

## A REMARK ON FOUR-DIMENSIONAL ALMOST KÄHLER-EINSTEIN MANIFOLDS WITH NEGATIVE SCALAR CURVATURE

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Concerning the Goldberg conjecture, we will prove a result obtained by applying the result of Itoh in terms of  $L^2$ -norm of the scalar curvature.

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**1. Introduction.** An almost Hermitian manifold  $M$  is called an almost Kähler manifold if the corresponding Kähler form is a closed 2-form. It is well known that an almost Kähler manifold with integrable almost-complex structure is Kählerian. Concerning the integrability of almost Kähler manifold, the following conjecture by Goldberg is known (see [2]).

**CONJECTURE 1.1.** *A compact almost Kähler-Einstein manifold is Kählerian.*

Seigigawa [8] proved that the conjecture is true if the scalar curvature  $\tau$  of  $M$  is nonnegative. But the conjecture is still open in the case where  $\tau$  is negative. Recently, applying the Seiberg-Witten theory, Itoh [4] obtained the following integrability condition for certain almost Kähler-Einstein 4-manifolds in terms of the  $L^2$ -norm of the scalar curvature.

**THEOREM 1.2** [4]. *Let  $M$  be a four-dimensional compact almost Kähler-Einstein manifold with negative scalar curvature. If  $M$  satisfies*

$$\int_M \tau^2 dV = 32\pi^2 (2\chi(M) + p_1(M)), \quad (1.1)$$

*then it must be Kähler-Einstein. Here,  $\chi(M)$  and  $p_1(M)$  are the Euler characteristic and the first Pontrjagin number of  $M$ , respectively.*

As a corollary, he also proved the following.

**COROLLARY 1.3** [4]. *Let  $M$  be a four-dimensional compact almost Kähler-Einstein manifold with negative scalar curvature. If  $M$  satisfies*

$$\int_M \tau^2 dV \leq 24 \int_M \|\mathfrak{W}^+\|^2 dV, \quad (1.2)$$

*or, more strictly, if  $|\tau| \leq 2\sqrt{6}\|\mathfrak{W}^+\|$  at each point of  $M$ , then  $M$  must be Kähler-Einstein. Here,  $\mathfrak{W}^+$  is the self-dual Weyl curvature operator of the metric  $g$ .*

In this paper, concerning the Goldberg conjecture, we will prove a result obtained by using [Corollary 1.3](#) (see [Theorem 2.2](#)).

**2. Preliminaries and the result.** Let  $M = (M, J, g)$  be a four-dimensional almost Kähler-Einstein manifold with the almost-complex structure  $J$  and the Hermitian metric  $g$ . We denote by  $\Omega$  the Kähler form of  $M$  defined by  $\Omega(X, Y) = g(X, JY)$  for  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , the set of all smooth vector fields on  $M$ . We assume that  $M$  is oriented by the volume form  $dV = \Omega^2/2$ . We denote by  $\nabla, R, \rho$ , and  $\tau$  the Riemannian connection, the curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor, and the scalar curvature of  $M$ , respectively. We assume that the curvature tensor is defined by  $R(X, Y)Z = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y]Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z$  for  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . We denote by  $\rho^*$  the Ricci  $*$ -tensor of  $M$  defined by

$$\rho^*(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \text{trace of } (z \mapsto R(x, Jy)Jz) \tag{2.1}$$

for  $x, y, z \in T_pM$ , the tangent space of  $M$  at  $p \in M$ . The Ricci  $*$ -tensor satisfies  $\rho^*(x, y) = \rho^*(Jy, Jx)$  for any  $x, y \in T_pM, p \in M$ . We note that if  $M$  is Kählerian, the Ricci tensor and the Ricci  $*$ -tensor coincide on  $M$ . The  $*$ -scalar curvature  $\tau^*$  of  $M$  is the trace of the linear endomorphism  $Q^*$  defined by  $g(Q^*x, y) = \rho^*(x, y)$  for  $x, y \in T_pM, p \in M$ . Since  $\|\nabla J\|^2 = 2(\tau^* - \tau)$ ,  $M$  is a Kähler manifold if and only if  $\tau^* - \tau = 0$  on  $M$ . An almost Hermitian manifold  $M$  is called a weakly  $*$ -Einstein manifold if  $\rho^* = \lambda^*g$  ( $\lambda^* = \tau^*/4$ ) and a  $*$ -Einstein if  $M$  is weakly  $*$ -Einstein with constant  $*$ -scalar curvature. The following identity holds for any four-dimensional almost Hermitian Einstein manifold:

$$\frac{1}{2} \{\rho^*(x, y) + \rho^*(y, x)\} = \frac{\tau^*}{4} g(x, y) \tag{2.2}$$

for  $x, y \in T_pM, p \in M$ .

