

\mathfrak{A}_5 -EQUIVARIANT GEOMETRY OF QUADRIC THREEFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. We classify G -Mori fibre spaces equivariantly birational to smooth quadric threefolds with fixed-point free actions of the alternating group $G = \mathfrak{A}_5$. We deduce that such quadric threefolds are G -solid and the G -actions on them are not projectively linearizable.

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the central problems in birational geometry is to understand the finite subgroups of the Cremona group $\mathrm{Cr}_n(\mathbb{C})$, the group of birational automorphisms of \mathbb{P}^n over \mathbb{C} . A classification of finite subgroups of $\mathrm{Cr}_2(\mathbb{C})$ was obtained in [25], but it is far from complete in dimension 3 or higher. A closely related problem is to identify *projectively linearizable* subgroups of $\mathrm{Cr}_n(\mathbb{C})$, that is, subgroups conjugate to a subgroup induced by a biregular action on \mathbb{P}^n . This has been recently settled in dimension 2 by [36], and is attracting considerable attention in dimension 3, see, e.g. [19, 18, 10, 11, 21]. A particularly interesting class of groups is finite simple non-abelian subgroups of $\mathrm{Cr}_3(\mathbb{C})$. They have been classified in [38]. The possibilities are:

$$\mathfrak{A}_5, \quad \mathfrak{A}_6, \quad \mathfrak{A}_7, \quad \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_7), \quad \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_8), \quad \mathrm{PSp}_4(\mathbb{F}_3).$$

Among them, the most fundamental one in group theory is the alternating group \mathfrak{A}_5 , the smallest non-abelian simple group. It plays a significant role in birational geometry. There are only three embeddings of \mathfrak{A}_5 in $\mathrm{Cr}_2(\mathbb{C})$, up to conjugation. For their descriptions, see [8], [25] or [6]. In contrast, Krylov [31] shows that there are infinitely many conjugacy classes of \mathfrak{A}_5 in $\mathrm{Cr}_3(\mathbb{C})$. Obtaining a classification of all such conjugacy classes is thus a difficult task and remains open. Indeed, there is a wealth of rational threefolds carrying an \mathfrak{A}_5 -symmetry: the Segre cubic, the Igusa and Burkhardt quartic, the quintic del Pezzo threefold, etc. It is a natural question to ask about conjugation of

the corresponding \mathfrak{A}_5 -actions in $\mathrm{Cr}_3(\mathbb{C})$. In the last two decades, this has been extensively studied [12, 3], and a book [16] was written by Cheltsov and Shramov on this topic. However, the \mathfrak{A}_5 -equivariant geometry for one of the simplest Fano threefolds, smooth quadric threefolds, had not been addressed. In this paper, we fill this gap, answering the questions of projective linearizability and solidity.

Throughout, we work over \mathbb{C} and G is the alternating group \mathfrak{A}_5 of order 60, unless otherwise specified. We restrict ourselves to smooth quadric threefolds $X \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ carrying generically free actions of G such that $X^G \neq \emptyset$, since otherwise a projection from a G -fixed point on X yields a G -equivariantly birational map $X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$. The arising G -actions on \mathbb{P}^3 also have fixed points.

Over a non-algebraically closed field, a smooth quadric hypersurface is rational if and only if it has a rational point. Surprisingly, projective linearizability of group actions on quadrics is a more intricate problem, see, e.g., [27]. Many obstructions naturally vanish on quadrics, including group cohomology [7, 30] and the dual complex of [26], see [18, Section 2] for an overview of known obstructions. Non-linearizable actions on quadric threefolds have been found using the Burnside formalism [41, Example 9.2] and birational rigidity [15, 14]. However, the first is not applicable to our case.

From representation theory, we know that any fixed-point free G -action on a smooth quadric threefold X is isomorphic to one of the following two cases, which we refer to as the *standard* and *nonstandard* actions:

(1) *standard action*:

$$X = X_1 = \{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_5}^4$$

with the G -action generated by

$$(1.1) \quad (\mathbf{x}) \mapsto (x_2, x_1, x_4, x_3, x_5), \quad (\mathbf{x}) \mapsto (x_5, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4).$$

(2) *nonstandard action*:

$$(1.2) \quad X = X_2 = \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq 5} x_i x_j = 0 \right\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_5}^4$$

with the G -action generated by

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x}) &\mapsto (x_4, x_1, x_5, x_2, -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5), \\ (\mathbf{x}) &\mapsto (x_4, -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5, x_1, x_3, x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Our goal is to find all G -Mori fibre spaces that are G -equivariantly birational to X_1 and X_2 respectively, using classical techniques from birational rigidity, based on the celebrated Noether–Fano inequalities. The same has been carried out in [14] to show the non-linearizability of the \mathfrak{S}_5 -action on X_1 via the \mathfrak{S}_5 -permutations on coordinates. Our work generalizes their arguments to other actions.

These quadrics are G -equivariantly birational to certain singular cubic threefolds. By [18, Section 6], up to isomorphism, there exists a unique cubic threefold Y_1 with $5A_1$ -singularities and invariant under the G -action given by (1.1). By [10, Lemma 8.3], there is a unique cubic threefold Y_2 with $5A_2$ -singularities and invariant under the G -action given by (1.3). See Section 3 for explicit equations of Y_1 and Y_2 .

Our main results are the following:

Theorem 1.1. *The only G -Mori fibre spaces that are G -equivariantly birational to the quadric threefold X_1 are X_1 and the cubic threefold Y_1 .*

Theorem 1.2. *The only G -Mori fibre spaces that are G -equivariantly birational to the quadric threefold X_2 are X_2 and the cubic threefold Y_2 .*

There is also a nonstandard $G' = \mathfrak{S}_5$ -action on X_2 , generated by (1.3) and the involution

$$(\mathbf{x}) \mapsto (x_3, x_4, x_1, x_2, -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5).$$

We prove:

Theorem 1.3. *The only G' -Mori fibre spaces that are G' -equivariantly birational to the quadric threefold X_2 are X_2 and the cubic threefold Y_2 .*

A G -variety is called G -solid if it is not G -equivariantly birational to a G -Mori fibre space over a positive dimensional base. Our results together with [14, Theorem 3.1] imply that:

Corollary 1.4. *Let $G = \mathfrak{A}_5$ or \mathfrak{S}_5 , and X a smooth quadric threefold carrying a generically free G -action. Then the following are equivalent*

- G does not fix any point on X ,
- the G -action on X is not projectively linearizable,
- X is G -solid.

Note that all such actions on quadric threefolds are known to be stably linearizable by [20, Theorem 4.1].

Here's the roadmap of the paper: in Section 2, we recall basic tools from birational geometry. In Section 3, we present facts about \mathfrak{A}_5 -equivariant geometry of quadrics. In Sections 4 – 7, we prove technical results on singularities of certain log pairs on quadric and cubic threefolds. In Section 8, we prove that these technical results imply Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2, and derive a proof of Theorem 1.3.

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2. PRELIMINARIES

Let X be a projective variety with at most klt singularities and G a finite subgroup of $\mathrm{Aut}(X)$. We use the language of the (equivariant) minimal model program; see, e.g., [17, I.2]. Throughout the paper, a log pair (X, \mathcal{M}_X) refers to a pair consisting of X with a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system \mathcal{M}_X on X consisting of \mathbb{Q} -Cartier divisors. Let $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a resolution of singularities, and

$$\mathcal{M}^{\tilde{X}} := \pi^*(K_X + \mathcal{M}_X) - K_{\tilde{X}}.$$

For a prime divisor $D \subset \mathrm{Supp}(\mathcal{M}^{\tilde{X}})$, the *log discrepancy* of the log pair (X, \mathcal{M}_X) at D is defined as the rational number

$$a(X, \mathcal{M}_X; D) = 1 - \mathrm{mult}_D(\mathcal{M}^{\tilde{X}}).$$

Let $p \in X$ be a point. We say that (X, \mathcal{M}_X) is *canonical* (resp. *log-canonical*, *klt*) at p if for any prime divisor E on \tilde{X} such that $p \in \pi(E)$, we have $a(X, \mathcal{M}_X; E) \geq 1$ (resp. ≥ 0 , > 0). The *non-canonical* (resp. *non-log-canonical*, *non-klt*) *locus* of (X, \mathcal{M}_X) is the union of points where (X, \mathcal{M}_X) is not canonical (resp. not log-canonical, not klt).

An irreducible subvariety $Z \subset X$ is said to be a *center of non-canonical* (resp. *non-log-canonical*, *non-klt*) *singularities* of (X, \mathcal{M}_X) if there exists a resolution $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ and a prime divisor E on \tilde{X} such that $\pi(E) = Z$ and $a(X, \mathcal{M}_X; E) < 1$ (resp. < 0 , ≤ 0). For simplicity, we also refer to it as a *non-canonical* (resp. *non-log-canonical*, *non-klt*) *center*.

The cornerstone of birational rigidity is the classical Noether–Fano inequality, which reveals a close connection between canonical singularities of log pairs and the existence of birational maps between Mori fibre spaces. We recall it in the equivariant setting, as is in [16, Theorem 3.2.6].

Theorem 2.1. *Let X be a Fano variety with terminal singularities, G a finite subgroup of $\mathrm{Aut}(X)$ such that $\mathrm{rk}(\mathrm{Cl}^G(X)) = 1$. Assume that there exists a G -equivariantly birational map $\chi : X \dashrightarrow V$, where V is a variety with a generically free G -action such that one of the following holds:*

- (1) *either V is also a Fano variety with terminal singularities such that $\mathrm{rk}(\mathrm{Cl}^G(V)) = 1$;*
- (2) *or there exists a G -equivariant morphism $V \rightarrow Z$ with connected fibres such that its general fibre is a Fano variety, and Z is a normal projective variety with $\dim(V) > \dim(Z) > 0$.*

In the former case, let \mathcal{M}_X be the strict transform on X of the linear system $|-nK_V|$ for $n \gg 0$. In the latter case, let \mathcal{M}_X be the strict transform on X of the linear system $|H_V|$, where H_V is the pullback on V of a very ample divisor on Z whose class in $\mathrm{Pic}(Z)$ is G -invariant. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$ be such that $\lambda\mathcal{M}_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X$. Then, if χ is not biregular, the log pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ has non-canonical singularities.

The α -invariant is a number associated to X which corresponds to the *global log-canonical threshold* introduced in [40] in a different language. When X is a Fano variety with $\dim(X) \geq 2$, the G -equivariant α -invariant of X is the number

$$\alpha_G(X) = \sup \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{the pair } (X, \lambda D) \text{ is log-canonical for any} \\ G\text{-invariant effective } \mathbb{Q}\text{-divisor } D \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X \end{array} \right\}.$$

We compute this invariant for some G -surfaces in Sections 4 and 5. We will use a few results about singularities.

Theorem 2.2 ([39, Theorem 2.1]). *Let X be a threefold and \mathcal{M}_X a non-empty mobile linear system on X . If a smooth point $p \in X$ is a non-canonical center of the pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ for some positive rational number λ , and D_1, D_2 are two general elements in \mathcal{M}_X , then*

$$\mathrm{mult}_p(D_1 \cdot D_2) > \frac{4}{\lambda^2}.$$

Theorem 2.2 is essentially a corollary of the following theorem due to Corti and the inversion of adjunction; see also [17, Section 2.5].

Theorem 2.3 ([22, Theorem 3.1]). *Let S be a surface and \mathcal{M}_S a non-empty mobile linear system on S . If a smooth point $p \in S$ is a non-log-canonical center of the pair $(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}_S)$ for some positive rational number λ , and D_1, D_2 are two general elements in \mathcal{M}_S , then*

$$\text{mult}_p(D_1 \cdot D_2) > \frac{4}{\lambda^2}.$$

In many situations, Theorem 2.2 gives us a desired bound. However, in certain situations (e.g., in Propositions 6.22 and 7.12), a sharper result is needed:

Theorem 2.4 ([24]). *Let S be a smooth surface, $p \in S$ a point, and \mathcal{M}_S a non-empty mobile linear system on S . Assume that p is a non-log-canonical center of the log pair $(S, \lambda\mathcal{M}_S)$ with some positive rational number λ . Let $m = \text{mult}_p(\mathcal{M}_S)$. Then for two general elements $D_1, D_2 \in \mathcal{M}_S$, we have*

$$\text{mult}_p(D_1 \cdot D_2) > \frac{m^2}{\lambda^2(m-1)}.$$

We will also use the following technical observation.

Remark 2.5 ([14, Remark 3.6]). *Let X be a threefold with terminal singularities, $p \in X$ a smooth point, \mathcal{M}_X a mobile linear system, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$. If p is a non-canonical center of the log pair (X, \mathcal{M}_X) , then p is a non-log-canonical center of the log pair $(X, \frac{3}{2}\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

The Nadel vanishing theorem will give us bounds of the size of 0-dimensional non-canonical centers.

Theorem 2.6 ([32, Theorem 9.4.8]). *Let X be a projective variety with at most klt singularities, D an effective \mathbb{Q} -divisor on X , L a Cartier divisor such that $K_X + D + A \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} L$ for some ample divisor A , and $\mathcal{I}(X, D)$ the multiplier ideal sheaf of D . Then*

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X(L) \otimes \mathcal{I}(X, D)) = 0 \text{ for } i \geq 1.$$

Lastly, we introduce some terminology. For a G -invariant subvariety $Z \subset X$, we say that Z is *G -irreducible* if G acts transitively on the irreducible components of Z . Let H be a general hyperplane section on X . We denote by $|nH - Z|$ the linear system consisting of degree n hyperplane sections on X passing through Z . Often, we refer to this as the linear system $|nH - Z|$, although Z is not necessarily a divisor.

3. \mathfrak{A}_5 -ACTIONS ON QUADRIC THREEFOLDS

Let X be a smooth quadric threefold carrying a generically free regular action of $G = \mathfrak{A}_5$. Assume that there exists a G -orbit Σ of 5 points in general position in X . Up to a change of variables, we may also assume that the five points are five coordinate points of \mathbb{P}^4 . Consider the standard Cremona transformation on \mathbb{P}^4

$$\chi: (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \mapsto \left(\frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2}, \frac{1}{x_3}, \frac{1}{x_4}, \frac{1}{x_5} \right).$$

The restriction of χ to X is a G -equivariantly birational map. The image $\chi(X)$ is a singular cubic threefold. We say that χ is the Cremona map associated with Σ . More descriptions of χ can be found in [4, 5, 14].

Assume that $X^G \neq \emptyset$. From representation theory, there are two possibilities for the G -action on the ambient \mathbb{P}^4 :

- *the standard action*: $\mathbb{P}^4 = \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{1} \oplus V_4)$, where V_4 is the unique irreducible 4-dimensional representation of G ,
- *the nonstandard action*: $\mathbb{P}^4 = \mathbb{P}(V_5)$, where V_5 is the unique irreducible 5-dimensional representation of G .

3.1. The standard action. Under the standard G -action on \mathbb{P}^4 , up to change of variables, we may assume that X is given by

$$\{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_5}^4$$

and the G -action is given by \mathfrak{A}_5 -permutations of 5 coordinates. There are two G -orbits of length 5, denoted by Σ_5 and Σ'_5 . Let

$$Y_1 = \chi_1(X), \quad Y_2 = \chi'_1(X)$$

where χ_1 and χ'_1 are the Cremona maps associated with Σ_5 and Σ'_5 . One can check by direct computation that Y_1 and Y'_1 are cubic threefolds with $5A_1$ -singularities. By [18, Section 6], such cubics with \mathfrak{A}_5 -actions are unique up to isomorphism. In particular, we may assume that $Y_1 = Y'_1 = Y$ where $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_1x_2x_5 + x_1x_3x_4 + x_1x_3x_5 + x_1x_4x_5 + \\ &\quad + x_2x_3x_4 + x_2x_3x_5 + x_2x_4x_5 + x_3x_4x_5 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_5}^4 \end{aligned}$$

and the G -action is still given by permutations of coordinates.

