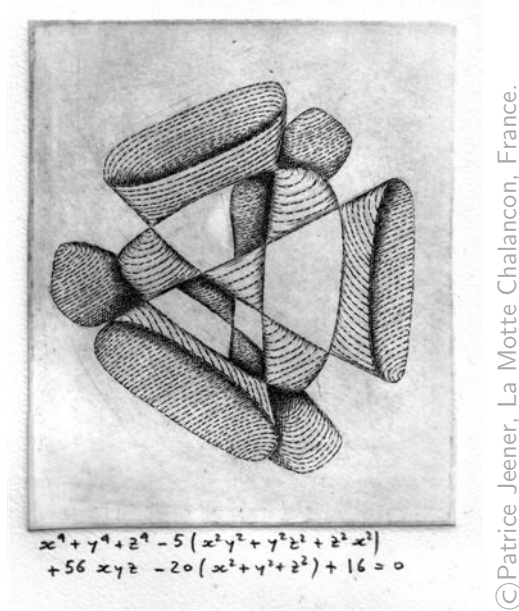


# KUMMER QUARTIC DOUBLE SOLIDS

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ABSTRACT. We study equivariant birational geometry of (rational) quartic double solids ramified over (singular) Kummer surfaces.

A Kummer quartic surface is an irreducible normal surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  of degree 4 that has the maximal possible number of 16 singular points, which are ordinary double singularities. Any such surface is the Kummer variety of the Jacobian surface of a smooth genus 2 curve. Vice versa, the Jacobian surface of a smooth genus 2 curve admits a natural involution such that the quotient surface is a Kummer quartic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .



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FIGURE 1. A Kummer surface by Patrice Jeener.

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a Kummer surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the smooth genus 2 curve such that

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{S} \cong J(\mathcal{C}) / \langle \tau \rangle,$$

where  $\tau$  is the involution of the Jacobian  $J(\mathcal{C})$  that sends a point  $P$  to the point  $-P$ . Recall from [22, 28, 20, 17] that the quartic surface  $\mathcal{S}$  can be given by the equation

$$(2) \quad a(x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4) + 2b(x_0^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_3^2) + 2c(x_0^2x_2^2 + x_1^2x_3^2) + 2d(x_0^2x_3^2 + x_1^2x_2^2) + 4ex_0x_1x_2x_3 = 0$$

for some  $[a : b : c : d : e] \in \mathbb{P}^4$  such that

$$(3) \quad a(a^2 + e^2 - b^2 - c^2 - d^2) + 2bcd = 0.$$

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Throughout this paper, all varieties are assumed to be projective and defined over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Note that the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is hyperelliptic, and equation (3) defines a cubic threefold in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ , which is projectively equivalent to *the Segre cubic threefold* [28, 17].

Using a formula from the book [7] implemented in Magma [27], we can easily extract an equation of the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  from the curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . However, the resulting equation may differ from (2). For instance, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is the unique genus 2 curve such that  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong \mu_2 \cdot \mathfrak{S}_4$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to the curve

$$\{z^2 = xy(x^4 - y^4)\} \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 3)$$

where  $x, y, z$  are homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 3)$  of weights 1, 1, 2, respectively. In this case, Magma produces the following Kummer quartic surface:

$$\{x_0^4 + 2x_0^2x_2x_3 - 2x_0^2x_2^2 + 4x_0x_2^2x_2 - 4x_0x_2x_3^2 + x_2^2x_3^2 - 2x_2x_2^2x_3 + x_2^4 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3,$$

which is projectively equivalent to the surface given by (2) with parameters  $a = b = 1$ ,  $c = d = -1$ ,  $e = -4$  that do not satisfy (3). But this surface is projectively equivalent to

$$(4) \quad \{x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 - 4ix_0x_1x_2x_3 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3,$$

which is given by (2) with parameters  $a = 1$ ,  $b = c = d = 0$ ,  $e = -i$  that do satisfy (3). Here, we use the following Magma code provided to us by Michela Artebani:

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R<x>:=PolynomialRing(Rationals());
C:=HyperellipticCurve(x^5-x);
GroupName(GeometricAutomorphismGroup(C));
KummerSurfaceScheme(C);
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It is not very difficult to recover the hyperelliptic curve  $\mathcal{C}$  from the quartic surface  $\mathcal{S}$ . Indeed,  $\mathbb{P}^3$  contains exactly 16 planes  $\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_{16}$  such that  $\mathcal{S}|_{\Pi_i} = 2\mathcal{C}_i$  for each of them, where  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a smooth conic, called *trope*. One can show that

- each plane  $\Pi_i$  contains exactly six singular points of the surface  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
- each singular point of the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  is contained in six planes among  $\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_{16}$ .

Moreover, for every trope  $\mathcal{C}_i$ , there exists a double cover  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$  which is ramified over the six points  $\mathcal{C}_i \cap \text{Sing}(\mathcal{S})$ . This gives us an algorithm how to recover  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Example 5.** Suppose that the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  is given by the equation (2) with

$$\begin{cases} a = 2, \\ b = -t^2 - 1, \\ c = -t^2 - 1, \\ d = -t^2 - 1, \\ e = t^3 + 3t, \end{cases}$$

where  $t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm 1, \pm\sqrt{3}i\}$ . Then the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  is given by the following equation:

$$(6) \quad x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 + 2(t^3 + 3t)x_0x_1x_2x_3 = (t^2 + 1)(x_0^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_3^2 + x_0^2x_2^2 + x_1^2x_3^2 + x_0^2x_3^2 + x_1^2x_2^2).$$

Its singular locus  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{S})$  consists of the following 16 points:

$$\begin{aligned} &[1 : 1 : 1 : t], [-1 : 1 : -1 : t], [-1 : -1 : 1 : t], [1 : -1 : -1 : t], \\ &[1 : 1 : t : 1], [1 : -1 : t : -1], [-1 : -1 : t : 1], [-1 : 1 : t : -1], \\ &[t : 1 : 1 : 1], [t : -1 : 1 : -1], [t : 1 : -1 : -1], [t : -1 : -1 : 1], \\ &[1 : t : 1 : 1], [-1 : t : -1 : 1], [1 : t : -1 : -1], [-1 : t : 1 : -1]. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the planes  $\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_{16}$  are listed in the following table:

$\Pi_1 = \{x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + tx_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_2 = \{x_0 - x_1 + x_2 - tx_3 = 0\}$
$\Pi_3 = \{x_0 + x_1 - x_2 - tx_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_4 = \{x_0 - x_1 - x_2 + tx_3 = 0\}$
$\Pi_5 = \{x_0 + x_1 + tx_2 + x_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_6 = \{x_0 - x_1 + tx_2 - x_3 = 0\}$
$\Pi_7 = \{x_0 - tx_2 + x_1 - x_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_8 = \{x_0 - x_1 - tx_2 + x_3 = 0\}$
$\Pi_9 = \{x_0 + tx_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_{10} = \{x_0 - tx_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$
$\Pi_{11} = \{x_0 - tx_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_{12} = \{x_0 + tx_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0\}$
$\Pi_{13} = \{tx_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_{14} = \{tx_0 - x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$
$\Pi_{15} = \{tx_0 - x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0\}$	$\Pi_{16} = \{tx_0 + x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0\}$

Then the trope  $\mathcal{C}_1$  is the smooth conic

$$\{x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + tx_3 = tx_1x_3 + tx_2x_3 + x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3.$$

This conic contains the following six singular points of our surface:

$$\begin{aligned} &[1 : -1 : t : -1], [-1 : 1 : t : -1], [t : -1 : 1 : -1], \\ &[t : 1 : -1 : -1], [1 : t : -1 : -1], [-1 : t : 1 : -1]. \end{aligned}$$

Projecting from  $[t : 1 : -1 : -1]$ , we get an isomorphism  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cong \mathbb{P}^1$  that maps these points to

$$[t + 1 : -2], [1 : 0], [-1 : 1], [1 - t : 1 + t], [0 : 1], [t - 1 : 2].$$

Therefore, the hyperelliptic curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to the curve

$$\{z^2 = xy(x - y)((t - 1)x + 2y)(2x - (t + 1)y)((t + 1)x - (t - 1)y)\} \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 3).$$

In particular, it follows from [6] or Magma computations that

$$\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong \begin{cases} \mu_2 \cdot \mathfrak{S}_4 & \text{if } t \in \{0, \pm i, 1 \pm 2i, -1 \pm 2i\}, \\ \mu_2 \cdot D_{12} & \text{if } t \in \{0, \pm 3\}, \\ \mu_2 \times \mathfrak{S}_3 & \text{if } t \text{ is general.} \end{cases}$$

For instance, to identify  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  in the case when  $t = i$ , one can use the following script:

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K:=CyclotomicField(4);
R<x>:=PolynomialRing(K);
i:=Roots(x^2+1,K)[1,1];
t:=i;
f:=x*(x-1)*((t-1)*x+2)*(2*x-(t+1))*((t+1)*x-(t-1));
C:=HyperellipticCurve(f);
GroupName(GeometricAutomorphismGroup(C));
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In this example, we assume that  $t \notin \{\pm 1, \pm \sqrt{3}i\}$ , because

- if  $t = \pm 1$  or  $t = \infty$ , then the equation (6) defines a union of 4 planes,
- if  $t = \pm \sqrt{3}i$ , the equation (6) defines a double quadric.

These are semistable degenerations with minimal  $\text{PGL}_4(\mathbb{C})$ -orbits [32, Theorem 2.4].

Let  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  be the subgroup in  $\text{PGL}_4(\mathbb{C})$  consisting of projective transformations that leave  $\mathcal{S}$  invariant. Then  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  contains a subgroup  $\mathbb{H} \cong \mu_2^4$  generated by

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The action of this subgroup on  $\mathcal{S}$  is induced by the translations of  $J(\mathcal{C})$  by two-torsion points, so  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{S})$  is an  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbit. Similarly, we see that  $\mathbb{H}$  acts transitively on the set

$$(7) \quad \left\{ \Pi_1, \Pi_2, \Pi_3, \Pi_4, \Pi_5, \Pi_6, \Pi_7, \Pi_8, \Pi_9, \Pi_{10}, \Pi_{11}, \Pi_{12}, \Pi_{13}, \Pi_{14}, \Pi_{15}, \Pi_{16} \right\}.$$

If  $\mathcal{S}$  is general, then  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) = \mathbb{H}$ , and  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  is generated by the hyperelliptic involution [23]. However, if  $\mathcal{S}$  is special, then  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  can be larger than  $\mathbb{H}$ .

