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Real Hypersurfaces with *-Ricci Solitons of Non-flat Complex Space Forms

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Abstract. Kaimakamis and Panagiotidou in [11] introduced the notion of *-Ricci soliton and studied the real hypersurfaces of a non-flat complex space form admitting a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field is the structure vector field. In this article, we consider a real hypersurface of a non-flat complex space form which admits a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field belongs to the principal curvature space and the holomorphic distribution.

1. Introduction

An *n*-dimensional complex space form is an *n*-dimensional Kähler manifold with constant sectional curvature *c*. A complete and simple connected complex space form with $c \neq 0$ (i.e., a complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^n$ or a complex hyperbolic space $\mathbb{C}H^n$) is called a *non-flat* complex space form and denoted by $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$.

Let *M* be a real hypersurface of $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$. Then there exists an almost contact structure (ϕ, η, ξ, g) on *M* induced from $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$. The study of real hypersurfaces in a non-flat complex space form is a very interesting and active field in recent decades and many results of the classification of real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms were achieved (see [1, 13, 17, 18, 20]). In particular, if ξ is an eigenvector of the shape operator *A* then *M* is called a *Hopf hypersurface*, and we note that the following conclusion is due to Kimura and Takagi for $\mathbb{C}P^n$ and Berndt for $\mathbb{C}H^n$.

THEOREM 1 ([1, 12, 19]). Let M be a Hopf hypersurface in non-flat complex space form $\widetilde{M}^n(c), n \geq 2$. If M has constant principal curvatures, then the classification is as follows:

• In case of $\mathbb{C}P^n$, M is locally congruent to one of the following:

- 1. A₁: Geodesic hyperspheres.
- 2. A₂: Tubes over a totally geodesic complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^k$ for $1 \le k \le n-2$.
- 3. B: Tubes over a complex quadric Q_{n-1} and $\mathbb{R}P^n$.

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- 4. *C*: Tubes over Segre embedding of $\mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}P^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$, *n* is odd and $n \ge 5$.
- 5. D: Tubes over Plücker embedding of the complex Grassmannian manifold $G_{2,5}$. This occurs only for n = 9.
- 6. *E*: Tubes over the canonical embedding Hermitian symmetry space SO(10)/U(5). This occurs only for n = 15.
 - In case of $\mathbb{C}H^n$, M is locally congruent to one of the following:
- 1. A₁: Geodesic hyperspheres (Type A₁₁) and tubes over totally geodesic complex hyperbolic hyperplanes (Type A₁₂).
- 2. A₂: Tubes over totally geodesic $\mathbb{C}H^k \subset \mathbb{C}H^n$ for some $k \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$.
- 3. *B*: *Tubes over a totally geodesic real hyperbolic space* $\mathbb{R}H^n \subset \mathbb{C}H^n$.
- 4. N: Horospheres.

In particular, if *M* has two distinct constant principal curvatures, the classification is as follows:

THEOREM 2 ([17], Corollary 2 in [3]). Let M be a hypersurface in non-flat complex space form $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$ with two distinct constant principal curvatures and $n \ge 2$. Then

- in case of $\mathbb{C}P^n$, M is locally congruent geodesic hyperspheres in $\mathbb{C}P^n$ (Type A_1);
- in case of $\mathbb{C}H^n$, M is locally congruent to one of the following:
 - 1. A_{11} : Geodesic hyperspheres in $\mathbb{C}H^n$.
 - 2. A₂: Tubes around a totally geodesic $\mathbb{C}H^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{C}H^n$.
 - 3. B: Tubes of radius $r = \ln(2 + \sqrt{3})$ around a totally geodesic real hyperbolic space $\mathbb{R}H^n \subset \mathbb{C}H^n$.
 - 4. N: Horospheres in $\mathbb{C}H^n$.

Since there are no Einstein real hypersurfaces in $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$ (see [4] and [14]), Cho and Kimura in [5] considered a real hypersurface in $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$ admitting a Ricci soliton. The notion of Ricci soliton, introduced firstly by Hamilton in [7], is the generalization of Einstein metric, that is, a Riemannian metric g satisfying

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_W g + \operatorname{Ric} - \lambda g = 0\,,$$

where λ is a constant and Ric is the Ricci tensor of *M*. The vector field *W* is called *potential vector field*. Moreover, the Ricci soliton is called shrinking, steady, and expanding according as λ is positive, zero, and negative, respectively. In [5], it is proved that there does not admit a Ricci soliton on *M* when the potential vector field is the structure field ξ . At the same time, by introducing a so-called η -Ricci soliton (η , g) on *M*, which satisfies

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_W g + \operatorname{Ric} - \lambda g - \mu \eta \otimes \eta = 0,$$

for constants λ , μ , they gave a classification of a real hypersurface admitting an η -Ricci soliton whose potential vector is the structure field ξ . In [6], Cho and Kimura also proved that

a compact real hypersurface of contact-type in a complex number space admitting a Ricci soliton is a sphere and a compact Hopf hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form does not admit a Ricci soliton.

As the corresponding of Ricci tensor, in [8] Hamada defined the *-Ricci tensor Ric* in real hypersurfaces of complex space form as

$$\operatorname{Ric}^*(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}(\operatorname{trace}\{\phi \circ R(X, \phi Y)\}), \quad \text{for all } X, Y \in TM,$$

and if the *-Ricci tensor is a constant multiple of g(X, Y) for all X, Y orthogonal to ξ , then M is said to be a *-*Einstein manifold*. Furthermore, Hamada gave the following result of the *-Einstein Hopf hypersurfaces in non-flat space forms.

THEOREM 3 ([8]). Let M be a *-Einstein Hopf hypersurface in non-flat complex space form $\widetilde{M}^n(c), n \geq 2$.

