

## $L^2$ -harmonic $p$ -forms on submanifolds with finite total curvature

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**Abstract:** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete submanifold with flat normal bundle in an  $(n+l)$ -dimensional sphere  $S^{n+l}$ . Let  $H^p(L^2(M))$  be the space of all  $L^2$ -harmonic  $p$ -forms ( $2 \leq p \leq n-2$ ) on  $M$ . Firstly, we show that  $H^p(L^2(M))$  is trivial if the total curvature of  $M$  is less than a positive constant depending only on  $n$ . Secondly, we show that the dimension of  $H^p(L^2(M))$  is finite provided the total curvature of  $M$  is finite.

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## 具有有限总曲率子流形的 $L^2$ 调和 $p$ 形式

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**摘要:** 设  $M$  是  $n+l$  维  $S^{n+l}$  球空间中具有法从平坦  $n$  维完备子流形,则  $H^p(L^2(M))$  是  $M$  上  $L^2$  调和  $p$  ( $2 \leq p \leq n-2$ ) 形式空间. 首先证明了如果  $M$  的总曲率小于一个正常数,则  $H^p(L^2(M))$  是平凡的;其次证明了如果  $M$  的总曲率有限,则  $H^p(L^2(M))$  是有限维的.

**关键词:** 总曲率;  $L^2$  调和  $p$  形式;子流形

### 0 Introduction

$L^2$ -harmonic forms on submanifolds have been

studied extensively in various ambient spaces during the last two decades. Many results demonstrated the fact that there is a close relation

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between the topology of the submanifold and the curvature according to the theory of  $L^2$ -harmonic forms. In Refs. [1-2], it was shown that a complete minimal hypersurface in Euclidean Space with the total scalar curvature condition has only one end. In 2008, Seo<sup>[3]</sup> improved the upper bound of the total scalar curvature which was given by Ni<sup>[2]</sup>. Later Seo<sup>[4]</sup> proved that if an  $n$ -dimensional complete minimal submanifold  $M$  in hyperbolic space has sufficiently small total scalar curvature, then  $M$  has only one end. In Ref. [5], Fu and Xu studied  $L^2$ -harmonic 1-forms on complete submanifolds in space forms and proved that a complete submanifold  $M^n (n \geq 3)$  with finite total curvature and some conditions on mean curvature must have finitely many ends. Furthermore, Cavalcante, Mirandola and Vitório<sup>[6]</sup> obtained that if a complete noncompact submanifold  $M^n (n \geq 3)$  in Cartan-Hadamard manifold has finite total curvature and the first eigenvalue with suitable lower bound, then the space of the  $L^2$ -harmonic 1-forms on  $M^n$  has finite dimension. Zhu and Fang<sup>[7]</sup> investigated complete noncompact submanifolds in a sphere and obtained a result which was an improvement of Fu and Xu's theorem on submanifolds in spheres. To be specific, they proved the following theorem.

**Theorem A**(Ref. [7]) Let  $M^n (n \geq 3)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete noncompact oriented manifold isometrically immersed in an  $(n + l)$ -dimensional sphere  $S^{n+l}$ . If the total curvature is finite, then the dimension of  $H^1(L^2(M))$  is finite and there are finitely many non-parabolic ends on  $M$ . In 2015, Lin<sup>[8]</sup> studied  $L^2$ -harmonic  $p$ -forms on complete submanifolds  $M^n (n \geq 3)$  with flat normal bundles in Euclidean space and proved that if the total curvature of  $M^n$  is less than an explicit positive constant, then for any  $2 \leq p \leq n - 2$ , the space of the  $L^2$ -harmonic  $p$ -forms on  $M^n$  is trivial. Recently, Gan, Zhu and Fang<sup>[9]</sup> studied  $L^2$ -harmonic 2-forms on complete noncompact minimal hypersurface in spheres and proved the following result.

**Theorem B** (Ref. [9]) Let  $M^n (n \geq 3)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete noncompact minimal hypersurface isometrically immersed in an  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional sphere  $S^{n+1}$ . There exists a positive constant  $\delta(n)$  depending only on  $n$  such that if the total curvature is less than  $\delta(n)$ , then the second space of reduced  $L^2$  cohomology of  $M$  is trivial.

