

## SURFACES OF GENERAL TYPE WITH VANISHING GEOMETRIC GENUS FROM DOUBLE PLANES

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We show how to construct some old and new surfaces of general type with vanishing geometric genus from double planes, by computing explicit equations of their branch curves.

### 1. Introduction

The first example of a double plane  $X$  whose smooth model is a surface  $Y$  of general type with vanishing geometric genus has been given by Campedelli in 1932 (see [11]): its branch curve has degree 10 and has six  $[3, 3]$ -points  $p_1, \dots, p_6$ , such that there is no conic passing through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$  (a  $[3, 3]$ -point is a triple point with infinitely near another triple point, cf. §2 for notation and definitions). This double plane has bigenus  $P_2(Y) = h^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(2K_Y)) = 3$ .

Campedelli proposed also the construction of a reduced curve of degree 10 with five  $[3, 3]$ -points  $p_1, \dots, p_5$  and a point  $p_6$  of multiplicity 4, such that there is no conic through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$ . A curve with these properties has been explicitly constructed only much later by Oort and Peters in [24], following an idea due to Vik. S. Kulikov. The resulting double plane has  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 2$ .

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We say that the double planes branched along curves of degree 10 with singularities as above are of *Campedelli type*  $C_{6,0}$  (the former one) and  $C_{5,1}$  (the latter one).

Just one year before Campedelli, Godeaux constructed the first example of surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  (see [17]). He considered a quotient of a quintic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  by a freely acting cyclic group of order 5 of projective transformations. Some years ago, in [23], Murakami showed that the Godeaux surface is birationally equivalent to a double plane of type  $C_{5,1}$ , branched over an irreducible curve, constructed by Stagnaro in [31].

The first examples of surfaces of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $4 \leq P_2 \leq 7$ , given by Burniat in the 1960's as bidouble covers of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  branched along suitable 9 lines, are birationally equivalent to double planes too; the same is true for Inoue's surface, the first one of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 8$  (cf. [19] and [21]).

Although surfaces of general type with  $p_g = 0$  have been studied by several mathematicians like D. Mumford, E. Bombieri, Y. Miyaoka, A. Beauville, I. Dolgachev, F. Catanese, M. Reid, R. Barlow, J. Keum, Y. Lee, M. Mendes Lopes, R. Pardini, D. Naie, C. Ciliberto, C. Werner, P. Supino, Vik. S. Kulikov, R. Pignatelli, I. Bauer, C. Rito, J. Park, H. Park, D. Shin, with different techniques and from many points of view, their classification is not yet known. We cannot report here about all relevant contributions during the last decades; we will mention only few results, mainly related to double planes (see [3] for a recent survey).

A smooth minimal surface  $Y$  of general type with  $p_g(Y) = h^2(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) = 0$  has  $q(Y) = h^1(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) = 0$ ,  $\chi(\mathcal{O}_Y) = 1$  and  $K_Y^2 \geq 1$ , or equivalently  $P_2(Y) \geq 2$ . On the other hand, Miyaoka-Yau inequality implies that  $K_Y^2 \leq 9$ , i.e.  $P_2(Y) \leq 10$ , and it has been shown by Dolgachev, Mendes Lopes and Pardini in [15] that there exists no double plane whose smooth minimal model is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 10$ .

Some years ago, in [25], Rita Pardini classified double planes of general type whose smooth model has  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 9$  (see Theorem 3.1 later) by means of quotients of a product of two curves under a suitable group action, a construction originally due to Beauville. However Pardini did not give equations of the branch curves of these double planes. Pardini herself says that "it seems very difficult to construct the plane models directly" (p. 112 in [25]).

The other extremal case  $P_2 = 2$  has been classified in [8]. It turns out that double planes of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 2$  are birationally equivalent to double planes either of Campedelli type  $C_{5,1}$  or branched over a reduced curve  $B = C + L_1 + L_2$ , where  $L_1, L_2$  are lines, such that  $B$  has degree 14, multiplicity 6 at the point  $L_1 \cap L_2$ , two  $[5, 5]$ -points  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , one  $[3, 3]$ -point and two

points of multiplicity 4. We say that the latter double plane is of *Du Val type*  $DV_{2;1,3}$ , because it is a degeneration of examples originally described by Du Val (cf. Example 2.2 and Definition 2.3). The existence of double planes of type  $DV_{2;1,3}$  is proved in that paper, together with some explicit examples of their branch curves.

The subsequent case  $P_2 = 3$  has been studied and essentially classified in [10], although the problem of the existence of double planes with  $p_g = 0$ ,  $P_2 = 3$  and bicanonical map not composed with the involution has been left open.

Therefore, in this paper, we deal with double planes of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $4 \leq P_2 \leq 9$ .

Nowadays, the better way to construct surfaces of general type with  $p_g = 0$  is to consider quotients of the product of two curves by the action of a finite group acting on each curve, see e.g. [2] for a list of surfaces constructed in that way. However, it is not clear how to find explicit equations of the branch curve of double planes appearing in that list.

Other very interesting classification results have been proved by Borrelli in [5], concerning surfaces of general type with non-birational bicanonical map. In his classification, a central role is played by *Du Val double planes*, see Example 2.2.

In this paper we find the explicit equations of the branch curves of some double planes of Du Val types  $DV_{6;0,0}$ ,  $DV_{4;1,1}$ ,  $DV_{4;0,2}$ ,  $DV_{3;2,1}$  and  $DV_{2;3,1}$ , see Definition 2.3 for notation. Note that the bicanonical map of the smooth model of a Du Val double plane is composed with the involution induced by the double plane structure.

Furthermore, we construct other branch curves of double planes of general type with vanishing geometric genus, whose degree and configuration of singularities were previously unknown. In these examples the bicanonical map of the smooth model is not composed with the involution.

This paper is organized as follows: after introducing notation in §2, in the following sections we will give several examples of surfaces of general type with  $p_g = 0$ , considering in each section a different value of  $P_2$ , backwards from 9 to 4. As suggested by the referee, in the appendix we list the explicit equations of the plane curves we construct so that they can be copied and pasted in a computer algebra system.

Let us briefly explain our approach to construct the examples. Regarding Du Val double planes, we already know the degree and the number and type of singularities of the branch curve. One immediately sees that the singular points of the branch curve cannot be general in the plane, because they have to impose dependent conditions to curves of suitable degree. On the other hand, these points cannot be too special, e.g. they cannot lie on a conic, otherwise the

geometric genus is  $> 0$ .

In order to construct new examples, our approach is threefold:

- (a) try to split the branch curve in components which should be easier to construct;
- (b) try to construct the branch curve invariant under a finite-order linear automorphism of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ;
- (c) if (a) & (b) does not work, apply a Cremona transformation, e.g. a quadratic one, and try again (a) & (b).

There are two linear automorphisms of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  which turn out to be useful: the first one is the automorphism  $\iota_2: \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  of order 2 given, in homogeneous coordinates  $x, y, z$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , by

$$\iota_2(x, y, z) = (x, -y, z); \quad (1)$$

the second one is the automorphism  $\iota_5: \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  of order 5 given by

$$\iota_5(x, y, z) = (\varepsilon x, \varepsilon^2 y, z), \quad (2)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a 5<sup>th</sup> root of unity, say  $\varepsilon = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}/5}$ . The latter automorphism has three isolated fixed points, namely the coordinate points. The former one has the line  $y = 0$  of fixed points and the isolated fixed point  $(0, 1, 0)$ .

Almost all computations in this paper were performed by using Maple [20]. In particular, we defined some procedures in Maple which help to construct plane curves with prescribed singularities. The interested reader may contact the authors in order to get them. Note that similar procedures have been defined for the computer algebra system Magma by Rito in [28].

## 2. Notation, definitions and preliminaries

A singular point  $p$  of type  $[m, n]$ , or briefly a  $[m, n]$ -point, of a curve  $C$  on a surface is a point of multiplicity  $m$  with infinitely near, in the first neighbourhood, a point of multiplicity  $n$ . For example, a *tacnode* is a point of type  $[2, 2]$ . If  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $n = m$ , the unique line which has intersection multiplicity larger than  $m$  with  $C$  at  $p$  is called the *proper* tangent to  $C$  at  $p$ .

A *double plane* is a double cover of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , i.e. a finite morphism  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  of degree 2, and it is uniquely determined by its branch curve  $B \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ . If  $f(x, y) = 0$  is the affine equation of  $B$ , where  $x, y$  are affine coordinates in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , then  $X$  is birationally equivalent to the surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with affine equation  $z^2 = f(x, y)$ .

One may assume, with no loss in generality, that  $X$  is normal, or equivalently that  $B$  is reduced.

If  $B$  is singular, then  $X$  is singular too and there exists a birational morphism  $\sigma: S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  such that the normalization of the fibred product  $Y = S \times_{\mathbb{P}^2} X$  is smooth and the induced map  $\rho: Y \rightarrow S$  is a double cover. Indeed, one can proceed as follows: (1) blow-up  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at a singular point of the branch curve  $B$ , (2) normalize the double cover branched over the total transform of  $B$ , which is again a double cover, say  $Y' \rightarrow S'$  branched over a curve  $B'$ . If  $B'$  is still singular, repeat steps (1) and (2) replacing  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with  $S'$  and  $B$  with  $B'$ . After finitely many steps, one gets rid of all the singularities (cf. e.g. [9], [18]). In such a way, one gets the so-called *canonical resolution*  $\rho: Y \rightarrow S$  of the double plane  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ . If  $D \subset S$  is the smooth branch curve of  $\rho$ , then  $D$  is an *even* divisor—i.e.  $D$  is divisible by 2 in  $\text{Pic}(S)$ —and the projection formula says that  $\rho_*\mathcal{O}_Y \cong \mathcal{O}_S \oplus \mathcal{O}_S(-D/2)$ , thus the geometric genus of  $Y$  is

$$p_g(Y) = h^0(Y, K_Y) = h^0(S, K_S + D/2) + h^0(S, K_S) = h^0(S, K_S + D/2) \quad (3)$$

and the second plurigenus, also known as the *bigenus*, of  $Y$  is

$$P_2(Y) = h^0(Y, 2K_Y) = h^0(S, 2K_S + D) + h^0(S, 2K_S + D/2). \quad (4)$$

More generally, for any positive integer  $m$ , the  $m$ -plurigenus of  $Y$  is

$$P_m(Y) = h^0(Y, mK_Y) = h^0(S, mK_S + mD/2) + h^0(S, mK_S + (m-1)D/2). \quad (5)$$

Equivalently, one can directly compute the adjoint and pluri-adjoint curves in the way explained in detail by the second author in [32] and [33].

