

## CONFORMALLY FLAT NORMAL ALMOST CONTACT 3-MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** We classify conformally flat Kenmotsu 3-manifolds and classify conformally flat cosymplectic 3-manifolds.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold of odd dimension  $m = 2n + 1$ . Then  $M$  is said to be an *almost contact manifold* if its structure group of the linear frame bundle is reducible to  $U(n) \times \{1\}$ . This is equivalent to existence of an endomorphism field  $\varphi$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$(1) \quad \varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

where  $I$  denotes the identity transformation. Then  $M$  admits a Riemannian metric  $g$  satisfying

$$(2) \quad g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Such  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an *almost contact metric structure*. In case that their automorphism groups have the maximum dimension  $(n + 1)^2$ , they are classified by the following three classes ([26]): (i) Sasakian space forms, that is, complete, simply connected, normal contact Riemannian manifolds of constant holomorphic sectional curvature; (ii)  $\mathbb{R} \times F(k)$  or  $\mathbb{S} \times F(k)$ , the product spaces of a line  $\mathbb{R}$  or a circle  $\mathbb{S}$  and a complex space form  $F(k)$ ; (iii) warped product spaces  $\mathbb{R} \times_{ce^t} \mathbb{C}E^n$  ( $c$  a positive constant) of a real line and a complex Euclidean space. Each class has been intensively developed. For the class (i), the contact metric structure including Sasakian structure has been investigated by many authors (cf. [2]). The geometric property of

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(ii) is represented as the so-called *cosymplectic structure*. The Riemannian products of a real line or a circle and a Kählerian manifold admit such a structure. Extending the model (iii), Kenmotsu [13] introduced another class, which is expressed (locally) by a warped product space of an open interval and a Kählerian manifold. We call such a manifold  $M$  a *Kenmotsu manifold* and its almost contact metric structure is called a *Kenmotsu structure*. It is worth noting that every orientable Riemannian 2-manifold  $N$  admits a Kählerian metric. Taking a product metric or a warped product metric with a warping function  $\rho(t) = c \exp t$ , respectively on the product space  $\mathbb{R} \times N$ , then we have a cosymplectic or a Kenmotsu 3-manifold, respectively. A Sasakian, a cosymplectic, or a Kenmotsu manifold holds the *CR-integrability*, and moreover the *normality*.

On the other hand, M. Okumura [19] proved that a conformally flat Sasakian manifold of dimension  $\geq 5$  is of constant curvature  $+1$ . S. Tanno [25] extended the result to the dimension 3. Very recently, D-h. Yang and the present author [10] develop the study of conformally flat contact 3-manifolds. A conformally flat cosymplectic manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is locally flat for  $n > 1$  ([11]). In [13] it was proved that a conformally flat Kenmotsu manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is of constant curvature  $-1$  for  $n > 1$ . In this paper, we study the case of dimension 3. In Section 3, we classify a conformally flat Kenmotsu 3-manifold (Theorem 3.3) and we classify a conformally flat cosymplectic 3-manifold in Section 4 (Theorem 4.2). In Section 5, we treat real hypersurfaces in a complex projective space or a complex hyperbolic space. Due to a result in [14], we know that there are no conformally flat real hypersurfaces in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_{n+1}(c)$  ( $c \neq 0$ ),  $n \geq 2$ . Then, we show that a totally  $\eta$ -umbilical real hypersurface in  $P_2\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_2\mathbb{C}$  cannot be conformally flat (Proposition 5.6).

