

# An introduction to density matrix embedding theory

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A few words about strong electron correlation

## A brief reminder: Multi-configurational description of the stretched hydrogen molecule

#### **Anti-bonding orbital**

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# Multi-configurational description of the stretched hydrogen molecule

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(Chemistry)

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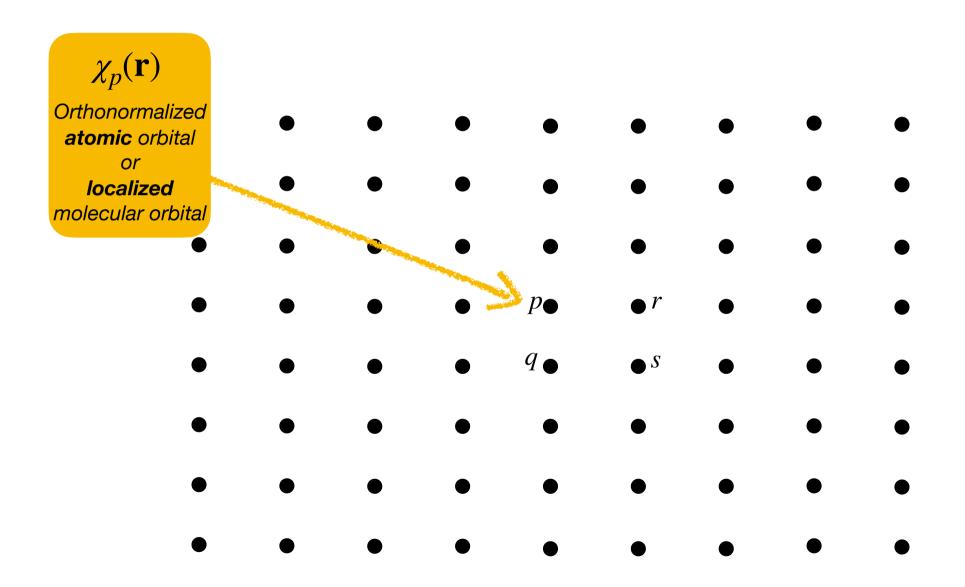
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$$\mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{H} \qquad \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{H} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{H} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{H}$$

$$& \text{Consequence of the electronic} \\ & \text{Consequence on each atom!} \end{split}$$

# "Lattice" representation of a molecular or extended system



Second quantization, reduced density matrices, and quantum entanglement

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See the video\* for further explanations

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$$\int d\mathbf{x} \; \varphi_{P}(\mathbf{x}) \left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^{2} + v_{\text{elec-nuclei}}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \varphi_{Q}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{One-electron integrals}_{\text{(Kinetic energy+nuclear attraction)}}$$

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Two-electron integrals (electronic repulsion)

$$\int d\mathbf{x}_1 \int d\mathbf{x}_2 \, \varphi_{\mathbf{P}}(\mathbf{x}_1) \varphi_{\mathbf{Q}}(\mathbf{x}_2) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \varphi_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{x}_1) \varphi_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

$$E_0 = \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} \langle \hat{H} \rangle_{\Psi_0}$$

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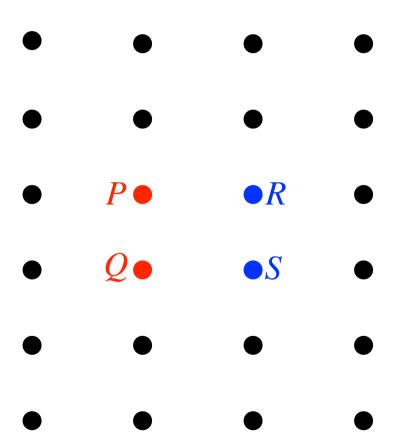
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Two-electron reduced density matrix (2RDM)

$$\Gamma_{PQSR} = \langle \hat{c}_{P}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{O}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{S} \hat{c}_{R} \rangle_{\Psi_{0}}$$

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



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The energy is an *explicit functional* of the 1 and 2RDMs!

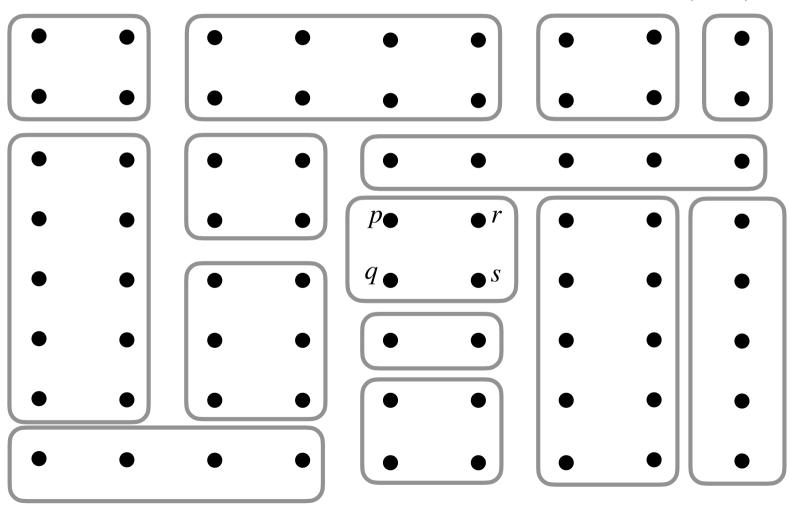
 $\langle \hat{H} \rangle = \sum h_{pq} \langle \hat{c}_p^{\dagger} \hat{c}_q \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum \langle pq | rs \rangle \langle \hat{c}_p^{\dagger} \hat{c}_q^{\dagger} \hat{c}_s \hat{c}_r \rangle$ So-called "lattice" representation **One-electron Two-electron** density matrix density matrix  $\chi_p(\mathbf{r})$ (1RDM) (2RDM) Orthonormalized atomic orbital or localized molecular orbital

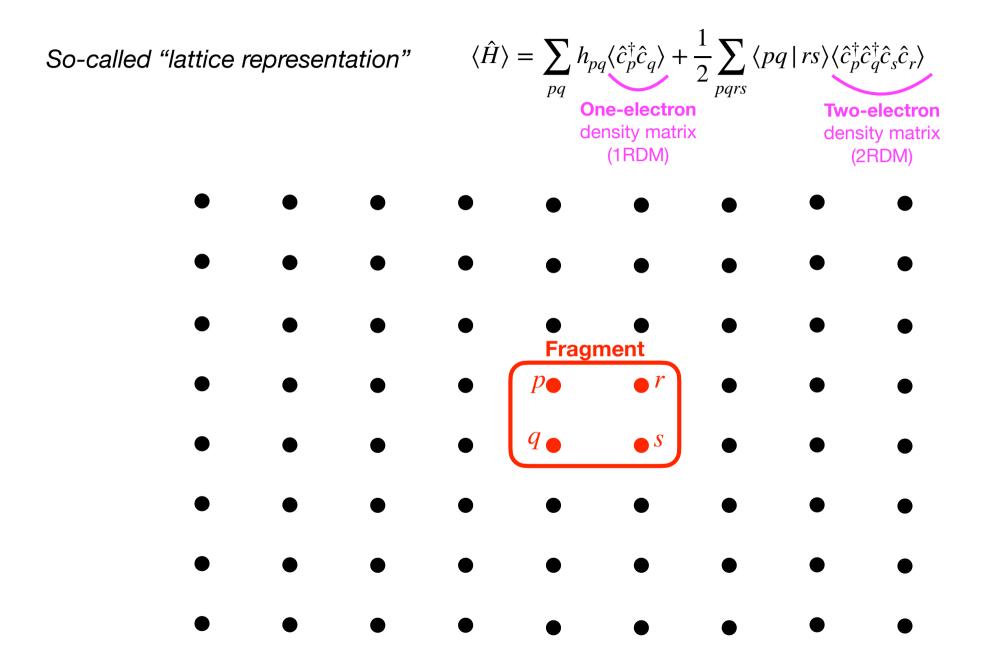
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# **Fragmentation**

for treating strong local electron correlations

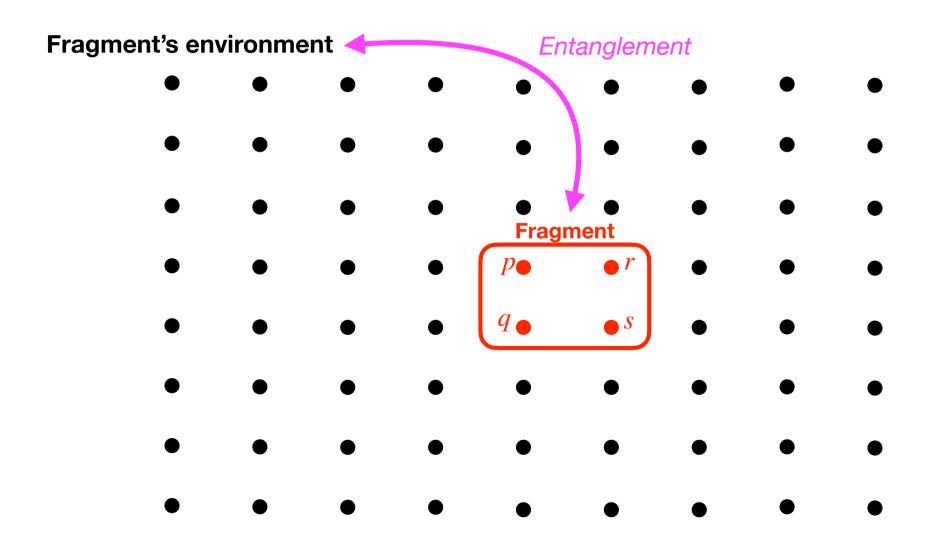
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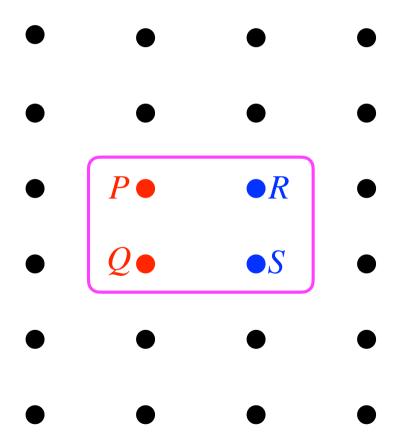
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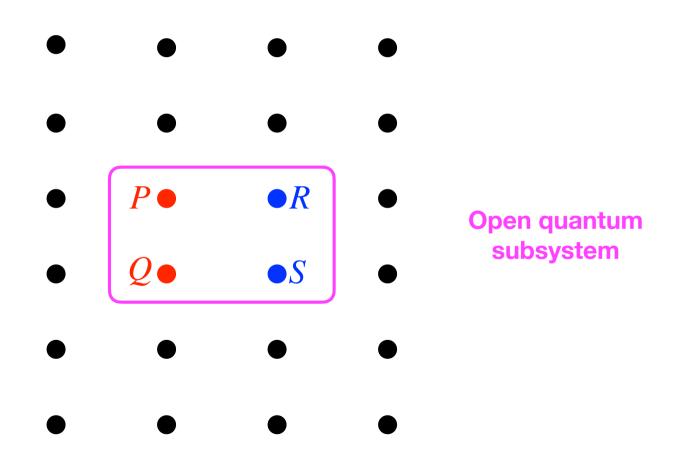


