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## KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS ADMITTING SCHOUTEN-VAN KAMPEN CONNECTION

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**Abstract.** The objective of the present paper is to study the Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection. We study the Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection satisfying certain curvature conditions. Also, we prove the equivalent conditions for the Ricci soliton in a Kenmotsu manifold to be steady with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

**Keywords:** Ricci solitons, Kenmotsu manifolds, Schouten-van Kampen connection, concircular curvature tensor, projective curvature tensor, conharmonic curvature tensor, shrinking.

### 1. Introduction

The Schouten-van Kampen connection has been introduced for studying non-holomorphic manifolds. It preserves - by parallelism - a pair of complementary distributions on a differentiable manifold endowed with an affine connection [2] [9] [17]. Then, Olszak studied the Schouten-van Kampen connection to adapt it to an almost contact metric structure [14]. He characterized some classes of almost contact metric manifolds with the Schouten-van Kampen connection and established certain curvature properties with respect to this connection. Recently, Gopal Ghosh [7] and Yildiz [24] studied the Schouten-van Kampen connection in Sasakian manifolds and  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds, respectively. Kenmotsu manifolds introduced by Kenmotsu in 1971 [10] have been extensively studied by many authors [20] [15] [16]. In 1982, Hamilton [8] introduced the notion of Ricci flow to find a canonical metric on a smooth manifold. Since then the Ricci flow has become a powerful tool for the study of Riemannian manifolds. The Ricci soliton, considered to be a self-similar solution to the Ricci flow is a Riemannian metric  $g$  on a manifold  $M$ , together with a vector field  $V$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad (L_V g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0,$$

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where  $L_V$  denotes the Lie derivative along  $V$ , and  $S$  and  $\lambda$  are respectively the Ricci tensor and a constant. A Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking or steady or expanding depending on whether  $\lambda$  is negative, zero or positive. A Ricci soliton is said to be a gradient Ricci soliton if the vector field  $V$  is the gradient of some smooth function  $f$  on  $M$ . In [18], Sharma started the study of Ricci solitons in the  $K$ -contact geometry. In 2016, the authors in [21] explained the nature of Ricci solitons in  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds with a semi-symmetric non-metric connection. Ramesh Sharma et al. [18] [19], De et al. [4][1], and Nagaraja et al. [12] [11] [13] extensively studied Ricci solitons in contact metric manifolds in many different ways.

This paper is structured as follows. After a brief review of Kenmotsu manifolds in Section 2, in Section 3 we obtain the expressions of the curvature tensor, Ricci tensor and scalar curvature with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection, study the curvature properties of the Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection, and prove the conditions for the Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection to be isomorphic to the hyperbolic space. In the last section we prove the equivalent conditions for the Ricci soliton in a Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection to be steady.

## 2. Preliminaries

A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold if it admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  consisting of a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  compatible with  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  satisfying

$$(2.1) \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0,$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

An almost contact metric manifold is said to be a Kenmotsu manifold [3] if

$$(2.3) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = -g(X, \phi Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X,$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ .

In a Kenmotsu manifold the following relations hold [6].

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi,$$

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(\nabla_X \xi, Y),$$

$$(2.6) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X,$$

$$(2.7) \quad S(X, \xi) = -2n\eta(X),$$

$$(2.8) \quad S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + 2n\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ , where  $R$  denote the curvature tensor of type  $(1, 3)$  on  $M$ .

### 3. Kenmotsu manifolds admitting Schouten-van Kampen connection

Throughout this paper we associate  $*$  with the quantities with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. The Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  associated to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  is given by [14]

$$(3.1) \quad \nabla_X^* Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(Y)\nabla_X \xi + (\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\xi,$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

Using (2.4) and (2.5), the above equation yields,

$$(3.2) \quad \nabla_X^* Y = \nabla_X Y + g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X.$$

By taking  $Y = \xi$  in (3.2) and using (2.4) we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \nabla_X^* \xi = 0.$$

We now calculate the Riemann curvature tensor  $R^*$  using (3.2) as follows:

$$(3.4) \quad R^*(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y.$$

Using (2.6) and taking  $Z = \xi$  in (3.4), we get

$$(3.5) \quad R^*(X, Y)\xi = 0.$$

On contracting (3.4), we obtain the Ricci tensor  $S^*$  of a Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  as

$$(3.6) \quad S^*(Y, Z) = S(Y, Z) + 2ng(Y, Z).$$

This gives

$$(3.7) \quad Q^* Y = QY + 2nY.$$

Contracting with respect to  $Y$  and  $Z$  in (3.6), we get

$$(3.8) \quad r^* = r + 2n(2n + 1),$$

where  $r^*$  and  $r$  are the scalar curvatures with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  and the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ , respectively.