Now, let  $\wedge^2M$  be the vector bundle of all real 2-forms on  $M$ . The bundle  $\wedge^2M$  inherits a natural inner product  $g$  and we have an orthogonal decomposition

$$\wedge^2M = \mathbb{R}\Omega \oplus LM \oplus \wedge_0^{1,1}M, \tag{2.3}$$

where  $LM$  (resp.,  $\wedge_0^{1,1}M$ ) is the bundle of  $J$ -skew-invariant (resp.,  $J$ -invariant) 2-forms on  $M$  perpendicular to  $\Omega$ . We can identify the subbundle  $\mathbb{R}\Omega \oplus LM$  (resp.,  $\wedge_0^{1,1}M$ ) with the bundle  $\wedge_+^2M$  (resp.,  $\wedge_-^2M$ ) of self-dual (resp., anti-self-dual) 2-forms on  $M$ . Since  $M$  is Einstein, it is well known that the curvature operator  $\mathcal{R} : \wedge^2M \rightarrow \wedge^2M$  preserves  $\wedge_{\pm}^2M$  and that the Weyl curvature operator  $\mathcal{W} : \wedge^2M \rightarrow \wedge^2M$  is given by

$$\mathcal{W}(\iota(X) \wedge \iota(Y)) = \mathcal{R}(\iota(X) \wedge \iota(Y)) - \frac{\tau}{12} \iota(X) \wedge \iota(Y), \tag{2.4}$$

where  $\iota$  is the duality between the tangent bundle and the cotangent bundle of  $M$  by means of the metric  $g$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2 = Je_1, e_3, e_4 = Je_3\}$  be a (local) unitary frame field and put  $e^i = \iota(e_i)$ . Then, the Kähler form is represented by  $\Omega = -e^1 \wedge e^2 - e^3 \wedge e^4$ . Further,

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \{\Phi, J\Phi\} &= \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^1 \wedge e^3 - e^2 \wedge e^4), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^1 \wedge e^4 + e^2 \wedge e^3) \right\}, \\ \{\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \Psi_3\} &= \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^1 \wedge e^2 - e^3 \wedge e^4), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^1 \wedge e^3 + e^2 \wedge e^4), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^1 \wedge e^4 - e^2 \wedge e^3) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

are (local) orthonormal bases of  $LM$  and  $\wedge_0^{1,1}M = \wedge^2 M$ , respectively.

In this paper, for any orthonormal basis (resp., any local orthonormal frame field)  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  of a point  $p \in M$  (resp., on a neighborhood of  $p$ ), we will adopt the following notational convention:

$$\begin{aligned} J_{ij} &= g(Je_i, e_j), & \Gamma_{ijk} &= g(\nabla_{e_i} e_j, e_k), \\ R_{ijkl} &= g(R(e_i, e_j)e_k, e_l), \dots, R_{\bar{i}\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}} = g(R(Je_i, Je_j)Je_k, Je_l), \\ \rho_{ij} &= \rho(e_i, e_j), \dots, \rho_{\bar{i}\bar{j}} = \rho(e_{\bar{i}}, e_{\bar{j}}), \\ \rho_{ij}^* &= \rho^*(e_i, e_j), \dots, \rho_{\bar{i}\bar{j}}^* = \rho^*(e_{\bar{i}}, e_{\bar{j}}), \\ \nabla_i J_{jk} &= g((\nabla_{e_i} J)e_j, e_k), \dots, \nabla_{\bar{i}} J_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} = g((\nabla_{e_{\bar{i}}} J)e_{\bar{j}}, e_{\bar{k}}), \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

and so on, where the Latin indices run over the range 1, 2, 3, 4. We define functions  $A, B, C, D, G$ , and  $K$  on  $M$  by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \sum_{i,j,k,l,a=1}^4 (\nabla_a J_{ij}) R_{ijkl} (\nabla_a J_{kl}), \\ B &= \sum_{i,j,k,l,a=1}^4 (\nabla_a J_{ij}) (\nabla_a J_{kl}) (\nabla_b J_{ij}) (\nabla_b J_{kl}), \\ C &= \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^4 R_{ijkl} R_{\bar{i}\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}}, & D &= \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^4 (R_{ijkl} - R_{\bar{i}\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}})^2, \\ G &= \sum_{i,j=1}^4 (\rho_{ij}^* - \rho_{ji}^*)^2, & K &= (u - v)^2 + 4w^2, \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

where  $u = g(\mathcal{R}(\Phi), \Phi)$ ,  $v = g(\mathcal{R}(J\Phi), J\Phi)$ , and  $w = g(\mathcal{R}(\Phi), J\Phi)$ . First, we will prove the following.

