# Cohomology and the Brauer groups of diagonal surfaces

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to the memory of Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer

#### Abstract

We present a method for calculating the Brauer group of a surface given by a diagonal equation in projective space. For diagonal quartic surfaces with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$  we determine the Brauer groups over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ .

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#### Introduction

Diagonal equations occupy a special place in number theory: due to separation of variables many questions about such equations can be reduced to questions about equations in one variable. This provided André Weil with a key example for the Weil conjectures [Wei49, Wei52]. Diagonal hypersurfaces are a particular case of varieties dominated by products of curves (DPC). The Tate conjecture is known for DPC varieties defined over fields finitely generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , see [Tat94, (5.5)]. Using the results of [SZ14] (based on the work of Faltings) it is easy to show that for DPC varieties defined over such fields the Galois-invariant subgroup of the geometric Brauer group is finite.

In this paper we use diagonal surfaces to test new techniques for computing the Brauer group, a task motivated by the Brauer-Manin obstruction to the local-to-global principle for rational points over number fields. To put this into perspective, in characteristic zero, the Brauer group of any quadric X over any field k is trivial, that is, equal to the image  $\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$  of the canonical map  $\operatorname{Br}(k) \to \operatorname{Br}(X)$ . The Brauer group of a cubic surface X can be non-trivial, but it is equal to the algebraic Brauer group, that is, to the kernel  $\operatorname{Br}_1(X)$  of the canonical map  $\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$ , where  $\overline{X} = X \times_k \overline{k}$  for an algebraic closure  $\overline{k}$  of k. This simplifies matters considerably, because  $\operatorname{Br}_1(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$  is a subgroup of  $\operatorname{H}^1(k,\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$  and is equal to this group if k is a number field. For diagonal cubic surfaces over  $\mathbb Q$  all elements of  $\operatorname{Br}(X)$  modulo  $\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$  and the ensuing Brauer-Manin conditions were determined in [CKS87].

The arithmetic of diagonal quartic surfaces is a recurrent theme in the work of Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, from his first paper [SD43], revisited in [SD68, PSD91, SD00, SD14], until his last published paper [SD16]. The algebraic Brauer groups  $\operatorname{Br}_1(X)$  of diagonal quartic surfaces over arbitrary fields of characteristic zero were classified by Bright in his thesis [Bri02, Bri06], though an explicit form of the elements of this group is not known in general, cf. [Bri11]. Ieronymou [Ier10, Thm. 3.1] constructed generators of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]$  and showed [Ier10, Prop. 4.9] that they come from 4-torsion elements of the Brauer group of the quartic Fermat surface over  $\mathbb{Q}(i,\sqrt[4]{2})$  (in fact, they come from 2-torsion elements, see Corollary 3.5 below). He then obtained sufficient conditions on the diagonal quartic surface X over  $\mathbb{Q}$  under which the 2-torsion subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X)$  is trivial [Ier10, Thm. 5.2]. This, together with Mizukami's isomorphism between the quartic Fermat surface over  $\mathbb{Q}(i,\sqrt{2})$  and a certain Kummer surface, was used in [ISZ11] to deduce an explicit upper bound for the size of  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$ . Finally, the odd order torsion subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(X)$  was determined in [IS15] over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  using a different method; the elements of this

group have an explicit description, enabling one to compute the associated Brauer–Manin conditions. The complete determination of the 2-primary torsion subgroup of Br(X) could not be done by previously known methods. We now describe a new approach which allowed us to achieve this.

Let k be a number field and let  $\Gamma = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{k}/k)$ . For a smooth and projective *surface* X over k such that  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is torsion-free and  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma}$  is finite, the determination of  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$  involves the following steps.

- (a) Determine the action of  $\Gamma$  on the geometric Brauer group  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$ , hence compute  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma}$ . For a K3 surface with complex multiplication this involves identifying the Grössencharakter which describes the action of  $\Gamma$  on the Tate module of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$ . For diagonal quartic surfaces, this has essentially been done by Pinch and Swinnerton-Dyer in [PSD91] using work of Weil [Wei52].
- (b) Determine the image of  $\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma}$ , called the *transcendental Brauer group*. The crucial fact is that when  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is torsion-free, the 2-term complex of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \tag{1}$$

is quasi-isomorphic to the truncated complex  $\tau_{[1,2]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X}$ , where  $p:X\to \operatorname{Spec}(k)$  is the structure morphism. Here  $T(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the transcendental lattice, and the map in (1) comes from the cup-product bilinear form on  $H^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$ .

(c) The group  $\operatorname{Br}_1(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X) = \operatorname{H}^1(k,\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$  is finite; it can be determined if we know an integral basis of  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  and the action of  $\Gamma$  on it. The group  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$ , an extension of finite abelian groups  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X)$  by  $\operatorname{Br}_1(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$ , is computed as the first Galois hypercohomology group with coefficients in the complex (1).

The methods in (b) and (c) are used for the first time in this paper to advance this program for diagonal surfaces of arbitrary degree d in  $\mathbb{P}^3_k$ . We use the description of the primitive complex cohomology of the Fermat hypersurface of degree d obtained by Pham [Pha65] and further developed by Looijenga [Lo10]. The Galois representation in the étale cohomology of the Fermat hypersurface was studied by Weil [Wei49, Wei52], Katz, Shioda, and Ulmer, among others, see [Ulm02]. We work out precise details in the case of diagonal quartic surfaces with coefficients in  $\mathbb Q$  over the ground field  $\mathbb Q(i)$ , which are then used to deal with the case of the ground field  $\mathbb Q$ .

Our main result is the following theorem. We call two diagonal quartic surfaces over a field K equivalent if one is obtained from another by permuting the variables  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$ , multiplying their coefficients by fourth powers in  $K^{\times}$ , and multiplying all four coefficients by a common multiple in  $K^{\times}$ . It is clear that equivalent surfaces are isomorphic.

**Main theorem** Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  be non-zero rational numbers. Let  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^3_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be the surface

$$x_0^4 + a_1 x_1^4 + a_2 x_2^4 + a_3 x_3^4 = 0.$$

- (1) Let  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  and let  $X_k = X \times_{\mathbb{Q}} k$ . If  $X_k$  is equivalent to the diagonal quartic surface with coefficients  $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (1, 2, -2)$ , then the 2-primary torsion subgroup of  $Br(X_k)/Br_1(X_k)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ ; otherwise this subgroup is 0.
- (2) If X is equivalent to the diagonal quartic surface with coefficients (1, 2, -2) or (1, 8, -8), then the 2-primary torsion subgroup of  $Br(X)/Br_1(X)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ ; otherwise this subgroup is 0.

The two exceptional surfaces in (2) are non-equivalent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  but equivalent, hence isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ . We do not know whether they are isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Both have rational points over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . In Proposition 4.7 we show that multiplying two of the coefficients by -4 gives rise to surfaces with isomorphic Galois representations with coefficients  $\mathbb{Q}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$  for any odd prime  $\ell$ . By analogy with the Tate module of abelian varieties one may conjecture that these surfaces are related by an isogeny whose degree is a power of 2.

By the main theorem, only finitely many diagonal quartic surfaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ , up to isomorphism, have non-zero 2-torsion in the transcendental Brauer group. In contrast, there are infinitely many non-equivalent diagonal quartic surfaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with odd order torsion in the transcendental Brauer group. Indeed, by [IS15, Thm. 1.1] the *odd* torsion subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X)$  is 0, unless  $-3a_1a_2a_3$  is a fourth power or -4 times a fourth power in  $\mathbb{Q}$  when this subgroup is  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ , or  $125a_1a_2a_3$  is a fourth power or -4 times a fourth power in  $\mathbb{Q}$  when this subgroup is  $\mathbb{Z}/5$ . (When  $\mathbb{Q}$  is replaced by  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  we have  $(\mathbb{Z}/3)^2$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/5)^2$  instead of  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/5$ , respectively.) Thus we now have a complete classification of the transcendental Brauer groups of diagonal quartic surfaces with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ . In particular, we show the non-existence of a 2-primary Brauer-Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle alluded to in [ISZ11, p. 660].

**Corollary** Let X be a diagonal quartic surface over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with coefficients  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  such that  $a_1a_2a_3$  is a square in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $Br(X) = Br_1(X)$ .

We can be even more precise: carrying out calculations of step (c) we describe the structure of the extension

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}_1(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X) \longrightarrow 0. \tag{2}$$

Supplement to the main theorem (1) Let  $X_k$  be the diagonal quartic surface with coefficients (1,2,-2) over  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ . Then the exact sequence (2) for  $X_k$  over k is the extension

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/4 \longrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/4)^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow 0.$$

(2) Let X be the diagonal quartic surface with coefficients (1, 2, -2) or (1, 8, -8) over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then the exact sequence (2) for X over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the extension

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/8 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow 0.$$

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Combined with Bright's classification of algebraic Brauer groups of diagonal quartic surfaces [Bri02], this completes the classification of the Brauer groups of diagonal quartic surfaces with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$  over the ground fields  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ .

The supplement illustrates a difficulty in lifting Galois-invariant elements of  $Br(\overline{X})[2]$  to Br(X) already apparent in work of Ieronymou [Ier10]: an element in the image of  $Br(X) \to Br(\overline{X})$  may not lift to an element of Br(X) of the same order. This difficulty does not arise for odd order elements because  $Br_1(X)/Br_0(X)$  is always a 2-group, as  $\Gamma$  acts on  $Pic(\overline{X})$  via a finite 2-group.

The 2-primary torsion subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  contains a unique non-zero element invariant under the automorphisms of  $\overline{X}$  which multiply the coordinates by 4-th roots of unity. This element is Galois-invariant (Proposition 3.6, Corollary 3.11). Our calculations in step (b) show that the map  $\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  is almost always zero on the 2-primary torsion subgroups, but when  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X)$  is non-zero in the exceptional cases above, it is generated by this element. This answers Question 1 raised at the end of [Sko17].

The first named author has successfully applied the methods developed in this paper to diagonal surfaces of degrees 5 and 6. His results will be published elsewhere.

Let us outline the structure of the paper. In the preliminary Section 1 we develop necessary cohomological machinery and prove a finiteness result for the Brauer group of diagonal surfaces over fields finitely generated over Q. In Section 2 we recall a description of the primitive cohomology of the complex Fermat surface of degree d due to Pham and Looijenga, including the cup-product bilinear form and Hodge decomposition, and explain how to recover the full cohomology lattice from its primitive sublattice. We also recall a known description of the associated representation of the absolute Galois group of the cyclotomic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_d)$ . In Section 3 we specialise to the case d=4 and compute the transcendental lattice of the quartic Fermat surface and the associated representation of the absolute Galois group of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . This allows us to carry out step (a). Although our general methods do not rely on the assumption that the geometric Picard group of the Fermat surface is integrally generated by lines (which, by a theorem of Degtyarev [Deg15], holds if and only if  $d \leq 4$  or d is coprime to 6; for the case d = 4 see [PSD91]), our calculations in step (b) become somewhat simpler if we use this fact. We prove the main theorem in Section 4 (Theorems 4.2 and 4.6); the necessary computational details are collected in Appendix A. The computational proof of the supplement can be found in Appendix B.

This paper owns its existence to many happy discussions of the second named author with Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, and to Peter's lifelong interest in diagonal quartics. We dedicate this paper to his memory.

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# 1 Surfaces with torsion-free Picard group

#### 1.1 Cohomological tools

We start by recalling some basic homological algebra from [CTS13, §3.1]. Let  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  be abelian categories and let  $G : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  be an additive functor. Let

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0 \tag{3}$$

be an exact sequence in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Using injective resolutions one constructs a 2-term complex  $\mathcal{E} = [E^0 \to E^1]$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  together with maps of complexes

$$(\tau_{[1,2]}G(B^{\bullet}))[1] \longleftarrow \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow [(R^1G)C \to (R^2G)A],$$
 (4)

where  $B^{\bullet}$  is an injective resolution of B and  $\tau_{[1,2]}$  is the natural truncation. (See the diagram in [CTS13], the proof of Lemma 3.2.) It satisfies the following properties.

- (1) The leftward arrow induces an isomorphism of cohomology groups in degree 0. In degree 1 it induces the natural map from  $\operatorname{Coker}[(R^1G)C \to (R^2G)A]$  to  $(R^2G)B$ .
- (2) The rightward arrow induces an isomorphism in degree 1. In degree 0 it induces the natural map from  $(R^1G)B$  to  $\text{Ker}[(R^1G)C \to (R^2G)A]$ .

Let k be a field of characteristic 0 with algebraic closure  $\bar{k}$ , and let  $\Gamma = \operatorname{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ . Let  $p: X \to \operatorname{Spec}(k)$  be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral variety over k. We write  $\overline{X} = X \times_k \bar{k}$ . The structure morphism p defines the derived functor  $\mathbf{R}p_*$  from the derived category  $\mathcal{D}(X)$  of bounded below complexes of étale abelian sheaves on X to the derived category  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  of bounded below complexes of continuous discrete  $\Gamma$ -modules.

**Lemma 1.1** There is a natural map  $Br(X)/Br_0(X) \to \mathbb{H}^2(k, \tau_{[1,2]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X})$ , which is an isomorphism if k is a number field.

*Proof.* Applying the derived functor of  $H^0(k,\cdot)$  to the exact triangle

$$\tau_{[0]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X}\longrightarrow \tau_{[0,2]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X}\longrightarrow \tau_{[1,2]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X}$$

gives an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathrm{Br}(X)/\mathrm{Br}_0(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}^2(k,\tau_{[1,2]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^3(k,\bar{k}^\times).$$

If k is a number field, then  $H^3(k, \bar{k}^{\times}) = 0$ .  $\square$ 

Let n be a positive integer and let (3) be the Kummer exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mu_n \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow 1.$$

If  $H^0(\overline{X}, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) = \overline{k}^{\times}$  and  $Pic(\overline{X})$  is torsion-free, then this sequence shows that  $R^1p_*A = H^1(\overline{X}, \mu_n) = 0$  for any  $n \geq 1$ . Thus in this case the rightward arrow in (4) is a quasi-isomorphism. In the derived category  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  we obtain a morphism

$$[\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \to \operatorname{H}^2(\overline{X}, \mu_n)] \longrightarrow (\tau_{[1,2]} \mathbf{R} p_* \mathbb{G}_{m,X})[1]$$
 (5)

inducing the isomorphism  $n\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X}), nx \mapsto x$ , in degree 0 and the natural inclusion  $\mathrm{Br}(\overline{X})[n] \to \mathrm{Br}(\overline{X})$  in degree 1. If  $\ell$  is a prime and m is a positive integer, then setting  $n = \ell^m$  and passing to the inductive limit as  $m \to \infty$  we obtain a morphism

$$[\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}[\ell^{-1}] \to \operatorname{H}^{2}(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}/\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1))] \longrightarrow (\tau_{[1,2]} \mathbf{R} p_{*} \mathbb{G}_{m,X})[1].$$
 (6)

In degree 0 it induces the identity on  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  and in degree 1 the natural inclusion  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{\ell\} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$ , where  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{\ell\}$  is the  $\ell$ -primary torsion subgroup, see [Gro68, II, Thm. 3.1]. Summing over all primes  $\ell$  we obtain a quasi-isomorphism

$$[\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \to \operatorname{H}^{2}(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(1))] \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} (\tau_{[1,2]} \mathbf{R} p_{*} \mathbb{G}_{m,X})[1].$$
 (7)

Let X be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral *surface* over a field  $k \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  is torsion-free. Then  $\operatorname{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))$  is a torsion-free abelian group and the first Chern class identifies  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  with a saturated subgroup of  $\operatorname{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))$  (that is, the quotient is torsion-free). The cup-product defines a unimodular symmetric bilinear pairing

$$\cup: \mathrm{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \times \mathrm{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^4(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}.$$