Inspired by Li-Wang work<sup>[10]</sup> and the above results, in this paper, we study the space of  $L^2$ -harmonic  $p$ -forms on submanifold in spheres and prove the following vanishing and finiteness theorems.

**Theorem 0. 1** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 4$ ) complete noncompact submanifold with flat normal bundle in sphere  $S^{n+l}$ . There exists a positive constant  $c(n)$  depending only on  $n$  such that if the total curvature is less than  $c(n)$ , then  $H^p(L^2(M)) = \{0\}$ ,  $2 \leq p \leq n - 2$ , where constant  $c(n)$  is given by (8).

**Theorem 0. 2** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 4$ ) complete noncompact submanifold with flat normal bundle in sphere  $S^{n+l}$ . If the total curvature is finite and  $2 \leq p \leq n - 2$ , then the dimension of  $H^p(L^2(M))$  is finite.

## 1 Preliminaries

Suppose  $M$  is an  $n$ -dimensional complete submanifold in an  $(n + l)$ -dimensional sphere  $S^{n+l}$ ,  $A$  is the second fundamental form and  $H$  is the mean curvature vector of  $M$ . The traceless second fundamental form  $\Phi$  is defined by

$$\Phi(X, Y) = A(X, Y) - \langle X, Y \rangle H,$$

for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $\langle, \rangle$  is the metric of  $M$ . Obviously

$$|\Phi|^2 = |A|^2 - n |H|^2.$$

We say  $M$  has finite total curvature if

$$\|\Phi\|_{L^n(M)} = \left( \int_M |\Phi|^n \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < \infty.$$

$H^p(L^2(M))$  denotes the space of all  $L^2$ -harmonic  $p$ -forms on  $M$ . Choose local orthonormal frames  $e_1, \dots, e_{n+l}$  on  $S^{n+l}$  such that, restricted to  $M$ ,  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are tangent to  $M$ . Let  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{n+l}$  be the dual frames. We then have  $\omega_\alpha = 0$  for each  $\alpha$ ,

$n+1 \leq \alpha \leq n+l$ . From Cartan's Lemma, we have  $\omega_{\alpha i} = h_{ij}^\alpha \omega_j$ . The normal bundle of  $M$  is flat implies that there exists an orthonormal frame diagonalizing  $h_{ij}^\alpha$  simultaneously.

Let us recall the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1** Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete noncompact oriented submanifold in  $S^{n+l}$ , then

$$\left(\int_M |f| \frac{2n}{n-2}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq \tilde{C} \left[\int_M |\nabla f|^2 + \int_M (|H|^2 + 1)f^2\right],$$

for each  $f \in C_0^\infty(M)$ , where  $\tilde{C} = n^2 C_0$ ,  $C_0$  depends only on  $n$  and  $H$  is the mean curvature vector of  $M$  in  $S^{n+l}$ .

**Lemma 1.2** (Ref. [8, 11-12]) Let  $M^n$  be a complete submanifold with flat normal bundles in  $S^{n+l}$ ,  $\omega$  be a  $L^2$ -harmonic  $p$ -form ( $2 \leq p \leq n-2$ ) on  $M^n$ , then

$$|\omega| \Delta |\omega| \geq K_p |\nabla |\omega||^2 + p(n-p) |\omega|^2 + Q_p |\omega|^2,$$

where  $Q_p = \inf_{i_1, \dots, i_n} (h_{i_1 i_1}^\alpha + \dots + h_{i_p i_p}^\alpha) (h_{i_{p+1} i_{p+1}}^\alpha + \dots + h_{i_n i_n}^\alpha)$ , and  $K_p = \frac{1}{n-p}$  if  $2 \leq p \leq \frac{n}{2}$ ,  $K_p = \frac{1}{p}$  if  $\frac{n}{2} \leq p \leq n-2$ .

