

SCHUR-FINITENESS (AND BASS-FINITENESS) CONJECTURE  
FOR QUADRIC FIBRATIONS AND FAMILIES OF  
SEXTIC DU VAL DEL PEZZO SURFACES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $Q \rightarrow B$  be a quadric fibration and  $T \rightarrow B$  a family of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces. Making use of the theory of noncommutative mixed motives, we establish a precise relation between the Schur-finiteness conjecture for  $Q$ , resp. for  $T$ , and the Schur-finiteness conjecture for  $B$ . As an application, we prove the Schur-finiteness conjecture for  $Q$ , resp. for  $T$ , when  $B$  is low-dimensional. Along the way, we obtain a proof of the Schur-finiteness conjecture for smooth complete intersections of two or three quadric hypersurfaces. Finally, we prove similar results for the Bass-finiteness conjecture.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### SCHUR-FINITENESS CONJECTURE

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear, idempotent complete, symmetric monoidal category. Given a partition  $\lambda$  of an integer  $n \geq 1$ , consider the corresponding  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear representation  $V_\lambda$  of the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  and the associated idempotent  $e_\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}[\mathfrak{S}_n]$ . Under these notations, the Schur-functor  $S_\lambda: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  sends an object  $a \in \mathcal{C}$  to the direct summand of  $a^{\otimes n}$  determined by  $e_\lambda$ . Following Deligne [11, §1], an object  $a \in \mathcal{C}$  is called *Schur-finite* if it is annihilated by some Schur-functor. Voevodsky introduced in [39] a triangulated category of geometric mixed motives  $\mathrm{DM}_{\mathrm{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  (over a perfect base field  $k$ ). By construction, this

category is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear, idempotent complete, symmetric monoidal, and comes equipped with a  $\otimes$ -functor  $M(-)_{\mathbb{Q}}: \text{Sm}(k) \rightarrow \text{DM}_{\text{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  defined on smooth  $k$ -schemes of finite type. Given  $X \in \text{Sm}(k)$ , an important conjecture in the theory of motives is the following:

CONJECTURE  $S(X)$ : The geometric mixed motive  $M(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is Schur-finite.

Thanks to the (independent) work of Guletskii [12] and Mazza [28], the conjecture  $S(X)$  holds in the case where  $\dim(X) \leq 1$ . Thanks to the work of Kimura [21] and Shermenev [31], the conjecture  $S(X)$  also holds in the case where  $X$  is an abelian variety. Besides these cases (and some other cases scattered in the literature), the Schur-finiteness conjecture remains wide open. The main goal of this note is to prove the Schur-finiteness conjecture in the new cases of quadric fibrations and families of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces.

#### QUADRIC FIBRATIONS

Our first main result is the following:

THEOREM 1. *Let  $q: Q \rightarrow B$  a flat quadric fibration of relative dimension  $d - 2$ . Assume that  $B$  and  $Q$  are  $k$ -smooth, that all the fibers of  $q$  have corank  $\leq 1$ , and that the locus  $D \subset B$  of the critical values of the fibration  $q$  is  $k$ -smooth. Under these assumptions, the following holds:*

- (i) *When  $d$  is even, we have  $S(Q) \Leftrightarrow S(B) + S(\tilde{B})$ , where  $\tilde{B}$  stands for the discriminant 2-fold cover of  $B$  (ramified over  $D$ ).*
- (ii) *When  $d$  is odd and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ , we have  $\{S(V_i)\} + \{S(\tilde{D}_i)\} \Rightarrow S(Q)$ , where  $V_i$  is any affine open of  $B$  and  $\tilde{D}_i$  is any Galois 2-fold cover of  $D_i := D \cap V_i$ .*

To the best of the author's knowledge, Theorem 1 is new in the literature. Intuitively speaking, it relates the Schur-finiteness conjecture for the total space  $Q$  with the Schur-finiteness conjecture for certain coverings/subschemes of the base  $B$ . Among other ingredients, its proof makes use of Kontsevich's noncommutative mixed motives of twisted root stacks; consult §3-§4 below for details. Making use of Theorem 1, we are now able to prove the Schur-finiteness conjecture in new cases. Here are two low-dimensional examples:

COROLLARY 2 (Quadric fibrations over curves). *Let  $q: Q \rightarrow B$  be a quadric fibration as in Theorem 1 with  $B$  a curve<sup>1</sup>. In this case,  $S(Q)$  holds.*

COROLLARY 3 (Quadric fibrations over surfaces). *Let  $q: Q \rightarrow B$  be a quadric fibration as in Theorem 1 with  $B$  a surface and  $d$  odd. In this case, the implication  $S(B) \Rightarrow S(Q)$  holds.*

*Proof.* Given a smooth  $k$ -surface  $X$ , we have  $S(X) \Leftrightarrow S(U)$  for any open  $U$  of  $X$ . Therefore, thanks to Theorem 1(ii), the proof follows from the fact that when  $B$  is a surface, the conjectures  $\{S(V_i)\}$  can be replaced by the conjecture  $S(B)$ .  $\square$

<sup>1</sup>Since  $B$  is a curve, the locus  $D \subset B$  of the critical values of  $q$  is necessarily  $k$ -smooth.

Corollary 3 can be applied to the case where  $B$  is (an open subscheme of) an abelian surface or a smooth projective surface with  $p_g = 0$  which satisfies Bloch's conjecture (see Guletskii-Pedrini [13, §4 Thm. 7]). Recall that Bloch's conjecture holds for surfaces not of general type (see Bloch-Kas-Leiberman [6]), for surfaces which are rationally dominated by a product of curves (see Kimura [21]), for Godeaux, Catanese and Barlow surfaces (see Voisin [40, 41]), etc.