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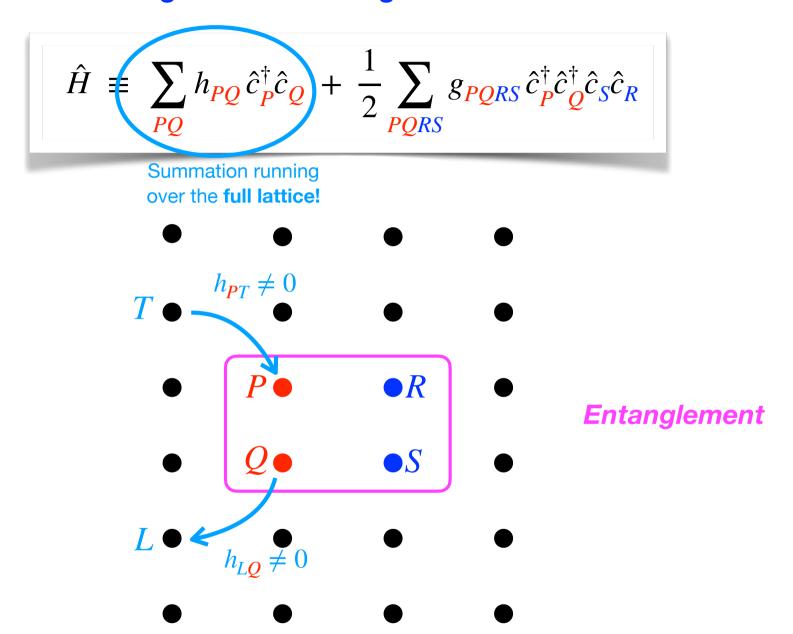
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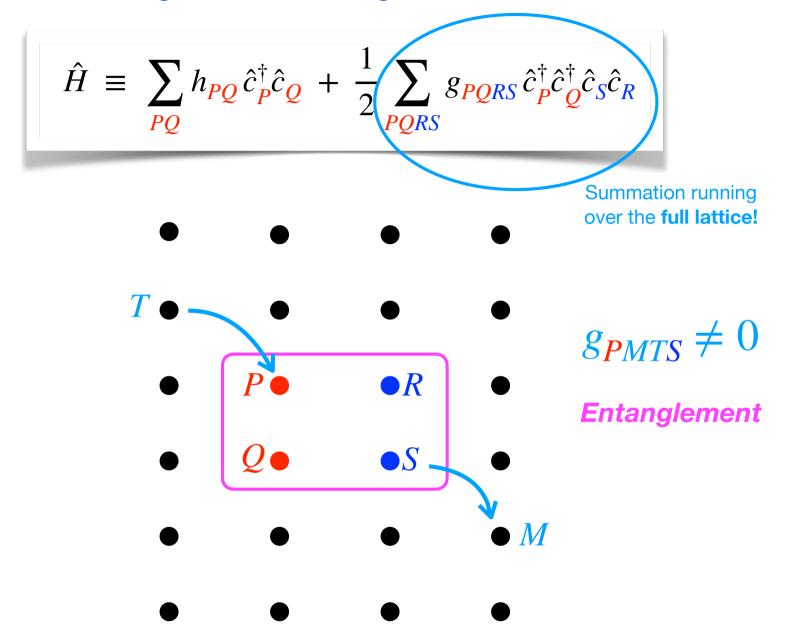
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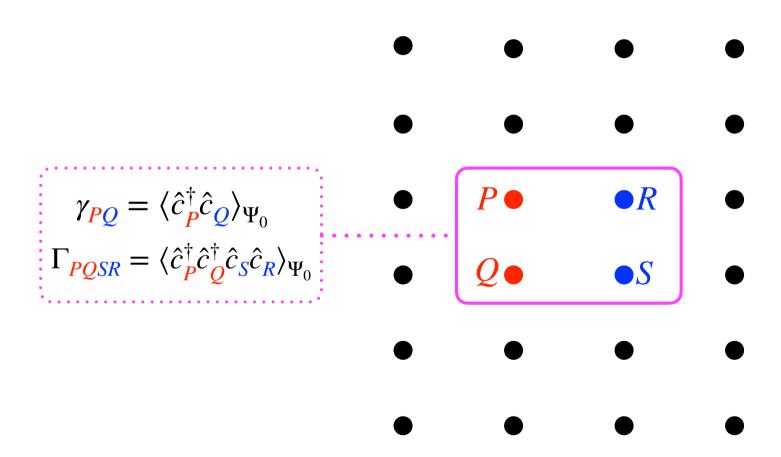
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A  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  consisting of electrons simply distributed among *disconnected fragments* cannot be described by  $\hat{H}|\Psi_0\rangle$ !





The evaluation of the RDMs requires, in principle, the wave function  $\Psi_0$  of the entire system



Philosophy of density matrix embedding theory (DMET)

#### **Density Matrix Embedding: A Simple Alternative to Dynamical Mean-Field Theory**

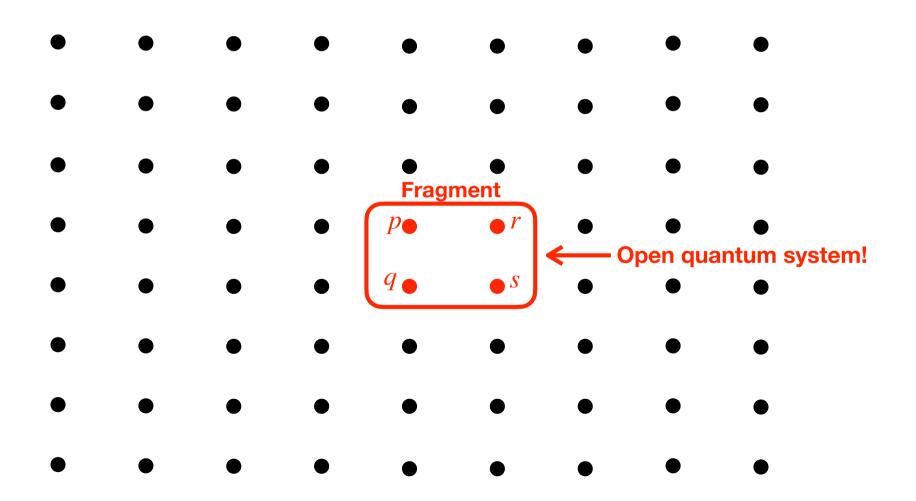
#### Gerald Knizia and Garnet Kin-Lic Chan

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We introduce density matrix embedding theory (DMET), a quantum embedding theory for computing frequency-independent quantities, such as ground-state properties, of infinite systems. Like dynamical mean-field theory, DMET maps the bulk interacting system to a simpler impurity model and is exact in the noninteracting and atomic limits. Unlike dynamical mean-field theory, DMET is formulated in terms of the frequency-independent local density matrix, rather than the local Green's function. In addition, it features a finite, algebraically constructible bath of only one bath site per impurity site, with no bath discretization error. Frequency independence and the minimal bath make DMET a computationally simple and efficient method. We test the theory in the one-dimensional and two-dimensional Hubbard models at and away from half filling, and we find that compared to benchmark data, total energies, correlation functions, and metal-insulator transitions are well reproduced, at a tiny computational cost.

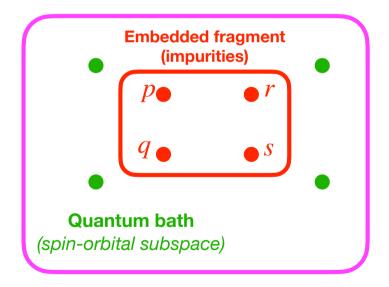
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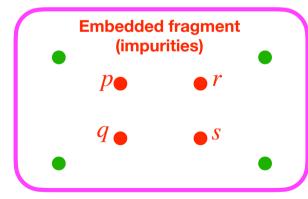


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Quantum bath ≡ electronic reservoir





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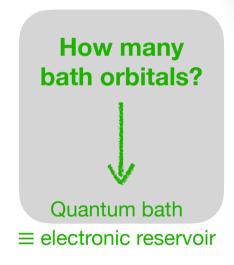
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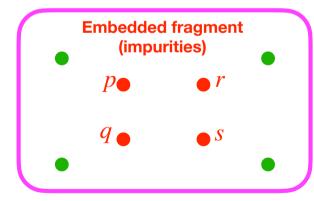
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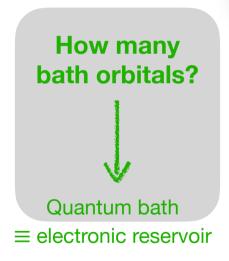
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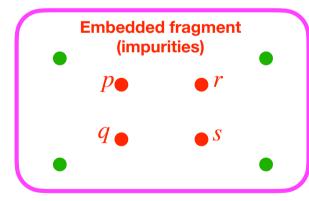
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Few-electron correlated wave function

As many as the number of orbitals in the fragment...

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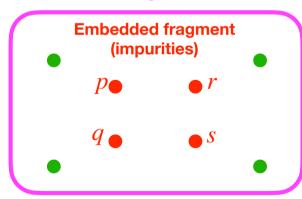
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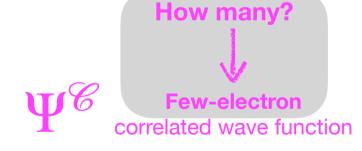
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# 4 orbitals here: Why and how?



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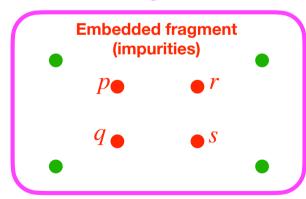
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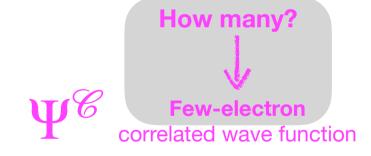
$$\begin{split} \langle \hat{c}_{p}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{q} \rangle_{full \ system} &\approx \langle \hat{c}_{p}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{q} \rangle_{\Psi^{\mathscr{C}}} \\ \langle \hat{c}_{p}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{q}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{s} \hat{c}_{r} \rangle_{full \ system} &\approx \langle \hat{c}_{p}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{q}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{s} \hat{c}_{r} \rangle_{\Psi^{\mathscr{C}}} \end{split}$$

# 4 orbitals here: Why and how?



#### Embedding cluster $\mathscr C$





As many as the number of spin-orbitals in the fragment (half-filled embedding cluster)...

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# Mathematical construction and justification of the DMET quantum bath

Original lattice representation

Resolution of the identity (RI)

entation 
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**Embedding** representation

