

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 .

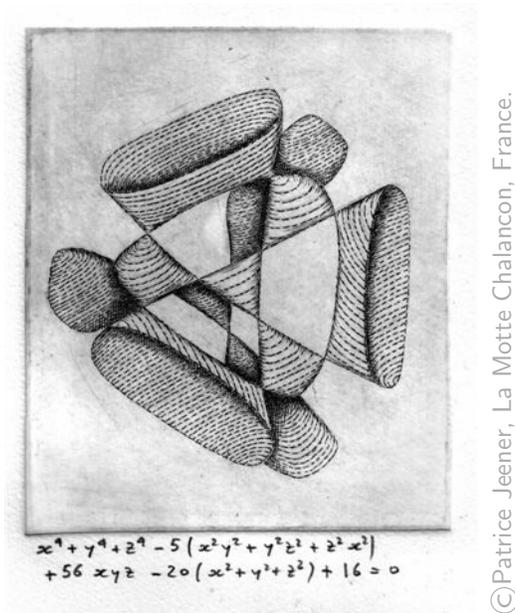


FIGURE 1. A Kummer surface by Patrice Jeener.

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

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

where τ is the involution of the Jacobian $\text{J}(\mathcal{C})$ 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

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

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 Π_1, \dots, Π_{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 Π_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 Π_1, \dots, Π_{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 Π_1, \dots, Π_{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 ι (one of the six Weierstrass points). Then the linear system $|2\mathcal{C}|$ 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 $|2\mathcal{C}|$ invariant. This gives us a homomorphism $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{S})$, whose kernel is the hyperelliptic involution ι , since ι 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 ϑ 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 $[2\mathcal{C}]$ 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 ϑ 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 η is a blow up of six distinct points that are contained in a twisted cubic $C_3 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$, the morphism φ 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 χ 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 χ 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 π . Then σ is contained in the center of the group $\text{Aut}(X)$. Moreover, since π 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 σ and $\mathbb{H} \subseteq v(G)$. Then X is G -birationally super-rigid.*

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

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

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

For every plane Π_i , one has $\pi^*(\Pi_i) = \Pi_i^+ + \Pi_i^-$, where Π_i^+ and Π_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 Π_i^+ and Π_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

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

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

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

and

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

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 η -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 σ acts birationally on \widehat{X} as a composition of flops of φ -contracted curves. Moreover, it is not difficult to see that σ swaps six surfaces in (a) with six surfaces in (b), and σ 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 Π^+ and Π^- are \mathbb{H}^ρ -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 Π^+ and Π^- ;*
- (ii) *the divisor Π^+ is Cartier;*
- (iii) *the divisor Π^- 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 Π_i^\pm and Π_j^\pm are independent.

Remark 23. Let Λ be the sublattice in $\text{Cl}(X)$ consisting of divisors D such that $D \bullet H = 0$. Then Λ 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 Π_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 Π^+ 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 Π^+ is locally Cartier at P , which implies that Π^+ 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 ρ 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

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

where ϖ is a G -equivariant small resolution, ς flops ϖ -contracted curves, and

- either φ is a G -extremal birational contraction, and Z is a Fano threefold,
- or φ is a conic bundle, and Z is a surface,
- or φ 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 ρ 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 Δ 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 ≤ 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 μ 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 Ω 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 ≤ 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 π 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 μ 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 $\mathbb{H} \cong \mu_4^2$ 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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{30} ,
- every two quadrics among $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ intersect by 4 lines among ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{30} .

The incidence relation between ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{30} and $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_{10}$ is presented in Figure 3.

Now, let us describe the intersection points of the lines ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 ℓ_i and ℓ_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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 Σ_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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 μ_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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_{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 μ^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 ≤ 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 ι 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 Σ_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. □

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 ≤ 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]. □

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}^ρ 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}^ρ . 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}^p -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 ≤ 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 ℓ_1 and ℓ_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 π . 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 ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 , respectively. Recall that C_1 and C_2 are smooth irreducible elliptic curves, and the curve $C_1 + C_2$ is \mathbb{H}^ρ -irreducible. Write

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

where m is a non-negative integer, and Δ 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 Δ , 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 π . 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 λ 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}^ρ -invariant, because \mathcal{M} and S are \mathbb{H}^ρ -invariant.

Suppose $\text{Nklt}(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}|_S)$ contains an \mathbb{H}^ρ -irreducible curve C that passes through Z . This means that $\lambda\mathcal{M}|_S = C + \Omega$, where Ω 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}^ρ -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 μ 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}^ρ -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. \square

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.

Π_1^+	$x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2)$
Π_2^+	$x_0 - x_1 + x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_3^+	$x_0 + x_1 - x_2 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_4^+	$x_0 - x_1 - x_2 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 - (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_5^+	$x_0 + x_1 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_2x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_6^+	$x_0 - x_1 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_7^+	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 - x_1 - x_0 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 + 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_8^+	$x_0 - x_1 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_2x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_2^2 - 2sx_2x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_9^+	$x_0 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_{10}^+	$x_0 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_1x_0 + (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_{11}^+	$x_0 - \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_1x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 + 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_{12}^+	$x_0 + \frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 - (s^2+1)x_3x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - 2sx_1x_3 + (s^2+1)x_3^2) = 0$
Π_{13}^+	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 - 2sx_1x_0 - 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - (s^2+1)x_2^2) = 0$
Π_{14}^+	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_0 - x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 + 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 - (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - (s^2+1)x_2^2) = 0$
Π_{15}^+	$\frac{2s}{s^2+1}x_0 - x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$ $w = \frac{s^2-1}{(s^2+1)^2}((s^2+1)x_0^2 + 2sx_1x_0 - 2sx_2x_0 - (s^2+1)x_1^2 + (s^2+1)x_1x_2 - (s^2+1)x_2^2) = 0$
Π_{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}
l_1	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-
l_2	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-
l_3	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
l_4	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
l_5	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
l_6	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
l_7	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-
l_8	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-
l_9	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
l_{10}	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
l_{11}	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
l_{12}	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
l_{13}	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
l_{14}	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
l_{15}	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
l_{16}	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
l_{17}	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
l_{18}	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
l_{19}	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
l_{20}	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
l_{21}	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
l_{22}	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
l_{23}	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
l_{24}	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
l_{25}	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
l_{26}	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
l_{27}	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+
l_{28}	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+
l_{29}	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
l_{30}	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+