• In case of $\mathbb{C}P^n$, M is an open part of one of the following:

- 1. A₁: a geodesic hypersphere;
- 2. A₂: a tube over a totally geodesic complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^k$ of radius $\frac{\pi r}{4}$ for $1 \le k \le n-2$, where $r = \frac{2}{\sqrt{c}}$;
- 3. *B*: a tube over a complex quadric Q_{n-1} and $\mathbb{R}P^n$.

• In case of $\mathbb{C}H^n$, M is an open part of one of the following:

- 1. *A*₁₁: *a geodesic hypersphere*;
- 2. A_{12} : a tube around a totally geodesic complex hyperbolic hyperplane;
- 3. *B*: a tube around a totally geodesic real hyperbolic space $\mathbb{R}H^n$;
- 4. N: a horosphere.

Motivated by the works in [5, 6, 8], Kaimakamis and Panagiotidou in [11] introduced a so-called *-Ricci soliton, that is, a Riemannian metric g on M satisfying

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_W g + \operatorname{Ric}^* - \lambda g = 0, \qquad (1)$$

where λ is constant and Ric^{*} is the *-Ricci tensor of *M*. They considered the case where *W* is the structure field ξ and obtained that a real hypersurface in complex projective space does not admit a *-Ricci soliton and a real hypersurface in complex hyperbolic space admitting a *-Ricci soliton is locally congruent to a geodesic hypersphere.

It is well-known that the tangent bundle *TM* can be decomposed as $TM = \mathbb{R}\xi \oplus \mathcal{D}$, where $\mathcal{D} = \{X \in TM, \eta(X) = 0\}$ is called *holomorphic distribution*. In the last part of [11], they proposed two open problems:

Problem 1 Are there real hypersurfaces admitting a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field is a principal vector field of the real hypersurface?

Problem 2 Are there real hypersurfaces admitting a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field belongs to the holomorphic distribution D?

In the present paper, we shall consider the above two problems. For Problem 1, we consider the case of 2-dimensional non-flat complex space forms. Denote by T_{χ} the distribution on *M* formed by principal curvature spaces of χ and $\Gamma(T_{\chi})$ by the all smooth sections of T_{χ} . We obtain the following conclusions:

THEOREM 4. Let M be a hypersurface of non-flat complex space form $\widetilde{M}^2(c)$ with a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field $W \in \Gamma(T_{\chi}), \chi \neq 0$. If the principal curvatures are constant along ξ and $A\xi$ then

• in case of $\mathbb{C}P^2$, M is an open part of a tube around the complex quadric, or a geodesic hypersphere;

- in case of $\mathbb{C}H^2$, M is an open part of
 - (1) a geodesic hypersphere, or
 - (2) a tube around a totally geodesic $\mathbb{C}H^1$, or
 - (3) a tube around a totally geodesic real hyperbolic space $\mathbb{R}H^2$, or
 - (4) a horosphere.

THEOREM 5. Let M be a hypersurface of complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^2$, admitting a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field $W \in \Gamma(T_0)$. Then M is an open part of a tube around the complex quadric.

For Problem 2, we first obtain the following result:

THEOREM 6. Let M be a hypersurface of complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^2$ with a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field $W \in \mathcal{D}$. If the principal curvatures are constant along ξ and $A\xi$, then M is locally congruent to a geodesic hypersphere in $\mathbb{C}P^2$. Moreover, if $g(A\xi, \xi) = 0$ then W is Killing.

Furthermore, due to the decomposition $TM = \mathbb{R}\xi \oplus \mathcal{D}$, we have $A\xi = a\xi + V$, where $V \in \mathcal{D}$ and *a* is a smooth function on *M*. The following conclusion is obtained:

THEOREM 7. Let M^{2n-1} be a hypersurface of complex space form $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$ and $n \ge 2$. Then

• in case of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ there are no real hypersurfaces admitting a *-Ricci soliton with potential vector field W = V;

• in case of $\mathbb{C}H^n$, if M admits a *-Ricci soliton with potential vector field W = V, it is locally congruent to a geodesic hypersphere.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, some basic concepts and formulas are presented. To prove M is Hopf under the assumptions of theorems, in Section 3 we give some formulas for the non-Hopf hypersurfaces with *-Ricci solitons, and the proofs of theorems are given in Sections 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

2. Preliminaries

Let $(\widetilde{M}^n, \widetilde{g})$ be a complex *n*-dimensional Kähler manifold and *M* be an immersed real hypersurface of \widetilde{M}^n with induced metric *g*. We denote by *J* the complex structure on \widetilde{M}^n . There exists a local defined unit normal vector field *N* on *M* and we write $\xi := -JN$ by the structure vector field of *M*. An induced one-form η is defined by $\eta(\cdot) = \widetilde{g}(J \cdot, N)$, which is dual to ξ . For any vector field *X* on *M* the tangent part of *JX* is denoted by $\phi X = JX - \eta(X)N$. Moreover, the following identities hold:

$$\phi^2 = -Id + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad \phi \circ \xi = 0, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$
(2)

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \qquad (3)$$

$$g(X,\xi) = \eta(X), \tag{4}$$

where $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. By (2)–(4), we know that (ϕ, η, ξ, g) is an almost contact metric structure on M.

Denote by ∇ , *A* the induced Riemannian connection and the shape operator on *M*, respectively. Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given by

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)N, \quad \widetilde{\nabla}_X N = -AX,$$
(5)

where $\widetilde{\nabla}$ is the connection on \widetilde{M}^n with respect to \widetilde{g} . Also, we have

$$(\nabla_X \phi) Y = \eta(Y) A X - g(A X, Y) \xi, \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi A X.$$
(6)

M is said to be a *Hopf hypersurface* if the structure vector field ξ is an eigenvector of *A*.

From now on we always assume that the sectional curvature of \widetilde{M}^n is constant $c \neq 0$, i.e., \widetilde{M}^n is a non-flat complex space form, denoted by $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$, then the curvature tensor R of M is given by

$$R(X,Y)Z = \frac{c}{4} \Big(g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y + g(\phi Y,Z)\phi X - g(\phi X,Z)\phi Y + 2g(X,\phi Y)\phi Z \Big) + g(AY,Z)AX - g(AX,Z)AY,$$
(7)

and the shape operator A satisfies

$$(\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = \frac{c}{4} \Big(\eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi \Big), \tag{8}$$

for any vector fields X, Y, Z on M.

