

A VERY SPECIAL EPW SEXTIC AND TWO IHS FOURFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. We show that the Hilbert scheme of two points on the Vinberg $K3$ surface has a 2:1 map onto a very symmetric EPW sextic Y in \mathbb{P}^5 . The fourfold Y is singular along 60 planes, 20 of which form a complete family of incident planes. This solves a problem of Morin and O’Grady and establishes that 20 is the maximal cardinality of such a family of planes. Next, we show that this Hilbert scheme is birationally isomorphic to the Kummer type IHS fourfold X_0 constructed in [DBW14]. We find that X_0 is also related to the Debarre-Varley abelian fourfold.

1. INTRODUCTION

By an irreducible holomorphic symplectic (IHS) fourfold we mean a compact 4-dimensional, simply connected Kähler manifold with trivial canonical bundle which admits a unique (up to a constant) closed non-degenerate holomorphic 2-form and is not a product of two manifolds (see [Bea83]). There are only two known families of such fourfolds: the 21-dimensional family of deformations of the Hilbert scheme of two points on a $K3$ surface (we say that elements of this family are *of $K3$ -type*) having $b_2 = 23$ and the 5-dimensional family of deformations of the Hilbert scheme of three points summing to zero on an Abelian surface with $b_2 = 7$.

A well known family of projective IHS fourfolds of $K3$ -type is the family of double EPW sextics found by O’Grady in [O’G06]. Recall that an EPW sextic is a special sextic hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^5 constructed in [EPW01]. It arises from a choice of a subspace $A \subset \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6$, Lagrangian with respect to the symplectic form η (unique up to choice of volume form on $\bigwedge^6 \mathbb{C}^6$) on $\bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6$ given by the wedge product. More precisely the EPW sextic associated to A is

$$Y_A = \{[v] \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^6) \mid \dim(A \cap (v \wedge \bigwedge^2 \mathbb{C}^6)) \geq 1\}.$$

Such EPW sextics appear as quotients of polarised IHS fourfolds of $K3$ -type by an anti-symplectic involution.

In this paper, we investigate birational models of a very special IHS fourfold of $K3$ type. The fourfold is obtained as a Hilbert scheme of two points on a special $K3$ surface studied by Vinberg. We find out, in particular, that on one hand the fourfold is birational to a double EPW sextic (see Proposition 1.1) and on the other it is birational to the Kummer type IHS fourfold constructed in [DBW14] as a desingularisation of a quotient of an Abelian fourfold by a group action (see Theorem 1.3).

To introduce our fourfold, let us denote by S the $K3$ surface which is the desingularisation of the double covering of the Del Pezzo surface of degree 5, denoted by S_5 , branched over the union of its 10 lines. This surface was studied by Vinberg in [Vin83] as one of two “most algebraic $K3$ surfaces”. The starting point of our investigation is the following proposition.

Proposition 1.1. *There exists a series of flops from $S^{[2]}$ to a fourfold $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ and a generically 2 : 1 morphism $\overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Y$ to an EPW sextic $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ which is singular along 60 planes.*

This EPW sextic Y is a very symmetric and natural sextic related to many classical objects in algebraic geometry. First, it is invariant with respect to the action of the symmetric group Σ_6 acting on \mathbb{P}^5 by permutation of the coordinates. We prove in Section 5 that there are 16

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hyperplanes in \mathbb{P}^5 which are tangent to Y along Segre cubics (see [Dol15] for the discussion about such cubics) such that the fifteen planes contained in each such cubic are singular planes on Y . Moreover, Y admits 16 singular points of multiplicity 4 whose tangent cone is the cone over the Igusa quartic. Furthermore, $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is projectively self-dual. Finally, the EPW sextic Y gives rise to a maximal configuration of 20 incident planes in \mathbb{P}^5 , thus solving a classical problem proposed by Morin and reformulated by O’Grady.

The problem of O’Grady addresses the question of finding *complete families of incident planes* in \mathbb{P}^5 i.e. configuration of planes in \mathbb{P}^5 intersecting each other and such that no planes outside of this set intersects all of the planes in the set. In 1930 Ugo Morin classified in [Mor30] all complete irreducible families of incident planes in \mathbb{P}^5 . In the same paper he acknowledged that the classification of complete finite set of incident planes presents essential difficulties. The latter problem was re-addressed by Dolgachev and Markushevich [DM10] who found, using the geometry of the Fano model of an Enriques surfaces, a description of some families of 10 incident planes. Moreover, they found an explicit description of a complete family of 13 incident planes. Then O’Grady in [O’G06] proved, using the results of Ferretti, that for $10 \leq k \leq 16$ there exists a $20 - k$ dimensional moduli space of complete families of incident planes of cardinality k . Moreover, he proved that the maximal cardinality of a finite complete family of planes is between 10 and 20. Then O’Grady asked: what is the maximal cardinality of a finite family of incident planes in \mathbb{P}^5 ?

Finding families of incident planes is in fact strictly related to EPW sextics. Indeed from [O’G13b, Claim 3.2], the set of points in $G(3, \mathbb{C}^6)$ corresponding to any complete family \mathcal{F} of incident planes spans a space $\mathbb{P}(A_{\mathcal{F}}) \subset \mathbb{P}(\wedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6)$ with $A_{\mathcal{F}}$ Lagrangian with respect to η . In particular, a finite complete family of incident planes \mathcal{F} gives rise to an EPW sextic $Y_{A_{\mathcal{F}}}$. The configuration of planes is then contained in the singular locus of the EPW sextic. It follows that the construction of a finite complete family of incident planes amounts to finding a special EPW sextic. In our case, it turns out that a suitable subset of 20 of the 60 singular planes of the EPW sextic Y is a complete family of incident planes of cardinality 20. We hence infer the following answer to O’Grady’s problem:

Theorem 1.2. *There exists a complete family of twenty incident planes in \mathbb{P}^5 . So 20 is the maximal possible cardinality of a finite complete family of incident planes in \mathbb{P}^5 .*

The outline of the first part of the paper is as follows. In Section 2.1 we construct a rational map $S^{[2]} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ and find its image. The flops of Proposition 1.1 are described in Section 3, see Proposition 3.2. Then, the detailed proof of the Theorem 1.2 is given in section 2.3. In Section 5 further geometric properties of the EPW sextic are studied.

The second aim of the paper is to establish a relation between $S^{[2]}$ and the Kummer type IHS fourfold constructed in [DBW14] as a desingularisation of an Abelian fourfold by a group action. We shall see that these manifolds are in fact related through the sextic Y .

Let us recall the construction from [DBW14]. Bellamy and Schedler in [BS13] showed that a certain action of the group $G := Q_8 \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} D_8$, of order 32, on \mathbb{C}^4 admits a symplectic resolution. This action can be given by matrices with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Thus we get an action of G on E^4 , where E is the elliptic curve $E := \mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z} + i\mathbb{Z})$ with complex multiplication by $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Donten-Bury and Wiśniewski [DBW14, Sect. 6] showed that there is an inclusion $G \subset \text{Aut}(E^4)$ such that the quotient E^4/G admits a symplectic resolution X_0 (not uniquely defined) which is an IHS fourfold with second Betti number $b_2(X_0) = 23$.

To relate E^4/G to $S^{[2]}$ and Y , we find a morphism $E^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ which factors over the group $(G, i) \subset \text{Aut}(E^4)$ generated by G and diagonal scalar multiplication by i . This morphism is proven to be the quotient map $E^4 \rightarrow E^4/(G, i)$ and $E^4/(G, i)$ is shown to be a sextic hypersurface Y' in \mathbb{P}^5 . After finding special geometrical properties of Y' (singular planes, tangent hyperplanes etc.) we are finally able in Section 6 to show that actually $Y = Y'$. We then conclude that both $S^{[2]}$ and E^4/G admit a 2:1 morphism to the same sextic Y and have the same ramification locus. We also obtain:

Theorem 1.3. *There exists a birational contraction $\overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow E^4/G$.*

In Remark (6.18) we describe explicitly the exceptional locus of the contraction $\overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow E^4/G$ over the quotient singularity of type \mathbb{C}^4/G which was studied in [BS13] (cf. [DBW14]).

To obtain the map from E^4 to \mathbb{P}^5 , we show first in section 4 that there is a unique G -invariant principal polarization H on E^4 . This is not the product polarization, but (E^4, H) is a principally polarized Abelian fourfold with the maximal number of 10 vanishing theta nulls found in [Var86] and [Deb87]. The singular locus of any theta divisor of (E^4, H) consists of exactly 10 ODPs. We study in Section 4.3 the automorphism group of (E^4, H) and we deduce that the configuration of the sixteen G -fixed points in E^4 and the singular points on the sixteen G -invariant theta divisors is a $(16, 6)$ (actually a complementary $(16, 10)$) configuration. The map $E^4 \rightarrow Y$ is given by a subsystem of $|2D|$ where D is a G -invariant theta divisor (see Remark 5.6).

It is well-known that the K3 surface S is a desingularization of a quotient of E^2 by a diagonal action of \mathbb{Z}_4 generated by $(i, -i)$, so it is maybe not so surprising that E^4/G and $S^{[2]}$ are closely related (see also [vGT06] for another description of S). In fact, there is a lattice theoretical argument proving that (see Proposition 6.13). However, the groups involved in the quotient maps $(E^2)^2 \rightarrow S^{[2]}$ and in $E^4 \rightarrow E^4/G$ are different and we do not know of a more direct method to obtain Theorem 1.3. In any case, the sextic Y is clearly of independent interest.

Notation.

Σ_n	n -th permutation group
$S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$	degree 5 Del Pezzo surface via anticanonical embedding
\mathbb{P}_r^2	blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at r general points, $S_5 \cong \mathbb{P}_4^2$
$\alpha : \Sigma_5 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(S_5)$	action of Σ_5 on S_5 , second wedge of standard representation
$S' = \Pi \cap Q \subset \mathbb{P}^6$	intersection of the cone Π over S_5 with vertex P and a special quadric Q
$\rho : \mathbb{P}^6 \supset S' \rightarrow S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$	projection from the vertex of Π
$C = Q \cap S_5 \subset S_5$	ramification of ρ , union of ten (-1) curves on S_5
$\phi : S \rightarrow S'$	resolution of 15 A_1 singularities, S is a Vinberg K3 surface
$\nu : S \rightarrow S_5$	composition of the above two morphisms
e_1, \dots, e_{15}	(-2) -curves on S which are contracted by ϕ
l_1, \dots, l_{10}	(-2) -curves on S in strict transform of branching of ρ
$S^{[2]} = \text{Hilb}^2(S)$	Hilbert scheme of sub-schemes of S of length 2
$\mu : \text{Div} S \rightarrow \text{Div} S^{[2]}$	$\mu(C)$ consist of cycles having non-empty intersection with $C \subset S$
$\phi^{[2]} : S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow S'^{[2]}$	push-forward map
$\rho^{[2]} : S'^{[2]} \dashrightarrow Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$	maps a pair of points on S' to intersection of their span with \mathbb{P}^5
$g : S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$	composition $\phi^{[2]} \circ \rho^{[2]}$
$Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$	image of g , hypersurface of degree 6, EPW sextic
$\beta : \Sigma_5 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^5)$	action compatible with α and g
$\overline{g} : \overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$	small modification of g which is a regular morphism
$F_{ij} \subset S^{[2]}$	$F_{ij} = \{p + q \in S^{[2]} : p \in e_i, q \in e_j\} \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$
$E_{ij} \subset S^{[2]}$	$E_{ij} = \{p + q \in S^{[2]} : p \in e_i, q \in l_j\} \cong \mathbb{P}_2^2$
$L_{ij} \subset \overline{S^{[2]}}$	strict transform of $L'_{ij} = \{(p, q) \in S^{[2]} : p \in l_i, q \in l_j\} \subset S^{[2]}$
$\overline{g} : \overline{S^{[2]}} \xrightarrow{c} Z \xrightarrow{f} Y$	Stein factorization

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2. THE HILBERT SCHEME OF TWO POINTS ON THE VINBERG K3 SURFACE

In this section we study the birational geometry of $S^{[2]} := \text{Hilb}^2(S)$, where S is the (unique) K3 surface with transcendental lattice T_S isomorphic to the the rank two lattice $(\mathbb{Z}^2, q = 2(x^2 + y^2))$, studied by Vinberg in [Vin83] (see also [vGT06]). Moreover, we exhibit an explicit

(rational) 2:1 map $g: S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ whose image is an EPW sextic Y and we find the equation defining Y .

2.1. The K3 surface S . The surface S is the desingularisation of the double cover of \mathbb{P}^2 branched along the union of six lines, an equation for the branch curve is:

$$(2.1) \quad xyz(x-y)(x-z)(y-z) = 0 .$$

The six lines defined by the equation (2.1) meet three at a time in the points

$$p_1 := (1 : 0 : 0), \quad p_2 := (0 : 1 : 0), \quad p_3 := (0 : 0 : 1), \quad p_4 := (1 : 1 : 1) ,$$

and two at a time in the points

$$(0 : 1 : 1), \quad (1 : 0 : 1), \quad (1 : 1 : 0) .$$

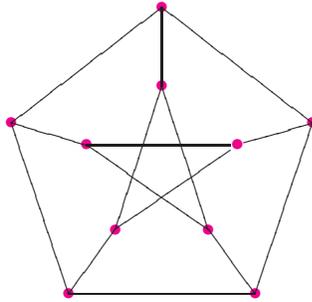
Blowing up the four triple points p_1, \dots, p_4 in \mathbb{P}^2 we obtain a Del Pezzo surface S_5 . The strict transform of the 6 lines, together with the four exceptional divisors of the birational map $S_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$, are the ten (-1) curves on S_5 . The reduced divisor B in the Del Pezzo surface S_5 , whose irreducible components are the ten (-1) curves has only ordinary double points, has arithmetic genus 6 and lies in $|-2K_{S_5}|$. Hence, B is even in the Picard group of S_5 , so it is in the branch locus of a degree two map $\rho: S' \rightarrow S_5$.

The linear system $|-2K_{S_5}|$ embeds S_5 as an intersection of 5 quadrics $q'_i = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, 5$, in \mathbb{P}^5 . There is a further quadric $q'_0 = 0$ in \mathbb{P}^5 which cuts out the divisor B on S_5 . The K3 surface S thus has a (nodal) model S' as the intersection of the cone Π over S_5 with vertex $P = (0 : \dots : 0 : 1) \in \mathbb{P}^6$ (so Π is defined by the 5 quadrics $q'_i = 0$ in \mathbb{P}^6) and the quadric Q defined by $y_6^2 = q'_0$, see the proof of 2.2 below; that is we have a contraction map

$$\phi: S \longrightarrow S' := \Pi \cap Q \quad (\subset \mathbb{P}^6).$$

The degree two map $\rho: S' \rightarrow S_5$ is simply the projection from P to the hyperplane $y_6 = 0$.

The divisor B in S_5 has $4 \cdot 3 + 3 = 15$ ordinary double points and after blowing up these points we get a surface S'_5 on which the strict transforms of the 6 lines and 4 exceptional curves of the first blow up are disjoint. The K3 surface S is the double cover of S'_5 branched over these 10 curves, the inverse images of the 15 rational curves over double points of B are rational curves in S . The map $\phi: S \rightarrow S'$ is the contraction of these 15 rational curves. The intersection diagram of the 25 curves on S above is the following Petersen graph. Here the dots \bullet correspond to the 10 curves from \mathcal{T} and the edges to the 15 exceptional curves of $\phi: S \rightarrow S'$.



Let C be the pull-back of B to S along the composition $S \rightarrow S' \rightarrow S_5$. Then $C^2 = 10$ and the linear system given by this curve is the contraction map $\phi = \phi_C: S \rightarrow S' \subset \mathbb{P}^6$.

2.2. The map $g: S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$. Let $S^{[2]}$ be the Hilbert scheme of two points on S and let $\mu: H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(S^{[2]}, \mathbb{Z})$ be the natural morphism of cohomology groups. For (the class of) a curve $C \subset S$, $\mu(C)$ is the class of the divisor with support $\{p+q: p \in C, q \in S\}$ in $S^{[2]}$. We denote by $\Delta_S^{[2]}$ the diagonal divisor on $S^{[2]}$. The isomorphism of $H^2(S^{[2]}, \mathbb{Z})$ with the lattice given in (6.1), will be fixed so that $\mu(H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})) = \Lambda_{K3}$ and $\Delta_S^{[2]} = 2\xi$.

We define the map given by the linear system $|\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}|$ by

$$g: S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5 .$$

Notice that the Beauville degree $q(\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}) = q(\mu(C)) - q(2\xi) = 10 - 8 = 2$, so in particular $h^0(\mathcal{O}_{S^{[2]}}(\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]})) = 6$.

Let us consider a second map g' (cf. [O'G13a, Sect. 4]) that on an open part of $S^{[2]}$ it is described as the composition

$$g': S^{[2]} \xrightarrow{\phi^{[2]}} (S')^{[2]} \xrightarrow{\rho^{[2]}} Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$$

of rational maps. Where the map $\phi^{[2]}$ is the map naturally induced by ϕ on the Hilbert scheme. By $(S')^{[2]}$ we understand the Hilbert scheme of two points in the smooth part of S' such that $\rho^{[2]}$ is given by mapping $p + q \in (S')^{[2]}$ to the hyperplane of quadrics in the ideal of $S' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ which contains the line spanned by p and q .

