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**Abstract** First, we introduce the notion of shape operator of Codazzi type for real hypersurfaces in the complex quadric  $Q^{m*} = SO_{m,2}^o/SO_mSO_2$ . Next, we give a complete proof of non-existence of real hypersurfaces in  $Q^{m*} = SO_{m,2}^o/SO_mSO_2$  with shape operator of Codazzi type. Motivated by this result, we give a complete classification of real hypersurfaces in  $Q^{m*} = SO_{m,2}^o/SO_mSO_2$  with Reeb parallel shape operator.

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## 1 Introduction

As examples of some Hermitian symmetric spaces of rank 2, usually we can consider the Riemannian symmetric spaces  $SU_{m+2}/S(U_2U_m)$  and  $SU_{2,m}/S(U_2U_m)$ , which are said to be complex two-plane Grassmannians and complex hyperbolic two-plane Grassmannians, respectively (see [11, 12] and [15–18]). These are Hermitian symmetric spaces and quaternionic Kähler symmetric spaces equipped with the Kähler structure  $J$  and the quaternionic Kähler structure  $\mathfrak{J} = \text{Span}\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$  on  $SU_{m+2}/S(U_2U_m)$  and  $SU_{2,m}/S(U_2U_m)$ . There are exactly two types of singular tangent vector fields  $X$  on  $SU_{m+2}/S(U_2U_m)$

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and  $SU_{2,m}/S(U_2U_m)$ , which are characterized by the geometric properties  $JX \in \mathfrak{J}X$  or  $JX \perp \mathfrak{J}X$ .

As another example of Hermitian symmetric space of compact type with rank 2 different from the above ones, we can consider a complex quadric  $Q^m = SO_{m+2}/SO_2SO_m$ , which is a complex hypersurface in complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^{m+1}$  (see Reckziegel [13], Smyth [14] and Suh [19, 20], and [21]). The complex quadric can also be regarded as a kind of real Grassmann manifold of compact type with rank 2 (see Kobayashi and Nomizu [6]). Accordingly, the complex quadric admits two important geometric structures, a complex conjugation structure  $A$  and a Kähler structure  $J$ , which anti-commute with each other, that is,  $AJ = -JA$ . Then for  $m \geq 2$  the triple,  $(Q^m, J, g)$  is a Hermitian symmetric space of compact type with rank 2 and its maximal sectional curvature is equal to 4 (see Klein [5] and Reckziegel [13]).

About the latter part of twentieth century, many geometers have investigated some real hypersurfaces in Hermitian symmetric spaces of rank 1 like the complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  or the complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^m$ . In the complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  and the quaternionic projective space  $\mathbb{H}P^m$ , a characterization with isometric Reeb flow was obtained by Okumura [8],  $\mathcal{D}$ -parallel shape operator  $\nabla_{\mathcal{D}}A = 0$  by Pérez [9], and  $\mathcal{D}$ -parallel curvature tensor  $\nabla_{\mathcal{D}}R = 0$  by Pérez and Suh [10], respectively, where  $\mathcal{D} = \text{Span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$ ,  $\xi_i = -J_iN$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Now, let us introduce complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*} = SO_{m,2}^o/SO_2SO_m$ , which can be regarded as a Hermitian symmetric space with rank 2 of noncompact type. Here, we consider a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$  with Reeb parallel shape operator, that is,  $\nabla_{\xi}S = 0$  for the shape operator  $S$  of  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$  along the Reeb direction  $\xi = -JN$  on  $M$ , where  $J$  denotes the Kähler structure on  $Q^{m*}$ .

In order to give a complete classification of real hypersurfaces in  $Q^{m*}$  with Reeb parallel shape operator, first we will consider a problem of non-existence for real hypersurfaces in  $Q^{m*}$  with parallel shape operator. More generally, we consider the shape operator  $S$  of  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$  satisfying  $(\nabla_X S)Y = (\nabla_Y S)X$  for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$ . In this case, the shape operator is said to be of *Codazzi type*. In this paper, we want to give a property of non-existence for real hypersurfaces in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  whose shape operator is of Codazzi type as follows:

**Theorem 1.1** *There do not exist any real hypersurfaces in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with shape operator of Codazzi type.*

Next we will consider parallel shape operator for  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$ . Since the parallel shape operator  $S$  naturally satisfy the condition of Codazzi type, we can also assert the following

**Corollary 1.2** *There do not exist any real hypersurfaces in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with parallel shape operator.*

Apart from the complex structure  $J$ , there is another distinguished geometric structure on  $Q^{m*}$ . Namely, a vector subbundle  $\mathfrak{A}_{[z]} = \{A_{\lambda\bar{z}} | \lambda \in S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}\}$ ,  $[z] \in Q^{m*}$ , which consists of all complex conjugations defined on the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ . The vector bundle  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains an  $S^1$ -bundle of real structures, that is, complex conjugations  $A$  on the tangent spaces of  $Q^{m*}$  and becomes a parallel rank 2-subbundle of  $\text{End } TQ^{m*}$ . This geometric structure determines a maximal  $\mathfrak{A}$ -invariant subbundle  $\mathcal{Q}$  of the tangent bundle  $TM$  of a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$ .

Recall that a nonzero tangent vector  $W \in T_z Q^{m*}$  is called *singular* if it is tangent to more than one maximal flat in  $Q^{m*}$ . Here maximal flat means a 2-dimensional curvature flat

totally geodesic submanifold in  $Q^{m*}$ . Such a maximal flat always exists, because the rank of  $Q^{m*}$  is 2. There are two types of singular tangent vectors for the complex quadric  $Q^{m*}$  as follows:

1. If there exists a conjugation  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $W \in V(A)$ , then  $W$  is singular. Such a singular tangent vector is called  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal.
2. If there exist a conjugation  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$  and orthonormal vectors  $X, Y \in V(A)$  such that  $W/\|W\| = (X + JY)/\sqrt{2}$ , then  $W$  is singular. Such a singular tangent vector is called  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic,

where  $V(A) = \{X \in T_{[z]}Q^{m*} | AX = X\}$  and  $JV(A) = \{X \in T_{[z]}Q^{m*} | AX = -X\}$ ,  $[z] \in Q^{m*}$ , respectively denote the  $(+1)$ -eigenspace and  $(-1)$ -eigenspace for the involution  $A$  on  $T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$ ,  $[z] \in Q^{m*}$ .

Here we note that the unit normal  $N$  is said to be  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal if  $N$  is invariant under the complex conjugation  $A$ , that is,  $AN = N$ .

For the complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^m$ , a full classification of real hypersurfaces with isometric Reeb flow was obtained by Montiel and Romero in [7]. They proved that the Reeb flow on a real hypersurface in  $\mathbb{C}H^m = SU_{m,1}/S(U_m U_1)$  is isometric if and only if  $M$  is an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}H^k \subset \mathbb{C}H^m$  for some  $k \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$  or horospheres.

The classification problem for real hypersurfaces with isometric Reeb flow for the complex 2-plane Grassmannian  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  and the complex hyperbolic 2-plane Grassmannian  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  were solved by Suh [15, 18] and Suh [17], respectively. The Reeb flow on a real hypersurface in  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  is isometric if and only if  $M$  is an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+1}) \subset G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ .

Now let us consider such a situation in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ . In view of the previous two results, a natural expectation might be that the classification involves at least the totally geodesic  $Q^{m-1*} \subset Q^{m*}$ . But in the paper due to Suh [22], we investigate this problem for the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*} = SO_{m,2}/SO_m SO_2$  as follows:

**Theorem A** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*} = SO_{2,m}^o/SO_m SO_2$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . The Reeb flow on  $M$  is isometric if and only if  $m$  is even, say  $m = 2k$ , and  $M$  is an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}H^k \subset Q^{2k*}$  or a horosphere whose center at infinity is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic singular.*

When the shape operator  $S$  of  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$  is Reeb parallel, that is,  $\nabla_\xi S = 0$  along the direction of the structure vector field  $\xi = -JN$ , we say that the shape operator is *Reeb parallel*. Moreover, we say that the Reeb principal curvature is constant if the function  $\alpha$  defined by  $\alpha = g(S\xi, \xi)$  is constant. Motivated by these results, we give a complete classification of real hypersurfaces in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  with Reeb parallel shape operator as follows:

**Theorem 1.3** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf real hypersurface in complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with Reeb parallel shape operator and non-vanishing Reeb curvature. Then  $M$  is an open part of the following:*

- (1) a tube around the totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}H^k \subset Q^{2k*}$ , where  $m = 2k$ ,
- (2) a horosphere whose center at infinity is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic singular;
- (3) a tube around the totally geodesic Hermitian symmetric space  $Q^{m-1*}$  embedded in  $Q^{m*}$ ,
- (4) a horosphere in  $Q^{m*}$  whose center at infinity is the equivalence class of an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal geodesic in  $Q^{m*}$ ,

- (5) a tube around the  $m$ -dimensional real hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{R}^m$  which is embedded in  $Q^{m*}$  as a real space form,  
or otherwise  
(6)  $M$  has two distinct constant principal curvatures given by

$$\alpha, \quad \lambda = \frac{\alpha^2 - 2}{\alpha}$$

with multiplicities  $m$  and  $m - 1$ , respectively.

## 2 The complex hyperbolic quadric

Let us denote by  $\mathbb{C}_1^{m+2}$  an indefinite complex Euclidean space  $\mathbb{C}^{m+2}$ , on which the indefinite Hermitian product

$$H(z, w) = -z_1 \bar{w}_1 + z_2 \bar{w}_2 + \cdots + z_{m+2} \bar{w}_{m+2}$$

can be considered. The scalar product defined by the real part of  $H(z, w)$  is an indefinite Riemannian metric of index 2 on  $\mathbb{C}^{m+2}$ . Here the complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  is the set of all complex 1-dimensional subspaces in  $\mathbb{C}_1^{m+2}$ , on which the indefinite Hermitian product  $H(z, w)$  is negative definite.

The homogeneous quadratic equation  $z_1^2 + \cdots + z_m^2 - z_{m+1}^2 - z_{m+2}^2 = 0$  defines a noncompact complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*} = SO_{2,m}^o / SO_2 SO_m$  which can be immersed in the  $(m+1)$ -dimensional complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1} = SU_{1,m+1} / S(U_{m+1} U_1)$ . The complex hypersurface  $Q^{m*}$  in  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  is known as the  $m$ -dimensional complex hyperbolic quadric. The complex structure  $J$  on  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  naturally induces a complex structure on  $Q^{m*}$  which we will denote by  $J$  as well. We equip  $Q^{m*}$  with the Riemannian metric  $g$  which is induced from the Bergmann metric on  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $-4$ . For  $m \geq 2$  the triple,  $(Q^{m*}, J, g)$  is a Hermitian symmetric space of rank two, and its minimal sectional curvature is equal to  $-4$ . The 1-dimensional quadric  $Q^{1*}$  is isometric to the 2-dimensional real hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{R}H^2 = SO_{1,2}^o / SO_1 SO_2$ . The 2-dimensional complex quadric  $Q^{2*}$  is isometric to the Riemannian product of complex hyperbolic spaces  $\mathbb{C}H^1 \times \mathbb{C}H^1$ . We will assume  $m \geq 3$  for the main part of this paper.

For a nonzero vector  $z \in \mathbb{C}_1^{m+2}$ , we denote by  $[z]$  the complex span of  $z$ , that is,  $[z] = \{\lambda z \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}$ . Note that by definition  $[z]$  is a point in  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$ . As usual, for each  $[z] \in \mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  we identify  $T_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  with the orthogonal complement  $\mathbb{C}_1^{m+2} \ominus [z]$  of  $[z]$  in  $\mathbb{C}_1^{m+2}$ . For  $[z] \in Q^{m*}$  the tangent space  $T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  can then be identified canonically with the orthogonal complement  $\mathbb{C}_1^{m+2} \ominus ([z] \oplus [\bar{z}])$  of  $[z] \oplus [\bar{z}]$  in  $\mathbb{C}_1^{m+2}$ . Note that  $\bar{z} \in \nu_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  is a unit normal vector of  $Q^{m*}$  in  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  at the point  $[z]$ .

We denote by  $A_{\bar{z}}$  the shape operator of  $Q^{m*}$  in  $\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  with respect to  $\bar{z}$ . Then we have  $A_{\bar{z}}w = \bar{w}$  for all  $w \in T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$ , that is,  $A_{\bar{z}}$  is just complex conjugation restricted to  $T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$ . The shape operator  $A_{\bar{z}}$  is an antilinear involution on the complex vector space  $T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  and

$$T_{[z]}Q^{m*} = V(A_{\bar{z}}) \oplus JV(A_{\bar{z}}),$$

where  $V(A_{\bar{z}}) = \mathbb{R}_1^{m+2} \cap T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  is the  $(+1)$ -eigenspace and  $JV(A_{\bar{z}}) = i\mathbb{R}_1^{m+2} \cap T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  is the  $(-1)$ -eigenspace of  $A_{\bar{z}}$ . Geometrically, this means that the shape operator  $A_{\bar{z}}$  defines a real structure on the complex vector space  $T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$ . Recall that a real structure on a complex vector space  $V$  is by definition an antilinear involution  $A : V \rightarrow V$ . Since the normal space  $\nu_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  of  $Q^{m*}$  in  $\mathbb{C}H_1^{m+1}$  at  $[z]$  is a complex subspace of  $T_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  of complex



dimension one, every normal vector in  $\nu_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  can be written as  $\lambda\bar{z}$  with some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . The shape operators  $A_{\lambda\bar{z}}$  of  $Q^{m*}$  define a rank two vector subbundle  $\mathfrak{A}$  of the endomorphism bundle  $\text{End}(TQ^{m*})$ .

The derivative of the second fundamental form of the embedding  $Q^{m*} \subset \mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  is given by

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X A)Y = q(X)JAY$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $Q^{m*}$ , where  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $q$  denote the Levi-Civita connection and a certain 1-form on  $TQ^{m*}$ , respectively. So the set of all complex conjugations  $\mathfrak{A}$  becomes a parallel subbundle of  $\text{End}(TQ^{m*})$ . For  $\lambda \in S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$ , we again get a real structure  $A_{\lambda\bar{z}}$  on  $T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$ . Because, it satisfies the following for any  $w \in T_{[z]}Q^m$  and any  $\lambda \in S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\lambda\bar{z}}^2 w &= A_{\lambda\bar{z}} A_{\lambda\bar{z}} w = A_{\lambda\bar{z}} \lambda \bar{w} \\ &= \lambda A_{\bar{z}} \lambda \bar{w} = \lambda \bar{\lambda} \bar{w} \\ &= |\lambda|^2 w = w. \end{aligned}$$

Accordingly,  $A_{\lambda\bar{z}}^2 = I$  for any  $\lambda \in S^1$ . We thus have an  $S^1$ -subbundle of  $\mathfrak{A}$  consisting of real structures on the tangent spaces of  $Q^{m*}$ .

The Gauss equation for the complex hypersurface  $Q^{m*} \subset \mathbb{C}H^{m+1}$  implies that the Riemannian curvature tensor  $R$  of  $Q^{m*}$  can be expressed in terms of the Riemannian metric  $g$ , the complex structure  $J$  and a generic real structure  $A$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= -g(Y, Z)X + g(X, Z)Y \\ &\quad - g(JY, Z)JX + g(JX, Z)JY + 2g(JX, Y)JZ \\ &\quad - g(AY, Z)AX + g(AX, Z)AY \\ &\quad - g(JAY, Z)JAX + g(JAX, Z)JAY. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the complex structure  $J$  anti-commutes with each endomorphism  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ , that is,  $AJ = -JA$ .