*Remark 4* (Related work). Let  $q: Q \rightarrow B$  be a quadric fibration as in Theorem 1. In the particular case where  $Q$  and  $B$  are smooth *projective*, Bouali [9] and Vial [38, §4] “computed” the Chow motive  $\mathfrak{h}(Q)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  of  $Q$  using smooth projective  $k$ -schemes of dimension  $\leq \dim(B)$ . Since the category of Chow motives (with  $\mathbb{Q}$ -coefficients) embeds fully-faithfully into  $\mathrm{DM}_{\mathrm{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  (see [39, §4]), these computations lead to an alternative “geometric” proof of Corollaries 2-3. Note that in Theorem 1 and in Corollaries 2-3 we do *not* assume that  $Q$  and  $B$  are projective; we are (mainly) interested in geometric mixed motives and *not* in pure motives.

#### INTERSECTIONS OF QUADRICS

Let  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^{d-1}$  be a smooth complete intersection of  $m$  quadric hypersurfaces. The linear span of these quadric hypersurfaces gives rise to a flat quadric fibration  $q: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{m-1}$  of relative dimension  $d - 2$ , with  $Q$   $k$ -smooth. Under these notations, our second main result is the following:

**THEOREM 5.** *We have  $S(Q) \Rightarrow S(Y)$ . When  $2m \leq d$ , the converse also holds.*

By combining Theorem 5 with the above Corollaries 2-3, we hence obtain a proof of the Schur-finiteness conjecture in the following cases:

**COROLLARY 6** (Intersections of two or three quadrics). *Assume that the quadric fibration  $q: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{m-1}$  is as in Theorem 1. In this case, the conjecture  $S(Y)$  holds when  $Y$  is a smooth complete intersection of two, or of three odd-dimensional, quadric hypersurfaces.*

#### FAMILIES OF SEXTIC DU VAL DEL PEZZO SURFACES

Recall that a *sextic du Val del Pezzo surface*  $X$  is a projective  $k$ -scheme with at worst du Val singularities and ample anticanonical class such that  $K_X^2 = 6$ . Consider a *family of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces*  $f: T \rightarrow B$ , i.e. a flat morphism  $f$  such that for every geometric point  $x \in B$  the associated fiber  $T_x$  is a sextic du Val del Pezzo surface. Following Kuznetsov [26, §5], given  $d \in \{2, 3\}$ , let us write  $\mathcal{M}_d$  for the relative moduli stack of semistable sheaves on fibers of  $T$  over  $B$  with Hilbert polynomial  $h_d(t) := (3t + d)(t + 1)$ , and  $Z_d$  for the coarse moduli space of  $\mathcal{M}_d$ . By construction, we have finite flat morphisms  $Z_2 \rightarrow B$  and  $Z_3 \rightarrow B$  of degrees 3 and 2, respectively. Under these notations, our third main result is the following:

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $f: T \rightarrow B$  be a family of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces. Assume that  $\text{char}(k) \notin \{2, 3\}$  and that  $T$  is  $k$ -smooth. Under these assumptions, we have the equivalence of conjectures  $S(T) \Leftrightarrow S(B) + S(Z_2) + S(Z_3)$ .*

To the best of the author's knowledge, Theorem 7 is new in the literature. It leads to a proof of the Schur-finiteness conjecture in new cases. Here is an illustrative example:

**COROLLARY 8** (Families of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces over curves). *Let  $f: T \rightarrow B$  be a family of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces as in Theorem 7 with  $B$  a curve. In this case, the conjecture  $S(T)$  holds.*

*Remark 9.* Let  $f: T \rightarrow B$  be a family of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces as in Theorem 7. To the best of the author's knowledge, the associated geometric mixed motive  $M(T)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  has *not* been "computed" (in any non-trivial particular case). Nevertheless, consult Helmsauer [16] for the "computation" of the Chow motive  $\mathfrak{h}(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  of certain *smooth* (projective) del Pezzo surfaces  $X$ .

*Remark 10* (Conservativity conjecture). Given a field  $k$  equipped with a complex embedding  $\sigma: k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , recall from Ayoub [3, Conj. 2.1] that the *conservativity conjecture* asserts that the Betti realization functor  $B_{\sigma}: \text{DM}_{\text{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Q})$  is conservative. As explained in [3, Prop. 2.26], if the conservativity conjecture holds, then every object of the category  $\text{DM}_{\text{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is Schur-finite. In particular, the conjecture  $S(X)$  holds for every smooth  $k$ -scheme of finite type  $X$  (when  $k$  is equipped with a complex embedding). However, despite the (monumental) work of Ayoub [4], the conservativity conjecture remains wide open<sup>2</sup>.

#### BASS-FINITENESS CONJECTURE

Let  $k$  be a finite base field and  $X$  a smooth  $k$ -scheme of finite type. The Bass-finiteness conjecture  $B(X)$  (see [5, §9]) is one of the oldest and most important conjectures in algebraic  $K$ -theory. It asserts that the algebraic  $K$ -theory groups  $K_n(X)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , are finitely generated. In the same vein, given an integer  $r \geq 2$ , we can consider the conjecture  $B(X)_{1/r}$ , where  $K_n(X)$  is replaced by  $K_n(X)_{1/r} := K_n(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}[1/r]$ . Our fourth main result is the following:

**THEOREM 11.** *The following holds:*

- (i) *Theorem 1 and Corollaries 2-3 hold<sup>3</sup> similarly for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/2}$ . In Corollary 2, the groups  $K_n(Q)_{1/2}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are moreover finite.*
- (ii) *Theorem 5 holds similarly for the conjecture  $B(-)$ .*
- (iii) *Corollary 6 holds similarly for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/2}$ . In the case where  $Y$  is a smooth complete intersection of two quadric hypersurfaces, the groups  $K_n(Y)_{1/2}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are moreover finite.*

<sup>2</sup>I hope that Ayoub manages to correct his work [4] in the (near) future.