**Example 8.** Let us use assumptions and notations of Example 5. For  $t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm 1, \pm\sqrt{3}i\}$ , the group  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  contains the subgroup isomorphic to  $\mu_2^4 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_3$  generated by

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In fact, this is the whole group  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  if  $t$  is general. On the other hand, if  $t = 0$ , then it follows from [8] that  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes D_{12}$ , and this group is generated by

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $t = \pm i$ , then  $\mathcal{S}$  is the surface (4), and  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_4$  is generated by

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Example 9.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{S}$  is given by the equation (2) with

$$\begin{cases} a = 2\zeta_5^3 + 2\zeta_5^2 + 6\zeta_5 - 1, \\ b = 4\zeta_5^3 + 4\zeta_5^2 - 10\zeta_5 + 9, \\ c = -6\zeta_5^3 - 6\zeta_5^2 + 4\zeta_5 + 3, \\ d = 11, \\ e = -20\zeta_5^3 + 24\zeta_5^2 - 16\zeta_5 + 10. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong \mu_2 \times \mu_5$  and  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_5$ , which is generated by

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -i & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Looking at Examples 5, 8 and 9, one can spot a relation between  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{S})$  and  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$ . In fact, this relation holds for all Kummer surfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  by the following well-known result, about which we learned from Igor Dolgachev.

**Lemma 10.** *Let  $\iota \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  be the hyperelliptic involution of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then*

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes (\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})/\langle \iota \rangle).$$

*Proof.* Let us identify  $\mathcal{C}$  with the theta divisor in  $J(\mathcal{C})$  via the Abel–Jacobi map whose base point is one of the fixed points of the involution  $\iota$  (one of the six Weierstrass points). Then the linear system  $|\mathcal{C}|$  gives a morphism  $J(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  whose image is the surface  $\mathcal{S}$ . Taking the Stein factorization of the morphism  $J(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ , we get the isomorphism (1).

On the other hand, elements in  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  give automorphisms in  $\text{Aut}(J(\mathcal{C}))$  that leave the linear system  $|\mathcal{C}|$  invariant. This gives us a homomorphism  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$ , whose kernel is the hyperelliptic involution  $\iota$ , since  $\iota$  induces the involution  $\tau \in \text{Aut}(J(\mathcal{C}))$ .

The image of the group  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  in  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  normalizes the subgroup  $\mathbb{H}$ , because elements in  $\mathbb{H}$  are induced by the translations of the Jacobian  $J(\mathcal{C})$  by two-torsion points. This gives a monomorphism  $\vartheta: \mu_2^4 \rtimes (\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})/\langle \iota \rangle) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$ .

We claim that  $\vartheta$  is an epimorphism. Indeed, the action of an element  $g \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  on the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  lifts to its action on the Jacobian  $J(\mathcal{C})$  that leaves  $[\mathcal{C}]$  invariant, so composing  $g$  with some  $h \in \mathbb{H}$ , we obtain an element  $g \circ h$  that preserves the class  $[\mathcal{C}]$ . Thus, since  $[\mathcal{C}]$  is a principal polarization, the composition  $g \circ h$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ , and it acts faithfully on  $\mathcal{C}$ , since  $\mathcal{C}$  generates  $J(\mathcal{C})$ . This gives  $g \circ h \in \text{im}(\vartheta)$ , so  $\vartheta$  is surjective.  $\square$

Since  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  is isomorphic to a group among  $\mu_2$ ,  $\mu_2^2$ ,  $D_8$ ,  $D_{12}$ ,  $\mu_2.D_{12}$ ,  $\mu_2.\mathfrak{S}_4$ ,  $\mu_2 \times \mu_5$ , we conclude that  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  is isomorphic to one of the following groups:

$$\mu_2^4, \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_2, \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_2^2, \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_3, \mu_2^4 \rtimes D_{12}, \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_4, \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_5.$$

Note that the group  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{S})$  is always larger than  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  [23].

*Remark 11* ([4, 28, 20]). Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be the normalizer of the subgroup  $\mathbb{H}$  in the group  $\text{PGL}_4(\mathbb{C})$ . Then  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathfrak{N}$ , and there is a non-split exact sequence  $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_6 \rightarrow 1$ , which can be described as follows. Let

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -i & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\langle B_1, B_2 \rangle \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Since  $B_1^2 \in \mathbb{H}$ ,  $B_2^5 = (B_1 B_2)^6 = [B_1, B_2]^3 = \text{Id}_{\mathbb{P}^3}$ ,  $[B_1, B_2 B_1 B_2]^2 \in \mathbb{H}$ , the images of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  in the quotient  $\mathfrak{N}/\mathbb{H}$  generate the whole group  $\mathfrak{N}/\mathbb{H} \cong \mathfrak{S}_6$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \{x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 - 6(x_0^2 x_1^2 + x_2^2 x_3^2) - 6(x_0^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 x_3^2) - 6(x_0^2 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_2^2) = 0\}, \\ S_2 &= \{x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 - 6(x_0^2 x_1^2 + x_2^2 x_3^2) + 6(x_0^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 x_3^2) + 6(x_0^2 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_2^2) = 0\}, \\ S_3 &= \{x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 + 6(x_0^2 x_1^2 + x_2^2 x_3^2) - 6(x_0^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 x_3^2) + 6(x_0^2 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_2^2) = 0\}, \\ S_4 &= \{x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 + 6(x_0^2 x_1^2 + x_2^2 x_3^2) + 6(x_0^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 x_3^2) - 6(x_0^2 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_2^2) = 0\}, \\ S_5 &= \{x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 - 12x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3 = 0\}, \\ S_6 &= \{x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 + 12x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3 = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5, S_6$  are  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant surfaces, and the quotient  $\mathfrak{N}/\mathbb{H}$  permutes them. For instance, the transformation  $B_1$  acts on the set  $\{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5, S_6\}$  as  $(1\ 2)(3\ 4)(5\ 6)$ , and  $B_2$  acts as the permutation  $(1\ 2\ 6\ 3\ 5)$ . This gives an explicit isomorphism  $\mathfrak{N}/\mathbb{H} \cong \mathfrak{S}_6$ .

*Remark 12.* The quotient  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{S})/\mathbb{H}$  naturally linearly acts on the threefold (3) fixing the point  $[a : b : c : d : e]$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{S}$ . Projecting the threefold from this point, we obtain a (rational) double cover of  $\mathbb{P}^3$  that is branched along the surface  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  be the double cover branched along the surface  $\mathcal{S}$ . Set  $H = \pi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ . Then  $\text{Pic}(X) = \mathbb{Z}[H]$ ,  $H^3 = 2$  and  $-K_X \sim 2H$ , so  $X$  is a del Pezzo threefold of degree 2, which has 16 ordinary double points. We say that  $X$  is a *Kummer quartic double solid* [33].

The threefold  $X$  is a hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$  given by

$$(13) \quad w^2 = a(x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4) + 2b(x_0^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_3^2) + 2c(x_0^2x_2^2 + x_1^2x_3^2) + 2d(x_0^2x_3^2 + x_1^2x_2^2) + 4ex_0x_1x_2x_3 = 0,$$

where we consider  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$  as homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$  of weight 1, and  $w$  is a homogeneous coordinate on  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$  of weight 2.

It is well-known that the threefold  $X$  is rational [31, 33, 29, 11], see also Remark 12. Moreover, it follows from [29] that there exists the following commutative diagram:

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{X} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X \\ \eta \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \mathbb{P}^3 & \xrightarrow{\chi} & \mathbb{P}^3 \end{array}$$

where  $\eta$  is a blow up of six distinct points that are contained in a twisted cubic  $C_3 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ , the morphism  $\varphi$  is a contraction of the proper transform of the curve  $C_3$  and proper transforms of 15 lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  that pass through two blown up points, and  $\chi$  is a rational map given by the linear system of quadric surfaces that pass through six blown up points.

**Corollary 15** ([15, 19]). *One has  $\text{Cl}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^7$ .*

*Remark 16.* The vertices of the quadric cones in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  that pass through six blown up points in the diagram (14) span a quartic surface  $\mathfrak{S}$  which is known as *the Weddle surface* [22, 33]. This surface has nodes at the six blown points, and  $\chi$  induces a birational map  $\mathfrak{S} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S}$ . On the other hand, the double cover of  $\mathbb{P}^3$  branched along  $\mathfrak{S}$  is irrational [33, 11].

Let  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(X)$  be the Galois involution of the double cover  $\pi$ . Then  $\sigma$  is contained in the center of the group  $\text{Aut}(X)$ . Moreover, since  $\pi$  is  $\text{Aut}(X)$ -equivariant, it induces a homomorphism  $v : \text{Aut}(X) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$  with  $\ker(v) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ , so we have exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \langle \sigma \rangle \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(X) \xrightarrow{v} \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) \longrightarrow 1.$$

The main result of this paper is the following theorem (cf. [2, 3, 10]).

**Theorem 17.** *Let  $G$  be any subgroup in  $\text{Aut}(X)$  such that  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{H} \subseteq v(G)$ . Then the Fano threefold  $X$  is  $G$ -birationally super-rigid.*

**Corollary 18.** *Let  $G$  be any subgroup in  $\text{Aut}(X)$  such that  $G$  contains  $\sigma$  and  $\mathbb{H} \subseteq v(G)$ . Then  $X$  is  $G$ -birationally super-rigid.*

The condition  $\mathrm{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  in Theorem 17 simply means that  $X$  is a  $G$ -Mori fibre space, which is required by the definition of  $G$ -birational super-rigidity (see [13, Definition 3.1.1]). The condition  $\mathbb{H} \subseteq v(G)$  does not imply that  $\mathrm{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , see Examples 28 and 29 below. The following example shows that we cannot remove the condition  $\mathbb{H} \subseteq v(G)$ .