Basic complex linear algebra shows that for every unit tangent vector  $W \in T_{[z]}Q^{m*}$  there exist a real structure  $A \in \mathfrak{A}_{[z]}$  and orthonormal vectors  $X, Y \in V(A)$  such that

$$W = \cos(t)X + \sin(t)JY$$

for some  $t \in [0, \pi/4]$ . The singular tangent vectors correspond to the values  $t = 0$  and  $t = \pi/4$ .

### 3 The maximal $\mathfrak{A}$ -invariant subbundle $\mathcal{Q}$ of $TM$

Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  and denote by  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  the induced almost contact metric structure on  $M$  and by  $\nabla$  the induced Riemannian connection on  $M$ . Note that  $\xi = -JN$ , where  $N$  is a (local) unit normal vector field of  $M$ . The vector field  $\xi$  is known as the Reeb vector field of  $M$ . If the integral curves of  $\xi$  are geodesics in  $M$ , the hypersurface  $M$  is called a Hopf hypersurface (See Dragomir and Perrone [4]). The integral curves of  $\xi$  are geodesics in  $M$  if and only if  $\xi$  is a principal curvature vector of  $M$  everywhere. The tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$  splits orthogonally into  $TM = \mathcal{C} \oplus \mathcal{F}$ , where  $\mathcal{C} = \ker(\eta)$  is the maximal complex subbundle of  $TM$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{R}\xi$ . The structure tensor field  $\phi$  restricted to  $\mathcal{C}$  coincides with the complex structure  $J$  restricted to  $\mathcal{C}$ , and we have  $\phi\xi = 0$ . We denote by  $\nu M$  the normal bundle of  $M$ .

We first introduce some notations. For a fixed real structure  $A \in \mathfrak{A}_{[z]}$  and  $X \in T_{[z]}M$ , we decompose  $AX$  into its tangential and normal component, that is,

$$AX = BX + \rho(X)N,$$

where  $BX$  is the tangential component of  $AX$  and

$$\rho(X) = g(AX, N) = g(X, AN) = g(X, AJ\xi) = g(JX, A\xi).$$

Since  $JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N$  and  $A\xi = B\xi + \rho(\xi)N$ , we also have

$$\rho(X) = g(\phi X, B\xi) + \eta(X)\rho(\xi) = \eta(B\phi X) + \eta(X)\rho(\xi).$$

We also define

$$\delta = g(N, AN) = g(JN, JAN) = -g(JN, AJN) = -g(\xi, A\xi).$$

At each point  $[z] \in M$  we define

$$\mathcal{Q}_{[z]} = \{X \in T_{[z]}M \mid AX \in T_{[z]}M \text{ for all } A \in \mathfrak{A}_{[z]}\},$$

which is the maximal  $\mathfrak{A}_{[z]}$ -invariant subspace of  $T_{[z]}M$ . Then by using the same method for real hypersurfaces in complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  as in Berndt and Suh [2], we get the following

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *The normal vector  $N_{[z]}$  of  $M$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal,*
- (ii)  $\mathcal{Q}_{[z]} = \mathcal{C}_{[z]}$ ,
- (iii) *There exists a real structure  $A \in \mathfrak{A}_{[z]}$  such that  $AN_{[z]} \in \mathbb{C}v_{[z]}M$ .*

Assume now that the normal vector  $N_{[z]}$  of  $M$  is not  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal. Then there exists a real structure  $A \in \mathfrak{A}_{[z]}$  such that

$$N_{[z]} = \cos(t)Z_1 + \sin(t)JZ_2$$

for some orthonormal vectors  $Z_1, Z_2 \in V(A)$  and  $0 < t \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} N_{[z]} &= \cos(t)Z_1 + \sin(t)JZ_2, \\ AN_{[z]} &= \cos(t)Z_1 - \sin(t)JZ_2, \\ \xi_{[z]} &= \sin(t)Z_2 - \cos(t)JZ_1, \\ A\xi_{[z]} &= \sin(t)Z_2 + \cos(t)JZ_1, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore,  $\mathcal{Q}_{[z]} = T_{[z]}\mathcal{Q}^m \ominus ([Z_1] \oplus [Z_2])$  is strictly contained in  $\mathcal{C}_{[z]}$ . Moreover, we have

$$A\xi_{[z]} = B\xi_{[z]} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(\xi_{[z]}) = 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} g(B\xi_{[z]} + \delta\xi_{[z]}, N_{[z]}) &= 0, \\ g(B\xi_{[z]} + \delta\xi_{[z]}, \xi_{[z]}) &= 0, \\ g(B\xi_{[z]} + \delta\xi_{[z]}, B\xi_{[z]} + \delta\xi_{[z]}) &= \sin^2(2t), \end{aligned}$$



where the function  $\delta$  denotes  $\delta = -g(\xi, A\xi) = -(\sin^2 t - \cos^2 t) = \cos 2t$ . Therefore,

$$U_{[z]} = \frac{1}{\sin(2t)}(B\xi_{[z]} + \delta\xi_{[z]})$$

is a unit vector in  $\mathcal{C}_{[z]}$  and

$$\mathcal{C}_{[z]} = \mathcal{Q}_{[z]} \oplus [U_{[z]}] \text{ (orthogonal direct sum).}$$

If  $N_{[z]}$  is not  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal at  $[z]$ , then  $N$  is not  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal in an open neighborhood of  $[z]$ , and therefore,  $U$  is a well-defined unit vector field on that open neighborhood. We summarize this in the following

**Lemma 3.2** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  whose unit normal  $N_{[z]}$  is not  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal at  $[z]$ . Then there exists an open neighborhood of  $[z]$  in  $M$  and a section  $A$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  on that neighborhood consisting of real structures such that*

- (i)  $A\xi = B\xi$  and  $\rho(\xi) = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $U = (B\xi + \delta\xi)/\|B\xi + \delta\xi\|$  is a unit vector field tangent to  $\mathcal{C}$
- (iii)  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{Q} \oplus [U]$ .

#### 4 Tubes around the totally geodesic $\mathbb{C}H^k \subset Q^{2k*}$ and horospheres

We assume that  $m$  is even, say  $m = 2k$ . The map

$$\mathbb{C}H^k \rightarrow Q^{2k*} = SO_{2,2k}^o/SO_2SO_{2k} \subset \mathbb{C}H^{2k+1},$$

is defined by  $[z_1, \dots, z_{k+1}] \mapsto [z_1, \dots, z_{k+1}, iz_1, \dots, iz_{k+1}]$ , provides an embedding of  $\mathbb{C}H^k$  into  $Q^{2k*}$  as a totally geodesic complex submanifold in  $\mathbb{C}H^{2k+1}$ , where

$$Q^{*2k} = \{[z_1, \dots, z_{2k+2}] \in \mathbb{C}H^{2k+1} \mid -z_1^2 + z_2^2 + \dots + z_{k+1}^2 - z_{k+2}^2 + z_{k+3}^2 + \dots + z_{2k+2}^2 = 0\}$$

can be regarded as the set of negative 2-planes in indefinite Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}_2^{2k+2}$ , that is, a real hyperbolic Grassmannian manifold. Of course, it can be easily checked that the point  $[z_1, \dots, z_{k+1}, iz_1, \dots, iz_{k+1}]$  belongs to  $Q^{2k*}$ .

Consider the standard embedding of  $U_{1,k}$  into  $SO_{2,2k}^o$  which is determined by the Lie algebra embedding in such a way that

$$u_{1,k} \rightarrow \mathfrak{so}_{2,2k}, \quad C + Di \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} C & -D \\ D & C \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $C, D \in M_{k+1,k+1}(\mathbb{R})$  which satisfy, respectively,  ${}^t C g C = g$  and  ${}^t D g D = g$  for the signature  $(1, k)$  of the indefinite Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}_1^{k+1}$  defined by  $g(X, Y) = -x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_{k+1} y_{k+1}$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$ .

