

A Liouville theorem for CR Yamabe type equation on Sasakian manifolds

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Abstract

In this paper, we study the CR Yamabe type equation

$$\Delta_b u + F(u) = 0$$

on complete noncompact $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional Sasakian manifolds with nonnegative curvature. Under some assumptions, we prove a rigidity result, that is, the manifold is CR isometric to Heisenberg group $\mathbb{H}^n$. The proofs are based on the Jerison-Lee's differential identity combining with integral estimates.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we study the Liouville type theorems for solutions of semilinear equation

$$\Delta_b u + 2n^2 F(u) = 0 \tag{1.1}$$

on Sasakian manifolds.

The equation (1.1) is closely related to the CR Yamabe equation. Let Θ be the standard contact form on $\mathbb{H}^n$. We consider the conformal form $\theta = u^{\frac{2}{n}} \Theta$, where u is a smooth positive function on $\mathbb{H}^n$. Then the pseudo-Hermitian scalar curvature associated to θ is the positive constant $4n(n + 1)$ if u satisfies the equation

$$\Delta_b u + 2n^2 u^{\frac{Q+2}{Q-2}} = 0, \tag{1.2}$$

where $Q = 2n + 2$ is the homogeneous dimension of $\mathbb{H}^n$. By the work [14] of Jerison and Lee, there are nontrivial solutions as follows

$$u(z, t) := \frac{C}{|t + i|z|^2 + z \cdot \mu + \lambda|^n}, \tag{1.3}$$

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for some $C > 0$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $\mu \in \mathbb{C}^n$ such that $\text{Im}(\lambda) > \frac{|\mu|^2}{4}$. In particular, Jerison and Lee [14] obtained the uniqueness of the solutions in case of finite energy assumption, i.e., $u \in L^{\frac{2Q}{Q-2}}(\mathbb{H}^n)$. Garofalo and Vassilev [10] also got a uniqueness result under the assumption of cylindrical symmetry. In [3], Catino, Li, Monticelli, Roncoroni proved the classification of solutions, provided $n = 1$ or $n \geq 2$ and a suitable control at infinity holds (see also [9]). Recently, Prajapatl and Varghese [19] got the classification of solutions of (1.1) using the moving plane method. For general Sasakian manifolds, Catino, Monticelli, Roncoroni and Wang [6] generalized the result in [3] to complete noncompact $(2n+1)$ -dimensional Sasakian manifolds with nonnegative curvature.

In the subcritical case, i.e.,

$$\Delta_b u + 2n^2 u^q = 0, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{H}^n, \quad (1.4)$$

where $1 < q < \frac{Q+2}{Q-2}$, Ma and Ou [17] proved that the only nonnegative solution is the trivial one.

Before presenting our main results, we mention the corresponding equation in Euclidean space,

$$\Delta u + u^q = 0, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (1.5)$$

In the seminal paper [11], Gidas and Spruck proved that there are no positive solutions to (1.5), if $n \geq 3$ and $1 < q < \frac{n+2}{n-2}$. For the critical case $q = \frac{n+2}{n-2}$, Caffarelli, Gidas and Spruck [2] showed that any solution to (1.5) is given by

$$u(x) = \left(\frac{1}{a + b|x - x_0|^2} \right)^{\frac{n-2}{2}},$$

where $a, b > 0$, $ab = \frac{1}{n(n-2)}$ and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Under the finite energy assumption, Catino and Monticelli [4] proved the classification of solutions to (1.5) with $q = \frac{n+2}{n-2}$ in the Riemannian setting when the Ricci curvature is non-negative. Besides, Li and Zhang [16] studied the following equation

$$\Delta u + f(u) = 0, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (1.6)$$

and proved that: If f is locally bounded in $(0, \infty)$ and $f(s)s^{-\frac{n+2}{n-2}}$ is non-increasing in $(0, \infty)$. Let u be a positive classical solution of (1.6) with $n \geq 3$, then either for some $b > 0$

$$bu = \left(\frac{\mu}{1 + \mu^2|x - \bar{x}|^2} \right)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}$$

for $\mu > 0$, $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ or $u \equiv a$ for some $a > 0$ such that $f(a) = 0$. Such Liouville type theorems have also been generalized for p -Laplacian. In [20], Serrin and Zou extended Gida and Spruck's result to quasilinear elliptic equations. We refer to [18, 12, 13, 5] and references therein for further results.

Returning to the equation (1.1), we first give some definitions. We say that $f \in C^0([0, \infty)) \cap C^1((0, \infty))$ is subcritical with exponent σ if

$$f(t) > 0, \quad \sigma f(t) - t f'(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Different from [20, 24], we request that $f(t) > 0$. It is easy to verify that f is a subcritical function with exponent σ implying that $t^{-\sigma} f(t)$ is non-increasing in $(0, \infty)$. In the following, we denote by B_R the ball of radius R centered at a fixed point with respect to the Carathéodory distance (see Section 2) and denote $A_R = B_{2R} \setminus B_R$. The volume of B_R is denoted by $V(R)$.

In this paper, we study the equation (1.1) on complete noncompact Sasakian manifolds with nonnegative pseudo-Hermitian Ricci curvature Ric_b . Indeed, we have

Theorem 1.1. *Let (M^3, J, θ) be a 3-dimensional complete noncompact Sasakian manifold with nonnegative Tanaka-Webster scalar curvature and assume that F is a subcritical function with exponent 3. Let u be a positive solution to (1.1) such that u tends to zero at infinity. If there exists a constant $2 < \kappa \leq 3$ such that*

$$t F'(t) - \kappa F(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0. \quad (1.7)$$

Then (M^3, J, θ) is isometric to $\mathbb{H}^1$ with its standard structures and u is the form of (1.3).