Since  $H^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  is torsion-free, the cup-product induces an isomorphism

$$\mathrm{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1)) \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \mathrm{Hom}(\mathrm{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1)),\mathbb{Z}).$$

The Hodge index theorem implies that the restriction of the cup-product to  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ , which coincides with the intersection pairing on  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ , has non-zero discriminant. Define the transcendental lattice  $T(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  as the orthogonal complement to  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  in  $\operatorname{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))$  with respect to the cup-product. Thus  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \cap T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) = 0$ , and  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \oplus T(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  has finite index in  $\operatorname{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))$ . Since  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  is a saturated subgroup of  $\operatorname{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))$ , it is the orthogonal complement to  $T(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ . Using the unimodularity of the cup-product on  $\operatorname{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))$  we obtain canonical isomorphisms of finite abelian groups

$$\frac{\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}),\mathbb{Z})}{\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})} = \frac{\operatorname{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))}{\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \oplus T(X_{\mathbb{C}})} = \frac{\operatorname{Hom}(T(X_{\mathbb{C}}),\mathbb{Z})}{T(X_{\mathbb{C}})}.$$

Let us call this group  $\Delta_X$ , or simply  $\Delta$ , if there is no confusion. We write  $\Delta = \bigoplus_{\ell} \Delta_{\ell}$ , where the order of  $\Delta_{\ell}$  is a power of a prime number  $\ell$ . We deduce an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta_{\ell} \longrightarrow \big( \operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell} / \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \big) \oplus \big( T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell} / \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \big) \longrightarrow H^{2}(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell} / \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \longrightarrow 0.$$

The group of connected components of the Picard scheme of  $X \times_k K$ , where K is an algebraically closed field extension of k, does not depend on the choice of K. Thus, under the assumption that  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  is torsion-free, the groups  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  and  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  are canonically isomorphic. By the comparison theorem between classical and étale cohomology we have an isomorphism  $H^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \cong H^2(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1))$ , compatible with the cycle class map and the cup-product. Thus the previous exact sequence is canonically identified with the exact sequence of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta_{\ell} \longrightarrow \left( \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell} / \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \right) \oplus \left( T(\overline{X})_{\ell} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell} / \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \right) \longrightarrow H^{2}(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell} / \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $T(\overline{X})_{\ell} \subset H^2(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1))$  is defined as the orthogonal complement to the (injective) image of  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  under the class map. This gives rise to the commutative diagram of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\Delta_{\ell} & \longrightarrow T(\overline{X})_{\ell} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}/\mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \\
& & & & & \downarrow^{[-1]}
\end{array}$$

$$\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}/\mathbb{Z}_{\ell} & \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^{2}(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}/\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}$$

Summing over all primes  $\ell$  we obtain a commutative diagram of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta & \longrightarrow T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow^{[-1]} \\
\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^{2}(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}
\end{array}$$

Using the non-degeneracy of the intersection pairing on  $\operatorname{Pic}(X)$  we identify the  $\Gamma$ -modules  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}), \mathbb{Q})$ . This gives rise to the commutative diagram of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}), \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \Delta \\ \downarrow \\ \operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\hspace*{1cm} \hspace*{1cm} \hspace$$

Finally, we compose horizontal arrows in the two last diagrams to obtain a commutative diagram of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{[-1]}$$

$$\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^{2}(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

$$(8)$$

Since X is a surface, by Poincaré duality  $H^2(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)_{tors} = 0$  implies  $H^3(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)_{tors} = 0$ , for all  $\ell$ . By the Kummer sequence this implies that  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X}) = \operatorname{Br}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  is divisible and the  $\ell$ -primary torsion subgroup  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{\ell\}$  is the quotient of  $H^2(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell(1)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell/\mathbb{Z}_\ell$  by  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell/\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ , see [CTS13], diagram (26), p. 157. Taking the direct sum over all primes  $\ell$  we obtain a canonical isomorphism of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(T(X_{\mathbb{C}}), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X}).$$
 (9)

**Proposition 1.2** Let X be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral surface over a subfield  $k \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$  is torsion-free. Then the map of horizontal 2-term complexes of  $\Gamma$ -modules in (8) is a quasi-isomorphism. Each of these complexes concentrated in degrees 0 and 1 represents  $(\tau_{[1,2]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X})[1]$  in  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ .

*Proof.* The first statement follows from the construction of (8). Indeed, the induced map in degree 0 is the identity on  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) = \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$ . The induced map in degree 1 is the canonical isomorphism (9).

Since  $H^3(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})_{\text{tors}} = 0$ , the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

gives a natural isomorphism

$$\mathrm{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))\otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(1)).$$

Now the quasi-isomorphism (7) gives that the bottom complex of (8) is quasi-isomorphic to  $(\tau_{[1,2]}\mathbf{R}p_*\mathbb{G}_{m,X})[1]$ .  $\square$ 

**Remark 1.3** There is a similar statement for the truncated complex  $\tau_{[0,1]}$ **R** $p_*$  $\mathbb{G}_{m,X}$ : it is represented by the complex of Γ-modules div :  $\bar{k}(X)^{\times} \to \text{Div}(\overline{X})$ , where div sends a function to its divisor. We omit the proof, as this fact will not be used in the paper.

Corollary 1.4 Let X be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral surface over a number field k such that  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is torsion-free. Then the group  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$  is canonically isomorphic to the Galois hypercohomology group

$$\mathbb{H}^1(k, [\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}), \mathbb{Z}) \to T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}]).$$

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 1.2 in view of Lemma 1.1.  $\square$ 

Recall that we have exact sequences of  $\Gamma$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta \longrightarrow T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X}) \longrightarrow 0$$
 (10)

and

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \Delta \longrightarrow 0. \tag{11}$$

Corollary 1.5 Let X be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral surface over a number field k such that  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is torsion-free. Then the image of the natural map  $\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  is equal to the kernel of the composition

$$\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \operatorname{H}^1(k, \Delta) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} \operatorname{H}^2(k, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})),$$

where  $\partial_1$  is defined by (10) and  $\partial_2$  is defined by (11).

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 1.2 using that  $H^3(k, \bar{k}^{\times}) = 0$  for a number field k. See also [CTS13, Prop. 4.1].  $\square$ 

Corollary 1.6 Let X be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral surface over a number field k such that  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is torsion-free. Assume that  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma}$  is annihilated by a positive integer n. Let  $T_n \subset T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  be the inverse image of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[n]$  in (10). Let  $\Gamma_K$  be the kernel of the natural map

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})) \times \operatorname{Aut}(T_n),$$

and let  $K = (\bar{k})^{\Gamma_K}$ , G = Gal(K/k). We have the following statements.

(a) The image of the natural map  $\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  is equal to the kernel of the composition

$$\mathrm{Br}(\overline{X})[n]^G \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \mathrm{H}^1(G,\Delta) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} \mathrm{H}^2(G,\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})).$$

(b) The group  $Br(X)/Br_0(X)$  is canonically isomorphic to the hypercohomology group

$$\mathbb{H}^1(G, [\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}), \mathbb{Z}) \to T_n]).$$
 (12)

*Proof.* (a) It is clear that the action of  $\Gamma$  on the terms of (11) and on the terms of

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta \longrightarrow T_n \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[n] \longrightarrow 0$$

factors through an action of G. We have  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_K} = \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$ , which is a finitely generated torsion-free abelian group. Hence  $\operatorname{H}^1(K,\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})) = 0$ . From the Hochschild–Serre spectral sequence we deduce the injectivity of the inflation map

$$\mathrm{H}^2(G,\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X}))\longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^2(k,\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})).$$

Now (a) follows from Corollary 1.5.

(b) It is a consequence of Proposition 1.2 that (12) is canonically isomorphic to the inverse image of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[n]^{\Gamma}$  under the natural map  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma}$ . Since  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma} = \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[n]^{\Gamma}$ , it coincides with  $\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$ .  $\square$ 

# 1.2 Brauer group of varieties dominated by products of curves

A smooth, projective and geometrically integral variety X over a field k is called a variety dominated by a product of curves (DPC) if there is a dominant rational map from a product of geometrically integral curves to X.

**Proposition 1.7** Let k be a field finitely generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . If X is a DPC variety over k, then  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma}$  is finite.

*Proof.* If V and W are smooth, projective and geometrically integral varieties over a field k which is finitely generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then the cokernel of the natural map  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{V})^{\Gamma} \oplus \operatorname{Br}(\overline{W})^{\Gamma} \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{V} \times \overline{W})^{\Gamma}$  is finite by [SZ14, Thm. A]. The Brauer group of a smooth, projective, integral curve over an algebraically closed field is zero. Thus if Z is a product of smooth, projective and geometrically integral curves over k, then  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{Z})^{\Gamma}$  is finite.

Since  $\operatorname{char}(k)=0$ , we can assume that there is a smooth, projective and geometrically integral variety Y over k, a birational morphism  $Y\to Z$ , where Z is a product of smooth, projective and geometrically integral curves, and a dominant, generically finite morphism  $f:Y\to X$ . By the birational invariance of the Brauer group we have  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{Y})^\Gamma=\operatorname{Br}(\overline{Z})^\Gamma$ . A general theorem of Grothendieck says that the natural map  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\hookrightarrow\operatorname{Br}(\bar{k}(X))$  is injective. The standard restriction-corestriction argument then gives that the kernel of  $f^*:\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\to\operatorname{Br}(\overline{Y})$  is killed by the degree  $[\bar{k}(Y):\bar{k}(X)]$ . Since  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  is a torsion group of cofinite type, this kernel is finite. Hence  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^\Gamma$  is finite.  $\square$ 

Corollary 1.8 Let k be a field finitely generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let f(t) and g(t) be separable polynomials of degree  $d \geq 2$ . Let F(x,y) and G(x,y) be homogeneous forms of degree d such that f(t) = F(t,1) and g(t) = G(t,1). Let  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^3_k$  be the surface with equation F(x,y) = G(z,w), for example, a diagonal surface. Then the Brauer group Br(X) is finite modulo Br(k).

*Proof.* Consider the smooth plane curves C and D given by  $z^d = F(x,y)$  and  $u^d = G(v,w)$ , respectively. Passing to the quotient by the action of  $\mu_d$  on  $C \times D$ , which multiplies z and u by the same root of unity, gives a dominant rational map from  $C \times D$  to X. Thus X is a DPC surface. Since  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is torsion-free [SGA7, XI.1.8], the group  $\operatorname{Br}_1(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X)$  is finite. The finiteness of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^\Gamma$  follows from Proposition 1.7.  $\square$ 

# 2 Cohomology of Fermat surfaces

#### 2.1 Primitive cohomology and the cup-product

Let  $F \subset \mathbb{P}^3_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be the Fermat surface

$$x_0^d + x_1^d + x_2^d + x_3^d = 0.$$

By Poincaré duality, the cup-product defines a unimodular symmetric bilinear form on  $H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$ . Let  $P = P^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \subset H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  be the orthogonal complement to the hyperplane section class. We note that the discriminant group of P is  $P^*/P \cong \mathbb{Z}/d$ , where we write  $P^* = \operatorname{Hom}(P, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Let G the group  $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme  $(\mu_d)^3$ . The choice of a primitive d-th root  $\varepsilon$  of unity defines an isomorphism of groups  $G \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/d)^3$ . Let

$$u_1 = (\varepsilon, 1, 1), \quad u_2 = (1, \varepsilon, 1), \quad u_3 = (1, 1, \varepsilon).$$

The elements of G are monomials  $u_1^a u_2^b u_3^c$ , where  $(a, b, c) \in (\mathbb{Z}/d)^3$ .

The group G acts on  $F_{\mathbb{C}}$  so that  $u_i$  multiplies  $x_i$  by  $\varepsilon$  and leaves the other coordinates unaltered. Thus G acts on  $H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  fixing the hyperplane class, and hence acts on P.

Let us recall a description of the G-module P together with its cup-product symmetric bilinear form due to Pham and Looijenga, see [Pha65, Lo10, ABB13]. Let  $U \subset F$  be the complement to the hyperplane section  $x_0 = 0$ . Then  $Z = F \setminus U$  is the Fermat curve, and  $U \subset \mathbb{A}^3_k$  is the affine Fermat surface given by

$$x_1^d + x_2^d + x_3^d = -1.$$

Pham shows in [Pha65, Thm. 1] that the homology group  $H_2(U_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})$  is a cyclic  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module, isomorphic to the following quotient ring of  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ :

$$R = \mathbb{Z}[u_1, u_1, u_3] / \left(\sum_{j=0}^{d-1} u_i^j, i = 1, 2, 3\right).$$

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be the standard 2-dimensional simplex  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = 1$ ,  $z_i \geq 0$ , for i = 1, 2, 3. Consider the map  $\mathbf{e} : S \to F_{\mathbb{C}}$  given by

$$\mathbf{e}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \left(\zeta_{2d} z_1^{1/d}, \zeta_{2d} z_2^{1/d}, \zeta_{2d} z_3^{1/d}\right),$$

where  $\zeta_{2d}$  is a 2*d*-root of unity such that  $\zeta_{2d}^2 = \varepsilon$ . Then

$$e = (1 - u_1^{-1})(1 - u_2^{-1})(1 - u_3^{-1})\mathbf{e} \in \mathbf{H}_2(U_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})$$

is a cycle generating  $H_2(U_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module. (This differs from the generator used in [Pha65] by an invertible element of  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ .) We thus have  $H_2(U_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}) = Re$ .

In addition, we note that the complex conjugation is an involution of the real manifold  $F(\mathbb{C})$ . We denote by  $\tau$  the induced involutions of the homology and cohomology groups of  $F_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $U_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Then  $\tau g = g^{-1}\tau$  for any  $g \in G$ . From  $\tau(\mathbf{e}) = (u_1u_2u_3)^{-1}\mathbf{e}$  we deduce that  $\tau$  sends e to -e.

The Gysin exact sequence for homology gives rise to the short exact sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow H_1(Z_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H_2(U_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H_2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \tag{13}$$

where the last arrow is the cup-product with the hyperplane section class in  $H_2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})$ . Looijenga shows in [Lo10, Cor. 2.2] that the kernel of the last map in (13), considered as a  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module, is isomorphic to the quotient R/Rv, where  $v = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} (u_1 u_2 u_3)^j$  is understood as an element of R. Let  $e' \in H_2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})$  be the image of  $e \in H_2(U_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})$ . We note that the maps in (13) respect the action of  $\tau$ , thus  $\tau(e') = -e'$ . The cap-product with the fundamental class (which generates  $H_4(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ) gives an isomorphism of lattices (Poincaré duality)

$$H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}),$$

see [ABB13, Lemma 2.3]. Since the fundamental class is fixed by the action of G, this is an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -modules. The complex conjugation  $\tau$  preserves the orientation of  $F_{\mathbb{C}}$ , which has complex dimension 2, hence preserves the fundamental class, so this isomorphism respects the action of  $\tau$ .

