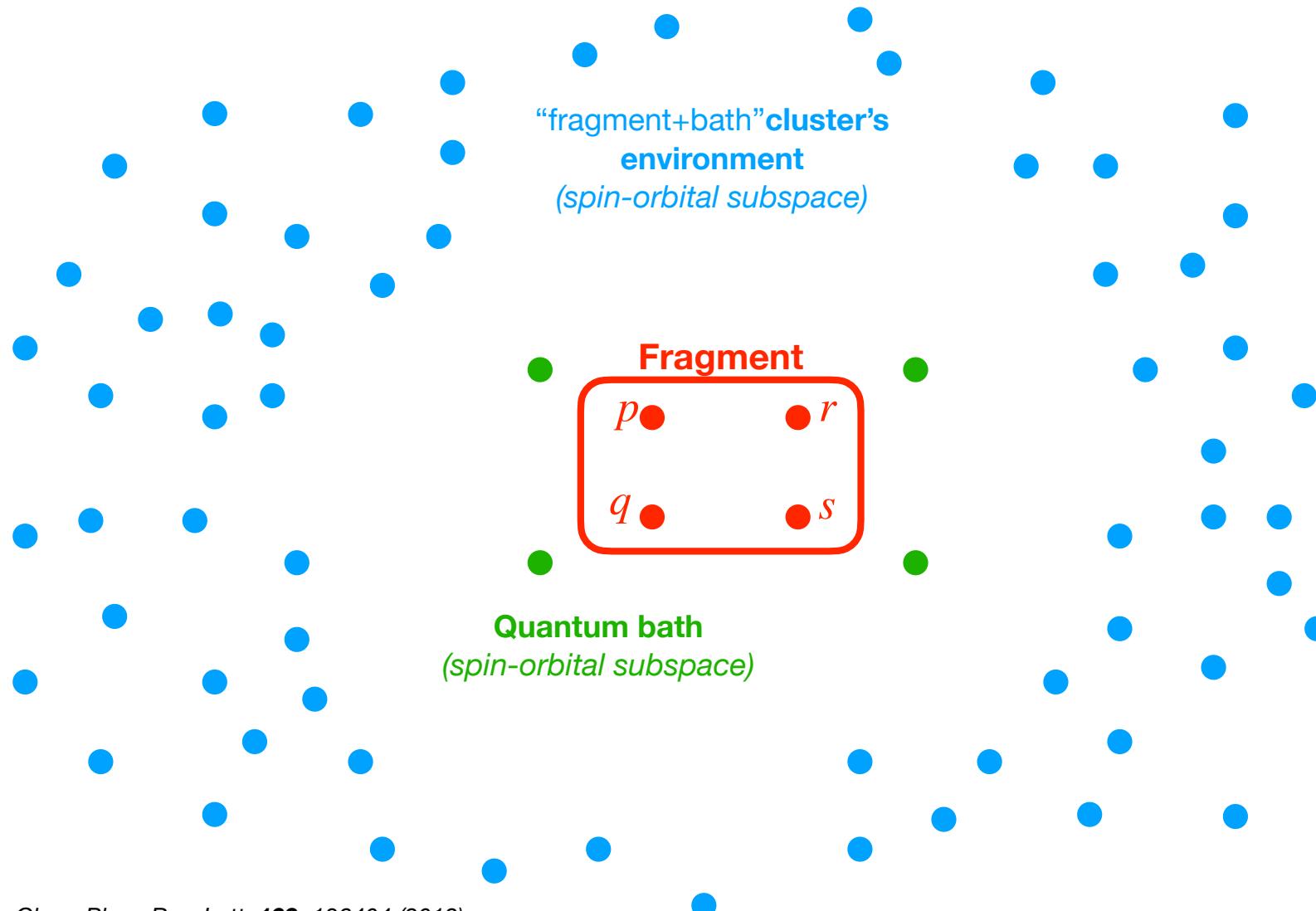


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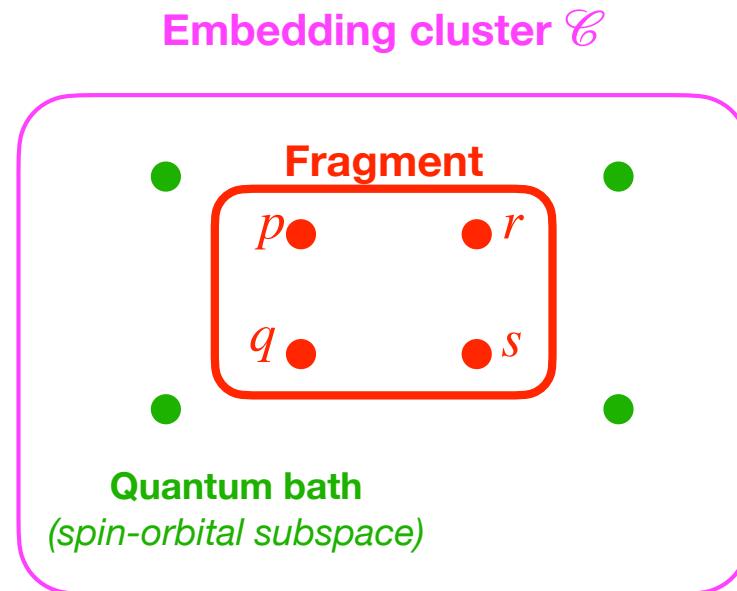


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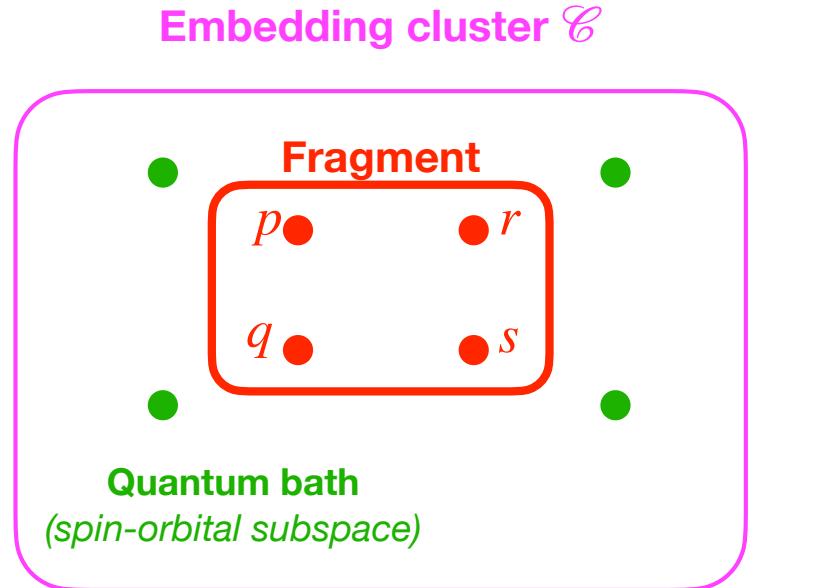
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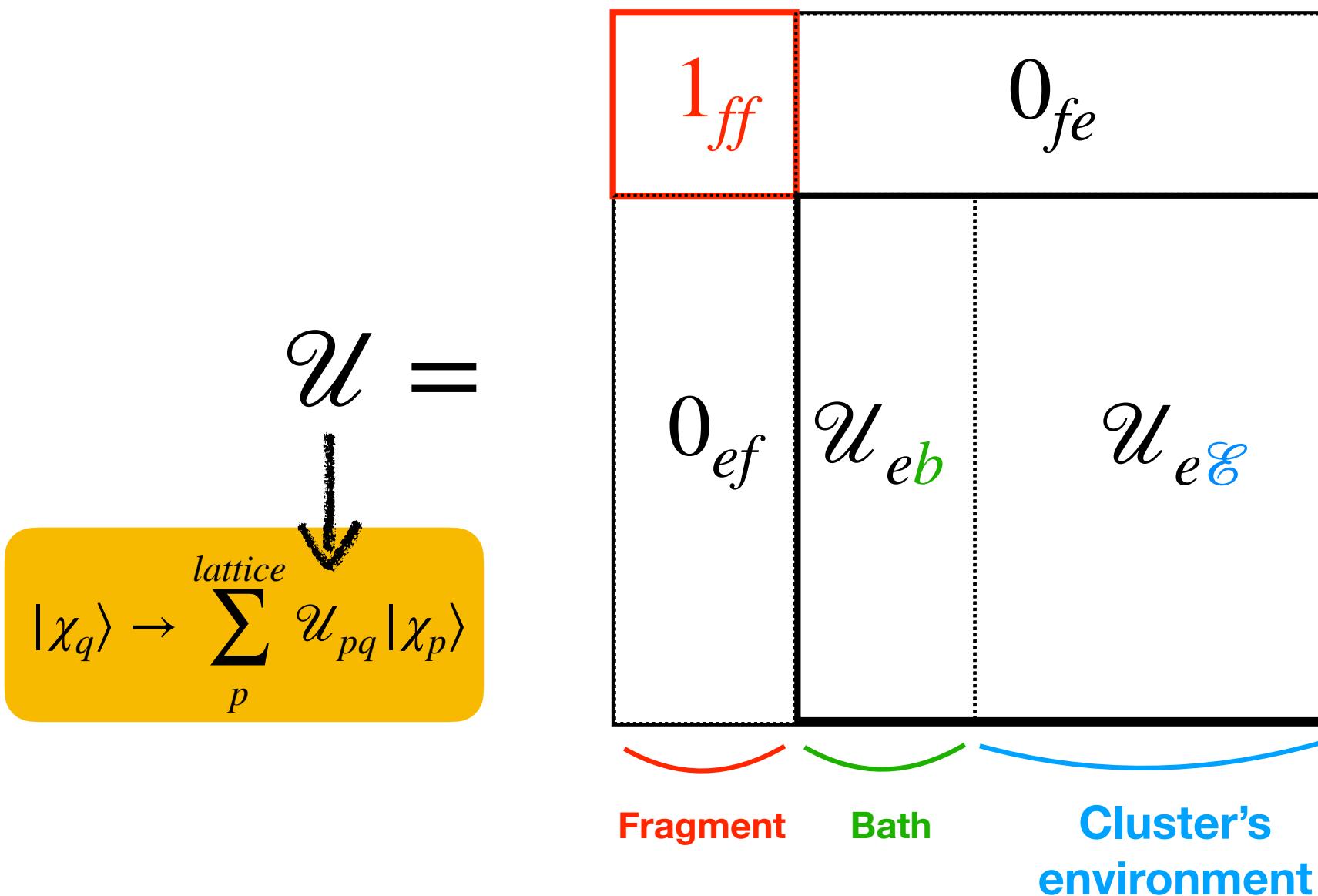
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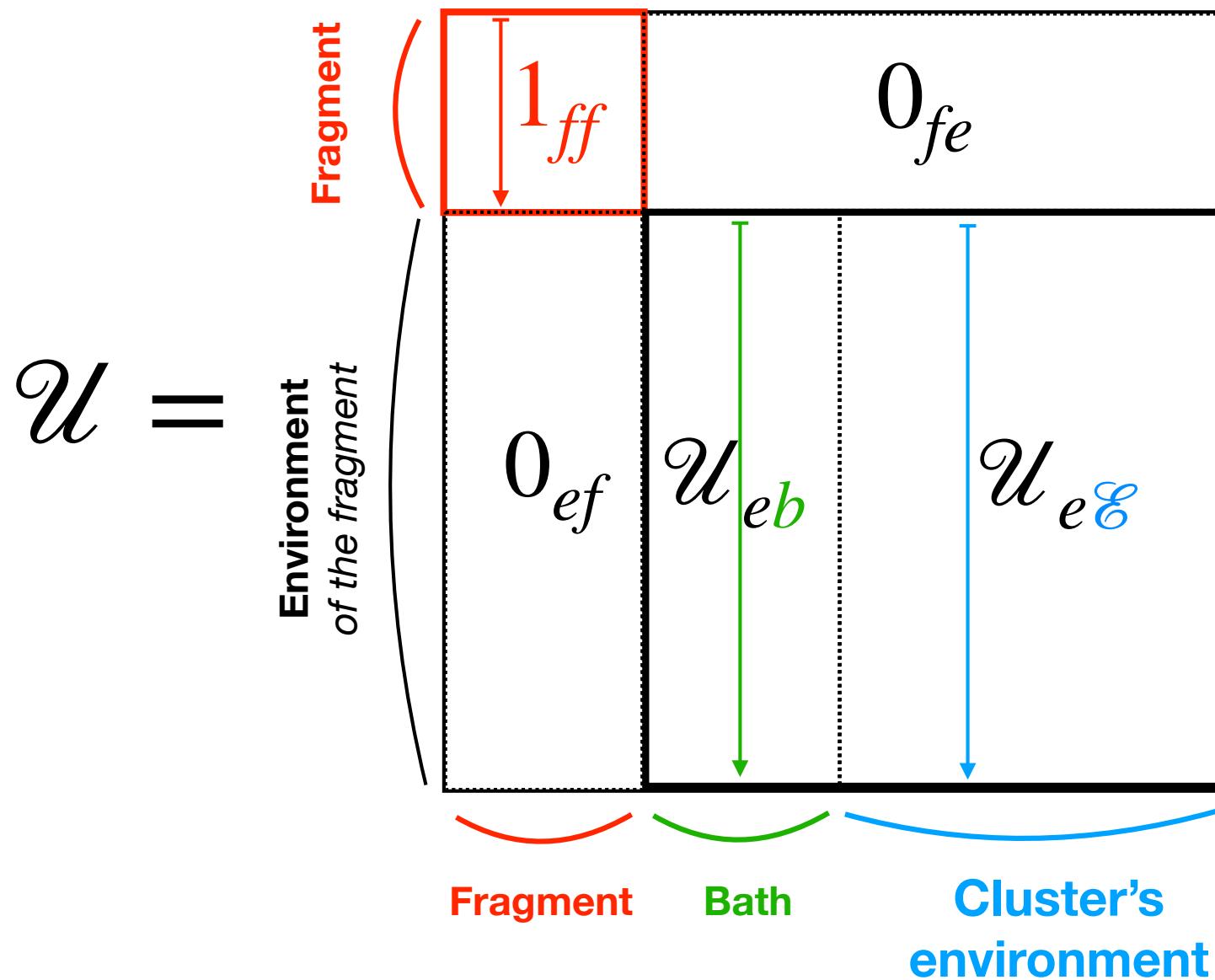
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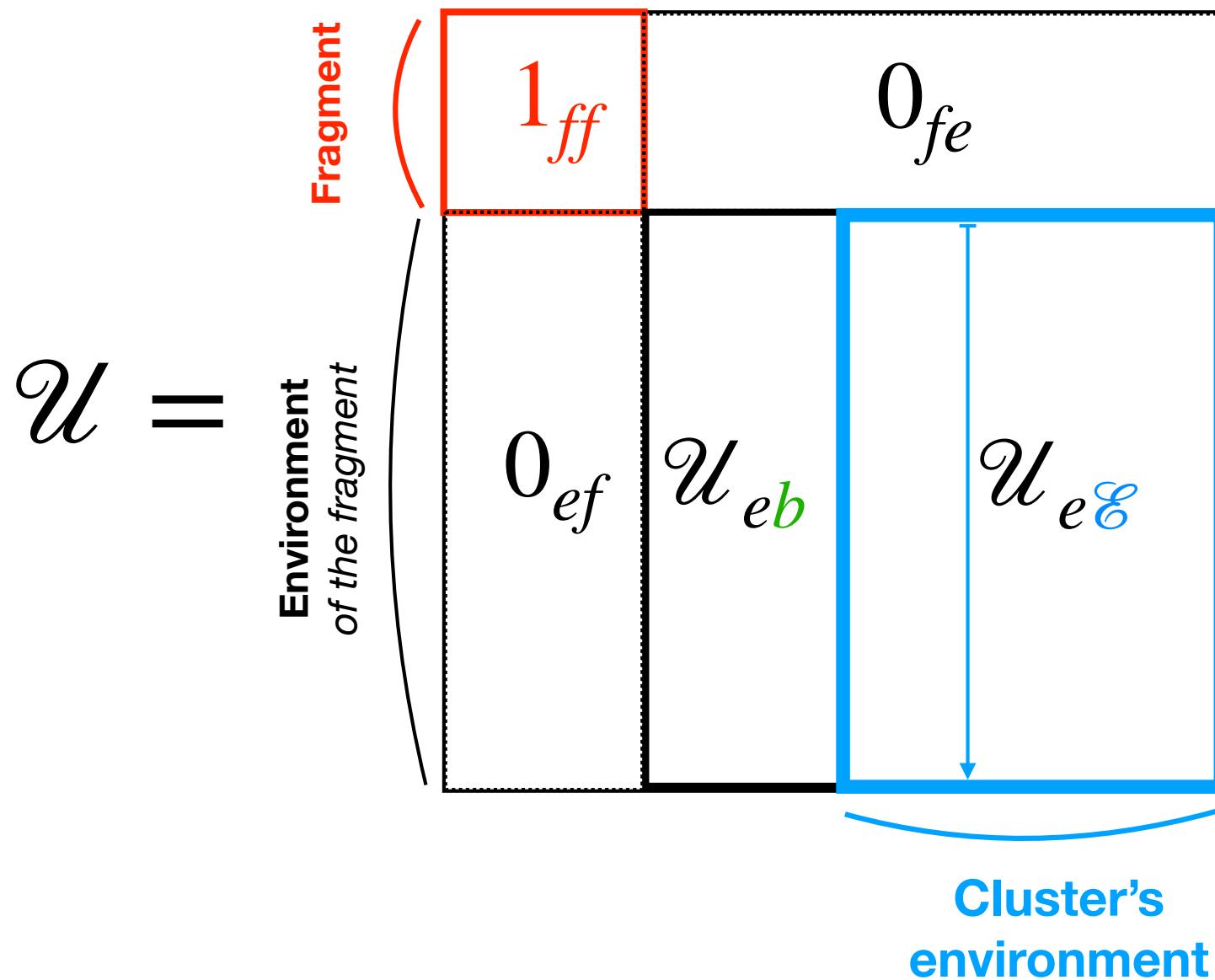
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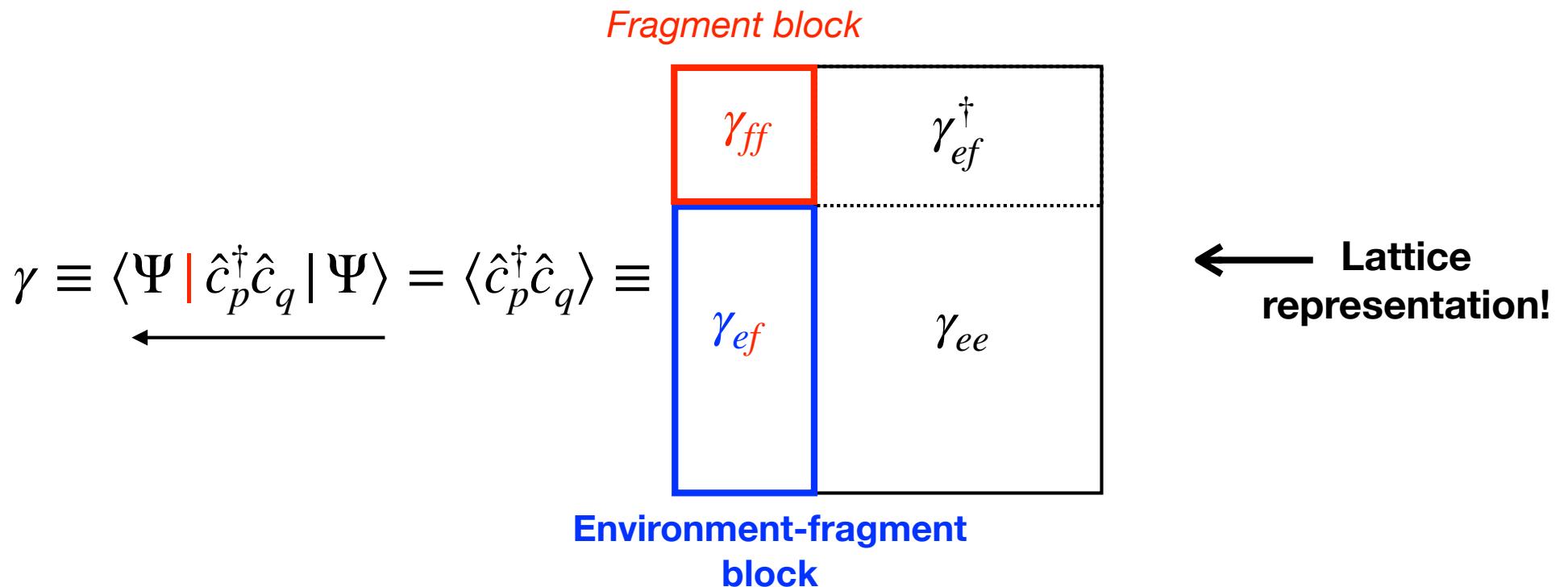
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Env.-fragment block