<sup>3</sup>Corollary 3 (for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/2}$ ) can also be applied to the case where  $B$  is (an open subscheme of) an abelian surface; see [19, Cor. 70 and Thm. 82].

(iv) *Theorem 7 and Corollary 8 hold similarly for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/6}$ . In Corollary 8, the groups  $K_n(T)_{1/6}, n \geq 2$ , are moreover finite.*

2 PRELIMINARIES

In what follows, all schemes/stacks are of finite type over the perfect base field  $k$ .

DG CATEGORIES

For a survey on dg categories we invite the reader to consult [20]. In what follows, we will write  $\text{dgc}at(k)$  for the category of (essentially small) dg categories and dg functors. Every (dg)  $k$ -algebra  $A$  gives naturally rise to a dg category with a single object. Another source of examples is provided by schemes/stacks. Given a  $k$ -scheme  $X$  (or stack  $\mathcal{X}$ ), the category of perfect complexes of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules  $\text{perf}(X)$  admits a canonical dg enhancement  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X)$ ; consult [20, §4.6] [27] for details. More generally, given a sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebras  $\mathcal{F}$ , we can consider the dg category of perfect complexes of  $\mathcal{F}$ -modules  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X; \mathcal{F})$ .

NONCOMMUTATIVE MIXED MOTIVES

For a book, resp. survey, on noncommutative motives we invite the reader to consult [33], resp. [32]. Recall from [33, §8.5.1] (see also [22, 23, 24]) the definition of Kontsevich’s triangulated category of noncommutative mixed motives  $\text{NMot}(k)$ . By construction, this category is idempotent complete, symmetric monoidal, and comes equipped with a  $\otimes$ -functor  $U: \text{dgc}at(k) \rightarrow \text{NMot}(k)$ . In what follows, given a  $k$ -scheme  $X$  (or stack  $\mathcal{X}$ ) equipped with a sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebras  $\mathcal{F}$ , we will write  $U(X; \mathcal{F}) := U(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X; \mathcal{F}))$ .

3 NONCOMMUTATIVE MIXED MOTIVES OF TWISTED ROOT STACKS

Let  $X$  be a  $k$ -scheme,  $\mathcal{L}$  a line bundle on  $X$ ,  $\sigma \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$  a global section, and  $r > 0$  an integer. In what follows, we will write  $D \subset X$  for the zero locus of  $\sigma$ . Recall from [10, Def. 2.2.1] (see also [1, Appendix B]) that the associated *root stack*  $\mathcal{X}$  is defined as the following fiber-product of algebraic stacks

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X} := \sqrt[r]{(\mathcal{L}, \sigma)/X} & \longrightarrow & [\mathbb{A}^1/\mathbb{G}_m] \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta_r \\ X & \xrightarrow{(\mathcal{L}, \sigma)} & [\mathbb{A}^1/\mathbb{G}_m], \end{array}$$

where  $\theta_r$  stands for the morphism induced by the  $r^{\text{th}}$  power maps on  $\mathbb{A}^1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_m$ . A *twisted root stack*  $(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})$  consists of a root stack  $\mathcal{X}$  equipped with a sheaf of Azumaya algebras  $\mathcal{F}$ . In what follows, we will write  $s$  for the product of

the ranks of  $\mathcal{F}$  (at each one of the connected components of  $\mathcal{X}$ ). The following result, of independent interest, will play a key role in the proof of Theorem 1.

**THEOREM 12.** *Assume that  $X$  and  $D$  are  $k$ -smooth.*

- (i) *We have an isomorphism  $U(\mathcal{X}) \simeq U(X) \oplus U(D)^{\oplus(r-1)}$ .*
- (ii) *Assume moreover that  $\text{char}(k) \neq r$  and that  $k$  contains the  $r^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity. Under these extra assumptions,  $U(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})_{1/rs}$  belongs to the smallest thick triangulated subcategory of  $\text{NMot}(k)_{1/rs}$  containing the noncommutative mixed motives  $\{U(V_i)_{1/rs}\}$  and  $\{U(\tilde{D}_i^l)_{1/rs}\}$ , where  $V_i$  is any affine open subscheme of  $X$  and  $\tilde{D}_i^l$  is any Galois  $l$ -fold cover of  $D_i := D \cap V_i$  with  $l \nmid r$  and  $l \neq 1$ .*

*Proof.* We start by proving item (i). Following [18, Thm. 1.6], the pull-back functor  $p^*$  is fully-faithful and we have the following semi-orthogonal decomposition<sup>4</sup>  $\text{perf}(X) = \langle \text{perf}(D)_{r-1}, \dots, \text{perf}(D)_1, p^*(\text{perf}(X)) \rangle$ . All the categories  $\text{perf}(D)_j$  are equivalent (via a Fourier-Mukai type functor) to  $\text{perf}(D)$ . Therefore, since the functor  $U: \text{dgc}at(k) \rightarrow \text{NMot}(k)$  sends semi-orthogonal decompositions to direct sums, we obtain the searched direct sum decomposition  $U(\mathcal{X}) \simeq U(X) \oplus U(D)^{\oplus(r-1)}$ .

