

# NEUTRAL EINSTEIN HERMITIAN METRICS ON RULED SURFACES.

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this talk is to give a family of new Einstein bi-Hermitian neutral metrics on ruled surfaces of genus  $g > 1$ .

**0. Introduction.** In the present talk we are concerned with the class of neutral semi-Riemannian 4-manifolds  $(M, g)$  whose Ricci tensor  $\rho$  satisfies the condition

$$(*) \quad \nabla_X \rho(X, X) = \frac{1}{3} X \tau g(X, X)$$

where  $\tau$  is the scalar curvature of  $(M, g)$ . These class of manifolds was introduced by A. Gray ( see [G],[Be]). For general facts and some results concerning neutral 4-manifolds we refer to [K], [Pe], [D],[M-L]. In [M] the condition for the existence of two opposite almost complex structures on 4-manifolds are studied. The main subject of the talk is the construction of new Einstein neutral metrics on ruled surfaces and is based on the paper [J-5].

In our papers [J-1]-[J-4] we have described Riemannian metrics  $g$  on compact complex surfaces  $(M, J)$  such that  $(M, g)$  satisfies the condition  $*$  and has  $J$ -invariant Ricci tensor. In particular we have given a complete classification of bi-Hermitian Gray surfaces on ruled surfaces of genus  $g \geq 1$  and surfaces which are of co-homogeneity 1 on ruled surfaces of genus  $g = 0$ . We denote by  $g$  also the Riemannian metric but it should not cause any misunderstandings. The technics used in [J-3] can be applied to describe a large class of neutral bi-Hermitian Gray surfaces. The equations, describing such surfaces whose Ricci tensor has exactly two real eigenvalues such that the corresponding two dimensional eigendistributions are space-like and time-like, are described by the same equations as in [J-3],[J-4]. In that way we present a large class of explicit examples of neutral bi-Hermitian

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Gray surfaces. In particular we get a large class of Einstein neutral bi-Hermitian surfaces on ruled surfaces of genus  $g > 1$ .

**1. Neutral  $\mathcal{AC}^\perp$ -surfaces.** By an  $\mathcal{AC}^\perp$ -manifold (see [Be],[G]) we mean a semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  satisfying the condition

$$(*) \quad \mathfrak{C}_{XYZ} \nabla_X \rho(Y, Z) = \frac{2}{(\dim M + 2)} \mathfrak{C}_{XYZ} X \tau g(Y, Z),$$

where  $\rho$  and  $\tau$  are the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature of  $(M, g)$  respectively and  $\mathfrak{C}$  means the cyclic sum. In this paper, an  $\mathcal{AC}^\perp$ -manifold with neutral metric is also called a neutral Gray manifold. A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is an  $\mathcal{AC}^\perp$  manifold if and only if the Ricci endomorphism  $Ric$  of  $(M, g)$  is of the form  $Ric = S + \frac{2}{n+2} \tau Id$  where  $S$  is a Killing tensor and  $n = \dim M$ . Let us recall that a symmetric (1,1) tensor  $S$  on a semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called a Killing tensor if  $g(\nabla S(X, X), X) = 0$  for all  $X \in TM$  and that a semi-Riemannian manifold whose Ricci tensor is a Killing tensor is called an  $\mathcal{A}$ -manifold.

On a semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  a distribution  $\mathcal{D} \subset TM$  is called umbilical (see [J-3]) if  $\mathcal{D}$  is non-degenerate (i.e. a metric  $g$  is non-degenerate on  $\mathcal{D}$ ) and  $\nabla_X X|_{\mathcal{D}^\perp} = g(X, X)\xi$  for every  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , where  $X|_{\mathcal{D}^\perp}$  is the  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  component of  $X$  with respect to the orthogonal decomposition  $TM = \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . The vector field  $\xi$  is called the mean curvature normal of  $\mathcal{D}$ . The foliation tangent to involutive distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is called totally geodesic if its every leaf is a totally geodesic (i.e.  $\nabla_X X \in \mathcal{D}$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{D}$ ) non-degenerate submanifold of  $(M, g)$ . In the sequel we shall not distinguish between  $\mathcal{D}$  and a foliation tangent to  $\mathcal{D}$  and we shall also say that  $\mathcal{D}$  is totally geodesic in such a case.