Implicit (but much simpler) **definition of the cluster's environment:**

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1_{ff} & 0_{fe} \\ 0_{ef} & \mathcal{U}_{eb} \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{U}_{e\mathcal{E}}$$

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Cluster's environment

Will be justified later on...

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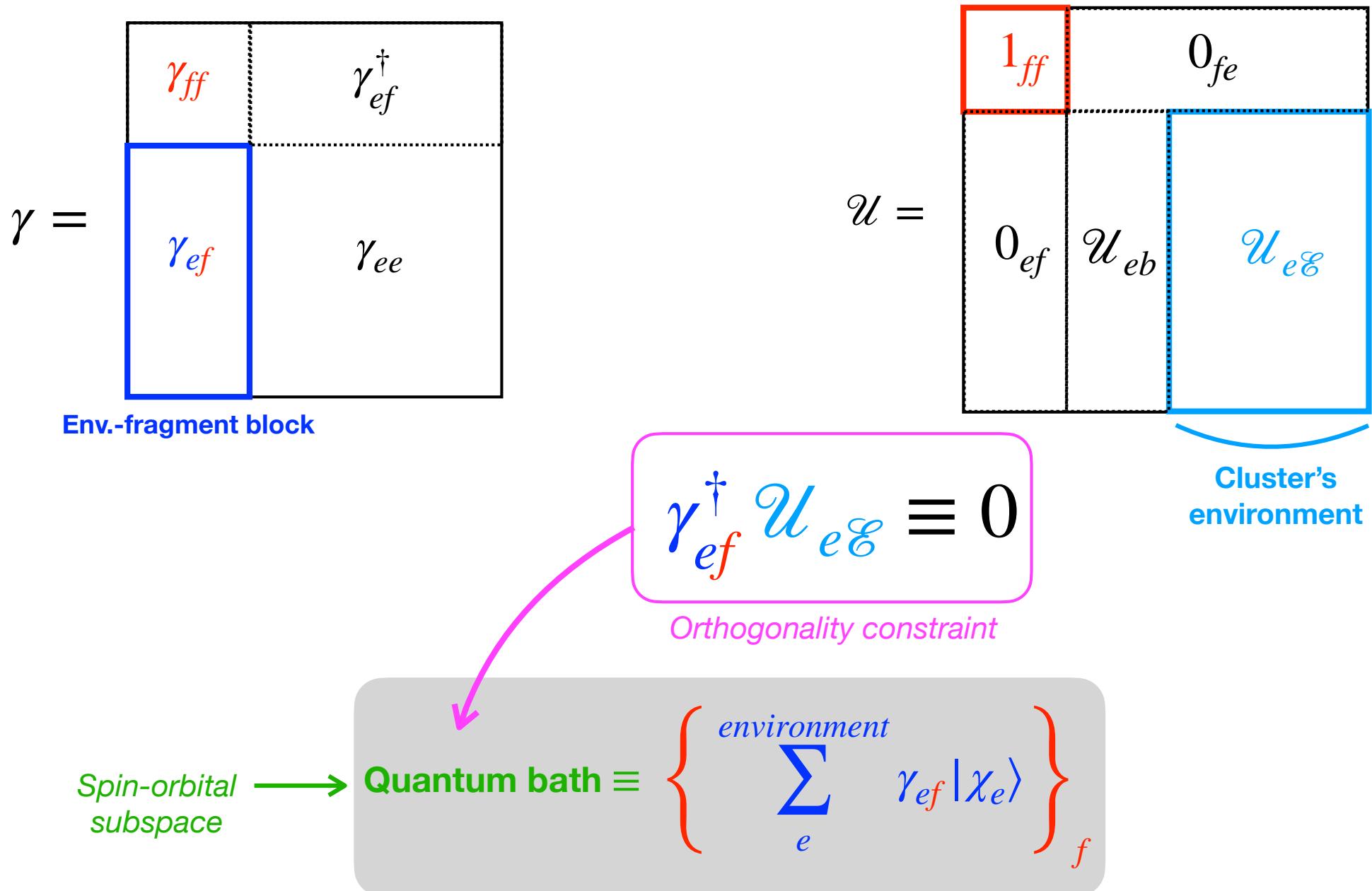
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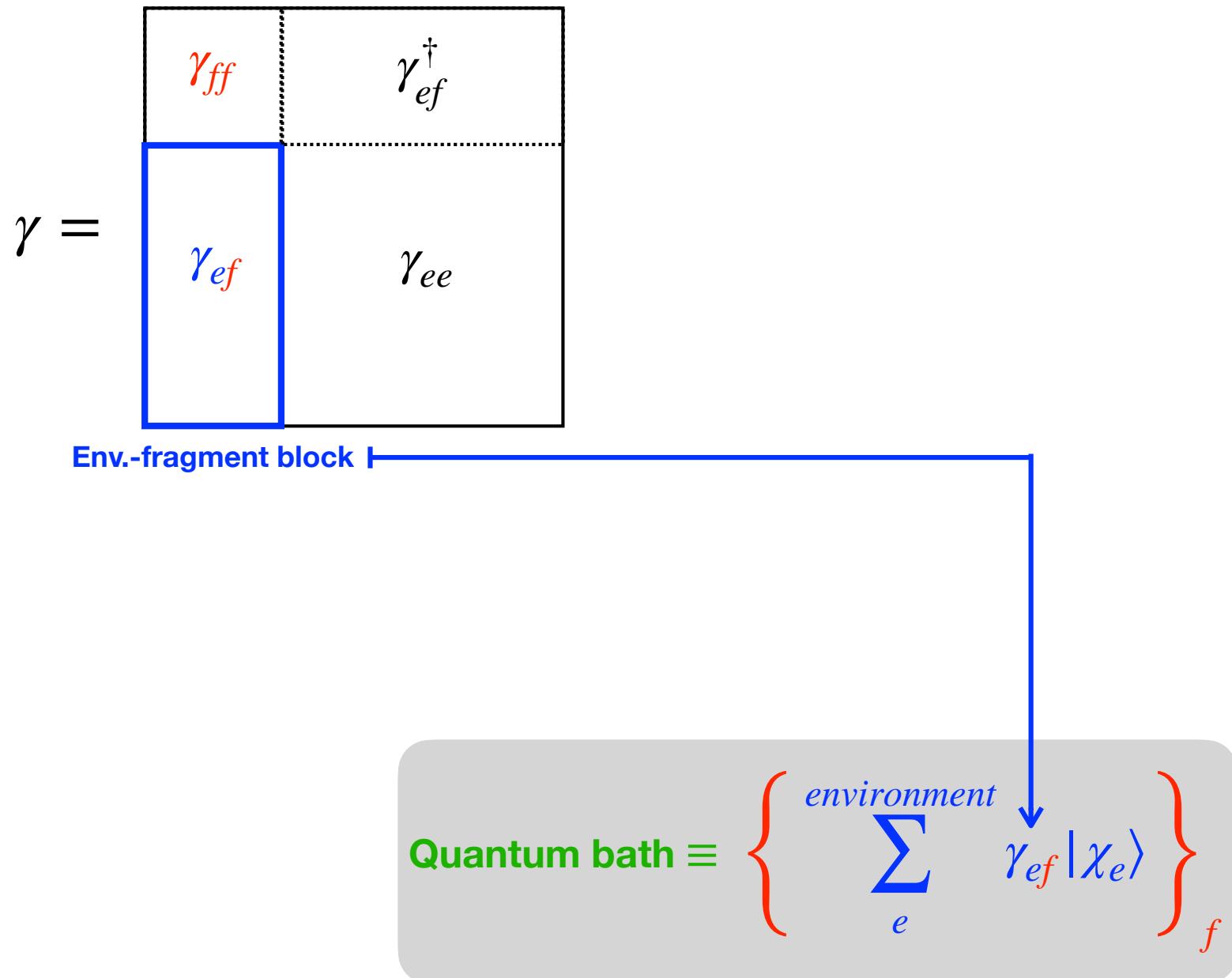
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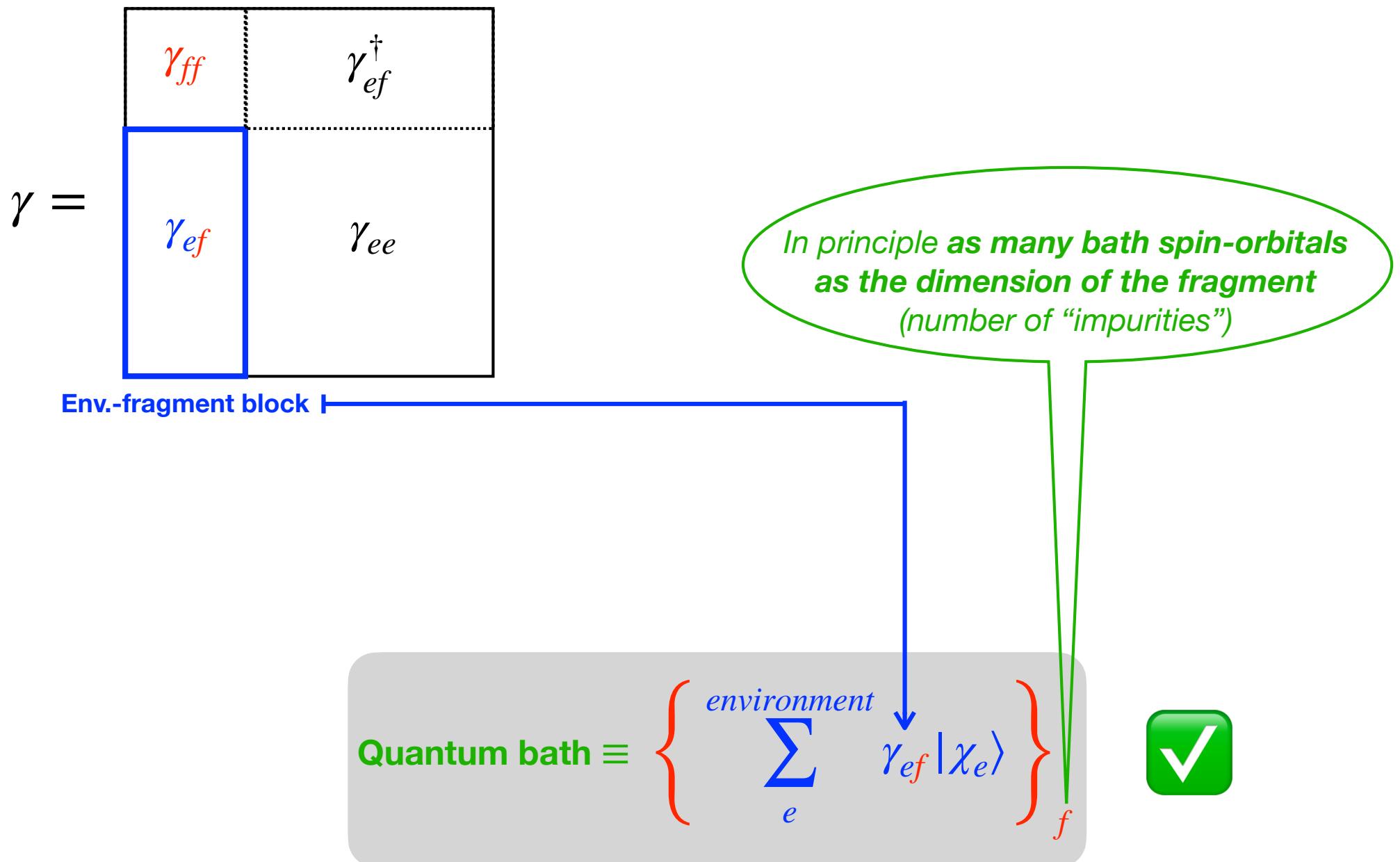
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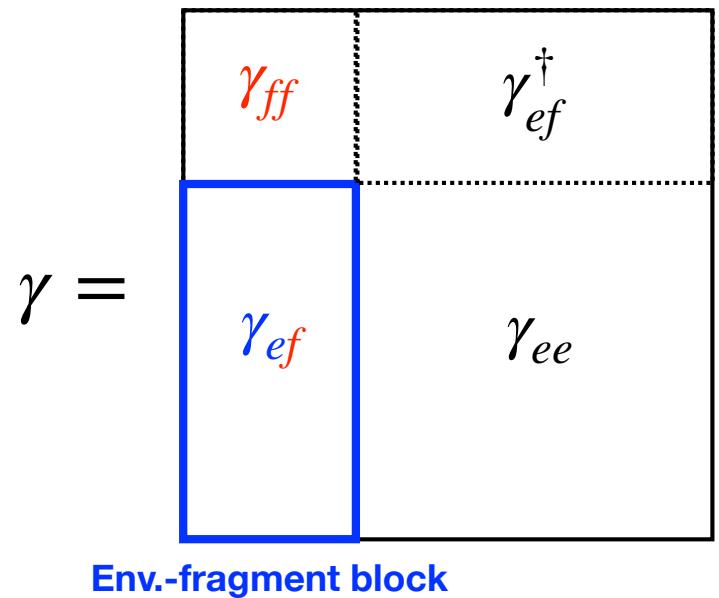
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To-be orthonormalized  
(SVD, Householder transformation, ...)

