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# Some Applications of $\eta$ -Ricci Solitons to Contact Riemannian Submersions

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**Abstract.** The aim of this paper is to study a contact Riemannian submersion  $\pi : M \rightarrow B$  between almost contact metric manifolds such that its total space *M* admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton. Here, we obtain some necessary conditions for which any fiber of  $\pi$  and the manifold *B* are  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton, Ricci soliton, generalized quasi-Einstein,  $\eta$ -Einstein or Einstein. Finally, we study the total space *M* of  $\pi$  equipped with a torqued vector field and give some characterizations for any fiber and the manifold *B* of such a submersion  $\pi$ .

## 1. Introduction

One of the current theories in modern physics is the study of Einstein's theory of general relativity. Besides, quasi-Einstein manifolds arose during the study of exact solutions of the Einstein field equations.

A non-flat Riemannian manifold (M, g) is said to be a generalized quasi-Einstein, if the Ricci tensor of (M, g) satisfies

$$Ric(E,F) = ag(E,F) + b\alpha(E)\alpha(F) + c\beta(E)\beta(F),$$
(1)

where *a*, *b*, *c* are the functions and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  non-zero 1-forms, such that  $g(E, U) = \alpha(E)$  and  $g(E, V) = \beta(E)$ , for unit vector fields *U*, *V*, tangent to *M*. For the equation (1), if the scalar *b* or *c* is zero, then *M* becomes a quasi-Einstein manifold. Also, if both of the scalars *b* and *c* are zero in (1), *M* becomes an Einstein (for more details, we refer to [2, 5, 8]).

On the other hand, the concept of Ricci flow was introduced by R. S. Hamilton in 1982 to obtain a canonical metric on a smooth manifold. For the metrics on a manifold, the Ricci flow is an evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g(t) = -2Ric$$

which is called the heat equation. Also, he showed that the self similar solutions of such a flow are Ricci solitons which are as natural generalizations of Einstein metrics [14].

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A Riemannian manifold (M, g) is said to be a Ricci soliton, if there exists a smooth vector field (so-called potential field) v, such that

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathscr{L}_{\nu}g + Ric + \lambda g = 0$$

is satisfied. Here,  $\mathscr{L}_{\nu}g$  is the Lie-derivative of the metric tensor g with respect to  $\nu$ , *Ric* is the Ricci tensor of M and  $\lambda$  is a constant. A Ricci soliton is denoted by  $(M, g, \nu, \lambda)$  and called shrinking, steady or expanding according as  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda < 0$ , respectively.

A more general notion of  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton was introduced by J.T. Cho and M. Kimura in [10]. According to their definition, a Riemannian manifold (*M*, *g*) is called  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton if there exists a smooth vector field *v* which satisfies

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\nu}g)(E,F) + Ric(E,F) + \lambda g(E,F) + \mu \eta(E)\eta(F) = 0, \qquad (2)$$

for any  $E, F \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Here  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are functions and  $\eta$  is a 1-form. Note that if  $\mu = 0$ , then the  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton becomes a Ricci soliton.

Considering the geometric importance of these notions, the study of  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons has considerably increased in many context for the last decades: on paracontact manifolds [1, 17], on Sasakian manifolds [16], on Kenmotsu manifolds [20], on warped product manifolds [3], etc.

In the present paper, our goal is to classify any fiber and the manifold *B* of contact Riemannian submersion  $\pi$ . First, we give the Ricci tensors on the distributions  $\mathscr{H}$  and  $\mathscr{V}$  for such a submersion and by taking the potential field of  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton horizontal or vertical, we obtain that such a fiber or *B* is Einstein,  $\eta$ -Einstein, generalized quasi-Einstein, Ricci soliton or  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton. In the last section, we study the total space *M* of  $\pi$  equipped with a torqued vector field  $\mathscr{T}$  and obtain some characterizations for contact Riemannian submersions.

# 2. Preliminaries

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The authors recall the following notations from [4, 12, 13, 15]:

A Riemannian manifold *M* of dimension (2m + 1) has an almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  if it admits a vector field  $\xi$  (the so-called characteristic vector field), a 1-form  $\eta$  and a field  $\phi$  of endomorphisms of the tangent spaces satisfying:

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi. \tag{3}$$

As a consequence of (3), we note that  $\phi(\xi) = 0$  and  $\eta \circ \phi = 0$ .

If *M* is endowed with an almost contact structure ( $\phi$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ ), then it is called an almost contact manifold. Also, a Riemannian metric *g* on *M* which satisfies

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{4}$$

for any vector fields *X*, *Y*. In this case, *M* has an almost contact metric structure and *g* is said to be a metric compatible with the almost contact structure ( $\phi$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ ) and the almost contact metric manifold is denoted by (*M*,  $\phi$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ , *g*).

On the other hand, the concept of Riemannian submersion between Riemannian manifolds is very popular in Theoretical Physics as well as Differential Geometry, particularly, in general relativity and Kaluza-Klein theory. For this reason, Riemannian submersions have been studied intensively (see [18, 19]).

#### Now, we recall the following concepts:

Let  $(M^m, g)$  and  $(B^n, g')$  be Riemannian manifolds and  $\pi : (M, g) \to (B, g')$  be a surjective  $C^{\infty}$ -map. If  $\pi$  has maximal rank at any point of M, then  $\pi$  is called a  $C^{\infty}$ -submersion. A fiber over any  $x \in B$ ,  $\pi^{-1}(x)$ , is a closed

*r*-dimensional submanifold of M, r = m - n. For any  $p \in M$ , putting  $\mathscr{V}_p = ker\pi_{*p}$ , we have an integrable distribution  $\mathscr{V}$  which corresponds to the foliation of M determined by the fibers of  $\pi$ . Therefore, one has  $\mathscr{V}_p = T_p \pi^{-1}(x)$  such that  $\mathscr{V}$  is called the vertical distribution. Also,  $\mathscr{H}$  be the complementary distribution of  $\mathscr{V}$  determined by g. Then, we have the orthogonal decomposition  $T_p(M) = \mathscr{V}_p \oplus \mathscr{H}_p$ ,  $p \in M$ , such that  $\mathscr{H}$  is called the horizontal distribution. We note that for any  $X' \in \Gamma(TB)$ , the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to X' is named the horizontal lift of X'. Here,  $\pi_*X$  is denoted by the vector field X' to which X is  $\pi$ -related.