We define a complex structure  $j$  on  $\mathbb{C}_1^{2k+2}$  by

$$j(z_1, \dots, z_{k+1}, z_{k+2}, \dots, z_{2k+2}) = (-z_{k+2}, \dots, -z_{2k+2}, z_1, \dots, z_{k+1}).$$

Note that  $ij = ji$ . We can then identify  $\mathbb{C}_1^{2k+2}$  with  $\mathbb{C}_1^{k+1} \oplus j\mathbb{C}^{k+1}$  and get

$$T_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k = \{X + jiX \mid X \in \mathbb{C}_1^{k+1} \ominus [z]\} = \{X + ijX \mid X \in V(A_{\bar{z}})\}.$$

Note that the complex structure  $j$  on  $\mathbb{C}_1^{2k+2}$  corresponds to the complex structure  $J$  on  $T_{[z]}Q^{2k*}$  via the obvious identifications. For the normal space  $\nu_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k$  of  $\mathbb{C}H^k$  at  $[z]$ , we

have

$$v_{[z]}CH^k = A_{\bar{z}}(T_{[z]}CH^k) = \{X - ijX \mid X \in V(A_{\bar{z}})\}.$$

It is easy to see that both the tangent bundle and the normal bundle of  $CH^k$  consist of  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic singular tangent vectors of  $Q^{2k*}$ .

We will now calculate the principal curvatures and principal curvature spaces of the tube around  $CH^k$  in  $Q^{2k*}$ . Let  $N$  be a unit normal vector of  $CH^k$  in  $Q^{2k*}$  at  $[z] \in CH^k$ . Since by Theorem A, the unit normal  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic. Then the four vectors  $N, JN, AN$  and  $JAN$  are pairwise orthonormal and the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{R}_N Z &= \bar{R}(Z, N)N = -Z + g(Z, N)N - 3g(Z, JN)JN \\ &\quad + g(Z, AN)AN + g(Z, JAN)JAN.\end{aligned}$$

From this, by using that  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic,  $\bar{R}_N N = \bar{R}(N, N)N = 0$ ,  $\bar{R}_N AN = \bar{R}(AN, N)N = 0$ ,  $\bar{R}_N JAN = 0$ , and  $\bar{R}_N JN = -4JN$ . This implies readily that  $\bar{R}_N$  has the three eigenvalues  $0, -1$  and  $-4$  with corresponding eigenspaces  $\mathbb{R}N \oplus [AN]$ ,  $T_{[z]}Q^{2k*} \ominus ([N] \oplus [AN])$  and  $\mathbb{R}JN$ . Since  $[N] \subset v_{[z]}CH^k$  and  $[AN] \subset T_{[z]}CH^k$ , we conclude that both  $T_{[z]}CH^k$  and  $v_{[z]}CH^k$  are invariant under  $\bar{R}_N$ .

To calculate the principal curvatures of the tube around  $CH^k$  we use the Jacobi field method. Let  $\gamma$  be the geodesic in  $Q^{2k*}$  with  $\gamma(0) = [z]$  and  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = N$  and denote by  $\gamma^\perp$  the parallel subbundle of  $TQ^{2k*}$  along  $\gamma$  defined by  $\gamma_{\gamma(t)}^\perp = T_{[\gamma(t)]}Q^{2k*} \ominus \mathbb{R}\dot{\gamma}(t)$ . Moreover, define the  $\gamma^\perp$ -valued tensor field  $R_\gamma^\perp$  along  $\gamma$  by  $R_{\gamma(t)}^\perp X = R(X, \dot{\gamma}(t))\dot{\gamma}(t)$ . Now consider the  $\text{End}(\gamma^\perp)$ -valued differential equation

$$Y'' + R_\gamma^\perp \circ Y = 0.$$

Let  $D$  be the unique solution of this differential equation with initial values

$$D(0) = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad D'(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix},$$

where the decomposition of the matrices is with respect to

$$\gamma_{[z]}^\perp = T_{[z]}CH^k \oplus (v_{[z]}CH^k \ominus \mathbb{R}N)$$

and  $I$  denotes the identity transformation on the corresponding space. Then the shape operator  $S(r)$  of the tube around  $CH^k$  with respect to  $-\dot{\gamma}(r)$  is given by

$$S(r) = D'(r) \circ D^{-1}(r).$$

If we decompose  $\gamma_{[z]}^\perp$  further into

$$\gamma_{[z]}^\perp = (T_{[z]}CH^k \ominus [AN]) \oplus [AN] \oplus (v_{[z]}CH^k \ominus [N]) \oplus \mathbb{R}JN,$$

we get by explicit computation that

$$S(r) = \begin{pmatrix} \tanh(r) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \coth(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\coth(2r) \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to that decomposition. Here let us check that  $SJN = 2\coth(2r)JN$  for  $M \subset Q^{2k*}$ . Since  $\bar{R}_N JN = -4JN$ , we have  $Y'' - 4Y = 0$  for a geodesic  $\gamma$  such that

$\gamma(0) = [z]$  and  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = N$ . The solution vector field  $Y(r)$  of the Jacobi equation becomes

$$Y(r) = (c_1 \cosh(2r) + c_2 \sinh(2r))E_X(r),$$

where the initial condition is given by  $0 = Y(0) = c_1 E_X(0) = c_1 X$  and  $X = Y'(0) = 2c_2 E_X(0) = 2c_2 X$  and the vector field  $E_X(r)$  is defined by the parallel displacement of the vector  $E_X(0) = X$  along the curve  $\gamma$ .

Here we know that the solution vector field can be obtained by  $Y(r) = D(r)E_X(r) = \frac{1}{2} \sinh(2r)E_X(r)$ . From this, together with the definition of the shape operator, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \sinh(2r)S(r)E_X(r) &= S(r)Y(r) = D'(r)D^{-1}(r)Y \\ &= D'(r)E_X(r) = \cosh(2r)E_X(r). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $S(r)E_X(r) = 2 \coth(2r)E_X(r)$ , which means  $S(r)JN = 2 \coth(2r)JN$ . By using the similar method we can calculate the other principal curvatures. Therefore, the tube around  $\mathbb{C}H^k$  has four distinct constant principal curvatures  $\tanh(r)$ ,  $0$ ,  $\coth(r)$  and  $2 \coth(2r)$  (unless  $m = 2$  in which case there are only two distinct constant principal curvatures  $0$  and  $2 \coth(2r)$ ). The corresponding principal curvature spaces are  $T_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k \ominus [AN]$ ,  $[AN]$ ,  $v_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k \ominus [N]$  and  $\mathbb{R}JN$ , respectively, where we identify the subspaces obtained by parallel translation along  $\gamma$  from  $[z]$  to  $\gamma(r)$ . This shows that the tube is a *Hopf* hypersurface.

Note that the parallel translate of  $[AN]$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$ , the parallel translate of  $[N]$  corresponds to  $\mathbb{C}vM$ , and the parallel translate of  $\mathbb{R}JN$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Moreover, we have  $A(T_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k \ominus [AN]) = v_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k \ominus [N]$ .

When  $M$  becomes an open part of a horosphere in  $Q^{2k*}$  whose center at infinity in the equivalence class of an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic geodesic in  $Q^{2k*}$ , by using the results in Suh [22] and taking the limit to the above principal curvatures as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , we can calculate that it has three distinct constant principal curvatures  $1$ ,  $0$ ,  $1$  and  $2$  corresponding to the same principal curvature spaces mentioned above.