$$\text{Quantum bath} \equiv \left\{ \sum_e^{\text{environment}} \gamma_{ef} |\chi_e\rangle \right\}_f$$

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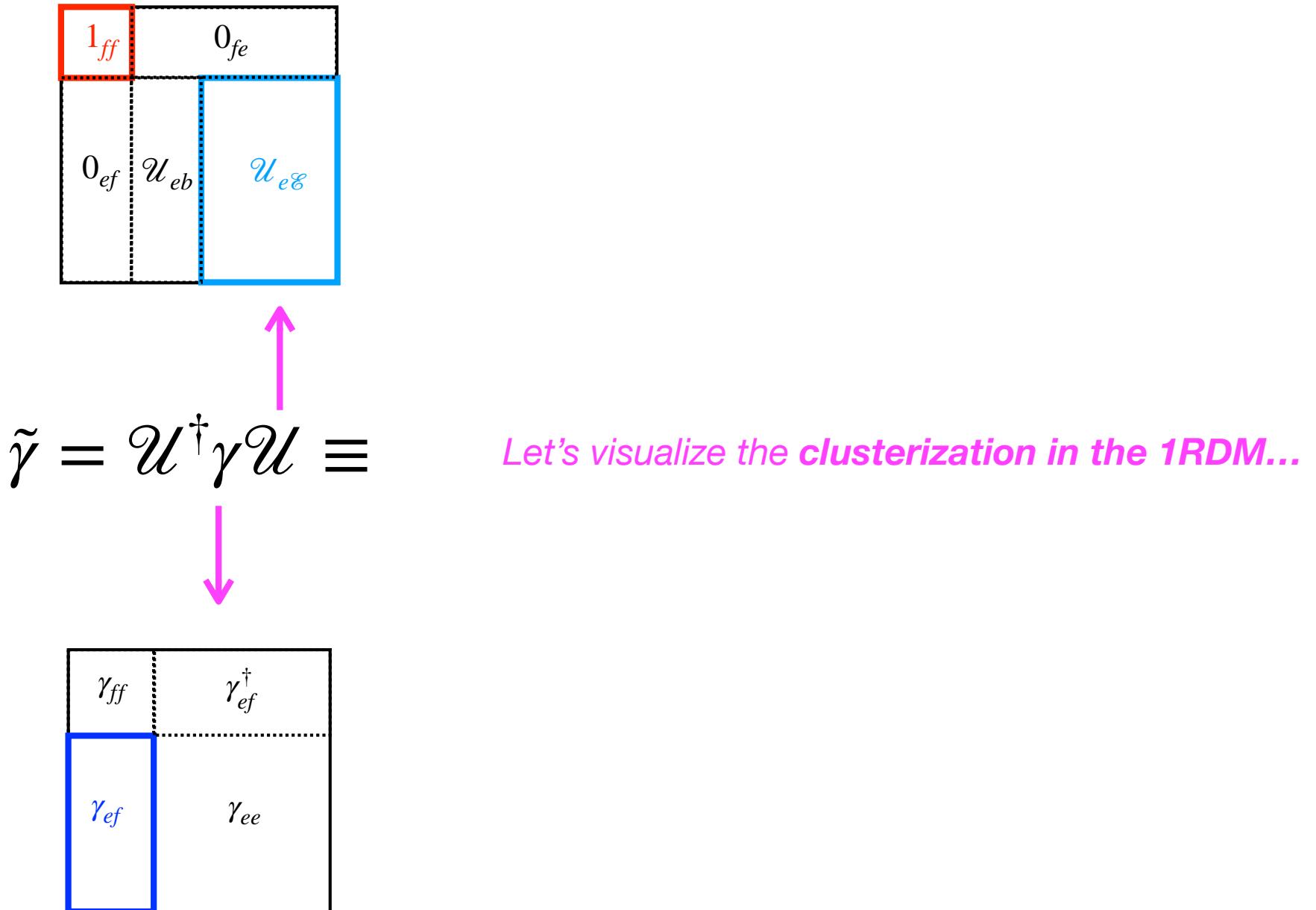
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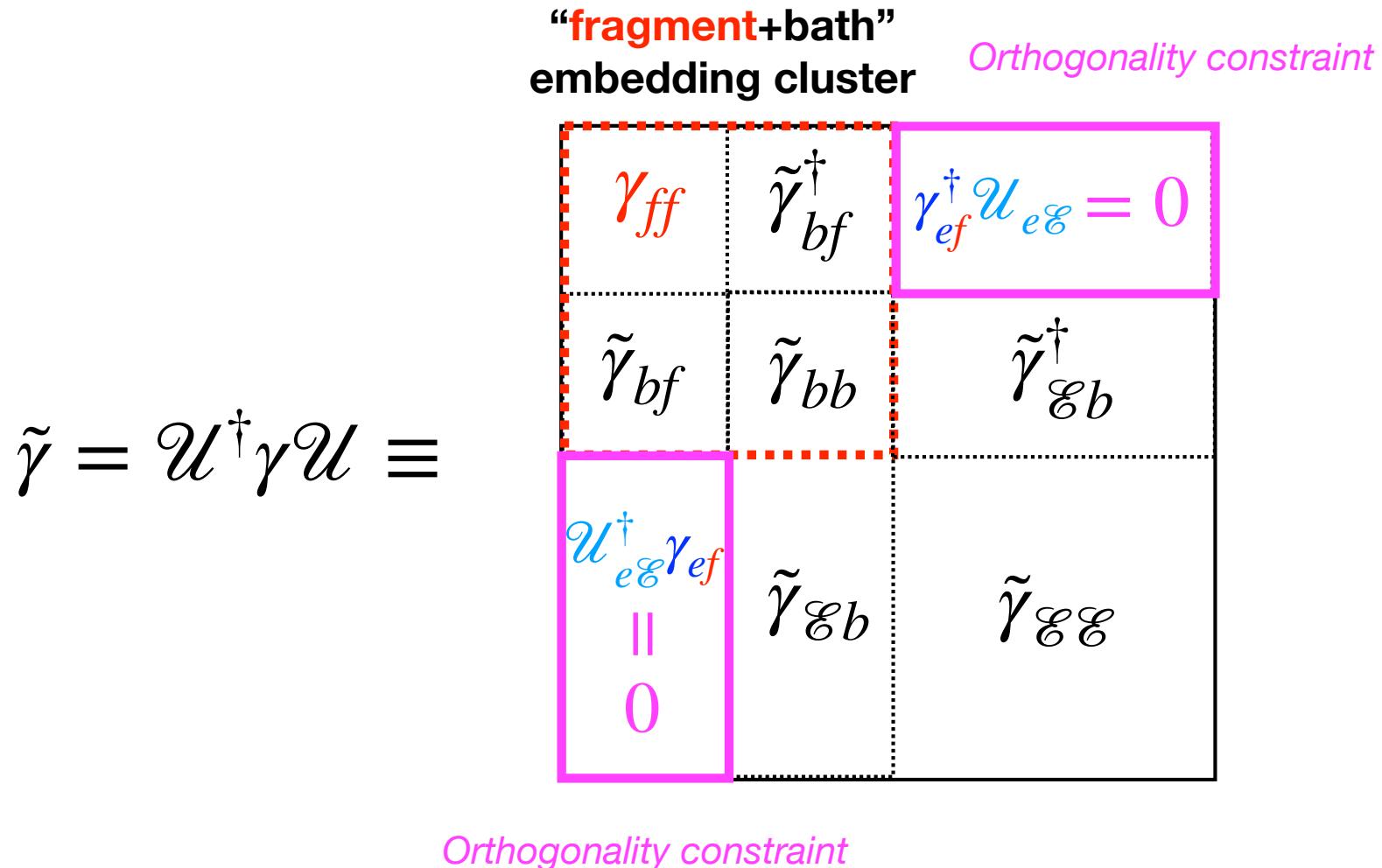
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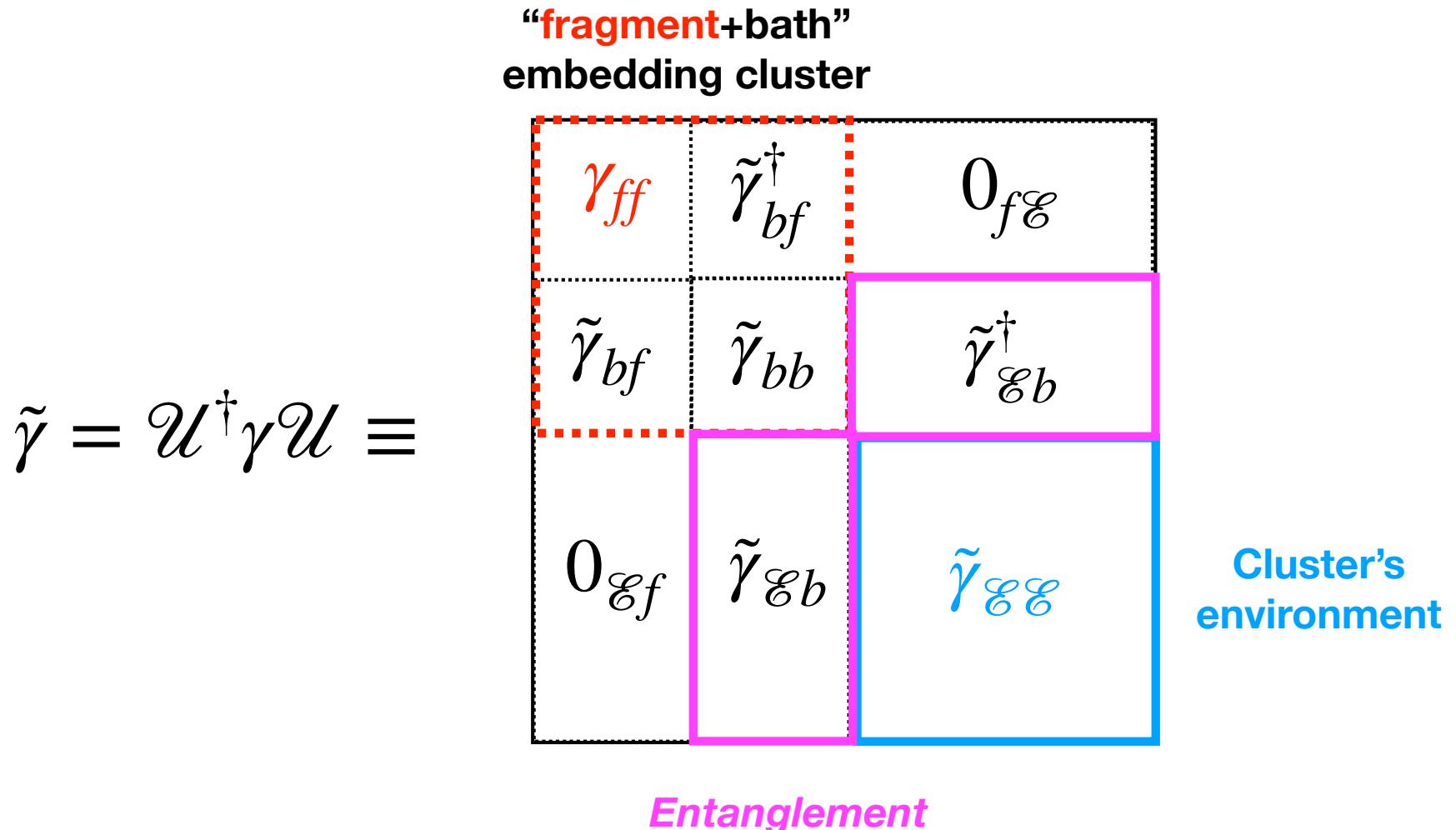
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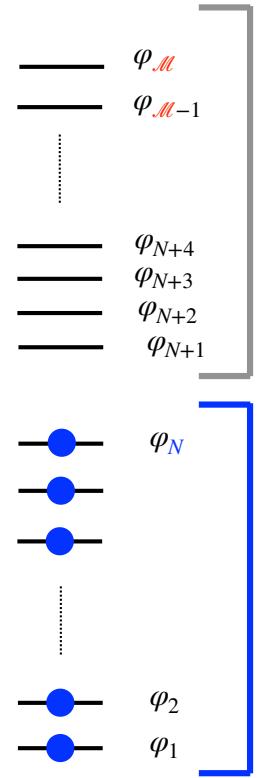
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## What if the full-system density matrix is idempotent?