**Example 19.** Observe that  $\mathrm{Cl}^{\langle \sigma \rangle}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be two general surfaces in  $|H|$ , and let  $C = S_1 \cap S_2$ . Then  $C$  is a smooth irreducible  $\langle \sigma \rangle$ -invariant curve,  $\pi(C)$  is a line, and there exists  $\langle \sigma \rangle$ -commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & V & \\ \alpha \swarrow & & \searrow \beta \\ X & \dashrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the blow up of the curve  $C$ , the dashed arrow  $\dashrightarrow$  is given by the pencil generated by the surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , and  $\beta$  is a fibration into del Pezzo surfaces of degree 2. Therefore, the threefold  $X$  is not  $\langle \sigma \rangle$ -birationally rigid.

Let  $G$  be a subgroup in  $\mathrm{Aut}(X)$  such that  $v(G)$  contains  $\mathbb{H}$ . Before proving Theorem 17, let us explain how to check the condition  $\mathrm{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . For a homomorphism  $\rho: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mu_2$ , consider the action of the group  $\mathbb{H}$  on the threefold  $X$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} A_1: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [-x_0 : x_1 : -x_2 : x_3 : \rho(A_1)w], \\ A_2: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [-x_0 : x_1 : -x_2 : x_3 : \rho(A_2)w], \\ A_3: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : x_0 : \rho(A_3)w], \\ A_4: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [x_3 : x_2 : x_1 : x_0 : \rho(A_4)w]. \end{aligned}$$

This gives a lift of the subgroup  $\mathbb{H}$  to  $\mathrm{Aut}(X)$ . Let  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$  be the resulting subgroup in  $\mathrm{Aut}(X)$ . Since  $\mathbb{H} \subset v(G)$ , we may assume that  $\mathbb{H}^\rho \subset G$ . If  $\rho$  is trivial, we let  $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}^\rho$  for simplicity.

For every plane  $\Pi_i$ , one has  $\pi^*(\Pi_i) = \Pi_i^+ + \Pi_i^-$ , where  $\Pi_i^+$  and  $\Pi_i^-$  are two irreducible surfaces such that  $\Pi_i^+ \neq \Pi_i^-$  and  $\sigma(\Pi_i^+) = \Pi_i^-$ . Note that we do not have a canonical way to distinguish between the surfaces  $\Pi_i^+$  and  $\Pi_i^-$ . Namely, if  $\pi^*(\Pi_i)$  is given by

$$\begin{cases} h_i(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0, \\ w^2 = g_i^2(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3), \end{cases}$$

where  $h_i$  is a linear polynomial such that  $\Pi_i = \{h_i = 0\}$ , and  $g_i$  is a quadratic polynomial such that the trope  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is given by  $h_i = g_i = 0$ , then

$$\Pi_i^\pm = \{w \pm g_i(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = h_i(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)\} \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2).$$

But the choice of  $\pm$  here is not uniquely defined, because we can always swap  $g_i$  with  $-g_i$ .

On the other hand, since  $\mathbb{H}$  acts transitively on the set (7), the set

$$\{\Pi_1^+, \Pi_1^-, \Pi_2^+, \Pi_2^-, \Pi_3^+, \Pi_3^-, \dots, \Pi_{14}^+, \Pi_{14}^-, \Pi_{15}^+, \Pi_{15}^-, \Pi_{16}^+, \Pi_{16}^-\}$$

splits into two  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -orbits consisting of 16 surfaces such that each of them contains exactly one surface among  $\Pi_i^+$  and  $\Pi_i^-$  for every  $i$ . Hence, we may assume that these  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -orbits are

$$\{\Pi_1^+, \Pi_2^+, \Pi_3^+, \Pi_4^+, \Pi_5^+, \Pi_6^+, \Pi_7^+, \Pi_8^+, \Pi_9^+, \Pi_{10}^+, \Pi_{11}^+, \Pi_{12}^+, \Pi_{13}^+, \Pi_{14}^+, \Pi_{15}^+, \Pi_{16}^+\}$$

and

$$\{\Pi_1^-, \Pi_2^-, \Pi_3^-, \Pi_4^-, \Pi_5^-, \Pi_6^-, \Pi_7^-, \Pi_8^-, \Pi_9^-, \Pi_{10}^-, \Pi_{11}^-, \Pi_{12}^-, \Pi_{13}^-, \Pi_{14}^-, \Pi_{15}^-, \Pi_{16}^-\}.$$

Note that the surfaces  $\Pi_1^+, \Pi_1^-, \dots, \Pi_{16}^+, \Pi_{16}^-$  are not  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier divisors on  $X$ , and their strict transforms on the threefold  $\widehat{X}$  in (14) can be described as follows:

- (a) six of them are  $\eta$ -exceptional surfaces;
- (b) another six of them are strict transforms of quadric cones in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  that contain all blown up points and are singular at one of them;
- (c) the remaining twenty of them are proper transforms of the planes in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  that pass through three blown up points.

Note also that  $\sigma$  acts birationally on  $\widehat{X}$  as a composition of flops of  $\varphi$ -contracted curves. Moreover, it is not difficult to see that  $\sigma$  swaps six surfaces in (a) with six surfaces in (b), and  $\sigma$  maps the strict transform of the plane in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  that passes through three blown up points to the strict transform of the plane that passes through other blown up points.

**Corollary 20.** *The surfaces  $\Pi_1^+, \Pi_1^-, \dots, \Pi_{16}^+, \Pi_{16}^-$  generate the group  $\text{Cl}(X)$ .*

**Corollary 21.** *Either  $\text{Cl}^{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  or  $\text{Cl}^{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ .*

Now, we are ready to state a criterion for  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . To do this, we set

$$\Pi^\pm = \sum_{i=1}^{16} \Pi_i^\pm.$$

Then  $\Pi^+$  and  $\Pi^-$  are  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -invariant divisors,  $\sigma(\Pi^+) = \Pi^-$  and  $\Pi^+ + \Pi^- \sim 16H$ .

**Lemma 22.** *One has  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  is at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (i) *the group  $G$  swaps  $\Pi^+$  and  $\Pi^-$ ;*
- (ii) *the divisor  $\Pi^+$  is Cartier;*
- (iii) *the divisor  $\Pi^-$  is Cartier;*
- (iv) *the surfaces  $\Pi_1^+, \dots, \Pi_{16}^+$  generate the group  $\text{Cl}(X)$ ;*
- (v) *the surfaces  $\Pi_1^-, \dots, \Pi_{16}^-$  generate the group  $\text{Cl}(X)$ .*

*Proof.* The assertion follows from Corollary 21, since we assume that  $\mathbb{H}^\rho \subset G$ .  $\square$

This lemma is easy to apply if we fix  $\mathcal{S}$  and the group  $G \subset \text{Aut}(X)$  such that  $\mathbb{H} \subset v(G)$ . For instance, to check whether the surfaces  $\Pi_1^+, \dots, \Pi_{16}^+$  generate the group  $\text{Cl}(X)$  or not, we can use the fact that  $\text{Cl}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^7$  is naturally equipped with an intersection form [29]. Namely, fix a smooth del Pezzo surface  $S \in |H|$ , and let

$$D_1 \bullet D_2 = D_1|_S \cdot D_2|_S \in \mathbb{Z}$$

for any two Weil divisors  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  in  $\text{Cl}(X)$ . Then

$$\Pi_i^\pm \bullet \Pi_j^\pm = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } \Pi_i^\pm \cap \Pi_j^\pm \text{ does not contain curves,} \\ 1 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } \Pi_i^\pm \cap \Pi_j^\pm \text{ contains a curve,} \\ -1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } \Pi_i^\pm = \Pi_j^\pm, \\ 2 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } \Pi_i^\pm \neq \Pi_j^\pm, \end{cases}$$

where two  $\pm$  in  $\Pi_i^\pm$  and  $\Pi_j^\pm$  are independent.

*Remark 23.* Let  $\Lambda$  be the sublattice in  $\text{Cl}(X)$  consisting of divisors  $D$  such that  $D \bullet H = 0$ . Then  $\Lambda$  is isomorphic to a root lattice of type  $D_6$  by [29, Theorem 1.7], and the natural homomorphism  $\text{Aut}(X) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\Lambda)$  is injective by [29], where  $\text{Aut}(\Lambda) \cong (\mu_2^5 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_6) \rtimes \mu_2$ .



Applying Lemma 22, we get

**Corollary 24.** *If  $\text{rank}(\Pi_i^+ \bullet \Pi_j^+) = 7$  or  $\text{rank}(\Pi_i^- \bullet \Pi_j^-) = 7$ , then  $\text{Cl}^{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .*

Let us show how to apply Corollary 24 in the case when  $\mathcal{S}$  is the surface (6).

**Example 25.** Let us use assumptions and notations of Example 5. Suppose, in addition, that  $\rho: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mu_2$  is the trivial homomorphism. Therefore, we have  $\mathbb{H}^\rho = \mathbb{H}$ . Set  $t = \frac{2s}{s^2+1}$ . Observe that  $\pi^*(\Pi_1)$  is given in  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$  by the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0, \\ w^2 = \frac{(s^2-1)^2}{(s^2+1)^4}((s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2)^2. \end{cases}$$

Thus, without loss of generality, we may assume that the surface  $\Pi_1^+$  is given by

$$\begin{cases} x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0, \\ w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2). \end{cases}$$

Then the defining equations of the remaining surfaces  $\Pi_2^+, \dots, \Pi_{16}^+$  are listed in Figure 2. Now, the intersection matrix  $(\Pi_i^+ \bullet \Pi_j^+)$  can be computed as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The rank of this matrix is 7. Therefore, we conclude that  $\text{Cl}^{\mathbb{H}}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  by Corollary 24. Note that we can also prove this using Lemma 22(ii). To do this, it is enough to show that the divisor  $\Pi^+$  is a Cartier divisor, which can be done locally at any point in  $\text{Sing}(X)$ . For instance, let  $P = [t : 1 : 1 : 1 : 0] \in \text{Sing}(X)$ . Among  $\Pi_1^+, \dots, \Pi_{16}^+$ , only

$$\Pi_2^+, \Pi_3^+, \Pi_7^+, \Pi_8^+, \Pi_{10}^+, \Pi_{11}^+$$

pass through  $P$ . Choosing a generator of the local class group  $\text{Cl}_P(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , we see that the classes of the surfaces  $\Pi_2^+, \Pi_3^+, \Pi_7^+, \Pi_8^+, \Pi_{10}^+, \Pi_{11}^+$  are  $1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1$ , respectively. Hence, we see that  $\Pi^+$  is locally Cartier at  $P$ , which implies that  $\Pi^+$  is globally Cartier, because the group  $\mathbb{H}$  acts transitively on the set  $\text{Sing}(X)$ .

