Global minimizers for a $p\mbox{-}{\rm Ginzburg\mbox{-}Landau}$ energy in the limit $p\to\infty$

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We consider the minimization problem of the energy functional

$$E_p(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla u|^p + (1 - |u|^2)^2$$

for p > 2 over the space of maps in $W^{1,p}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$ whose degree along circles of large radii is 1. We first review previous works where:

- (i) we proved existence of a minimizer for any p > 2,
- (ii) we obtained some properties of the minimizers over the class of radially symmetric maps.

We then report on some recent results on the limit of the minimizers $\{u_p\}$ when $p \to \infty$.

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