Consider the twisted cohomology group  $H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$ . By definition, there is an isomorphism

$$\mathrm{H}^2(F_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}) \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \mathrm{H}^2(F_{\mathbb{C}},\mathbb{Z}(1))$$

sending x to  $2\pi ix$ . Thus  $H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  with the twisted action of  $\tau$  is a subgroup of the complex vector space  $H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{C})$  where the complex conjugation is the product of  $\tau$ , which is induced by the conjugation acting on  $F(\mathbb{C})$ , and the complex conjugation in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let us denote by  $\tau(1)$  this twisted action on  $H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$ . In particular, for  $2\pi ie' \in H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  we have

$$\tau(1)(2\pi i e') = 2\pi i e'. \tag{14}$$

Thus we have an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -modules  $P \cong \mathbb{Z}[G]/I$ , where I is the ideal

$$I = (1 + u_i + \dots + u_i^{d-1}, \ i = 1, 2, 3, \quad 1 + u_1 u_2 u_3 + \dots + (u_1 u_2 u_3)^{d-1}) \subset \mathbb{Z}[G].$$

This isomorphism identifies  $2\pi ie'$  with the image of  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$  and is compatible with the action of  $\tau(1)$  which comes from the action on G sending each  $g \in G$  to  $g^{-1}$ .

The cup-product symmetric bilinear form on P has the following description. Let  $\phi: \mu_d \to \mathbb{Z}$  be the function  $\phi(1) = 1$ ,  $\phi(\varepsilon) = -1$ , and  $\phi(\varepsilon^i) = 0$  for  $i = 2, \ldots, d-1$ . Define a function  $\Lambda: G \times G \to \mathbb{Z}$  by the rule

$$\Lambda(u_1^a u_2^b u_3^c, u_1^\alpha u_2^\beta u_3^\gamma) = \phi(\varepsilon^{a-\alpha}) \phi(\varepsilon^{b-\beta}) \phi(\varepsilon^{c-\gamma}).$$

Extending by bilinearity we obtain a G-invariant (non-symmetric) bilinear form  $\Lambda : \mathbb{Z}[G] \times \mathbb{Z}[G] \to \mathbb{Z}$ . Finally, define the symmetrisation of  $\Lambda$  as

$$\langle v, w \rangle = \Lambda(v, w) + \Lambda(w, v).$$

One checks that the ideal I is contained in the kernel of  $\langle v, w \rangle$ , so  $\langle v, w \rangle$  descends to a symmetric bilinear form on  $P = \mathbb{Z}[G]/I$ , which we denote by the same symbol.

**Lemma 2.1** The isomorphism of G-modules  $P \cong \mathbb{Z}[G]/I$  identifies the cup-product form on  $P = P^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  with  $-\langle v, w \rangle$ .

*Proof.* This follows from [Lo10, Cor. 2.2], [ABB13, Lemma 2.3, Prop. 2.5].

We write  $E = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_d)$ . It is well known that  $Gal(E/\mathbb{Q}) = (\mathbb{Z}/d)^{\times}$ .

Let  $\widehat{G} = \operatorname{Hom}(G, \mathbb{C}^{\times}) = (\mathbb{Z}/d)^3$  be the group of characters. Write  $\chi(u_1^a u_2^b u_3^c) = \varepsilon^{la+mb+nc}$ , where l, m, n are elements of  $\{0, \ldots, d-1\}$ . Then

$$E[G] = E[u_1, u_2, u_3]/(u_i^d - 1) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \widehat{G}} V_{\chi}$$

is a direct sum of 1-dimensional eigenspaces  $V_{\chi}$  generated by the orthogonal idempotents

$$\alpha_{\chi} = \alpha_{l}(u_{1})\alpha_{m}(u_{2})\alpha_{n}(u_{3}) \in E[G], \text{ where } \alpha_{i}(u) = \frac{1}{d}\sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \varepsilon^{-ij}u^{j}.$$

Thus  $\alpha_{\chi}$  is an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\chi$ :

$$[g]\alpha_{\chi} = \chi(g)\alpha_{\chi} \quad \text{for any} \quad g \in G,$$
 (15)

where we write [g] for the natural action of G on E[G]. We note that  $I_E = I \otimes E$  is the direct sum of the spaces  $V_{\chi}$  such that  $\chi$  restricts trivially to any of the three coordinates  $\mu_d \subset G$  (that is, l = 0 or m = 0 or n = 0) or to the diagonal  $\mu_d \subset G$  (that is, l + m + n is divisible by d). Let us denote by S the complement to this set in  $\widehat{G}$ . In other words, S is the set of triples  $(l, m, n) \in \{1, \ldots, d-1\}^3$  such that l + m + n is not divisible by d. Then

$$P\otimes E=\bigoplus_{\chi\in S}V_{\chi},$$

so that the rank of P is |S|. For d=2,3,4 we have |S|=1,6,21, respectively.

The group  $\operatorname{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = (\mathbb{Z}/d)^{\times}$  acts on  $\widehat{G} = \operatorname{Hom}(G, E^{\times})$  via its natural action on E, which raises  $\varepsilon$  to powers coprime to d. Note that this action preserves  $S \subset \widehat{G}$ . For  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  we have  $\langle \alpha_{\chi}, \alpha_{\phi} \rangle = \langle \alpha_{\sigma(\chi)}, \alpha_{\sigma(\phi)} \rangle$ .

An explicit expression of the cup-product in terms of the  $\alpha_{\chi}$  is as follows.

**Lemma 2.2** We have  $\langle \alpha_{\chi}, \alpha_{\phi} \rangle = 0$  if  $\phi \neq \chi^{-1}$ , and

$$\langle \alpha_{\chi}, \alpha_{\chi^{-1}} \rangle = \langle \alpha_{\chi}, 1 \rangle = -\frac{2}{d^3} \operatorname{Re} \left( (1 - \varepsilon^l)(1 - \varepsilon^m)(1 - \varepsilon^n) \right).$$
 (16)

*Proof.* This is a direct calculation from the definition of  $\langle v, w \rangle$ .  $\square$ 

#### 2.2 Hodge decomposition

The Hodge decomposition  $P \otimes \mathbb{C} = P^{1,-1} \oplus P^{0,0} \oplus P^{-1,1}$  can be described as follows. Let q be the function  $S \to \{-1,0,1\}$  given by  $q(\chi) = \left\lfloor \frac{l+m+n}{d} \right\rfloor - 1$ . Note that q depends on the choice of  $\varepsilon$ .

**Lemma 2.3** The Hodge subspace  $P^{p,q} \subset P \otimes \mathbb{C} = P^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{C}(1))$  is the direct sum of  $V_{\chi} \otimes_E \mathbb{C}$  for  $\chi \in S$  such that  $q(\chi) = q$ .

*Proof.* See [ABB13, Prop. 2.7] which refers to [Lo10].  $\square$ 

In particular, the  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space  $P^{p,q}$  comes from the E-vector space  $\bigoplus_{q(\chi)=q} V_{\chi}$ . Let  $S_{\sharp} \subset S$  be the union of the  $\operatorname{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q})$ -orbits in S that contain an element  $\chi$  with  $q(\chi) \neq 0$ . Since  $\operatorname{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  contains complex conjugation, this condition is equivalent to the existence of  $\chi$  such that  $q(\chi) = 1$ .

The transcendental lattice  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the smallest saturated sublattice of P such that  $P^{1,-1} \subset T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{C}$ . Thus  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) = P \cap (T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q})$ , where  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is the smallest  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space V such that  $\bigoplus_{q(\chi)=1} V_{\chi} \subset V \otimes E$ . It is clear that  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes E$  is the direct sum of  $V_{\chi}$  for  $\chi \in S_{\sharp}$ .

**Lemma 2.4** The action of  $\tau(1)$  on the E-vector space  $P \otimes E$  is anti-linear and preserves the Hodge decomposition. We have  $\tau(1)(\alpha_{\chi}) = \alpha_{\chi}$  for every  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$ .

*Proof.* We have seen that the action of  $\tau(1)$  on  $H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{C}(1))$  is anti-linear, hence the action on  $P \otimes E \subset H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{C}(1))$  is also anti-linear. The generator  $2\pi ie'$  of P is fixed by  $\tau(1)$ , see (14). We have  $\tau(1)[g] = [g^{-1}]\tau(1)$  for  $g \in G$  and  $\tau(1)\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{-1}\tau(1)$ , thus  $\tau(\alpha_{\chi}) = \alpha_{\chi}$ .  $\square$ 

That  $\tau(1)$  is anti-linear and preserves the Hodge decomposition is a general fact. In Deligne's notation  $\tau = F_{\infty}$ , but  $F_{\infty}(H^{p,q}) = H^{q,p}$  by [Del79, 0.2.5]. Our  $\tau(1)$  is the composition of  $F_{\infty}$  with the complex conjugation of the coefficients  $\mathbb{C}$ , hence  $\tau(1)(H^{p,q}) = H^{p,q}$ , see [Del79, Prop. 1.4, Cor. 1.6].

#### 2.3 Recovering full cohomology from primitive cohomology

The cohomology group  $H = \mathrm{H}^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  is a G-module with a unimodular G-invariant cup-product bilinear form. Let  $L \in \mathrm{H}^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))^G$  be the hyperplane section class,  $\langle L, L \rangle = d$ . Then  $P = L^{\perp}$  so that both P and  $\mathbb{Z}L$  are saturated subgroups of H. Since H is unimodular, the map  $H \to H^*$  given by the bilinear form is an isomorphism. Hence we have surjective maps of G-modules  $H \to (\mathbb{Z}L)^*$  and  $H \to P^*$ , which give rise to canonical isomorphisms of trivial G-modules

$$P^*/P = H/(P \oplus \mathbb{Z}L) = (\mathbb{Z}L)^*/\mathbb{Z}L = \mathbb{Z}/d. \tag{17}$$

The linear form  $\langle \frac{1}{d}L, \cdot \rangle$  is a generator of  $(\mathbb{Z}L)^*/\mathbb{Z}L$ . Thus  $H/(\mathbb{Z}L \oplus P)$  is generated by  $\frac{1}{d}(L+x)$ , for some  $x \in P$  such that  $\langle x, P \rangle \subset dP$ ; here x is uniquely defined modulo dP. The group  $P^*/P = \mathbb{Z}/d$  is generated by  $\langle \frac{1}{d}x, \cdot \rangle$  modulo homomorphisms  $P \to \mathbb{Z}$  of the form  $\langle z, \cdot \rangle$  for  $z \in P$ .

The G-module  $P^*/P$  is trivial, hence  $gx - x \in dP$  for any  $g \in G$ . The map  $g \mapsto \frac{1}{d}(gx - x)$  is a 1-cocycle  $G \to P$ . The class of this cocycle is the image of  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  in  $H^1(G, P)$  under the connecting map defined by the exact sequence of G-modules

$$0 \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0, \tag{18}$$

where the third map is the cup-product with L.

There are many ways to lift the canonical element  $x \mod dP$  to an element  $x \in P$ . One natural choice is to take  $x = d\Lambda - L$ , where  $\Lambda$  is the class of a line on  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Indeed,  $\langle \Lambda, L \rangle = 1$ , so  $\Lambda$  generates H modulo P. By adjunction we have  $\langle \Lambda, \Lambda \rangle = -(d-2)$ , hence  $\langle d\Lambda - L, d\Lambda - L \rangle = -d(d-1)^2$ . Thus, in order to recover the full cohomology group  $H = H^2(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  as a G-module together with its unimodular G-invariant cup-product bilinear form from the G-module P and the restriction of the cup-product to P, it is enough to find a formula for  $d\Lambda - L$ . This has been done in [DS14]. Following the notation of this paper, set

$$\phi(x) := 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + t^{d-1}, \quad \rho(x,y) := \sum_{0 \le i \le j \le d-2} y^i x^j.$$

It is immediate to check that in  $\mathbb{Z}[x,y]/(x^d-1,y^d-1)$  we have the identity [DS14, Lemma 4.5]

$$(1-y)\phi(xy) = (1-x)(1-y)\rho(x,y).$$

In the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} x^i)$  we have  $(1-x)\rho(1,x)=d$ .

**Proposition 2.5** Write  $u_0 = (u_1 u_2 u_3)^{d-1}$  so that  $u_0 u_1 u_2 u_3 = 1$ . Then

$$c = (1 - u_0)^{-1} \phi(u_0 u_1) \cdot (1 - u_2)^{-1} \phi(u_2 u_3) = \rho(u_0, u_1) \rho(u_2, u_3) \in P.$$

Moreover,  $\frac{1}{d}(L-c)$  is the class of the line  $\Lambda \subset F_{\mathbb{C}}$  given by  $x_0 = \zeta_{2d}x_1$ ,  $x_2 = \zeta_{2d}x_3$ .

*Proof.* The lattice H is non-degenerate, so it suffices to show that the images of  $\frac{1}{d}(L-c)$  and  $\Lambda$  in  $H^*$  coincide. By [DS14, Proof of Claim 4.2], the image of the class of  $\Lambda$  under the map

$$\operatorname{ev}: H \to \mathbb{Z}[G], \quad x \mapsto \sum_{g \in G} \langle x, g \rangle g$$

is  $\psi := (1 - u_1)(1 - u_3)\phi(u_2u_3)$ . We have  $\langle L, P \rangle = 0$ , hence in particular  $\langle L, 1 \rangle = 0$ , so  $\text{ev}(\Lambda) = 0$ . It remains to show that  $\text{ev}(c) = -d\psi$ . For  $h \in G$ , we find using the G-invariance of the cup-product pairing that

$$\operatorname{ev}(h) = \sum_{g \in G} \langle h, g \rangle g = \sum_{g \in G} \langle 1, gh^{-1} \rangle g = \sum_{g \in G} \langle 1, g \rangle gh = \operatorname{ev}(1)h.$$

Extending by bilinearity, the same holds for any  $h \in P$ . By [Lo10, Cor. 2.2] we have  $ev(1) = -(1 - u_0)(1 - u_1)(1 - u_2)(1 - u_3)$ . Hence, we get

$$-\operatorname{ev}(c) = (1 - u_0)(1 - u_1)(1 - u_2)(1 - u_3)\rho(u_0, u_1)\rho(u_2, u_3)$$

$$= (1 - u_1)(1 - u_3)\phi(u_0u_1)\phi(u_2u_3)$$

$$= (1 - u_1)(1 - u_3)\phi(u_2u_3)^2$$

$$= (1 - u_1)(1 - u_3)d\phi(u_2u_3) = d\psi. \quad \Box$$

#### 2.4 Galois representation over the cyclotomic field

Let  $\ell$  be a prime number. Using the comparison theorem of classical and  $\ell$ -adic étale cohomology, we obtain a G-module isomorphism

$$P_{\ell} := P \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} = P^{2}(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1)) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}[G]/(I \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}),$$

where  $P^2(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1)) \subset H^2_{\text{\'et}}(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1))$  is the orthogonal complement to the hyperplane section class. Since  $T_{\ell} := T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}$  is the orthogonal complement to the subgroup generated by the classes of divisors in  $P_{\ell}$ , the Galois group  $\Gamma$  acts on  $T_{\ell}$ .

Let us assume that the ground field k contains  $E = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_d)$ . Then the action of  $\Gamma = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{k}/k)$  on  $P^2(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}(1))$  commutes with the action of G.

