

SHARP REGULARITY FOR THE INHOMOGENOUS POROUS MEDIUM EQUATION

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ABSTRACT

In this talk we shall consider the inhomogeneous porous medium equation

$$\partial u_t - \Delta u^m = f \in L^{q,r} \quad m > 1.$$

Here we show that weak solutions are Hölder continuous, with the following sharp exponent

$$\min \left\{ \frac{\alpha_0^-}{m}, \frac{[(2q - n)r - 2q]}{q[mr - (m - 1)]} \right\},$$

where α_0 denotes the optimal Hölder exponent for solutions of the Homogeneous equation. The method relies on an approximation lemma and geometric iteration with the appropriate intrinsic scaling.