3.2. The nonstandard action of \mathfrak{A}_5 . Up to isomorphism, we may assume that the G -action is as in (1.3). There is a unique G -invariant quadric $X \subset \mathbb{P}^4$, and it is given by the equation (1.2). There are also two G -orbits of length 5 in X . Let χ_2 and χ'_2 be the birational maps associated with them respectively, and

$$Y_2 = \chi_2(X), \quad Y'_2 = \chi'_2(X).$$

One can check that Y_2 and Y'_2 are cubic threefolds with $5A_2$ -singularities. Such cubic threefolds with \mathfrak{A}_5 -actions are unique up to isomorphism by [10, Lemma 8.3]. Thus, we may assume that $Y = Y_2 = Y'_2$ where Y is given by

$$Y = \{(8 - 3\zeta_6)f_1 + 7f_2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^4,$$

for

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 = & x_1^2x_2 + x_1x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2x_3 + x_2^2x_3 + x_2x_3^2 + 2x_2x_3x_4 + x_3^2x_4 + x_3x_4^2 + \\ & + x_1^2x_5 + 2x_1x_2x_5 + 2x_1x_4x_5 + 2x_3x_4x_5 + x_4^2x_5 + x_1x_5^2 + x_4x_5^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 = & x_1^2x_3 + x_1x_3^2 + x_1^2x_4 + 2x_1x_2x_4 + x_2^2x_4 + 2x_1x_3x_4 + x_1x_4^2 + x_2x_4^2 + \\ & + x_2^2x_5 + 2x_1x_3x_5 + 2x_2x_3x_5 + x_3^2x_5 + 2x_2x_4x_5 + x_2x_5^2 + x_3x_5^2, \end{aligned}$$

with the same G -action given by (1.3).

4. THE STANDARD \mathfrak{A}_5 -ACTION ON THE QUADRIC THREEFOLD

Throughout this section, X is the quadric given by

$$\{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_5}^4.$$

Consider the G -action on X given by natural \mathfrak{A}_5 -permutations of the coordinates. We denote by Σ_5 and Σ'_5 two G -orbits of length five on X . The aim of this section is to prove the following proposition.

Proposition 4.1. *Let \mathcal{M}_X be a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system on X , and $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\lambda\mathcal{M}_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X$. Then the log pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical away from $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$.*

Proof. This follows from Propositions 4.10 and 4.13, and Corollary 4.15. □

First, as a guiding principle, we observe that curves of degrees greater than 17 cannot be non-canonical centers of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.

Remark 4.2. If a curve C is a center of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, then for two general members $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}_X$, we have that

$$\lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2) = mC + \Delta$$

for some $m > 1$ and some effective divisor Δ not supported along C . Intersecting with a general hyperplane H on X , we obtain that

$$(4.1) \quad 18 = \lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2 \cdot H) > \deg(C).$$

Later, we will see that the size of 0-dimensional non-canonical centers is less than 20, using Nadel vanishing theorem.

We proceed with subsections. In the first subsection, we classify orbits of length less than 20 and G -irreducible curves of degrees at most 17. In the second subsection, we prove that a G -invariant curve not contained in Q cannot be a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, where Q is the unique G -invariant hyperplane section on X (cf. Proposition 4.10). In the third subsection, we show that points away from Q and $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$ cannot be non-canonical centers (cf. Proposition 4.13). In the fourth subsection, using the G -equivariant α -invariant, we prove that no point or curve in Q is a non-canonical center (cf. Corollary 4.15).

4.1. Small G -orbits and G -invariant curves of low degrees.

Lemma 4.3. *A G -orbit of points in X with length < 20 is one of the following:*

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_5 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : 1 : 1 : 2\zeta_4 : 1], \\ \Sigma'_5 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : 1 : 1 : -2\zeta_4 : 1], \\ \Sigma_{10} &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : 1 : \frac{\zeta_4\sqrt{6}}{2} : \frac{\zeta_4\sqrt{6}}{2} : 1], \\ \Sigma'_{10} &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : 1 : -\frac{\zeta_4\sqrt{6}}{2} : -\frac{\zeta_4\sqrt{6}}{2} : 1], \\ \Sigma_{12} &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : \zeta_5 : \zeta_5^2 : \zeta_5^3 : \zeta_5^4], \\ \Sigma'_{12} &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : \zeta_5^2 : \zeta_5^4 : \zeta_5 : \zeta_5^3], \end{aligned}$$

where the length of each orbit is indicated by the subscript.

Proof. This comes from a computation of fixed points by each subgroup of G . \square

Lemma 4.4. *Every G -invariant curve C in X with $\deg(C) \leq 17$ has a trivial generic stabilizer, that is, the G -orbit of a general point in C has length 60.*

Proof. By computation, we find that all irreducible curves in X with a non-trivial generic stabilizer are conics whose G -orbits have length 10 or 15, and thus their degrees exceed 17. \square

There is a distinguished G -invariant hyperplane section of X given by

$$Q = \{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0\} \cap X.$$

Note that $Q = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and that G acts on Q via two non-isomorphic G -actions on each copy of \mathbb{P}^1 . Moreover, we have

$$\Sigma_5, \Sigma'_5, \Sigma_{10}, \Sigma'_{10} \notin Q, \quad \Sigma_{12}, \Sigma'_{12} \in Q.$$

Let B_6 be the G -invariant smooth curve of degree 6 given by

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0, \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2 = 0, \\ x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + x_5^3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

It is known as the Bring curve [17, Remark 5.4.2] and has genus 4.

Lemma 4.5. *Let C be a G -invariant reducible curve in X such that $10 < \deg(C) \leq 17$. Then C is the union of curves in one of the following G -orbits:*

- *one of the following 2 orbits of 6 conics*

$$\mathcal{C}_6 = \text{orbit of } C_1, \quad \mathcal{C}'_6 = \text{orbit of } C_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \{x_1 - x_3 + (-\zeta_{20}^6 + \zeta_{20}^4 + 1)x_4 + (\zeta_{20}^6 - \zeta_{20}^4 - 1)x_5 = \\ &= x_2 + (\zeta_{20}^6 - \zeta_{20}^4 - 1)x_3 + (-\zeta_{20}^6 + \zeta_{20}^4 + 1)x_4 - x_5 = 0\} \cap X, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_2 &= \{x_1 - x_3 + (\zeta_{20}^6 - \zeta_{20}^4)x_4 + (-\zeta_{20}^6 + \zeta_{20}^4)x_5 = \\ &= x_2 + (-\zeta_{20}^6 + \zeta_{20}^4)x_3 + (\zeta_{20}^6 - \zeta_{20}^4)x_4 - x_5 = 0\} \cap X. \end{aligned}$$

- *one of the following 2 orbits of 12 lines*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{12} &= \text{the orbit of the line } \{x_1 + \zeta_5 x_4 + (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5 + 1)x_5 = x_2 + \\ &+ (\zeta_5^3 + 1)x_4 + (\zeta_5^2 + 1)x_5 = x_3 - (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5)x_4 + \zeta_5^4 x_5 = 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}'_{12} &= \text{the orbit of the line } \{x_1 + \zeta_5^2 x_4 + (\zeta_5^2 + \zeta_5 + 1)x_5 = x_2 + \\ &+ (\zeta_5 + 1)x_4 - (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + \zeta_5)x_5 = x_3 - (\zeta_5^2 + \zeta_5)x_4 + \zeta_5^3 x_5 = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Each of the orbits above consists of pairwise disjoint components. The orbits \mathcal{L}_{12} and \mathcal{L}'_{12} are contained in Q . The orbits \mathcal{C}_6 and \mathcal{C}'_6 are not.

Proof. From indices of strict subgroups of G , we find that $\deg(C) = 12$ or 15. If $\deg(C) = 15$, then C is a union of 5 twisted cubics. Each of the twisted cubic receives a generically free \mathfrak{A}_4 -action and spans a \mathbb{P}^3 . The \mathfrak{A}_4 -action on \mathbb{P}^3 should have two invariant lines. We check that this does not happen for the given \mathfrak{A}_4 -action in our case. So this case is impossible.

If $\deg(C) = 12$, then C is either a union of 6 conics or 12 lines. If C contains a conic, the plane spanned by the conic is left invariant by a subgroup $\mathfrak{D}_5 \subset G$. We check that the unique (up to conjugation) \mathfrak{D}_5 in G leaves invariant two planes in \mathbb{P}^4 , giving rise to \mathcal{C}_6 and \mathcal{C}'_6 . If C consists of 12 lines, each line is left invariant by some subgroup $C_5 \subset G$, and thus contains two C_5 -fixed points. Then, a computation of C_5 -fixed points leads us to \mathcal{L}_{12} and \mathcal{L}'_{12} . \square

Lemma 4.6. *Let C be a G -invariant curve in X with $\deg(C) \leq 10$. Then C is contained in $Q = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, and is one of the following:*

- *a smooth irreducible curve of bidegree $(1, 7)$ and genus 0,*
- *a smooth irreducible curve of bidegree $(2, 6)$ and genus 5,*
- *the Bring curve B_6 of bidegree $(3, 3)$ and genus 4,*
- *a smooth irreducible curve of bidegree $(4, 4)$ of genus 9,*
- *a union of 5 conics of bidegree $(5, 5)$.*

Proof. Assume that C is not contained in Q . Then $Q \cdot C = \deg(C)$ and $Q \cap C$ consists of a G -orbit of points in Q of length $\deg(C)$. From the information of orbits in Lemma 4.3, we see that $\deg(C) \geq 12$. Thus, the curve C is contained in Q . A computation of G -invariant divisors in Q of bidegree (r_1, r_2) with $r_1 + r_2 \leq 10$ completes the proof. \square

Now, we want to classify the G -invariant irreducible curves of degrees at most 17 which are not contained in Q . The strategy is that for each such curve C , we find a G -invariant K3 surface containing C and use the geometry of the K3 surface to proceed. In particular, we are interested in the pencil \mathcal{P} consisting of G -invariant K3 surfaces on X given by

$$S_{a_1, a_2} := \{a_1 f^3 + a_2 g = 0\} \cap X, \quad [a_1 : a_2] \in \mathbb{P}^1$$

where

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i \quad \text{and} \quad g = \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i^3.$$

Note that the base locus of \mathcal{P} is the Bring curve B_6 . We can find singular members in \mathcal{P} by direct computations.

Lemma 4.7. *A surface S_{a_1, a_2} in \mathcal{P} is reduced and singular if and only if one of the following holds:*

- $[a_1 : a_2] = [4 \pm 3\zeta_4 : 50] \in \mathbb{P}^1$. In these cases, $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2})$ consists of 5 nodes.
- $[a_1 : a_2] = [6 \pm \zeta_4\sqrt{3/2} : 75] \in \mathbb{P}^1$. In these cases, $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2})$ consists of 10 nodes.

Moreover, when S_{a_1, a_2} is smooth, it does not contain $\Sigma_5, \Sigma'_5, \Sigma_{10}$ or Σ'_{10} .

Remark 4.8. The orbits \mathcal{C}_6 and \mathcal{C}'_6 are contained in $S_{2, 25} \in \mathcal{P}$.

Lemma 4.9. *Let C be an G -invariant curve not contained in Q such that $\deg(C) \leq 17$. Then the following statements hold.*

- (1) $\deg(C) = 12$.
- (2) In the pencil \mathcal{P} , there is a unique surface S containing C .
- (3) If C is irreducible, then C is a Cartier divisor on S .
- (4) The surface S is smooth.
- (5) The curve C is smooth.
- (6) If C is irreducible, then its genus $g(C) \in \{0, 5, 10\}$.
- (7) There exists a G -invariant curve C' different from C such that $C' \subset S$, C' is isomorphic to C , and $C + C' \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_S(4)$.

Proof. We may assume that C is G -irreducible.

- (1) Arguing as in Lemma 4.6, we know that $\deg(C) = 12$.
- (2) Let P be a general point on C . There exists a unique $S \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $P \in S$. If the curve C is not contained in S , then the number of points in $C \cap S$ is at most $3\deg(C) = 36$. But by Lemma 4.4, the G -orbit of P has length 60. By contradiction, we see that $C \subset S$.
- (3) In what follows, we will denote by H a general hyperplane section on X , and by H_S its restriction to S . If the curve C is contained in the smooth locus of S , then it is Cartier. Assume that $C \cap \text{Sing}(S)$ is not empty. Let $f: \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$ be the blowup of $C \cap \text{Sing}(S)$, and \tilde{C} the strict transform of C by f . We have

$$\tilde{C} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} f^*(C) - mE, \quad m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z},$$

where E is the exceptional divisor of f . To show that C is Cartier, it suffices to prove that m is an integer. Denoting by E_P the component of E mapped to P , we have $\tilde{C} \cdot E_P = 2m$.

But this intersection number is preserved by the action of the stabilizer of P . By Lemma 4.7, we have $s = |C \cap \text{Sing}(S)| \in \{5, 10\}$. If $s = 5$, the stabilizer of P is \mathfrak{A}_4 , and $2m = 4a + 6b + 12c$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, since 4, 6, and 12 are the possible lengths of \mathfrak{A}_4 -orbits on \mathbb{P}^1 . It follows that m is an integer, and C is Cartier. If $s = 10$, then the stabilizer of P is \mathfrak{S}_3 , and $2m = 2a + 3b + 6c$. If $b = 0$, then m is an integer and we are done. Assume that $b \geq 1$. We have

$$\tilde{C}^2 = (f^*(C) - mE)^2 = C^2 - 2sm^2 \leq C^2 - 35.$$

By Hodge index theorem, we have

$$C^2 \leq \frac{(C \cdot H_S)^2}{(H_S)^2} = 24, \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{C}^2 \leq -11,$$

which is impossible and we obtain a contradiction.

- (4) If C is reducible, the assertion follows from Remark 4.8. Assume that C is irreducible. From [16, Proposition 6.7.3], we know that $\text{rk}(\text{Pic}^G(S)) = 1$ or 2, and S is smooth in the latter case. Assume that S is singular, then $\text{Pic}^G(S) = \mathbb{Z}$ and it is generated by H_S since $(H_S)^2 = 6$ is not a square. It follows that $C \sim nH_S$, for some positive integer n . Note that $\deg(C) = 12$ implies that $n = 2$. But one can check that all G -invariant quadratic forms on \mathbb{P}^4 are linear combinations of $\sum_{i=1}^5 x_i^2$ and $(\sum_{i=1}^5 x_i)^2$. We deduce that no G -invariant curve in S is linearly equivalent to $2H_S$, hence we obtain a contradiction.
- (5) If C is reducible, the assertion follows from Lemma 4.5. Assume that C is irreducible and singular, the singular locus of C is a union of G -orbits. Since S is smooth, the curve C does not contain any orbit of length ≤ 10 , by Lemma 4.3. Hence, $\text{Sing}(C)$ must be an orbit of length at least 12. Let us show that this is impossible. Again, Hodge index theorem gives

$$C^2 \leq \frac{(C \cdot H_S)^2}{(H_S)^2} = 24.$$

If this is an equality, then $C \sim nH_S$, for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, and we have proved that this is impossible. So we have $C^2 < 24$, and since the self-intersection of a curve on a K3 surface is even, we get $C^2 \leq 22$. It follows that the arithmetic genus $p_a(C)$ of C satisfies $C^2 = 2p_a(C) - 2$, i.e., $p_a(C) \leq 12$. Thus, C cannot have more than 12 singular points. If C has 12 singular points, since

all orbits of length 12 are in Q , we have $12 = Q \cdot C \geq 2 \cdot 12 = 24$, which is a contradiction.

- (6) We have proved that $p_a(C) \leq 12$ and that C is smooth, so its genus $g(C) \leq 12$. Note that C only contains one orbit of length 12 since $C \cdot Q = 12$. The using a classification of genera of smooth irreducible curves with \mathfrak{A}_5 -actions and their orbit structures [16, Lemma 5.1.5], we deduce that $g(C) \in \{0, 5, 10\}$.
- (7) Consider the action of \mathfrak{S}_5 given by the permutations of the coordinates leaving X and S invariant. By [14], there is no \mathfrak{S}_5 -invariant irreducible curve of degree 12 not contained in Q . Let C' be the other curve in the \mathfrak{S}_5 -orbit of C . Since $C + C'$ is of degree 24 and since $\text{Pic}^{\mathfrak{S}_5}(S) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot H_S$, we get $C + C' \sim 4H_S$.