Proposition 2.1. *The maps g and g' are equal.*

Proof. When S is a K3 surface of degree 10 that does not contain lines nor conics the statements are proven in [O'G05, Prop. 4.21]. For special S the statement is proven in [O'G05, §2]. \square

The map g will be worked out explicitly in the proof of Proposition 2.2. To describe its image Y we need the following symmetric functions in six variables Z_0, \dots, Z_5 .

$$\begin{aligned} P_6 &:= Z_0^6 + Z_1^6 + Z_2^6 + Z_3^6 + Z_4^6 + Z_5^6, \\ P_{42} &:= Z_0^4 Z_1^2 + Z_0^4 Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_4^2 Z_5^4, \\ P_{222} &:= Z_0^2 Z_1^2 Z_2^2 + Z_0^2 Z_1^2 Z_3^2 + \dots + Z_3^2 Z_4^2 Z_5^2, \\ P_{111111} &:= Z_0 Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 Z_5, \end{aligned}$$

the polynomials P_{42} and P_{222} have 30 and 20 terms respectively.

Proposition 2.2. *The image Y of $S^{[2]}$ under $g: S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ is the sextic $F_6 = 0$ where, with the notation as above,*

$$F_6 = P_6 - P_{42} + 2P_{222} - 16P_{111111}.$$

Proof. The anticanonical map from S_5 to \mathbb{P}^5 is given by the linear system of cubics in \mathbb{P}^2 which pass through the points p_1, \dots, p_4 . A basis for these cubics is given by:

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_0^2 x_1 - x_0 x_1 x_2, & x_0^2 x_2 - x_0 x_1 x_2, & x_0 x_1^2 - x_0 x_1 x_2, \\ x_0 x_2^2 - x_0 x_1 x_2, & x_1^2 x_2 - x_0 x_1 x_2, & x_1 x_2^2 - x_0 x_1 x_2. \end{array}$$

The image of S_5 in \mathbb{P}^5 is defined by the following five quadratic forms q'_1, \dots, q'_5 :

$$\begin{array}{lll} y_0 y_3 + y_1 y_2 - y_2 y_5 - y_3 y_4, & y_0 y_4 + y_1 y_2 - y_1 y_5 - y_3 y_4, & \\ y_0 y_5 + y_1 y_2 - y_1 y_5 - y_2 y_5 - y_3 y_4, & y_1 y_4 - y_1 y_5 - y_3 y_4, & y_2 y_3 - y_2 y_5 - y_3 y_4. \end{array}$$

Moreover, the quadratic form

$$q'_0 := y_1 y_2 - y_3 y_4$$

cuts out the union of the ten lines on S_5 . Thus the image S' of the K3 surface S in \mathbb{P}^6 under the map ϕ is defined by the five quadrics which cut out the image of S_5 and the quadric with equation $y_6^2 = q'_0$, where now y_0, \dots, y_5, y_6 are the homogeneous coordinates on \mathbb{P}^6 . We define $q'_6 := q'_0 - y_6^2$. In order to get the very symmetric equation F_6 we need the following change of basis on the space of these quadrics:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q'_1 \\ q'_2 \\ \vdots \\ q'_6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The map $g = g' : S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ maps $p + q \in S^{[2]}$ to the hyperplane of quadrics in the ideal of $\phi(S)$ which contains the line spanned by $\phi(p)$ and $\phi(q)$.

If $\phi(p) = (y_0 : \dots : y_6)$ and $\phi(q) = (z_0 : \dots : z_6)$ then we can write

$$q_i(\lambda y + \mu z) = \lambda^2 q_i(y) + \mu^2 q_i(z) + 2\lambda\mu Q_i(y, z),$$

for a symmetric bilinear form Q_i .

The map g is thus induced by the rational map

$$\tilde{g} : S \times S \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5, \quad (p, q) \longmapsto (\dots : Q_i(\phi(p), \phi(q)) : \dots)_{1 \leq i \leq 6}.$$

Notice that if $q_i(y) = 0$ and $y = z$ then $Q_i(y, z) = 0$ so that the diagonal of $S \times S$ is in the base locus of \tilde{g} , which explains the term $-\Delta_S^{[2]}$ in the linear system defining g .

It is now easy to verify that the polynomial F_6 vanishes on the image of g , one only needs to check that $F_6(\dots, Q_i(y, z), \dots) = 0$ on $S \times S$ where $y, z \in \phi(S)$, so one substitutes the cubic polynomials in x_0, x_1, x_2 for y_0, \dots, y_5 , similarly for z_0, \dots, z_5 , but now with polynomials in u_0, u_1, u_2 (coordinates for another copy of \mathbb{P}^2) and one uses that $y_6^2 = y_1 y_2 - y_3 y_4$, $z_6^2 = z_1 z_2 - z_3 z_4$.

For later use we notice that a general line contained in the cone Π over S_5 (defined by $q'_1 = \dots = q'_5 = 0$) and passing through its vertex P cuts S' in two points $\phi(p), \phi(q)$. Using the change of basis, we find that $p + q$ maps to the point $(-1 : \dots : -1) = (1 : \dots : 1)$ in Y . \square

Remark 2.3. Note that the equation of the image of g can be found in a theoretical way using the results from section 3 and from section 6.

2.3. The sextic Y as a special EPW sextic. The degree six fourfold $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$, which is the image of $S^{[2]}$, is an EPW sextic (see [O'G13a]). The singular locus of a general EPW sextic is a surface of degree 40. We will see that Y is (very) special in the sense that its singular locus has degree 60, in fact it is the union of 60 planes. The double cover of an EPW sextic along the singular locus is an IHS fourfold. Forty of the 60 singular planes in Y are in the branch locus of the map $g : S^{[2]} \rightarrow Y$, the other 'extra' 20 planes must then be a set of incident planes. To identify the planes in the branch locus, we use that the symmetric group Σ_5 acts on the Del Pezzo surface S_5 and that this action lifts to the action of a group $\tilde{\Sigma}_5$ on the K3 surface S . This group then also acts on $S^{[2]}$ and we show that g is an equivariant map, where $\tilde{\Sigma}_5$ acts through a subgroup $\beta\Sigma_5$, isomorphic to Σ_5 , of Σ_6 on Y . Knowing the 20 incident planes then allows us to find explicitly a Lagrangian subspace $A \subset \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6$ such that $Y = Y_A$ in the EPW construction.

The first part of the following lemma is well-known.

Lemma 2.4. *The symmetric group Σ_5 acts as group of automorphisms on S_5 , the permutations of the points p_1, \dots, p_4 induce the elements in $\Sigma_4 \subset \Sigma_5$ and the Cremona transformation on p_1, p_2, p_3 induces the transposition (45).*

These automorphisms of $S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$, where the embedding is given by the cubics from the proof of Proposition 2.2, are induced by projective transformations which map $y := (y_0 : y_1 : \dots : y_5)$ to

$$\alpha_{34}(y) := (y_0 - y_1 + y_4 : -y_1 + y_3 - y_5 : y_2 - y_4 + y_5 : -y_5 : -y_3 - y_4 + y_5 : -y_3).$$

and the maps $\alpha_{12}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{45}$ permute the coordinates y_i as

$$\alpha_{12} : (02)(14)(35), \quad \alpha_{23} : (01)(23)(45), \quad \alpha_{45} : (05)(14)(23).$$

The map $g : S^{[2]} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ is equivariant for the action of Σ_5 , where the action of $\sigma \in \Sigma_5$ on \mathbb{P}^5 is given by the permutation β_σ of the projective coordinates Z_0, \dots, Z_5 :

$$\beta_{12} : (03)(14)(25), \quad \beta_{23} : (01)(24)(35), \quad \beta_{34} : (05)(14)(23), \quad \beta_{45} : (01)(25)(34).$$

Proof. These are straightforward verifications. The permutation of the points p_3, p_4 is given by $(x : y : z) \mapsto (x - z : y - z : -z)$ and now one computes the action on the six cubics from the proof of Proposition 2.2. The Cremona transformation is induced by $(x : y : z) \mapsto (x^{-1} : y^{-1} : z^{-1})$, this is substituted in the cubics and next one multiplies them by $(xyz)^2$.

Interchanging for example x and y , the equation of the branch curve (2.1) changes sign, and the same happens for any other transposition in Σ_5 . Thus to lift the action to $S' \subset \mathbb{P}^6$ one must map $y_6 \mapsto iy_6$ (with $i^2 = -1$). Finally, one considers the induced action on the quadratic forms q_1, \dots, q_6 in the variables y_0, \dots, y_6 , these q_i are the coordinate functions Z_{i-1} . \square

To describe the singular locus of Y and the action of Σ_6 on the irreducible components, we introduce the following notation. Let $\{\{i, j\}, \{k, l\}, \{m, n\}\}$ be a partition of $\{0, \dots, 5\}$, so $\{i, j, k, l, m, n\} = \{0, \dots, 5\}$. Notice that there are 15 such partitions. Then, with three choices for the sign, we define planes in \mathbb{P}^5 by:

$$V_{i\pm j, k\pm l, m\pm n} : Z_i \pm Z_j = Z_k \pm Z_l = Z_m \pm Z_n = 0 \quad (\subset \mathbb{P}^5).$$

Notice that besides being symmetric in the variables Z_i , the polynomial F_6 which defines Y is also invariant under the change of sign of an even number of variables.

Proposition 2.5. *The singular locus of Y is the union of 60 planes. There are two Σ_6 -orbits, of length 15 and 45 respectively of these planes, they are the orbits of*

$$V_{0-1, 2-3, 4-5} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{0+1, 2+3, 4-5}$$

respectively. Let $\beta\Sigma_5 \subset \Sigma_6$ be the subgroup, isomorphic to Σ_5 , generated by the permutations $\beta_{12}, \beta_{23}, \beta_{34}, \beta_{45}$ from Lemma 2.4. Then $\beta\Sigma_5$ has four orbits on the set of sixty singular planes of Y , they are the orbits of

$$V_{0-1, 2-3, 4-5}, \quad V_{0-1, 2-4, 3-5}, \quad V_{0+1, 2+3, 4-5}, \quad V_{0+1, 2+4, 3-5}$$

and these orbits have length 5, 10, 15 and 30 respectively.

Proof. A Magma [BCP97] computation gives the irreducible components of the singular locus of Y and the rest are straightforward verifications (done with Magma as well). \square

A plane $V \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is a linear subspace $\tilde{V} \subset \mathbb{C}^6$ of dimension 3 and it is determined by the line $\Lambda^3 \tilde{V} \subset \Lambda^3 \mathbb{C}^6$ (equivalently, by the point in the Grassmannian $Gr(3, 6) \subset \mathbb{P}(\Lambda^3 \mathbb{C}^6)$). The 20-dimensional vector space $\Lambda^3 \mathbb{C}^6$ has a natural symplectic form given by $(\omega, \theta) := \omega \wedge \theta$ ($\in \Lambda^6 \mathbb{C}^6 = \mathbb{C}$), where we fix a basis of $\Lambda^6 \mathbb{C}^6$. Two planes $V, W \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ are incident if and only if $(\Lambda^3 \tilde{V}) \wedge (\Lambda^3 \tilde{W}) = 0$. A set of planes is called a set of incident planes, if any plane of this set has a non-empty intersection with each of the other planes in the set. In particular, a set of incident planes determines an isotropic subspace in $\Lambda^3 \mathbb{C}^6$. The following result solves the problem of O'Grady from [O'G13b].

Proposition 2.6. *(Proof of Theorem 1.2) The union of the two $\beta\Sigma_5$ -orbits of $V_{0-1, 2-3, 4-5}$ and $V_{0+1, 2+3, 4-5}$ consists of the twenty planes $V_{0\pm 1, 2\pm 3, 4\pm 5}, V_{0\pm 2, 1\pm 4, 3\pm 5}, V_{0\pm 3, 1\pm 5, 2\pm 4}, V_{0\pm 4, 1\pm 3, 2\pm 5}$ and $V_{0\pm 5, 1\pm 2, 3\pm 4}$, all with an odd number of $-$ signs. This is a complete set of 20 incident planes and it determines points in $\Lambda^3 \mathbb{C}^6$ that spans a Lagrangian subspace A in $\Lambda^3 \mathbb{C}^6$.*

Proof. This is again a (Magma) computation. The set of 20 planes is easy to find. For example, $V := V_{0+1, 2+4, 3-5}$ is in this set. It has a basis $e_0 - e_1, e_2 - e_4, e_3 + e_5$, where e_0, \dots, e_5 denotes the standard basis of \mathbb{C}^6 . Thus the line $\Lambda^3 \tilde{V}_{0+1, 2+4, 3-5}$ is spanned by the vector

$$-e_0 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 + e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 - e_0 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4 + e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4 - e_0 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_5 + e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_5 + e_0 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_5 - e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_5.$$

Now one verifies that these planes are indeed incident and span a 10-dimensional, hence Lagrangian, subspace A .

Any plane incident to all the 20 planes above corresponds to a point of intersection of $\mathbb{P}(A) \cap Gr(3, 6)$ and moreover such a plane is in the singular locus of Y ([O'G13b, Prop. 3.3]). But none of the remaining 40 planes in the singular locus of Y corresponds to a point of A , so the set of 20 planes is complete. \square

A general Lagrangian subspace $A \subset \Lambda^3 \mathbb{C}^6$ determines a sextic hypersurface $Y_A \subset \mathbb{P}^5$, the EPW sextic defined by A , as follows. Let $v \in \mathbb{P}^5$ and let $\tilde{v} \in \mathbb{C}^6$ be a representative, then

$$F_v := \left\{ \omega \in \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6 : \tilde{v} \wedge \omega = 0 \right\}$$

is a Lagrangian subspace of $\bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6$. Define

$$Y_A[k] := \{v \in \mathbb{P}^5 : \dim(F_v \cap A) \geq k\},$$

then the EPW sextic Y_A is defined as $Y_A = Y_A[1]$. The sextic Y_A is singular along the surface $Y_A[2]$ of degree forty and along the planes $W \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ such that $\bigwedge^3 \tilde{W} \in A$ ([O'G13b, Prop. 3.3]).

Proposition 2.7. *Let $A \subset \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6$ be the Lagrangian subspace from Proposition 2.6. Then the EPW sextic Y_A is the sextic Y from Proposition 2.2. Its singular locus consists of the surface $Y_A[2]$, which is the union of the forty planes in the two $\beta\Sigma_5$ orbits of length 10 and 30, and the 20 incident planes from Proposition 2.6.*

Proof. Let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{10}$ be a basis of A and let $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{15}$ be a basis of $\bigwedge^4 \mathbb{C}^6$. For each basis vector e_i of \mathbb{C}^6 one computes the matrix M_i of the linear map $A \rightarrow \bigwedge^4 \mathbb{C}^6$ defined by $\omega \mapsto e_i \wedge \omega$. Then $v = (v_0 : \dots : v_5) \in Y_A$ exactly when the matrix $M_v := v_0 M_0 + \dots + v_5 M_5$ has rank at most 9, hence all 10×10 minors of M_v must be zero. Since Y_A is either a sextic or is identically zero, it suffices to factorize a minor to find a sextic polynomial defining Y_A , it turns out to be the same as F_6 . We already found the singular locus of Y and all planes corresponding to points in $\mathbb{P}A$, hence $Y_A[2]$ is the union of the planes as in the proposition. \square

Remark 2.8. (Compare with 6.8) For the Lagrangian space A from Proposition 2.6 we find that $Y_A[3] = Y_A[4]$. Moreover, $Y_A[4]$ consists of 16 points and for each $v \in Y_A[4]$ the corresponding linear space $\mathbb{P}(F_v \cap A)$ cuts $G(3, 6) \subset \mathbb{P}(\bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6)$ in five points. One of these points is $(1 : \dots : 1) \in Y_A[4]$ (see the end of the proof of Proposition 2.2). This is the point where five planes of type $V_{i-j, k-l, n-m}$ (three $-$ signs) meet.

Remark 2.9. Given one of five partitions $\{\{i, j\}, \{k, l\}, \{n, m\}\}$, used to describe 20 incident planes in 2.6, and choosing one of the three pairs in this partition, one produces a point of incidence of another 5-tuple of planes. For example, for a partition $\{\{0, 2\}, \{1, 4\}, \{3, 5\}\}$ we choose the second pair $\{1, 4\}$ and take the point $(1 : -1 : 1 : 1 : -1 : 1)$ (minus sign with first and fourth coordinate). Then this point is contained in 5 planes $V_{0+1, 2-3, 4+5}$, $V_{0-3, 1+5, 2+4}$, $V_{0+4, 1+3, 2-5}$, $V_{0-5, 1+2, 3+4}$ and $V_{0-2, 1-4, 3-5}$. This way we get $16 = 1 + 5 \cdot 3$ points in $Y_A[4]$, each of the points contained in a 5-tuple of planes coming from the five different partitions from 2.6.