## 2 Proof of our main Theorems

**Proof of Theorem 0.1** From the assumption, there exists an orthonormal frame diagonalizing  $h_{ij}^\alpha$  simultaneously. Direct computation yields

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^{n+l} (h_{i_1 i_1}^\alpha + \dots + h_{i_p i_p}^\alpha) (h_{i_{p+1} i_{p+1}}^\alpha + \dots + h_{i_n i_n}^\alpha) = \\ \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^{n+l} (h_{i_1 i_1}^\alpha + \dots + h_{i_n i_n}^\alpha)^2 - \\ \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^{n+l} (h_{i_1 i_1}^\alpha + \dots + h_{i_p i_p}^\alpha)^2 - \\ \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^{n+l} (h_{i_{p+1} i_{p+1}}^\alpha + \dots + h_{i_n i_n}^\alpha)^2 \geq \\ n^2 |H|^2 - \max\{p, n-p\} |A|^2 = \\ \min\{p, n-p\} n |H|^2 - \max\{p, n-p\} |\Phi|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Substituting Eq. (1) into Lemma 1.2, we have

$$|\omega| \Delta |\omega| \geq K_p |\nabla |\omega||^2 +$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(n-p) |\omega|^2 + \\ \min\{p, n-p\} \frac{n}{2} |H|^2 |\omega|^2 - \\ \frac{1}{2} \max\{p, n-p\} |\Phi|^2 |\omega|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

This together with the condition  $2 \leq p \leq n-2$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} |\omega| \Delta |\omega| \geq \frac{1}{n-2} |\nabla |\omega||^2 + \\ 2(n-2) |\omega|^2 + n |H|^2 |\omega|^2 - \\ \frac{n-2}{2} |\Phi|^2 |\omega|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Setting  $\eta \in C_0^\infty(M)$ , multiplying Eq. (3) by  $\eta^2$  and integrating over  $M$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n-2}{2} \int_M |\Phi|^2 |\omega|^2 \eta^2 \geq \frac{n-1}{n-2} \int_M |\nabla |\omega||^2 \eta^2 + \\ 2(n-2) \int_M |\omega|^2 \eta^2 + n \int_M |H|^2 |\omega|^2 \eta^2 + \\ 2 \int_M \eta |\omega| \langle \nabla \eta, \nabla |\omega| \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Combining the Hölder inequality with Lemma 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M |\Phi|^2 |\omega|^2 \eta^2 \leq \\ \left(\int_M |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} \left(\int_M (|\omega| \eta)^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq \\ \tilde{C} \left(\int_M |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} \left[\int_M |\nabla (\eta |\omega|)|^2 + \int_M (|H|^2 + 1) |\omega|^2 \eta^2\right] \leq \\ \tilde{C} \left(\int_M |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} \left[\int_M (|\nabla |\omega||^2 \eta^2 + |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 + 2 |\omega| \eta \langle \nabla \eta, \nabla |\omega| \rangle) + \int_M (|H|^2 + 1) |\omega|^2 \eta^2\right] \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Setting  $E = \frac{n-2}{2} \tilde{C} \left(\int_M |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}}$  and using Eqs. (4) and (5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} E \int_M |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 + \\ 2(E-1) \int_M |\omega| \eta \langle \nabla \eta, \nabla |\omega| \rangle \geq \\ \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} - E\right) \int_M |\nabla |\omega||^2 \eta^2 + \\ [2(n-2) - E] \int_M |\omega|^2 \eta^2 + \\ (n-E) \int_M |H|^2 |\omega|^2 \eta^2 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in Eq. (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(E + \frac{|E-1|}{\epsilon}\right) \int_M |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \geq \\ & \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} - E - |E-1| \epsilon\right) \int_M |\nabla |\omega||^2 \eta^2 + \\ & [2(n-2) - E] \int_M |\omega|^2 \eta^2 + \\ & (n-E) \int_M |H|^2 |\omega|^2 \eta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

