

## ***H*-projectively Euclidean Kähler tangent bundles of natural diagonal type**

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**Abstract.** We obtain the characterization of the natural diagonal Kähler manifolds  $(TM, G, J)$  which have constant holomorphic sectional curvature, or equivalently, which are *H*-projectively Euclidean. Moreover, we classify the natural diagonal Kähler manifolds  $(TM, G, J)$  which are horizontally *H*-projectively flat (resp. vertically *H*-projectively flat).

### **1. Introduction**

The holomorphically planar curves were introduced in 1954 by OTSUKI and TASHIRO [19] to generalize in some extent, in the Kählerian context, the notion of geodesics from the Riemannian case. In this sense, the projective transformations, i.e. the transformations preserving the geodesics (see [2], [8], [9], [26]), have as a Kählerian correspondent the holomorphically projective transformations, i.e. the transformations preserving the holomorphically planar (*H*-planar) curves (see [19]). A well-known result is that a Kählerian space holomorphically projective to an Euclidean space (called also *H*-projectively Euclidean space) has constant holomorphic sectional curvature (see [27]).

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The (para-)holomorphically-projective (i.e. (para-) $H$ -projective) curvature tensor fields, which are invariant with respect to (para-)holomorphically projective transformations, were studied in the context of the Kähler manifolds (e.g. in [30], [22]) and resp. para-Kähler manifolds (e.g. in [20], [21]). The holomorphically-projective transformations (i.e. preserving  $H$ -planar curves) were generalized by the holomorphically-projective mappings (see e.g. [14], [23], [24] and the references therein).

On the other hand, the theory of the natural metrics on the total space  $TM$  of the tangent bundle of a (pseudo-)Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , initiated by KOWALSKI and SEKIZAWA in [13], was developed by ABBASSI, SARIH, OPROIU, CALVARUSO, PERRONE and others, including the present authors, in papers such as [1], [3]–[7], [10]–[12], [15]–[18], [25].

A natural diagonal metric on  $TM$  was obtained in [17], by lifting the metric  $g$  from the base manifold  $M$ , using four smooth functions depending on the energy density  $t$  on  $TM$ .

In [6], it was shown that the constant holomorphic sectional curvature of  $TM$ , endowed with a Kähler structure  $(G, J)$  of natural diagonal lift type, is proportional to the constant sectional curvature of the base manifold. We go further, and show that  $(TM, G, J)$  has constant holomorphic sectional curvature if and only if the base manifold is flat, and a coefficient involved in the definition of the metric  $G$  is a real constant. Moreover, the natural diagonal Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  cannot have nonzero constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

Then, we classify the natural diagonal Kähler manifolds  $(TM, G, J)$  for which the  $H$ -projective curvature tensor, restricted to the horizontal (resp. vertical) distribution, vanishes, and we call them horizontally (resp. vertically)  $H$ -projectively Euclidean Kähler manifolds.

Note that we will use throughout this paper the well-known Einstein summation convention.

## 2. The holomorphic sectional curvature of the tangent bundle endowed with a natural diagonal Kähler structure

Consider a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , and denote by  $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$  the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ . Let  $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$  be the tangent bundle of  $M$ , and let  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  (resp.  $(x^1, \dots, x^n, y^1, \dots, y^n)$ ) be the local coordinates on an open subset  $U$  of  $M$  (resp. on  $\pi^{-1}(U) \subset TM$ ).

There are many ways of lifting a vector field from the base manifold  $M$  to the

total space of the tangent bundle,  $TM$ . We shall use here the horizontal lift  $X^H$  and the vertical lift  $X^V$  of a vector field  $X$  to  $TM$ . More precisely, if  $X$  is locally expressed on  $U$  as  $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ , then, on  $\pi^{-1}(U)$ , we have

$$X^H = X^i \delta_i, \quad X^V = X^i \partial_i,$$

where  $\{\delta_i, \partial_j\}_{i,j=\overline{1,n}}$  is the adapted local frame on  $\pi^{-1}(U)$ , given by:

$$\delta_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - \Gamma_{ki}^h y^k \frac{\partial}{\partial y^h}, \quad \partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}, \quad \forall i = \overline{1,n},$$

$\Gamma_{ki}^h(x)$  being the Christoffel symbols of  $\hat{\nabla}$ .

