

## RIGIDITY OF IMMERSED SUBMANIFOLDS IN A HYPERBOLIC SPACE

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ABSTRACT. Let  $M^n, 2 \leq n \leq 6$  be a complete noncompact hypersurface immersed in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ . We show that there exist two certain positive constants  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ , and  $\beta$  depending only on  $\delta$  and the first eigenvalue  $\lambda_1(M)$  of Laplacian such that if  $M$  satisfies a  $(\delta\text{-SC})$  condition and  $\lambda_1(M)$  has a lower bound then  $H^1(L^2(M)) = 0$ . Excepting these two conditions, there is no more additional condition on the curvature.

### 1. Introduction

It is well-known that the structures of ends or the number of ends of a noncompact immersed submanifold in a Riemannian manifold is related to the space of bounded harmonic functions with finite energy (see [1, 11, 12]). In fact, Li and Tam, in [11], proved that the number of non-parabolic ends of any complete Riemannian manifold is bounded by the dimension of  $H^1(L^2(M))$ , here we denote by  $H^1(L^2(M))$  the space of bounded harmonic functions with finite energy. Due to their result, if the space  $H^1(L^2(M))$  is trivial, then the submanifold has at most one non-parabolic end. Therefore, it is very interesting to study vanishing property of  $H^1(L^2(M))$ . There are several work have been done in this direction. For example, in [13], Lei Ni proved that if  $M^n, n \geq 3$  is a complete minimal immersed hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , then  $M$  does not admit any non-trivial  $L^2$  harmonic one-form, consequently,  $M$  has only one end. When the ambient space  $N$  is a hyperbolic space, Seo [14] proved that there are non  $L^2$  harmonic one form on a complete super stable minimal hypersurface in a hyperbolic space if the first eigenvalue  $\lambda_1(M)$  of Laplacian is bounded from below by a certain positive number depending only on the dimension of  $M$ . Later, Fu and Yang [7] improved the result of Seo by giving a better lower bound of  $\lambda_1(M)$ . Recently, in [9], Kim and Yun studied complete oriented noncompact hypersurface  $M^n$  in a complete Riemannian manifold of nonnegative sectional curvature. They defined a (SC) condition on  $M$  and proved that if  $M$  satisfies

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the (SC) condition and  $2 \leq n \leq 4$ , then there is no non-trivial  $L^2$  harmonic one forms on  $M$ . It is important to note that in [9], the authors did not assume the minimality of such a hypersurface nor the constant mean curvature condition. Finally, in [5], Seo and the author investigate complete hypersurfaces immersed in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and improve the results in [9].

In this paper, motivated by [5, 9], we consider a complete noncompact immersed hypersurface in a hyperbolic space. We will not require the minimality of such a hypersurface nor the constant mean curvature condition in our research. Now, in order to establish our result, first we give a definition. Let  $M^n$  be an immersed hypersurface in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ . For a constant  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ , we say that  $M$  satisfies the ( $\delta$ -SC) condition if for any function  $\phi \in C_0^1(M)$

$$(1.1) \quad \delta \int_M (-n + |A|^2)\phi^2 \leq \int_M |\nabla\phi|^2,$$

where  $A$  is the second fundamental form of  $M$ . Note that if  $\delta = 1$ , then the condition (1.1) means the index of the operator  $\Delta + (-n + |A|^2)$  is zero (see [7]). In this case, we also say that  $M$  satisfies a (SC) condition or  $M$  is stable. Now, we state our main theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $2 \leq n \leq 6$ . Let  $M^n$  be a complete hypersurface immersed in a hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ . Suppose that  $M$  satisfies (SC) condition and*

$$\lambda_1(M) > \frac{2n - (n-1)^{3/2}}{(n + 2\sqrt{n-1})(n-1)^{3/2}},$$

*then  $\mathbb{H}^1(L^2(M)) = 0$  and  $M$  has at most one nonparabolic end.*

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce an auxiliary lemma. Then, we prove the main Theorem 1.1. Finally, in Section 3, we give a sufficient condition to ensure a  $\delta$ -SC property on immersed hypersurfaces.