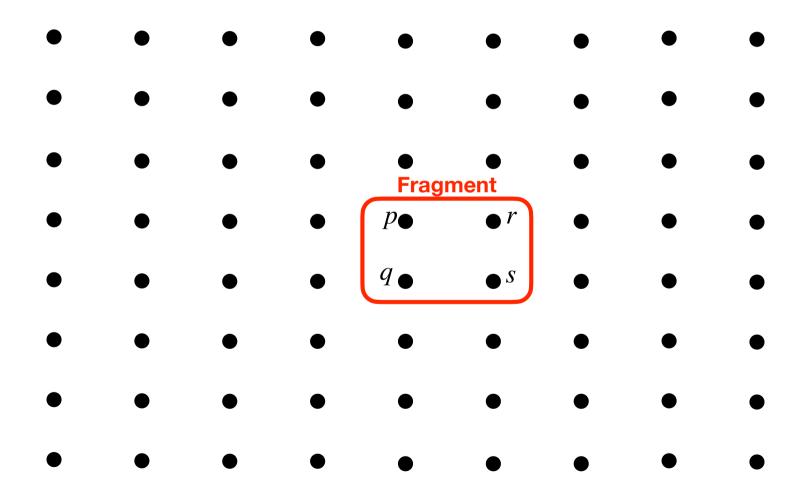
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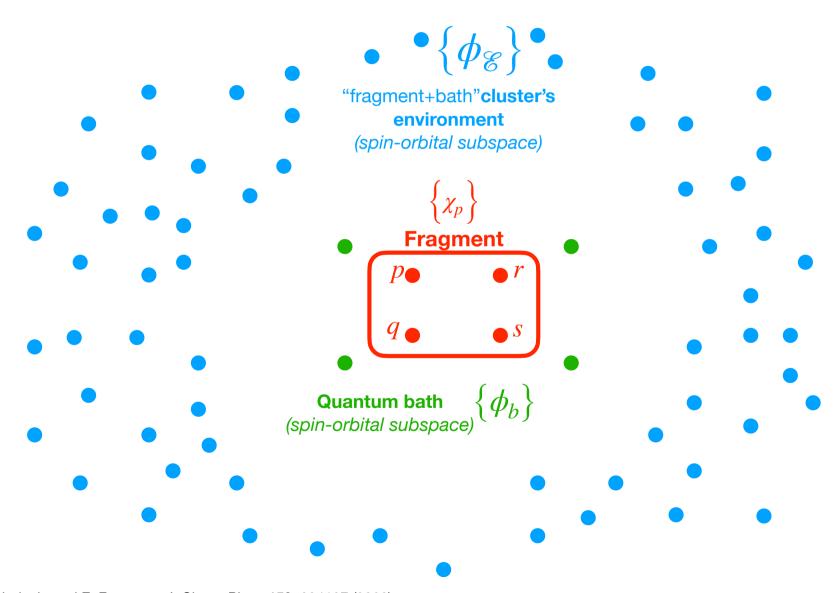
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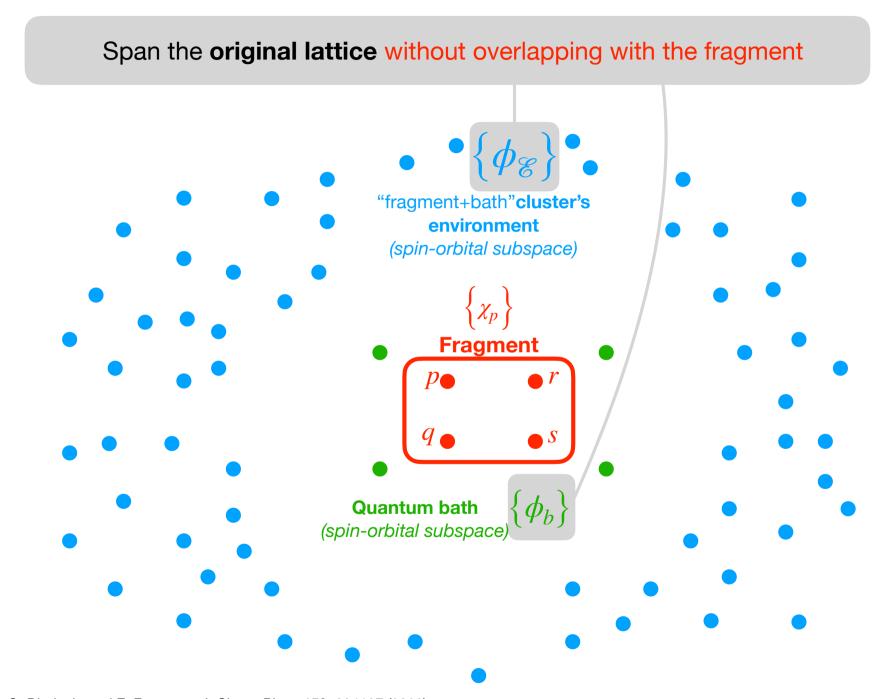
**Embedding** representation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} |\phi_p\rangle^T \stackrel{\cong}{=} & |\chi_p\rangle \end{array} \right.$$
 Fragment 
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} |\phi_p\rangle^T \stackrel{\cong}{=} & |\chi_p\rangle \end{array} \right.$$
 Bath subspace (not defined yet) 
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} |\phi_b\rangle \right\} \\ \text{Cluster's environment} \\ \text{(not defined yet)} \end{array} \right.$$

So-called "lattice representation"







# Unitary one-electron transformation in second quantization

$$|\chi_p\rangle \to |\phi_p\rangle = \sum_q \langle \chi_q |\phi_p\rangle |\chi_q\rangle$$

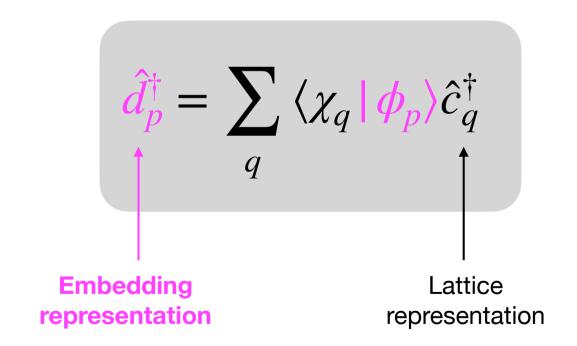


$$|\chi_p\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_p\rangle \equiv \hat{d}_p^{\dagger} |\operatorname{vac}\rangle = \sum_{q} \langle \chi_q |\phi_p\rangle \hat{c}_q^{\dagger} |\operatorname{vac}\rangle$$

$$|\chi_q\rangle$$

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#### "fragment+bath"

embedding cluster

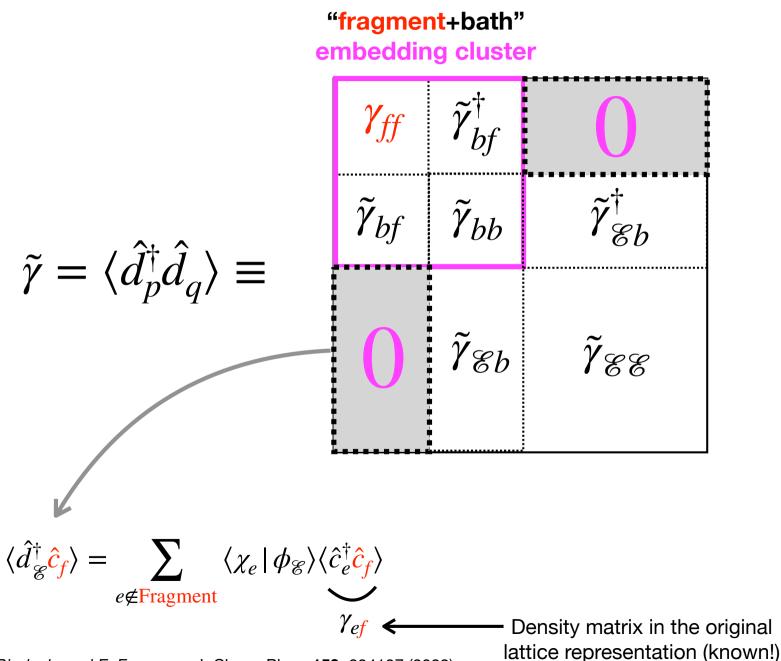
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We impose that constraint (this is what we want!)



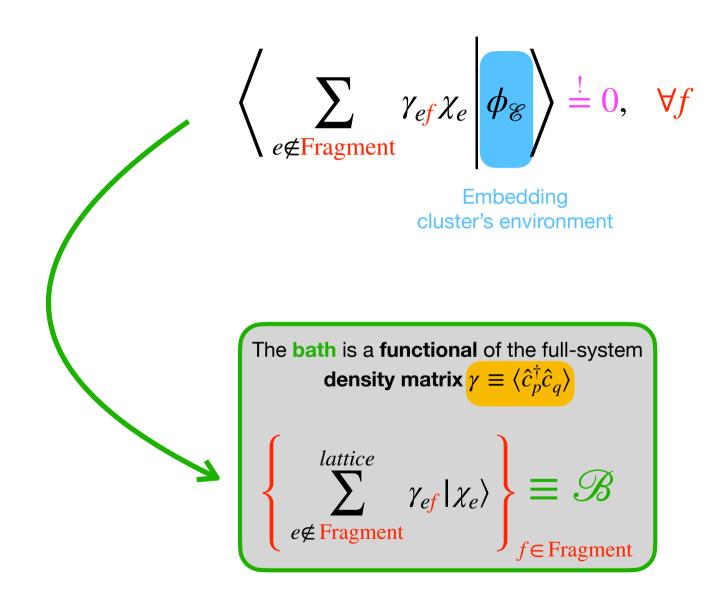
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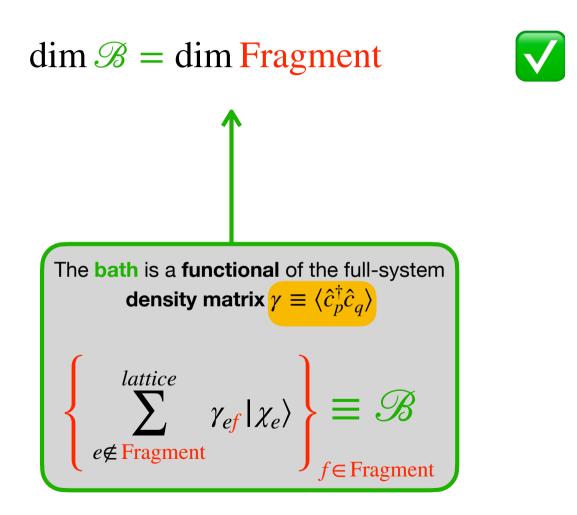
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$$\langle \hat{d}_{\mathscr{E}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{f} \rangle = \sum_{e \notin \text{Fragment}} \langle \chi_{e} | \phi_{\mathscr{E}} \rangle \langle \hat{c}_{e}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{f} \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{e \notin \text{Fragment}} \gamma_{ef} \chi_{e} \middle| \phi_{\mathscr{E}} \right\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} 0, \quad \forall f$$
Orthogonality constraint

#### The bath is a functional of the density matrix

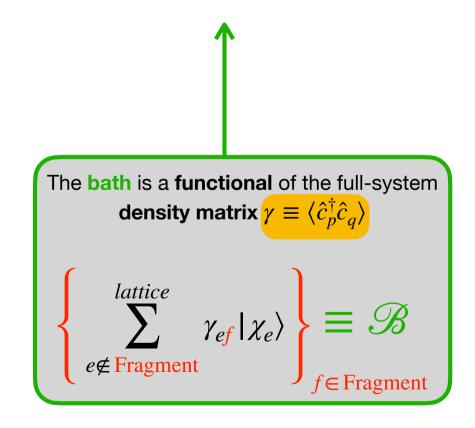


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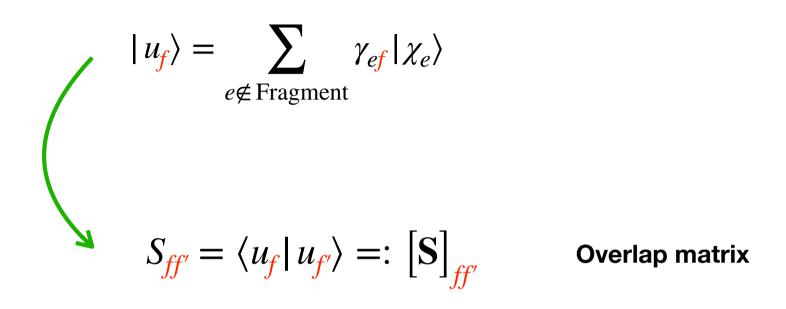


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The bath orbital basis needs to be **orthonormalized** (SVD, Householder transformation, ...)



