

# Contact CR-submanifolds in odd-dimensional spheres: new examples

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$M$  is known as a totally real submanifold



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*$M$  is a **CR-submanifold** of a Kähler manifold  $(\widetilde{M}, \widetilde{g}, J)$  if there exists a holomorphic distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $M$ , i.e.  $J\mathcal{D}_x = \mathcal{D}_x, \forall x \in M$  and such that its orthogonal complement  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is anti-invariant, namely  $J\mathcal{D}_x^\perp \subset T(M)_x^\perp, \forall x \in M$ .*





# Sasakian manifolds



$(\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, \widetilde{g})$  Sasakian manifold:

$$\phi \in \mathcal{T}_1^1(\widetilde{M}), \xi \in \chi(\widetilde{M}), \eta \in \Lambda^1(\widetilde{M}):$$

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

$$d\eta(X, Y) = \widetilde{g}(\phi X, Y)$$

(the contact condition)

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

(the compatibility condition)

$$N = N_\phi + 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0$$

(the normality condition)

$$(\widetilde{\nabla}_U \phi)V = -\widetilde{g}(U, V)\xi + \eta(V)U, \quad U, V \in \chi(\widetilde{M})$$



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It is customary to require that  $\xi$  be tangent to  $M$  rather than normal which is too restrictive (K. Yano & M. Kon):  $M$  must be anti-invariant.



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$H(M)$  is never integrable (e.g. [Capursi & Dragomir - 1990](#))



# Some inequalities

## Theorem (Papaghiuc - 1984, M. - 2005)

Let  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  be a Sasakian space form and let  $M = N^{\top} \times N^{\perp}$  be a contact  $CR$  product in  $\widetilde{M}$ . Then the norm of the second fundamental form of  $M$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|h\|^2 \geq q ((c+3)s+2).$$

"=" holds if and only if both  $N^{\top}$  and  $N^{\perp}$  are totally geodesic in  $\widetilde{M}$ .



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$$r : S^{2s+1} \times S^{2q+1} \longrightarrow S^{2m+1} \quad \mathbf{m = sq + s + q}$$

$$(x_0, y_0, \dots, x_s, y_s; u_0, v_0, \dots, u_q, v_q) \longmapsto (\dots, x_j u_\alpha - y_j v_\alpha, x_j v_\alpha + y_j u_\alpha, \dots)$$

$$M = S^{2s+1} \times S^p \longrightarrow S^{2s+1} \times S^{2q+1} \xrightarrow{r} S^{2m+1}$$

contact  $CR$  product in  $S^{2m+1}$  for which the equality holds.



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## Theorem (Papaghiuc - 1984, M. - 2005)

Let  $M$  be a strictly proper contact  $CR$  product in a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ , with  $c \neq -3$ . Then

$$m \geq sq + s + q.$$



# Some inequalities

## Theorem (M. - 2005, Theorem 3.3)

Let  $M = N_1 \times_f N_2$  be a contact  $CR$  warped product of a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ , that is a contact  $CR$ -submanifold in  $\widetilde{M}$ , such that  $N_1$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant and tangent to  $\xi$ , while  $N_2$  is  $\varphi$ -anti-invariant. Then the second fundamental form of  $M$  satisfies the following inequality

$$\|h\|^2 \geq 2p \left[ \|\nabla \ln f\|^2 - \Delta \ln f + \frac{c+3}{2} s + 1 \right].$$

Here  $f$  is the warping function which has to satisfy  $\xi(f) = 0$  and  $\Delta f$  is the Laplacian of  $f$ .



# Interesting result in $S^7$

## Theorem (M. - 2005)

Let  $M = N^T \times N^\perp$  be a strictly proper contact  $CR$  product in  $S^7$  whose second fundamental form has the norm  $\sqrt{6}$ . Then  $M$  is the Riemannian product between  $S^3$  and  $S^1$  and, up to a rigid transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^8$  the embedding is given by

$$r : S^3 \times S^1 \longrightarrow S^7$$

$$r(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, u, v) = (x_1u, y_1u, -y_1v, x_1v, x_2u, y_2u, -y_2v, x_2v).$$





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# $\delta(2)$ invariant

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where

$$(\inf K)(p) = \inf \{ K(\pi) \mid \pi \text{ is a 2-dimensional subspace of } T_p M \}$$

and  $\tau(p) = \sum_{i < j} K(e_i \wedge e_j)$  denotes the scalar curvature

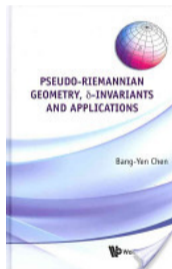




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## $\delta(2)$ invariant; $\delta(2)$ ideals

In real space forms  $\widetilde{M}(c)$ :

$$\delta(2) \leq \frac{n^2(n-2)}{2(n-1)} \|H\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n+1)c.$$

Note that, for  $n = 2$ , both sides of the above inequality are zero.

A submanifold is called  $\delta(2)$  ideal if and only if at each point it realizes the equality in the above inequality.



# Recent results in odd dimensional spheres

M.I. Munteanu, L. Vrancken:

*Minimal contact CR submanifolds in  $\mathbb{S}^{2n+1}$  satisfying the  $\delta(2)$ -Chen's equality,*  
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Let  $M$  be a minimal proper contact  $CR$  submanifold of dimension  $n$  in the  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{2m+1}$ .

Assuming that the contact  $CR$  structure is proper:

- $\mathbf{q = 1}$ .
- $n$  is an even number.