## 2. Preliminaries

All manifolds in the present paper are assumed to be connected and of class  $C^\infty$ . First, we review briefly conformally flat manifolds. Let  $(M^m, g)$  be an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold. Denote by  $R$  its Riemannian curvature tensor defined by

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X(\nabla_Y Z) - \nabla_Y(\nabla_X Z) - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ . The *Weyl conformal curvature tensor* is defined by

$$W(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{m-2} \left[ \rho(Y, Z)X - \rho(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)SX - g(X, Z)SY - \frac{r}{m-1} (g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)X) \right]$$

and the *Schouten tensor* of type  $(1, 1)$  is defined by

$$LX = \frac{1}{m-2} \left( SX - \frac{r}{2(m-1)}X \right)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ , where  $S$  denotes the Ricci operator,  $\rho$  the Ricci curvature tensor of type  $(0, 2)$  and  $r$  the scalar curvature. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^m, g)$  is said to be *conformally flat* if it is conformally related to the Euclidean metric in the *local sense*. Then the following facts are well-known. For  $m \geq 4$ ,  $M^m$  is conformally flat if and only if the Weyl conformal curvature tensor  $W$  vanishes. For  $m = 3$ , the manifold is conformally flat if and only if the Schouten tensor  $L$  is a Codazzi tensor, that is,  $g((\nabla_X L)Y, Z) = g((\nabla_Y L)X, Z)$  for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ .

Now, we return to almost contact Riemannian geometry. Let  $(M; \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an almost contact Riemannian manifold (equipped with an almost contact Riemannian structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ ). The *fundamental 2-form*  $\Phi$  is defined by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . An almost contact Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be *normal* if it satisfies  $[\varphi, \varphi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0$ , where  $[\varphi, \varphi]$  is the Nijenhuis torsion of  $\varphi$ .

**Definition 2.1.** An almost contact Riemannian structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be *almost Kenmotsu* if it satisfies  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 2\eta \wedge \Phi$ . A normal almost Kenmotsu manifold is called a *Kenmotsu manifold*.

**Definition 2.2.** An almost contact Riemannian structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be *almost cosymplectic* if it satisfies  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 0$ . A normal almost cosymplectic manifold is called a *cosymplectic manifold*.

**Definition 2.3.** An almost contact Riemannian structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be *contact Riemannian* if it satisfies  $d\eta = \Phi$ . A normal contact Riemannian manifold is called a *Sasakian manifold*.

For more details about almost contact Riemannian manifolds, we refer to [2].

### 3. Kenmotsu 3-manifolds

Let  $(M; \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a 3-dimensional Kenmotsu manifold. Then we have ([13])

$$(3) \quad \nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ . From (3), we have

$$(4) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X,$$

and

$$(5) \quad S\xi = -2\xi.$$

Since the Weyl conformal curvature tensor  $W$  vanishes in a Riemannian 3-manifold, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(Y, X)Z = & \rho(X, Z)Y - \rho(Y, Z)X + g(X, Z)SY - g(Y, Z)SX \\ & - \frac{r}{2}\{g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X\} \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ . Then together with (4) and (5) we have ([9])

**Proposition 3.1.** *For a Kenmotsu 3-manifold, we have*

$$(6) \quad S = \left(1 + \frac{r}{2}\right)I - \left(3 + \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta \otimes \xi,$$

where  $I$  denotes the identity transformation.

In order to prove Theorem 3.3, the following lemma is useful. Due to results in [12], we have

**Lemma 3.2.** *A Kenmotsu 3-manifold  $M$  is locally isometric to the warped product  $\mathbb{R} \times_{ce^t} N(k)$ , where  $N(k)$  is a Riemannian 2-manifold of constant Gaussian curvature  $k$  if and only if  $\text{grad } r \in \{\xi\}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .*

Unfortunately, in a previous work (Theorem 3 in [5]) we had an incomplete result. Now, we prove

**Theorem 3.3.** *A conformally flat Kenmotsu 3-manifold is locally isometric to the warped product  $\mathbb{R} \times_{ce^t} N(k)$ , where  $N(k)$  is a Riemannian 2-manifold of constant Gaussian curvature  $k$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(M; \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a Kenmotsu 3-manifold. Differentiating (6) covariantly and using (3) we get

$$(7) \quad (\nabla_Y S)X = \frac{1}{2}(Yr)(X - \eta(X)\xi) - \left(3 + \frac{r}{2}\right)(g(Y, X)\xi + \eta(X)Y - 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi)$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . Recall the formula:

$$(8) \quad X(r) = 2 \sum_i (\nabla_{e_i} \rho)(e_i, X)$$

for any local orthonormal frame field  $\{e_i\}$ . Then we have from (7) and (8)

$$(9) \quad \xi(r) = -4\left(3 + \frac{r}{2}\right).$$

Suppose that  $M$  is conformally flat. Then, since the Schouten tensor is a Codazzi tensor, we have

$$(10) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X = \frac{1}{4}(X(r)Y - Y(r)X)$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . Using (7) and (10), we have

$$(11) \quad \frac{1}{2}(X(r)Y - Y(r)X) = (Xr)\eta(Y)\xi - (Yr)\eta(X)\xi + 2\left(3 + \frac{r}{2}\right)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y).$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (11) to get

$$(12) \quad \frac{1}{2}Y(r) = -2\left(3 + \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(Y)$$

for any vector field  $Y$  on  $M$ , where we have used (9). Then from (12) we find that  $Y(r) = 0$  for any vector field  $Y \perp \xi$ . Using Lemma 3.2 we have that  $M$  is locally isometric to the warped product  $\mathbb{R} \times_{cet} N(k)$ , where  $N(k)$  is a Riemannian 2-manifold of constant Gaussian curvature  $k$ . Conversely, the warped product  $\mathbb{R} \times_{cet} N(k)$  is conformally flat (cf. [3]). Note that if  $k = 0$  then the warped product is a space of constant curvature  $-1$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1.** The present author proved ([7]) that an almost Kenmotsu 3-manifold is locally symmetric ( $\nabla R = 0$ ) if and only if it is locally isometric to the hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^3(-1)$  or a product space  $\mathbb{H}^2(-4) \times \mathbb{R}$ .

#### 4. Cosymplectic 3-manifolds

For a cosymplectic manifold  $M$ , we have (cf. [11])

$$\nabla \xi = 0.$$

From this, we easily get  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$  and  $S\xi = 0$ . Then we have ([8])

**Proposition 4.1.** *For a cosymplectic 3-manifold, we have the Ricci operator:*

$$(13) \quad S = \frac{r}{2}(I - \eta \otimes \xi).$$

**Theorem 4.2.** *A conformally flat cosymplectic 3-manifold is locally isometric to a product space  $\mathbb{R} \times N(k)$ , where  $N(k)$  is a Riemannian 2-manifold of constant Gaussian curvature  $k$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(M; \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a cosymplectic 3-manifold. Differentiating (13) covariantly and using  $\nabla \xi = 0$  we get

$$(14) \quad (\nabla_Y S)X = \frac{1}{2}(Yr)(X - \eta(X)\xi)$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . Then a similar computation as in the proof of Theorem 3.3 yields

$$(15) \quad \xi(r) = 0.$$

Suppose that  $M$  is conformally flat. Then, we have

$$(16) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X = \frac{1}{4}(X(r)Y - Y(r)X)$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . Using (14) and (16), we have

$$(17) \quad \frac{1}{2}(X(r)Y - Y(r)X) = (Xr)\eta(Y)\xi - (Yr)\eta(X)\xi.$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (17) to get

$$(18) \quad Y(r) = 0$$

for any vector field  $Y$  on  $M$ , where we have used (15). From (14) and (18), we find that the Ricci operator is parallel (for the Levi-Civita connection). Then  $M$  is locally symmetric, and hence  $M$  is locally isometric to a product space  $\mathbb{R} \times N(k)$ , where  $N(k)$  is a Riemannian 2-manifold of constant Gaussian curvature  $k$  (cf. [22]).  $\square$

The following examples are conformally flat almost cosymplectic 3-manifolds which are neither normal nor of constant scalar curvature.

