# Monotonicity formula for complete hypersurfaces in the hyperbolic space and applications

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**Abstract.** In this paper we prove a monotonicity formula for the integral of the mean curvature for complete and proper hypersurfaces of the hyperbolic space and, as consequences, we obtain a lower bound for the integral of the mean curvature and that the integral of the mean curvature is infinity.

## 1. Introduction and main results

Let  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  be the (n+1)-dimensional hyperbolic space with constant sectional curvature  $\varkappa < 0$ . The main result of this paper is the following

**Theorem 1.1.** (Monotonicity) Let  $M^n$ ,  $n \ge 3$ , be a complete and proper hypersurface of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  with mean curvature H > 0. If there exists a constant  $\Gamma \ge 0$  such that scalar curvature R satisfies  $\varkappa \le R \le \frac{\Gamma}{n-1}H + \varkappa$ , then the function  $\varphi \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\varphi(r) = \frac{e^{\frac{\Gamma}{2}r}}{\left(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M \cap B_r} (\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) H \, dM$$

is monotone non decreasing, where  $\rho$  is the geodesic distance function of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  starting at  $p \in \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  and  $B_r = B_r(p)$  denotes the geodesic open ball of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  with center  $p \in \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  and radius r. Moreover, if  $\Gamma < (n-3)\sqrt{-\varkappa}$ , then

$$\int_{M} H \, dM = \infty.$$

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The monotonicity of Theorem 1.1 above implies the following estimate for the integral of mean curvature:

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $M^n$ ,  $n \ge 3$ , be a complete and proper hypersurface of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  with mean curvature H > 0. If there exists a constant  $\Gamma \ge 0$  such that the scalar curvature R satisfies  $\varkappa \le R \le \frac{\Gamma}{n-1} H + \varkappa$ , then

$$\int_{M\cap B_r} H\,dM \ge \left(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r\right)^{\frac{n-3}{2}} \int_{r_0}^r Ce^{-\frac{\Gamma}{2}\tau}\,d\tau$$

for all  $r > r_0$ , where  $C = C(r_0, M, p)$  is a constant depending only on  $r_0, M$  and p.

Remark 1.3. In this direction, we can cite the following result of H. Alencar, W. Santos and D. Zhou, see [3], proved in the context of higher order curvatures, whose version for mean curvature we state below.

Let  $\overline{M}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  be an (n+1)-dimensional, simply connected, complete Riemannian manifold with constant sectional curvature  $\varkappa$ , and let  $M^n$  be a complete, noncompact, properly immersed hypersurface of  $\overline{M}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ . Assume there exists a nonnegative constant  $\alpha$  such that

$$|R - \varkappa| \le \alpha H$$
.

If  $P_1=nHI-A$  is positive semidefinite, where  $I:TM\to TM$  is the identity map, then for any  $q\in M$  such that  $H(q)\neq 0$  and any  $\mu_0>0$ , there exists a positive constant C, depending only on  $\mu_0$ , q and M such that, for every  $\mu\geq\mu_0$ ,

$$\int_{M\cap\overline{B}_{\mu}(p)} H\,dM \geq \int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} Ce^{-\alpha\tau}\,d\tau,$$

where  $\overline{B}_{\mu}(p)$  is the closed ball of radius  $\mu$  and center  $q \in \overline{M}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ . In particular, if  $\varkappa \leq 0$ ,  $R = \varkappa$ ,  $H \geq 0$  and  $H \not\equiv 0$ , then  $\int_M H dM = \infty$ .

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## 2. Preliminary results

Let  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  be the (n+1)-dimensional hyperbolic space with constant sectional curvature  $\varkappa$ .

Let  $A: TM \to TM$  be the linear operator associated to the second fundamental form of the immersion. The first Newton transformation  $P_1: TM \to TM$  is defined by

$$P_1 = nHI - A$$
,

where  $I: TM \to TM$  is the identity map.

Notice that, since A is self-adjoint, then  $P_1$  is also a self-adjoint linear operator. Denote by  $k_1, k_2, ..., k_n$  the eigenvalues of the operator A, also called principal curvatures of the immersion. Since  $P_1$  is a self-adjoint operator, we can consider its eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n$  given by  $\lambda_i = nH - k_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., n.