**Example 26.** Let us use assumptions and notations of Example 5. Then  $\text{Aut}(X)$  contains a unique subgroup  $G$  such that  $G \cong v(G) \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_3$ , and  $v(G)$  is generated by

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

One can check that  $G$  contains the subgroup  $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}^\rho$ , where  $\rho$  is a trivial homomorphism. Therefore, it follows from Example 25 that  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ , then exists a uniquely determined  $G$ -Sarkisov link

$$(27) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & V & \overset{\varsigma}{\dashrightarrow} & V & \\ \varphi \swarrow & \downarrow \varpi & & \downarrow \varpi & \searrow \varphi \\ Z & X & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & X & \end{array}$$

where  $\varpi$  is a  $G$ -equivariant small resolution,  $\varsigma$  flops  $\varpi$ -contracted curves, and

- either  $\varphi$  is a  $G$ -extremal birational contraction, and  $Z$  is a Fano threefold,
- or  $\varphi$  is a conic bundle, and  $Z$  is a surface,
- or  $\varphi$  is a del Pezzo fibration, and  $Z \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ .

Note that  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$  is indeed possible. Let us give two (related) examples.

**Example 28.** Let us use all assumptions and notations of Example 25, and let  $G = \mathbb{H}^\rho$ , where the homomorphism  $\rho$  is defined by  $\rho(A_1) = -1$ ,  $\rho(A_2) = 1$ ,  $\rho(A_3) = -1$ ,  $\rho(A_4) = 1$ . Then, arguing as in Example 25, we compute  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ . What is (27) in this case?

**Example 29.** Let us use all assumptions and notations of Example 9. Then

$$\text{Aut}(X) \cong \mu_2 \times \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) \cong \mu_2 \times (\mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_5),$$

and the group  $\text{Aut}(X)$  contains a unique subgroup isomorphic to  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S}) \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_5$ . Suppose that  $G$  is this subgroup. It follows from Remark 23 that  $\text{Cl}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is a faithful seven-dimensional  $G$ -representation. Using this, it is easy to see that  $\text{Cl}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  splits as a sum of an irreducible five-dimensional representation and two trivial one-dimensional representations. Hence, we conclude that  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ . What is (27) in this case?

Before proving Theorem 17, let us prove its two baby cases, which follow from [14, 12].

**Proposition 30.** *Suppose  $G = \text{Aut}(X)$ , and  $\mathcal{S}$  is the quartic surface from Example 9. Then  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and  $X$  is  $G$ -birationally super-rigid.*

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma \in G$ , we get  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Let us show that  $X$  is  $G$ -birationally super-rigid.

Note that the  $v(G)$ -equivariant birational geometry of the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^3$  has been studied in [14]. In particular, we know from [14, Corollary 4.7] and [14, Theorem 4.16] that

- $\mathbb{P}^3$  does not contain  $v(G)$ -orbits of length less than 16,
- $\mathbb{P}^3$  does not contain  $v(G)$ -invariant curves of degree less than 8.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $G$ -invariant linear system on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{M}$  has no fixed components. Choose a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \subset |nH|$ . Then, by [13, Corollary 3.3.3], to prove that the threefold  $X$  is  $G$ -birationally super-rigid it is enough to show that  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  has canonical singularities. Suppose that the singularities of this log pair are not canonical.

Let  $Z$  be a center of non-canonical singularities of the pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  that has the largest dimension. Since the linear system  $\mathcal{M}$  does not have fixed components, we conclude that either  $Z$  is an irreducible curve, or  $Z$  is a point. In both cases, we have

$$\text{mult}_Z(\mathcal{M}) > \frac{n}{2}$$

by [24, Theorem 4.5].

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be general surfaces in  $\mathcal{M}$ . If  $Z$  is a curve, then

$$M_1 \cdot M_2 = (M_1 \cdot M_2)_Z \mathcal{Z} + \Delta$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}$  is the  $G$ -irreducible curve in  $X$  whose irreducible component is the curve  $Z$ , and  $\Delta$  is an effective one-cycle whose support does not contain  $\mathcal{Z}$ , which gives

$$\begin{aligned} 2n^2 = n^2 H^2 &= H \cdot M_1 \cdot M_2 = (M_1 \cdot M_2)_Z \mathcal{Z} + \Delta = \\ &= (M_1 \cdot M_2)_Z (H \cdot \mathcal{Z}) + H \cdot \Delta \geq (M_1 \cdot M_2)_Z (H \cdot \mathcal{Z}) \geq \\ &\geq \text{mult}_Z^2(\mathcal{M}) (H \cdot \mathcal{Z}) > \frac{n^2}{4} (H \cdot \mathcal{Z}) \geq \frac{n^2}{4} \deg(\pi(\mathcal{Z})), \end{aligned}$$

so  $\pi(\mathcal{Z})$  is a  $v(G)$ -invariant curve of degree  $\leq 7$ , which contradicts [14, Theorem 4.16].

We see that  $Z$  is a point, and  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is canonical away from finitely many points.

We claim that  $Z \notin \text{Sing}(X)$ . Indeed, suppose  $Z$  is a singular point of the threefold  $X$ . Let  $h: \bar{X} \rightarrow X$  be the blow up of the locus  $\text{Sing}(X)$ , let  $E_1, \dots, E_{16}$  be the  $h$ -exceptional surfaces, let  $\bar{M}_1$  and  $\bar{M}_2$  be the proper transforms on  $\bar{X}$  of the surfaces  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , respectively. Write  $E = E_1 + \dots + E_{16}$ . Since  $\text{Sing}(X)$  is a  $G$ -orbit, we have

$$\bar{M}_1 \sim \bar{M}_2 \sim h^*(H) - \epsilon E$$

for some integer  $\epsilon \geq 0$ . Using [16, Theorem 3.10] or [9, Theorem 1.7.20], we get  $\epsilon > \frac{n}{2}$ . On the other hand, the linear system  $|h^*(3H) - E|$  is not empty and does not have base curves away from the locus  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_{16}$ , because  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{S})$  is cut out by cubic surfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . In particular, the divisor  $h^*(3H) - E$  is nef, so

$$0 \leq (h^*(3H) - E) \cdot \bar{M}_1 \cdot \bar{M}_2 = (h^*(3H) - E) \cdot (h^*(3nH) - \epsilon E)^2 = 6n^2 - 32\epsilon,$$

which is impossible, since  $\epsilon > \frac{n}{2}$ . So, we see that  $Z$  is a smooth point of the threefold  $X$ .

Then the pair  $(X, \frac{3}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is not log canonical at  $Z$ . Let  $\mu$  be the largest rational number such that the log pair  $(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  is log canonical. Then  $\mu < \frac{3}{n}$  and

$$\text{Orb}_G(Z) \subseteq \text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M}).$$

Observe that  $\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  is at most one-dimensional, since  $\mathcal{M}$  has no fixed components. Moreover, this locus is  $G$ -invariant, because  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $G$ -invariant.

We claim that  $\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  does not contain curves. Indeed, suppose this is not true. Then  $\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  contains a  $G$ -irreducible curve  $C$ . We write  $M_1 \cdot M_2 = mC + \Omega$ , where  $m$  is a non-negative integer, and  $\Omega$  is an effective one-cycle whose support does not contain the curve  $C$ . Then it follows from [16, Theorem 3.1] that

$$m \geq \frac{4}{\mu^2} > \frac{4n^2}{9}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$2n^2 = n^2 H^3 = H \cdot M_1 \cdot M_2 = m(H \cdot C) + H \cdot \Omega \geq m(H \cdot C) > \frac{4n^2}{9}(H \cdot C),$$

which implies that  $H \cdot C \leq 4$ . Then  $\pi(C)$  is a  $v(G)$ -invariant curve in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  of degree  $\leq 4$ , which contradicts [14, Theorem 4.16]. Thus, the locus  $\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  contains no curves.

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the multiplier ideal sheaf of the pair  $(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$ , and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the corresponding subscheme in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a zero-dimensional (reduced) subscheme such that

$$\text{Orb}_G(Z) \subseteq \text{Supp}(\mathcal{L}) = \text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M}).$$

Applying Nadel's vanishing [26, Theorem 9.4.8], we get

$$h^1(X, \mathcal{I} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(H)) = 0.$$

This gives

$$4 = h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(H)) \geq h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{L}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(H)) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{L}}) \geq |\text{Orb}_G(Z)|.$$

In particular, we conclude that the length of the  $v(G)$ -orbit of the point  $\pi(Z)$  is at most 4, which is impossible by [14, Corollary 4.7].  $\square$

**Proposition 31.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{S}$  is the surface from Example 5, and  $G$  is the subgroup described in Example 26. Then  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and  $X$  is  $G$ -birationally super-rigid.*

*Proof.* Recall from Example 26 that  $G \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_3$  and  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

The  $v(G)$ -equivariant geometry of the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^3$  has been studied in [12]. In particular, we know from [12] that  $\mathbb{P}^3$  does not contain  $v(G)$ -orbits of length 1, 2 or 3, and the only  $v(G)$ -orbits in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  of length 4 are

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_4 &= \{[1 : 0 : 0 : 0], [0 : 1 : 0 : 0], [0 : 0 : 1 : 0], [0 : 0 : 0 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma'_4 &= \{[1 : 1 : 1 : -1], [1 : 1 : -1 : 1], [1 : -1 : 1 : 1], [-1 : 1 : 1 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma''_4 &= \{[1 : 1 : 1 : 1], [1 : 1 : -1 : -1], [1 : -1 : -1 : 1], [-1 : -1 : 1 : 1]\} \end{aligned}$$

We also know from [12] the classification of  $v(G)$ -invariant curves in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  of degree at most 7. To present it, let  $\mathcal{L}_4, \mathcal{L}'_4, \mathcal{L}''_4, \mathcal{L}'''_4, \mathcal{L}_6, \mathcal{L}'_6, \mathcal{L}''_6, \mathcal{L}'''_6, \mathcal{L}''''_6$  be  $v(G)$ -irreducible curves in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  whose irreducible components are the lines

$$\begin{aligned} \{2x_0 + (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_2 - (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 2x_1 + (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_2 + (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 0\}, \\ \{2x_0 + (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_2 - (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 2x_1 + (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_2 + (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 0\}, \\ \{2x_0 - (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_2 + (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 2x_1 + (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_2 + (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 0\}, \\ \{2x_0 - (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_2 + (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 2x_1 + (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x_2 + (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x_3 = 0\}, \\ \{x_0 = x_1 = 0\}, \\ \{x_0 + x_1 = x_2 - x_3 = 0\}, \\ \{x_0 + x_1 = x_2 + x_3 = 0\}, \\ \{x_0 + ix_2 = x_1 + ix_3 = 0\}, \\ \{x_0 + ix_3 = x_1 + ix_2 = 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Then the curves  $\mathcal{L}_4, \mathcal{L}'_4, \mathcal{L}''_4, \mathcal{L}'''_4, \mathcal{L}_6, \mathcal{L}'_6, \mathcal{L}''_6, \mathcal{L}'''_6, \mathcal{L}''''_6$  are unions of 4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6 lines, respectively. Moreover, it follows from [12] that

$$\mathcal{L}_4, \mathcal{L}'_4, \mathcal{L}''_4, \mathcal{L}'''_4, \mathcal{L}_6, \mathcal{L}'_6, \mathcal{L}''_6, \mathcal{L}'''_6, \mathcal{L}''''_6$$

are the only  $v(G)$ -invariant curves in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  of degree at most 7.

