

# ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF NON-BIG ULRICH VECTOR BUNDLES ON FOURFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. We give an almost complete classification of non-big Ulrich vector bundles on fourfolds. This allows to classify them in the case of Picard rank one fourfolds, of Mukai fourfolds and in the case of del Pezzo  $n$ -folds for  $n \leq 4$ . We also classify Ulrich bundles with non-big determinant on del Pezzo and Mukai  $n$ -folds,  $n \geq 2$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  be a smooth irreducible complex variety of dimension  $n \geq 1$ . A vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $X$  is Ulrich if  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-p)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq n$ . We refer for example to [EiSc, B, CMRPL] and references therein for the importance of Ulrich vector bundles and the relation with properties of  $X$ .

One often useful geometrical consequence of the existence of a non-big Ulrich vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $X$  is that  $X$  is covered by linear spaces, as shown in [LS, Thm. 2]. This property gives very strong conditions on the geometry of  $X$  especially in low dimension, thus allowing the classification of non-big Ulrich vector bundles for  $n \leq 3$ , achieved in [Lo, LM]. On the other hand, already for  $n = 4$ , the classification of varieties covered by lines is far more incomplete. For example, for  $n = 4$ , one can have scrolls  $X \rightarrow Y$  which are a projective bundle only over a proper open subset of a threefold  $Y$ . Nevertheless, denoting by  $H$  a hyperplane section of  $X$ , observe that still a lot of information on the pair  $(X, H)$  is available in dimension  $n \geq 2$ . We have (see [BS] and §3.1) the nef value  $\tau = \tau(X, H)$  and the nef value morphism

$$\phi_\tau = \phi_\tau(X, H) := \varphi_{m(K_X + \tau H)} : X \rightarrow X'.$$

Classical adjunction theory allows to divide the pairs  $(X, H)$  into different cases, depending on the behaviour of  $\phi_\tau$  (this is especially useful for  $n = 4$ , see Lemma 3.1). In this paper we study this morphism in the presence of a non-big rank  $r$  Ulrich vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$ , as follows. We have a morphism  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(r-1, \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E}))$  and its lift with connected fibers in the Stein factorization  $\tilde{\Phi} : X \rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}(X)$ . When  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$ , we first prove a useful technical result, the Dichotomy Lemma (see Lemma 2.14), that allows to compare the fibers of  $\Phi$  (or of  $\tilde{\Phi}$ ) and of a given morphism starting from  $X$ . A nice application of it is given in two standard cases arising in adjunction theory, a quadric fibration in Proposition 2.17 and a blow-up of a point in Proposition 2.18. Moreover when  $n = 4$ , applying the Dichotomy Lemma to  $\phi_\tau$  in several cases, together with the results in [LS] and [LMS] in the case  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n > 0$ , we get a pretty complete classification of non-big Ulrich vector bundles, as stated below. In many cases we have a linear Ulrich triple, in the sense of Definition 2.11. The cases in the theorem below are also listed in Tables 1 and 2 at the end of the paper.

### Theorem 1.

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  be a smooth irreducible variety of dimension 4 and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is one of the following.

If  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0$ :

- (i)  $(\mathbb{P}^4, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}(1), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}^{\oplus r})$ .
- (ii1)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E}) \cong (\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1), p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))^{\oplus r})$ , where  $p = \Phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is the second projection.
- (ii2)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \phi_\tau = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 1$ . In particular  $\mathcal{E}$  is pull-back of a twisted Ulrich vector bundle on  $B$ .

