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# **On Norden-Walker 4-manifolds**

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**Abstract.** A Walker 4-manifold is a semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M_4, g)$  of neutral signature, which admits a field of parallel null 2-plane. The main purpose of the present paper is to study almost Norden structures on 4-dimensional Walker manifolds with respect to a proper and opposite almost complex structures. We discuss sequently the problem of integrability, Kähler (holomorphic), isotropic Kähler and quasi-Kähler conditions for these structures. The curvature properties for Norden-Walker metrics is also investigated. Also, we give counterexamples to Goldberg's conjecture in the case of neutral signature.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $M_{2n}$  be a Riemannian manifold with neutral metric, i.e., with pseudo-Riemannian metric g of signature (n, n). We denote by  $\Im_q^p(M_{2n})$  the set of all tensor fields of type (p, q) on  $M_{2n}$ . Manifolds, tensor fields and connections are always assumed to be differentiable and of class  $C^{\infty}$ .

Let  $(M_{2n}, \varphi)$  be an almost complex manifold with almost complex structure  $\varphi$ . Such a structure is said to be integrable if the matrix  $\varphi = (\varphi_j^i)$  is reduced to constant form in a certain holonomic natural frame in a neighborhood  $U_x$  of every point  $x \in M_{2n}$ . In order that an almost complex structure  $\varphi$  be integrable, it is necessary and sufficient that there exists a torsion-free affine connection  $\nabla$  with respect to which the structure tensor  $\varphi$  is covariantly constant, i.e.,  $\nabla \varphi = 0$ . It is also know that the integrability of  $\varphi$  is equivalent to the vanishing

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of the Nijenhuis tensor  $N_{\varphi} \in \mathfrak{S}_2^1(M_{2n})$ . If  $\varphi$  is integrable, then  $\varphi$  is a complex structure and, moreover,  $M_{2n}$  is a *C*-holomorphic manifold  $X_n(C)$  whose transition functions are holomorphic mappings.

#### 1.1 Norden metrics

A metric g is a Norden metric [18] if

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = -g(X, Y)$$

or equivalently

$$g(\varphi X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_{2n})$ . Metrics of this type have also been studied under the other names: pure metrics, anti-Hermitian metrics and B-metrics (see [5], [6], [10], [17], [19], [23], [25]). If  $(M_{2n}, \varphi)$  is an almost complex manifold with Norden metric g, we say that  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is an almost Norden manifold. If  $\varphi$  is integrable, we say that  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is a Norden manifold.

#### 1.2 Holomorphic (almost holomorphic) tensor fields

Let t be a complex tensor field on a *C*-holomorphic manifold  $X_n(C)$ . The real model of such a tensor field is a tensor field on  $M_{2n}$  of the same order irrespective of whether its vector or covector arguments is subject to the action of the affinor structure  $\varphi$ . Such tensor fields are said to be pure with respect to  $\varphi$ . They were studied by many authors (see, e.g., [10], [20], [21], [23], [24], [25], [27]). In particular, for a (0, q)-tensor field  $\omega$ , the purity means that for any  $X_1, \ldots, X_q \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_{2n})$ , the following conditions should hold:

$$\omega(\varphi X_1, X_2, ..., X_q) = \omega(X_1, \varphi X_2, ..., X_q) = ... = \omega(X_1, X_2, ..., \varphi X_q)$$

We define an operator

$$\Phi_{\varphi}: \mathfrak{S}^0_q(M_{2n}) \to \mathfrak{S}^0_{q+1}(M_{2n})$$

applied to a pure tensor field  $\omega$  by (see [27])

$$(\Phi_{\varphi}\omega)(X, Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_q) = (\varphi X)(\omega(Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_q)) - X(\omega(\varphi Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_q)) + \omega((L_{Y_1}\varphi)X, Y_2, ..., Y_q) + ... + \omega(Y_1, Y_2, ..., (L_{Y_q}\varphi)X),$$

where  $L_Y$  denotes the Lie differentiation with respect to Y.

When  $\varphi$  is a complex structure on  $M_{2n}$  and the tensor field  $\Phi_{\varphi}\omega$  vanishes, the complex tensor field  $\overset{*}{\omega}$  on  $X_n(C)$  is said to be holomorphic (see [10], [23], [27]). Thus, a holomorphic tensor field  $\overset{*}{\omega}$  on  $X_n(C)$  is realized on  $M_{2n}$  in the form of a pure tensor field  $\omega$ , such that

$$(\Phi_{\varphi}\omega)(X, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y_1, ..., Y_q \in \mathfrak{S}^1_0(M_{2n})$ . Such a tensor field  $\omega$  on  $M_{2n}$  is also called holomorphic tensor field. When  $\varphi$  is an almost complex structure on  $M_{2n}$ , a tensor field  $\omega$  satisfying  $\Phi_{\varphi}\omega = 0$  is said to be almost holomorphic.

## 1.3 Holomorphic Norden (Kähler-Norden or anti-Kähler) metrics

On a Norden manifold, a Norden metric g is called a *holomorphic* if

$$(\Phi_{\varphi}g)(X,Y,Z) = -g((\nabla_X\varphi)Y,Z) + g((\nabla_Y\varphi)Z,X) + g((\nabla_Z\varphi)X,Y) = 0$$
(1)

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{S}^1_0(M_{2n})$ .

By setting  $X = \partial_k$ ,  $Y = \partial_i$ ,  $Z = \partial_j$  in equation (1), we see that the components  $(\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{kij}$ of  $\Phi_{\varphi}g$  with respect to a local coordinate system  $x^1, ..., x^n$  can be expressed as follows:

$$(\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{kij} = \varphi_k^m \partial_m g_{ij} - \varphi_i^m \partial_k g_{mj} + g_{mj} (\partial_i \varphi_k^m - \partial_k \varphi_i^m) + g_{im} \partial_j \varphi_k^m.$$

If  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is a Norden manifold with holomorphic Norden metric, we say that  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is a holomorphic Norden manifold.

In some aspects, holomorphic Norden manifolds are similar to Kähler manifolds. The following theorem is an analogue to the next known result: an almost Hermitian manifold is Kähler if and only if the almost complex structure is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.

**Theorem 1.** [8] (For a paracomplex version see [22]) For an almost complex manifold with Norden metric g, the condition  $\Phi_{\phi}g = 0$  is equivalent to  $\nabla \varphi = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of g.

A Kähler-Norden manifold can be defined as a triple  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  which consists of a manifold  $M_{2n}$  endowed with an almost complex structure  $\varphi$  and a pseudo-Riemannian metric gsuch that  $\nabla \varphi = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of g and the metric g is assumed to be a Norden one. Therefore, there exists a one-to-one correspondence between Kähler-Norden manifolds and Norden manifolds with holomorphic metric. Recall that the Riemannian curvature tensor of such a manifold is pure and holomorphic, and the scalar curvature is locally holomorphic function (see [8], [19]).