A map  $\pi$  between Riemannian manifolds *M* and *B* is called a Riemannian submersion, if the following conditions hold:

(*i*)  $\pi$  has a maximal rank,

(*ii*) The differential  $\pi_{*p}$  preserves the length of the horizontal vector fields at each point of M.

For any  $E \in \Gamma(TM)$ , we denote vE and hE the vertical and horizontal components of E, respectively. A Riemannian submersion  $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  has the following properties:

(*i*)  $g(X, Y) = g'(X', Y') \circ \pi$ ,

(*ii*) h[X, Y] is the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to [X', Y'],

(*iii*)  $h(\nabla_X Y)$  is the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to  $\nabla'_{x'} Y'$ ,

(iv) for any vertical vector field V, [X, V] is the vertical,

where  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla'$  denote the Levi-Civita connections of *M* and *B*, respectively and *X*, *Y* are the basic vector fields,  $\pi$ -related to X', Y'.

Moreover, the tensor fields  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  are said to be the fundamental tensor fields on the manifold M which are defined by

$$\mathcal{T}(E,F) = \mathcal{T}_E F = h(\nabla_{vE} vF) + v(\nabla_{vE} hF),$$
  
$$\mathcal{A}(E,F) = \mathcal{A}_E F = v(\nabla_{hE} hF) + h(\nabla_{hE} vF),$$

for any  $E, F \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

The fundamental tensor fields  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  on M satisfy the following properties:

$$g(\mathcal{T}_E F, G) = -g(\mathcal{T}_E G, F)$$

$$g(\mathcal{R}_E F, G) = -g(\mathcal{R}_E G, F)$$
(5)
(6)

and

$$\mathcal{T}_V W = \mathcal{T}_W V, \tag{7}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_X Y = -\mathcal{A}_Y X = \frac{1}{2} v[X, Y], \tag{8}$$

for any  $E, F, G \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,  $V, W \in \mathcal{V}_p$  and  $X, Y \in \mathcal{H}_p$ ,  $p \in M$ .

Note the fact that the vanishing of the tensor field  $\mathcal{T}$  or  $\mathcal{A}$  has some geometric meanings. For instance, if the tensor  $\mathcal{A}$  vanishes identically on M, the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  is integrable. If the tensor  $\mathcal{T}$  vanishes identically, any fiber of  $\pi$  is a totally geodesic submanifold of M.

Using the fundamental tensor fields  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ , one can see that

$\nabla_V W = \mathcal{T}_V W + \nabla_V W,$	9)

 $\nabla_{V}X = h(\nabla_{V}X) + \mathcal{T}_{V}X,$ (10)  $\nabla_{V}V = \mathcal{H}_{V}V + \eta(\nabla_{V}V)$ (11)

$$\nabla_X Y = h(\nabla_X Y) + \mathcal{A}_X Y, \tag{12}$$

where  $\nabla$  and  $\hat{\nabla}$  are the Levi-Civita connections of *M* and any fiber of  $\pi$  respectively, for any  $V, W \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $X, Y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

The mean curvature vector field *H* on any fiber of Riemannian submersion  $\pi$  is given by

$$N = rH,$$
(13)

such that

$$\mathcal{N} = \sum_{j=1}^{r} \mathcal{T}_{U_j} U_j \tag{14}$$

where *r* denotes the dimension of any fiber of  $\pi$  and  $\{U_1, U_2, ..., U_r\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Using the equality (14), we get

$$g(\nabla_E \mathcal{N}, X) = \sum_{j=1}^r g((\nabla_E \mathcal{T})(U_j, U_j), X)$$

for any  $E \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Denote the horizontal divergence of the horizontal vector field X by  $\check{\delta}(X)$  given by

$$\check{\delta}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} g(\nabla_{X_i} X, X_i), \tag{15}$$

where  $\{X_i\}_{1 \le i \le n}$  is an orthonormal frame of  $\mathscr{H}$ , such that *n* is also the dimension of *B*.

On the other hand, any fiber of  $\pi$  is totally umbilical, if

$$\mathcal{T}_U W = g(U, W) H, \tag{16}$$

is satisfied. Here, *H* is the mean curvature vector field of  $\pi$  in *M*, for any *U*,  $W \in \mathcal{V}$ .

Furthermore, the Ricci tensor Ric on M satisfies

$$Ric(X,Y) = Ric'(X',Y') \circ \pi - \frac{1}{2} \{ g(\nabla_X \mathcal{N},Y) + g(\nabla_Y \mathcal{N},X) \}$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} g(\mathcal{A}_X X_i, \mathcal{A}_Y X_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_i} X, \mathcal{T}_{U_i} Y)$$

$$(17)$$

$$Ric(U, W) = Ric(U, W) + g(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{T}_{U}W) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} g((\nabla_{X_{i}}\mathcal{T})(U, W), X_{i})$$

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{n} g(\mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}U, \mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}W)$$
(18)

where  $\{X_i\}$  and  $\{U_i\}$  are the orthonormal basis of  $\mathscr{H}$  and  $\mathscr{V}$  respectively, for any  $X, Y \in \mathscr{H}$  and  $U, V \in \mathscr{V}$ .

## 2.1. Contact Riemannian submersions

Let  $M^{2m+1}$  and  $B^{2n+1}$  be  $C^{\infty}$ -Riemannian manifolds with the almost contact metric structures ( $\phi, \xi, \eta, g$ ) and ( $\phi', \xi', \eta', g'$ ) respectively.