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- (iii)  $(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1), p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))^{\oplus r})$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is one of the two projections.
- (iv)  $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times Q, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_Q(1), p^*(\mathcal{S}(1))^{\oplus(\frac{r}{2})})$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}^1 \times Q \rightarrow Q = Q_3$  is the second projection.
- (v1)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  under the Segre embedding and  $\mathcal{E} \cong q^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2))^{\oplus r}$ , where  $q : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is the restriction of the second projection.
- (v2)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \phi_\tau = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 2$ .
- (v3)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $b = 3$  and  $X$  has a morphism to a smooth curve with all fibers  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  embedded by the Segre embedding.
- (vi1)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a del Pezzo fibration over a smooth curve with every fiber the blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^3$  in a point and  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi} : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow B$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $\phi_\tau = h \circ p$  where  $h : B \rightarrow X'$  and  $(B, \det \mathcal{F})$  is a del Pezzo fibration over  $X'$  with every fiber  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .
- (vi2)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a del Pezzo fibration over a smooth curve with smooth fibers  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , singular fibers  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times Q$ , where  $Q \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  is a quadric cone and  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi} : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow B$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $\phi_\tau = h \circ p$  where  $h : B \rightarrow X'$  and  $(B, \det \mathcal{F})$  is a del Pezzo fibration over  $X'$  with smooth fibers  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and singular fibers  $Q$ .
- (vi3)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a del Pezzo fibration over a smooth curve with smooth fibers  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ , singular fibers the tautological image of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + 2f)$ , that is a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$ . Also  $\phi_\tau = h \circ \tilde{\Phi}$  where  $h : \tilde{\Phi}(X) \rightarrow X'$  is a fibration with general fiber  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . In particular  $\mathcal{E}|_{\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})}$  is pull-back of a vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .
- (vii)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a quadric fibration with equidimensional fibers over a smooth surface and  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $\phi_\tau$  factorizes through  $\tilde{\Phi}$  and every fiber of  $\phi_\tau$  is a disjoint union of linear spaces.
- (viii)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle over a smooth threefold,  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \phi_\tau = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 3$ .
- (ix)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a scroll over a normal threefold with non-equidimensional fibers and  $\phi_\tau$  factorizes through  $\tilde{\Phi}$  via a generically finite degree 1 map and every fiber of  $\phi_\tau$  is a disjoint union of linear spaces. In particular, on the general fiber  $\mathbb{P}^1$  of  $\phi_\tau$ , we have that  $\mathcal{E}|_{\mathbb{P}^1}$  is trivial.
- (x1)  $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times M, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes L, p^*(\mathcal{G}(L)))$ , where  $M$  is a Fano 3-fold of index 2,  $K_M = -2L$ ,  $p$  is the second projection and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a rank  $r$  Ulrich vector bundle for  $(M, L)$ .
- (x2)  $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})}(1), p^*(\mathcal{G} \otimes (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3))))$ , where  $p : X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes T_{\mathbb{P}^2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  is the projection map and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  such that  $H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes S^k(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1) \boxtimes \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2})) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq 2$ .
- (x3)  $X$  is a hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times Q_3$  under the Segre embedding,  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{Q_3}(1))|_X$  and  $\mathcal{E} \cong q^*(\mathcal{S}(2))^{\oplus(\frac{r}{2})}$ , where  $q : X \rightarrow Q_3$  is the restriction of the second projection.
- (x4)  $X$  is twice a hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  under the Segre embedding,  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))|_X$  and  $\mathcal{E} \cong q^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3))^{\oplus r}$ , where  $q : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is the restriction of one of the two projections.
- (x5)  $X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S})$  where  $\mathcal{S}$  is the spinor bundle on  $Q_3$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S})}(1) \otimes p^*(\mathcal{O}_{Q_3}(1))$  and  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(3))$ , where  $p : X \rightarrow Q_3$  is the projection and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $Q_3$  such that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-2k) \otimes S^k \mathcal{S}) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq 2$ .

If  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 > 0$ :

- (xi)  $(Q_4, \mathcal{O}_{Q_4}(1))$  and  $\mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{S}'', \mathcal{S}' \oplus \mathcal{S}''$ , where  $\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{S}''$  are the spinor bundles on  $Q_4$ .
- (xii)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^3$ -bundle over a smooth curve  $p : X \rightarrow B$  and on any fiber  $f$  of  $p$ ,  $\mathcal{E}|_f$  is either  $T_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-3)}$  or  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-3)}$  or  $\mathcal{N}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-2)}$ , where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a null-correlation bundle or is a quotient of type  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1)^{\oplus 2} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r+2)} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}|_f \rightarrow 0$ .
- (xiii)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle over a smooth surface  $p : X \rightarrow B$  and on any fiber  $f$  of  $p$ ,  $\mathcal{E}|_f \cong T_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}^{\oplus(r-2)}$ .
- (xiv)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a quadric fibration over a smooth curve  $p : X \rightarrow B$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  is a rank 2 relative spinor bundle, that is  $\mathcal{E}|_f$  is a spinor bundle on a general fiber  $f$  of  $p$ .