Recall that the *-Ricci operator Q^* of M is defined by

$$g(Q^*X, Y) = \operatorname{Ric}^*(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{trace}\{\phi \circ R(X, \phi Y)\}, \text{ for all } X, Y \in TM.$$

By (7), it is proved in Theorem 2 of [9] that the *-Ricci operator is expressed as

$$Q^* = -\left[\frac{cn}{2}\phi^2 + (\phi A)^2\right].$$
 (9)

In particular, if $Q^* = 0$ then *M* is said to be a *-*Ricci flat hypersurface*. Due to (2) *-Ricci Soliton Equation (1) becomes

$$g(\nabla_X W, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y W) + ncg(X, Y) - nc\eta(X)\eta(Y) + 2g(\phi AX, A\phi Y) - 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0,$$
(10)

for any vector fields X, Y on M.

3. Non-Hopf hypersurfaces with *-Ricci solitons

In this section we assume that M is a non-Hopf hypersurface in $\widetilde{M}^2(c)$ with a *-Ricci soliton. Since M is not Hopf, due to the decomposition $TM = \mathbb{R}\xi \oplus \mathcal{D}$, we can write $A\xi$ as

$$A\xi = \alpha\xi + \beta U \,, \tag{11}$$

where $\alpha = \eta(A\xi), \beta = |\phi \nabla_{\xi} \xi|$ are the smooth functions on *M* and $U = -\frac{1}{\beta} \phi \nabla_{\xi} \xi \in \mathcal{D}$ is a unit vector field with $\beta \neq 0$. Write

 $\mathcal{N} := \{ p \in M : \beta \neq 0 \text{ in a neighbourhood of } p \}.$

LEMMA 1. On \mathcal{N} , we have $A\phi U = 0$.

PROOF. In view of *-Ricci Soliton Equation (1), we know $\operatorname{Ric}^*(X, Y) = \operatorname{Ric}^*(Y, X)$ for every vector fields $X, Y \in TM$. That means that for every vector field X,

$$\phi A \phi A X = A \phi A \phi X \,. \tag{12}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\phi^2 A \phi A X = -A \phi A X + \eta (A \phi A X) \xi$$
$$= -A \phi A X + g(\alpha \xi + \beta U, \phi A X) \xi$$
$$= -A \phi A X - \beta g(\phi U, A X) \xi$$

and

$$\phi A \phi A \phi X = A \phi A \phi^2 X$$
$$= -A \phi A X + \eta(X) A \phi A \xi$$
$$= -A \phi A X + \beta \eta(X) A \phi U$$

Since $\beta \neq 0$ on \mathcal{N} , we get from (12) that $-g(\phi U, AX)\xi = \eta(X)A\phi U$. Taking $X = \xi$ in this formula, we obtain the desired result.

Since $\{\xi, U, \phi U\}$ is a locally orthonormal frame on \mathcal{N} , there are smooth functions γ, μ, δ such that

$$AU = \beta \xi + \gamma U + \delta \phi U, \qquad A\phi U = \delta U + \mu \phi U.$$
(13)

By Lemma 1, we have $\delta = \mu = 0$. Moreover, in [16] the following lemma was proved:

LEMMA 2. With respect to the orthonormal basis $\{\xi, U, \phi U\}$, we have

$$\begin{split} \nabla_U \xi &= \gamma \phi U, \qquad \nabla_{\phi U} \xi = 0, \quad \nabla_{\xi} \xi = \beta \phi U, \\ \nabla_U U &= k_1 \phi U, \qquad \nabla_{\phi U} U = k_2 \phi U, \quad \nabla_{\xi} U = k_3 \phi U, \\ \nabla_U \phi U &= -k_1 U - \gamma \xi, \quad \nabla_{\phi U} \phi U = -k_2 U, \quad \nabla_{\xi} \phi U = -k_3 U - \beta \xi \,, \end{split}$$

where k_1, k_2, k_3 are smooth functions on M.

Applying Lemma 2, we have the following.

PROPOSITION 1. The following formulas on \mathcal{N} are valid:

$$k_3\beta + \alpha\beta - \phi U(\alpha) = 0, \quad k_2 = 0, \quad (14)$$

$$k_3\gamma + \beta^2 - \phi U(\beta) = -\frac{c}{4}, \qquad (15)$$

$$\xi(\beta) = U(\alpha), \quad \xi(\gamma) = U(\beta), \tag{16}$$

$$\beta^2 + k_3 \gamma - \alpha \gamma - \beta k_1 = \frac{c}{4}, \qquad (17)$$

$$k_1\beta + \alpha\gamma - \phi U(\beta) = -\frac{c}{2}.$$
(18)

PROOF. By taking $X = \xi$ and $Y = \phi U$ in Relation (8), we obtain

$$(\nabla_{\xi} A)\phi U - (\nabla_{\phi U} A)\xi = -\frac{c}{4}U.$$

In view of (13) and Lemma 2, the above formula leads to $k_2 = 0$ since $\beta \neq 0$. Also (14) and Formula (15) are attained. By a straightforward computation, Relation (8) for $X = \xi$ and Y = U implies (16) and (17). Moreover Relation (8) for X = U and $Y = \phi U$ gives (18).

Let us assume that W is an eigenvector of A, namely, there is a smooth function χ such that $AW = \chi W$ holds. On \mathcal{N} , in the basis of $\{\xi, U, \phi U\}$ the potential vector W may be expressed as

$$W = f_1 \xi + f_2 U + f_3 \phi U \,,$$

where f_1 , f_2 , f_3 are the smooth functions on \mathcal{N} .