Let us now prove item (ii). We consider first the particular case where  $X = \text{Spec}(A)$  is affine and the line bundle  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X$  is trivial. Let  $\mu_r$  be the group of  $r^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity and  $\chi: \mu_r \rightarrow k^\times$  a (fixed) primitive character. Under these notations, consider the global quotient  $[\text{Spec}(B)/\mu_r]$ , where  $B := A[t]/(t^r - \sigma)$  and the  $\mu_r$ -action on  $B$  is given by  $g \cdot t := \chi(g)^{-1}t$  for every  $g \in \mu_r$  and by  $g \cdot a := a$  for every  $a \in A$ . As explained in [10, Example 2.4.1], the root stack  $\mathcal{X}$  agrees, in this particular case, with the global quotient  $[\text{Spec}(B)/\mu_r]$ . By construction, the induced map  $\text{Spec}(B) \rightarrow X$  is a  $r$ -fold cover ramified over  $D \subset X$ . Moreover, for every  $l$  such that  $l \mid r$  and  $l \neq 1$ , the associated closed subscheme  $\text{Spec}(B)^{\mu_l}$  agrees with the ramification divisor  $D \subset \text{Spec}(B)$ . Therefore, since the functor  $U(-)_{1/rs}: \text{dgc}at(k) \rightarrow \text{NMot}(k)_{1/rs}$  is an additive invariant of dg categories in the sense of [33, Def. 2.1] (see [33, §8.4.5]), we conclude from [36, Cor. 1.28(ii)] that, in this particular case,  $U(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})_{1/rs}$  belongs to the smallest thick additive subcategory of  $\text{NMot}(k)_{1/rs}$  containing the noncommutative mixed motives  $U(\text{Spec}(B))_{1/rs}^{\mu_l}$  and  $\{U(\tilde{D}^l)_{1/rs}\}$ , where  $\tilde{D}^l$  is any Galois  $l$ -fold cover of  $D$  with  $l \nmid r$  and  $l \neq 1$ . Furthermore, since the geometric quotient  $\text{Spec}(B)//\mu_r$  agrees with  $X$  and the latter scheme is  $k$ -smooth, [36, Thm. 1.22] implies that  $U(\text{Spec}(B))_{1/rs}^{\mu_l}$  is isomorphic to  $U(X)_{1/rs}$ . This finishes the proof of item (ii) in the particular case where  $X$  is affine and the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  is trivial.

Let us now prove item (ii) in the general case. As explained above, given any affine open subscheme  $V_i$  of  $X$  which trivializes the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$ , the noncommutative mixed motive  $U(\mathcal{V}_i; \mathcal{F}_i)_{1/rs}$ , with  $\mathcal{V}_i := p^{-1}(V_i)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_i := \mathcal{F}|_{\mathcal{V}_i}$ ,

<sup>4</sup>Consult [7, 8] for the definition of semi-orthogonal decomposition.

belongs to the smallest thick additive subcategory of  $\text{NMot}(k)_{1/rs}$  containing  $U(V_i)_{1/rs}$  and  $\{U(\tilde{D}_i^l)_{1/rs}\}$ , where  $\tilde{D}_i^l$  is any Galois  $l$ -fold cover of  $D_i := D \cap V_i$  with  $l \mid r$  and  $l \neq 1$ . Let us then choose an affine open cover  $\{W_i\}$  of  $X$  which trivializes the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$ . Since  $X$  is quasi-compact (recall that  $X$  is of finite type over  $k$ ), this affine open cover admits a *finite* subcover. Consequently, the proof follows by induction from the  $\mathbb{Z}[1/rs]$ -linearization of the distinguished triangles of Lemma 13 below.  $\square$

LEMMA 13. *Given an open cover  $\{W_1, W_2\}$  of  $X$ , we have an induced Mayer-Vietoris distinguished triangle of noncommutative mixed motives*

$$U(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F}) \longrightarrow U(W_1; \mathcal{F}_1) \oplus U(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2) \xrightarrow{\pm} U(W_{12}; \mathcal{F}_{12}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \Sigma U(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F}), \quad (14)$$

where  $W_{12} := W_1 \cap W_2$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{12} := \mathcal{F}|_{W_{12}}$ .

*Proof.* Consider the following commutative diagram of dg categories

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})_{\mathcal{Z}} & \longrightarrow & \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F}) & \longrightarrow & \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_1; \mathcal{F}_1) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2)_{\mathcal{Z}} & \longrightarrow & \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2) & \longrightarrow & \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_{12}; \mathcal{F}_{12}), \end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}$  stands for the closed complement  $\mathcal{X} - W_1 = W_2 - W_{12}$  and  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})_{\mathcal{Z}}$ , resp.  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2)_{\mathcal{Z}}$ , stands for the full dg subcategory of  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})$ , resp.  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2)$ , consisting of those perfect complexes of  $\mathcal{F}$ -modules, resp.  $\mathcal{F}_2$ -modules, that are supported on  $\mathcal{Z}$ . Both rows are short exact sequences of dg categories in the sense of Drinfeld/Keller (see [20, §4.6]) and the left vertical dg functor is a Morita equivalence. Therefore, since the functor  $U: \text{dgcats}(k) \rightarrow \text{NMot}(k)$  is a localizing invariant of dg categories in the sense of [33, §8.1], we obtain the following morphism of distinguished triangles:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} U(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})_{\mathcal{Z}}) & \longrightarrow & U(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F}) & \longrightarrow & U(W_1; \mathcal{F}_1) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Sigma U(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})_{\mathcal{Z}}) \\ \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \simeq \\ U(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2)_{\mathcal{Z}}) & \longrightarrow & U(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2) & \longrightarrow & U(W_{12}; \mathcal{F}_{12}) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Sigma U(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(W_2; \mathcal{F}_2)_{\mathcal{Z}}). \end{array}$$