Another birational invariant of surfaces is the irregularity:

$$q(Y) = h^1(Y, K_Y) = h^1(S, -D/2) = p_g(Y) - p_a(D/2), \quad (6)$$

where  $p_a(D/2) = D(D + 2K_S)/8 + 1$  is the arithmetic genus of  $D/2$  on  $S$ . By abusing notation, we often write  $P_m(X)$  and  $q(X)$  instead of  $P_m(Y)$  and  $q(Y)$ .

The double cover structure on  $Y$  determines an involution  $\iota: Y \rightarrow Y$ , i.e. an automorphism of order 2. One says that a rational map  $\varphi: Y \dashrightarrow Z$ , for some  $Z$ , is *composed with the involution*  $\iota$  if and only if  $\varphi \circ \iota = \varphi$ .

From now on, we always assume that  $Y$  is a surface of general type and  $p_g(Y) = 0$ . With these assumptions, it is well-known that (cf., e.g., Corollary 3.6 in [8]):

**Proposition 2.1.** *The bicanonical map  $\varphi_{2K_Y}$  is composed with the involution  $\iota$  if and only if  $h^0(S, 2K_S + D/2) = 0$ .  $\square$*

Let us recall some significant examples of double planes.

**Example 2.2** (Du Val). Suppose that there exist a reduced curve  $B = C + L_1 + \dots + L_d$ ,  $d \geq 1$ , such that

- (i)  $L_1, \dots, L_d$  are lines through a fixed point  $p_0$ ;
- (ii)  $C$  is a curve of degree  $10 + d$  having multiplicity  $d + 2$  at  $p_0$  and  $[4, 4]$ -points  $p_i \in L_i$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent, for each  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .

If  $C$  has exactly such singularities at  $p_0, \dots, p_d$ , and no more, one sees that the smooth minimal model of the double plane branched along  $B$  is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 6 - d$ ,  $q = 0$ ,  $K^2 = 8$  and non-birational bicanonical map (assuming that there is no conic through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$  if  $d = 6$ ). The bicanonical map is indeed composed with the involution induced by the double plane structure.

These examples have been originally described by Du Val in [16] and have been called *Du Val ancestors* in the paper [12] by Ciliberto.

Note that the invariants of the double plane do not change even if  $B$  acquires *non-essential* singularities, namely double points or triple points with no infinitely near triple point. On the other hand, if  $B$  acquires essential singularities, then  $p_g$  and  $K^2$  of the smooth minimal model of the double plane decrease.

**Definition 2.3.** Let us say that a double plane  $X$  is of *Du Val type*  $(d; t, q)$ , or briefly of type  $DV_{d;t,q}$ , if  $X$  is branched along a reduced curve  $B = C + L_1 + \dots + L_d$  as in Example 2.2, such that:

- $C$  has further  $t$  points  $p_{d+1}, \dots, p_{d+t}$  of type  $[3, 3]$ ,
- $C$  has further  $q = 6 - d - t$  points  $p_{d+t+1}, \dots, p_{d+t+q=6}$  of multiplicity 4,
- there is no conic through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$ .

In order to distinguish surfaces of general type, another invariant is the torsion subgroup of the Picard group. For double planes, the subgroup  $\text{Tors}_2$  of 2-torsion elements can be easily computed by means of the following:

**Lemma 2.4** (Beauville, Lemme 2 in [4]). *Let  $V \rightarrow W$  be a double cover between two smooth surfaces  $V$  and  $W$ , branched over the smooth curve  $B_1 + \dots + B_n$ , where  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  are irreducible. Suppose that  $\text{Pic}(W)$  has no 2-torsion element. Define a group homomorphism  $\psi: (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus n} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \otimes \text{Pic}(W)$  by  $\psi(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i B_i$ . Then  $\text{Tors}_2(V) \cong \ker(\psi) / \langle (1, \dots, 1) \rangle$ .*

**Notation 2.5.** We denote the linear system of the plane curves, say of degree  $d$  with multiplicity  $m_0$  at a point  $p_0$  and with a point  $p_1$  of type  $[m_1, m'_1]$ , as follows:

$$|dL - m_0 p_0 - m_1 p_1 - m'_1 p'_1|,$$

where  $p'_1$  is the infinitely near point to  $p_1$  of multiplicity  $m'_1$ .

### 3. Double planes of general type with $p_g = 0$ and $P_2 = 9$

These double planes have been classified by Rita Pardini in [25]:

**Theorem 3.1** (Pardini). *A double plane, whose smooth model is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 9$ , is birationally equivalent to a double plane of two types, I and II. Type I is Du Val type  $DV_{6;0,0}$ , such that the curve  $C$  of degree 16 either is irreducible or has two irreducible components of degree 8. Type II double planes are branched along a curve  $B = C + L_1 + \cdots + L_5$ , where  $L_1, \dots, L_5$  are lines through a fixed point  $p_0$  and  $C$  is an irreducible curve of degree 21 with the following singularities:*

- a point of multiplicity 9 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[6, 6]$ -point  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,

such that the canonical resolution of the double plane is obtained by exactly 11 blowing-ups and  $|5L - p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^5 (2p_i + p'_i)| = \emptyset$ , where  $p'_i$  is the infinitely near point to  $p_i$  in the direction of the line  $L_i$ .

Conversely, if there exists such a curve  $B$ , then the smooth model of the double plane branched along  $B$  is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 9$ . □

However Pardini did not give equations of the branch curves of these double planes. Pardini herself says that “it seems very difficult to construct the plane models directly” (p. 112 in [25]).

In this section we find the equation of the branch curve of two double planes, one of type II and the other of type  $I_a$  in Pardini’s notation, i.e. of type  $DV_{6;0,0}$  such that the curve  $C$  of degree 16 is the union of two curves of degree 8.

**Example 3.2.** We now find the equation of an irreducible curve  $C_{21}$  of degree 21, with the properties described in Theorem 3.1, whose equation is invariant under the automorphism  $\iota_5: \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  defined in (2).

Let  $f$  be a polynomial of degree 21 such that  $f(\varepsilon x, \varepsilon^2 y, z) = f(x, y, z)$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is a 5<sup>th</sup> root of unity, so  $f$  is  $\iota_5$ -invariant. We impose to the curve  $C_{21}: f = 0$  the following singularities:

- the point  $p_0 = (0, 0, 1)$  of multiplicity 9;
- the point  $p_5 = (1, 1, 1)$  of type  $[6, 6]$ , where the proper tangent is the line  $L_5: y = x$ , passing through  $p_0$  and  $p_5$ .

This forces  $C_{21}$  to have five points  $p_i = (\varepsilon^i, \varepsilon^{2i}, 1)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , of type  $[6, 6]$ , where the proper tangent line to  $C_{21}$  at  $p_i$  is  $L_i: y = \varepsilon^i x$ .

Since there exists a projectivity which fixes the three fixed points of  $t_5$  and maps  $p_5$  to any other point  $(x, y, z)$  of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with  $xyz \neq 0$ , our choice of the coordinates of  $p_5$  causes no loss in generality.

There are 51 monomials of degree 21 in 3 variables which are  $t_5$ -invariant. The point  $p_0$  of multiplicity 9 imposes only 9 (instead of 45) conditions, because  $p_0$  is a fixed point of  $t_5$ . Since a point of multiplicity 6 imposes 21 conditions, one would expect to find no curve like  $C_{21}$  in such a way.

Quite surprisingly, it turns out that this  $C_{21}$  exists, as one may check by using a computer algebra software, like e.g. Maple or Magma. The affine equation of  $C_{21}$  is written in the appendix, see A.1.

**Proposition 3.3.** *The curve  $C_{21}$  of degree 21 found in Example 3.2 is irreducible and, together with the five lines  $L_i: y = \varepsilon^i x$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , is the branch curve of a double plane, whose smooth model is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 9$ .*

*Proof.* Maple is able to check that  $C_{21}$  is irreducible in the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so it is irreducible also over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then one checks that  $C_{21}$  has exactly the imposed singularities, and not worse, and that  $|5L - p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^5 (2p_i + p'_i)| = \emptyset$ . The rest of the statement follows by Pardini's Theorem 3.1 (cf. [25, Theorem 5.2]).  $\square$

**Remark 3.4.** The singularity of  $C_{21}$  at  $p_0$  is not ordinary, indeed  $C_{21}$  has 7 branches locally around  $p_0$ . Nonetheless, it is resolved by just one blowing-up, because the strict transform of  $C_{21}$  has a flex at the point infinitely near to  $p_0$  in the direction of the line  $x = 0$ , where the flex tangent is the exceptional curve.

**Question 3.5.** Is there any geometric reason which explains the existence of such unexpected  $t_5$ -invariant polynomial of degree 21?

Let us now see how to find some explicit equation of a branch curve of Pardini's type  $I_a$ , i.e. of type  $DV_{6,0,0}$  with curve  $C_{16}$  of degree 16 split in two curves  $C_8$  and  $C'_8$  of degree 8.