Let  $\lambda$  be a prime of E above  $\ell$ . Let  $O_{\lambda}$  be the ring of integers of  $E_{\lambda}$ . The  $E_{\lambda}$ -vector space  $P \otimes E_{\lambda}$  is the direct sum of the 1-dimensional G-eigenspaces  $V_{\chi} \otimes_{E} E_{\lambda}$ , where  $\chi \in S$ , which are therefore preserved by the Galois group  $\Gamma$ . We have

$$T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes E_{\lambda} = \bigoplus_{\chi \in S_{\sharp}} V_{\chi} \otimes_{E} E_{\lambda}.$$

Let  $O_k$  be the ring of integers of k. Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset O_k$  be a prime ideal coprime to  $d\ell$ , and let  $\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}} = O_k/\mathfrak{p}$ . Let  $p = \operatorname{char}(\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}})$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times}$  let  $\psi(x)$  be the unique d-th root of unity in  $E \subset k$  whose reduction in  $\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  equals  $x^{(N(\mathfrak{p})-1)/d}$ , where  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = |\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}|$ . Thus  $\psi : \mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times} \to \mu_d$  is a multiplicative character of order d. The Gauss sum  $g(r) \in \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon, \zeta)$  is

$$g(r) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\times}} \psi(x)^{r} \zeta^{\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{\mathbf{p}}/\mathbb{F}_{p}}(x)}, \qquad r = 0, \dots, d - 1,$$

where  $\zeta$  is a primitive p-th root of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We have g(0) = 0,  $\overline{g(r)} = \psi(-1)g(-r)$  and  $|g(r)|^2 = |N(\mathfrak{p})|$ . Note that  $\psi(-1) = 1$  if d is odd or both d and  $(N(\mathfrak{p}) - 1)/d$  are even; if d is even and  $(N(\mathfrak{p}) - 1)/d$  is odd, then  $\psi(-1) = -1$ , see [LN97, §5.2] or [IR90, §10.3].

The Jacobi sum  $J(\chi)$  is an element of the ring of integers  $O_E = \mathbb{Z}[\varepsilon]$  defined by

$$J(\chi) = \sum_{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1} \psi(x_1)^l \psi(x_2)^m \psi(x_3)^n = \frac{g(l)g(m)g(n)}{g(l+m+n)} = \psi(-1) \frac{g(l)g(m)g(n)g(n)}{N(\mathfrak{p})},$$

where  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . The integer r satisfies  $l + m + n + r = \lceil \frac{l + m + n}{d} \rceil d$ . The second equality here is [LN97, Thm. 5.21], and the third one follows from the properties of Gauss sums discussed above, cf. [IR90, Ch. 8, Thm. 3].

The following proposition can be found in D. Ulmer's paper [Ulm02], but it goes back to N. Katz and T. Shioda. We give a simpler proof using the Fourier transform on the finite abelian group G.

**Proposition 2.6** Let  $\lambda$  be a prime of  $E = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_d)$  above  $\ell$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime of k not dividing  $d\ell$ . Then Frob, acts on  $V_{\chi} \otimes_E E_{\lambda}$ , where  $\chi \in S$ , as multiplication by

$$\psi(-1)N(\mathfrak{p})^{-1}J(\chi) \in N(\mathfrak{p})^{-1}O_E \subset E.$$

Before giving a proof we explain how the Galois representation attached to an arbitrary diagonal surface can be obtained from the Galois representation attached to the Fermat surface.

**Remark 2.7** Let K be a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $a=(a_1,a_2,a_3)\in (K^\times)^3$  we write  $X=X_a$  for the surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3_K$  given by

$$x_0^d + a_1 x_1^d + a_2 x_2^d + a_3 x_3^d = 0.$$

In particular, the Fermat surface  $F = X_{(1,1,1)}$ . The surface  $X_a$  is obtained by twisting F over K by a 1-cocycle of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  with values in the group K-scheme  $G = (\mu_d)^3$ , whose class in  $\operatorname{H}^1(K,G) = (K^\times/K^{\times d})^3$  is the image of  $a = (a_1,a_2,a_3)$  under the natural coordinate-wise map  $(K^\times)^3 \to (K^\times/K^{\times d})^3$ . The  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -modules  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}_a)$  and  $T_\ell(X_{a,\mathbb{C}})$  are obtained from the  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -modules  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F})$  and  $T_\ell(F_\mathbb{C})$ , respectively, by twisting them by this cocycle with respect to the relevant induced actions of G. If  $E \subset K$ , then the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  commutes with the action of G, so  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  preserves the eigenspaces  $V_\chi \otimes_E E_\lambda$ . In the case of  $K_{a,K}$ , the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $V_\chi \otimes_E E_\lambda$  is the same as the action in the case of  $K_{a,K}$  followed by multiplication by the inverse of the  $K_{a,K}$ -power character  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \to \mu_d$  associated to  $K_{a,K}$  where  $K_{a,K}$  where  $K_{a,K}$  is the same as the action in the case of  $K_{a,K}$  associated to  $K_{a,K}$  where  $K_{a,K}$  is the same as the action in the case of  $K_{a,K}$  followed by multiplication by the inverse of the  $K_{a,K}$ -power character  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \to \mu_d$ 

Proof of Proposition 2.6. Let  $h(\chi) \in E_{\lambda}$  be the eigenvalue of Frob<sub>p</sub> on  $V_{\chi} \otimes E_{\lambda}$ . If  $\chi = (l, m, n) \in \widehat{G}$  does not satisfy the condition of the lemma we define  $h(\chi) = 0$ .

Let  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in G$ . The multiplicative character  $\psi$  defines an isomorphism  $\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times}/\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times d} \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \mu_d$ . Pick any lifting  $\tilde{a}_i \in \mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times}$  of  $a_i$ , for i = 1, 2, 3, and consider the surface in  $X_a \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^3$  with equation

$$x^d + \tilde{a}_1 x_1^d + \tilde{a}_2 x_2^d + \tilde{a}_3 x_3^d = 0.$$

Since G acts on  $V_{\chi}$  via  $\chi$ , the twisted action of Frob<sub>p</sub> on  $V_{\chi} \otimes E_{\lambda}$ , i.e., the action defined by the action of the Galois group  $\Gamma$  on  $P^2(\overline{X}_a, E_{\lambda}(1))$ , is via multiplication by  $h(\chi)/\psi(\tilde{a}_1)^l\psi(\tilde{a}_2)^m\psi(\tilde{a}_3)^n$ . Hence, by the Lefschetz trace formula, we have

 $|X_a(\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}})| = |\mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}})| + f(a)N(\mathfrak{p}), \text{ where}$ 

$$f(a) = \sum_{\chi \in \widehat{G}} \psi(\widetilde{a}_1^l \widetilde{a}_2^m \widetilde{a}_3^n)^{-1} h(\chi) = \sum_{\chi \in \widehat{G}} \chi(-a) h(\chi).$$

Weil's classical calculation with exponential sums [Wei49], [LN97] gives that this also holds when  $h(\chi)$  is replaced by  $g(\chi) = \psi(-1)J(\chi)N(\mathfrak{p})^{-1}$ . Thus f is the Fourier transform of either h or g. The inverse Fourier transform now gives

$$h(\chi) = d^{-3} \sum_{a \in G} \chi(a) f(a) = g(\chi).$$

# 3 The Fermat quartic surface

From now on let d=4. In this section we let  $k=E=\mathbb{Q}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{O}=\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . For a number field  $K\subset\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  we write  $\Gamma_K=\mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K)$ .

#### 3.1 Explicit transcendental lattice

By definition, the transcendental lattice  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the smallest saturated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -submodule of P whose complexification contains  $P^{1,-1}$ . Thus we have

$$T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) = P \cap (V_{(1,1,1)} \oplus V_{(3,3,3)}) \subset P \otimes k.$$

**Lemma 3.1** We have  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{Z}w_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}w_2$ , where

$$w_1 = 8(\alpha_{(1,1,1)} + \alpha_{(3,3,3)}), \quad w_2 = 8i(\alpha_{(1,1,1)} - \alpha_{(3,3,3)}).$$

We have

$$\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle = \langle w_2, w_2 \rangle = 8, \quad \langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = 0.$$
 (19)

*Proof.* It is clear that  $w_1, w_2$  is a basis of  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . One immediately obtains (19) from (16). Recall that  $2^6\alpha_{(1,1,1)}$  is the sum of  $i^{-(a+b+c)}u_1^au_2^bu_3^c$ , where  $a, b, c \in \{0,1,2,3\}$ . We calculate

$$\langle 2^{6}\alpha_{(1,1,1)}, u_{1}^{\alpha}u_{2}^{\beta}u_{3}^{\gamma}\rangle = \sum_{a,b,c=0}^{3} i^{-(a+b+c)}\langle u_{1}^{a-\alpha}u_{2}^{b-\beta}u_{3}^{c-\gamma}, 1\rangle = 4i^{-(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)},$$

hence  $\langle w_1, u_1^{\alpha} u_2^{\beta} u_3^{\gamma} \rangle = \operatorname{Re}(i^{-(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)})$  and  $\langle w_2, u_1^{\alpha} u_2^{\beta} u_3^{\gamma} \rangle = -\operatorname{Im}(i^{-(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)})$ . This implies that if  $sw_1 + tw_2 \in H$  for some  $s, t \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This also implies  $\langle w_i, P \rangle = \mathbb{Z}$ . Recall that  $H = \Lambda \mathbb{Z} \oplus P$ , where  $\Lambda \in H^{0,0}$  is the class of a line. Thus  $\langle w_i, c \rangle = 0$  for i = 1, 2, hence  $\langle w_i, H \rangle = \mathbb{Z}$ . This implies  $w_i \in H^* = H$  by the unimodularity of H. This finishes the proof that  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{Z}w_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}w_2$ .  $\square$ 

This lemma implies that  $\Delta \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/8)^2$ , as was already discovered in [PS71].

Let  $\mu_4$  be one of the factors of  $G=(\mu_4)^3$ . In other words, we choose one of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ , say  $x_3$ , and consider the multiplication of  $x_3$  by the fourth roots of unity. Let us write the induced action of  $u \in \mu_4$  on P as [u]. Extending the coefficients, this gives rise to a k-linear action of  $\mu_4$  on  $P \otimes k$ . By (15) we then have  $[i]\alpha_{(l,m,n)} = i^n\alpha_{(l,m,n)}$ . In particular,  $[i]\alpha_{(1,1,1)} = i\alpha_{(1,1,1)}$  and  $[i]\alpha_{(3,3,3)} = -i\alpha_{(3,3,3)}$ , hence we obtain that [i] acts on  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}})$  by the rule

$$[i]w_1 = w_2, \quad [i]w_2 = -w_1.$$

Thus we can identify  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}})$  with  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[i]$  as  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules. The isomorphism is unique up to the multiplication by an element of  $\mu_4$ ; we fix the isomorphism by identifying  $1 \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $w_1$ . The bilinear form on  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}})$  then becomes  $4\operatorname{Tr}_{k/\mathbb{Q}}(x\overline{y})$ . The dual lattice  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}})^*$  is  $\frac{1}{8}T(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ , hence (10) becomes the exact sequence of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}/8 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{[8]} \mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0. \tag{20}$$

It will be convenient to rewrite the same sequence as

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[8] \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F}) \xrightarrow{[8]} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F}) \longrightarrow 0. \tag{21}$$

# 3.2 Explicit Galois representation

Let  $\ell$  be a prime number and let  $\lambda$  be a prime of  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  above  $\ell$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime of k not dividing  $2\ell$ . The principal ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  has a unique generator  $\pi$  which is a primary prime  $\pi \equiv 1 \mod (1+i)^3$ . (Note that this works both in the split and the inert cases.)

Pinch and Swinnerton-Dyer [PSD91], using Weil [Wei49, Wei52] who relied on Stickelberger, computed the eigenvalues of Frob<sub>p</sub> acting on  $P^2(\overline{F}, k_{\lambda}(1)) = P \otimes k_{\lambda}$ , where F is the quartic Fermat surface. The Galois group  $\Gamma_k$  commutes with G, hence the representation of  $\Gamma_k$  in  $P \otimes k_{\lambda}$  attached to F is a direct sum of 1-dimensional representations  $V_{\chi} \otimes k_{\lambda}$  described in Proposition 2.6. For d = 4 the multiplicative character  $\psi(x)$  is the biquadratic residue  $\left(\frac{x}{\pi}\right)_4$ .

Below, for symmetry reasons, we represent characters  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$  by 4-tuples of integers  $(l, m, n, r) \in \{1, 2, 3\}^4$  with sum divisible by 4.

- $\chi = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ . By Lemma 2.3 we have  $P^{1,-1} = V_{(1,1,1,1)} \otimes_k \mathbb{C}$ . By Proposition 2.6 and the quartic Jacobi sum calculation [IR90, Prop. 9.9.5], the representation of  $\Gamma_k$  in  $V_{(1,1,1,1)} \otimes_k k_\lambda$  sends Frob<sub>p</sub> to  $\pi/\overline{\pi}$ . (In the inert case this equals 1.)
- $\chi = (3,3,3,3)$ . We have  $P^{-1,1} = \overline{P^{1,-1}} = V_{(3,3,3,3)} \otimes_k \mathbb{C}$ , so the representation of  $\Gamma_k$  in  $V_{(3,3,3,3)} \otimes_k k_\lambda$  is conjugate to the representation of  $\Gamma_k$  in  $V_{(1,1,1,1)} \otimes_k k_\lambda$ .

• The spaces  $V_{\chi}$  for all other characters belong to  $P^{0,0}$ . The space  $V_{(2,2,2,2)}$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . There are six spaces like  $V_{(1,1,3,3)}$  (obtained by permuting the coordinates of  $\chi$ ) that come in conjugate pairs. The action of  $\Gamma_k$  on all of these spaces is trivial. Finally, there are twelve spaces like  $V_{(1,2,2,3)}$ ; the action of Frob<sub>p</sub> on them is via multiplication by  $\psi(-1)$ . In particular, we recover the known fact that  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_8)}$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F})$ .

It is more delicate to make explicit the Galois representation over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . In the case d=4 we use the fact that  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is the semi-direct product of  $\Gamma_k$  and  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})=\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}\cap\mathbb{R}))\cong \mathbb{Z}/2$ .

**Lemma 3.2** The representation of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}} = \Gamma_k \rtimes \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \mathbb{R})$  in  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} = \mathcal{O} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}$  is as follows:

if  $\mathfrak{p}$  is coprime to  $2\ell$ , then  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \Gamma_k$  acts as multiplication by  $\pi/\overline{\pi}$  where  $\pi$  is a primary generator of  $\mathfrak{p}$ ;

the generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \mathbb{R})$  acts on  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}})$  as  $\tau(1)$ , namely,  $\tau(1)(w_1) = w_1$ ,  $\tau(1)(w_2) = -w_2$ .

Proof. Recall that  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{Z}w_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}w_2$  was made into an  $\mathcal{O}$ -module using the action of [i] which sends  $w_1$  to  $w_2$  and  $w_2$  to  $-w_1$ . We know that on  $(\mathcal{O} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell})\alpha_{(1,1,1)}$  the Frobenius element Frob<sub>p</sub>, where  $\mathfrak{p}$  is coprime to  $2\ell$ , acts as multiplication by  $\pi/\overline{\pi} \in (\mathcal{O} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell})^*$ . One then immediately checks that Frob<sub>p</sub> acts on  $T(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell} = \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}w_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}w_2$  as the  $(2 \times 2)$ -matrix given by multiplication by  $\pi/\overline{\pi}$  on  $\mathcal{O} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}$ .

Let us prove the second statement. We have comparison isomorphisms

$$H^2(F(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^2_{\text{st}}(F_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^2_{\text{st}}(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n)$$

which are functorial with respect to the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/(\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \mathbb{R}))$ . Thus the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  on  $\operatorname{H}^2(F(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$  induced by the complex conjugation of  $F(\mathbb{C})$ , that is, the action sending the generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  to  $\tau$ , is compatible with the representation of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/(\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \mathbb{R}))$  in  $\operatorname{H}^2_{\operatorname{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$ , cf. [Del79, 0.3]. It follows that the representation of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/(\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \mathbb{R}))$  in  $\operatorname{H}^2_{\operatorname{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell(1))$  sends the generator to  $\tau(1)$ . The representation of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/(\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \mathbb{R}))$  in  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_\ell \subset \operatorname{H}^2_{\operatorname{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{F}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell(1))$  extends to  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes k_\lambda \subset \operatorname{H}^2_{\operatorname{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{F}, k_\lambda(1))$ . The k-vector space  $T(F_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes k$  has basis  $\alpha_{(1,1,1)}$  and  $\alpha_{(3,3,3)}$ , which are fixed by  $\tau(1)$ , see Lemma 2.4. From this we obtain the action of  $\tau(1)$  on  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 3.3** (i) The  $\Gamma_k$ -invariant subgroup of  $Br(\overline{F})\{2\}$  is  $Br(\overline{F})[4]$ .