In view of Lemma 2, by a direct computation, we have

$$\nabla_{\xi} W = (\xi(f_1) - f_3\beta)\xi + (\xi(f_2) - f_3k_3)U + (f_1\beta + f_2k_3 + \xi(f_3))\phi U, \qquad (19)$$

$$\nabla_U W = (U(f_1) - f_3 \gamma) \xi + (U(f_2) - f_3 k_1) U + (f_1 \gamma + f_2 k_1 + U(f_3)) \phi U, \qquad (20)$$

$$\nabla_{\phi U} W = \phi U(f_1) \xi + \phi U(f_2) U + \phi U(f_3) \phi U.$$
(21)

Inserting $X = Y = \xi$ into Formula (10), by (19) we find

$$\xi(f_1) - f_3\beta = \lambda \,. \tag{22}$$

Furthermore, inserting X = Y = U and $X = Y = \phi U$ into Formula (10) respectively, we get from (20) and (21) that

$$U(f_2) - f_3 k_3 + c - \lambda = 0, \qquad (23)$$

$$\phi U(f_3) + c - \lambda = 0.$$
 (24)

Also, when X and Y are taken as the different vectors of ξ , U, and ϕU in Formula (10), a similar computation leads to

$$\begin{cases} \xi(f_2) - f_3 k_3 + U(f_1) - f_3 \gamma = 0, \\ f_1 \beta + f_2 k_3 + \xi(f_3) + \phi U(f_1) = 0, \\ f_1 \gamma + f_2 k_1 + U(f_3) + \phi U(f_2) = 0. \end{cases}$$
(25)

Actually, Lemma 1 shows that at every point of \mathcal{N} there exists a principal curvature 0 and ϕU is the corresponding principal vector. It turns out that there are at least two distinct principal curvatures in non-flat complex space forms (see [15, Theorem 1.5]).

Let λ_i be the principal curvatures for i = 1, 2, 3, where $\lambda_3 = 0$. We may assume that $e_1 = \cos \theta \xi + \sin \theta U$, $e_2 = \sin \theta \xi - \cos \theta U$ are the unit principal vectors corresponding to λ_1 and λ_2 , respectively, where θ is the angle between principal vector e_1 and ξ . It is clear that $\{e_1, e_2, e_3 = \phi U\}$ is also an orthonormal frame. Namely,

$$A(e_1, e_2, e_3) = (e_1, e_2, e_3) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Denote by

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0\\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

the transformation matrix of two frames, i.e.,

$$(e_1, e_2, e_3) = (\xi, U, \phi U)B$$
.

Moreover, since

$$A(\xi, U, \phi U) = (\xi, U, \phi U) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & 0 \\ \beta & \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & 0\\ \beta & \gamma & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = B \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} B^T$$

A straightforward calculation leads to

$$\alpha = \lambda_1 \cos^2 \theta + \lambda_2 \sin^2 \theta, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \sin 2\theta, \quad \gamma = \lambda_1 \sin^2 \theta + \lambda_2 \cos^2 \theta.$$
(26)

If *M* has only two distinct principal curvatures at any point $p \in \mathcal{N}$, then either $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \neq 0$, or one of λ_1 and λ_2 vanishes. However, the second of (26) will come to $\beta = 0$ if $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, thus it is impossible. Without loss generality, we set $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $\lambda_2 \neq 0$. In terms of [10, Theorem 4], α , β and γ satisfy

$$\xi(\alpha) = \xi(\beta) = \xi(\gamma) = 0,$$
$$U(\alpha) = \beta(\alpha + \gamma).$$

Using (16), we thus derive $\alpha + \gamma = 0$ because $\beta \neq 0$. This shows $\lambda_2 = 0$ from the first and third of (26). It is a contradiction. Therefore on \mathcal{N} there are three distinct principal curvatures, i.e., λ_1, λ_2 are not zero and $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$.

Using (16) again, we derive from (26) that

$$U(\lambda_1)\cos^2\theta + U(\lambda_2)\sin^2\theta - (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\sin 2\theta U(\theta)$$

= $\frac{1}{2}\xi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\sin 2\theta + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\cos 2\theta\xi(\theta)$,
 $\xi(\lambda_1)\sin^2\theta + \xi(\lambda_2)\cos^2\theta + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\sin 2\theta\xi(\theta)$
= $\frac{1}{2}U(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\sin 2\theta + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\cos 2\theta U(\theta)$.

From which we arrive at

$$\xi(\theta) = \frac{U(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) + U(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)\cos 2\theta - \xi(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)\sin 2\theta}{2(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)}$$
$$U(\theta) = \frac{-\xi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) + \xi(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)\cos 2\theta + U(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)\sin 2\theta}{2(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)}$$

Thus we obtain

PROPOSITION 2. If on \mathcal{N} the principal curvatures are constant along ξ and $A\xi$, then the following equations hold:

$$\xi(\theta) = U(\theta) = 0, \qquad (27)$$

$$\xi(\beta) = U(\alpha) = \xi(\gamma) = U(\beta) = 0.$$
⁽²⁸⁾

4. Proofs of Theorems 4 and 5

In order to prove our theorems, we first prove the following two conclusions.

PROPOSITION 3. Let M be a real hypersurface in $\widetilde{M}^2(c)$ with a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field $W \in \Gamma(T_{\chi}), \chi \neq 0$. If the principal curvatures are constant along ξ and A ξ then M is Hopf.

PROOF. Suppose that *M* is not Hopf, then \mathcal{N} is not empty. Write $W = a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3e_3$, where a_1, a_2, a_3 are the smooth functions on \mathcal{N} . Since $\chi \neq 0, a_3 = 0$ and $\chi = \lambda_1$ or λ_2 . Since a_1, a_2 are not all zero, without loss of generality, we may assume $a_1 \neq 0$, then

$$AW = \chi W \Rightarrow \chi = \lambda_1$$
 and $a_2 = 0$ since $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$.