A Riemannian submersion  $\pi : (M^{2m+1}, g) \to (B^{2n+1}, g')$  is called a contact Riemannian submersion if the following conditions hold:

a) 
$$\pi_{*}\xi = \xi'$$
,  
b)  $\pi_{*} \circ \phi = \phi' \circ \pi_{*}$ .

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For the contact Riemannian submersion  $\pi : (M^{2m+1}, g) \to (B^{2n+1}, g')$ , the following properties are satisfied:

1.  $\phi X$  is the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to  $\phi' X'$ ,

2. h(S(X, Y)) is the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to S'(X', Y'),

3.  $h((\nabla_X \phi)Y)$  is the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to  $(\nabla'_{x'} \phi')Y'$ ,

where  $S = N_{\phi} + 2d\eta \otimes \xi$  and  $S' = N'_{\phi'} + 2d\eta' \otimes \xi'$  are the normality tensor fields of the manifolds *M*, *B* such that  $N_{\phi}$  and  $N'_{\phi'}$  are the Nijenhius tensors of  $\phi$  and  $\phi'$ , respectively and *X*, *Y* are basic vector fields on *M*,  $\pi$ -related to *X'*, *Y'* on *B*, respectively. Also, we here note that the vertical distribution  $\mathscr{V}$  and horizontal distribution  $\mathscr{H}$  of dimension 2r and 2n + 1, respectively, such that r = m - n.

Considering above properties, note that the followings are satisfied:

- (*i*) The distributions  $\mathscr{V}$  and  $\mathscr{H}$  are  $\phi$ -invariant,
- (*ii*) The characteristic vector field  $\xi$  is horizontal,

(*iii*) Since  $\xi$  is horizontal, we have  $\eta(U) = 0$  for any  $U \in \mathcal{V}$  and this implies  $\mathcal{V}_p \subset ker\eta_p$ , for any  $p \in M$  (for details, see [12]).

# 3. Contact Riemannian Submersions whose total space admits an $\eta$ -Ricci Soliton

Now, we recall the following lemma from [11]:

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\pi$  : (*M*, *g*)  $\rightarrow$  (*B*, *g'*) be a Riemannian submersion between Riemannian manifolds. The followings are equivalent to each other:

(i) the vertical distribution  $\mathcal{V}$  is parallel,

(ii) the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  is parallel,

(iii) the fundamental tensor fields T and A vanish, identically.

Throughout this paper, we assume the following:

Assumption: A contact Riemannian submersion  $\pi : (M, g) \to (B, g')$  is defined between almost contact metric manifolds  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  and  $(B, \phi', \xi', \eta', g')$ .

We note that  $\{X_i, \xi\}_{1 \le i \le 2n}$  and  $\{U_j\}_{1 \le j \le 2r}$  are the local orthonormal frames of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ , respectively and using (17)-(18), we can give the following:

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\pi : (M, g) \to (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion between manifolds. Then, the Ricci tensor of M satisfies

$$Ric(U,W) = \hat{Ric}(U,W) + g(\mathcal{N},\mathcal{T}_{U}W) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \left\{ g((\nabla_{X_{i}}\mathcal{T})(U,W),X_{i}) + g(\mathcal{A}_{V}U,\mathcal{A}_{V}W) \right\} - g((\nabla_{X}\mathcal{T})(U,W),\xi) - g(\mathcal{A}_{V}U,\mathcal{A}_{V}W)$$
(19)

$$Ric(X,Y) = Ric'(X',Y') \circ \pi - \frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_N g)(X,Y)$$

$$+2\sum_{i=1}^{2n}g(\mathcal{A}_{X}X_{i},\mathcal{A}_{Y}X_{i})+2g(\mathcal{A}_{X}\xi,\mathcal{A}_{Y}\xi)+\sum_{j=1}^{2r}g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}X,\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}Y),$$
  

$$Ric(X,\xi) = Ric'(X',\xi')\circ\pi -\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{N}g)(X,\xi)+2\sum_{i=1}^{2n}g(\mathcal{A}_{X}X_{i},\mathcal{A}_{\xi}X_{i})$$

$$(21)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2^{r}} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}X, \mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}\xi),$$

$$Ric(\xi, \xi) = Ric'(\xi', \xi') \circ \pi - g(\nabla_{\xi}N, \xi) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{2^{n}} g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}X_{i}, \mathcal{A}_{\xi}X_{i})$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{2^{r}} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}\xi, \mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}\xi),$$
(22)

where Ric<sup>'</sup> and Ric denote the Ricci tensors of B and any fiber of  $\pi$  respectively, for any  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $X, Y \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\pi$ -related to X<sup>'</sup>, Y<sup>'</sup>.

Using the equalities (19)-(22) in Lemma 3.2, we have the following characterizations:

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(M, g, V, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with vertical potential field V and let  $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion. If one of the conditions in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, then any fiber of  $\pi$  admits a Ricci soliton with potential field V.

*Proof.* Since *M* admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with vertical potential field *V*, from (2), we can write

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\{ g(\nabla_U V, W) + g(\nabla_W V, U) \right\} + Ric(U, W) + \lambda g(U, W) + \mu \eta(U) \eta(W) = 0,$$
(23)

for any  $U, W \in \mathcal{V}$ . Also  $\eta(U) = \eta(W) = 0$ , because  $\xi$  is horizontal. Using (9) in (23), it follows

$$\frac{1}{2} \{ g(\hat{\nabla}_{U}V, W) + g(\hat{\nabla}_{W}V, U) \} + Ric(U, W) + \lambda g(U, W) = 0.$$
(24)

Applying (19) to the equation (24), it gives

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{V}g)(U,W) + \hat{Ric}(U,W) + g(\mathcal{N},\mathcal{T}_{U}W) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \left\{ g((\nabla_{X_{i}}\mathcal{T})(U,W),X_{i}) + g(\mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}U,\mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}W) \right\} - g((\nabla_{\xi}\mathcal{T})(U,W),\xi) - g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}U,\mathcal{A}_{\xi}W) + \lambda g(U,W) = 0.$$
(25)