Since  $JN$  is a principal curvature vector, we conclude that every tube around  $\mathbb{C}H^k$  is a *Hopf* hypersurface. We also see that all principal curvature spaces orthogonal to  $\mathbb{R}JN$  are  $J$ -invariant. Thus, if  $\phi$  denotes the structure tensor field on the tube which is induced by  $J$ , we get  $S\phi = \phi S$ . Since the Kähler structure on  $Q^{m*}$  is parallel, we have

$$g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y \xi) = g((S\phi - \phi S)X, Y)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . As  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field if and only if  $\nabla \xi$  is a skew-symmetric tensor field, we see that the Reeb flow on  $M$  is isometric if and only if  $S\phi = \phi S$ .

We summarize the previous discussion in the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.1** *Let  $M$  be the tube around the totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}H^k$  in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{2k*}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , or the horosphere in  $Q^{2k*}$  whose center at infinity is in the equivalence class of an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic singular geodesic in  $Q^{2k*}$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $M$  is a *Hopf* hypersurface,
- (ii) The tangent bundle  $TM$  and the normal bundle  $\nu M$  of  $M$  consist of  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic singular tangent vectors of  $Q^{2k*}$ ,
- (iii)  $M$  has four(or three) distinct constant principal curvatures. Their values and corresponding principal curvature spaces and multiplicities are given in the following Table 1. The real structure  $A$  determined by the  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic unit normal vector at  $[z]$  maps  $T_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k \ominus (\mathcal{C}_{[z]} \ominus \mathcal{Q}_{[z]})$  onto  $v_{[z]}\mathbb{C}H^k \ominus \mathbb{C}v_{[z]}M$ , and vice versa,

**Table 1** Principal curvatures of  $M$

Principal curvature	Eigenspace	Multiplicity
$2 \coth(2r), 2$	$\mathcal{F}$	1
0	$\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$	2
$\tanh(r), 1$	$T\mathbb{C}P^k \ominus (\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q})$	$2k - 2$
$\coth(r), 1$	$\nu\mathbb{C}P^k \ominus \mathbb{C}\nu M$	$2k - 2$

- (iv) The shape operator  $S$  of  $M$  and the structure tensor field  $\phi$  of  $M$  commute with each other, that is,  $S\phi = \phi S$ ,
- (v) The Reeb flow on  $M$  is an isometric flow.

## 5 The Codazzi equation and some consequences

From the explicit expression of the Riemannian curvature tensor of the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ , we can easily derive the Codazzi equation for a real hypersurface  $M$  in complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & g((\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X, Z) \\ &= -\eta(X)g(\phi Y, Z) + \eta(Y)g(\phi X, Z) + 2\eta(Z)g(\phi X, Y) \\ &\quad - \rho(X)g(BY, Z) + \rho(Y)g(BX, Z) \\ &\quad + \eta(BX)g(BY, \phi Z) + \eta(BX)\rho(Y)\eta(Z) \\ &\quad - \eta(BY)g(BX, \phi Z) - \eta(BY)\rho(X)\eta(Z) \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  tangent to  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$ . We now assume that  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface. Then the shape operator  $S$  of  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$  satisfies

$$S\xi = \alpha\xi$$

with the Reeb function  $\alpha = g(S\xi, \xi)$  on  $M$ . Inserting  $Z = \xi$  into the Codazzi equation leads to

$$g((\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X, \xi) = 2g(\phi X, Y) - 2\rho(X)\eta(BY) + 2\rho(Y)\eta(BX).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & g((\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X, \xi) \\ &= g((\nabla_X S)\xi, Y) - g((\nabla_Y S)\xi, X) \\ &= d\alpha(X)\eta(Y) - d\alpha(Y)\eta(X) + \alpha g((S\phi + \phi S)X, Y) - 2g(S\phi SX, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the previous two equations and putting  $X = \xi$  yields

$$d\alpha(Y) = d\alpha(\xi)\eta(Y) + 2\delta\rho(Y),$$

where the function  $\delta = g(AN, N)$  is defined in Sect. 3. Reinserting this into the previous equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} & g((\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X, \xi) \\ &= -2\delta\eta(X)\rho(Y) + 2\delta\rho(X)\eta(Y) \\ &\quad + \alpha g((\phi S + S\phi)X, Y) - 2g(S\phi SX, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Altogether this implies

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 2g(S\phi SX, Y) - \alpha g((\phi S + S\phi)X, Y) + 2g(\phi X, Y) \\ &\quad - 2\delta\rho(X)\eta(Y) - 2\rho(X)\eta(BY) + 2\rho(Y)\eta(BX) + 2\delta\eta(X)\rho(Y) \\ &= g((2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi) + 2\phi)X, Y) \\ &\quad - 2\rho(X)\eta(BY + \delta Y) + 2\rho(Y)\eta(BX + \delta X) \\ &= g((2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi) + 2\phi)X, Y) \\ &\quad - 2\rho(X)g(Y, B\xi + \delta\xi) + 2g(X, B\xi + \delta\xi)\rho(Y). \end{aligned}$$

If  $AN = N$  we have  $\rho = 0$ , otherwise we can use Lemma 3.2 to calculate  $\rho(Y) = g(Y, AN) = g(Y, AJ\xi) = -g(Y, JA\xi) = -g(Y, JB\xi) = -g(Y, \phi B\xi)$ . Thus we have proved

**Lemma 5.1** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then we have*

$$(2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi) + 2\phi)X = 2\rho(X)(B\xi + \delta\xi) + 2g(X, B\xi + \delta\xi)\phi B\xi.$$

If the unit normal vector field  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal, we can choose a real structure  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $AN = N$ . Then we have  $\rho = 0$  and  $\phi B\xi = -\phi\xi = 0$ , and therefore,

$$2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi) = -2\phi.$$

If  $N$  is not  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal, we can choose a real structure  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$  as in Lemma 3.2 and get

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho(X)(B\xi + \delta\xi) + g(X, B\xi + \delta\xi)\phi B\xi \\ &= -g(X, \phi(B\xi + \delta\xi))(B\xi + \delta\xi) + g(X, B\xi + \delta\xi)\phi(B\xi + \delta\xi) \\ &= \|B\xi + \delta\xi\|^2(g(X, U)\phi U - g(X, \phi U)U) \\ &= \sin^2(2t)(g(X, U)\phi U - g(X, \phi U)U), \end{aligned}$$

which is equal to 0 on  $\mathcal{Q}$  and equal to  $\sin^2(2t)\phi X$  on  $\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$ . Altogether we have proved:

**Lemma 5.2** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then the tensor field*

$$2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi)$$

*leaves  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$  invariant and we have*

$$2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi) = -2\phi \text{ on } \mathcal{Q}$$

*and*

$$2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi) = -2\delta^2\phi \text{ on } \mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q},$$

*where  $\delta = \cos 2t$  as in Sect. 3.*

Now let us assume that  $M$  is a real hypersurface in  $Q^m$  with isometric Reeb flow. Then the commuting shape operator  $S\phi = \phi S$  implies  $S\xi = \alpha\xi$ , that is,  $M$  is Hopf. We will now prove that the Reeb curvature  $\alpha$  of a Hopf hypersurface is constant if the normal vectors are  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic. Assume that the unit normal vector field  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic everywhere. Then we have  $\delta = 0$  and we get

$$Y\alpha = d\alpha(\xi)\eta(Y)$$

for all  $Y \in TM$ . Since  $\text{grad}^M \alpha = d\alpha(\xi)\xi$ , we can compute the Hessian  $\text{hess}^M \alpha$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{hess}^M \alpha)(X, Y) &= g(\nabla_X \text{grad}^M \alpha, Y) \\ &= d(d\alpha(\xi))(X)\eta(Y) + d\alpha(\xi)g(\phi SX, Y). \end{aligned}$$

As  $\text{hess}^M \alpha$  is a symmetric bilinear form, the previous equation implies

$$d\alpha(\xi)g((S\phi + \phi S)X, Y) = 0$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$  which are tangential to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Now let us assume that  $S\phi + \phi S = 0$ . For every principal curvature vector,  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $SX = \lambda X$  this implies  $S\phi X = -\phi SX = -\lambda\phi X$ . We assume  $\|X\| = 1$  and put  $Y = \phi X$ . Using the normal vector field,  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic, that is  $\delta = 0$  in Lemma 5.1, we know that

$$-\lambda^2 \phi X + \phi X = \rho(X)B\xi + g(X, B\xi)\phi B\xi.$$

From this, taking the inner product with  $\phi X$  and using  $g(X, B\xi) = g(X, A\xi) = -g(\phi X, AN) = -\rho(\phi X)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\lambda^2 + 1 &= \rho(X)\eta(B\phi X) - \rho(\phi X)\eta(BX) \\ &= g(X, AN)^2 + g(X, A\xi)^2 = \|X_{\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}}\|^2 \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_{\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}}$  denotes the orthogonal projection of  $X$  onto  $\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$ .

