

Small Energy Ginzburg-Landau Minimizers in \mathbb{R}^3

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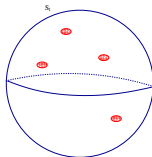
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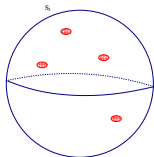
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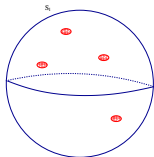
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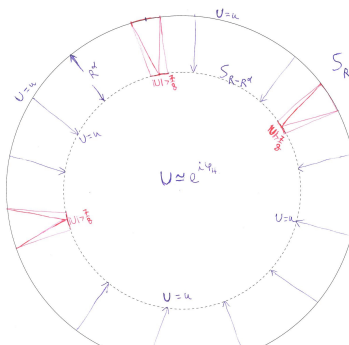
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Thank you for your attention!