#### Orthonormalisation of the bath orbitals

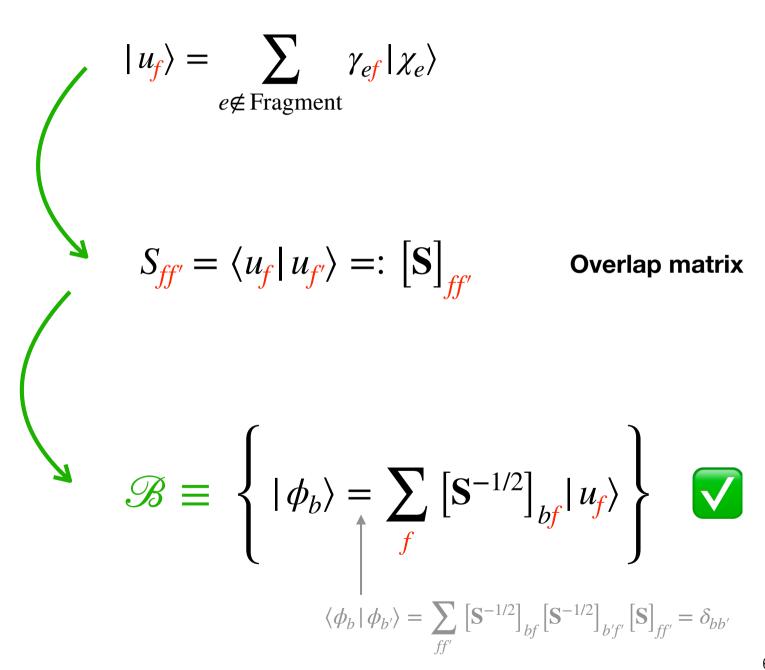


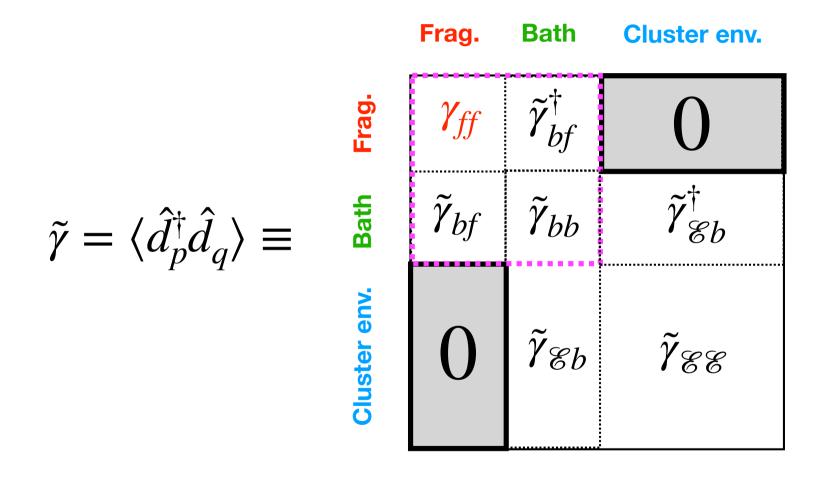
#### Orthonormalisation of the bath orbitals

$$|u_f
angle = \sum_{e 
otin {
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  $S_{ff'} = \langle u_f | u_{f'}
angle =: \left[{
m S}
ight]_{ff'}$  Overlap matrix

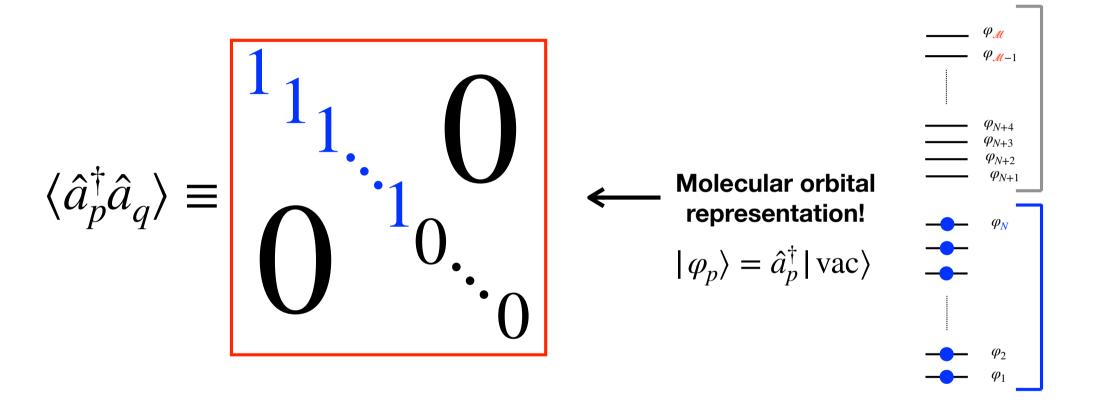
$$\mathbf{SX} = \lambda \mathbf{X} \to \lambda = \sum_{ff'} X_f S_{ff'} X_{f'} = \left\langle \sum_f X_f u_f \middle| \sum_{f'} X_{f'} u_{f'} \right\rangle > 0$$
Normalised eigenvector
Figure 1. The second of the second of

#### Orthonormalisation of the bath orbitals



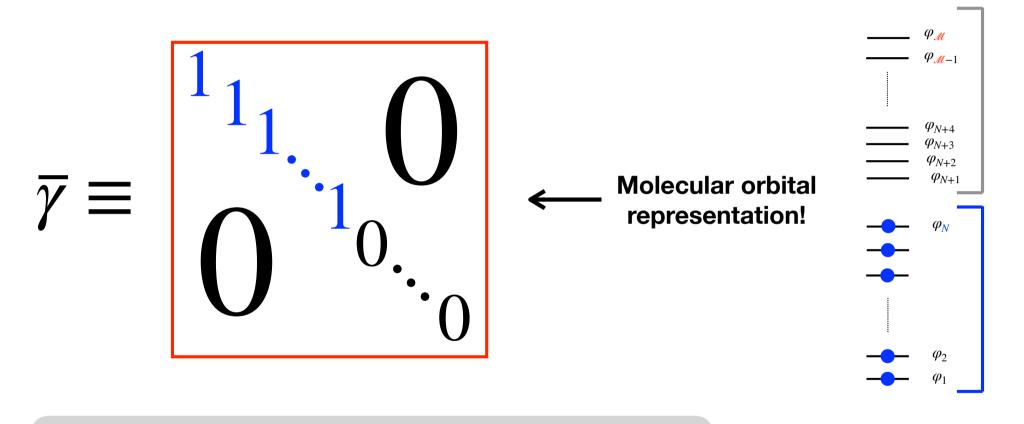


# What if the full-system density matrix is idempotent?



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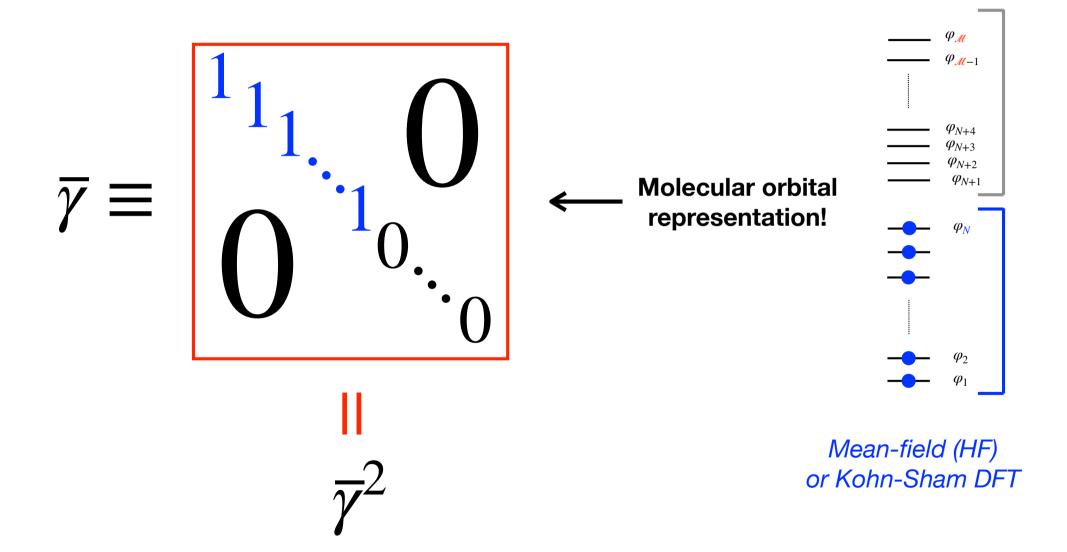
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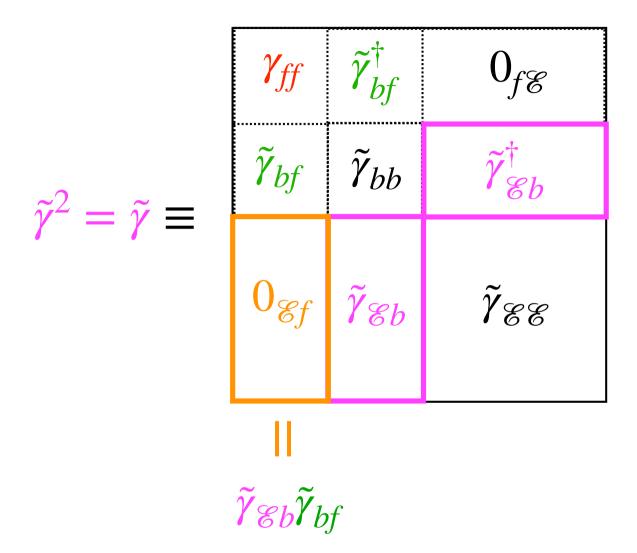


Note that  $\operatorname{Tr} \overline{\gamma} = N$  *Total number of electrons (in the full system)* 

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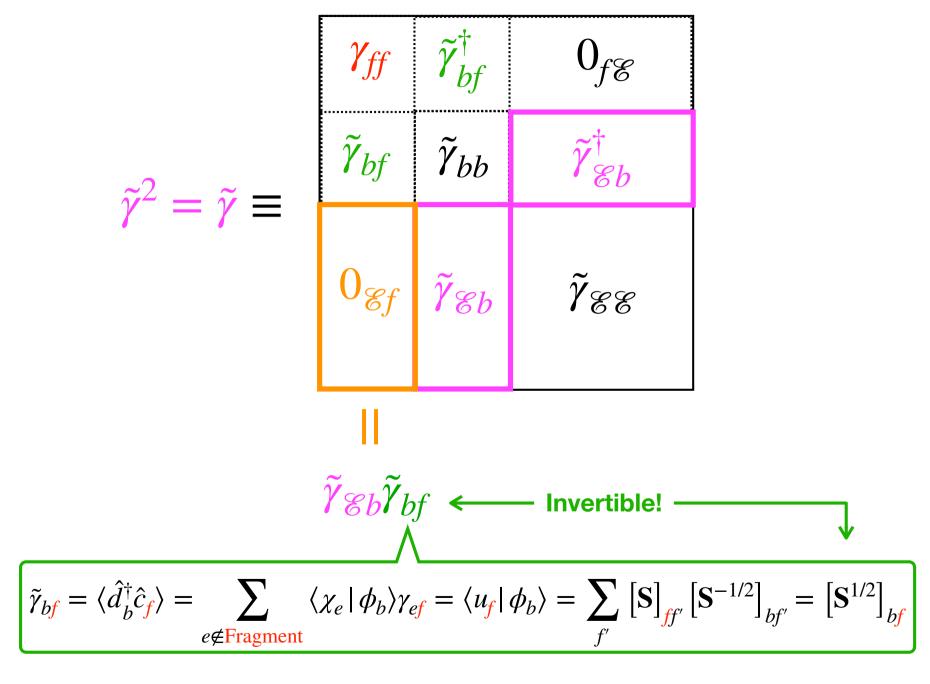
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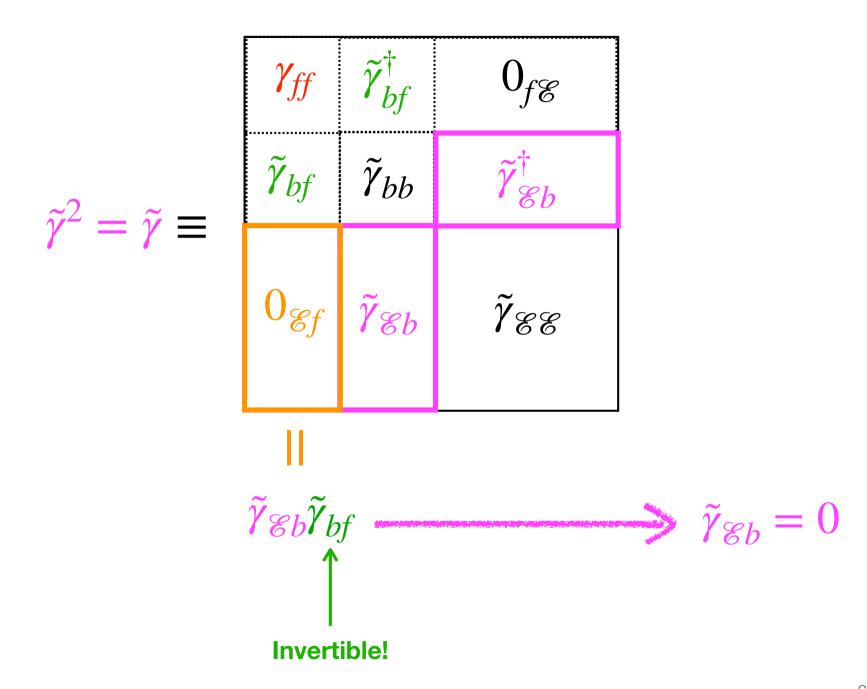


