

Supersymmetric black holes and the attractor mechanism in 4-dimensional sugras

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These methods give complementary information.

However, **in our opinion**, the spinor-bilinear method would give the most if we could solve its problems for $N > 2$.

In this talk we are going to show how to solve those problems and determine the form of **all** the timelike **supersymmetric** solutions of all $d = 4$ supergravities using the **spinor-bilinear method**.

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