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# SOME RESULTS OF $\eta$ -RICCI SOLITONS ON $(LCS)_n$ -MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract**. In this paper, we consider an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on the  $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfying certain curvature conditions likes:  $R(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$  and  $W_2(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ . We show that on the  $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , the existence of  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton implies that (M, g) is a quasi-Einstein. Further, we discuss the existence of Ricci solitons with the potential vector field  $\xi$ . In the end, we construct the non-trivial examples of  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons on the  $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds.

## 1 Introduction

In 2003, Shaikh [33] introduced the notion of Lorentzian concircular structure manifolds (briefly,  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold) with an example, which generalize the notion of LP-Sasakian manifolds introduced by Matsumoto [27] and also by Mihai and Rosca [28]. The properties of  $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds have been studied by many geometer, for instance we refer ([7], [8], [22]-[25], [29], [34], [36], [39]-[42]).

The Ricci solitons are natural generalization of Einstein metrics on a Riemannian manifold, being generalized fixed points of Hamilton's Ricci flow  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g = -2S$  [20]. The evolution equation defining the Ricci flow is a kind of nonlinear diffusion equation, an analogue of heat equation for metrics. Under Ricci flow, a metric can be improved to evolve into more canonical one by smoothing out its irregularities, depending on the Ricci curvature of the manifold: it will expand in the directions of negative Ricci curvature and shrink in the positive case. The geometrical properties of the Ricci solitons have been studied in ([1]-[5], [7]-[13], [17]-[21], [26], [31], [37], [38], [43]) and by others. In paracontact geometry, the Ricci soliton first appeared in the paper of G. Calvaruso and D. Perrone [6]. C. L. Bejan and M. Crasmareanu studied the properties of Ricci solitons on the 3-dimensional normal paracontact manifolds [3]. A more general notion of a Ricci soliton is that of  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton introduced by J. T. Cho and M. Kimura [18], which was treated by C. Calin and M. Crasmareanu on Hopf hypersurfaces in complex-space-forms [4]. Metrics satisfying

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Ricci flow equations are interesting and useful in physics and are often referred as quasi-Einstein ([12]-[16]).

## 2 $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$

Let M be an n-dimensional smooth connected paracontact Hausdroff manifold equipped with a Lorentzian metric g. Then (M,g) is a Lorentzian manifold, that is, M admits a smooth symmetric tensor field g of type (0,2) such that for each point  $p \in M$ , the tensor  $g_p: T_pM \times T_pM \to \Re$  is a non degenerate inner product of signature (-,+,...,+), where  $T_pM$  denotes the tangent space of M at p and  $\Re$  is the real number. A non-zero vector field  $v \in T_pM$  is said to be timelike (resp., non-spacelike, null, and spacelike) if it satisfies  $g_p(v,v) < 0$  (resp.,  $\leq 0, =, > 0$ ) [30].

**Definition 1.** A non-vanishing vector field  $\rho$  on a Lorentzian manifold (M,g) defined by  $g(X,\rho) = A(X), \ \forall \ X \in \chi(M)$  is said to be a concircular vector field [41] if

$$(\nabla_X A)(Y) = \alpha \left\{ g(X, Y) + \omega(X) A(Y) \right\},\,$$

where  $\alpha$  is a non-zero scalar and  $\omega$  is a closed 1-form.

If the Lorentzian manifold M admits a unit timelike concircular vector field  $\xi$ , called the *generator* of the manifold, then we have

$$g(\xi,\xi) = -1, \ g(X,\xi) = \eta(X), \ (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = \alpha \{g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\},$$
 (2.1)

where  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\eta$  is a non-zero 1-form. It is obvious from (2.1) that

$$\nabla_X \xi = \alpha \{ X + \eta(X)\xi \} \tag{2.2}$$

for all vector field X on M. Here  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of the covariant differentiation with respect to the Lorentzian metric g and  $\alpha$  satisfies

$$\nabla_X \alpha = (X\alpha) = d\alpha(X) = \rho \eta(X), \tag{2.3}$$

 $\rho$  being a certain scalar function given by  $\rho = -(\xi \alpha)$ . If we put

$$\alpha \, \phi X = \nabla_X \xi, \tag{2.4}$$

then (2.2) and (2.4) give

$$\phi X = X + \eta(X)\xi,\tag{2.5}$$

where  $\phi$  is a (1,1)-tensor, called the structure tensor of M. Thus the Lorentzian manifold M together with a unit timelike concircular vector field  $\xi$ , its associated 1-form  $\eta$  and (1,1)-tensor field  $\phi$  is said to be a Lorentzian concircular structure manifold (briefly  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold) [33]. Especially, if we take  $\alpha = 1$ , then we can

