

How do isolated singularities look like?

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Meaning of solution :

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Theorem (del Pino–Musso–Pacard '07)

For every $q \gtrsim \frac{5}{3}$ there exists a solution such that

$$u(x) \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{nontangentially as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

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