**Remark 1.** We know that the integrability of an almost complex structure  $\varphi$  is equivalent to the existence of a torsion-free affine connection with respect to which the equation  $\nabla \varphi = 0$ holds. Since the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of g is a torsion-free affine connection, we have: if  $\Phi_{\varphi}g = 0$ , then  $\varphi$  is integrable. Thus, almost Norden manifold with conditions  $\Phi_{\varphi}g = 0$  and  $N_{\varphi} \neq 0$ , i.e., almost holomorphic Norden manifolds (analogues of almost Kähler manifolds with closed Kähler form) do not exist.

#### 1.4 Quasi-Kähler manifolds

The basis class of non-integrable almost complex manifolds with Norden metric is the class of the quasi-Kähler manifolds. An almost Norden manifold  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is called a quasi-Kähler [17], if

$$\sigma_X g((\nabla_X \varphi) Y, Z) = 0,$$

where  $\sigma$  is the cyclic sum by three arguments.

From (1) and the last equation we have

$$(\Phi_{\varphi}g)(X,Y,Z) + 2g((\nabla_X \varphi)Y,Z) = \underset{X,Y,Z}{\sigma} g((\nabla_X \varphi)Y,Z) = 0$$

which is satisfied by the Norden metric in the quasi-Kähler manifold.

#### 1.5 Twin Norden metrics

Let  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  be an almost Norden manifold. The associated Norden metric of almost Norden manifold is defined by

$$G(X,Y) = (g \circ \varphi)(X,Y)$$

for all vector fields X and Y on  $M_{2n}$ . One can easily prove that G is a new Norden metric, which is also called the twin(or dual) Norden metric of g.

We denote by  $\nabla_g$  the covariant differentiation of the Levi-Civita connection of Norden metric g. Then, we have

$$\nabla_g G = (\nabla_g g) \circ \varphi + g \circ (\nabla_g \varphi) = g \circ (\nabla_g \varphi),$$

which implies  $\nabla_g G = 0$  by virtue of Theorem 1. Therefore we have: the Levi-Civita connection of Kähler-Norden metric g coincides with the Levi-Civita connection of twin metric G ( i.e. nonuniqueness of the metric for the Levi-Civita connection in Kähler-Norden manifolds).

# 2 Norden-Walker metrics

In the present paper, we shall focus our attention to Norden manifolds of dimension four. Using a Walker metric we construct new Norden-Walker metrics together with a proper and opposite almost complex structures.

#### **2.1** Walker metric q

A neutral metric g on a 4-manifold  $M_4$  is said to be a Walker metric if there exists a 2-dimensional null distribution D on  $M_4$ , which is parallel with respect to g. From Walker's theorem [26], there is a system of coordinates (x, y, z, t) with respect to which g takes the following local canonical form

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & c & b \end{pmatrix},$$
(2)

where a, b, c are smooth functions of the coordinates (x, y, z, t). The paralel null 2-plane D is spanned locally by  $\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}$ , where  $\partial_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ ,  $\partial_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ .

#### 2.2 Almost Norden-Walker manifolds

Let F be an almost complex structure on a Walker manifold  $M_4$ , which satisfies

- i)  $F^2 = -I$ ,
- ii) g(FX, Y) = g(X, FY) (Nordenian property),
- iii)  $F\partial_x = \partial_y$ ,  $F\partial_y = -\partial_x$  (F induces a positive  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ -rotation on D).

We easily see that these three properties define F non-uniquely, i.e.,

$$\begin{array}{l} F\partial_x = \partial_y, \\ F\partial_y = -\partial_x, \\ F\partial_z = \alpha\partial_x + \frac{1}{2}(a+b)\partial_y - \partial_t, \\ F\partial_t = -\frac{1}{2}(a+b)\partial_x + \alpha\partial_y + \partial_z \end{array}$$

and F has the local components

$$F = (F_j^i) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & \alpha & -\frac{1}{2}(a+b) \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(a+b) & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the natural frame  $\{\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z, \partial_t\}$ , where  $\alpha = \alpha(x, y, z, t)$  is an arbitrary function.

Therefore, we now put  $\alpha = c$ . Then g defines a unique almost complex structure

$$\varphi = (\varphi_j^i) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & c & -\frac{1}{2}(a+b) \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(a+b) & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (3)

The triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is called almost Norden-Walker manifold. In conformity with the terminology of [3], [4], [14], [15] we call  $\varphi$  the proper almost complex structure.

We note that the typical examples of Norden-Walker metrics with proper almost complex structure

$$J = (J_j^i) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -c & \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(a-b) & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are studied in [2].

#### 2.3 Isotropic Kähler-Norden-Walker structures

A proper almost complex structure  $\varphi$  on Norden-Walker manifold  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is said to be isotropic Kähler if  $\|\nabla \varphi\|^2 = 0$ , but  $\nabla \varphi \neq 0$ . Examples of isotropic Kähler structures were given first in [7] in dimension 4, subsequently in [1] in dimension 6 and in [3] in dimension 4. Our purpose in this section is to show that a proper almost complex structure on almost Norden-Walker manifold  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is isotropic Kähler as we will see Theorem 2.

The inverse of the metric tensor (2),  $g^{-1} = (g^{ij})$ , given by

$$g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -a & -c & 1 & 0\\ -c & -b & 0 & 1\\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (4)

For the covariant derivative  $\nabla \varphi$  of the almost complex structure put  $(\nabla \varphi)_{ij}^k = \nabla_i \varphi_j^k$ . Then, after some calculations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{x}\varphi_{z}^{x} &= \nabla_{x}\varphi_{t}^{y} = c_{x}, \nabla_{y}\varphi_{z}^{x} = \nabla_{y}\varphi_{t}^{y} = c_{y}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{x}^{x} &= -\nabla_{z}\varphi_{y}^{y} = \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{z} = -\nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{t} = \frac{1}{2}a_{y} + \frac{1}{2}c_{x}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{x}^{y} &= \nabla_{z}\varphi_{y}^{x} = \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{t} = \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{t} = -\frac{1}{2}a_{x} + \frac{1}{2}c_{y}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{x} &= 2c_{z} + ca_{x} - a_{t} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}ac_{x} + \frac{1}{2}ba_{y}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{y} &= a_{z} + \frac{1}{4}ac_{y} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} + ca_{y} + \frac{3}{4}aa_{x} + \frac{1}{4}ba_{x}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{x} &= \frac{1}{4}aa_{x} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{x} + ca_{y} + \frac{3}{4}bc_{y} + cc_{x} + \frac{1}{4}ac_{y}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{y} &= a_{z} + \frac{1}{4}ac_{y} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} + ca_{y} + \frac{3}{4}aa_{x} + \frac{1}{4}ba_{x}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{x} &= \frac{1}{4}aa_{x} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{x} + ca_{y} + \frac{3}{4}bc_{y} + cc_{x} + \frac{1}{4}ac_{y}, \\
\nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{x} &= \frac{1}{4}aa_{x} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{x} + ca_{y} + \frac{3}{4}bc_{y} + cc_{x} + \frac{1}{4}ac_{y}, \\
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{y} &= 2c_{z} + \frac{1}{2}cc_{y} - a_{t} + \frac{1}{2}ba_{y} + \frac{1}{2}ca_{x} - \frac{1}{2}ac_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{x}^{x} &= -\nabla_{t}\varphi_{y}^{y} = \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{z} = -\nabla_{t}\varphi_{t}^{t} = \frac{1}{2}c_{y} + \frac{1}{2}b_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{x}^{y} &= \nabla_{t}\varphi_{y}^{x} = \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{t} = \nabla_{t}\varphi_{t}^{z} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{x} + \frac{1}{2}b_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{x} &= \frac{3}{2}cc_{x} + b_{z} - \frac{1}{2}cb_{y} - \frac{1}{2}ab_{x} + \frac{1}{2}bc_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{y} &= \frac{1}{4}ab_{y} - \frac{1}{4}bb_{y} - \frac{1}{4}ac_{x} + \frac{1}{4}bc_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{t}^{x} &= \frac{1}{4}ac_{x} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{x} + cc_{y} + \frac{1}{4}bb_{y} + cb_{x} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{y} \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{t}^{y} &= \frac{1}{2}cb_{y} + b_{z} + \frac{1}{2}bc_{y} + \frac{1}{2}cc_{x} - \frac{1}{2}ab_{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Now a long but straightforward calculation shows that