Vice versa all  $\mathcal{E}$  in (i)-(xi) are Ulrich not big.

Note that almost all cases in Theorem 1 are possible, see Examples 4.1-4.14. The exceptions are case (vi1) and case (xii) with restriction  $\mathcal{N}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-2)}$ . Moreover, in some cases, namely (vi3) and (ix), the information obtained on  $\mathcal{E}$  is not complete, we can only obtain a factorization of  $\phi_\tau$  through  $\tilde{\Phi}$ .

As a consequence of Theorem 1, we can classify completely non-big Ulrich vector bundles in the following classes of varieties.

**Corollary 1.**

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  be a smooth irreducible variety of dimension  $2 \leq n \leq 4$  and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $X$ . We have:

- (i) If  $\rho(X) = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big if and only if  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is one of the following:
  - (i1)  $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}^{\oplus r})$ .
  - (i2)  $(Q_n, \mathcal{O}_{Q_n}(1))$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  is one of  $(S')^{\oplus r}, (S'')^{\oplus r}$  for  $n = 2$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  for  $n = 3$  and as in (xi) of Theorem 1 for  $n = 4$ .
- (ii) If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a del Pezzo variety, then  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big if and only if  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  is one of the following:
  - (ii1)  $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1), q^*((\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2))^{\oplus s} \oplus (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))^{\oplus(r-s)})$  for  $0 \leq s \leq r$  and  $q : \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  is one of the three projections.
  - (ii2)  $(\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})}(1), p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))^{\oplus r})$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is one of the two projections.
  - (ii3)  $(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1), p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))^{\oplus r})$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is one of the two projections.
- (iii) If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a Mukai variety, then  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big if and only if  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  is as in (x1)-(x5) of Theorem 1.

Moreover, when  $\det \mathcal{E}$  is not big, we can classify Ulrich vector bundles on del Pezzo or Mukai  $n$ -folds.

**Corollary 2.**

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  be a smooth irreducible variety of dimension  $n \geq 2$  and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $X$  such that  $\det \mathcal{E}$  is not big. We have:

- (i) If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a del Pezzo  $n$ -fold, then  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich if and only if  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  is as in (ii1)-(ii3) of Corollary 1.
- (ii) If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a Mukai  $n$ -fold, then  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich if and only if  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  is either as in (x1)-(x5) of Theorem 1 or is one of the following:
  - (ii1)  $(\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3, p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3))^{\oplus r})$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is one of the two projections.
  - (ii2)  $(\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^3}), p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3))^{\oplus r})$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^3}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is one of the two projections.
  - (ii3)  $(\mathbb{P}^2 \times Q_3, q^*(\mathcal{S}(2))^{\oplus(\frac{r}{2})})$ , where  $q : \mathbb{P}^2 \times Q_3 \rightarrow Q_3$  is the second projection.

## 2. NOTATION AND STANDARD FACTS ABOUT (ULRICH) VECTOR BUNDLES

Throughout this section we will let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  be a smooth irreducible complex variety of dimension  $n \geq 1$ , degree  $d$  and  $H$  a hyperplane divisor on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1.** We say that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  as above is a *linear  $\mathbb{P}^k$ -bundle* over a smooth variety  $B$  if  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) = (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1))$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a very ample vector bundle on  $B$  of rank  $k + 1$ .

We say that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  as above is a *scroll (respectively a quadric fibration; respectively a del Pezzo fibration)* over a normal variety  $Y$  of dimension  $m$  if there exists a surjective morphism with connected fibers  $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $K_X + (n - m + 1)H = \phi^* \mathcal{L}$  (respectively  $K_X + (n - m)H = \phi^* \mathcal{L}$ ; respectively  $K_X + (n - m - 1)H = \phi^* \mathcal{L}$ ), with  $\mathcal{L}$  ample on  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.2.** For  $n \geq 2$  we let  $Q_n \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$  be a smooth quadric. We let  $S$  ( $n$  odd), and  $S', S''$  ( $n$  even), be the vector bundles on  $Q_n$ , as defined in [O, Def. 1.3]. The *spinor bundles* on  $Q_n$  are  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_n = S(1)$  if  $n$  is odd and  $\mathcal{S}' = \mathcal{S}'_n = S'(1)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}'' = \mathcal{S}''_n = S''(1)$ , if  $n$  is even. They all have rank  $2^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor}$ .