From the above discussions we state the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** *The curvature tensor  $R^*$ , the Ricci tensor  $S^*$  and the scalar curvature  $r^*$  of a Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  are given by (3.4), (3.6) and (3.8), respectively. Further, the curvature tensor  $R^*$  of  $\nabla^*$  satisfies*

- i)  $R^*(X, Y)Z = -R^*(Y, X)Z$ ,
- ii)  $R^*(X, Y, Z, W) + R^*(Y, X, Z, W) = 0$ ,
- iii)  $R^*(X, Y, Z, W) + R^*(X, Y, W, Z) = 0$ ,
- iv)  $R^*(X, Y)Z + R^*(Y, Z)X + R^*(Z, X)Y = 0$ ,
- v)  $S^*$  is symmetric.

From (3.6), it follows that

**Theorem 3.2.** *A Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection is Ricci flat with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection if and only if  $M$  is an Einstein manifold with respect to Levi-Civita connection.*

Now, if  $R^*(X, Y)Z = 0$ , then by virtue of (3.4), we get

$$(3.9) \quad R(X, Y, Z, U) = g(X, Z)g(Y, U) - g(Y, Z)g(X, U).$$

Thus, we state that

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection. The curvature tensor of  $M$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection vanishes if and only if  $M$  with respect to the Levi-Civita connection is isomorphic to the hyperbolic space  $H^{2n+1}(-1)$ .*

An interesting invariant of the concircular transformation is concircular curvature tensor. The concircular curvature tensor [22]  $C^*$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  is defined by

$$(3.10) \quad C^*(X, Y)Z = R^*(X, Y)Z - \frac{r^*}{2n(2n+1)}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\},$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ .

If  $C^*$  vanishes, the conditions in theorem (3.1) are satisfied.

**Definition 3.1.** A Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  is said to be  $\xi$ - concircularly flat if  $C^*(X, Y)\xi = 0$ .

In view of (3.4) and (3.8) in (3.10), we get

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} C^*(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y \\ &- \frac{r + 2n(2n+1)}{2n(2n+1)}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}. \end{aligned}$$

By taking  $Z = \xi$  in (3.11) and then using (2.1) and (2.6), we find

$$(3.12) \quad C^*(X, Y)\xi = \frac{r + 2n(2n+1)}{2n(2n+1)}R(X, Y)\xi.$$

Thus, from (3.4), (3.8), (3.11) and (3.12), we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $M$  be a Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection. In  $M$ , the following three conditions are equivalent:*

- i)  $M$  is  $\xi$ - concircularly flat,*
- ii)  $r = -2n(2n+1)$ ,*
- iii)  $r^* = 0$ .*

**Definition 3.2.** A Kenmotsu manifold is said to be  $\phi$ -concurcularly flat with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  if

$$(3.13) \quad g(C^*(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = 0,$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ .

Using (3.10) in (3.13), we have

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} g(R^*(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) &= \frac{r^*}{2n(2n+1)} \{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) \\ &- g(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$  be a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M$ . Then  $\{\phi e_1, \phi e_2, \phi e_3, \dots, \phi e_{2n+1}\}$  is also a local orthonormal basis. If we put  $X = W = e_i$  in (3.14) and summing up with respect to  $i, 1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$ , we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(R^*(\phi e_i, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi e_i) &= \frac{r^*}{2n(2n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi e_i, \phi e_i) \\ &- g(\phi e_i, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi e_i)\}. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.15), it follows that

$$(3.16) \quad S^*(\phi Y, \phi Z) = \frac{r^*(2n-1)}{2n(2n+1)} g(\phi Y, \phi Z).$$

Using (2.1), (3.6) and (3.8) in (3.16), we get

$$(3.17) \quad S(\phi Y, \phi Z) + 2ng(\phi Y, \phi Z) = \frac{(r+2n(2n+1))(2n-1)}{2n(2n+1)} g(\phi Y, \phi Z).$$

By using (2.2) and (2.8) in (3.17), we obtain

$$(3.18) \quad S(Y, Z) + 2n\eta(Y)\eta(Z) + \left\{2n - \frac{(r+2n(2n+1))(2n-1)}{2n(2n+1)}\right\} g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0.$$

Hence by contracting (3.18), we get

$$(3.19) \quad r = -2n.$$

By substituting the equation (3.19) in (3.10), we get

$$(3.20) \quad C^*(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + \frac{1}{2n+1} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}.$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let the Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection be  $\phi$ -concurcularly flat. Then  $M$  is of constant sectional curvature  $-\frac{1}{2n+1}$  if and only if the concircular curvature tensor  $C^*$  vanishes.*