On the other hand, from the commuting shape operator and the above equation for  $SX = \lambda X$ , it follows that

$$-\lambda\phi X = -\phi SX = S\phi X = \phi SX = \lambda\phi X.$$

This gives that the principal curvature  $\lambda = 0$ . Then the above two equation give  $\|X_{\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}}\|^2 = 1$  for all principal curvature vectors  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\|X\| = 1$ . This is only possible if  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$ , or equivalently, if  $\mathcal{Q} = 0$ . Since  $m \geq 3$  this is not possible. Hence, we must have  $S\phi + \phi S \neq 0$  everywhere, and therefore,  $d\alpha(\xi) = 0$ , which implies  $\text{grad}^M \alpha = 0$ . Since  $M$  is connected this implies that  $\alpha$  is constant. Thus we have proved:

**Lemma 5.3** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with isometric Reeb flow and  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic normal vector field  $N$  everywhere. Then  $\alpha$  is constant.*

## 6 Proof of Theorem 1.1 and Corollary 1.2

Now let us denote by  $S$  the shape operator of a real hypersurface  $M$  in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ . If a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$  has the shape operator of Codazzi type, that is,  $(\nabla_X S)Y = (\nabla_Y S)X$  for any  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ , then by the equation of Codazzi we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\eta(X)g(\phi Y, Z) + \eta(Y)g(\phi X, Z) + 2\eta(Z)g(\phi X, Y) \\ &\quad - g(X, AN)g(AY, Z) + g(Y, AN)g(AX, Z) \\ &\quad - g(X, A\xi)g(JAY, Z) + g(Y, A\xi)g(JAX, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (6.1)$$

From this, putting  $X = \xi$ , we know that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -g(\phi Y, Z) - g(\xi, AN)g(AY, Z) + g(Y, AN)g(A\xi, Z) \\ &\quad - g(\xi, A\xi)g(JAY, Z) + g(Y, A\xi)g(JA\xi, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

Here, let us put  $Z = \xi$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -g(\xi, AN)g(AY, \xi) + g(Y, AN)g(A\xi, \xi) \\ &\quad - g(\xi, A\xi)g(JAY, \xi) + g(Y, A\xi)g(JA\xi, \xi) \\ &= -2\left\{g(\xi, AN)g(AY, \xi) - g(A\xi, \xi)g(Y, AN)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g(A\xi, N) = 0$ , it follows that

$$g(A\xi, \xi)g(AN, Y) = g(AJN, JN)g(AN, Y) = 0.$$

This gives that  $\cos 2t = 0$  or  $g(AN, Y) = 0$  for any tangent vector field  $Y$  on  $M$ . Then it follows that either

$$AN = N \quad \text{or} \quad t = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

From this, we assert the following lemma.

**Lemma 6.1** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with shape operator of Codazzi type. Then the unit normal vector field  $N$  is either  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal or  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic.*

Then let us consider the first case as follows:

Case (1)  $N$ :  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal, that is,  $AN = N$ .

Eq. (6.2) gives the following

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -g(\phi Y, Z) - g(\xi, A\xi)g(JAY, Z) + g(A\xi, Y)g(JA\xi, Z) \\ &= -g(\phi Y, Z) + g(JAY, Z), \end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

where in the second equality we have used that  $g(\xi, A\xi) = g(JN, AJN) = -g(JN, JAN) = -g(JN, JN) = -1$  and  $g(JA\xi, Z) = -g(JAJN, Z) = -g(AN, Z) = -g(N, Z) = 0$  for any vector fields  $Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$ . Thus we know  $g(\phi Y, Z) = g(JAY, Z)$ . Then the left-hand side is skew-symmetric, but by the anti-commuting property of  $AJ = -JA$ , the right-hand side becomes

$$g(JAY, Z) = -g(AY, JZ) = g(Y, JAZ),$$

that is,  $JA$  becomes symmetric. This gives us a contradiction. So we conclude that there do not exist any real hypersurfaces in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  with parallel shape operator for  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal unit normal vector field.

We consider the next case as follows:

Case (2)  $N$ :  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic.

In this case the unit normal vector field  $N$  can be written as  $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Z_1 + JZ_2)$  for  $Z_1, Z_2 \in V(A)$ . Then it follows that

$$AN = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Z_1 - JZ_2), \quad AJN = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(JZ_1 + Z_2), \quad \text{and} \quad JN = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(JZ_1 - Z_2).$$

So it gives

$$g(\xi, A\xi) = g(JN, AJN) = 0, \quad g(\xi, AN) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad g(AN, N) = 0. \tag{6.4}$$



From this, we know that  $AN$  is a tangent vector. Then by putting  $X = AN$  into (6.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \eta(Y)g(\phi AN, Z) + 2\eta(Z)g(\phi AN, Y) - g(AY, Z) \\ &\quad + g(Y, A\xi)g(JA^2N, Z) \\ &= \eta(Y)g(\phi AN, Z) + 2\eta(Z)g(A\xi, Y) - g(AY, Z) - \eta(Z)g(Y, A\xi) \\ &= \eta(Y)g(A\xi, Z) + \eta(Z)g(A\xi, Y) - g(AY, Z), \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

where in the third equality we have used

$$g(\phi AN, Z) = g(JAN, Z) = -g(AJN, Z) = g(A\xi, Z).$$

Then the Eq. (6.5) means that

$$g(AY, Z) = 0$$

for any  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{H}$ , where  $\mathfrak{H}$  denotes the complex subbundle of  $TM$  orthogonal to the Reeb vector field  $\xi$ . From this, together with (6.4), the complex conjugation on the complex quadric  $Q^{m*}$  can be expressed by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & \cdots & * \\ * & * & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ * & * & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.6)$$

But we know that the complex conjugation is involutive, that is,  $A^2 = I$ . So the expression (6.6) gives us a contradiction. Accordingly, for  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic normal vector field  $N$ , there do not exist any hypersurfaces in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  with shape operator of Codazzi type.

Summing up these two cases, we conclude that there do not exist any real hypersurfaces in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  with shape operator of Codazzi type. This completes the proof of our Theorem 1.1. Naturally, if the shape operator is parallel, it is of Codazzi type. Accordingly, as a corollary of Theorem 1.1, we get Corollary 1.2.