**Notation 2.3.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z} : 1 \leq k \leq n$  we denote by  $F_k(X)$  the Fano variety of  $k$ -dimensional linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{P}^N$  that are contained in  $X$ . For  $x \in X$ , we denote by  $F_k(X, x) \subset F_k(X)$  the subvariety of  $k$ -dimensional linear subspaces passing through  $x$ .

The following fact is well known (see for example [R, Prop.s 2.2.1 and 2.3.9]) and will be often used without mentioning.

*Remark 2.4.* Let  $x \in X$  be a general point. Then  $F_1(X, x)$  is smooth and  $\dim_{[L]} F_1(X, x) = -K_X \cdot L - 2$  for every  $[L] \in F_1(X, x)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Given a nef line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $X$  we denote by

$$\nu(\mathcal{L}) = \max\{k \geq 0 : c_1(\mathcal{L})^k \neq 0\}$$

the *numerical dimension* of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Recall that when  $\mathcal{L}$  is globally generated  $\nu(\mathcal{L})$  is the dimension of the image of the morphism induced by  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $X$ . We denote by  $c(\mathcal{E})$  its Chern polynomial and by  $s(\mathcal{E})$  its Segre polynomial. We set  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) = \text{Proj}(\text{Sym}(\mathcal{E}))$  with projection map  $\pi : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow X$  and tautological line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(1)$ . We say that  $\mathcal{E}$  is *nef (big, ample, very ample)* if  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(1)$  is nef (big, ample, very ample). If  $\mathcal{E}$  is nef, we define the *numerical dimension* of  $\mathcal{E}$  by  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) := \nu(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(1))$ . When  $\mathcal{E}$  is globally generated we define the map determined by  $\mathcal{E}$  as

$$\Phi = \Phi_{\mathcal{E}} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(r-1, \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E})).$$

For any point  $x \in X$  we will denote the fiber of  $\Phi$  by

$$F_x = \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(x))$$

and we set  $\phi(\mathcal{E})$  for the dimension of the general fiber of  $\Phi_{\mathcal{E}}$ . Moreover, we set

$$\varphi = \varphi_{\mathcal{E}} = \varphi_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(1)} : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E})$$

$$\Pi_y = \pi(\varphi^{-1}(y)), y \in \varphi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}))$$

and

$$P_x = \varphi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}_x)).$$

Note that  $\Phi(x) = [P_x]$  is the point in  $\mathbb{G}(r-1, \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E}))$  corresponding to  $P_x$ .

We recall that, considering the map

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{E}} : \Lambda^r H^0(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow H^0(\det \mathcal{E})$$

one gets a commutative diagram

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\mathcal{E}}} & \mathbb{G}(r-1, \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E})) \\ \downarrow \varphi_{|\text{Im} \lambda_{\mathcal{E}}|} & & \downarrow P_{\mathcal{E}} \\ \mathbb{P}\text{Im} \lambda_{\mathcal{E}} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{P}\Lambda^r H^0(\mathcal{E}) \end{array}$$

where  $P_{\mathcal{E}}$  is the Plücker embedding. In particular this implies that if  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$ , then  $\dim F_x \geq 1$  for every  $x \in X$ . We will often use this fact without further mentioning.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a vector bundle on  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$ . We say that  $\mathcal{E}$  is an *Ulrich vector bundle* if  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-p)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq n$ .

The following properties will be often used without mentioning.

