
Inverse scattering methods in STU supergravity

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- Integrability of gravity-matter systems
- Solution generating techniques
- Applications in gravity and STU supergravity
- Outlook

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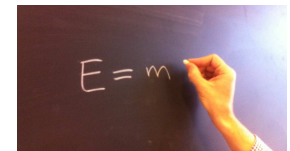
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χ and ϕ parametrise $SL(2, \mathbb{R})/SO(2)$ coset space [Ehlers '52]

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Comment: For maximal supergravity $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow E_{8(8)}$

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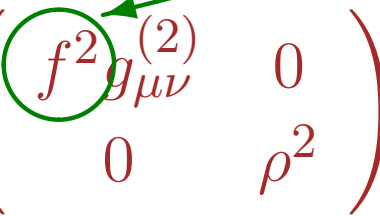
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Dualisations of what??

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[Ernst; Belinski, Zakharov; Breitenlohner, Maison; Julia; Nicolai]

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Get f by direct integration if $P_\pm \in \text{Lie}(SL(2, \mathbb{R}))$ known.

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$\Rightarrow t$ lives on two-sheeted Riemann surface.

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Many techniques developed for integrable models:

- Inverse scattering method
- Bäcklund transformations
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⇒ Use integrability to construct solutions of gravity!

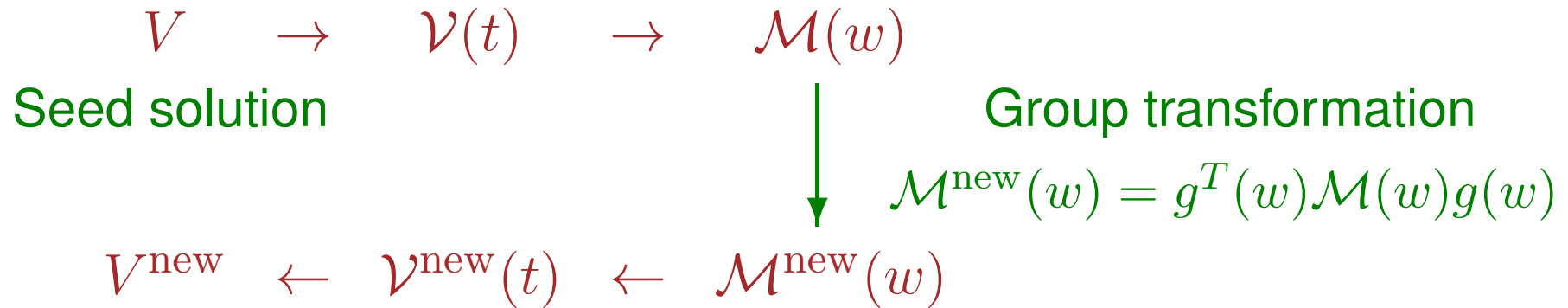
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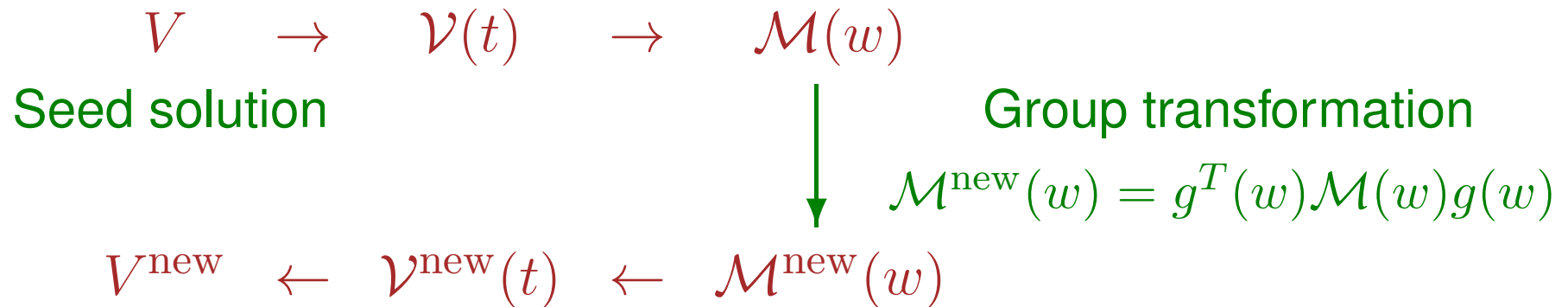
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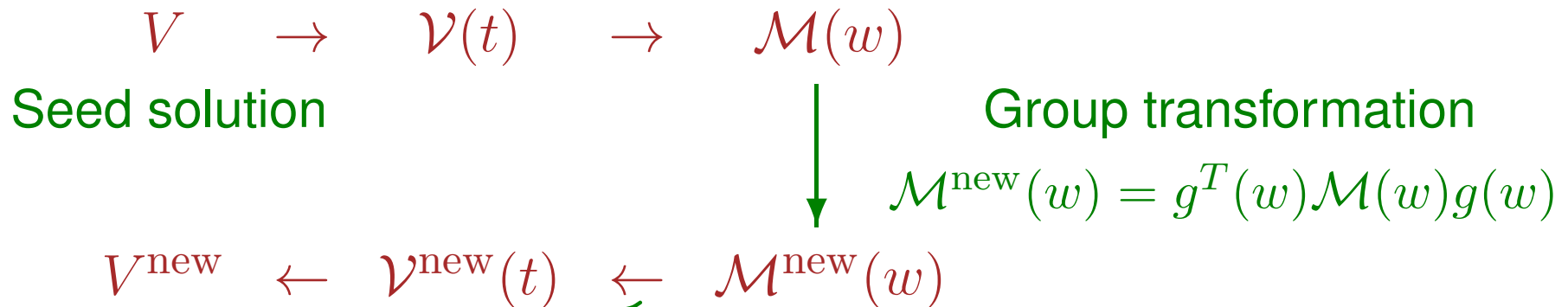