Finally, since the middle square is homotopy (co)cartesian, we hence obtain the claimed Mayer-Vietoris distinguished triangle (14).  $\square$

#### 4 PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Following [25, §3] (see also [2, §1.2]), let  $E$  be a vector bundle of rank  $d$  on  $B$ ,  $q': \mathbb{P}(E) \rightarrow B$  the projectivization of  $E$  on  $B$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(E)}(1)$  the Grothendieck line bundle on  $\mathbb{P}(E)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  a line bundle on  $B$ , and finally

$$\rho \in \Gamma(B, S^2(E^\vee) \otimes \mathcal{L}^\vee) = \Gamma(\mathbb{P}(E), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(E)}(2) \otimes \mathcal{L}^\vee)$$

a global section. Given this data, recall that  $Q \subset \mathbb{P}(E)$  is defined as the zero locus of  $\rho$  on  $\mathbb{P}(E)$  and that  $q: Q \rightarrow B$  is the restriction of  $q'$  to  $Q$ ; note that the relative dimension of  $q$  is equal to  $d - 2$ . Consider also the discriminant global section  $\text{disc}(q) \in \Gamma(B, \det(E^\vee)^{\otimes 2} \otimes (\mathcal{L}^\vee)^{\otimes d})$  and the associated zero locus  $D \subset B$ ; note that  $D$  agrees with the locus of the critical values of  $q$ .

Recall from [25, §3.5] (see also [2, §1.6]) that when  $d$  is even, we can consider the *discriminant cover*  $\tilde{B} := \text{Spec}_B(Z(\mathcal{C}l_0(q)))$  of  $B$ , where  $Z(\mathcal{C}l_0(q))$  stands for the center of the sheaf  $\mathcal{C}l_0(q)$  of even parts of the Clifford algebra associated to  $q$ ; see [25, §3] (and also [2, §1.5]). By construction,  $\tilde{B}$  is a 2-fold cover ramified over  $D$ . Moreover, since  $D$  is  $k$ -smooth,  $\tilde{B}$  is also  $k$ -smooth.

Recall from [25, §3.6] (see also [2, §1.7]) that when  $d$  is odd and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ , we can consider the *discriminant stack*  $\mathcal{X} := \sqrt[2]{(\det(E^\vee)^{\otimes 2} \otimes (\mathcal{L}^\vee)^{\otimes d}, \text{disc}(q))/B}$ . Since  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ ,  $\mathcal{X}$  is a Deligne-Mumford stack with coarse moduli space  $B$ .

PROPOSITION 15. *Under the above assumptions, the following holds:*

- (i) *When  $d$  is even, we have  $U(Q)_{1/2} \simeq U(\tilde{B})_{1/2} \oplus U(B)_{1/2}^{\oplus(d-2)}$ .*
- (ii) *When  $d$  is odd and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ ,  $U(Q)_{1/2}$  belongs to the smallest thick triangulated subcategory of  $\text{NMot}(k)_{1/2}$  containing the noncommutative mixed motives  $\{U(V_i)_{1/2}\}$  and  $\{U(\tilde{D}_i)_{1/2}\}$ , where  $V_i$  is any affine open subscheme of  $B$  and  $\tilde{D}_i$  is any Galois 2-fold cover of  $D_i := D \cap V_i$ .*

*Proof.* As proved in [25, Thm. 4.2] (see also [2, Thm. 2.2.1]), we have the following semi-orthogonal decomposition

$$\text{perf}(Q) = \langle \text{perf}(B; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)), \text{perf}(B)_1, \dots, \text{perf}(B)_{d-2} \rangle,$$

where  $\text{perf}(B)_j := q^*(\text{perf}(B)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Q/B}(j)$ . All the categories  $\text{perf}(B)_j$  are equivalent (via a Fourier-Mukai type functor) to  $\text{perf}(B)$ . Therefore, since the functor  $U: \text{dgc}at(k) \rightarrow \text{NMot}(k)$  sends semi-orthogonal decompositions to direct sums, we obtain the decomposition  $U(Q) \simeq U(B; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)) \oplus U(B)^{\oplus(d-2)}$ . We start by proving item (i). As explained in [25, §3.5] (see also [2, §1.6]), when  $d$  is even, the category  $\text{perf}(B; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))$  is equivalent (via a Fourier-Mukai type functor) to  $\text{perf}(\tilde{B}; \mathcal{F})$  where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a certain sheaf of Azumaya algebras on  $\tilde{B}$  of rank  $2^{\frac{d}{2}-1}$ . This leads to an isomorphism  $U(B; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)) \simeq U(\tilde{B}; \mathcal{F})$ . Making use of [37, Thm. 2.1], we hence conclude that  $U(B; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))_{1/2}$  is isomorphic to  $U(\tilde{B}; \mathcal{F})_{1/2} \simeq U(\tilde{B})_{1/2}$ . Consequently, we obtain the isomorphism of item (i). Let us now prove item (ii). As explained in [25, §3.6] (see also [2, §1.7]), when  $d$  is odd, the category  $\text{perf}(B; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))$  is equivalent (via a Fourier-Mukai type functor) to  $\text{perf}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})$  where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a certain sheaf of Azumaya algebras on  $\mathcal{X}$  of rank  $2^{\frac{d-1}{2}}$ . This leads to an isomorphism  $U(B; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)) \simeq U(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F})$ . By combining Theorem 12(ii) with the isomorphism  $U(Q) \simeq U(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{F}) \oplus U(B)^{\oplus(d-2)}$ , we hence conclude that  $U(Q)_{1/2}$  belongs to the smallest thick triangulated subcategory of  $\text{NMot}(k)_{1/2}$  containing  $U(B)_{1/2}$ ,  $\{U(V_i)_{1/2}\}$ , and  $\{U(\tilde{D}_i)_{1/2}\}$ ,