- (ii) The  $\Gamma_{k(\sqrt{2})}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})\{2\}$  is  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[8]$ .
- (iii) We have  $k(\sqrt[4]{2}) = k(\sqrt[4]{-2})$ . The  $\Gamma_{k(\sqrt[4]{-2})}$ -invariant subgroup of  $Br(\overline{F})\{2\}$  is  $Br(\overline{F})[16]$ .
  - (iv) The  $\Gamma_{k(\sqrt[8]{-2})}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})\{2\}$  is  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[32]$ .

- Proof. (i) By (9) for  $m \geq 1$  we have an isomorphism of  $\Gamma_k$ -modules  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2^m] = \mathcal{O}/2^m$ . We have  $\pi = a + bi$ , where a is odd and b is even. Hence  $\pi \equiv \overline{\pi} \mod 4$ . From the explicit description of the Galois action we see that  $\Gamma_k$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[4]$ . To finish the proof of (i) it is enough to show that each element of  $\mathcal{O}/8$  fixed by  $\Gamma_k$  is divisible by 2. One easily checks that if  $x + iy \in \mathcal{O}$  is fixed modulo 8 by  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\pi}$ , where  $\pi = -1 + 2i$ , then x and y are even.
- (ii) A supplement to the quadratic reciprocity law states that 2 is a square modulo a prime  $p \equiv 1 \mod 4$  precisely when  $p \equiv 1 \mod 8$ . Write  $p = N(\pi)$ , where  $\pi$  is a primary prime in  $\mathcal{O}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}/p\tilde{\longrightarrow}\mathcal{O}/\pi$ , we see that 2 is a square modulo  $\pi$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \mod 8$ , that is, if and only if 4 divides b, that is, if and only if  $\pi \equiv \overline{\pi} \mod 8$ . This shows that  $\Gamma_{k(\sqrt{2})}$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[8]$ . The same calculation as in (i) shows that if  $x + iy \in \mathcal{O}$  is fixed modulo 16 by  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\pi}$ , where  $\pi = 1 + 4i$ , then x and y are even.
- (iii) A supplement to the biquadratic reciprocity law [Cox89, Thm. 4.23], [Lem00, Thm. 6.9] states that 2 is the fourth power modulo  $\pi$  if and only if 8 divides b, that is, if and only if  $\pi \equiv \overline{\pi} \mod 16$ . The same calculation as in (i) shows that if  $x + iy \in \mathcal{O}$  is fixed modulo 32 by Frob $\pi$ , where  $\pi = 5 + 8i$ , then x and y are even.
- (iv) A supplement to the octic reciprocity law [Wes11, II.12] states that for  $\overline{\pi}\pi = p \equiv 1 \mod 8$  with  $8 \mid b$ , 2 is an eighth power modulo  $\pi$  if and only if  $b \equiv p-1 \equiv 0 \mod 16$  or  $b \equiv p-1 \equiv 8 \mod 16$  and -1 is an eighth power modulo  $\pi$  if and only if  $p-1 \equiv 0 \mod 16$ . Thus -2 is an eighth power modulo  $\pi$  if and only if  $b \equiv 0 \mod 16$ , that is  $\pi \equiv \overline{\pi} \mod 32$ . The same calculation as in (i) shows that if  $x + iy \in \mathcal{O}$  is fixed modulo 64 by Frob $\pi$ , where  $\pi = 1 + 16i$ , then x and y are even.  $\square$

Remark 3.4 The invariant subfield of the kernel of the Galois action on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2^n]$  is the ring class field of  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  of conductor  $2^{n-1}$ . This follows from the definition:  $K_c/K$  is the abelian extension of K corresponding to the class group  $I_K(c)/P_{K,\mathbb{Z}}$ ; in other words, precisely the primes congruent to an element of  $\mathbb{Z}$  modulo c split in  $K_c$ . Indeed, Frob<sub> $\pi$ </sub> acts on  $\mathcal{O}/2^n$  trivially if and only if  $\pi \equiv \overline{\pi} \mod 2^n$ , which is equivalent to the divisibility of b by  $2^{n-1}$ . See [Cox89, p. 179]. For the calculation  $\mathbb{Q}(i)_8 = \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2})$ , see [Cox89, Prop. 9.5].

We now reprove a result of Ieronymou [Ier10, Thm. 4.2]. Recall that if  $K_1 \subset K_2$  are algebraically closed fields of characteristic zero, and X is a smooth and proper variety over  $K_1$ , then the induced map  $Br(X) \to Br(X \times_{K_1} K_2)$  is an isomorphism. Thus we can use the notation  $Br(\overline{F})$  without specifying the underlying algebraically close field.

Since F is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , from the exact sequence (20) we obtain the exact sequence of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}/8 \xrightarrow{[2]} \mathcal{O}/16 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}/2 = \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2] \longrightarrow 0. \tag{22}$$

The following corollary should be compared to Ieronymou's results [Ier10, Thm. 3.1, Prop. 4.9].

**Corollary 3.5** Let F be the Fermat quartic surface. Let K be a field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2})$ . Then the natural map  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K)[2] \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2]$  is surjective.

Proof. It is enough to prove this for  $K = \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2})$ . The Fermat quartic surface has obvious rational points over  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_8)$ ; pick one of them and call it P. We can write  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K) = \operatorname{Br}(K) \oplus \operatorname{Br}(F_K)_P$ , where  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K)_P \subset \operatorname{Br}(F_K)$  consists of the classes vanishing at P. Since  $\Gamma_K = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K)$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{20}$ , we have  $\operatorname{H}^1(K,\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F})) = 0$ . The standard spectral sequence then shows that the canonical map  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$  restricted to  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K)_P$  is an injective map  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K)_P \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$ . It follows that an element of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2]$  which can be lifted to an element of  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K)$ , can also be lifted to an element of  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K)[2]_P \subset \operatorname{Br}(F_K)[2]$ .

It remains to show that  $Br(\overline{F})[2]$  is contained in the image of  $Br(F_K)$  in  $Br(\overline{F})$ . By Proposition 3.3 (iii) the abelian groups in (22) are trivial  $\Gamma_K$ -modules. It follows that  $\partial_1(Br(\overline{F})[2]) = 0$ , so we can conclude by applying Corollary 1.5.  $\square$ 

#### 3.3 Diagonal quartic surfaces

We start with a general observation about arbitrary diagonal quartic surfaces (proved in [Sko17, Prop. 4.8] by a different method).

**Proposition 3.6** Let  $X = X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface over a field K of characteristic zero. We have  $\Delta_X[2]^{\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)} \neq 0$ , hence  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]^{\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)} \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we assume that  $K = \mathbb{Q}(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ; in particular, K can be embedded into  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then we have a canonical isomorphism  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}) = \operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ .

We construct an explicit  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -invariant 2-torsion element in  $\Delta_X$  using the canonical isomorphism of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -modules  $\Delta_X = \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*/\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$ . The snake lemma shows that the  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -module  $\Delta_X[2]$  is canonically isomorphic to the kernel of the map  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})/2 \to \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*/2$  given by the intersection pairing. Thus it is enough to exhibit a divisor class  $D \in \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  with the following properties:

- (a)  $\langle D, x \rangle \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  for every  $x \in \text{Pic}(\overline{X})$ ;
- (b) the class of D in  $Pic(\overline{X})/2$  is  $Gal(\overline{K}/K)$ -invariant;
- (c) the class of D in  $Pic(\overline{X})/2$  is not zero.

Consider the surjective morphism  $s: X \to Q$ , where Q is the diagonal quadric

$$y_0^2 + a_1 y_1^2 + a_2 y_2^2 + a_3 y_3^2 = 0,$$

and  $s((x_0 : x_1 : x_2 : x_3)) = (x_0^2 : x_1^2 : x_2^2 : x_3^2)$ . There are two families of lines on Q defined over an algebraic closure of K. Let  $f_{\pm} \in \text{Pic}(\overline{Q})$  be the classes of

these families, and let  $D_{\pm} = s^*(f_{\pm})$ . It is clear that the set  $\{D_+, D_-\} \subset \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -invariant.

Let us show that we can take D to be either of  $D_+$  and  $D_-$ . Indeed, the inverse images of the two families of lines in Q are pencils of genus 1 curves on F such that  $D_+ + D_- = 2L$ . It is well known and easy to check that each of the 48 lines on  $\overline{X}$  is a component of a degenerate fibre of one of these families. Thus for any line  $\ell \subset \overline{X}$  we have either  $\langle \ell, D_+ \rangle = 0$  or  $\langle \ell, D_+ \rangle = 2$ . Since  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  is generated by lines, we get  $\langle D_+, x \rangle \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  for every  $x \in \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$ . By the formula  $D_+ + D_- = 2L$ , the same holds for  $D_-$ . This gives (a) and (b).

The class of an integral curve of arithmetic genus 1 on a complex K3 surface  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  is primitive in  $\operatorname{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) = \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  [Huy16, Ch. 2, Rem. 3.13 (i)]. This gives (c).  $\square$ 

**Definition 3.7** Let X be a diagonal surface over a field K. We say that X is split by a field extension L/K if  $X_L \cong F_L$ .

**Theorem 3.8** Let X be a diagonal quartic surface over a field K containing  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ , which is split by a field extension of K not containing  $\sqrt[4]{2}$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2] \cap \operatorname{Im}[\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})] = 0.$$

Proof. To prove that this intersection is zero we can enlarge the field K. So we can assume that K contains  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_8) = k(\sqrt{2})$  but does not contain  $\sqrt[4]{2}$ , and that  $K \cong F_K$ . The group  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts on the terms of the exact sequence (22) via the map  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \to \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/k(\sqrt{2})) = \Gamma_{k(\sqrt{2})}$ . By Proposition 3.3 (iii),  $\Gamma_{k(\sqrt{2})}$  acts via the surjective map  $\Gamma_{k(\sqrt{2})} \to \operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/k(\sqrt{2}))$ . Since K and  $k(\sqrt[4]{2})$  are linearly disjoint over  $k(\sqrt{2})$ , the following map is surjective:

$$\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \to \operatorname{Gal}(K(\sqrt[4]{2})/K) = \operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/k(\sqrt{2})) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

Proposition 3.3 (ii) says that the  $\Gamma_{k(\sqrt{2})}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}/16$  is  $2\mathcal{O}/16$ , which is exactly the kernel of  $\mathcal{O}/16 \to \mathcal{O}/2$ . Hence this is also the  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -invariant subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}/16$ . This implies that  $\partial_1$  induces an injective map

$$\partial_1 : \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2]^{\Gamma_K} = \mathcal{O}/2 \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^1(K, \Delta_F) = \operatorname{H}^1(K, \mathcal{O}/8).$$

We claim that in our situation  $\partial_2: H^1(K, \Delta_F) \to H^2(K, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F}))$  is injective. Indeed, since  $k(\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_8)$  is contained in K, and  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_8)}$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F})$ , the group  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F})$ , and hence also on  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F})^*$ . Thus  $H^1(K,\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{F})^*) = 0$ , so that  $\partial_2$  is indeed injective. We have proved that  $\partial_2\partial_1$  is injective on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2]$ , so by Corollary 1.5 the intersection of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2]$  and the image of  $\operatorname{Br}(F_K)$  in  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$  is zero.  $\square$ 

The following result shows that for any diagonal quartic surface over  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  the Galois-invariant subgroup of  $Br(\overline{X})$  is annihilated by 4.

**Proposition 3.9** Let  $X = X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- (i) If  $a_1 a_2 a_3 \in k^{\times 4}$ , then the  $\Gamma_k$ -invariant subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}$  is  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[4]$ .
- (ii) If  $a_1a_2a_3 \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times 4}$ , then the  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}$  is  $\frac{1}{4}(\mathbb{Z}+2i\mathbb{Z})/\mathcal{O}$ . If  $a_1a_2a_3 \in -4\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4}$ , then the  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}$  is  $\frac{1}{4}(1-i)\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (iii) If  $a_1a_2a_3 \in k^{\times 2}$  but  $a_1a_2a_3 \notin k^{\times 4}$ , then the  $\Gamma_k$ -invariant subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}$  is  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]$ . The same holds if k is replaced by  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (iv) If  $a_1a_2a_3 \notin k^{\times 2}$ , then the  $\Gamma_k$ -invariant subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  generated by the class of 1+i in  $\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{O}$ .

Remark 3.10 Let us recall the description of the twisted Galois representation from Remark 2.7 in the case d=4. The group scheme  $G=(\mu_4)^3$  acts on  $\alpha_{(1,1,1)}$  via the product character  $(\mu_4)^3 \to \mu_4$ . If K is a subfield of  $\mathbb C$  and  $a=(a_1,a_2,a_3)\in (K^\times)^3$ , then the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $T(X_{a,\mathbb C})\otimes \mathbb Z_\ell$  is obtained by twisting the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $T(F_{\mathbb C})\otimes \mathbb Z_\ell$  by the 1-cocycle  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)\to \mu_4$  with class  $a_1a_2a_3\in K^\times/K^{\times 4}=\operatorname{H}^1(K,\mu_4)$ . For example, if  $a_1a_2a_3\in K^{\times 4}$ , then the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $T(X_{a,\mathbb C})\otimes \mathbb Z_\ell$  is the same as the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $T(F_{\mathbb C})\otimes \mathbb Z_\ell$ . In general, if K contains k, the twisted action is obtained by composing the untwisted action with the inverse of the quartic character given by  $a_1a_2a_3$ . The value of this character on  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak p}$  is  $\left(\frac{a_1a_2a_3}{\pi}\right)_4^{-1}$ .

Proof of Proposition 3.9. (i) By Remark 3.10, in this case the action of  $\Gamma_k$  is the same as for the Fermat surface over k, so we read off the result from Proposition 3.3 (i).

- (ii) By the same remark, the action  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is the same as for the Fermat surface, so compared to (a) we only need to take into account the action of  $\tau(1)$ . As explained in Lemma 3.2, it acts on  $\mathcal{O}$  as the usual conjugation, hence the first formula. If  $a_1a_2a_3 \in -4\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4}$ , then  $\tau(1)$  acts on  $\mathcal{O}$  as the usual complex conjugation followed by multiplication by (1+i)/(1-i), which the value on the complex conjugation of the 1-cocycle given by -4. Thus the twisted action of  $\tau(1)$  sends a+bi to b+ai, hence the result.
- (iii) Recall that  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \Gamma_k$  acts on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2^m] = \mathcal{O}/2^m$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , as multiplication by  $(\frac{a_1a_2a_3}{\mathfrak{p}})_4^{-1}\frac{\pi}{\pi}$ . Here  $(\frac{a_1a_2a_3}{\mathfrak{p}})_4$  is 1 if  $a_1a_2a_3$  is a fourth power modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and -1 otherwise. One easily checks that, whatever the sign, the  $\operatorname{Frob}_{-1+2i}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}/2^m$  is killed by 4. But  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , for any  $\mathfrak{p}$  coprime to 2, acts on  $\mathcal{O}/4$  as multiplication by  $(\frac{a_1a_2a_3}{\mathfrak{p}})_4^{-1}$ . Since  $a_1a_2a_3$  is not a fourth power in k, by the Chebotarev density theorem we can find a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  acts as -1. This proves (iii) for k.