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obtain the LP-Sasakian structure of Matsumoto [27]. For details, we refer [11] and the references therein. In an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold, n > 2, the following relations

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

$$\eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$
(2.6)

$$\eta(R(X,Y)Z) = (\alpha^2 - \rho) \{ g(Y,Z)\eta(X) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y) \}, \tag{2.7}$$

$$R(X,Y)\xi = (\alpha^2 - \rho) \{ \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y \},$$
 (2.8)

$$R(\xi, X)Y = (\alpha^2 - \rho) \{ g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X \}, \tag{2.9}$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = \alpha \{ g(X, Y)\xi + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X \}, \qquad (2.10)$$

$$S(X,\xi) = (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)\eta(X), \tag{2.11}$$

$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)\eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{2.12}$$

$$(X\rho) = d\rho(X) = \beta\eta(X), \tag{2.13}$$

hold for any vector fields X, Y, Z on M,  $\beta = -(\xi \rho)$  is a scalar function [34]. Here R is the curvature tensor corresponding to the Lorentzian metric g and S is the Ricci tensor corresponding to the Ricci operator Q, that is, S(X,Y) = g(QX,Y).

## 3 $\eta$ -Ricci solitons on $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$

Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold, then the quartet  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  on M is said to be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton [18] if it satisfies

$$L_{\xi}g + 2S + 2\lambda g + 2\mu \eta \otimes \eta = 0, \tag{3.1}$$

where  $L_{\xi}$  is the Lie-derivative operator along the vector field  $\xi$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are real constants. We write  $L_{\xi}g$  in term of the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  as:

$$(L_{\xi}g)(X,Y) = g(\nabla_Y \xi, X) + g(Y, \nabla_X \xi) = 2\alpha[g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)], \tag{3.2}$$

where equations (2.1) and (2.2) are used. In view of (3.1) and (3.2), we get

$$QX = -(\alpha + \lambda)X - (\alpha + \mu)\eta(X)\xi, \tag{3.3}$$

$$r = -n\lambda - (n-1)\alpha + \mu, (3.4)$$

$$S(X,Y) = -(\alpha + \lambda)g(X,Y) - (\alpha + \mu)\eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{3.5}$$

$$S(X,\xi) = S(\xi,X) = (\mu - \lambda)\eta(X), \tag{3.6}$$

$$\mu - \lambda = (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho) \tag{3.7}$$

for any  $X,Y \in \chi(M)$ . Here r is the scalar curvature of (M,g) and is defined by  $r = S(e_i, e_i)_{i=1}^n$ , where  $\{e_1, e_2, ..., e_n\}$  is a set of linearly independent vector fields on M. In particular, if  $\mu = 0$  then the triplet  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton [20] and it is called shrinking, steady or expanding according as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero or positive, respectively [19].

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**Proposition 2.** The following relations hold on an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ 

(i) 
$$\eta(\nabla_X \xi) = 0$$
, (ii)  $\nabla_{\xi} \xi = 0$ , (iii)  $\nabla_{\xi} \eta = 0$ , (iv)  $L_{\xi} \phi = 0$ ,

(v) 
$$L_{\xi}\eta = 0$$
, (vi)  $L_{\xi}(\eta \otimes \eta) = 0$ , (vii)  $L_{\xi}g = 2\alpha(g + \eta \otimes \eta)$ .

Also, if  $\eta$  is closed the distribution is involuntary and the Nijenhuis tensor of  $\phi$  vanishes identically, i.e., the structure is normal.