Now, using the defining equation of the surface  $\mathcal{S}$ , one can check that any irreducible component of any curve among  $\mathcal{L}_4, \mathcal{L}'_4, \mathcal{L}''_4, \mathcal{L}'''_4, \mathcal{L}_6, \mathcal{L}'_6, \mathcal{L}''_6, \mathcal{L}'''_6, \mathcal{L}''''_6$  intersects the quartic surface  $\mathcal{S}$  transversally by 4 distinct points, so that its preimage in  $X$  via the double cover  $\pi$  is a smooth elliptic curve. Thus, if  $C$  is a  $G$ -invariant curve in  $X$ , then  $H \cdot C \geq 8$ .

Suppose that  $X$  is not  $G$ -birationally super-rigid. It follows from [13, Corollary 3.3.3] that there are a positive integer  $n$  and a  $G$ -invariant linear subsystem  $\mathcal{M} \subset |nH|$  such that  $\mathcal{M}$  does not have fixed components, but the log pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is not canonical.

Arguing as in the proof of Proposition 30, we see that the log pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is canonical away from finitely many points. Let  $P$  be a point in  $X$  that is a center of non-canonical singularities of the log pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$ . Now, arguing as in the proof of Proposition 30 again, we see that  $P$  is a smooth point of the threefold  $X$ .

Then the log pair  $(X, \frac{3}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is not log canonical at  $P$ . Let  $\mu$  be the largest rational number such that  $(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  is log canonical. Then  $\mu < \frac{3}{n}$  and

$$\text{Orb}_G(P) \subseteq \text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M}).$$

Observe that  $\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  is at most one-dimensional, since  $\mathcal{M}$  has no fixed components. Moreover, this locus is  $G$ -invariant, because  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $G$ -invariant. Furthermore, arguing as in the proof of Proposition 30, we see that

$$\dim(\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})) = 0.$$

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the multiplier ideal sheaf of the pair  $(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$ , and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the corresponding subscheme in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a zero-dimensional (reduced) subscheme such that

$$\text{Orb}_G(P) \subseteq \text{Supp}(\mathcal{L}) = \text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M}).$$

On the other hand, applying Nadel's vanishing theorem [26, Theorem 9.4.8], we get

$$h^1(X, \mathcal{I} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(H)) = 0.$$

This gives

$$4 = h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(H)) \geq h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{L}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(H)) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{L}}) \geq |\text{Orb}_G(P)|.$$

Thus, we conclude that  $|\text{Orb}_G(P)| = 4$  and

$$\pi(P) \in \Sigma_4 \cup \Sigma'_4 \cup \Sigma''_4.$$

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two general surfaces in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Using [30] or [16, Corollary 3.4], we get

$$(32) \quad (M_1 \cdot M_2)_P > n^2.$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a linear subsystem in  $|3H|$  that consists of all surfaces that are singular at every point of the  $G$ -orbit  $\text{Orb}_G(P)$ . Then its base locus does not contain curves, which implies that there is a surface  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  that does not contain components of the cycle  $M_1 \cdot M_2$ . Thus, using (32) and  $\text{mult}_P(S) \geq 2$ , we get

$$6n^2 = S \cdot M_1 \cdot M_2 \geq \sum_{O \in \text{Orb}_G(P)} 2(M_1 \cdot M_2)_O = 2|\text{Orb}_G(P)|(M_1 \cdot M_2)_P = 8(M_1 \cdot M_2)_P > 8n^2,$$

which is absurd. This completes the proof of Proposition 31.  $\square$

In the remaining part of the paper, we prove Theorem 17, and consider one application. Let us recall from [22, 28, 20, 18, 1] basic facts about the  $\mathbb{H}$ -equivariant geometry of  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Q}_1 &= \{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 0\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_2 &= \{x_0^2 + x_1^2 = x_2^2 + x_3^2\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_3 &= \{x_0^2 - x_1^2 = x_2^2 - x_3^2\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_4 &= \{x_0^2 - x_1^2 = x_3^2 - x_2^2\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_5 &= \{x_0x_2 + x_1x_3 = 0\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_6 &= \{x_0x_3 + x_1x_2 = 0\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_7 &= \{x_0x_1 + x_2x_3 = 0\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_8 &= \{x_0x_2 = x_1x_3\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_9 &= \{x_0x_3 = x_1x_2\}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_{10} &= \{x_0x_1 = x_2x_3\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \mathcal{Q}_2, \mathcal{Q}_3, \mathcal{Q}_4, \mathcal{Q}_5, \mathcal{Q}_6, \mathcal{Q}_7, \mathcal{Q}_8, \mathcal{Q}_9, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$  are all  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant quadric surfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . These quadrics are smooth, and  $\mathbb{H} \cong \mu_2^4$  acts *naturally* on each quadric  $\mathcal{Q}_i \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

For a non-trivial element  $g \in \mathbb{H}$ , the locus of its fixed points in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  consists of two skew lines, which we will denote by  $L_g$  and  $L'_g$ . For two non-trivial elements  $g \neq h$  in  $\mathbb{H}$ , one has

$$\{L_g, L'_g\} \cap \{L_h, L'_h\} = \emptyset.$$

In total, this gives 30 lines  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$ , whose equations are listed in the following table:

$\ell_1 = \{x_0 = x_1 = 0\}$	$\ell_2 = \{x_2 = x_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_3 = \{x_0 = x_2 = 0\}$	$\ell_4 = \{x_1 = x_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_5 = \{x_0 = x_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_6 = \{x_1 = x_2 = 0\}$
$\ell_7 = \{x_0 + x_1 = x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_8 = \{x_0 - x_1 = x_2 - x_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_9 = \{x_0 + x_2 = x_1 + x_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_{10} = \{x_0 - x_2 = x_1 - x_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_{11} = \{x_0 + x_3 = x_1 + x_2 = 0\}$	$\ell_{12} = \{x_0 - x_3 = x_1 - x_2 = 0\}$
$\ell_{13} = \{x_0 + x_1 = x_2 - x_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_{14} = \{x_0 - x_1 = x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_{15} = \{x_0 + x_2 = x_1 - x_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_{16} = \{x_0 - x_2 = x_1 + x_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_{17} = \{x_0 + x_3 = x_1 - x_2 = 0\}$	$\ell_{18} = \{x_0 - x_3 = x_1 + x_2 = 0\}$
$\ell_{19} = \{x_0 + ix_1 = x_2 + ix_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_{20} = \{x_0 - ix_1 = x_2 - ix_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_{21} = \{x_0 + ix_2 = x_1 + ix_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_{22} = \{x_0 - ix_2 = x_1 - ix_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_{23} = \{x_0 + ix_3 = x_1 + ix_2 = 0\}$	$\ell_{24} = \{x_0 - ix_3 = x_1 - ix_2 = 0\}$
$\ell_{25} = \{x_0 - ix_1 = x_2 + ix_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_{26} = \{x_0 + ix_1 = x_2 - ix_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_{27} = \{x_0 + ix_2 = x_1 - ix_3 = 0\}$	$\ell_{28} = \{x_0 - ix_2 = x_1 + ix_3 = 0\}$
$\ell_{29} = \{x_0 + ix_3 = x_1 - ix_2 = 0\}$	$\ell_{30} = \{x_0 - ix_3 = x_1 + ix_2 = 0\}$

Note that  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$  are irreducible components of the curves  $\mathcal{L}_6, \mathcal{L}'_6, \mathcal{L}''_6, \mathcal{L}'''_6, \mathcal{L}''''_6$  which have been introduced in the proof of Proposition 31. One can check that

- for every  $k \in \{1, \dots, 15\}$ , the curve  $\ell_{2k-1} + \ell_{2k}$  is  $\mathbb{H}$ -irreducible,
- each line among  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$  is contained in 4 quadrics among  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ ,
- each quadric among  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$  contains 12 lines among  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$ ,
- every two quadrics among  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$  intersect by 4 lines among  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$ .

The incidence relation between  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$  is presented in Figure 3.