The kernel of the natural map  $\mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4} \to k^{\times}/k^{\times 4}$  is the group of order 2 generated by -4. Hence a square in  $\mathbb{Q}$  which is not a fourth power in  $\mathbb{Q}$  cannot become a fourth power in k. The action of  $\tau(1)$  on  $\mathcal{O}/2 = \operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2]$  is trivial, so the action of  $\tau(1)$  on  $\mathcal{O}/2 = \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]$  is by multiplication by the inverse of the value of the 1-cocycle given by  $a_1a_2a_3$  evaluated at the complex conjugation. This is an element of  $\{\pm 1\}$ ,

so it acts trivially on  $\mathcal{O}/2$ . Thus the statement (iii) for  $\mathbb{Q}$  follows from the same statement for k.

(iv) In this case  $\operatorname{Frob}_{-1+2i}$  acts on  $\mathcal{O}/2^m$  as  $\frac{-1+2i}{-1-2i}=1+4i$  multiplied by  $\pm 1$  or  $\pm i$ . One checks that in all cases the  $\operatorname{Frob}_{-1+2i}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}/2^m$  is killed by 4. By the same argument as in (iii), for any odd prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$ , the action of  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  on  $\mathcal{O}/4$  is by multiplication by  $\pm 1$  or  $\pm i$ . Since  $a_1a_2a_3$  is not a square in k, by the Chebotarev density theorem we can find a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\pi}$  acts on  $\mathcal{O}/4$  as multiplication by  $\pm i$ . Then the  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\pi}$ -invariant subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}/4$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  generated by 2(1+i). This subgroup is  $\Gamma_k$ -invariant, which proves (iv).  $\square$ 

The following statement answers Question 2 raised at the end of [Sko17] and gives a different proof of Proposition 3.6.

Corollary 3.11 Let K be a field of characteristic zero,  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in (K^{\times})^3$ , and let  $X = X_a$ . Then the action of  $Gal(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $Br(\overline{X})[2]$  fixes the unique nonzero  $\mu_4$ -invariant element; the other two non-zero 2-torsion elements are permuted by  $Gal(K(\sqrt{a_1a_2a_3})/K)$ .

*Proof.* The Galois group  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$  via  $\Gamma = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , but  $\Gamma$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[2]$  by the proof of (ii) above. Thus  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]$  via the inverse of the quartic character associated to  $a_1a_2a_3$ . The action of  $\mu_4$  on  $\mathcal{O}/2\mathcal{O}$  fixes the class of 1+i and permutes the classes of 1 and i, hence the result.

Another result of Ieronymou [Ier10, Thm. 5.2] is a corollary of Theorem 3.8.

**Proposition 3.12 (Ieronymou)** Let  $X = X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that 2 does not belong to the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}^{\times}$  generated by -4,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$  and  $\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4}$ . Then  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2] \cap \operatorname{Im}[\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})] = 0$ , so that  $\operatorname{Br}(X)[2] \subset \operatorname{Br}_1(X)$ .

Proof. The surface X is split by the field  $K = k(\sqrt[4]{a_1}, \sqrt[4]{a_2}, \sqrt[4]{a_3})$ , where  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ . The kernel of  $\mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4} \to k^{\times}/k^{\times 4}$  is generated by the class of -4, so the kernel of  $\mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4} \to K^{\times}/K^{\times 4}$  is generated by the classes of -4,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ . Hence  $2 \notin K^{\times 4}$ , so the statement follows from Theorem 3.8.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 3.13** Let  $X = X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface over a field K containing  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ . If  $a_1 a_2 a_3 \in K^{\times 4}$  and  $2 \in K^{\times 4}$ , then  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2] \subset \operatorname{Im}[\operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})]$ .

*Proof.* By Remark 3.10, the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  is the same as the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$ , so the arguments from the second part of the proof of Corollary 3.5 still work.  $\square$ 

The proof of Corollary 3.5 shows that in this situation each element of  $Br(\overline{X})[2]$  can be lifted to an element of  $Br(X)/Br_0(X)$  of order 2.

#### 4 Main theorem

#### 4.1 Reduction to finite group cohomology

Let  $X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with rational coefficients  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ . To  $X_a$  and a number field L we attach a finite Galois extension  $L_a$  and its Galois group

$$L_a = L(i, \sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{a_1}, \sqrt[4]{a_2}, \sqrt[4]{a_3}), \qquad G_{a,L} = \text{Gal}(L_a/L).$$

We shall also consider a bigger Galois extension  $\tilde{L}_a$  and its Galois group

$$\tilde{L}_a = L(i, \sqrt[8]{-2}, \sqrt[4]{a_1}, \sqrt[4]{a_2}, \sqrt[4]{a_3}), \qquad \tilde{G}_{a,L} = \text{Gal}(\tilde{L}_a/L).$$

Note that  $L_a$  splits  $X_a$  and contains  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_8)$ . We see that  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$ , and hence also  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*$  and  $\Delta_X$ , are trivial  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/L_a)$ -modules. By Proposition 3.3 (iii),  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[16]$  is a trivial  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/L_a)$ -module too. Thus  $\Gamma_L = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/L)$  acts on these modules via  $G_{a,L}$ . By Proposition 3.3 (iv),  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[32]$  is a trivial  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\tilde{L}_a)$ -module, so  $\Gamma_L$  acts on it via  $\tilde{G}_{a,L}$ .

The exact sequence (10) in our particular case takes the form (21). From it we obtain exact sequences of  $\Gamma_L$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta_X \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[16] \xrightarrow{[8]} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2] \longrightarrow 0, \tag{23}$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta_X \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[32] \xrightarrow{[8]} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[4] \longrightarrow 0. \tag{24}$$

The sequence (23) is thus an exact sequence of  $G_{a,L}$ -modules, and so defines a boundary map  $H^0(G_{a,L}, \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]) \to H^1(G_{a,L}, \Delta_X)$ . Similarly, the sequence (24) defines a boundary map  $H^0(\tilde{G}_{a,L}, \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[4]) \to H^1(\tilde{G}_{a,L}, \Delta_X)$ .

**Lemma 4.1** Suppose that the image of the natural map  $G_{a,L} \to \operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/\mathbb{Q})$  contains the subgroup  $\operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/k) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/4$ . Then

(a) the group  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2] \cap \operatorname{Im}[\operatorname{Br}(X_L) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})]$  is the intersection of images of the following maps:

$$\mathrm{H}^1(G_{a,L},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)\longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^1(G_{a,L},\Delta_X)\longleftarrow \mathrm{H}^0(G_{a,L},\mathrm{Br}(\overline{X})[2]);$$

(b) the group  $Br(\overline{X})\{2\} \cap Im[Br(X_L) \to Br(\overline{X})]$  is the intersection of images of the following maps:

$$\mathrm{H}^1(\tilde{G}_{a,L},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)\longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^1(\tilde{G}_{a,L},\Delta_X)\longleftarrow \mathrm{H}^0(\tilde{G}_{a,L},\mathrm{Br}(\overline{X})[4]).$$

*Proof.* Let us show that  $Br(X)\{2\}^{\Gamma_L}$  is killed by 4. For this it is enough to show that  $Br(X)[8]^{\Gamma_L}$  is killed by 4. Let us first assume that  $a_1a_2a_3$  is a fourth power in L. In this case,  $\Gamma_L$ -modules  $Br(\overline{X})\{2\}$  and  $Br(\overline{F})\{2\}$  are isomorphic. By Proposition 3.3

(ii), the group  $\Gamma_L$  acts on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[8]$  via its image  $\operatorname{Gal}(L(i,\sqrt{2})/L)$ . By assumption, the subgroup  $\operatorname{Gal}(L(i,\sqrt{2})/L(i))$  is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt{2})/k) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2$ . As in the proof of Proposition 3.3 (i), the non-trivial element of  $\operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt{2})/k)$  can be taken to be  $\operatorname{Frob}_{\pi}$ , where  $\pi = -1 + 2i$ . If  $x + iy \in \mathcal{O}$  is fixed modulo 8 under the multiplication by  $\frac{\pi}{\pi}$ , then x and y are even. Thus 4 kills  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}^{\Gamma_L}$  in this case. In general, the Galois representation on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[8]$  is obtained by twisting the representation on  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})[8]$  by the inverse of the quartic character of  $a_1a_2a_3$ , so  $\frac{\pi}{\pi}$  is multiplied by  $\pm 1$  or  $\pm i$ . An easy check shows that 4 kills  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}^{\Gamma_L}$  in all cases.

In view of the exact sequence (23) this implies that the boundary maps

$$\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]^{\Gamma_L} \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^1(L, \Delta_X), \qquad \operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,L}, \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]) \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,L}, \Delta_X)$$

are injective. We have a commutative diagram

$$H^{1}(L, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*}) \longrightarrow H^{1}(L, \Delta_{X}) \stackrel{\partial_{1}}{\longleftarrow} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]^{\Gamma_{L}}$$

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$$H^{1}(G_{a,L}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*}) \longrightarrow H^{1}(G_{a,L}, \Delta_{X}) \stackrel{\partial_{1}}{\longleftarrow} H^{0}(G_{a,L}, \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2])$$

where the vertical arrows are inflation maps. Claim (a) follows from this diagram. Similarly, the boundary maps definded by the exact sequence (24)

$$\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}^{\Gamma_L} = \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[4]^{\Gamma_L} \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^1(L, \Delta_X), \quad \operatorname{H}^0(\tilde{G}_{a,L}, \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[4]) \longrightarrow \operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,L}, \Delta_X)$$

are injective. We have a similar commutative diagram

$$H^{1}(L, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*}) \longrightarrow H^{1}(L, \Delta_{X}) \stackrel{\partial_{1}}{\longleftarrow} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[4]^{\Gamma_{L}}$$

$$\uparrow \cong \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \cong$$

$$H^{1}(\tilde{G}_{a,L}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*}) \longrightarrow H^{1}(\tilde{G}_{a,L}, \Delta_{X}) \stackrel{\partial_{1}}{\longleftarrow} H^{0}(\tilde{G}_{a,L}, \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[4]).$$

It immediately implies (b).  $\square$ 

# **4.2** The case of $\mathbb{Q}(i)$

The main result of this section is the following description of the 2-primary torsion subgroup of the transcendental Brauer group of X over the field  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ .

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $X = X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface with  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}$ . Then  $(\operatorname{Br}(X_k)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X_k))$   $\{2\}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  if  $X_k$  is equivalent to  $X_{1,2,8} \times_{\mathbb{Q}} k$ , and 0 otherwise.

We will apply Lemma 4.1 to a field extension L = K of k not containing  $k(\sqrt{2})$  and such that  $K_a = K(\sqrt[4]{2})$ . Then

$$G_{a,K} = \operatorname{Gal}(K(\sqrt[4]{2})/K) = \operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/k),$$

$$\tilde{G}_{a,K} = \text{Gal}(K(\sqrt[8]{-2})/K) = \text{Gal}(k(\sqrt[8]{-2})/k).$$

In particular, the condition of Lemma 4.1 is satisfied.

**Lemma 4.3** Let K be a field extension of k not containing  $k(\sqrt{2})$  such that  $K_a = K(\sqrt[4]{2})$ . Then the cardinality of the image of  $H^1(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to H^1(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X)$  is equal to the cardinality of the cokernel of  $H^0(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to H^0(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X)$ . The same is true if  $G_{a,K}$  is replaced by  $\tilde{G}_{a,K}$ .

*Proof.* By the duality theorem for Tate cohomology groups [Bro82, Exercise IV.7.3] we have an isomorphism

$$\mathrm{H}^{-1}(G_{a,K},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = \mathrm{Hom}(\mathrm{H}^1(G_{a,K},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})),\mathbb{Z}/4).$$

Since  $G_{a,K}$  is cyclic, we have a canonical isomorphism

$$\mathrm{H}^{-1}(G_{a,K},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)=\mathrm{H}^1(G_{a,K},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*).$$

Thus  $H^1(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)$  is (non-canonically) isomorphic to  $H^1(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$ . The group  $\tilde{G}_{a,K}$  is also cyclic, so the same argument applies with  $\mathbb{Z}/4$  replaced by  $\mathbb{Z}/8$ . We have an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\mathrm{H}^0(G_{a,K},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \mathrm{H}^0(G_{a,K},\Delta_X) \to \mathrm{H}^1(G_{a,K},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})) \to \mathrm{H}^1(G_{a,K},\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*),$$

and a similar sequence for  $\tilde{G}_{a,K}$ . The cardinalities of the third and fourth groups are equal, and our statement follows.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 4.4** Let K be a field extension of k not containing  $k(\sqrt{2})$ . Let  $X = X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface where  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  is in the following list:

$$(1,1,2), (1,1,4), (1,1,8), (1,2,2), (1,2,4), (1,4,4), (1,4,8), (2,4,8)$$

$$Then Br(\overline{X})[2] \cap Im[Br(X_K) \to Br(\overline{X})] = 0.$$

*Proof.* In the proof of the statement, we can replace K by a finite extension. In the cases (1,1,4) and (1,4,4) we go over to  $K(\sqrt{2})$  which splits X but does not contain  $\sqrt[4]{2}$ , so the result follows from Theorem 3.8.

We identify (1,1,2) and (1,1,8) as case B59, while (2,4,8) is case B46 in [Bri02, Table B]. In these cases  $H^1(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})) = 0$ , hence  $H^1(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = 0$ , so we conclude by Lemma 4.1 (a).

It remains to consider the cases (1,2,2), (1,2,4), and (1,4,8). Using a computer we check that the map  $H^0(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to H^0(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X)$  is surjective in these three cases (see Lemma A.1). By Lemma 4.3 it follows that  $H^1(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to H^1(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X)$  is the zero map. We conclude by applying Lemma 4.1 (a).  $\square$ 

**Proof of Theorem 4.2.** Since -4 is a fourth power in  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  we can multiply the coefficients  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  by -4 and fourth powers of their denominators if necessary and so assume that they are positive integers. Write

$$a_1 = 2^{\alpha} a$$
,  $a_2 = 2^{\beta} b$ ,  $a_3 = 2^{\gamma} c$ ,

where a, b, c are positive odd integers. The triviality of the intersection of  $Br(\overline{X})[2]$  with the image of  $Br(X_k)$  in  $Br(\overline{X})$  can be proved over a finite extension of k. The field  $K = k(\sqrt[4]{a}, \sqrt[4]{b}, \sqrt[4]{c})$  satisfies the assumptions of Lemma 4.4, so we conclude the proof by replacing k with K, except in the case when  $X_K$  is equivalent to  $X_{1,2,8} \times_{\mathbb{Q}} K$  which is not covered by Lemma 4.4.

In the rest of the proof we deal with this exceptional case and assume  $a_1 = a$ ,  $a_2 = 2b$ ,  $a_3 = 8c$ , where a, b, c are positive odd integers.

The main case. Let us first deal with the case  $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (1, 2, 8)$ . We observe that the product of the coefficients is a fourth power in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so the  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -modules  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  and  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$  are isomorphic. We work over K = k and apply Lemma 4.1 (a). The action of  $G_{a,K} = \operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/k)$  on  $\mathcal{O}/8$  factors through a group of order 2 whose generator acts as multiplication by 1+4i. By the standard formula for the first cohomology group of a cyclic group we obtain  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$ . The injective map  $\operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]) = \mathcal{O}/2 \to \operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X)$  is therefore an isomorphism. By Lemma 4.3 the image of  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X)$  has the same cardinality as the cokernel of  $\operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,K}, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,K}, \Delta_X)$ . It can be checked on a computer (cf. Lemma A.2) that this cardinality is 2.

