Multiple solutions for nonlinear elliptic equations with fast increasing weight and critical growth

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We are concerned with the existence of rapidly decaying solutions for the equation

$$-\operatorname{div}(K(x)\nabla u) = f(x, u), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

where $N \ge 2$, $K(x) := \exp(|x|^2/4)$ and f has critical growth. In the case $N \ge 3$ the obtained solutions are in some sense related to self-similar solutions of a critical heat equation. In the case N = 2 the function f is not homogeneous and its behavior at infinity is related to (a properly version of) the Trudinger-Moser inequality. In all the proofs we apply variational methods. The results presented are obtained in some jointly works with J.P.P. Silva & M.S. Xavier and E.S.Medeiros & U.B. Severo.

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