It is not difficult to prove exactly as in the Riemannian case (see [J-3]) the following lemma:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $S \in \text{End}(TM)$  be a (1,1) tensor on a neutral semi-Riemannian 4-manifold  $(M, g)$ . Let us assume that  $S$  has exactly two everywhere different eigenvalues  $\lambda, \mu$  of the same multiplicity 2, i.e.  $\dim \mathcal{D}_\lambda = \dim \mathcal{D}_\mu = 2$ , where  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathcal{D}_\mu$  are non-degenerate eigendistributions of  $S$  corresponding to  $\lambda, \mu$  respectively. Then  $S$  is a Killing tensor if and only if both distributions  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\mu$  are umbilical with mean curvature normal equal respectively*

$$\xi_\mu = \frac{\nabla \mu}{2(\lambda - \mu)}, \quad \xi_\lambda = \frac{\nabla \lambda}{2(\mu - \lambda)}.$$

We shall call a bi-Hermitian surface with bi-Hermitian Ricci tensor simply as bi-Hermitian surface. If  $(M, g)$  is also an  $\mathcal{AC}^\perp$  manifold, then we call it a neutral bi-Hermitian Gray surface.

**Proposition 1.** *Let us assume that  $(M, g)$  is a simply connected neutral Gray 4-manifold and the Ricci tensor  $S$  ( $\rho(X, Y) = g(SX, Y)$ ) has exactly two real eigenvalues  $\lambda, \mu$  and no null eigenvectors. Then there exist two Hermitian complex structures  $J, \bar{J}$  commuting with  $S$  and  $(M, g)$  is a bi-Hermitian neutral Gray surface.*

*Proof.* Analogous to [J-1].  $\diamond$

Let us recall that a Riemann surface  $\Sigma$  is a one-complex-dimensional connected complex analytic manifold which we shall assume to be compact. If  $J$  is a complex

structure on  $\Sigma$  then there exists a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $\Sigma$  with constant Gauss curvature and such that  $J$  is orthogonal with respect to  $g$ .

*Definition.* A ruled surface of genus  $g$  is a complex surface  $X$  admitting a ruling, i.e. an analytically locally trivial fibration with fibre  $\mathbb{C}P^1$  and structural group  $PGL(2, \mathbb{C})$  over a smooth compact complex curve (a Riemannian surface) of genus  $g$ .

Now we give a theorem, whose proof is analogous as in the Riemannian case (see [M-S],[B],[S]).

**Theorem 1.** *Let us consider the manifold  $U = (a, b) \times P$ , where  $(P, g_0)$  is a 3-dimensional semi-Riemannian  $\mathcal{A}$ -manifold (a principal  $S^1$  bundle  $p : P \rightarrow \Sigma$ ) over a Riemannian surface  $(\Sigma, g_{can})$  of constant sectional curvature  $K$ , with an  $\mathcal{A}C^\perp$ -metric*

$$(1.5) \quad g = dt^2 + f(t)^2\theta^2 - g(t)^2p^*g_{can},$$

where  $g_0 = \theta^2 - p^*g_{can}$ ,  $f, g \in C^\infty(a, b)$  and  $\theta$  is the connection form of  $P$ . Then the metric  $g$  on  $U$  extends to a smooth  $\mathcal{A}C^\perp$  metric on the ruled surface  $M$  which is a  $\mathbb{C}P^1$ -bundle over  $\Sigma$  and such that  $U$  is an open and dense subset of  $M$  if and only if the functions  $f, g \in C^\infty(a, b)$  satisfy the conditions:

- (a)  $f(a) = f(b) = 0, f'(a) = 1, f'(b) = -1,$
- (b)  $g(a) \neq 0 \neq g(b), g'(a) = g'(b) = 0.$

*Remark.* Let us note that the metric (1.5) induces a semi-Riemannian metric on  $M$  if the functions  $f, g$  satisfy:

- (i)  $f$  is positive on  $(a, b)$ , and  $f$  is odd at  $a$  and  $b$ , i.e.  $f$  is the restriction of a function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $f(a+t) = -f(a-t), f(b+t) = -f(b-t)$ ;
- (ii)  $g$  is positive on  $[a, b]$  and even at  $a$  and  $b$  which means that  $g$  is the restriction of a function  $g$  such that  $g(a+t) = g(a-t), g(b+t) = g(b-t)$ ;

The proof is similar to the description of the metric in polar coordinates (see [Be] Lemma 9.114 and Theorem 9.125.)