$$\left\|\nabla\varphi\right\|^{2} = g^{ij}g^{kl}g_{ms}(\nabla\varphi)^{m}_{ik}(\nabla\varphi)^{s}_{jl} = 0.$$

**Theorem 2.** A proper almost complex structure on almost Norden-Walker manifold  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is isotropic Kähler.

#### 2.4 Integrability of $\varphi$

We consider the general case.

The almost complex structure  $\varphi$  of an almost Norden-Walker manifold is integrable if and only if

$$(N_{\varphi})^{i}_{jk} = \varphi^{m}_{j} \partial_{m} \varphi^{i}_{k} - \varphi^{m}_{k} \partial_{m} \varphi^{i}_{j} - \varphi^{i}_{m} \partial_{j} \varphi^{m}_{k} + \varphi^{i}_{m} \partial_{k} \varphi^{m}_{j} = 0.$$
(6)

From (3) and (6) find the following integrability condition.

**Theorem 3.** The proper almost complex structure  $\varphi$  of an almost Norden-Walker manifold is integrable if and only if the following PDEs hold:

$$\begin{cases} a_x + b_x + 2c_y = 0, \\ a_y + b_y - 2c_x = 0. \end{cases}$$
(7)

From this theorem, we see that, in the case a = -b and c = 0,  $\varphi$  is integrable.

Let  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  be a Norden-Walker manifolds  $(N_{\varphi} = 0)$  and a = b. Then the equation (7) reduces to

$$\begin{cases}
 a_x = -c_y, \\
 a_y = c_x,
\end{cases}$$
(8)

from which follows

$$a_{xx} + a_{yy} = 0,$$
  
 $c_{xx} + c_{yy} = 0,$ 
(9)

e.g., the functions a and c are harmonic with respect to the arguments x and y.

Thus we have

**Theorem 4.** If the triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is Norden-Walker and a = b, then a and c are all harmonic with respect to the arguments x, y.

#### 2.5 Example of Norden-Walker metric

We now apply the Theorem 4 to establish the existence of special types of Norden-Walker metrics. In our arguments, the harmonic function plays an important part.

Let a = b and h(x, y) be a harmonic function of variables x and y, for example  $h(x, y) = e^x \cos y$ . We put

$$a = a(x, y, z, t) = h(x, y) + \alpha(z, t) = e^x \cos y + \alpha(z, t)$$

where  $\alpha$  is an arbitrary smooth function of z and t. Then, a is also hormonic with respect to x and y. We have

$$a_x = e^x \cos y, a_y = -e^x \sin y.$$

From (8), we have PDE's for c to satisfy as

$$c_x = a_y = -e^x \sin x,$$
  

$$c_y = -a_x = -e^x \cos y$$

For these PDE's, we have solutions

$$c = -e^x \sin y + \beta(z, t),$$

where  $\beta$  is arbitrary smooth function of z and t. Thus the Norden-Walker metric has components of the form

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & e^x \cos y + \alpha(z,t) & -e^x \sin y + \beta(z,t) \\ 0 & 1 & -e^x \sin y + \beta(z,t) & e^x \cos y + \alpha(z,t) \end{pmatrix}$$

# 3 Holomorphic Norden-Walker(Kähler-Norden-Walker) and quasi-Kähler-Norden-Walker metrics on $(M_4, \varphi, g)$

Let  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  be an almost Norden-Walker manifold. If

$$(\Phi_{\phi}g)_{kij} = \phi_k^m \partial_m g_{ij} - \phi_i^m \partial_k g_{mj} + g_{mj} (\partial_i \phi_k^m - \partial_k \phi_i^m) + g_{im} \partial_j \phi_k^m = 0, \tag{10}$$

then, by virtue of Theorem 1,  $\varphi$  is integrable and the triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is called a holomorphic Norden-Walker or a Kähler-Norden-Walker manifold. Taking into account Remark 1, we see that an almost Kähler-Norden-Walker manifold with conditions  $\Phi_{\varphi}g = 0$  and  $N_{\varphi} \neq 0$  does not exist.

Substitute (2) and (3) into (10), we see that the non-vanishing components of  $(\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{kij}$ 

are

$$\begin{split} (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{xzz} &= a_y, \ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{xzt} = (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{xtz} = \frac{1}{2}(b_x - a_x) + c_y, \end{split} \tag{11} \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{xtt} &= b_y - 2c_x, \ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{yzz} = -a_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{yzt} &= (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ytz} = \frac{1}{2}(b_y - a_y) - c_x, \ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ytt} = -b_x - 2c_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zxz} &= (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zzx} = (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{txt} = (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ttx} = c_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zxt} &= (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ztx} = -(\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{txz} = -(\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{tzx} = \frac{1}{2}(a_x + b_x), \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zyz} &= (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zyy} = (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{tyt} = (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{tyy} = c_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zyt} &= (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zty} = -(\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{tyz} = -(\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{tzy} = \frac{1}{2}(a_y + b_y), \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{zzz} &= ca_x - a_t + 2c_z + \frac{1}{2}(a + b)a_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ztt} &= (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ztz} = cc_x + b_z + \frac{1}{2}(a + b)c_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ztt} &= cb_x + a_t - 2c_z + \frac{1}{2}(a + b)b_y, \ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{tzz} = ca_y - b_z - \frac{1}{2}(a + b)a_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{tzt} &= (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ttz} = cc_y - a_t + 2c_z - \frac{1}{2}(a + b)c_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi}g)_{ttt} &= cb_y + b_z - \frac{1}{2}(a + b)b_x. \end{split}$$

From the above equations, we have

**Theorem 5.** A triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is a Kähler-Norden-Walker manifold if and only if the following PDEs hold:

$$a_x = a_y = b_x = b_y = b_z = c_x = c_y = 0, \quad a_t - 2c_z = 0.$$
 (12)

A Norden-Walker manifold  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  satisfying the condition  $\Phi_k g_{ij} + 2\nabla_k G_{ij}$  to be zero is called a quasi-Kähler manifold, where G is defined by  $G_{ij} = \varphi_i^m g_{mj}$ .

