

**Publicacions més rellevants de la línia de recerca:  
Equacions de reacció difusió**

**Referència:** Cabré, X. and Solà-Morales, J. Layer solutions in a half-space for boundary reactions, *Comm. Pure Appl. Math.*, **58** (2005), pp. 1678–1732.

**Abstract:** We consider harmonic functions in a halfspace  $\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1} : x > 0\}$  subject to nonlinear Neumann boundary conditions. We study bounded solutions which are monotone increasing from  $-1$  to  $1$  in one of the  $y$ -variables. We call such functions *layer solutions*. When  $n = 2$ , we establish that a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a layer solution is that the boundary energy potential (the primitive of the nonlinearity, up to a sign) has two, and only two, absolute minima in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , located at  $\pm 1$ . In addition, we prove uniqueness of the layer solution up to translations in the  $y$ -variable. When  $n = 3$ , we establish that every stable solution in  $\mathbb{R}_+^3$  (and in particular, every layer solution, and every local minimizer) is in fact a function of only two variables.

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**Referència:** Cabré, X. and Capella, A. Regularity of radial minimizers and extremal solutions of semilinear elliptic equations, *Journal of Functional Analysis*, **238** (2006), pp. 709–733.

**Abstract:** We consider a special class of radial solutions of semilinear equations  $-\Delta u = g(u)$  in the unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . It is the class of semi-stable solutions, which includes local minimizers, minimal solutions, and extremal solutions. We establish sharp pointwise,  $L^q$ , and  $W^{k,q}$  estimates for semi-stable radial solutions. Our regularity results do not depend on the specific nonlinearity  $g$ .

Among other results, we prove that every semi-stable radial weak solution  $u \in H_0^1$  is bounded if  $n \leq 9$  (for every  $g$ ), and belongs to  $H^3 = W^{3,2}$  in all dimensions  $n$  (for every  $g$  increasing and convex). The optimal regularity results are strongly related to an explicit exponent which is larger than the critical Sobolev exponent.

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**Referència:** Cabré, X. and Terra, J. Saddle-shaped solutions of bistable diffusion equations in all of  $\mathbb{R}^{2m}$ , *J. European Math. Society*, **11** (2009), pp. 819–843.

**Abstract:** We study the existence and instability properties of saddle-shaped solutions of the

semilinear elliptic equation  $-\Delta u = f(u)$  in the whole  $\mathbb{R}^{2m}$ , where  $f$  is of bistable type. It is known that in dimension  $2m = 2$  there exists a saddle-shaped solution. This is a solution which changes sign in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and vanishes only on  $\{|x_1| = |x_2|\}$ . It is also known that this solution is unstable.

In this article we prove the existence of saddle-shaped solutions in every even dimension, as well as their instability in the case of dimension  $2m = 4$ . More precisely, our main result establishes that if  $2m = 4$ , every solution vanishing on the Simons cone  $\{(x^1, x^2) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m : |x^1| = |x^2|\}$  is unstable outside of every compact set and, as a consequence, has infinite Morse index. These results are relevant in connection with a conjecture of De Giorgi extensively studied in recent years and for which the existence of a counter-example in high dimensions is still an open problem.