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# Mok-Siu-Yeung type formulas on contact locally sub-symmetric spaces

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## Abstract

We derive Mok-Siu-Yeung type formulas for horizontal maps from compact contact locally sub-symmetric spaces into strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds and we obtain some rigidity theorems for the horizontal pseudoharmonic maps.

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# 1 Introduction

The main ingredient in the harmonic maps approach of superrigidity for semi-simple Lie groups is the Mok-Siu-Yeung formula [23],[32] for harmonic maps defined on compact locally symmetric spaces of non-compact type (cf. also [19]). Actually, by means of this formula, it can be shown that a harmonic map from a compact locally symmetric space of non-compact type (with some exceptions) into a Riemannian manifold with nonpositive curvature is rigid in the sense of it is a totally geodesic isometric imbedding. The contact locally sub-symmetric spaces defined by Bieliavsky, Falbel and Gorodski [6],[17],[18] are the contact analogues of the riemannian locally symmetric spaces. These spaces can be characterized as contact metric manifolds for which the curvature and the torsion of the Tanaka-Webster connection are parallel in the direction of the contact distribution. Moreover, these spaces are strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds. In an other hand, in the setting of contact metric manifolds, the analogue of harmonic maps seems to be the pseudoharmonic maps defined by Barletta, Dragomir and Urakawa [3],[5]. Also the main purpose of this article is to derive Mok-Siu-Yeung type formulas for horizontal maps (i.e. maps preserving the contact distributions) from compact contact locally sub-symmetric spaces into strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds in order to obtain some rigidity theorems for horizontal pseudoharmonic maps under curvature assumptions. The plan of this article is the following. The section 2 begins to recall basic facts concerning the contact metric manifolds and the strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds, next, we focus our attention on the pseudo-hermitian curvature tensor of a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold, which plays a central part in the following. In section 3, we investigate the contact sub-symmetric spaces, the main result of this section (Theorem 3.3) which is related to the work of Cho [14], is an explicit formula for the pseudo-hermitian curvature tensor of a contact locally sub-symmetric space with non zero pseudo-hermitian torsion. The section 4 is devoted to derive Mok-Siu-Yeung type formulas for horizontal maps between strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds (Proposition 4.2). In section 5, we extend the notion of pseudoharmonic maps defined in [3],[5] to the setting of horizontal maps between contact metric manifolds and we define the notion of CR-pluriharmonic maps for horizontal maps between strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds. It is interesting to note that these two notions are strongly related to the Rumin complex [27]. In section 6, we obtain some rigidity theorems for the horizontal pseudoharmonic maps when the source manifold is a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space. The main result of this section (Theorem 6.1) asserts that any horizontal pseudoharmonic map  $\phi$  from a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space of non-compact type, holonomy irreducible and torsionless, (with some exceptions) into a Sasakian manifold with nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature satisfies  $\nabla d\phi = 0$  where  $\nabla d\phi$  is the covariant derivative of  $d\phi$  with respect to Tanaka-Webster connections. As application (Corollary 6.1) we deduce that  $\phi$  preserves some special curves called parabolic geodesics [15] and therefore  $\phi$  is, in some sense, totally geodesic. In section 7, we restrict our attention to CR maps from com-

compact contact locally sub-symmetric spaces into strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds and we obtain the following rigidity result (Theorem 7.1): any horizontal pseudoharmonic CR map from a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space of non-compact type (with some exceptions) into a pseudo-Hermitian space form with negative pseudo-Hermitian scalar curvature is constant. This article is a first step in the study of horizontal pseudoharmonic maps from compact strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds into strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds with nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature. In particular, some existence results are missing for the moment (excepted if the target manifold is Tanaka-Webster flat).

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## 2 Connection and curvature on contact metric manifolds

### . Contact metric manifolds

A contact form on a smooth manifold  $M$  of dimension  $m = 2d + 1$  is a 1-form  $\theta$  satisfying  $\theta \wedge (d\theta)^d \neq 0$  everywhere on  $M$ . If  $\theta$  is a contact form on  $M$ , the hyperplane subbundle  $H$  of  $TM$  given by  $H = \text{Ker } \theta$  is called a contact structure. The Reeb field associated to  $\theta$  is the unique vector field  $\xi$  on  $M$  satisfying  $\theta(\xi) = 1$  and  $d\theta(\xi, \cdot) = 0$ . By a contact manifold  $(M, \theta)$  we mean a manifold  $M$  endowed with a fixed contact form  $\theta$ . If  $(M, \theta)$  is a contact manifold then  $TM$  decomposes as  $TM = H \oplus \mathbb{R}\xi$ . Consequently any  $p$ -tensor  $t$  on  $M$  decomposes as  $t = t_H + t_\xi$  with  $t_H = t \circ \Pi_H$  and  $t_\xi = t \circ \Pi_{\mathbb{R}\xi}$  ( $\Pi_H$  and  $\Pi_{\mathbb{R}\xi}$  are the canonical projections on  $H$  and  $\mathbb{R}\xi$ ). The tensors  $t_H$  and  $t_\xi$  are respectively called the horizontal part and the vertical part of  $t$ . Note that for an antisymmetric  $p$ -tensor  $\gamma$  we have  $\gamma_\xi = \theta \wedge i(\xi)\gamma$ . We denote by  $\wedge_H^*(M)$  and  $\wedge_\xi^*(M)$  the bundles of horizontal and vertical antisymmetric tensors and by  $\Omega_H^*(M)$  and  $\Omega_\xi^*(M)$  the horizontal and vertical forms associated to.

Let  $(M, \theta)$  be a contact manifold, then there exists a riemannian metric  $g_\theta$  and a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $J$  on  $M$  such that:

$$g_\theta(\xi, X) = \theta(X), \quad J^2 = -Id + \theta \otimes \xi, \quad g_\theta(JX, Y) = d\theta(X, Y), \quad X, Y \in TM.$$

The metric  $g_\theta$  (called the Webster metric) is said to be associated to  $\theta$ . We call  $(\theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  a contact metric structure and  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  a contact metric manifold (cf. Blair[7]). In the following  $\omega_\theta := d\theta$ .

Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a contact metric manifold. We define  $L : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+2}(M)$  by  $L = \omega_\theta \wedge$ . The restriction of  $L$  to  $\Omega_H^*(M)$  will be denoted by  $L_H$  and the adjoint of  $L_H$  for the usual scalar product on  $\Omega_H^*(M)$  by  $\wedge_H$ . Recall that, for any  $\gamma_H \in \Omega_H^p(M)$ ,

$$(\wedge_H \gamma_H)(X_1, \dots, X_{p-2}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_H \gamma_H(\cdot, J \cdot, X_1, \dots, X_{p-2}),$$

where  $\text{tr}_H$  is the trace calculated with respect to a  $g_\theta$ -orthonormal frame of  $H$ .

Let  $\Omega_{H_0}^*(M) := \{\gamma_H \in \Omega_H^*(M), \wedge_H \gamma_H = 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\xi^*(M) := \{\gamma_\xi \in \Omega_\xi^*(M), L\gamma_\xi = 0\}$  be the bundle of primitive horizontal forms on  $M$  and the bundle of coprimitive vertical forms on  $M$ . We recall the Lefschetz decomposition

$$\Omega_H^*(M) = \Omega_{H_0}^*(M) \oplus L_H \Omega_{H_0}^*(M) \oplus \dots \oplus L_H^d \Omega_{H_0}^*(M).$$

. connection and curvature

For the torsion and the curvature of a connection  $\nabla$  we adopt the conventions  $T(X, Y) = [X, Y] - \nabla_X Y + \nabla_Y X$  and  $R(X, Y) = [\nabla_Y, \nabla_X] - \nabla_{[Y, X]}$ . In the following,  $N$  is the  $TM$ -valued 2-form given by:

$$N(Y, Z) = J^2[Y, Z] + [JY, JZ] - J[Y, JZ] - J[JY, Z] + \omega_\theta(Y, Z)\xi.$$

**Proposition 2.1** (*Generalized Tanaka-Webster connection cf. [29],[30],[31]*). *Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be contact metric manifold, then there exists a unique affine connection  $\nabla$  on  $TM$  with torsion  $T$  (called the generalized Tanaka-Webster connection) such that:*

- (a)  $\nabla \theta = 0, \nabla \xi = 0$ .
- (b)  $\nabla g_\theta = 0$ .
- (c)  $T_H = -\omega_\theta \otimes \xi$  and  $i(\xi)T = -\frac{1}{2}i(\xi)N$ .
- (d)  $(\nabla_X \omega_\theta)(Y, Z) = g_\theta((\nabla_X J)(Y), Z) = \frac{1}{2}\omega_\theta(X, N_H(Y, Z))$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in TM$ .

The endomorphism  $\tau := i(\xi)T$  is called the generalized Tanaka-Webster torsion or sub-torsion. Note that  $\tau$  is  $g_\theta$ -symmetric with trace-free and satisfies  $\tau \circ J = -J \circ \tau$ .

A contact metric manifold  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  for which  $J$  is integrable (i.e.  $N_H = 0$  or equivalently  $\nabla J = 0$ ) is called a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold. A strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold for which the Tanaka-Webster torsion vanishes is called a Sasakian manifold.

The curvature  $R$  of the generalized Tanaka-Webster connection  $\nabla$  satisfies the following Bianchi identities (cf. [17],[29]):  
(First Bianchi identity)

$$\begin{aligned} R_H(X, Y)Z + R_H(Z, X)Y + R_H(Y, Z)X &= \omega_\theta(X, Y)\tau(Z) + \omega_\theta(Z, X)\tau(Y) \\ &\quad + \omega_\theta(Y, Z)\tau(X) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$R(X, \xi)Z + R(\xi, Z)X = (\nabla_X \tau)(Z) - (\nabla_Z \tau)(X) \quad (2)$$

with  $(\nabla_X \tau)(Z) = \nabla_X \tau(Z) - \tau(\nabla_X Z)$ .

Remember that any horizontal 2-tensor  $t_H$  on  $M$  decomposes into  $t_H = t_H^+ + t_H^-$ , where  $t_H^\pm := \frac{1}{2}(t_H \pm J^* t_H)$  are respectively the  $J$ -invariant part and the  $J$ -anti-invariant part of  $t_H$ .

If  $M$  is a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold, then we have the decomposition:

$$R_H = R_H^+ + R_H^-,$$

with

$$R_H^-(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( (\tau(X))^* \wedge (JY)^* - (\tau(Y))^* \wedge (JX)^* - (J\tau(X))^* \wedge Y^* + (J\tau(Y))^* \wedge X^* \right). \quad (3)$$

Also we define the pseudo-Hermitian curvature tensor  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  of a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold by:

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, Z, W) = g_\theta(R_H^+(X, Y)Z, W), \quad X, Y, Z, W \in H.$$

In order to give the algebraic properties of  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$ , we recall some definitions related to the curvature algebra (cf. [11]).

Let  $(V, q)$  be an euclidean space and  $Q \in \otimes^4 V^*$ . We define the Bianchi map  $b(Q)$  by:

$$b(Q)(X, Y, Z, W) = Q(X, Y, Z, W) + Q(Z, X, Y, W) + Q(Y, Z, X, W), \quad X, Y, Z, W \in V.$$

Recall that  $b(S^2(\wedge^2 V^*)) = \wedge^4 V^*$  and that we have the decomposition:

$$S^2(\wedge^2 V^*) = \text{Ker } b \oplus \wedge^4 V^*.$$

Let  $h, k \in \otimes^2 V^*$ . We define the symmetric product  $h \odot k \in S^2(\otimes^2 V^*)$  and the Kulkarni product  $h \oslash k \in \otimes^2(\wedge^2 V^*)$  respectively by:

$$(h \odot k)(X, Y, Z, W) = h(X, Y)k(Z, W) + h(Z, W)k(X, Y),$$

and

$$(h \oslash k)(X, Y, Z, W) = (h \odot k)(X, Z, Y, W) - (h \odot k)(X, W, Y, Z).$$

Note that if  $h, k \in S^2 V^*$  then  $h \oslash k \in S^2(\wedge^2 V^*)$  and  $b(h \oslash k) = 0$ .

If  $h, k \in \wedge^2 V^*$  then  $h \oslash k \in S^2(\wedge^2 V^*)$  and  $b(h \oslash k) = -2b(h \odot k)$ .

If  $h \in S^2 V^*$  and  $k \in \wedge^2 V^*$  then  $h \oslash k \in \wedge^2(\wedge^2 V^*)$  and  $b(h \oslash k) = -2b(k \otimes h)$ .

We define the Ricci contraction  $c(Q)$  by:

$$c(Q)(X, Y) = \text{tr } Q(., X, ., Y),$$

with the trace is taken with respect to a  $q$ -orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a contact metric manifold and let  $Q_H \in \otimes^2(\wedge_H^2(M))$ . The endomorphism  $\widehat{Q}_H$  of  $\wedge_H^2(M)$  associated to  $Q_H$  is defined by:

$$(\widehat{Q}_H \gamma_H)(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, X, Y) \gamma_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j),$$

where  $\gamma_H \in \wedge_H^2(M)$ ,  $\{\epsilon_i\}$  is a local  $g_\theta$ -orthonormal frame of  $H$  and  $X, Y \in H$ .

For  $X, Y, Z, W \in H$ , we have  $\langle \widehat{Q}_H(X \wedge Y), Z \wedge W \rangle = Q_H(X, Y, Z, W)$ .

Let  $\wedge_{H_0}^2(M)$  be the bundle of primitif horizontal antisymmetric 2-tensors. For  $Q_H \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M))$ , we define  $Q_{H_0} \in S^2(\wedge_{H_0}^2(M))$  by:

$$Q_{H_0} = Q_H - \frac{1}{d}(\widehat{Q}_H \omega_\theta) \odot \omega_\theta + \frac{1}{2d^2}(\wedge_H(\widehat{Q}_H \omega_\theta)) \omega_\theta \odot \omega_\theta.$$

Note that, for  $Q_H$  viewed as horizontal  $\wedge_H^2(M)$ -valued 2-form, we have  $\widehat{Q}_H \omega_\theta = \wedge_H Q_H$ .

Let  $\wedge_H^{2,\pm}(M)$  be the bundle of  $J$ -invariant ( $J$ -anti-invariant) horizontal antisymmetric 2-tensors. For  $Q_H \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M))$ , we define  $Q_H^\pm \in S^2(\wedge_H^{2,\pm}(M))$  by:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_H^\pm(X, Y, Z, W) &= \frac{1}{4}(Q_H(X, Y, Z, W) \pm Q_H(JX, JY, Z, W) \pm Q_H(X, Y, JZ, JW) \\ &+ Q_H(JX, JY, JZ, JW)). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$(g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})_0 = g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H} - \frac{1}{d} \omega_\theta \odot \omega_\theta$$

and

$$(g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})^\pm = \frac{1}{2}(g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H} \pm \omega_\theta \otimes \omega_\theta),$$

with  $g_{\theta_H} = g_{\theta/H}$ .