## 2. Immersed submanifolds with positive spectrum

In this section, we will consider a complete hypersurface of lower dimension immersed in a hyperbolic space. To begin with, we first prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $M^n$  be a complete immersed submanifold in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+p}$ . Then*

$$(2.1) \quad Ric_M \geq -(n-1) - \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2}|A|^2.$$

*Proof.* By [10], it is well-known that

$$(2.2) \quad Ric_M \geq -(n-1) - \frac{n-1}{n}|A|^2 + \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ 2(n-1)|H|^2 - (n-2)\sqrt{n-1}|H|\sqrt{n|A|^2 - |H|^2} \right\}.$$

Claim: If  $b := \frac{(n-2)^2\sqrt{n-1}}{2n(\sqrt{n-1}+1)^2}$ . Then we have

$$(2.3) \quad 2(n-1)|H|^2 - (n-2)\sqrt{n-1}|H|\sqrt{n|A|^2 - |H|^2} \geq -bn^2|A|^2.$$

Suppose that the claim is proved, then by (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Ric_M &\geq -(n-1) - \left\{ \frac{(n-2)^2\sqrt{n-1}}{2n(\sqrt{n-1}+1)^2} + \frac{n-1}{n} \right\} |A|^2 \\ &= -(n-1) - \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2}|A|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have proven the conclusion of Lemma 2.1. The rest of this part is to verify the above Claim. Indeed, If  $|A| = 0$ , then  $H = 0$ , here we used  $|H|^2 \leq n|A|^2$ . Thus the inequality (2.3) is trivial. Now we assume that  $|A| > 0$ . The inequality (2.3) is equivalent to

$$\frac{(n-2)\sqrt{n-1}}{n^2} \frac{|H|}{|A|} \sqrt{n - \frac{|H|^2}{|A|^2}} - \frac{2(n-1)}{n^2} \frac{|H|^2}{|A|^2} \leq b.$$

We define  $f_n(t)$  on  $[0, \sqrt{n}]$  by

$$f_n(t) = \frac{(n-2)\sqrt{n-1}}{n^2} t \sqrt{n-t^2} - \frac{2(n-1)}{n^2} t^2.$$

Suppose that there is a constant  $B > 0$  such that  $B \geq \max_{[0, \sqrt{n}]} f_n(t)$ . Then

$$(n-2)\sqrt{n-1}t\sqrt{n-t^2} \leq 2(n-1)t^2 + Bn^2, \forall t \in [0, \sqrt{n}]$$

or equivalently,

$$(2.4) \quad (n-2)^2(n-1)x(n-x) \leq 4(n-1)^2x^2 + 4B(n-1)n^2x + B^2n^4,$$

where  $x := t^2$  for all  $x \in [0, n]$ . A simple computation shows that the inequality (2.4) holds true if

$$B \geq \frac{(n-2)^2\sqrt{n-1}}{2n(\sqrt{n-1}+1)^2}.$$

Now, choose  $b = \frac{(n-2)^2\sqrt{n-1}}{2n(\sqrt{n-1}+1)^2}$ . The claim is proved. Thus, the proof is complete.  $\square$

We have the following vanishing theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $2 \leq n \leq 6$ . Let  $M^n$  be a complete hypersurface immersed in a hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ . Suppose that  $M$  satisfies  $(\delta$ -SC) condition for some  $\frac{n-2}{2\sqrt{n-1}} < \delta \leq 1$ , if the first eigenvalue of  $M$  has lower bound*

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_1(M) \geq (\sqrt{n-1} + 1)^2 \left( \frac{2\sqrt{n-1}}{n-2} - \frac{1}{\delta} \right)^{-1},$$

then any harmonic one-form  $\omega$  on  $M$  is trivial, provided that

$$\int_{B(R)} |\omega|^{2\beta} < o(R^2),$$

where  $\beta$  is a constant satisfying

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - D\frac{n-2}{n-1}}}{D} < \beta < \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - D\frac{n-2}{n-1}}}{D}$$

and

$$D = \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2\delta} + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \left( \frac{n\sqrt{n-1}}{2} + (n-1) \right).$$

*Proof.* We use the method in [7]. Let  $\omega$  be a harmonic 1-form as in Theorem 2.2. The Bochner formula and the refine Kato's identity imply

$$|\omega|\Delta|\omega| \geq \frac{1}{n-1}|\nabla|\omega||^2 + Ric_M(\omega, \omega).$$

By Lemma 2.1, this shows that

$$|\omega|\Delta|\omega| \geq \frac{1}{n-1}|\nabla|\omega||^2 - (n-1)|\omega|^2 - \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2}|A|^2|\omega|^2.$$