Note that it is an easy exercise to prove that functions  $f, g$  satisfying the ODE characterizing  $\mathcal{A}C^\perp$ -metrics together with the initial conditions (a), (b) extend to respectively odd and even (with respect to the points  $a, b$ ) real analytic functions around  $a, b$ .

**2. Neutral bi-Hermitian Gray surfaces.** In this section we shall construct bi-Hermitian neutral metrics on ruled surfaces  $M_{k,g}$  of genus  $g$ . The ruled surface  $(M_{k,g}, g)$  is locally of co-homogeneity 1 with respect to the group of all local isometries of  $(M_{k,g}, g)$  and an open, dense submanifold  $(U_{k,g}, g) \subset (M_{k,g}, g)$  is isometric to the manifold  $(a, b) \times P_k$  where  $(P_k, g_k)$  is a 3-dimensional semi-Riemannian  $\mathcal{A}$ -manifold (a principal circle bundle  $p : P_k \rightarrow \Sigma_g$ ) over a Riemannian surface  $(\Sigma_g, g_{can})$  of constant sectional curvature  $K \in \{-4, 0, 4\}$  with a metric

$$(2.1) \quad g_{f,g} = dt^2 + f(t)^2\theta^2 - g(t)^2p^*g_{can},$$

where  $g_k = \theta^2 - p^*g_{can}$  and  $\theta$  is the connection form of  $P_k$  such that  $d\theta = 2\pi k p^*\omega$ , where the de Rham cohomology class  $[\omega] \in H^2(\Sigma_g, \mathbb{R})$  defined by the form  $\omega$  is an integral class corresponding to the class  $1 \in H^2(\Sigma_g, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\theta^\sharp$  be a vector field

dual to  $\theta$  with respect to  $g_k$ . Let us consider a local orthonormal frame  $\{X, Y\}$  on  $(\Sigma_g, g_{can})$  and let  $X^h, Y^h$  be horizontal lifts of  $X, Y$  with respect to  $p : M_{k,g} \rightarrow \Sigma_g$  (i.e.  $dt(X^h) = \theta(X^h) = 0$  and  $p(X^h) = X$ ) and let  $H = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ . Let us define two almost Hermitian structures  $J, \bar{J}$  on  $M$  as follows

$$JH = \frac{1}{f}\theta^\sharp, JX^h = Y^h, \bar{J}H = -\frac{1}{f}\theta^\sharp, \bar{J}X^h = Y^h.$$

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a distribution spanned by the fields  $\{\theta^\sharp, H\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}$  is a non-degenerate totally geodesic foliation with respect to the metric  $g_{f,g}$  where  $g$  is a non constant function. Both structures  $J, \bar{J}$  are Hermitian and  $\mathcal{D}$  is contained in the nullity of  $J$  and  $\bar{J}$ . The distribution  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is umbilical with the mean curvature normal  $\xi = -\nabla \ln g$ . Let  $\lambda, \mu$  be eigenvalues of the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $g_{f,g}$  corresponding to eigendistributions  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}^\perp$  respectively. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *There exists  $D \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lambda - \mu = Dg^2$ ,*
- (b) *There exist  $C, D \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mu = Dg^2 - C$ ,*
- (c)  *$\lambda - 2\mu$  is constant,*
- (d)  *$(U_{k,g}, g_{f,g})$  is a neutral bi-Hermitian Gray surface.*

*Proof.* The first assertion of Proposition 3 is a consequence similar to Proposition 3 in [J-2]. Note that  $\nabla \lambda = H\lambda H, \nabla \mu = H\mu H$ . Consequently  $tr_g \nabla S = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \tau = (H\lambda + H\mu)H$ . On the other hand one can easily check that  $tr_g \nabla S = 2(\mu - \lambda)\xi + H\lambda H$ . Thus

$$\nabla \mu = 2(\lambda - \mu)\nabla \ln g.$$

Now we prove that (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). If (a) holds then  $\nabla \mu = 2Dg^2 \frac{\nabla g}{g} = D\nabla g^2$ . Thus  $\nabla(\mu - Dg^2) = 0$  which implies (b).

