# Magnetic Schrödinger operators with electric $\delta$ -potentials

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- We consider *H* in L<sup>2</sup>(ℝ<sup>d</sup>) for any *d* ≥ 2 (physical meaning for *d* = 2,3)

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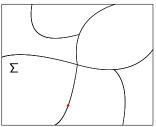
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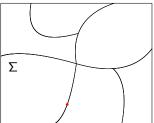


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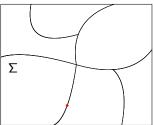


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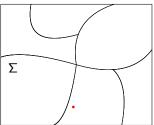


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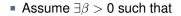
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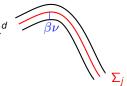
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### The result

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