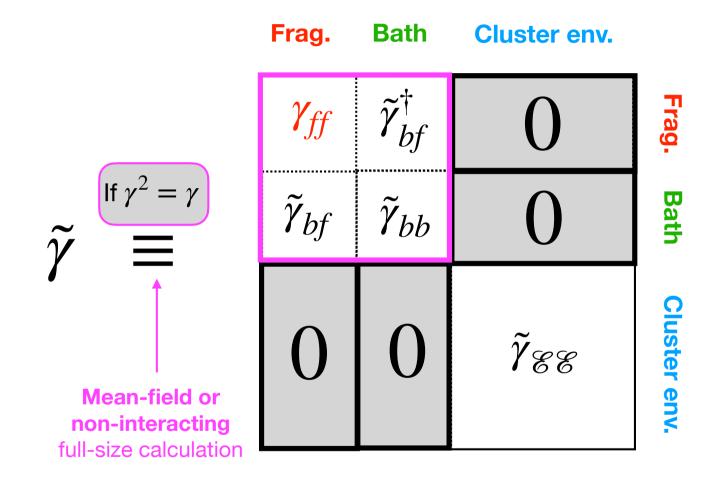


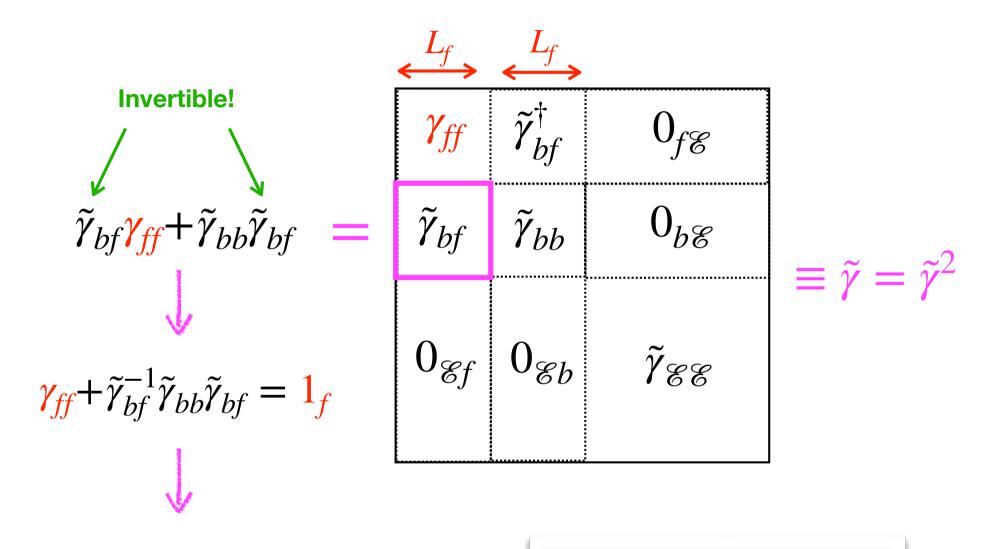
$$\tilde{\gamma}_{bf} = \tilde{\gamma}_{bf} \qquad \tilde{\gamma}_{bh} \qquad 0_{f\mathscr{E}}$$

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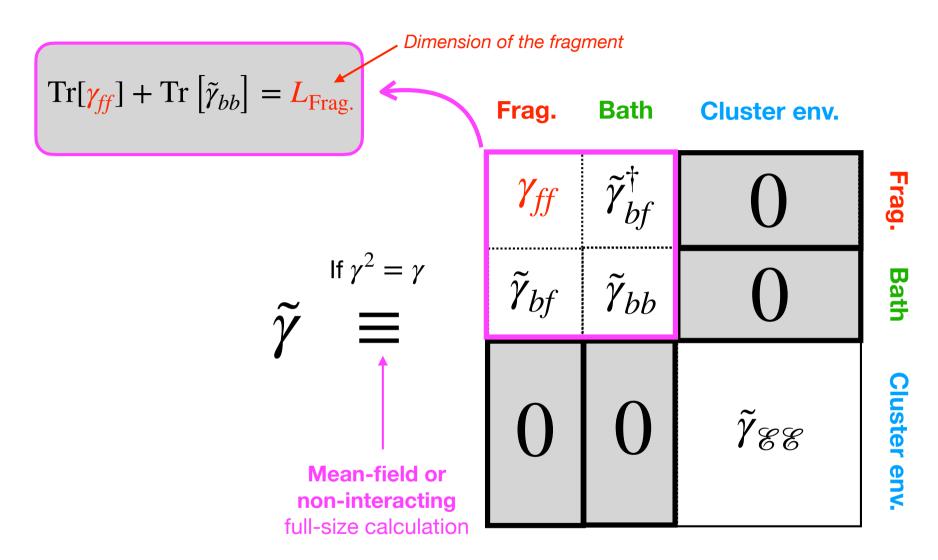






$$\operatorname{Tr}[\gamma_{ff}] + \operatorname{Tr}[\tilde{\gamma}_{bb}] = L_f \longrightarrow$$

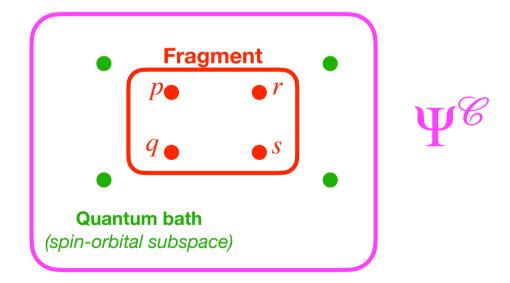
The embedding cluster contains exactly  $L_{\!f}$  electrons!



#### Clusterization through a unitary one-electron transformation

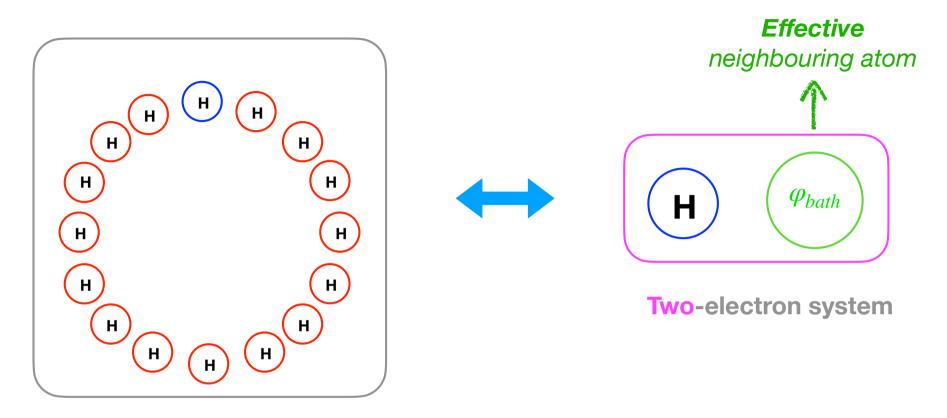
Exact at the non-interacting or mean-field level of calculation!

 $L_{ ext{Frag.}}$ -electron embedding cluster  $\mathscr C$ 



# *Illustrative example*

#### Rings of hydrogen atoms (Hubbard model)



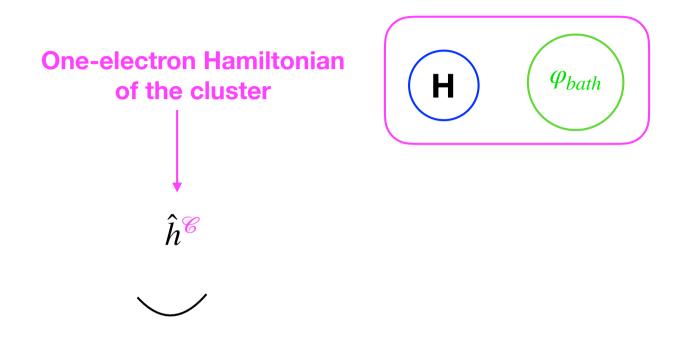
#### *N*-electron system

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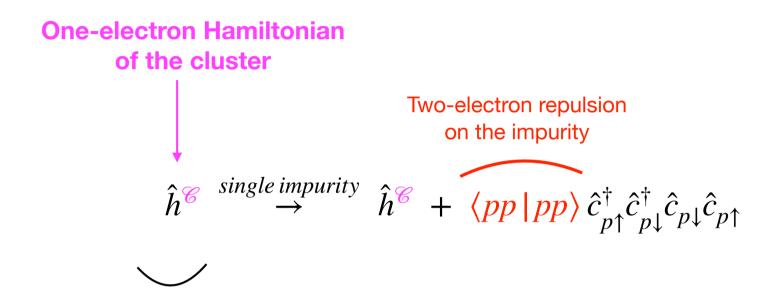


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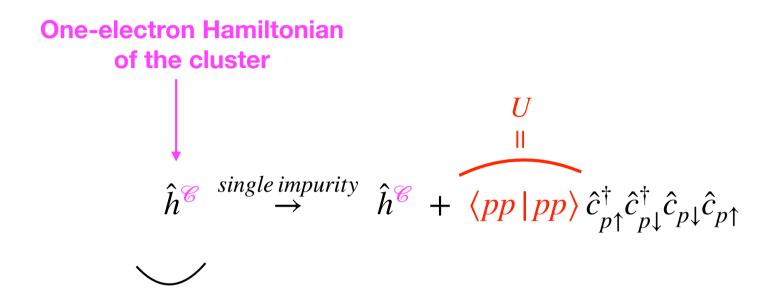