An almost complex structure on  $TM$ , obtained as a natural diagonal lift of the Riemannian metric  $g$ , was characterized in [17] by:

$$\begin{aligned} JX_y^H &= a_1(t)X_y^V + b_1(t)g_{\pi(y)}(X, y)y_y^V, \\ JX_y^V &= -\frac{1}{a_1(t)}X_y^H + \frac{b_1(t)}{a_1(t)(a_1(t) + 2tb_1(t))}g_{\pi(y)}(X, y)y_y^H, \end{aligned}$$

for every tangent vector  $y \in TM$  and every vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , where  $a_1, b_1$  are smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $t$  is the energy density of  $y$ , i.e.,

$$t = \frac{1}{2}g_{\pi(y)}(y, y). \tag{1}$$

With respect to the adapted local frame  $\{\delta_i, \partial_j\}_{i,j=\overline{1,n}}$ , the almost complex structure  $J$  has the expression:

$$J\delta_i = (J_1)_i^j \partial_j, \quad J\partial_i = -(J_2)_i^j \delta_j, \tag{2}$$

where the  $M$ -tensor fields  $(J_\alpha)_i^j, \alpha = \overline{1,2}$  are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} (J_1)_i^j &= a_1(t)\delta_i^j + b_1(t)g_{0i}y^j, \\ (J_2)_i^j &= \frac{1}{a_1(t)}\delta_i^j - \frac{b_1(t)}{a_1(t)(a_1(t) + 2tb_1(t))}g_{0i}y^j, \quad \forall i, j = \overline{1,n}. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

It was proved in [17] that the almost complex structure  $J$  on  $TM$  is integrable (i.e. a complex structure) if and only if the base manifold  $(M, g)$  has constant sectional curvature  $c$  and

$$b_1(t) = \frac{a_1(t)a_1'(t) - c}{a_1(t) - 2ta_1'(t)}. \tag{4}$$

A natural diagonal metric  $G$  on  $TM$ , has the expression:

$$\begin{cases} G(X_y^H, Y_y^H) &= c_1(t)g_{\pi(y)}(X, Y) + d_1(t)g_{\pi(y)}(X, y)g_{\pi(y)}(Y, y), \\ G(X_y^V, Y_y^V) &= c_2(t)g_{\pi(y)}(X, Y) + d_2(t)g_{\pi(y)}(X, y)g_{\pi(y)}(Y, y), \\ G(X_y^V, Y_y^H) &= 0, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,  $y \in TM$ , where  $c_1, c_2, d_1, d_2$  are smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

The metric  $G$  is positive definite if and only if the functions  $c_1, c_2, x \mapsto c_1(x) + 2xd_1(x), x \mapsto c_2(x) + 2xd_2(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  are strictly positive.

*Remark 2.1.* Hereafter, unless otherwise stated, all the functions  $a_1, b_1, c_1, c_2, d_1, d_2$  are evaluated at the energy density  $t$ , given by (1).

In the adapted local frame  $\{\delta_i, \partial_j\}_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$ , the matrix of the metric  $G$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_{ij}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & G_{ij}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1g_{ij} + d_1g_{0i}g_{0j} & 0 \\ 0 & c_2g_{ij} + d_2g_{0i}g_{0j} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

where  $g_{0i}(y) = g_{ij}y^j$ , and its inverse has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{(1)}^{ij} & 0 \\ 0 & H_{(2)}^{ij} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{c_1}(g^{ij} - \frac{d_1}{c_1+2td_1}y^iy^j) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{c_2}(g^{ij} - \frac{d_2}{c_2+2td_2}y^iy^j) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

Adapting a result from [16] to the diagonal case (i.e. the case when the coefficients with the index 3 vanish), we have that  $(TM, G, J)$  is a Hermitian manifold of natural diagonal type if and only if the integrability conditions for  $J$  and the following relations hold good:

$$\frac{c_1}{a_1} = \frac{c_2}{a_2} = \lambda, \quad \frac{c_1 + 2td_1}{a_1 + 2tb_1} = \frac{c_2 + 2td_2}{a_2 + 2tb_2} = \lambda + 2t\mu, \quad (8)$$

where the proportionality coefficients  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\lambda + 2t\mu > 0$  are some functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , depending on the energy density  $t$ .