Theorem 1.2. *Let (M^5, J, θ) be a 5-dimensional complete noncompact Sasakian manifold with $Ric_b \geq 0$ and*

$$V(R) \leq C R^6$$

for some $C > 0$ and $R > 0$ large enough. Assume that F is a subcritical function with exponent 2. Let u be a positive solution to (1.1) such that u tends to zero at infinity. If there exist constants $\frac{3}{2} < \kappa \leq 2$ and $\sigma < 2$ such that

$$t F'(t) - \kappa F(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (1.8)$$

and

$$\int_{A_R} F^3(u) u^{-3} \leq C R^\sigma \quad (1.9)$$

for $\sigma < 2$ and $R > 0$ large enough. Then (M^5, J, θ) is isometric to $\mathbb{H}^2$ with its standard structures and u is the form of (1.3).

For higher dimensional case, we give a similar result under the integral condition.

Theorem 1.3. *Let $(M^{2n+1}, HM, J, \theta)$, $n \geq 3$ be a complete noncompact Sasakian manifold with $Ric_b \geq 0$ and*

$$V(R) \leq C R^{2n+2}$$

for some $C > 0$ and $R > 0$ large enough. Assume that F is a subcritical function with exponent $1 + \frac{2}{n}$. Let u be a positive solution to (1.1) such that u tends to zero at infinity. If there exists constants $\frac{2}{n} < \kappa \leq 1 + \frac{2}{n}$

$$tF'(t) - \kappa F(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (1.10)$$

and

$$\int_{A_R} F^{n+1}(u) u^{-n-1} \leq CR^2 \quad (1.11)$$

for $R > 0$ large enough. Then (M^{2n+1}, J, θ) is isometric to $\mathbb{H}^n$ with its standard structures and u is the form of (1.3).

We recall the following volume comparison theorem on Sasakian manifolds (cf. [15]).

Theorem 1.4. *Let $(M^{2n+1}, HM, J, \theta)$ be a complete noncompact Sasakian manifold.*

(1) *If $n = 1$ and the Tanaka-Webster scalar curvature is nonnegative, then*

$$V(R) \leq CR^4, \quad \forall R > 1,$$

for some $C > 0$.

(2) *If $n \geq 2$ and the Tanaka-Webster curvature satisfies*

$$\text{Ric}_b(X, X) \geq R(X, JX, JX, X) \geq 0, \quad \forall X \in HM, \quad (1.12)$$

then

$$V(R) \leq CR^{2n+2}, \quad \forall R > 1$$

for some $C > 0$.

From Theorem 1.4, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 1.5. *Let $(M^{2n+1}, HM, J, \theta)$, $n \geq 2$ be a complete noncompact Sasakian manifold with curvature condition (1.12). Replacing the assumption on Ric_b and on $\text{Vol}(B_R)$ by (1.12) in Theorem 1.2 or Theorem 1.3, then (M^{2n+1}, J, θ) is isometric to $\mathbb{H}^n$ with its standard structures and u is the form of (1.3).*

Notation Throughout the paper, we adopt Einstein summation convention over repeated indices. Since the constant C is not important, it may vary at different occurrences.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we first give a brief introduction to pseudo-Hermitian geometry. We refer to [8, 23, 22] for a complete overview of the material presented

here. A smooth manifold M of real dimension $(2n+1)$ is said to be a CR manifold if there exists a rank n complex subbundle $H^{1,0}M$ of $TM \otimes \mathbb{C}$ satisfying

$$H^{1,0}M \cap H^{0,1}M = \{0\}, \quad [\Gamma(H^{1,0}M), \Gamma(H^{1,0}M)] \subseteq \Gamma(H^{1,0}M), \quad (2.1)$$

where $H^{0,1}M = \overline{H^{1,0}M}$. Equivalently, the CR structure may also be described by (HM, J) , where $HM = \text{Re}\{H^{1,0}M \oplus H^{0,1}M\}$ and J is an almost complex structure on HM such that

$$J(X + \overline{X}) = \sqrt{-1}(X - \overline{X}), \quad \forall X \in H^{1,0}M.$$

Since HM is naturally oriented by J , M is orientable if and only if there exists a global nowhere vanishing 1-form θ such that $\ker \theta = HM$. Any such θ is called a pseudo-Hermitian structure on M . The Levi form L_θ of θ is defined by

$$L_\theta(X, Y) = d\theta(X, JY)$$

for any $X, Y \in HM$. If the Levi form L_θ is positive definite for some choice of θ , we call such (M, HM, J, θ) a pseudo-Hermitian manifold. Noting that θ is a contact form, thus there exists a unique Reeb vector field ξ satisfying

$$\theta(\xi) = 1, \quad d\theta(\xi, \cdot) = 0. \quad (2.2)$$

It leads a decomposition of the tangent bundle $TM = HM \oplus R\xi$, which induces a natural projection $\pi_b : TM \rightarrow HM$. This yields a natural Riemannian metric g_θ , called the Webster metric,

$$g_\theta = G_\theta + \theta \otimes \theta,$$

where $G_\theta = d\theta(\cdot, J\cdot)$. The volume form of g_θ is defined by $dV_\theta = \theta \wedge (d\theta)^n / n!$, and is often omitted when we integrate.

On a pseudo-Hermitian manifold $(M^{2n+1}, HM, J, \theta)$, a Lipschitz curve $\gamma : [0, l] \rightarrow M$ is called horizontal if $\gamma' \in H_{\gamma(t)}M$ a.e. in $[0, l]$. By the well-known work of Chow [7], there always exists a horizontal curve joining two points $p, q \in M$. The Carnot-Carathéodory distance is defined as

$$d(p, q) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^l \sqrt{g_\theta(\gamma', \gamma')} dt \mid \gamma \in \Gamma(p, q) \right\},$$

where $\Gamma(p, q)$ denotes the set of all horizontal curves joining p and q . Clearly, Carnot-Carathéodory is indeed a distance function and induces the same topology on M (cf. [1, 21]).