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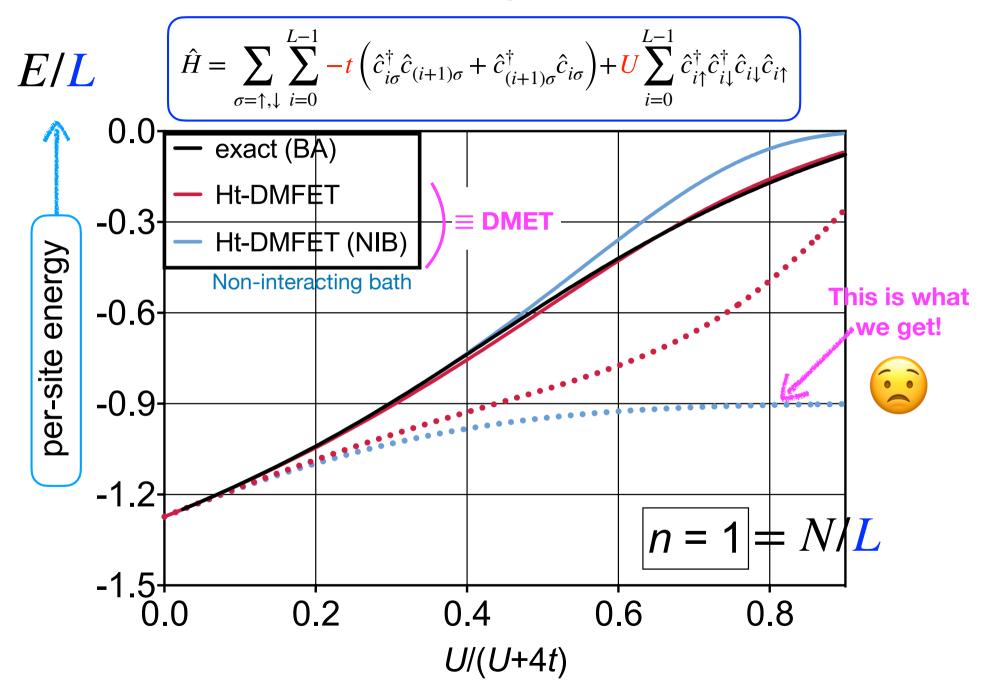
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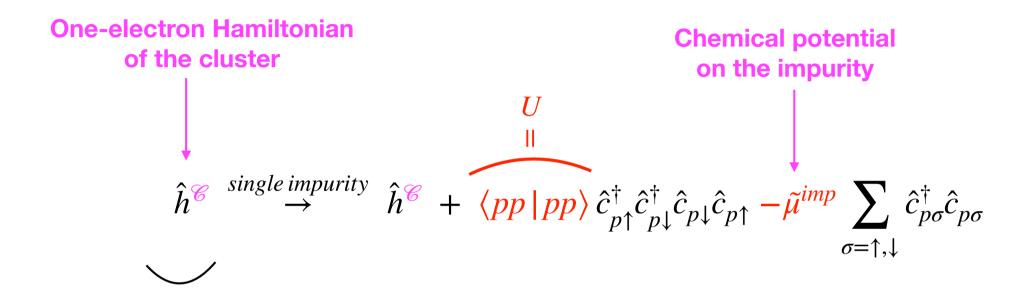
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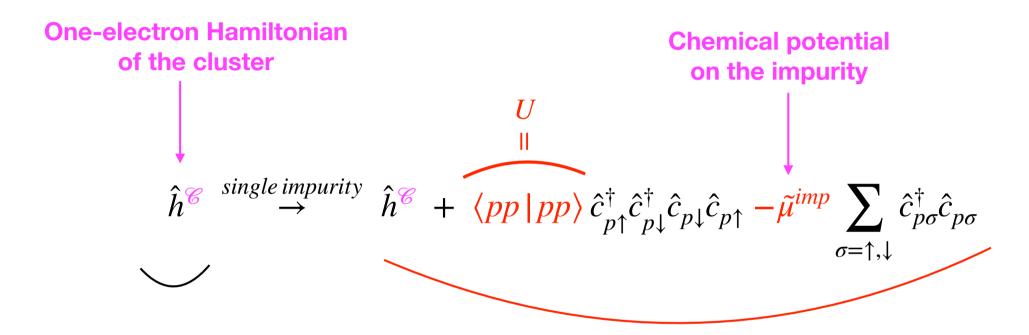


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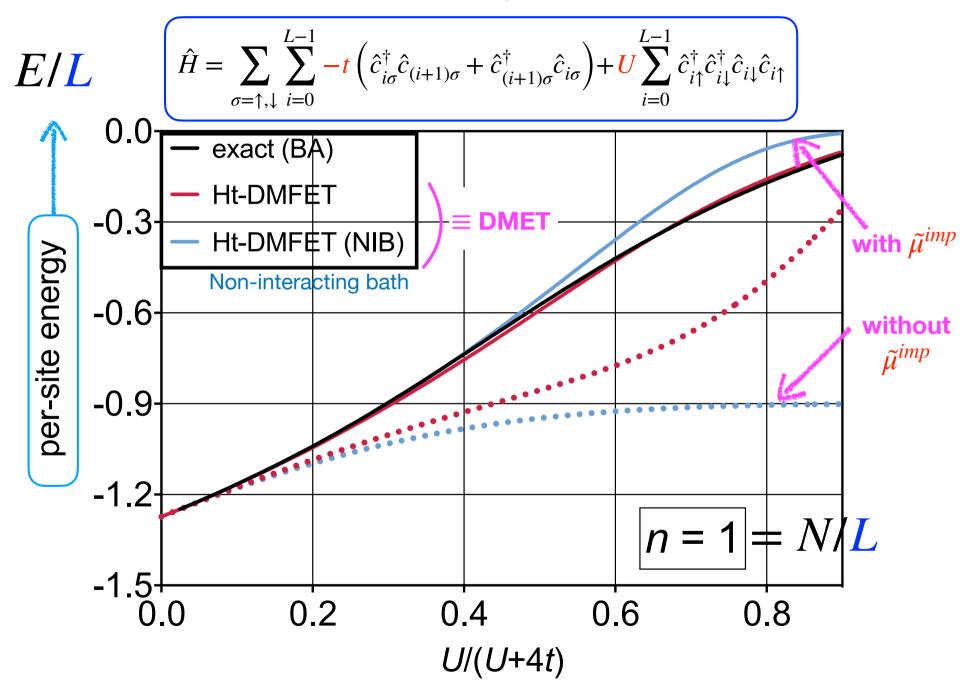
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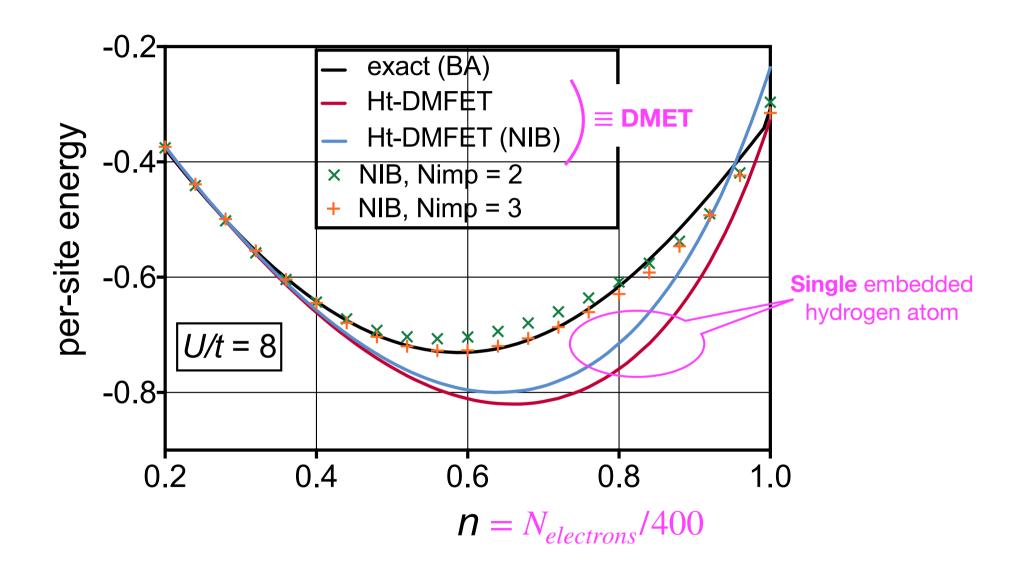
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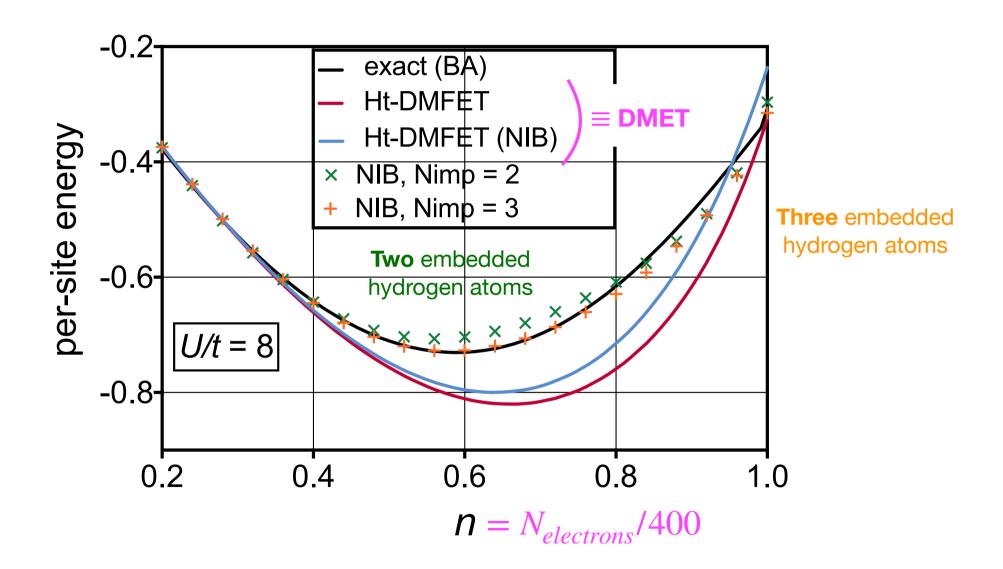
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#### (Hubbard) model of a stretched 400-atom hydrogen ring



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### Self-consistent embedding inspired by DFT

(for a single impurity and a uniform full-size system)

#### Fixing the number of electrons versus fixing the chemical potential

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

... and we fix the number of electrons in the system

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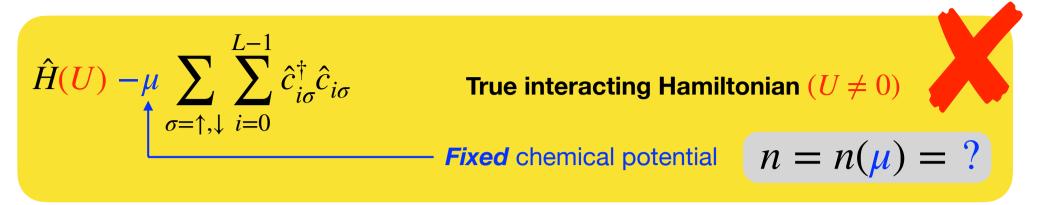
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Uniform density profile (twice the filling):

$$n = \left\langle \sum_{\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} \hat{c}_{i\sigma} \right\rangle = \frac{N}{L}$$
 Total number of sites

 $\equiv N(\mu)$ : Total number

$$\hat{H}(U) - \mu \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} \hat{c}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\sigma} \qquad \text{True interacting Hamiltonian } (U \neq 0)$$
 Fixed chemical potential  $n = n(\mu) = ?$ 



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Hamiltonian that generates the bath
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$$\hat{H}^{\mathscr{C}} = \hat{h}^{\mathscr{C}} \ + \ U \, \hat{c}_{p\uparrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{p\downarrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{p\downarrow} \hat{c}_{p\uparrow} - \tilde{\mu}^{imp} \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \hat{c}_{p\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{p\sigma}$$