**Example 3.6.** We were not able to find equations of  $C_8$  and  $C'_8$  which are invariant under either  $t_2$  as in (1) or  $t_5$  as in (2). So we perform a quadratic transformation  $\alpha$  and we consider curves  $C_{10}, C'_{10}$  of degree 10 with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 6 at  $p_0$ ,
- a tacnode  $q_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ , such that the proper tangent  $H_i$  to  $C_{10}$  and to  $C'_{10}$  at  $q_i$  passes also through  $p_0$ ,



- a further point  $q_7$  of multiplicity 4,

so that  $\alpha$  maps  $C_{10}, C'_{10}$  respectively to curves  $C_8, C'_8$  in such a way that  $C_8 + C'_8 + 6$  lines is a branch curve of a Du Val double plane of type  $(6; 0, 0)$ .

We want the equation of  $C_{10}$  to be  $t_2$ -invariant, where  $t_2$  is as in (1). In particular we impose  $p_0$  to be a fixed point of  $t_2$ , namely  $(0, 0, 1)$ , and  $q_7$  to be the isolated fixed point of  $t_2$ , i.e.  $(0, 1, 0)$ . Then we choose three points  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  in the plane and we require  $q_{7-i} = t_2(q_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Note that  $t_2$ -invariant polynomials of degree 10 in  $x, y, z$  depend on 36 homogeneous parameters and we are imposing:

- 12 (and not 21) conditions for  $p_0$  to be of multiplicity 6,
- 4 (and not 10) conditions for  $q_7$  to be of multiplicity 4,
- 6 conditions for  $q_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , to be a tacnode, with  $H_i$  as tacnodal tangent.

Thus one expects to find a pencil of such curves of degree 10.

By using a computer algebra software, one may check that this naive expectation turns out to be right.

Indeed, we chose  $q_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $q_2 = (2, 1, 1)$  and  $q_3 = (-1, 3, 1)$ , so that  $q_4 = (1, -1, 1)$ ,  $q_5 = (2, -1, 1)$  and  $q_6 = (-1, -3, 1)$ , and we find a pencil of curves of degree 10 whose general member is irreducible and it has exactly the imposed singularities, and no worse. By applying the quadratic Cremona transformation

$$\alpha: \mathbb{P}^2 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2, \quad \alpha(x, y, z) = ((x-y)(x-z), y(z-x), z(y-x)).$$

with fundamental points  $p_0, q_1, q_7$ , we find a pencil  $C_8 + tC'_8$  of curves of degree 8, where  $C_8, C'_8$  have the affine equations written in the appendix, see A.2.

The singular points of  $C_8$  and  $C'_8$  are  $p_0 = (0, 0, 1)$  of multiplicity 4,  $p_1 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $p_2 = (2, 3, 1)$ ,  $p_3 = (4, 3, 2)$ ,  $p_4 = (-1, 1, 1)$  and  $p_5 = (3, 1, -3)$  which are tacnodes with proper tangent respectively

$$L_1: x = 0, L_2: 3x - 2y = 0, L_3: 3x - 4y = 0, L_4: x + y = 0, L_5: x - 3y = 0;$$

moreover,  $C_8$  and  $C'_8$  have a point  $p_6$  of type  $[2, 2]$  which is infinitely near to  $p_0$  in the direction of the line  $L_6: x - 2y = 0$  in such a way that the intersection multiplicity with  $L_6$  at  $p_0$  is 8.

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $C_8, C'_8, L_1, \dots, L_6$  be as in the previous example. Then  $B = C_8 + C'_8 + L_1 + \dots + L_6$  is the branch curve of a Du Val double plane  $X$  of type  $DV_{6;0,0}$ , in particular its smooth minimal model is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 9$ .*

*Proof.* Maple is able to check that the curves  $C_8, C'_8$  are irreducible in the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so they are irreducible also over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then one checks that  $C_8 + C'_8$  has exactly the wanted singularities, and not worse, and that there is no conic through  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_5$ . Therefore  $X$  is a double plane of Pardini's type  $I_a$  by Pardini's Theorem 3.1, cf. [25, Theorem 5.2].  $\square$

We refer the readers, interested to more details about the classification of double planes with these invariants, to Pardini's paper [25].

#### 4. A double plane of general type with $p_g = 0$ and $P_2 = 8$

In this section we construct a double plane, whose smooth model is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 8$ , which has a new configuration of degree and singularities of the branch curve. In particular the bicanonical map of its smooth model is not composed with the involution induced by the double plane structure. The referee informed us that a double plane with the same invariants and properties has been constructed by Rito in the unpublished paper [28]. Note however that our construction is different from that of Rito, in particular our branch curve is  $t_2$ -invariant.

**Example 4.1.** We now find an equation of a reduced curve  $B = C_6 + C_{14} + L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4$ , where  $L_1, \dots, L_4$  are lines through a fixed point  $p_0$  and  $B$  is a curve of degree 24 with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 12 at  $p_0$ ,
- a point  $p_i \in L_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , of type  $[7, 7]$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- a further  $[5, 5]$ -point  $p_5$ , where we denote by  $L_5$  its proper tangent.

So we require the curve  $C_{14}$  of degree 14 to have the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 6 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[4, 4]$  point  $p_i \in L_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- a further  $[4, 4]$ -point  $p_5$ , with  $L_5$  as proper tangent,

and the curve  $C_6$  to be a sextic with the following properties:

- a double point at  $p_0$ ;
- a tacnode at  $p_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the tacnodal tangent;
- passing simply through  $p_5$ , with  $L_5$  as tangent line.

Setting  $\iota_2$  the automorphism of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of order 2 defined in (1), we require  $B$  to be  $\iota_2$ -invariant, namely the equations of  $C_6$  and of  $C_{14}$  are required to be  $\iota_2$ -invariant, whereas  $\iota_2(L_1) = L_3$  and  $\iota_2(L_2) = L_4$ .

We choose  $p_0$  and  $p_5$  to be fixed points of  $\iota_2$ , e.g.  $p_0 = (0, 0, 1)$  and  $p_5 = (1, 0, 0)$ , and  $L_5$  to be the line  $z = 0$ . In such a way we are imposing to sextic  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$ , which depend on 16 parameters, the following conditions:

- 2 (and not 3) for  $p_0$  to be double;
- 1 (and not 2) for passing through  $p_5$  with tangent line  $L_5$ ;
- 6 for  $p_i, i = 1, 2$ , to be a tacnode, with  $L_i$  as tacnodal tangent.

Thus we expect to find one  $\iota_2$ -invariant sextic with these singularities.

Similarly,  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  of degree 14 depend on 64 parameters and we are imposing to these curves the following conditions:

- 12 (instead of 21) for  $p_0$  to have multiplicity 6;
- 10 (instead of 20) for  $p_5$  to be a point of type  $[4, 4]$  with proper tangent  $L_5$ ;
- 20 for  $p_i, i = 1, 2$ , to be a point of type  $[4, 4]$  with proper tangent  $L_i$ .

Therefore we expect to find a pencil of such  $\iota_2$ -invariant curves of degree 14.

These naive expectations turn out to be right.

Let us choose  $p_1 = (2, 1, 1)$ ,  $p_2 = (1, 2, 1)$ , so that  $p_3 = \iota_2(p_1) = (2, -1, 1)$  and  $p_4 = \iota_2(p_2) = (1, -2, 1)$ . Hence  $L_1: x = 2y$ ,  $L_2: 2x = y$ ,  $L_3: x = -2y$ ,  $L_4: 2x = -y$ . By using Maple, we found such an irreducible sextic plane curve  $C_6$ , with affine equation written in the appendix (see A.3) and we found a pencil of plane curves of degree 14 with the above singularities and such that its general member is irreducible, e.g. the curve  $C_{14}$  written in the appendix, see A.3. One can check that  $C_6$  and  $C_{14}$  have exactly the prescribed singularities.

**Proposition 4.2.** *The smooth model  $Y$  of the double plane branched along the curve  $B = C_6 + C_{14} + L_1 + \cdots + L_4$  of the previous Example 4.1 is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 8$ . Furthermore  $\text{Tors}_2(Y) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 4}$ .*

*Proof.* The branch curve is  $B \in |24L - 12p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 7(p_i + p'_i) - 5(p_5 + p'_5)|$ , where the coordinate of the points are given in Example 4.1 and  $p'_i, i = 1, \dots, 5$ , is the infinitely near point to  $p_i$  in the direction of the line  $L_i$ . According to (3), the canonical linear system of  $Y$  is determined by

$$\left| 5L - p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 (2p_i + p'_i) - 2p_5 - p'_5 \right| + \sum_{i=1}^4 L_i$$

that turns out to be empty: quintic polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 21 parameters and one checks that they have to satisfy 21 independent linear conditions. Therefore, one has  $p_g(Y) = 0$ .

According to (4), the second summand of the bigenus of  $Y$  is determined by  $\sum_{i=1}^4 L_i + |2L - \sum_{i=1}^5 p_i|$ , where the last linear system is the unique conic  $y^2 + 3xz - 7z^2 = 0$ . By Proposition 2.1, it follows that the bicanonical map of  $Y$  is not composed with the involution induced by the double plane structure.

The first summand of (4) is determined by

$$\left| 14L - 6p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 4(p_i + p'_i) - 3(p_5 + p'_5) \right| + \sum_{i=1}^4 L_i$$

which turns out to have dimension 6, therefore  $P_2(Y) = 7 + 1 = 8$ . Two general curves in the above linear system meet in 14 points, off the base points, which implies that the smooth minimal model has  $K^2 = 7$  and it is a surface of general type. Note that the pencil of lines through  $p_0$  pulls back to an hyperelliptic pencil of curves of genus 5 on  $Y$ .

