

TOWERS OF NODAL BUBBLES FOR THE BAHRI-CORON PROBLEM IN PUNCTURED DOMAINS

Let Ω be a smooth bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^N which contains a ball centered at the origin. Consider problem

$$(0.1) \quad (\wp_\delta) \quad \begin{cases} -\Delta u = |u|^{2^*-2}u & \text{in } \Omega_\delta, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_\delta, \end{cases}$$

here $N \geq 3$, $2^* = \frac{2N}{N-2}$ is the critical Sobolev exponent and $\Omega_\delta := \{x \in \Omega : |x| > \delta\}$. In this talk we will discuss the existence of nodal solutions $(u_{m,\delta})$ for problem (\wp_δ) . Moreover, if Ω is starshaped, we show that the solutions $(u_{m,\delta})$ concentrate and blowup at 0, as $\delta \rightarrow 0$, and their limit profile is a tower of nodal bubbles, i.e., they are a sum of rescaled nonradial sign-changing solutions to the limit problem

$$(0.2) \quad (\wp_\delta) \quad \begin{cases} -\Delta u = |u|^{2^*-2}u, & u \in D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^N) \end{cases}$$

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