Now, let us describe the intersection points of the lines  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$ . To do this, we set

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_4^1 &= \{[1 : 0 : 0 : 0], [0 : 1 : 0 : 0], [0 : 0 : 1 : 0], [0 : 0 : 0 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^2 &= \{[1 : 1 : 1 : -1], [1 : 1 : -1 : 1], [1 : -1 : 1 : 1], [-1 : 1 : 1 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^3 &= \{[1 : 1 : 1 : 1], [-1 : -1 : 1 : 1], [1 : -1 : -1 : 1], [-1 : 1 : -1 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^4 &= \{[0 : 0 : 1 : 1], [1 : 1 : 0 : 0], [0 : 0 : -1 : 1], [1 : -1 : 0 : 0]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^5 &= \{[1 : 0 : 1 : 0], [0 : 1 : 0 : 1], [-1 : 0 : 1 : 0], [0 : -1 : 0 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^6 &= \{[0 : 1 : 1 : 0], [1 : 0 : 0 : 1], [0 : -1 : 1 : 0], [-1 : 0 : 0 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^7 &= \{[i : 0 : 0 : 1], [0 : i : 1 : 0], [-i : 0 : 0 : 1], [0 : -i : 1 : 0]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^8 &= \{[i : 0 : 1 : 0], [0 : i : 0 : 1], [0 : -i : 0 : 1], [-i : 0 : 1 : 0]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^9 &= \{[i : 1 : 0 : 0], [0 : 0 : i : 1], [-i : 1 : 0 : 0], [0 : 0 : -i : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^{10} &= \{[i : i : 1 : 1], [-i : -i : 1 : 1], [i : -i : -1 : 1], [-i : i : -1 : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^{11} &= \{[1 : i : i : 1], [1 : -i : -i : 1], [-1 : -i : i : 1], [-1 : i : -i : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^{12} &= \{[1 : i : -i : 1], [-1 : i : i : 1], [-1 : -i : -i : 1], [1 : -i : i : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^{13} &= \{[i : 1 : i : 1], [-i : 1 : -i : 1], [-i : -1 : i : 1], [i : -1 : -i : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^{14} &= \{[i : 1 : -i : 1], [i : -1 : i : 1], [-i : -1 : -i : 1], [-i : 1 : i : 1]\}, \\ \Sigma_4^{15} &= \{[i : i : -1 : 1], [-i : -i : -1 : 1], [i : -i : 1 : 1], [-i : i : 1 : 1]\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the subsets  $\Sigma_4^1, \dots, \Sigma_4^{15}$  are  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 4. Moreover, one has

$$\Sigma_4^1 \cup \Sigma_4^2 \cup \dots \cup \Sigma_4^{15} = \text{Sing}(\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \dots + \ell_{30}).$$

So, for every  $\ell_i$  and  $\ell_j$  such that  $\ell_i \neq \ell_j$  and  $\ell_i \cap \ell_j \neq \emptyset$ , one has  $\ell_i \cap \ell_j \in \Sigma_4^1 \cup \Sigma_4^2 \cup \dots \cup \Sigma_4^{15}$ . Furthermore, one can also check that

- every line among  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$  contains 6 points in  $\Sigma_4^1 \cup \Sigma_4^2 \cup \dots \cup \Sigma_4^{15}$ ,
- every point in  $\Sigma_4^1 \cup \Sigma_4^2 \cup \dots \cup \Sigma_4^{15}$  is contained in 3 lines among  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$ .

As in Remark 11, let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be the normalizer of the subgroup  $\mathbb{H}$  in the group  $\text{PGL}_4(\mathbb{C})$ . Then  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathfrak{N}$  and  $\mathfrak{N} \cong \mathbb{H} \cdot \mathfrak{S}_6$ , see Remark 11. Moreover, one can show that

- the group  $\mathfrak{N}$  acts transitively on the set  $\{\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}\}$ ,
- the group  $\mathfrak{N}$  acts transitively on the set  $\{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}\}$ ,
- the group  $\mathfrak{N}$  acts transitively on the set  $\{\Sigma_4^1, \dots, \Sigma_4^{15}\}$ .

Now, we are ready to describe  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . They can be described as follows:

- (1)  $\Sigma_4^1, \dots, \Sigma_4^{15}$  are  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 4;
- (2)  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbit of every point in  $(\ell_1 \cup \ell_2 \cup \dots \cup \ell_{30}) \setminus (\Sigma_4^1 \cup \Sigma_4^2 \cup \dots \cup \Sigma_4^{15})$  has length 8;
- (3)  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbit of every point in  $\mathbb{P}^3 \setminus (\ell_1 \cup \ell_2 \cup \dots \cup \ell_{30})$  has length 16.

**Lemma 33.** *The surface  $\mathcal{S}$  does not contain  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 4.*

*Proof.* The assertion follows from [34, Theorem 3], since the  $\mathbb{H}$ -action on the minimal resolution of the quartic surface  $\mathcal{S}$  is symplectic. Alternatively, we can check this explicitly. Indeed, it is enough to check that  $\mathcal{S}$  does not contain  $\Sigma_4^1$ , since the group  $\mathfrak{N}$  transitively permutes the orbits  $\Sigma_4^1, \dots, \Sigma_4^{15}$ . If  $\Sigma_4^1 \subset \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\mathcal{S}$  is given by (2) with  $a = bcd = 0$ , which implies that  $\mathcal{S}$  has non-isolated singularities.  $\square$

**Corollary 34.** *Every line among  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$  intersects  $\mathcal{S}$  transversally by 4 points.*

*Proof.* Fix  $k \in \{1, \dots, 15\}$ . If  $|\ell_{2k-1} \cap \mathcal{S}| < 4$ , then the subset  $(\ell_{2k-1} \cup \ell_{2k}) \cap \mathcal{S}$  contains an  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbit of length 4, which contradicts Lemma 33. Therefore, we have  $|\ell_{2k-1} \cap \mathcal{S}| = 4$ . Similarly, we see that  $|\ell_{2k} \cap \mathcal{S}| = 4$ .  $\square$

Now, let us prove one result that plays a crucial role in the proof of Theorem 17.

**Lemma 35.** *Let  $C$  be a possibly reducible  $\mathbb{H}$ -irreducible curve in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\deg(C) < 8$ . Then one of the following two possibilities hold:*

- (a) *either  $C = \ell_{2k-1} + \ell_{2k}$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, 15\}$ ;*
- (b) *or  $C$  is a union of 4 disjoint lines and  $C \subset \mathcal{Q}_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, 10\}$ .*

*Proof.* Intersecting  $C$  with quadric surfaces  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ , we conclude that  $\deg(C)$  is even. This gives  $\deg(C) \in \{2, 4, 6\}$ .

Suppose that  $C$  is reducible. Since  $|\mathbb{H}| = 16$ , we have the following possibilities:

- (i)  $C$  is a union of 2 lines,
- (ii)  $C$  is a union of 4 lines,
- (iii)  $C$  is a union of 2 irreducible conics,
- (iv)  $C$  is a union of 3 irreducible conics.
- (v)  $C$  is a union of 2 irreducible plane cubics,
- (vi)  $C$  is a union of 2 twisted cubics,

Since  $\mathbb{P}^3$  does not have  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 2 and 3, cases (iii), (iv) and (v) are impossible. Similarly, case (vi) is also impossible, because  $\mu_2^3$  cannot faithfully act on a rational curve. Thus, either  $C$  is a union of 2 lines, or  $C$  is a union of 4 lines.

Suppose that  $C = L_1 + L_2$ , where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are lines. Then  $\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{H}}(L_1) \cong \mu_2^3$ , and this group cannot act faithfully on  $L_1 \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ . Therefore, there exists a non-trivial  $g \in \text{Stab}_{\mathbb{H}}(L_1)$  such that  $g$  pointwise fixes the line  $L_1$ . But this means that  $L_1$  is one of the lines  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$ , so we have  $C = \ell_{2k-1} + \ell_{2k}$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, 15\}$  as required.

Suppose  $C = L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4$ , where  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$  are lines. Then  $\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{H}}(L_1) \cong \mu_2^2$ . Note that  $\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{H}}(L_1)$  must act faithfully on  $L_1$ , because  $L_1$  is not one of the lines  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{30}$ . This implies that  $L_1$  does not have  $\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{H}}(L_1)$ -fixed points, which implies that  $\mathbb{P}^3$  also does not have  $\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{H}}(L_1)$ -fixed points. All subgroups in  $\mathbb{H}$  isomorphic to  $\mu^2$  with these property are conjugated by the action of the group  $\mathfrak{N}$ . Thus, we may assume that

$$\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{H}}(L_1) = \langle A_1 A_2, A_3 \rangle.$$

This subgroup leaves invariant rulings of the quadric surface  $\mathcal{Q}_8 \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . To be precise, for every  $[\lambda : \mu] \in \mathbb{P}^1$ , the group  $\langle A_1 A_2, A_3 \rangle$  leaves invariant the line

$$\{\lambda x_0 + \mu x_3 = \lambda x_1 + \mu x_2 = 0\} \subset \mathcal{Q}_8,$$

and these are all  $\langle A_1 A_2, A_3 \rangle$ -invariant lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . So, the lines  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$  are disjoint, and all of them are contained in the quadric  $\mathcal{Q}_8$ . Thus, we are done in this case.



Therefore, to complete the proof of the lemma, we may assume that  $C$  is irreducible. Observe that the curve  $C$  is not planar, because  $\mathbb{P}^3$  does not contain  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant planes. Moreover, the curve  $C$  is singular: otherwise its genus is  $\leq 4$  by the Castelnuovo bound, but  $\mathbb{H}$  cannot faithfully act on a smooth curve of genus less than 5 by [12, Lemma 3.2]. Therefore, we conclude that  $\deg(C) = 6$ , since otherwise the curve  $C$  would be planar.

We claim that the curve  $C$  does not contain  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 4. Suppose that it does. Since  $\mathfrak{N}$  transitively permutes the orbits  $\Sigma_4^1, \dots, \Sigma_4^{15}$ , we may assume that  $\Sigma_4^1 \subset C$ . Then

$$\Sigma_4^1 \subset \text{Sing}(C),$$

because the stabilizer in  $\mathbb{H}$  of a smooth point in  $C$  must be a cyclic group [35, Lemma 2.7]. Let  $\iota: \mathbb{P}^3 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  be the standard Cremona involution, which is given by

$$[x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3] \mapsto [x_1x_2x_3 : x_0x_2x_3 : x_0x_1x_3 : x_0x_1x_2].$$

Then  $\iota$  centralizes  $\mathbb{H}$ . On the other hand, the curve  $\iota(C)$  is a conic, because  $\deg(C) = 6$ , and  $C$  is singular at every point of the  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbit  $\Sigma_4^1$ . But  $\mathbb{P}^3$  contains no  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant conics, because it contains no  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant planes. Thus,  $C$  contains no  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 4.