Since one of the conditions in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, the eq. (25) is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L}_V\hat{g})(U,W) + \hat{Ric}(U,W) + \lambda \hat{g}(U,W) = 0,$$

which means any fiber of  $\pi$  is a Ricci soliton.  $\Box$ 

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**Example 3.4.** Let (M, J, g) be an almost Hermitian manifold and  $(M', \phi', \xi', \eta', g')$  be an almost contact metric manifold. We consider the Riemannian product manifold  $M \times M'$  and we set

$$\bar{\phi}(X, X') = (JX, \phi' X')$$
  
 $\bar{\eta}(X, X') = \eta'(X'),$   
 $\bar{\xi} = (0, \xi'),$ 

for any  $(X, X') \in \Gamma(TM \times TM')$ . Then,  $(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $M \times M'$ , where

$$\bar{g}((X, X'), (Y, Y') = g(X, Y) + g'(X', Y'),$$

for any  $(X, X'), (Y, Y') \in \Gamma(TM \times TM')$ . Now, we consider a projection map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi: M \times M^{'} \to M^{'} \\ (x, x^{'}) &\to x^{'}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_*(\bar{\phi}(X,X^{'})) &= & \pi_*(JX,\phi^{'}X^{'}) = \phi^{'}X^{'} \\ &= & \phi^{'}(\pi_*(X,X^{'})), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $(X, X') \in \Gamma(TM \times TM')$ . Then, it follows

$$\pi_*\bar{\phi} = \phi'\pi_*$$

(for details, see [9]).

Let  $M = S^6(1)$  be a hypersphere with radius 1 centered at the origin O. It is known that  $S^6$  has the canonical nearly Kaehlerian structure. Also, let  $M' = S^5(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})$  be a hypersphere with radius  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$  centered at the origin O of the almost Hermitian manifold ( $\mathbb{R}^6$ , J, <, >), where J and <, > is the standart complex structure and Euclidean metric on  $\mathbb{R}^6$ , respectively.

Let N be a unit normal vector field of  $S^5(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})$ . Then,  $JN \in \Gamma(TS^5)$  and we set

$$\xi' = -JN$$
  
$$JX = \phi' X + \eta'(X)N$$

Therefore, one can see that  $(\phi', \xi', \eta', g')$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $S^5(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})$ . We here note that g' is the induced metric on  $S^5(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})$  from  $\mathbb{R}^6$ .

On the other hand, we consider the Riemannian product

$$M^n = S^{n_1}(r_1) \times S^{n_2}(r_2) \times \ldots \times S^{n_p}(r_p),$$

where  $n_1, n_2, ..., n_p \ge 2$  and  $\frac{n_1-1}{r_1^2} = \frac{n_2-1}{r_2^2} = ... = \frac{n_p-1}{r_p^2}$ . Chen and Deshmukh showed that  $(M^n, \bar{g}, x^{\top}, \lambda)$  is a shrinking Ricci soliton. Here,  $x^{\top}$  is the tangential part of position vector field x with respect to origin (see [6]).

Considering all the above statements, we have

$$\pi: S^{6}(1) \times S^{5}(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}) \to S^{5}(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})$$

is a contact Riemannian submersion such that the total space  $S^6(1) \times S^5(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})$  is a Ricci soliton.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(M, g, V, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with vertical potential field V and let  $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion. If one of the conditions in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, then B is an  $\eta$ -Einstein.

*Proof.* Case I. For any horizontal vector fields  $X, Y \neq \xi$ , we can write

$$\frac{1}{2} \{ g(\nabla_X V, Y) + g(\nabla_Y V, X) \} + Ric(X, Y) + \lambda g(X, Y) + \mu \eta(X) \eta(Y) = 0.$$
(26)

Also, using (11) in Lie derivative, one has

$$g(\nabla_X V, Y) + g(\nabla_Y V, X) = g(\mathcal{A}_X V, Y) + g(\mathcal{A}_Y V, X)$$
(27)

and using the equalities (6) and (8) in (27), then

 $(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X,Y) = 0$ 

is found. Using (20) in the Eq. (26), it gives

$$\operatorname{Ric}'(X',Y') \circ \pi - \frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{N}}g)(X,Y) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\mathscr{A}_{X}X_{i},\mathscr{A}_{Y}X_{i}) + 2g(\mathscr{A}_{X}\xi,\mathscr{A}_{Y}\xi) + \sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}X,\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) + \mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$

$$(28)$$

Since one of the conditions in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, the Eq. (28) becomes

 $Ric'(X',Y')\circ\pi+\lambda g(X,Y)+\mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) \ = \ 0.$ 

The last equation is equivalent to

$$\left(Ric'(X',Y') + \lambda g'(X',Y') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(Y')\right) \circ \pi = 0,$$

which gives

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$$Ric'(X',Y') + \lambda g'(X',Y') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(Y') = 0,$$
(29)

where  $X, Y \neq \xi \in \mathcal{H}$  are  $\pi$ -related to  $X', Y' \in \Gamma(TB)$ .

Case II. For any horizontal vector field  $X \neq \xi$ , the Eq. (2) becomes

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(g(\nabla_X V,\xi) + g(\nabla_\xi V,X)\right) + Ric(X,\xi) + \lambda g(X,\xi) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(\xi) = 0.$$
(30)

Using (11) in (30), one obtains

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( g(\mathcal{A}_X V, \xi) + g(\mathcal{A}_\xi V, X) \right) + Ric(X, \xi) + \lambda g(X, \xi) + \mu \eta(X) \eta(\xi) = 0.$$
(31)

Considering the equalities (6), (8) in (31), it gives

 $Ric(X,\xi) + \lambda g(X,\xi) + \mu \eta(X) \eta(\xi) = 0.$ 

Indeed, applying (21) to the last equality, it follows

$$Ric'(X',\xi') \circ \pi - \frac{1}{2} (\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{N}}g)(X,\xi) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\mathcal{A}_X X_i, \mathcal{A}_\xi X_i)$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} X, \mathcal{T}_{U_j} \xi) + \lambda g(X,\xi) + \mu \eta(X) \eta(\xi) = 0.$$

$$(32)$$

From Lemma 3.1, the equation (32) is equivalent to

$$Ric'(X',\xi') \circ \pi + \lambda g(X,\xi) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(\xi) = 0,$$

which means

$$Ric'(X',\xi') + \lambda g'(X',\xi') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(\xi') = 0,$$
(33)  
where  $\xi \in \mathscr{H}, \pi$ -related to  $\xi' \in \Gamma(TB)$ .