It remains to show only the assertion about the 2-torsion. Following the canonical resolution, let  $S$  be the blowing-up of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at  $p_0, p_i, p'_i, i = 1, \dots, 5$ . Let  $E_i, i = 0, \dots, 5$ , be the irreducible exceptional curve corresponding to  $p_i$ . Note that  $E_0$  is a  $(-1)$ -curve, whereas  $E_1, \dots, E_5$  are  $(-2)$ -curves. By abusing notation, let us denote by  $C_6, C_{14}, L_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , also their proper transform in  $S$ . Then the smooth double cover  $Y$  of  $S$  branched along  $C_6 + C_{14} + L_1 + \dots + L_4 + E_1 + \dots + E_5$  is a smooth model of the double plane. In  $\text{Pic}(S)$  one sees that the following four divisors are even:

$$C_{14}, \quad L_1 + E_1 + L_j + E_j, \quad j = 2, 3, 4,$$

and, setting  $\psi$  the map defined in Lemma 2.4, one sees that the inverse images of these 4 divisors generate  $\ker(\psi)$ .  $\square$

## 5. A double plane of general type with $p_g = 0$ and $P_2 = 7$

In this section we construct an example of a double plane, whose smooth model is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0, P_2 = 7$  and bicanonical map not composed with the involution, by slightly modifying Example 4.1 of the previous section.

**Example 5.1.** We will find a reduced curve  $B = C_6 + C'_{14} + L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4$  where  $L_1, \dots, L_4$  are lines through a fixed point  $P_0$  and the curve  $C'_{14}$  has degree 14 with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 6 at  $p_0$ ,

- a  $[4, 4]$  point  $p_i \in L_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- a point  $p_5$  of type  $[5, 3]$ , where the infinitely near point  $p'_5$  is in the direction of a line denoted by  $L_5$ ,

and  $C_6$  is a sextic with the following properties:

- a double point at  $p_0$ ;
- a tacnode at  $p_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the tacnodal tangent;
- passing simply through  $p_5$ , with  $L_5$  as tangent line.

In other words,  $B$  has the same singularities as in Example 4.1, except at  $p_5$ , that is a point of type  $[6, 4]$  here, whereas it was of type  $[5, 5]$  there.

As before, we want the equations of  $C_6$  and of  $C'_{14}$  to be  $t_2$ -invariant, where  $t_2$  is the automorphism (1) of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , and moreover  $t_2(L_1) = L_3$  and  $t_2(L_2) = L_4$ .

Let us choose the same points, thus  $C_6$  is the same as in Example 4.1, cf. A.3 in the appendix.

Concerning the curve of degree 14, note that  $t_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y$  of degree 14 depend on 64 parameters and we are imposing the following conditions:

- 12 (instead of 21) for  $p_0$  to have multiplicity 6;
- 11 (instead of 21) for  $p_5$  to be a point of type  $[5, 3]$  with proper tangent  $L_5$ ;
- 20 for  $p_i, i = 1, 2$ , to be a point of type  $[4, 4]$  with proper tangent  $L_i$ .

Therefore one expects to find one such  $t_2$ -invariant curve  $C'_{14}$  of degree 14. We indeed found the one written in the appendix, see A.4. One can check that  $C'_{14}$  have exactly the prescribed singularities.

**Proposition 5.2.** *The smooth minimal model  $Y$  of the double plane branched along the curve  $B = C_6 + C'_{14} + L_1 + \dots + L_4$  of Example 5.1 is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 7$ . Furthermore,  $\text{Tors}_2(Y) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 3}$ .*

*Proof.* Just follow the proof of Proposition 4.2: the only difference is that the second summand of the bicanonical linear system (4) is now

$$\left| 14L - 6p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 4(p_i + p'_i) - 4p_5 - 2p'_5 \right| + \sum_{i=1}^4 L_i$$

and it has dimension 5, so the bi-genus of a smooth model of the double plane is  $P_2 = 1 + 6 = 7$ . Moreover, two general curves in this linear system now meet in 12 points, off the base points, thus the smooth minimal model has  $K^2 = 6$ .

Concerning the 2-torsion, the divisors  $\bar{L}_1 + E_1 + \bar{L}_j + E_j$ ,  $j = 2, 3, 4$ , where  $E_j$  is the irreducible exceptional curve corresponding to  $p_j$  and  $\bar{L}_j$  is the strict transform of  $L_j$  on the blown-up surface, generate the kernel of the map  $\psi$  in Lemma 2.4.  $\square$

## 6. Two double planes of general type with $p_g = 0$ and $P_2 = 6$

There are two types of Du Val double planes with these invariants, namely  $DV_{3;3,0}$  and  $DV_{4;1,1}$ . The existence of the former type is already known: e.g. Burniat surfaces are birationally equivalent to double planes of this type  $DV_{3;3,0}$ . So in this section we prove the existence of Du Val type  $DV_{4;1,1}$  by giving an example.

We will then construct a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$ ,  $P_2 = 6$  and bicanonical map not composed with the involution, from a double plane with a new configuration of degree and singularities.

**Example 6.1.** We want to find a reduced curve  $B = C_4 + C_{10} + L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4$  where  $L_1, \dots, L_4$  are lines through a fixed point  $p_0$ , and the curve  $C_{10}$  has degree 10 with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 4 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[3, 3]$  point  $p_i \in L_i$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,
- a tacnode  $p_5$ , where we denote by  $L_5$  the tacnodal (i.e., proper) tangent,
- a point  $p_6$  of multiplicity 2,

and  $C_4$  is a quartic with the following properties:

- double points at  $p_0$  and at  $p_6$ ;
- passing simply through the points  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , where the tangent line to  $C_4$  is  $L_i$ .

We require the equations of  $C_4$  and of  $C_{10}$  to be  $\iota_2$ -invariant, whilst  $\iota_2(L_1) = L_3$  and  $\iota_2(L_2) = L_4$ , where  $\iota_2$  is the usual automorphism (1) of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

Let us choose  $p_0 = (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $p_1 = (2, 1, 1)$ ,  $p_2 = (1, 2, 1)$ ,  $p_3 = \iota_2(p_1) = (2, -1, 1)$ ,  $p_4 = \iota_2(p_2) = (1, -2, 1)$ ,  $p_5 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $p_6 = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $L_5: z = 0$ .

Quartic  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 9 homogeneous parameters and we are imposing 2 (instead of 3) conditions for  $p_0$  to be double, 1 (instead of 2) condition for passing through  $p_5$  with tangent line  $L_5$ , 1 (instead of 3) condition for  $p_6$  to be double, 2 conditions for passing through  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$

with tangent line  $L_i$ . In such a way, we find a unique quartic curve  $C_4$ , with affine equation

$$8x^3 - 15x^2y^2 - 12x^2 + 28xy^2 - 12y^2 = 0. \quad (7)$$

Similarly,  $t_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y$  of degree 10 depend on 36 parameters. The conditions we are imposing are

- 6 (instead of 10) for  $p_0$  to have multiplicity 4;
- 3 (instead of 6) for  $p_5$  to be a tacnode with tacnodal tangent  $L_5$ ;
- 1 (instead of 3) for  $p_6$  to be a double point;
- 12 for  $p_i, i = 1, 2$ , to be a point of type  $[3, 3]$  with proper tangent  $L_i$ .

We find a pencil of  $t_2$ -invariant curves of degree 10 with the above singularities and such that its general member is irreducible, e.g. the curve  $C_{10}$  with affine equation in the appendix, see A.5. One may check that  $C_4$  and  $C_{10}$  have exactly the prescribed singularities.

**Proposition 6.2.** *The smooth minimal model  $Y$  of the double plane branched along the curve  $B = C_4 + C_{10} + L_1 + \dots + L_4$  of Example 6.1 is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 6$ . Furthermore  $\text{Tors}_2(Y) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 4}$ .*

*Proof.* The branch curve  $B$  is reduced, of degree 18, with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 10 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[5, 5]$  point  $p_i \in L_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- a  $[3, 3]$ -point  $p_5$ , where  $L_5$  is the proper tangent,
- a point of multiplicity 4 at  $p_6$ ,

or equivalently  $B \in |18L - 10p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 5(p_i + p'_i) - 3(p_5 + p'_5) - 4p_6|$ . Since there is no conic through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$ , one sees that  $p_g = 0$  and the double plane branched along  $B$  is of Du Val type  $DV_{4;1,1}$ . In particular, the first summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is  $|3L - 3p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 p_i| = \emptyset$  and Proposition 2.1 implies that the bicanonical map of the smooth model of the double plane is composed with the involution induced by the double plane structure.

The second summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is

$$\left| 8L - 4p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 2(p_i + p'_i) - p_5 - p'_5 - p_6 \right| + \sum_{i=1}^4 L_i$$

which has dimension 5, thus the bi-genus of a smooth model of the double plane is  $P_2 = 0 + 6 = 6$ . Two general curves in the above linear system meet in 10 points, off the base points, which implies that the smooth minimal model has  $K^2 = 5$ .

It remains to show only the assertion about the 2-torsion. Following the canonical resolution, one blows-up  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at  $p_0, \dots, p_6$  and at the points  $p'_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , infinitely near to  $p_i$  in the direction of the line  $L_i$ . Let  $E_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , be the irreducible exceptional curve corresponding to  $p_i$ . By abusing notation, let us denote by  $C_4, C_{10}, L_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , also their proper transform in the blown-up surface  $S$ . Then  $Y$  is a smooth double cover branched along  $C_4 + C_{10} + L_1 + \dots + L_4 + E_1 + \dots + E_5$ . In  $\text{Pic}(S)$  one sees that the following five divisors are even:

$$C_4 + \sum_{i=1}^5 E_i, \quad L_1 + E_1 + L_j + E_j, \quad j = 2, 3, 4,$$

and, setting  $\psi$  the map defined in Lemma 2.4, one sees that the inverse image of these 4 divisors generate  $\ker(\psi)$ .  $\square$

We now construct a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$ ,  $P_2 = 6$  and bi-canonical map not composed with the involution, from a double plane with a new configuration of degree and singularities.