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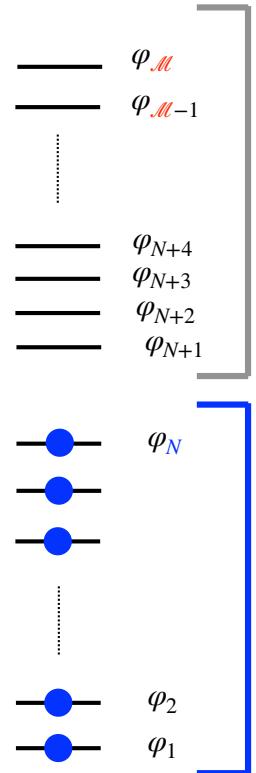


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Note that  $\text{Tr } \gamma = N$     ←    Total number of electrons  
(in the full system)

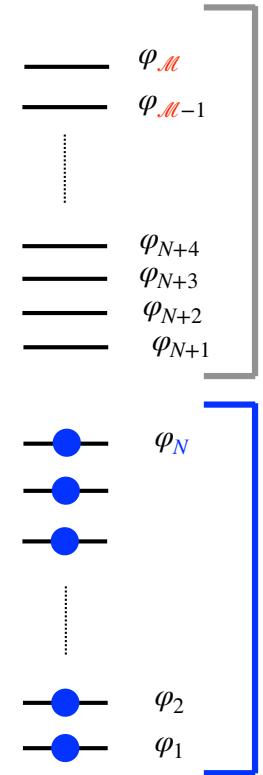
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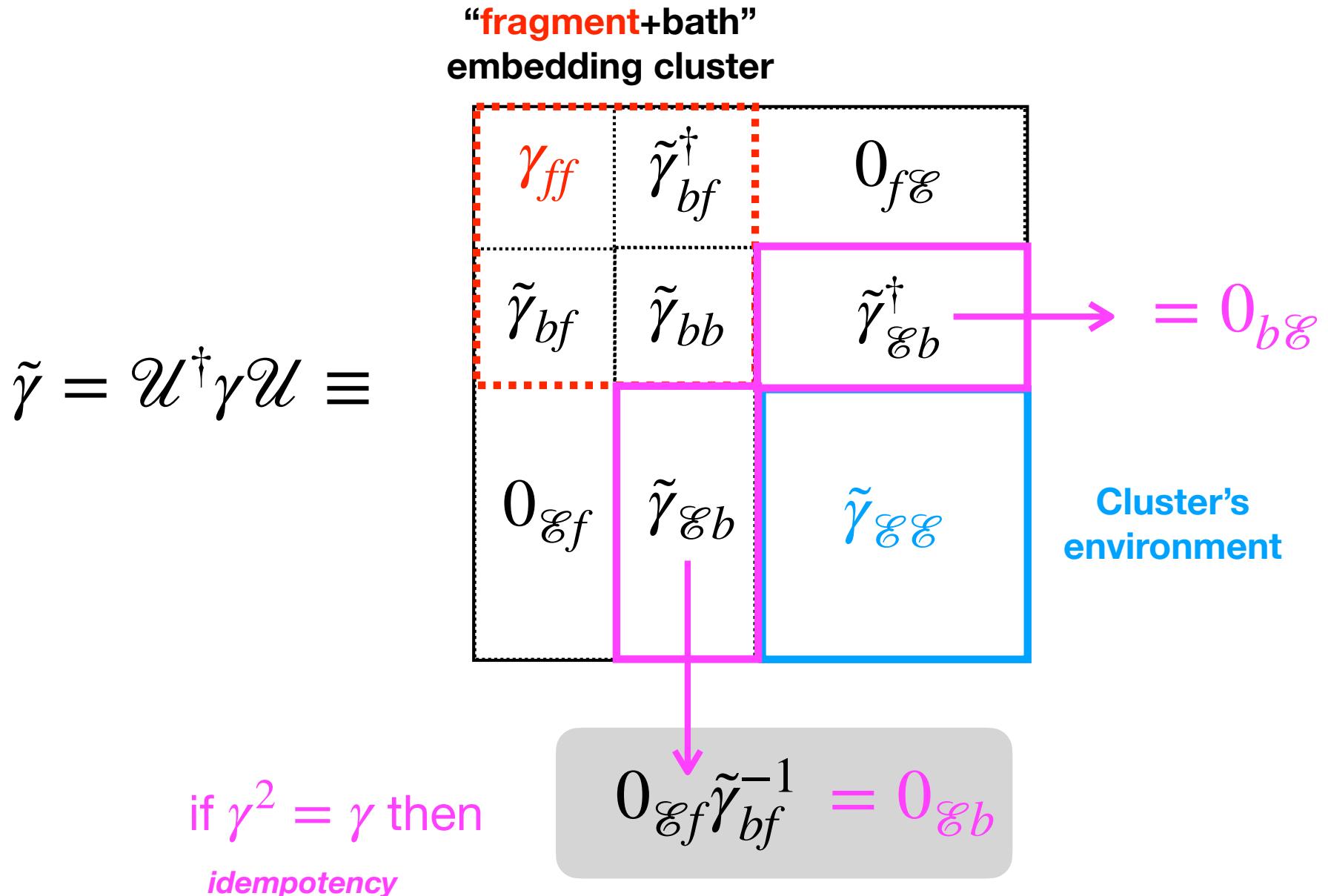


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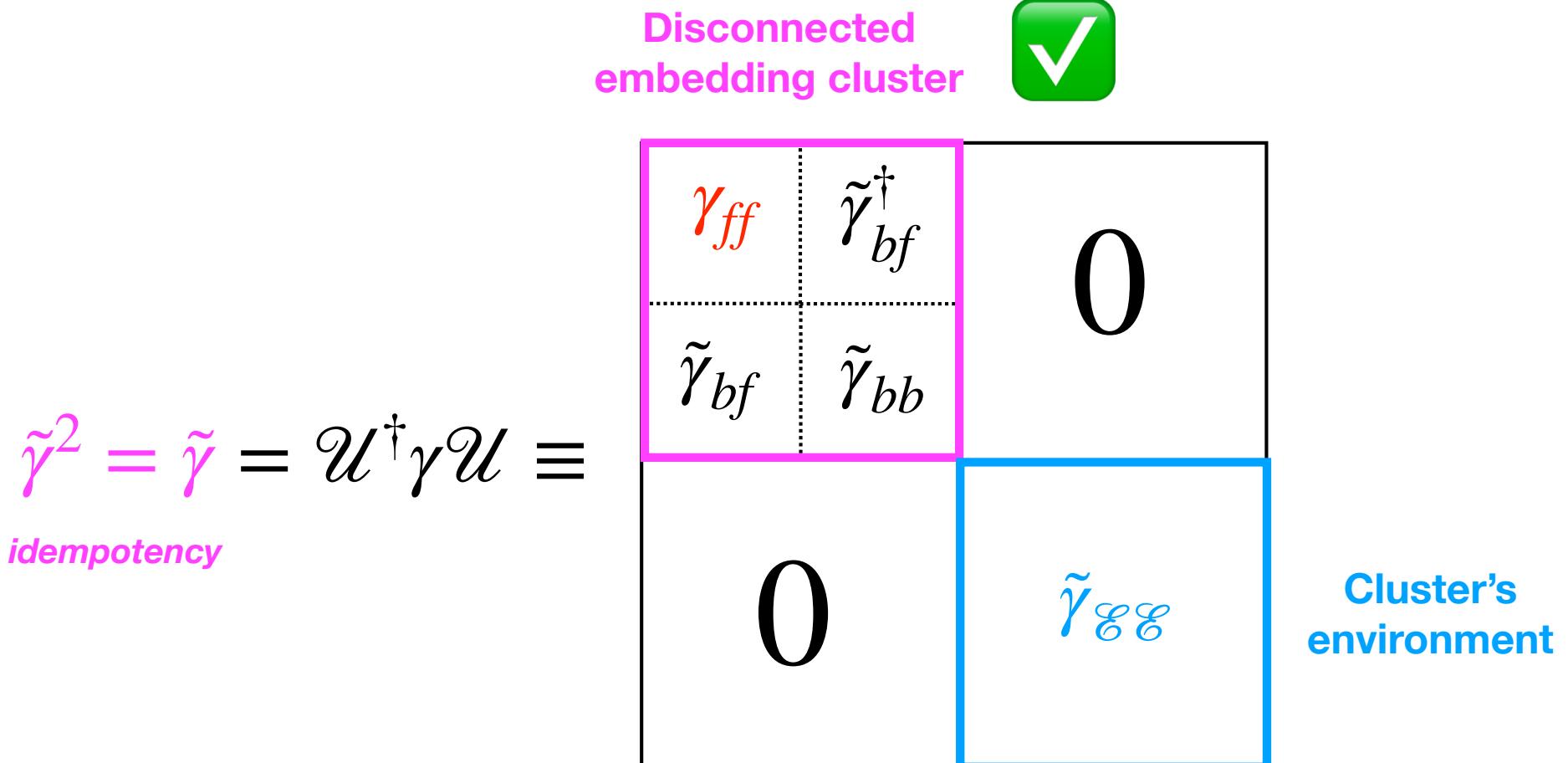
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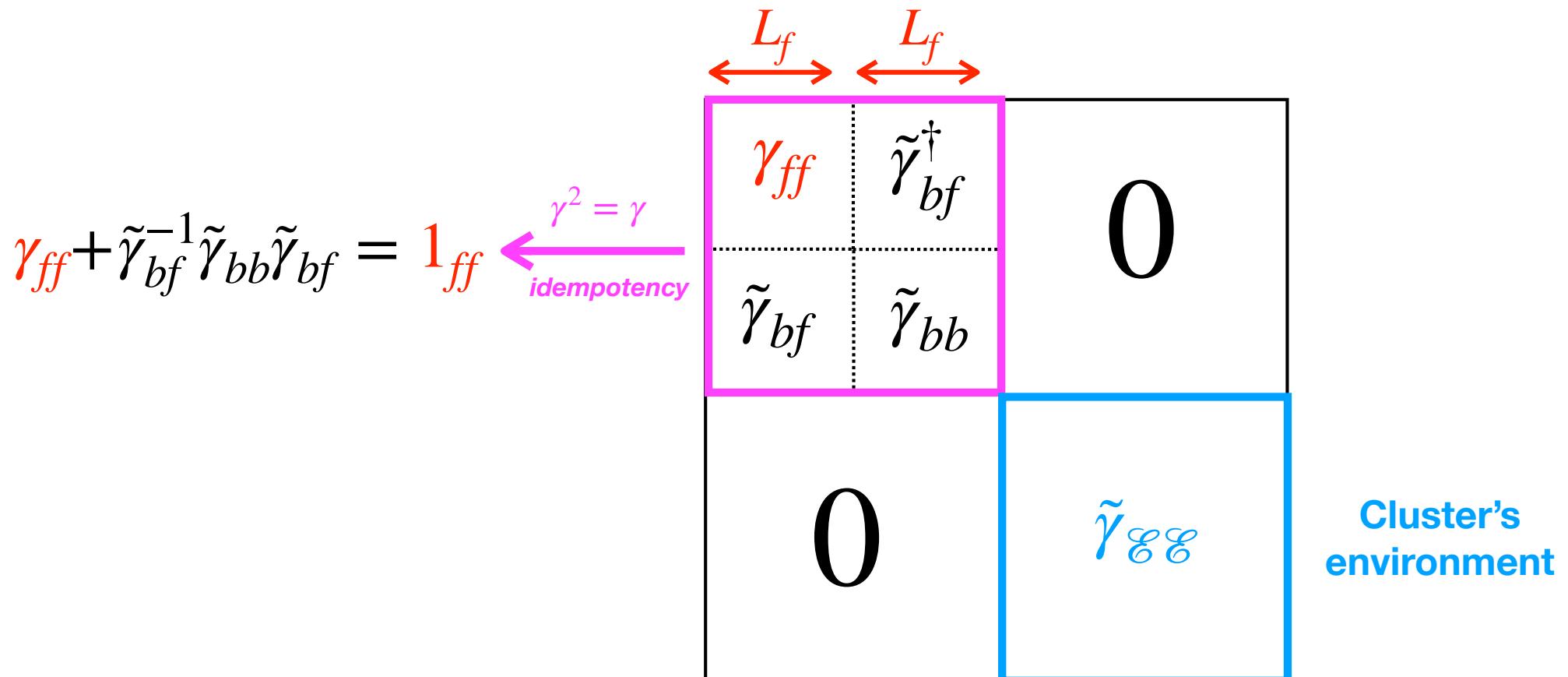
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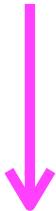


