
On a minimax principle in spectral gaps

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Proposition (Makarov, Schmitz, S. 2016; Tretter 2008)

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Thank you for your attention!