□

4.2. Invariant curves not contained in Q . This subsection is devoted to proving the following.

Proposition 4.10. *If C is a G -invariant curve in X not contained in Q , then each irreducible component of C is not a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. This follows from Lemmas 4.11 and 4.12. □

We start with the case of irreducible curves. The method of the proof will be applied several times in this paper.

Lemma 4.11. *If C is an irreducible G -invariant curve not contained in Q , then C is not a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. By Lemma 4.9, the curve C is of degree 12, and there exists a unique smooth K3 surface S in the pencil \mathcal{P} such that $C \subset S$, and the genus $g = g(C) \in \{0, 5, 10\}$. Let H be a general hyperplane section on X , and H_S its restriction to S . Assume that C is a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Then $\text{mult}_C(\lambda\mathcal{M}_X) > 1$. We have

$$\lambda\mathcal{M}_X|_S \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} mC + \Delta, \quad m \geq \text{mult}_C(\lambda\mathcal{M}_X) > 1$$

for some divisor Δ on S not supported along C . In particular, the divisors

$$3H_S - C \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \Delta + (m-1)C \quad \text{and} \quad 3H_S - mC \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \Delta$$

are effective. By Lemma 4.9, there exists an irreducible curve C' such that C' is isomorphic to C and $C' \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 4H_S - C$.

- (1) Assume that $g = 0$. We have $(C')^2 = (4H_S - C)^2 = -2$. So the divisor $4H_S - C$ is on an extremal ray of the Mori cone of S . Since H_S is ample, it implies that $C' - H_S \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 3H_S - C$ is not rationally equivalent to any effective divisor. Hence, we get a contradiction.
- (2) Assume that $g = 5$. Notice that C' is nef since it is an irreducible curve on a smooth surface, and $(C')^2 = 2g(C') - 2 = 8$. But

$$(3H_S - C) \cdot C' = (3H_S - C) \cdot (4H_S - C) = -4 < 0,$$

which gives a contradiction.

- (3) Assume that $g = 10$. Let us first show that the linear system $|3H_S - C|$ has no fixed part. Notice that its mobile part is at least a pencil. Indeed, by Riemann-Roch theorem, we have

$$h^0(3H_S - C) \geq 2 + \frac{1}{2}(3H_S - C)^2 = 2.$$

So, if it has a base curve, it is of degree lower than 6. But there is no such G -invariant curve not contained in Q . The linear system $|3H_S - C|$ also does not have any fixed point. Indeed, we have $(3H_S - C)^2 = 0$, so the curves in this linear system are disjoint. Hence, there is no base curve in $|3H_S - C|$ other than C and it is nef. But $(3H_S - C) \cdot (3H - mC) < 0$, which yields a contradiction.

□

We exclude reducible curves in a similar way.

Lemma 4.12. *If C is a reducible G -invariant curve of degree 12 not contained in Q , then each irreducible component of C is not a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. By Lemma 4.5, C is the union of one of the two orbits \mathcal{C}_6 and \mathcal{C}'_6 of 6 conics. Note that \mathcal{C}_6 and \mathcal{C}'_6 are exchanged by the \mathfrak{S}_5 -permutation action. Without loss of generality, assume that C is the union of conics in \mathcal{C}_6 and components of C are non-canonical centers of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Let C' be the union of conics in \mathcal{C}'_6 . By Remark 4.8, $C \cup C'$ is contained in the smooth K3 surface $S = S_{2,25} \in \mathcal{P}$ under the notation of Lemma 4.7. Let H_S be a general hyperplane on S . Similarly as in Lemma 4.11, we know that

$$3H_S - mC$$

is an effective divisor for some $m > 1$. Using equations, we find that $C + C' \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 4H_S$. Note that C' is on the border of the Mori cone of S , since it is the disjoint union of six conics where each of them has self-intersection -2 . So $C' - H_S \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 3H_S - C$ is not pseudo-effective, which contradicts the effectiveness of $3H_S - mC$. \square

4.3. Points outside Q .

Lemma 4.13. *Let $P \in X$ and Σ be its G -orbit. If $P \notin Q$ and $|\Sigma| \neq 5$, then P is not a center of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. Assume that P is a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. We consider two cases:

Case 1: When $|\Sigma| \geq 20$. Remark 2.5 implies that $(X, \frac{3}{2}\lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is not log-canonical at P . Let Λ be the non-log-canonical locus of $(X, \frac{3}{2}\lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, and Λ_0 its zero-dimensional component.

Assume that a G -invariant curve C is contained in Λ . Consider two general elements $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}_X$, we have that

$$\frac{9}{4}\lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2) = mC + \Delta, \quad m \geq (\text{mult}_C(\frac{3}{2}\lambda\mathcal{M}_X))^2$$

for an effective divisor Δ whose support does not contain C . Intersecting with a general hyperplane section H on X , we obtain that

$$\frac{81}{2} = H \cdot \frac{9}{4}\lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2) \geq m \deg(C).$$

By Theorem 2.2, we know that $m > 4$ and it follows that

$$\deg(C) \leq 10.$$

Lemma 4.6 implies that $C \subset Q$. By assumption, we have $\Sigma \not\subset Q$. Therefore, we know that $\Sigma \subset \Lambda_0$.

Let $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}(X, \frac{3}{2}\lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ be the multiplier ideal sheaf of $\frac{3}{2}\lambda\mathcal{M}_X$ on X . Note that

$$K_X + \frac{3}{2}\mathcal{M}_X + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_X(1) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_X(2).$$

Then, by Nadel vanishing theorem (cf. Theorem 2.6), we know that $h^1(X, \mathcal{I} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(2)) = 0$ and it follows that

$$20 \leq |\Sigma| \leq |\text{Supp}(\mathcal{I})| \leq h^0(\mathcal{O}_X(2)) = 14,$$

which is a contradiction.

Case 2: When $|\Sigma| < 20$, then by the classification of orbits we know that $|\Sigma| = 10$. This case is excluded by [14, Proof of Proposition 3.4]. The proof there applies verbatim. \square

4.4. Points inside Q . Here we finish the proof of Proposition 4.1 by finding the G -equivariant α -invariant of Q .

Lemma 4.14. *One has $\alpha_G(Q) = \frac{3}{2}$.*

Proof. By Lemma 4.6, we see that the Bring curve B_6 of bidegree $(3, 3)$ is the G -invariant divisor in Q with the least degree. By definition of the α -invariant, we have $\alpha_G(Q) \leq \frac{3}{2}$. Assume that $\alpha_G(Q) < \frac{3}{2}$. Then there exists a G -invariant effective \mathbb{Q} -divisor D on S such that

$$D \sim_Q \mathcal{O}_Q(3, 3)$$

and (Q, D) is not log-canonical. Let Λ be the non-log-canonical locus of (Q, D) . Assume that Λ contains a curve $C \subset Q$. We have $D = mC + \Delta$ where $m > 1$ and Δ is an effective divisor whose support does not contain C . Intersecting with a general hyperplane section H , we obtain

$$6 = H \cdot D \geq m \deg(C).$$

It follows that $\deg(C) < 6$. By Lemma 4.6, such curves do not exist.

Thus, Λ is 0-dimensional. We have $|\Lambda| \geq 12$ since orbits of length 5 and 10 are not in Q . Let $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}^{>0}$ such that $(Q, (1 - \varepsilon)D)$ is not klt at points in Λ , and \mathcal{I} the multiplier ideal sheaf of $(1 - \varepsilon)D$. Note that

$$K_Q + (1 - \varepsilon)D + 3\varepsilon\mathcal{O}_Q(1, 1) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_Q(1, 1).$$

Applying Nadel vanishing theorem (cf. Theorem 2.6), we obtain

$$12 \leq |\text{Supp}(\mathcal{I})| \leq h^0(\mathcal{O}_Q(1, 1)) = 4,$$

which is absurd. So we obtain a contradiction and $\alpha_G(Q) = \frac{3}{2}$. \square

Corollary 4.15. *Let Z be a non-canonical center of the pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, then $Z \not\subset Q$.*

Proof. If Z is contained in Q , then by inversion of adjunction, Z is a non-log-canonical center of $(Q, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X|_Q)$, which contradicts Lemma 4.14. \square

5. THE STANDARD \mathfrak{A}_5 -ACTION ON THE CUBIC THREEFOLD

In this section, we study the cubic threefold $Y \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_4}^4$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} & x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_1x_2x_5 + x_1x_3x_4 + x_1x_3x_5 + x_1x_4x_5 + \\ & + x_2x_3x_4 + x_2x_3x_5 + x_2x_4x_5 + x_3x_4x_5 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

with the same $G = \mathfrak{A}_5$ -action through permutations of coordinates. Note that $\text{Sing}(Y)$ consists of 5 nodes. The aim of this section is to prove the following result.

Proposition 5.1. *Let \mathcal{M}_Y be a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system on Y , and let $\mu \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\mu\mathcal{M}_Y \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_Y$. Then the log pair $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ is canonical away from $\text{Sing}(Y)$.*

Proof. This follows from Propositions 5.6 and 5.7, and Corollary 5.9. \square

Remark 5.2. If a curve C is a center of non-canonical singularities, then for any two general members $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}_Y$, we have that

$$\lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2) = mC + \Delta$$

for some $m > 1$ and some effective divisor Δ not supported along C . Intersecting with a general hyperplane H , we obtain that

$$(5.1) \quad 12 = \lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2 \cdot H) > \deg(C).$$

Thus, we need to consider G -orbits of lengths less than 20 and G -invariant curves of degrees lower than 12. As in the previous section, we split into subsections according to whether or not a potential non-canonical center of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ belongs to the G -invariant hyperplane section.

5.1. Small G -orbits and G -invariant curves of low degrees. We begin with identifying small G -orbits and G -invariant curves of low degrees in Y .

Lemma 5.3. *A G -orbit of points in Y with length < 20 is one of the following:*

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_5^1 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0], \\ \Sigma_5^2 &= \text{the orbit of } [-2 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 3], \\ \Sigma_{10}^1 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : 1 : 0 : 0 : 0], \\ \Sigma_{10}^2 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : -1 : 0 : 0 : 0], \\ \Sigma_{10}^3 &= \text{the orbit of } [-6 - 2\sqrt{6} : -6 - 2\sqrt{6} : 6 : 6 : 6], \\ \Sigma_{10}^4 &= \text{the orbit of } [-6 + 2\sqrt{6} : -6 + 2\sqrt{6} : 6 : 6 : 6], \\ \Sigma_{12}^1 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : \zeta_5 : \zeta_5^2 : \zeta_5^3 : \zeta_5^4], \\ \Sigma_{12}^2 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : \zeta_5^2 : \zeta_5^4 : \zeta_5 : \zeta_5^3], \\ \Sigma_{15} &= \text{the orbit of } [0 : -1 : -1 : 1 : 1], \end{aligned}$$

where the length of each orbit is indicated by the subscript.

With the notation above, $\text{Sing}(Y) = \Sigma_5^1$. There is a unique G -invariant hyperplane section in Y , given by

$$R := \{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0\} \cap Y.$$

Note that R is the Clebsch cubic surface. One can check that

$$(5.2) \quad \Sigma_{10}^2, \Sigma_{12}^1, \Sigma_{12}^2, \Sigma_{15} \in R, \quad \Sigma_5^1, \Sigma_5^2, \Sigma_{10}^1, \Sigma_{10}^3, \Sigma_{10}^4 \notin R.$$

We recall some facts about the \mathfrak{A}_5 -equivariant geometry of R , see [17, Section 6.3] for more details. The surface R is G -linearizable. Indeed, there are two unions L_6, L'_6 of 6 pairwise disjoint lines in R . Respective contractions of L_6 and L'_6 give two G -equivariantly birational maps $\pi, \pi' : R \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$. There is a unique G -invariant conic in \mathbb{P}^2 . We denote its strict transforms under π and π' by C_6 and C'_6 respectively.

Lemma 5.4. *Let C be a G -invariant curve in Y with $\deg(C) < 10$. Then $C \subset R$, $\deg(C) = 6$, and C is one of the following*

$$L_6, L'_6, C_6, C'_6, \quad \text{or the Bring curve } B_6 \text{ defined by (4.2).}$$

Proof. If $C \not\subset R$, then $C \cdot R = \deg(C) < 10$. By (5.2), we know that this is impossible. Thus $C \subset R$. The rest of the lemma follows from [17, Theorem 6.3.18]. \square

Lemma 5.5. *Let C be a G -invariant curve in Y , of degree 10 and not contained in R . Then C is the union of 10 lines in the G -orbit of*

$$\{x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = 0\} \subset Y.$$

Moreover, these lines are the lines that pass through pairs of points in the singular locus of Y .

Proof. We may assume that C is G -irreducible. When C is an irreducible curve, by computation, we check that there is no G -invariant irreducible curve with a generic stabilizer. So G acts faithfully on C . Note that $C \cdot R = \deg(C) = 10$. By (5.2), we see that $C \cap R = \Sigma_{10}^2$ where all 10 points are smooth points of C . The stabilizer of a point in $C \cap R$ is \mathfrak{S}_3 , which is a contradiction, since it should act faithfully in the tangent space of C at this point. It follows that C is a reducible curve.

So C can be 5 conics or 10 lines. Assume that C consists of 5 conics. Each conic spans a plane in \mathbb{P}^4 , left invariant by $\mathfrak{A}_4 \subset G$. Each such plane intersects X along the conic and a residual line. Therefore, we obtain a G -orbit of 5 lines. One can check that there is no such orbit of lines in X . Similarly, we find that there is only one G -orbit of 10 lines, as is given in the assertion.

□

5.2. Invariant curves not contained in R . With the classification of G -irreducible invariant curves, we exclude curves not contained in R as non-canonical centers in this case.

Proposition 5.6. *Let C be a G -invariant curve in Y not contained in R . Then each irreducible component of C is not a non-canonical center of the pair $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$.*

Proof. Assume that the irreducible components of C are non-canonical centers. By Remark 5.2, we have $\deg(C) < 12$. From (5.2), we see that

$$\deg(C) = 10$$

and C is the union of 10 lines given in Lemma 5.5. This is impossible by [14, Proof of Proposition 3.5]. □

5.3. Points outside R .

Proposition 5.7. *Let P be a point outside R , and Σ its G -orbit. If $\Sigma \neq \Sigma_5^1$, then P is not a non-canonical center of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$.*

Proof. Assume that P is a non-canonical center of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$. By Remark 2.5, we know that P is a non-log-canonical center of $(Y, \frac{3}{2}\mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$. Let ε be a positive rational number such that

$$\Sigma \subset \Omega, \quad \Omega := \text{Nklt}(Y, (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$$

where Ω is the non-klt locus of $(Y, (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$.

Assume that there is a curve $C \subset \Omega$. Let $M_1, M_2 \in (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y$ and H a general hyperplane section of Y . Similarly as before, we have

$$27 \geq H \cdot (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)^2 \mu^2(M_1 \cdot M_2) \geq m \deg(C) > 4 \deg(C)$$

for some number $m > 4$ by Theorem 2.2. Lemma 5.4 implies that $\deg(C) = 6$ and $C \subset R$. This shows that every curve in Ω is in R . It follows that the 0-dimensional component Ω_0 of Ω is non-empty since $P \notin R$. In particular, $\Omega_0 \supset \Sigma$. Observe that

$$K_Y + (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y + 2\varepsilon\mathcal{O}_Y(1) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_Y(1).$$

Let \mathcal{I} be the multiplier ideal sheaf of $(\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y$. By Nadel vanishing theorem (Theorem 2.6), we have $h^1(\mathcal{I} \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y(1)) = 0$. This implies that

$$|\Omega_0| \leq h^0(\mathcal{O}_Y(1)) = 5.$$

It follows that $\Omega_0 = \Sigma = \Sigma_5^1$ or Σ_5^2 . The latter is impossible by [14, Proposition 3.5]. \square

5.4. Points inside R . Similarly as in the previous section, it suffices to find the G -equivariant α -invariant of R .

Lemma 5.8. *One has $\alpha_G(R) = 2$.*

Proof. Note that $B_6 \subset R$ is a G -invariant effective divisor such that $B_6 \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -2K_R$. It follows that $\alpha_G(R) \leq 2$. Suppose that $\alpha_G(R) < 2$. Then there exists a G -invariant effective \mathbb{Q} -divisor $D \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -2K_R$ such that (R, D) is not log-canonical. Let Λ be the non-log-canonical locus of (R, D) . Let $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ such that the non-klt locus Ω of $(R, (1 - \varepsilon)D)$ contains Λ . Assume that Ω contains some curve C' , then

$$(1 - \varepsilon)D = mC' + \Delta, \quad m \geq 1$$

for some effective 1-cycle Δ whose support does not contain C' . Intersecting with a general hyperplane section H on R , we obtain

$$6 > H \cdot (1 - \varepsilon)D = H \cdot (mC' + \Delta) \geq \deg(C'),$$

which is impossible by Lemma 5.4.