We consider

$$(3.21) \quad C^*.S^* = S^*(C^*(X, Y)Z, U) + S^*(Z, C^*(X, Y)U).$$

By making use of (3.10) and (3.6) in (3.21), we obtain

$$(3.22) \quad \begin{aligned} C^*.S^* &= S(R(X, Y)Z - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}, U) \\ &+ S(Z, R(X, Y)U - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}\{g(Y, U)X - g(X, U)Y\}). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $C^*.S^* = 0$ . Then we have

$$(3.23) \quad S^*(C^*(X, Y)Z, U) + S^*(Z, C^*(X, Y)U) = 0.$$

Taking  $U = \xi$  in (3.23) and using (3.6), it follows that

$$(3.24) \quad S^*(Z, C^*(X, Y)\xi) = 0.$$

Making use of (2.1), (2.6) and (3.11) in (3.24), we get

$$(3.25) \quad \frac{r + 2n(2n+1)}{2n(2n+1)}S^*(Z, \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X) = 0.$$

Replacing  $X$  by  $\xi$  in (3.25) and using (2.1) and (3.6), we see that

$$(3.26) \quad \frac{r + 2n(2n+1)}{2n(2n+1)}\{S(Z, Y) + 2ng(Z, Y)\} = 0.$$

Contracting (3.26) with respect to  $Y$  and  $Z$ , we get

$$(3.27) \quad r = -2n(2n+1).$$

From (3.22) and (3.27), we obtain

$$(3.28) \quad S(Y, Z) = -2ng(Y, Z).$$

Thus  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

Again, by substituting (3.27) in (3.11), we obtain

$$(3.29) \quad C^*(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}.$$

Thus, from the above discussion and using (3.4), (3.8) and (3.12), we state the following:

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $M$  be a Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then  $C^*.S^* = 0$  if and only if  $S(Y, Z) = -2ng(Y, Z)$ . Further if  $C^* = 0$  then  $M$  is isomorphic to the hyperbolic space  $H^{2n+1}(-1)$ .*

**Theorem 3.7.** *If in a Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection,  $C^* \cdot S^* = 0$  holds, then the following three conditions are equivalent:*

- i)  $M$  is  $\xi$ -concentrically flat,*
- ii)  $r = -2n(2n + 1)$ ,*
- iii)  $r^* = 0$ .*

The projective curvature tensor [23]  $P^*$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  is defined by

$$(3.30) \quad P^*(X, Y)Z = R^*(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n}\{S^*(Y, Z)X - S^*(X, Z)Y\}.$$

If the projective curvature tensor  $P^*$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  vanishes, then from (3.30), we have

$$(3.31) \quad R^*(X, Y)Z = \frac{1}{2n}\{S^*(Y, Z)X - S^*(X, Z)Y\}.$$

Now in view of (3.4) and (3.6), (3.31) takes the form

$$(3.32) \quad g(R(X, Y)Z, W) + g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W) = \frac{1}{2n}[\{S(Y, Z) + 2ng(Y, Z)\}g(X, W) - \{S(X, Z) + 2ng(X, Z)\}g(Y, W)].$$

Now taking  $W = \xi$  in (3.32), we obtain

$$(3.33) \quad S(Y, Z)\eta(X) - S(X, Z)\eta(Y) = 2n\{g(X, Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\}.$$

Again, setting  $X = \xi$  in (3.33), we get

$$(3.34) \quad S(Y, Z) = -2ng(Y, Z).$$

Contracting the above equation (3.34), we get

$$(3.35) \quad r = -2n(2n + 1).$$

Using (3.34) in (3.31), we have  $R^* = 0$ .

Thus we state the following:

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $M$  be a Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection. In  $M$ , the vanishing of the projective curvature tensor with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection leads to the vanishing of the curvature tensor with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

By making use of (3.4) and (3.6) in (3.30), we get

$$(3.36) \quad P^*(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n}\{S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y\}.$$

Suppose  $(P^*(X, Y).S^*)(Z, U) = 0$  holds in a Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ . Then we have

$$(3.37) \quad S^*(P^*(X, Y)Z, U) + S^*(Z, P^*(X, Y)U) = 0.$$

Taking  $X = \xi$  in the equation (3.37), we get

$$(3.38) \quad S^*(P^*(\xi, Y)Z, U) + S^*(Z, P^*(\xi, Y)U) = 0.$$

By using (3.36), equation (3.38) turns into

$$(3.39) \quad S^*(Y, Z)\eta(U) + S^*(Y, U)\eta(Z) = 0.$$

In view of the equation (3.6), (3.39) becomes

$$(3.40) \quad S(Y, Z)\eta(U) + S(Y, U)\eta(Z) + 2n\{g(Y, Z)\eta(U) + g(Y, U)\eta(Z)\} = 0.$$