Similarly one finds 30 points where planes associated to the same partition meet pairwise. For example, for a partition $\{\{0, 2\}, \{1, 4\}, \{3, 5\}\}$ we choose the second pair. Then $V_{0-2, 1-4, 3-5}$ meets $V_{0+2, 1-4, 3+5}$ at $(0 : 1 : 0 : 0 : 1 : 0)$ while $V_{0-2, 1+4, 3+5}$ meets $V_{0+2, 1+4, 3-5}$ at $(0 : 1 : 0 : 0 : -1 : 0)$. This shows that the planes from 2.6 meet pairwise indeed.

Thus the set of 20 planes is divided into 5 subsets of 4 planes in a natural way: a subset corresponds to a partition $\{\{i, j\}, \{k, l\}, \{n, m\}\}$ and there are 4 choices of signs such that the number of $-$ signs is odd. Each subset of 4 planes contains 16 points in $Y_A[4]$, on each plane there are 4 of these points. Any two planes corresponding to different partitions meet in one of the 16 points.

Remark 2.10. Note that we can reconstruct the $K3$ surface $S' \subset \mathbb{P}^6$ starting from A (cf. [O'G13a, §4.2]). Indeed, let $v \in Y_A[4]$, then the dual space $\mathbb{P}(F_v \cap A)^* \subset \mathbb{P}(F_v)^*$ is a five dimensional linear space contained in \mathbb{P}^9 . The projective space $\mathbb{P}(F_v)^*$ naturally contains a Grassmannian $G(2, 5)$ that cuts $\mathbb{P}(F_v \cap A)^*$ along a smooth Del Pezzo surface S_5 of degree 5. From [O'G13a, (4.1.5)] we know that there is a non-degenerate quadratic form on $\mathbb{P}(F_v \cap A)^* \subset \mathbb{P}(\bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6)^*$ (induced by $A \subset \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6$). We find that the corresponding quadric cuts $S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ along ten lines. The $K3$ surface S' is the double cover of S_5 branched along these lines. Note that $S' \subset \mathbb{P}^6$ is a non-generic $K3$ surface of degree 10.

3. THE RESOLUTION OF THE MAP $S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow Y$

In this section we analyze the rational map $g: S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow Y$ defined in section 2.2. In subsection 3.1 we present a sequence of flops that resolves the indeterminacy of this map; in Proposition 3.2 we obtain a morphism $\bar{g}: \overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Y$ such that $S^{[2]}$ and $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ differ by Mukai flops. In subsection 3.2 we describe the ramification locus of \bar{g} ; we need it to obtain the explicit desingularisation

in Theorem 1.3. A consequence of our construction is the description (see Remark 6.18) of a symplectic resolution of the singular point \mathbb{C}^4/G discussed in [BS13] (i.e. the fiber of \bar{g} over points from $Y_A[4]$).

3.1. Flops. Let us describe a sequence of Mukai flops that resolves the map g . Recall that in Section 2.2 we defined the map g as given by the complete linear system $|\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}|$. We found that the map g on an open part of $S^{[2]}$ can be described as the composition

$$g: S^{[2]} \xrightarrow{\phi^{[2]}} (S')^{[2]} \xrightarrow{\rho^{[2]}} Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5.$$

of rational maps. By $(S')^{[2]}$ we understand the Hilbert scheme of two points in the smooth part of S' . In order to understand more precisely the map g we need to understand the geometry of $S' \subset \mathbb{P}^6(y_0, \dots, y_6)$.

We take a Del Pezzo surface S_5 of degree 5 contained in the hyperplane $W = \mathbb{P}^5 \subset \mathbb{P}^6$ defined by $y_6 = 0$. Let Π be the cone over S_5 in \mathbb{P}^6 with vertex $P = (0 : \dots : 0 : 1)$ and let Q be the quadric with equation $y_6^2 = q'(y_0, \dots, y_5)$ as in Section 2.1. Then Q intersects S_5 along the union of the ten exceptional lines on S_5 , $S' = \Pi \cap Q$ and S' is singular exactly at the 15 points of intersection of these lines. The projection $\mathbb{P}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ with center P induces a 2 : 1 *morphism* $\rho: S' \rightarrow S_5$ ramified along the sum of the ten lines on $S_5 \subset W$. Since the projection by ρ of a line in S' is a line in S_5 , we infer that there are exactly ten lines on $S' \subset \mathbb{P}^6$. Denote the set of strict transforms of those lines on S by $\mathcal{T} = \{l_1, \dots, l_{10}\}$ and the fifteen exceptional curves on S by e_1, \dots, e_{15} .

From the definition of the map g in the proof of Proposition 2.2 it follows that g is well defined on $S^{[2]}$ except possibly in $p + q \in S^{[2]}$ with

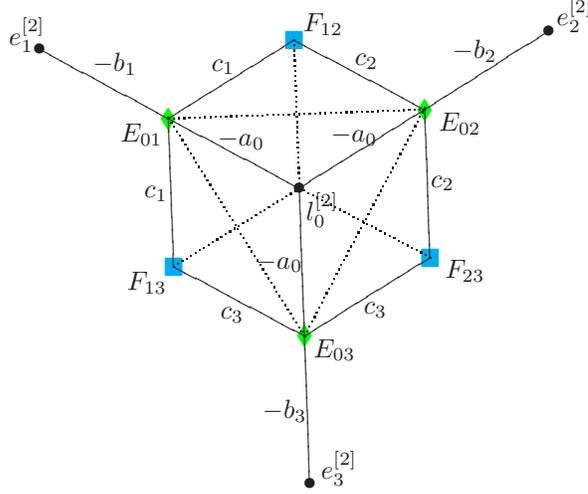
- (1) both $p, q \in l_i$, i.e. $p + q \in l_i^{[2]}$; we have 10 such planes,
- (2) both $p, q \in e_i$, i.e. $p + q \in e_i^{[2]}$; we have 15 such planes,
- (3) $p \in e_i$ and $q \in l_j$ where e_i and l_j intersect, we find a surface denoted by E_{ij} , and we obtain 30 surfaces (because there are three exceptional curves cutting a given line) in $S^{[2]}$, each isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ blown-up in one point,
- (4) $p \in e_i$ and $q \in e_j$ with e_i, e_j mapping to two distinct points in one of the lines from \mathcal{T} . We obtain 30 surfaces $F_{ij} = \{p + q \in S^{[2]} : p \in e_i, q \in e_j\}$, each is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$.

Let $\mathcal{K} \subset S^{[2]}$ be the union of the 85 surfaces of type (1), (2), (3) and (4) described above. We now perform a sequence of flops to obtain a fourfold on which the transform of the map g is a morphism. Let us analyze the flops locally on $S^{[2]}$ around the surface $l_0^{[2]}$.

A node of the trivalent Petersen graph is a (-2) -curve l_0 meeting three other (-2) -curves e_1, e_2, e_3 (see the diagram in section 2.1). This gives an initial configuration of 10 surfaces in $S^{[2]}$:

$$l_0^{[2]}, \quad e_1^{[2]}, \quad e_2^{[2]}, \quad e_3^{[2]}, \quad F_{12}, \quad F_{23}, \quad F_{13}, \quad E_{01}, \quad E_{02}, \quad E_{03},$$

which can be described as follows:



In this diagram we use the following notation to describe the type of the surfaces: $\bullet = \mathbb{P}^2$, $\blacksquare = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and $\blacklozenge = \mathbb{P}_2^2$ is \mathbb{P}^2 blown-up in two different points. In the subsequent diagrams we will also use $\blacktriangledown = \mathbb{P}_1^2$, $\blackstar = \mathbb{P}_3^2$ to denote blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at one and three (non-collinear) points, respectively.

Solid line edges of the diagram are intersections of surfaces along curves; dotted line edges denote intersections in points. The solid lines edges will be labeled by the classes of curves in $Hilb^2(S)$.

Given a curve C on S we have a divisor $\mu(C)$ in $Hilb^2(S)$ consisting of schemes whose support has non-empty intersection with C . The ‘diagonal’ divisor $\Delta_S^{[2]}$ in $S^{[2]}$ is the exceptional divisor of the resolution of singularities $S^{[2]} \rightarrow (S \times S)/\mathbb{Z}_2$, where the \mathbb{Z}_2 action interchanges the factors. Outside the divisor $\Delta_S^{[2]}$ the divisor $\mu(C)$ is isomorphic to the complement of $C \times C$ in $C \times S$. By $[C]$ we will denote the class of the curve $C \times \{s\}$ where $s \notin C$.

In what follows $c_0 = [l_0]$ and $c_i = [e_i]$, for $i = 1, 2, 3$, and d is the class of a fiber in the blow-up of the diagonal, that is in $\Delta_S^{[2]}$. We have the following intersection rules:

- $\mu(C) \cdot c_0 = 1$, and for $i > 0$ we have $\mu(C) \cdot c_i = \mu(C) \cdot d = 0$,
- $\Delta_S^{[2]} \cdot c_i = 0$ for $i \geq 0$ and $\Delta_S^{[2]} \cdot d = -2$.

To spare notation in diagrams we set

$$h = \sum_{i \geq 0} c_i - d, \quad a_0 = d - c_0,$$

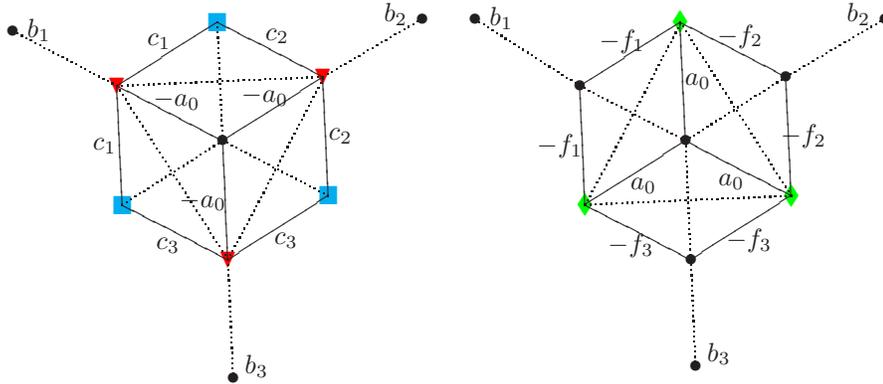
and for $j > 0$ we set

$$b_j = d - c_j, \quad f_j = d - c_0 - c_j, \quad g_j = h - c_j = \sum_{i \geq 0} c_i - d - c_j, \quad v_j = \sum_{i \geq 0} c_i - c_0 - c_j.$$

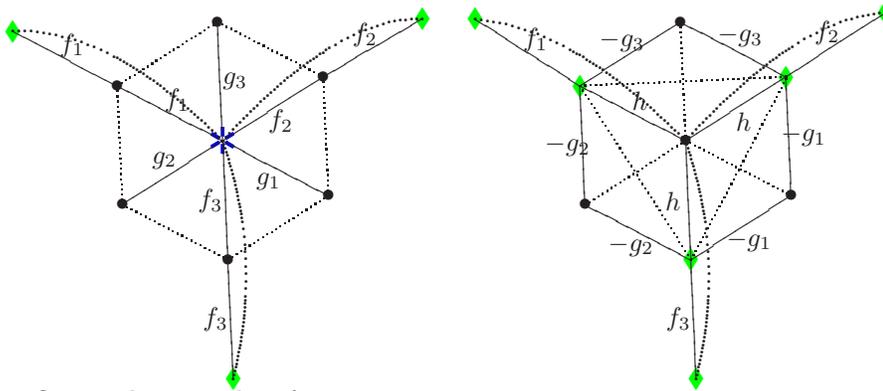
Then for $j > 0$ we have $-\mu(C) \cdot f_j = \mu(C) \cdot g_j = \mu(C) \cdot h = 1$ and $\Delta_S^{[2]} \cdot f_j = \Delta_S^{[2]} \cdot b_j = -2$, $\Delta_S^{[2]} \cdot g_j = \Delta_S^{[2]} \cdot h = 1$, $\mu(C) \cdot b_j = \mu(C) \cdot v_j = \Delta_S^{[2]} \cdot v_j = 0$.

We start the process of flopping. Note that among the surfaces from \mathcal{K} only $e_i^{[2]}$ and $l_j^{[2]}$ are planes so we have to start the flopping procedure with them. Flopping the $e_i^{[2]}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, each isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^2 , outside the hexagon we get the picture below on the left and then flopping $l_0^{[2]}$, the \mathbb{P}^2 in the center, we get the picture on the right. We suppress labeling the surfaces and label only the classes of curves in the surfaces, notably those which are in the intersections of

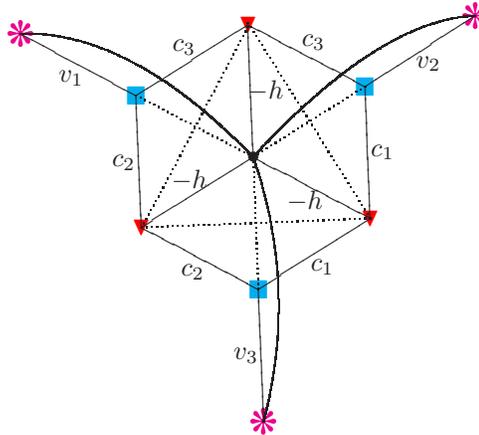
them.



The left hand side picture below presents the result of flopping the three \mathbb{P}^2 's at the perimeter of the hexagon. Note that the \mathbb{P}^2 's outside the hexagon are blown up twice because they are on the link of two such hexagons. The resulting \mathbb{P}^2 's have a common point with the central surface. They have three (-1) -curves whose classes are in f_i, f'_j and $b_j - f_j - f'_j$ where f'_j is the class of the curve coming from the configuration of the adjacent node of the Petersen graph. The point of intersection of this surface with the central \mathbb{P}^3 lies on the curve whose class is f_j . The right hand side diagram is obtained by the subsequent flopping of the other three \mathbb{P}^2 's at the perimeter. In this step the surfaces outside the hexagon are not affected.



Now we flop at the central surface.



Here $*$ denotes \mathbb{P}^2 blown-up at two points at two non-meeting (-1) -curves, which then become (-2) -curves whose classes are in $v_j = f_j + h = \sum_i c_i - c_0 - c_j$, and v'_j , respectively. This surface has also five (-1) -curves with classes $b_j - f_j - f'_j, h$ and $b_j - f_j - h$ as well as h' and $b'_j - f'_j - h'$.

Lemma 3.1. *The divisor $\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}$ is nef on this configuration of surfaces. It is $\mathcal{O}(1)$ on the central \mathbb{P}^2 , it is trivial on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$'s (■ on the last picture) and defines a ruling on the remaining 6 surfaces. Thus some multiple of $\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}$ defines the contraction of the configuration of these surfaces to a configuration of lines on the image of the plane $\overline{l_0^{[2]}}$.*

Proof. We check that $(\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}) \cdot (-h) = 1$ while the intersection of $\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}$ with $c_j, v_j, f_j + h, b_j - f_j - h, b_j - f_j - f'_j$ is zero. \square

Summary. We constructed above a sequence of Mukai flops of \mathbb{P}^2 's determined by the following classes of 1-cycles: (1) b_j 's, (2) a_i 's, (3) f_{ij} 's, (4) g_{ij} 's, (5) h_i 's. Here i is among indices parametrizing vertices and j is among indices parameterizing edges of the Petersen graph. After flopping those classes $\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}$ becomes nef (on the configuration of the strict transforms of the surfaces in question). The fourfold $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ is obtained from $S^{[2]}$ by performing this sequence of Mukai flops in the five families of surfaces and $\overline{g}: \overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Y$ is the map obtained from $g: S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow Y$. We infer the following:

Proposition 3.2. *The set \mathcal{K} is the base locus of the linear system $|\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}|$. Moreover, the strict transform H of the system $|\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}|$ on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ is big and nef and $\overline{g}: \overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Y$ is a morphism.*

Proof. Recall that the linear system $|H| = |\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}|$ defines a map that can be defined as the composition from (2.2). The set \mathcal{K} is in the base locus because it is covered by curves with negative intersection with $\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}$. Outside \mathcal{K} there are no base points since the map $\rho^{[2]}$ so g is well defined there.

We are flopping $S^{[2]}$ step by step as described in the diagrams above. Also, we saw how the classes of curves changes after our flops. At each step we are doing Mukai flops of a set of disjoint \mathbb{P}^2 's corresponding to a curve class that has negative intersection with the strict transform of $H = \mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}$.

By Lemma 3.1 we deduce that the proper transform of the system $|\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}|$ on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ is big and nef. Thus the map $\overline{g}: \overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Y$ is a morphism. \square

3.2. The structure of the map $\overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Y$. In this subsection we describe technical results needed in the proof of Theorem 1.3. Our aim is to give a description of the ramification locus of the map \overline{g} . Our plan is to first describe the ramification of the map g . Then to look how this ramification locus transforms by flops, described in Section 3.1, transforming g to \overline{g} .

We consider the Stein factorization

$$\overline{g}: \overline{S^{[2]}} \xrightarrow{c} Z \xrightarrow{f} Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5 .$$

Let us first identify twenty divisors B_1, \dots, B_{20} on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ which are contracted by c to singular surfaces on Z . Then we identify the ramification locus of f as the image by c of forty surfaces that are the strict transforms of some surfaces from $S^{[2]}$ isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$.