For any  $P_H, Q_H \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M))$ , the scalar product  $\langle P_H, Q_H \rangle$  is defined by:

$$\langle P_H, Q_H \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_H \widehat{P}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_H.$$

We have

$$\langle (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})^\pm, Q_H \rangle = \text{tr}_H \widehat{Q}_H^\pm$$

and for  $Q_H \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M)) \cap \text{Ker } b$ ,

$$\langle \omega_\theta \odot \omega_\theta, Q_H \rangle = \text{tr}_H \widehat{Q}_H^+ - \text{tr}_H \widehat{Q}_H^-.$$

If  $M$  is  $CR$  then  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  can be written by (3) as:

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}} = R_H + \frac{1}{2}(\omega_\theta \otimes A_\theta - g_{\theta_H} \otimes B_\theta), \quad (4)$$

with  $R_H(X, Y, Z, W) = g_\theta(R_H(X, Y)Z, W)$ ,  $A_\theta(X, Y) = g_\theta(\tau(X), Y)$  and  $B_\theta(X, Y) = \omega_\theta(\tau(X), Y)$ .

It follows from (1) and (4) that  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  satisfies the following the algebraic properties:

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}} \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M)) \cap Ker b \text{ and } R_H^{\mathcal{W}} \in S^2(\wedge_H^{2,+}(M)).$$

The pseudo-Hermitian Ricci tensor  $Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}} \in S_H^2(M)$ , the pseudo-Hermitian Ricci form  $\rho_H^{\mathcal{W}} \in \wedge_H^{2,+}(M)$  and the pseudo-Hermitian scalar curvature  $s^{\mathcal{W}}$  are respectively defined by:

$$Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}} = c_H(R_H^{\mathcal{W}}), \quad \rho_H^{\mathcal{W}} = -\widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}\omega_\theta, \quad s^{\mathcal{W}} = tr_H Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}},$$

with  $c_H(Q_H)$  calculated with respect to a  $g_\theta$ -orthonormal frame of  $H$ .

Now, let  $I_H^{\mathbb{C}} \in S^2(\wedge_H^{2,+}(M)) \cap Ker b$  given by:

$$I_H^{\mathbb{C}} = \frac{1}{8} \left( g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H} + \omega_\theta \otimes \omega_\theta + 2\omega_\theta \odot \omega_\theta \right).$$

We have the decompositions (cf. [13]):

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d(d+1)} I_H^{\mathbb{C}} + \frac{1}{d+2} \left( \frac{1}{2} (Ric_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes g_{\theta_H} - \rho_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes \omega_\theta) - \rho_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \odot \omega_\theta \right) + C_H^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d(d+1)} I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}} + \frac{1}{2(d+2)} \left( Ric_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes g_{\theta_H} - \rho_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes \omega_\theta \right)_0 + C_H^{\mathcal{M}},$$

where  $Ric_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}$  (respectively  $\rho_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}$ ) is the traceless part of  $Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  (respectively the primitive part of  $\rho_H^{\mathcal{W}}$ ) and  $C_H^{\mathcal{M}} \in S^2(\wedge_{H_0}^{2,+}(M)) \cap Ker b \cap Ker c_H$ .

**Remark 2.1** The tensor  $C_H^{\mathcal{M}}$ , introduced by Chern and Moser in [13], is called the Chern-Moser tensor. Note that  $C_H^{\mathcal{M}}$  is a pseudo-conformal invariant.

Now, we define the pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature (resp. pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature) of a 2-plane  $P = \mathbb{R}\{X, Y\} \subset H$  (resp.  $P = \mathbb{C}\{Z, W\} \subset H^{\mathbb{C}}$ ) by:

$$K^{\mathcal{W}}(P) = \frac{\langle \widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X \wedge Y), X \wedge Y \rangle}{\langle X \wedge Y, X \wedge Y \rangle}, \quad K^{\mathcal{W}^c}(P) = \frac{\langle \widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}^c}(Z \wedge W), \overline{Z \wedge W} \rangle}{\langle Z \wedge W, \overline{Z \wedge W} \rangle},$$



where  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}^c}}$  are the natural extensions to  $\wedge^2 H^c$  of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}}$ .

The holomorphic pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature of a holomorphic 2-plane  $P = \mathbb{R}\{X, JX\} \subset H$  is defined by:

$$HK^{\mathcal{W}}(P) = \frac{\langle \widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}}(X \wedge JX), X \wedge JX \rangle}{\langle X \wedge JX, X \wedge JX \rangle}.$$

We say that a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  has constant holomorphic pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature if  $HK^{\mathcal{W}}(P)$  is constant for any holomorphic 2-plane  $P \subset H$  and for any point of  $M$ . In this case, we have  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d(d+1)} I_H^c$  with  $s^{\mathcal{W}}$  constant (cf. [2]). Also we call  $I_H^c$  the holomorphic pseudo-Hermitian curvature tensor.

Let  $(E, g^E, \nabla^E)$  be a riemannian vector bundle over a contact metric manifold  $M$  and let  $\Omega^*(M; E)$  (resp  $\Omega_H^*(M; E)$ ) be the bundle of  $E$ -valued forms (resp. horizontal  $E$ -valued forms) on  $M$ . We assume that  $M$  is endowed with the generalized Tanaka-Webster connection  $\nabla$ . Remember (cf. [25]) that for any  $\sigma \in \Omega^p(M; E)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X \sigma)(X_1, \dots, X_p) &= \nabla_X^E \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_p) - \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma(X_1, \dots, \nabla_X X_i, \dots, X_p) \\ (d^{\nabla^E} \sigma)(X_1, \dots, X_{p+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} (-1)^{i+1} \nabla_{X_i}^E \sigma(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_{p+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma([X_i, X_j], X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{p+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} (-1)^{i+1} (\nabla_{X_i} \sigma)(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_{p+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma(T(X_i, X_j), X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{p+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, for any  $\sigma_H \in \Omega_H^p(M; E)$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(X_1, \dots, X_{p+1}) &:= (d^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)_H(X_1, \dots, X_{p+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} (-1)^{i+1} (\nabla_{X_i} \sigma_H)(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_{p+1}) \\ (\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(X_1, \dots, X_p) &:= (i(\xi)(d^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H))(X_1, \dots, X_p) \\ &= (\nabla_\xi \sigma_H)(X_1, \dots, X_p) + \sum_{i=1}^p (-1)^i \sigma_H(\tau(X_i), X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\delta_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}) &= -tr_H(\nabla \cdot \sigma_H)(\cdot, X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}) \\
(R_H(X, Y)\sigma_H)(X_1, \dots, X_p) &= R_H^E(X, Y)\sigma_H(X_1, \dots, X_p) - \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_H(X_1, \dots, R_H(X, Y)X_i, \dots, X_p),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $R^E$  is the curvature of  $\nabla^E$ .

Note that for any  $\sigma_H \in \Omega_H^p(M; E)$ , we have:

$$d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H = -L_H(\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H) - R_H^E \wedge \sigma_H,$$

where  $R_H^E \wedge \sigma_H$  is the wedge product of the horizontal  $End(E)$ -valued 2-form  $R_H^E$  with the horizontal  $E$ -valued  $p$ -form  $\sigma_H$ . Now the horizontal  $End(H)$ -valued 2-form  $R_H$  satisfies the second Bianchi identity:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\nabla_X R_H)(Y, Z) + (\nabla_Z R_H)(X, Y) + (\nabla_Y R_H)(Z, X) &= -\omega_\theta(X, Y)(i(\xi)R)(Z) + \omega_\theta(Z, X)(i(\xi)R)(Y) \\
&\quad - \omega_\theta(Y, Z)(i(\xi)R)(X) \\
(\nabla_\xi R_H)(X, Y) - (\nabla_X i(\xi)R)(Y) + (\nabla_Y i(\xi)R)(X) &= R_H(\tau(X), Y) + R_H(X, \tau(Y)). \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.2** *The Bianchi identity (5) is equivalent to  $d_H^\nabla R_H = -L_H(i(\xi)R)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\xi^\nabla R_H = d_H^\nabla(i(\xi)R)$  where  $\nabla$  is the connection on  $\wedge_H^2(M)$  induced by the Tanaka-Webster connection on  $H$ .*

### 3 Contact sub-symmetric spaces

**Definition 3.1** *A contact (locally) sub-symmetric space is a contact metric manifold  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  such that for every point  $x_0 \in M$  there exists an isometry (resp a local isometry)  $\psi$ , called the sub-symmetry at  $x_0$ , satisfying  $\psi(x_0) = x_0$  and  $d\psi(x_0)/H_{x_0} = -id$ .*

**Theorem 3.1** [6] *Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a contact metric manifold endowed with its generalized Tanaka-Webster connection  $\nabla$  and let  $R$  (respectively  $T$ ) be the curvature (respectively torsion) of  $\nabla$ . Then:*

- (i)  *$M$  is a contact locally sub-symmetric space if and only if  $\nabla_H R = \nabla_H T = 0$ .*
- (ii) *If  $M$  is a contact locally sub-symmetric space,  $\nabla$ -complete and simply-connected then  $M$  is a contact sub-symmetric space.*
- (iii) *If  $M$  is a contact sub-symmetric space then  $M = G/K$  where  $G$  is the closed subgroup of  $I(M, g_\theta)$  generated by all the sub-symmetries  $\psi(x_0)$ ,  $x_0 \in M$ , and  $K$  is the isotropy subgroup at a base point (i.e.  $M$  is an homogeneous manifold).*

Note that the conditions  $\nabla_H R = \nabla_H T = 0$  are equivalent to  $\nabla_H R_H = 0$ ,  $i(\xi)R = 0$ ,  $\nabla\omega_\theta = 0$  and  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$ .

**Definition 3.2** [18] *A contact sub-symmetric space  $M$  is said to be irreducible if the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{Hol}(M)$  of the holonomy group  $Hol(M)$  acts irreducibly on  $H$ .*

The simply-connected contact sub-symmetric spaces have been classified by Bieliavsky, Falbel and Gorodski in [6].

**Theorem 3.2** *Every simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space of dimension  $\geq 5$  has the following type:*

<i>holonomy trivial</i>	<i>torsionless</i>	$\mathcal{H}_{2p+1}$	
		<i>Compact type</i>	<i>Non-compact type</i>
<i>holonomy irreducible</i>	<i>torsionless</i>	<i>compact Hermitian (CH):</i> $SU(p+q)/SU(p) \times SU(q)$ $SO(2p)/SU(p)$ $Sp(p)/SU(p)$ $SO(p+2)/SO(p) \quad (p \geq 3)$ $E_{6(-78)}/Spin(10)$ $E_{7(-133)}/E_6$	<i>non-compact Hermitian (NCH):</i> $SU(p,q)/SU(p) \times SU(q)$ $SO^*(2p)/SU(p)$ $Sp(p, \mathbb{R})/SU(p)$ $SO_0(p,2)/SO(p) \quad (p \geq 3)$ $E_{6(-14)}/Spin(10)$ $E_{7(-25)}/E_6$
	<i>with torsion</i> $(p \geq 3)$	$SO(p+1) \times \mathbb{R}^{p+1}/SO(p)$	$SO_0(p,1) \times \mathbb{R}^{p+1}/SO(p)$ $SO_0(p+1,1)/SO(p)$
<i>holonomy not irreducible</i>	<i>torsionless</i>	$\mathcal{H}_{2p+1} \times_G CH \quad (G \subset U(p))$	$\mathcal{H}_{2p+1} \times_G NCH$
	<i>with torsion</i>	$SO(4)/SO(2)$ $SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3/SO(2)$	$SO_0(2,2)/SO(2)$ $SO_0(2,1) \times \mathbb{R}^3/SO(2)$ $SO_0(3,1)/SO(2)$

**Remark 3.1** *The contact sub-symmetric spaces of compact Hermitian type (respectively non-compact Hermitian type) arise from  $S^1$ -fibrations over irreducible Hermitian symmetric spaces of compact type (respectively non-compact type). The previous list is not complete, because  $S^1$ -fibrations over not irreducible Hermitian symmetric spaces also produce examples of contact sub-symmetric spaces. We do not consider these examples in the following.*

A contact locally sub-symmetric space  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  is always a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold (since  $\nabla \omega_\theta = 0$ ). Now we recall the notion of homogeneous strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold and symmetric strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold (cf. [20],[24]).

Let  $(M, H, J, \theta, g_\theta)$  and  $(N, H', J', \theta', g_{\theta'})$  be strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds then a map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $d\phi(H) \subset H'$  and  $J' \circ d\phi_H = d\phi_H \circ J$  is called a  $CR$  map from  $M$  to  $N$  (the definition is also valid in the general context of  $CR$  manifolds [1]). A  $CR$  automorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism and a  $CR$  map from  $M$  to  $M$ . The group of  $CR$  automorphisms  $Aut_{CR}(M)$  is a Lie group. A  $CR$  automorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow M$  is called a pseudo-Hermitian transformation if  $\phi^*\theta = \theta$ . The group of pseudo-Hermitian transformations  $PsH(M, \theta)$  is a Lie subgroup of  $Aut_{CR}(M)$  and also a Lie subgroup of  $I(M, g_\theta)$ .

**Definition 3.3** [24] *A strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold  $(M, H, J, \theta, g_\theta)$  is called homogeneous if there exists a closed subgroup  $G$  of  $PsH(M, \theta)$  which acts transitively on  $M$ .*

**Definition 3.4** *A (locally) symmetric strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold is a strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold  $(M, H, J, \theta, g_\theta)$  such that for every point  $x_0 \in M$  there exists a pseudo-Hermitian transformation (resp a local pseudo-Hermitian transformation)  $\psi$ , called the pseudo-Hermitian symmetry at  $x_0$ , satisfying  $\psi(x_0) = x_0$  and  $d\psi(x_0)/H_{x_0} = -id$ .*

If  $(M, H, J, \theta, g_\theta)$  is a symmetric strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold then  $M = G/K$  where  $G$  is the closed subgroup of  $PsH(M, \theta)$  generated by all the pseudo-Hermitian symmetries  $\psi(x_0)$ ,  $x_0 \in M$ , and  $K$  is the isotropy subgroup at a base point. Also  $M$  is an homogeneous strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold. Note that the contact sub-symmetric spaces torsionless are symmetric Sasakian manifolds.

Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space and  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact discrete subgroup of  $PsH(M, \theta)$  acting freely on  $M$  then  $M/\Gamma$  is a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space.

Now we investigate the properties of the pseudo-Hermitian curvature tensor on a contact locally sub-symmetric space.