where  $V_i$  is any affine open subscheme of  $B$  and  $\tilde{D}_i$  is any Galois 2-fold cover of  $D_i$ . We now claim that  $U(B)_{1/2}$  belongs to the smallest thick triangulated subcategory of  $\text{NMot}(k)_{1/2}$  containing  $\{U(V_i)_{1/2}\}$ ; note that this would conclude the proof. Choose an affine open cover  $\{W_i\}$  of  $B$ . Since  $B$  is quasi-compact (recall that  $B$  is of finite type over  $k$ ), this affine open cover admits a *finite* subcover. Therefore, similarly to the proof of Theorem 12, our claim follows from an inductive argument using the  $\mathbb{Z}[1/2]$ -linearization of the Mayer-Vietoris distinguished triangles  $U(B) \rightarrow U(W_1) \oplus U(W_2) \xrightarrow{\pm} U(W_{12}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \Sigma U(B)$ .  $\square$

As proved in [34, Thm. 2.8], there exists a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear, fully-faithful,  $\otimes$ -functor  $\Phi$  making the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Sm}(k) & \xrightarrow{X \mapsto \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X)} & \text{dgc}at(k) & (16) \\
 M(-)_{\mathbb{Q}} \downarrow & & \downarrow U(-)_{\mathbb{Q}} & \\
 \text{DM}_{\text{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}} & & \text{NMot}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}} & \\
 \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(-, U(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}) & \\
 \text{DM}_{\text{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}} / -_{\otimes \mathbb{Q}(1)[2]} & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \text{NMot}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}} &
 \end{array}$$

where  $\text{DM}_{\text{gm}}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}} / -_{\otimes \mathbb{Q}(1)[2]}$  stands for the orbit category with respect to the Tate motive  $\mathbb{Q}(1)[2]$  and  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(-, -)$  for the internal Hom of the monoidal structure; note that the functors  $X \mapsto \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X)$  and  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(-, U(k)_{\mathbb{Q}})$  are contravariant. By construction,  $\pi$  is a faithful  $\otimes$ -functor. Therefore, it follows from [28, Lem. 1.11] that we have the following equivalence:

$$S(X) \Leftrightarrow \text{noncommutative mixed motive } (\Phi \circ \pi)(M(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \text{ is Schur-finite.} \quad (17)$$

We now have all the ingredients necessary to conclude the proof of Theorem 1.

ITEM (I)

The above functors  $\pi$  and  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(-, U(k)_{\mathbb{Q}})$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear. Therefore, by combining Proposition 15(i) with the commutative diagram (16), we conclude that

$$(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(Q)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \simeq (\Phi \circ \pi)(M(\tilde{B})_{\mathbb{Q}}) \oplus (\Phi \circ \pi)(M(B)_{\mathbb{Q}})^{\oplus(d-2)}. \quad (18)$$

Since Schur-finiteness is stable under direct sums and direct summands, the proof of the equivalence  $S(Q) \Leftrightarrow S(B) + S(\tilde{B})$  follows then from (17)-(18).

ITEM (II)

Recall from [33, §8.5.1-8.5.2] that, by construction,  $\text{NMot}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear closed symmetric monoidal triangulated category in the sense of Hovey [17, §6-7]. As proved in [12, Thm. 1], this implies that Schur-finiteness has the 2-out-of-3 property with respect to distinguished triangles. The functor  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(-, U(k)_{\mathbb{Q}})$

is triangulated. Hence, by combining Proposition 15(ii) with the commutative diagram (16), we conclude that  $(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(Q)_{\mathbb{Q}})$  belongs to the smallest thick triangulated subcategory of  $\mathrm{NMot}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  containing the noncommutative mixed motives  $\{(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(V_i)_{\mathbb{Q}})\}$  and  $\{(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(\tilde{D}_i)_{\mathbb{Q}})\}$ , where  $V_i$  is any affine open subscheme of  $B$  and  $\tilde{D}_i$  is any Galois 2-fold cover of  $D_i$ . Since by assumption the conjectures  $\{S(V_i)\}$  and  $\{S(\tilde{D}_i)\}$  hold, (17) implies that the noncommutative mixed motives  $\{(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(V_i)_{\mathbb{Q}})\}$  and  $\{(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(\tilde{D}_i)_{\mathbb{Q}})\}$  are Schur-finite. Therefore, making use of the 2-out-of-3 property of Schur-finiteness with respect to distinguished triangles (and of the stability of Schur-finiteness under direct summands), we conclude that  $(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(Q)_{\mathbb{Q}})$  is also Schur-finite. The proof follows now from the above equivalence (17).

## 5 PROOF OF THEOREM 5

Recall from the proof of Proposition 15 that we have the semi-orthogonal decomposition  $\mathrm{perf}(Q) = \langle \mathrm{perf}(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)), \mathrm{perf}(\mathbb{P}^{m-1})_1, \dots, \mathrm{perf}(\mathbb{P}^{m-1})_{d-2} \rangle$ , and consequently the following direct sum decomposition:

$$U(Q) \simeq U(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)) \oplus U(\mathbb{P}^{m-1})^{\oplus(d-2)}. \quad (19)$$

As proved in [25, Thm. 5.5] (see also [2, Thm. 2.3.7]), the following also holds:

- (a) When  $2m < d$ , we have the following semi-orthogonal decomposition  $\mathrm{perf}(Y) = \langle \mathrm{perf}(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)), \mathcal{O}(1), \dots, \mathcal{O}(d - 2m) \rangle$ . Consequently, since the functor  $U: \mathrm{dgc}at(k) \rightarrow \mathrm{NMot}(k)$  sends semi-orthogonal decompositions to direct sums, we obtain the following direct sum decomposition  $U(Y) \simeq U(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q)) \oplus U(k)^{\oplus(d-2m)}$ .
- (b) When  $2m = d$ , the category  $\mathrm{perf}(Y)$  is equivalence (via a Fourier-Mukai type functor) to  $\mathrm{perf}(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))$ . Consequently, we obtain an isomorphism of noncommutative mixed motives  $U(Y) \simeq U(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))$ .
- (c) When  $2m > d$ ,  $\mathrm{perf}(Y)$  is an admissible subcategory of  $\mathrm{perf}(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))$ . Hence,  $U(Y)$  is a direct summand of  $U(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))$ .