Lemma 3.3. *The covering involution of $f: Z \rightarrow Y$ is induced by the map $\rho: S \rightarrow S_5$ i.e. if $\rho(x_1) = \rho(x_2)$ and $\rho(y_1) = \rho(y_2)$, such that $x_1 \neq x_2$ and $y_1 \neq y_2$ are generic points on S , then we have $f(c((x_1, y_1))) = f(c((x_2, y_2)))$.*

Proof. It suffices to study the involution induced by $\rho^{[2]}: (S')^{[2]} \rightarrow Y$. The linear system of quadrics containing S' is generated by the five dimensional system of quadrics containing the cone Π and the quadric Q . For a pair $(p, q) \in (S')^{[2]}$ consider another pair $(p', q') \in (S')^{[2]}$ such that p' (resp. q') is the second point of intersection of the line Pp (resp. Pq) with Q , since the quadrics containing Π have the property: when they vanish on the line pq then they vanish on the line $p'q'$. Moreover, Q vanishes at the points p, q, p', q' , so the proof is finished. \square

We can now describe the ramification locus of the map \overline{g} . Let $L_{ij} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ with $i \neq j$ be the strict transform on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ of the surface $L'_{ij} = \{(p, q) \in S^{[2]}: p \in l_i, q \in l_j\}$ (where l_i for

$i = 1, \dots, 10$ are the strict transforms of the lines from S' on S). Note that L'_{ij} is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and that there are 45 such surfaces.

Corollary 3.4. *The branch locus of the map \bar{g} consists of 40 surfaces on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$. Each such surface is an element of one of the following sets:*

- the set of 30 surfaces $L_{ij} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ from $S^{[2]}$ for $i \neq j$ such that the lines $\nu(l_i)$ and $\nu(l_j)$ do not intersect.
- The set of ten planes $\overline{l_i^{[2]}} \subset \overline{S^{[2]}}$ which are the strict transforms of the ten planes $l_i^{[2]} \subset S^{[2]}$.

Proof. The surfaces L'_{ij} are invariant with respect to $\rho^{[2]}$, so it is enough to show that they are not contracted by \bar{g} . First observe that L_{ij} is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^2 blown up at two points. Indeed, consider the \mathbb{P}^3 which is the span of two disjoint lines $\nu(l_i)$ and $\nu(l_j)$ on S_5 . It cuts S_5 along three lines $\nu(l_i)$, $\nu(l_j)$ and $\nu(l_k)$ such that $\nu(l_k)$ cuts each $\nu(l_i)$ and $\nu(l_j)$ in one point $\nu(A_i)$ and $\nu(A_j)$. We can deduce that the restriction of the map $S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow \overline{S^{[2]}}$ to L_{ij} is the blow-up of the point $(A_i, A_j) \in L_{ij}$ (corresponding to the intersection with the line $e_i e_j$).

By Lemma 3.1 the strict transform of the system $|\mu(C) - \Delta_S^{[2]}|$ restricted to the plane $\overline{l_i^{[2]}}$ is the system $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$. Since $\overline{l_i^{[2]}}$ maps through c to a plane we infer that $\overline{l_i^{[2]}}$ is in the ramification locus. \square

Remark 3.5. The images of fifteen of the 45 surfaces L_{ij} that are not in the ramification locus of \bar{g} are mapped to points by \bar{g} . Indeed, in the case when $\nu(l_i)$ and $\nu(l_j)$ intersect, a quadric containing S' either cuts the plane spanned by $\nu(l_i)$ and $\nu(l_j)$ along these two lines or it contains this plane. The definition of the map $\rho^{[2]}$ implies that \bar{g} maps L_{ij} to a point.

Let us identify the exceptional divisors on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ that are mapped to surfaces on Z by c . The exceptional divisors B_i will be the strict transforms on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ of divisors $B'_i \subset S^{[2]}$ defined in the following way. Fifteen of them are easy to describe. Let $B'_i = \{(p, q) \in S^{[2]} : p \in e_i\}$, where e_i is one of the 15 curves contracted by the map $S \rightarrow S'$, then these divisors are already contracted by $\phi^{[2]} : S^{[2]} \rightarrow (S')^{[2]}$.

Let us find the remaining five divisors B'_{16}, \dots, B'_{20} . There are five pencils of conics on $S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ (if $S_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ is the blow-up in 4 points the pencils correspond to lines passing through these points and the conics through the 4 points). These pencils induce five elliptic pencils $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_5$ on S . We define the divisors $B'_{15+i} = \{(p, q) \in S^{[2]} : \exists K \in \lambda_i : p \in K, q \in K\}$. Each of divisors B'_{15+i} has a fibration $B'_{15+i} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ with fibers of type $K^{[2]}$.

Denote by B_1, \dots, B_{20} the strict transforms of B'_1, \dots, B'_{20} on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$. We know from Proposition 2.7 that Y is singular along 60 planes. We shall see that the twenty of them described in Proposition 2.6 are the images of B_1, \dots, B_{20} . Note that in Proposition 4.8 we prove that the images of B_1, \dots, B_{20} on Z are singular K3 surfaces with normalization being the Vinberg K3 surface.

Proposition 3.6. *The divisors B_i for $i = 1, \dots, 20$ are contracted through c to surfaces in Z such that the images of the B_i on Z intersect each other. A general fiber of c in the divisors B_1, \dots, B_{15} is a curve of type c_i , with $i > 0$, as defined in section 3.1. Moreover, there are no other divisors on $S^{[2]}$ that are contracted to surfaces by g .*

Proof. Let u be the strict transform on S of a conic in $S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. It is enough to prove that the surface $u^{[2]} \subset S^{[2]}$ maps to a line in Z . First, the curve u is contained in \mathbb{P}_u^3 (spanned by P and the plane spanned by the conic in S_5). The curve u is the intersection of two quadrics: Q and the cone with vertex P . When u is chosen generically, the quadric $Q \cap \mathbb{P}_u^3$ is smooth and thus is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. Each line on Q cuts S' in two points such that the two rulings on Q define two curves on $S^{[2]}$. By the description of the map $\rho^{[2]}$ we see that both these curves are contracted by g to the same point on Y .

Finally, we find explicitly points in the intersections of each pair of the divisors B_i, B_j for $0 \leq i < j \leq 15$.

In order to prove that there are no more contracted divisors, it is enough to observe that each such divisor maps to a plane in the singular locus of $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. On the other hand, we know that Y is an EPW sextic and from [O'G13b] the contracted divisors B_i for $1, \dots, 20$ are mapped to a maximal set of incident planes. There are no more contracted divisors since the image of such a divisor would be a plane which intersects all the twenty planes above. \square

4. A KUMMER TYPE IHS AND THE DEBARRE-VARLEY P.P.A.V.

The IHS fourfold X_0 constructed by Donten-Bury and Wiśniewski in [DBW14] is a quotient of a principally polarized abelian fourfold which we study in detail in this section. In Theorem 1.3 we show that X_0 is birationally equivalent to $S^{[2]}$.

4.1. Polarization. The variety X_0 is constructed as a desingularisation of a quotient E^4/G where $E = \mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z} + i\mathbb{Z})$ is the elliptic curve with complex multiplication by $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ and $G \cong Q_8 \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} D_8$ is a subgroup of $Aut(E^4)$.

Recall that the action of G on E^4 is given by the matrices T_j for $j = 0, \dots, 4$, listed in Section 4.3 below (cf. [DBW14, §6B]). They satisfy the relations $T_j^2 = I$, $T_j T_k = -T_k T_j$, and thus $(T_j T_k)^2 = -I$ for $j \neq k$.

The abelian fourfold E^4 also has as automorphisms

$$i: E^4 \longrightarrow E^4, \quad (x, y, z, t) \longmapsto (ix, iy, iz, it),$$

and $(-1) := i^2$.

Let us find a polarization $H \in NS(E^4)$ on the abelian fourfold $E^4 = \mathbb{C}^4/\Lambda$, where $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[i]^4$, which is invariant with respect to G . By [BL04, §2.2] this is equivalent to finding a G -invariant Hermitian 4×4 matrix H with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Proposition 4.1. *Any G -invariant Hermitian matrix with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ has the following shape, where $a \in \mathbb{Z}$:*

$$H_a := a \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 1+i \\ 0 & 2 & 1+i & -i \\ 1 & 1-i & 2 & 0 \\ 1-i & i & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. The G -invariant Hermitian matrices satisfy equations $T_j \cdot H \cdot \overline{T_j}^t = H$, for each $0 \leq j \leq 4$, where $\overline{T_j}^t$ is the transposed of the complex conjugate of T_j . Notice that these are linear equations in the coefficient of H . \square

We then find that $H := H_1$ is positive definite and since $\det H = 1$, it defines a principal polarization on E^4 .

It turns out that the principally polarized abelian variety (E^4, H) was known before, see [Deb87, Var86]. In fact, Debarre in [Deb87] proved that there exists a unique indecomposable p.p.a.v. (A_{10}, L) of dimension 4 that is not a hyper-elliptic Jacobian and admits the maximal number of 10 vanishing theta-constants (points of order two on a symmetric theta divisor which are singular with even multiplicity).

Proposition 4.2. *The abelian fourfold (E^4, H) is isomorphic as a p.p.a.v. to the Debarre-Varley p.p.a.v. (A_{10}, Θ) . In particular, the singular locus of the corresponding theta divisor consists of 10 ordinary double points and if theta divisor is chosen to be symmetric, these ODPs are two-torsion points of E^4 .*

Proof. The real part of H defines a \mathbb{Z} -valued quadratic form on $\mathbb{Z}^8 = \mathbb{Z}[i]^4$ and one finds that it is a positive definite even unimodular quadratic form. Hence, in a suitable basis, it must be the quadratic form associated to the root system E_8 . Now the proposition follows from the construction in [Deb87, §5]. \square

In [Deb87, §5] one finds that after choosing (any) $J \in W(E_8)$ with $J^2 = -1$, one obtains an isomorphism between the root lattice of E_8 and Λ such that J corresponds to the multiplication by i . The automorphism group $G_{DV} := Aut(E^4, H)$ is the subgroup of the Weyl group $W(E_8)$

of elements which commute with J . The group G_{DV} has order $46080 = 2^6 \cdot (6!)$. It has a normal subgroup $\tilde{G} := G \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ of order 2^6 , which is the subgroup (G, i) generated by G and i . The quotient group G_{DV}/\tilde{G} is isomorphic to the symmetric group S_6 . The isomorphism of the root lattice of E_8 and $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[i]^4 \subset \mathbb{C}^4$ defines a four-dimensional complex representation of G_{DV} . The invariant theory of this group was studied by Maschke [Mas87]. The representation of G_{DV} on the alternating forms on \mathbb{C}^4 permutes, up to scalar factors, a certain basis of six alternating forms. This provides the surjective homomorphism $G_{DV} \rightarrow S_6$.

4.2. Invariant line bundles. We will show that there are exactly 16 G -invariant line bundles on E^4 whose first Chern class is the alternating form $E = \text{Im } H$. First we consider the fixed points of the action of G on E^4 .

Lemma 4.3. *The subgroup $(E^4)^G$ of points of E^4 which are fixed by G is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^4$. The 16 fixed points are (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) where a_j is either 0 or $\frac{1+i}{2}$. Moreover, these points are also the fixed points of the automorphism i of E^4 .*

Proof. As $(T_i T_j)^2 = -I$ if $i \neq j$, a fixed point of G is a point $x \in E^4$ with $-x = x$ that is, $2x = 0$. Now one checks that of the $2^8 = 256$ two-torsion points in E^4 only the 16 points given in the lemma are fixed by G . Similarly, the fixed points for i must be two-torsion points and one finds the same 16 points. \square

The line bundles on an abelian variety \mathbb{C}^d/Λ with a given first Chern class E and a \mathbb{Z} -valued alternating form on Λ , are parametrized by semi-characters, i.e. by maps $\alpha: \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_1$ with $\mathbb{C}_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| = 1\}$ the circle group, satisfying $\alpha(x+y) = \alpha(x)\alpha(y)e(x,y)$ where $e(x,y) := \exp(\pi i E(x,y))$ (see [BL04, §2.2]). Notice that a semi-character is completely determined by its values on a \mathbb{Z} -basis of Λ .

The line bundle L_α defined by α is G -invariant if and only if for each $g \in G$ we have $\alpha(g(x)) = \alpha(x)$ and it is symmetric, so $(-1)^* L_\alpha \cong L_\alpha$, if and only if $\alpha(\Lambda) \subset \{\pm 1\}$. The semi-character of a symmetric line bundle factors over $\Lambda/2\Lambda$ and this group is naturally isomorphic to the group of two-torsion points on the abelian variety.

Proposition 4.4. *There are exactly 16 G -invariant line bundles on E^4 whose first Chern class is the alternating form $\text{Im } H$. These 16 line bundles are symmetric and are also invariant under the automorphism i of E^4 . The corresponding semi-characters $\alpha: E[2]^4 \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ are exactly those for which $\alpha(x) = 1$ for all $x \in (E^4)^G$.*

Proof. Since $-I \in G$, any G -invariant line bundle is symmetric. Hence its semi-character takes values in $\{\pm 1\}$. To find such semi-characters with $\alpha(T_j(x)) = \alpha(x)$ for all $x \in \Lambda$ and each $0 \leq j \leq 4$, we use the \mathbb{Z} -basis of $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[i]^4$ given by eight vectors $(1, 0, 0, 0), (i, 0, 0, 0), \dots, (0, 0, 0, i)$. By computations one finds that the G -invariant semi-characters are those that have the values $(a_1, a_1, a_2, a_2, a_3, a_3, a_4, a_4)$, with $a_i \in \{\pm 1\}$, on these basis vectors. In particular, there are 16 of these and they satisfy $\alpha(ix) = \alpha(x)$.

Then it is easy to check that for $x_1 = (1+i, 0, 0, 0), \dots, x_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1+i)$ one has $e(x_i, x_j) = +1$, for $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$, hence the Weil pairing is trivial on $(E^4)^G$. One also easily verifies that these 16 G -invariant semi-characters satisfy $\alpha(x_i) = 1$, for $i = 1, \dots, 4$, hence $\alpha(x) = 1$ for all $x \in (E^4)^G$. Conversely, a semi-character with values in $\{\pm 1\}$ which is trivial on $(E^4)^G$ is completely determined by its values on the four vectors $(1, 0, 0, 0), \dots, (0, 0, 0, 1)$. Thus there are exactly 16 such semi-characters and, using the results above, we conclude that these are the semi-characters of the G -invariant line bundles with first Chern class $\text{Im } H$. \square

Since (E^4, H) is a principally polarized abelian variety and H is G -invariant, the isomorphism $\lambda_H: E^4 \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(E^4)$ induced by H is a bijection between the fixed points of G in E^4 and the G -invariant line bundles with trivial first Chern class. Tensoring a G -invariant line bundle L having $c_1(L) = \text{Im } H$ with a G -invariant line bundle in $\text{Pic}^0(E^4)$, one obtains again a G -invariant line bundle with first Chern class $\text{Im } H$. Conversely, if also M is G -invariant and $c_1(M) = \text{Im } H$, then $L \otimes M^{-1}$ has trivial first Chern class and is G -invariant.

A G -invariant line bundle L with first Chern class $Im H$ defines a principal polarization, hence $\dim H^0(E^4, L) = 1$. We denote by D the corresponding theta divisor, that is, the unique effective divisor D in E^4 such that $L = \mathcal{O}(D)$. We refer to these 16 theta divisors as the G -invariant theta divisors, each of these has a singular locus consisting of 10 ODPs by Debarre's results in [Deb87]. Moreover, if D is a G -invariant theta divisor and $p \in (E^4)^G$, then also $D + p = t_p^* D$ is a G -invariant theta divisor.

4.3. The automorphism group. To find the configuration of the G -invariant points and divisors, we will use the action of the automorphism group A_{DV} of the abelian variety. First of all we describe this group in terms of the Hermitian form $H = H_1$ from Proposition 4.1. The unitary group of the hermitian form H is

$$U(H) := \{M \in GL(4, \mathbb{Z}[i]) : MH\overline{M}^t = H\},$$

by definition, it is the subgroup of $Aut(E^4)$, fixing $0 \in E^4$, which preserves the polarization defined by H . In particular, G and (G, i) are subgroups of $U(H)$. The group $U(H)$ is thus also isomorphic to the centralizer of J in $W(E_8)$ and $\sharp U(H) = 46080$. We use Magma to do the computations with the group $U(H)$.

The group G , which is a subgroup of $U(H)$, is generated by the five matrices, $T_j := N_5^j T_0 N_5^{-j}$ with $j = 0, 1, \dots, 4$, where

$$T_0 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1+i & 1 & 0 \\ 1-i & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad N_5 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 & i & i \\ -i & -1 & 1+i & 0 \\ 1 & -1+i & 0 & -1-i \end{pmatrix}.$$

In particular, N_5 normalizes G and we verified that $N_5 \in U(H)$. The following matrices are also in $U(H)$:

$$N_{01} := \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 0 & -1-i & -i \\ 0 & i+1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1-i & 0 \\ 1 & -1+i & 0 & -1-i \end{pmatrix}, \quad N_{45} := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 1+i & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1+i \end{pmatrix}.$$

One has $N_{01} T_0 N_{01}^{-1} = T_1$ and conjugation by N_{01} fixes T_2, T_3 and maps T_4 to $-T_4$. The matrices N_5, N_{01} generate a subgroup N_G of order $7680 = 64 \cdot 120$ of $U(H)$ which contains the subgroup G as well as multiplication by i , and the quotient $N_G/(G, i)$ is isomorphic to the symmetric group S_5 .