It is known that there exists a canonical connection ∇ on a pseudo-Hermitian manifold, called the Tanaka-Webster connection, preserving the horizontal bundle, the CR structure and the Webster metric. Moreover, its torsion T_∇ satisfies

$$T_\nabla(X, Y) = 2d\theta(X, Y)\xi \text{ and } T_\nabla(\xi, JX) + JT_\nabla(\xi, X) = 0$$

for any $X, Y \in HM$. The pseudo-Hermitian torsion τ of ∇ is defined by $\tau(X) = T_\nabla(\xi, X)$ for any $X \in TM$. We say that M is Sasakian if $\tau = 0$. In this paper, we only consider Sasakian manifolds.

Assume that $\{\eta_\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^n$ is a local unitary frame field of $H^{1,0}M$ and let $\{\theta^\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^n$ be the dual coframe. Then

$$d\theta = 2\sqrt{-1}\theta^\alpha \wedge \theta^{\bar{\alpha}}.$$

Given a smooth function f on the Sasakian manifold $(M^{2n+1}, HM, J, \theta)$, its differential df and covariant derivatives ∇df can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} df &= f_0\theta + f_\alpha\theta^\alpha + f_{\bar{\alpha}}\theta^{\bar{\alpha}}, \\ \nabla df &= f_{\alpha\beta}\theta^\alpha \otimes \theta^\beta + f_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}\theta^\alpha \otimes \theta^{\bar{\beta}} + f_{\bar{\alpha}\beta}\theta^{\bar{\alpha}} \otimes \theta^\beta + f_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}\theta^{\bar{\alpha}} \otimes \theta^{\bar{\beta}} \\ &\quad + f_{0\alpha}\theta \otimes \theta^\alpha + f_{0\bar{\alpha}}\theta \otimes \theta^{\bar{\alpha}} + f_{\alpha 0}\theta^\alpha \otimes \theta + f_{\bar{\alpha} 0}\theta^{\bar{\alpha}} \otimes \theta, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f_0 = \xi(f), \quad f_\alpha = \eta_\alpha(f), \quad f_{\bar{\alpha}} = \eta_{\bar{\alpha}}(f), \quad f_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_\beta(\eta_\alpha f) - (\nabla_{\eta_\beta}\eta_\alpha)f, \quad f_{0\alpha} = \eta_\alpha(\xi f),$$

and so on. Then the horizontal gradient of f is given by

$$\nabla_b f = f_\alpha \eta_{\bar{\alpha}} + f_{\bar{\alpha}} f_\alpha.$$

Since $\tau = 0$, we have (cf. [8])

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\alpha\beta} - f_{\beta\alpha} &= 0, \quad f_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} - f_{\bar{\beta}\alpha} = 2\sqrt{-1}f_0\delta_\alpha^\beta, \\ f_{0\alpha} - f_{\alpha 0} &= 0, \quad f_{\alpha\beta 0} - f_{\alpha 0\beta} = f_{\alpha\bar{\beta} 0} - f_{\alpha 0\bar{\beta}} = 0, \\ f_{\alpha\beta\bar{\gamma}} - f_{\alpha\bar{\gamma}\beta} &= 2\sqrt{-1}\delta_\gamma^\beta f_{\alpha 0} + R_{\bar{\mu}\alpha\beta\bar{\gamma}}f_{\bar{\mu}}, \quad f_{\alpha\bar{\beta}\bar{\gamma}} - f_{\alpha\bar{\gamma}\bar{\beta}} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $R_{\bar{\mu}\alpha\beta\bar{\gamma}}$ are the components of curvature of the Tanaka-Webster connection. Moreover, $R_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} = R_{\bar{\mu}\alpha\mu\bar{\beta}}$ are the components of the pseudo-Hermitian Ricci curvature Ric_b and $R = R_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}$ is the Tanaka-Webster scalar curvature. Finally, we define the horizontal energy density by

$$|\nabla_b f|^2 = 2|\partial f|^2 = 2f_\alpha f_{\bar{\alpha}}$$

and the sub-Laplacian of f by

$$\Delta_b f = f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} + f_{\bar{\alpha}\alpha}.$$

Next we aim to give the Jerison-Lee type inequality for the positive solution u of (1.1). Let $e^f = u^{\frac{1}{n}}$, then we have

$$-\Delta_b f = 2n|\partial f|^2 + 2n\frac{F(u)}{u} = 2n|\partial f|^2 + 2n\frac{F(e^{nf})}{e^{nf}}.$$

Let $H(t) = \frac{F(e^{nt})}{e^{nt}}$, then $0 < H \in C^1$. Thus, we obtain

$$-\Delta_b f = 2n|\partial f|^2 + 2nH(f). \quad (2.3)$$

Assuming that F is a subcritical function with exponent $1 + \frac{2}{n}$, we have

$$2H - H' \geq 0. \quad (2.4)$$

As done in [14, 17], we define the following

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\alpha\beta} &= f_{\alpha\beta} - 2f_{\alpha}f_{\beta}, & D_{\alpha} &= D_{\alpha\beta}f_{\bar{\beta}}, \\ E_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} &= f_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} - \frac{1}{n}f_{\gamma\bar{\gamma}}\delta_{\alpha}^{\beta}, & E_{\alpha} &= E_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}f_{\bar{\beta}}, \\ G_{\alpha} &= \sqrt{-1}f_{0\alpha} - \sqrt{-1}f_0f_{\alpha} + H(f)f_{\alpha} + |\partial f|^2f_{\alpha}, \\ g &= |\partial f|^2 + H(f) - \sqrt{-1}f_0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Then the equation (2.3) can be written as