**Proposition 3.1** *Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a contact locally sub-symmetric space endowed with its Tanaka-Webster connection  $\nabla$ . Then we have  $\nabla R_H^W = 0$  and consequently  $s^W$  is constant.*

Proof. Since  $\nabla_H R_H = 0$  and  $\nabla J = 0$ , we have  $\nabla_H R_H^+ = 0$ . Now, we must prove that  $\nabla_\xi R_H^+ = 0$ . Equation (5) together with the assumption  $i(\xi)R = 0$  gives, for any  $X, Y \in H$ ,

$$(\nabla_\xi R_H)(X, Y) = R_H(\tau(X), Y) + R_H(X, \tau(Y)).$$

Since  $J \circ \tau = -\tau \circ J$ , we deduce that

$$(\nabla_\xi R_H^+)(X, Y) = R_H^-(\tau(X), Y) + R_H^-(X, \tau(Y)). \quad (6)$$

If  $\tau = 0$ , we have automatically  $\nabla_\xi R_H^+ = 0$ . Now, if  $\tau \neq 0$ , the assumption  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$  implies that  $|\tau|^2$  is a strictly positive constant and that  $\tau^2 = \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} id_H$  (cf. lemma 1 of [9]). This assumption together with (3) implies that  $R_H^-(\tau(X), Y) = -R_H^-(X, \tau(Y))$  and then (6) becomes  $\nabla_\xi R_H^+ = 0$ . Hence  $\nabla R_H^+ = 0$  and  $\nabla R_H^W = 0$ .  $\square$

In [9], Boeckx and Cho prove that a contact metric manifold  $M$  endowed with its generalized Tanaka-Webster connection  $\nabla$  satisfying the conditions  $\nabla_H J \circ \tau = 0$  and  $\tau \neq 0$  is a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold (i.e.  $J$  is integrable) and a  $(k, \mu)$ -space (cf. [8]). Moreover, Cho gives, in [14], a formula for the riemannian curvature tensor of  $M$  if  $M$  has constant holomorphic pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature. Now we obtain a formula for the pseudo-Hermitian curvature tensor of a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold satisfying  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold endowed with its Tanaka-Webster connection  $\nabla$ . Assume that  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$  and  $\tau \neq 0$ , then the pseudo-Hermitian curvature tensor and the Chern-Moser tensor of  $M$  are given by:*

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d^2} \left( I_H^{\mathbb{C}} + \frac{2d}{|\tau|^2} \mathcal{T}_H \right), \quad C_H^{\mathcal{M}} = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d^2} \left( \frac{1}{d+1} I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}} + \frac{2d}{|\tau|^2} \mathcal{T}_{H_0} \right), \quad (7)$$

with  $\mathcal{T}_H = \frac{1}{8} (A_\theta \otimes A_\theta + B_\theta \otimes B_\theta)$ . Moreover, if  $d \geq 2$ , then  $M$  is a contact locally sub-symmetric space.

The proof of the theorem needs the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold such that  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$  and  $\tau \neq 0$ . Then  $\rho_H^{\mathcal{W}} = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{2d} \omega_\theta$  (i.e.  $M$  is pseudo-Einstein), and  $\nabla_\xi \tau = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d^2} J \circ \tau$ .*

Proof. First recall that the assumptions  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$  and  $\tau \neq 0$  imply that  $|\tau|^2$  is a strictly positive constant and that  $\tau^2 = \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} id_H$ . Now, we have for any  $X, Y \in H$ ,

$$R_H(X, Y)\tau = B_H(X, Y)\tau - \omega_\theta(X, Y)\nabla_\xi \tau,$$

with  $B_H(X, Y) = \nabla_Y \nabla_X - \nabla_{\nabla_Y X} - (\nabla_X \nabla_Y - \nabla_{\nabla_X Y})$ . Since  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$ , we have  $R_H(X, Y)\tau = -\omega_\theta(X, Y)\nabla_\xi \tau$  and also  $R_H^+(X, Y)\tau = -\omega_\theta(X, Y)\nabla_\xi \tau$ . We obtain

$$g_\theta(R_H^+(X, Y)\tau(Z), J\tau(W)) - g_\theta(\tau(R_H^+(X, Y)Z), J\tau(W)) = -\omega_\theta(X, Y)g_\theta((\nabla_\xi \tau)(Z), J\tau(W)).$$

Hence,

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, \tau(Z), J\tau(W)) + \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, Z, JW) = -\omega_\theta(X, Y)g_\theta((\nabla_\xi \tau)(Z), J\tau(W)).$$

Let  $\{\epsilon_i\}$  be a local  $g_\theta$ -orthonormal frame of  $H$ , then

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq 2d} R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, \tau(\epsilon_i), J\tau(\epsilon_i)) + \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, \epsilon_i, J\epsilon_i) = -\omega_\theta(X, Y) \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 2d} g_\theta((\nabla_\xi \tau)(\epsilon_i), J\tau(\epsilon_i)). \quad (8)$$

Since  $\tau^2 = \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} id_H$ , then (8) becomes

$$\frac{|\tau|^2}{d} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 2d} R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(\epsilon_i, J\epsilon_i, X, Y) = -\omega_\theta(X, Y) \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 2d} g_\theta((\nabla_\xi \tau)(\epsilon_i), J\tau(\epsilon_i))$$

which is

$$\rho_H^{\mathcal{W}} = -\wedge_H R_H^{\mathcal{W}} = \omega_\theta \frac{d}{|\tau|^2} (\nabla_\xi A_\theta, B_\theta).$$

Since  $\wedge_H \rho_H^{\mathcal{W}} = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{2}$ , we deduce that  $\rho_H^{\mathcal{W}} = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{2d} \omega_\theta$  and then  $M$  is pseudo-Einstein. Now we have

$$(\wedge_H R_H^+) (\tau(X)) - \tau((\wedge_H R_H^+) (X)) = -d(\nabla_\xi \tau)(X).$$

The assumption  $\rho_H^{\mathcal{W}} = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{2d} \omega_\theta$  gives

$$(\wedge_H R_H^+) (\tau(X)) - \tau((\wedge_H R_H^+) (X)) = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d} J \circ \tau(X)$$

and then  $\nabla_\xi \tau = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d^2} J \circ \tau$ .  $\square$

Proof of Theorem 3.3 Using (2), we obtain that for any  $X, Y, Z \in H$

$$g_\theta(R(X, \xi)Y, Z) = g_\theta((\nabla_Z \tau)(X), Y) - g_\theta((\nabla_Y \tau)(X), Z).$$

By the assumption  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$ , we have  $i(\xi)R = 0$ . Now, equation (5) together with  $i(\xi)R = 0$ ,  $J \circ \tau = -\tau \circ J$  and  $\tau^2 = \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} id_H$  yields

$$R_H^+(\tau(X), \tau(Y)) + \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} R_H^+(X, Y) = (\nabla_\xi R_H^-)(X, \tau(Y)). \quad (9)$$

By (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_\xi R_H^-)(X, Y) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( ((\nabla_\xi \tau)(X))^* \wedge (JY)^* - ((\nabla_\xi \tau)(Y))^* \wedge (JX)^* \right. \\ &\quad \left. - ((J(\nabla_\xi \tau)(X))^* \wedge Y^* + ((J(\nabla_\xi \tau)(Y))^* \wedge X^*) \right). \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\nabla_\xi \tau = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d^2} J \circ \tau$  (Lemma 3.1), it follows that

$$(\nabla_\xi R_H^-)(X, \tau(Y)) = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{4d^3} |\tau|^2 \left( X^* \wedge Y^* + (JX)^* \wedge (JY)^* \right) + \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{2d^2} \left( (\tau(X))^* \wedge (\tau(Y))^* + (J\tau(X))^* \wedge (J\tau(Y))^* \right).$$

Then (9) becomes

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(\tau(X), \tau(Y), Z, W) + \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{8d^3} |\tau|^2 (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H} + \omega_{\theta} \otimes \omega_{\theta})(X, Y, Z, W) + \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{4d^2} (A_{\theta} \otimes A_{\theta} + B_{\theta} \otimes B_{\theta})(X, Y, Z, W) \quad (10)$$

Now, we have

$$g_{\theta}(R_H^+(X, Y)\tau(Z), \tau(W)) - g_{\theta}(\tau(R_H^+(X, Y)Z), \tau(W)) = -\omega_{\theta}(X, Y)g_{\theta}((\nabla_{\xi}\tau)(Z), \tau(W)) = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{2d^3} |\tau|^2 \omega_{\theta}(X, Y)\omega_{\theta}(Z, W).$$

Hence

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(\tau(X), \tau(Y), Z, W) - \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, Z, W) = -\frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{4d^3} |\tau|^2 (\omega_{\theta} \odot \omega_{\theta})(X, Y, Z, W). \quad (11)$$

We deduce from (10) and (11) the following expression for the pseudo-Hermitian curvature

$$R_H^{\mathcal{W}}(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{8d^2} (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H} + \omega_{\theta} \otimes \omega_{\theta} + 2\omega_{\theta} \odot \omega_{\theta})(X, Y, Z, W) + \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{4d|\tau|^2} (A_{\theta} \otimes A_{\theta} + B_{\theta} \otimes B_{\theta})(X, Y, Z, W).$$

The expression for  $C_H^{\mathcal{M}}$  directly follows from the decomposition of  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$ . Now we assume  $d > 1$ . Since  $\nabla_H \tau = 0$ , we have the formula  $\delta_H Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}} = -\frac{1}{2} d_H s^{\mathcal{W}}$ . Also  $M$  pseudo-Einstein and  $d > 1$  yields to  $s^{\mathcal{W}}$  constant. Since  $\nabla_H g_{\theta} = \nabla_H \omega_{\theta} = \nabla_H A_{\theta} = \nabla_H B_{\theta} = 0$  and  $s^{\mathcal{W}}$  is constant, then we have by the previous formula for  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  and (4) that  $\nabla_H R_H = 0$ . Consequently  $M$  is a contact locally sub-symmetric space.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1** *The pseudo-Hermitian curvature tensor  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  of a contact locally sub-symmetric space  $M$  has the following form. If  $M$  is holonomy irreducible and torsionless, in this case  $M$  is the total space of a  $S^1$ -fibration  $\pi$  over an irreducible Hermitian locally symmetric space  $B$  and  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  is given by  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}} = \pi^* R^B$  where  $R^B$  is the curvature of  $B$ . If  $M$  has torsion, in this case  $R_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  is given by formula (7). Note that, in each case,  $M$  is pseudo-Einstein with  $s^{\mathcal{W}}$  constant.*

**Remark 3.2** *Note that the contact sub-symmetric spaces of non-compact Hermitian type have nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature whereas the contact sub-symmetric spaces of compact Hermitian type have nonnegative pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature.*

## 4 Mok-Siu-Yeung type formulas for horizontal maps between strictly pseudoconvex CR manifolds

Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta, \nabla)$  be a contact metric manifold endowed with the (generalized) Tanaka-Webster connection and let  $(E, g^E, \nabla^E)$  be a Riemannian vector bundle over  $M$ . For any  $Q_H \in \Lambda_H^2(M) \otimes \text{End}(E)$  and  $\sigma_H \in \Lambda_H^1(M) \otimes E$ , we define  $Q_H(\sigma_H) \in \Lambda_H^1(M) \otimes E$  by:

$$Q_H(\sigma_H)(X) = \sum_i Q_H(\epsilon_i, X) \sigma_H(\epsilon_i),$$

where  $\{\epsilon_i\}$  is a local  $g_\theta$ -orthonormal frame of  $H$ . For any  $Q_H \in S^2(\Lambda_H^2(M))$  and  $s_H \in S_H^2(M) \otimes E$  (respectively  $\sigma_H \in \Lambda_H^2(M) \otimes E$ ), we define  $\overset{\circ}{Q}_H s_H \in S_H^2(M) \otimes E$  (respectively  $\widehat{Q}_H \sigma_H \in \Lambda_H^2(M) \otimes E$ ) by:

$$\begin{aligned} (\overset{\circ}{Q}_H s_H)(X, Y) &= \sum_{i,j} Q_H(\epsilon_i, X, Y, \epsilon_j) s_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j), \\ (\widehat{Q}_H \sigma_H)(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, X, Y) \sigma_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j). \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 4.1** *Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta, \nabla)$  be a compact contact metric manifold and let  $Q_H \in \Gamma(S^2(\Lambda_H^2(M)))$  satisfying as horizontal  $\Lambda_H^2(M)$ -valued 2-form the assumptions  $\delta_H^\nabla Q_H = 0$  and  $\wedge_H Q_H = 0$ . Then, for any  $\sigma_H \in \Omega_H^1(M; E)$ , we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H \nabla^S \sigma_H, \nabla^S \sigma_H \rangle + \langle (\widehat{Q}_H - Q_H) d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H, d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H \rangle v_{g_\theta} &= 2 \int_M \langle (\widehat{Q}_H R_H^E)(\sigma_H), \sigma_H \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_H))^S, \sigma_H^* g^E \rangle v_{g_\theta}, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where, for any horizontal 2-tensor  $\mu_H$ ,  $\mu_H^S(X, Y) = \mu_H(X, Y) + \mu_H(Y, X)$ .

Proof. Let  $Q_H \in \Gamma(S^2(\Lambda_H^2(M)))$  satisfying  $\delta_H^\nabla Q_H = 0$  and  $\wedge_H Q_H = 0$ , then formula (8) of [26] gives for any  $\sigma_H \in \Omega_H^1(M; E)$

$$(\delta_H Q_H(\nabla)) \sigma_H = \mathcal{R}_H^Q \sigma_H,$$

where  $Q_H(\nabla)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_H^Q$  are given in a local orthonormal frame  $\{\epsilon_i\}$  of  $H$  by:

$$Q_H(\nabla)(X) = \sum_i \widehat{Q}_H(\epsilon_i \wedge X) \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon_i} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, X, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \epsilon_k \cdot \epsilon_l \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon_i},$$



and

$$\mathcal{R}_H^Q = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \widehat{Q}_H(\epsilon_i \wedge \epsilon_j) \cdot R_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \epsilon_k \cdot \epsilon_l \cdot R_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j).$$

By integrating, we obtain

$$\int_M \langle Q_H(\nabla)\sigma_H, \nabla\sigma_H \rangle v_{g_\theta} = \int_M \langle \mathcal{R}_H^Q \sigma_H, \sigma_H \rangle v_{g_\theta}.$$

We have

$$\langle Q_H(\nabla)\sigma_H, \nabla\sigma_H \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle \epsilon_l \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon_i} \sigma_H, \epsilon_k \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon_j} \sigma_H \rangle.$$

Now, for any  $X, Y \in TM$  and any  $\sigma, \gamma \in \Omega^1(M; E)$ , we have (cf. [25]):

$$\langle X \cdot \sigma, Y \cdot \gamma \rangle = g_\theta(X, Y) \langle \sigma, \gamma \rangle + \langle i(X)\sigma, i(Y)\gamma \rangle - \langle i(Y)\sigma, i(X)\gamma \rangle. \quad (13)$$

We deduce from (13) that

$$\langle Q_H(\nabla)\sigma_H, \nabla\sigma_H \rangle = - \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle (\nabla_{\epsilon_i} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_l), (\nabla_{\epsilon_j} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_k) \rangle \quad (14)$$