Thus, Ω consists of finitely many points. Let $n = |\Lambda|$ and \mathcal{I} be the multiplier ideal sheaf of $(1 - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_R$. Observe that

$$K_R + (1 - \varepsilon)D + 2\varepsilon\mathcal{O}_R(1) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_R(1).$$

By Nadel vanishing theorem, we know that $h^1(\mathcal{O}_R(1) \otimes \mathcal{I}) = 0$ and

$$n = |\Lambda| \leq |\Omega| \leq h^0(\mathcal{O}_R(1)) = 4,$$

which implies that $n = 0$ since there is no G -orbit of length ≤ 4 in R . \square

Corollary 5.9. *Let Z be a non-canonical center of the pair $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$, then $Z \not\subset R$.*

Proof. Assume that Z is contained in R . By inversion of adjunction, the pair $(R, \mu\mathcal{M}_X|_R)$ is not log-canonical, which contradicts Lemma 5.8. \square

6. THE NONSTANDARD \mathfrak{A}_5 -ACTION ON THE QUADRIC THREEFOLD

In this section, we study the non-standard \mathfrak{A}_5 -action. Let $G = \mathfrak{A}_5$ acting on the smooth quadric threefold given by

$$(6.1) \quad X = \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq 5} x_i x_j = 0 \right\} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$$

with the G -action generated by

$$(6.2) \quad \begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x}) &\mapsto (x_4, x_1, x_5, x_2, -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5), \\ (\mathbf{x}) &\mapsto (x_4, -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5, x_1, x_3, x_2). \end{aligned}$$

The aim of this section is to prove the following result.

Proposition 6.1. *Let \mathcal{M}_X be a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system on X , and $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\lambda\mathcal{M}_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X$. Let Z be a G -irreducible subvariety whose components are centers of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Then Z is one of the following:*

- the union of 5 points in the orbit Σ_5 or Σ'_5 given in Lemma 6.3,
- the rational curve C_4 or C'_4 of degree 4 given by (6.5),
- the rational curve C_8 or C'_8 of degree 8 described in Remark 6.16,
- (possibly) a smooth irreducible curve of degree 10 and genus 6.

Proof. This follows from Proposition 6.6 and Proposition 6.22. \square

Remark 6.2. Equations of C_4, C'_4, C_8, C'_8 can be found in [37]. Sarkisov links centered at these curves are presented in later subsections. We do not know the existence of the curve of degree 10. This is not necessary for our main result, see Lemma 6.13.

Note that the G -action on the ambient \mathbb{P}^4 arises from the unique 5-dimensional irreducible linear representation of G . The nature of this action creates more challenges for our classifications since there are more possibilities of G -invariant curves and non-canonical centers, cf. Proposition 4.1. The \mathfrak{A}_5 -equivariant geometry of K3 surfaces turns out to be crucial to our analysis in this section.

First, we classify G -orbits of lengths less than 20, and the G -irreducible invariant curves of degrees at most 17. In the second subsection, we will study the singularities of pairs $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ along G -invariant curves, and in the third subsection, we will study them along G -orbits.

6.1. Small G -orbits and G -invariant curves of low degrees.

Lemma 6.3. *A G -orbit of points in X with length < 20 is one of the following:*

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_5 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : \zeta_6 - 1 : -\zeta_6 : \zeta_6 - 1 : 1], \\ \Sigma'_5 &= \text{the orbit of } [1 : -\zeta_6 : \zeta_6 - 1 : -\zeta_6 : 1], \\ \Sigma_{12} &= \text{the orbit of } [\zeta_5^3 : \zeta_5^2 : 0 : \zeta_5 : 1], \\ \Sigma'_{12} &= \text{the orbit of } [\zeta_5^4 : \zeta_5 : 0 : \zeta_5^3 : 1], \end{aligned}$$

where the length of each orbit is indicated by the subscript.

Lemma 6.4. *Let C be a G -invariant curve in X with $\deg(C) \leq 17$. Then C has trivial generic stabilizer, i.e., the G -orbit of a general point in C has length 60.*

Proof. By direct computation, one sees that the only irreducible curves in X with non-trivial generic stabilizers are lines and conics, and their G -orbits have lengths 20 and 15 respectively. \square

Lemma 6.5. *Let C be a G -invariant reducible curve of degree at most 17. Then C is the union of curves in one of the following orbits:*

- *an orbit of 5 conics*

$$\mathcal{C}_5 = \text{orbit of } \{x_1 + x_4 = x_2 + x_3 = 0\} \cap X,$$

- *one of the following 2 orbits of 6 conics*

$$\mathcal{C}_6 = \text{orbit of } C_1, \quad \mathcal{C}'_6 = \text{orbit of } C_2,$$

where

$$a = \zeta_5 + \zeta_5^4,$$

$$C_1 = \{x_1 - x_3 - a(x_4 - x_5) = x_2 + a(x_3 - x_4) - x_5 = 0\} \cap X,$$

$$C_2 = \{x_1 - x_3 + (1+a)(x_4 - x_5) = x_2 - (1+a)(x_3 - x_4) - x_5 = 0\} \cap X,$$

- *one of the following 2 orbits of 12 lines*

$$\mathcal{L}_{12} = \text{the orbit of } \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i = \sum_{i=1}^5 \zeta_5^{i-1} x_i = \sum_{i=1}^5 \zeta_5^{3(i-1)} x_i = 0 \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_{12} = \text{the orbit of } \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i = \sum_{i=1}^5 \zeta_5^{i-1} x_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^5 \zeta_5^{2(i-1)} x_i = 0 \right\}.$$

Each of the orbits above consists of pairwise disjoint curves.

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 4.5. \square

6.2. Invariant curves. Similarly as in Section 4 (see Remark 4.2), if a curve C is in the non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, we have

$$\deg(C) \leq 17.$$

The main result of this subsection is:

Proposition 6.6. *Let \mathcal{M}_X be a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system on X , and $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\lambda\mathcal{M}_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X$. If a curve C is a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, then C is an irreducible curve of degree 4, 8, or 10, and is one of the curves described in Proposition 6.1.*

Proof. We explain how the results in this subsection show the assertion. Lemma 6.17 shows that if C is contained in certain surfaces R or R' explicitly given by (6.4), then $\deg(C) = 4$. When C is not in R or R' , Lemma 6.9 shows $\deg(C) \in \{8, 10, 12, 16\}$. Lemma 6.11 excludes the case $\deg(C) = 12$. Lemmas 6.12 and 6.19 show that $\deg(C) = 16$ is also impossible. Then Lemmas 6.13, 6.15, 6.17 and 6.18 prove that all such curves are among those described in Proposition 6.1. \square

First, we present curves of degree 4. Consider the pencil consisting of G -invariant cubics in \mathbb{P}^4 given by

$$\{a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_5}^4, \quad [a_1 : a_2] \in \mathbb{P}^1$$

where

$$(6.3) \quad \begin{aligned} f_1 &= x_1^2 x_2 + x_1 x_2^2 + 2x_1 x_2 x_3 + x_2^2 x_3 + x_2 x_3^2 + 2x_2 x_3 x_4 + x_3^2 x_4 + x_3 x_4^2 + \\ &\quad + x_1^2 x_5 + 2x_1 x_2 x_5 + 2x_1 x_4 x_5 + 2x_3 x_4 x_5 + x_4^2 x_5 + x_1 x_5^2 + x_4 x_5^2, \\ f_2 &= x_1^2 x_3 + x_1 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_4 + 2x_1 x_2 x_4 + x_2^2 x_4 + 2x_1 x_3 x_4 + x_1 x_4^2 + x_2 x_4^2 + \\ &\quad + x_2^2 x_5 + 2x_1 x_3 x_5 + 2x_2 x_3 x_5 + x_3^2 x_5 + 2x_2 x_4 x_5 + x_2 x_5^2 + x_3 x_5^2. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, there are two G -invariant chordal cubics in \mathbb{P}^4 , i.e., the cubic threefold whose singular locus is a twisted quartic curve. Their intersections with X are two non-normal surfaces, given by

$$(6.4) \quad \begin{aligned} R &= \{(-\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2 + 1)f_1 + f_2 = 0\} \cap X, \\ R' &= \{(\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + 2)f_1 + f_2 = 0\} \cap X. \end{aligned}$$

Their intersection $R \cap R'$ is an irreducible curve whose singular locus is $\Sigma_{12} \cup \Sigma'_{12}$. Let

$$(6.5) \quad C_4 = \text{Sing}(R), \quad C'_4 = \text{Sing}(R').$$

Then C_4 and C'_4 are quartic rational normal curves such that

$$\Sigma_{12} \in C_4 \setminus C'_4, \quad \Sigma'_{12} \in C'_4 \setminus C_4.$$

These two curves can be non-canonical centers of $(X, \lambda \mathcal{M}_X)$. Sarkisov links centered at them are involutions on X , presented in Lemma 6.15. Now, let \mathcal{P} be the pencil consisting of G -invariant K3 surfaces S_{a_1, a_2} in X given by

$$(6.6) \quad S_{a_1, a_2} := \{a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2 = 0\} \cap X, \quad [a_1 : a_2] \in \mathbb{P}^1.$$

Remark 6.7. Each of the orbits in Lemma 6.5 is contained in a unique member in \mathcal{P} . We record

orbit	a_1	a_2
\mathcal{C}_5	1	1
\mathcal{C}_6	$63(\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2) + 145$	89
\mathcal{C}'_6	$63(\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2) + 145$	89
\mathcal{L}_{12}	$-\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2 + 1$	1
\mathcal{L}'_{12}	$\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + 2$	1

where each orbit in the first column is contained in $S_{a_1, a_2} \in \mathcal{P}$ for a_1, a_2 indicated in the same row.

Lemma 6.8. *A surface $S_{a_1, a_2} \in \mathcal{P}$ is singular if and only if*

- (1) $[a_1 : a_2] = [-3\zeta_6 + 8 : 7]$, $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2}) = \Sigma_5$,
- (2) $[a_1 : a_2] = [3\zeta_6 + 5 : 7]$, $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2}) = \Sigma'_5$,
- (3) $[a_1 : a_2] = [-\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2 + 1 : 1]$, $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2}) = C_4$, $S_{a_1, a_2} = R$,
- (4) $[a_1 : a_2] = [\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + 2 : 1]$, $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2}) = C'_4$, $S_{a_1, a_2} = R'$.

Moreover, when $S_{a_1, a_2} \in \mathcal{P}$ is smooth, it contains no orbit of length 5.

Proof. First, we consider the case when $S = S_{a_1, a_2}$ is normal. The singular locus $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2})$ forms a G -invariant set. Note that $K_S \sim 0$. If S has non-du Val singularities, it has at least 12 of them, since the smallest orbit on X has length 12. This is impossible. Thus, S has at worst du Val singularities and its minimal resolution is a smooth K3 surface, whose Picard rank is bounded by 20. Then $|\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2})| < 20$ and $\text{Sing}(S_{a_1, a_2})$ consists of orbits in Lemma 6.3. One can check that the four cases in the assertion are the only possible cases. Note that being singular along Σ_{12} or Σ'_{12} forces S_{a_1, a_2} to be non-normal.

Now assume that $S = S_{a_1, a_2}$ is singular along a curve Z . Let S' be a general member of \mathcal{P} . Recall that $S' \cap S$ is an irreducible curve whose singular locus is $\Sigma_{12} \cup \Sigma'_{12}$. It follows that $\emptyset \neq Z \cap S \subset \Sigma_{12} \cup \Sigma'_{12}$ and the only possible cases are $S = R$ or R' . \square

Lemma 6.9. *Let C be a G -invariant curve not contained in $R \cup R'$ such that $\deg(C) \leq 17$. Then the following assertions hold.*

- (1) *We have $\deg(C) \in \{8, 10, 12, 16\}$.*
- (2) *The irreducible components of C are pairwise disjoint.*
- (3) *In the pencil \mathcal{P} , there exists a unique surface S containing C .*
- (4) *If C is irreducible, then C is a Cartier divisor on S .*
- (5) *The surface S is smooth.*
- (6) *If $\deg(C) \neq 16$, then C is smooth.*

- (7) If $\deg(C) \neq 16$ and C is irreducible, then its genus satisfies

$$g(C) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 8 \text{ or } 12, \\ 6 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 10. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We may assume that C is G -irreducible.

- (1) Since C is not contained in R , we have $C \cdot R = 3 \deg(C) \leq 51$, and $C \cap R$ splits into G -orbits. Hence,

$$C \cdot R = 12a + 20b + 30c = 3 \deg(C) \leq 51, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

If $a > 0$, since R is singular at Σ_{12} , we have $2 \leq a \leq 4$ and $b = c = 0$. Then $\deg(C) \in \{8, 12, 16\}$. If $a = 0$, then $b = 0$ and $c = 1$. In this case, $\deg(C) = 10$.

- (2) This is obvious if C is irreducible. When C is reducible, the assertion follows from the classification in Lemma 6.5.
- (3) Let P be a general point of C . There exists a unique surface S in \mathcal{P} that passes through P . The intersection $S \cap C$ contains the orbit of P , which has length 60 by Lemma 6.4. If C is not contained in S , we have that $C \cdot S = 3 \deg(C) \in \{24, 30, 36, 48\}$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $C \subset S$.
- (4) Assume that $C \cap \text{Sing}(S) \neq \emptyset$, otherwise C is Cartier. Let $f: \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$ be the blowup of $C \cap \text{Sing}(S)$. Denoting by \tilde{C} the strict transform of the curve C by f , we have $\tilde{C} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} f^*(C) - mE$ for some $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$, where E is the exceptional divisor of f . Consider a point $P \in C \cap \text{Sing}(S)$, and a component E_P of E mapped to P . We have $\tilde{C} \cdot E_P = 2m$. By assumption, we have $S \neq R$ and R' . Lemma 6.8 implies that $|C \cap \text{Sing}(S)| = 5$ and the stabilizer of P is \mathfrak{A}_4 , which acts faithfully on $E_P = \mathbb{P}^1$. It follows that $2m = 4a + 6b + 12c$, for some non-negative integers a, b, c , because the possible lengths of \mathfrak{A}_4 -orbits on \mathbb{P}^1 are 4, 6, and 12. Hence m is an integer, and C is Cartier.
- (5) When C is reducible, this follows from Remark 6.7. We assume that C is irreducible. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 4.9. Assume that S is singular, then $\text{rk}(\text{Pic}^G(S)) = 1$. Let H be a general hyperplane section on X , and H_S its restriction to S . Since $\deg(H_S) = 6$ is not a square, we know that $\text{Pic}^G(S)$ is generated by H_S . Note that $C \in \text{Pic}^G(S)$ because C is Cartier. It follows that $C \sim nH_S$ for some integer n . We know that $\deg(C) = C \cdot H_S = 6n$, which implies that $\deg(C) = 12$ and $n = 2$. Recall that the only G -invariant quadric hypersurface

in \mathbb{P}^4 is X . So there is no G -invariant curve linear equivalent to $2H_S$ and we obtain a contradiction.