Case III. Finally, choosing  $X = Y = \xi$ , the Eq. (2) gives

$$g(\nabla_{\xi}V,\xi) + Ric(\xi,\xi) + \lambda g(\xi,\xi) + \mu \eta(\xi)\eta(\xi) = 0.$$
(34)

Using (11) in (34), one has

$$g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}V,\xi) + Ric(\xi,\xi) + \lambda g(\xi,\xi) + \mu \eta(\xi)\eta(\xi) = 0.$$
(35)

Indeed, using (22) in (35), it follows

$$g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}V,\xi) + Ric'(\xi',\xi') \circ \pi - g(\nabla_{\xi}\mathcal{N},\xi) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}X_i,\mathcal{A}_{\xi}X_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_i}\xi,\mathcal{T}_{U_i}\xi) + \lambda g(\xi,\xi) + \mu\eta(\xi)\eta(\xi) = 0.$$
(36)

Since  $\mathcal{A}_{\xi}\xi$  vanishes identically and one of the conditions in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, the Eq. (36) is equivalent to

$$Ric'(\xi',\xi') \circ \pi + \lambda g(\xi,\xi) + \mu \eta(\xi) \eta(\xi) = 0,$$

which gives

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$$Ric'(\xi',\xi') + \lambda g'(\xi',\xi') + \mu \eta'(\xi')\eta'(\xi') = 0.$$
(37)

As a result of the equalities (29), (33) and (37), it is obtained that the almost contact metric manifold *B* is an  $\eta$ -Einstein.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(M, g, \mathbb{Z}, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with horizontal potential field  $\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $\pi : (M, g) \to (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion with totally umbilical fibers. If the horizontal distribution  $\mathscr{H}$  is integrable, then any fiber of  $\pi$  is an Einstein.

*Proof.* Since the total space of  $\pi$  admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton, putting the equality (10) in (2), we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\{g(\mathcal{T}_{U}\mathcal{Z},W)+g(\mathcal{T}_{W}\mathcal{Z},U)\right\}+Ric(U,W)+\lambda g(U,W)+\mu\eta(U)\eta(W)=0,$$

for any  $U, W \in \mathcal{V}$ . Since  $\xi$  is horizontal, we get  $\eta(U) = \eta(W) = 0$  and using the equalities (5) and (7), the last equation gives

$$-g(\mathcal{T}_{U}W, \mathcal{Z}) + Ric(U, W) + \lambda g(U, W) = 0.$$

Applying (19) to the last equation, we get

$$-g(\mathcal{T}_{U}W,\mathcal{Z}) + \hat{Ric}(U,W) + g(\mathcal{N},\mathcal{T}_{U}W) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \left\{ g\left( (\nabla_{X_{i}}\mathcal{T})(U,W), X_{i} \right) + g(\mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}U,\mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}W) \right\} - g((\nabla_{\xi}\mathcal{T})(U,W),\xi) - g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}U,\mathcal{A}_{\xi}W) + \lambda g(U,W) = 0$$

If any fiber is a totally umbilical, we note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g((\nabla_{X_i} \mathcal{T})(U, W), X_i) + g((\nabla_{\xi} \mathcal{T})(U, W), \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\nabla_{X_i} H, X_i) g(U, W) + g(\nabla_{\xi} H, \xi) g(U, W),$$
(38)

where *H* is the mean curvature vector field, for any  $U, W \in \mathcal{V}$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is integrable and using (38), it follows

$$-g(\mathcal{Z}, H)g(U, W) + \hat{Ric}(U, W) + g(\mathcal{N}, H)g(U, W) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\nabla_{X_i} H, X_i)g(U, W) -g(\nabla_{\xi} H, \xi)g(U, W) + \lambda g(U, W) = 0.$$
(39)

Putting the equality (15) in (39), it is equivalent to

$$\hat{Ric}(U,W) + \left\{2r||H||^2 - g(\mathcal{Z},H) - \check{\delta}(H) + \lambda\right\}g(U,W) = 0.$$

Therefore, any fiber of  $\pi$  is an Einstein.  $\Box$ 

Particularly, if we choose the potential field  $\mathcal{Z} = \xi$ , we obtain:

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $(M, g, \xi, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton and  $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion with totally umbilical fibers. If the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  is integrable, then any fiber of  $\pi$  is an Einstein and its Ricci tensor is given by

$$\hat{Ric} = -(2r||H||^2 - \eta(H) - \check{\delta}(H) + \lambda)g,$$

where H is the mean curvature vector field.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $(M, g, \mathbb{Z}, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with horizontal potential field  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\pi : (M, g) \to (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion. If one of the conditions in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, then the almost contact metric manifold B admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with potential field  $\mathbb{Z}'$ , such that  $\pi_*(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}'$ .