Moreover, the Hermitian manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  is a Kähler manifold if and only if

$$\mu = \lambda'. \quad (9)$$

*Remark 2.2.* The natural diagonal Kähler structures on  $TM$  depend on two essential coefficients,  $a_1$  and  $\lambda$ , which must satisfy the conditions  $a_1 > 0, a_1 + 2tb_1 > 0, \lambda > 0, \lambda + 2t\lambda' > 0$ , where  $b_1$  is given by (4).

In [5], we obtained the following:

**Proposition 2.1.** *The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $G$  has the following expression in the adapted local frame  $\{\partial_i, \delta_j\}_{i,j=\overline{1,n}}$ :*

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\partial_i} \partial_j &= Q_{ij}^h \partial_h, \quad \nabla_{\delta_i} \partial_j = \Gamma_{ij}^h \partial_h + P_{ji}^h \delta_h, \\ \nabla_{\partial_i} \delta_j &= P_{ij}^h \delta_h, \quad \nabla_{\delta_i} \delta_j = \Gamma_{ij}^h \delta_h + S_{ij}^h \partial_h, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Gamma_{ij}^h$  are the Christoffel symbols of  $\dot{\nabla}$  and the coefficients involved in the above expressions are given as

$$\begin{cases} Q_{ij}^h &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i G_{jk}^{(2)} + \partial_j G_{ik}^{(2)} - \partial_k G_{ij}^{(2)}) H_{(2)}^{kh}, \\ P_{ij}^h &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i G_{jk}^{(1)} + R_{0jk}^l G_{li}^{(2)}) H_{(1)}^{kh}, \\ S_{ij}^h &= -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_k G_{ij}^{(2)} + R_{0ij}^l G_{lk}^{(2)}) H_{(2)}^{kh}, \end{cases}$$

where  $R_{kij}^h$  are the components of the curvature tensor field of the base manifold  $(M, g)$ , and  $\partial_i$  denotes the derivative with respect to the tangential coordinates  $y^i$ .

The curvature tensor field  $K$  of the connection  $\nabla$ , defined by the well-known formula

$$K(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z, \quad X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM),$$

has the following components with respect to the adapted local frame  $\{\delta_i, \partial_j\}_{i,j=\overline{1,n}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} K(\delta_i, \delta_j) \delta_k &= (P_{li}^h S_{jk}^l - P_{lj}^h S_{ik}^l + R_{0ij}^l P_{lk}^h + R_{kij}^h) \delta_h, \\ K(\delta_i, \delta_j) \partial_k &= (P_{kj}^l S_{il}^h - P_{ki}^l S_{jl}^h + R_{0ij}^l Q_{lk}^h + R_{kij}^h) \partial_h, \\ K(\partial_i, \partial_j) \delta_k &= (\partial_i P_{jk}^h - \partial_j P_{ik}^h + P_{jk}^l P_{il}^h - P_{ik}^l P_{jl}^h) \delta_h, \\ K(\partial_i, \partial_j) \partial_k &= (\partial_i Q_{jk}^h - \partial_j Q_{ik}^h + Q_{jk}^l Q_{il}^h - Q_{ik}^l Q_{jl}^h) \partial_h, \\ K(\partial_i, \delta_j) \delta_k &= (\partial_i S_{jk}^h + S_{jk}^l Q_{il}^h - P_{ik}^l S_{jl}^h - \dot{\nabla}_j R_{0ik}^r G_{rl}^{(2)} H_{hl}^{(1)}) \partial_h, \\ K(\partial_i, \delta_j) \partial_k &= (\partial_i P_{kj}^h + P_{kj}^l P_{il}^h - Q_{ik}^l P_{lj}^h) \delta_h. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