Thus the potential vector field can be written as

$$W = a_1 \cos \theta \xi + a_1 \sin \theta U \,.$$

Replacing f_1 in Formula (22) and f_2 in (23) by $a_1 \cos \theta$ and $a_1 \sin \theta$, respectively, we have

$$\xi(a_1 \cos \theta) = \lambda, \quad U(a_1 \sin \theta) = 0 \tag{29}$$

because $c = \lambda$ followed from (24). Similarly, in view of the first equation of (25), we obtain

$$\xi(a_1 \sin \theta) + U(a_1 \cos \theta) = 0.$$
(30)

With the help of (29) and (30), we further obtain

$$a_1(\sin\theta\xi(\theta) - \cos\theta U(\theta)) = -\lambda\sin^2\theta$$
.

By (27), $\lambda \sin^2 \theta = 0$. If $\sin \theta \neq 0$ then $\lambda = 0$. This leads to a contradiction because $\lambda = c \neq 0$. If $\sin \theta = 0$ then $W = a_1 \cos \theta \xi$, i.e., ξ is a principal vector, which is also a contradiction. Therefore we complete the proof.

PROPOSITION 4. A real hypersurface in $\mathbb{C}P^2$, admitting a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field $W \in \Gamma(T_0)$, is Hopf.

PROOF. Suppose that *M* is not Hopf, then \mathcal{N} is not empty. We may write $W = b_1e_1 + b_2e_2 + b_3e_3$ in the basis $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$, where b_1, b_2, b_3 are smooth functions on \mathcal{N} . By Lemma 1, $A\phi U = 0$, so AW = 0 implies $b_1 = b_2 = 0$, i.e., $W = b_3\phi U$ with $b_3 \neq 0$. Hence (25) becomes

$$k_3 = -\gamma, \quad \xi(b_3) = 0, \quad U(b_3) = 0.$$
 (31)

And (23) becomes

$$-b_3\gamma = c - \lambda \,. \tag{32}$$

Since $b_1 = 0$, Formula (22) becomes

$$-b_3\beta = \lambda \,. \tag{33}$$

So by taking the differentiation of (32) along ϕU , we derive from (24) that

$$b_3 \phi U(\beta) = (c - \lambda)\beta.$$
(34)

On the other hand, it follows from (32) and (33) that

$$\frac{\gamma}{\beta} = \frac{c}{\lambda} - 1.$$
(35)

If $c = \lambda$, then Equation (35) shows $\gamma = 0$. Further, in view of (24) we find $\phi U(b_3) = \lambda - c = 0$, which means that b_3 is constant since $\xi(b_3) = U(b_3) = 0$. Now we derive from (33) that β is constant. Hence together (17) with (18), we obtain $\beta^2 = -\frac{c}{4}$. It is impossible.

Next we assume $c \neq \lambda$. Thus Equation (35) follows $\gamma \neq 0$ and Formula (15) follows from (31)

$$\phi U(\beta) = \beta^2 - \gamma^2 + \frac{c}{4} \,.$$

Substituting this into (34), we get from (32) that

$$\left(\beta^2 - \gamma^2 + \frac{c}{4}\right)\frac{1}{\gamma} = -\beta \quad \Rightarrow \quad 1 - \left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)^2 + \frac{c}{4\beta^2} = -\frac{\gamma}{\beta}$$

which reduces from Equation (35) that β is constant. Finally we derive a contradiction from (34). Hence we complete the proof of proposition.

PROOF OF THEOREM 4. Under the hypothesis of Theorem 4, by Proposition 3, M is a Hopf hypersurface of $\widetilde{M}^2(c)$, i.e., $A\xi = \alpha \xi$. Due to [15, Theorem 2.1], α is constant. We consider a point $p \in M$ and a unit vector field $e \in D_p$ such that $Ae = \kappa e$ and $A\phi e = \nu \phi e$, where κ , ν are smooth functions on M. Then $\{\xi, e, \phi e\}$ is a local orthonormal basis of M. By Corollary 2.3 in [15],

$$\kappa \nu = \frac{\kappa + \nu}{2} \alpha + \frac{c}{4} \,. \tag{36}$$

Moreover, by a straightforward computation, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 3. With respect to $\{\xi, e, \phi e\}$ the Levi-Civita connection is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_e \xi &= \kappa \phi e, \quad \nabla_{\phi e} \xi = -\nu e, \quad \nabla_{\xi} \xi = 0, \\ \nabla_e e &= a_1 \phi e, \quad \nabla_{\phi e} e = \nu \xi + a_2 \phi e, \quad \nabla_{\xi} e = a_3 \phi e, \\ \nabla_e \phi e &= -a_1 e - \kappa \xi, \quad \nabla_{\phi e} \phi e = -a_2 e, \quad \nabla_{\xi} \phi e = -a_3 e \end{aligned}$$

where $a_1 = g(\nabla_e e, \phi e), a_2 = g(\nabla_{\phi e} e, \phi e), a_3 = g(\nabla_{\xi} e, \phi e)$ are smooth functions on M.

Under the orthonormal basis $\{\xi, e, \phi e\}$ we may assume that there are smooth functions g_1, g_2, g_3 such that the potential vector filed W can be written as

$$W = g_1 \xi + g_2 e + g_3 \phi e$$
 .

Since $AW = \chi W$ with $\chi \neq 0$, we get $\alpha g_1 = \chi g_1$, $\kappa g_2 = \chi g_2$ and $\nu g_3 = \chi g_3$. Next we consider the following cases:

• Case I: g_1, g_2, g_3 are not equal to zero. Then $\kappa = \nu = \alpha$, which leads to c = 0 from Equation (36). This is a contradiction.

• Case II: Only one of g_1 , g_2 , g_3 is equal to zero.