*Proof.* Since  $(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = \alpha \{g(X,Y)\xi + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X\}$  and therefore

$$\nabla_X \phi Y - \phi(\nabla_X Y) = \alpha \{ g(X, Y)\xi + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X \}.$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in the above equation, we have  $\phi(\nabla_X \xi) = \alpha \phi X$ . Applying  $\phi$  on either sides, we get

$$\nabla_X \xi + \eta(\nabla_X \xi) \xi = \alpha \{ X + \eta(X) \xi \}.$$

Since  $X(g(\xi,\xi)) = 2g(\nabla_X \xi, \xi)$  and  $\nabla_X \xi = \alpha \phi X$ , therefore  $\eta(\nabla_X \xi) = 0$ , and hence  $\nabla_{\xi} \xi = 0$ . As we know that  $\eta(X) = g(X,\xi)$  and  $\nabla$  is metric, then we have  $\nabla_{\xi} \eta = 0$ . The Lie-derivative of  $\phi$  along  $\xi$  gives

$$(L_{\xi}\phi)(X) = [\xi, \phi X] - \phi([\xi, X]) = \nabla_{\xi}\phi X - \phi(\nabla_{\xi}X) = (\nabla_{\xi}\phi)(X) = 0, i.e., L_{\xi}\phi = 0.$$

Again,  $(L_{\xi}\eta)(X) = \xi(\eta(X) - \eta([\xi, X])) = g(X, \nabla_{\xi}\xi) + g(\nabla_{X}\xi, \xi) = 0$ , i.e.,  $L_{\xi}\eta = 0$ . Also, if  $L_{\xi}\eta = 0$ , then  $L_{\xi}\eta \otimes \eta = 0$ , as  $L_{\xi}\eta \otimes \eta = (L_{\xi}\eta) \otimes \eta + \eta \otimes (L_{\xi}\eta)$ . Again  $(L_{\xi}g)(X,Y) = \xi g(X,Y) - g([\xi,X],Y) - g(X,[\xi,Y])$ , implies that

$$(L_{\xi}g)(X,Y) = \alpha[g(\phi X,Y) + g(X,\phi Y)].$$

Using (2.5), we get

$$L_{\xi}g = 2\alpha(g + \eta \otimes \eta).$$

It is well known that

$$(d\eta)(X,Y) = X(\eta(Y)) - Y(\eta(X)) - \eta([X,Y])$$

implies that

$$(d\eta)(X,Y) = q(Y,\nabla_X\xi) - q(X,\nabla_Y\xi)$$

$$= \alpha \{g(Y, X) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\} - \alpha \{g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\} = 0, i.e., d\eta = 0.$$

Finally,

$$N_{\phi}(X,Y) = \phi^{2}[X,Y] + [\phi X, \phi Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y]$$

yields that

$$N_{\phi}(X,Y) = \phi^{2}(\nabla_{X}Y) - \phi^{2}(\nabla_{Y}X) - \phi(\nabla_{X}\phi Y) + \phi(\nabla_{Y}\phi X) + \nabla_{\phi X}\phi Y - \phi(\nabla_{\phi X}Y) - \nabla_{\phi Y}\phi X + \phi(\nabla_{\phi Y}X) = 0,$$

*i.e.*, the structure is normal.

In [7] and [8], Shaikh et al. proved that a second order parallel symmetric tensor on a Lorentzian concircular structure manifold with  $\alpha^2 - \rho \neq 0$  is a constant multiple of the Ricci tensor. Thus we apply this concept for  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton and prove the following results.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold. If the symmetric tensor field  $h = L_{\xi}g + 2S + 2\mu \eta \otimes \eta$  of type (0,2) is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ , then  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  on M yields an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton.

*Proof.* In consequence of (3.2), we have

$$h(X,Y) = 2\alpha \, g(X,Y) + 2S(X,Y) + 2(\alpha + \mu)\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Replacing X and Y with  $\xi$  in the above equation, we get

$$h(\xi,\xi) = (L_{\xi}g)(\xi,\xi) + 2S(\xi,\xi) + 2\mu\eta(\xi)\eta(\xi) = 2\lambda,$$

and therefore

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}h(\xi, \xi).$$

From [7] and [8], we have

$$h(X,Y) = -h(\xi,\xi)g(X,Y), \forall X, Y \in \chi(M).$$

Thus,  $L_{\xi}g + 2S + 2\mu\eta \otimes \eta = -2\lambda g$ . Hence the statement of the theorem.