Now, for any  $\alpha > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\omega|^\alpha \Delta|\omega|^\alpha &= |\omega|^\alpha \left( \alpha(\alpha-1)|\omega|^{\alpha-2}|\nabla|\omega||^2 + \alpha|\omega|^{\alpha-1}\Delta|\omega| \right) \\ &= \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}|\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 + \alpha|\omega|^{2\alpha-2}|\omega|\Delta|\omega| \\ &\geq \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}|\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 + \alpha|\omega|^{2\alpha-2} \left( \frac{1}{n-1}|\nabla|\omega||^2 - (n-1)|\omega|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2}|A|^2|\omega|^2 \right) \\ (2.5) \quad &\geq \left( 1 - \frac{(n-2)}{(n-1)\alpha} \right) |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 - \alpha(n-1)|\omega|^{2\alpha} - \alpha\frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2}|A|^2|\omega|^{2\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $q \geq 0$  and  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(M)$ . Multiplying both sides of (2.5) by  $|\omega|^{2q\alpha}\phi^2$  then integrating over  $M$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( 1 - \frac{n-2}{(n-1)\alpha} \right) \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha}\phi^2|\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \\ &\leq \int_M |\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha}\phi^2\Delta|\omega|^\alpha + \alpha(n-1) \int_M |\omega|^{2(1+q)\alpha}\phi^2 \\ &\quad + \alpha\frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2} \int_M |A|^2\phi^2|\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} \\ &= \alpha(n-1) \int_M |\omega|^{2(1+q)\alpha}\phi^2 + \alpha\frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2} \int_M |A|^2\phi^2|\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$-(2q + 1) \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \phi^2 - 2 \int_M \phi |\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha} \langle \nabla\phi, \nabla|\omega|^\alpha \rangle.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(2(q + 1) - \frac{n - 2}{(n - 1)\alpha}\right) \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} \phi^2 |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \\ & \leq \alpha(n - 1) \int_M |\omega|^{2(1+q)\alpha} \phi^2 + \alpha \frac{\sqrt{n - 1}}{2} \int_M |A|^2 \phi^2 |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} \\ (2.6) \quad & - 2 \int_M \phi |\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha} \langle \nabla\phi, \nabla|\omega|^\alpha \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since  $M$  satisfies the  $(\delta$ -SC) condition and  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  has non-negative constant sectional curvature, we have for any  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(M)$

$$\int_M |\nabla\phi|^2 \geq \delta \int_M (-n + |A|^2) \phi^2.$$

Replacing  $\phi$  by  $|\omega|^{(q+1)\alpha} \phi$  in the above inequality, we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad \delta \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} |A|^2 \phi^2 \leq \int_M |\nabla(|\omega|^{(q+1)\alpha} \phi)|^2 + n\delta \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} \phi^2.$$

Combining (2.6) and (2.7), we infer

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(2(q + 1) - \frac{n - 2}{(n - 1)\alpha}\right) \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} \phi^2 |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{\alpha\sqrt{n - 1}}{2\delta} \int_M |\nabla(|\omega|^{(q+1)\alpha} \phi)|^2 - 2 \int_M \phi |\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha} \langle \nabla\phi, \nabla|\omega|^\alpha \rangle. \\ (2.8) \quad & + \alpha \left\{ \frac{n\sqrt{n - 1}}{2} + n - 1 \right\} \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} \phi^2. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by variational characterization of  $\lambda_1$ , we have

$$(2.9) \quad \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} \phi^2 \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \int_M |\nabla(|\omega|^{(q+1)\alpha} \phi)|^2.$$

Hence, (2.8) implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(2(q + 1) - \frac{n - 2}{(n - 1)\alpha}\right) \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} \phi^2 |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \\ & \leq \left\{ \frac{\alpha\sqrt{n - 1}}{2\delta} + \frac{\alpha}{\lambda_1} \left( \frac{n\sqrt{n - 1}}{2} + n - 1 \right) \right\} \int_M |\nabla(|\omega|^{(q+1)\alpha} \phi)|^2 \\ & \quad - 2 \int_M \phi |\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha} \langle \nabla\phi, \nabla|\omega|^\alpha \rangle \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently,