$$f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} = -ng. \quad (2.6)$$

A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} &= f_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} + g\delta_{\alpha}^{\beta}, & E_{\alpha} &= f_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}f_{\bar{\beta}} + gf_{\alpha}, \\ D_{\alpha} &= f_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}f_{\bar{\beta}} - 2|\partial f|^2f_{\alpha}, & G_{\alpha} &= \sqrt{-1}f_{0\alpha} + gf_{\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Moreover, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial f|_{\bar{\alpha}}^2 &= D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}} + \bar{g}f_{\bar{\alpha}} - 2f_{\bar{\alpha}}H(f), \\ g_{\bar{\alpha}} &= D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}} + G_{\bar{\alpha}} + (H'(f) - 2H(f))f_{\bar{\alpha}}, \\ \bar{g}_{\bar{\alpha}} &= D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}} - G_{\bar{\alpha}} + 2\bar{g}f_{\bar{\alpha}} + (H'(f) - 2H(f))f_{\bar{\alpha}}, \\ g_0 &= \sqrt{-1}f_{\alpha}G_{\bar{\alpha}} - \sqrt{-1}f_{\bar{\alpha}}G_{\alpha} + 2f_0|\partial f|^2 + H'(f)f_0 - \sqrt{-1}f_{00}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

In view of the above observations, we give the following inequality ([24]).

Lemma 2.1. *Let $(M^{2n+1}, HM, J, \theta)$ be a complete noncompact Sasakian manifold with $Ric_b \geq 0$. Set*

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Re } \nabla_{\eta_{\bar{\alpha}}} \{e^{2(n-1)f} [(g + 3\sqrt{-1}f_0)E_{\alpha} + (g - \sqrt{-1}f_0)D_{\alpha} - 3\sqrt{-1}f_0G_{\alpha}]\}, \quad (2.9)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} &\geq (|D_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}|^2 + |E_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}|^2)e^{2(n-1)f}H(f) + (|G_{\alpha}|^2 + |D_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}f_{\bar{\gamma}} + E_{\alpha\bar{\gamma}}f_{\bar{\beta}}|^2)e^{2(n-1)f} \\ &\quad + s_0(|D_{\alpha} + G_{\alpha}|^2 + |E_{\alpha} - G_{\alpha}|^2)e^{2(n-1)f} \\ &\quad + e^{2(n-1)f}|\sqrt{1-s_0}(D_{\alpha} + G_{\alpha}) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-s_0}}f_{\alpha}(H'(f) - 2H(f))|^2 \\ &\quad + e^{2(n-1)f}|\sqrt{1-s_0}(E_{\alpha} - G_{\alpha}) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-s_0}}f_{\alpha}(H'(f) - 2H(f))|^2 \\ &\quad - (H'(f) - 2H(f))e^{2(n-1)f}|\partial f|^2 \left((2n-1)H(f) + \frac{H'(f) - 2H(f)}{2(1-s_0)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$-(2n-1)(H'(f) - 2H(f))e^{2(n-1)f}|\partial f|^4 - 3n(H'(f) - 2H(f))e^{2(n-1)f}f_0^2, \quad (2.10)$$

where $0 < s_0 < 1$ is a constant.

This is exactly Lemma 2.1 in [24] for $p = 0$. As shown in [24], if there exists a constant $\kappa \in (\frac{4}{n} - 3, 1 + \frac{2}{n}]$ such that

$$tF'(t) - \kappa F(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0,$$

then we have

$$H'(f) \geq (n\kappa - n)H(f) \geq 2(2 - 2n)H(f). \quad (2.11)$$

This implies that

$$\left((2n-1)H(f) + \frac{H'(f) - 2H(f)}{2(1-s_0)} \right) \geq \left(2n-1 + \frac{n\kappa - n - 2}{2(1-s_0)} \right) H(f) \geq 0$$

for some $0 < s_0 < \min\{1, \frac{n\kappa - 4 + 3n}{4n-2}\}$. In this case, all coefficients on the right side of (2.10) are positive. It is easy to see that we can find a suitable s_0 under the condition in Theorem 1.1, Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 1.3. In the sequel, we assume that $0 < s_0 < \min\{1, \frac{n\kappa - 4 + 3n}{4n-2}\}$, i.e., H satisfies (2.11). In particular, we have $\mathcal{M} \geq 0$.

Given $R > 0$, there exists a cut-off function ϕ such that

$$\begin{cases} \phi = 1 & \text{in } B_R, \\ 0 \leq \phi \leq 1, & \text{in } B_{2R}, \\ \phi = 0, & \text{in } M \setminus B_{2R}, \\ |\partial \phi| \leq \frac{C}{R}, & \text{in } M. \end{cases}$$

Let $A_R = B_{2R} \setminus B_R$. As in [3, 6], we obtain a lemma in terms of the test functions.

Lemma 2.2. *Let $s > 2$ and $\beta \geq 0$ small enough. Then we have the following estimates*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\ & \leq C \left(\int_{A_R} \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

and

$$\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}, \quad (2.13)$$

where $\Psi = |g|^2 e^{-2f}$.

Proof. By multiplying (2.9) by $\Psi^{-\beta}\phi^s$ and integrating by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\
&= \int_M \operatorname{Re} \nabla_{\eta_{\bar{\alpha}}} \{e^{2(n-1)f} [(g + 3\sqrt{-1}f_0)E_{\alpha} + (g - \sqrt{-1}f_0)D_{\alpha} - 3\sqrt{-1}f_0G_{\alpha}]\} \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^s \\
&= \beta \int_M \operatorname{Re} \{e^{2(n-1)f} [(g + 3\sqrt{-1}f_0)E_{\alpha} + (g - \sqrt{-1}f_0)D_{\alpha} - 3\sqrt{-1}f_0G_{\alpha}] \Psi_{\bar{\alpha}}\} \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^s \\
&\quad - s \int_M \operatorname{Re} \{e^{2(n-1)f} [(g + 3\sqrt{-1}f_0)E_{\alpha} + (g - \sqrt{-1}f_0)D_{\alpha} - 3\sqrt{-1}f_0G_{\alpha}] \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}\} \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