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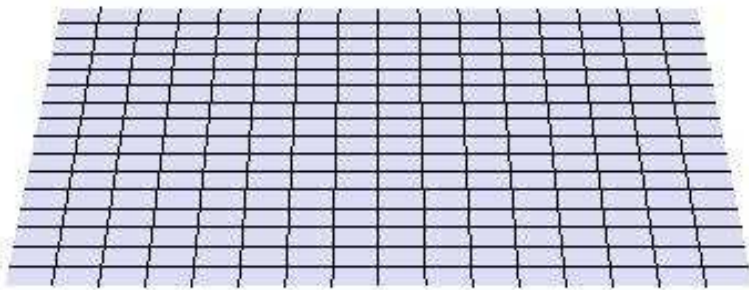
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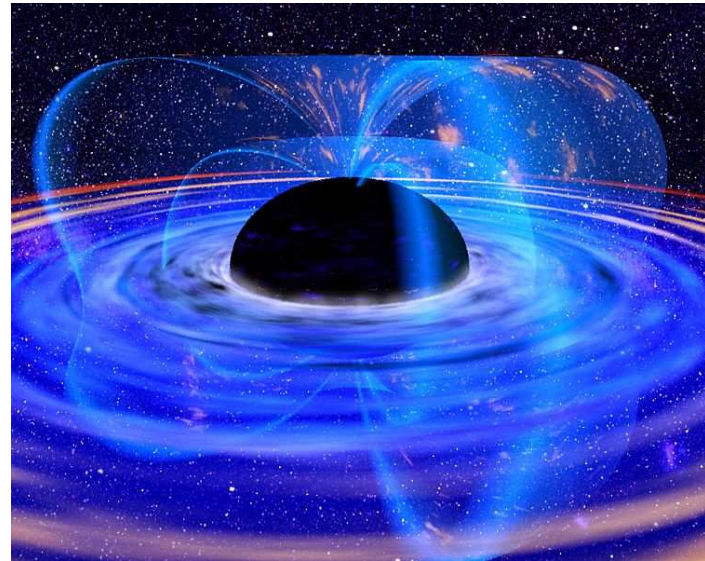
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To obtain factorisation $\mathcal{M}(w) = \mathcal{V}^T(-1/t)\mathcal{V}(t)$

1. Make similar factorized ansatz for $\mathcal{V}(t)$
2. Analyse carefully residues of $\mathcal{M}(w)\mathcal{M}^{-1}(w)$ etc.

Solution generation (V)

Upshot is

$$M = V^T V = \mathbb{1} + \sum_{k,l=1}^N b_k t_k^{-1} (\Gamma^{-1})_{kl} a_l^T$$

with

$$\Gamma_{kl} = \begin{cases} \frac{\gamma_k}{t_k} & \text{for } k = l \\ \frac{a_k^T b_l}{t_k - t_l} & \text{for } k \neq l \end{cases}$$
$$t_k = \frac{1}{\rho} \left((z - w_k) + \sqrt{(z - w_k)^2 + \rho^2} \right)$$

Conformal factor also simple: $f^2 = c \det(\Gamma) \prod_{k=1}^N (\nu_k t_k)$

[Expressions for γ_k and ν_k slightly more involved \Rightarrow didn't fit.]

Solution examples

Schwarzschild [Breitenlohner, Maison]

$$\mathcal{M}(w) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{w+m}{w-m} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{w-m}{w+m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Kerr–NUT [KKV1]

$$\mathcal{M}(w) = \frac{1}{w^2 - c^2} \begin{pmatrix} (w + m)^2 + (n + a)^2 & 2(am - wn) \\ 2(am - wn) & (w - m)^2 + (n - a)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with $c^2 = m^2 + n^2 - a^2$.

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Example: JMaRT solution [\[hep-th/0504181\]](#). Smooth non-SUSY 5D solution with two or three e-m charges.

5D asymptotics

Solutions above had 4D-asymptotics and $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(w) = \mathbb{1}$

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