Now we have for any  $\sigma_H \in \Omega_H^1(M; E)$  and any  $X, Y \in H$

$$(\nabla_X \sigma_H)(Y) = \frac{1}{2} \left( (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(X, Y) + (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(X, Y) \right),$$

with  $(\nabla^S \sigma_H)(X, Y) = (\nabla_X \sigma_H)(Y) + (\nabla_Y \sigma_H)(X)$  and  $(d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(X, Y) = (\nabla_X \sigma_H)(Y) - (\nabla_Y \sigma_H)(X)$ . Then (14) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Q_H(\nabla)\sigma_H, \nabla\sigma_H \rangle &= -\frac{1}{4} \left( \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l), (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k,l} (Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) + Q_H(\epsilon_k, \epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_l)) \langle (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l), (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l), (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \left( \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l), (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k,l} (b(Q_H)(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) - Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k)) \langle (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l), (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +2 \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_l), (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \\
= & -\frac{1}{4} \left( \sum_{j,k} \langle (\overset{\circ}{Q}_H \nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k), (\nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \right. \\
& + \sum_{j,k} \langle (\widehat{b(Q_H)} - Q_H) d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k), (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \\
& \left. + 2 \sum_{j,k} \langle (\overset{\circ}{Q}_H \nabla^S \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k), (d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H)(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) \rangle \right) \\
= & -\frac{1}{2} \left( \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H \nabla^S \sigma_H, \nabla^S \sigma_H \rangle + \langle (\widehat{b(Q_H)} - Q_H) d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H, d_H^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H \rangle \right).
\end{aligned}$$

For the second term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathcal{R}_H^Q \sigma_H, \sigma_H \rangle & = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle \epsilon_l \cdot R_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) \sigma_H, \epsilon_k \cdot \sigma_H \rangle \\
& = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle (R_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) \sigma_H)(\epsilon_k), \sigma_H(\epsilon_l) \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $(R_H(X, Y) \sigma_H)(Z) = R_H^E(X, Y) \sigma_H(Z) - \sigma_H(R_H(X, Y)Z)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathcal{R}_H^Q \sigma_H, \sigma_H \rangle & = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k,l} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \langle R_H^E(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) \sigma_H(\epsilon_k), \sigma_H(\epsilon_l) \rangle \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k,l,m} Q_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) R_H(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_k, \epsilon_m) \langle \sigma_H(\epsilon_l), \sigma_H(\epsilon_m) \rangle \\
& = -\sum_{k,l} \langle (\widehat{Q}_H R_H^E)(\epsilon_k, \epsilon_l) \sigma_H(\epsilon_k), \sigma_H(\epsilon_l) \rangle \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l,m} \left( c_H(\widehat{R}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_H)(\epsilon_l, \epsilon_m) + c_H(\widehat{R}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_H)(\epsilon_m, \epsilon_l) \right) (\sigma_H^* g^E)(\epsilon_l, \epsilon_m) \\
& = -\langle (\widehat{Q}_H R_H^E)(\sigma_H), \sigma_H \rangle + \langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_H))^S, \sigma_H^* g^E \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the formula.  $\square$

Assume that  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta, \nabla)$  and  $(N, \theta', \xi', J', g_{\theta'}, \nabla')$  are contact metric manifolds endowed with their Tanaka-Webster connections and let  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  be a differential map. Let  $\phi^*TN$  be the pull-back bundle of  $TN$  endowed with the metric and the connection induced by those of  $TN$ . The covariant derivative of the  $\phi^*TN$ -valued 1-form  $d\phi_H$  is given by:

$$(\nabla_X d\phi_H)(Y) = \nabla_X^{\phi^*TN} d\phi_H(Y) - d\phi_H(\nabla_X Y),$$

where  $\nabla^{\phi^*TN}$  denotes the connection induced by  $\nabla'$  on  $\phi^*TN$ .

**Definition 4.1** Let  $H = \text{Ker } \theta$  and  $H' = \text{Ker } \theta'$ . A map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $d\phi(H) \subset H'$  is called a horizontal map from  $M$  to  $N$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{H}(M, N)$  the subspace of horizontal maps from  $M$  to  $N$ .

Note that a horizontal map  $\phi$  satisfies  $\phi^*\theta' = f\theta$  with  $f \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$ .

**Lemma 4.1** For any horizontal map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ , we have:

$$d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = -\omega_\theta \otimes (d\phi(\xi))_{H'}, \quad (15)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = \nabla_H'^{\phi^*TN} (d\phi(\xi))_{H'} - f\tau' \circ d\phi_H. \quad (16)$$

Proof. For any map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ , we have  $d^{\nabla'} d\phi = -\phi^*T'$  where  $T'$  is the torsion of  $\nabla'$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} d^{\nabla'} d\phi_H &= d^{\nabla'} (d\phi - \theta \otimes d\phi(\xi)) = -\phi^*T' - \omega_\theta \otimes d\phi(\xi) + \theta \wedge \nabla'^{\phi^*TN} d\phi(\xi) \\ &= -(\phi^*T')_H - \omega_\theta \otimes d\phi(\xi) + \theta \wedge (\nabla'^{\phi^*TN} d\phi(\xi) - i(\xi)\phi^*T'). \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that

$$d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = (d^{\nabla'} d\phi_H)_H = -(\phi^*T')_H - \omega_\theta \otimes d\phi(\xi)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = i(\xi)(d^{\nabla'} d\phi_H) = \nabla_H'^{\phi^*TN} d\phi(\xi) - i(\xi)\phi^*T'.$$

Now, let  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  be a horizontal map, then we have  $\phi^*\theta' = f\theta$  and  $\phi^*\omega_{\theta'} = f\omega_\theta - \theta \wedge df_H$ . Since  $T' = -\omega_{\theta'} \otimes \xi' + \theta' \wedge \tau'$ , we deduce that  $\phi^*T' = -f\omega_\theta \otimes \xi' + \theta \wedge (df_H \otimes \xi' + f\tau' \circ d\phi_H)$  and consequently

$$d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = \omega_\theta \otimes (f\xi' - d\phi(\xi)) = -\omega_\theta \otimes (d\phi(\xi))_{H'}.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla'} d\phi_H &= \nabla_H'^{\phi^*TN} d\phi(\xi) - df_H \otimes \xi' - f\tau' \circ d\phi_H \\ &= \nabla_H'^{\phi^*TN} (d\phi(\xi) - f\xi') - f\tau' \circ d\phi_H = \nabla_H'^{\phi^*TN} (d\phi(\xi))_{H'} - f\tau' \circ d\phi_H. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

In the following, for any horizontal symmetric 2-tensor  $\mu_H$ , we denote by  $\mu_{H_0}$  its traceless part.

**Proposition 4.2** (*Mok-Siu-Yeung type formulas for horizontal maps between strictly pseudoconvex CR manifolds*) Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta, \nabla)$  and  $(N, \theta', \xi', J', g_{\theta'}, \nabla')$  be strictly pseudoconvex CR manifolds with the assumption  $M$  compact. For any  $Q_{H_0}^+ \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_{H_0}^{2,+}(M)))$  (resp.  $Q_H^- \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_H^{2,-}(M)))$ ) satisfying  $\delta_H^{\nabla'} Q_{H_0}^+ = 0$  and  $(c_H(Q_{H_0}^+))_0 = 0$  (resp.  $\delta_H^{\nabla'} Q_H^- = 0$  and  $(c_H(Q_H^-))_0 = 0$ ) and any horizontal map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to  $N$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_{H_0}^+ (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle - \frac{\widehat{tr}_H Q_{H_0}^+}{d^2} \left( |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2 + d^2 |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 \right) v_{g_\theta} \\ &= 4 \int_M 2 \langle Q_{H_0}^+, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} \circ \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+))^S, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle - \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_{H_0}^+ (\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle v_{g_\theta}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H^- (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle - \frac{\widehat{tr}_H Q_H^-}{d^2} \left( |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2 - d^2 |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 \right) v_{g_\theta} \\ &= 4 \int_M 2 \langle Q_H^-, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle - \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H^- ((\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H - B_\theta) + \frac{\widehat{tr}_H Q_H^-}{d} B_\theta, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle v_{g_\theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Proof. Let  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  be a horizontal map. For any  $Q_H \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_H^2(M)))$ , we obtain, using the relation  $\nabla^S d\phi_H = (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 - \frac{1}{d} g_{\theta_H} \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H \nabla^S d\phi_H, \nabla^S d\phi_H \rangle &= \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle + \frac{2}{d} \langle c_H(Q_H) \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{\widehat{tr}_H Q_H}{d^2} |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2. \end{aligned}$$

The assumption  $(c_H(Q_H))_0 = 0$  implies that  $\langle c_H(Q_H) \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle = 0$ . Hence we have

$$\langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H \nabla^S d\phi_H, \nabla^S d\phi_H \rangle = \langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle - \frac{\widehat{tr}_H Q_H}{d^2} |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2. \quad (19)$$

Since  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is horizontal then (15) yields  $d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = -\omega_\theta \otimes (d\phi(\xi))_{H'}$ . Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (b(\widehat{Q}_H) - Q_H) d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H, d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H \rangle &= \langle (b(\widehat{Q}_H) - Q_H) \omega_\theta, \omega_\theta \rangle |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 \\ &= \langle b(Q_H) - Q_H, \omega_\theta \odot \omega_\theta \rangle |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 \\ &= (tr_H \widehat{Q}_H - tr_H Q_H) |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2. \end{aligned}$$

For  $Q_{H_0}^+ \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_{H_0}^{2,+}(M)))$  and  $Q_H^- \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_H^{2,-}(M)))$ , we have

$$\langle (b(\widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+) - Q_{H_0}^+) d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H, d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H \rangle = -tr_H \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+ \quad (20)$$

and

$$\langle (b(\widehat{Q_H^-} - Q_H^-)d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H, d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H) \rangle = \text{tr}_H \widehat{Q_H^-}. \quad (21)$$

Now for  $Q_H \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_H^2(M)))$ , we have  $\langle (\widehat{Q_H} R_H^{\phi^{*TN}})(d\phi_H), d\phi_H \rangle = 2\langle Q_H, (\phi^* R_{H'})_H^{\mathcal{S}} \rangle$ . Since  $R_{H'} = R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}} - \frac{1}{2}(\omega_{\theta'} \otimes A_{\theta'} - g_{\theta'} \otimes B_{\theta'})$ , we have

$$(\phi^* R_{H'})_H = (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H + \frac{1}{2}(\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \otimes (\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H - \frac{1}{2}(\phi^* \omega_{\theta'})_H \otimes (\phi^* A_{\theta'})_H.$$

Since  $(\phi^* \omega_{\theta'})_H \otimes (\phi^* A_{\theta'})_H \in \Gamma(\wedge^2(\wedge_H^2(M)))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\widehat{Q_H} R_H^{\phi^{*TN}})(d\phi_H), d\phi_H \rangle &= 4\langle Q_H, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle + 2\langle Q_H, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \otimes (\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H \rangle \\ &= 4\langle Q_H, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle - 2\langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H (\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

The relations  $g_{\theta_H} \otimes B_{\theta} \circ \omega_{\theta} \otimes \omega_{\theta} = 2\omega_{\theta} \otimes A_{\theta}$  and  $g_{\theta_H} \otimes B_{\theta} \circ g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H} = 2g_{\theta_H} \otimes B_{\theta}$  yield to

$$\widehat{R}_H = \widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} + \frac{1}{2}g_{\theta_H} \otimes B_{\theta} \circ (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})^-.$$

Since for any  $T_H^{\pm}, Q_H^{\pm} \in S^2(\wedge_H^{2,\pm}(M))$ ,  $\widehat{T}_H^{\pm} \circ \widehat{Q}_H^{\mp} = 0$  and  $(g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})^- \circ \widehat{Q}_H^- = 2\widehat{Q}_H^-$  then

$$\langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+))^{\mathcal{S}}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle = \langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} \circ \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+))^{\mathcal{S}}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle, \quad (23)$$

and

$$\langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_H^-))^{\mathcal{S}}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle = \langle (c_H(g_{\theta_H} \otimes B_{\theta} \circ \widehat{Q}_H^-))^{\mathcal{S}}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle.$$

Now, we have

$$\langle (c_H(g_{\theta_H} \otimes B_{\theta} \circ \widehat{Q}_H^-))^{\mathcal{S}}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle = \langle (c_H(\overset{\circ}{Q}_H^- \circ \overset{\circ}{B}_{\theta}))^{\mathcal{S}} - 2\overset{\circ}{Q}_H^- B_{\theta}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle,$$

where  $\overset{\circ}{\mu}_H$  is the symmetric endomorphism associated by  $g_{\theta_H}$  to the symmetric 2-tensor  $\mu_H$ . Using the assumption  $(c_H(Q_H^-))_0 = 0$ , we deduce that

$$\langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H \circ \widehat{Q}_H^-))^{\mathcal{S}}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle = 2\langle \frac{\text{tr}_H \widehat{Q}_H^-}{d} B_{\theta} - \overset{\circ}{Q}_H^- B_{\theta}, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle. \quad (24)$$

We obtain the formulas by replacing (19),(20),(21),(22),(23) and (24) in (12).  $\square$

As applications of formulas (17) and (18), we recover, in a different way, the Siu formula given in [25] and we derive a Tanaka-Weitzenbock formula. First we have the following lemma whose proof is left to the reader.

**Lemma 4.2** *We have for any  $s_H \in S_H^2(M) \otimes E$  the relations:*

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\theta_H} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} g_{\theta_H} s_H &= 2(s_H - g_{\theta_H} \otimes tr_H s_H), & \omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} \omega_{\theta} s_H &= \omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\odot} \omega_{\theta} s_H = -2(s_H^+ - s_H^-), \\ c_H(g_{\theta_H} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} g_{\theta_H}) &= 2(2d-1)g_{\theta_H}, & c_H(\omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} \omega_{\theta}) &= c_H(\omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\odot} \omega_{\theta}) = 2g_{\theta_H}, \\ tr_H g_{\theta_H} \widehat{\bigwedge} g_{\theta_H} &= 2d(2d-1), & tr_H \omega_{\theta} \widehat{\bigwedge} \omega_{\theta} &= tr_H \omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\odot} \omega_{\theta} = 2d. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 4.3** *For any horizontal map  $\phi$  from a compact Sasakian manifold  $M$  to a Sasakian manifold  $N$ , we have:*

$$\int_M |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+|^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2 + d(d-1) |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 v_{g_{\theta}} = 4 \int_M tr_H^{2,0}((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}) v_{g_{\theta}}, \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_M \frac{1}{d} |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^-|^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{d^2}\right) |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2 - (d^2 - 1) |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 v_{g_{\theta}} \\ &= 4 \int_M \frac{1}{d} tr_H^{2,0}((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) tr_H^{1,1}((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}) - \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \langle d\phi_H \circ Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}}, d\phi_H \rangle v_{g_{\theta}}, \quad (26) \end{aligned}$$

where, in an adapted frame  $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d, J\epsilon_1, \dots, J\epsilon_d\}$  of  $H$ ,

$$tr_H^{2,0}((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}) = \sum_{i,j \leq d} ((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}(Z_i \wedge Z_j), \overline{Z_i \wedge Z_j})$$

and

$$tr_H^{1,1}((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}) = \sum_{i,j \leq d} ((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}(Z_i \wedge \overline{Z_j}), \overline{Z_i \wedge \overline{Z_j}}),$$

with  $Z_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\epsilon_i - \sqrt{-1}J\epsilon_i)$ .