If $g_1 = 0$, then $\kappa = \nu$. Equation (36) yields $(\kappa - \frac{\alpha}{2})^2 = \frac{\alpha^2 + c}{4}$, which shows $\kappa = \nu = const$. and $\alpha \neq \kappa$; If $g_2 = 0$, then $\alpha = \nu$, Equation (36) implies $\kappa = \frac{c + 2\alpha^2}{2\alpha}$ with $\kappa \neq \alpha$; If $g_3 = 0$, then $\kappa = \alpha$, which implies $\nu = \frac{c + 2\alpha^2}{2\alpha}$, $\nu \neq \alpha$ by Equation (36).

• Case III: Two of g_1 , g_2 , g_3 are equal to zero. When $g_1 = g_2 = 0$. Formula (10) for $X = \xi$ and Y = e implies

$$g(\nabla_{\xi} W, e) + g(\xi, \nabla_{e} W) = 0$$

In view of Lemma 3, a simple calculation leads to $\kappa = -a_3$. On the other hand, Relation (8) for X = e and $Y = \xi$ yields $(\nabla_e A)\xi - (\nabla_\xi A)e = -\frac{c}{4}\phi e$. By Lemma 3, we find

$$\alpha \kappa - \kappa \nu - \kappa a_3 + a_3 \nu = -\frac{c}{4}.$$
(37)

A similar computation using Relation (8) for $X = \phi e$, $Y = \xi$ yields

$$-\alpha \nu + \kappa \nu - \kappa a_3 + a_3 \nu = \frac{c}{4}.$$
(38)

Moreover, inserting $\kappa = -a_3$ into the above equation gives

$$\kappa^2 - \alpha v = \frac{c}{4}.$$
(39)

The combination of (37) and (38) leads to $(\kappa - \nu)(2\kappa + \alpha) = 0$ because $a_3 = -\kappa$. If $\nu = \kappa$ then $\alpha \neq \kappa$, otherwise, Formula (39) will lead to c = 0. If $\nu \neq \kappa$ then $\kappa = -\frac{\alpha}{2}$ and $\nu = \frac{\alpha^2 - c}{4\alpha}$.

When $g_1 = g_3 = 0$, we put $X = \xi$, $Y = \phi e$ in Formula (10). By Lemma 3, $a_3 = -\nu$, so we get $(\kappa - \nu)(2\nu + \alpha) = 0$ from (37) and (38). If $\kappa = \nu$ then $\alpha \neq \nu$ as before. If $\kappa \neq \nu$ then $\nu = -\frac{\alpha}{2}$ and $\kappa = \frac{\alpha^2 - c}{4\alpha}$.

When $g_2 = g_3 = 0$, Relation (8) for X = e, $Y = \phi e$ leads to c = 0 by Lemma 3, which is a contradiction.

In a word we have proved that there are two or three distinct constant principal curvatures on M. For the case of $\mathbb{C}P^2$, by Theorem 2 and [20, Theorem 4.1], M is an open part of a hypersphere, or a tube around the complex quadric.

For the case of $\mathbb{C}H^2$, if *M* has three distinct principal curvatures, by the proof of [2, Theorem 1.1], we know that the ruled real hypersurfaces cannot be Hopf, which is a contradiction

with Proposition 3. Thus in this case M has only two distinct constant principle curvatures. In view of Theorem 2, the real hypersurface M is one of Type A_{11} , A_2 , B and N.

This finishes the proof of Theorem 4.

PROOF OF THEOREM 5. Under the assumption of Theorem 5, by Proposition 4 we know that M is a Hopf hypersurface of $\mathbb{C}P^2$. Hence Equation (36) and Lemma 3 are valid. We adopt the same notations as the proof of Theorem 4.

Since AW = 0, we have $\alpha g_1 = \kappa g_2 = \nu g_3 = 0$. If $\alpha = 0$ then it follows from Equation (36) that $\kappa \nu = \frac{c}{4}$, which means that κ , ν are non-zero. So we get $g_2 = g_3 = 0$. From the Case III in the proof of Theorem 4, we know it is impossible.

In the following we assume $\alpha \neq 0$, then $g_1 = 0$. If g_2 is also equal to zero, then g_3 must be non-zero, and further we obtain $\nu = 0$ and $\kappa = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \neq 0$ from the Case III in the proof of Theorem 4. If g_2 is non-zero then $\kappa = 0$. Equation (36) implies $\alpha \nu = -\frac{c}{2}$, that shows ν is a non-zero constant. Further we know $\alpha \neq \nu$ since c > 0.

Summarizing the above discussion, we have proved that there are three distinct constant principal curvatures in M. Therefore we complete the proof of Theorem 5 by [20, Theorem 4.1].

5. Proof of Theorem 6

In this section we suppose that M is a real hypersurface of $\mathbb{C}P^2$ with a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field W belongs to the holomorphic distribution \mathcal{D} . First we prove the following result:

PROPOSITION 5. Let *M* be a real hypersurface in $\mathbb{C}P^2$ with a *-Ricci soliton whose potential vector field $W \in \mathcal{D}$. If the principal curvatures are constant along ξ and $A\xi$ then *M* is Hopf.

PROOF. If *M* is not Hopf then \mathcal{N} is not empty. Let $W = c_1e_1 + c_2e_2 + c_3e_3 \in \mathcal{D}$, where c_i are smooth functions on \mathcal{N} , then

$$c_1 \cos \theta + c_2 \sin \theta = 0. \tag{40}$$

Formula (22) becomes

$$-c_3\beta = \lambda \,. \tag{41}$$

And by Proposition 2, (23)-(25) accordingly become

$$U(c_1)\sin\theta - U(c_2)\cos\theta - c_3k_3 + c - \lambda = 0,$$
(42)

$$\phi U(c_3) + c - \lambda = 0, \qquad (43)$$

and

$$\xi(c_1)\sin\theta - \xi(c_2)\cos\theta - c_3k_3 - c_3\gamma = 0,$$

$$(c_1\sin\theta - c_2\cos\theta)k_3 + \xi(c_3) = 0,$$

$$(c_1\sin\theta - c_2\cos\theta)k_1 + U(c_3) + \phi U(c_1\sin\theta - c_2\cos\theta) = 0.$$
(44)