- (6) When C is reducible, this follows from Lemma 6.5. We assume that C is irreducible and singular. Let \tilde{C} be a minimal resolution of singularities of C . Since S is smooth, then by Lemma 6.8, we know that S does not contain an orbit of length 5. We get

$$g(C) = g(\tilde{C}) = p_a(\tilde{C}) = p_a(C) - 12a - 20b - 30c - 60d,$$

where a, b, c, d are non-negative integers which are not all 0, $g(C)$ is the geometric genus, and $p_a(C)$ is the arithmetic genus of C . Hodge index theorem gives

$$(6.7) \quad C^2 \leq \frac{(C \cdot H_S)^2}{(H_S)^2}.$$

If this is an equality, then $C \sim nH_S$, for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, and we have proved above that this is impossible. So (6.7) is a strict inequality, i.e.,

$$C^2 \leq \begin{cases} 10 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 8, \\ 16 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 10, \\ 22 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 12. \end{cases}$$

Recall that $p_a(C) = \frac{C^2+2}{2}$. We obtain that

$$(6.8) \quad p_a(C) \leq \begin{cases} 6 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 8, \\ 9 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 10, \\ 12 & \text{if } \deg(C) = 12. \end{cases}$$

Then, the only possibility is $a = 1, b = c = 0$ and

$$\deg(C) = 12, \quad p_a(C) = 12, \quad g(C) = 0.$$

In this case, we have $C \cdot B = 36$, where $B = R \cap R'$ is an irreducible curve of degree 18. On the other hand, since both C and B are singular at a common orbit of length 12, we have $C \cdot B \geq 12 \cdot 4 = 48$. We obtain a contradiction. So C is smooth.

- (7) We know that C is smooth, and we have the bound (6.8) on its genus. First, when $\deg(C) = 8$, we find all such curves in Lemma 6.18 and it follows that $g(C) = 0$. When $\deg(C) = 10$, recall that C contains no orbit of length 12. Then by [17, Lemma 5.1.5], or by searching through the database of curves with \mathfrak{A}_5 -actions in [33], we find that $g(C) = 6$. Finally, if

$\deg(C) = 12$, similarly going through the classification, we get $g(C) = 0$.

□

First, we exclude several curves as possible non-canonical centers.

Lemma 6.10. *Let C be a G -invariant union of r conics not contained in R or R' , with $r \in \{5, 6\}$. Then each irreducible component of C is not a center of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. By Lemma 6.9, there exists a unique smooth K3 surface S in the pencil \mathcal{P} containing C . Let H_S be a general hyperplane section of S and $m = \text{mult}_C(\lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Assume that irreducible components of C are non-canonical centers. Then $m > 1$, and we have

$$\lambda\mathcal{M}_X|_S \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} mC + \Delta, \quad m \geq \text{mult}_C(\lambda\mathcal{M}_X) > 1$$

for some effective divisor Δ on S not supported along C . It follows that the divisor

$$3H_S - C \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \Delta + (m - 1)C$$

is effective. On the other hand, consider the divisor on S given by

$$D = (r - 1)H_S - C.$$

The equations of C are given in Lemma 6.5. By computation, we check that the linear subsystem in $|\mathcal{O}_X(r - 1)|$ consisting of surfaces passing through C does not contain any base curve other than C . It follows that D is nef. However, we compute

$$D \cdot (3H_S - C) = \begin{cases} -8 & \text{if } r = 5, \\ -18 & \text{if } r = 6, \end{cases}$$

which gives a contradiction. □

Lemma 6.11. *Let C be a G -invariant curve of degree 12 not contained in R or R' . Then each irreducible component of C is not a center of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. If C is reducible, it is a union of 6 conics by Lemma 6.5. The assertion follows from Lemma 6.10. We assume that C is irreducible.

By Lemma 6.9, the curve C is rational, and there exists a smooth K3 surface S in the pencil \mathcal{P} containing C . Let H_S be a general hyperplane section on S . We have $(4H_S - C)^2 = -2$, and Riemann-Roch theorem gives $h^0(4H_S - C) \geq 1$. Assume that it is an equality. Then the only element of $|4H_S - C|$ is the class of a G -invariant curve C' of degree 12. If C' is reducible, by Lemma 6.5, C' is either a union of 12 lines

or 6 conics. None of these is possible: the 12 lines are contained in R or R' ; and $C'^2 = -12$ if C' is a union of 6 conics. It follows that C' is irreducible, in which case we can exclude C' as a non-canonical center the same way as in the proof of Lemma 4.11.

Assume now that $h^0(4H_S - C) > 1$. We show that this is impossible. The linear system $|4H_S - C|$ splits into a fixed part \mathcal{F} and a mobile part \mathcal{G} . But $(4H_S - C)^2 = -2$, so $|4H_S - C|$ is not nef. We deduce that \mathcal{F} is not empty. Let $F \in \mathcal{F}$. The degree of F is 8 or 10. The latter case would imply that curves in \mathcal{G} have degree 2, i.e., there is a pencil of rational curves in S , which is impossible on K3 surfaces. Assume that $\deg(F) = 8$. Then the degree of a general member $M \in \mathcal{G}$ is four. Either M is a smooth elliptic curve or M is rational. Again, the latter is impossible on K3 surfaces. So M is a smooth elliptic curve. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} H_S^2 & H_S \cdot F & H_S \cdot M \\ F \cdot H_S & F^2 & F \cdot M \\ M \cdot H_S & M \cdot F & M^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since $\text{Pic}^G(S)$ is of rank at most two by [16, Proposition 6.7.3], the determinant of A must be zero. But we get

$$\det(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 8 & 4 \\ 8 & -2 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 186,$$

hence we obtain a contradiction. \square

We turn to G -invariant curves of degree 16, which are necessarily irreducible. The strategy of the proof is similar, but such curves may be singular. We first treat smooth curves here. The case of singular curves will be excluded at the end of this subsection, where we explicitly find all such curves in equations.

Lemma 6.12. *Let C be a smooth irreducible G -invariant curve of degree 16 in X that is not contained in $R \cup R'$. Then C is not a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. Let S be the unique smooth K3 surface in \mathcal{P} containing C , and H_S a general hyperplane section on S . Similarly as in Lemma 6.11, we know that $3H_S - C$ is effective and we seek for a contradiction by finding a nef divisor on S intersecting $3H_S - C$ negatively.

The Hodge index theorem implies that

$$C^2 \leq \frac{(C \cdot H_S)^2}{(H_S)^2} = \frac{128}{3} \implies C^2 \leq 42, \quad g \leq 22,$$

where $g = g(C)$ is the genus of C . Possible genera of smooth irreducible curves with \mathfrak{A}_5 -actions and their orbit structures are classified in [17, Lemma 5.1.5]. Recall from the proof of Lemma 6.5 that C contains at least one G -orbit of length 12. By [17, Lemma 5.1.5], we find that

$$g \in \{0, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 15, 19, 20\},$$

so $C^2 = 2g - 2 \in \{-2, 6, 8, 16, 18, 24, 28, 36, 38\}$. Put

$$n = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } g \in \{19, 20\}, \\ 5 & \text{if } g \in \{9, 10, 13, 15\}, \\ 6 & \text{if } g \in \{0, 4, 5\}. \end{cases}$$

One can check that $(nH_S - C)^2 \geq 0$, and

$$(nH_S - C) \cdot (3H_S - C) = 2n - 48 + C^2 < 0.$$

Therefore, if $nH_S - C$ is nef, we are done. Now let us show that $nH_S - C$ is nef for all possible genera.

Assume that $nH_S - C$ is not nef. By Riemann-Roch, $(nH_S - C)^2 \geq 0$ implies that $h^0(nH_S - C) \geq 2$. So $|nH_S - C|$ has a mobile part. Moreover, since $nH_S - C$ is not nef, $|nH_S - C|$ has a G -irreducible fixed component F such that $\deg(F) \leq \deg(nH_S - C)$. The curves in the mobile part cannot be rational because S is a K3 surface, and thus their degree is at least 4. It follows that

$$\deg(F) \leq \deg(nH_S - C) - 4 = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } g \in \{19, 20\}, \\ 10 & \text{if } g \in \{9, 10, 13, 15\}, \\ 16 & \text{if } g \in \{0, 4, 5\}. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 6.9 also implies that $\deg(F) \in \{8, 10, 12, 16\}$. This immediately excludes the possibility $g \in \{19, 20\}$. In the other two cases, since $\text{rk Pic}^G(S) \leq 2$, the intersection matrix of F, H_S and C is degenerate. In particular, let $x = F \cdot C$, we have

$$(6.9) \quad \det \begin{pmatrix} F^2 & x & \deg(F) \\ x & C^2 & 16 \\ \deg(F) & 16 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

which gives a quadratic equation in x . We show that this equation does not have integer solutions satisfying the geometric conditions. Since F is a fixed component, we know that $h^0(F) = 1$, and by Riemann-Roch, $F^2 < 0$. Hence, if F is irreducible, then, by adjunction formula, we

have $F^2 = -2$. When F is reducible, F^2 is supplied by Lemma 6.5. In particular, we have

$$F^2 = \begin{cases} -12 & \text{if } \deg(F) = 12 \text{ and } F \text{ is reducible,} \\ -10 & \text{if } \deg(F) = 10 \text{ and } F \text{ is reducible,} \\ -2 & \text{if } F \text{ is irreducible,} \end{cases}$$

Now, running through all possibilities, we find that (6.9) has an integer solution only in the following two cases:

- (1) $n = 6$, $\deg(F) = 16$, $F^2 = -2$, $C^2 = -2$, $C \cdot F = -2$,
- (2) $n = 5$, $\deg(F) = 10$, $F^2 = -10$, $C^2 = 16$, $C \cdot F = 0$.

So, in the first case, we have $C = F$, and in the second case, C is a union of 5 conics. In both cases, we know that the linear system $|nH - C - F|$ is not empty since it has the same mobile part as $|nH - C|$. One can compute that $(nH - C - F)^2 < 0$, implying that $|nH - C - F|$ has a fixed component of degree 4, which is impossible. We obtain a contradiction, and this completes the proof. \square

Now we turn to irreducible curves of degree 8 or 10. Such curves can indeed be non-canonical centers. We characterize the Sarkisov links arising from them. The following result will allow us to prove in Section 8 that up to some G -birational self-map of X which normalizes the image of G in $\text{Aut}(X)$, the pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical away from $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$.

Lemma 6.13. *Let Z be a G -invariant smooth irreducible curve Z not contained in $R \cup R'$, of degree 8 and genus 0, or of degree 10 and genus 6. Assume that Z is a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Let $\varphi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be the blowup of Z . Then $-K_{\tilde{X}}$ is big and nef. Moreover, for $n \gg 0$, the linear system $|n(-K_{\tilde{X}})|$ is base point free and gives a small birational map $\psi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow V$. There exists the following G -equivariant commutative diagram*

$$(6.10) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & \tilde{X} & \overset{\chi}{\dashrightarrow} & \tilde{X}' & \\ \varphi \swarrow & & \psi \searrow & \psi' \swarrow & \varphi' \searrow \\ X & & V & & X' \\ & \dashrightarrow_{\delta} & & & \end{array}$$

where

- (1) χ is a composition of flops,
- (2) ψ' is also a small birational map,

- (3) φ' is a $K_{\tilde{X}'}$ -negative extremal contraction,
- (4) X' is also a smooth quadric threefold, and φ' is the blowup of a curve $Z' \subset X'$ of the same degree and genus as Z ,
- (5) X and X' are G -isomorphic, i.e. the birational map δ normalizes the image of G in $\text{Aut}(X)$.

Proof. First, we introduce some notation. Let $g(Z)$ be the genus of Z , E the exceptional divisor of φ , H a general hyperplane section on X , and \tilde{H} the pullback of H to \tilde{X} . Let S be the unique K3 surface in \mathcal{P} containing Z , \tilde{S} its strict transform on \tilde{X} , and H_S the restriction of H to S . Note that $\tilde{S} \simeq S$ since S is smooth.

To show that $-K_{\tilde{X}}$ is big, we compute

$$(-K_{\tilde{X}})^3 = (3\tilde{H} - E)^3 = 2g(Z) - 6 \cdot \deg(C) + 52 = 4 > 0.$$

To show that $-K_{\tilde{X}}$ is nef, it suffices to show that $|3H_S - Z|$ contains no other base curve than Z , i.e., $3H_S - Z$ is nef. Indeed, if $-K_{\tilde{X}}$ is not nef, then the divisor $-K_{\tilde{X}}|_{\tilde{S}} = (3\tilde{H} - E)|_{\tilde{S}} = 3H_S - Z$ is also not nef.

Let us first do this when Z is a rational curve of degree 8. By Riemann-Roch, $h^0(3H_S - Z) = 2 + \frac{(3H_S - Z)^2}{2} = 4$, so the degree 10 linear system $|3H_S - Z|$ has a non-trivial mobile part. Hence a fixed curve F of this linear system has degree at most 9. Lemma 6.9 implies that F is of degree 8. But then the mobile part of $3H_S - Z$ contains a pencil of rational curves, which is impossible on K3 surfaces. We conclude that $(3H_S - Z)$ does not contain a base curve other than Z .

Similarly, if Z has degree 10 and genus 6. Riemann-Roch theorem implies that $h^0(3H_S - Z) = 2 + \frac{(3H_S - Z)^2}{2} = 4$, so the degree 8 linear system $|3H_S - Z|$ has a nontrivial mobile part. Hence, a fixed curve F of this linear system is of degree at most 7. Lemma 6.9 implies that this is impossible.

We prove that $-K_{\tilde{X}}$ is big and nef. Then it follows from base point free theorem that the linear system $|n(-K_{\tilde{X}})|$ is base point free for $n \gg 0$, and it gives a birational map $\psi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow V$. Either ψ contracts a divisor, or ψ is small. However, the former case is impossible, because we assume that Z is a center of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. If ψ contracts a divisor, then this divisor must be a fixed component of the linear system \mathcal{M}_X , which is impossible, since \mathcal{M}_X is mobile by assumption.

Hence, we see that ψ is a small birational contraction. Then the existence of G -equivariant commutative diagram and (1) – (3) follow from the Sarkisov program. This is a type II Sarkisov link. Moreover,

(4) follows from matching the numerical invariants with a classification of such links in [28, 29, 23]. Our cases correspond to rows 71 and 72 of Table 1 in [23]. In particular, we find X' is also a smooth quadric. To show (5), we notice that any other action of \mathfrak{A}_5 on the quadric X' has an invariant hyperplane section, which would intersect Z' in $\deg(Z') = 8$ or 10 points. But, by [16], the smallest possible orbit of \mathfrak{A}_5 on a smooth curve is of length 12, so we get a contradiction. \square

Remark 6.14. Lemma 6.13 shows that if such a Sarkisov link exists, it necessarily leads to a G -isomorphic quadric and gives no new G -Mori fibre space. Remark 6.16 and Lemma 6.18 finds all curves of degree 8 satisfying the assumptions of Lemma 6.13. On the other hand, we do not know the existence of such a curve of degree 10.

Finally, we show that the only curves in R or R' which can be non-canonical centers are C_4 and C'_4 . The Sarkisov links centered at them have been studied in [2, Section 5.9] and [35].

Lemma 6.15 ([35, Lemma 7]). *Let H be a general hyperplane section on X . Then the linear system $|2H - C_4|$ gives rise to a G -equivariantly birational involution $\varphi : X \dashrightarrow X$. There exists a G -equivariant commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} & \tilde{X} \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ X & \dashrightarrow_{\varphi} & X \end{array}$$

where $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is the blowup of C_4 , \tilde{R} is the strict transform on \tilde{X} of the surface R , and $\tilde{\varphi} \in \text{Aut}(\tilde{X})$ has order 2. Let E be the exceptional divisor of π . Then $\tilde{\varphi}(E) = \tilde{R}$. Moreover, one has $\tilde{R} \simeq E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$.

Note that \tilde{X} above is a smooth Fano threefold of Picard rank 2 and degree 28. More details about \tilde{X} can be found in [34] or [2, Section 5.9].