If

$$\left(\int_M |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < \frac{2}{n-2} \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{2\tilde{C}}} = c(n) \quad (8)$$

then

$$\frac{n-1}{n-2} - E > 0.$$

Choosing sufficient small  $\epsilon$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{n-1}{n-2} - E - |E-1| \epsilon > 0, \\ & n - E > 0, \quad 2(n-2) - E > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\rho(x)$  be the geodesic distance on  $M$  from  $x_0$  to  $x$  and  $B_r(x_0) = \{x \in M : \rho(x) \leq r\}$  for some fixed point  $x_0 \in M$ . Choose  $\eta \in C_0^\infty(M)$  as

$$\eta = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{on } B_r(x_0), \\ 0, & \text{on } M \setminus B_{2r}(x_0), \\ |\nabla \eta| \leq \frac{2}{r}, & \text{on } B_{2r}(x_0) \setminus B_r(x_0), \end{cases}$$

and  $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ . Substituting the above  $\eta$  into Eq. (7), we finally have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4}{r^2} \left(E + \frac{|E-1|}{\epsilon}\right) \int_{B_{2r}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \geq \\ & \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} - E - |E-1| \epsilon\right) \int_{B_r(x_0)} |\nabla |\omega||^2 + \\ & [2(n-2) - E] \int_{B_r(x_0)} |\omega|^2 + \\ & (n-E) \int_{B_r(x_0)} |H|^2 |\omega|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_M |\omega|^2 < \infty$ , by taking  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\nabla |\omega| = 0$  and  $\omega = 0$ . That is  $H^p(L^2(M)) = \{0\}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 0.1.

**Proof of Theorem 0.2** Let  $\omega \in H^p(L^2(M))$ ,  $2 \leq p \leq n-2$  and  $\eta \in C_0^\infty(M \setminus B_r(x_0))$ . Analogous to Eq. (7), using the proving method of Theorem 0.1 we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(F + \frac{|F-1|}{\epsilon}\right) \int_{M \setminus B_r(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \geq \\ & \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} - F - |F-1| \epsilon\right) \int_{M \setminus B_r(x_0)} |\nabla |\omega||^2 \eta^2 + \\ & [2(n-2) - F] \int_{M \setminus B_r(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \eta^2 + \\ & (n-F) \int_{M \setminus B_r(x_0)} |H|^2 |\omega|^2 \eta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $F = \frac{n-2}{2} \tilde{C} \left(\int_{M \setminus B_r(x_0)} |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}}$ . The condition  $\left(\int_M |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < \infty$  implies that there is a decreasing positive function  $\epsilon(r)$  satisfying

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon(r) = 0, \quad \left(\int_{M \setminus B_r(x_0)} |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} < \epsilon(r).$$

Thus we can choose  $r = r_0 > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{n-1}{n-2} - F = \frac{n-1}{n-2} - \\ & \frac{n-2}{2} \tilde{C} \left(\int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\Phi|^n\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing sufficient small  $\epsilon$ , we get

$$\frac{n-1}{n-2} - F - |F-1| \epsilon > 0.$$

This together with Eq. (9) yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\nabla |\omega||^2 \eta^2 \leq \\ & \frac{F + \frac{|F-1|}{\epsilon}}{\frac{n-1}{n-2} - F - |F-1| \epsilon} \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 = \\ & C_1 \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \eta^2 \leq \\ & \frac{F + \frac{|F-1|}{\epsilon}}{2(n-2) - F} \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \leq \\ & C_1 \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |H|^2 |\omega|^2 \eta^2 \leq \\ & \frac{F + \frac{|F-1|}{\epsilon}}{n-F} \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \leq \\ & C_1 \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where the positive constant  $C_1$  depends only on  $n$ .

Applying Lemma 1.1 to  $\eta|\omega|$  and combining Eqs. (10), (11) and (12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} (\eta|\omega|)^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \frac{n-2}{n} \leq \\ & \tilde{C} \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} [|\nabla|\omega||^2 \eta^2 + |\omega|^2 |\nabla\eta|^2 + \\ & 2|\omega|\eta \langle \nabla\eta, \nabla|\omega| \rangle + (|H|^2 + 1)|\omega|^2 \eta^2] \leq \\ & \tilde{C} \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} [2|\nabla|\omega||^2 \eta^2 + 2|\omega|^2 |\nabla\eta|^2 + \\ & (|H|^2 + 1)|\omega|^2 \eta^2] \leq \\ & C_2 \int_{M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 |\nabla\eta|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where positive constant  $C_2$  depends only on  $n$ .