Note that  $\mathcal{Q}_1 \cap \mathcal{Q}_2 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{Q}_{10} = \emptyset$ . So, at least one quadric among  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$  does not contain the curve  $C$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $C \not\subset \mathcal{Q}_1$ . Then

$$12 = \mathcal{Q}_1 \cdot C \geq |\mathcal{Q}_1 \cap C|,$$

which implies that the intersection  $\mathcal{Q}_1 \cap C$  is an  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbit of length 8, because we already proved that  $C$  does not contain  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 4. For a point  $P \in \mathcal{Q}_1 \cap C$ , we have

$$12 = \mathcal{Q}_1 \cdot C = |\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}}(P)|(\mathcal{Q}_1 \cdot C)_P = 8(\mathcal{Q}_1 \cdot C)_P,$$

which is impossible, since 12 is not divisible by 8.  $\square$

**Corollary 36.** *Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be any quadric among  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ , and let  $C = \mathcal{S}|_{\mathcal{Q}}$ . Then*

- (i) *either  $C$  is a smooth curve of degree 8 and genus 9,*
- (ii) *or  $C = \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}'_4$  for  $\mathbb{H}$ -irreducible curves  $\mathcal{L}_4$  and  $\mathcal{L}'_4$  consisting of 4 disjoint lines such that the intersection  $\mathcal{L}_4 \cap \mathcal{L}'_4$  is an  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbit of length 16.*

*Proof.* If  $C$  is reducible or non-reduced, Lemma 35 and Corollary 33 imply the assertion. Thus, we may assume that  $C$  is irreducible and reduced. Then its arithmetic genus is 9. If  $C$  is smooth, we are done. If  $C$  is singular, then the genus of its normalization is  $\leq 1$ , because  $C$  does not contain  $\mathbb{H}$ -orbits of length 4 by Corollary 33. But  $\mathbb{H}$  cannot faithfully act on a smooth curve of genus less than 5 by [12, Lemma 3.2].  $\square$

Now, we are ready to prove Theorem 17.

*Proof of Theorem 17.* Let  $G$  be a subgroup in  $\text{Aut}(X)$  such that  $\text{Cl}^G(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and

$$\mathbb{H} \subseteq v(G),$$

so  $G$  contains a subgroup  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$  for some homomorphism  $\rho: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mu_2$ . We must prove that the threefold  $X$  is  $G$ -birationally super-rigid. Suppose it is not  $G$ -birationally super-rigid. Then there are a positive integer  $n$  and a  $G$ -invariant linear subsystem  $\mathcal{M} \subset |nH|$  such that the linear system  $\mathcal{M}$  does not have fixed components, but  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is not canonical.

Starting from this moment, we are going to forget about the group  $G$ . In the following, we will work only with its subgroup  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ . Note that  $v(\mathbb{H}^\rho) = \mathbb{H}$ .

Let  $Z$  be the center of non-canonical singularities of the log pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  that has maximal dimension. We claim that  $Z$  must be a point. Indeed, suppose that  $Z$  is a curve. Let  $M$  be sufficiently general surface in the linear system  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then

$$(37) \quad \text{mult}_Z(M) > \frac{n}{2}$$

by [24, Theorem 4.5]. Let us seek for a contradiction.

Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be an  $\mathbb{H}^0$ -irreducible curve in  $X$  whose irreducible components is the curve  $Z$ . Then, arguing as in the proof of Proposition 30, we see that

$$H \cdot \mathcal{Z} \leq 7.$$

In particular, we conclude that  $\pi(\mathcal{Z})$  is a  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant curve of degree  $\leq 7$ . By Lemma 35, the curve  $\pi(Z)$  is a line, and one of the following two possibilities hold:

- (a) either  $\pi(\mathcal{Z}) = \ell_{2k-1} + \ell_{2k}$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, 15\}$ ;
- (b) or  $\pi(\mathcal{Z})$  is a union of 4 disjoint lines and  $\pi(\mathcal{Z}) \subset \mathcal{Q}_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, 10\}$ .

Let us deal with these two cases separately.

Suppose we are in case (a). Without loss of generality, we may assume  $\pi(\mathcal{Z}) = \ell_1 + \ell_2$ . Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be the preimages on the threefold  $X$  of the lines  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$ , respectively. Then it follows from Corollary 34 that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are smooth irreducible elliptic curves. In particular, the curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are disjoint and

$$\mathcal{Z} = C_1 + C_2.$$

Let  $f: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be the blow up of the curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be the  $f$ -exceptional surfaces such that  $f(E_1) = C_1$  and  $f(E_2) = C_2$ , and let  $\tilde{M}$  be the proper transform on the threefold  $\tilde{X}$  of the surface  $M$ . Then  $|f^*(2H) - E_1 - E_2|$  is base point free, so

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq (f^*(2H) - E_1 - E_2)^2 \cdot \tilde{M} = \\ &= (f^*(2H) - E_1 - E_2)^2 \cdot (f^*(nH) - \text{mult}_Z(M)(E_1 + E_2)) = 4n - 8\text{mult}_Z(M), \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts (37). This shows that case (a) is impossible.

Suppose we are in case (b). Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\pi(\mathcal{Z}) \subset \mathcal{Q}_1$ . Let  $S$  be the preimage of the quadric surface  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  via the double cover  $\pi$ . Then it follows from Corollary 36 that  $S$  is an irreducible normal surface such that

- (i) either  $S$  is a smooth K3 surface,
- (ii) or  $S$  is a singular K3 surface that has 16 ordinary double points.

Note that  $\mathcal{Z} \subset S$  by construction. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the preimage in  $X$  of a sufficiently general line in the quadric  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  that intersect the line  $\pi(Z)$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a smooth irreducible elliptic curve, which is contained in the smooth locus of the K3 surface  $S$ . Observe that  $H \cdot \mathcal{C} = 2$ . Moreover, we also have  $|\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{Z}| \geq 4$ . Thus, since  $\mathcal{C} \not\subset \text{Supp}(M)$ , we get

$$2n = nH \cdot \mathcal{C} = M \cdot \mathcal{C} \geq \sum_{O \in \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{Z}} \text{mult}_O(M) \geq \text{mult}_Z(M) |\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{Z}| \geq 4\text{mult}_Z(M),$$

which contradicts (37). This shows that case (b) is also impossible.

Hence, we see that  $Z$  is a point. In particular, the pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is canonical away from finitely many points. Now, arguing as in the proof of Proposition 30, we get  $Z \notin \text{Sing}(X)$ .

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two general surfaces in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Using [30] or [16, Corollary 3.4], we get

$$(38) \quad (M_1 \cdot M_2)_Z > n^2.$$

Let  $P = \pi(Z)$ . Then, arguing as in the proof of Proposition 31, we get  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}}(P)| \neq 4$ . We claim that  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}}(P)| \neq 8$ . Indeed, suppose  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}}(P)| = 8$ . Then

$$P \in \ell_1 \cup \ell_2 \cup \cdots \cup \ell_{30}.$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $P \in \ell_1$ . Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be the preimages on the threefold  $X$  of the lines  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$ , respectively. Recall that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are smooth irreducible elliptic curves, and the curve  $C_1 + C_2$  is  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -irreducible. Write

$$M_1 \cdot M_2 = m(C_1 + C_2) + \Delta,$$

where  $m$  is a non-negative integer, and  $\Delta$  is an effective one-cycle whose support does not contain the curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Then  $m \leq \frac{n^2}{2}$ , because

$$2n^2 = H \cdot M_1 \cdot M_2 = mH \cdot (C_1 + C_2) + H \cdot \Delta \leq mH \cdot (C_1 + C_2) = 4m.$$

On the other hand, since  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are smooth curves, it follows from (38) that

$$(39) \quad \text{mult}_O(\Delta) > n^2 - m$$

for every point  $O \in \text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)$ . Note also that  $Z \in C_1$  and  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| \geq 8$ .

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the linear subsystem in  $|2H|$  that consists of surfaces passing through  $C_1 \cup C_2$ . Then, as we already implicitly mentioned, the linear system  $\mathcal{D}$  does not have base curves except for  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Therefore, if  $D$  is a general surface in  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $D$  does not contain irreducible components of the one-cycle  $\Delta$ , so (39) gives

$$\begin{aligned} 4n^2 - 8m = D \cdot \Delta &\geq \sum_{O \in \text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)} \text{mult}_O(\Delta) = \\ &= |\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| \text{mult}_Z(\Delta) > |\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)|(n^2 - m) \geq 8(n^2 - m), \end{aligned}$$

which is absurd. This shows that  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}}(P)| \neq 8$ .

In particular, we see that  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| = |\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}}(P)| = 16$  and  $P \notin \ell_1 \cup \ell_2 \cup \cdots \cup \ell_{30}$ .

We claim that  $P \notin \mathcal{Q}_1 \cup \mathcal{Q}_2 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ . Indeed, suppose that  $P \in \mathcal{Q}_1 \cup \mathcal{Q}_2 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$\pi(Z) = P \in \mathcal{Q}_1.$$

As above, denote by  $S$  the preimage of the quadric surface  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  via the double cover  $\pi$ . Then  $S$  is a K3 surface with at most ordinary double singularities, and it follows from the inversion of adjunction [24, Theorem 5.50] that  $(S, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M}|_S)$  is not log canonical at  $Z$ . Let  $\lambda$  be the largest rational number such that  $(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$  is log canonical at  $Z$ . Then

$$\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z) \subseteq \text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S).$$

Note that the locus  $\text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$  is  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -invariant, because  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $S$  are  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -invariant.

Suppose  $\text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$  contains an  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -irreducible curve  $C$  that passes through  $Z$ . This means that  $\lambda\mathcal{M}|_S = C + \Omega$ , where  $\Omega$  is an effective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear system on  $S$ . Then

$$H \cdot C \leq H \cdot (C + \Omega) = 4n\lambda < 8,$$

hence  $\pi(C)$  is a union of 4 disjoint lines in  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  by Lemma 35, since  $P \notin \ell_1 \cup \ell_2 \cup \cdots \cup \ell_{30}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the preimage in  $X$  of a general line in  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  that intersect  $\pi(C)$ . Then

$$4 \leq \mathcal{C} \cdot C \leq \mathcal{C} \cdot (C + \Omega) = \lambda n(H \cdot \mathcal{C}) = 2\lambda n < 4,$$

which is absurd. So, the locus  $\text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$  contains no curves that pass through  $Z$ .