If H>0 and  $R\geq \varkappa$ , then  $P_1$  is semi-positive definite. This fact is known, and can be found in [1], Remark 2.1, p. 552. We include a proof here for the sake of completeness. If  $R\geq \varkappa$ , then  $(nH)^2=|A|^2+n(n-1)(R-\varkappa)\geq k_i^2$ , for all i=1,2,...,n. Thus  $0\leq (nH)^2-k_i^2=(nH-k_i)(nH+k_i)$  which implies that all eigenvalues of  $P_1$  are non-negative, provided  $H\geq 0$ , i.e.,  $P_1$  is semi-positive definite. Let us denote by  $\overline{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  the connections of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  and M, respectively. In order to prove our main theorem we will need the next two results.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $x: M^n \to \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  be an isometric immersion,  $\rho(x) = \rho(p, x)$  be the geodesic distance function of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  starting at  $p \in \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ , and  $\overline{X} = \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \overline{\nabla}\rho$  the position vector of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ , where  $\overline{\nabla}\rho$  denotes the gradient of  $\rho$  on  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ . Then, for every  $q \in M$ ,

$$\operatorname{tr} \left( E \longmapsto P_1 \left( (\overline{\nabla}_E \overline{X})^T \right) \right) (q) = n(n-1) H(q) \left( \cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho(q) \right).$$

Proof. Let  $\gamma$  be the only unit geodesic of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  going from p to q. Let  $\{e_1(q), e_2(q), ..., e_n(q)\}$  a basis of  $T_qM$  made by eigenvectors of  $P_1$ , i.e.,  $P_1(e_i(q)) = \lambda_i(q)e_i(q)$ , where  $\lambda_i$ , i=1,...,n, are the eigenvalues of  $P_1$ . Writing  $e_i=b_i\gamma'+c_iY_i$ , where  $||Y_i||=1$  and  $\langle \gamma', Y_i\rangle=0$ , we have  $b_i^2+c_i^2=1$ , and

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}} \overline{X}, P_{1}(e_{i}) \right\rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}} \overline{X}, e_{i} \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{b_{i}\gamma' + c_{i}Y_{i}} \overline{X}, b_{i}\gamma' + c_{i}Y_{i} \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} \left[ b_{i}^{2} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \overline{X}, \gamma' \right\rangle + b_{i}c_{i} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \overline{X}, Y_{i} \right\rangle \\ &+ b_{i}c_{i} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_{i}} \overline{X}, \gamma' \right\rangle + c_{i}^{2} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_{i}} \overline{X}, Y_{i} \right\rangle \right]. \end{split}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{split} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \overline{X}, \gamma' \rangle &= \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \gamma' \right), \gamma' \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \gamma' \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \gamma' + \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \gamma', \gamma' \right\rangle \\ &= \left( \cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho \right) \langle \gamma', \gamma' \rangle = \cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \overline{X}, Y_i \rangle &= \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \bigg( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \gamma' \bigg), Y_i \right\rangle \\ &= (\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho) \langle \gamma', Y_i \rangle + \bigg( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \bigg) \langle \overline{\nabla}_{\gamma'} \gamma', Y_i \rangle \\ &= 0, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_i} \overline{X}, \gamma' \rangle &= \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_i} \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa \rho}}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \gamma' \right), \gamma' \right\rangle \\ &= Y_i \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa \rho}}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \langle \gamma', \gamma' \rangle + \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa \rho}}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_i} \gamma', \gamma' \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \overline{\nabla} \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa \rho}}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right), Y_i \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa \rho}}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) Y_i \langle \gamma', \gamma' \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \overline{\nabla} \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa \rho}}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right), Y_i \right\rangle \\ &= (\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa \rho}) \langle \gamma', Y_i \rangle = 0, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_i} \overline{X}, Y_i \rangle &= \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_i} \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \gamma' \right), Y_i \right\rangle \\ &= Y_i \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \langle \gamma', Y_i \rangle + \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_i} \gamma', Y_i \rangle \\ &= \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_i} \overline{\nabla}\rho, Y_i \rangle. \end{split}$$

Since

$$\langle \overline{\nabla}_{U} \overline{\nabla} \rho, V \rangle = \sqrt{-\varkappa} (\coth \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho) (\langle U, V \rangle - \langle \overline{\nabla} \rho, U \rangle \langle \overline{\nabla} \rho, V \rangle),$$

for any vector fields  $U, V \in T\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ , see [4], p. 713, and [2], p. 6, we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}} \overline{X}, P_{1}(e_{i}) \right\rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} \left[ b_{i}^{2} (\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) + c_{i}^{2} \left( \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \right) \left\langle \overline{\nabla}_{Y_{i}} \overline{\nabla}\rho, Y_{i} \right\rangle \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} b_{i}^{2} (\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} c_{i}^{2} \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \sqrt{-\varkappa} (\coth \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \left( \left\langle Y_{i}, Y_{i} \right\rangle \right. \\ &+ \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, Y_{i} \right\rangle \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, Y_{i} \right\rangle \right) \\ &= (\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} \left[ b_{i}^{2} + c_{i}^{2} \right] = (\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} \\ &= n(n-1) H(\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho). \quad \Box \end{split}$$