**Remark 2.** From (2) and (3) we easily see that, the twin Norden metric G is non-Walker. For the covariant derivative  $\nabla G$  of the associated metric G put  $(\nabla G)_{ijk} = \nabla_i G_{jk}$ . The non-vanishing components of  $\nabla_i G_{jk}$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_x G_{zz} &= \nabla_x G_{tt} = c_x, \ \nabla_y G_{zz} = \nabla_y G_{tt} = c_y, \end{aligned} \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_z G_{xz} &= \nabla_z G_{zx} = -\nabla_z G_{yt} = -\nabla_z G_{ty} = \frac{1}{2}(a_y + c_x), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_z G_{xt} &= \nabla_z G_{tx} = \nabla_z G_{yz} = \nabla_z G_{zy} = \frac{1}{2}(c_y - a_x), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_z G_{zz} &= 2c_z - a_t + \frac{1}{2}a_y(a + b) + ca_x, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_z G_{zt} &= \nabla_z G_{tz} = \frac{1}{2}(ca_y + cc_x) - \frac{1}{4}((a + b)(a_x - c_y)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_z G_{tt} &= 2c_z - a_t - \frac{1}{2}c_x(a + b) + cc_y, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_t G_{xz} &= \nabla_t G_{zx} = -\nabla_t G_{yz} = -\nabla_t G_{ty} = \frac{1}{2}(b_x + c_y), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_t G_{xt} &= \nabla_t G_{tx} = \nabla_t G_{yz} = \nabla_t G_{zy} = \frac{1}{2}(b_y - c_x), \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_t G_{zz} = b_z + cc_x + \frac{1}{2}c_y(a+b), 
\nabla_t G_{zt} = \nabla_t G_{tz} = \frac{1}{2}c(b_x + c_y) - \frac{1}{4}((c_x - b_y)(a+b)), 
\nabla_t G_{tt} = b_z + cb_y - \frac{1}{2}b_x(a+b).$$

From (11) and (13) we have

**Theorem 6.** A triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is a quasi-Kähler Norden-Walker manifold if and only if the following PDEs hold:

 $b_x = b_y = b_z = 0$ ,  $a_y - 2c_x = 0$ ,  $a_x - 2c_y = 0$ ,  $ca_x - a_t + 2c_z - (a+b)c_x = 0$ .

# 4 Curvature properties of Norden-Walker manifolds

If R and r are respectively the curvature and the scalar curvature of the Walker metric, then the components of R and r have, respectively, expressions (see [15], Appendix A and C)

$$\begin{aligned} R_{xzxz} &= -\frac{1}{2}a_{xx}, \ R_{xzxt} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{xx}, \ R_{xzyz} = -\frac{1}{2}a_{xy}, \ R_{xzyt} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{xy}, \end{aligned} \tag{14} \\ R_{xzzt} &= \frac{1}{2}a_{xt} - \frac{1}{2}c_{xz} - \frac{1}{4}a_yb_x + \frac{1}{4}c_xc_y, \ R_{xtxt} = -\frac{1}{2}b_{xx}, \ R_{xtyz} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{xy}, \\ R_{xtyt} &= -\frac{1}{2}b_{xy}, \ R_{xtzt} = \frac{1}{2}c_{xt} - \frac{1}{2}b_{xz} - \frac{1}{4}(c_x)^2 + \frac{1}{4}a_xb_x - \frac{1}{4}b_xc_y + \frac{1}{4}b_yc_x, \\ R_{yzyz} &= -\frac{1}{2}a_{yy}, \ R_{yzyt} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{yy}, \\ R_{yzzt} &= \frac{1}{2}a_{yt} - \frac{1}{2}c_{yz} - \frac{1}{4}a_xc_y + \frac{1}{4}a_yc_x - \frac{1}{4}a_yb_y + \frac{1}{4}(c_y)^2, \ R_{ytyt} = -\frac{1}{2}b_{yy}, \\ R_{ytzt} &= \frac{1}{2}c_{yt} - \frac{1}{2}b_{yz} - \frac{1}{4}c_xc_y + \frac{1}{4}a_yb_x, \\ R_{ztzt} &= c_{zt} - \frac{1}{2}a_{tt} - \frac{1}{2}b_{zz} - \frac{1}{4}a(c_x)^2 + \frac{1}{4}aa_xb_x + \frac{1}{4}ca_xb_y - \frac{1}{2}cc_xc_y - \frac{1}{2}a_tc_x \\ &\quad +\frac{1}{2}a_xc_t - \frac{1}{4}a_xb_z + \frac{1}{4}ca_yb_x + \frac{1}{4}b_yb_y - \frac{1}{4}b(c_y)^2 - \frac{1}{2}b_zc_y \\ &\quad +\frac{1}{4}a_yb_t + \frac{1}{4}a_zb_x + \frac{1}{2}b_yc_z - \frac{1}{4}a_tb_y. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$r = a_{xx} + 2c_{xy} + b_{yy}.$$
 (15)

Suppose that the triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is Kähler-Norden-Walker. Then from the last equation in (12) and (14), we see that

$$R_{ztzt} = c_{zt} - \frac{1}{2}a_{tt} = -\frac{1}{2}(a_t - 2c_z)_t = 0.$$

From (12) we easily we see that the another components of R in (14) directly all vanish. Thus we have

**Theorem 7.** If a Norden-Walker manifold  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is Kähler-Norden-Walker, then  $M_4$  is flat.

**Remark 3.** We note that a Kähler-Norden manifold is non-flat, in such manifold curvature tensor pure and holomorphic [8].

Let  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  be a Norden-Walker manifold with the integrable proper structure  $\varphi$ , i.e.,  $N_{\varphi} = 0$ . If a = b, then from proof of the Theorem 4 we see that the equation (8) hold. If c = c(y, z, t) and c = c(x, z, t), then  $c_{xy} = (c_x)_y = (c_y)_x = 0$ . In these cases, by virtue of (8) we find a = a(x, z, t) and a = (y, z, t) respectively. Using of  $c_{xy} = 0$  and  $a_{xx} + b_{yy} = 0$  (see (9)), we from (15) obtain r = 0. Thus we have

**Theorem 8.** If  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is a Norden-Walker non-Kähler manifold with metrics

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a(x,z,t) & c(y,z,t) \\ 0 & 1 & c(y,z,t) & a(x,z,t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a(y,z,t) & c(x,z,t) \\ 0 & 1 & c(x,z,t) & a(y,z,t) \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $M_4$  is scalar flat.

# 5 On the Goldberg conjecture

Let  $(M_{2n}, J, g)$  be an almost Hermitian manifold. Then, Goldberg's conjecture states that an almost Hermitian manifold must be Kähler if the following three conditions are imposed:  $(G_1)$  the manifold  $M_{2n}$  is compact;  $(G_2)$  the Riemannian metric g is Einstein;  $(G_3)$  the fundamental 2-form  $\Omega$  defined by  $\Omega(X, Y) = g(JX, Y)$  is closed  $(d\Omega = 0)$ .