From the definition of g , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(g + 3\sqrt{-1}f_0)E_{\alpha} + (g - \sqrt{-1}f_0)D_{\alpha} - 3\sqrt{-1}f_0G_{\alpha}| \\
&\leq |D_{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}|(|\partial f|^2 + H(f)) + |f_0| \cdot |2D_{\alpha} - 2E_{\alpha} + 3G_{\alpha}|.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
|D_{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}| &\leq |D_{\alpha} + G_{\alpha}| + |E_{\alpha} - G_{\alpha}| \leq C\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n-1)f}, \\
|2D_{\alpha} - 2E_{\alpha} + 3G_{\alpha}| &\leq 2|D_{\alpha} + G_{\alpha}| + 2|E_{\alpha} - G_{\alpha}| + |G_{\alpha}| \leq C\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n-1)f}, \\
|\partial f|^2 + H(f) &\leq |g|, \quad |f_0| \leq |g|,
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$|(g + 3\sqrt{-1}f_0)E_{\alpha} + (g - \sqrt{-1}f_0)D_{\alpha} - 3\sqrt{-1}f_0G_{\alpha}| \leq C|g|\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n-1)f}. \quad (2.14)$$

Next we compute $\Psi_{\bar{\alpha}}$. By (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi_{\bar{\alpha}} &= (|g|^2 e^{-2f})_{\bar{\alpha}} = e^{-2f} (g_{\bar{\alpha}} \bar{g} + g \bar{g}_{\bar{\alpha}}) - 2|g|^2 e^{-2f} f_{\bar{\alpha}} \\
&= e^{-2f} [\bar{g}(D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}} + G_{\bar{\alpha}}) + (H'(f) - 2H(f))f_{\bar{\alpha}}] \\
&\quad + g(D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}} - G_{\bar{\alpha}} + 2\bar{g}f_{\bar{\alpha}} + (H'(f) - 2H(f))f_{\bar{\alpha}}) - 2|g|^2 e^{-2f} f_{\bar{\alpha}} \\
&= 2e^{-2f} [(D_{\bar{\alpha}} + G_{\bar{\alpha}})(|\partial f|^2 + H(f)) + (E_{\bar{\alpha}} - G_{\bar{\alpha}})(|\partial f|^2 + H(f)) + \sqrt{-1}f_0G_{\bar{\alpha}}] \\
&\quad + 2e^{-2f} (H'(f) - 2H(f))(|\partial f|^2 + H(f))f_{\bar{\alpha}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that $4(1-n)H(f) \leq H'(f) \leq 2H(f)$, we have

$$|H'(f) - 2H(f)| \leq CH(f).$$

In particular, we find that

$$|(H'(f) - 2H(f))(|\partial f|^2 + H(f))f_{\bar{\alpha}}| \leq C|g|\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n-1)f}.$$

Thus

$$|\Psi_{\bar{\alpha}}| \leq C|g|\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n+1)f}. \quad (2.15)$$

From (2.14) and (2.15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\
& \leq C\beta \int_M \mathcal{M} |g|^2 e^{-2f} \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^s + Cs \int_M |g| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} e^{(n-1)f} \Psi^{-\beta} |\partial \phi| \phi^{s-1} \\
& = C\beta \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s + Cs \int_M |g| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} e^{(n-1)f} \Psi^{-\beta} |\partial \phi| \phi^{s-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Choosing $0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{C}$, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s & \leq C \int_M |g| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} e^{(n-1)f} \Psi^{-\beta} |\partial \phi| \phi^{s-1} \\
& \leq C \left(\int_{A_R} \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

The inequality (2.13) is a direct consequence of (2.12). $\square$

It is easy to see that we need to prove the following inequality

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \leq C$$

for $R > 0$ large enough. Finally, we give a result which will be used in the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Corollary 2.3. ([6]) *Let (M^{2n+1}, θ, J) be a $(2n+1)$ -dimensional complete Sasakian manifold satisfying the curvature assumptions in Theorem 1.4. Let u be a positive superharmonic function in M , i.e. $u \in C^2(M)$ and*

$$\Delta_b u \leq 0.$$

Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$u(x) \geq \frac{C}{r(x)^{\max\{3, n+1\}}}$$

for any $x \in M$ with $r(x) > 1$.

3 Proof of Theorem 1.1

Suppose that (M^{2n+1}, J, θ) is a complete noncompact Sasakian manifold with $Ric_b \geq 0$. Let f, g, H, ϕ and $\mathcal{M}$ be defined as in Section 2. In this section, we assume that there exist constants $1 + \frac{1}{n} < \kappa \leq 1 + \frac{2}{n}$ such that

$$tF'(t) - \kappa F(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

In particular, we have

$$H'(f) \geq (n\kappa - n)H(f) > H(f).$$

First, we give some integral estimates which are useful in the proof.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $n \geq 1$ and $s \geq 4$. If $\beta \geq 0$ is small enough, there exist a constant C and a small $\epsilon > 0$ such that*

$$\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \leq \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} &\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon R^2 \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\ &\quad + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

for any $R > 0$.

Proof. From (2.13) and integrating by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\ &\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &= -\frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} \bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &= \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} \{e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} \bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + (s-2)e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \phi_{\bar{\alpha}} \bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-3} \\ &\quad + 2(n-1)e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(\bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} - \beta e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \Psi_{\bar{\alpha}} \bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^{s-2}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Similar to get (2.14), we obtain

$$|D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}} - G_{\bar{\alpha}}| \leq C\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n-1)f}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \bar{g}_{\bar{\alpha}}) &= \operatorname{Re}((D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}} - G_{\bar{\alpha}})f_{\alpha} + 2\bar{g}|\partial f|^2 + (H'(f) - 2H(f))|\partial f|^2) \\ &\leq C|\partial f|\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n-1)f} + 4|\partial f|^4 + \frac{1}{2}H^2(f). \end{aligned}$$

Using Young's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \bar{g}_{\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\leq \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} (C|\partial f|\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}e^{-(n-1)f} + 4|\partial f|^4 + \frac{1}{2}H^2(f)) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon R^2}{2} \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + 4 \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}.$$