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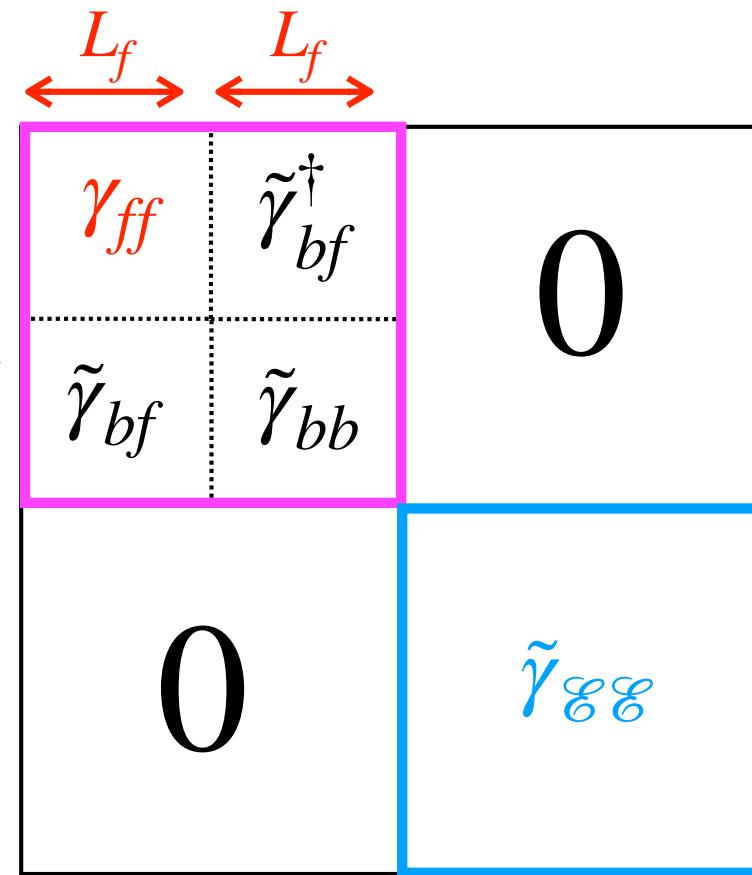


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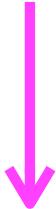


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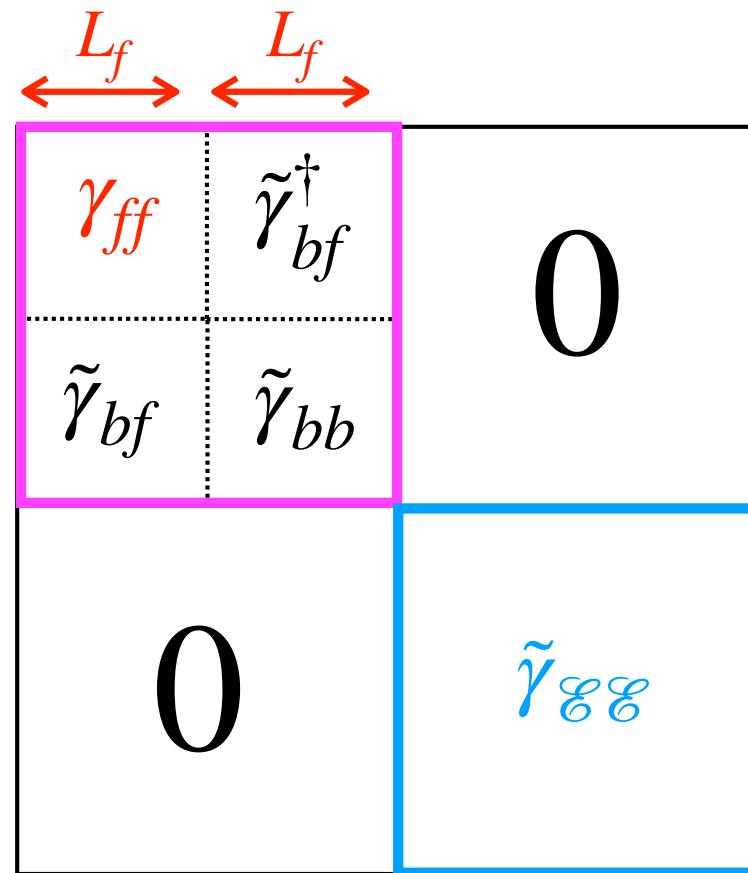
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The number of electrons in the cluster equals the number of embedded impurities



## Starting a DMET calculation...

Density matrix of the **full system**

$$\gamma = \begin{matrix} & \gamma_{ff} & \gamma_{ef}^\dagger \\ \gamma_{ef} & & \gamma_{ee} \end{matrix} = ???$$

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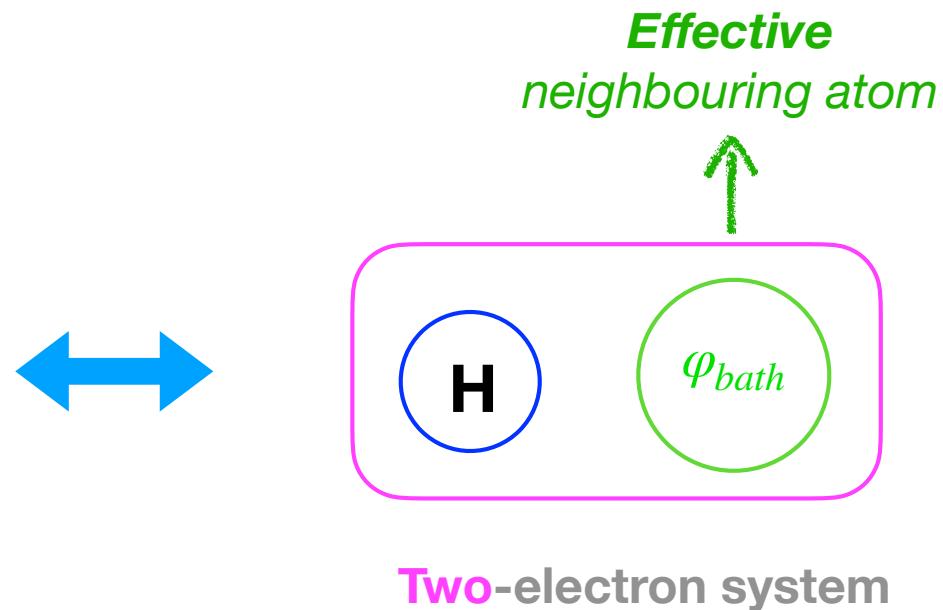
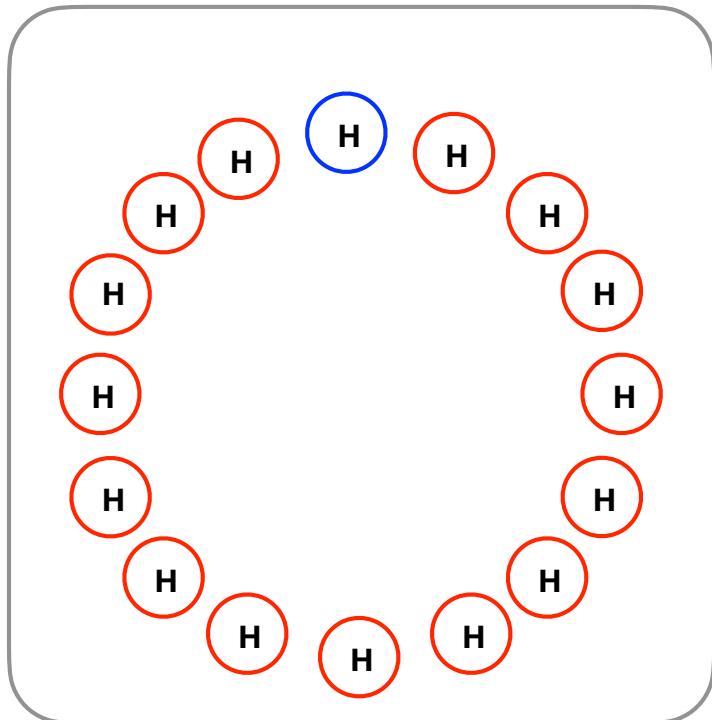
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**Mean-field** evaluation in practice

**Idempotent** ( $\gamma^2 = \gamma$ )

## *Illustrative example*

## Hubbard model for rings of hydrogen atoms



$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} -t \left( \hat{c}_{i\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{(i+1)\sigma} + \hat{c}_{(i+1)\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i\sigma} \right) + U \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} \hat{c}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i\downarrow} \hat{c}_{i\uparrow}$$

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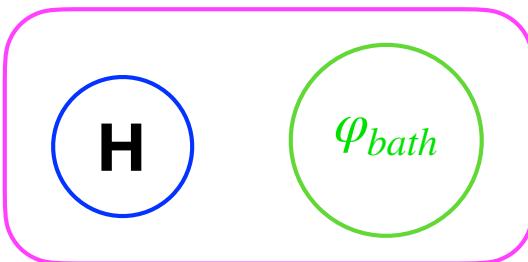
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One-electron Hamiltonian  
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Chemical potential  
on the impurity