$$\left(2(q + 1) - \frac{n - 2}{(n - 1)\alpha}\right) \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} \phi^2 |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq D\alpha(q+1)^2 \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \phi^2 + D\alpha \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} |\nabla\phi|^2 \\
 (2.10) \quad &+ \left( D\alpha(q+1) - 1 \right) \int_M 2|\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha} \phi \langle \nabla\phi, \nabla|\omega|^\alpha \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the Schwarz inequality implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left( D\alpha(q+1) - 1 \right) \int_M 2|\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha} \phi \langle \nabla\phi, \nabla|\omega|^\alpha \rangle \\
 &\leq |1 - D\alpha(q+1)| \int_M 2|\omega|^{(2q+1)\alpha} |\phi| \cdot |\nabla\phi| \cdot |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha| \\
 (2.11) \quad &\leq |1 - D\alpha(q+1)| \left( \varepsilon \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} |\nabla\phi|^2 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (2.10) and (2.11), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad &\left\{ 2(q+1) - \frac{n-2}{(n-1)\alpha} - D\alpha(q+1)^2 - |1 - D\alpha(q+1)|\varepsilon \right\} \int_M \phi^2 |\omega|^{2q\alpha} |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \\
 &\leq \left\{ D\alpha + \frac{|1 - D\alpha(q+1)|}{\varepsilon} \right\} \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} |\nabla\phi|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, choose  $\alpha, q$  such that

$$2(q+1) - \frac{n-2}{(n-1)\alpha} - D\alpha(q+1)^2 > 0.$$

Then, from (2.12), we see that if  $\varepsilon > 0$  is small enough, then there exists a positive constant  $C$  depending on  $\varepsilon, q, \alpha, \delta, \lambda_1$  such that

$$(2.13) \quad \int_M |\omega|^{2q\alpha} |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \phi^2 \leq C \int_M |\omega|^{2(q+1)\alpha} |\nabla\phi|^2,$$

provided that

$$(2.14) \quad 2(q+1) - \frac{n-2}{(n-1)\alpha} - D\alpha(q+1)^2 > 0.$$

Let  $\beta = (q+1)\alpha$ , it is easy to see that (2.14) is equivalent to

$$2\beta - \frac{n-2}{n-1} - D\beta^2 > 0.$$

This inequality is always satisfied by the assumptions

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - D\frac{n-2}{n-1}}}{D} < \beta < \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - D\frac{n-2}{n-1}}}{D}.$$

Now, let  $\phi$  be a smooth function on  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $\phi \geq 0$ ,  $\phi = 1$  on  $[0, R]$  and  $\phi = 0$  in  $[2R, \infty)$  with  $|\phi'| \leq \frac{2}{R}$ , then considering  $\phi \circ r$ , where  $r$  is the function in the definition of  $B(R)$ , we obtain from (2.13)

$$\int_{B(R)} |\omega|^{2q\alpha} |\nabla|\omega|^\alpha|^2 \leq \frac{4C}{R^2} \int_M |\omega|^{2\beta}.$$

Let  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , by the assumption  $\int_{B(R)} |\omega|^{2\beta} = 0(R^2)$  we have that  $|\omega|$  is constant. By (2.9), we obtain

$$|\omega|^{2\beta} \int_M \phi^2 \leq \frac{4}{\lambda_1 R^2} \int_M |\omega|^{2\beta}.$$

Let  $R \rightarrow \infty$  again, we conclude that  $|\omega| = 0$ . Hence,  $\omega$  is trivial. The proof is finished.  $\square$

Now, we will give a proof of Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Since  $M$  satisfies the (SC) condition,  $\delta = 1$ . Hence, we can repeat the proof of Theorem 2.2, to obtain  $H^1(L^{2\beta}(M)) = 0$ , provided that

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - D \frac{n-2}{n-1}}}{D} < \beta < \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - D \frac{n-2}{n-1}}}{D},$$

where

$$D = \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \left( \frac{n\sqrt{n-1}}{2} + (n-1) \right).$$

Note that the vanishing property of  $H^1(L^2(M))$  can be verified if we can choose  $\beta = 1$ . In fact, by above inequalities, it is sufficient to show that

$$|1 - D| < \sqrt{1 - D \frac{n-2}{n-1}},$$

namely,  $D < \frac{n}{n-1}$ . This is satisfied by the assumption

$$\lambda_1(M) > \frac{2n - (n-1)^{3/2}}{(n + 2\sqrt{n-1})(n-1)^{3/2}}.$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. $\delta$ -stable condition