If $c_3 = 0$, then (41) and (43) show $c = \lambda = 0$. It is impossible. Thus $c_3 \neq 0$, which further implies $\lambda \neq 0$ from (41). By (43) and Formula (15), differentiating (41) along ϕU gives

$$k_{3}\gamma + \beta^{2}\frac{c}{\lambda} + \frac{c}{4} = 0.$$
(45)

When $\gamma = 0$, this shows β is constant. So it follows from Formula (15) that $\beta^2 = -\frac{c}{4}$, which is impossible because c > 0. Hence $\gamma \neq 0$ and we get from (45) that

$$k_3 = -\frac{\beta^2 \frac{c}{\lambda} + \frac{c}{4}}{\gamma}.$$

If $c_1 = c_2 = 0$, as the proof of Proposition 4, by using (41)–(44), we arrive at a contradiction. Thus one of c_1 , c_2 must be not zero.

Without loss of generality we set $c_1 \neq 0$. Taking the differentiation of (41) along ξ and U, respectively, we obtain from (28) that $\xi(c_3) = U(c_3) = 0$ since $\beta \neq 0$. In view of the second equation of (44) and (40), we find $k_3 = 0$, that is,

$$\beta^2 \frac{c}{\lambda} + \frac{c}{4} = 0 \,,$$

thus β is constant. As before from Formula (15) we have $\beta^2 = -\frac{c}{4}$, which is impossible. This completes the proof.

PROOF OF THEOREM 6. Under the hypothesis of Theorem 6, by Proposition 5 we know that M is a Hopf hypersurface of $\mathbb{C}P^2$. That means that the structure vector field ξ is a principal vector field, i.e., $A\xi = a\xi$ and a is constant as before.

For any point $p \in M$ we consider a unit vector $Z \in D_p$ such that $AZ = \mu Z$, then the following relation holds (see [15, Corollary 2.3]):

$$\left(\mu - \frac{a}{2}\right)A\phi Z = \left(\frac{\mu a}{2} + \frac{c}{4}\right)\phi Z$$

If $\mu = \frac{a}{2}$ the above equation implies $\frac{\mu a}{2} + \frac{c}{4} = 0$, i.e., $\mu^2 + \frac{c}{4} = 0$, that is impossible. Hence $\mu \neq \frac{a}{2}$, which means that ϕZ is a principal vector with principal curvature ν satisfying

$$\mu v = \frac{\mu + v}{2}a + \frac{c}{4}.$$
 (46)

Now we know that $\text{Span}\{Z, \phi Z\} = D_p$ and $\{\xi, Z, \phi Z\}$ is an orthonormal basis of $T_p M$. By a straightforward computation, we have

$$\nabla_Z \phi Z = -g(\nabla_Z Z, \phi Z)Z - \mu\xi, \quad \nabla_{\phi Z} Z = \nu\xi + g(\nabla_{\phi Z} Z, \phi Z)\phi Z$$

Taking X = Z and $Y = \phi Z$ in Relation (8) and using the above formulas, we get

$$\mu\nu-\nu a=\frac{c}{4}.$$

Next we distinguish into two cases.

Case 1. If $a \neq 0$ then it follows $\mu = \nu$ by combining with (46) and further μ , ν are constant. Furthermore, we find $\mu = \nu \neq a$, otherwise, the above formula will lead to c = 0. By Theorem 2 we get that *M* is of Type A_1 .

Case 2. We assume a = 0, then $\mu v = \frac{c}{4}$. In this case *M* is a *-Einstein hypersurface (see [9, Remark 1]). *-Ricci Soliton Equation (1) shows *W* is a conformal Killing vector field, i.e., $\mathcal{L}_W g = 2(\lambda - 5c)g$. From (7), we calculate the Ricci operator

$$QX = \frac{c}{4} \{5X - 3\eta(X)\xi\} + hAX - A^2X, \text{ for all } X \in TM,$$

where h = trace(A). Hence by a direct computation we can get that the scalar curvature $r = 3c + 2\mu\nu$.

Notice that on an *n*-dimensional Riemannian manifold a conformal Killing vector field X, i.e., $\mathcal{L}_X g = 2\rho g$, satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}_X r = 2(n-1)\Delta\rho - 2\rho r \,,$$

where r is the scalar curvature (see [21, Eq. (5.38)]). Since $\mu \nu = \frac{c}{4}$, the scalar curvature $r = \frac{7c}{2} \neq 0$. Using the above formula we find that W is a Killing vector field.

Moreover, since *M* is *-Einstein, we derive from Theorem 3 that *M* is one of Type A_1 , A_2 , and *B*. But according to the list of principal curvatures of Type A_1 , A_2 and *B* hypersurfaces (see [15, Theorems 3.13–3.15]), we find that in this case only Type A_1 is satisfied.

Therefore we complete the proof of Theorem 6.

6. Proof of Theorem 7

Since the tangent bundle *TM* can be decomposed as $TM = \mathbb{R}\xi \oplus \mathcal{D}$, where $\mathcal{D} = \{X \in TM : \eta(X) = 0\}$. Then $A\xi$ can be written as

$$A\xi = a\xi + V, \tag{47}$$

where $V \in \mathcal{D}$ and *a* is a smooth function on *M*. In this section we assume that the hypersurface *M* of $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$ is equipped with a *-Ricci soliton such that the potential vector field W = V.

LEMMA 4. On M the following equation is valid:

$$(\nabla_{\xi}A)\xi = Da + 2A\phi V, \qquad (48)$$

where Da denotes the gradient vector field of a.