Exact non-interacting  
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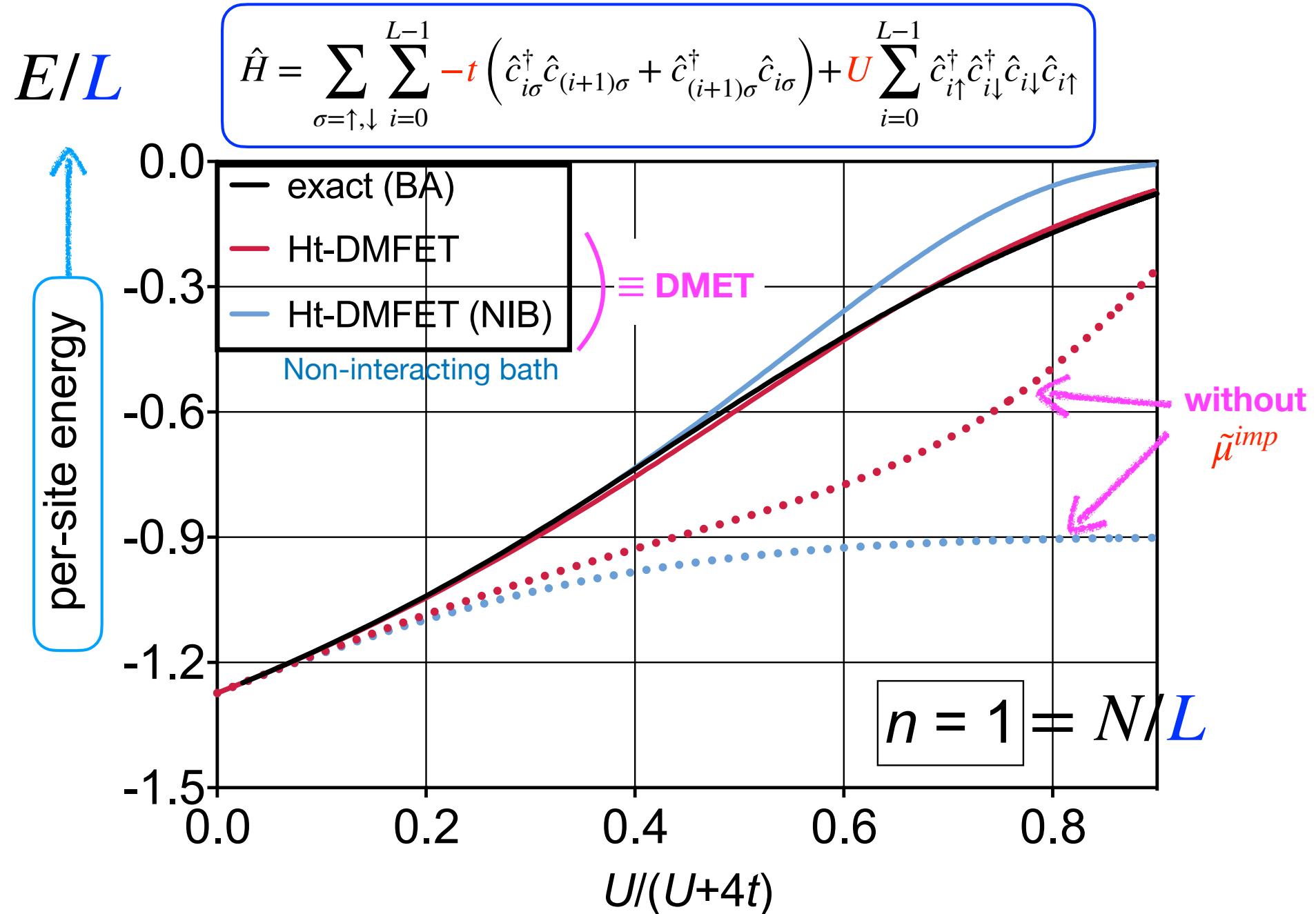
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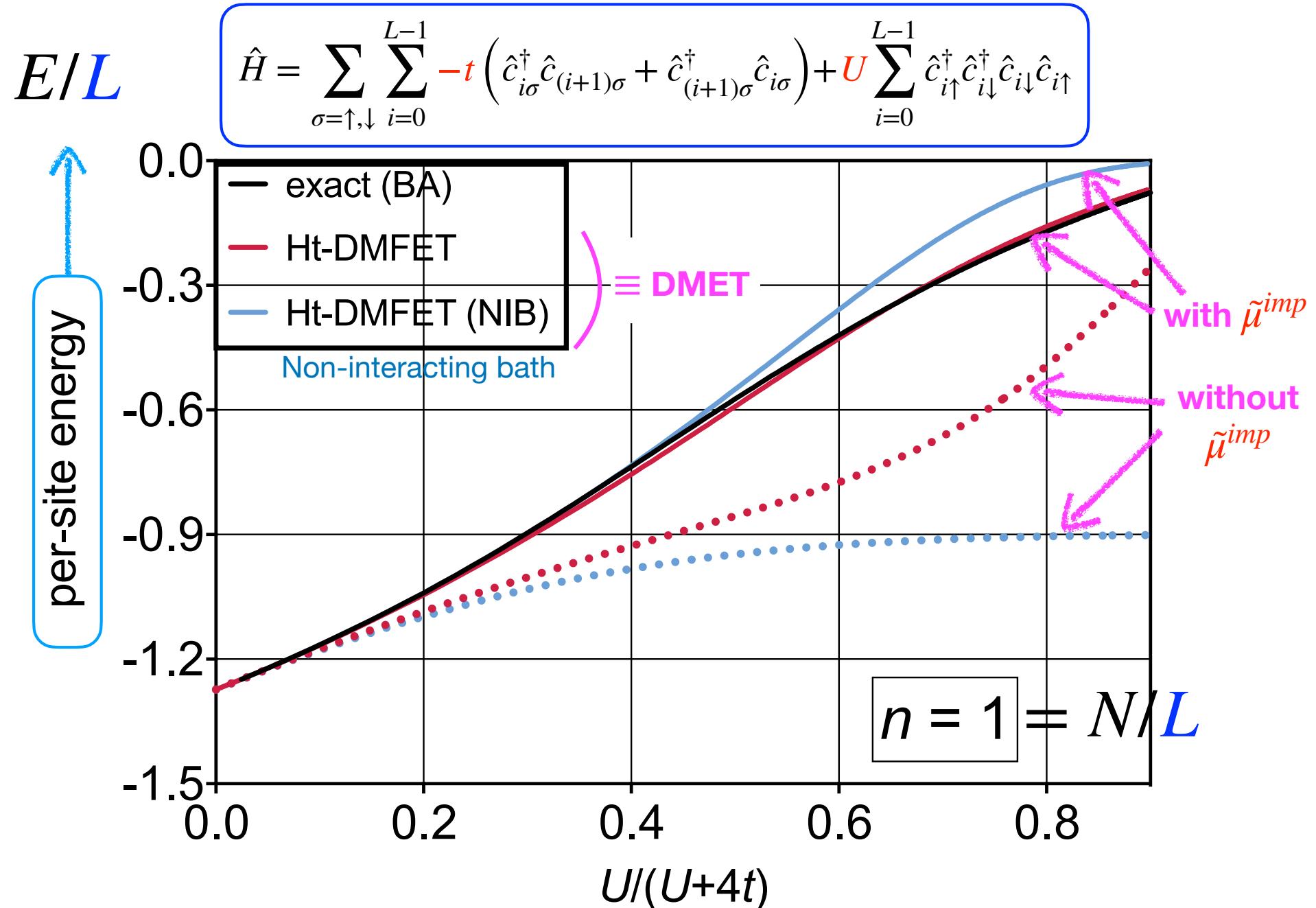
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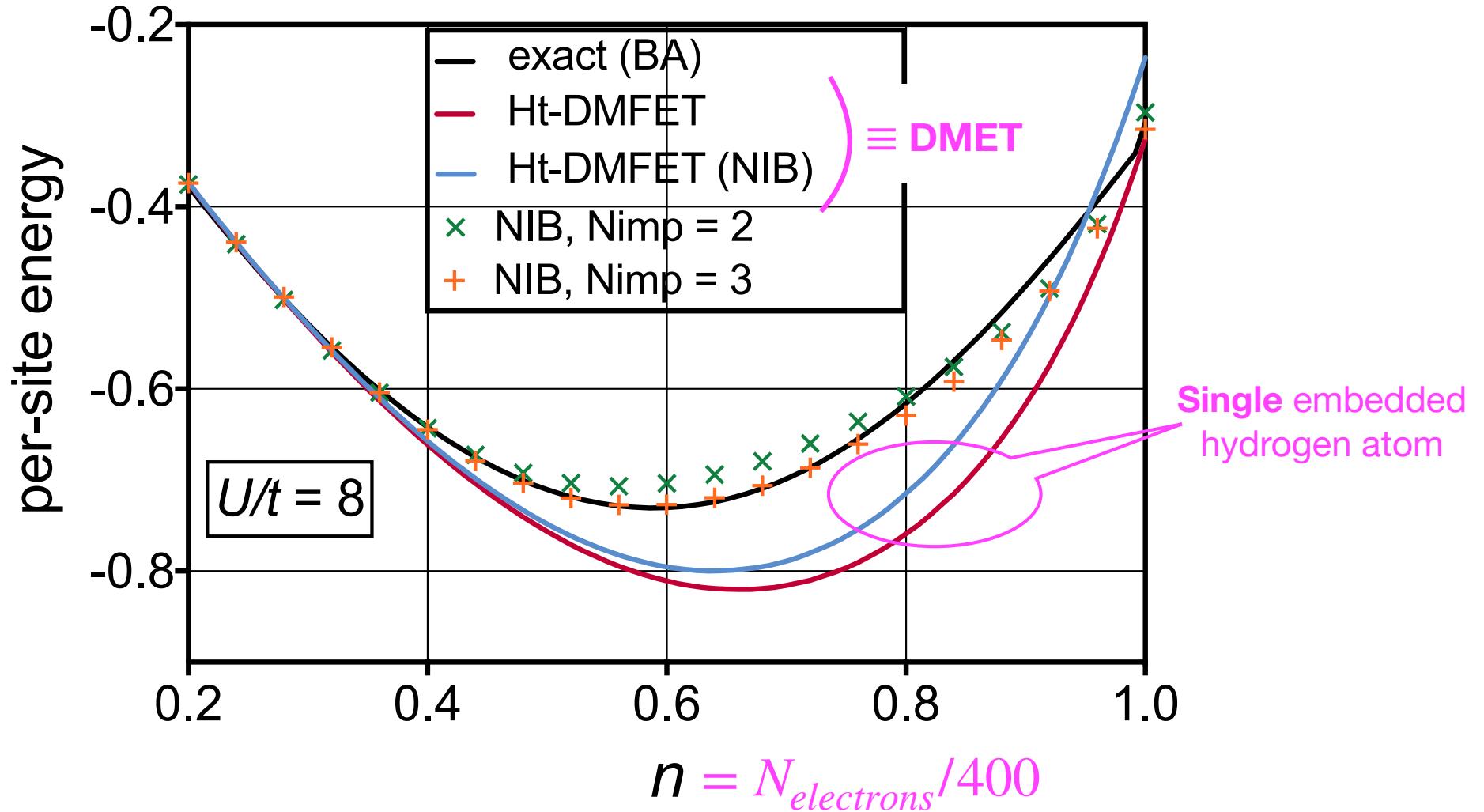
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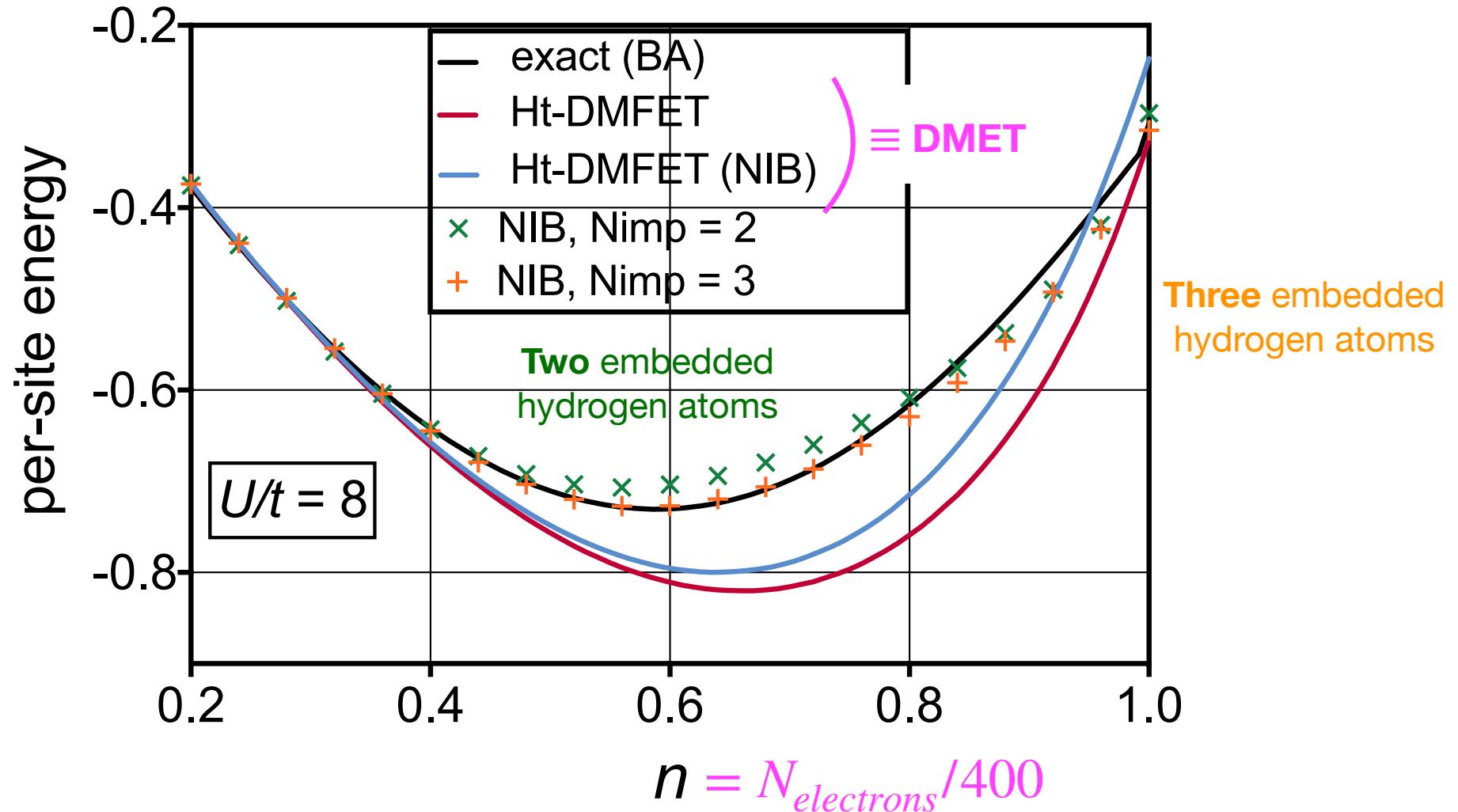
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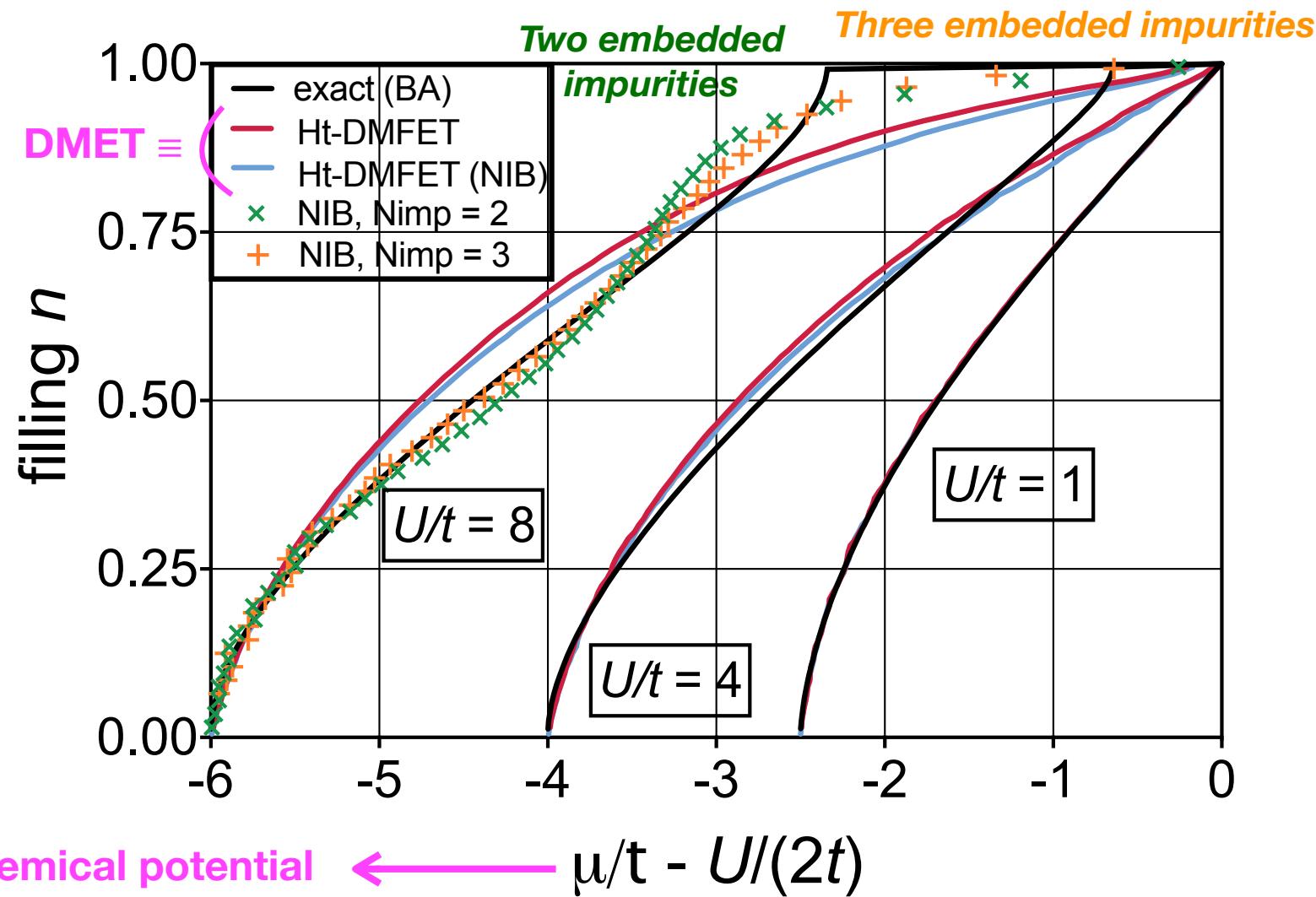
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## (Hubbard) model of a stretched 400-atom hydrogen ring