*Proof.* Case I. Let  $X, Y \neq \xi$  be horizontal vectors. From the Eq. (2), we can write

$$\frac{1}{2}(g(\nabla_X \mathcal{Z}, Y) + g(\nabla_Y \mathcal{Z}, X)) + Ric(X, Y) + \lambda g(X, Y) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$

Using (12), it follows

$$\frac{1}{2} \Big( g(h(\nabla_X \mathcal{Z}), Y) + g(h(\nabla_Y \mathcal{Z}), X) \Big) + Ric(X, Y) + \lambda g(X, Y) + \mu \eta(X) \eta(Y) = 0,$$

which gives

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{Z'}g')(X',Y') \circ \pi + Ric(X,Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$
(40)

Moreover, applying (20) to (40), we get

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{Z'}g')(X',Y')\circ\pi + Ric'(X',Y')\circ\pi - \frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{N}g)(X,Y) 
+2\sum_{i=1}^{2n}g(\mathscr{R}_{X}X_{i},\mathscr{R}_{Y}X_{i}) + 2g(\mathscr{R}_{X}\xi,\mathscr{R}_{Y}\xi) + \sum_{j=1}^{2r}g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}X,\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}Y) 
+\lambda g(X,Y) + \mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$
(41)

From Lemma 3.1, the equation (41) is equivalent to

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{Z'}g')(X',Y') + Ric'(X',Y') + \lambda g'(X',Y') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(Y')\right) \circ \pi = 0,$$

which means

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$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{Z}'}g')(X',Y') + Ric'(X',Y') + \lambda g'(X',Y') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(Y') = 0.$$
(42)

Case II. For any horizontal vector field  $X \neq \xi$ , considering the Eq. (12) in (2), it follows

$$\frac{1}{2}(g(h(\nabla_X \mathcal{Z}), \xi) + g(h(\nabla_\xi \mathcal{Z}), X)) + Ric(X, \xi) + \lambda g(X, \xi) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(\xi) = 0.$$
(43)

Using (21) in above (43)

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{Z}'}g')(X',\xi')\circ\pi + Ric'(X',\xi')\circ\pi - \frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{N}}g)(X,\xi) +2\sum_{i=1}^{2n}g(\mathscr{A}_{X}X_{i},\mathscr{A}_{\xi}X_{i}) + \sum_{j=1}^{2r}g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}X,\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}\xi) + \lambda g(X,\xi) +\mu\eta(X)\eta(\xi) = 0$$

$$(44)$$

is obtained. Also, because Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, the equation (44) gives

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{Z'}g')(X',\xi') + Ric'(X',\xi') + \lambda g'(X',\xi') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(\xi')\right) \circ \pi = 0,$$

which implies

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{Z}'}g')(X',\xi') + Ric'(X',\xi') + \lambda g'(X',\xi') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(\xi') = 0.$$
(45)

Case III. Choosing  $X = Y = \xi$ , the Eq. (2) becomes

$$g(\nabla_{\xi} \mathcal{Z}, \xi) + Ric(\xi, \xi) + \lambda g(\xi, \xi) + \mu \eta(\xi) \eta(\xi) = 0.$$
(46)

Putting (12) in (46), we have

$$g(h(\nabla_{\xi} \mathcal{Z}), \xi) + Ric(\xi, \xi) + \lambda g(\xi, \xi) + \mu \eta(\xi) \eta(\xi) = 0.$$

Moreover, using (22), it follows

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{Z'}g')(\xi',\xi')\circ\pi + Ric'(\xi',\xi')\circ\pi - g(\nabla_{\xi}\mathcal{N},\xi) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{2n}g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}X_i,\mathcal{A}_{\xi}X_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{2r}g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j}\xi,\mathcal{T}_{U_j}\xi) + \lambda g(\xi,\xi) + \mu\eta(\xi)\eta(\xi) = 0.$$

$$(47)$$

On the other hand, since one of the conditions in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, the equation (47) gives

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{Z}'}g')(\xi',\xi') + Ric'(\xi',\xi') + \lambda g'(\xi',\xi') + \mu \eta'(\xi')\eta'(\xi')\right) \circ \pi = 0$$

which means

$$(\mathscr{L}_{Z'}g')(\xi',\xi') + Ric'(\xi',\xi') + \lambda g'(\xi',\xi') + \mu \eta'(\xi')\eta'(\xi') = 0.$$
(48)

The equalities (42),(45) and (48) give the almost contact metric manifold *B* is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with potential field  $\mathcal{Z}'$ .  $\Box$ 

Taking the potential field N of an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton, we obtain a characterization as follows:

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $(M, g, N, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with horizontal potential field N and  $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion with totally umbilical fibers. If the horizontal distribution is integrable, then B is a generalized quasi-Einstein manifold.

*Proof.* Since the total space *M* admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton, putting (20) in (2), we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{N}}g)(X,Y) + Ric'(X',Y') \circ \pi - \frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{N}}g)(X,Y) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\mathscr{R}_{X}X_{i},\mathscr{R}_{Y}X_{i})$$
  
+2g(\var{A}\_{X}\xi,\mathscr{R}\_{Y}\xi) +  $\sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}X,\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) + \mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0$  (49)

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  is integrable, the tensor field  $\mathcal{A} \equiv 0$ . Then (49) is equivalent to

$$Ric'(X',Y') \circ \pi + \sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j}X,\mathcal{T}_{U_j}Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$
(50)

On the other hand, using (5) we can express

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} X, \mathcal{T}_{U_j} Y) = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} X, U_i) g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} Y, U_k) g(U_i, U_k)$$
$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} U_i, X) g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} U_i, Y)$$
$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} X, U_i) g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} Y, U_i),$$
(51)

where  $\{U_1, ..., U_{2r}\}$  denotes a local orthonormal frame of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Since  $\pi$  has totally umbilical fibers, applying (16) to (51) and using (13), we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j} X, \mathcal{T}_{U_j} Y) = g(2rH, X)g(2rH, Y)$$
  
=  $g(\mathcal{N}, X)g(\mathcal{N}, Y).$  (52)

Denoting the dual 1-from of N by  $\sigma$ , then (52) yields

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_j}X, \mathcal{T}_{U_j}Y) = \sigma(X)\sigma(Y),$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{H}$ . Putting the last equality in (50),

$$Ric'(X',Y') \circ \pi + \lambda g(X,Y) + \sigma(X)\sigma(Y) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0$$
(53)

it follows

$$Ric'(X', Y') + \lambda g'(X', Y') + \sigma'(X')\sigma'(Y') + \mu \eta'(X')\eta'(Y') = 0.$$

Therefore, the manifold *B* is a generalized quasi-Einstein.  $\Box$ 

In a particular case of Theorem 3.9, choosing the potential field  $N = \xi$ , we obtain:

**Corollary 3.10.** Let  $(M, g, \xi, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton and  $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion with totally umbilical fibers. If the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  is integrable, then B is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

As another result of Theorem 3.9, we get:

**Corollary 3.11.** Let  $(M, g, N, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton and  $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion with totally umbilical fibers. If the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  is integrable, then B is a quasi-Einstein manifold.