PROOF. By (6) and (47), for any vector field X

$$(\nabla_X A)\xi = \nabla_X (A\xi) - A\nabla_X \xi$$

= $X(a)\xi + a\nabla_X \xi + \nabla_X V - A\phi AX$. (49)

Thus

$$g((\nabla_X A)\xi, \xi) = X(a) + g(\nabla_X V, \xi) - g(A\phi AX, \xi)$$
$$= X(a) - g(V, \nabla_X \xi) - g(\phi AX, A\xi)$$
$$= X(a) + 2g(AX, \phi V).$$

From the well-known relation $g((\nabla_X A)\xi, \xi) = g((\nabla_\xi A)\xi, X)$ (see [15, Corollary 2.1]), we arrive at (48).

Next it follows from (49) and Relation (8) that

$$\nabla_X V = (\nabla_X A)\xi - X(a)\xi - a\nabla_X \xi + A\phi AX$$

= $(\nabla_\xi A)X - \frac{c}{4}\phi X - X(a)\xi - a\phi AX + A\phi AX.$ (50)

Therefore, by Lemma 4 we have

$$\nabla_{\xi} V = (\nabla_{\xi} A)\xi - \xi(a)\xi - a\phi A\xi + A\phi A\xi$$

= $-a\phi V + Da - \xi(a)\xi + 3A\phi V$. (51)

Since $\eta(V) = 0$, differentiating this along any vector X, we have

$$g(\nabla_X V, \xi) + g(V, \phi A X) = 0.$$
⁽⁵²⁾

In particular, by taking $X = \xi$ in (52), we find $g(\nabla_{\xi} V, \xi) = 0$ because of $\nabla_{\xi} \xi = \phi V$. Hence, taking into account $X = Y = \xi$ in Formula (10), we conclude that $\lambda = 0$.

Take $X = \xi$ and $Y = \xi$ respectively in Formula (10), and it follows from (51) and (52) that

$$-a\phi V + Da - \xi(a)\xi + 4A\phi V - 2\phi A\phi V = 0,$$
$$-a\phi V + Da - \xi(a)\xi + 4A\phi V = 0.$$

Hence $\phi A \phi V = 0$, which implies $A \phi V = 0$ because of (3) and (47). Differentiating $A \phi V = 0$ along vector field ξ and using the first equation of (6), (50), and (51), we get

$$\begin{split} 0 &= \nabla_{\xi} (A\phi V) = (\nabla_{\xi} A)\phi V + A(\nabla_{\xi} \phi) V + A\phi(\nabla_{\xi} V) \\ &= \nabla_{\phi V} V - \frac{c}{4} V + (\phi V)(a)\xi + aAV + A\phi(Da) \,. \end{split}$$

Therefore

$$\nabla_{\phi V} V = \frac{c}{4} V - (\phi V)(a)\xi - aAV - A\phi(Da).$$
⁽⁵³⁾

If we put $X = Y = \phi V$ in Formula (10), then Equation (53) leads to $nc|V|^2 = 0$, i.e., V is a zero vector field. Since $\lambda = 0$, the following proposition is proved:

PROPOSITION 6. Every real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form $\widetilde{M}^n(c)$, $n \geq 2$, admitting a *-Ricci soliton with potential vector field V, is a *-Ricci flat Hopf hypersurface.

PROOF OF THEOREM 7. Let *M* be a *-Ricci flat Hopf hypersurface, namely, $A\xi = a\xi$ and $Q^*X = 0$ for all *X*, where *a* is constant. In view of (9), we have $\frac{cn}{2}\phi^2 X + (\phi A)^2 X = 0$ for all *X*, which further implies

$$\frac{cn}{2}\phi X + A\phi A X = 0.$$
(54)

For any point $p \in M$, let $Z \in D_p$ is a principal vector, namely, there is a certain function μ_1 such that $AZ = \mu_1 Z$, then it follows from (54)

$$\mu_1 A \phi Z = -\frac{cn}{2} \phi Z \,,$$

which shows that ϕZ is also a principal curvature vector, i.e., $A\phi Z = v\phi Z$ with $v = -\frac{cn}{2\mu_1}$. On the other hand, as before we know that the following relation is also valid:

$$\left(\mu_1 - \frac{a}{2}\right)A\phi Z = \left(\frac{\mu_1 a}{2} + \frac{c}{4}\right)\phi Z.$$
(55)

In the following we divide into two cases.

• Case I: $a^2 + c \neq 0$.

If $\mu_1 = \frac{a}{2}$ then $\frac{\mu_1 a}{2} + \frac{c}{4} = 0$, which is a contradiction. Hence $\mu_1 \neq \frac{a}{2}$ and from (55) we find that the principal curvature ν is also equal $\left(\frac{\mu_1 a}{2} + \frac{c}{4}\right) / (\mu_1 - \frac{a}{2})$. Hence we obtain that μ_1 satisfies

$$2a\mu_1^2 + (1+2n)c\mu_1 - acn = 0, (56)$$

from which we can see that μ_1 is constant. Thus *M* has constant principal curvatures. However, since *M* is *-Ricci flat, in view of Theorem 1 and Section 3 in [8], we find that there are no hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{C}P^n$ satisfying this case.

For the case of $\mathbb{C}H^n$, in terms of Section 3 in [8], only Type A_{11} and A_{12} hypersurfaces may be *-Ricci flat. But for the Type A_{12} , we further get $2n = \tanh^2(u)$, which is impossible since $0 < \tanh(u) < 1$.

• Case II: $a^2 + c = 0$.

In this case the ambient space is $\mathbb{C}H^n$, since $c = -a^2 < 0$, $a \neq 0$. If $\mu_1 \neq \frac{a}{2}$, by (56), we get $\mu_1 = na$ and $\nu = \frac{a}{2}$. If $\mu_1 = \frac{a}{2}$ then $\nu = na$. Hence it is proved that there are three distinct constant principal curvatures for all $p \in M$.

However, since M is a Hopf, in terms of Theorem 1 and the analysis of Section 3 in [8], we know that the Type A_2 hypersurfaces cannot be *-Einstein, and the Type B and Type N hyersurfaces cannot be *-Ricci flat.

Summarizing this two cases, we complete the proof of Theorem 7. \Box

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