The matrices N_5, N_{01}, N_{45} generate the group $U(H)$,

$$U(H) = \langle N_5, N_{01}, N_{45} \rangle.$$

One has $N_{45} T_j N_{45}^{-1} = -i T_j T_4$ for $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$ and $N_{45} T_4 N_{45}^{-1} = T_4$. The isomorphism of $U(H)/(G, i)$ with the symmetric group S_6 can be seen from the action of $U(H)$ on the alternating forms on \mathbb{C}^4 . Let

$$E_5 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_4 := N_{45} E_5 N_{45}^t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1-i & -i & 1+i \\ -1+i & 0 & 0 & i \\ i & 0 & 0 & 1+i \\ -1-i & -i & -1-i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $g E_5 g^t = E_5$ for all $g \in G$ and the $U(H)$ -orbit of E_5 consists of $6 = \sharp U(H)/\sharp(G, i)$ matrices, up to sign, one of which is E_4 . One has $T_j E_4 T_j^t = -E_4$ unless $j = 4$ in which case one finds $T_4 E_4 T_4^t = E_4$.

The group $U(H)$ permutes the 16 (G, i) -invariant divisors and there are at least two orbits, since such a divisor may or may not contain $0 \in E^4$. Each of the ten G -invariant divisors which contain $0 \in E^4$ has a node in 0 and thus has a tangent cone which is given by a quadratic form

on $T_0E^4 = \mathbb{C}^4$. These ten quadratic forms are fixed, up to a scalar multiple, by G and they are permuted, up to a scalar multiple, by $U(H)$. We define two symmetric matrices

$$q_{012} := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 1-i \\ 0 & 2i & 1+i & -1 \\ 1 & 1+i & 2 & 0 \\ 1-i & -1 & 0 & -2i \end{pmatrix}, \quad q_{013} := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2i & 1+i & -1 \\ 1 & 1+i & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

One has $T_j q_{012} T_j^t = \epsilon_j q_{012}$ with $\epsilon_j = +1$ for $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ and -1 for $j = 3, 4$. Thus q_{012} is a common eigenvector for the group G of the space of 4×4 symmetric matrices on \mathbb{C}^4 . The other nine eigenvectors can be obtained as $N_5^j q_{012} (N_5^j)^t$, $N_5^j q_{013} (N_5^j)^t$ where $j = 0, 1, \dots, 4$, these two N_5 -orbits form one $U(H)$ -orbit, since $N_{01} N_5 q_{012} (N_{01} N_5)^t = N_5^2 q_{013} (N_5^2)^t$.

Thus the corresponding quadrics are the 10 tangent cones to the G -invariant divisors passing through $0 \in E^4$.

The subgroup $U(H)_{012}$ of $U(H)$ which fixes q_{012} up to scalar multiple has index 10 in $U(H)$. We checked that it can be generated by three elements:

$$U(H)_{012} = \langle N_{01}, N_{45}, N_f \rangle, \quad N_f := \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1-i & i & 0 & -2 \\ -i & 0 & i & -1+i \\ 1+i & 0 & 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proposition 4.5. *Let $D := D_{012}$ be the G -invariant divisor with $0 \in D$ and with tangent cone defined by q_{012} . Then the 10 ODPs on D are the points in $(E^4)^G$ which are not in the following list of six points in $(E^4)^G$:*

$$p_1 := [1, 0, 0, 0], \quad p_3 := [0, 0, 1, 0], \quad p_1 + p_3, \quad p_2 := [0, 1, 0, 0], \quad p_4 := [0, 0, 0, 1], \quad p_2 + p_4,$$

where $[a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4] = \frac{1+i}{2}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ in $E^4 = (\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z}[i])^4$.

Proof. The 10 ODPs of D are two-torsion points of E^4 , and 0 is one of them. Thus 9 of them are non-zero and the automorphism i of E^4 , which maps D into itself, permutes these nine ODPs. As $i^2 = -1$, which is identity on the two-torsion points, at least one ODP is an i -fixed point and hence, by Lemma 4.3, it is also a fixed point of G . We checked that $U(H)_{012}$ has three orbits on the fixed points of G in E^4 , they are 0, the six points listed above and the remaining 9 points of $(E^4)^G$. If the orbit of six consists of ODPs, then there remain $10 - 1 - 6 = 3$ ODPs to be identified, but again one of these three must be an i -fixed point and then using the $U(H)$ -action we get 8 more ODPs, which contradicts that D has only 10 ODPs. Thus the 10 nodes all lie in $(E^4)^G$ and there are two $U(H)$ -orbits, one of length 1 and one of length 9. \square

The divisors $2(D + p)$ in E^4 , with $p \in E^4[2]$, are all linearly equivalent by the Theorem of the Square and the linear system $|2D|$ has dimension $2^4 - 1 = 15$. We will prove in Proposition 5.4 that the span of the 16 divisors $2(D + p)$ where p runs over $(E^4)^G$ is 5-dimensional. Here we give an estimate for the span that will be used to deduce this fact.

Proposition 4.6. *The sixteen divisors $2(D + p)$, where p runs over $(E^4)^G$, span a subspace of dimension at least 5 in $|2D|$.*

Proof. We give a list of 6 points q_1, \dots, q_6 and six points r_1, \dots, r_6 , all in $(E^4)^G$, such that $r_1 \in D + q_i$ for $i \geq 2$ but $r_1 \notin D + q_1$, and similarly such that $r_i \in D + q_j$ if $i < j$ but $r_i \notin D + q_i$, which proves the proposition. Here $D = D_{012}$ and the six points in $(E^4)^G$ which are not in $D \cap (E^4)^G$ are listed in Proposition 4.5. Notice that $r_i \in D + q_i$ if and only if $r_i - q_i \in D$. We take, with the notation from Proposition 4.5, q_i to be:

$$0, \quad p_3, \quad p_1 + p_2 + p_4, \quad p_1, \quad p_2 + p_3, \quad p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4,$$

whereas the points r_i are:

$$p_4, \quad p_2 + p_3 + p_4, \quad p_1 + p_2, \quad p_1 + p_2 + p_4, \quad p_1 + p_2 + p_3, \quad p_1 + p_3 + p_4.$$

This concludes the proof. \square

What emerges from these results is a configuration of 16 points, those of $(E^4)^G$, and the 16 G -invariant theta divisors, which are the $D + p$ with $p \in (E^4)^G$. Each divisor contains exactly 10 of the points. A principally polarized abelian surface A also defines a $(16, 6)$ -configuration (cf. [BL04, §10.2]), consisting of the points of $A[2] \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2)^4$ and the six points (with multiplicity one) on each of the 16 symmetric theta divisors which can be written as $\Theta_A + p$ for $p \in A[2]$ for a(ny) symmetric theta divisor Θ_A on A . In case $A = E_1 \times E_2$ is a product of two elliptic curves with the product polarization, one can take $\Theta_A = E_1 \times \{0\} + \{0\} \times E_2$. This divisor contains the six points $(q_1, 0)$ and $(0, q_2)$ with multiplicity one, where $q_i \in E_i[2] - \{0\}$ (and it contains $0 = (0, 0)$, but with multiplicity two). So if we use the basis of $(E^4)^G$ from Proposition 4.5, (with second and third coordinates permuted) we see that there is an isomorphism $(E[2]^4)^G \cong A[2]$ such that the first set of three points not on D is mapped to $E_1[2] - \{0\}$ and the second set is mapped to $E_2[2] - \{0\}$. Using translations we then find that the configuration defined by the G -invariant theta divisors of E^4 in the group $(E^4)^G$ is also a $(16, 6)$ -configuration.

Corollary 4.7. *The intersection of two distinct G -invariant divisors contains exactly 6 points from $(E^4)^G$, thus there are exactly two points in $(E^4)^G$ not contained in their union.*

Proof. This is a well-known property of the $(16, 6)$ -configuration and can also be checked by making an incidence table (as in [GH11, p.787, Fig. 21]) of the G -invariant divisors and the points in $(E^4)^G$. \square

4.4. The fixed points of G . We consider the fixed points of the action of the groups G and (G, i) on E^4 . As a consequence we will describe the singular locus of E^4/G and $E^4/(G, i)$. Recall from [DBW14, §6.B] that the action of G on E^4 has the following sets of points where the isotropy group is not trivial:

- 16 fixed points with isotropy G ,
- 240 points with isotropy $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$,
- 40 surfaces with isotropy \mathbb{Z}_2 .

The $16 + 240 = 256 = 2^8$ isolated points with non-trivial stabilizer are exactly the two-torsion points in E^4 . Let us now describe the fixed surfaces more precisely. The five generators T_i of G and also the $T_{i+5} := -T_i$ for $i = 0, \dots, 4$ are symplectic reflections, i.e. they have exactly two eigenvalues different from 1. When acting on E^4 , each of these ten symplectic reflections T_i fixes four disjoint surfaces isomorphic to $E \times E$. Denote them by K_1^i, \dots, K_4^i for $i = 0, \dots, 9$.

Since T_i and $-T_i$ are conjugate in G , after reordering K_1^i, \dots, K_4^i we may assume that K_j^i and K_j^{i+5} have the same image in E^4/G for $j = 0, \dots, 4$. Let us fix one such pair of surfaces K and K' fixed by symplectic reflections $T, -T \in G$ respectively. The action of G restricted to K is the action of $N(T)/\langle T \rangle \simeq Q_8$, described in [DBW14, §6.A]. The quotient $Z := E^2/Q_8$ has three A_1 singularities and four D_4 singularities and was studied in [DBW14].

This means that on K there are three orbits of four points each and four points that are fixed by the action of Q_8 (so also of (G, i)).

Proposition 4.8. *The singular locus of E^4/G consist of 20 singular surfaces L_1, \dots, L_{20} . Each of these surfaces is a K3 surface isomorphic to $Z = E^2/Q_8$.*

Proof. A singular point of E^4/G is the image of a point of E^4 with non-trivial isotropy. We observe that the union of the surfaces K_j^i contains all such points. As we saw before, the forty fixed surfaces K_j^i are mapped through $\eta: E^4 \rightarrow E^4/G$ to twenty surfaces. It can be checked in local coordinates that the image $\eta(K) = \eta(K') = L \in E^4/G$ is normal. It is easy to see that the map $K \rightarrow L \in E^4/G$ factorizes through Z . Looking at the orbits of G we conclude that the map $Z \rightarrow L$ is a bijection. \square

Remark 4.9. We shall see in Section 6 that the surfaces L_1, \dots, L_{20} are mapped through the quotient map $E^4/G \rightarrow E^4/(G, i)$ to planes contained in the singular locus. In fact, after proving that $E^4/(G, i) = Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ we will see that the above planes will be twenty incident planes considered in Proposition 2.6.

Since L_1, \dots, L_{20} are images of K_j^i for $i = 0, \dots, 5$, $j = 1, \dots, 4$, we obtain a division of this set into 5 subsets of 4 planes. It follows from the description above that the configuration of their intersection points is as described in Remark 2.9. In particular, each subset contains 16 points with isotropy group G , and any two planes from different subsets meet in one of the 16 points. Note also that the remaining three surfaces fixed by $-T$ cut K in three orbits of four elements for the action of Q_8 . We observe that a Q_8 -orbit of four points on K is a part of a G -orbit with eight points on E^4 and, more precisely, given a four element orbit on K there is a four element orbit on K' forming together an eight element orbit of G .

The group (G, i) has 30 symplectic reflections, since also the 20 elements $\pm iT_j T_k$ (for $0 \leq j < k \leq 4$) are reflections. Each of these reflections has four fixed surfaces on E^4 . We denote by \mathcal{F} the set of the $30 \cdot 4 = 120$ fixed surfaces in E^4 of the 30 symplectic involutions in (G, i) .

Lemma 4.10. *The fourfold $E^4/(G, i)$ is singular along 60 surfaces, we denote by \mathcal{S} the set of these surfaces. The surfaces from \mathcal{S} are the images of the 120 surfaces in \mathcal{F} .*

Proof. We know that $E^4/(G, i)$ is singular along the image of points with non-generic isotropy; these are the surfaces from \mathcal{F} . (Note that all points whose isotropy group contains an element, which is not a symplectic reflection, is already a 2-torsion point). A symplectic involution $T \in (G, i)$ is conjugate to $-T$, hence the four surfaces fixed by T and the four surfaces fixed by $-T$ map to the same four surfaces in $E^4/(G, i)$. It follows that $E^4/(G, i)$ is singular along the 60 surfaces which are the images of the surfaces from \mathcal{F} . \square

Lemma 4.11. *The ramification locus of the map $E^4/G \rightarrow E^4/(G, i)$ consists of 40 surfaces. They are contained in the set \mathcal{S} of 60 singular surfaces in $E^4/(G, i)$ and are characterized by the fact that they are not the images of the singular surfaces from E^4/G .*

Proof. We saw in Proposition 4.8 that the images of 40 surfaces from \mathcal{F} map to the singular locus of E^4/G . Since we can write these 40 surfaces explicitly, it is easy to check that the actions of G and (G, i) are different on them. It follows that the 20 singular surfaces of E^4/G cannot be in the branch locus of $E^4/G \rightarrow E^4/(G, i)$. The remaining 40 singular surfaces of E^4/G are actually fixed by an involution from (G, i) . \square

Lemma 4.12. *Each surface from \mathcal{S} contains four points, these are the images of the points from $(E^4)^G$ on $E^4/(G, i)$. Each of the divisors $D + p \subset E^4$ for $p \in (E^4)^G$ contains fifteen sets of four points such that each such set of four points is contained in two of the fixed surfaces from \mathcal{F} .*

Proof. From the proof of Proposition 4.5 we know which points from $(E^4)^G$ are contained in $D + p$. Now it is a straightforward verification with Magma. \square

5. THE MORPHISM $E^4/G \rightarrow Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$

We find a line bundle on E^4/G which gives a $2 : 1$ morphism to a sextic hypersurface $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. Then, in Section 6 we will show that $Y' = Y$ and give the proof of Theorem 1.3.

5.1. The linear system $|\Delta|$ on E^4/G . Let $D \subset E^4$ be the G -invariant theta divisor as in Proposition 4.5 and $L = \mathcal{O}_{E^4}(D)$. In this section we show that the image of the G -invariant theta divisor D is not a Cartier divisor in E^4/G , but twice the image of D defines a Cartier divisor Δ on E^4/G . As $-1 \in G$, diagonal multiplication by i on E^4 induces an involution on E^4/G . The group $\text{Aut}(E^4, H) = U(H)$ induces an action of the symmetric group on Σ_6 on $|\Delta|$ and this allows us to show that Δ gives a morphism of degree 2 that induces an isomorphism of $E^4/(G, i)$ with a sextic $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$, see Proposition 5.11.

By the Riemann–Roch theorem for Abelian varieties, $h^0(2D) = 16$ and by the Theorem of the Square, $2(D + p) \in |2D|$ for all $p \in (E^4)^G$ since $2p = 0$.

Consider the morphism λ given by the global sections of the invertible sheaf L^2 . Since L^2 is not a product polarization and is symmetric of type $(2, 2, 2, 2)$, we infer that λ is a $2 : 1$ morphism equal to the quotient morphism $E^4 \rightarrow E^4/(-1)$ and that $E^4/(-1) \subset \mathbb{P}H^0(L^2) = \mathbb{P}^{15}$.

Lemma 5.1. *Assume that $G \subset GL(n, \mathbb{Z}[i])$ is any finite group containing $-I$. Then the quotient E^n/G has trivial fundamental group.*

Proof. The method which we use to compute the fundamental group of this quotient is well-known and often applied in mathematical physics articles, which usually mention [DHVW85] as the main reference for this topic. It boils down to checking which elements of a certain extension of the action of G to the action of $\Lambda_E^n \rtimes G$ on \mathbb{C}^n , where Λ_E is a lattice such that $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda_E \simeq E$, have fixed points. In particular, if there is an $A \in G$ such that $I - A$ has maximal rank, e.g. $A = -I$, then there are so many elements with fixed points that the fundamental group must be trivial. \square

Corollary 5.2. *The symplectic desingularization X_0 of E^4/G is simply connected: $\pi_1(X_0) = 0$.*

Proof. By Lemma 5.1, $\pi_1(E^4/G)$ is trivial, and by [Kol93, Thm. 7.8 (a)] the resolution does not change the fundamental group. \square

In this section, η is the quotient map $\eta : E^4 \rightarrow E^4/G$. Recall that, by [DBW14, Cor. 6.4], the symplectic resolution X_0 of E^4/G has $b_2(X_0) = 23$.