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**Contact  $CR$   
submanifolds in  $S^7$**

# Four dimensional minimal contact $CR$ submanifolds in $\mathbb{S}^7$ satisfying Chen's equality

We find (locally) coordinates on  $M$  such that the immersion  $F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^7$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} F(s, t, u, v) = & \cos s \cos t \cos u e_1 + \sin s \cos t \cos u e_2 \\ & + \cos s \cos t \sin u e_3 + \sin s \cos t \sin u e_4 \\ & + \sin t \cos v e_5 + \sin t \sin v e_6. \end{aligned}$$

Remark that  $M$  lies in a 5-dimensional sphere in a 6-dimensional  $J$  invariant subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^8$ :  $e_2 = Je_1, e_4 = Je_3, e_6 = Je_5$ .





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**Problem.** Find all proper contact  $CR$  submanifolds in  $\mathbb{S}^7$  such that

$$h(H(M), H(M)) = 0 \quad \& \quad h(E(M), E(M)) = 0.$$



# Work in progress

We have:

$$\mathbf{s + q + r = 3}$$

where  $2s = \dim(H(M))$ ,  $q = \dim(E(M))$ ,  $2r = \dim(\nu(M))$ .

Then:

- I.  $s = q = r = 1$ , hence  $\dim(M) = 4$
- II.  $s = 1, q = 2, r = 0$  hence  $\dim(M) = 5$
- III.  $s = 2, q = 1, r = 0$  hence  $M$  is a hypersurface in  $\mathbb{S}^7$



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Problem solved: with M. Djorić and L. Vrancken;  
Math. Nachr. 290 (2017) 16, 2585–2596.



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## Theorem (Djorić, M., Vrancken, 2017)

Let  $M$  be a 4-dimensional nearly totally geodesic contact  $CR$ -submanifold in  $S^7$ . The  $M$  is locally congruent with one of the following immersions:

- ① 
$$F(u, v, s, t) = \left( \cos s \sin t e^{i\lambda u}, \cos t \sin v e^{i\mu u}, \right. \\ \left. - \sin s \sin t e^{i\lambda u}, \cos t \cos v e^{i\mu u} \right)$$
- ②  $F : S^3 \times \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^8, F(y, t) = (\cos t y, \sin t y).$
- ③ 
$$F(v, u, t, s) = e^{iv} \left( e^{is} \cos t \cos t_0 \cos u + e^{-is} \sin t \sin t_0, \right. \\ \left. -ie^{is} \cos t \sin t_0 \cos u + ie^{-is} \sin t \cos t_0, e^{is} \cos t \sin u, 0 \right).$$



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Problem solved: with M. Djoric – 2020



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$$\textcircled{1} \quad F(x, y, z, u, v) = \left( \begin{array}{l} \cos y \cos u \cos(z + \frac{x}{2}), \cos y \cos u \sin(z + \frac{x}{2}), \\ \sin y \sin v \cos(z - \frac{x}{2}), \sin y \sin u \sin(z - \frac{x}{2}), \\ \sin y \cos v \cos(z - \frac{x}{2}), \sin y \cos v \sin(z - \frac{x}{2}), \\ \cos y \sin u \cos(z + \frac{x}{2}), \cos y \sin u \sin(z + \frac{x}{2}) \end{array} \right)$$

for  $y \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,  $x, z, u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ .



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$$\begin{aligned} F(\dots) = & -\cos y(1-T) \left( \cos \left( z + \frac{x}{2} \right), \sin \left( z + \frac{x}{2} \right), 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right) \\ & + \cos yTu \left( 0, 0, \cos \left( z + \frac{x}{2} \right), \sin \left( z + \frac{x}{2} \right), 0, 0, 0, 0 \right) \\ \textcircled{2} \quad & + \cos yTv \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \cos \left( z + \frac{x}{2} \right), \sin \left( z + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right) \\ & + \sin y \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, \cos \left( z - \frac{x}{2} \right), \sin \left( z - \frac{x}{2} \right), 0, 0 \right). \end{aligned}$$

where  $T = 2/(1 + u^2 + v^2)$ .





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Example 1.

$$\tilde{F} : \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^8$$

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with the warped metric  $g_M = g_{S^3} + f^2 g_{S^2}$  where  
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- (i)  $M$  is **nearly totally geodesic**;
- (ii)  $M$  is minimal and satisfies the equality in two Chen type inequalities from my thesis;
- (iii)  $M$  is a  $\delta(2)$ -ideal in  $S^7$ . [M. and Vrancken - 2014]



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$$F : M = S^3 \times S^2 \longrightarrow S^7$$

$$F(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2; u, v, w) = (x_1u, y_1u, x_1v, y_1v, x_1w, y_1w, x_2, y_2).$$

isometric immersion: warped metric on  $M$

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$$F : M = S^3 \times S^2 \longrightarrow S^7$$

$$F(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2; u, v, w) = (x_1u, y_1u, x_1v, y_1v, x_1w, y_1w, x_2, y_2).$$

isometric immersion: warped metric on  $M$

$$g_M = g_{S^3} + f^2 g_{S^2}, \text{ where } f : D \subset S^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}.$$

**Proposition.**

- (i)  $M$  is **nearly totally geodesic**;
- (ii)  $M$  is minimal and satisfies the equality in two Chen type inequalities  
from my thesis.





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Example 2. [Djoric and M., 2020]

$$F : S^3 \times_{f_1} S^1 \times_{f_2} S^1 \longrightarrow S^7$$

$$F(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{v}\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{v}\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{a}\mathbf{y}_2, \mathbf{b}\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{b}\mathbf{y}_2),$$

where the warping functions  $f_1, f_2 : D \subset S^3 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  are given by

$$f_1(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2) = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}_1^2 + \mathbf{y}_1^2}$$

$$f_2(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2) = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}_2^2 + \mathbf{y}_2^2}.$$



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