*Remark 2.8.* Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank  $r$  Ulrich vector bundle on  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  and let  $d = \deg X$ . Then

- (i)  $\mathcal{E}$  is 0-regular in the sense of Castelnuovo-Mumford, hence  $\mathcal{E}$  is globally generated (by [Laz1, Thm. 1.8.5]).
- (ii)  $h^0(\mathcal{E}) = rd$  (by [EiSc, Prop. 2.1] or [B, (3.1)]).
- (iii)  $\mathcal{E}$  is arithmetically Cohen-Macaulay (ACM), that is  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(j)) = 0$  for  $0 < i < n$  and all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  (by [EiSc, Prop. 2.1] or [B, (3.1)]).
- (iv)  $\mathcal{E}|_Y$  is Ulrich on a smooth hyperplane section  $Y$  of  $X$  (by [B, (3.4)]).

*Remark 2.9.* On  $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$  the only rank  $r$  Ulrich vector bundle is  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}^{\oplus r}$  by [EiSc, Prop. 2.1], [B, Thm. 2.3].

We also collect here some properties that follow by [LS, Thm. 2].

**Lemma 2.10.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$ . Then  $F_x$  is a linear space contained in  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  for every  $x \in X$ . Moreover if*

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\Phi}} & \widetilde{\Phi(X)} \\ & \searrow \Phi & \downarrow g \\ & & \Phi(X) \end{array}$$

is the Stein factorization of  $\Phi = \Phi_{\mathcal{E}}$ , then, for every  $x \in X$ ,

$$\tilde{F}_x := \tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(\tilde{\Phi}(x)) = F_x$$

and there is a vector bundle  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\widetilde{\Phi(X)}$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong \tilde{\Phi}^*\mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* For every  $x \in X$  we have that  $F_x$  is a linear space by [LS, Thm. 2]. This implies that  $g$  is bijective and  $\tilde{F}_x = F_x$ . As is well known, there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\Phi(X)$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong \Phi^*\mathcal{U}$  and therefore also  $\mathcal{E} \cong \tilde{\Phi}^*\mathcal{H}$  with  $\mathcal{H} = g^*\mathcal{U}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a vector bundle on  $X$ . We say that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a *linear Ulrich triple* if there are a smooth irreducible variety  $B$  of dimension  $b \geq 1$ , a very ample vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}$  and a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $B$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad (X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E}) = (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1), p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F})))$$

where  $p : X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow B$  is the projection and

$$(2.4) \quad H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes S^k \mathcal{F}^*) = 0 \text{ for all } j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq b-1.$$

Note that when  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple, then  $\mathcal{E}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  by [Lo, Lemma 4.1]. Moreover observe that, in the case  $b = 1$ , we have  $H^j(\mathcal{G}) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$ , hence  $\mathcal{G} \otimes \mathcal{L}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle on  $B$  for any very ample line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$ . Thus, in this case,  $\mathcal{E}$  is pull-back of a twisted Ulrich vector bundle on  $B$ .

**Lemma 2.12.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  such that  $\tilde{\Phi}$  has equidimensional fibers and suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \neq (\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $B = \widetilde{\Phi(X)}$  and  $b = n - \phi(\mathcal{E})$ .*

*Proof.* This easily follows by [BS, Prop. 3.2.1], Lemma 2.10 and [Lo, Lemma 4.1].  $\square$

In several cases we will study Ulrich vector bundles on a variety  $X$  that has some standard structure morphism. As it will be clear in the sequel, this will naturally distinguish two different cases. We will use the following

**Notation 2.13.** Given a morphism  $h : X \rightarrow X'$  we set

$$f_x = h^{-1}(h(x)), x \in X.$$

Given an Ulrich vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $X$ , we have  $x \in F_x \cap f_x$ . Now

**Lemma 2.14.** (*Dichotomy Lemma*)

*Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  such that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$  and let  $h : X \rightarrow X'$  be a morphism. Then only one of the following cases occurs for  $h$ :*