**Example.** ([11]) On  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3(x, y, z) : z \neq 0\}$ , define  $\eta = dz$  and  $\xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ . Take a global frame field

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = \frac{z}{e^{ax}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = \xi,$$

$a \in \mathbb{R}$  and define a Riemannian metric  $g$  such that  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  is orthonormal with respect to it. Moreover, we define  $\varphi$  by  $\varphi e_1 = e_2$ ,  $\varphi e_2 =$

$-e_1$  and  $\varphi\xi = 0$ . Then, the fundamental 2-form is given by  $\Phi = 2e^{ax}dx \wedge dy$ , and  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost cosymplectic structure, that is,  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 0$ . But  $\nabla\xi \neq 0$ , and hence it is not cosymplectic. For a simpler one, we take  $a = 0$ . Then we find that  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  diagonalizes the Ricci operator, that is,

$$Se_1 = \frac{1}{z^2}e_1, \quad Se_2 = -\frac{1}{z^2}e_2, \quad S\xi = -\frac{2}{z^2}\xi,$$

and the scalar curvature  $r = -\frac{2}{z^2}$ . And then we have that the Schouten tensor  $L$  is a Codazzi tensor. For more details, see [11].

### 5. Real hypersurfaces in $P_2\mathbb{C}$ or $H_2\mathbb{C}$

Let  $\widetilde{M} = \widetilde{M}_{n+1}(c)$  be a complex space form of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ ,  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $\widetilde{M}$  and  $N$  be a unit normal vector field of  $M$  in  $\widetilde{M}$ . We denote by  $\widetilde{g}$  and  $J$  a Kählerian metric tensor and its complex structure tensor on  $\widetilde{M}$ , respectively. For any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ , we put

$$(19) \quad JX = \varphi X + \eta(X)N, \quad JN = -\xi,$$

where  $\varphi X$  is the tangential part of  $JX$ ,  $\varphi$  a (1,1)-type tensor field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form, and  $\xi$  is a unit vector field on  $M$ . The induced Riemannian metric on  $M$  is denoted by  $g$ . Then by properties of  $(J, \widetilde{g})$  we see that the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ . Indeed, we can deduce (1) and (2) from (19).

The Gauss and Weingarten formula for  $M$  are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)N, \\ \widetilde{\nabla}_X N &= -AX \end{aligned}$$

for any tangent vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ , where  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  denote the Levi-Civita connections of  $(M_n(c), \widetilde{g})$  and  $(M, g)$ , respectively, and  $A$  is the shape operator field. An eigenvalue and an eigenvector of the shape operator  $A$  is called a principal curvature and a principal curvature vector, respectively. From (19) and  $\widetilde{\nabla}J = 0$ , we then obtain

$$(20) \quad (\nabla_X \varphi)Y = \eta(Y)AX - g(AX, Y)\xi,$$

$$(21) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \varphi AX.$$

Then we find from (20)

**Proposition 5.1.** ([6]) *Every real hypersurface in a Kählerian manifold satisfies  $d\Phi = 0$ .*

Using (21) we have

**Proposition 5.2.** ([6]) *There are no almost cosymplectic or almost Kenmotsu real hypersurfaces in a non-flat complex space form.*

We have the following Gauss and Codazzi equations:

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \frac{c}{4}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z\} \\ &\quad + g(AY, Z)AX - g(AX, Z)AY, \end{aligned}$$

for any tangent vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ . From (22) we get for the Ricci tensor  $S$  of type (1,1):

$$(23) \quad SX = \frac{c}{4}\{(2n+3)X - 3\eta(X)\xi\} + hAX - A^2X,$$

where  $h = \text{trace of } A$  denotes the mean curvature.

R. Takagi [23], [24] classified the homogeneous real hypersurfaces of  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$  into six types. T. E. Cecil and P. J. Ryan [4] extensively studied a Hopf hypersurface (whose Reeb vector  $\xi$  is a principal curvature vector), which is realized as tubes over certain submanifolds in  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$ , by using its focal map. By making use of those results, M. Kimura [16] proved the local classification theorem for Hopf hypersurfaces of  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$  whose all principal curvatures are constant.