Proof. Let  $Q_H^- \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_H^{2,-}(M)))$  and  $Q_{H_0}^+ \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_{H_0}^{2,+}(M)))$  defined by:

$$Q_H^- = (g_{\theta_H} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} g_{\theta_H})^- = \frac{1}{2}(g_{\theta_H} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} g_{\theta_H} - \omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} \omega_{\theta})$$

and

$$Q_{H_0}^+ = (g_{\theta_H} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} g_{\theta_H})_0^+ = \frac{1}{2}(g_{\theta_H} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} g_{\theta_H} + \omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} \omega_{\theta} - \frac{2}{d}\omega_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\odot} \omega_{\theta}).$$

Then we have  $\nabla_H Q_{H_0}^+ = \nabla_H Q_H^- = 0$  (since  $\nabla g_{\theta_H} = \nabla \omega_{\theta} = 0$ ). Moreover, using Lemma 4.2, we have  $c_H(Q_H^-) = 2(d-1)g_{\theta_H}$  and  $c_H(Q_{H_0}^+) = 2d\left(1 - \frac{1}{d^2}\right)g_{\theta_H}$ . Also  $(c_H(Q_H^-))_0 = (c_H(Q_{H_0}^+))_0 = 0$ . Moreover, we have  $(c_H(\widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} \circ \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+))^S = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}}$ . Let  $\phi$  be a horizontal map from  $M$  to  $N$ , by Lemma 4.2, we have

$$\langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_H^- (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle = 2|(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_{H_0}^+ (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle &= 2\left(\frac{1}{d} |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^-|^2\right) \\
tr_H \widehat{Q}_H^- &= 2d(d-1), \quad tr_H \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+ = 2(d^2 - 1) \\
\langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} \circ \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+))^S, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle &= 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \langle d\phi_H \circ Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}}, d\phi_H \rangle \\
\langle Q_H^-, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle &= \langle (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})^-, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle = tr_H(\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^- \\
\langle Q_{H_0}^+, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle &= \langle (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})^+ - \frac{1}{d} \omega_{\theta} \odot \omega_{\theta}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) tr_H(\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^+ + \frac{1}{d} tr_H(\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^-.
\end{aligned}$$

In an adapted frame  $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d, J\epsilon_1, \dots, J\epsilon_d\}$  of  $H$ , we have

$$tr_H(\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^{\pm} = \sum_{i,j \leq d} ((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\pm}(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) + (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\pm}(\epsilon_i, J\epsilon_j, \epsilon_i, J\epsilon_j)).$$

Now we have, for any  $T_H \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M)) \cap Ker b$ , the relations

$$(\widehat{T}_H^{\mathbb{C}}(Z \wedge W), \overline{Z \wedge W}) = T_H^-(X, Y, X, Y) + T_H^-(X, JY, X, JY)$$

and

$$(\widehat{T}_H^{\mathbb{C}}(Z \wedge \overline{W}), \overline{Z \wedge \overline{W}}) = T_H^+(X, Y, X, Y) + T_H^+(X, JY, X, JY),$$

with  $Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(X - \sqrt{-1}JX)$ ,  $W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Y - \sqrt{-1}JY)$ . Since  $(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M)) \cap Ker b$ , we deduce that

$$\langle Q_H^-, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle = \sum_{i,j \leq d} ((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}(Z_i \wedge Z_j), \overline{Z_i \wedge Z_j})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle Q_{H_0}^+, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle &= \sum_{i,j \leq d} \left( \frac{1}{d} ((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}(Z_i \wedge Z_j), \overline{Z_i \wedge Z_j}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) ((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}(Z_i \wedge \overline{Z_j}), \overline{Z_i \wedge \overline{Z_j}}) \right),
\end{aligned}$$

with  $Z_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\epsilon_i - \sqrt{-1}J\epsilon_i)$ . By replacing in (17) and (18) together with the assumptions  $M, N$  Sasakian yields the formulas.  $\square$

## 5 Horizontal pseudoharmonic maps, CR-pluriharmonic maps and Rumin complex

. Pseudoharmonic maps

In [3] and [5] Barletta, Dragomir and Urakawa have introduced the notion of pseudoharmonic maps from a compact contact metric manifold into a Riemannian manifold. Now we extend this notion to horizontal maps between contact metric manifolds.

Assume that  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta, \nabla)$  and  $(N, \theta', \xi', J', g_{\theta'}, \nabla')$  are contact metric manifolds endowed with their Tanaka-Webster connections and that  $M$  is compact. For any differential map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ , we define  $d\phi_{H,H'}(X) = (d\phi_H(X))_{H'}$  with  $X \in H$  and the horizontal energy  $E_{H,H'}(\phi)$  by:

$$E_{H,H'}(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M |d\phi_{H,H'}|^2 v_{g_\theta}.$$

**Proposition 5.1** *For any variation  $\phi_t$  of  $\phi$ , we have:*

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_{H,H'}(\phi_t)|_{t=0} = \int_M g_{\theta'}(\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_{H,H'} + i(\phi^* \theta') \tau' \circ d\phi_{H,H'} - \xi' \text{tr}_H(\phi^* A_{\theta'})_H, v) v_{g_\theta},$$

with  $v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}|_{t=0}$ .

Proof. Let  $\{\phi_t\}_{|t|<\epsilon}$  be a variation of  $\phi$ . We consider the map  $\Phi : ]-\epsilon, \epsilon[ \times M \rightarrow N$  given by  $\Phi(t, x) = \phi_t(x)$  and the pull-back bundle  $\Phi^*TN \rightarrow ]-\epsilon, \epsilon[ \times M$  of  $TN$  by  $\Phi$ . Let  $\{\epsilon_i\}$  be a local  $g_\theta$ -orthonormal frame of  $H$ , then we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |d\phi_{H,H'}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_i g_{\theta'}((d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'}) = \sum_i g_{\theta'}(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}}^{\Phi^*TN} (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'}).$$

We have

$$(d^{\nabla'} d\Phi)(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \epsilon_i) = \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}}^{\Phi^*TN} d\Phi(\epsilon_i) - \nabla_{\epsilon_i}^{\Phi^*TN} d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}) - d\Phi([\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \epsilon_i]) = -T'(d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}), d\Phi(\epsilon_i)),$$

where  $T'$  is the torsion of  $\nabla'$ . Since  $[\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \epsilon_i] = 0$  and  $\nabla^{\Phi^*TN}$  preserves  $H'$ , we obtain

$$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}}^{\Phi^*TN} (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'} - \nabla_{\epsilon_i}^{\Phi^*TN} (d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'} = -(T'(d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}), d\Phi(\epsilon_i)))_{H'}.$$

Using  $T' = -\omega_{\theta'} \otimes \xi' + \theta' \wedge \tau'$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |d\phi_{H,H'}|^2 &= \sum_i g_{\theta'} \left( \nabla_{\epsilon_i}^{\Phi^*TN} (d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'} - \theta'(d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t})) \tau'(d\Phi(\epsilon_i)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \theta'(d\Phi(\epsilon_i)) \tau'(d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'} \right) \\ &= \sum_i \left( \epsilon_i g_{\theta'}((d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'}) - g_{\theta'}((d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\nabla_{\epsilon_i} \epsilon_i))_{H'}) \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& - \sum_i g_{\theta'} \left( (d\Phi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right))_{H'}, \nabla'_{\epsilon_i}{}^{\Phi^* TN} (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'} - (d\Phi(\nabla_{\epsilon_i} \epsilon_i))_{H'} \right) \\
& - (\Phi^* \theta') \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \sum_i A_{\theta'} \left( (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'} \right) \\
& + \sum_i (\Phi^* \theta')(\epsilon_i) A_{\theta'} \left( (d\Phi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'} \right) \\
& = -\delta_H \alpha_{(d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'}} - g_{\theta'} \left( (d\Phi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right))_{H'}, \sum_i ((\nabla'_{\epsilon_i}{}^{\Phi^* TN} d\Phi)(\epsilon_i))_{H'} \right) \\
& - (\Phi^* \theta') \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \sum_i A_{\theta'} \left( (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'} \right) \\
& + \sum_i (\Phi^* \theta')(\epsilon_i) A_{\theta'} \left( (d\Phi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right))_{H'}, (d\Phi(\epsilon_i))_{H'} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha_{(d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'}}(X) = g_{\theta'} \left( (d\Phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{H'}, (d\Phi(X))_{H'} \right)$ . We deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |d\phi_{t,H,H'}|^2|_{t=0} & = -\delta_H \alpha_{v_{H'}} - g_{\theta'} \left( \sum_i ((\nabla'_{\epsilon_i}{}^{\phi^* TN} d\phi)(\epsilon_i))_{H'}, v_{H'} \right) \\
& \quad - \theta'(v) \sum_i A_{\theta'}(d\phi_{H,H'}(\epsilon_i), d\phi_{H,H'}(\epsilon_i)) + \sum_i (\phi^* \theta')(\epsilon_i) A_{\theta'}(d\phi_{H,H'}(\epsilon_i), v_{H'}) \\
& = -\delta_H \alpha_{v_{H'}} + g_{\theta'}(\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_{H,H'} + i(\phi^* \theta')\tau' \circ d\phi_{H,H'} - \xi' \text{tr}_H(\phi^* A_{\theta'})_H, v).
\end{aligned}$$

The result follows by integrating.  $\square$

**Definition 5.1** A map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is called a pseudoharmonic map if it is a critical point of  $E_{H,H'}$ .

A map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is pseudoharmonic if and only if

$$\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_{H,H'} + i(\phi^* \theta')\tau' \circ d\phi_{H,H'} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}_H(\phi^* A_{\theta'})_H = 0.$$

A horizontal map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is pseudoharmonic if and only if  $\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = 0$  and  $\text{tr}_H(\phi^* A_{\theta'})_H = 0$ .

### . CR-pluriharmonic maps

Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold of dimension  $2d + 1$ . A real function  $h$  on  $M$  is called a CR-pluriharmonic function if  $h$  is the real part of a CR function on  $M$ .

We have the following equivalent characterizations for the CR-pluriharmonic functions.

**Theorem 5.1** (Lee[21])

The following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $h$  is CR-pluriharmonic.
- (ii) There exists a real function  $\lambda$  such that  $d(J^*dh_H + \lambda\theta) = 0$ .
- (iii)  $(d_H J^*dh_H)_0 = 0$  and  $(\mathcal{L}_\xi + \frac{1}{d}d_H\delta_{H,J})J^*dh_H = \mathcal{L}_\xi J^*dh_H + \frac{1}{d}d_H\delta_H dh_H = 0$ ,

where  $(d_H J^*dh_H)_0$  is the primitive part of  $d_H J^*dh_H$  and  $\delta_{H,J} = [\wedge_H, d_H]$ .

Note that, if  $d > 1$ , then the assumption  $(d_H J^*dh_H)_0 = 0$  implies that  $\mathcal{L}_\xi J^*dh_H + \frac{1}{d}d_H\delta_H dh_H = 0$  and, if  $d = 1$ , then the assumption  $(d_H J^*dh_H)_0 = 0$  is always satisfied for any  $h$ .

**Definition 5.2** Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta, \nabla)$  and  $(N, \theta', \xi', J', g_{\theta'}, \nabla')$  be strictly pseudoconvex CR manifolds endowed with their Tanaka-Webster connections together with  $\dim M > 3$ . A horizontal map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $(d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H)_0 = 0$  is called a CR-pluriharmonic map from  $M$  to  $N$ .

**Proposition 5.2** (i) A map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is CR-pluriharmonic if and only if

$$(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+ := (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^+ + \frac{1}{d}g_{\theta_H} \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = 0.$$

(ii) Any CR-pluriharmonic map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  satisfies:

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H + \frac{1}{d}d_H^{\nabla'} \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = \frac{2}{d-1}tr_H (R_H^{\phi^*TN})^-(\cdot, \cdot)d\phi_H(\cdot) - f\tau' \circ J^*d\phi_H.$$

(iii) Any CR map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is CR-pluriharmonic and we have

$$\delta_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H = J' \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = d(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}. \quad (27)$$

Proof. Recall that for  $\gamma_H \in \Omega_H^2(M)$ , its primitive part  $\gamma_{H_0} \in \Omega_{H_0}^2(M)$  is given by  $\gamma_{H_0} = \gamma_H - \frac{1}{d}L_H \wedge_H \gamma_H$ . We have

$$(d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H)_0 = d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H - \frac{1}{d}L_H \wedge_H d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H = d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H - \frac{1}{d}L_H \delta_{H,J}^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H.$$

Now since  $\delta_{H,J}^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H = \delta_{H,J}^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J) = \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H$ , we deduce that

$$(d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H)_0 = d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H - \frac{1}{d}\omega_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H. \quad (28)$$

Now, using (15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (d_H^{\nabla'} J^*d\phi_H)(JX, Y) &= (\nabla_{JX} d\phi_H)(JY) + (\nabla_Y d\phi_H)(X) = \frac{1}{2} \left( (\nabla^S d\phi_H)(X, Y) + (\nabla^S d\phi_H)(JX, JY) \right) \\ &= (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^+(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (28) we obtain

$$(d_H^{\nabla'} J^* d\phi_H)_0(JX, Y) = (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^+(X, Y) + \frac{1}{d} g_{\theta_H}(X, Y) \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H.$$

The assumption (i) directly follows. Now we have

$$\delta_{H,J}^{\nabla'}((d_H^{\nabla'} J^* d\phi_H)_0) = \wedge_H d_H^{\nabla'}((d_H^{\nabla'} J^* d\phi_H)_0) = \wedge_H d_H^{\nabla'^2} J^* d\phi_H - \frac{1}{d} \wedge_H d_H^{\nabla'} L_H \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H.$$

Since  $d_H^{\nabla'^2} J^* d\phi_H = -L_H(\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla^E} J^* d\phi_H) - R_H^{\phi^*TN} \wedge J^* d\phi_H$  and  $[d_H^{\nabla'}, L_H] = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{H,J}^{\nabla'}((d_H^{\nabla'} J^* d\phi_H)_0) &= -\wedge_H (R_H^{\phi^*TN} \wedge J^* d\phi_H) - \wedge_H L_H(\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla^E} J^* d\phi_H) - \frac{1}{d} \wedge_H L_H d_H^{\nabla'} \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H \\ &= -\wedge_H (R_H^{\phi^*TN} \wedge J^* d\phi_H) - (d-1)(\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla^E} J^* d\phi_H + \frac{1}{d} d_H^{\nabla'} \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H). \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Let  $\{\epsilon_i\}$  be a local  $g_\theta$ -orthonormal frame of  $H$ , then we have

$$\wedge_H (R_H^{\phi^*TN} \wedge J^* d\phi_H) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left( R_{H'}(d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(J\epsilon_i)) d\phi_H(JX) + 2R_{H'}(d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(X)) d\phi_H(\epsilon_i) \right)$$

Using (1), we obtain that

$$\sum_i R_{H'}(d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(J\epsilon_i)) d\phi_H(JX) = 2 \sum_i R_{H'}(d\phi_H(JX), d\phi_H(J\epsilon_i)) d\phi_H(\epsilon_i) + 2f(d-1)\tau'((d\phi_H \circ J)(X)).$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \wedge_H (R_H^{\phi^*TN} \wedge J^* d\phi_H) &= -\sum_i \left( R_{H'}(d\phi_H(X), d\phi_H(\epsilon_i)) d\phi_H(\epsilon_i) - R_{H'}(d\phi_H(JX), d\phi_H(J\epsilon_i)) d\phi_H(\epsilon_i) \right) \\ &\quad + f(d-1)\tau'((d\phi_H \circ J)(X)) \\ &= -2 \sum_i (R_H^{\phi^*TN})^-(X, \epsilon_i) d\phi_H(\epsilon_i) + f(d-1)(\tau' \circ J^* d\phi_H)(X). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

The assumption  $\phi$  CR-pluriharmonic together with (29) and (30) gives the formula. Hence

(ii). Let  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  be a CR map then  $J' \circ d\phi_H = d\phi_H \circ J$ . Consequently, we have

$$J' \circ (d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H)_0 = (d_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ J))_0$$

and

$$J' \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = \delta_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ J).$$

By (15) we have  $(d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H)_0 = 0$  and we obtain that  $(d_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ J))_0 = 0$ . Now we have

$$\delta_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ J) = -\delta_{H,J}^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H) = -\wedge_H (d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H) = d(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}. \quad \square$$

The following theorem holds for pseudoharmonic maps between Sasakian manifolds.