Choose  $\eta \in C_0^\infty(M \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0))$  as

$$\eta = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{on } B_{r_0}(x_0), \\ \rho(x) - r_0, & \text{on } B_{r_0+1}(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0), \\ 1, & \text{on } B_r(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0+1}(x_0), \\ \frac{2r - \rho(x)}{r}, & \text{on } B_{2r}(x_0) \setminus B_r(x_0), \\ 0, & \text{on } M \setminus B_{2r}(x_0), \end{cases}$$

where  $\rho(x)$  is the geodesic distance on  $M$  from  $x_0$  to  $x$  and  $r > r_0 + 1$ . Substituting  $\eta$  into Eq. (13) it yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B_r(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} (|\omega|)^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \frac{n-2}{n} \leq \\ & C_2 \int_{B_{r_0+1}(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 + \frac{C_2}{r^2} \int_{B_{2r}(x_0) \setminus B_r(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Since  $|\omega| \in L^2(M)$ , letting  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B_r(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} (|\omega|)^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \frac{n-2}{n} \leq \\ & C_2 \int_{\{B_{r_0+1}(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0}(x_0)\}} |\omega|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

On the other hand, the Hölder inequality asserts that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B_{r_0+2}(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \leq \\ & \text{vol}(B_{r_0+2}(x_0)) \int_{B_{r_0+2}(x_0) \setminus B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} (|\omega|)^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \frac{n-2}{n} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

From Eqs. (15) and (16), we conclude that there exists a constant  $C_3 > 0$  depending on  $\text{vol}(B_{r_0+2}(x_0))$  and  $n$  such that

$$\int_{B_{r_0+2}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \leq C_3 \int_{B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \quad (17)$$

Fix a point  $x \in M$  and take  $\tau \in C_0^1(B_1(x))$ . Multiplying Eq. (3) by  $|\omega|^{q-2} \tau^2$  with  $q > 2$  and integrating by parts on  $B_1(x)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & -2 \int_{B_1(x)} \tau |\omega|^{q-1} \langle \nabla\tau, \nabla|\omega| \rangle + \\ & \frac{n-2}{2} \int_{B_1(x)} |\Phi|^2 |\omega|^q \tau^2 \geq \\ & \left(\frac{1}{n-2} + q - 1\right) \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^{q-2} |\nabla|\omega||^2 \tau^2 + \\ & 2(n-2) \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^q \tau^2 + n \int_{B_1(x)} |H|^2 |\omega|^q \tau^2 \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

By using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -2 \int_{B_1(x)} \tau |\omega|^{q-1} \langle \nabla\tau, \nabla|\omega| \rangle \leq \\ & \frac{1}{n-2} \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^{q-2} |\nabla|\omega||^2 \tau^2 + \\ & (n-2) \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^q |\nabla\tau|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

It follows from Eqs. (18) and (19) that

$$\begin{aligned} & (n-2) \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^q |\nabla\tau|^2 + \\ & \frac{n-2}{2} \int_{B_1(x)} |\Phi|^2 |\omega|^q \tau^2 \geq \\ & (q-1) \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^{q-2} |\nabla|\omega||^2 \tau^2 + \\ & 2(n-2) \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^q \tau^2 + n \int_{B_1(x)} |H|^2 |\omega|^q \tau^2 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

On the other hand, setting  $f \in C_0^1(B_1(x))$ , similar to Lemma 1.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_{B_1(x)} |f|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq \\ & \tilde{C} \left[ \int_{B_1(x)} |\nabla f|^2 + \int_{B_1(x)} (|H|^2 + 1) f^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Applying Eq. (21) to  $\tau|\omega|^{\frac{q}{2}}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_{B_1(x)} (\tau^2 |\omega|^q)^{\frac{n}{n-2}}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq \\ & \tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} |\nabla(\tau|\omega|^{\frac{q}{2}})|^2 + \\ & \tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} (|H|^2 + 1) \tau^2 |\omega|^q \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2\tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} |\nabla \tau|^2 |\omega|^q + \\
 & \frac{q^2}{2} \tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} \tau^2 |\omega|^{q-2} |\nabla |\omega||^2 + \\
 & \tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} (|H|^2 + 1) \tau^2 |\omega|^q \quad (22)
 \end{aligned}$$