Proposition 5.3. *The Picard group of E^4/G has rank one and has no torsion. The divisor $\eta(D)$ (with the reduced structure) is Weil but not Cartier whereas $\Delta = 2\eta(D)$ is Cartier, ample and generates the Picard group of E^4/G . Moreover, $\Delta^4 = 12$ and $h^0(\Delta) = 6$.*

Proof. Since $\pi_1(X_0) = 0$, then also $H^1(X_0, \mathcal{O}_{X_0}) = 0$ and, from the exponential sequence, $\text{Pic}(X_0) \subseteq H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z})$. Then from the universal coefficient theorem we get an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}(H_1(X_0, \mathbb{Z}), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(H_2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

The triviality of $\pi_1(X_0) = 0$ implies that the first term of this sequence is 0. Thus $\text{Pic}(X_0) \subseteq \text{Hom}(H_2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}), \mathbb{Z})$, which is torsion-free.

It follows from [DBW14, Prop. 6.2] that the symplectic resolution $X_0 \rightarrow E^4/G$ contracts at least 20 independent divisors on X_0 . On the other hand, since $b_2(X_0) = 23$ and $h^{2,0}(X_0) = 1$, the Picard rank of X_0 is at most 21. Thus the Picard group of E^4/G has rank at most 1.

We claim that E^4/G is 2-factorial. It is enough to prove this locally. Since E^4/G has only quotient singularities we see that the only non-factorial singularities it admits are isomorphic to the quotient singularity of \mathbb{C}^4/G . In [DBW14, Lem. 2.10] it was shown that $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}^4/G) = \text{Ab}(G) = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^4$, hence the claim follows.

It follows that $2\eta(D)$ is a Cartier divisor, necessarily ample from the Nakai-Moishezon criterion. The pull-back of Δ on E^4 is a divisor from the system $|2D|$, so we can compute the self intersection of $(2\eta(D))^4$. Consider the pull-back $\overline{\Delta}$ of Δ by the map $X_0 \rightarrow E^4/G$. Since Δ is ample we infer that $\overline{\Delta}$ is big and nef. Observe that the proof of [Kap14, Prop. 2.1] can be adapted for big and nef divisors. It follows that $\Delta^4 = 12k^2$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. As $(2D)^4 = 2^4(4!) = 2^5 \cdot 12$ and $\sharp G = 2^5$ it follows that $\Delta^4 = 12$. By [DBW14, Prop. 6.2] $b_2(X_0) = 23$, thus we can repeat the arguments from [Kap14, Prop. 2.1] to show that $h^0(\Delta) = h^0(\overline{\Delta}) = 6$.

Since the self intersection of a big and nef divisor should be a multiple of 12, we infer that Δ is the generator of the Picard group. In order to see that $\eta(D)$ is not Cartier, it is enough to observe that otherwise the pull-back of $\eta(D)$ on the IHS fourfold X_0 would be a big and nef divisor with self intersection $\frac{12}{16}$. \square

To understand the map from E^4/G to \mathbb{P}^5 provided by the linear system $|\Delta|$, where Δ is the ample generator of the Picard group of E^4/G , we study the pull-back of $|\Delta|$ to E^4 .

Proposition 5.4. *The linear system $|\Delta|$ on E^4/G is generated by the 16 divisors $2\eta(D + p)$ for $p \in (E^4)^G$.*

Proof. As in the proof of Proposition 5.3, these divisors $2\eta(D + p)$ are Cartier and are invariant with respect to G , hence they have self intersection $(2D)^4/\sharp G = 12$. Since we know that the Picard group of E^4/G is $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$, with $\Delta^4 = 12$, we conclude that the divisors $2\eta(D + p)$ with $p \in (E^4)^G$ are in the linear system $|\Delta|$.

Notice that $\langle 2\eta(D+p) : p \in (E^4)^G \rangle \subset |\Delta| \cong \mathbb{P}^5$ and that the pull-back map η^* maps $\langle 2\eta(D+p) : p \in (E^4)^G \rangle$ linearly into the subsystem $\langle 2(D+p) : p \in (E^4)^G \rangle \subset |2D|$ on E^4 . Proposition 4.6 asserts that this subsystem of $|2D|$ has dimension at least 5, hence also $\dim \langle 2\eta(D+p) : p \in (E^4)^G \rangle = 5 = \dim |\Delta|$, which concludes the proof. \square

Denote by $f: E^4/G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ the map given by $|\Delta|$.

Proposition 5.5. *The linear system $|\Delta|$ on E^4/G is base point free and the morphism $f: E^4/G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ defined by $|\Delta|$ factors through the quotient map $h: E^4/G \rightarrow E^4/(G, i)$.*

Proof. Using Proposition 5.4, we have to show that the subsystem $\langle 2(\eta(D+p)) : p \in (E^4)^G \rangle$ is base point free on E^4/G . Since the divisors $D+p$ for $p \in (E^4)^G$ are G -invariant, it is enough to prove that the linear subsystem $\langle 2(D+p) : p \in (E^4)^G \rangle \subset |2D|$ is base point free on E^4 .

We identify $H^0(2D) := H^0(E^4, \mathcal{O}_{E^4}(2D))$ with the vector space of rational functions on E^4 with poles of order at most two along D . As $i(D) = D$, we have an endomorphism i^* of $H^0(2D)$:

$$H^0(2D) := \{f \in \mathbb{C}(E^4) : (f) + 2D > 0\}, \quad i^* : H^0(2D) \longrightarrow H^0(2D), \quad f \longmapsto f \circ i.$$

As $i^2 = -1$ and all functions f in $H^0(2D)$ are even, so $f(-x) = f(x)$, the map i^* is an involution. Let $H^0(2D) = H_+^0 \oplus H_-^0$ be the eigenspace decomposition into the even and the odd part.

Since D is effective, we have the constant function $1 \in H_+^0$. Let $p \in (E^4)^G$, $p \neq 0$. Then $2(D+p) \in |2D|$, so there is a rational function $f_p \in H^0(2D)$ such that $(f_p) = 2(D+p) - 2D$. As $i(D+p) = D+p$, we have $i^*f_p = \pm f_p$ for some choice of sign. From Corollary 4.7 we infer that there is a $q \in (E^4)^G$ which is not on D and also not on D_p . Then f_p has no pole and is not zero in q , so $f_p(q) \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$. As $i(q) = q$, it follows that $(i^*f_p)(q) = f_p(i(q)) = f_p(q)$, hence $i^*f_p = f_p$. Therefore $f_p \in H_+^0$, for all $p \in (E^4)^G$, and the map defined by $|\Delta|$ factors through $E^4/(G, i)$.

Next, we show that H_+^0 is spanned by these f_p . For each $p \in (E^4)^G$ there is a G -invariant divisor $D+q$ such that $p \notin D+q$. This implies that the fibers $\mathcal{O}(2D)_p := \mathcal{O}(2D)/\mathfrak{m}_p\mathcal{O}(2D)$ are generated by global sections in H_+^0 and one finds that the lift i^* of i to $\mathcal{O}(2D)$ we consider acts as $+1$ on the fibers over the fixed points $(E^4)^i = (E^4)^G$ of i . The Atiyah-Bott Lefschetz Formula ([AB68, Theorem 4.12]) states:

$$\sum_{j=0}^4 \text{Tr}(i^*|H^j(E^4, \mathcal{O}(2D))) = \sum_{p \in (E^4)^i} \frac{\text{Tr}(i_p^* : \mathcal{O}(2D)_p \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(2D)_p)}{\det(I - (di)_p)}.$$

Since $H^j(\mathcal{O}(2D)) = 0$ for $j > 0$, $\text{Tr}(i_p^*) = +1$ for all p and $\det(I - (di)_p) = (1-i)^4 = -4$, we find $\dim H_+^0 - \dim H_-^0 = -4$, hence $\dim H_+^0 = 6$ and $\dim H_-^0 = 10$. Thus

$$\mathbb{P}(H_+^0) = \langle 2(D+p) : p \in (E^4)^G \rangle.$$

By Wirtinger duality, the map λ defined by $|2D|$ can be identified with the map

$$\lambda' : E^4 \ni x \longmapsto (D+x) + (D-x) \in \mathbb{P}(H^0(E^4, \mathcal{O}_{E^4}(2D))).$$

In particular, $x \in E^4$ is a base point of the map defined by $\mathbb{P}(H_+^0)$ exactly when $(D+x) + (D-x)$ is the divisor of a global section f_x with $f_x \in H_-^0$. But then $i^*f_x = -f_x$ so $i^*(D+x) + i^*(D-x) = (D+x) + (D-x)$ and thus $x = \pm i(x)$, so $x = i(x)$ or $x = i^3(x)$, hence $x \in (E^4)^i = (E^4)^G$. But we already found that $f_x \in H_+^0$ for such a fixed point. We conclude that there are no base points for the system $\mathbb{P}H_+^0$ and thus also $|\Delta|$ is base point free. \square

Remark 5.6. We have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E^4 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & E^4/G & \xrightarrow{h} & E^4/(G, i) \\ |2D| \downarrow & & |\Delta| \downarrow & & m \downarrow \\ \mathbb{P}^{15} & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \mathbb{P}^5 & \xrightarrow{=} & \mathbb{P}^5, \end{array}$$

where θ is the linear projection from the i^* -eigenspace $\mathbb{P}H_-^0$.

The action of $U(H)$ on E^4 , which fixes the polarization and which commutes with the automorphism i of E^4 , induces an action of $U(H)$ on the projective space $\mathbb{P}H_+^0 \cong |\Delta|$. As the subgroup (G, i) of $U(H)$ acts trivially on this space, we get an induced action of the symmetric group $\Sigma_6 = U(H)/(G, i)$ on \mathbb{P}^5 .

5.2. The tangent cone. First we make a study of the image of the tangent space to E^4 at the neutral element $0 \in E^4$ under the quotient map $\eta \circ h : E^4 \rightarrow E^4/(G, i) =: Z'$. Since $\eta \circ h$ is a quotient map and the image point $p \in Z'$ of 0 is singular on Z' , the image of T_0E^4 via the induced quotient is the tangent cone C_pZ' to Z' at p .

Proposition 5.7. *The tangent cone to the image of 0 to $Z' = E^4/(G, i)$ is isomorphic to the cone over the Igusa quartic \mathcal{I}_4 in \mathbb{P}^4 . It is defined by the two equations*

$$y_1 + \dots + y_6 = 0, \quad Ig_y := (y_1^2 + \dots + y_6^2)^2 - 4(y_1^4 + \dots + y_6^4) = 0,$$

in \mathbb{C}^6 .

The images of the tangent cones in 0 of the ten (G, i) -invariant divisors with first Chern class H and passing through 0 are the ten hyperplane sections defined by

$$y_a + y_b + y_c = y_d + y_e + y_f = 0 \quad (\{a, b, c, d, e, f\} = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}).$$

The group $U(H)$ acts on C_pZ' through its quotient $U(H)/(G, i) \cong \Sigma_6$ as the standard representation i.e. which simply permutes the six variables y_1, \dots, y_6 .

Proof. The tangent cone to $Z' = E^4/(G, i)$ is the spectrum of the ring of (G, i) -invariants on T_0E^4 . Choosing a suitable basis of $T_0E^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^4$, the action of G on T_0E is given by the simpler matrices from [DBW14, §2.C]. The ring of invariants is generated by the following five polynomials in 4 variables:

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &:= t_0^4 + t_1^4 + t_2^4 + t_3^4, & p_1 &:= 2(t_0^2t_1^2 + t_2^2t_3^2), & p_2 &:= 2(t_0^2t_2^2 + t_1^2t_3^2), \\ p_3 &:= 2(t_0^2t_3^2 + t_1^2t_2^2), & p_4 &:= 4t_0t_1t_2t_3, \end{aligned}$$

so $\mathbb{C}[t_0, \dots, t_3]^{(G, i)} \cong \mathbb{C}[p_0, \dots, p_4]$. Introducing the polynomial ring in 5 variables $\mathbb{C}[P_0, \dots, P_4]$, the homomorphism $\mathbb{C}[P_0, \dots, P_4] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[t_0, \dots, t_3]^{(G, i)}$ which sends $P_i \mapsto p_i$ is surjective, and its kernel is generated by the quartic polynomial

$$Ig_P := P_1^2P_2^2 + P_1^2P_3^2 + P_2^2P_3^2 + (-P_0^2 + P_1^2 + P_2^2 + P_3^2 - P_4^2)P_4^2 - 2P_0P_1P_2P_3.$$

Hence $C_pZ' \cong \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[P_0, \dots, P_4]/(Ig_P))$, more concretely, C_pZ' is isomorphic to the image of \mathbb{C}^4 in \mathbb{C}^5 by the map defined by the five p_i .

The zero locus of the quartic polynomial Ig_P in \mathbb{P}^4 is known as the Igusa quartic \mathcal{I}_4 . The group $U(H)/(G, i) \cong \Sigma_6$ acts on \mathcal{I}_4 . To make this action visible, we define the following six linear combinations of the p_i :

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &:= p_0 + 3p_4, & y_2 &:= p_0 - 3p_4, & y_3 &:= \frac{1}{2}(-p_0 + 3p_1 + 3p_2 + 3p_3), \\ y_4 &:= \frac{1}{2}(-p_0 + 3p_1 - 3p_2 - 3p_3), & y_5 &:= \frac{1}{2}(-p_0 - 3p_1 + 3p_2 - 3p_3), & y_6 &:= \frac{1}{2}(-p_0 - 3p_1 - 3p_2 + 3p_3). \end{aligned}$$

One easily verifies that

$$y_1 + \dots + y_6 = 0. \quad \text{Let } Ig_y := (y_1^2 + \dots + y_6^2)^2 - 4(y_1^4 + \dots + y_6^4),$$

then, after replacing p_j by P_j in the definition of the y_i , the polynomial Ig_y becomes the polynomial Ig_P up to a scalar multiple. Thus Σ_6 acts on \mathcal{I}_4 by permuting the coordinates y_j (and explicit computations show that this is indeed the action induced by $U(H)$).

There are 10 (G, i) -invariant divisors which contain 0 , and 0 is a node on these divisors. The tangent cone to such a divisor is then a (G, i) -invariant quadratic hypersurface in T_0E^4 . There are exactly 10 such hypersurfaces and they are permuted by the action of $U(H)$, explicit equations can be found in [DBW14, (3.13)]. It is easy to check that the image of such a quadric in \mathbb{C}^5 is the intersection of \mathcal{I}_4 with one of the following hyperplanes:

$$y_a + y_b + y_c = y_d + y_e + y_f = 0 \quad (\{a, b, c, d, e, f\} = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}).$$

As $\sum y_i = 0$, the equation $y_a + y_b + y_c = 0$ implies the equation $y_d + y_e + y_f = 0$. For example, $y_0 + y_1 + y_2 = 0$ has preimage defined by $p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 0$ and this is $(t_0^2 + t_1^2 + t_2^2 + t_3^2)^2$, which is (up to scalar multiple and replacing t_j by x_j) the quadratic form ϕ_{14} in [DBW14, (3.13)]. The fact that we find the squares of the quadratic forms corresponds to the fact that these ten hyperplanes are tangent to the Igusa quartic. \square

Recall that Y' is the image of the map $f : E^4/G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ defined by the system $|\Delta|$.

Corollary 5.8. *The tangent cone to Y' at the image of $[0]$ is a cone over the Igusa quartic I_4 .*

Proof. If $D + p$ is a (G, i) -invariant divisor passing through 0 on E^4 , then $2(D + p) \in |2D|$ by the Theorem of the Square and this divisor lies in the pullback by the quotient map of the five dimensional linear system defining the map $f : E^4/G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$. It is easy to check that the squares of the ten quadratic forms defining the tangent cones to these divisors span the space spanned by the generators p_0, \dots, p_4 of the (G, i) -invariants on T_0E^4 . Hence the tangent cone to $Z' = E^4/(G, i)$ in the image of 0 is embedded in \mathbb{P}^5 by the map $m : E/(G, i) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ induced by f (see Proposition 5.5) i.e. the tangent cone to Y' is a cone over the Igusa quartic I_4 . \square

We infer also that the considered action of Σ_6 on \mathbb{P}^5 that preserves Y' is given by the permutation of coordinates:

Corollary 5.9. *The action of the group $\Sigma_6 = U(H)/(G, i)$ on $\mathbb{P}^5 = \mathbb{P}(|\Delta|)$ induced by the action of $U(H)$ on E^4 (see 5.6) is the action by permutation of coordinates.*

Proof. We use the fact that $C_p Z'$ spans \mathbb{C}^5 , that \mathbb{C}^5 is dense in \mathbb{P}^5 and the description from Proposition 5.7 of the action of Σ_6 on $C_p Z'$. \square

Remark 5.10. One can use the action of Σ_6 to provide the following approach to the proof that $Y' = Y$ that is a possible alternative to the proof we give in Section 6. From the explicit description of the generators of $U(H)$ and of the sixteen G -fixed points in E^4 , one finds that $(E^4)^G$ consists of two $U(H)$ -orbits, one is $\{0\}$ and the other has 15 elements. For $q \in (E^4)^G$, $q \neq 0$, the line spanned by $p = f(0)$ and $f(q)$ in \mathbb{P}^5 intersects $\mathbb{C}^5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ in a linear subspace of dimension one. The fifteen lines in \mathbb{C}^5 we obtain in this way form one Σ_6 -orbit. This suffices to identify these lines and with some additional effort, we can then find the images of the remaining fifteen points in $(E^4)^G$. Using the fact that these map to singular points on Y , with quartic tangent cones, and the description of the images of the (G, i) -invariant divisors from Proposition 5.7, we would then show that $Y' = Y$ with Y as in Proposition 2.2. It is interesting to look at the above action on the Igusa quartic from the point of view of [Pro10, p. 254].