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). We have

$$-\frac{\nabla g}{g} 2(\mu - \lambda) = \nabla \mu = 2Dg\nabla g,$$

and consequently  $\nabla g(\frac{\mu - \lambda}{g} - Dg) = 0$  which is equivalent to (a).

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). We have  $\lambda - \mu = Dg^2$  and consequently  $\nabla \mu = 2Dg\nabla g = D\nabla g^2$ . Thus  $\nabla \lambda = \nabla(\mu + Dg^2) = 2D\nabla g^2$  and  $\nabla \lambda - 2\nabla \mu = 0$  which gives (c).

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). If  $\nabla \lambda = 2\nabla \mu$  then  $\nabla \lambda = 4(\lambda - \mu)\frac{\nabla g}{g}$ . Consequently  $\nabla \lambda - \nabla \mu = 2(\lambda - \mu)\frac{\nabla g}{g}$  and  $\nabla \ln |\lambda - \mu| = 2\frac{\nabla g}{g} = 2\nabla \ln g$ , which means that  $\nabla \ln |\lambda - \mu|g^{-2} = 0$  or  $\lambda = \mu$  on the whole of  $M$ . In the last case we obtain an Einstein metric. It follows that  $\ln \frac{|\lambda - \mu|}{g^2} = \ln D$  for some  $D \in \mathbb{R}_+$  or  $\lambda - \mu = 0$  ( $D=0$ ), which is equivalent to (a).

(d)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c). This equivalence follows from [J-3].  $\diamond$

**Theorem 2.** *On any ruled surface  $M_{k,g}$  of genus  $g$  with  $k > 0$  there exist a one-parameter family of neutral bi-Hermitian  $AC^\perp$ -metrics  $\{g_x : x \in (0, \epsilon_s)\}$ , where  $\epsilon_s > 0$  depends only on  $g$  and  $k$ , which consists of neutral bi-Hermitian Gray metrics on  $M_{k,g}$ .*

*Proof.* Note that for the first Chern class  $c_1(\Sigma_g) \in H^2(\Sigma_g, \mathbb{Z})$  of the complex curve  $\Sigma_g$  we have the relation  $c_1(\Sigma_g) = \chi\alpha$ , where  $\alpha \in H^2(\Sigma_g, \mathbb{Z})$  is an indivisible integral class and  $\chi = 2 - 2g$  is the Euler characteristic of  $\Sigma_g$ . Let us write  $s = \frac{2k}{|\chi|}$  if  $g \neq 1$  and  $s = k$  if  $g = 1$ . Then it is easy to show using O'Neill formulas for a semi-Riemannian submersion (see [ON],[B],[S]) that the manifold  $(M_{k,g}, g)$  with the metric  $g$  given by (2.1) has the Ricci tensor with the following eigenvalues :

$$(2.2a) \quad \lambda_0 = -2\frac{g''}{g} - \frac{f''}{f},$$

$$(2.2b) \quad \lambda_1 = -\frac{f''}{f} - 2\frac{f'g'}{fg} + 2s^2\frac{f^2}{g^4},$$

$$(2.2c) \quad \lambda_2 = -\frac{g''}{g} - \frac{f'g'}{fg} - \left(\frac{g'}{g}\right)^2 - 2s^2\frac{f^2}{g^4} - \frac{K}{g^2},$$

where  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1$ , correspond to eigenfields  $T = \frac{d}{dt}, \theta^\sharp$  and  $\lambda_2$  corresponds to a two-dimensional eigendistribution orthogonal to  $T$  and  $\theta^\sharp$ . Note that the equations we have got are practically the same as equations for Gray manifolds obtained in the Riemannian case. The only difference is that we now have  $-K$  instead of  $K$ , so the cases  $K > 0$  and  $K < 0$  are now reversed, which give the different geometric meaning to the equations in Riemannian and semi-Riemannian neutral cases. We present here the method of solving equations (2.2) for the convenience of the reader and completeness, although the calculations are just the same as in [J-4]. If  $(M, g) \in \mathcal{AC}^\perp$  is a bi-Hermitian Gray surface then  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda$ , and if we denote  $\mu = \lambda_2$ , Proposition 3 b implies an equation

$$(2.3) \quad \mu = Dg^2 - C$$

for some  $D, C \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1$  we get

$$(2.4) \quad f = \pm \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{s^2 + Ag^2}}.$$