Let us now prove the implication  $S(Q) \Rightarrow S(Y)$ . If the conjecture  $S(Q)$  holds, then it follows from the decomposition (19), from the commutative diagram (16), from the equivalence (17), and from the stability of Schur-finiteness under direct summands, that the noncommutative mixed motive  $\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(U(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))_{\mathbb{Q}}, U(k)_{\mathbb{Q}})$  is Schur-finite. Making use of the above descriptions (a)-(c) of  $U(Y)$  and of the commutative diagram (16), we hence conclude that the noncommutative mixed motive  $(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}})$  is also Schur-finite. Consequently, the conjecture  $S(Y)$  follows now from the above equivalence (17). Finally, note that when  $2m \leq d$ , a similar argument proves the converse implication  $S(Y) \Rightarrow S(Q)$ .

6 PROOF OF THEOREM 7

Recall first from [26, Prop. 5.12] that since  $\text{char}(k) \notin \{2, 3\}$  and  $T$  is  $k$ -smooth, the  $k$ -schemes  $B, Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  are also  $k$ -smooth.

PROPOSITION 20. *We have  $U(T)_{1/6} \simeq U(B)_{1/6} \oplus U(Z_2)_{1/6} \oplus U(Z_3)_{1/6}$ .*

*Proof.* As proved in [26, Thm. 5.2 and Prop. 5.10], we have the semi-orthogonal decomposition  $\text{perf}(T) = \langle \text{perf}(B), \text{perf}(Z_2; \mathcal{F}_2), \text{perf}(Z_3; \mathcal{F}_3) \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_2$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F}_3$ ) is a certain sheaf of Azumaya algebras over  $Z_2$  (resp.  $Z_3$ ) of order 2 (resp. 3). Recall that the functor  $U: \text{dgc}at(k) \rightarrow \text{NMot}(k)$  sends semi-orthogonal decompositions to direct sums. Hence, we obtain the direct sum decomposition:

$$U(T) \simeq U(B) \oplus U(Z_2; \mathcal{F}_2) \oplus U(Z_3; \mathcal{F}_3). \tag{21}$$

Since  $\mathcal{F}_2$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F}_3$ ) is of order 2 (resp. 3), the rank of  $\mathcal{F}_2$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F}_3$ ) is necessarily a power of 2 (resp. 3). Making use of [37, Thm. 2.1], we hence conclude that the noncommutative mixed motive  $U(Z_2; \mathcal{F}_2)_{1/2}$  (resp.  $U(Z_3; \mathcal{F}_3)_{1/3}$ ) is isomorphic to  $U(Z_2)_{1/2}$  (resp.  $U(Z_3)_{1/3}$ ). Consequently, the proof follows now from the  $\mathbb{Z}[1/6]$ -linearization of (21).  $\square$

The functors  $\pi$  and  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(-, U(k)_{\mathbb{Q}})$  in (16) are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear. Therefore, similarly to the proof of item (i) of Theorem 1, by combining Proposition 20 with the commutative diagram (16), we conclude that

$$(\Phi \circ \pi)(M(T)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \simeq (\Phi \circ \pi)(M(\tilde{B})_{\mathbb{Q}}) \oplus (\Phi \circ \pi)(M(Z_2)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \oplus (\Phi \circ \pi)(M(Z_3)_{\mathbb{Q}}). \tag{22}$$

Since Schur-finiteness is stable under direct sums and direct summands, the proof follows then from the combination of (22) with the equivalence (17).

7 PROOF OF THEOREM 11

ITEM (I)

We start by proving the first claim. As explained in [33, §8.6] (see also [35, Thm. 15.10]), given  $X \in \text{Sm}(k)$ , we have the isomorphisms of abelian groups:

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{NMot}(k)}(U(k), \Sigma^{-n}U(X)) \simeq K_n(X) \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}. \tag{23}$$

Assume that  $d$  is even. By combining Proposition 15(i) with the  $\mathbb{Z}[1/2]$ -linearization of (23), we conclude that  $K_n(Q)_{1/2} \simeq K_n(\tilde{B})_{1/2} \oplus K_n(B)_{1/2}^{\oplus(d-2)}$ . Therefore, since finite generation is stable under direct sums and direct summands, we obtain the equivalence  $B(Q)_{1/2} \Leftrightarrow B(B)_{1/2} + B(\tilde{B})_{1/2}$ . Assume now that  $d$  is odd and that  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . Finite generation has the 2-out-of-3 property with respect to (short or long) exact sequences and is stable under direct summands. Therefore, the proof of the following implication

$$\{B(V_i)_{1/2}\} + \{B(\tilde{D}_i)_{1/2}\} \Rightarrow B(Q)_{1/2}$$

follows from the combination of Proposition 15(ii) with the  $\mathbb{Z}[1/2]$ -linearization of (23). Finally, recall from [14, 29, 30] that the conjecture  $B(X)$  holds in the case where  $\dim(X) \leq 1$ . Therefore, the Corollaries 2-3 also hold similarly for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/2}$ .