#### 4. Contact Riemannian submersions whose total space is endowed with a torqued vector field

A vector field  $\mathscr{T}$  on a Riemannian manifold M is said to be a torqued, if the following equalities are satisfied

$$\nabla_{E}\mathscr{T} = fE + \gamma(E)\mathscr{T}, \quad \gamma(\mathscr{T}) = 0$$
(54)

for any  $E \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where *f* is a function,  $\gamma$  is a 1-form and  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of *M*. If the 1-form  $\gamma$  in (54) vanishes identically, then  $\mathscr{T}$  is called concircular vector field (see also [7, 8]).

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**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\pi : (M, g) \to (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion between almost contact metric manifolds such that the total space *M* is endowed with a torqued vector field  $\mathscr{T}$ . Then we have the followings:

(i) If  $\mathscr{T}$  is vertical,  $\mathscr{T}$  is also torqued on any fiber of  $\pi$  and  $\mathcal{T}_U \mathscr{T}$  vanishes identically, for any  $U \in \mathscr{V}$ .

(ii) If  $\mathcal{T}$  is horizontal,  $\mathcal{T}'$  is torqued on B, where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the basic vector field,  $\pi$ -related to  $\mathcal{T}'$  and the  $\mathcal{A}_X \mathcal{T}$  vanishes identically, for any  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* If the vector field  $\mathscr{T}$  is vertical, using (54), we can write

 $\nabla_U \mathcal{T} = f U + \gamma(U) \mathcal{T}, \quad \gamma(\mathcal{T}) = 0,$ 

and combining it with Eq. (9), it follows

$$\hat{\nabla}_{U}\mathcal{T} + \mathcal{T}_{U}\mathcal{T} = fU + \gamma(U)\mathcal{T}, \quad \gamma(\mathcal{T}) = 0, \tag{55}$$

for any  $U \in \mathcal{V}$ . By comparing the horizontal and vertical parts of (55),

$$\hat{\nabla}_{U} \mathcal{T} = f U + \gamma(U) \mathcal{T}, \ \gamma(\mathcal{T}) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{U} \mathcal{T} = 0,$$

are obtained. Hence, the first equality above gives that the vector field  $\mathscr{T}$  is torqued on any fiber and (*i*) is satisfied.

If the vector field  $\mathscr{T}$  is horizontal, using (54), one has

 $\nabla_X \mathscr{T} = fX + \gamma(X) \mathscr{T}, \quad \gamma(\mathscr{T}) = 0,$ 

and combining it with Eq. (12), it follows

$$\mathcal{A}_{X}\mathcal{T} + h(\nabla_{X}\mathcal{T}) = fX + \gamma(X)\mathcal{T}, \quad \gamma(\mathcal{T}) = 0, \tag{56}$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ . By comparing the horizontal and vertical parts of (56), we obtain

$$h(\nabla_X \mathscr{T}) = fX + \gamma(X) \mathscr{T}, \quad \gamma(\mathscr{T}) = 0,$$

$$\mathscr{A}_X \mathscr{T} = 0.$$
(57)

Hence the first equation gives

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}'}^{'} \mathscr{T}^{'} = f X^{'} + \gamma^{'}(X^{'}) \mathscr{T}^{'}, \quad \gamma^{'}(\mathscr{T}^{'}) = 0,$$

which means the vector field  $\mathscr{T}'$  is torqued on the manifold *B*, such that  $\mathscr{T}$  is the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to  $\mathscr{T}'$ . Therefore, the condition (*ii*) is obtained.  $\Box$ 

From now on, we suppose that the total space *M* of contact Riemannian submersion  $\pi$  is equipped with the torqued vector field  $\xi$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\pi$  :  $(M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion with totally umbilical fibers and  $(M, g, \xi, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton. If the horizontal distribution  $\mathscr{H}$  is integrable, then the Ricci tensor Ric of any fiber of  $\pi$  is given by

$$\hat{Ric} = -((\lambda + f) - \check{\delta}(H) + 2r||H||^2)g,$$
(58)

where *H* is the mean curvature vector field.

*Proof.* Firstly, since  $\xi$  is a torqued on *M*, using (54) we can write

$$\nabla_U \xi = f U + \gamma(U)\xi, \quad \gamma(\xi) = 0, \tag{59}$$

for any  $U \in \mathscr{V}$ . From (10), it follows

$$\mathcal{T}_U \xi + h(\nabla_U \xi) = f U + \gamma(U)\xi, \quad \gamma(\xi) = 0$$

and then

$$\mathcal{T}_{U}\xi = fU,$$

$$h(\nabla_{U}\xi) = \gamma(U)\xi,$$
(60)

are found.