The curvature tensor field  $K_0$  of a Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $k$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} K_0(X, Y)Z &= \frac{k}{4}[G(Y, Z)X - G(X, Z)Y + G(JY, Z)JX \\ &\quad - G(JX, Z)JY + 2G(X, JY)JZ], \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM), \end{aligned}$$

and it has the following components with respect to  $\{\delta_i, \partial_j\}_{i,j=\overline{1,n}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} K_0(\delta_i, \delta_j)\delta_k &= \frac{k}{4} [G_{jk}^{(1)}\delta_i^h - G_{ik}^{(1)}\delta_j^h] \delta_h \\ K_0(\delta_i, \delta_j)\partial_k &= \frac{k}{4} [(J_1)_i^h(J_1)_j^l G_{lk}^{(2)} - (J_1)_j^h(J_1)_i^l G_{lk}^{(2)}] \partial_h, \\ K_0(\partial_i, \delta_j)\delta_k &= \frac{k}{4} [G_{ik}^{(1)}\delta_j^h + (J_1)_j^h(J_2)_i^l G_{lk}^{(1)} + 2(J_1)_k^h(J_1)_j^l G_{il}^{(2)}] \delta_h, \\ K_0(\partial_i, \delta_j)\partial_k &= -\frac{k}{4} [G_{ik}^{(2)}\delta_j^h + (J_2)_i^h(J_1)_j^l G_{lk}^{(2)} + 2(J_2)_k^h(J_1)_j^l G_{il}^{(2)}] \delta_h, \\ K_0(\partial_i, \partial_j)\delta_k &= \frac{k}{4} [(J_2)_i^h(J_2)_j^l G_{lk}^{(1)} - (J_2)_j^h(J_2)_i^l G_{lk}^{(1)}] \delta_h, \\ K_0(\partial_i, \partial_j)\partial_k &= \frac{k}{4} [G_{jk}^{(2)}\delta_i^h - G_{ik}^{(2)}\delta_j^h] \partial_h. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove the following result.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold and  $TM$  the total space of its tangent bundle. The natural diagonal Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  is a complex space form (or equivalently, it is  $H$ -projectively flat) if and only if the base manifold is flat and the coefficient  $c_1$  of  $G$  is an arbitrary real constant. Moreover, the natural diagonal Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  cannot have nonzero constant holomorphic sectional curvature.*

PROOF. We have to study the conditions of vanishing of the difference between the curvature tensor fields  $K$  and  $K_0$ .

After some straightforward computations, the components of  $K - K_0$  with respect to the adapted local frame have some expressions of the form

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha_1 \delta_i^h g_{jk} + \alpha_2 g_{ik} \delta_j^h + \alpha_3 g_{ij} \delta_k^h + \alpha_4 g_{0i} g_{0j} \delta_k^h + \alpha_5 g_{0i} g_{0k} \delta_j^h + \alpha_6 g_{0j} g_{0k} \delta_i^h \\ &+ \alpha_7 g_{jk} g_{0i} y^h + \alpha_8 g_{ik} g_{0j} y^h + \alpha_9 g_{ij} g_{0k} y^h + \alpha_{10} g_{0i} g_{0j} g_{0k} y^h, \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

and according to [7, Lemma 3.2], they vanish if and only if  $\alpha_i = 0, \forall i = \overline{1,10}$ , where the coefficients  $\alpha_i$  are some smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , depending on  $a_1, \lambda$ , their three first order derivatives, the energy density  $t$ , the constant sectional curvature  $c$  of the base manifold, and the constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $k$  of  $TM$ .

In the expression of  $(K - K_0)(\partial_i, \delta_j)\partial_k$ , the coefficient of  $\delta_k^h g_{ij}$  is

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{a_1^2 a_1' \lambda - 2a_1 c \lambda - a_1^2 k \lambda^2 + a_1^3 \lambda' + 2a_1' c \lambda t + 2a_1 a_1' k \lambda^2 t - 2a_1 c \lambda' t}{2a_1^2 \lambda (a_1 - 2a_1' t)},$$

hence it vanishes if and only if

$$\lambda' = -\lambda \frac{a_1^2 a_1' - 2a_1 c - a_1^2 k \lambda + 2a_1' ct + 2a_1 a_1' k \lambda t}{a_1(a_1^2 - 2ct)}. \tag{12}$$

