The fixed angle inverse scattering problem

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Proof of Riemannian result: recall the result



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▶ If Φ_{ω} is a diffeomorphism, then there is a global solution $\alpha_{\omega} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ of the eikonal equation $\|\nabla_g \alpha_{\omega}\| = 1$ with $\alpha_{\omega}(x) = x \cdot \omega$ outside *B*. Then U_{ω} has the nice form

$$U_{\omega}(x,t) = u_{\omega}(x,t)H(t - \alpha_{\omega}(x)), \qquad (x,t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R},$$

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