# Mott-Hubbard density-driven transition and multiple impurities



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## *Recent developments and open questions*

*Self-consistency and formal connection with DFT*



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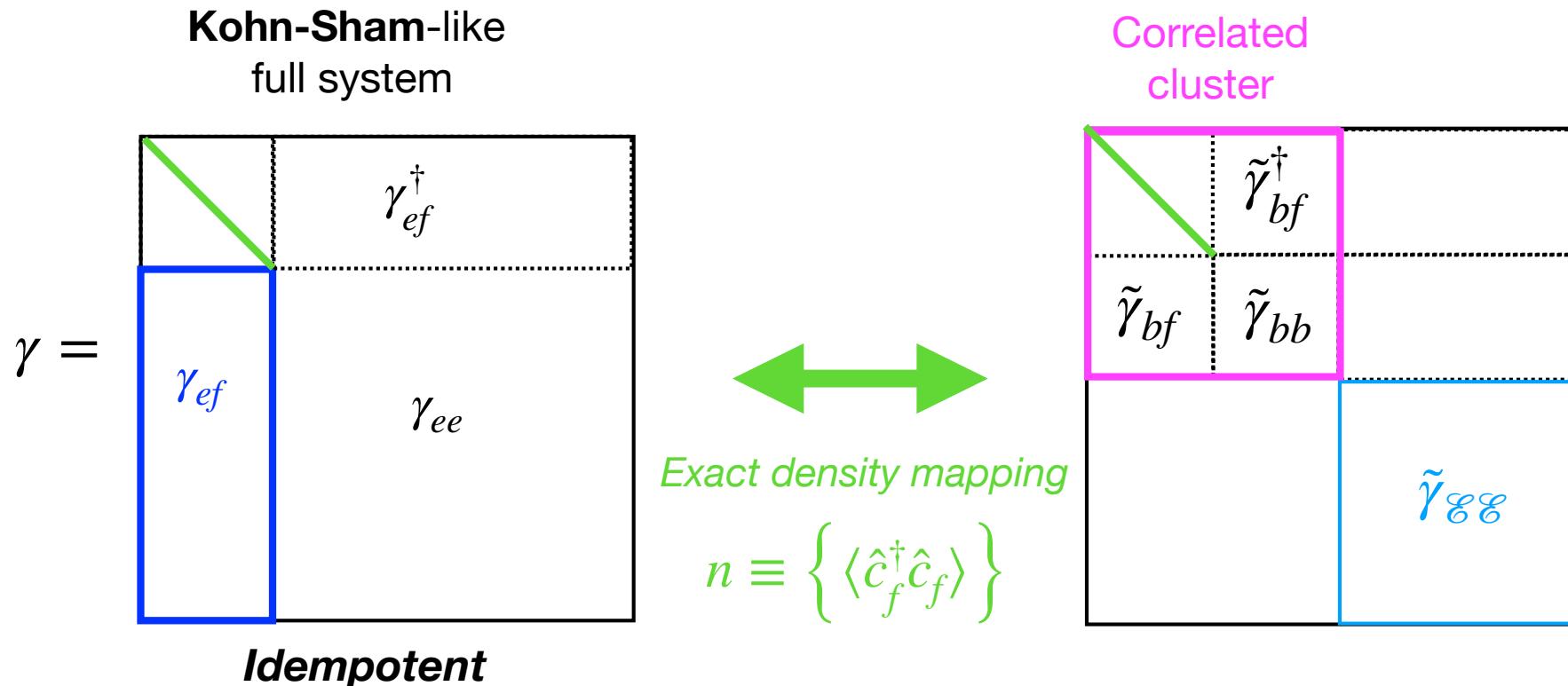
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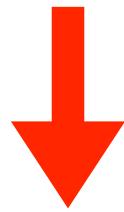
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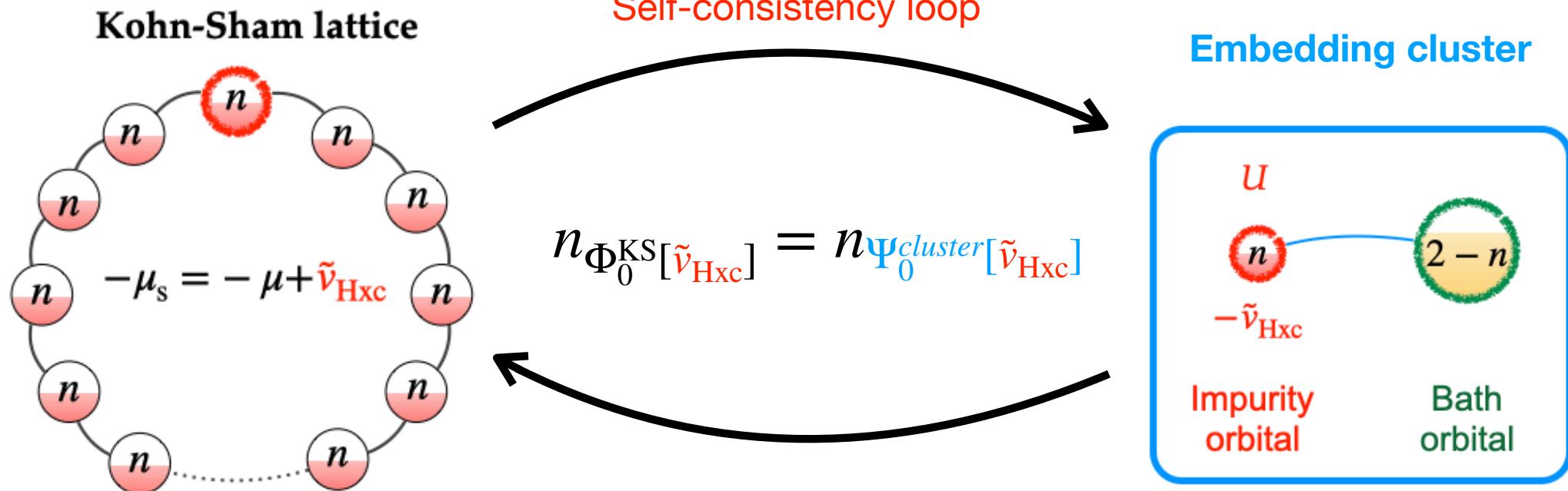


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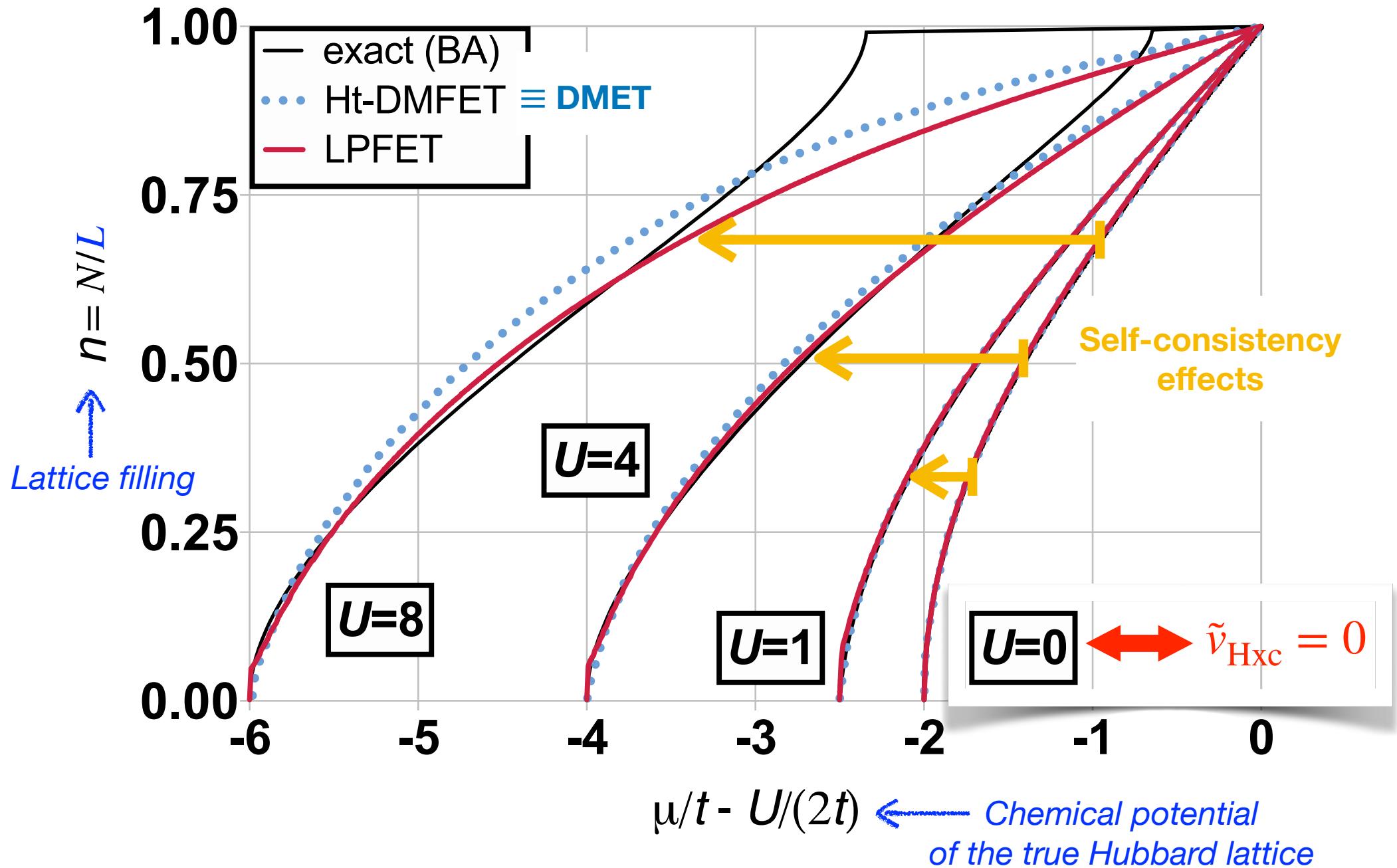
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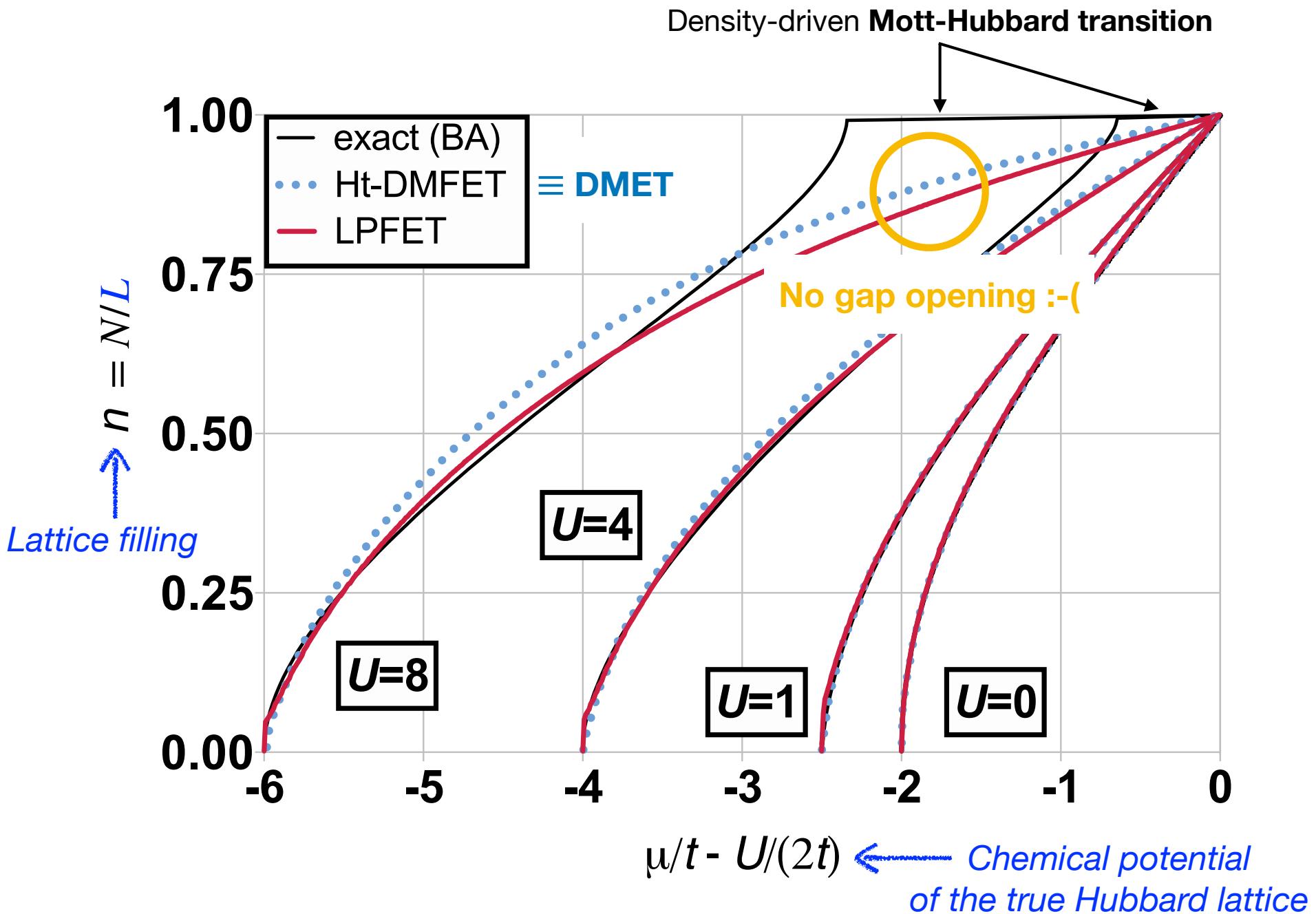
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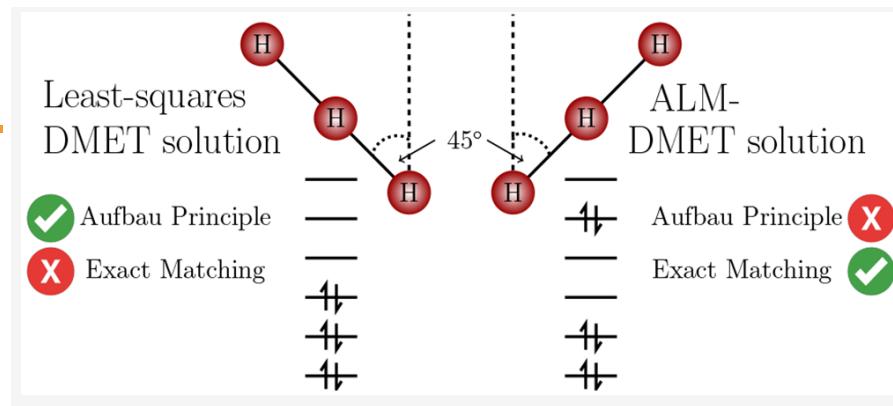
*The “idempotency” problem*