**Theorem 5.3.** ([16]) *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface of  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $M$  has constant principal curvatures if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the following:*

- (A<sub>1</sub>) *a geodesic hypersphere of radius  $r$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,*
- (A<sub>2</sub>) *a tube of radius  $r$  over a totally geodesic  $P_l\mathbb{C}$  ( $1 \leq l \leq n-1$ ), where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,*
- (B) *a tube of radius  $r$  over a complex quadric  $Q^n$  and  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{R}$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,*
- (C) *a tube of radius  $r$  over  $P_1\mathbb{C} \times P_{\frac{n}{2}}\mathbb{C}$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $n(\geq 4)$  is odd,*
- (D) *a tube of radius  $r$  over a complex Grassmann  $G_{2,5}\mathbb{C}$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $n = 8$ ,*
- (E) *a tube of radius  $r$  over a Hermitian symmetric space  $SO(10)/U(5)$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $n = 14$ .*

For the case  $H_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$ , J. Berndt [1] proved the classification theorem for Hopf hypersurfaces whose all principal curvatures are constant.

**Theorem 5.4.** ([1]) *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface of  $H_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $M$  has constant principal curvatures if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the following:*

- (A<sub>0</sub>) *a horosphere,*
- (A<sub>1</sub>) *a geodesic hypersphere or a tube over a complex hyperbolic hyperplane  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ ,*
- (A<sub>2</sub>) *a tube over a totally geodesic  $H_l\mathbb{C}$  ( $1 \leq l \leq n - 1$ ),*
- (B) *a tube over a totally real hyperbolic space  $H_{n+1}\mathbb{R}$ .*

We call simply type (A) for real hypersurfaces of type (A<sub>1</sub>), (A<sub>2</sub>) in  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$  and ones of type (A<sub>0</sub>), (A<sub>1</sub>) or (A<sub>2</sub>) in  $H_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$ .

Homogeneous real hypersurfaces of type (A) are characterized as follows:

**Proposition 5.5.** ([20],[21],[18]) *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_{n+1}(c)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent:*

- *$M$  satisfies  $A\phi = \phi A$ ;*
- *$M$  is locally congruent to a type (A) hypersurface;*
- *the almost contact metric structure is normal.*

Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface  $P_2\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_2\mathbb{C}$  and suppose that its almost contact metric structure is normal. Then by Proposition 5.5, we find that  $M$  is *totally  $\eta$ -umbilical*, that is,

$$A = \alpha I + \beta \eta \otimes \xi,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $I$  denotes the identity transformation. Indeed, totally  $\eta$ -umbilical real hypersurfaces in  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$  are classified in [4], [24], [17]. They are realized as a homogeneous hypersurface of type (A<sub>1</sub>) in  $P_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$  and a homogeneous hypersurface of type (A<sub>0</sub>) and (A<sub>1</sub>) in  $H_{n+1}\mathbb{C}$ . Then we prove

**Proposition 5.6.** *A totally  $\eta$ -umbilical real hypersurface  $M$  in  $P_2\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_2\mathbb{C}$  does not admit conformally flat structure.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a totally  $\eta$ -umbilical real hypersurface in  $P_2\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_2\mathbb{C}$ . Then from (23) we get

$$(24) \quad S = \lambda I + \mu \eta \otimes \xi,$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{5c}{4} + 2\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta$ ,  $\mu = \alpha\beta - \frac{3c}{4}$ . Differentiating (24) covariantly, then using (21) we have

$$(25) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = \alpha\mu(g(\varphi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\varphi X)$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . Suppose that  $M$  is conformally flat. Then, since  $r$  is constant, we have

$$(26) \quad \alpha\mu(2g(\varphi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\varphi X - \eta(X)\varphi Y) = 0$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ . If we put  $Y = \xi$ , then we get  $\alpha\mu = 0$ . And from (25) we see that the Ricci operator is parallel. But, by a result due to [15] there are no such real hypersurfaces in  $P_2\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_2\mathbb{C}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** Totally  $\eta$ -umbilical real hypersurfaces in  $P_2\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_2\mathbb{C}$  have *quasi-Sasakian structure*, that is, they are normal and satisfy  $d\Phi = 0$ .

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