If  $\mu = 0$ , it follows that  $L_{\xi}g + 2S + 2(n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)g = 0$ . Thus we conclude the following corollary:

Corollary 4. On an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  with the property that a symmetric tensor field  $h = L_{\xi}g + 2S$  of type (0,2) is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection associated to g, then the equation (3.1), for  $\mu = 0$  and  $\lambda = (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)$ , define a Ricci soliton.

An  $(LCS)_n$  manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be quasi-Einstein if its Ricci tensor S is a linear combination (with real scalars  $\lambda$  and  $\mu(\neq 0)$ ) of g and the tensor product of a non-zero 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying (2.1) and for an Einstein if S is collinear with g [6]. From (3.5), we state the results in the form of corollary as:

Corollary 5. If the equation (3.5) define an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold, then (M, g) is quasi-Einstein.

Next, we prove the following theorem as:

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . If the Ricci tensor S of M is

- (i) cyclic parallel, then  $\mu = -\alpha \frac{\rho}{2\alpha}$ , and  $\lambda = -\frac{\rho}{2\alpha}(1 2\alpha(n-1)) \alpha(1 + (n-1)\alpha)$ .
- (ii) cyclic parallel  $\eta$ -recurrent, then there does not exist an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton or a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\xi$  on M.

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*Proof.* It is well known that

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = X(S(Y, Z)) - S(\nabla_X Y, Z) - S(Y, \nabla_X Z). \tag{3.8}$$

In view of (2.2), (2.3) and (3.5), the equation (3.8) reduces to

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = -\rho g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\eta(X) - \alpha(\alpha + \mu)\{g(\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y) + g(\phi X, \phi Y)\eta(Z)\}.$$
(3.9)

If possible, we suppose that the Ricci tensor S of M is cyclic parallel, that is,  $(\nabla_X S)(Y,Z) + (\nabla_Y S)(Z,X) + (\nabla_Z S)(Z,Y) = 0 \ \forall X,Y,Z \in \chi(M)$ . The cyclic sum of (3.9) together with the last argument give

$$-\rho\{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\eta(X) + g(\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y) + g(\phi Y, \phi X)\eta(Z)\} -2\alpha(\alpha + \mu)\{g(\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y) + g(\phi X, \phi Y)\eta(Z) + g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\eta(X)\} = 0.$$
(3.10)

Replacing  $Z = \xi$  in (3.10), we have

$$(\rho + 2\alpha(\alpha + \mu))g(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0$$

for any  $X,Y\in\chi(M)$ . It follows that  $\rho+2\alpha(\alpha+\mu)=0$  and thus (3.7) gives  $\mu=-\alpha-\frac{\rho}{2\alpha}$ , and  $\lambda=-\frac{\rho}{2\alpha}(1-2\alpha(n-1))-\alpha(1+(n-1)\alpha)$ . To prove the result (ii), we suppose that M is  $\eta$ -recurrent, that is,  $(\nabla_X S)(Y,Z)=\eta(X)S(Y,Z)\ \forall\ X,\ Y,\ Z\in\chi(M)$ . If the Ricci tensor S of the  $\eta$ -recurrent  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold is cyclic parallel, then

$$\eta(X)S(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)S(Z,X) + \eta(Z)S(X,Y) 
= -\rho\{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\eta(X) + g(\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y) + g(\phi Y, \phi X)\eta(Z)\} 
-2\alpha(\alpha + \mu)\{g(\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y) + g(\phi X, \phi Y)\eta(Z) + g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\eta(X)\} = 0$$
(3.11)

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ . Taking  $Y = Z = \xi$  in (3.11) and then using (3.5) and (3.6), we get  $3(\mu - \lambda)\eta(X) = 0$  for any  $X \in \chi(M)$ . It follows that  $\lambda = \mu$ , which is a contradiction. Thus the statements of the theorem are proved.

In view of the Theorem 6, we can state the following corollaries.

Corollary 7. In an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  equipped with a cyclic parallel Ricci tensor, there is no Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\xi$ .

Corollary 8. If an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  possesses a cyclic parallel  $\eta$ -recurrent Ricci tensor, then M does not admit  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton or Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\xi$ .