Remark 6.16. Recall that there is an involution $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(X)$ such that $\langle \sigma, G \rangle \simeq \mathfrak{S}_5$. In many cases, G -orbits or G -invariant curves appear in pairs swapped by σ . For example, σ swaps C_4 and C'_4 . By symmetry, $|2H - C'_4|$ gives an involution φ' similar to φ . We construct φ and φ' in equations and find that $\varphi(C'_4)$ and $\varphi'(C_4)$ are two smooth irreducible curves of degree 8. Each curve is cut out by cubics passing through it. We also find that $\varphi'(\varphi(C'_4))$ and $\varphi(\varphi'(C_4))$ are irreducible curves of

degree 16 such that each of them has 12 cusps. Equations of φ, φ' and the curves can be found in [37].

Lemma 6.17. *Let C be a G -invariant curve of degree at most 17 contained in R or R' and $C \neq C_4, C'_4$. Then each irreducible component of C is not a center of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $C \subset R$. Suppose that $\text{mult}_C(\lambda\mathcal{M}_X) > 1$. Let us seek for a contradiction. We use the notation of Lemma 6.15. Set $\tilde{H} = \pi^*(H)$, let $\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}$ be the strict transform on \tilde{X} of the linear system \mathcal{M}_X , and \tilde{C} the strict transform on \tilde{X} of the curve C . Then

$$\tilde{R} \sim 2\tilde{H} - 3E, \quad \tilde{H} \cdot \tilde{C} \leq 17, \quad \tilde{C} \not\subset E, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{mult}_{\tilde{C}}(\lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}) > 1,$$

where

$$\lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 3\tilde{H} - rE$$

for some $r \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$. By Lemma 6.15, there is an involution $\tilde{\varphi} \in \text{Aut}(\tilde{X})$ such that $\tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{R}) = E$ and

$$\tilde{\varphi}^*(\tilde{H}) \sim 2\tilde{H} - E.$$

In particular, we know that $\tilde{R} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. Moreover, we have $\tilde{R}|_E = 2\Delta$, where Δ is a smooth curve in E of bidegree $(1, 1)$. This implies that the G -action on E is diagonal.

To obtain a contradiction, we consider the restriction

$$\lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}|_{\tilde{R}} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} (3\tilde{H} - rE)|_{\tilde{R}}$$

and show that the inequality $\text{mult}_{\tilde{C}}(\lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}|_{\tilde{R}}) > 1$ contradicts

$$\tilde{H} \cdot \tilde{C} \leq 17,$$

since $\tilde{C} \neq \Delta$. To do this, we restrict $\tilde{\varphi}(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}})$ to E .

Namely, set $\mathcal{M}'_{\tilde{X}} = \tilde{\varphi}(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}})$ and $\tilde{C}' = \tilde{\varphi}(\tilde{C})$. Then $(2\tilde{H} - E) \cdot \tilde{C}' \leq 17$, $\tilde{C}' \neq \Delta$ and

$$\text{mult}_{\tilde{C}'}(\lambda\mathcal{M}'_{\tilde{X}}) > 1,$$

where

$$\lambda\mathcal{M}'_{\tilde{X}} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 3(2\tilde{H} - E) - r\tilde{R}.$$

Let f be a fibre of the natural projection $\pi|_E : E \rightarrow C_4$, and s a section of this projection such that $s^2 = 0$. Then

$$\tilde{C}' \sim as + bf$$

for some non-negative integers a and b . We have

$$(6.11) \quad (as + bf) \cdot (2\tilde{H} - E)|_E = (2\tilde{H} - E) \cdot \tilde{C}' \leq 17.$$

We compute $2\tilde{H}|_E \sim 8f$ and $E|_E = s - 5f$, so $(2\tilde{H} - E)|_E \sim s + 3f$. Plugging this into (6.11), we get

$$3a + b \leq 17.$$

Since $\tilde{C}' \neq \Delta$, we know that $a \neq b$. A computation of G -invariant forms on E then implies that

$$(6.12) \quad (a, b) \in \{(0, 12), (1, 11), (1, 13), (2, 10)\}.$$

Now, we use the inequality $m := \text{mult}_{\tilde{C}'}(\lambda\mathcal{M}'_{\tilde{X}}) > 1$. It gives

$$\lambda\mathcal{M}'_{\tilde{X}}|_E = m\tilde{C}' + \Omega,$$

where Ω is a \mathbb{Q} -linear system on E . On the other hand, we have

$$\lambda\mathcal{M}'_{\tilde{X}}|_E \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 3(s + 3f) - 2r(s + f) = (3 - 2r)s + (9 - 2r)f,$$

and thus $m(as + bf) + \Omega \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} (3 - 2r)s + (9 - 2r)f$. This yields

$$b < bm \leq s \cdot (m(as + bf) + \Omega) = s \cdot ((3 - 2r)s + (9 - 2r)f) = 9 - 2r \leq 9,$$

which contradicts (6.12). This completes the proof. \square

Using the geometry of \tilde{X} , we can show that C_8 and C'_8 described in Remark 6.16 are the only G -invariant rational curves of degree 8 in X .

Lemma 6.18. *Let C be a G -invariant curve of degree 4 in X . Then $C = C_4$ or C'_4 . Let C be a G -invariant rational curve of degree 8 in X . Then $C = C_8$ or C'_8 , where $C_8 = \varphi(C'_4)$ and $C'_8 = \varphi'(C_4)$.*

Proof. By Lemma 6.9/(1), any G -invariant curve C of degree 4 is contained in R or R' . Without loss of generalities, assume $C \subset R$. The first assertion then follows from the proof of Lemma 6.17. In particular, no solution in (6.12) gives $3a + b = 4$. To show the second assertion, recall that any G -invariant curve of degree 8 is irreducible since 8 is not a multiple of the index of any strict subgroup of G . By the proof of Lemma 6.9/(1), we know that C contains an orbit of length 12. Assume that $\Sigma_{12} \subset C$. Under the same notation as in the proof of Lemma 6.17, let \tilde{C} be the strict transform of C in \tilde{X} . We have

$$\tilde{C} \cdot (2\tilde{H} - E) = 2 \cdot 8 - 12 = 4.$$

It follows that $\varphi(C)$ is a curve of degree 4 in R' , which is necessarily C'_4 . Then $C = \varphi(C'_4)$ since φ is an involution. Similarly, we can show that $C = \varphi'(C_4)$ when $\Sigma'_{12} \in C$, \square

Lemma 6.19. *Let C be a singular G -invariant curve of degree 16 that is not contained in $R \cup R'$. Then $C = \varphi'(C_8)$ or $C = \varphi(C'_8)$. Moreover, C is not a non-canonical center of the log pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. First, we show that C is singular along an orbit of length 12. Assume it is not. Then $|\text{Sing}(C)| \geq 20$. Let S be the unique smooth K3 surface in \mathcal{P} containing C as in Lemma 6.9, and H_S a general hyperplane section on S . We have $C^2 \leq 42$ by the Hodge index theorem, and thus the arithmetic genus $p_a(C) \leq 22$. Since $|\text{Sing}(C)| \geq 20$, the geometric genus $g(C) \leq 2$. By [17, Lemma 5.1.5.], \mathfrak{A}_5 does not act on curves of geometric genus 1 or 2. It follows that

$$g(C) = 0, \quad |\text{Sing}(C)| = p_a(C) = 20, \quad C^2 = 38.$$

Then $(C - 2H_S)^2 = -2$. This implies that $|C - 2H_S|$ is not empty and has a fixed component of degree ≤ 4 , which is impossible by Lemma 6.9. Thus, C is singular along an orbit of length 12. Assume that C is singular at points in Σ_{12} . Under the same notation as in the proof of Lemma 6.18, we have that

$$\deg(\varphi(C)) = \tilde{C} \cdot (2\tilde{H} - E) = 2 \cdot 16 - 2 \cdot 12 - (a \cdot 12 + b \cdot 20 + c \cdot 30 + d \cdot 60) \geq 0$$

for $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Then the only possibility is $\deg(\varphi(C)) = 8$. It follows from Lemma 6.18 that $\varphi(C) = C_8$ or C'_8 , i.e., $C = \varphi(C_8)$ or $\varphi(C'_8)$. The first is impossible since $\varphi(C_8) = C'_4$ has degree 4. Thus, $C = \varphi(C'_8)$. Similarly, if C is singular at points in Σ'_{12} , we can show that $C = \varphi'(C_8)$.

Then we can find equations of C . We listed them in [37]. Using equations, we check that $|\text{Sing}(C)| = 12$ and $|5H_S - C|$ contains no base curve other than C . Then $5H_S - C$ is nef. Since C_8 and C'_8 are rational curves, we know $g(C) = 0$. It follows that $p_a(C) = 12$ and $C^2 = 22$.

Now assume that C is a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Similarly as in the proof of Lemma 6.12, we know that $3H_S - C$ is effective. But computing

$$(5H_S - C) \cdot (3H_S - C) = -16 < 0,$$

we obtain a contradiction to the nefness of $5H_S - C$. This completes the proof. \square

6.3. Orbits of points. Now we study when all non-canonical centers are points. First, we show that points in the invariant curves of degree 4 or 8 cannot be non-canonical centers in this case.

Lemma 6.20. *Suppose that C_4 is not a non-canonical center of the log pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, then every point in C_4 is not a non-canonical center. The same holds for C'_4 .*

Proof. Let $a = \text{mult}_{C_4}(\lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. By assumption, we have $a \leq 1$. We retain the notation in Lemma 6.17: let $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be the blowup of C_4 , and E its exceptional divisor, so that $E = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow C_4$. Let $\lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}$ be the linear system satisfying

$$K_{\tilde{X}} + \lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}} + (a - 1)E \sim \varphi^*(K_X + \lambda\mathcal{M}_X).$$

Assume that a point on C_4 is a non-canonical center of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Then there exists a center Z of non-canonical singularities of the pair

$$(\tilde{X}, \lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}} + (a - 1)E)$$

such that $Z \subset E$. It follows that Z is a center of non-canonical singularities of $(\tilde{X}, \lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}} + E)$. By inversion of adjunction, Z is a non-log-canonical center of $(E, \lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}|_E)$. Note that $\lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}|_E$ is not mobile, and consider a divisor $D \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \lambda\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}|_E$. Let f be a general fibre of $E \rightarrow C_4$ and s a section such that $s^2 = 0$. We compute

$$D \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} as + (12 - 5a)f \in \text{Pic}(E) \otimes \mathbb{Q}.$$

Since $a \leq 1$, we know that (E, D) is log-canonical at a general point of any curve which is not a fibre. On the other hand, if any fibre is a non-log-canonical center of (E, D) , then at least 12 fibres are non-log-canonical centers, since the smallest orbit of the \mathfrak{A}_5 -action on $C = \mathbb{P}^1$ has length 12. This is impossible because $12 - 5a \leq 12$. It follows that (E, D) is not log-canonical at finitely many points. Let p be one of these points and L a fibre containing p . Write

$$D \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} bL + \Delta, \quad b \leq 1$$

for some divisor Δ not supported along L . Then $(E, L + \Delta)$ is also not log-canonical at p . By inversion of adjunction, $(L, \Delta|_L)$ is not log-canonical at p , which contradicts

$$(\Delta \cdot L)_p = a \leq 1.$$

□

Lemma 6.21. *Suppose that the curves C_4, C'_4, C_8 and C'_8 are not centers of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$, then none of the points in $C_4 \cup C'_4 \cup C_8 \cup C'_8$ is a non-canonical center.*

Proof. By Lemma 6.20, it suffices to show that $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical at any point in C_8 under the assumption. Let Σ be the intersection of C_8 with the non-log-canonical locus of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Similarly as before, we may assume that Σ is 0-dimensional. Let M_1, M_2 be two general members in \mathcal{M}_X , and write

$$\lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2) = mC_8 + \Delta$$

for some divisor Δ not supported along C_8 and $m \geq 0$. Intersecting with a general hyperplane H , we obtain

$$18 = \lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2 \cdot H) \geq m \deg(C_8) = 8m \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \leq 9/4.$$

Recall that C_8 is cut out by cubics, see Remark 6.16. Let S be a general cubic on X passing through C_8 . Since C_8 is smooth, by Theorem 2.2, we have

$$\text{mult}_\Sigma(\lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2)) > 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{mult}_\Sigma(\Delta) \geq 4 - m.$$

Observe that

$$(6.13) \quad 54 = \lambda^2(M_1 \cdot M_2 \cdot S) = 24m + \Delta \cdot S \geq 24m + |\Sigma|(4 - m).$$

Since $4 - m > 0$, the inequality (6.13) implies that $|\Sigma| < 20$. By Lemma 6.3, Σ consists of orbits of length 5 or 12. Orbits of length 12 are in $C_4 \cup C'_4$, and thus are excluded by Lemma 6.20. On the other hand, none of orbits of length 5 is in C_8 . It follows that $\Sigma = \emptyset$. \square

Proposition 6.22. *Suppose that the log pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical away from finitely many points. Then it is canonical away from $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$.*

Proof. Let Σ be the non-canonical locus of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. By Remark 2.5, $(X, \frac{3}{2}\lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is not log-canonical at points in Σ . Let ε be a positive rational number such that

$$\Sigma \subset \Omega, \quad \Omega := \text{Nklt}(X, (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\lambda\mathcal{M}_X).$$

Assume that Ω contains some curve C . Let

$$m = \text{mult}_C((\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\lambda\mathcal{M}_X).$$

Observe that

$$1 < m < \frac{3}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{m^2}{m-1} > \frac{9}{2}.$$

Let $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}_X$ be two general elements, and H a general hyperplane on X . By Theorem 2.4, we know that

$$\frac{9}{2} \deg(C) < \frac{m^2}{m-1} \deg(C) \leq (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)^2 \lambda^2(H \cdot M_1 \cdot M_2) < \frac{9}{4} 18 = \frac{81}{2},$$

which implies that $\deg(C) \leq 8$. It follows that C can only be one of C_4, C'_4, C_8 and C'_8 . By Lemma 6.20 and Lemma 6.21, Σ is disjoint from these curves. Thus, the 0-dimensional component Ω_0 of Ω is non-empty. Applying Nadel vanishing in the same way as in the proof of Proposition 4.13, we obtain that $|\Sigma| \leq |\Omega_0| < 14$. Since all orbits of length 12 are contained in C_4 or C'_4 , the proof is complete. \square

7. THE NONSTANDARD \mathfrak{A}_5 -ACTION ON THE CUBIC THREEFOLD

Now, we focus on the other model of X : a cubic threefold Y with $5A_2$ -singularities, carrying the same G -action generated by (6.2). Let f_1 and f_2 be the cubics defined in (6.3). Then Y is given by

$$(7.1) \quad Y = \{(8 - 3\zeta_6)f_1 + 7f_2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$$

with the same G -action given by (6.2). The aim of this section is to prove the following result.

Proposition 7.1. *Let \mathcal{M}_Y be a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system on Y , and $\mu \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\mu\mathcal{M}_Y \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_Y$. Then the log pair $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ is canonical away from $\text{Sing}(Y)$.*

Proof. This follows from Propositions 7.11 and 7.12. \square

First, we classify small orbits and curves of degrees at most 11. We show that all such curves are reducible. In the second subsection, we study singularities of pairs $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ as above along invariant curves, and in the third subsection, we consider 0-dimensional centers.

7.1. Small G -orbits and G -invariant curves of low degrees.

Lemma 7.2. *A G -orbit of points in Y with length ≤ 20 is one of the following:*

$$\Sigma_5 = \text{the orbit of } [1 : \zeta_6 - 1 : -\zeta_6 : \zeta_6 - 1 : 1],$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \text{the orbit of } [\zeta_5^3 : \zeta_5^2 : 0 : \zeta_5 : 1],$$

$$\Sigma'_{12} = \text{the orbit of } [\zeta_5^4 : \zeta_5 : 0 : \zeta_5^3 : 1],$$

$$\Sigma_{15} = \text{the orbit of } [1 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0],$$

$$\Sigma_{20} = \text{the orbit of } [(3\zeta_6 - 8) : (-8\zeta_6 + 5) : (5\zeta_6 + 3) : 7(\zeta_6 - 1) : 7].$$

where the length of each orbit is indicated by the subscript. A G -orbit of points in Y with length 30 is the orbit of a general point in one of the following two curves:

$$\text{a cuspidal cubic curve: } \{x_1 - x_4 = x_2 - x_3 = 0\} \cap Y,$$

or

$$\text{a line: } \{x_1 + x_4 = x_2 + x_3 = x_5 = 0\} \subset Y.$$

Moreover, every G -orbit of points in Y of length different from 60 is one of the orbits described above.