## 7 Proof of Theorem 1.3

Before going to prove Theorem 1.3, first let us see if the shape operator of the tube of radius  $r$  over a complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^k$  in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{2k*}$  is Reeb parallel or not. In order to do this, let us mention that the shape operator  $S$  of the tube commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$ , that is,  $S\phi = \phi S$  as in Proposition 4.1. Then, by using the same method as in Berndt and Suh (see [1], p. 1350050-14), it can be easily verified that the expression of the covariant derivative for the shape operator of  $M$  in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)Y &= \{d\alpha(X)\eta(Y) + g((\alpha S\phi - S^2\phi)X, Y) - \delta\eta(Y)\rho(X) \\ &\quad - \delta g(BX, \phi Y) - \eta(BX)\rho(Y)\}\xi \\ &\quad - \{\eta(Y)\rho(X) + g(BX, \phi Y)\}B\xi - g(BX, Y)\phi B\xi \\ &\quad + \rho(Y)BX + \eta(Y)\phi X + \eta(BY)\phi BX, \end{aligned}$$

where we have put

$$AY = BY + \rho(Y)N, \quad \rho(Y) = g(AY, N)$$

for a complex conjugation  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Putting  $X = \xi$  and using that the Reeb function  $\alpha$  is constant and  $\rho(\xi) = 0$  for the  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic unit normal vector field  $N$  of  $M$  in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{2k*}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{\xi} S)Y &= -\{\delta g(B\xi, \phi Y) + \eta(B\xi)\rho(Y)\}\xi \\ &\quad - \{\eta(Y)\rho(\xi) + g(B\xi, \phi Y)\}B\xi - g(B\xi, Y)\phi B\xi \\ &\quad + \rho(Y)B\xi + \eta(BY)\phi B\xi \\ &= -\{g(B\xi, \phi Y) - \rho(Y)\}B\xi \\ &= \{g(\phi B\xi, Y) - g(Y, \phi B\xi)\}B\xi \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where in the third equality we have used

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(Y) &= g(AY, N) = g(Y, AN) \\ &= g(Y, AJ\xi) \\ &= -g(Y, JA\xi) = -g(Y, JB\xi) \\ &= -g(Y, \phi B\xi). \end{aligned}$$

So we conclude that a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $Q^{2k*}$  with commuting shape operator, that is,  $S\phi = \phi S$ , has parallel shape operator along the Reeb direction,  $\nabla_{\xi} S = 0$ .

Now let us prove our Theorem 1.3 in the introduction. Let us assume  $\nabla_{\xi} S = 0$ . Then by putting  $X = \xi$  in the equation of Codazzi, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -g((\nabla_Y S)\xi, Z) &= -g(\phi Y, Z) - g(\xi, AN)g(AY, Z) + g(Y, AN)g(A\xi, Z) \\ &\quad - g(\xi, A\xi)g(JAY, Z) + g(Y, A\xi)g(JA\xi, Z). \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption of Theorem 1.3, we know that  $M$  is Hopf. Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_Y S)\xi &= \nabla_Y(S\xi) - S(\nabla_Y \xi) \\ &= \nabla_Y(\alpha\xi) - S\nabla_Y \xi \\ &= (Y\alpha)\xi + \alpha\phi SY - S\phi SY. \end{aligned}$$

From this, together with the above equation, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \eta(Z)Y\alpha + \alpha g(\phi SY, Z) - g(S\phi SY, Z) \\ &\quad - g(\phi Y, Z) - g(\xi, AN)g(AY, Z) + g(Y, AN)g(A\xi, Z) \\ &\quad - g(\xi, A\xi)g(JAY, Z) + g(Y, A\xi)g(JA\xi, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (7.1)$$

From this, putting  $Z = \xi$  and using  $M$  is Hopf and  $g(A\xi, N) = 0$  in Sect. 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= Y\alpha - g(\xi, AN)g(AY, \xi) + g(Y, ZN)g(A\xi, \xi) \\ &\quad - g(\xi, A\xi)g(JAY, \xi) + g(Y, A\xi)g(JA\xi, \xi) \\ &= Y\alpha + 2g(Y, AN)g(\xi, A\xi), \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

where we have used that  $g(A\xi, N) = 0$  in Sect. 4. So from (7.2), we know that the Reeb function  $\alpha = g(S\xi, \xi)$  for the shape operator of  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$  is constant if and only if the unit normal vector field  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal or  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic, because  $AN = N$  or  $g(A\xi, \xi) = 0$  for a complex conjugation  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Now we summarize it as follows:

**Lemma 7.1** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf real hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  with Reeb parallel shape operator. Then the Reeb curvature function  $\alpha = g(S\xi, \xi)$  is constant if and only if the unit normal vector field  $N$  is either  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal or  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic.*

When the unit normal vector field  $N$  of  $M$  in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal and the shape operator is Reeb parallel, by using  $AN = N$  we know

$$g(\xi, A\xi) = g(JN, AJN) = -g(JN, JN) = -1.$$

So the Eq. (7.1) becomes

$$\alpha g(\phi SY, Z) - g(S\phi SY, Z) - g(\phi Y, Z) + g(JAY, Z) = 0.$$

This formula can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \alpha g(\phi SZ, Y) - g(S\phi SZ, Y) - g(\phi Z, Y) + g(JAZ, Y) \\ &= -\alpha g(S\phi Y, Z) + g(S\phi SY, Z) + g(\phi Y, Z) + g(JAY, Z). \end{aligned}$$

Then taking sum and subtracting from the above two equations give the following, respectively:

$$\alpha g((\phi S - S\phi)Y, Z) = -2g(JAY, Z) \quad (7.3)$$

and

$$\alpha g((\phi S + S\phi)Y, Z) - 2g(S\phi SY, Z) - 2g(\phi Y, Z) = 0. \quad (7.4)$$

Now first we want to prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.2** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf real hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$  with  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal normal vector field and Reeb parallel shape operator. Then  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the following*

- (1) a tube around the totally geodesic Hermitian symmetric space  $Q^{m-1*}$  embedded in  $Q^{m*}$ ,
- (2) a horosphere in  $Q^{m*}$  whose center at infinity is the equivalence class of an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal geodesic in  $Q^{m*}$ ,
- (3) a tube around the  $m$ -dimensional real hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{R}H^m$  which is embedded in  $Q^{m*}$  as a real space form in  $Q^{m*}$ ,  
or otherwise
- (4)  $M$  has two distinct constant principal curvatures given by

$$\alpha, \quad \lambda = \frac{\alpha^2 - 2}{\alpha}$$

with multiplicities  $m$  and  $m - 1$ , respectively.

*Proof* Before going to give our proof, let us mention the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} JAY &= J(BY + \rho(Y)N) \\ &= \phi BY + \eta(BY)N + \rho(Y)JN \\ &= \phi BY - \rho(Y)\xi + \eta(BY)N, \\ g(JAY, Z) &= g(\phi BY - \rho(Y)\xi, Z) = g(\phi BY, Z) - \rho(Y)\eta(Z), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$g(AY, Z) = g(BY + \rho(Y)N, Z) = g(BY, Z).$$

So the Codazzi equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X &= -\eta(X)\phi Y + \eta(Y)\phi X + 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi \\ &\quad - g(X, AN)BY + g(Y, AN)BX \\ &\quad - g(X, A\xi)\{\phi BY - \rho(Y)\xi\} \\ &\quad + g(Y, A\xi)\{\phi BX - \rho(X)\xi\}.\end{aligned}\quad (7.5)$$

From this, putting  $X = \xi$ , and using that the shape operator is Reeb parallel, we have the following for any  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal unit normal  $N$

$$\begin{aligned}S\phi SY - (Y\alpha)\xi - \alpha\phi SY &= -(\nabla_Y S)\xi \\ &= -\phi Y - g(\xi, A\xi)\{\phi BY - \rho(Y)\xi\} + g(Y, A\xi)\phi B\xi,\end{aligned}\quad (7.6)$$

where we have put  $A\xi = B\xi$  and  $AX = BX + \rho(X)N$ . From this, taking the inner product with  $\xi$ , we have

$$Y\alpha = -\rho(Y) = -g(AY, N) = -g(Y, AN) = -g(Y, N) = 0.$$

From this, together with (7.4), (7.6) and  $\phi B\xi = 0$  for  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal, we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{2}(S\phi - \phi S)Y = \phi BY. \quad (7.7)$$

By Lemma 5.1, we know that for the  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal unit normal  $N$

$$2S\phi S - \alpha(\phi S + S\phi) = -2\phi.$$

Now let us put  $SX = \lambda X$  for some  $X \in \mathfrak{h}$ . Then it follows that

$$(2\lambda - \alpha)S\phi X = (\alpha\lambda - 2)\phi X.$$

When  $2\lambda - \alpha = 0$ , it gives  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\alpha = 2$ . So it becomes a horosphere in  $Q^{m*}$  whose center at infinity is the equivalence class of an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal geodesic in  $Q^{m*}$ .