We now prove the second claim. Let  $q: Q \rightarrow B$  be a quadric fibration as in Theorem 1 with  $B$  a curve. Thanks to Corollary 2 (for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/2}$ ), it suffices to show that the groups  $K_n(Q), n \geq 2$ , are torsion. Assume first that  $d$  is even. By combining Proposition 15(i) with the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearization of (23), we obtain an isomorphism  $K_n(Q)_{\mathbb{Q}} \simeq K_n(\tilde{B})_{\mathbb{Q}} \oplus K_n(B)_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\oplus(d-2)}$ . Thanks to Proposition 24 below, we have  $K_n(\tilde{B})_{\mathbb{Q}} = K_n(B)_{\mathbb{Q}} = 0$  for every  $n \geq 2$ . Therefore, we conclude that the groups  $K_n(Q), n \geq 2$ , are torsion. Assume now that  $d$  is even and that  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . Thanks to Proposition 15(ii),  $U(Q)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  belongs to the smallest thick triangulated subcategory of  $\text{NMot}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  containing the noncommutative mixed motives  $\{U(V_i)_{\mathbb{Q}}\}$  and  $\{U(\tilde{D}_i)_{\mathbb{Q}}\}$ , where  $V_i$  is any affine open subscheme of  $B$  and  $\tilde{D}_i$  is any Galois 2-fold cover of  $D_i$ . Moreover,  $U(Q)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  may be explicitly obtained from  $\{U(V_i)_{\mathbb{Q}}\}$  and  $\{U(\tilde{D}_i)_{\mathbb{Q}}\}$  using solely the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearization of the Mayer-Vietoris distinguished triangles. Therefore, since  $K_n(V_i)_{\mathbb{Q}} = 0$  for every  $n \geq 2$  (see Proposition 24 below) and  $K_n(\tilde{D}_i)_{\mathbb{Q}} = 0$  for every  $n \geq 1$  (see Quillen's computation [30] of the algebraic  $K$ -theory of a finite field), an inductive argument using the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearization of (23) and the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearization of the Mayer-Vietoris distinguished triangles implies that the groups  $K_n(Q), n \geq 2$ , are torsion.

PROPOSITION 24. *We have  $K_n(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} = 0, n \geq 2$ , for every smooth  $k$ -curve  $X$ .*

*Proof.* In the particular case where  $X$  is affine, this result was proved in [15, Cor. 3.2.3] (see also [14, Thm. 0.5]). In the general case, choose an affine open cover  $\{W_i\}$  of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is quasi-compact, this affine open cover admits a *finite* subcover. Therefore, the proof follows from an inductive argument (similar to the one in the proof of Theorem 12(ii)) using the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearization of (23) and the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearization of the Mayer-Vietoris distinguished triangles.  $\square$

ITEM (II)

If the conjecture  $B(Q)$  holds, then it follows from the decomposition (19) and from the isomorphisms (23) that the algebraic  $K$ -theory groups  $K_n(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathbb{P}^{m-1}; \mathcal{C}l_0(q))), n \geq 0$ , are finitely generated. Therefore, by combining the descriptions (a)-(c) of the noncommutative mixed motive  $U(Y)$  (see the proof of Theorem 5) with (23), we conclude that the conjecture  $B(Y)$  also holds. Note that when  $2m \leq d$ , a similar argument proves the converse implication  $B(Y) \Rightarrow B(Q)$ .

ITEM (III)

Items (i)-(ii) of Theorem 11 imply that Corollary 6 holds similarly for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/2}$ . We now address the second claim. Let  $q: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be

the quadric fibration associated to the smooth complete intersection  $Y$  of two quadric hypersurfaces. Thanks to item (i), the groups  $K_n(Q)_{1/2}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are finite. Hence, making use of the decomposition (19), of the  $\mathbb{Z}[1/2]$ -linearization of (23), and of the above descriptions (a)-(c) of  $U(Y)$  (see the proof of Theorem 5), we conclude that the groups  $K_n(Y)_{1/2}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are also finite.

#### ITEM (IV)

We start by proving the first claim. By combining Proposition 20 with the  $\mathbb{Z}[1/6]$ -linearization of (23), we conclude that

$$K_n(T)_{1/6} \simeq K_n(B)_{1/6} \oplus K_n(Z_2)_{1/6} \oplus K_n(Z_3)_{1/6}.$$

Therefore, since finite generation is stable under sums and direct summands, we obtain the equivalence  $B(T)_{1/6} \Leftrightarrow B(B)_{1/6} + B(Z_2)_{1/6} + B(Z_3)_{1/6}$ . As mentioned in the proof of item (i), the conjecture  $B(X)$  holds in the case where  $\dim(X) \leq 1$ . Hence, Corollary 8 also holds similarly for the conjecture  $B(-)_{1/6}$ . We now prove the second claim. Let  $f: T \rightarrow B$  be a family of sextic du Val del Pezzo surfaces as in Theorem 7 with  $B$  a curve. Similarly to the proof of item (i) of Theorem 11, it suffices to show that the groups  $K_n(T)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are torsion. By combining Proposition 20 with the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearization of (23), we obtain an isomorphism  $K_n(T)_{\mathbb{Q}} \simeq K_n(B)_{\mathbb{Q}} \oplus K_n(Z_2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \oplus K_n(Z_3)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Thanks to Proposition 24, we have moreover  $K_n(B)_{\mathbb{Q}} = K_n(Z_2)_{\mathbb{Q}} = K_n(Z_3)_{\mathbb{Q}} = 0$  for every  $n \geq 2$ . Therefore, we conclude that the groups  $K_n(T)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are torsion.

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