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $x: M^n \to \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  be an isometric immersion,  $\rho(x) = \rho(p,x)$  be the geodesic distance function of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  starting at  $p \in \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ , and  $\overline{X} = \frac{\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \overline{\nabla}\rho$  the position vector of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ , where  $\overline{\nabla}\rho$  denotes the gradient of  $\rho$  on  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ . If  $f: M \to \mathbb{R}$  is any smooth function, then

$$\operatorname{div}(P_1(fX^T)) = \langle \overline{X}, P_1(\nabla f) \rangle + n(n-1)fH(\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) + n(n-1)(R-\varkappa)f\langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle,$$
where  $\nabla f$  denotes the gradient of  $f$  on  $M$ ,  $X^T = \overline{X} - \langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle \eta$  is the component of  $\overline{X}$  tangent to  $M$  and  $\eta$  is the unit normal vector field of the immersion.

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_1, e_2, ..., e_n\}$  be an adapted orthonormal frame tangent to M. Since A and  $P_1 = nHI - A$  are self-adjoint, we have

$$\operatorname{tr}(E \longmapsto P_{1}((\overline{\nabla}_{E}f\overline{X})^{T})) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle P_{1}((\overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}f\overline{X})^{T}), e_{i} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}(f\overline{X}), P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}(fX^{T}) + \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}(\langle f\overline{X}, \eta \rangle \eta), P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}(fX^{T}), P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle - \langle f\overline{X}, \eta \rangle \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \eta, \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}(P_{1}(e_{i})) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}(fX^{T}), P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle - f\langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle A(e_{i}), P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \nabla_{e_i} (fX^T), P_1(e_i) \rangle - f \langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle \operatorname{tr}(A \circ P_1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle P_1 (\nabla_{e_i} (fX^T)), e_i \rangle - f \langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle \operatorname{tr}(A \circ P_1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \nabla_{e_i} (P_1 (fX^T)), e_i \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle (\nabla_{e_i} P_1) (fX^T), e_i \rangle$$

$$- f \langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle \operatorname{tr}(A \circ P_1)$$

$$= \operatorname{div}(P_1 (fX^T)) - (\operatorname{div} P_1) (fX^T) - f \langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle \operatorname{tr}(A \circ P_1).$$

By using Gauss equation, we have

$$\operatorname{tr}(A \circ P_1) = \operatorname{tr}(nHA - A^2) = nH \operatorname{tr} A - \operatorname{tr} A^2 = n^2H^2 - |A|^2 = n(n-1)(R - \varkappa)$$

and, since div  $P_1 \equiv 0$ , see [5], p. 470 and [6], p. 225, we have

$$(2.1) \quad \operatorname{tr}(E \longmapsto P_1((\overline{\nabla}_E \overline{X})^T)) = \operatorname{div}(P_1(fX^T)) - n(n-1)(R - \varkappa) f(\overline{X}, \eta).$$

On the other hand, by using Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\operatorname{tr}(E \longmapsto P_{1}((\overline{\nabla}_{E}f\overline{X})^{T})) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}(f\overline{X}), P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle e_{i}(f)\overline{X} + f\overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}\overline{X}, P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \overline{X}, P_{1}(e_{i}(f)e_{i}) \rangle + f \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle \overline{\nabla}_{e_{i}}\overline{X}, P_{1}(e_{i}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \overline{X}, P_{1}(\nabla f) \rangle + f \operatorname{tr}(E \longmapsto P_{1}((\overline{\nabla}_{E}\overline{X})^{T}))$$

$$= \langle \overline{X}, P_{1}(\nabla f) \rangle + n(n-1)Hf(\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho).$$

$$(2.2)$$

Replacing (2.2) in (2.1) we obtain the result.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $x: M^n \to \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ ,  $n \ge 3$ , be a proper isometric immersion. Suppose H > 0 and  $R \ge \varkappa$ . Let  $\rho = \rho(p, \cdot)$  be the geodesic distance function of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$  starting at  $p \in \mathbb{H}^{n+1}(\varkappa)$ . Let  $h: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function such that h(t) = 0 for  $t \le 0$  and h(t) is increasing for t > 0. If  $f: M \to \mathbb{R}$  is any non negative locally integrable,