- (fin)  $\dim F_x \cap f_x = 0$  for every  $x \in X$ , or
- (fact)  $F_x \subseteq f_x$ ,  $h$  factorizes through  $\tilde{\Phi}$  and  $f_x$  is a disjoint union of linear spaces, fibers of  $\Phi$ , for every  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Since  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$ , it follows that  $\dim F_x \geq 1$  for every  $x \in X$ . Now suppose that there is an  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\dim(F_{x_0} \cap f_{x_0}) \geq 1$ . Then the morphism

$$h|_{F_{x_0}} : F_{x_0} \rightarrow X'$$

has a positive dimensional fiber, namely  $F_{x_0} \cap f_{x_0}$ . Since  $F_{x_0} = \mathbb{P}^k$  it follows that  $h|_{F_{x_0}}$  is constant, that is  $F_{x_0} \subseteq f_{x_0}$ . Now  $\tilde{F}_{x_0} = F_{x_0} \subset f_{x_0}$ , hence [D, Lemma 1.15(a)] implies that  $F_x = \tilde{F}_x \subset f_x$  for general  $x$ . Then, by semicontinuity,  $\dim_x(F_x \cap f_x) \geq 1$  for every  $x \in X$ . Again  $h|_{F_x}$  is constant, that is  $\tilde{F}_x = F_x \subseteq f_x$ . Therefore  $h$  factorizes through  $\tilde{\Phi}$  by [D, Lemma 1.15(b)]. Since the fibers of  $\tilde{\Phi}$  are linear spaces, we get that  $f_x$  is a disjoint union of linear spaces for every  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.15.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$ . Given a morphism  $h : X \rightarrow X'$ , we define the subcase

$$(emb) \quad F_x \cap f_x = \{x\} \text{ scheme – theoretically, for every } x \in X.$$

We will say, that case (emb) (or (fin), or (fact)) holds for  $h$ , referring to the above or to the Dichotomy Lemma.

We now analyze how the cases (fin), (emb) or (fact) occur in some special cases.

**Lemma 2.16.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  such that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$  and let  $h : X \rightarrow X'$  be a morphism. We have:

- (i) If case (fin) holds for  $h$  and  $\dim X' = 1$ , then  $F_x$  is a line for every  $x \in X$  and  $X' \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ .
- (ii) If  $h$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^k$ -bundle or a quadric fibration over a smooth curve and case (fin) holds for  $h$ , then case (emb) holds for  $h$ .
- (iii) Assume that case (fact) holds for  $h$ . If  $f_x$  is integral and  $\text{Pic}(f_x) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  for some  $x \in X$ , then  $F_x = f_x$ . Moreover if  $h_*\mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_{X'}$ ,  $f_x$  is integral and  $\text{Pic}(f_x) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  for every  $x \in X$ , then  $h = \tilde{\Phi}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$  we have that  $F_x = \mathbb{P}^k$ ,  $k \geq 1$  for every  $x \in X$ . Suppose that case (fin) holds in one of (i)-(iii). To see (i), if  $\dim F_x \geq 2$ , then  $h|_{F_x} : F_x = \mathbb{P}^k \rightarrow X'$  is constant, contradicting case (fin). Then  $F_x$  is a line and, for every  $v \in F_x$ , we have that  $\dim f_v \cap F_x = \dim f_v \cap F_v = 0$ , so that  $F_x$  dominates  $X'$  and then  $X' \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ . This proves (i). Now (ii) is clear if  $h$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^k$ -bundle. If  $h$  is a quadric fibration over a smooth curve, let  $x \in X$ , so that  $F_x$  is a line by (i). If  $F_x \cdot f_x \geq 2$ , then, for a general  $x' \in X$ ,  $F_x \cdot f_{x'} = F_x \cdot f_x \geq 2$ . This implies that  $x \in F_x \subset \langle f_{x'} \rangle = \mathbb{P}^n$ . But then  $X = \mathbb{P}^n$ , a contradiction. Hence  $f_x \cdot F_x = 1$  for every  $x \in X$  and case (emb) holds. This proves (ii). To see (iii), assume that  $f_x$  is integral and  $\text{Pic}(f_x) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  for some  $x \in X$ . Since  $\Phi|_{f_x} : f_x \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(r-1, \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E}))$  contracts  $F_x$  to a point, it must be constant, thus  $f_x = F_x = \tilde{F}_x$ . Now if  $f_x$  is integral and  $\text{Pic}(f_x) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  for every  $x \in X$ , then  $f_x = F_x = \tilde{F}_x$  for every  $x \in X$ , hence also  $\tilde{\Phi}$  factorizes through  $h$  by [D, Lemma 1.15(b)] and we deduce that  $h = \tilde{\Phi}$ .  $\square$

The following general results, applied to some standard cases arising in adjunction theory, illustrate the power of the Dichotomy Lemma.

