## Approximation of Schrödinger operators with singular interactions supported on hypersurfaces

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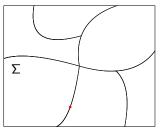
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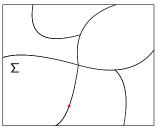
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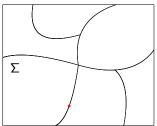
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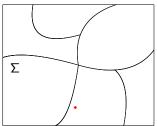
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Some names: Albeverio, Behrndt, Brasche, Cacciapuoti, Carlone, Corregi, Dell'Antonio, Exner, Figari, Figotin, Finco, Gesztesy, Griesemer, Holden, Kondej, Kostenko, Kuchment, Kühn, M. Langer, Lotoreichik, Manko, Malamud, Michelangeli, Neidhardt, Nizhnik, Noja, Ourmières-Bonafos, Pankrashkin, Posilicano, Shkalikov, Teta, ...

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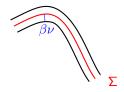
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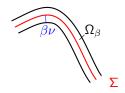
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