It should be noted that no progress has been made on the Goldberg conjecture, and the orginal conjecture is stil an open problem.

Let  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  be an almost Norden manifold. Given an almost complex structure  $\varphi$  on  $M_{2n}$ , take any Riemannian metric  $\tilde{g}$ , which exists provided  $M_{2n}$  is compact (paracompact) [9, p. 60]. We obtain a Hermitian metric h by setting

$$h(X,Y) = \tilde{g}(X,Y) + \tilde{g}(\varphi X,\varphi Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_{2n})$ . The pair  $(\varphi, \tilde{g})$  defines a fundamental 2-form  $\Omega_{\varphi}$  by

$$\Omega_{\varphi}(X,Y) = h(\varphi X,Y).$$

We call it a  $\varphi$ -compatible 2-form.

Let  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  be an almost Norden manifold, and choose a  $\varphi$ -compatible 2-form  $\Omega_{\varphi}$  on  $M_{2n}$ . Then we can propose an almost Norden version of Goldberg conjecture as follows [16]: if  $(G_1) M_{2n}$  is compact,  $(G_2) g$  is Einstein, and if  $(G'_3)$  a  $\varphi$ -compatible 2-form  $\Omega_{\varphi}$  is closed, then  $\varphi$  must be integrable.

Let now  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  be an almost Norden-Walker 4-manifold. The pair  $(\varphi, g)$  defines as usual, a rank two tensor  $G(X, Y) = g(\varphi X, Y)$ , but G is symmetric (in fact another neutral metric) and pure, rather than a 2-form. We call it a twin Norden metric, which plays a role similar to the fundamental 2-form  $\Omega$  in Hermitian geometry. If we define an operator  $\Phi_{\varphi}$ applied to a pure twin metric G, then we have

$$(\Phi_{\varphi}G)(X,Y,Z) = (\Phi_{\varphi}g)(\varphi X,Y,Z) + g(N_{\varphi}(X,Y),Z).$$

If  $G \in Ker\Phi_{\varphi}$ , then by virtue of Theorem 1, we have  $\nabla_G \varphi = 0$ , where  $\nabla_G$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the twin Norden metric G, which coincides with the Levi-Civita connection of the orginal Norden metric g in Kähler-Norden-Walker manifolds. Since  $\nabla_G$  is a torsion-free connection, then  $\varphi$  must be integrable. Thus, we can propose a result concerning the Norden version of Goldberg conjecture as follows: (NG) if  $G \in Ker\Phi_{\varphi}$ , then  $\varphi$  must be integrable.

# 6 Opposite almost complex structure $\varphi'$

It is known that an oriented 4-manifold with a field of 2-planes, or equivalently endowed with a neutral indefinite metric, admits a pair of almost comlex structure  $\varphi$  and an opposite almost complex structure  $\varphi'$ , which satisfy the following properties ([11]-[13], [15]):

i) 
$$\varphi^2 = \varphi'^2 = -1$$
,

ii) 
$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(\varphi' X, \varphi' Y) = g(X, Y),$$

- iii)  $\varphi \varphi' = \varphi' \varphi$ ,
- iv) the preferred orientation of  $\varphi$  coincides with that of  $M_4$ ,
- v) the preferred orientation of  $\varphi'$  is opposite to that of  $M_4$ .

Let  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  be an almost Norden-Walker manifolds. For a Walker manifold  $M_4$ , with the proper almost complex structure  $\varphi$ , the g-orthogonal opposite almost complex structure  $\varphi'$  takes the form

$$\begin{split} \varphi'\partial_{1} &= -(\theta_{1}c + \frac{\theta_{2}}{2}a)\partial_{1} - \frac{\theta_{1}}{2}b\partial_{2} + \theta_{2}\partial_{3} + \theta_{1}\partial_{4}, \\ \varphi'\partial_{2} &= (-\frac{\theta_{1}}{2}a + \theta_{2}c)\partial_{1} + \frac{\theta_{2}}{2}b\partial_{2} + \theta_{1}\partial_{3} - \theta_{2}\partial_{4}, \\ \varphi'\partial_{3} &= -(\frac{\theta_{1}}{2}ac + \frac{\theta_{2}}{4}a^{2} + \frac{\theta_{2}}{\theta_{1}^{2} + \theta_{2}^{2}})\partial_{1} - (\frac{\theta_{1}}{4}ab + \frac{\theta_{1}}{\theta_{1}^{2} + \theta_{2}^{2}})\partial_{2} + \frac{\theta_{2}}{2}a\partial_{3} + \frac{\theta_{1}}{2}a\partial_{4}, \\ \varphi'\partial_{4} &= -(\theta_{1}c^{2} + \frac{\theta_{1}}{4}ab + \frac{\theta_{1}}{\theta_{1}^{2} + \theta_{2}^{2}} + \frac{\theta_{2}}{2}(ac - bc))\partial_{1} + (-\frac{\theta_{1}}{2}bc + \frac{\theta_{2}}{4}b^{2} + \frac{\theta_{2}}{\theta_{1}^{2} + \theta_{2}^{2}})\partial_{2} \\ &+ (\frac{\theta_{1}}{2}b + \theta_{2}c)\partial_{3} + (\theta_{1}c - \frac{\theta_{2}}{2}b)\partial_{4}, \end{split}$$

where  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are two parameters.

In the present paper, we shall focus our attention to one of explicit forms of  $\varphi'$ , obtained by fixing two parameters as  $\theta_1 = 1$  and  $\theta_2 = 0$  (only for simplicity), as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'\partial_1 &= -c\partial_1 - \frac{1}{2}b\partial_2 + \partial_4, \qquad \varphi'\partial_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}a\partial_1 + \partial_3, \\ \varphi'\partial_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}ac\partial_1 - (\frac{1}{4}ab + 1)\partial_2 + \frac{1}{2}a\partial_4, \\ \varphi'\partial_4 &= -(c^2 + \frac{1}{4}ab + 1)\partial_1 - \frac{1}{2}bc\partial_2 + \frac{1}{2}b\partial_3 + c\partial_4, \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

and  $\varphi'$  has the local components

$$\varphi' = (\varphi'_j{}^i) = \begin{pmatrix} -c & -\frac{1}{2}a & -\frac{1}{2}ac & -(c^2 + \frac{1}{4}ab + 1) \\ -\frac{1}{2}b & 0 & -(\frac{1}{4}ab + 1) & -\frac{1}{2}bc \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}b \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}a & c \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (17)

For the covariant derivative  $\nabla\varphi'$  of the opposite almost complex structure  $\varphi',$  the non-vanishing components of which are