**Theorem 5.2** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be Sasakian manifolds. Assume that  $M$  is compact and  $N$  has nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature. Then:*

- (i) *Any horizontal pseudoharmonic map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to  $N$  is CR-pluriharmonic.*
- (ii) *If the pseudo-Hermitian Ricci tensor of  $M$  is nonnegative, then any horizontal pseudoharmonic map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to  $N$  satisfies  $\nabla d\phi = 0$  and  $|d\phi| = \text{const}$ .*
- (iii) *If the pseudo-Hermitian Ricci tensor of  $M$  is positive, then any horizontal pseudoharmonic map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to  $N$  satisfies  $d\phi_H = 0$  and consequently  $\text{rg}_x(\phi) \leq 1$ , where  $\text{rg}_x(\phi)$  is the rank of  $\phi$  at a point  $x$  of  $M$ .*

Proof. Let  $\phi$  be a horizontal pseudoharmonic map from  $M$  to  $N$ . If  $N$  has nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature then (25) yields to  $(d\phi(\xi))_{H'} = 0$  and  $(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+ = 0$ . In particular,  $\phi$  is CR-pluriharmonic. Moreover, if  $\text{Ric}_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  is nonnegative, it follows from (26) that  $(\nabla^S d\phi_H)^- = 0$ . Consequently  $\nabla^S d\phi_H = 0$  and  $d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = 0$ . We deduce that  $\nabla_H d\phi_H = 0$ . The assumptions  $M$  and  $N$  torsionless together with  $(d\phi(\xi))_{H'} = 0$ , yield by (16) that  $\nabla_\xi d\phi_H = 0$ . Taking into account that  $d\phi(\xi) = f\xi'$ , we obtain that  $i(\xi)\phi^*\omega_{\theta'} = -df_H = 0$  and so  $f$  is constant. We immediately deduce that  $\nabla d\phi = \nabla d\phi_H + \theta \otimes \nabla d\phi(\xi) = 0$  and so  $|d\phi| = \text{const}$ . If  $\text{Ric}_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  is positive, it directly follows from  $\langle d\phi_H \circ \text{Ric}_H^{\mathcal{W}}, d\phi_H \rangle = 0$  that  $d\phi_H = 0$ . Since  $d\phi(\xi) = f\xi'$ , we deduce that the rank of  $\phi$  is less than equal 1 at each point of  $M$ .  $\square$

### . Horizontal maps and twisted Rumin pseudo-complex

Let  $M$  be a strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold of dimension  $2d + 1$ . We recall that the Rumin complex [27] is the complex:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow C^\infty(M) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}} \mathcal{R}^1(M) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}} \mathcal{R}^d(M) \xrightarrow{D_{\mathcal{R}}} \mathcal{R}^{d+1}(M) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}} \mathcal{R}^{2d+1}(M) \rightarrow 0,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}^p(M) &= \Omega_{H_0}^p(M) \quad \text{for } p \leq d \\ &= \mathcal{F}_\xi^p(M) \quad \text{for } p \geq d + 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mathcal{R}}\gamma_H &= (d_H\gamma_H)_0 = (d_H - \frac{1}{d-p+1}L_H\delta_{H,J})\gamma_H & \text{for } \gamma_H \in \mathcal{R}^p(M) \quad (p \leq d-1) \\ D_{\mathcal{R}}\gamma_H &= \theta \wedge (\mathcal{L}_\xi + d_H\delta_{H,J})\gamma_H & \text{for } \gamma_H \in \mathcal{R}^d(M) \\ d_{\mathcal{R}}\gamma_\xi &= \theta \wedge i(\xi)(d\gamma_\xi) & \text{for } \gamma_\xi \in \mathcal{R}^p(M) \quad (p \geq d+1). \end{aligned}$$

The formal adjoints of  $d_{\mathcal{R}}$  and  $D_{\mathcal{R}}$  for the usual scalar product are denoted by  $\delta_{\mathcal{R}}$  and  $D_{\mathcal{R}}^*$ . The laplacians associated to this complex are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\mathcal{R}} &= (d-p)d_{\mathcal{R}}\delta_{\mathcal{R}} + (d-p+1)\delta_{\mathcal{R}}d_{\mathcal{R}} & \text{on } \mathcal{R}^p(M) \quad (p \leq d-1) \\ \Delta_{\mathcal{R}} &= D_{\mathcal{R}}^*D_{\mathcal{R}} + (d_{\mathcal{R}}\delta_{\mathcal{R}})^2 & \text{on } \mathcal{R}^d(M) \\ \Delta_{\mathcal{R}} &= D_{\mathcal{R}}D_{\mathcal{R}}^* + (\delta_{\mathcal{R}}d_{\mathcal{R}})^2 & \text{on } \mathcal{R}^{d+1}(M) \\ \Delta_{\mathcal{R}} &= (d-p+1)d_{\mathcal{R}}\delta_{\mathcal{R}} + (d-p)\delta_{\mathcal{R}}d_{\mathcal{R}} & \text{on } \mathcal{R}^p(M) \quad (p \geq d+2). \end{aligned}$$

The fundamental fact is that, if  $M$  is compact, then (cf. [27]):

$$H_{dR}^*(M, \mathbb{R}) = H_{\mathcal{R}}^*(M, \mathbb{R}) = \text{Ker } \Delta_{\mathcal{R}},$$

where  $H_{dR}^*(M, \mathbb{R})$  and  $H_{\mathcal{R}}^*(M, \mathbb{R})$  are respectively the cohomologies of the De Rham complex and the Rumin complex.

Let  $(E, \nabla^E)$  be a vector bundle over  $M$  then the previous definitions of  $\mathcal{R}^p(M)$ ,  $d_{\mathcal{R}}$  and  $D_{\mathcal{R}}$  can be extended to  $E$ -twisted bundles. Also we define the sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow C^\infty(M) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla^E}} \mathcal{R}^1(M; E) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla^E}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla^E}} \mathcal{R}^d(M; E) \xrightarrow{D_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla^E}} \mathcal{R}^{d+1}(M; E) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla^E}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla^E}} \mathcal{R}^{2d+1}(M; E) \rightarrow 0.$$

Note that  $d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla^E} \sigma_H = -(R_H^E \wedge \sigma_H)_0$  for  $\sigma_H \in \mathcal{R}^p(M; E)$  ( $p \leq d-2$ ). Also the previous sequence is not a complex excepted if  $E$  is flat. Also we call this sequence the twisted Rumin pseudo-complex.

Let  $N$  be a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold,  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  a horizontal map and  $E = \phi^*TN$  the pull-back bundle endowed with the connection  $\nabla'$  induced by the Tanaka-Wester connection of  $TN$ . Then  $d\phi_H \in \Omega_H^1(M; \phi^*TN)$  satisfies  $d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = (d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H)_0 = 0$ . Moreover, if  $\phi$  is a pseudoharmonic map then  $\delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = \delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = 0$ . Consequently, if  $d > 1$ , we have  $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = ((d-1)d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} \delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} + d\delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'})d\phi_H = 0$ . If  $d = 1$  and  $N$  is torsionless, then we have  $D_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = \theta \wedge (\mathcal{L}_\xi^{\nabla'} d\phi_H + d_H^{\nabla'} \delta_{H,J}^{\nabla'} d\phi_H) = 0$ . The assumption  $\phi$  pseudoharmonic yields to  $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = D_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} * D_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} d\phi_H + (d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} \delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'})^2 d\phi_H = 0$ .

**Remark 5.1** *The condition  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  CR-pluriharmonic is equivalent to  $d_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} J^* d\phi_H = 0$ . Moreover, if  $\dim M = 3$ , it seems natural in view of the Theorem 5.1 to define the CR-pluriharmonicity of a horizontal map  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  by the condition  $D_{\mathcal{R}}^{\nabla'} J^* d\phi_H = 0$ .*

## 6 Rigidity results for horizontal pseudoharmonic maps defined on contact locally sub-symmetric spaces

Now we derive Mok-Siu-Yeung type formulas for horizontal maps from compact contact locally sub-symmetric spaces into strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifolds. In this section we assume that  $M$  is a contact locally sub-symmetric space of dimension  $2d+1 \geq 5$ . First we consider the case  $M$  torsionless.

**Lemma 6.1** *Let  $(M, \theta, \xi, J, g_\theta)$  be a contact locally sub-symmetric space torsionless with  $s^{\mathcal{W}}$  non-zero. The tensor  $Q_{H_0}^+ \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_{H_0}^{2,+}(M)))$  given by  $Q_{H_0}^+ = c_0 I_{H_0}^{\mathcal{C}} + C_H^{\mathcal{M}}$  with  $c_0 = -\frac{8d}{d-1} \frac{|C_H^{\mathcal{M}}|^2}{s^{\mathcal{W}}}$  is parallel and satisfies  $\langle Q_{H_0}^+, R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = 0$  and  $(c_H(Q_{H_0}^+))_0 = 0$ .*

Proof. First recall that  $I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}} = \frac{1}{4}(g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})_0^+$ . Now we determine  $c_0$  in a such way that  $Q_{H_0}^+ = c_0 I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}} + C_H^{\mathcal{M}}$  satisfies  $\langle Q_{H_0}^+, R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = 0$ . We have

$$\langle Q_{H_0}^+, R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = \frac{c_0}{4} \text{tr}_H \widehat{R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}} + \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle.$$

Now, we have

$$R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d(d+1)} I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}} + \frac{1}{2(d+2)} \left( \text{Ric}_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes g_{\theta_H} - \rho_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes \omega_{\theta} \right)_0 + C_H^{\mathcal{M}}.$$

Since  $\text{tr}_H \left( \text{Ric}_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes g_{\theta_H} - \rho_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \otimes \omega_{\theta} \right)_0 = \text{tr}_H \widehat{C_H^{\mathcal{M}}} = 0$  and  $\text{tr}_H \widehat{I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}}} = \frac{d^2-1}{2}$ , we deduce that  $\text{tr}_H \widehat{R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}} = \frac{d-1}{2d} s^{\mathcal{W}}$ . Using  $\langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = |C_H^{\mathcal{M}}|^2$ , we obtain that

$$\langle Q_{H_0}^+, R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = c_0 \frac{d-1}{8d} s^{\mathcal{W}} + |C_H^{\mathcal{M}}|^2.$$

By taking  $c_0 = -\frac{8d}{d-1} \frac{|C_H^{\mathcal{M}}|^2}{s^{\mathcal{W}}}$  we obtain that  $\langle Q_{H_0}^+, R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = 0$ . Now we have  $c_H(Q_{H_0}^+) = c_0 \frac{d}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d^2}\right) g_{\theta_H}$  and then  $(c_H(Q_{H_0}^+))_0 = 0$ . Since  $M$  is a contact locally sub-symmetric space, then  $\nabla R_H^{\mathcal{W}} = 0$  and  $s^{\mathcal{W}}$  constant yield to  $\nabla C_H^{\mathcal{M}} = 0$ . Hence we have  $|C_H^{\mathcal{M}}|^2$  and  $c_0$  constant. The parallelism of  $Q_{H_0}^+ = 0$  directly follows.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.1** *For any horizontal map  $\phi$  from a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space  $M$ , holonomy irreducible and torsionless, to a Sasakian manifold  $N$ , we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \frac{c_0}{2d} |(\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)_0^+|^2 + \langle \overset{\circ}{C}_H^{\mathcal{M}} (\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)_0^+, (\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)_0^+ \rangle + \frac{c_0}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |(\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)_0^-|^2 \\ & + \langle \overset{\circ}{C}_H^{\mathcal{M}} (\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)_0^-, (\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)_0^- \rangle - \frac{c_0}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d^2}\right) |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2 - \frac{c_0}{2} (d^2-1) |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 v_{g_{\theta}} \\ & = 2 \int_M c_0 \left( \frac{1}{d} \text{tr}_H^{2,0} \left( (\phi^* \widehat{R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_{H'}^{\mathbb{C}} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \text{tr}_H^{1,1} \left( (\phi^* \widehat{R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_{H'}^{\mathbb{C}} \right) \right) + 4 \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_{H'} \rangle v_{g_{\theta}} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where  $c_0 = -\frac{8d}{d-1} \frac{|C_H^{\mathcal{M}}|^2}{s^{\mathcal{W}}}$ .

Proof. Let  $Q_{H_0}^+ = c_0 I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}} + C_H^{\mathcal{M}}$  with  $c_0$  defined in Lemma 6.1. The horizontal  $J$ -invariant symmetric 2-tensor  $(c_H(\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+}))^{\mathcal{S}}$  is parallel. We deduce from the irreducibility of  $M$  that  $(c_H(\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+}))^{\mathcal{S}} = \lambda g_{\theta_H}$  with  $\lambda \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$ . Now,

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2d} \text{tr}_H (c_H(\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+}))^{\mathcal{S}} = \frac{2}{d} \text{tr}_H (\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+}) = \frac{4}{d} \langle R_H^{\mathcal{W}}, Q_{H_0}^+ \rangle = \frac{4}{d} \langle R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}, Q_{H_0}^+ \rangle = 0.$$

Hence  $(c_H(\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+}))^S = 0$ . If  $\phi$  is a horizontal map from  $M$  to  $N$ , we have by Lemma 4.2

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \overset{\circ}{Q_{H_0}^+} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle &= \frac{c_0}{2} \left( \frac{1}{d} |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^-|^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \langle \overset{\circ}{C_H^{\mathcal{M}}} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle \\ \text{tr}_H \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+} &= \frac{c_0}{2} (d^2 - 1) \\ \langle Q_{H_0}^+, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle &= \frac{c_0}{4} \left( \frac{1}{d} \text{tr}_H^{2,0}((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \text{tr}_H^{1,1}((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^{\mathbb{C}}) \right) + \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By replacing in (17), we obtain the formula.  $\square$

Now we consider the case of contact locally sub-symmetric spaces with torsion. Let  $M$  be a contact locally sub-symmetric spaces with torsion, we recall that we have  $\tau^2 = \frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} id_H$ .