**LEMMA 2.1.** *The norm of the self-dual Weyl operator  ${}^{\circ}W^+$  is given by*

$$\|{}^{\circ}W^+\|^2 = \frac{1}{16} \left( G + D + (\tau^*)^2 - \frac{\tau^2}{3} \right). \tag{2.8}$$

**PROOF.** Let  $\{e_1, e_2 = Je_1, e_3, e_4 = Je_3\}$  be any (local) unitary frame field on  $M$  and we put  $\Omega_0 = -\Omega/\sqrt{2} = (e^1 \wedge e^2 + e^3 \wedge e^4)/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\Phi = (e^1 \wedge e^3 - e^2 \wedge e^4)/\sqrt{2}$ , and  $J\Phi = (e^1 \wedge e^4 + e^2 \wedge e^3)/\sqrt{2}$ . Then,  $\{\Omega_0, \Phi, J\Phi\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\wedge_+^2 M$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|{}^{\circ}W^+\|^2 &= g({}^{\circ}W^+(\Omega_0), \Omega_0)^2 + g({}^{\circ}W^+(\Omega_0), \Phi)^2 + g({}^{\circ}W^+(\Omega_0), J\Phi)^2 \\ &\quad + g({}^{\circ}W^+(\Phi), \Omega_0)^2 + g({}^{\circ}W^+(\Phi), \Phi)^2 + g({}^{\circ}W^+(\Phi), J\Phi)^2 \\ &\quad + g({}^{\circ}W^+(J\Phi), \Omega_0)^2 + g({}^{\circ}W^+(J\Phi), \Phi)^2 + g({}^{\circ}W^+(J\Phi), J\Phi)^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Taking account of (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{W}^+(\Omega_0), \Omega_0) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -R_{1212} - 2R_{1234} - R_{3434} - \frac{\tau}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{12} (3\tau^* - \tau), \\
 \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{W}^+(\Omega_0), \Phi) &= \frac{1}{2} (-R_{1213} - R_{1224} - R_{3413} - R_{3424}) = -\frac{1}{2} (\rho_{14}^* - \rho_{41}^*), \\
 \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{W}^+(\Omega_0), J\Phi) &= \frac{1}{2} (-R_{1214} - R_{1223} - R_{3414} - R_{3423}) = \frac{1}{2} (\rho_{13}^* - \rho_{31}^*), \\
 \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{W}^+(\Phi), \Phi) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -R_{1313} + 2R_{1324} - R_{2424} - \frac{\tau}{6} \right) = -(R_{1313} - R_{1324}) - \frac{\tau}{12}, \\
 \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{W}^+(\Phi), J\Phi) &= \frac{1}{2} (-R_{1314} - R_{1323} + R_{2414} + R_{2423}) = -(R_{1314} + R_{1323}), \\
 \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{W}^+(J\Phi), J\Phi) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -R_{1414} - 2R_{1423} - R_{2323} - \frac{\tau}{6} \right) = -(R_{1414} + R_{1423}) - \frac{\tau}{12}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathcal{W}^+\|^2 &= \frac{1}{12^2} (3\tau^* - \tau)^2 + \frac{2\tau^2}{12^2} + \frac{1}{2} (\rho_{13}^* - \rho_{31}^*)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\rho_{14}^* - \rho_{41}^*)^2 \\
 &\quad + (R_{1313} - R_{1324})^2 + (R_{1314} + R_{1323})^2 + (R_{1314} + R_{1323})^2 \\
 &\quad + (R_{1414} + R_{1423})^2 + \frac{\tau}{6} (R_{1313} - R_{1324} + R_{1414} + R_{1423}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{12^2} (3\tau^* - \tau)^2 + \frac{2\tau^2}{12^2} + \frac{G}{8} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i<j, k<l} (R_{ijkl} - R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}})^2 - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k<l} (R_{12kl} - R_{12\bar{k}\bar{l}})^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k<l} (R_{34kl} - R_{34\bar{k}\bar{l}})^2 + \frac{\tau}{6} \left( -\frac{\tau}{4} - R_{1212} - R_{1234} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{12^2} (3\tau^* - \tau)^2 + \frac{2\tau^2}{12^2} + \frac{G}{8} + \frac{D}{16} - \frac{G}{32} - \frac{G}{32} + \frac{\tau}{6} \left( -\frac{\tau}{4} + \frac{\tau^*}{4} \right) \\
 &= \frac{D}{16} + \frac{G}{16} + \frac{(\tau^*)^2}{16} - \frac{\tau^2}{48}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