**Theorem 9.** Let  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . If the Ricci tensor S of M satisfies

- (i)  $\nabla S = 0$ , then  $\mu = -\alpha + \frac{\xi \alpha}{\alpha}$ , and  $\lambda = \frac{\xi \alpha}{\alpha} \alpha (n-1)(\alpha^2 \rho)$ . (ii)  $\nabla S = \eta \otimes S$ , then there does not exist  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton or Ricci soliton with the
- (ii)  $\nabla S = \eta \otimes S$ , then there does not exist  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton or Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\xi$  on M.

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*Proof.* Let us suppose that the Ricci tensor S of M satisfies  $\nabla S = 0$ , that is, M is Ricci symmetric  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold. Replacing Z by  $\xi$  in (3.10), we obtain

$$\{\alpha(\alpha + \mu) + \rho\}g(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0, \quad \forall X, Y \in \chi(M).$$

It follows that  $\mu = -\alpha + \frac{\xi \alpha}{\alpha}$ , and  $\lambda = \frac{\xi \alpha}{\alpha} - \alpha - (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)$ , the statement (i). Let M is  $\eta$ -recurrent  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold, that is,  $\nabla S = \eta \otimes S$ . From (3.5) we obtain  $\lambda = \mu$ , which is not possible. Thus our theorem is proved.

In consequence of the Theorem 9, we state the following corollaries.

**Corollary 10.** If an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is Ricci symmetric, then there is no Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\xi$  on M.

Corollary 11. If an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is admitting an  $\eta$ -recurrent Ricci tensor, then there does not exist  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton or Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\xi$  on M.

# 4 $\eta$ -Ricci solitons satisfying certain curvature conditions on the $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$

In 1970, Pokhariyal et al. [32], defined and studied the properties of  $W_2$ -curvature tenor, and is given by

$$W_2(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z + \frac{1}{n-1} \{g(X,Z)QY - g(Y,Z)QX\}$$
 (4.1)

for  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ .

**Theorem 12.** If an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  equipped with an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  satisfies  $R(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ , then  $\mu = -\alpha$  and  $\lambda = -\alpha - (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose M satisfies  $R(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ . Then we have

$$S(R(\xi, X)Y, Z) + S(Y, R(\xi, X)Z) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ . Using (2.9) and (3.5) in the above equation, we yield

$$(\alpha^{2} - \rho)(\mu + \alpha)\{g(X, Y)\eta(Z) + g(X, Z)\eta(Y) + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} = 0.$$

For  $Z = \xi$ , we have

$$(\alpha^{2} - \rho)(\mu + \alpha)\{g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\} = 0.$$

It is obvious from the above equation that  $\mu = -\alpha$ , provided  $\alpha^2 - \rho \neq 0$ . Equation (3.7) together with the last result give  $\lambda = -\alpha - (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)$ . Hence the statement of the theorem is proved.

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With the help of the Theorem 12, we state the following corollaries.

Corollary 13. Let an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  equipped with the  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton satisfies  $R(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ . Then there is no Ricci soliton on M with the potential vector field  $\xi$ .

**Corollary 14.** An  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  together with the  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  and  $R(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$  is Einstein.

**Theorem 15.** If an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  with an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton satisfies  $W_2(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ , then either  $\mu = -\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = \alpha - (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)$  or  $\lambda = -\alpha$ ,  $\mu = -\alpha + (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \rho)$ .

*Proof.* If possible, we assume that the  $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds endowed with the  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons are  $W_2$ -Ricci symmetric, that is,  $W_2(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ . Thus we have

$$S(W_2(\xi, X)Y, Z) + S(Y, W_2(\xi, X)Z) = 0 (4.2)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ . Using (3.5) and (4.1) in (4.2), we get

$$(\alpha^{2} - \rho) \left[ g(X,Y)S(\xi,Z) + g(X,Z)S(Y,\xi) - S(X,Z)\eta(Y) - S(X,Y)\eta(Z) \right] - \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ (\alpha + \lambda) \{ S(X,Z)\eta(Y) + \eta(Z)S(Y,X) \} + (\alpha + \mu) \{ \eta(X)\eta(Y)S(\xi,Z) + \eta(X)\eta(Z)S(Y,\xi) \} + (\mu - \lambda) \{ g(X,Y)S(\xi,Z) + g(X,Z)S(Y,\xi) \} \right] = 0.$$
 (4.3)