**Impurity-interacting** 

Hamiltonian of the two-electron embedding cluster

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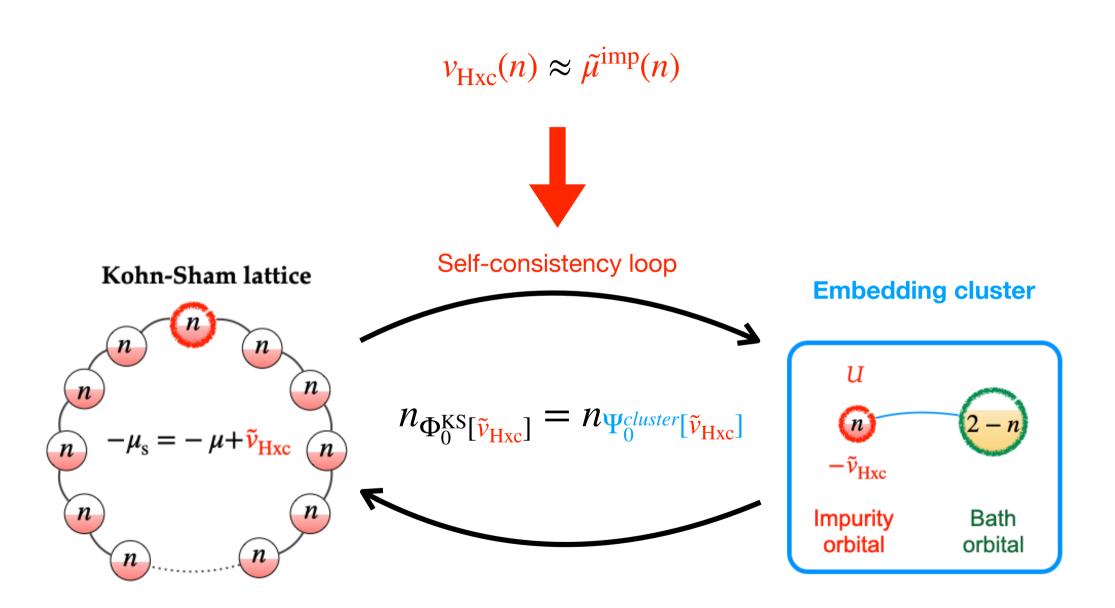
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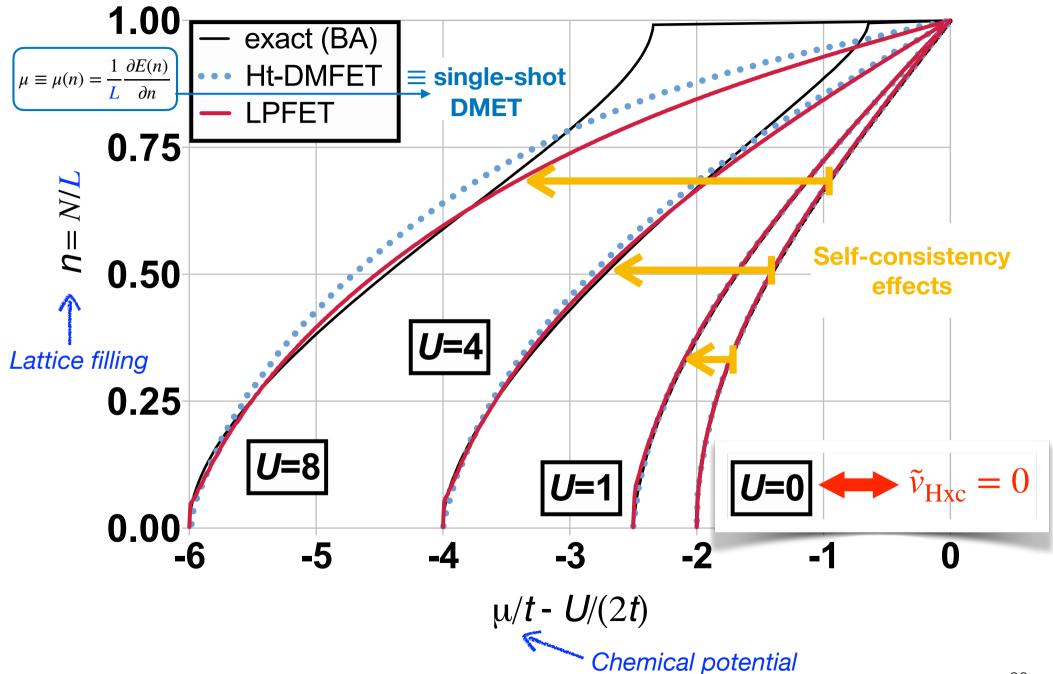
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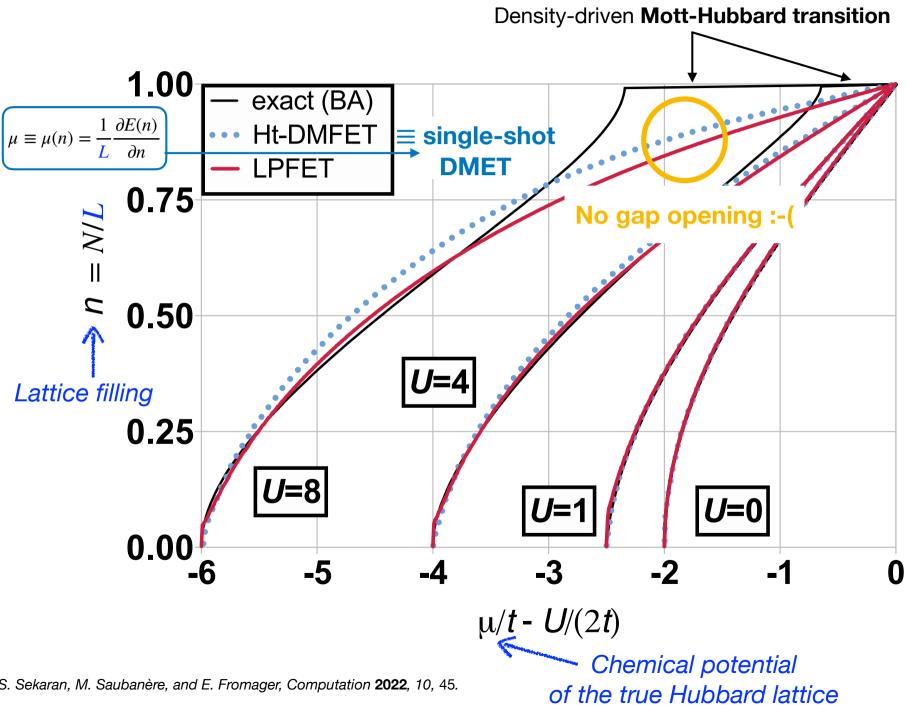


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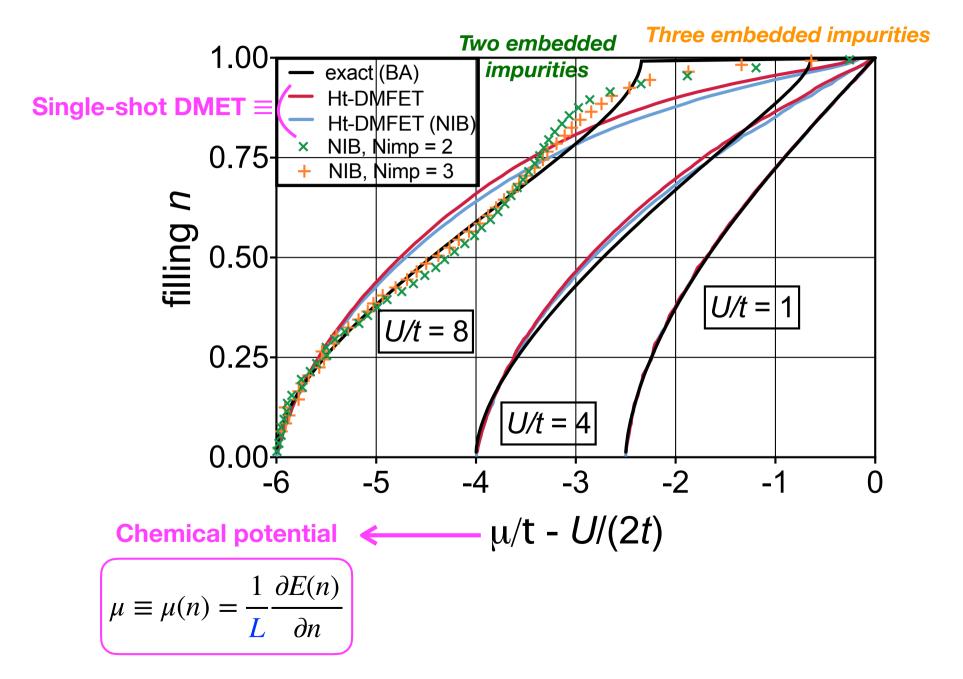


of the true Hubbard lattice

#### Local potential-functional embedding theory (LPFET)



#### Mott-Hubbard density-driven transition and multiple impurities



## Recent developments and open questions

#### Density-functional exactification of D(M)ET





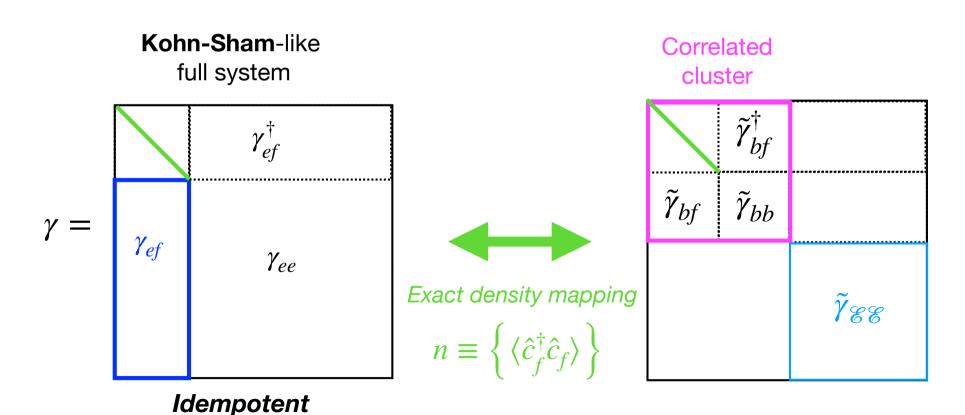


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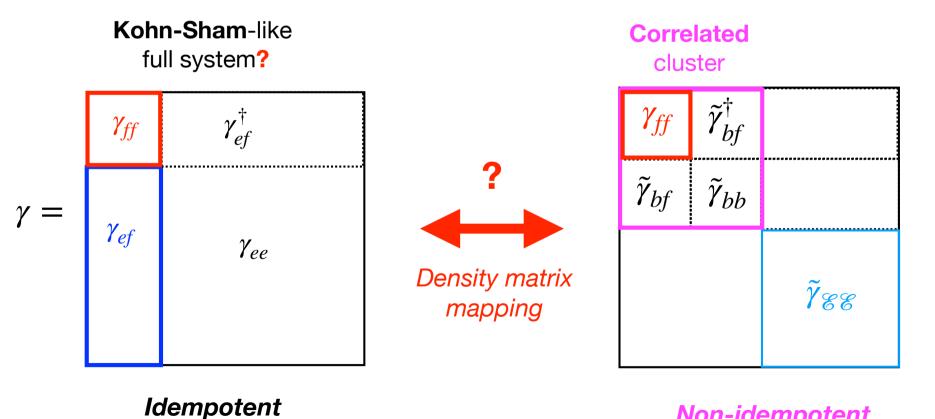
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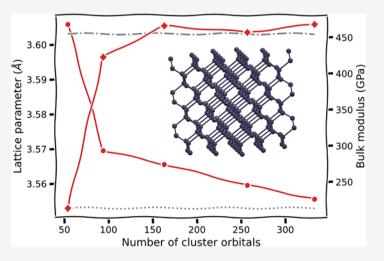
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ABSTRACT: Quantum embedding is an appealing route to fragment a large interacting quantum system into several smaller auxiliary "cluster" problems to exploit the locality of the correlated physics. In this work, we critically review approaches to recombine these tragmented 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