 $C^1$  function, then for all t>s>0,

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}t)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(t-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)fH\,dM \\ &-\frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}s)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(s-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)fH\,dM \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{s}^{t} \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(r-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, \frac{1}{n}P_{1}(\nabla f) \\ &+ (n-1)(R-\varkappa)f\eta \rangle \,dM\,dr. \end{split}$$

*Proof.* Applying Proposition 2.2 to  $h(r-\rho(x))f(x)$ , we have

$$\operatorname{div}(P_{1}(h(r-\rho)fX^{T})) = -h'(r-\rho)f\langle \overline{X}, P_{1}(\nabla\rho)\rangle + h(r-\rho)\langle \overline{X}, P_{1}(\nabla f)\rangle + n(n-1)h(r-\rho)fH(\cosh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) + n(n-1)(R-\varkappa)h(r-\rho)f\langle \overline{X}, \eta\rangle.$$
(2.3)

Since  $h(r-\rho)fX^T$  is supported in  $M\cap B_r$  and M is proper, then  $h(r-\rho)fX^T$  is compactly supported on M. Thus, by using divergence theorem, we have

(2.4) 
$$\int_{M} \operatorname{div}\left(P_{1}\left(h(r-\rho)fX^{T}\right)\right) dM = 0.$$

Integrating (2.3) and by using (2.4) above we have

$$\int_{M} h'(r-\rho) f(\overline{X}, P_{1}(\nabla \rho)) dM = \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \langle \overline{X}, P_{1}(\nabla f) \rangle dM 
+ n(n-1) \int_{M} h(r-\rho) fH(\cosh \sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) dM 
+ n(n-1) \int_{M} h(r-\rho) f(R-\varkappa) \langle \overline{X}, \eta \rangle dM.$$
(2.5)

Let  $k_1, k_2, ..., k_n$  be the principal curvatures of the immersion and  $\lambda_i = nH - k_i$  the eigenvalues of  $P_1$ . From H > 0 and  $R \ge \varkappa$ ,  $P_1$  is semi-positive definite, that is,  $\lambda_i \ge 0$  (i=1,2,...,n). Since

$$\begin{split} \lambda_i &= nH - k_i \leq nH + |k_i| \leq nH + \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2 + \ldots + k_n^2} \\ &\leq nH + |A| \leq nH + \sqrt{n^2H^2 - n(n-1)(R - \varkappa)} \\ &\leq 2nH, \end{split}$$

we have

$$\int_{M} h'(r-\rho) f\left\langle \overline{X}, P_{1}(\nabla \rho) \right\rangle dM = \int_{M} h'(r-\rho) f\frac{\left(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho\right)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, P_{1}(\nabla \rho) \right\rangle dM 
\leq 2n \int_{M} h'(r-\rho) f\frac{\left(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho\right)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} H dM 
= 2n \frac{d}{dr} \left( \int_{M} h(r-\rho) f\frac{\left(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho\right)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} H dM \right).$$
(2.6)

From (2.5) and (2.6) we obtain

$$\begin{split} 2n\frac{d}{dr} \left( \int_{M} h(r-\rho) f \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa\rho})}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} H \, dM \right) \\ & \geq \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa\rho})}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, P_{1}(\nabla f) \right\rangle dM \\ & + n(n-1) \int_{M} h(r-\rho) f H(\cosh\sqrt{-\varkappa\rho}) \, dM \\ & + n(n-1) \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa\rho})}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} (R-\varkappa) \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, \eta \right\rangle dM. \end{split}$$

Since  $\coth x$  is a decreasing function, we can estimate the second integral in the right hand side of inequality above by

$$\begin{split} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) f H(\cosh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \, dM \\ > \sqrt{-\varkappa} (\coth\sqrt{-\varkappa}r) \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \, H f \, dM, \end{split}$$

which implies

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dr} \left( \int_{M} h(r-\rho) f \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} H \, dM \right) \\ & \geq \frac{n-1}{2} \sqrt{-\varkappa} (\coth\sqrt{-\varkappa}r) \int_{M} h(r-\rho) f \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} H \, dM \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, \frac{1}{n} P_{1}(\nabla f) + (n-1)(R-\varkappa) f \eta \right\rangle dM. \end{split}$$