**Example 6.3.** We want to construct a reduced curve  $B = C_4 + C_6 + C_8 + L_1 + L_2$  where  $L_1, L_2$  are lines, the curve  $C_8$  has degree 8 with the following singularities:

- a double point at  $p_0 = L_1 \cap L_2$ ,
- a  $[3, 3]$  point  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- three tacnodes, say  $p_j$ ,  $j = 3, 4, 5$  (denote by  $L_j$  the tacnodal tangent),

$C_6$  is a sextic with the following properties:

- a double point at  $p_0$ ;
- a tacnode at  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the tacnodal tangent;
- passing simply through  $p_5$ , with  $L_5$  as tangent line;

and finally  $C_4$  is a quartic with the following properties:

- a double point at  $p_0$ ;
- passing simply through  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , with  $L_i$  as tangent line,
- a tacnode at  $p_5$ , with  $L_5$  as tacnodal tangent.



We want  $B$  to be  $t_2$ -invariant, where  $t_2$  is the involution (1) of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . So we assume that the equations of  $C_4, C_6, C_8, L_5$  are  $t_2$ -invariant and that  $t_2(L_1) = L_2$ .

Let us choose  $p_0 = (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $p_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $p_3 = (2, 1, 1)$ ,  $p_5 = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $L_5: z = 0$ , hence  $L_1: x - y = 0$ ,  $p_2 = t_2(p_1) = (1, -1, 1)$ ,  $L_2: x + y = 0$ , and  $p_4 = t_2(p_3) = (2, -1, 1)$ .

Quartic  $t_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 9 homogenous parameters and we are imposing the following conditions:

- 2 (and not 3) for  $p_0$  to be double;
- 3 (and not 6) for  $p_5$  to be a tacnode with tacnodal tangent  $L_5$ ;
- 2 for passing through  $p_1$  with tangent line  $L_1$ ,
- 1 for passing through  $p_3$ ,

so one expects to find one such quartic. This is indeed true and the quartic  $C_4$  has the following affine equation

$$2x^2 - 6xy + 3y^2 + y^4 = 0,$$

and the tangent line to  $C_4$  at  $p_3$  (at  $p_4$ , resp.) is  $L_3: x - 5y + 3z = 0$  (is  $L_4: x + 5y + 3z = 0$ , resp.).

Sextic  $t_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 16 homogeneous parameters and we are imposing the following conditions:

- 2 (and not 3) for  $p_0$  to be double;
- 1 (and not 2) for passing through  $p_5$  with tangent line  $L_5$ ;
- 6 for  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, 3$ , to be a tacnode, with  $L_i$  as tacnodal tangent.

so one expects to find one such sextic  $C_6$ . This is again true and its affine equation is given in the appendix, see A.6.

Finally,  $t_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y$  of degree 8 depend on 25 parameters. The conditions we are imposing to these curves of degree 8 are

- 2 (instead of 3) for  $p_0$  to be double,
- 3 (instead of 6) for  $p_5$  to be a tacnode with proper tangent  $L_5$ ,
- 12 for  $p_1$  to be a point of type  $[3, 3]$ , with  $L_1$  as proper tangent,
- 6 for  $p_3$  to be a tacnode, with  $L_2$  as tacnodal tangent.

Therefore one expects to find a pencil of such  $t_2$ -invariant curves of degree 8.

One indeed finds a pencil of curves of degree 8, whose general element is irreducible, e.g. the curve  $C_8$  with affine equation written in the appendix, see A.6.

**Proposition 6.4.** *The smooth model  $Y$  of the double plane branched along the curve  $B = C_4 + C_6 + C_8 + L_1 + L_2$  of Example 6.3 is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 6$ . Furthermore  $\text{Tors}_2(S) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 3}$ .*

*Proof.* The branch curve  $B$  is reduced, of degree 20, with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 8 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[7, 7]$  point  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- three further  $[5, 5]$ -points  $p_j$ ,  $j = 3, 4, 5$ , where  $L_j$  is the proper tangent,

or equivalently  $B \in |20L - 8p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^2 7(p_i + p'_i) - \sum_{j=3}^5 5(p_j + p'_j)|$ . According to (3), the canonical linear system is given by

$$\left| 5L - p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^5 (2p_i + p'_i) \right| + L_1 + L_2$$

that turns out to be empty: quintic polynomials depend on 21 homogenous parameters and one checks that the 21 imposed conditions are independent. This means that  $p_g = 0$ .

The first summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) corresponds to a unique, fixed, curve. By Proposition 2.1, it follows that the bicanonical map of the smooth model of the double plane is not composed with the involution induced by the double plane structure.

The second summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is

$$\left| 12L - 4p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^5 3(p_i + p'_i) \right| + L_1 + L_2$$

which turns out to have dimension 4, therefore the bi-genus of the smooth model of the double plane is  $P_2 = 1 + 5 = 6$ . Two general curves in the above linear system meet in 10 points, off the base points, which implies that the smooth minimal model  $Y$  has  $K^2 = 5$ . Note that the pencil of lines through  $P_0$  pulls back to an hyperelliptic pencil of curves of genus 5 on  $Y$ .

It remains to show only the assertion about the 2-torsion. Following the canonical resolution, one blows up  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_5$  and at the points  $p'_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , infinitely near to  $p_i$  in the direction of the line  $L_i$ . Let  $E_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 5$ ,

be the irreducible exceptional curve corresponding to  $p_i$ . By abusing notation, let us denote by  $C_4, C_6, C_8, L_1, L_2$  also their proper transform in the blown-up surface  $S$ . Then the smooth double cover  $Y$  of  $S$  branched along  $C_4 + C_6 + C_8 + L_1 + L_2 + E_1 + \cdots + E_5$  is a smooth model of the double plane. In  $\text{Pic}(S)$  one sees that the following three divisors are even:

$$C_6 + E_5, \quad C_8 + E_1 + E_2, \quad L_1 + E_1 + L_2 + E_2,$$

and, setting  $\psi$  the map defined in Lemma 2.4, one sees that the inverse image of these three divisors generate  $\ker(\psi)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 6.5.** The double plane branched along  $C_4 + C_6$  is of Campedelli type  $C_{5,1}$ , so its smooth minimal model is a numerically Godeaux surface, i.e. it is of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 2$ .

## 7. Two double planes of general type with $p_g = 0$ and $P_2 = 5$

There are three Du Val types of double planes with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 5$ , namely  $DV_{4;0,2}$ ,  $DV_{3;2,1}$  and  $DV_{2;0,4}$ . The existence of the last type  $DV_{2;0,4}$  is already known: e.g. Burniat surfaces are birationally equivalent to double planes of this type (cf. also the construction given by the second author in [32, Example 4]).

In this section we construct a double plane of type  $DV_{4;0,2}$  by slightly modifying Example 6.1, and then a double plane of type  $DV_{3;2,1}$ .

**Example 7.1.** We want to find a reduced curve  $B = C_4 + C_{10} + L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4$ , where  $L_1, \dots, L_4$  are lines through a fixed point  $p_0$ , the curve  $C_{10}$  has degree 10 with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 4 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[3, 3]$  point  $p_i \in L_i$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,
- a point  $p_5$  of multiplicity 3,
- a point  $p_6$  of multiplicity 2,

and  $C_4$  is a quartic with the following properties:

- double points at  $p_0$  and  $p_6$ ;
- passing simply through  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the tangent line,
- passing simply through  $p_5$ .

In other words, the singularities are the same as in Example 6.1, but  $p_5$  is a 4-tuple point for the branch curve here, whereas it was a  $[3, 3]$ -point there.

We again require the equations of  $C_4$  and of  $C_{10}$  to be  $\iota_2$ -invariant, where  $\iota_2$  is the usual involution (1) and we choose the same points as in Example 6.1. Imposing the conditions to a generic plane quartic, we find again the same curve  $C_4$  with equation (7).

On the other hand,  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y$  of degree 10 depend on 36 parameters and the imposed conditions are the following:

- 6 (instead of 10) for  $p_0$  to have multiplicity 4;
- 4 (instead of 6) for  $p_5$  to be a triple point;
- 1 (instead of 3) for  $p_6$  to be a double point;
- 12 for  $p_i, i = 1, 2$ , to be a point of type  $[3, 3]$  with proper tangent  $L_i$ .

We find a unique such curve  $C_{10}$  of degree 10, written in the appendix, see A.7. One can check that  $C_{10}$  has exactly the imposed singularities. Note that  $C_4 + C_{10}$  has a double point  $p'_6$  infinitely near to  $p_6$  in the direction of the line  $z = 0$ .

**Proposition 7.2.** *The smooth model  $Y$  of the double plane branched along the curve  $B = C_4 + C_{10} + L_1 + \dots + L_4$  of Example 7.1 is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 5$ . Furthermore  $\text{Tors}_2(Y) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 3}$ .*

*Proof.* The branch curve  $B$  is reduced, of degree 18, with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 10 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[5, 5]$  point  $p_i \in L_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- two points  $p_5, p_6$  of multiplicity 4,

or equivalently  $B \in |18L - 10p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 5(p_i + p'_i) - 4(p_5 + p_6)|$ . Such as in Example 6.1, one may check that there is no conic through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$ , so the double plane branched along  $B$  is of Du Val type  $DV_{4;0,2}$ . The only difference with Example 6.1 is that the second summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is now

$$\left| 8L - 4p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^4 2(p_i + p'_i) - 2p_5 - 2p_6 \right| + \sum_{i=1}^4 L_i$$

which turns out to have dimension 4, therefore the bi-genus of a smooth model of the double plane is  $P_2 = 5$ , and two general curves in the above linear system meet in 8 points, off the base points, so  $K^2 = 4$ .