Similarly, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & (s-2) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_\alpha \phi_{\bar{\alpha}} \bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-3} \\ & \leq \epsilon \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4}, \\ & \quad 2(n-1) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(\bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & = 2(n-1) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + 2(n-1) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \epsilon \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, from (2.15) and $\Psi = |g|^2 e^{-2f}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\beta \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_\alpha \Psi_{\bar{\alpha}} \bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq C \int_{A_R} e^{(n-3)f} |\partial f| |g|^2 \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \frac{\epsilon R^2}{2} \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \epsilon R^2 \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon\right) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \geq \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2},$$

since $|g|^2 \geq H^2(f)$. Therefore, we obtain (3.2) by choosing a small ϵ . Combining (3.2) and (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \epsilon C \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}.$$

Similarly, we obtain (3.1) by choosing a small ϵ . □

Lemma 3.2. *Let $n = 1$ or $n = 2$. If $s > 0$ is large enough and $\beta > 0$ is small enough, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} \leq \frac{C}{R^{2(n-\beta)}} \text{Vol}(B_{2R})$$

for $R > 0$ large enough.

Proof. Note that

$$\Psi^{-\beta} = |g|^{-2\beta} e^{2\beta f} = e^{2\beta f} (|\partial f|^4 + H^2(f) + |f_0|^2)^{-\beta} \leq e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f). \quad (3.4)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} \\ & \leq \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & = \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} (Re(g) - H(f)) H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & = -\frac{1}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} Re(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & = \frac{2(n+\beta-1)}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & \quad - \frac{2\beta}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-1-2\beta}(f) H' \phi^{s-4} \\ & \quad + \frac{s-4}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} Re(f_{\alpha}\phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-5} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & \leq \frac{2(n+\beta-1) - 2(n\kappa-n)\beta}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & \quad + \frac{s-4}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} Re(f_{\alpha}\phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-5} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4}, \end{aligned}$$

since $H'(f) \geq (n\kappa - n)H(f) > H(f)$. Moreover, for small β , we have

$$\frac{2(n+\beta-1) - 2(n\kappa-n)\beta}{n} < 1$$

whenever $n = 1$ or $n = 2$. Hence,

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f| \cdot |\partial \phi| H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-5} - C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\
&\leq \epsilon \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-6} \\
&\quad - C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4}.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-6} - C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4}.
\end{aligned}$$

According to the fact that $H'(f) \leq 2H(f)$, we can assume that there exists a f_0 such that for any $f \leq f_0$

$$H(f) \geq \frac{H(f_0)}{e^{2f_0}} e^{2f} = C e^{2f}.$$

On the other hand, u tends to zero at infinity. In this case, there exists a R_0 such that if $R \geq R_0$, we have $f \leq f_0$. Hence, we get $H(f) \geq C e^{2f}$ for R large enough. Let $a = \frac{n+\beta-1}{n-\beta}$, then

$$e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \leq C e^{2(n+\beta-1-a)f} H^{a-2\beta}(f).$$

Using Young's inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1-a)f} H^{a-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-6} - C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^{\frac{2(1-2\beta)}{1-a}}} \int_{A_R} \phi^{s-4-\frac{2(1-2\beta)}{1-a}} + (\delta - C) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Letting $s > 4 + \frac{2(1-2\beta)}{1-a}$ and δ sufficiently small, we have

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} \leq \frac{C}{R^{\frac{2(1-2\beta)}{1-a}}} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}). \quad (3.5)$$

This complete the proof since

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} \leq \int_{A_R} e^{2(n+\beta-1)f} |\partial f|^2 H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4}.$$

□

Lemma 3.3. *Let $n = 1$ and s, β be as in Lemma 3.2. Then there exist constants $C > 0$ and $\epsilon > 0$ such that*

$$\int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \leq \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \mathcal{M} \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^2} \text{Vol}(B_{2R})$$

for $R > 0$ large enough.

Proof. From (3.4) and $n = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & = - \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 \text{Re}(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} - \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & = 2\beta \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} - 2\beta \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-1-2\beta}(f) H' \phi^{s-2} \\ & \quad + (s-2) \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 \text{Re}(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-3} - \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & \quad + \int_{A_R} \text{Re}(f_{\alpha} |\partial f|_{\bar{\alpha}}^2) e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

By (2.8) and $|D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}}| \leq C\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}$, we compute that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} \text{Re}(f_{\alpha} |\partial f|_{\bar{\alpha}}^2) e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & = \int_{A_R} \text{Re}(f_{\alpha} (D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}})) e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} + \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & \quad - \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq C \int_{A_R} |\partial f| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} + \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & \quad - \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{1-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $H'(f) \geq (\kappa - 1)H(f) > H(f)$ and $2 < \kappa \leq 3$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\beta(\kappa - 2) \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq (s-2) \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 \text{Re}(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-3} + C \int_{A_R} |\partial f| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

By Young's inequality, we have

$$2\beta(\kappa - 2 - \epsilon) \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} + C \int_{A_R} |\partial f| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\
&= \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} + C \int_{A_R} |\partial f| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} \Psi^{-\beta} |g|^{2\beta} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \mathcal{M} \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^s \\
&\quad + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} H^{-4\beta}(f) |g|^{4\beta} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4}, \tag{3.7}
\end{aligned}$$

where ϵ is a small constant. Using Young's inequality again, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
&H^{-4\beta}(f) |g|^{4\beta} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} \\
&\leq 2\beta |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + (1-2\beta) H^{-\frac{4\beta}{1-2\beta}}(f) |\partial f|^{\frac{2}{1-2\beta}} \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-\frac{4(1-\beta)}{1-2\beta}} \\
&\leq 2\beta |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{1}{2} |\partial f|^4 H^{-8\beta}(f) \Psi^{-\beta-\beta(1-4\beta)} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{1-4\beta}{2} \phi^{s-\frac{6-8\beta}{1-4\beta}}. \tag{3.8}
\end{aligned}$$