# Pure State $v$ -Representability of Density Matrix Embedding Theory

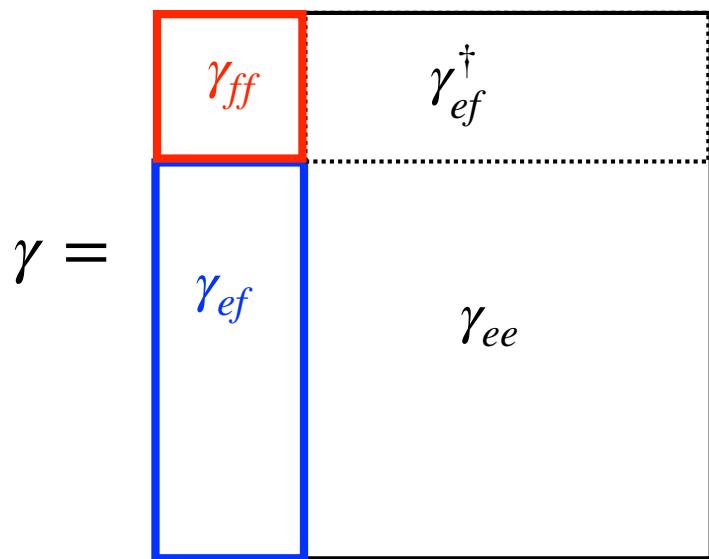
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Kohn-Sham-like  
full system?

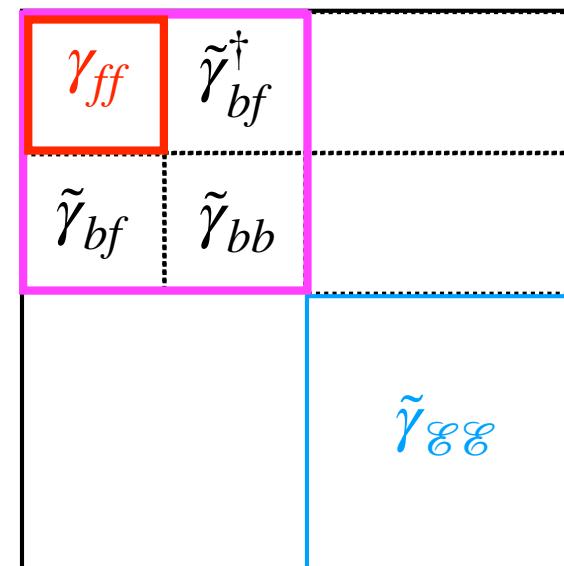


*Idempotent*

?

Density matrix  
mapping

Correlated  
cluster



*Non-idempotent*

## Non-Hermitian quantum mechanics?

*Non-Hermitian but idempotent density matrix, static self-energy, ...*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zgMa-MhoZg>

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## Using an enlarged bath (ghost orbitals)?

*N. Lanatà, Phys. Rev. B 108, 235112 (2023).*

## *The N-representability problem*

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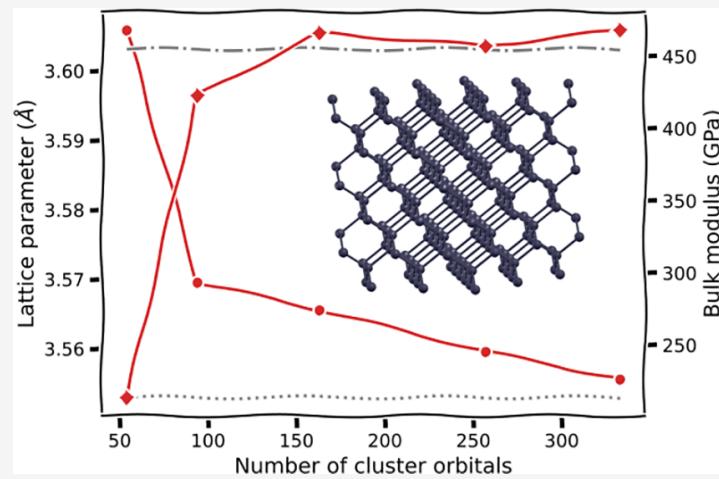
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**ABSTRACT:** Quantum embedding is an appealing route to fragment a large interacting quantum system into several smaller auxiliary “cluster” problems to exploit the locality of the correlated physics. In this work, we critically review approaches to recombine these fragmented solutions in order to compute nonlocal expectation values, including the total energy. Starting from the democratic partitioning of expectation values used in density matrix embedding theory, we motivate and develop a number of alternative approaches, numerically demonstrating their efficiency and improved accuracy as a function of increasing cluster size for both energetics and nonlocal two-body observables in molecular and solid state systems. These approaches consider the *N*-representability of the resulting expectation values via an implicit global wave function across the clusters, as well as the importance of including contributions to expectation values spanning multiple fragments simultaneously, thereby alleviating the fundamental locality approximation of the embedding. We clearly demonstrate the value of these introduced functionals for reliable extraction of observables and robust and systematic convergence as the cluster size increases, allowing for significantly smaller clusters to be used for a desired accuracy compared to traditional approaches in *ab initio* wave function quantum embedding.



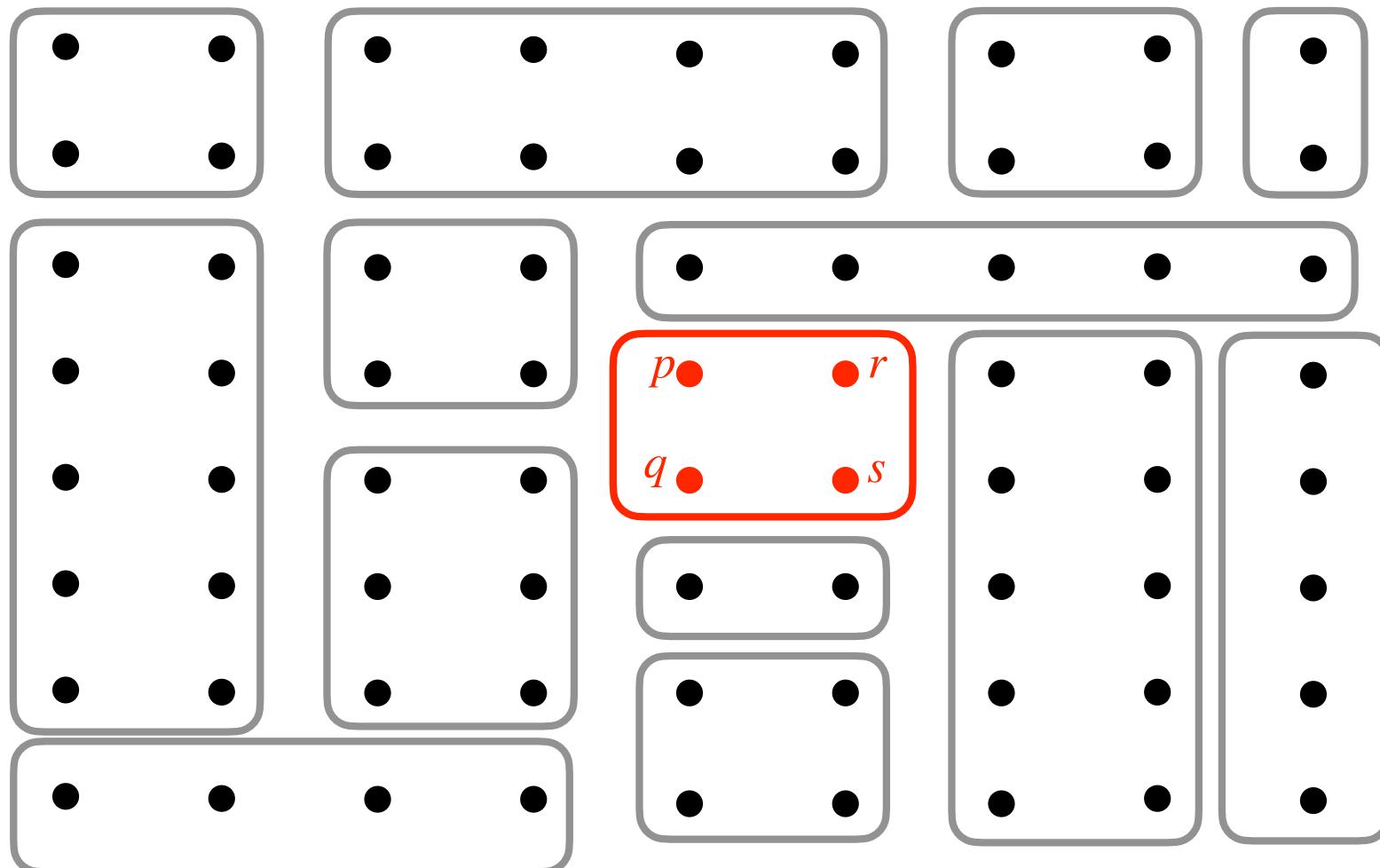
# Local evaluation of the energy (in a localised spin-orbital basis)

So-called “lattice representation”

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One-electron density matrix (1RDM)      Two-electron density matrix (2RDM)

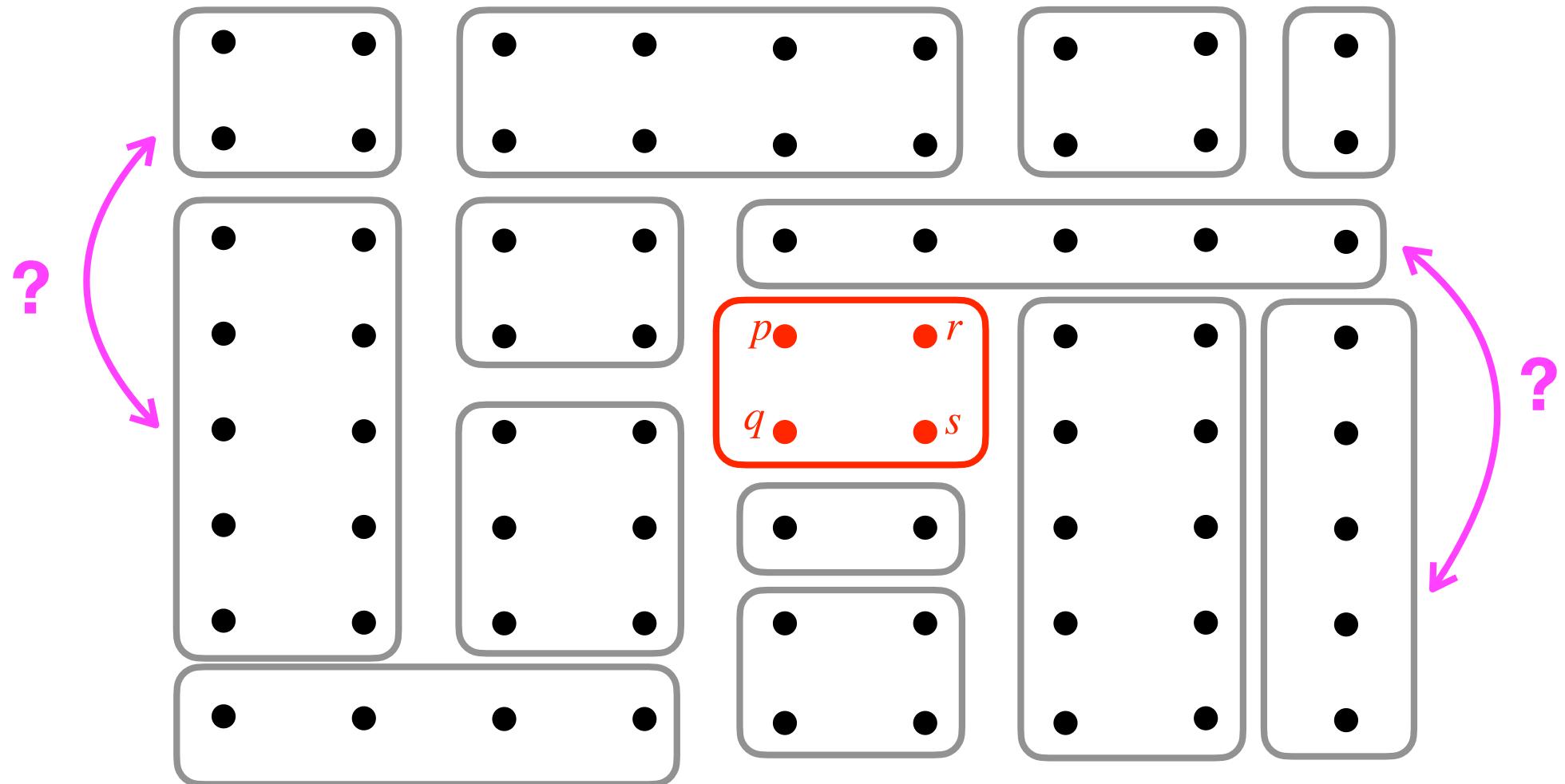
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One-electron  
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(1RDM)

Two-electron  
density matrix  
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## *N-representability problem*

$$\langle \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q \rangle_{\text{clusters}} \stackrel{?}{=} \langle \Psi | \hat{c}_p^\dagger \hat{c}_q | \Psi \rangle$$

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