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{x}\varphi_{x}^{\prime x} &= -\nabla_{x}\varphi_{y}^{\prime y} = \nabla_{x}\varphi_{z}^{\prime z} = -\nabla_{x}\varphi_{t}^{\prime t} = \frac{1}{2}\nabla_{z}\varphi_{x}^{\prime z} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{x}, \end{aligned} \tag{18} \\ \nabla_{y}\varphi_{x}^{\prime x} &= -\nabla_{y}\varphi_{y}^{\prime y} = \nabla_{y}\varphi_{z}^{\prime z} = -\nabla_{y}\varphi_{t}^{\prime t} = \frac{1}{2}\nabla_{t}\varphi_{y}^{\prime t} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{y}, \\ \nabla_{x}\varphi_{t}^{\prime x} &= -cc_{x}, \nabla_{y}\varphi_{t}^{\prime x} = -cc_{y}, \nabla_{z}\varphi_{x}^{\prime x} = -c_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{y} + \frac{1}{2}a_{t} + \frac{1}{2}cc_{y} + \frac{3}{4}ac_{x}, \\ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{x}^{\prime y} &= \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} + \frac{1}{4}ba_{x}, \nabla_{z}\varphi_{x}^{\prime t} = \nabla_{z}\varphi_{y}^{\prime z} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{y} - \frac{1}{2}a_{x}, \\ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{y}^{\prime x} &= \frac{1}{4}aa_{x} + ca_{y} + \frac{1}{4}ac_{y}, \nabla_{z}\varphi_{y}^{\prime y} = c_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ac_{x} - \frac{1}{2}a_{t} + \frac{1}{2}ca_{x} + \frac{3}{4}ba_{y}, \\ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{y}^{\prime t} &= -a_{y}, \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{\prime x} = \frac{1}{4}aca_{x} - a_{y} + \frac{1}{4}acc_{y} + \frac{1}{4}a^{2}c_{x}, \\ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{\prime y} &= \frac{1}{8}abc_{y} + \frac{1}{8}aba_{x} - \frac{1}{2}c_{y} - \frac{1}{2}a_{x}, \\ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{\prime z} &= -c_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ac_{x} + \frac{1}{2}a_{t} - \frac{1}{2}ca_{x} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{y}, \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{\prime t} = -\frac{1}{4}ac_{y} - \frac{1}{4}aa_{x}, \\ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{z}^{\prime x} &= -2cc_{z} + (\frac{1}{8}ab - \frac{1}{2}c^{2} + ac - \frac{1}{2})a_{x} + ca_{t} + (\frac{1}{8}ab + \frac{1}{2}c^{2} - \frac{1}{2})c_{y}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{'y} &= -c_{x} + \frac{1}{4}b^{2}a_{y} + \frac{1}{4}bcc_{y} + \frac{1}{4}bca_{x}, \ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{'z} = -cc_{x} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{x} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y}, \\ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{'t} &= c_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{y} - \frac{1}{2}a_{t} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{y} - \frac{1}{4}ac_{x}, \ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{x}^{'x} = -\frac{1}{2}b_{z} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} + \frac{1}{2}cb_{y} + \frac{3}{4}ab_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{x}^{'y} &= \frac{1}{4}bb_{y} + \frac{1}{4}bc_{x}, \ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{x}^{'z} = -b_{x}, \ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{x}^{'t} = \nabla_{t}\varphi_{y}^{'z} = -\frac{1}{2}b_{y} - \frac{1}{2}c_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{y}^{'x} &= \frac{1}{4}ac_{x} + cc_{y} + \frac{1}{4}ab_{y}, \ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{y}^{'y} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} + \frac{1}{2}b_{z} + \frac{1}{2}cc_{x} + \frac{3}{4}bc_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{'x} &= \frac{1}{4}acb_{y} - c_{y} + \frac{1}{4}acc_{x} + \frac{1}{4}a^{2}b_{x}, \ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{'y} = \frac{1}{8}abb_{y} + \frac{1}{8}abc_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{y} - \frac{1}{2}c_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{'z} &= -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{z} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{x}, \ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{'t} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{y} - \frac{1}{4}ac_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{z}^{'x} &= -cb_{z} + (\frac{1}{8}ab - \frac{1}{2}c^{2} - \frac{1}{2})c_{x} + acb_{x} + (\frac{1}{8}ab + \frac{1}{2}c^{2} - \frac{1}{2})b_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{t}^{'x} &= -cb_{z} + (\frac{1}{8}ab - \frac{1}{2}c^{2} - \frac{1}{2})c_{x} + acb_{x} + (\frac{1}{8}ab + \frac{1}{2}c^{2} - \frac{1}{2})b_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{t}^{'t} &= -b_{x} + \frac{1}{4}b^{2}c_{y} + \frac{1}{4}bcc_{x} + \frac{1}{4}bcb_{y}, \ \nabla_{z}\varphi_{t}^{'z} = -cb_{x} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{x} - \frac{1}{4}bb_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}\varphi_{t}^{'t} &= -\frac{1}{4}bc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}cb_{y} + \frac{1}{2}b_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{x}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2), (4) and (18) we have

**Theorem 9.** The opposite almost complex structure of an almost Norden-Walker manifold  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  is isotropic Kähler if and only if the following PDEs hold:

$$c_x(2ba_y - 2ac_x + 4c_z - 2a_t + 2ca_x) + c_y(2b_z - 2ab_x) = 0.$$
(19)

From (19) we have

**Corollary 1.** The triple  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  with metric

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a\left(x, y, z, t\right) & c\left(z, t\right) \\ 0 & 1 & c\left(z, t\right) & b\left(x, y, z, t\right) \end{array}\right)$$

is always isotropic Kähler.

### 6.1 Integrability of $\varphi'$

The opposite almost complex structure  $\varphi'$  is integrable if the analogue of the PDE's (6) for  $\varphi'_j{}^i$  in (17) vanish. From some calculation, we have explicitly the following theorem.

**Theorem 10.** The opposite almost complex structure  $\varphi'$  of an almost Norden-Walker manifold is integrable if and only if the following PDEs hold:

$$b_y = 0, \quad a_x - 2c_y = 0, \quad ab_x - 2b_z = 0, ba_y - 2a_t - 2ac_x + 4cc_y + 4c_z = 0.$$
(20)

Let  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  be a Norden-Walker manifold with the integrable almost complex structure  $\varphi'$ , i.e.  $N_{\varphi'} = 0$ . If a = 0, then from (20)  $b_y = b_z = c_y = c_z = 0$ . Thus we have

**Theorem 11.** Let a = 0. The triple  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  with metric

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & c(x,t) \\ 0 & 1 & c(x,t) & b(x,t) \end{pmatrix}$$

is always Norden-Walker.

# 7 Norden-Walker-Einstein metrics

We now turn our attention to the Einstein conditions for the Norden-Walker metric g in (2).