By replacing this value of  $\lambda'$  into the expression of  $(K - K_0)(\partial_i, \partial_j)\partial_k$ , we obtain that in this component, the coefficient of  $g_{ik}\delta_j^h$  is

$$\alpha_2 = -\alpha_1 = \frac{4a_1 c + a_1^2 k \lambda + 2ck\lambda t}{4a_1(a_1^2 + 2ct + 2a_1 k \lambda t)},$$

and it is zero if and only if

$$k = -\frac{4ca_1}{\lambda(a_1^2 + 2ct)}. \tag{13}$$

Now we study two cases:

*Case I)* When  $c \neq 0$ , or equivalently  $k \neq 0$ , we have

$$\lambda = -\frac{4ca_1}{k(a_1^2 + 2ct)}. \tag{14}$$

Then, replacing (14) into (12), the expressions of the coefficients  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  from  $(K - K_1)(\delta_i, \delta_j)\delta_k$  take the form:

$$\alpha_1 = -\alpha_2 = \frac{2a_1^2 c}{a_1^2 + 2ct}, \tag{15}$$

which cannot vanish for  $c \neq 0$ , hence Case I) is not a valid one.

*Case II)* When  $c = 0$  it follows that  $k = 0$ , and (12) becomes:

$$\lambda' = -\lambda \frac{a_1'}{a_1}, \tag{16}$$

which has the solution:

$$\lambda = \frac{c_0}{a_1}, \tag{17}$$

where  $c_0$  is an arbitrary real constant.

Replacing (17) into (8), we obtain:

$$c_1 = c_0 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Now, it is easy to verify that the flatness of the base manifold and the constancy of the coefficient  $c_1$  are the necessary and sufficient conditions for  $(TM, G, J)$  to be a complex space form. Moreover, from (13), it follows that  $TM$  cannot have nonzero constant holomorphic sectional curvature.  $\square$

### 3. The $H$ -projective curvature of $(TM, G, J)$

The projective curvature tensor field associated to a linear connection on a manifold, introduced in [29] and studied e.g. in [5], [28] and the references therein, is invariant under any projective transformation of the connection. Similarly, the  $H$ -projective curvature tensor field associated to a  $J$ -connection  $\nabla$  on a Kähler manifold is invariant under a  $H$ -projective transformation of  $\nabla$ , i.e. a transformation which preserves the  $H$ -planar paths (see [19] and [22]). It was shown that a connected Kähler manifold is  $H$ -projectively flat if and only if it has constant holomorphic sectional curvature (see e.g. [22]).

*Definition 3.1.* On an  $n$ -dimensional Kähler manifold  $(M, g, J)$ , the  $H$ -projective curvature tensor field associated to a  $J$ -connection  $\nabla$ , is the  $(1, 3)$ -tensor field  $HP$ , defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} HP(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - L(Y, Z)X + L(X, Z)Y + [L(X, Y) - L(Y, X)]Z \\ &\quad + L(Y, JZ)JX - L(X, JZ)JY - [L(X, JY) - L(Y, JX)]JZ, \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM), \end{aligned}$$

where  $R$  and  $\text{Ric}$  are respectively the curvature tensor field and the Ricci tensor field of  $\nabla$ , and  $L$  is the Brinkman tensor field, given by:

$$L(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \{ \text{Ric}(X, Y) + \frac{1}{n-1} [\widetilde{\text{Ric}}(X, Y) + \widetilde{\text{Ric}}(Y, X)] \}, \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM),$$

where

$$2\widetilde{\text{Ric}}(X, Y) = \text{Ric}(X, Y) - \text{Ric}(JX, JY), \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

A Kähler manifold  $(M, g, J)$  is called  $H$ -projectively flat (or  $H$ -projectively Euclidean) if the  $H$ -projective curvature tensor field associated to the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$  vanishes identically.