Using a homothety of the metric we can assume that  $A \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . In the case  $A = 0$  we get a neutral Kähler metric and these metrics on compact complex surfaces we shall describe in section 4. So we restrict our considerations to the case  $A \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Now we introduce a function  $h$  such that  $h^2 = s^2 + Ag^2$ . Note that  $\text{im}h \subset (-s, s)$  if  $A = -1$ , and  $\text{im}h \subset (s, \infty)$  if  $A = 1$ . Then  $g = \sqrt{|s^2 - h^2|}$ . Let us introduce a function  $z$  such that  $h' = \sqrt{z(h)}$ . Note that

$$(2.5) \quad f = h' \text{ and } f' = \frac{1}{2}z'(h).$$

It follows that equation (2.3) is equivalent to

$$(2.6) \quad z'(h) - z(h)\frac{s^2 + h^2}{h(s^2 - h^2)} = \frac{4\epsilon}{h} + \frac{D(s^2 - h^2)^2}{h} - \frac{C(s^2 - h^2)}{h},$$

where  $\epsilon = -\text{sgn}KA \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . It follows that

$$(2.7) \quad z(h) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{h}{s}\right)^2\right)^{-1} \left(-4\epsilon\left(\frac{h}{s}\right)^2 - \frac{Ds^4}{5}\left(\frac{h}{s}\right)^6 + \left(Ds^4 - \frac{Cs^2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{h}{s}\right)^4 + \right. \\ \left. + (2Cs^2 - 3Ds^4)\left(\frac{h}{s}\right)^2 - 4\epsilon + Cs^2 - Ds^4 + \frac{Eh}{s}\right).$$

Let us denote again  $C = Cs^2, D = Ds^4, E = \frac{E}{s}$  and let

$$(2.8) \quad z_0(t) = (1-t^2)^{-1}(-4\epsilon(1+t^2)+D(-\frac{1}{5}t^6+t^4-3t^2-1)+C(-\frac{1}{3}t^4+2t^2+1)+Et).$$

Write

$$(2.9) \quad P(t) = -4\epsilon t^2 - \frac{D}{5}t^6 + (D - \frac{C}{3})t^4 + (2C - 3D)t^2 + Et - 4\epsilon + C - D.$$

Then  $z_0(t) = \frac{P(t)}{1-t^2}$ . Note that  $z(h) = z_0(\frac{h}{s})$  and  $z'(h) = \frac{1}{s}z'_0(\frac{h}{s})$ . In view of Th. 1. we are looking for real numbers  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x > y$  such that

$$(2.10a) \quad z_0(x) = 0, z'_0(x) = -2s,$$

$$(2.10b) \quad z_0(y) = 0, z'_0(y) = 2s,$$

and  $z_0(t) > 0$  for  $t \in (y, x)$ . Note that equations (2.10a) are equivalent to

$$(2.11a) \quad -4\epsilon x^2 - \frac{D}{5}x^6 + (D - \frac{C}{3})x^4 + (2C - 3D)x^2 - 4\epsilon + C - D + Ex = 0$$

$$(2.11b) \quad -8\epsilon x - \frac{6D}{5}x^5 + 4(D - \frac{C}{3})x^3 + 2(2C - 3D)x + E = -2s(1 - x^2).$$

Equations (2.11) yield

$$(2.12a) \quad D = \frac{5(-3E - 6s - 24\epsilon x + 3Ex^2 - 12sx^2 - 8\epsilon x^3 + 2sx^4)}{2(-1+x)x(1+x)(15+10x^2-x^4)},$$

$$(2.12b) \quad C = \frac{3(5E + 10s + 80\epsilon x + 30sx^2 - 10Ex^2 + 5Ex^4 - 10sx^4 - 16\epsilon x^5 + 2sx^6)}{2(-1+x)x(1+x)(-15-10x^2+x^4)}$$