When  $2\lambda - \alpha \neq 0$ , then

$$S\phi X = \frac{\alpha\lambda + 2}{2\lambda - \alpha}\phi X. \quad (7.8)$$

In this case,  $Y \in T_z Q^{m*} = V(A) \oplus JV(A)$ . So we consider the following three cases.

Subcase 1.  $BY = Y$  for  $Y \in V(A)$ .

Then by (7.7) and (7.8), we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{2}\left\{\frac{\alpha\lambda - 2}{2\lambda - \alpha} - \lambda\right\}\phi Y = \phi Y.$$

This gives that the principal curvatures satisfy  $\lambda\{\alpha\lambda + (2 - \alpha^2)\} = 0$ , which means  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda = \frac{\alpha^2 - 2}{\alpha}$ . The expression of the shape operator  $S$  becomes

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\alpha} & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \frac{2}{\alpha} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This means equivalently that the shape operator satisfies  $S\phi + \phi S = k\phi$ , where  $k = \frac{2}{\alpha}$ . (See Blair [3]). Then by Theorem C in the introduction (see Berndt and Suh [2]),  $M$  is a tube of radius  $r$  around a totally geodesic Hermitian symmetric space  $Q^{m-1*}$  embedded in  $Q^{m*}$ , a horosphere in  $Q^{m*}$  whose center at infinity is the equivalence class of an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -principal geodesic in  $Q^{m*}$ , or the tube of radius  $r \rightarrow \infty$  (with infinite radius) around the  $m$ -dimensional real hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{R}H^m$ , which is embedded in  $Q^{m*}$  as a real space form, or otherwise the expression of the shape operator becomes

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\alpha^2-2}{\alpha} & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \frac{\alpha^2-2}{\alpha} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \alpha & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Subcase 2.  $BY = -Y$  for  $Y \in V(A)$ .

Then by (7.7) and (7.8), we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha\lambda - 2}{2\lambda - \alpha} - \lambda \right\} \phi Y = -\phi Y.$$

This gives that the principal curvatures satisfy  $\alpha\{\alpha\lambda - 1 - \lambda^2\}\phi Y = -(2\lambda - \alpha)\phi Y$ , which implies  $(\alpha\lambda - 2)(\lambda - \alpha) = 0$ . Then it follows that  $\lambda = \alpha$  or  $\lambda = \frac{2}{\alpha}$ . Then the expressions of the shape operator are the same as given in Subcase 1.

Subcase 3.  $Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Z + W)$  for  $Z \in V(A)$  and  $W \in JV(A)$ .

In this subcase, we have  $BY = AY = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Y - Z)$ . Then also by (7.7) and (7.8), we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha\lambda - 2}{2\lambda - \lambda} - \lambda \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi Y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi Z \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi Y - \phi Z).$$

Then by comparing  $\phi Z$  and  $\phi W$ , we have both

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha\lambda - 2}{2\lambda - \lambda} - \lambda \right\} = 1$$

and

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha\lambda - 2}{2\lambda - \lambda} - \lambda \right\} = -1.$$

This gives a contradiction. So this case cannot appear.

Summing up above discussions, we have a complete proof of the above proposition.

Then by virtue of Lemma 7.1 and Proposition 7.2, we are now considering only the case that  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic for  $M$  in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^m$ . Naturally we can assert the following

**Proposition 7.3** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf real hypersurface in the complex hyperbolic quadric  $Q^{m*}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with non-vanishing Reeb curvature. If the unit normal  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic and the shape operator is Reeb parallel, then  $M$  is locally congruent to a tube around a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}H^k \subset Q^{2k*}$  or a horosphere whose center at infinity is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic singular.*

*Proof* By Lemma 5.3, we know that the Reeb curvature  $\alpha$  is constant, because  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic. Moreover, the unit normal  $N$  can be written as  $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Z_1 + JZ_2)$ , where  $Z_1, Z_2 \in V(A)$ . Accordingly, it follows that

$$g(\xi, A\xi) = g(JN, AJN) = 0, g(\xi, AN) = 0, g(AN, N) = 0,$$

because  $AN = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Z_1 - JZ_2)$ ,  $AJN = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(JZ_1 + Z_2)$ , and  $JN = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(JZ_1 - Z_2)$ .

From this, using  $\nabla_\xi S = 0$  in the equation of Codazzi, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha g(\phi SX, Z) - g(S\phi SX, Z) &= g(\phi X, Z) - g(X, AN)g(A\xi, Z) \\ &\quad - g(X, A\xi)g(JA\xi, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (7.9)$$

On the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$ , we know that  $AX \in T_z M$ ,  $z \in M$  for any  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ . So it follows that  $g(X, AN) = g(AX, N) = 0$  and

$$g(JA\xi, Z) = -g(JAJN, Z) = -g(AN, Z) = -g(N, AZ) = 0.$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 5.2 in Sect. 5 due to Berndt and Suh [1], we can use the following formula

$$S\phi S = \frac{\alpha}{2}(S\phi + \phi S) - \phi \quad (7.10)$$

on the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$  in  $M$ . From this, together with (7.7), it follows that

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2}g((S\phi - \phi S)X, Z) = 0$$

for any  $X$  and  $Z$  tangent to  $M$  in  $\mathcal{Q}^{m*}$ . So from the assumption we have that the shape operator  $S$  commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$ , that is,  $S\phi = \phi S$  on the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Then together with (7.8), on the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$  we get the following

$$S\phi S - \alpha S\phi = -\phi.$$

When we consider a principal curvature vector  $X \in \mathcal{Q}$  such that  $SX = \lambda X$ , then the principal curvature  $\lambda$  becomes a solution of  $x^2 - \alpha x + 1 = 0$ . Moreover, this equation has two distinct roots, and we may put  $\lambda = \coth r$ ,  $\mu = \tanh r$  and  $\alpha = 2 \coth 2r$ .

Now let us continue our discussion on the distribution  $\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$ . Then by Lemma 5.2 in Sect. 5, we know that

$$2S\phi S - \alpha(S\phi + \phi S) = 0 \quad (7.11)$$

because  $\delta = 0$  for an  $\mathfrak{A}$ -isotropic normal vector field  $N$ . Now let us differentiate  $g(\xi, AN) = 0$ . Then it follows that

$$g(\bar{\nabla}_X \xi, AN) + g(\xi, (\bar{\nabla}_X A)N) + A\bar{\nabla}_X N = 0.$$

From this, together with  $(\bar{\nabla}_X A)N = q(X)AN$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= g(\phi SX, AN) - g(\xi, ASX) \\ &= g(\phi SX, AN) + g(JN, ASX) \\ &= g(\phi SX, AN) + g(N, A\phi SX) + \eta(SX)g(N, A\xi) \\ &= -2g(S\phi AN, X) \end{aligned} \quad (7.12)$$

for any vector field  $X$  on the distribution  $\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q}$ . So  $S\phi AN = 0$  is equivalent to  $SA\xi = 0$ . From this, together with (7.11), we have

$$\alpha S\phi A\xi = 0.$$

So we get  $S\phi A\xi = 0$  from the assumption. This means that  $S\phi = \phi S$  on the distribution  $\mathcal{C} \ominus \mathcal{Q} = \text{Span}\{A\xi, AN\}$ , where  $AN = -\phi A\xi$ . Consequently, we conclude that the shape operator  $S$  commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$  for a Hopf hypersurface  $M$  in  $Q^{m*}$ . This means that the Reeb flow of  $M$  is isometric. Then by Theorem A, we give a complete proof of our proposition.

Summing up the above discussions with Lemma 7.1, Propositions 7.2 and 7.3, we give a complete proof of Theorem 1.3 in the introduction.

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