Let  $\mathcal{I}_S$  be the multiplier ideal sheaf of the pair  $(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$ , let  $\mathcal{L}_S$  be the corresponding subscheme in  $S$ . Then

$$\text{Supp}(\mathcal{L}_S) = \text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S).$$

Now, applying Nadel's vanishing theorem [26, Theorem 9.4.8], we get

$$h^1(S, \mathcal{I}_S \otimes \mathcal{O}_S(2H|_S)) = 0.$$

Now, using the Riemann–Roch theorem and Serre's vanishing, we obtain

$$10 = h^0(S, \mathcal{O}_S(2H|_S)) \geq h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{L}_S} \otimes \mathcal{O}_S(2H|_S)) \geq |\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)|.$$

because  $\mathcal{L}_S$  has at least  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)|$  disjoint zero-dimensional components, whose supports are points in  $\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)$ , because  $\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z) \subseteq \text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$ , and  $\text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$  does not contain curves that are not disjoint from  $\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)$ . Hence, we see that  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| \leq 10$ , which is impossible, since  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| = 16$ . This shows that

$$\pi(Z) = P \notin \mathcal{Q}_1 \cup \mathcal{Q}_2 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{Q}_{10}.$$

Let us summarize what we proved so far. Recall that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a mobile  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -invariant linear subsystem in  $|nH|$ , the log pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is canonical away from finitely many points, but the singularities of the pair  $(X, \frac{2}{n}\mathcal{M})$  are not canonical at the point  $Z \in X$  such that

- $Z \notin \text{Sing}(X)$ ,
- $\pi(Z) \notin \ell_1 \cup \ell_2 \cup \cdots \cup \ell_{30}$ ,
- $\pi(Z) \notin \mathcal{Q}_1 \cup \mathcal{Q}_2 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ ,
- $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| = |\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}}(\pi(Z))| = 16$ .

By Lemma 35,  $\pi(Z)$  is not contained in any  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant curve whose degree is at most 7. Let us use this and Nadel's vanishing [26, Theorem 9.4.8] to derive a contradiction.

As in the proofs of Propositions 30 and 31, we observe that  $(X, \frac{3}{n}\mathcal{M})$  is not log canonical at the point  $Z$ , because  $X$  is smooth at  $Z$ . Let  $\mu$  be the largest rational number such that the log pair  $(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  is log canonical at  $Z$ . Then  $\mu < \frac{3}{n}$  and

$$\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z) \subseteq \text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M}).$$

Moreover, if the locus  $\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$  contains an  $\mathbb{H}^\rho$ -irreducible curve  $C$ , then arguing as in the proof of Proposition 30, we see that

$$\deg(\pi(C)) \leq H \cdot C \leq 4,$$

which implies that the curve  $C$  does not pass through  $Z$ . Hence, we conclude that every point of the orbit  $\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)$  is an isolated irreducible component of the locus  $\text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the multiplier ideal sheaf of the pair  $(X, \mu\mathcal{M})$ , and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the corresponding subscheme in  $X$ . Then

$$\text{Supp}(\mathcal{L}) = \text{Nklt}(X, \mu\mathcal{M}),$$

so the subscheme  $\mathcal{L}$  contains at least  $|\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| = 16$  zero-dimensional components whose supports are points in the orbit  $\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)$ . On the other hand, we have

$$h^1(X, \mathcal{I} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(H)) = 0$$

by Nadel's vanishing theorem [26, Theorem 9.4.8]. This gives

$$4 = h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(H)) \geq h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{L}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(H)) \geq |\text{Orb}_{\mathbb{H}^\rho}(Z)| = 16,$$

which is absurd. The obtained contradiction completes the proof of Theorem 17. □

Let us conclude this paper with one application of Theorem 17, which was the initial motivation for this paper — we were looking for various embeddings  $\mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_3 \hookrightarrow \text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^3)$ .

**Example 40** (cf. Examples 5, 8, 26). Let  $G_{48,50}$  be the subgroup in  $\text{PGL}_4(\mathbb{C})$  generated by

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then one can check that  $G_{48,50} \cong \mu_2^4 \rtimes \mu_3$  and the GAP ID of the group  $G_{48,50}$  is [48,50]. For every  $t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm 1, \pm\sqrt{3}i\}$ , let  $S_t$  be the quartic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  given by the equation (6), i.e. the surface  $S_t$  is the quartic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  given by the following equation:

$$x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 - (t^2 + 1)(x_0^2 x_1^2 + x_2^2 x_3^2 + x_0^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 x_3^2 + x_0^2 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_2^2) + 2(t^3 + 3t)x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3 = 0.$$

Then  $S_t$  is  $G_{48,50}$ -invariant, and  $S_t$  has 16 ordinary double singularities (see Example 5). Now, let  $X_t$  be the hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$  that is given by

$$w^2 = x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 - (t^2 + 1)(x_0^2 x_1^2 + x_2^2 x_3^2 + x_0^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 x_3^2 + x_0^2 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_2^2) + 2(t^3 + 3t)x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3,$$

where we consider  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$  as homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$  of weight 1, and  $w$  is a coordinate of weight 2. Consider the faithful action  $G_{48,50} \curvearrowright X_t$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} A_1: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [-x_0 : x_1 : -x_2 : x_3 : w], \\ A_2: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [-x_0 : x_1 : -x_2 : x_3 : w], \\ A_3: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : x_0 : w], \\ A_4: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [x_3 : x_2 : x_1 : x_0 : w], \\ A_5: [x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3 : w] &\mapsto [x_1 : x_2 : x_0 : x_3 : w]. \end{aligned}$$

Since the threefold  $X_t$  is  $G_{48,50}$ -invariant, this gives an embedding  $G_{48,50} \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(X_t)$ . Then it follows from Theorem 17 that the threefold  $X_t$  is  $G_{48,50}$ -birationally super-rigid. In particular, for any  $t_1 \neq t_2$  in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm 1, \pm\sqrt{3}i\}$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- the threefolds  $X_{t_1}$  and  $X_{t_2}$  are  $G_{48,50}$ -birational;
- the surfaces  $S_{t_1}$  and  $S_{t_2}$  are projectively equivalent.

Recall that  $X_t$  is rational. For  $t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm 1, \pm\sqrt{3}i\}$ , fix a birational map  $\chi_t: \mathbb{P}^3 \dashrightarrow X_t$ , and consider the monomorphism  $\eta_t: G_{48,50} \hookrightarrow \text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^3)$  that is given by  $g \mapsto \chi_t^{-1} \circ g \circ \chi_t$ . Then, for any  $t_1 \neq t_2$  in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm 1, \pm\sqrt{3}i\}$ , we have the following assertion:

$$\eta_{t_1}(G_{48,50}) \text{ and } \eta_{t_2}(G_{48,50}) \text{ are conjugate in } \text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^3) \iff X_{t_1} \text{ and } X_{t_2} \text{ are } G_{48,50}\text{-birational.}$$

Thus, if  $t_1 \neq t_2$  are general, then  $\eta_{t_1}(G_{48,50})$  and  $\eta_{t_2}(G_{48,50})$  are not conjugate in  $\text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^3)$ . Similarly, we see that  $\eta_t(G_{48,50})$  is not conjugate in  $\text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^3)$  to the group  $G_{48,50} \subset \text{PGL}_4(\mathbb{C})$ , which also follows from [12]. Can we show this using other obstructions [5, 25, 21]?

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FIGURE 2. Defining equations of the surfaces  $\Pi_1^+, \dots, \Pi_{16}^+$  in Example 25.

$\Pi_1^+$	$x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2)$
$\Pi_2^+$	$x_0 - x_1 + x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_3^+$	$x_0 + x_1 - x_2 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_4^+$	$x_0 - x_1 - x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_5^+$	$x_0 + x_1 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_2x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_6^+$	$x_0 - x_1 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_7^+$	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 - x_1 - x_0 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_8^+$	$x_0 - x_1 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_2x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_9^+$	$x_0 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_{10}^+$	$x_0 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_1x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_{11}^+$	$x_0 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_1x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_{12}^+$	$x_0 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
$\Pi_{13}^+$	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_1x_0 - 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - (s^2+1)x_2^2) = 0$
$\Pi_{14}^+$	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_0 - x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 + 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - (s^2+1)x_2^2) = 0$
$\Pi_{15}^+$	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_0 - x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 - 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - (s^2+1)x_2^2) = 0$
$\Pi_{16}^+$	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_0 + x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_1x_0 + 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - (s^2+1)x_2^2) = 0$

FIGURE 3. Ten  $\mathbb{H}$ -invariant quadrics in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  and thirty lines in them.

	$Q_1$	$Q_2$	$Q_3$	$Q_4$	$Q_5$	$Q_6$	$Q_7$	$Q_8$	$Q_9$	$Q_{10}$
$\ell_1$	—	—	—	—	+	+	—	+	+	—
$\ell_2$	—	—	—	—	+	+	—	+	+	—
$\ell_3$	—	—	—	—	—	+	+	—	+	+
$\ell_4$	—	—	—	—	—	+	+	—	+	+
$\ell_5$	—	—	—	—	+	—	+	+	—	+
$\ell_6$	—	—	—	—	+	—	+	+	—	+
$\ell_7$	—	—	+	+	—	—	—	+	+	—
$\ell_8$	—	—	+	+	—	—	—	+	+	—
$\ell_9$	—	+	+	—	—	—	—	—	+	+
$\ell_{10}$	—	+	+	—	—	—	—	—	+	+
$\ell_{11}$	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	+
$\ell_{12}$	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	+
$\ell_{13}$	—	—	+	+	+	+	—	—	—	—
$\ell_{14}$	—	—	+	+	+	+	—	—	—	—
$\ell_{15}$	—	+	+	—	—	+	+	—	—	—
$\ell_{16}$	—	+	+	—	—	+	+	—	—	—
$\ell_{17}$	—	+	—	+	+	—	+	—	—	—
$\ell_{18}$	—	+	—	+	+	—	+	—	—	—
$\ell_{19}$	+	+	—	—	+	—	—	—	+	—
$\ell_{20}$	+	+	—	—	+	—	—	—	+	—
$\ell_{21}$	+	—	—	+	—	—	+	—	+	—
$\ell_{22}$	+	—	—	+	—	—	+	—	+	—
$\ell_{23}$	+	—	+	—	+	—	+	+	—	—
$\ell_{24}$	+	—	+	—	—	—	+	+	—	—
$\ell_{25}$	+	+	—	—	—	+	—	+	—	—
$\ell_{26}$	+	+	—	—	—	+	—	+	—	—
$\ell_{27}$	+	—	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	+
$\ell_{28}$	+	—	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	+
$\ell_{29}$	+	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	—	+
$\ell_{30}$	+	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	—	+