Inequalities (22) and (20) imply that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \int_{B_1(x)} (\tau^2 |\omega|^q)^{\frac{n}{n-2}} \right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \leq \\
 & 2\tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} |\nabla \tau|^2 |\omega|^q + \\
 & \frac{q^2}{2(q-1)} \tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} [(n-2) |\nabla \tau|^2 + \\
 & \quad \frac{n-2}{2} |\Phi|^2 \tau^2] |\omega|^q - \\
 & \frac{q^2}{2(q-1)} \tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} [2(n-2) + \\
 & \quad n |H|^2] |\omega|^q \tau^2 + \\
 & \tilde{C} \int_{B_1(x)} (|H|^2 + 1) \tau^2 |\omega|^q \leq \\
 & qC_4 \int_{B_1(x)} (|\nabla \tau|^2 + |\Phi|^2 \tau^2) |\omega|^q \quad (23)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_4$  is a positive constant depending only on  $n$ . Let  $q_k = \frac{2n^k}{(n-2)^k}$  and  $r_k = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$  for an integer  $k \geq 0$ . Choose  $\tau_k \in C_0^\infty(B_{r_k}(x))$  such that  $\tau_k = 1$  on  $B_{r_{k+1}}(x)$  and  $|\nabla \tau_k| \leq 2^{k+3}$ . Replacing  $q$  and  $\tau$  in Eq. (23) by  $q_k$  and  $\tau_k$  respectively, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \int_{B_{r_{k+1}}(x)} |\omega|^{q_{k+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_{k+1}}} \leq \\
 & [q_k C_4 (4^{k+3} + \sup_{B_1(x)} |\Phi|^2)]^{\frac{1}{q_k}} \left( \int_{B_{r_k}(x)} |\omega|^{q_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_k}} \quad (24)
 \end{aligned}$$

Apply the Morse iteration to  $|\omega|$  via (24), we conclude that

$$\|\omega\|_{L^\infty(B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x))}^2 \leq C_5 \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^2,$$

where  $C_5$  is a positive constant depending only on  $n$ . Obviously

$$|\omega(x)|^2 \leq C_5 \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^2 \quad (25)$$

Choose  $x \in \overline{B_{r_0+1}(x_0)}$  such that

$$|\omega(x)|^2 = \|\omega\|_{L^\infty(B_{r_0+1}(x_0))}^2.$$

This together with Eq. (25) yields that

$$\|\omega\|_{L^\infty(B_{r_0+1}(x_0))}^2 = |\omega(x)|^2 \leq$$

$$C_5 \int_{B_1(x)} |\omega|^2 \leq C_5 \int_{B_{r_0+2}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \quad (26)$$

This together with Eq. (17) implies that there exists a positive constant  $C_6$  depending on  $n$  and  $\text{vol}(B_{r_0+2}(x_0))$ , such that

$$\sup_{B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \leq C_6 \int_{B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \quad (27)$$

Let  $\varphi$  be a finite dimensional subspace of  $H^p(L^2(M))$ . Lemma 11 in Ref. [13] implies that there exists  $\omega \in \varphi$  such that

$$\frac{\dim \varphi}{\text{vol}(B_{r_0+1}(x_0))} \int_{B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} |\omega|^2 \leq \int_{B_{r_0+1}(x_0)} |\omega|^2.$$

This together with (27) yields  $\dim \varphi \leq C_7$ , where  $C_7$  depends on  $n$  and  $\text{vol}(B_{r_0+1}(x_0))$ . Hence  $\dim H^p(L^2(M)) < \infty$ , which completes the proof of Theorem 0.2.

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