Observe that Σ_5 is the singular locus of Y . We now describe the G -invariant reducible curves of degrees lower than 12 on Y . Later, we show that they are the only G -invariant curves of such degrees.

Lemma 7.3. *Let C be a G -invariant reducible curve of degree at most 11. Then C is the union of curves in one of the following orbits:*

- one of the following two orbits of 6 lines

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_6 = \text{the orbit of } \{ & x_1 + x_4 + (-\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2)x_5 = x_2 + (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2)x_4 + \\ & + (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2)x_5 = x_3 - (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2)x_4 + x_5 = 0 \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}'_6 = \text{the orbit of } \{ & x_2 - (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + 1)x_4 - (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + 1)x_5 = x_1 + \\ & + x_4 + (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + 1)x_5 = x_3 + (\zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 + 1)x_4 + x_5 = 0 \}, \end{aligned}$$

- one of the following two orbits of 10 lines

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{10} = \text{the orbit of } \{ & x_1 + x_3 + x_5 = (5\zeta_3 - 3)x_4 + 7x_5 = \\ & = 7x_1 + (5\zeta_3 - 3)x_2 = 0 \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_{10} = \text{the orbit of } \{x_1 + x_3 + x_5 = -\zeta_3 x_4 + x_5 = x_1 - \zeta_3 x_2 = 0\}.$$

Moreover, \mathcal{L}'_{10} consists of ten lines passing through pairs of 5 singular points of Y . The lines in \mathcal{L} are pairwise disjoint for $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_6, \mathcal{L}'_6$ or \mathcal{L}_{10} .

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 4.5. \square

The rest of this subsection is devoted to proving the following result.

Proposition 7.4. *Let C be a G -invariant curve in Y of degree at most 11. Then C is the union of all lines in one of the orbits $\mathcal{L}_6, \mathcal{L}'_6, \mathcal{L}_{10}$, or \mathcal{L}'_{10} given in Lemma 7.3.*

Proof. This follows from Lemmas 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, and 7.10. \square

First we notice that there is a unique G -invariant surface in the linear system $|\mathcal{O}_Y(2)|$ and $|\mathcal{O}_Y(3)|$. We denote them by Q and R respectively. We have

$$(7.2) \quad \Sigma_{12}, \Sigma'_{12} \in Q \cap R, \quad \Sigma_5 \in R \setminus Q, \quad \Sigma_{20} \in Q \setminus R.$$

By computation, we find that Q is a nodal K3 surface.

Lemma 7.5. *The singular locus of Q is Σ_5 and each singular point is an ordinary double point. The singular locus of R is $\Sigma_{12} \cup \Sigma'_{12}$ and each singular point is an ordinary double point.*

Lemma 7.6. *Let $C \subset Y$ be an irreducible G -invariant curve of degree at most 11 which is not a union of ten lines. Then $\Sigma_5 \not\subset C$.*

Proof. Assume that $\Sigma_5 \subset C$. Let \tilde{Y} be the blowup of Y in Σ_5 , let E be the exceptional divisor, and \tilde{C} be the strict transform of C . We denote by H the pullback to \tilde{Y} of a general hyperplane section on Y . The base locus of the linear system $|4H - 3E|$ is the strict transform of the union of the ten lines that pass through pairs of points in Σ_5 . By assumption, the curve \tilde{C} is not in the base locus of $|4H - 3E|$, so we have $(4H - 3E) \cdot \tilde{C} \geq 0$. On the other hand,

$$(7.3) \quad 0 \leq (4H - 3E) \cdot \tilde{C} = 4d - 15E_1 \cdot \tilde{C} \leq 44 - 15E_1 \cdot \tilde{C}$$

where E_1 is an irreducible component of E . The divisor E_1 is a quadric cone and is invariant under an \mathfrak{A}_4 -action. Then \mathfrak{A}_4 acts faithfully on the base conic of the cone. The orbit of a smooth point in the cone is at least of length 4. It follows that if \tilde{C} does not pass through the vertex P of E_1 , we have $E_1 \cdot \tilde{C} \geq 4$, contradicting (7.3). If \tilde{C} passes through P , it is singular at P , because otherwise \mathfrak{A}_4 does not act faithfully on the tangent space of \tilde{C} at P . Hence $E_1 \cdot \tilde{C} \geq 2 \cdot 2 = 4$, again contradicting (7.3). \square

Lemma 7.7. *Let $C \subset Y$ be an irreducible G -invariant curve of degree $d \leq 11$. Then $d \in \{6, 8, 10\}$. Moreover, if $d = 6$ (resp. $d = 8$), then $C \subset R$ (resp. $C \subset Q$).*

Proof. By Lemma 7.6, $\Sigma_5 \not\subset C$. If $C \not\subset Q$, it follows from possible lengths of orbits that

$$Q \cdot C = 2d = 12a + 20b + 30c, \quad \text{for } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

Since $d \leq 11$, we find that

$$(d, a, b, c) \in \{(6, 1, 0, 0), (10, 0, 1, 0)\}.$$

Similarly, if $C \not\subset R$, we have

$$R \cdot C = 3d = 12a + 20b + 30c, \quad \text{for } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

Recall that R is singular at the orbits of length 12 by Lemma 7.5. Then $a = 0$ or $a \geq 2$. The only possibilities are

$$(d, a, b, c) \in \{(8, 2, 0, 0), (10, 0, 0, 1)\}.$$

Therefore, when $d \notin \{6, 8, 10\}$, we know that $C \subset Q \cap R$. But $Q \cap R$ is an irreducible curve of degree 18. \square

Next, we show that there is also no irreducible G -invariant curve of degree 6, 8 or 10.

Lemma 7.8. *Let C be a G -invariant curve of degree 6 in Y . Then C is a union of 6 lines in \mathcal{L}_6 or \mathcal{L}'_6 given in Lemma 7.3.*

Proof. Assume that C is not a union of 6 lines. By Lemma 7.3, C is irreducible. Lemma 7.7 shows that $C \subset R$. From (7.2), we know that Q contains both orbits of length 12. Since $C \cdot Q = 12$, the curve C must contain one and only one orbit of length 12 and C is smooth along this orbit. Assume that C contains Σ_{12} . Recall from Lemma 7.5 that points in Σ_{12} are nodes of R . Let $f: \tilde{R} \rightarrow R$ be the blowup of R at Σ_{12} , E its exceptional divisor, and \tilde{C} the strict transform of C . Then

$$\tilde{C} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} f^*(C) - \frac{a}{2}E,$$

for some positive integer a . By Hodge index theorem, we have $C^2 \leq 4$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 2p_a(\tilde{C}) - 2 &= (K_{\tilde{R}} + \tilde{C}) \cdot \tilde{C} \\ &= (f^*(H) + f^*(C) - \frac{a}{2}E) \cdot \tilde{C} \\ &= 6 + C^2 - \frac{12a^2}{2} \\ &\leq 10 - 6a^2. \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that $p_a(\tilde{C}) \leq 6 - 3a^2 \leq 3$. Since there is no G -orbits of length ≤ 3 , the geometric genus $g(\tilde{C}) = p_a(\tilde{C})$, i.e., both \tilde{C} and C are smooth and $g(C) \leq 3$. From [17, Lemma 5.1.5], we know that C is a smooth rational curve. Then C contains a G -orbit of length 20. On the other hand, the only G -orbit of length 20 is contained in Q by (7.2). This contradicts $C \cdot Q = 12$. \square

Lemma 7.9. *There is no G -invariant curve of degree 8 in Y .*

Proof. Assume that C is such a curve. It is necessarily irreducible. Lemma 7.7 shows that $C \subset Q$. Recall from Lemma 7.5 that Q is a K3 surface singular at Σ_5 . Hence, by [16, Proposition 6.7.3], we have $\text{Pic}^G(Q) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. Let H be a general hyperplane section on Q . Since $H^2 = 6$ is not a square, we know that H generates $\text{Pic}^G(Q)$. On the other hand, Lemma 7.6 implies that C is contained in the smooth locus

of Q , and thus is a Cartier divisor. It follows that $C = nH$, for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $8 = C \cdot H = 6n$, which is impossible. \square

Lemma 7.10. *Let C be a G -invariant curve of degree 10 in Y . Then C is a union of 10 lines in \mathcal{L}_{10} or \mathcal{L}'_{10} given in Lemma 7.3.*

Proof. Assume that C is not a union of 10 lines. By Lemma 7.3, C is irreducible. Consider its normalization $f: C' \rightarrow C$. Since C is not contained in $R \cap Q$, the proof of Lemma 7.7 shows that C cannot have an orbit of length 12. By [17, Lemma 5.1.5], we deduce that the genus of C' satisfies

$$g(C') \geq 6.$$

Consider the divisor $D = f^*(\mathcal{O}_C(3))$ on C' , and the restriction map

$$H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(3)) \longrightarrow H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(3)),$$

We want to estimate $h^0(D) = h^0(C', \mathcal{O}_{C'}(D))$. If D is non-special, then by Riemann–Roch:

$$h^0(D) = \deg D - g + 1 = 30 - g + 1 \leq 25.$$

If D is special, then by the Clifford theorem:

$$h^0(D) \leq \frac{\deg D}{2} + 1 = 16.$$

Consider the map $g: H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(3)) \rightarrow H^0(C', \mathcal{O}_{C'}(D))$ given as the composition of

$$H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(3)) \xrightarrow{\iota_C} H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(3)) \xrightarrow{f^*} H^0(C', \mathcal{O}_{C'}(D)).$$

Since $h^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(3)) = 34$, we find that the kernel of this map has dimension at least

$$34 - h^0(D) \geq 9.$$

This kernel consists of cubic hypersurfaces in Y that contain C .

Arguing in the same way as in Lemma 7.9, we see that C cannot be contained in Q . Then $C \cdot Q = 20$, so that C must contain Σ_{20} . Let V_{15} and V_{20} be the subspaces of $H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(3))$ consisting of cubics containing the orbit Σ_{15} and Σ_{20} respectively. If $\Sigma_{15} \subset C$, then $\ker \varphi \subset V_{15} \cap V_{20}$. But we compute that $\dim(V_{15} \cap V_{20}) = 5 < 9$. Hence, the curve C cannot contain Σ_{15} .

Since $R \cdot C = 30$, the curve C must contain an orbit of length 30 lying on R . Let Σ_{30} be such an orbit, and V_{30} the space of cubics containing Σ_{30} . We have explicitly described these orbits in Lemma

7.2. In particular, Σ_{30} is either the orbit of one of the following 4 points

$$\begin{aligned} &[-\zeta_4 - 2 : 1 : 1 : 1 : 1], \quad [\zeta_4 - 2 : 1 : 1 : 1 : 1], \\ &[-2\zeta_5^3 - 2\zeta_5^2 : 1 : \zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 - 1 : \zeta_5^3 + \zeta_5^2 - 1 : 1], \\ &[2\zeta_5^3 + 2\zeta_5^2 + 2 : 1 : -\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2 - 2 : -\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2 - 2 : 1], \end{aligned}$$

or the orbit of a general point in the line

$$\{x_1 + x_4 = x_2 + x_3 = x_5 = 0\} \subset Y.$$

A linear algebra computation then shows that $\dim(V_{20} \cap V_{30}) < 9$ for any such orbit Σ_{30} . Therefore we obtain a contradiction. \square

7.2. Invariant curves.

Proposition 7.11. *Let C be a G -invariant curve in Y . Then each irreducible component of C is not a non-canonical center of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$.*

Proof. Assume that irreducible components of C are non-canonical centers of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$. Proposition 7.4 shows that C is the union of all curves in one of the following orbits given in Lemma 7.3

$$\mathcal{L}_6, \quad \mathcal{L}'_6, \quad \mathcal{L}_{10}, \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L}'_{10}.$$

Assume that C is one of the unions of six lines in \mathcal{L}_6 or \mathcal{L}'_6 which are pairwise disjoint. Let $\tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$ be the blowup of C in Y , E the exceptional divisor, and H the pullback of a general hyperplane section on Y . One can check that C is cut out by cubics, which implies that $|3H - E|$ is nef. By our assumption that irreducible components of C are non-canonical centers of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$, we know that $|2H - mE|$ is mobile for some $m > 1$, and thus $|2H - E|$ is mobile as well. It follows that the divisor $(2H - E)^2$ is effective. On the other hand, we have $(3H - E) \cdot (2H - E)^2 = -6 < 0$, which is a contradiction.

If C is the union of 10 lines in \mathcal{L}_{10} which are pairwise disjoint, we proceed in exactly the same way as C is also cut out by cubics, so $(4H - E)$ is nef and $(4H - E) \cdot (2H - E)^2 = -32 < 0$. Finally, the case where C is the union of curves in \mathcal{L}'_{10} , i.e., the union of the ten lines passing through pairs of points in Σ_5 , is excluded the same way as in [14, Proof of Proposition 3.4]. \square

7.3. Orbits of points.

Proposition 7.12. *Let $P \in Y$ be a point and Σ its G -orbit. If P is a non-canonical center of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$, then $\Sigma = \Sigma_5$.*

Proof. Assume that P is a non-canonical center. By Remark 2.5, we know that P is a non-log-canonical center of $(Y, \frac{3}{2}\mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$. Let ε be a positive rational number such that

$$\Sigma \subset \Omega, \quad \Omega := \text{Nklt}(Y, (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y).$$

Assume that Ω contains a curve C . Let

$$m = \text{mult}_C((\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\lambda\mathcal{M}_X).$$

Observe that

$$1 < m < \frac{3}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{m^2}{m-1} > \frac{9}{2}.$$

Let $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}_X$ be two general elements and H a general hyperplane section of Y . Then by Theorem 2.4, we have that

$$27 \geq (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)^2 \mu^2(M_1 \cdot M_2 \cdot H) \geq \frac{m^2}{m-1} \deg(C) > \frac{9}{2} \deg(C),$$

which implies that $\deg(C) < 6$. Proposition 7.4 shows that such curves do not exist. It follows that Ω contains no curve.

Now notice that

$$K_Y + (\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y + 2\varepsilon\mathcal{O}_Y(1) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_Y(1).$$

Let \mathcal{I} be the multiplier ideal sheaf of $(\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon)\mu\mathcal{M}_Y$. By Nadel vanishing theorem, we have

$$|\Omega| \leq h^0(\mathcal{O}_Y(1)) = 5.$$

It follows that $\Omega = \Sigma = \Sigma_5$. □

8. PROOF OF THEOREMS 1.1, 1.2 AND 1.3

In this section, we explain how the results in Sections 4 to 7 prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, and can be adapted to show Theorem 1.3 about the nonstandard \mathfrak{S}_5 -action. For the standard \mathfrak{A}_5 -action, the result readily follows from [14].

Proof of Theorem 1.1. By [14, Section 3], this follows from Proposition 4.1 and 5.1. □

Similarly, in the case of the nonstandard \mathfrak{A}_5 -action, Theorem 1.2 follows from Propositions 6.1 and 7.1. We explain this implication in detail.

8.1. Nonstandard \mathfrak{A}_5 -action. We introduce some notation first. Let X be the quadric given by (6.1), Y the cubic given by (7.1), with the nonstandard G -action given by (6.2). We denote by Σ_5 and Σ'_5 the two orbits in X of length 5, χ and χ' the Cremona map associated with them respectively, and Σ_5^Y the orbit of length 5 in Y . Let $\text{Bir}^G(X)$ be the group of G -equivariantly birational automorphisms of X .

It is well-known (see e.g., [14, Section 3], [16, Theorem 3.3.1] and [9, 13]) that the Noether–Fano inequalities (cf. Theorem 2.1) imply that Theorem 1.2 follows from the following result.

Theorem 8.1. *Let \mathcal{M}_X be a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system on X and $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\lambda\mathcal{M}_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X$. Then there exists $\gamma \in \text{Bir}^G(X)$ such that either $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ or $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ has canonical singularities, where \mathcal{M}_Y is the proper transform of \mathcal{M}_X by $\chi \circ \gamma$, and $\mu\mathcal{M}_Y \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_Y$.*

First, let us explain why we need the birational automorphism γ in the theorem above. Recall from Section 6 that $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ can have 1-dimensional non-canonical centers. Here we show that, up to replacing \mathcal{M}_X by its strict transform under a birational automorphism, $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical away from the orbits of length five.