As discussed in Lemma 3.2, we have $H(f) \geq C e^{2f}$ for R large enough. Together with Corollary 2.3 and (3.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
H^{-8\beta}(f) \Psi^{-\beta(1-4\beta)} &\leq C H^{-8\beta}(f) e^{2\beta(1-4\beta)f} H^{-2\beta(1-4\beta)}(f) \\
&\leq C e^{-18\beta f + 8\beta^2 f} \leq C R^{54\beta} \tag{3.9}
\end{aligned}$$

by choosing $\beta < \frac{1}{4}$. Substituting (3.8) and (3.9) into (3.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 e^{2\beta f} H^{-2\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \mathcal{M} \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^s \\
&\quad + \frac{C}{R^{2-54\beta}} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} \phi^{s-\frac{6-8\beta}{1-4\beta}} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\
&\leq \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \mathcal{M} \Psi^{-\beta} + \frac{C}{R^{2-54\beta}} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}),
\end{aligned}$$

where we use (3.5), Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2. Then the result follows from (3.6) for large R and $\beta < \frac{1}{27}$. $\square$

Now we are in the place to proof the Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let f, g, H, ϕ and $\mathcal{M}$ be defined as in above. Assume that $R > 0$ large enough such that $H(f) \geq C e^{2f}$. From Lemma 3.1, Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.3, we have

$$\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \leq \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}$$

$$\leq \frac{C}{R^{6-2\beta}} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}) + C\epsilon \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^4} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}).$$

Choosing ϵ small enough and using Theorem 1.4, we obtain

$$\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \leq C.$$

Combining with (3.2), we have

$$\int_{A_R} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \leq CR^2.$$

Then Lemma 2.2 yields that

$$\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \leq C \left(\int_{A_R} \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Hence

$$\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} = 0,$$

i.e. $\mathcal{M} = 0$. By Lemma 2.1, we have $|\partial f| = 0$ or $H'(f) = 2H(f)$. Since f satisfies (2.3) and $0 < H \in C^1$, we have $H'(f) = 2H(f)$. In particular,

$$F(u) = Cu^{1+\frac{2}{n}}.$$

The conclusion then follows from [6]. $\square$

4 Proof of Theorem 1.2

In this section, we assume that $n = 2$. Let f, g, H, ϕ and $\mathcal{M}$ be defined as in Section 2. In this section, we assume that there exist constants $\frac{3}{2} < \kappa \leq 2$ such that

$$tF'(t) - \kappa F(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

In particular, we have

$$H'(f) \geq (2\kappa - 2)H(f) > H(f).$$

First, we give some integral estimates.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $s > 0$ be large enough and $\beta > 0$ be small enough. Then there exist a constant $C > 0$ and a small constant $\epsilon > 0$ such that the following inequalities hold*

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}$$

$$\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2} \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + C \int_{A_R} e^{2f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \quad + \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

for $R > 0$ large enough.

Proof. Note that $R > 0$ large enough, we have $H(f) \geq C e^2 f$. From (3.4), we have

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \leq C \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2}. \quad (4.3)$$

A direct computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} = \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) (Re(g) - H(f)) \phi^{s-2} \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) Re(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-2} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ & = (1-\beta) \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} + \frac{s-2}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) Re(f_{\alpha} \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-3} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H'(f) Re(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-2} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $H'(f) > H(f)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1}{2} - \beta\right) \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2} - \frac{s-2}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) |\partial f| \cdot |\partial \phi| \phi^{s-3} \\ & \leq \epsilon \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & \quad + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $0 < \epsilon < \frac{1}{2} - \beta$, we derive that

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2}$$

$$\leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2}.$$

Then (4.1) follows from (4.3). In order to obtain (4.2), we compute that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} - \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 H(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &= \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{s-2}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-3} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} |\partial f|_{\bar{\alpha}}^2) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} - \frac{\beta}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \Psi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\quad - \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 H(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{s-2}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-3} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} |\partial f|_{\bar{\alpha}}^2) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\beta}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \Psi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^{s-2} - \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 H(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &= \frac{s-2}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-3} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} (D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}})) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\beta}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_{\alpha} \Psi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \Psi^{-\beta-1} \phi^{s-2} - 2 \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 H(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(\bar{g}) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that $\operatorname{Re}(\bar{g}) = |\partial f|^2 + H(f)$ and $\Psi^{-2} |\partial f|^4 |g|^2 \leq e^{4f}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\leq \epsilon' \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{-2f} |\partial f|^6 |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta-2} \phi^{s-4} + \frac{3}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 H(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\leq \epsilon' \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 H(f) \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

By choosing $\epsilon' < \frac{1}{2}$, we obtain (4.2). $\square$

Now we are ready to prove the Theorem 1.2.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Let f, g, H, ϕ and $\mathcal{M}$ be defined as in above. Assume that $R > 0$ large enough such that $H(f) \geq Ce^{2f}$. From Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 4.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s &\leq \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^4 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2f} |\partial f|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon \int_{A_R} \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 3.2 and letting $0 < \epsilon < 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s &\leq \frac{C}{R^{8-2\beta}} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}) + \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(1-\beta)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that $H(f) \geq Ce^{2f}$ and using Hölder's inequality, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} \phi^s &\leq \frac{C}{R^{8-2\beta}} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}) + \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} H^{2-\beta}(f) \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} H^{3-\beta}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{R^{8-2\beta}} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}) + \frac{C}{R^4} \left(\int_{A_R} H^3(f) \right)^{\frac{3-\beta}{3}} \cdot (\text{Vol}(B_{2R}))^{\frac{\beta}{3}} \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{R^2} \left(\int_{A_R} H^3(f) \right)^{\frac{2-\beta}{3}} \cdot (\text{Vol}(B_{2R}))^{\frac{1+\beta}{3}} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{R^{2-2\beta}} + \frac{C}{R^{2-\sigma-(2-\frac{\sigma}{3})\beta}} + \frac{C}{R^{2-\frac{2\sigma}{3}-(2-\frac{\sigma}{3})\beta}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from (1.9). Letting $R \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\int_M \Psi^{-\beta} \mathcal{M} = 0,$$

provided β is small enough. In particular, $\mathcal{M} = 0$. Similar to the proof of Theorem 1.1, we have $H'(f) = 2H(f)$. The conclusion then follows from [6]. $\square$