On the other hand, since *M* admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton, one has

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\xi}g)(U,W) + Ric(U,W) + \lambda g(U,W) + \mu \eta(U)\eta(W) = 0.$$
(61)

Here we note that  $\eta(U) = \eta(W) = 0$ . Then, applying (10) to (61), we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\{g(\mathcal{T}_{U}\xi,W)+g(\mathcal{T}_{W}\xi,U)\right\}+Ric(U,W)+\lambda g(U,W)=0.$$

Putting (19) and (60) in the last equality gives

$$fg(U,W) + \hat{Ric}(U,W) + g(\mathcal{N},\mathcal{T}_{U}W) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g((\nabla_{X_{i}}\mathcal{T})(U,W),X_{i})$$

$$-g((\nabla_{\xi}\mathcal{T})(U,W),\xi) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}U,\mathcal{A}_{X_{i}}W) - g(\mathcal{A}_{\xi}U,\mathcal{A}_{\xi}W) + \lambda g(U,W) = 0.$$
(62)

Since  $\pi$  has totally umbilical fibers and  $\mathcal{H}$  is integrable, the Eq. (62) is equivalent to

$$\hat{Ric}(U,W) + 2r||H||^2 g(U,W) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \left\{ (\nabla_{X_i}g)(U,W)g(H,X_i) + g(\nabla_{X_i}H,X_i)g(U,W) \right\} - (\nabla_{\xi}g)(U,W)g(H,\xi) - g(\nabla_{\xi}H,\xi)g(U,W) + (\lambda + f)g(U,W) = 0,$$
(63)

for any  $U, W \in \mathcal{V}$ . Applying (15) to (63), we obtain

$$\hat{Ric}(U, W) + 2r||H||^2 g(U, W) - \check{\delta}(H)g(U, W) + (\lambda + f)g(U, W) = 0,$$

which gives (58).  $\Box$ 

The proof of the next lemma is given by the similar way of Lemma 4.2:

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $\pi$  :  $(M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion with totally umbilical fibers and let  $(M, g, \xi, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton. If  $\mathscr{H}$  is integrable, then B is Einstein.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $\pi$  :  $(M, g) \rightarrow (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion between almost contact metric manifolds. *Then, we have the following:* 

(*i*) The vector field  $\xi'$  is a torqued on the distribution  $\mathcal{D}'$ , such that  $TB = \mathcal{D}' \oplus Span\{\xi'\}$  and  $\pi_*\xi = \xi'$ . (*ii*) The vector field  $\xi'$  is a concircular on the distribution  $Span\{\xi'\}$ . *Proof.* Since  $\xi$  is a torqued on *M*, we get

$$\nabla_X \xi = f X + \gamma(X) \xi, \quad \gamma(\xi) = 0,$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ . Also, using (12) in the last equality, it gives

$$\mathcal{A}_X\xi + h(\nabla_X\xi) = fX + \gamma(X)\xi, \quad \gamma(\xi) = 0.$$
(64)

If we choose the horizontal vector field  $X \neq \xi$  and compare of the horizontal and vertical components of (64), it gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_X \xi &= 0, \\ h(\nabla_X \xi) &= f X + \gamma(X) \xi. \ \ \gamma(\xi) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the last equality follows

 $\nabla_{X'}^{'}\xi^{'} = fX^{'} + \gamma^{'}(X^{'})\xi^{'}, \quad \gamma^{'}(\xi^{'}) = 0,$ 

which means  $\xi'$  is a torqued vector field on the distribution  $\mathcal{D}'$ .

On the other hand, if we take  $X = \xi$  in (64), one has

$$\nabla_{\xi}\xi = \mathcal{A}_{\xi}\xi + h(\nabla_{\xi}\xi) = f\xi + \gamma(\xi)\xi, \quad \gamma(\xi) = 0$$

and it follows

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$$h(\nabla_{\xi}\xi) = f\xi. \tag{65}$$

Since  $h(\nabla_{\xi}\xi)$  is the basic vector field  $\pi$ -related to  $\nabla'_{\xi'}\xi'$ , the Eq. (65) is equivalent to

$$\nabla'_{\xi'}\xi' = f\xi',$$

which is nothing but  $\xi'$  is a concircular on the distribution  $Span\{\xi'\}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $\pi : (M, g) \to (B, g')$  be a contact Riemannian submersion and let  $(M, g, \xi, \lambda)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton. If any condition in Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, then the Ricci tensor on  $\mathcal{D}'$  is given by

$$Ric' = -((\lambda + f) + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma' \otimes \eta' + \eta' \otimes \gamma') - \mu\eta' \otimes \eta')g'$$

*Proof.* Since *M* admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton, we can write

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\xi}g)(X,Y) + Ric(X,Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0,$$
(66)

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{H}$ . Using (54) the Lie-derivative of (66), it gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(\mathscr{L}_{\xi}g)(X,Y) &= \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ g(\nabla_{X}\xi,Y) + g(\nabla_{Y}\xi,X) \Big\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ g(h(\nabla_{X}\xi),Y) + g(h(\nabla_{Y}\xi),X) \Big\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ g(fX+\gamma(X)\xi,Y) + g(fY+\gamma(Y)\xi,X) \Big\} \\ &= fg(X,Y) + \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \gamma(X)\eta(Y) + \eta(X)\gamma(Y) \Big\}. \end{aligned}$$

Putting the last statement in (66), we have

$$fg(X,Y) + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \gamma(X)\eta(Y) + \eta(X)\gamma(Y) \right\} + Ric(X,Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) + \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$

Applying the Eq. (20) to the last equation, it gives

$$\begin{split} Ric'(X',Y') &\circ \pi - \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L}_{N}g)(X,Y) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\mathcal{A}_{X}X_{i},\mathcal{A}_{Y}X_{i}) + 2g(\mathcal{A}_{X}\xi,\mathcal{A}_{Y}\xi) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{2r} g(\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}X,\mathcal{T}_{U_{j}}Y) + fg(X,Y) + \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \gamma(X)\eta(Y) + \eta(X)\gamma(Y) \Big\} + \lambda g(X,Y) \\ &+ \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0. \end{split}$$

Since one of the conditions of Lemma 3.1 is satisfied, we get

$$Ric'(X',Y')\circ\pi+(\lambda+f)g(X,Y)+\frac{1}{2}\left\{\gamma(X)\eta(Y)+\eta(X)\gamma(Y)\right\}+\mu\eta(X)\eta(Y)=0,$$

for any horizontal vectors  $X, Y \neq \xi$ . Therefore, the last equation is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} Ric'(X',Y') + (\lambda + f)g'(X',Y') + \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \gamma'(X')\eta'(Y') + \eta'(X')\gamma'(Y') \Big\} \\ + \mu\eta'(X')\eta'(Y') &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X', Y' \neq \xi'$  and the proof is completed.  $\Box$ 

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