In consequence of (3.5)-(3.7), equation (4.3) consider the form

$$\frac{(\alpha + \mu)(\alpha + \lambda)}{n - 1} \{ \eta(Y)g(X, Y) + \eta(Z)g(X, Y) + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \} = 0.$$
 (4.4)

Taking  $Z = \xi$  in (4.4), we yield

$$\frac{(\alpha + \mu)(\alpha + \lambda)}{n - 1}g(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0 \tag{4.5}$$

for any  $X,Y\in\chi(M)$ . In general,  $g\neq 0$  on M, therefore (4.5) shows that either  $\mu=-\alpha$  or  $\lambda=-\alpha$ , for n>1. These results together with (3.7) reflect that either  $\mu=-\alpha,\,\lambda=\alpha-(n-1)(\alpha^2-\rho)$  or  $\lambda=-\alpha,\,\mu=-\alpha+(n-1)(\alpha^2-\rho)$  on M.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 16.** If an  $(LCS)_n$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfies  $W_2(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ , then there is no Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\xi$  on M.

# 5 Examples of $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on $(LCS)_n$ -manifolds

**Example 17.** Let a 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z \neq 0\}$ , where (x, y, z) are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  be a linearly independent global frame on M given by

$$E_1 = e^z \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \qquad E_2 = e^z \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \qquad E_3 = e^{2z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

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Assume that g be the Lorentzian metric on M, and is defined by

$$g(E_1, E_3) = g(E_2, E_3) = g(E_1, E_2) = 0, \ g(E_1, E_1) = g(E_2, E_2) = 1, \ g(E_3, E_3) = -1.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(V) = g(V, E_3)$  for any  $V \in \chi(M)$  and  $\phi$  is a (1, 1)-tensor field defined by  $\phi E_1 = E_1$ ,  $\phi E_2 = E_2$ ,  $\phi E_3 = 0$ . Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and g we have

$$\eta(E_3) = -1, \quad \phi^2 V = V + \eta(V) E_3, \quad g(\phi V, \phi W) = g(V, W) + \eta(V) \eta(W)$$

for any  $V, W \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the Lorentzian metric g and R be the curvature tensor of g. Then we obtain

$$[E_1, E_2] = -e^z E_2,$$
  $[E_1, E_3] = -e^{2z} E_1,$   $[E_2, E_3] = -e^{2z} E_2.$ 

Taking  $E_3 = \xi$  and using the Koszul's formula for the Lorentzian metric g, we have

$$\nabla_{E_1} E_3 = -e^{2z} E_1, \qquad \nabla_{E_1} E_1 = -e^{2z} E_3, \qquad \nabla_{E_1} E_2 = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{E_2} E_3 = -e^{2z} E_2, \qquad \nabla_{E_3} E_2 = 0, \qquad \nabla_{E_2} E_1 = e^z E_2,$$

$$\nabla_{E_3} E_3 = 0, \qquad \nabla_{E_2} E_2 = e^{2z} E_3 - e^z E_1, \qquad \nabla_{E_3} E_1 = 0.$$

From the above equations, it can be easily seen that  $E_3 = \xi$  is a unit timelike concircular vector field and hence the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an  $(LCS)_3$ -structure on M. Consequently,  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an  $(LCS)_3$ -manifold with  $\alpha = -e^{2z} \neq 0$  such that  $(X\alpha) = \rho\eta(X)$ , where  $\rho = 2e^{4z}$ . Using the above relations, we can easily calculate the non-vanishing components of the curvature tensor R and the Ricci tensor S as follows:

$$R(E_2, E_3)E_3 = -e^{4z}E_2, \quad R(E_1, E_3)E_3 = -e^{4z}E_1, \quad R(E_1, E_2)E_2 = \{e^{4z} - e^{2z}\}E_1,$$

$$R(E_2, E_3)E_2 = e^{4z}E_3 - e^{3z}E_1, \quad R(E_1, E_3)E_1 = -e^{4z}E_3, \quad R(E_2, E_1)E_1 = \{e^{4z} - e^{2z}\}E_2,$$

$$S(E_1, E_1) = -e^{2z}, \quad S(E_2, E_2) = -e^{2z}, \quad S(E_3, E_3) = -2e^{4Z}.$$

Also from the equation (3.5), we can see that

$$S(E_1, E_1) = -(\alpha + \lambda),$$
  $S(E_2, E_2) = -(\alpha + \lambda),$   $S(E_3, E_3) = (\lambda - \mu).$ 

Thus we conclude from the last two expressions that for  $\alpha = -e^{2z}$ ,  $\lambda = 2e^{2z}$  and  $\mu = 2\{e^{2z} + e^{4z}\}$ , the structure  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ .

**Example 18.** Let a 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z \neq 0\}$ , where (x, y, z) are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . In [35], Shaikh defined the linearly independent vector fields  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  on M as:

$$E_1 = e^{-z} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \qquad E_2 = e^{-z} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \qquad E_3 = e^{-2z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

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Let g be the Lorentzian metric defined by

$$g(E_1, E_3) = g(E_2, E_3) = g(E_1, E_2) = 0, \ g(E_1, E_1) = g(E_2, E_2) = 1, \ g(E_3, E_3) = -1.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(V) = g(V, E_3)$  for any  $V \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the (1,1)-tensor field defined by  $\phi E_1 = E_1$ ,  $\phi E_2 = E_2$ ,  $\phi E_3 = 0$ . Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and g we have

$$\eta(E_3) = -1, \quad \phi^2 V = V + \eta(V) E_3, \quad g(\phi V, \phi W) = g(V, W) + \eta(V) \eta(W),$$

for any  $V,W \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the Lorentzian metric g and R be the curvature tensor of g. Then we obtain

$$[E_1, E_2] = -e^{-z}E_2,$$
  $[E_1, E_3] = -e^{-2z}E_1,$   $[E_2, E_3] = -e^{-2z}E_2.$ 

Taking  $E_3 = \xi$  and using the Koszul's formula for the Lorentzian metric g, we have

$$\nabla_{E_1} E_3 = e^{-2z} E_1, \qquad \nabla_{E_1} E_1 = e^{-2z} E_3, \qquad \nabla_{E_1} E_2 = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{E_2} E_3 = e^{-2z} E_2, \qquad \nabla_{E_3} E_2 = 0, \qquad \nabla_{E_2} E_1 = e^{-2z} E_2,$$

$$\nabla_{E_2} E_3 = 0, \qquad \nabla_{E_2} E_2 = e^{-2z} E_3 - e^{-z} E_1, \qquad \nabla_{E_2} E_1 = 0.$$

From the above equations, it can be easily seen that  $E_3 = \xi$  is a unit timelike concircular vector field and hence  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an  $(LCS)_3$ -structure on M. Thus  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an  $(LCS)_3$ -manifold with  $\alpha = e^{-2z} \neq 0$  such that  $(X\alpha) = \rho \eta(X)$ , where  $\rho = 2e^{-4z}$ . Using the above relations, we can easily calculate the non-vanishing components of the curvature tensor R and the Ricci tensor S as follows:

$$R(E_2, E_3)E_3 = e^{-4z}E_2, \quad R(E_1, E_3)E_3 = e^{-4z}E_1, \quad R(E_1, E_2)E_2 = \{e^{-4z} - e^{-2z}\}E_1,$$

$$R(E_2, E_3)E_2 = e^{-4z}E_3, \quad R(E_1, E_3)E_1 = e^{-4z}E_3, \quad R(E_1, E_2)E_1 = \{-e^{-4z} - e^{-2z}\}E_2,$$

$$S(E_1, E_1) = 2e^{-4z} - e^{-2z}, \quad S(E_2, E_2) = 2e^{-4z} - e^{-2z}, \quad S(E_3, E_3) = 2e^{-4z}.$$

Also from (3.5), we calculate that

$$S(E_1, E_1) = -(\alpha + \lambda), \quad S(E_2, E_2) = -(\alpha + \lambda), \quad S(E_3, E_3) = (\lambda - \mu).$$

We conclude from (3.5) that for  $\alpha = e^{2z}$ ,  $\lambda = -2e^{-4z}$  and  $\mu = -4e^{-4z}$ , the data  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ .

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