Let  $R_{ij}$  and S denote the Ricci curvature and the scalar curvature of the metric g in (2). The Einstein tensor is defined by  $G_{ij} = R_{ij} - \frac{1}{4}Sg_{ij}$  and has non zero components as follows (see [15], Appendix D):

$$G_{xz} = \frac{1}{4}a_{xx} - \frac{1}{4}b_{yy}, \quad G_{xt} = \frac{1}{2}c_{xx} + \frac{1}{2}b_{xy}, \\G_{yz} = \frac{1}{2}a_{xy} + \frac{1}{2}c_{yy}, \quad G_{yt} = \frac{1}{4}b_{yy} - \frac{1}{4}a_{xx}, \\G_{zz} = \frac{1}{4}aa_{xx} + ca_{xy} + \frac{1}{2}ba_{yy} - a_{yt} + c_{yz} - \frac{1}{2}a_{y}c_{x} + \frac{1}{2}a_{x}c_{y} \\ + \frac{1}{2}a_{y}b_{y} - \frac{1}{2}(c_{y})^{2} - \frac{1}{2}ac_{xy} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{yy}, \\G_{zt} = \frac{1}{2}ac_{xx} + \frac{1}{2}cc_{xy} + \frac{1}{2}a_{xt} - \frac{1}{2}c_{xz} - \frac{1}{2}a_{y}b_{x} + \frac{1}{2}c_{x}c_{y} + \frac{1}{2}bc_{yy} \\ - \frac{1}{2}c_{yt} + \frac{1}{2}b_{yz} - \frac{1}{4}ca_{xx} - \frac{1}{4}cb_{yy}, \\G_{tt} = \frac{1}{2}ab_{xx} + cb_{xy} + c_{xt} - b_{xz} - \frac{1}{2}(c_{x})^{2} + \frac{1}{2}a_{x}b_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{x}c_{y} + \frac{1}{2}b_{y}c_{x} \\ + \frac{1}{4}bb_{yy} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{xx} - \frac{1}{2}bc_{xy}. \end{cases}$$

$$(21)$$

The metric g in (2) is almost Norden-Walker-Einstein if all the above components  $G_{ij}$  vanish  $(G_{ij} = 0)$ .

**Theorem 12.** Let  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  be a Norden-Walker manifold. If

$$a_x = b_x = c_x = c_z = 0$$
 (or  $a_x = a_y = c_x = c_z = 0$ ), (22)

then g is a Norden-Walker-Einstein.

*Proof.* Suppose that the triple  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  be a Norden-Walker manifold. Then from (20) and (22), we see that the assertion is clear, i.e.,  $G_{ij} = 0$ .

**Corollary 2.** The triple  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  with metric

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a(y, z, t) & c(t) \\ 0 & 1 & c(t) & b(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

is always Norden-Walker-Einstein.

# 8 Counterexamples to Goldberg's conjecture

**1.** Let  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  be an almost Norden-Walker manifold. Consider the metric

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a(x, y, z, t) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & a(x, y, z, t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

That is the metric is defined by putting a = b, c = 0 in the generic canonical form (2). In this case, we see from (21) that the Einstein condition consist of the following PDE's:

$$a_{xx} - a_{yy} = 0, \quad a_{xy} = 0, \quad aa_{xx} - 2a_{yt} + (a_y)^2 = 0$$
  
 $a_{xt} - a_x a_y + a_{yz} = 0, \quad aa_{xx} - 2a_{xz} + (a_x)^2 = 0.$ 

If a is independent of y and t, and if a contains x only linearly, the first four PDE's hold trivially, and the last one reduces to:  $2a_{xz} - (a_x)^2 = 0$ . We see that  $a = -\frac{2x}{z}$  is a solution to the PDE, and therefore the metric

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{2x}{z} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{2x}{z} \end{pmatrix}$$
(23)

is Einstein on the coordinate patch z > 0 (or z < 0). Thus, the second condition ( $G_2$ ) of Goldberg conjecture holds. We know that this metric admits a proper almost complex structure as follows:

$$\varphi \partial_x = \partial_y, \quad \varphi \partial_y = -\partial_x, \quad \varphi \partial_z = a \partial_y - \partial_t, \quad \varphi \partial_t = -a \partial_x + \partial_z.$$
 (24)

For the Einstein metric (23), the proper almost complex structure  $\varphi$  in (24) becomes

$$\varphi \partial_x = \partial_y, \quad \varphi \partial_y = -\partial_x, \quad \varphi \partial_z = -\frac{2x}{z} \partial_y - \partial_t, \quad \varphi \partial_t = \frac{2x}{z} \partial_x + \partial_z.$$

Then, the integrability of  $\varphi$ , given in Theorem 3, becomes

$$a_x + b_x + 2c_y = 2a_x = -\frac{4}{z} \neq 0, \quad a_y + b_y - 2c_x = 2a_y = 0.$$

Thus,  $\varphi$  cannot be integrable.

Similarly, the opposite almost complex structure  $\varphi'$  in (16) has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'\partial_x &= -\frac{x}{z}\partial_y + \partial_t, \quad \varphi'\partial_y = \frac{x}{z}\partial_x + \partial_z, \\ \varphi'\partial_z &= -((\frac{x}{z})^2 + 1)\partial_y - \frac{x}{z}\partial_t, \quad \varphi'\partial_t = -((\frac{x}{z})^2 + 1)\partial_x - \frac{x}{z}\partial_z. \end{aligned}$$

The  $\varphi'$ - integrability condition (20) in Theorem 10 becomes

$$b_y = 0, \quad a_x - 2c_y = a_x = -\frac{2}{z} \neq 0, \quad ab_x - 2b_z = aa_x = \frac{4x}{z^2} \neq 0, \\ ba_y - 2a_t - 2ac_x + 4cc_y + 4c_z = 0.$$

Thus,  $\varphi'$  is not integrable.

**2.** Let  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  be an almost Norden-Walker manifold. We assume that a, b, c does not depend on x and y, i.e., a = a(z, t), b = b(z, t), c = c(z, t). Therefore, the metric g in (2) becomes

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a(z,t) & c(z,t) \\ 0 & 1 & c(z,t) & b(z,t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this case, we see from (21) that the metric g is Norden-Walker-Einstein, i.e.,  $G_{ij} = 0$ . Thus, the second condition ( $G_2$ ) holds.

If a, b and c are independent of x and y, the  $\varphi'$ - integrability condition (20) in Theorem 10 becomes

$$b_z = 0, \quad a_t - 2c_z = 0.$$

On the other hand, since b = b(z, t), we have  $b_z \neq 0$ . Thus,  $\varphi'$  is not integrable.

# 9 Holomorphic Norden-Walker (Kähler-Norden-Walker) metrics on $(M_4, \varphi', g)$

Let  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  be an almost Norden-Walker manifold. Substituting (2) and (17) in (10), we find the following Kähler-Norden-Walker condition of  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$ .