To prove that  $(\operatorname{Br}(X_k)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X_k))$   $\{2\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$  we show that this group does not have an element of order 4. By Lemma 4.3 the image of the homomorphism  $\operatorname{H}^1(\tilde{G}_{a,K},\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \operatorname{H}^1(\tilde{G}_{a,K},\Delta_X)$  has the same cardinality as the cokernel of  $\operatorname{H}^0(\tilde{G}_{a,K},\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \operatorname{H}^0(\tilde{G}_{a,K},\Delta_X)$ . But this cokernel is the same as the cokernel of  $\operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,K},\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,K},\Delta_X)$ , because the action of  $\tilde{G}_{a,K}$  factors through the action of  $G_{a,K}$ . By Lemma 4.1 (b) we conclude that the 2-primary torsion subgroup of  $\operatorname{Br}(X_k)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X_k)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ .

The remaining cases. Having dealt with the main case we need to show that in all other cases  $Br(\overline{X})[2]$  intersects trivially with the image of  $Br(X_k) \to Br(\overline{X})$ . There is a prime p dividing the positive odd integer abc. Let L be the field obtained by adjoining to k the fourth roots of all the prime factors of abc other than p. Then  $X_L$  is equivalent to a diagonal quartic surface of one of the following types.

 $(p^n, 2, 8)$ , where n = 1, 2, 3. Let K be the extension of L obtained by adjoining the fourth root of p/4, p/2, p/4, respectively. We note that 2 is not a square in K and  $K_a = K(\sqrt[4]{2})$ . As  $X_K$  is equivalent to  $X_{2,4,8} \times_{\mathbb{Q}} K$  considered in Lemma 4.4, we conclude by this lemma.

 $(1,2p^m,8p^n)$ , where m>0 or n>0. Let  $K=L(\sqrt[4]{p/2})$ . A tedious but easy verification shows that  $X_K$  is equivalent to one of the surfaces considered in Lemma

4.4, except in the case  $(1, 2p^2, 8p^2)$ . In this case we let  $M = L(\sqrt[4]{2p^2})$ . Note that 2 is a square in M, so  $8p^2$  is a fourth power in M, hence M splits X. But 2 is not a fourth power in M, so we conclude by Theorem 3.8.

 $(p^2, 2p^m, 8p^n)$ . Another tedious but easy verification shows that extending L to  $K = L(\sqrt[4]{p/2})$  reduces all cases, except those equivalent over K to  $(p^2, 2p^2, 8)$ , to the cases covered in Lemma 4.4.

 $(p, 2p^m, 8p^n)$ . Let  $K_0 = L(\pi)$ , where  $\pi^2 = p$ , and let  $K = K_0(\sqrt[4]{\pi/2})$ . We note that 2 is not a square in K and  $K_a = K(\sqrt[4]{2})$ . The surface  $X_K$  is equivalent to one of the cases treated before, unless it is equivalent to  $(\pi^2, 2\pi^2, 8)$ .

It remains to show that for the diagonal quartic surface X with coefficients  $(r^2, 2r^2, 8)$  over a field  $K \supset k$  such that  $[K(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{r}) : K] = 4$  we have  $Br(X)\{2\} = Br_1(X)\{2\}$ . The proof uses the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.5** Let  $A \times B$  be a product of two groups. Let M be a B-module. Consider M as an  $A \times B$ -module with trivial action of A. Then the inflation-restriction sequence with respect to the subgroup  $A \subset A \times B$  is a split exact sequence, so we have a canonical isomorphism

$$H^1(A \times B, M) = H^1(A, M)^B \oplus H^1(B, M),$$

where  $\mathrm{H}^1(A,M)^B=\mathrm{Hom}(A,M^B)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $H^1(A, M) = \text{Hom}(A, M)$ , and since A and B commute, we have  $\text{Hom}(A, M)^B = \text{Hom}(A, M^B)$ .

The restriction map  $H^1(A \times B, M) \to H^1(A, M)^B = \operatorname{Hom}(A, M^B)$  has a section given by the inflation map  $\operatorname{Hom}(A, M^B) \to \operatorname{H}^1(A \times B, M)$ . Thus  $\operatorname{H}^1(A \times B, M)$  is the direct sum of  $\operatorname{H}^1(A, M)^B$  and  $\operatorname{H}^1(B, M^A) = \operatorname{H}^1(B, M)$ .  $\square$ 

End of proof of Theorem 4.2. The product of the coefficients  $(r^2, 2r^2, 8)$  is a fourth power in K, so the  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -modules  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  and  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$  are isomorphic. We have  $K_a = K(\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt{r})$  and  $G_{a,K} = G \times H$ , where

$$G = \operatorname{Gal}(K(\sqrt[4]{2})/K) = \operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/k) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/4, \qquad H = \operatorname{Gal}(K(\sqrt{r})/K) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2,$$

and H acts trivially on  $Br(\overline{X})[16]$ . The condition of Lemma 4.1 is satisfied.

We can apply Lemma 4.5 to  $M = \Delta_X$ , A = H, B = G. Note that the inclusion  $(\Delta_X)^G \to \Delta_X$  is the natural map  $\mathcal{O}/4 \to \mathcal{O}/8$ ; it induces an isomorphism  $H^1(H, (\Delta_X)^G) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(H, \Delta_X)$  as both groups are  $\mathcal{O}/2$ . By Lemma 4.5 we obtain

$$\mathrm{H}^1(G \times H, \Delta_X) = \mathrm{H}^1(G, \Delta_X) \oplus \mathrm{Hom}(H, (\Delta_X)^G) = \mathrm{H}^1(G, \Delta_X) \oplus \mathcal{O}/2.$$

The map  $\partial_1: (\mathcal{O}/2)^G \to \mathrm{H}^1(G,\Delta_X)$  was already computed in the previous case (1,2,8), and was found to be an isomorphism. The inflation-restriction sequence

with respect to the subgroup  $H \subset G \times H$  gives rise to the following commutative diagram, where the middle column is a split exact sequence of Lemma 4.5:

$$H^{1}(H, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}/2$$

$$\downarrow^{\operatorname{res}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{res}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{res}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{H}}$$

$$H^{1}(G \times H, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*}) \longrightarrow H^{1}(G, \Delta_{X}) \oplus \mathcal{O}/2 \stackrel{\partial_{1}}{\longleftarrow} (\mathcal{O}/2)^{G \times H}$$

$$\downarrow^{\operatorname{inf}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{mif}} \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{mif}} \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{mif}} \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{mif}} \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{mif}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\operatorname{mif}$$

By Lemma 4.1 (a), if the intersection of images of the maps in the middle row is zero, then  $\operatorname{Br}(X_K)\{2\} = \operatorname{Br}_1(X_K)\{2\}$ . The commutativity of this diagram implies that  $\operatorname{Im}(\partial_1)$  coincides with the direct summand  $\operatorname{H}^1(G, \Delta_X)$  of  $\operatorname{H}^1(G, \Delta_X) \oplus \mathcal{O}/2$ . Thus we need to show that the image of  $\operatorname{H}^1(G \times H, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)$  intersects  $\operatorname{H}^1(G, \Delta_X)$  trivially. The cardinality of the image of  $\operatorname{H}^1(G \times H, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)$  is 4. This can be checked using the exact sequence in the proof of Lemma 4.3 using the fact that each of the groups  $\operatorname{H}^1(G \times H, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$  and  $\operatorname{H}^1(G \times H, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)$  has 16 elements. Since  $(\Delta_X)^{G \times H} \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/4)^2$ , one needs to check that the image of  $(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)^{G \times H} \to (\Delta_X)^{G \times H}$  is 4. Furthermore, the composition of the left upward arrow and the top horizontal arrow is surjective; see Lemma A.3 for all these facts. The commutativity of the diagram now implies the desired result. This finishes the proof of Theorem 4.2.  $\square$ 

#### 4.3 The case of $\mathbb{Q}$

The following is the main result of the paper.

**Theorem 4.6** Let  $X = X_a$  be a diagonal quartic surface with  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}$ . Then  $(\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X))$   $\{2\}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  if X is equivalent to  $X_{1,2,-2}$  or  $X_{1,8,-8}$ , and 0 otherwise.

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.2 we need to deal with the following cases:

$$(1,2,8), (1,-2,-8), (2,-2,-4), (-2,4,8), (1,2,-2), (1,8,-8).$$
 (25)

Each of these surfaces satisfies  $\mathbb{Q}_a = \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2}) = k(\sqrt[4]{2})$ . By Lemma 4.1, in order to conclude that  $\operatorname{Br}(X)\{2\} = \operatorname{Br}_1(X)\{2\}$  it is enough to show that the images of  $\operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2])$  and  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)$  in  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\Delta_X)$  intersect trivially.

In the first three cases the product of coefficients is in  $\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4}$ , so the  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -modules  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$  and  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{F})$  are isomorphic. Proposition 3.9 (ii) implies that  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}^{\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/4$ , hence  $\operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]) \cong \mathcal{O}/2$ . Thus in all three cases  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\Delta_X)$  is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\Delta_F)$ . Then a computer calculation (cf. Lemma A.4) shows that this group is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$  and in each case the image of  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)$  has trivial intersection with the image of  $\operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2])$ .

In the last three cases, where the product is in  $-4\mathbb{Q}^{\times 4}$ , we have  $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})\{2\}^{\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/4$ , hence  $\operatorname{H}^0(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[2]) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$ . One checks that in all three cases the group  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\Delta_X)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ . Then a computer calculation (cf. Lemma A.4) shows that in the case (-2,4,8) the image of  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\Delta_X)$  is 0. In contrast, in the last two cases the map  $\operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \operatorname{H}^1(G_{a,\mathbb{Q}},\Delta_X)$  turns out to be the surjective map  $\mathbb{Z}/4 \to \mathbb{Z}/2$ . Thus  $(\operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_1(X))[2] \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$ .

It remains to prove that there is no element of order 4 in  $(Br(X)/Br_1(X))$  {2}. To do this, consider  $\tilde{G}_{a,\mathbb{Q}} = Gal(k(\sqrt[8]{-2})/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Lemma 4.1 it is enough to show that the intersection of the image of  $H^0(\tilde{G}_{a,\mathbb{Q}}, Br(\overline{X})[4])$  with the image of  $H^1(\tilde{G}_{a,\mathbb{Q}}, Pic(\overline{X})^*)$  in  $H^1(\tilde{G}_{a,\mathbb{Q}}, \Delta_X)$  is killed by 2. We have a commutative diagram

which shows that the image of the upper horizontal arrow is isomorphic to the image of lower horizontal arrow, which is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 4.7** Let X be a diagonal quartic surface over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let X' be the diagonal quartic surface obtained by multiplying any two coefficients of X with -4. Then the Γ-modules  $\mathrm{H}^2_{\mathrm{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{X},\mathbb{Q}_2)$  and  $\mathrm{H}^2_{\mathrm{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{X}',\mathbb{Q}_2)$  are isomorphic, and the Γ-modules  $\mathrm{H}^2_{\mathrm{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{X},\mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  and  $\mathrm{H}^2_{\mathrm{\acute{e}t}}(\overline{X}',\mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  are isomorphic for all odd primes  $\ell$ . In particular,  $|X(\mathbb{F}_q)| = |X'(\mathbb{F}_q)|$  for all prime powers q coprime to  $a_1a_2a_3$ .

Proof. Twisting both surfaces we can assume that X = F is the Fermat surface and  $X' = F' = X_{(1,-4,-4)}$ . Since the degree of the polarisation is 4, it is enough to construct an isomorphism between primitive cohomology  $\Gamma$ -modules  $P_{\ell}(F)$  and  $P_{\ell}(F')$ , and also between  $P(F) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_2$  and  $P(F') \otimes \mathbb{Q}_2$ . Since  $-4 \in (k^{\times})^4$ , we have  $F_k \cong F'_k$  and thus the representations of  $\Gamma_k$  are isomorphic. It remains to show that this isomorphism extends to complex conjugation.

Recall that the action of  $\tau(1)$  on P(F) fixes the generator:  $\tau(1)(2\pi ie') = 2\pi ie'$ , see (14). Thus for P(F') we have  $\tau(1)(2\pi ie') = u_2u_3(2\pi ie')$ . In  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^3+x^2+x+1)$  we have  $4(1-x)^{-1} = x^2 + 2x + 3$ . Hence (1-x)(1-y) is an invertible element of  $\mathbb{Q}_2[x,y]/(x^3+x^2+x+1,y^3+y^2+y+1)$  and of  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell[x,y]/(x^3+x^2+x+1,y^3+y^2+y+1)$ , where  $\ell$  is odd. It follows that multiplication by  $(1-u_2)(1-u_3)$  defines isomorphisms  $P(F) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_2 \cong P(F') \otimes \mathbb{Q}_2$  and  $P_\ell(F) \cong P_\ell(F')$  where  $\ell$  is odd. Since  $\Gamma_k$  commutes with G, these isomorphisms respect the action of  $\Gamma_k$ . As one immediately checks, they also respect the action of  $\tau(1)$ .  $\square$ 

# A Computations for the main theorem

This appendix collects a few computational facts about diagonal quartic surfaces that were used in the proof of the Main Theorem. While we point out that these are not too demanding as to be unachievable by hand, it is more realistic to check them with the help of a computer algebra system. Magma [Magma] code to this effect is available at https://github.com/dgvirtz/diagonalquartics.

Consider the universal family of diagonal quartic surfaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$  parametrised by  $\mathbb{P}^3_{\mathbb{Q}}$  minus the coordinate planes. The generic point  $\eta : \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2, t_3)) \to \mathbb{P}^3_{\mathbb{Q}}$  corresponds to the diagonal quartic surface  $X_t$  with coefficients  $t_1, t_2, t_3$ . Let

$$G_{\eta} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{t_1}, \sqrt[4]{t_2}, \sqrt[4]{t_3})/\mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2, t_3)).$$

Then the exact sequences

$$0 \to \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X_t}) \to \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X_t})^* \to \Delta_{X_t} \to 0, \quad 0 \to \Delta_{X_t} \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X_t})[16] \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X_t})[2] \to 0$$

are exact sequences of  $G_{\eta}$ -modules. We denote the generators of  $G_{\eta}$  by

$$\tau(i) = -i, \ \sigma(\sqrt[4]{2}) = i\sqrt[4]{2}, \ s_1(\sqrt[4]{t_1}) = i\sqrt[4]{t_1}, \ s_2(\sqrt[4]{t_2}) = i\sqrt[4]{t_2}, \ s_3(\sqrt[4]{t_3}) = i\sqrt[4]{t_3},$$

with the understandning that  $\tau$  acts trivially on  $\sqrt[4]{2}$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{t_1}$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{t_2}$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{t_3}$ ,  $\sigma$  acts trivially on i,  $\sqrt[4]{t_1}$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{t_2}$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{t_3}$ , and similarly for  $s_1, s_2, s_3$ . The action for a diagonal quartic surface  $X_a$  over a number field K is obtained by restricting this generic action to  $G_{a,K} \subset G_{\eta}$ . We will describe  $G_a = G_{a,K}$  explicitly for each computation.

In order to assist an independent verification, we give intermediate steps and details. Fix fourth roots  $(\sqrt[4]{a_1}, \sqrt[4]{a_2}, \sqrt[4]{a_3})$  of the coefficients and a primitive eighth root of unity  $\zeta$ . Let  $G = \text{Gal}(k(\sqrt[4]{2})/k)$ .