Concerning the 2-torsion, one sees that, with usual notation, the canonical resolution of the double plane is a smooth double cover branched along:

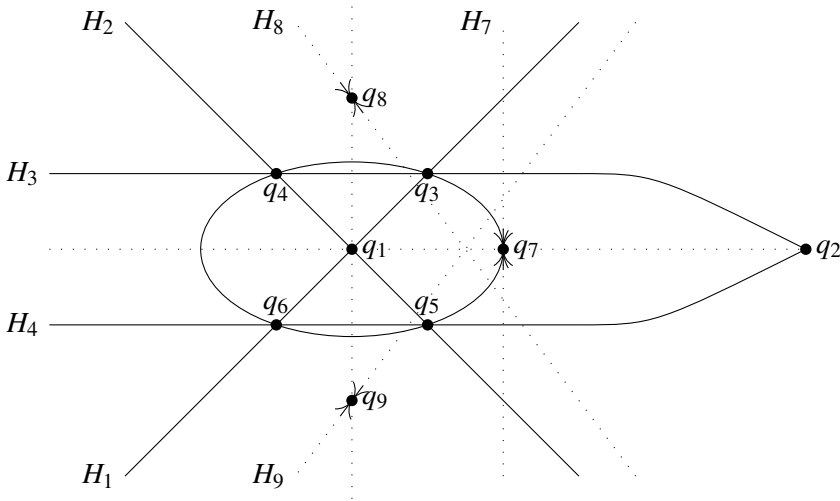
$$C_4 + C_{10} + L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4 + E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + E_4,$$

and the following three divisors in the blown-up surface

$$L_1 + E_1 + L_j + E_j, \quad j = 2, 3, 4,$$

are even and they give the generators of  $\ker(\psi)$ , where  $\psi$  is the usual map defined in Lemma 2.4.  $\square$

We finally construct a double plane of type  $DV_{3,2,1}$ , by means of a quadratic transformation in the plane.



**Example 7.3.** We are going to find a reduced curve  $B = C_2 + C_6 + C_8 + H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + H_4$ , which is invariant under the involution  $t_2$  defined by (1), where

- $H_1, \dots, H_4$  are lines forming a quadrilateral with vertices  $q_1 = H_1 \cap H_2$ ,  $q_2 = H_3 \cap H_4$ ,  $q_3 = H_1 \cap H_3$ ,  $q_4 = H_2 \cap H_3$ ,  $q_5 = H_2 \cap H_4$ ,  $q_6 = H_1 \cap H_4$ ;

$C_8$  is an irreducible curve of degree 8 with the following singularities:

- double points at  $q_1, q_2$  and triple points at  $q_i, i = 3, 4, 5, 6$ ;
- a tacnode  $q_7$ , with a line  $H_7$  as tacnodal tangent,
- two further tacnodes  $q_j, j = 8, 9$ , with a line  $H_j$  as tacnodal tangent;

$C_6$  is an irreducible sextic curve with the following properties:

- double points at  $q_i, i = 1, \dots, 6$ ;
- a tacnode  $q_7$ , with  $H_7$  as proper tangent,
- passing through  $q_j, j = 8, 9$ , where  $H_j$  is tangent line,

and  $C_2$  is a smooth conic with the following properties:

- passing through  $q_3, \dots, q_6$ ,
- passing through  $q_7$  where  $H_7$  is the tangent line,

such that there is no conic through  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_9$ .

We require that the equations of  $C_2, C_6, C_8$  are  $\iota_2$ -invariant, whereas  $\iota_2(H_i) = H_{i+1}, i = 1, 3$ . Let us choose  $q_1 = (0, 0, 1), q_2 = (1, 0, 0), q_3 = (1, 1, 1), q_4 = (-1, 1, 1), q_7 = (2, 0, 1)$  and  $q_8 = (0, 2, 1)$ , so that  $H_1: x - y = 0, H_3: y - z = 0$ , hence  $H_2 = \iota_2(H_1): x + y = 0, H_4 = \iota_2(H_3): y + z = 0, H_7: x - 2z = 0, q_5 = \iota_2(q_3) = (1, -1, 1), q_6 = \iota_2(q_4) = (-1, -1, 1)$  and  $q_9 = \iota_2(q_8) = (0, -2, 1)$ . The proper tangent  $H_8$  to  $C_8$  at  $q_8$  will be determined in a moment (as well as the proper tangent  $H_9 = \iota_2(H_8)$  at  $q_9$ ).

A  $\iota_2$ -invariant degree-2 polynomial depends on four parameters and we impose it to pass through  $q_3, q_4, q_7$ . In this way we find the conic

$$C_2: x^2 + 3y^2 - 4z = 0,$$

which passes also through  $q_5, q_6$  and such that the tangent line at  $q_7$  is  $H_7$ .

Degree-8  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 25 homogeneous parameters and we are imposing the following conditions:

- 2 (and not 3) for  $p_1$  and for  $p_2$  to be double;
- 3 (and not 6) for  $p_7$  to be a tacnode, with  $H_7$  as tacnodal tangent;
- 6 for  $p_i, i = 3, 4$ , to be of multiplicity 3;
- 6 for  $p_8$  to be a tacnode, with a given line  $H_8$  as tacnodal tangent.

Thus, if these conditions are independent, one expects to find no such curve of degree 8. Setting  $H_8: x + ty - 2tz = 0, t \in \mathbb{C}$ , to be the proper tangent to  $C_8$  at  $p_8$ , by using a computer algebra software one finds out that these conditions are not independent if  $t = 3/4$ , i.e. if  $H_8: 4x + 3y - 6z = 0$ . Indeed one finds out the curve  $C_8$  of degree 8 with the affine equation written in the appendix, see A.8. One may check that  $C_8$  is irreducible and has exactly the imposed singularities.

Degree-6  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 16 homogeneous parameters and we are imposing the following conditions:

- 2 (and not 3) for  $p_1$  and for  $p_2$  to be double;
- 3 (and not 6) for  $p_7$  to be a tacnode, with  $H_7$  as tacnodal tangent;
- 3 for  $p_i$ ,  $i = 3, 4$ , to be double;
- 2 for passing through  $p_8$ , with  $H_8$  as tangent line.

Thus one expects to find one such sextic curve. Indeed one finds out the sextic  $C_6$  with the affine equation written in the appendix, see A.8. One may check that  $C_6$  is irreducible and has exactly the wanted properties.

**Proposition 7.4.** *Let  $C_2$ ,  $C_6$  and  $C_8$  be the irreducible curves constructed in the previous example. Then  $B = C_2 + C_6 + C_8 + H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + H_4$  is the branch curve of a double plane  $X$ , whose smooth minimal model  $Y$  is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 5$ . In particular,  $Y$  is isomorphic to the smooth minimal model of a double plane of type  $DV_{3;2,1}$ . Furthermore,  $\text{Tors}_2(Y) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 3}$ .*

*Proof.* The quadratic Cremona transformation  $\alpha$  with fundamental points  $q_4, q_5, q_6$  is

$$\alpha: \mathbb{P}^2 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2, \quad \alpha(x, y, z) = (f - 2x^2, f - 2y^2, f - 2z^2),$$

where  $f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + yz + xz + xy$ . Then  $\alpha$  determines a double plane  $X_\alpha$  birationally equivalent to  $X$  (whose smooth minimal model is the same as the one obtained from  $X$ ), whose branch curve is obtained from the total transform of  $B$  by removing the components of even multiplicity and taking the reduced part (cf., e.g., [7]).

One checks that the branch curve of  $X_\alpha$  is  $\bar{B} = C'_6 + C_7 + L_1 + L_2 + L_3$  where

- $L_1: x - y = 0$  is the strict transform of  $H_1$ ,
- $L_2: x + 3y - 4z = 0$  is the strict transform of  $C_2$ ,
- $L_3: y - z = 0$  is the strict transform of  $H_3$ ,
- $L_1, L_2, L_3$  are lines through  $p_0 = q_3 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,
- $C_7$  is the strict transform of  $C_8$ : it has the affine equation written in the appendix, see A.9, and has the following singularities:
  - a triple point at  $p_0$  and a double point at  $p_6 = q_5 = (1, -1, 1)$ ,
  - a tacnode  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent, namely  $p_1 = q_6 = (-1, -1, 1)$ ,  $p_2 = \alpha(q_7) = (-1, 7, 5)$ , and  $p_3 = q_4 = (-1, 1, 1)$ ; note that  $q_1$  ( $q_2$ , resp.) corresponds to the infinitely near point to  $p_1$  ( $p_3$ , resp.) in the direction of the line  $L_1$  ( $L_3$ , resp.);

- further two tacnodes  $p_j$ ,  $j = 4, 5$ , where we denote by  $L_j$  the proper tangent, namely  $p_4 = \alpha(q_8) = (7, -1, 5)$ ,  $p_5 = \alpha(q_9) = (3, -5, 1)$ ,  $L_4: 47x - 11y - 68z = 0$  is the tangent line at  $p_4$  to the strict transform of  $H_8$  (that is a conic),  $L_5: 29x + 15y - 12z = 0$  is the tangent line at  $p_5$  to the strict transform of  $H_9$ ;
- $C'_6$  is the strict transform of  $C_6$ : it has the affine equation written in the appendix, see A.9, and has the following properties:
  - double points at  $p_0$  and at  $p_6$ ,
  - a tacnode  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $L_i$  is the tacnodal tangent,
  - passing simply through  $p_j$ ,  $j = 4, 5$ , with  $L_j$  as tangent line.

One sees that there is no conic through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$ , therefore  $X_\alpha$  is a double plane of Du Val type  $DV_{3,2,1}$ . The branch curve  $\bar{B}$  is indeed reduced, of degree 16, with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 8 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[5, 5]$ -point  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- two  $[3, 3]$ -points  $p_j$ ,  $j = 4, 5$ , where  $L_j$  is the proper tangent,
- a point  $p_6$  of multiplicity 4,

or equivalently  $\bar{B} \in |16L - 8p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^3 5(p_i + p'_i) - \sum_{j=4}^5 3(p_j + p'_j) - 4p_6|$ .