Solving in a similar way equations (2.10b) one can see that there exists a function  $z_0$  satisfying the equations (2.10) if

$$(2.13) \quad (x+y)(-4\epsilon(-5x+x^3+5y+2x^2y-2xy^2-y^3) + s(5+2x^3y+2xy^3+3y^2+3x^2+x^2y^2-16xy)) = 0,$$

where  $x > y, x, y \in (-1, 1)$  in the case  $A = -1$  and  $x, y \in (1, \infty)$  in the case  $A = 1$ . Using standard methods one can check that in the case of the genus  $g \leq 1$  (i.e. if  $K = 4$  or  $K = 0$ ) the only solutions of (2.13) giving a positive function  $z$  are  $x = -y \in (0, 1)$ . In the case of genus  $g \geq 2$  we have  $K = -4$  and apart from the solutions with  $x = -y$  (see [J-3]) there is an additional family of solutions with  $\epsilon = -1$ . It follows that if  $g \leq 1$  then  $x = -y \in (0, 1), E = 0$  and  $\epsilon = 1$  or  $\epsilon = 0$ . Now we give explicit formulas for the case  $x = -y \in (0, 1)$ . Then we get

$$(2.14) \quad P(t) = \frac{1}{x(15-5x^2-11x^4+x^6)}((t^2-x^2)(s(-15+10x^2-3x^4+t^2(10+12x^2-6x^4)) + t^4(-3-6x^2+x^4)) + 4\epsilon x(x^2(-5+x^2)-t^4(3+x^2)+t^2(5+2x^2+x^4))).$$

Thus

$$P(0) = \frac{-4\epsilon x^4(x^2 - 5) + sx(15 - 10x^2 + 3x^4)}{15 - 5x^2 - 11x^4 + x^6}$$

and, since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{P(0)}{x} = s > 0$ , there exists  $\epsilon_s > 0$  such that  $P(t) > 0$  if  $t \in (0, x)$  for all  $x \in (0, \epsilon_s)$ . In fact in the case  $\epsilon = -1$  the real number  $\epsilon_s$  is the first positive root of the polynomial  $-4x^3(x^2 - 5) + s(-15 + 10x^2 - 3x^4)$  and  $\epsilon_s = 1$  if  $\epsilon = 1$ . Note also that in both cases  $\epsilon_s = 1$  if  $s \geq 2$ . Now the function  $z_0(t) = \frac{1}{(1-t^2)}P(t)$  is positive on  $(-x, x)$ ,  $x \in (0, \epsilon_s)$ . If  $x \in (0, \epsilon_s)$  then there exists a solution  $h : (-a, a) \rightarrow (-sx, sx)$ , where

$$a = \lim_{t \rightarrow sx^-} \int_0^t \frac{dh}{\sqrt{z_0(\frac{h}{s})}},$$

of an equation

$$h' = \sqrt{z_0(\frac{h}{s})},$$

such that  $h(-a) = -sx$ ,  $h(a) = sx$ ,  $h'(-a) = h'(a) = 0$ ,  $h''(-a) = 1$ ,  $h''(a) = -1$ . It follows that functions  $f = h'$ ,  $g = \sqrt{s^2 - h^2}$  are smooth on  $(-a, a)$  and satisfy the boundary conditions described in Th.2. Consequently the metric

$$g_x = dt^2 + f(t)^2\theta^2 - g(t)^2p^*g_{can},$$

on the manifold  $(-a, a) \times P_k$  extends to the smooth metric on the compact ruled surface  $M = P_k \times_{S^1} S^2$  which is a 2-sphere bundle over Riemannian surface  $\Sigma_g$ . Note that  $g(-a) = g(a) = s\sqrt{1 - x^2}$ .  $\diamond$

**3. Einstein neutral bi-Hermitian surfaces.** Let us note that the solutions  $(M_{k,g}, g_x)$  with  $D(x) = 0$  correspond to Einstein neutral surfaces. Let us recall that

$$(3.1) \quad D = \frac{5(-6s - 24\epsilon x - 12sx^2 - 8\epsilon x^3 + 2sx^4)}{2(-1 + x)x(1 + x)(15 + 10x^2 - x^4)}$$