In this section, we give a sufficient condition for immersed hypersurfaces to be satisfying the ( $\delta$ -SC) condition. First, recall that we have the following Sobolev type inequality proved by Hoffman and Spruck [8].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M^n$  be a submanifold immersed in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+p}$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C_1 > 0$  such that for any function  $\phi \in C_0^1(M)$ , we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \left( \int_M |\phi|^{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} \leq C_1 \left( \int_M |\nabla \phi| + \int_M |H\phi| \right)$$

*Proof.* See [8], Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

From Lemma 3.1, we have the following Sobolev inequality proved by Carron [3] (also see [6]) and rigidity property of complete manifolds with finite total mean curvature.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $M^n, n \geq 3$  be an oriented complete sub-manifold immersed in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+p}$ . Suppose that  $\|H\|_n = \int_M |H|^n < \infty$ , then for any  $\phi \in C_0^1(M)$ , we have*

$$(3.2) \quad \left( \int_M |\phi|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq C_s \int_M |\nabla \phi|^2,$$

where

$$C_s = \left( \frac{4C_1(n-1)}{n-2} \right)^2$$

and  $C_1$  is the constant in Lemma 3.1. Moreover, each end of  $M$  must be non parabolic.

*Proof.* The proof of the Lemma is given in [3] (see also [6]). For the completeness, we include the detail here. By the assumption that  $\int_M |H|^n < \infty$ , there exists a compact subset  $D \subset M$  such that

$$\left( \int_{M \setminus D} |H|^n \right)^{1/n} \leq \frac{1}{2C_1}.$$

Let  $h \in C_0^1(M)$ , the Hölder inequality implies,

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \int_{M \setminus D} |Hh| &\leq C_1 \left( \int_{M \setminus D} |H|^n \right)^{1/n} \left( \int_{M \setminus D} |h|^{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{M \setminus D} |h|^{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (3.1), we have

$$\left( \int_{M \setminus D} |h|^{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} \leq 2C_1 \int_{M \setminus D} |\nabla h|.$$

Now, replacing  $h$  by  $\phi^{\frac{2(n-1)}{n-2}}$ , we infer

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int_{M \setminus D} |\phi|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} &\leq \frac{4C_1(n-1)}{n-2} \int_{M \setminus D} |\phi^{\frac{n}{n-2}} \nabla \phi| \\ &\leq \frac{4C_1(n-1)}{n-2} \left( \int_{M \setminus D} |\phi|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{M \setminus D} |\nabla \phi|^2 \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\left( \int_{M \setminus D} |\phi|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq C_s \int_{M \setminus D} |\nabla \phi|^2$$



for all  $\phi \in C_0^1(M \setminus D)$ . By [2] (also see [3]), we obtain the Sobolev inequality

$$\left(\int_M |\phi|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq C_s \int_M |\nabla\phi|^2$$

for all  $\phi \in C_0^1(M)$ . By Theorem 2.4 and Proposition 2.5 in [6], each end of  $M$  is non-parabolic. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M^n$  be an immersed hypersurface in  $\mathbb{H}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . If  $\|A\|_n \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta C_s}}$  where  $C_s$  is the constant in Lemma 3.2, then  $M$  satisfies the  $(\delta$ -SC) condition.*

*Proof.* We only need to show that, for any  $\phi \in C_0^1(M)$ ,

$$\int_M \left(|\nabla\phi|^2 - \delta(-n + |A|^2)\phi^2\right) \geq 0.$$

By the assumption on the total scalar curvature, we have  $\|H\|_n \leq \sqrt{n}\|A\|_n < \infty$ , hence we can use the Sobolev inequality in Lemma 3.2 to get

$$\int_M \left(|\nabla\phi|^2 - \delta(-n + |A|^2)\phi^2\right) \geq \frac{1}{C_s} \left(\int_M |\phi|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} - \delta \int_M |A|^2\phi^2.$$

Moreover, Hölder inequality implies

$$\int_M |A|^2\phi^2 \leq \left(\int_M |A|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} \left(\int_M \phi^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}}.$$

Combining above two inequalities, we obtain

$$\int_M \left(|\nabla\phi|^2 - \delta(-n + |A|^2)\phi^2\right) \geq \left\{ \frac{1}{C_s} - \delta \left(\int_M |A|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} \right\} \left(\int_M |\phi|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \geq 0$$

here we used  $\|A\|_n \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta C_s}}$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

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