5 Proof of Theorem 1.3

Let $(M^{2n+1}, HM, J, \theta)$, $n \geq 3$ be a complete noncompact Sasakian manifold with $\text{Ric}_b \geq 0$ and

$$V(R) \leq CR^{2n+2}$$

for some $C > 0$ and every $R > 0$ large enough. Let f, g, H, ϕ and $\mathcal{M}$ be defined as in Section 2. In this section, we assume that there exist constants $\frac{2}{n} < \kappa \leq 1 + \frac{2}{n}$ such that

$$tF'(t) - \kappa F(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

In particular, we have

$$H'(f) \geq (n\kappa - n)H(f) > (2 - n)H(f).$$

We first state the following inequalities.

Lemma 5.1. *Let $\epsilon > 0$ small enough and $s > 0$ large enough. There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} \leq C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^{2n}} \text{Vol}(B_{2R}), \quad (5.1)$$

$$\int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} \leq C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \quad (5.2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

for $R > 0$ large enough.

Proof. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} = \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} (Re(g) - H(f)) \phi^{s-4} \\ & = -\frac{1}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} Re(f_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-4} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & = \frac{2(n-1)}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} + \frac{s-4}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} Re(f_{\alpha} \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-5} \\ & \quad - \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4}. \end{aligned}$$

This yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{n-2}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} \\ & \leq C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f| \cdot |\partial \phi| \phi^{s-5} + \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \epsilon \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \phi^{s-6} + \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4}.$$

Letting $0 < \epsilon < \frac{n-2}{n}$, (5.1) follows from

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} \\ & \leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \phi^{s-6} + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & \leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1-\frac{n-1}{n})f} H^{\frac{n-1}{n}}(f) \phi^{s-6} + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \\ & \leq C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^{2n}} \int \phi^{s-4-2n}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we assume that $R > 0$ large enough such that $H(f) \geq C e^{2f}$. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} \\ & = \frac{2(n-1)}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} + \frac{s-2}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \operatorname{Re}(f_\alpha \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-3} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H'(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that $H'(f) \geq (n\kappa - n)H(f) > (2-n)H(f)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{n\kappa-2}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2} + \epsilon \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} \\ & \quad + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4}. \end{aligned}$$

By choosing ϵ small enough, we obtain (5.2). Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2} \\ & = \frac{2(n-1)}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2} + \frac{s-2}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_\alpha \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-3} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_\alpha |\partial f|_\alpha^2) \phi^{s-2} - \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2}. \end{aligned}$$

A direct calculation implies that

$$\frac{n-2}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} - \frac{s-2}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \operatorname{Re}(f_\alpha \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}) \phi^{s-3} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(f_\alpha (D_{\bar{\alpha}} + E_{\bar{\alpha}})) \phi^{s-2} - \frac{1}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} \operatorname{Re}(\bar{g}) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} \\
&\quad + \frac{2}{n} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} \\
&\leq (1 + \frac{1}{n}) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} + C \int_{A_R} e^{(n-1)f} |\partial f| \sqrt{\mathcal{M}} \phi^{s-2} \\
&\quad - (\frac{1}{n} - \epsilon) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} \\
&\leq (1 + \frac{1}{n}) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-2} + \epsilon R^2 \int_{A_R} \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\
&\quad - (\frac{1}{n} - \epsilon) \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence for ϵ sufficiently small, we deduce (5.3). $\square$

Noting that in the proof of Lemma 3.1, we do not use the condition $H'(f) \geq H(f)$. Hence Lemma 3.1 is also valid under the conditions in Theorem 1.3. In this case, we assume that $\beta = 0$.

Proof of Theorem 1.3. Let f, g, H, ϕ and $\mathcal{M}$ be defined as in above. Assume that $R > 0$ large enough such that $H(f) \geq C e^{2f}$. From Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 5.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_M \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^{2n+4}} \operatorname{Vol}(B_{2R}) + \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} \\
&\quad + \epsilon \int_M \mathcal{M} \phi^s + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2}.
\end{aligned}$$

By choosing $\epsilon > 0$ small enough and using $H(f) \geq C e^{2f}$, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_M \mathcal{M} \phi^s \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^{2n+4}} \operatorname{Vol}(B_{2R}) + \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H(f) \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} H^2(f) \phi^{s-2} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^2} + \frac{C}{R^4} \int_{A_R} H^n(f) \phi^{s-4} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} H^{n+1}(f) \phi^{s-2} \\
&\leq \frac{C}{R^2} + \frac{C}{R^4} \left(\int_{A_R} H^{n+1}(f) \right)^{\frac{n}{n+1}} \cdot (\operatorname{Vol}(B_{2R}))^{\frac{1}{n+1}} + \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} H^{n+1}(f)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{C}{R^2} + C + \frac{C}{R^{\frac{2}{n+1}}} \leq C.$$

It follows that

$$\int_M \mathcal{M} \leq C,$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |g|^2 \Psi^{-\beta} \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \phi^{s-4} + \epsilon R^2 \int_M \mathcal{M} \phi^s + C \int_{A_R} e^{2(n-1)f} |\partial f|^4 \phi^{s-2} \\ & \leq C R^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$\int_M \mathcal{M} = 0,$$

that is, $\mathcal{M} = 0$. Hence we deduce the conclusion as in the proof of Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2. $\square$

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