Consequently there exist Einstein metrics in the family of Gray metrics  $(M_{k,g}, g_x)$  if and only if the equation

$$(3.2) \quad -6s - 24\epsilon x - 12sx^2 - 8\epsilon x^3 + 2sx^4 = 0$$

has a real root  $x \in (0, 1)$ . Now it is not difficult to check that in the case  $g = 0$  we have  $\epsilon = 1$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  and that equation (3.2) does not have any solution in  $(0, 1)$ . Similarly in the case  $g = 1$ . In the case  $g > 1$  we have  $s = \frac{k}{g-1} > 0$  and  $\epsilon = -1$ . In that case equation (3.2) has a real root in  $(0, 1)$  if and only if  $s \in (0, 2)$ . To show this, let us denote

$$Q(x) = -6s - 24\epsilon x - 12sx^2 - 8\epsilon x^3 + 2sx^4.$$

Then

$$Q''(x) = -24(s + 2\epsilon x - sx^2).$$

Consequently  $Q''(x) < 0$  in  $(0, 1)$  for  $\epsilon \geq 0$ . In the case where  $\epsilon = -1$ , since  $Q''(0) = -24s < 0$  and  $Q''(1) = 48 > 0$ , the equation  $Q''(x) = 0$  has exactly one real root, say  $\alpha_s$ . (In fact,  $\alpha_s = s(\sqrt{1+s^2}+1)^{-1}$ .) Then, we have  $Q'(\alpha_s) (= 16(2 - (1+s^2)(\sqrt{1+s^2}+1)^{-1}) > 0$  if and only if  $(0 <)s < (\sqrt{3}/2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{3}+1)$ . In particular, for  $0 < s < 2(< (\sqrt{3}/2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{3}+1)$ ,  $Q'(x) \geq Q'(\alpha_s) > 0$ , and hence  $Q(x)$  is monotone increasing, in  $(0, 1)$ . Since  $Q(0) = -6s < 0$  and  $Q(1) = 32 - 16s$ , it follows that  $Q(x)$  has exactly one root in  $(0, 1)$  if  $s \in (0, 2)$ . On the other hand, if  $s \geq 2$ , then, since  $3 + 6x^2 - x^4 > 0$  and  $x^4 < x^3$  in  $(0, 1)$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x) &= 24x + 8x^3 - 2s(3 + 6x^2 - x^4) \leq 24x + 8x^3 - 4(3 + 6x^2 - x^4) \\ &< 24x + 8x^3 - 12 - 24x^2 + 4x^3 = 12(x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1) = \\ &12(x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1) = 12(x-1)(x^2 - x + 1) < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the equation  $Q(x) = 0$  has exactly one real root  $x \in (0, 1)$  if and only if  $s \in (0, 2)$ . Since  $s = \frac{k}{g-1}$  it follows that the real root  $x \in (0, 1)$  exists if and only if  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2g-3\}$ . Note that for  $D = 0$  the polynomial  $P$  is even and of degree 4 with exactly one positive root. Consequently we get an Einstein metric on  $M_{k,g}$  for all  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2g-3\}$ . Thus we obtain on the ruled surfaces  $M_{k,g}$  of genus  $g > 1$  constructed above exactly  $2g-3$  different Einstein neutral bi-Hermitian metrics, exactly one Einstein metric on every surface  $M_{k,g}$  for  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2g-3\}$ . Note that for  $g = 2$  we obtain only one metric corresponding to the Riemannian Einstein Bergery-Page metric on the first Hirzebruch surface  $F_1$ . Consequently we have proved

**Theorem 4.** *On a ruled surface  $M_{k,g}$  of genus  $g \geq 2$  for  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2g-3\}$  there exists an Einstein bi-Hermitian non-Kähler neutral metric.*

Note that if two Riemannian surfaces  $(\Sigma_g, J)$ ,  $(\Sigma_g, J')$  of the same genus  $g$  are not bi-holomorphic then the corresponding Einstein metrics on  $M_{k,g}, M'_{k',g}$  are not isometric. In the Riemannian case we have only one Einstein metric-the Page metric on the Hirzebruch surface  $F_1$  which is given by this construction (see [P],[B],[LeB],[S])

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