Recall that the abelian group  $Pic(\overline{X})$  is generated by 48 lines of the form

$$\Lambda_{i,j,k}^{m,n}: x_0 = \zeta^m \sqrt[4]{a_i} x_i, \quad \sqrt[4]{a_j} x_j = \zeta^n \sqrt[4]{a_k} x_k,$$

where (i, j, k) is a permutation of (1, 2, 3) and  $m, n \in \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ . A basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of 20 lines, which Swinnerton-Dyer kindly provided to the authors, is given by

$$\begin{split} \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{1,1}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{1,3}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{1,5}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{1,7}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{3,1}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{3,3}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{3,5}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{5,1}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{5,3}, \Lambda_{1,2,3}^{5,5}, \\ \Lambda_{2,3,1}^{1,1}, \Lambda_{2,3,1}^{1,3}, \Lambda_{2,3,1}^{1,5}, \Lambda_{2,3,1}^{3,1}, \Lambda_{2,3,1}^{3,3}, \Lambda_{2,3,1}^{3,5}, \\ \Lambda_{3,1,2}^{1,1}, \Lambda_{3,1,2}^{1,3}, \Lambda_{3,1,2}^{1,5}, \Lambda_{3,1,2}^{3,1}. \end{split}$$

We will write elements of  $Pic(\overline{X})$  and its dual lattice in this basis.

The description in terms of lines can be identified with the one in the main text by first matching one line to  $\frac{1}{4}(L+c)$  and then all others using the actions of  $(\mu_4)^3$  and  $S_3$  on  $\overline{X}$ . The image of  $(w_1, w_2)$  in  $\Delta_X$  is then expressed in  $\mathcal{B}$  by

$$\frac{1}{8}(1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 4\ 7\ 0\ 7\ 3\ 6\ 6\ 4\ 2\ 2\ 4\ 0\ 4\ 0\ 4),$$

$$\frac{1}{8}(2\ 7\ 3\ 2\ 1\ 6\ 1\ 1\ 5\ 4\ 4\ 6\ 6\ 4\ 2\ 2\ 4\ 4\ 4\ 4)$$

We will always write elements of  $Br(\overline{X})[16]$  and  $Br(\overline{X})[2]$  in the basis  $(w_1, w_2)$  and elements of  $\Delta_X \cong Br(\overline{X})[8]$  in either  $(w_1, w_2)$  or as images of elements in  $Pic(\overline{X})^*$  using  $\mathcal{B}$ .

1-cocycles in group cohomology will be explicitly described as maps from  $G_a$  to the coefficient module.

**Lemma A.1** Assume  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  and  $a \in \{(1,2,2), (1,2,4), (1,4,8)\}$ . Then the map  $(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)^G \to (\Delta_X)^G$  is surjective.

*Proof.* In the first case, one has  $G_a = \langle \sigma s_2 s_3 \rangle$ . Two elements of  $(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)^G$  whose images generate  $(\Delta_X)^G = \Delta_X[2]$  are

In the last two cases, one has  $G_a = \langle \sigma s_2 s_3^2 \rangle$  and  $G_a = \langle \sigma s_2^2 s_3^3 \rangle$ , respectively, and  $(\Delta_X)^G \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$  is generated by

**Lemma A.2** Assume  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  and a = (1, 2, 8). Then the cokernel of the map  $(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)^G \to (\Delta_X)^G$  has cardinality 2.

*Proof.* One has  $G_a = \langle \sigma s_2 s_3^3 \rangle$  and  $(\Delta_X)^G = \Delta_X[4]$ . The cokernel is generated by

**Lemma A.3** Let K be an extension of  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  and let  $a = (r^2, 2r^2, 8)$ , where  $r \in K^{\times}$  is such that  $[K(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{r}) : K] = 4$ . Let  $H = \operatorname{Gal}(k(\sqrt{r})/k)$ . Then the image of  $(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)^{G \times H} \to (\Delta_X)^{G \times H}$  has cardinality 4,

$$|\mathrm{H}^1(G \times H, \mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)| = |\mathrm{H}^1(G \times H, \mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X}))| = 16$$

and the composition of the following maps is surjective:

$$\mathrm{H}^1(G \times H, \mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{res}} \mathrm{H}^1(H, \mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \to \mathrm{H}^1(H, \Delta_X) = \Delta_X[2].$$

*Proof.* One has  $G_a = \langle \sigma s_2 s_3^2, s_1^2 s_2^2 \rangle$ . A basis of  $(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)^{G \times H}$  is given by the elements

The image of their span in  $\Delta_X$  is  $\Delta_X[2]$ .

The cohomology of  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$  was already computed in [Bri02, Table B] in case B37. Let g (resp. h) be a generator G (resp. of H). A basis of  $\operatorname{H}^1(G \times H, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/4$  is given by three 1-cocycles which are uniquely determined by the images of g and h:

The last two cocycles map to nontrivial generators of  $H^1(H, \Delta_X) = \Delta_X[2]$ .  $\square$ 

Lemmas A.1–A.3 only rely on facts about  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$ ,  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*$  and  $\Delta_X$ . In particular, no computational input about the transcendental lattice and its interplay with the algebraic cycles is necessary. Thus the verification of the computational facts up to this point can be achieved using solely the description in terms of lines. This is not so for the next lemma used in the proof of Theorem 4.6.

**Lemma A.4** Assume  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  and a is in the list (25). Then the intersection of images of the following maps

$$\mathrm{H}^1(G_a,\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) \stackrel{\rho}{\longrightarrow} \mathrm{H}^1(G_a,\Delta_X) \stackrel{\partial_1}{\longleftarrow} \mathrm{Br}(\overline{X})[2]^{G_a}$$

is trivial in the first four cases and is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  in the last two cases.

*Proof.* In all cases  $G_a$  is generated by two elements  $(g_1, g_2)$ , which we specify. We then describe 1-cocycles by their images on  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ .

Case a = (1, 2, 8). We have  $g_1 = \sigma s_2 s_3^3$  and  $g_2 = \tau$ . The group  $H^1(G_a, \text{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$  is generated by the cocycles

$$g_1 \mapsto \left( -\frac{43}{8} - \frac{15}{4} - \frac{29}{8} - \frac{7}{4} - \frac{7}{2} - \frac{23}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{9}{8} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{11}{8} \frac{27}{4} \quad 2 \quad \frac{29}{4} \quad \frac{25}{4} \quad 0 - \frac{9}{4} - \frac{5}{2} \quad 1 - \frac{3}{2} \quad 3 \right)$$

$$g_2 \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{9}{4} \quad \frac{5}{2} \quad \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{5}{4} \quad 2 - 3 - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{2} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{3}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \right).$$

The group  $H^1(G_a, \Delta_X) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$  is generated by

$$g_1 \mapsto (0 \ 2)$$
  $g_1 \mapsto (-4 \ 0)$   $g_1 \mapsto (-2 \ 0)$   $g_1 \mapsto 0$   $g_2 \mapsto 0$   $g_2 \mapsto (0 \ 1)$   $g_2 \mapsto (-4 \ 0).$ 

Written in the above bases, the maps  $\partial_1$  and  $\rho$  are represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Case a = (1, -2, -8). We have  $g_1 = \sigma s_2 s_3^3$  and  $g_2 = s_2 s_3 \tau$ . Then  $H^1(G_a, \text{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$  is generated by the cocycles

$$g_{1} \mapsto \left(-\frac{7}{4} - \frac{11}{8} - \frac{11}{8} - \frac{17}{4} + \frac{11}{8} + \frac{13}{4} + \frac{19}{8} + \frac{23}{8} + \frac{31}{8} + 5 - \frac{11}{2} - \frac{15}{4} - \frac{23}{4} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{4} + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$g_{2} \mapsto \left(-\frac{9}{8} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4} + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{15}{8} + 0 - \frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + 0 - \frac{1}{2} + 0 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac$$

The group  $H^1(G_a, \Delta_X) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$  is generated by

$$g_1 \mapsto (4 \ 4)$$
  $g_1 \mapsto (-2 \ 0)$   $g_1 \mapsto 0$   $g_1 \mapsto (2 \ 2)$   
 $g_2 \mapsto 0$   $g_2 \mapsto (4 \ 4)$   $g_2 \mapsto (-1 \ 0).$ 

Written in the above bases, the maps  $\partial_1$  and  $\rho$  are represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Case a = (2, -2, -4). We have  $g_1 = \sigma s_1 s_2^3$  and  $g_2 = s_2 s_3 \tau$ . Then  $H^1(G_a, \text{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^3$  is generated by the cocycles

$$g_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -2 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -4 & 5 & 6 & 3 & 3 & -3 & -5 & -5 & -6 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
  
$$g_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{23}{8} & -\frac{5}{4} & -\frac{21}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & -2 & -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{5}{4} & -\frac{15}{8} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{15}{8} & \frac{15}{4} & -1 & \frac{17}{4} & \frac{9}{4} & 1 & -\frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The group  $H^1(G_a, \Delta_X) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$  is generated by the same cocycles as for (1, -2, -8). Written in the above bases, the map  $\partial_1$  and  $\rho$  are represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Case a = (-2, 4, 8). We have  $g_1 = \sigma s_1^3 s_2^2 s_3^3$  and  $g_2 = s_1 \tau$ . Then  $H^1(G_a, Pic(\overline{X})^*) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$  is generated by the cocycles

$$g_1 \mapsto \left(\frac{7}{8} \frac{3}{8} \frac{5}{2} 2 - \frac{13}{8} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2} 0 - \frac{1}{2} - 1 \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$g_2 \mapsto 0$$

$$g_1 \mapsto \left( -\frac{3}{4} \frac{5}{8} \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{3}{8} \frac{9}{4} - \frac{5}{8} - \frac{9}{8} \frac{7}{8} - 1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{4} - \frac{7}{4} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{5}{2} \frac{3}{2} \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$g_2 \mapsto \left( -\frac{5}{8} \frac{3}{8} - 1 - 1 \frac{11}{8} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{8} \right) \frac{1}{2} \frac{21}{8} \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{7}{4} - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{9}{4} - \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{2} 3 \frac{3}{2} 2 - \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

which map to 0 in  $H^1(G_a, \Delta_X)$ .

Case (1,2,-2) (resp. (1,8,-8)). We have  $g_1 = \sigma s_2 s_3^3$  (resp.  $g_1 = \sigma s_2^3 s_3$ ) and  $g_2 = s_3 \tau$ . The group  $H^1(G_a, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = \mathbb{Z}/4$  is generated by the cocycle

which maps surjectively onto  $H^1(G_a, \Delta_X) = \mathbb{Z}/2$ , which is generated by the cocycle sending  $g_1$  to (-2, 2) and  $g_2$  to 0.  $\square$ 

# B Computations for the supplement

We carry over notation from Appendix A. Let a = (1, 2, -2) or (1, 8, -8). The task is to compute the first hypercohomology of the complex  $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^* \xrightarrow{\phi} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[16]$  for  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ . Hypercohomology functionality is currently not available in Magma and had to be added. Code to this effect is available at <a href="https://github.com/dgvirtz/diagonalquartics">https://github.com/dgvirtz/diagonalquartics</a>.

Our concrete implementation partially constructs the Cartan–Eilenberg resolution of the above complex and computes its first total cohomology. More precisely, let  $\mathbf{Z}^1(M)$  denote the space of 1-cocycles for a group module M. Then we construct the complex

$$\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
\uparrow \\
Z^{1}(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*}) \xrightarrow{h_{01}} Z^{1}(\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[16]) \\
\downarrow v_{00} \\
\downarrow v_{10} \\
 & \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{*} \xrightarrow{\phi} \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})[16] \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

where  $h_{01}$  is the map induced by  $\phi$  and the vertical maps are the differentials of the standard resolution. Details of the calculations are as follows.

In the case  $k = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ , the group  $G_a$  is generated by  $g = \sigma s_2 s_3^3$ . Then  $Z^1(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = \mathbb{Z}^{14}$  is generated by 14 cocycles which map g to

and  $Z^1(Br(\overline{X})[16])$  is generated by two cocycles which map g to (4,4) and to (-4,0). Using  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $(w_1, w_2)$ , and the bases for cohomology above, one checks that  $h_{01}$  is represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 3 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & -2 & 2 & -4 & -4 & 4 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T,$$

 $v_{00}$  is represented by

and  $v_{10}$  is represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Computing the total cohomology of the complex given by these maps (and not forgetting the sign change for  $v_{01}$ ) one gets that the first hypercohomology is  $(\mathbb{Z}/4)^2$ .

In the case  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  and a = (1, 2, -2), the group  $G_a$  is generated by  $g_1 = \sigma s_2 s_3^3$  and  $g_2 = s_3 \tau$ .

Then  $Z^1(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*) = \mathbb{Z}^{17}$  is generated by 17 cocycles

 $g_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{4} & 0 \\ g_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{15}{8} & \frac{9}{4} \\ g_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ g_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{29}{8} & \frac{15}{4} \\ g_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -\frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$ (2 - 3)0),1 - 30),1) 0),0)0 - 1 $1 \quad -1 \quad -2 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad -2$ 0 1 (0)1 1  $g_2 \mapsto$ 0), $g_{1} \mapsto \left(-\frac{1}{4} \quad 0 \quad -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$   $g_{2} \mapsto \left(\frac{9}{8} \quad \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{3}{8} \quad \frac{5}{4} \quad 1\right)$   $g_{1} \mapsto \left(-\frac{1}{4} \quad 0 \quad -\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$   $g_{2} \mapsto \left(-\frac{1}{8} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad -\frac{3}{8} \quad \frac{3}{4} \quad 1\right)$   $g_{1} \mapsto \left(-1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad 0\right)$ 0 0 (0, -1)0),(0, -1)0),1 0 0  $(0 \quad 0)$  $g_2 \mapsto \left(-\frac{7}{4} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{5}{4} - \frac{3}{2}\right)$  $\begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$ 0 0 0),(0, -1)1 0), $0 \ 0$ (0, -1)0),1 1 0)1 1 0), $1 \ 0 \ -1$ 0)0 0 0 0 0 0 0  $g_2 \mapsto$  $(0 \quad 0)$ 0 0 0), $g_1 \mapsto$  $0\ 0\ -1\ -1)$  $(0 \quad 0)$ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0), $g_2 \mapsto$  $0\ 0\ -1\ -1)$  $g_1 \mapsto$ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0), $g_2 \mapsto$ 1 - 1 - 10)0 0.0  $g_1 \mapsto$ 0 0  $g_2 \mapsto$ 0 0 0 0 0 0  $0 \ 0),$ 0 0 0) $g_1 \mapsto$ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  $0 \ 0),$  $g_1 \mapsto (-1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1$ 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0)0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0),0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0)0 (0)0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0) and  $Z^1(Br(X)[16])$  is generated by two cocycles

$$g_1 \mapsto (4 \ 0)$$
  $g_1 \mapsto (-4 \ 4)$   
 $g_2 \mapsto (-1 \ 1)$   $g_2 \mapsto 0$ .

Using  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $(w_1, w_2)$ , and the bases for cohomology above, one checks that  $h_{01}$  is represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 & 2 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 & -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & -2 & 6 & 0 & 5 & -7 & -4 & -7 & 8 & -7 & 7 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T},$$

 $v_{00}$  is represented by

and  $v_{10}$  is represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Putting everything together, one gets that the first hypercohomology is  $\mathbb{Z}/8$ . The calculations in the case (1,8,-8) over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are the same except that in the above list

of cocycles for  $Z^1(\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^*)$  the images of  $g_1$  have be to replaced by

the matrix representing  $h_{01}$  by

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 & 2 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 & -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & -3 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -1 & -2 & 0 & -3 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

and the matrix representing  $v_{00}$  by

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