Proposition 8.2. *Let \mathcal{M}_X be a non-empty mobile G -invariant linear system. Then there exists $\gamma \in \text{Bir}^G(X)$ such that $(X, \lambda'\mathcal{M}'_X)$ is canonical away from $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$, where $\mathcal{M}'_X = \gamma_*(\mathcal{M}_X)$, and $\lambda' \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\lambda'\mathcal{M}'_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X$.*

Proof. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\lambda\mathcal{M}_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_X$. If $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical away from $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$, we are done. Assume on the contrary that there exists a G -irreducible subvariety Z not contained in $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$, and irreducible components of Z are non-canonical centers of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$. Then, by Proposition 6.1, Z is one of the following irreducible curves:

- rational curves C_4 and C'_4 of degree 4 given by (6.5),
- rational curves C_8 and C'_8 of degree 8 described in Remark 6.16,
- a smooth curve C_{10} of degree 10 and genus 6.

Moreover, it follows from Lemma 6.13 and Lemma 6.15 that there exists a commutative G -equivariant diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
V & \overset{\chi}{\dashrightarrow} & V' \\
\varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi' \\
X & \overset{\delta}{\dashrightarrow} & X
\end{array}$$

where

- φ is the blowup of Z ,
- χ is an biregular involution if $\deg(Z) = 4$, and is a composition of flops if $\deg(Z) = 8$ or 10 ,
- φ' is the blowup of a curve Z' with the same degree and genus as Z ,
- $\delta \in \text{Bir}^G(X)$.

Set $\mathcal{M}'_X = \delta_*(\mathcal{M}_X)$ and $\lambda' \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\lambda' \mathcal{M}'_X + K_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 0$. Since $\text{Pic}(X)$ is generated by $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$, we know that \mathcal{M}_X is a linear subsystem of $|\mathcal{O}_X(n)|$ for $n = \frac{3}{\lambda}$. Let $n' = \frac{3}{\lambda'}$. Then $\mathcal{M}'_X \subset |\mathcal{O}_X(n')|$. We claim that $n' < n$. Indeed, let \mathcal{M}_V be the strict transform of the linear system \mathcal{M}_X on V . Note that $\text{codim}_X(Z) = 2$ and $\text{mult}_Z(\lambda \mathcal{M}_X) > 1$. We have that

$$0 \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \varphi^*(K_X + \lambda \mathcal{M}_X) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} K_V + \lambda \mathcal{M}_V + aE, \quad \text{for some } a > 0.$$

Pushing forward this class to X via $\varphi \circ \chi$, we obtain that

$$K_X + \lambda \mathcal{M}'_X + aD \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 0$$

for some effective divisor D on X . Since $K_X + \lambda' \mathcal{M}'_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 0$, it follows that $\lambda' > \lambda$, i.e., $n' < n$.

To summarize, if a curve is a non-canonical center, then we can find a G -equivariantly birational automorphism such that the pushforward \mathcal{M}'_X is a subsystem of $|\mathcal{O}_X(n')|$ for n' strictly smaller than n . Therefore, by iterating this process, we will obtain a linear system which has no 1-dimensional non-canonical center, and thus the resulting pair is canonical away from $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$. \square

We recall the following lemma from [1].

Lemma 8.3. *Let V be a threefold, $K \subset \text{Aut}(V)$ a finite subgroup fixing a smooth point $P \in V$, \mathcal{M}_V a non-empty mobile K -invariant linear system on V , and $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that P is a non-canonical center of $(V, \lambda \mathcal{M}_V)$. If K acts on the Zariski tangent space $T_P(V)$ of V at P via an irreducible representation, then $\text{mult}_P(\mathcal{M}_V) > \frac{2}{\lambda}$.*

Corollary 8.4. *Assume that $(X, \lambda \mathcal{M}_X)$ is not canonical at Σ_5 . Then $\text{mult}_{\Sigma_5} \mathcal{M}_X > \frac{2}{\lambda}$.*

Proof. The stabilizer of a point $P \in \Sigma_5$ is isomorphic to \mathfrak{A}_4 , which acts on $T_P(X)$ faithfully. The only 3-dimensional faithful representation of \mathfrak{A}_4 is irreducible. Then we apply the previous lemma. \square

Lemma 8.5. *Let $S = \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 2)$, and K a finite group acting faithfully on S such that $|\mathcal{O}_S(1)|$ has no K -invariant curves. Then $\alpha_K(S) \geq \frac{1}{2}$.*

Proof. Let L be a general element in $|\mathcal{O}_S(1)|$. Suppose $\alpha_K(S) < \frac{1}{2}$. Then there exists a K -invariant effective \mathbb{Q} -divisor D such that the log pair $(S, \frac{1}{2}D)$ is not log-canonical, and D satisfies

$$D \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 4L \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -K_S, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2}D = \sum a_i C_i,$$

where for each i , we have $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, and $C_i \in |\mathcal{O}_S(d_i)|$ for some d_i . First, we show that $a_i \leq 1$ for all i . Indeed, we have $2 = \deg(\frac{1}{2}D) = \sum a_i d_i$. If $a_j > 1$ for some j , then $a_j = 2$ and $d_j = 1$. Since $|\mathcal{O}_S(1)|$ contains no K -invariant curve, there exists $g \in K$ such that $a_j g(C_j)$ also shows up in $\frac{1}{2}D$. This contradicts $\deg(\frac{1}{2}D) = 2$.

Let $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ such that $(S, \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}D)$ is not log-canonical. Since $a_i \leq 1$ for all i , we know that $\Gamma = \text{Nklt}(S, \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}D)$ does not contain any curve. Nadel vanishing theorem then implies that Γ contains a single point, namely the vertex of S . Consider the blowup $\tilde{S} \rightarrow S$ of the vertex and let E be the exceptional divisor. We have that

$$\tilde{S} \cong \mathbb{F}_2, \quad K_{\tilde{S}} \sim f^*(K_S), \quad \tilde{D} = f^*(D) - mE, \quad \tilde{L} = f^*(L) - \frac{1}{2}E$$

for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. It follows that

$$0 \leq \tilde{D} \cdot \tilde{L} = 2 - m, \quad \text{and thus} \quad m \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2} < 1.$$

Since

$$f^*(K_S + \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}D) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} K_{\tilde{S}} + \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\tilde{D} + m\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}E,$$

we see that $(\tilde{S}, \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\tilde{D} + m\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}E)$ is not log-canonical at some point in E . Since $m\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2} < 1$, the pair $(\tilde{S}, \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\tilde{D} + E)$ is also not log-canonical at some point in E . By inversion of adjunction, we see that $(E, \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\tilde{D}|_E)$ is not log-canonical. Note that $\tilde{D}|_E \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -E|_E$ is a divisor of degree $2m$

on $E = \mathbb{P}^1$. It follows that $\alpha_K(\mathbb{P}^1) < 1$. Recall from [16] that

$$\alpha_K(\mathbb{P}^1) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } K \cong C_n, \\ 1 & \text{if } K \cong \mathfrak{D}_n, \\ 2 & \text{if } K \cong \mathfrak{A}_4, \\ 3 & \text{if } K \cong \mathfrak{S}_4, \\ 6 & \text{if } K \cong \mathfrak{A}_5. \end{cases}$$

By our assumption that $|\mathcal{O}_S(1)|$ has no K -invariant curves, we see that K is not a cyclic group. Therefore, we obtain a contradiction and this completes the proof. \square

Corollary 8.6. *Assume that points of Σ_5^Y are centers of non-canonical singularities of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$. Consider $\pi: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$, the blowup of Y in Σ_5^Y . Let $m \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\pi^*(\mu\mathcal{M}_Y) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mu\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}} + mE$, where $\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}}$ is the strict transform of \mathcal{M}_Y to \tilde{Y} , and E is the exceptional divisor of π . Then $m > 1$.*

Proof. Let P be a point of Σ_5 , and let F be the component of E that is mapped to P . Then $F \simeq \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 2)$, since P is an A_2 -singularity. Observe that

$$\pi^*(K_Y + \mu\mathcal{M}_Y) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} K_{\tilde{Y}} + \mu\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}} + (m - 1)E.$$

Recall that P is a non-canonical center of $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$. It follows that $(\tilde{Y}, \mu\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}} + (m - 1)E)$ is not canonical at some point in F . Hence, $(\tilde{Y}, \mu\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}} + mE)$ is not log-canonical at some point in F .

Now assume that $m \leq 1$. Then $(\tilde{Y}, \mu\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}} + E)$ is not log-canonical at some point in F . It follows from the inversion of adjunction that $(F, \mu\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}}|_F)$ is not log-canonical. Note that

$$(8.1) \quad \mu\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{Y}}|_F \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -mF|_F \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_F(2m).$$

The stabilizer of P is isomorphic to \mathfrak{A}_4 , which acts faithfully on F . Then (8.1) implies that $\alpha_{\mathfrak{A}_4}(F) < \frac{m}{2}$, which contradicts Lemma 8.5. Therefore we conclude that $m > 1$. \square

We are now ready to prove Theorem 8.1.

Proof of Theorem 8.1. By Proposition 8.2, we may assume that, up to applying a G -equivariantly birational automorphism of X , the log pair $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical away from $\Sigma_5 \cup \Sigma'_5$. Since Σ_5 and Σ'_5 are exchanged by some element in the normalizer of G in $\text{Aut}(X)$, we can further assume that $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical away from Σ_5 . Now, it

suffices show that either $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical along Σ_5 , or $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ is canonical along Σ_5^Y .

We denote by H_X (resp. H_Y) a general hyperplane section on X (resp. Y). Let $n, n' \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\mathcal{M}_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} nH_X$, and $\mathcal{M}_Y \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} n'H_Y$. Note that $n = \frac{3}{\lambda}$ and $n' = \frac{2}{\mu}$. Recall from [14, Section 3] that the Cremona map χ fits into the G -equivariant commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & V & \xrightarrow{\rho} W \\ g \swarrow & & \searrow f \\ X & \xrightarrow{\chi} & Y \end{array}$$

where g is the blowup of Σ_5 , ρ is a small birational map that flops the proper transforms of 10 conics that contain three points in Σ_5 , and f contracts to Σ_5^Y the proper transforms of 5 hyperplane sections of X that pass through four points in Σ_5' . Let $\tilde{H}_X, \tilde{H}_Y, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_X, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_Y$ be the strict transforms in V of $H_X, H_Y, \mathcal{M}_X, \mathcal{M}_Y$ respectively, E the exceptional divisor of g , and F the strict transform in V of the exceptional divisor of f . We compute

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_X = n\tilde{H}_X - mE = (4n - 5m)\tilde{H}_Y - (3n - 4m)F = n'\tilde{H}_Y - m'F = \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_Y,$$

which yields

$$n' = 4n - 5m, \quad m' = 3n - 4m,$$

for some $m, m' \in \mathbb{Q}$. By Corollary 8.4, if $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is not canonical along Σ_5 , then $\lambda m > 2$, i.e., $3m > 2n$. On the other hand, if $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ is not canonical at Σ_5^Y , then by Corollary 8.6, we have $1 < \mu m'$, i.e., $2n > 3m$. These two cases cannot happen simultaneously. We conclude that either $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$ is canonical at Σ_5 , or $(Y, \mu\mathcal{M}_Y)$ is canonical at Σ_5^Y . \square

8.2. Nonstandard \mathfrak{S}_5 -action. Throughout this subsection, $G' = \mathfrak{S}_5$. Using our analysis of the non-standard \mathfrak{A}_5 -action, it is not hard to prove Theorem 1.3. Let X be the same quadric threefold defined by (6.1) and Y the cubic threefold defined by (7.1). We consider the *nonstandard* G' -action on X and Y generated by the nonstandard \mathfrak{A}_5 -action (6.2), and an extra involution

$$\iota : (\mathbf{x}) \mapsto (x_3, x_4, x_1, x_2, -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5).$$

We will show that the only G' -Mori fibre spaces that are G' -equivariantly birational to X are X and Y .

Recall from Propositions 6.6 and 6.22 that the possible non-canonical centers under the nonstandard \mathfrak{A}_5 -action are points in Σ_5 and Σ'_5 , curves C_4, C'_4, C_8, C'_8 , or some curves of degree 10.

Under the G' -action, the orbits Σ_5 and Σ'_5 are still invariant. So, the cubic Y with $5A_2$ -singularities is still \mathfrak{S}_5 -equivariantly birational to X . Proposition 7.1 clearly also holds for the \mathfrak{S}_5 -action. We focus on the quadric. Any curve of degree 10 becomes irrelevant, since if it is not \mathfrak{S}_5 -invariant, its \mathfrak{S}_5 -orbit becomes a curve of degree 20, which exceeds the bound 18 as in Remark 4.2.

The involution $\iota \in \mathfrak{S}_5$ exchanges the curve C_4 with C'_4 , and C_8 with C'_8 . We show that C_8 and C'_8 are not non-canonical centers in this case.

Lemma 8.7. *The curves C_8 and C'_8 are not centers of non-canonical singularities of $(X, \lambda\mathcal{M}_X)$.*

Proof. Assume C_8 is a non-canonical center. Since \mathcal{M}_X is G' -invariant, C'_8 is also a non-canonical center. Put $Z = C_8 + C'_8$. Then we have $\text{mult}_Z(\lambda\mathcal{M}_X) > 1$. Let $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be the blowup of X along Z , E the exceptional divisor, and H the pullback of a general hyperplane section on X to \tilde{X} . Similarly as before, the assumption that C_8 and C'_8 are non-canonical centers implies that $(3H - E)^2$ is effective. Using equations, we check that the linear system $|\mathcal{O}_X(5) - C_8 - C'_8|$ does not have base curves other than $C_8 + C'_8$. It follows that $(5H - E)$ is nef. Let us compute the intersection number $(3H - E)^2 \cdot (5H - E)$. We have

- $H^3 = 2$,
- $H^2 \cdot E = 0$,
- $H \cdot E^2 = -\deg(C_8 + C'_8) = -16$,
- $E^3 = -\deg(\mathcal{N}_{C_8/X}) - \deg(\mathcal{N}_{C'_8/X}) = K_X \cdot (C_8 + C'_8) + 4 = -44$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (3H - E)^2 \cdot (5H - E) &= 45H^3 - 39H^2E + 11HE^2 - E^3 \\ &= 90 - 0 - 176 + 44 \\ &= -42. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the fact that $(5H - E)$ is nef. \square

On the other hand, $C_4 + C'_4$ can indeed be a non-canonical center. We present the Sarkisov link centered at $C_4 + C'_4$. One can check that the linear system $|\mathcal{O}_X(3) - (C_4 + C'_4)|$ gives rise to a rational map

$\tau : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ fitting into a G' -equivariant commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \tilde{X} & \\ \pi \swarrow & & \searrow \rho \\ X & \dashrightarrow \tau \dashrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^3 \end{array}$$

where π is the blowup along $C_4 + C'_4$ and the resolution ρ of τ is a double cover ramified along a singular sextic surface. The involution of this double cover gives rise to a G' -equivariantly birational involution

$$\delta : X \dashrightarrow X.$$

Note that δ naturally commutes with G' in $\text{Bir}^{G'}(X)$. It follows that $\delta \notin \text{Aut}(X) = \text{PSO}_5(\mathbb{C})$ since no element in $\text{Aut}(X)$ centralizes G' . Similarly as in Lemma 6.13, we can show that $-K_{\tilde{X}}$ is big and nef, and that $|n(-K_{\tilde{X}})|$ gives a small birational map for $n \gg 0$. Namely, δ also fits into a Sarkisov link as in (6.10).

Proof of Theorem 1.3. Note that the Sarkisov link centered at $C_4 + C'_4$ is again a G' -equivariantly birational selfmap. Thus, Proposition 8.2 and Theorem 8.1 still hold for the G' -action. The argument in the previous subsection applies and Theorem 1.3 is proved in the same way. \square

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