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xxz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xzx} = -c_x, \ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xxt} = (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{txx} = -(\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{txx} = -b_x, \end{array} (25) \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xyz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xzy} = -c_y - \frac{1}{2}a_x, \ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xzz} = -ca_x - 2c_z - \frac{1}{2}ba_y + a_t, \end{aligned} \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xyt} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xty} = -(\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{txy} = -(\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tyx} = -c_x - \frac{1}{2}b_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xxt} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xtz} = -cc_x - \frac{1}{2}bc_y - \frac{1}{2}b_z - \frac{1}{4}ab_x - \frac{1}{4}ba_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xxt} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yzz} = -(\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yzx} = (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yxz} = -\frac{1}{2}b_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yxz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yyz} = -(\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xyy} = -(\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yyz} = -\frac{1}{2}a_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yyz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yyz} = -(\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{xyy} = -a_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yyt} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{ytz} = -\frac{1}{2}ac_x - \frac{1}{2}at - \frac{1}{4}ab_y - \frac{1}{4}ba_y + c_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yzt} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{ytz} = -\frac{1}{2}ac_x - \frac{1}{2}at - \frac{1}{4}ab_y - \frac{1}{4}ba_y + c_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yzt} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{ztx} = \frac{1}{4}ba_x - \frac{1}{4}ab_x - \frac{1}{2}b_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{yzt} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{ztx} = \frac{1}{2}ac_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zyz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zty} = -\frac{1}{2}acc_x - \frac{1}{4}ab_y - c_z + \frac{1}{2}a_t, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zyz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{ztz} = -\frac{1}{2}acc_x - \frac{1}{4}ab_y - a_y + \frac{1}{2}aa_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zyz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zty} = -\frac{1}{2}ac_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zyz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} = -\frac{1}{2}ac_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} - \frac{1}{2}ac_x, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} - \frac{1}{2}acc_x - \frac{1}{4}ab_y - c_z + \frac{1}{2}a_t, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} = -cc_x + \frac{1}{4}ab_y - a_y + \frac{1}{2}aa_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} = -cc_x + \frac{1}{4}ab_x - \frac{1}{4}ba_x - \frac{1}{2}ba_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{zzz} = -cc_x + \frac{1}{4}ab_x - \frac{1}{2}ba_x + bc_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{txz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tzz} = -cc_x + \frac{1}{4}ab_x - \frac{1}{4}ba_x - \frac{1}{2}ba_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tzz} = -cc_x - \frac{1}{4}ab_x - \frac{1}{4}ba_y - \frac{1}{2}a_z, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tzz} = -c^2a_x - \frac{1}{4}ab_x - a_x - 2cc_z - \frac{1}{2}bc_y + \frac{1}{2}bc_y, \\ (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tzz} &=& (\Phi_{\varphi'}g)_{tzz} = -c^2a_x - \frac{1}{4}ab_x - a_x - 2$$

The following theorem is same to the Theorem 5.

**Theorem 13.** A triple  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  is a Kähler-Norden-Walker manifold if and only if the following PDEs hold:

$$a_x = a_y = b_x = b_y = b_z = c_x = c_y = 0, \quad a_t - 2c_z = 0.$$

**Corollary 3.** The triple  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  with metric

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a(z) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

is always Kähler-Norden-Walker.

Let  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  be an almost Norden-Walker manifold. For the covariant derivative  $\nabla G'$  of the twin metric G' put  $(\nabla G')_{ijk} = \nabla_i G'_{jk}$ , where G' is defined by  $G'_{ij} = \varphi'^m_i g_{mj}$ . Then, after some calculations we obtain

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{x}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{x}G'_{zx} = -\nabla_{x}G'_{yt} = -\nabla_{x}G'_{ty} = \frac{1}{2}\nabla_{z}G'_{xx} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{x}, \end{split}$$
(26)  
$$\nabla_{x}G'_{zz} &= -\frac{1}{2}ac_{x}, \nabla_{x}G'_{zt} = \nabla_{x}G'_{zz} = -\frac{1}{2}cc_{x}, \nabla_{x}G'_{tt} = \nabla_{y}G'_{tt} = \frac{1}{2}bc_{x}, \\ \nabla_{y}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{y}G'_{xx} = -\nabla_{y}G'_{yt} = -\nabla_{y}G'_{ty} = \frac{1}{2}\nabla_{t}G'_{yy} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{y}, \\ \nabla_{y}G'_{zz} &= -\frac{1}{2}ac_{y}, \nabla_{y}G'_{zt} = \nabla_{y}G'_{zz} = -\frac{1}{2}cc_{y}, \\ \nabla_{z}G'_{xy} &= \nabla_{z}G'_{xx} = -\frac{1}{2}a_{x} - \frac{1}{2}c_{y}, \nabla_{z}G'_{xt} = \nabla_{z}G'_{xx} = -\frac{1}{4}bc_{y} - cc_{x} - \frac{1}{4}bax, \\ \nabla_{z}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{z}G'_{zx} = -\frac{1}{4}ac_{x} - \frac{1}{2}ca_{x} - c_{z} + \frac{1}{2}a_{t} - \frac{1}{4}bay, \\ \nabla_{z}G'_{yy} &= -a_{y}, \nabla_{z}G'_{yz} = \nabla_{z}G'_{zy} = -\frac{1}{4}ac_{x} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{y} - \frac{1}{4}ba_{y}, \\ \nabla_{z}G'_{zz} &= -ac_{z} + \frac{1}{2}aa_{t} - \frac{1}{4}aba_{y} - \frac{1}{2}aca_{x} - a_{y}, \\ \nabla_{z}G'_{zz} &= -ac_{z} + \frac{1}{2}aa_{t} - \frac{1}{4}aba_{y} - \frac{1}{2}ca_{z} - (\frac{1}{2}c^{2} + \frac{1}{8}ab + \frac{1}{2})a_{x} \\ -\frac{1}{4}acc_{x} - (\frac{1}{4}ab - \frac{1}{8}ab + \frac{1}{2})c_{y}, \\ \nabla_{z}G'_{zz} &= -bx, \nabla_{z}G'_{xy} = \nabla_{z}G'_{xy} = -\frac{1}{2}cx - \frac{1}{2}by, \\ \nabla_{z}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{z}G'_{zx} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}bc_{x} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{z} + 1)c_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{z} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{z} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{x} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} &= \nabla_{t}G'_{xz} = -\frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}b_{z} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}cc_{x}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{zz} &= -\frac{1}{2}ab_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{2}bc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}cb_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{zz} &= -\frac{1}{2}ab_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}cb_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{zz} &= -\frac{1}{2}ab_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{x} - \frac{1}{4}bc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}cb_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{zz} &= -\frac{1}{2}ab_{z} - \frac{1}{4}ab_{z} - \frac{1}{2}acc_{x} - c_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{zz} &= -\frac{1}{2}ab_{z} - \frac{1}{4}abc_{y} - \frac{1}{2}acc_{x} - c_{y}, \\ \nabla_{t}G'_{zz} &= \nabla_{t}G'_{zz} = -(\frac{1}{8}ab +$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &-\frac{1}{2}cb_z - (\frac{1}{8}ab + \frac{1}{2}c^2 + \frac{1}{2})c_x,\\ \nabla_t G'_{tt} &= \frac{1}{2}bb_z - \frac{1}{2}bcb_y - \frac{1}{4}abb_x - c^2b_x - b_x. \end{aligned}$$

From (25) and (26) we have

**Theorem 14.** A triple  $(M_4, \varphi', g)$  is a quasi-Kähler Norden-Walker manifold if and only if the following PDE's hold:

$$a_x = a_y = b_x = b_y = b_z = c_x = c_y = 0, \ a_t - 2c_z = 0.$$

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