The lemma follows. □

Next, we recall the following equalities established in [6]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \frac{1}{4} B = \frac{(\tau^* - \tau)^2}{2}, \\
 C &= -2K + \frac{(\tau^* - \tau)^2}{8}, \\
 G &= 4\|\rho^*\|^2 - (\tau^*)^2 = 16\{(\rho_{13}^*)^2 + (\rho_{14}^*)^2\}, \\
 K &= (u + v)^2 + 4(w^2 - uv) = \frac{(\tau^* - \tau)^2}{16} - 4 \det \mathcal{R}'_{LM}, \\
 \|\mathcal{R}_{LM}\|^2 &= \frac{1}{16} D, \quad \|\mathcal{R}'_{LM}\|^2 = \frac{1}{16} (D - G),
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_{LM}$  is the restriction of  $\mathcal{R}$  to  $LM$  and  $\mathcal{R}'_{LM} = P_{LM} \circ \mathcal{R}_{LM}$ , the composition of  $\mathcal{R}_{LM}$  and the natural projection  $P_{LM} : \wedge^2 M \rightarrow LM$ . We define a vector field  $\eta = (\eta_a)$  on  $M$  by  $\eta_a = \sum_{i,j=1}^4 (\nabla_a J_{ij}) \rho_{ij}^*$ , then we obtain the following (see [6, (2.23)]):

$$\Delta\tau^* = \frac{G}{2} + 4K + \frac{(3\tau^* - \tau)(\tau^* - \tau)}{4} - 4 \operatorname{div} \eta. \tag{2.13}$$

Further, from (2.12) and the curvature identity

$$R_{ijkl} - R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}} - R_{i\bar{j}kl} + R_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}} + R_{ij\bar{k}l} + R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} + R_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}l} + R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}} = 2 \sum_{a=1}^4 (\nabla_a J_{ij}) \nabla_a J_{kl} \tag{2.14}$$

by Gray [3] for almost Kähler manifold, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \sum R_{ijkl} (R_{ijkl} - R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}} - R_{i\bar{j}kl} + R_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}} + R_{ij\bar{k}l} + R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} + R_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}l} + R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum (R_{ijkl} - R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}})^2 - \frac{1}{4} \sum (R_{ijkl} - R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}}) (R_{i\bar{j}kl} - R_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}}) + 2 \sum R_{ijkl} R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}} \\ &= \frac{D}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \left\{ -16 \|\mathcal{R}'_{LM}\|^2 + \sum (R_{ij12} + R_{ij34} - R_{i\bar{j}12} - R_{i\bar{j}34})^2 \right\} + 2C \\ &= \frac{D}{4} + 4 \|\mathcal{R}'_{LM}\|^2 - \frac{G}{4} + 2C \\ &= \frac{D}{2} - \frac{G}{2} - 4K + \frac{(\tau^* - \tau)^2}{4}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Thus, from (2.12) and this equality, we obtain

$$\frac{D}{2} - \frac{G}{2} - 4K - \frac{(\tau^* - \tau)^2}{4} = 0. \tag{2.16}$$

Now, we are ready to prove the following.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $M = (M, J, g)$  be a four-dimensional compact almost Kähler-Einstein manifold with negative scalar curvature. If  $M$  satisfies*

$$\int_M \{G + \tau(\tau^* - \tau)\} dV \geq 0, \tag{2.17}$$

or, more strictly, if  $\tau^* - \tau \leq -G/\tau$  at each point of  $M$ , then  $M$  is Kähler-Einstein.

**PROOF.** From (2.8), we have

$$24 \int_M \|\mathcal{W}^+\|^2 dV - \int_M \tau^2 dV = \frac{3}{2} \int_M \{G + D + (\tau^* - \tau)(\tau^* + \tau)\} dV. \tag{2.18}$$

On one hand, from (2.13) and (2.16), we have

$$0 = \int_M \left\{ \frac{G}{2} + 4K + \frac{(3\tau^* - \tau)(\tau^* - \tau)}{4} \right\} dV = \int_M \left\{ \frac{D}{2} + \frac{\tau^*(\tau^* - \tau)}{2} \right\} dV. \tag{2.19}$$

Thus, from (2.18) and (2.19), we obtain

$$24 \int_M \|\mathcal{W}^+\|^2 dV - \int_M \tau^2 dV = \frac{2}{3} \int_M \{G + \tau(\tau^* - \tau)\} dV. \quad (2.20)$$

Therefore, from Corollary 1.3, the assertion of the theorem immediately follows.  $\square$

**REMARK 2.3.** The above theorem is concerned with the following facts.

- (1) For a compact four-dimensional almost Kähler-Einstein manifold, the function  $\tau^* - \tau$  vanishes at some point of  $M$  (see [1, 5]).
- (2) A four-dimensional compact almost Kähler-Einstein and weakly  $*$ -Einstein manifold ( $G \equiv 0$ ) is a Kähler manifold (see [7]).
- (3) Let  $M$  be a four-dimensional compact strictly almost Kähler-Einstein, but not weakly  $*$ -Einstein manifold. Then, we see that  $G > 0$  on  $M_0 = \{p \in M \mid \tau^* - \tau > 0\}$ , and hence  $\tau^* - \tau = 0$  at which  $G = 0$  (see [5]).

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