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Best-packing configurations as limits of minimum Riesz energy configurations

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We describe properties of cluster points of sequences of N -point Riesz s -energy configurations on a compact metric space as s tends to infinity. Of particular interest are bounds for the mesh-separation ratios of such sequences. Even the case $N = 5$ on the unit sphere S^2 provides a challenge to show that the cluster point is unique.