In particular  $p_g(X_\alpha) = 0$  and the first summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is empty, while the second summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is

$$\left| 7L - 3p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^3 2(p_i + p'_i) - \sum_{i=4}^5 (p_i + p'_i) - 2p_6 \right| + L_1 + L_2 + L_3$$

which turns out to have dimension 4, therefore the bigenus is  $P_2 = 0 + 5 = 5$ .

It remains to show only the assertion about the 2-torsion. Following the canonical resolution, one blows up  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_5$  and at the points  $p'_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , infinitely near to  $p_i$  in the direction of the line  $L_i$ . Let  $E_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 5$ , be the irreducible exceptional curve corresponding to  $p_i$ . By abusing notation, let us denote by  $C'_6, C_7, L_1, L_2, L_3$  also their proper transform in the blown-up surface  $S$ . Then the smooth double cover  $Y$  of  $S$  branched along  $C'_6 + C_7 + L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + E_1 + \dots + E_5$  is a smooth model of the double plane. In  $\text{Pic}(S)$  one sees that the following three divisors are even:

$$C'_6 + E_4 + E_5, \quad L_1 + E_1 + L_2 + E_2, \quad L_1 + E_1 + L_3 + E_3,$$

and, setting  $\psi$  the map defined in Lemma 2.4, one sees that the inverse image of these three divisors generate  $\ker(\psi)$ .  $\square$



### 8. A double plane of general type with $p_g = 0$ and $P_2 = 4$

There are three Du Val types of double planes with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 4$ , namely  $DV_{3;1,2}$ ,  $DV_{2;3,1}$ , and  $DV_{1;5,0}$ . The existence of the last type  $DV_{1;5,0}$  is already known: e.g. Burniat surfaces are birationally equivalent to double planes of this type (cf. also the construction given by the second author in [32, Example 1]).

Concerning double planes of general type with these invariants and bicanonical map not composed with the involution, the second author gave an example in [33]: its branch curve is irreducible, of degree 22, with five points of type  $[7, 7]$ .

In this section we construct one example of Du Val double plane of type  $DV_{2;3,1}$ .

**Example 8.1.** We want to construct a reduced curve  $B = C_2 + C_4 + C_6 + L_1 + L_2$  where  $L_1, L_2$  are lines, the curve  $C_6$  is a sextic with the following properties:

- double points at  $p_0 = L_1 \cap L_2$  and at another point  $p_6 \in \mathbb{P}^2$ ,
- a tacnode at  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $L_i$  is the tacnodal tangent,
- a further tacnode at  $p_5$ , and denote by  $L_5$  the tacnodal tangent,
- passing simply through a given point  $p_j$ ,  $j = 3, 4$ , with a given tangent  $L_j$ ,

the curve  $C_4$  is a quartic with the following properties:

- double points at  $p_0$  and at  $p_6$ ;
- passing simply through  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , with  $L_i$  as tangent line;

and  $C_2$  is a conic passing simply through  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , with  $L_i$  as tangent line.

We want  $B$  to be  $\iota_2$ -invariant, where  $\iota_2$  is the involution (1) of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . So we assume that the equations of  $C_2, C_4, C_6$  are  $\iota_2$ -invariant and that  $\iota_2(L_1) = L_2$ .

Let us choose  $p_0 = (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $p_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $p_3 = (-2, 1, 1)$ ,  $p_5 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $L_5: z = 0$ , and  $p_6 = (0, 1, 0)$ , hence  $L_1: x - y = 0$ ,  $p_2 = \iota_2(p_1) = (1, -1, 1)$ ,  $L_2: x + y = 0$ , and  $p_4 = \iota_2(p_3) = (2, -1, 1)$ . We will choose the line  $L_3$  passing through  $p_3$  in a moment (and hence  $L_4 = \iota_2(L_3)$  will be determined as well).

If one imposes a  $\iota_2$ -invariant conic to pass through  $p_1$ , with tangent line  $L_1$ , and to pass through  $p_3$ , one finds the unique conic  $C_2$  with affine equation

$$2x^2 - 3y^2 + 2x - 1 = 0,$$

and we choose  $L_3$  to be the tangent line to  $C_2$  at  $p_3$ , namely  $L_3: x + y + 1 = 0$ .

Quartic  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 9 homogenous parameters and we are imposing the following conditions:

- 2 (and not 3) for  $p_0$  to be double;
- 1 (and not 3) for  $p_6$  to be double;
- 1 (and not 2) for passing through  $p_5$  with tangent line  $L_5$ ,
- 2 for passing through  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1$  and  $3$ , with tangent line  $L_i$ ,

so one expects to find one such quartic. This is indeed true and the quartic  $C_4$  has affine equation:

$$x^2y^2+6x^3-8xy^2+9x^2-8y^2=0.$$

Sextic  $\iota_2$ -invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  depend on 16 homogeneous parameters and we are imposing the following conditions:

- 2 (and not 3) for  $p_0$  to be double;
- 1 (and not 3) for  $p_6$  to be double;
- 3 (and not 6) for  $p_5$  to be a tacnode with tacnodal tangent  $L_5$ ;
- 6 for  $p_1$  to be a tacnode, with  $L_1$  as tacnodal tangent,
- 2 for passing through  $p_3$ , with  $L_3$  as tangent line,

so one expects to find a pencil of such sextics. This is again true and the pencil has irreducible general member, e.g. the curve  $C_6$  with affine equation written in the appendix, see A.10.

**Proposition 8.2.** *The smooth model  $Y$  of the double plane branched along the curve  $B = C_2 + C_4 + C_6 + L_1 + L_2$  of Example 8.1 is a surface of general type with  $p_g = 0$  and  $P_2 = 4$ . Furthermore  $\text{Tors}_2(S) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 3}$ .*

*Proof.* The branch curve  $B$  is reduced, of degree 14, with the following singularities:

- a point of multiplicity 6 at  $p_0$ ,
- a  $[5, 5]$  point  $p_i \in L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $L_i$  is the proper tangent,
- three further  $[3, 3]$ -points  $p_j$ ,  $j = 3, 4, 5$ , where  $L_j$  is the proper tangent,
- a further point  $p_6$  of multiplicity 4,

or equivalently  $B \in |14L - 6p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^2 5(p_i + p'_i) - \sum_{j=3}^5 3(p_j + p'_j) - 4p_6|$ . One may check that there is no conic through  $p_1, \dots, p_6$ , therefore the double plane branched along  $B$  is of type  $DV_{2,3,1}$ .

In particular the first summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is empty, while the second summand of the bicanonical linear system (5) is

$$\left| 6L - 2p_0 - \sum_{i=1}^2 2(p_i + p'_i) - \sum_{i=3}^5 (p_i + p'_i) - 2p_6 \right| + L_1 + L_2$$

which has dimension 3, as expected.

It remains to show only the assertion about the 2-torsion. Following the canonical resolution, one blows up  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_5$  and at the points  $p'_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , infinitely near to  $p_i$  in the direction of the line  $L_i$ . Let  $E_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 5$ , be the irreducible exceptional curve corresponding to  $p_i$ . By abusing notation, let us denote by  $C_2, C_4, C_6, L_1, L_2$  also their proper transform in the blown-up surface  $S$ . Then the smooth double cover  $Y$  of  $S$  branched along  $C_2 + C_4 + C_6 + L_1 + L_2 + E_1 + \dots + E_5$  is a smooth model of the double plane. In  $\text{Pic}(S)$  one sees that the following three divisors are even:

$$C_2 + E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + E_4, \quad C_6 + E_3 + E_4, \quad L_1 + E_1 + L_2 + E_2,$$

and, setting  $\psi$  the map defined in Lemma 2.4, one sees that the inverse image of these three divisors generate  $\ker(\psi)$ .  $\square$

## A. Explicit equations of the curves

As suggested by the referee, we collect in this appendix the equations of the previously constructed curves in such a way that they can be copied and pasted in a computer algebra system.

### A.1. Curve $C_{21}$ of Example 3.2:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{21} := & 1024*x^20-8448*x^18*y-448*x^17*y^4+31680*x^16*y^2 \\ & +2624*x^15*y^5-704*x^15-71280*x^14*y^3-5984*x^13*y^6+3168*x^13*y \\ & +336*x^12*y^9+108768*x^12*y^4+5280*x^11*y^7-5940*x^11*y^2 \\ & -2144*x^10*y^10-119856*x^10*y^5-4*x^10+1320*x^9*y^8+5940*x^9*y^3 \\ & +6160*x^8*y^11+96888*x^8*y^6+3*x^8*y-20*x^7*y^14-6072*x^7*y^9 \\ & -3322*x^7*y^4-9460*x^6*y^12-55935*x^6*y^7+4*x^5*y^15 \\ & +4356*x^5*y^10+992*x^5*y^5+8085*x^4*y^13+21560*x^4*y^8 \\ & +22*x^3*y^16-1056*x^3*y^11-128*x^3*y^6+7*x^2*y^19-3696*x^2*y^14 \\ & -4928*x^2*y^9-8*y^20+704*y^15+512*y^10. \end{aligned}$$