Since the Ricci tensor associated to the Levi-Civita connection is symmetric, and the Ricci tensor on a Kähler manifold is hybrid, it follows that the  $H$ -projective curvature tensor field associated to the Levi-Civita connection on a Kähler manifold has the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} HP(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2(n+1)} [\text{Ric}(Y, Z)X - \text{Ric}(X, Z)Y \\ &\quad - \text{Ric}(Y, JZ)JX + \text{Ric}(X, JZ)JY + 2\text{Ric}(X, JY)JZ], \quad (18) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

Now we introduce the following definition, for further use.



*Definition 3.2.* The Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  is called horizontally (resp. vertically) *H*-projectively flat if the *H*-projective curvature tensor field associated to the Levi–Civita connection of *G* vanishes on the horizontal (resp. vertical) distribution of *TTM*.

In the sequel, we shall characterize the *H*-projectively Euclidean Kähler tangent bundles of natural diagonal type.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold. The Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  of natural diagonal type is horizontally *H*-projectively flat if and only if the base manifold is flat and the coefficient  $c_1$  of *G* is an arbitrary real constant, i.e. if and only if  $(TM, G, J)$  is *H*-projectively Euclidean, or equivalently,  $(TM, G, J)$  has constant holomorphic sectional curvature.*

PROOF. We consider the *H*-projective curvature tensor field *HP* associated to the Levi–Civita connection  $\nabla$  on the natural diagonal Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$ . On the horizontal distribution we have:

$$HP(\delta_i, \delta_j)\delta_k = K(\delta_i, \delta_j)\delta_k + \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left[ Ric(\delta_i, \delta_k)\delta_j - Ric(\delta_j, \delta_k)\delta_i \right], \quad (19)$$

where *K* and Ric are, respectively, the curvature tensor field of  $\nabla$  and the corresponding Ricci tensor field, given by:

$$Ric(\delta_i, \delta_k) = K_{ihk}^h + K_{i\bar{h}k}^{\bar{h}}, \quad \forall i, j, k, h, \bar{h} = \overline{1, n}, \quad (20)$$

where the indices *i, j, k, h* correspond to the horizontal arguments and  $\bar{h}$  to the vertical argument.

Now we study the conditions under which  $(TM, G, J)$  is horizontally *H*-projectively flat, i.e.  $HP(\delta_i, \delta_j)\delta_k$  vanishes identically.

From (10), (19) and (20), we obtain:

$$HP(\delta_i, \delta_j)\delta_k = \left[ \frac{A_1 + B_1n}{N_1} g_{jk}\delta_i^h + \frac{A_2 + B_2n}{N_2} g_{ik}\delta_j^h + \frac{A_3}{N_3} g_{ij}\delta_k^h + \frac{A_4}{N_4} g_{0i}g_{0j}\delta_k^h + \frac{A_5 + B_5n}{N_5} g_{0i}g_{0k}\delta_j^h + \frac{A_6 + B_6n}{N_6} g_{0j}g_{0k}\delta_i^h + \frac{A_7}{N_7} (g_{ik}g_{0j} - g_{kj}g_{0i})y^h \right] \delta_h, \quad (21)$$

where  $A_\alpha, B_\alpha, N_\alpha, \alpha = \overline{1, 7}$  have some quite long expressions, depending on  $a_1, \lambda$ , their first three order derivatives, the constant sectional curvature *c* of the base manifold, and the energy density *t* of  $y \in TM$ .

According to [7, Lemma 3.2], the above expression vanishes if and only if  $A_\alpha + B_\alpha n = 0$ ,  $\alpha = \overline{1, 7}$ . Moreover, since we study the conditions of vanishing of the expression of  $HP(\delta_i, \delta_j)\delta_k$  for the tangent bundle of a Riemannian manifold of arbitrary dimension  $n$ , it follows that  $A_\alpha + B_\alpha n = 0$ ,  $\alpha = \overline{1, 7}$  for every  $n > 1$ , i.e. if and only if  $A_\alpha = B_\alpha = 0$ ,  $\alpha = \overline{1, 7}$ .