Let us now pass to the proof of our main result in this section:

Proposition 5.11. *The image Y' of the morphism $f : E^4/G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ is a sextic hypersurface $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. Moreover, the morphism f is the quotient map of the involution induced by i acting on E^4/G , hence $Y' \cong E^4/(G, i)$.*

Proof. We saw that Δ is ample, $\Delta^4 = 12$ and $|\Delta|$ is a base point free linear system. First, it follows that $\dim \varphi_{|\Delta|}(E^4/G) \subset \mathbb{P}^5 = 4$ and the degree of this image divides 12. By Lemma 4.4 the morphism $f : E^4/G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$ factorizes through the quotient by the involution i . We infer a factorization of the map f :

$$f : E^4/G \xrightarrow{h} E^4/(G, i) \xrightarrow{m} Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5.$$

Our aim is first to show that the image Y' of m is a sextic, and next that m is an isomorphism.

Since the tangent cone $C_p Y'$ is the image of $C_p Z'$ by the embedding induced by m it has degree four, by Proposition 5.7. It follows that the degree of $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is higher than 4 (Clearly $Y' \neq C_p Y'$). Since $\Delta^4 = 12$ and f has degree at least two, we infer that Y' is a sextic hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^5 .

It follows from the adjunction formula for the birational morphism m that the sextic $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is normal. Indeed, we have $\omega_{E^4/(G, i)} = m^*(\omega_{Y'}) - C$, where C is the conductor divisor supported

on the non-normal locus of Y' . Since Y' is a sextic, $\omega_{Y'}$ is trivial, and thus C is the zero divisor and Y' is normal. This implies also that m is an isomorphism because Δ is ample and base point free, so f cannot contract any curve. \square

Remark 5.12. The double cover $E^4/G \rightarrow E^4/(G, i)$ is determined by the sheaf $f_*\mathcal{O}_{E^4/G} = \mathcal{O}_{E^4/(G, i)} \oplus \mathcal{G}$ such that $E^4/G = \text{Spec}_{E^4/(G, i)}(\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{E^4/(G, i)})$. It can be shown that \mathcal{G} is a symmetric sheaf such that $\mathcal{G}(3)$ is globally generated and fits in the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^5}^3(3) \rightarrow W \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^5} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(3) \rightarrow 0 .$$

This gives another proof (without using section 2.3) that $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is an EPW sextic (see [EPW01]). Note that the sheaf \mathcal{G} can be seen as a kind of Casnati-Catanese sheaf, however it has a complicated local structure around the 16 most singular points of $E^4/(G, i)$.

We now obtain some further information on the geometry of Y' which will be used in the next section to prove that $Y' = Y$.

Corollary 5.13. *The sextic $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is singular along 60 planes.*

Proof. It follows from Lemma 4.10 that the fourfold $E^4/(G, i)$ is singular along 60 surfaces.

Note that all the sixty singular surfaces of $E^4/(G, i)$ are isomorphic to each other (since the group generated by $(E^4)^G$ (acting by translations) and $U(H)$ acts transitively on the corresponding 120 surfaces in E^4). On the other hand it is known that a surface section of $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ admits no more than 65 nodes (recall that $E^4/(G, i)$ has transversal A_1 singularities along at a generic point on the singular surfaces). It follows that all the singular surfaces of $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ are planes. \square

Recall that there exists a unique, up to projective isomorphism, normal cubic hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^4 with 10 isolated singularities (that have to be ordinary double points). It is called the Segre cubic. See [Dol12] for many beautiful classical facts about this threefold. The Segre cubic in $\mathbb{P}^5(x_0, \dots, x_5)$ can be defined by the following equations:

$$(5.1) \quad x_0 + \dots + x_5 = 0, \quad x_0^3 + \dots + x_5^3 = 0 .$$

The action of the permutation group Σ_6 that permutes the variables on \mathbb{P}^5 preserves the above cubic. It is singular at the points in the orbit of the point $(1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1)$ under the action of Σ_6 . This cubic contains also 15 planes in the Σ_6 orbit of the plane defined by the equations $x_0 + x_1 = 0$, $x_2 + x_3 = 0$, $x_4 + x_5 = 0$. There are exactly fifteen hyperplanes cutting the cubic along the sum of three planes, these hyperplanes are defined by the equations $x_i + x_j = 0$ for $0 \leq i < j \leq 5$.

Corollary 5.14. *The sextic $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is tangent to sixteen hyperplanes along Segre cubics such that the singular points of the cubic are the points from the set $f(\eta((E^4)^G)) = \mathcal{R}$. The sextic $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is singular along the 15 planes contained in each of this cubic. Moreover, the intersection of $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ with two of the hyperplanes defined by the divisors $D + p$ for $p \in (E^4)^G - 0$ is a union of three planes. Each singular plane in $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is contained in four tangent hyperplanes.*

Proof. We shall show that each divisor $D + p$ for $p \in (E^4)^G$ maps to a cubic that is singular at ten isolated points. It is known that only the Segre cubic has this property.

It is enough to give a proof of our statements for D . From Proposition 5.3 we infer that the image of the divisor D in $E^4/(G, i) \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is contained in a hyperplane $K \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ that is tangent to the sextic.

The 120 fixed surfaces from \mathcal{F} map to 60 singular surfaces in $E^4/(G, i)$, hence they are the singular planes on $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. Since D contains exactly 10 of the 16 points in $(E^4)^G$, its image $K \cap Y$ contains ten of the 16 points from \mathcal{R} . Each fixed surface contains four fixed points from the set \mathcal{R} and we claim that the images of these points on $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ are non-collinear (so a singular plane on Y' is spanned by the four points of \mathcal{R} contained in it).

In fact, suppose that the images of the four points of \mathcal{R} in a plane are collinear. Choosing points p and q from these four points, we can find another fixed surface from the set \mathcal{F} containing

only these two of the four points. The corresponding planes cut along a line spanned by the image of p and q . Now this line has to contain the remaining two points, this is a contradiction with our choice of the other fixed surface, so the claim follows.

It follows that the thirty surfaces considered in Lemma 4.12, containing four points from the ten contained in $\mathcal{R}_0 = K \cap \mathcal{R}$, map to fifteen planes, each spanned by the images of those points, hence these thirty surfaces are contained in K .

As D is (G, i) -invariant, we see that the reflections generating this group act on D in such a way that they fix thirty surfaces. It follows that the image of D can only be singular at isolated points, i.e. at the images of singular points of D . Since through each point in $(E^4)^G$ there are two fixed surfaces from \mathcal{F} contained in D intersecting only at this point, these surfaces map to two planes in K intersecting only at a point from \mathcal{R}_0 , so this point must be singular on the cubic threefold. We deduce that the cubic is (only) singular at the ten points in \mathcal{R}_0 and hence it must be the Segre cubic.

It is known that there are exactly 15 planes contained in the Segre cubic. On the other hand, by Lemma 4.12, the thirty surfaces from \mathcal{F} that are contained in D map to fifteen planes contained in the cubic, hence the planes in the cubic are the images of these surfaces.

The intersection of two (G, i) -invariant divisors maps to the intersection of two tangent hyperplanes to $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. In particular, it maps to the intersection of a Segre cubic threefold with a hyperplane, hence it consists of at most three planes. Thus two (G, i) -invariant divisors cut each other along at most six surfaces from \mathcal{F} . On the other hand, given two such divisors, we easily find, using Proposition 4.5, three sets of four points contained in a given surface from \mathcal{F} , each one contained in both of these divisors. We show similarly that any fixed surface is contained in four (G, i) -invariant divisors. \square

Remark 5.15. From the incidence of the 120 fixed surfaces from \mathcal{F} we deduce that each plane in the singular locus of $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ cuts 12 of the remaining planes from this locus along six lines (such that three planes passes through one line).

6. THE PROOF THAT $Y = Y'$

We proved in Corollary 5.9 that the image $Y' = f(E^4/G) \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is invariant under the action of Σ_6 by the permutation of coordinates. Moreover, from Corollary 5.14 it is tangent to 16 hyperplanes. In this section we show that such a Σ_6 -invariant sextic $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ can be easily reconstructed from the Σ_6 -invariant set of 16 hyperplanes tangent to it. This allows us to show that $Y = Y'$. Then, in Section 6.2, we prove Theorem 1.3.

6.1. The equation of the sextic. We start by classifying sets of 16 hyperplanes which are invariant under the action of Σ_6 which acts by permutations of the coordinates on \mathbb{P}^5 . Let $t \in \mathbb{C}$ and $0 \leq i, j, k \leq 5$ be distinct indices. We consider (families of) hyperplanes:

- H defined by $x_0 + \cdots + x_5 = 0$,
- H_i^t defined by $x_i + t(x_0 + \cdots + x_5) = 0$,
- $H_{i,j}^t$ defined by $x_i + x_j + t(x_1 + \cdots + x_5) = 0$,
- $H_{i,j,k}$ defined by $x_i + x_j + x_k - \frac{1}{2}(x_0 + \cdots + x_5) = 0$.

Lemma 6.1. *There are exactly two one-parameter families of Σ_6 -invariant sets of 16 hyperplanes with the following property: every such a set determines 60 planes, such that each plane is contained in four of these hyperplanes (this is one of the properties of Y' from Prop. 5.14). They are:*

$$\mathcal{H}_1^t = \{H\} \cup \{H_{i,j}^t : 0 \leq i, j \leq 5\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}_2^t = \{H_{i,j,k} : 0 \leq i, j, k \leq 5\} \cup \{H_i^t : 0 \leq i \leq 5\}.$$

Proof. Consider the action of Σ_6 on a hyperplane with equation $a_0x_0 + \cdots + a_5x_5 = 0$. If its orbit has ≤ 16 elements, then the coefficients $\{a_0, \dots, a_5\}$ can take only two different values. That is, it must be one of $H, H_i^t, H_{i,j}^t, H_{i,j,k}$ for some i, j, k and t . The lengths of Σ_6 -orbits of hyperplanes of these types are, respectively, 1, 6, 15 and 10. Thus, to obtain an invariant set

of cardinality 16, we have two possibilities: to take the union of the orbits of 1 and 15 elements or of the orbits of 6 and 10 elements.

In both cases it is easy to check that for any $t \in \mathbb{C}$ there are the required sets of 60 planes, they are the intersection of the following sets of four hyperplanes (the indices for each set are different):

- (1a) $H_{i_1, i_2}^t, H_{i_2, i_3}^t, H_{i_3, i_4}^t, H_{i_4, i_1}^t$, there are 45 planes of this type,
- (1b) $H, H_{i_1, j_1}^t, H_{i_2, j_2}^t, H_{i_3, j_3}^t$, there are 15 such planes.
- (2a) $H_{i, j_1, j_2}, H_{i, j_2, j_3}, H_{i, j_3, j_4}, H_{i, j_4, j_0}$, there are 15 such planes,
- (2b) $H_{i, j, k_1}, H_{i, j, k_2}, H_{k_1}^t, H_{k_2}^t$, there are 45 such planes.

□

We want to find all polynomials $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_5]$ such that the corresponding sextic hyper-surface Y_f satisfies the following:

- Y_f is invariant with respect to the Σ_6 -action by permutations of coordinates,
- the sixteen hyperplanes from the configuration \mathcal{H}_1^t or \mathcal{H}_2^t , for some $t \in \mathbb{C}$, are tangent to Y_f along cubics,
- if the intersection of four of these sixteen hyperplanes is a plane, then this plane is contained in the singular locus of Y_f .

The fact that Y_f is Σ_6 -invariant means that f is symmetric or anti-symmetric under the action of Σ_6 . In any case, f is invariant with respect to the alternating group. But the invariants of the alternating group are generated by those of the symmetric group and the polynomial $\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)$, which has degree 15. Hence f must be a symmetric polynomial and thus f is a linear combination of the symmetric polynomials: $P_{j_1 \dots j_k} = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} x_{i_1}^{j_1} \dots x_{i_k}^{j_k}$ such that $i_1, \dots, i_k \in \{0, \dots, 5\}$ are pairwise different and $j_1 \geq \dots \geq j_k$ with $j_1 + \dots + j_k = 6$. Thus f is an element of an 11-dimensional vector space of polynomials. Now we shall determine all possible sets of coefficients in

$$f(x_0, \dots, x_5) = \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_k = 6} a_{j_1 \dots j_k} P_{j_1 \dots j_k}(x_0, \dots, x_5).$$

The following lemma, that is easy to verify, shows that in all but some exceptional cases it suffices to consider the case $t = -1/2$.

Lemma 6.2. *We define linear maps on \mathbb{C}^6 which commute with the Σ_6 -action by*

$$N_1^t := -(t+1)M_6 + (6t+2)\text{Id}_6, \quad N_2^t := -(t+1)M_6 + (6t+1)\text{Id}_6,$$

where M_6 is the 6×6 matrix with all entries equal to 1 and Id_6 is the 6×6 identity matrix.

Then N_i^t induces an isomorphism on \mathbb{P}^5 that maps \mathcal{H}_i^t to \mathcal{H}_i^{-1} for $i = 1, 2$, unless $i = 1$, $t = -1/3$ or $i = 2$, $t = -1/6$.

We consider the restrictions on the coefficients $a_{j_1 \dots j_k}$ coming from the assumption that f and all its partial derivatives vanish along one plane of type (1a) and (1b) or respectively one of type (2a) and one of type (2b). From the symmetry of f it follows that Y_f is then also singular along all the 60 planes. To find all sequences $(a_{j_1 \dots j_k})$ satisfying these conditions, one just has to compute the kernel of the matrix whose entries are $P_{j_1 \dots j_k}$ and its partial derivatives restricted to the two chosen planes. We obtain a unique solution, up to scalar multiple. Notice that in the second case we did find the polynomial defining Y from Proposition 2.2:

Proposition 6.3. *For the first case, there is a unique sextic*

$$Y^\vee = Y_{F_6^\vee} : F_6^\vee = P_6 - P_{42} + 2P_{222} + 16P_{111111}$$

which satisfies the conditions for the sixteen hyperplanes \mathcal{H}_1^t with $t = -1/2$.

For the second case, there is a unique sextic

$$Y = Y_{F_6} : F_6 = P_6 - P_{42} + 2P_{222} - 16P_{111111}$$

which satisfies the conditions for the sixteen hyperplanes \mathcal{H}_2^t with $t = -1/2$.

Corollary 6.4. *The hypersurfaces $Y^\vee \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ and $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ are isomorphic.*

Proof. The only thing to observe is that $F_6(-x_0, x_1, \dots, x_5) = F_6^\vee(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_5)$, so changing the sign of an odd number of variables interchanges the two cases. \square

Corollary 6.5. *The EPW sextic hypersurfaces $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ (the image of $S^{[2]}$) and $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ (the image of E^4/G) are isomorphic.*

Proof. By Theorem 2.2 it is enough to prove that $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is defined by equation F_6 or F_6^\vee . It follows from Proposition 5.14 that the equation defining $Y' \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ satisfy the conditions satisfied by F_6 and F_6^\vee . We conclude by Proposition 6.3. \square

Remark 6.6. For $t = -1/3$ the corresponding sextic is the square of a cubic which is singular in 10 lines. For $t = -1/6$ the corresponding sextic is singular along 60 planes such that they all intersect in one point. This gives us isotrivial degenerations of our EPW sextic Y .

It turns out that Y^\vee and Y are related in one more way.

Proposition 6.7. *The sextics Y^\vee and Y in \mathbb{P}^5 are projectively dual to each other.*

Proof. Substituting the gradient $(\dots, \partial F_6 / \partial x_i, \dots)$ of the equation defining Y in the polynomial F_6^\vee defining Y^\vee , one finds, using e.g. Macaulay2 [GS], the product of F_6 with another polynomial. Hence the dual of Y is Y^\vee . In particular, the 16 hyperplanes are mapped to the 16 points with singularity $\mathbb{C}^4/(G, i)$, and the Segre cubics in these hyperplanes are contracted to points. (Notice that the Segre cubic and the Igusa quartic are projectively dual threefolds in \mathbb{P}^4 .) \square

Remark 6.8. The images of the 16 points in $(E^4)^G$ in $Y' \cong Y$ are the points in the orbit of the point $p_0 := (1 : 1 : \dots : 1)$ under the action of the group which changes an even number of signs (this action is induced by the action of $(E^4)^G$ on E^4 by translation) and the group Σ_6 (which is induced by the action of $U(H)$ on E^4). In fact, these points are the singular points on the Segre cubics that are tangent hyperplane sections of Y . The point p_0 was also identified with the image of a surface in $S^{[2]}$ in the proof of Proposition 2.2, see also Remark 6.18. In particular these 16 points in Y are the set $Y_A[4]$ where $Y = Y_A$, see Remark 2.8.