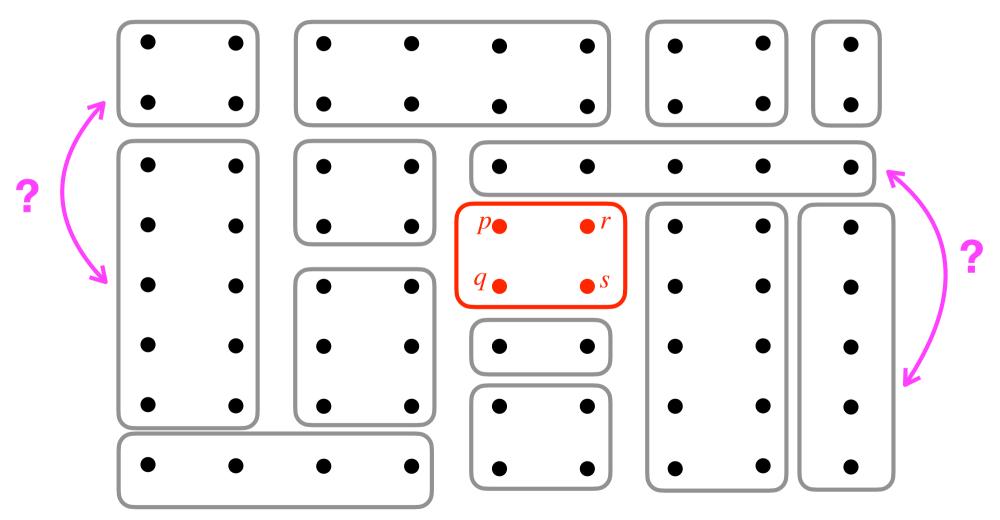


spanning multiple fragments simultaneously, thereby alleviating the fundamental locality approximation of the embedding. We clearly demonstrate the value of these introduced functionals for reliable extraction of observables and robust and systematic convergence as the cluster size increases, allowing 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)

 $\langle \hat{H} \rangle = \sum h_{pq} \langle \hat{c}_p^{\dagger} \hat{c}_q \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum \langle pq | rs \rangle \langle \hat{c}_p^{\dagger} \hat{c}_q^{\dagger} \hat{c}_s \hat{c}_r \rangle$ So-called "lattice representation" **One-electron Two-electron** density matrix density matrix **Fragmentation** (1RDM) (2RDM)

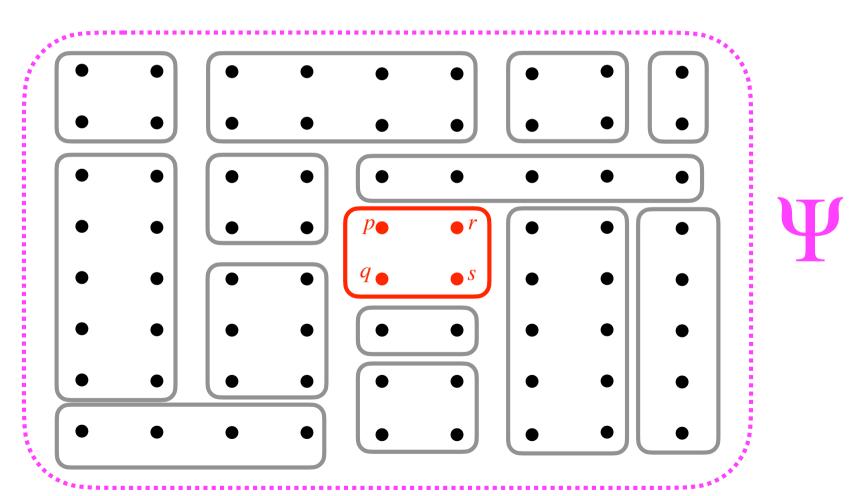
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#### *N*-representability problem

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

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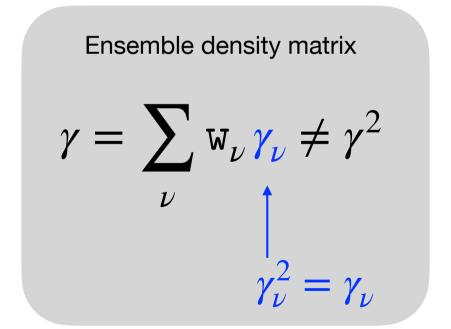
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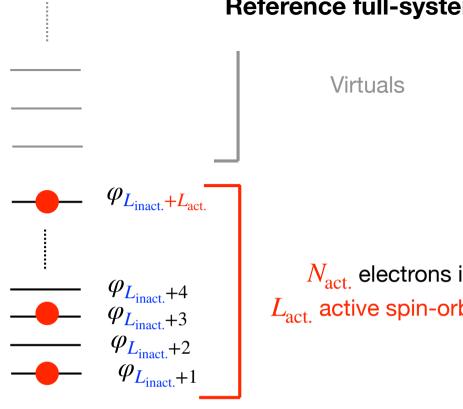
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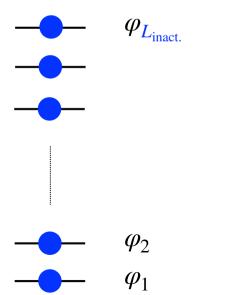
#### **But ...**

... the bath is larger and the cluster contains more electrons.

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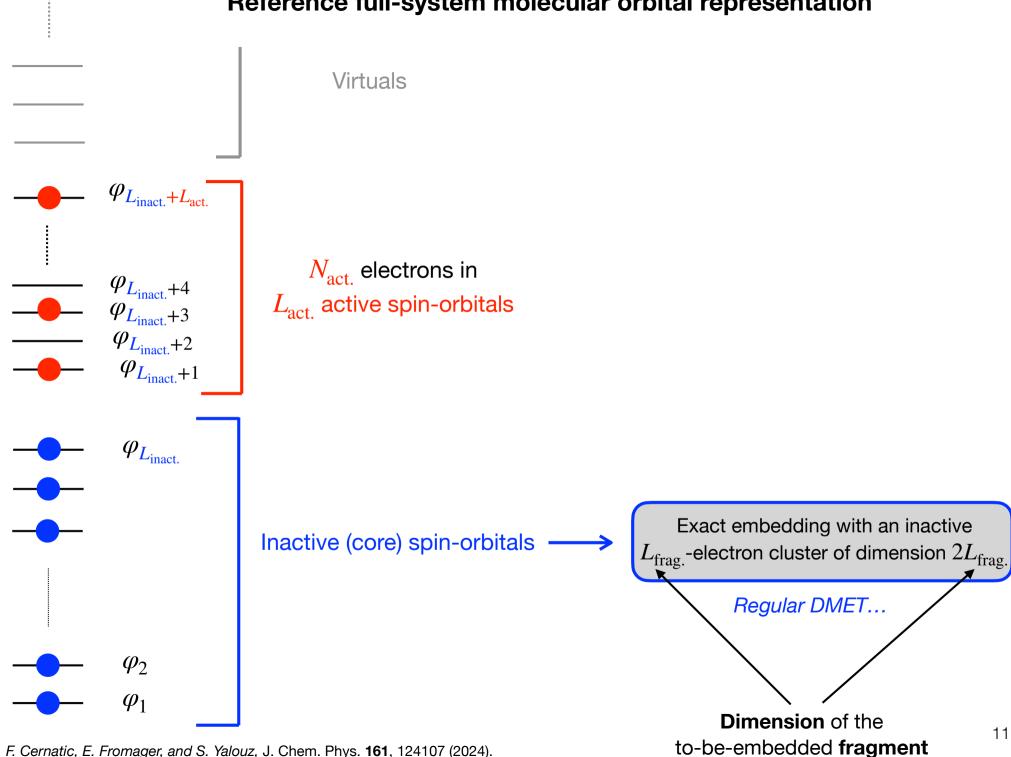


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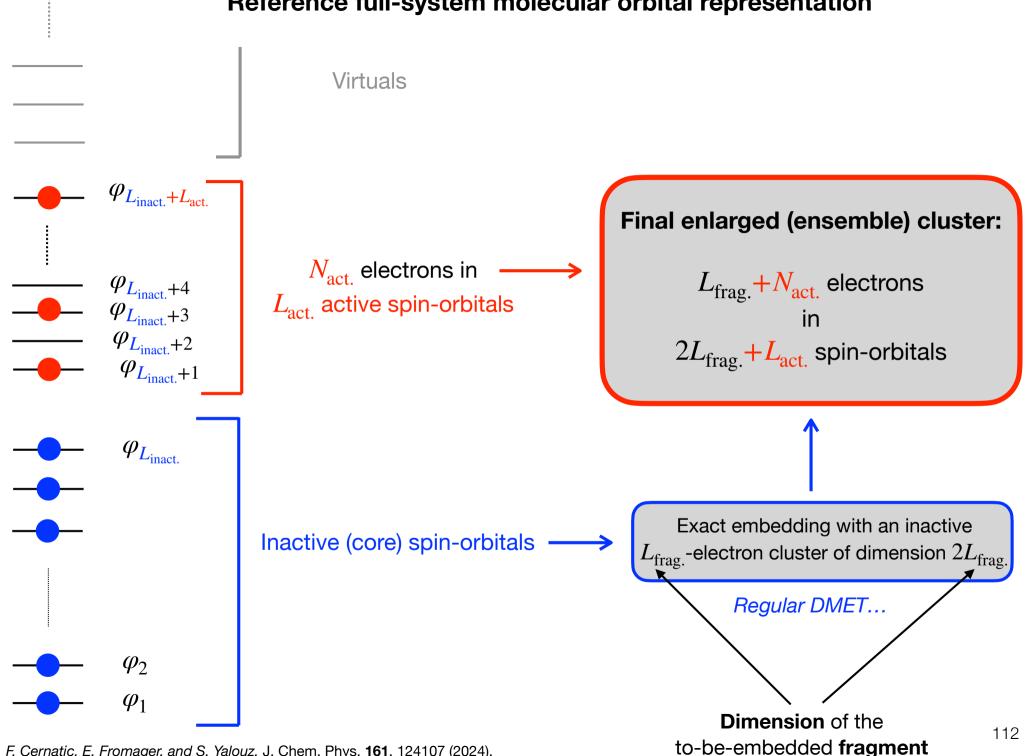


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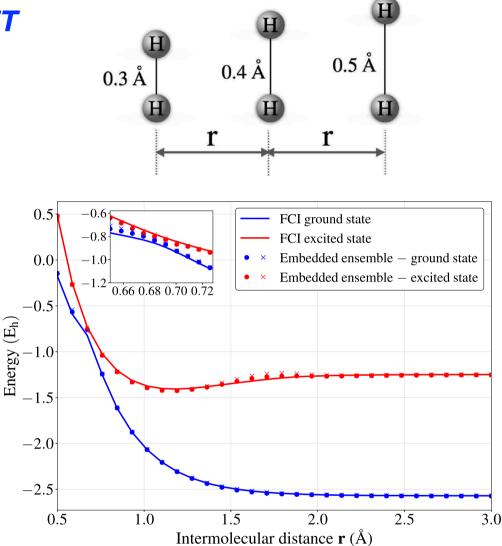
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#### **Ensemble DMET**



**FIG. 5. Top**: a schematic picture of the system of hydrogen atoms by Tran *et al.*<sup>24</sup> **Bottom**: dissociation curves of the FCI ground and first excited singlet states (blue and red lines, respectively), and the embedding results for the ground and first excited state (blue and red markers, respectively) for the system of hydrogen atoms. The embedding results are plotted with and without chemical potential optimization [dot  $(\bullet)$  and cross  $(\times)$  markers, respectively].