After the computations, the coefficient  $B_1$  has the form

$$B_1 = (a_1 - 2a'_1 t)(\lambda + 2\lambda' t)(a_1^2 a'_1 \lambda - 2a_1 c \lambda + a_1^3 \lambda' + 2a'_1 c \lambda t - 2a_1 c \lambda' t).$$

Since the integrability conditions (4) must be satisfied, and taking into account Remark 1, it follows that  $B_1 = 0$  if and only if

$$\lambda' = \frac{2a_1 c - a'_1 (a_1^2 + 2ct)}{a_1 (a_1^2 - 2ct)} \lambda. \tag{22}$$

After replacing this value of  $\lambda'$ , the coefficients  $B_1$  and  $A_2$  vanish, and the expressions of other coefficients become very simple:

$$A_1 = B_2 = -A_3 = a_1^2 c, \quad A_4 = c^2, \quad A_7 = -2a_1^2 c^2,$$

hence they vanish if and only if the base manifold is flat.

Then, replacing  $c = 0$  into (22), it follows that  $\lambda$  has the same expression as in the case of the natural diagonal tangent bundle of constant holomorphic sectional curvature, which leads to the constancy of the coefficient  $c_1$ , and thus the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *The natural diagonal Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  is vertically  $H$ -projectively flat if and only if the base manifold is flat, and the coefficient  $c_1$  of  $G$  is a real constant, i.e.  $(TM, G, J)$  is  $H$ -projectively flat, or equivalently a complex space form.*

PROOF. On the vertical distribution, the component of the  $H$ -projective curvature tensor corresponding to the Levi-Civita connection of  $G$  is:

$$HP(\partial_i, \partial_j)\partial_k = K(\partial_i, \partial_j)\partial_k + \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left[ \text{Ric}(\partial_i, \partial_k)\partial_j - \text{Ric}(\partial_j, \partial_k)\partial_i \right], \tag{23}$$

where  $K$  is the curvature tensor field of  $\nabla$  and  $\text{Ric}$  is the corresponding Ricci tensor, whose component on the vertical distribution is given as:

$$\text{Ric}(\partial_i, \partial_k) = K_{ih\bar{k}}^h + K_{ih\bar{k}}^{\bar{h}}, \quad \forall i, k, h, \bar{i}, \bar{k}, \bar{h} = \overline{1, n}, \tag{24}$$

where the indices  $i, k, h$  correspond to the horizontal arguments and  $\bar{i}, \bar{k}, \bar{h}$  to the vertical arguments.

Using (10), (23) and (24), we obtain:

$$HP(\partial_i, \partial_j)\partial_k = \left[ \frac{\bar{A}_1 + \bar{B}_1 n}{\bar{N}_1} (g_{jk}\delta_i^h - g_{ik}\delta_j^h) + \frac{\bar{A}_2}{\bar{N}_2} g_{ij}\delta_k^h + \frac{\bar{A}_3}{\bar{N}_3} g_{0i}g_{0j}\delta_k^h + \frac{\bar{A}_4 + \bar{B}_4 n}{\bar{N}_4} g_{0k}g_{0j}\delta_i^h + \frac{\bar{A}_5 + \bar{B}_5 n}{\bar{N}_5} g_{0i}g_{0k}\delta_j^h + \frac{\bar{A}_6}{\bar{N}_6} (g_{ik}g_{0j} - g_{kj}g_{0i})y^h \right] \partial_h,$$

where  $\bar{A}_\alpha, \bar{B}_\alpha, \alpha = \bar{1}, \bar{6}$ , have some quite long expressions, depending on  $a_1$ , their first two order derivatives, the constant sectional curvature  $c$  of the base manifold, and the energy density  $t$  of  $y \in TM$ .

It follows that  $HP(\partial_i, \partial_j)\partial_k = 0, \forall i, j, k = \bar{1}, \bar{n}$ , if and only if  $\bar{A}_\alpha = \bar{B}_\alpha = 0, \alpha = \bar{1}, \bar{6}$ .

Then, after some computations and a reasoning similar to that in the previous proof, it follows that the natural diagonal Kähler manifold  $(TM, G, J)$  is vertically  $H$ -projectively flat if and only if  $(TM, G, J)$  is  $H$ -projectively flat, or equivalently, is a complex space form.  $\square$

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