In (3.40), taking  $U = \xi$  and contracting with respect to  $Y$  and  $Z$ , we get

$$(3.41) \quad S(Y, Z) = -2ng(Y, Z).$$

and

$$(3.42) \quad r = -2n(2n + 1).$$

Again, by substituting (3.42) in (3.30), we obtain

$$(3.43) \quad P^*(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}.$$

Thus we can state that

**Theorem 3.9.** *In a Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection,  $P^*.S^* = 0$  if and only if  $S(Y, Z) = -2ng(Y, Z)$ .*

*Further, if  $P^* = 0$  then  $M$  is isomorphic to the hyperbolic space  $H^{2n+1}(-1)$ .*

The conharmonic curvature tensor [5]  $K^*$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  is defined by

$$(3.44) \quad \begin{aligned} K^*(X, Y)Z &= R^*(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n-1}\{S^*(Y, Z)X - S^*(X, Z)Y \\ &+ g(Y, Z)Q^*X - g(X, Z)Q^*Y\}. \end{aligned}$$

If the conharmonic curvature tensor  $K^*$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$  vanishes, then from (3.44), we have

$$(3.45) \quad \begin{aligned} R^*(X, Y)Z &= \frac{1}{2n-1}\{S^*(Y, Z)X - S^*(X, Z)Y \\ &+ g(Y, Z)Q^*X - g(X, Z)Q^*Y\}. \end{aligned}$$



By using (3.4), (3.6) and (3.7) in (3.45), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(R(X, Y)Z, W) + g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W) \\
&= \frac{1}{2n-1}[\{S(Y, Z) + 4ng(Y, Z)\}g(X, W) \\
&- \{S(X, Z) + 4ng(X, Z)\}g(Y, W) \\
(3.46) \quad &+ S(X, W)g(Y, Z) - S(Y, W)g(X, Z)].
\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $W = \xi$  in (3.46), we obtain

$$(3.47) \quad S(Y, Z)\eta(X) - S(X, Z)\eta(Y) - 2n\{g(X, Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\} = 0.$$

Taking  $X = \xi$  in (3.47), we get

$$(3.48) \quad S(Y, Z) = -2ng(Y, Z).$$

Contracting the equation (3.48), we get

$$(3.49) \quad r = -2n(2n + 1).$$

Using (3.48) in (3.45), we have  $R^* = 0$ .

Thus we state the following :

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $M$  be a Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-van Kampen connection. In  $M$ , the vanishing of the conharmonic curvature tensor with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection leads to the vanishing of the curvature tensor with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

#### 4. Ricci solitons in Kenmotsu manifold admitting Schouten-van Kampen connection

Suppose the Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admits a Ricci soliton with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\nabla^*$ . Then

$$(4.1) \quad (L_V^*g)(X, Y) + 2S^*(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0.$$

If the potential vector field  $V$  is the structure vector field  $\xi$ , then since  $\xi$  is a parallel vector field with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection (from (3.3)), the first term in the equation (4.1) becomes zero, hence  $M$  reduces to an Einstein manifold. In this case, the results in Theorem (3.6) and (3.9) hold.

If  $V$  is pointwise collinear with the structure vector field  $\xi$ , i.e.  $V = b\xi$ , where  $b$  is a function on  $M$ , then the equation (1.1) implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& bg(\nabla_X^*\xi, Y) + (Xb)\eta(Y) + bg(X, \nabla_Y^*\xi) + (Yb)\eta(X) + \\
(4.2) \quad & 2S^*(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (3.3) and (3.6) in (4.2), it follows that

$$(4.3) \quad (Xb)\eta(Y) + (Yb)\eta(X) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\{2n + \lambda\}g(X, Y) = 0.$$

By setting  $Y = \xi$  in (4.3) and using (2.7), we obtain

$$(4.4) \quad (Xb) = -\{2\lambda + \xi b\}\eta(X).$$

Again replacing  $X$  by  $\xi$  in (4.4), we get

$$(4.5) \quad (\xi b) = -\lambda.$$

Substituting this in (4.4), we have

$$(4.6) \quad (Xb) = -\lambda\eta(X).$$

By applying  $d$  on (4.6), we get

$$(4.7) \quad \lambda d\eta = 0.$$

Since  $d\eta \neq 0$  from (4.7), we have

$$(4.8) \quad \lambda = 0.$$

Substituting (4.8) in (4.6), we conclude that  $b$  is a constant. Hence it is verified from (4.3) that

$$(4.9) \quad S(X, Y) = -(2n + \lambda)g(X, Y) + \lambda\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *If a Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection admits a Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  with  $V$ , pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , then the manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold and the Ricci soliton is steady.*

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