### A.2. Curves $C_8$ and $C'_8$ of Example 3.6:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_8 := & 295783x^8 - 1774698x^7y + 4876416x^6y^2 - 7674344x^5y^3 \\
 & + 7877724x^4y^4 - 5139288x^3y^5 + 1434672x^2y^6 + 1748212x^7 \\
 & - 10489272x^6y + 27275832x^5y^2 - 39174848x^4y^3 + 29327280x^3y^4 \\
 & - 8276256x^2y^5 + 4040394x^6 - 24242364x^5y + 54846504x^4y^2 \\
 & - 57770256x^3y^3 + 28144080x^2y^4 - 5393952xy^5 + 3232180x^5 \\
 & - 19393080x^4y + 42010920x^3y^2 - 38756480x^2y^3 + 12899040xy^4 \\
 & + 875875x^4 - 5255250x^3y + 11113200x^2y^2 - 9417800xy^3 \\
 & + 2410800y^4.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C'_8 := & 2008759x^8 - 12052554x^7y + 33083520x^6y^2 - 51983720x^5y^3 \\
 & + 53278428x^4y^4 - 34729560x^3y^5 + 9692784x^2y^6 + 11844148x^7 \\
 & - 71064888x^6y + 184747128x^5y^2 - 265222592x^4y^3 \\
 & + 198459120x^3y^4 - 55979424x^2y^5 + 27348666x^6 - 164091996x^5y \\
 & + 371262456x^4y^2 - 391103184x^3y^3 + 190599120x^2y^4 \\
 & - 36570528xy^5 + 21876820x^5 - 131260920x^4y + 284371080x^3y^2 \\
 & - 262411520x^2y^3 + 87396960xy^4 + 5932675x^4 - 35596050x^3y \\
 & + 75264000x^2y^2 - 63749000xy^3 + 16287600y^4.
 \end{aligned}$$

### A.3. Curves $C_6$ and $C_{14}$ of Example 4.1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_6 := & -1056x^5 + 1584x^4y^2 + 5884x^4 - 9072x^3y^2 - 10680x^3 \\
 & + 468x^2y^4 + 17113x^2y^2 + 6300x^2 - 1266xy^4 - 11730xy^2 \\
 & + 9y^6 + 754y^4 + 2025y^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{14} := & 2993362257600x^6y^8 - 642416767200x^4y^{10} \\
 & + 53053687800x^2y^{12} + 184090725y^{14} - 7984819814400x^7y^6 \\
 & - 13919055703200x^5y^8 + 1958710231800x^3y^{10} - 137141766900xy^{12} \\
 & + 7035707257920x^8y^4 + 43389409117680x^6y^6 \\
 & + 32051705852520x^4y^8 - 2181287292570x^2y^{10} + 84235458420y^{12} \\
 & - 2231066682240x^9y^2 - 39193561109760x^7y^4 \\
 & - 113572304790840x^5y^6 - 46744118053860x^3y^8 \\
 & + 1424709059460xy^{10} + 148737778816x^{10} + 10823053669520x^8y^2 \\
 & + 105313984353120x^6y^4 + 180069282386525x^4y^6 \\
 & + 40500724263940x^2y^8 - 591585025794y^{10} - 25399242379200x^7y^2 \\
 & - 172911772965600x^5y^4 - 167837539931100x^3y^6 \\
 & - 18759582044700xy^8 - 1800503781120x^8 + 39870873162720x^6y^2 \\
 & + 165855228518880x^4y^4 + 83407878318870x^2y^6 + 4127537462580y^8 \\
 & + 3352212864000x^7 - 37472636232000x^5y^2 - 80588270196000x^3y^4 \\
 & - 18662023012500xy^6 - 1732665686400x^6 + 14426591734800x^4y^2 \\
 & + 15283012348800x^2y^4 + 442001830725y^6.
 \end{aligned}$$

### A.4. Curve $C'_{14}$ of Example 5.1:

$$C'_{14} := 101101919688000x^6y^8 - 20383701645600x^4y^{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&+1922970034800*x^2*y^12+9006959025*y^14-266317230896640*x^7*y^6 \\
&-486603095289120*x^5*y^8+56665562170680*x^3*y^10 \\
&-5048029874340*x*y^12+222658777180224*x^8*y^4 \\
&+1506037113840816*x^6*y^6+1192179060770904*x^4*y^8 \\
&-51653930702994*x^2*y^10+3095088945444*y^12-59346373747584*x^9*y^2 \\
&-1291115775845376*x^7*y^4-4194787908295224*x^5*y^6 \\
&-1836667562583156*x^3*y^8+28991534124276*x*y^10 \\
&+279682303646608*x^8*y^2+3752974063291832*x^6*y^4 \\
&+7022592103892073*x^4*y^6+1627502363091332*x^2*y^8 \\
&-14576442803642*y^10+33912213570048*x^9-733773573809088*x^7*y^2 \\
&-6643492578764352*x^5*y^4-6735475699940748*x^3*y^6 \\
&-740600472575532*x*y^8-145302180401664*x^8 \\
&+1399619530052064*x^6*y^2+6645841686875376*x^4*y^4 \\
&+3348737123394654*x^2*y^6+151659358326756*y^8+205257431047680*x^7 \\
&-1503914467671360*x^5*y^2-3238350710693760*x^3*y^4 \\
&-728779344737220*x*y^6-95538066624000*x^6+620580855920400*x^4*y^2 \\
&+578900345347800*x^2*y^4+21625708619025*y^6.
\end{aligned}$$

### A.5. Curve $C_{10}$ of Example 6.1:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{10} &:=1877040*x^6*y^4-8085420*x^4*y^6+1900665*x^2*y^8 \\
&+281952*x^7*y^2-5708304*x^5*y^4+20750886*x^3*y^6-4815108*x*y^8 \\
&-8169540*x^6*y^2+36190665*x^4*y^4-20938050*x^2*y^6+3049620*y^8 \\
&-447136*x^7+23773152*x^5*y^2-89122638*x^3*y^4+21071824*x*y^6 \\
&+8207472*x^6-50754384*x^4*y^2+69186141*x^2*y^4-14455128*y^6 \\
&-22631040*x^5+97402320*x^3*y^2-22612140*x*y^4+17031600*x^4 \\
&-72805500*x^2*y^2+17082900*y^4.
\end{aligned}$$

### A.6. Curves $C_6$ and $C_8$ of Example 6.3:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_6 &:= -32*x^5+76*x^4*y^2+184*x^4-512*x^3*y^2-312*x^3+124*x^2*y^4 \\
&+1000*x^2*y^2+144*x^2-356*x*y^4-588*x*y^2+25*y^6+166*y^4+81*y^2.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C_8 &:=373*y^6-90*x^2+276*x^2*y^6+63*y^2-369*y^4+90*x*y^2+444*x*y^4 \\
&-630*x*y^6-36*x^2*y^2-390*x^2*y^4-3*y^8+72*x^3+576*x^3*y^4 \\
&+48*x^3*y^2-40*x^6+48*x^5-300*x^4*y^4+216*x^5*y^2-348*x^4*y^2.
\end{aligned}$$

### A.7. Curve $C_{10}$ of Example 7.1:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{10} &:= -20750886*x^3*y^6+72805500*x^2*y^2-17082900*y^4-3049620*y^8 \\
&+447136*x^7+50754384*x^4*y^2-69186141*x^2*y^4+20938050*x^2*y^6 \\
&+5708304*x^5*y^4-97402320*x^3*y^2+8169540*x^6*y^2+14455128*y^6 \\
&+4815108*x*y^8+22612140*x*y^4-8207472*x^6-281952*x^7*y^2 \\
&-23773152*x^5*y^2-21071824*x*y^6-36190665*x^4*y^4+22631040*x^5 \\
&-1900665*x^2*y^8-17031600*x^4-1877040*x^6*y^4+8085420*x^4*y^6 \\
&+89122638*x^3*y^4.
\end{aligned}$$

**A.8. Curves  $C_8$  and  $C_6$  of Example 7.3:**

$$\begin{aligned}
C_8 := & 25x^6y^2 + 704x^6 + 2304x^5y^2 - 2304x^5 + 2001x^4y^4 \\
& - 4700x^4y^2 + 512x^4 - 1536x^3y^4 - 1536x^3y^2 + 3072x^3 \\
& - 381x^2y^6 - 1128x^2y^4 + 4720x^2y^2 - 1024x^2 - 768xy^6 \\
& + 3840xy^4 - 3072xy^2 - 45y^8 + 324y^6 - 432y^4 - 576y^2.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C_6 := & 5x^4y^2 - 32x^4 - 128x^3y^2 + 128x^3 - 106x^2y^4 + 288x^2y^2 \\
& - 128x^2 + 128xy^4 - 128xy^2 + 21y^6 - 96y^4 + 48y^2.
\end{aligned}$$

**A.9. Curves  $C_7$  and  $C'_6$  in the proof of Proposition 7.4:**

$$\begin{aligned}
C_7 := & 729x^7 - 1469x^6y + 4108x^5y^2 - 2218x^4y^3 + 794x^3y^4 \\
& + 2296x^2y^5 - 1635xy^6 - 1005y^7 + 2198x^6 - 2138x^5y + 410x^4y^2 \\
& + 6760x^3y^3 - 4518x^2y^4 - 2102xy^5 + 990y^6 - 4157x^5 + 10887x^4y \\
& - 16564x^3y^2 - 6196x^2y^3 + 9129xy^4 + 2101y^5 - 11266x^4 \\
& - 2484x^3y + 14256x^2y^2 - 2556xy^3 - 2750y^4 + 13681x^3 - 9031x^2y \\
& - 2485xy^2 + 2635y^3 + 5380x^2 + 2520xy - 3100y^2 - 3600x + 2000y - 1600
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C'_6 := & 27x^6 - 160x^5y + 196x^4y^2 - 202x^3y^3 + 60x^2y^4 \\
& + 148xy^5 + 11y^6 + 214x^5 - 320x^4y + 286x^3y^2 + 118x^2y^3 \\
& - 180xy^4 + 42y^5 + 97x^4 + 522x^3y - 546x^2y^2 - 94xy^3 - 59y^4 \\
& - 714x^3 + 522x^2y + 74xy^2 - 202y^3 - 181x^2 - 214xy + 315y^2 \\
& + 320x - 160y + 80.
\end{aligned}$$

**A.10. Curve  $C_6$  of Example 8.1:**

$$\begin{aligned}
C_6 := & 17x^2y^4 + 68x^3y^2 - 136xy^4 + 84x^4 - 278x^2y^2 \\
& + 296y^4 + 84x^3 - 152xy^2 + 9x^2 + 8y^2.
\end{aligned}$$

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