We always may assume that  $\frac{|\tau|^2}{2d} = 1$  also  $\tau$  becomes a paracomplex structure on  $H$ . Now  $(\tau, J \circ \tau, J)$  defines a so called bi-paracomplex structure (cf. [16]) on  $M$ . Any horizontal 2-tensor  $t_H$  on  $M$  decomposes into  $t_H = t_{H_+} + t_{H_-}$ , where  $t_{H_{\pm}} := \frac{1}{2}(t_H \pm \tau^* t_H)$  are respectively the  $\tau$ -invariant part and the  $\tau$ -anti-invariant part of  $t_H$ . Let  $\wedge_{H_{\pm}}^2(M)$  be the bundle of  $\tau$ -(anti)invariant horizontal antisymmetric 2-tensors. For  $Q_H \in S^2(\wedge_H^2(M))$ , we define  $Q_{H_{\pm}} \in S^2(\wedge_{H_{\pm}}^2(M))$  by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{H_{\pm}}(X, Y, Z, W) &= \frac{1}{4} (Q_H(X, Y, Z, W) \pm Q_H(\tau(X), \tau(Y), Z, W) \pm Q_H(X, Y, \tau(Z), \tau(W)) \\ &\quad + Q_H(\tau(X), \tau(Y), \tau(Z), \tau(W))). \end{aligned}$$

The tensors  $(Q_H)_{\pm}^{\pm} \in S^2((\wedge_H^2(M))_{\pm}^{\pm})$  are defined by  $(Q_H)_{\pm}^{\pm} = (Q_H^{\pm})_{\pm} = (Q_{H_{\pm}})_{\pm}^{\pm}$ .

**Lemma 6.2** *Let  $M$  be a contact locally sub-symmetric space with torsion and  $s_H \in S_H^2(M) \otimes E$ . We have the relations:*

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} A_{\theta} s_H &= 2(\tau^* s_H - A_{\theta} \otimes \text{tr}_H c_H(A_{\theta} \otimes s_H)), \\ B_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} B_{\theta} s_H &= 2((J \circ \tau)^* s_H - B_{\theta} \otimes \text{tr}_H c_H(B_{\theta} \otimes s_H)), \\ c_H(A_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} A_{\theta}) &= c_H(B_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} B_{\theta}) = -\frac{|\tau|^2}{d} g_{\theta_H}, \quad \text{tr}_H \widehat{A_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} A_{\theta}} = \text{tr}_H \widehat{B_{\theta} \overset{\circ}{\bigwedge} B_{\theta}} = -|\tau|^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 6.2** *For any horizontal map  $\phi$  from a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space with torsion  $M$  to a Sasakian manifold  $N$ , we have:*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_M |(\nabla^S d\phi_{H_0})_+^+|^2 + |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^+|^2 + |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^- + \frac{1}{d}A_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 \\
& - |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^- + \frac{1}{d}B_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 \\
& + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \left( |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 - |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 + d^2 |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 - |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2 \right) v_{g_\theta} \\
& = 8 \int_M \text{tr}_H(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})})_+^- v_{g_\theta}, \\
& \int_M \left(1 + \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^+|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^- + \frac{1}{d}A_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 \\
& + \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^- + \frac{1}{d}B_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_{H_0})_+^+|^2 \\
& \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{d}\right) \left( |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 + |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 - d^2 |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 - |\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H|^2 \right) v_{g_\theta} \\
& = 8 \int_M \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \text{tr}_H(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})})_H^+ + \frac{1}{d} \text{tr}_H(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})})_H^- - \text{tr}_H(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})})_H^+ v_{g_\theta}, \tag{32}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let the tensors  $Q_H^- \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_H^{2,-}(M)))$  and  $Q_{H_0}^+ \in \Gamma(S^2(\wedge_{H_0}^{2,+}(M)))$  defined by:

$$Q_H^- = (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})_+^- = \frac{1}{4}(g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H} - \omega_\theta \otimes \omega_\theta + A_\theta \otimes A_\theta - B_\theta \otimes B_\theta)$$

and

$$Q_{H_0}^+ = \frac{1}{4}((g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})_0)_-^+ = (I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}})_- = \frac{1}{2}(I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}} - \mathcal{T}_{H_0}),$$

with  $\mathcal{T}_{H_0} = \frac{1}{8}(A_\theta \otimes A_\theta + B_\theta \otimes B_\theta + \frac{2}{d}\omega_\theta \odot \omega_\theta)$ . Since  $M$  is a contact locally sub-symmetric space, we have  $\nabla_H A_\theta = \nabla_H B_\theta = 0$  and then  $\nabla_H Q_H^- = \nabla_H Q_{H_0}^+ = 0$ . From Lemmas 4.2 and 6.2, we have

$$c_H(Q_H^-) = (d-1)g_{\theta_H}, \quad c_H(Q_{H_0}^+) = \frac{(d-1)(d+2)}{4d}g_{\theta_H},$$

and

$$\text{tr}_H \widehat{Q_H^-} = d(d-1), \quad \text{tr}_H \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+} = \frac{(d-1)(d+2)}{4}.$$

It directly follows that  $(c_H(Q_H^-))_0 = (c_H(Q_{H_0}^+))_0 = 0$ , and that,  $\frac{\text{tr}_H \widehat{Q_H^-}}{d} B_\theta - \overset{\circ}{Q_H^-} B_\theta = 0$ .

Now since  $R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{2s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d^2}(I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}})_+$  then

$$\widehat{R_H^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+} = \widehat{R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+} = \frac{2s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d^2}(\widehat{I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}}})_+ \circ (\widehat{I_{H_0}^{\mathbb{C}}})_- = 0.$$



Also  $(c_H(\widehat{R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}} \circ \widehat{Q_{H_0}^+}))^S = 0$ . Now, let  $\phi$  be a horizontal map from  $M$  to  $N$ , by Lemmas 4.2 and 6.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \overset{\circ}{Q_H^-} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle &= |(\nabla^S d\phi_{H_0})_+^+|^2 + |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^+|^2 + |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^-|^2 - |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^-|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} |tr_{HC_H}(A_\theta \otimes \nabla^S d\phi_H)|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |tr_{HC_H}(B_\theta \otimes \nabla^S d\phi_H)|^2 \\ \langle \overset{\circ}{Q_{H_0}^+} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \left(1 + \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^+|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^-|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^-|^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_{H_0})_+^+|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} |tr_{HC_H}(A_\theta \otimes \nabla^S d\phi_H)|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |tr_{HC_H}(B_\theta \otimes \nabla^S d\phi_H)|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$tr_{HC_H}(A_\theta \otimes \nabla^S d\phi_H) = -2\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau) \quad \text{and} \quad tr_{HC_H}(B_\theta \otimes \nabla^S d\phi_H) = -2\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau).$$

Moreover

$$|(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^-|^2 = |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^- + \frac{1}{d}A_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 + \frac{1}{d}|\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2$$

and

$$|(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^-|^2 = |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^- + \frac{1}{d}B_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 + \frac{1}{d}|\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \overset{\circ}{Q_H^-} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle &= |(\nabla^S d\phi_{H_0})_+^+|^2 + |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^+|^2 + |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^-|^2 + \frac{1}{d}A_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 \\ &\quad - |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^-|^2 + \frac{1}{d}B_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 \\ &\quad \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \left( |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 - |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 \right) \\ \langle \overset{\circ}{Q_{H_0}^+} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0 \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \left(1 + \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^+|^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_{H_0})_+^+|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^-|^2 + \frac{1}{d}A_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^-|^2 + \frac{1}{d}B_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{d}\right) \left( |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau)|^2 + |\delta_H^{\nabla'}(d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

We have also

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle Q_H^-, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle &= \langle (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})_+^-, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle = tr_H((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^-) \\
\langle Q_{H_0}^+, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \langle (g_{\theta_H} \otimes g_{\theta_H})_+^+ - \frac{1}{d} \omega_\theta \odot \omega_\theta, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left( \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) tr_H((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^+) - \frac{1}{d} tr_H((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^+) + \frac{1}{d} tr_H((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^-) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left( \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) tr_H((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^+) + \frac{1}{d} tr_H((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^-) - tr_H((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^+) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

By replacing in (17) and (18), we obtain the formulas.  $\square$

Now we deduce some rigidity results for the contact sub-symmetric space of non-compact type.

In the following we denote respectively by  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{l}$  the Lie algebras of the Lie groups  $G, K, L$ . Let  $\tilde{M} = G/K$  be a simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space of non-compact Hermitian type. Then  $\tilde{M}$  is the total space of a  $S^1$ -fibration  $\pi$  over an irreducible Hermitian symmetric space of non-compact type  $\tilde{B} = G/L$ . To the Hermitian symmetric space  $G/L$ , it is naturally associated an irreducible Hermitian orthogonal involutive Lie algebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, s, \beta_{/\mathfrak{p}})$ , where  $s$  is an involutive automorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\mathfrak{l} = +1$ -eigenspace of  $s$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} = -1$ -eigenspace of  $s$  and  $\beta_{/\mathfrak{p}}$  is the  $ad_{\Gamma}$ -invariant inner product on  $\mathfrak{p}$  given by the restriction of the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}$  to  $\mathfrak{p}$  (we refer to Falbel-Gorodski[17] for the precise definition). Also it follows a so-called irreducible subtorsionless Hermitian sub-orthogonal involutive Lie algebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, s, \mathfrak{k}, \beta_{/\mathfrak{p}})$  associated to the sub-symmetric space  $G/K$ . Concerning  $(\mathfrak{g}, s, \mathfrak{k}, \beta_{/\mathfrak{p}})$ , the following facts hold [17]:

$\mathfrak{k} = [\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}]$ ,  $[\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}] = \mathfrak{l}$  and  $\mathfrak{l} = \langle \xi^* \rangle \oplus \mathfrak{k}$  with  $\xi^*$  in the center of  $\mathfrak{l}$ .

The ideal  $\mathfrak{k}$  of  $\mathfrak{l}$  is either a simple ideal or  $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{k}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{k}_2$  with  $\mathfrak{k}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{k}_2$  are simple ideals of  $\mathfrak{l}$ . The Killing form  $\beta$  is negative definite on  $\mathfrak{l}$  and we have the orthogonal decomposition of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relatively to  $\beta$ ,

$$\mathfrak{g} = \langle \xi^* \rangle \oplus \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}.$$

The endomorphism  $J^* = ad_{\xi^*/\mathfrak{p}}$  of  $\mathfrak{p}$  defines a  $ad_{\Gamma}$ -invariant complex structure on  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

The  $ad_{\Gamma}$ -invariant skew-symmetric bilinear form  $\beta(J^* \cdot, \cdot)$  on  $\mathfrak{p}$  is non-degenerate and coincides with  $\Pi^*(d\theta)$  where  $\Pi : G \rightarrow G/K$  is the natural projection.

Now the curvature  $\tilde{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  of  $\tilde{M}$  is given by  $\tilde{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} = \pi^* R^{\tilde{B}}$  where  $R^{\tilde{B}}$  is the curvature of  $\tilde{B}$ . Also  $\tilde{M}$  has nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature and negative pseudo-Hermitian scalar curvature. The Lie algebra expression of  $\tilde{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  is given (cf. [18]), for any  $X_i^* \in \mathfrak{p}$ , by:

$$\tilde{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}(d\Pi(X_1^*), d\Pi(X_2^*), d\Pi(X_3^*), d\Pi(X_4^*)) = \beta([X_1^*, X_2^*], [X_3^*, X_4^*]).$$

Let  $c'_0 = -4 \frac{|\tilde{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}|^2}{s^{\mathcal{W}}} = -4 \frac{|R^{\tilde{B}}|^2}{s^{\tilde{B}}} (> 0)$  and  $\kappa(\tilde{M})$  be the lowest eigenvalue of the quadratic form  $s_{H_0} \rightarrow \langle \overset{\circ}{\tilde{R}}_H^{\mathcal{W}} s_{H_0}, s_{H_0} \rangle = \langle \pi^* \overset{\circ}{R}^{\tilde{B}} s_{H_0}, s_{H_0} \rangle$  associated to  $\tilde{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}$  for horizontal traceless symmetric 2-tensors. The following tabular, coming from those obtained in [10],[12] and [22] for the irreducible Hermitian symmetric spaces of non-compact type, gives the values of  $c'_0$  and  $\kappa(\tilde{M})$  for the simply-connected contact sub-symmetric spaces of non-compact Hermitian type.

Type	$d$	$c'_0$	$\kappa(\tilde{M})$
$SU(p, q)/SU(p) \times SU(q)$	$pq$	$\frac{pq+1}{(p+q)^2}$	$-\frac{1}{p+q}$
$SO^*(2p)/SU(p)$	$\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3-p}{4(p-1)^2}$	$-\frac{1}{2(p-1)}$
$Sp(p, \mathbb{R})/SU(p)$	$\frac{p(p+1)}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3+p}{4(p+1)^2}$	$-\frac{1}{p+1}$
$SO_0(p, 2)/SO(p)$	$p$	$\frac{3}{2p} - \frac{1}{p^2}$	$-\frac{1}{p}$
$E_{6(-14)}/Spin(10)$	16	$\frac{3}{16}$	$-\frac{1}{12}$
$E_{7(-25)}/E_6$	27	$\frac{29}{162}$	$-\frac{1}{18}$

**Theorem 6.1** *Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space of non-compact Hermitian type other than  $SU(d, 1)/SU(d)$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact discrete subgroup of  $PsH(\tilde{M})$ . Any horizontal pseudoharmonic map  $\phi$  from  $M = \tilde{M}/\Gamma$  to a Sasakian manifold  $N$  with nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature satisfies  $\nabla d\phi = 0$ .*

Proof. Let  $\phi$  be a horizontal pseudoharmonic map from  $M$  to  $N$ . Since  $M$  and  $N$  are torsionless, then (25) together with the assumption on the curvature of  $N$  yields to  $(d\phi(\xi))_{H'} = 0$ ,  $(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_0^+ = 0$  and  $tr_H^{2,0}(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})}_H^{\mathbb{C}}) = 0$ . Now, using the irreducibility of  $M$ , we have by equation (31):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \frac{c_0}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-|^2 + \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^- \rangle v_{g_\theta} \\ &= 2 \int_M c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) tr_H^{1,1}(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})}_H^{\mathbb{C}}) + 4 \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle v_{g_\theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Now, since  $M$  is pseudo-Einstein, then  $C_H^{\mathcal{M}} = R_H^{\mathcal{W}} - \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}}}{d(d+1)} I_H^{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $|C_H^{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = |R_H^{\mathcal{W}}|^2 - \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}^2}}{4d(d+1)}$ .