Since

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\left(\frac{\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}}\right)^{-\frac{n-1}{2}} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} Hf \, dM\right) \\ &= -\frac{n-1}{2} \sqrt{-\varkappa} (\coth\sqrt{-\varkappa}r) \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} Hf \, dM \\ &+ \frac{d}{dr} \left(\int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} Hf \, dM\right), \end{split}$$

we have

$$\left(\frac{\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\left(\frac{\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}}\right)^{-\frac{n-1}{2}} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} Hf \, dM\right) \\
\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) \frac{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}} \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, \frac{1}{n} P_{1}(\nabla f) + (n-1)(R-\varkappa)f\eta \right\rangle dM.$$

Dividing expression above by  $\left(\frac{\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho}{\sqrt{-\varkappa}}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\times\left(\sqrt{-\varkappa}\right)^{\frac{n-3}{2}}$  and integrating on r from s to t we obtain the result

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}t)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(t-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)fH\,dM \\ &-\frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}s)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(s-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)fH\,dM \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{s}^{t} \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(r-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \bigg\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, \frac{1}{n}P_{1}(\nabla f) \\ &+ (n-1)(R-\varkappa)f\eta \bigg\rangle dM\,dr. \quad \Box \end{split}$$

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Choosing  $f \equiv 1$  in the inequality of Lemma 2.3, we have, for every t > s > 0,

$$\frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}t)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(t-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) H dM$$
$$-\frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}s)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(s-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) H dM$$

$$\begin{split} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{s}^{t} \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) (\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) \left\langle \overline{\nabla}\rho, (n-1)(R-\varkappa)\eta \right\rangle dM \, dr \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{2} \int_{s}^{t} \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) (\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) (n-1)(R-\varkappa) \, dM \, dr \\ &\geq -\frac{\Gamma}{2} \int_{s}^{t} \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M} h(r-\rho) (\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) H \, dM \, dr. \end{split}$$

Letting  $g(r) = \frac{1}{(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_M h(r-\rho) (\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) H \, dM$ , inequality above becomes

$$g(t)-g(s) \ge -\frac{\Gamma}{2} \int_{s}^{t} g(r) dr,$$

which implies

$$g'(t) \ge -\frac{\Gamma}{2}g(t),$$

i.e.,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{\frac{\Gamma}{2}t} g(t) \right) \ge 0$$

and thus

$$e^{\frac{\Gamma}{2}r}g(r) = e^{\frac{\Gamma}{2}r}(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r)^{-\frac{n-1}{2}}\int_{M}h(r-\rho)(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho)H\,dM$$

is monotone non-decreasing. Now, let us apply this result to the sequence of smooth functions  $h_m \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h_m(t) = 0$  for  $t \le 0$ ,  $h_m(t) = 1$  for  $t \ge \frac{1}{m}$  and  $h_m$  is increasing for  $t \in (0, \frac{1}{m})$ . Taking  $m \to \infty$ , sequence  $h_m$  tends to the characteristic function of  $(0, \infty)$  and the first part of the theorem follows.

To prove that  $\int_M H dM = \infty$  for  $\Gamma < (n-3)\sqrt{-\varkappa}$ , notice that monotonicity of  $\varphi(r)$  implies

$$\int_{M \cap B_r} (\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho) H \, dM$$

$$\geq e^{\frac{\Gamma}{2}(r_0-r)} \left( \frac{\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r}{\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r_0} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \int_{M\cap B_{r_0}} (\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) H \, dM,$$

for all  $r > r_0 > 0$ . Since  $\sinh x$  is an increasing function, we have

$$\int_{M \cap B_r} (\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} \rho) H \, dM \le (\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa} r) \int_{M \cap B_r} H \, dM,$$

which implies

$$\int_{M\cap B_r} H\,dM \geq \frac{\left(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r\right)^{\frac{n-3}{2}}}{e^{\frac{\Gamma}{2}r}} \times \frac{e^{\frac{\Gamma}{2}r_0}}{\left(\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}r_0\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \int_{M\cap B_{r_0}} (\sinh\sqrt{-\varkappa}\rho) H\,dM.$$

Since  $\sinh \sqrt{-\varkappa}r = \frac{1}{2}(e^{\sqrt{-\varkappa}r} - e^{-\sqrt{-\varkappa}r})$ , taking  $r \to \infty$ , and by using that  $\Gamma < (n-3)\sqrt{-\varkappa}$ , we obtain  $\int_M H \, dM = \infty$ .  $\square$ 

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