To describe the incident planes, we need the following combinatorial description of the 60 singular planes of Y' :

Remark 6.9. A partition $\{\{i_1, j_1\}, \{i_2, j_2\}, \{i_3, j_3\}\}$ of $\{0, \dots, 5\}$, defining a plane of type (1b), determines in a natural way three sequences (i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2) , (i_1, i_3, j_1, j_3) , (i_2, i_3, j_2, j_3) , which correspond to planes of type (1a). Note that the orders of pairs and indices in pairs do not matter, i.e. if we change them, we still get a sequence determining the same plane. This way we obtain a natural subdivision of the set of 60 planes into subsets of cardinality 4: each consists of a plane of type (1b) given by a partition of $\{0, \dots, 5\}$ and 3 planes of type (1a) described by sequences determined by this partition. We show below that the set of 20 incident planes consists of 5 such subsets, cf. Remark 2.9 and section 4.4.

The following is a nice exercise:

Lemma 6.10. *The pairs of planes intersecting in a point are as follows.*

- *Two planes of type (1b) intersect in a point if and only if the corresponding partitions do not have any common component.*
- *Two planes of type (1a) intersect in a point if and only if the corresponding sequences come from the same partition (as described in Remark 6.9) or from two partitions with empty intersection.*
- *A plane of type (1a) intersects a plane of type (1b) in a point if and only if the sequence representing the first plane comes from a partition which represents the second one or which has empty intersection with this partition.*

Proposition 6.11. *There are exactly 6 possible choices of the set of 20 incident planes in the sextic Y_t^\vee . They are all obtained from the one in Proposition 2.6 by the Σ_6 -action. The stabilizer of such a configuration is isomorphic to Σ_5 .*

Proof. Assume first that there are at least 16 planes of type (1a) in such a set. Then their corresponding sequences must come from at least 6 different partitions. But by Lemma 6.10 some two of these partitions must have a common element, so we would have two planes which intersect along a line or do not intersect at all. If they intersect along a line, then by [O'G13b, Prop. 2.2] this configuration is contained in an infinite family of incident planes. Hence we may restrict to the case where they intersect in a point.

Hence we may assume that there are 5 planes of type (1b) in the chosen set. By Lemma 6.10 the corresponding partitions do not have a common component, thus their union consists of all possible pairs of indices. Hence there is no other plane of type (1b). Again by Lemma 6.10, the only possible planes of type (1a) which can appear in the set are those represented by sequences which come from partitions corresponding to the chosen planes of type (1b). There are 15 of them, so the configuration can be completed in a unique way. \square

Remark 6.12. It is worth noticing that six possible choices of the set of 20 incident planes in Y correspond to six possible choices of a 32-element subgroup isomorphic to G inside (G, i) .

We are ready for the proof of our Theorem.

6.2. Proof of Theorem 1.3. Let $\overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y$ be the Stein factorization of the 2:1 morphism \overline{g} constructed above. We saw also that there exists also a finite 2:1 morphism $E^4/G \rightarrow Y$. Our aim is to show that Z is isomorphic to E^4/G by proving that the two double covers $Z \rightarrow Y \leftarrow E^4/G$ are the same. First we shall show that the ramification loci of the morphisms are the same.

The sextic Y is singular along 60 planes. In Lemma 4.11 we already identified forty of them that are in the ramification locus of $E^4/G \rightarrow Y$. We already showed in Corollary 3.4 that the ramification locus $Z \rightarrow Y$ also consists of 40 planes. From Proposition 3.6 the remaining twenty singular planes of Y are the images of the singular surfaces on Z that are incident. It follows that the images of the above singular surfaces from Z are incident planes on $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. From Proposition 6.11 we infer that the choices of the twenty incident planes differ by a projective transformation fixing $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. Thus the ramification loci of the maps $Z \rightarrow Y \leftarrow E^4/G$ are the same.

Finally, consider the coverings $Z \rightarrow Y$ and $E^4/G \rightarrow Y$. The two maps have the same ramification locus, moreover outside the singular locus of Y both maps are étale covers. Since $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ is simply connected we infer that the fundamental group $\pi_1(Y - \text{Sing}(Y)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$. From the uniqueness of integral closures this is enough to conclude that Z is isomorphic to E^4/G (they are both universal covers in codimension 1).

6.3. Final Remarks. If we assume that X_0 is of K3-type then we have a direct, lattice theoretical, proof that X_0 is birationally isomorphic to $S^{[2]}$. This result is weaker than Theorem 1.3, but the proof is much shorter!

Recall that the second integral cohomology group of a K3-type IHS fourfold, with the Beauville-Bogolomov form, is isomorphic to the lattice Γ that is an orthogonal direct sum

$$(6.1) \quad \Gamma := \Lambda_{K3} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\xi, \quad \Lambda_{K3} \cong E_8(-1)^2 \oplus U^3, \quad \xi^2 = -2.$$

The following result was shown to us by G. Mongardi.

Proposition 6.13. *The IHS 4-folds X_0 , the desingularization of E^4/G , and $S^{[2]}$ are birationally isomorphic.*

Proof. From the construction of X_0 we know that the 23-dimensional vector space $H^2(X, \mathbb{Q})$ has a 21 dimensional subspace spanned by the class of the divisor Δ and 20 exceptional divisors which map to the singular surfaces in E^4/G . Each class in this subspace is invariant under the action of i^* , where $i \in \text{Aut}(X_0)$ is the covering involution for the map $X_0 \rightarrow Y$. As the

holomorphic two-form on X_0 does not descend to Y , we see that $i^* = -1$ on a complementary two-dimensional subspace. Thus $H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z})$ contains, with finite index, the direct sum of the i^* -invariant and anti-invariant sublattices, which are the Picard group of X_0 and the transcendental lattice T respectively. The lattice $H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \Gamma$ is not unimodular, but we can embed it in an even unimodular lattice as follows. Let $\tilde{\Gamma} \subset \Gamma \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}\eta$, with $\eta^2 = 2$, be the lattice generated by Γ and $e_1 := (\xi + \eta)/2$. Let $e_2 := e_1 - \xi \in \tilde{\Gamma}$, then e_1, e_2 generate a hyperbolic plane U (so $e_1^2 = e_2^2 = 0$ and $e_1e_2 = 1$) and $\tilde{\Gamma} = \Lambda_{K3} \oplus U$.

Since the discriminant group of Γ is \mathbb{Z}_2 and i^* acts trivially on it, it extends to an isometry j of $\tilde{\Gamma}$ with $j(\eta) = \eta$. Then the sublattice of j -anti-invariants in $\tilde{\Gamma}$ has rank two and is isometric to T . As j is an involution, the discriminant of T is a power of two, and as the rank of T is two it is either 1, 2 or 4. Since T is positive definite and even, we must then have that T has discriminant 4 and that $T \cong (\mathbb{Z}^2, q = 2(x^2 + y^2))$.

On the other hand, the K3 surface S has the same transcendental lattice (this can also be seen with a similar argument: in $\text{Pic}(S)$ we have the pull-back of the classes, of a general line in \mathbb{P}^2 , of the strict transforms of the 4 exceptional divisors of the triple points and of the 15 exceptional divisors in the second blow up, these 20 classes are all invariant under the covering involution on S and hence, again, T_S is an even lattice of rank two with discriminant 1, 2, 4). Thus the transcendental lattice T_2 of $S^{[2]}$ is also isomorphic to T .

Notice that $\Gamma = \eta^\perp$ in $\tilde{\Gamma}$ and that the sublattice \tilde{T} of $\tilde{\Gamma}$ spanned by T and η is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}^3, 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2))$. A well-known result of Nikulin implies that the embedding of \tilde{T} in the even unimodular lattice $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is unique up to isometry. In particular, we may assume it lies in three copies of U , the first two in Λ_{K3} , the last spanned by e_1 and e_2 . From this one deduces that there is an isometry between the lattices $H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z})$ and $H^2(S^{[2]}, \mathbb{Z})$ which restricts to an isometry on the transcendental lattices. Hence by the Torelli theorem for IHS it follows that X_0 and $S^{[2]}$ are birationally isomorphic. \square

Remark 6.14. It is natural to expect by analogy to [O’G13b, prop. 3.5] that by we can find a finite complete family of incident planes of cardinality k such that $10 \leq k \leq 19$. It is a natural problem to find such configurations explicitly. Also by analogy the configuration for $k = 20$ should be rigid. The following problem arises:

Problem 6.15. *Is the complete configuration of twenty incident planes in \mathbb{P}^5 unique up to automorphism of \mathbb{P}^5 ?*

Remark 6.16. We expect that $\mathbb{Z}_2^5 \rtimes \Sigma_5$ is the group of automorphisms of $\overline{S^{[2]}} = X_0$. Indeed, the group of linear automorphisms of the EPW sextic $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ is $\Sigma_6 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2^4$ (the permutations of coordinates and the change of an even number of signs). The linear automorphisms that preserve the twenty ramification planes of $X_0 \rightarrow Y$ form the group $\mathbb{Z}_2^4 \rtimes \Sigma_5$ (see Proposition 6.11) and they lift to symplectic automorphisms of X_0 . Moreover, the covering involution $X_0 \rightarrow Y$ is anti-symplectic. Note that $\mathbb{Z}_2^4 \rtimes \Sigma_5$ is one of the maximal groups of symplectic automorphisms of IHS fourfolds of K3 type found in [HM14, Thm. 5.1]. Note also that the automorphism group of S , and hence of $S^{[2]}$, is infinite.

Remark 6.17. It is natural to consider the map $(S')^{[2]} \dashrightarrow S_5^{[2]}$ induced by the double cover $\rho: S' \rightarrow S_5$ (see Lemma 3.3). We can deduce that we have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (S')^{[2]} & \xrightarrow{z} & S_5^{[2]} \\
 \downarrow \rho^{[2]} & & \downarrow \pi \\
 \mathbb{P}^5 \supset Y & \xrightarrow{z'} & \mathbb{P}^4
 \end{array}$$

of rational maps such that the bottom map is the central projection with center being a singular point on Y of type $\mathbb{C}^4/(G, i)$. By Proposition 5.7 the center of projection is of multiplicity 4 on Y . It follows that the maps $z': Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^4$ and z are generically 2:1. Moreover, the image by π of a generic point $p + q \in S_5^{[2]}$ is the hyperplane of quadrics containing $S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$

and vanishing along the line $\langle p, q \rangle \subset \mathbb{P}^5$. It is easy to see that the double cover z' is ramified along ten hyperplanes which are the images of the divisor $\mu(l_i) \subset S^{[2]}$. It can be shown that these ten hyperplanes form the configuration of the ten hyperplanes tangent to the Igusa quartic along quadrics (cf. Proposition 5.7). It follows that the EPW sextic Y can be constructed as a partial resolution of the double cover of \mathbb{P}^4 ramified along the configuration of these ten hyperplanes.

Remark 6.18. Let us describe how from our picture we obtain a description of a symplectic resolution of the singularity \mathbb{C}^4/G considered in [BS13]. We will use the notation from section 3. We constructed a resolution of singularities

$$\bar{g}: \overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow E^4/(G, i).$$

The idea now is to look locally at this map around the singular point $\mathbb{C}^4/(G, i)$. Looking at the Stein factorization $\overline{S^{[2]}} \rightarrow E^4/G \rightarrow Y$ of \bar{g} we see that we need to describe exceptional sets on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ that map to one of the 16 singular point of type \mathbb{C}^4/G on E^4/G .

We shall use the geometric definition of the map $g = g'$ (see Proposition 2.1). Recall that the nodal K3 surface $S' \subset \Pi \subset \mathbb{P}^6$ is contained in the cone Π with vertex P . A general line in this cone passing through P cuts S' in two points. On the other hand Π is contained in a four dimensional system Q of quadrics. Denote the set of points in $(S')^{[2]}$ that correspond to lines cutting S' in two points and contained in Π by $A \subset (S')^{[2]}$. From the definition of the map $\rho^{[2]}$, the set $A \subset (S')^{[2]}$ maps to the point $(1 : \dots : 1) \in Y$ corresponding to Q (cf. the end of the proof of Proposition 2.2).

Note that for each line $\phi(l_1) \subset S'$ determined by $l_1 \subset S$ we have a plane P_{l_1} in \mathbb{P}^5 spanned by P and $\phi(l_1)$. The rational curve l_1 cuts three exceptional curves e_1, e_2 and e_3 in points. All the lines on the plane P_{l_1} are tangent to S' and they determine a surface E_{l_1} in $S^{[2]}$. The surfaces $e_1^{[2]}, e_2^{[2]}$ and $e_3^{[2]}$ intersect E_{l_1} in points and they also intersect two of the indeterminacy loci E_{13}, E_{12} and E_{11} of type (3) along lines. Moreover, E_{l_1} is isomorphic to \mathbb{F}_4 . It follows that the strict transform of E_{l_1} on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^2 .

The surfaces $l_1^{[2]}$ and E_{l_1} intersect on $S^{[2]}$ along a conic curve c . The proper transform of this conic curve c before the last flop is a line contained in the proper transform of $l_1^{[2]}$ (the Cremona transformation of $l_1^{[2]}$ with center at three points on c transforms c to a line). Before the last flop the proper transform of the surface E_{l_1} will be \mathbb{F}_1 (i.e. \mathbb{F}_4 transformed by three elementary transformations). After the last flop the proper transform of the above line will be contracted such that the proper transform of E_{l_1} will be a plane.

Finally, consider also the del Pezzo surface A of degree 5 contained in $S^{[2]}$, corresponding to the rays of the cone Π . The strict transform on $\overline{S^{[2]}}$ it is still a del Pezzo surface of degree 5. These eleven surfaces form the exceptional set of the resolution of the singular point \mathbb{C}^4/G (cf. [DBW14]).

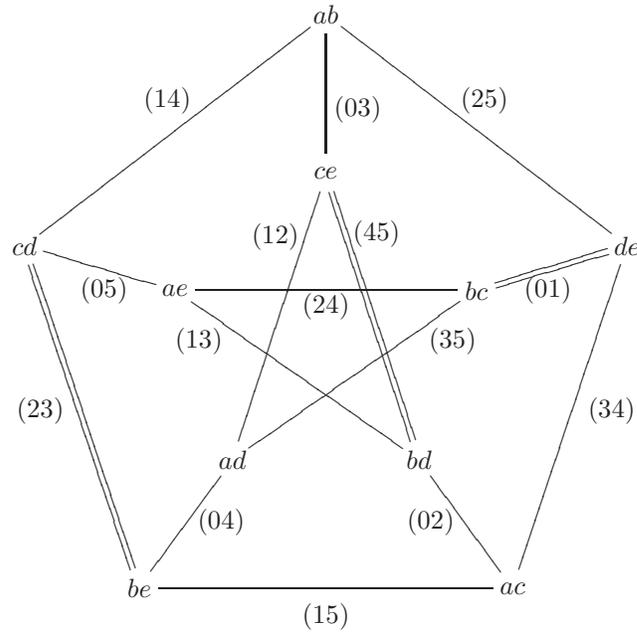
Remark 6.19. Some result of the present paper can be neatly illustrated with the combinatorics related to the Petersen graph.

Firstly, let us recall that the graph describes the incidence of (-1) -curves on \mathbb{P}_4^2 with 10 vertices standing for the curves and edges for their intersection. Using this notation we can encode five conic pencils on $S_5 = \mathbb{P}_4^2$: each pencil contains three reducible fibers which can be represented by three edges in this graph (two lines plus their point of intersection). Three double edges in the graph below stand for such a pencil. Thus the 15 edges of the graph are divided into 5 classes; every edge in each class shares no common adjacent edge with another edge in the same class. The five conic pencils on S_5 give five distinguished elliptic pencils on the Vinberg's K3 surface S , see section 2.1.

It is well known, see the first part of Lemma 2.4, that $S_5 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ admits an action of the permutation group Σ_5 which yields an action of Σ_5 on the set of (-1) -curves on S_5 . In fact, we can identify the (-1) -curves with transpositions and the action of Σ_5 is then by conjugation. This is depicted in the diagram below by assigning to each vertex of the Petersen graph a pair from the set $\{a, \dots, e\}$.

There are exactly two non-conjugate embeddings $\Sigma_5 \hookrightarrow \Sigma_6$: apart of the standard one (coming from the embedding $\{0, \dots, 4\} \hookrightarrow \{0, \dots, 5\}$) there is an embedding β described in the second part of Lemma 2.4. The embedding β assigns to a pair in 5-element set (a transposition in Σ_5) a partition of a 6-element set into 3 pairs.

We label the edges of the Petersen graph by pairs in $\{0, \dots, 5\}$ so that the three edges stemming from a given vertex give the respective partition; for example: $(ab) \mapsto (03)(14)(25)$, $(bc) \mapsto (01)(24)(35)$, $(cd) \mapsto (05)(14)(23)$, $(de) \mapsto (01)(25)(34)$, compare it with 2.4. This way, out of 15 partitions of the set $\{0, \dots, 5\}$, ten can be associated to vertices of the Petersen graph. As the result, the remaining 5 partitions come from the 5 triples of edges which are associated to conic pencils on S_5 or distinguished elliptic pencils on S . In our diagram they are the following: $(01)(23)(45)$, $(02)(14)(35)$, $(03)(15)(24)$, $(04)(13)(25)$, $(05)(12)(34)$. These are exactly the partitions which occur in Proposition 2.6; there they come to define the 20 incident planes: each partition defines $3 + 1$ planes, depending on the number of \pm signs. Similarly, the divisors B_i in Proposition 3.6 can be divided into 5 classes related to 5 distinguished elliptic fibrations of S , each of the classes containing $3 + 1$ divisors.



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