We deduce by Lemma 4.2 that

$$\frac{c_0}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-|^2 + \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^- \rangle = c'_0 |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-|^2 + \langle \overset{\circ}{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^- \rangle \quad (34)$$

and

$$c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \text{tr}_H^{1,1}(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})}_H^{\mathcal{C}}) + 4 \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle = 2c'_0 \text{tr}_H^{1,1}(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})}_H^{\mathcal{C}}) + 4 \langle R_H^{\mathcal{W}}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle. \quad (35)$$

By the comparison between  $c'_0$  and  $\kappa(\tilde{M})$ , we deduce that (34) is positive excepted if  $(\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)^- = 0$ . Moreover, using the Lie algebra expression of  $\tilde{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}}$ , we can prove as Jost-Yau do in [19] p 257-273, that (35) is always nonpositive. Also it follows from (33) that  $(\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H)^- = 0$ . Consequently  $\nabla^{\mathcal{S}} d\phi_H = 0$  and  $d_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = 0$ . The end of the proof follows from the proof of Theorem 5.2.  $\square$

Let  $I$  be an open interval of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing 0, recall that a regular curve  $c : I \rightarrow M$  on a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold  $M$  is called a parabolic geodesic (cf. [15]) if  $\dot{c}(0) \in H_{c(0)}$  and if there exists  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\nabla_{\dot{c}(t)} \dot{c}(t) = \alpha \xi_{c(t)}$  for  $t \in I$ . As a consequence of the previous theorem, we have:

**Corollary 6.1** *Let  $M = \tilde{M}/\Gamma$  as above. Any horizontal pseudoharmonic map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to a Sasakian manifold  $N$  with nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature maps parabolic geodesics of  $M$  to parabolic geodesics of  $N$ .*

Proof. For any curve  $c : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$  and any map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to  $N$ , we have

$$\nabla'_{(\phi \circ c)(t)} (\phi \circ \dot{c})(t) = (\nabla_{\dot{c}(t)} d\phi)(\dot{c}(t)) + d\phi(\nabla_{\dot{c}(t)} \dot{c}(t)).$$

If  $\phi$  is a horizontal pseudoharmonic map from  $M$  to  $N$ , we have  $\nabla d\phi = 0$ . Consequently, for a parabolic geodesic  $c : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ , we obtain that  $\nabla'_{(\phi \circ c)(t)} (\phi \circ \dot{c})(t) = \alpha d\phi(\xi_{c(t)}) = \alpha f \xi'_{(\phi \circ c)(t)}$ . Hence  $\phi \circ c$  is a parabolic geodesic of  $N$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 6.2** *Let  $M = \tilde{M}/\Gamma$  as above. Any horizontal pseudoharmonic map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to a Tanaka-Webster flat Sasakian manifold  $N$  satisfies  $d\phi_H = 0$ .*

Proof. Let  $\phi$  be a horizontal pseudoharmonic map from  $M$  to  $N$ . Since  $N$  is Tanaka-Webster flat then Theorem 6.1 together with equation (26), yields to  $\langle d\phi_H \circ Ric_H^{\mathcal{W}}, d\phi_H \rangle = 0$ . Now, since  $M$  is pseudo-Einstein with  $s^{\mathcal{W}} < 0$ , then  $d\phi_H = 0$ .  $\square$

If  $M$  is a compact strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold, then  $b_1(M) = \dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}$ . Also, we have using formulas similar to (25),(26) and (31):

**Corollary 6.3** *Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space of non-compact Hermitian type other than  $SU(d, 1)/SU(d)$  then  $b_1(\tilde{M}/\Gamma) = 0$ .*

**Remark 6.1** *We can observe that the previous corollary directly follows from the two following facts. First  $M$  is the total space of a  $S^1$ -fibration over a compact irreducible Hermitian locally symmetric space of non-compact type  $B$  and then  $b_1(M) = b_1(B)$ . Second by the Matsushima Theorem [22] we have  $b_1(B) = 0$ .*

## 7 Rigidity results for CR maps defined on contact locally sub-symmetric spaces

In this section we suppose that  $N$  is a strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold and  $\phi$  is a CR map from  $M$  to  $N$ .

**Proposition 7.1** (i) *For any CR map  $\phi$  from a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space torsionless  $M$  to  $N$ , we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \frac{c_0}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-|^2 + \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}} (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^-, (\nabla^S d\phi_H)^- \rangle - c_0(d^2 - 1) |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 v_{g_\theta} \\ &= 2 \int_M c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) (HBK'_\phi)_{\mathcal{W}} + 4 \langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}) \rangle v_{g_\theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

(ii) *For any CR map  $\phi$  from a compact contact locally sub-symmetric space with torsion  $M$  to  $N$ , we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \left(1 - \frac{2}{d}\right) \left( |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_+^-|^2 + \frac{1}{d} A_\theta \otimes \delta_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ \tau) \right)^2 + |(\nabla^S d\phi_H)_-^-|^2 + \frac{1}{d} B_\theta \otimes J' \delta_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ \tau) \right)^2 \\ &+ 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{d}\right) \left( |\delta_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ \tau)|^2 - d^2 |(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}|^2 \right) v_{g_\theta} = 8 \int_M \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) (HBK'_\phi)_{\mathcal{W}} - (K'_\phi)_{\mathcal{W}} v_{g_\theta}, \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

with

$$(K'_\phi)_{\mathcal{W}} = \sum_{i,j \leq d} R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}(d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(\epsilon_j), d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(\epsilon_j)),$$

and

$$(HBK'_\phi)_{\mathcal{W}} = \sum_{i,j \leq d} R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}(d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), J' d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(\epsilon_j), J' d\phi_H(\epsilon_j)).$$

Proof. Let  $\phi$  be a CR map from  $M$  to  $N$  then  $J' \circ d\phi_H = d\phi_H \circ J$ . Also we have  $\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = -dJ'(d\phi(\xi))_{H'}$  by (27) and  $\delta_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ J \circ \tau) = J' \delta_H^{\nabla'} (d\phi_H \circ \tau)$ . Moreover,

$$(\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H(X, Y) = (\phi^* \omega_{\theta'})_H(X, JY) = f \omega_\theta(X, JY) = f g_{\theta_H}(X, Y)$$

and

$$(\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H(JX, JY) = B_{\theta'}(J' d\phi_H(X), J' d\phi_H(Y)) = -B_{\theta'}(d\phi_H(X), d\phi_H(Y)) = -(\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H(X, Y).$$

Hence we have  $(\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H = f g_{\theta_H}$  and  $(\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H^+ = 0$ . It follows that for each  $Q_{H_0}^+$  defined in Propositions 6.1 and 6.2, we have

$$\langle (c_H(\widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} \circ \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+))^S, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{ftr}_H(c_H(\widehat{R}_H^{\mathcal{W}} \circ \widehat{Q}_{H_0}^+))^S = 4 \langle R_{H_0}^{\mathcal{W}}, Q_{H_0}^+ \rangle = 0,$$

and

$$\langle \overset{\circ}{Q}_{H_0}^+ (\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H, (\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H \rangle = \frac{1}{2} f \text{tr}_H (\overset{\circ}{Q}_{H_0}^+ (\phi^* B_{\theta'})_H^-) = 0.$$

Now, we have  $(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^- = 0$  and  $(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^+ = (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H$ . Consequently  $\text{tr}_H (\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^- = 0$  and

$$\text{tr}_H (\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^+ = \sum_{i,j \leq d} R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}(d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), J' d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(\epsilon_j), J' d\phi_H(\epsilon_j)).$$

We can choose an adapted frame  $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d, J\epsilon_1, \dots, J\epsilon_d\}$  of  $H$  such that  $\tau(\epsilon_i) = \epsilon_i$  and  $\tau(J\epsilon_i) = -J\epsilon_i$ , also we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}_H ((\widehat{\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}})_H^+)_+ &= \sum_{i,j \leq d} (((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H)_+(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j, \epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) + ((\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H)_+(\epsilon_i, J\epsilon_j, \epsilon_i, J\epsilon_j)) \\ &= \sum_{i,j \leq d} R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}}(d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(\epsilon_j), d\phi_H(\epsilon_i), d\phi_H(\epsilon_j)). \end{aligned}$$

Now the formulas directly follow from equations (17) and (18) combined to (31) and (32).  $\square$

A strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold with constant holomorphic pseudo-Hermitian sectional curvature is called a pseudo-Hermitian space form. The sphere  $S^{2d+1} = SU(d+1)/SU(d)$  viewed as the total space of the Hopf fibration over  $\mathbb{C}P^d$  and its non-compact dual  $SU(d,1)/SU(d)$ , are examples of Sasakian pseudo-Hermitian space forms with respectively  $s^{\mathcal{W}} > 0$  and  $s^{\mathcal{W}} < 0$ . The Heisenberg group  $\mathcal{H}_{2d+1}$  with its standard pseudo-Hermitian structure is an example of flat Sasakian pseudo-Hermitian space form whereas the unit tangent bundle of the hyperbolic space  $H^{d+1}$ ,  $T_1 H^{d+1}$  with its standard pseudo-Hermitian structure is an example of flat non-Sasakian pseudo-Hermitian space form (cf. [14]). Note that all these examples are examples of contact sub-symmetric spaces.

**Theorem 7.1** (i) *Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space of non-compact Hermitian type other than  $SU(d,1)/SU(d)$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact discrete subgroup of  $PsH(\tilde{M})$ . Then any horizontal pseudoharmonic  $CR$  map  $\phi$  from  $M = \tilde{M}/\Gamma$  to a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  manifold  $N$  with nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature satisfies  $\nabla_H d\phi = 0$ .*

(ii) *Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space of non-compact type other than  $\mathcal{H}_{2p+1} \times_G NCH$ , then any horizontal pseudoharmonic  $CR$  map  $\phi$  from  $M = \tilde{M}/\Gamma$  to a pseudo-Hermitian space form  $N$  with  $s^{\mathcal{W}'} < 0$  is constant.*

*Proof.* A horizontal pseudoharmonic  $CR$  map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to  $N$  satisfies, by Proposition 5.2,  $\delta_H^{\nabla'} d\phi_H = (d\phi(\xi))_{H'} = 0$  and  $(\nabla^S d\phi_H)^+ = 0$ . Since  $M$  is torsionless, then it directly follows from (36) that  $(\nabla^S d\phi_H)^- = 0$ . We deduce from the previous assumptions that

$\nabla_H d\phi = 0$ . Hence (i) is proved. Now we assume that  $N$  is a pseudo-Hermitian space form, then we have  $R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}'}}{d'(d'+1)} I_{H'}^{\mathbb{C}}$ . Since  $\phi$  is a CR map, we obtain

$$(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H^+ = (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H = \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}'}}{d'(d'+1)} (\phi^* I_{H'}^{\mathbb{C}})_H = f^2 \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}'}}{d'(d'+1)} I_H^{\mathbb{C}}.$$

Hence we have  $\langle C_H^{\mathcal{M}}, (\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H \rangle = 0$  and

$$(HBK_{\phi}^{\prime\mathcal{W}})_H = \text{tr}_H(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H})^+ = f^2 \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}'}}{d'(d'+1)} \text{tr}_H \widehat{I_H^{\mathbb{C}}} = \frac{f^2}{2} \frac{d(d+1)}{d'(d'+1)} s^{\mathcal{W}'},$$

$$(K_{\phi}^{\prime\mathcal{W}})_H = \text{tr}_H(\widehat{(\phi^* R_{H'}^{\mathcal{W}})_H})_+^+ = f^2 \frac{s^{\mathcal{W}'}}{d'(d'+1)} \text{tr}_H \widehat{(I_H^{\mathbb{C}})}_+ = \frac{f^2}{4} \frac{d(d-1)}{d'(d'+1)} s^{\mathcal{W}'},$$

and

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) (HBK_{\phi}^{\prime\mathcal{W}})_H - (K_{\phi}^{\prime\mathcal{W}})_H = \frac{f^2}{4} \frac{(d-1)(d+2)}{d'(d'+1)} s^{\mathcal{W}'}.$$

Since  $s^{\mathcal{W}'} < 0$ , the right hand sides of (36) and (37) are nonpositive, whereas the left hand sides are nonnegative. We deduce from (36) that  $(HBK_{\phi}^{\prime\mathcal{W}})_H = 0$  and from (37) that  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right) (HBK_{\phi}^{\prime\mathcal{W}})_H - (K_{\phi}^{\prime\mathcal{W}})_H = 0$ . In each case, we obtain that  $f = 0$ . Since  $(\phi^* g_{\theta'})_H = f g_{\theta_H}$  and  $d\phi(\xi) = f \xi'$ , then  $\phi$  is constant.  $\square$

A regular curve  $c : I \rightarrow M$  on a strictly pseudoconvex CR manifold  $M$  is called a Carnot-Caratheodory geodesic (cf. [4],[27],[28]) if  $\dot{c}(t) \in H_{c(t)}$  and if there exists a function  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\dot{\alpha}(t) = A_{\theta}(\dot{c}(t), \dot{c}(t))$  such that  $\nabla_{(\dot{c}(t))_H}(\dot{c}(t))_H = -\alpha(t)J(\dot{c}(t))_H$  for  $t \in I$ . Also, we have

**Corollary 7.1** *Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a simply-connected contact sub-symmetric space of non-compact Hermitian type other than  $SU(d,1)/SU(d)$  and  $M = \tilde{M}/\Gamma$ . Then any horizontal pseudo-harmonic CR map  $\phi$  from  $M$  to a Sasakian manifold  $N$  with nonpositive pseudo-Hermitian complex sectional curvature maps Carnot-Caratheodory geodesics of  $M$  to Carnot-Caratheodory geodesics of  $N$ .*

Proof. Let  $c : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$  be a Carnot-Caratheodory geodesic, then  $\nabla_{(\dot{c}(t))_H}(\dot{c}(t))_H = -\alpha J(\dot{c}(t))_H$  with  $\alpha$  constant (since  $M$  is torsionless). Let  $\phi$  be a horizontal pseudoharmonic CR map from  $M$  to  $N$ , we obtain using  $\nabla_H d\phi = 0$  that  $\nabla_{((\phi \circ c)(t))_{H'}}((\phi \circ c)(t))_{H'} = -\alpha d\phi_H(J(\dot{c}(t))_H) = -\alpha J' d\phi_H((\dot{c}(t))_H) = -\alpha J'((\phi \circ c)(t))_{H'}$ . Also  $\phi \circ c$  is a Carnot-Caratheodory geodesic of  $N$ .  $\square$

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