**Proposition 2.17.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  such that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$  and suppose that  $n \geq 4$ . Let  $h : X \rightarrow X'$  be a quadric fibration over a smooth curve. Then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E}) = (\mathbb{P}^1 \times Q, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_Q(1), p^*(\mathcal{H}(1)))$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}^1 \times Q \rightarrow Q = Q_{n-1}$  is the second projection and  $\mathcal{H}$  is a direct sum of spinor bundles on  $Q$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H_Q \in |\mathcal{O}_Q(1)|$ . By hypothesis  $f_x \cong Q$  and  $H|_{f_x} \cong H_Q$  for general  $x$ . Case (fact) does not hold for  $h$ , since otherwise Lemma 2.16(iii) would give the contradiction  $\mathbb{P}^k = F_x = f_x$ . Now the Dichotomy Lemma, Lemma 2.16(i) and (ii) give that  $F_x$  is a line for every  $x \in X$  and case (emb) holds for  $h$ . It follows by Lemma 2.12 that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $B = \widetilde{\Phi(X)}$  and  $b = n - 1$ . Moreover case (emb) implies that, for general  $x$ , there is a closed embedding  $p|_{f_x} : f_x \rightarrow B$  and therefore  $B \cong Q$ . Hence  $p|_{f_x}$  is an isomorphism and  $(p^*H_Q)|_{f_x} \cong H|_{f_x}$ . Set  $\det \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_Q(c)$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$(1-n)H_Q = K_Q = K_{f_x} = (K_X + f_x)|_{f_x} = (-2H + (1-n+c)p^*H_Q)|_{f_x} = (c-n-1)H_Q$$

so that  $c = 2$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{F}$  is a very ample rank 2 vector bundle on  $Q$  with  $\det \mathcal{F} = 2H_Q$  and it follows that  $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{O}_Q(1)^{\oplus 2}$  (see for example [AW, Prop. 1.2]). Therefore  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) = (\mathbb{P}^1 \times Q, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_Q(1))$ . Now  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(2))$  where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $Q$  such that  $H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes S^k \mathcal{F}^*) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq n-2$ . Hence  $\mathcal{H} := \mathcal{G}(1)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle on  $Q$  and we get that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{H}(1))$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}^1 \times Q \rightarrow Q$  is the second projection and  $\mathcal{H}$  is a direct sum of spinor bundles on  $Q$  by [LMS, Lemma 3.2(iv)].  $\square$



**Proposition 2.18.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  such that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$  and suppose that  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is not a blow-up  $h : X \rightarrow X_1$  of a smooth  $n$ -fold at a point with exceptional divisor  $E$  such that  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)|_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(1)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a blow-up as stated and apply the Dichotomy Lemma to  $h$ . Since  $f_x = \{x\}$  for general  $x$ , we get that case (fact) does not hold for  $h$ , so that we are in case (fin). Moreover  $f_u$  is a linear space for every  $u \in X$ , hence (emb) holds for  $h$ . It follows that  $\Phi|_E : E \rightarrow \Phi(X)$  is a closed embedding. On the other hand, we know that  $\dim \Phi(X) \leq n - 1$  and therefore  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1} \cong E \cong \Phi(E) = \Phi(X)$ . Hence for every  $u \in X$  we have that  $F_u = F_{u_0}$  for some  $u_0 \in E$ . Then  $E = f_{u_0}$  and  $F_{u_0} \cup f_{u_0} \subset T_{u_0}X$ . If  $\dim F_u \geq 2$  then  $\dim F_{u_0} \geq 2$  and  $\dim T_{u_0}X \geq \dim \langle F_{u_0} \cup f_{u_0} \rangle \geq n + 1$ , contradicting the smoothness of  $X$ . Therefore  $F_u$  is a line for every  $u \in X$ . It follows that  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  has equidimensional fibers and [BS, Prop. 3.2.1] implies that  $\Phi$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle. Hence there is a very ample rank 2 vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  such that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \cong (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1))$ ,  $\Phi$  is the bundle projection  $p : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  and  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$  for some rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ . Let  $R = p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(1))$  and  $\det \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(c)$ , for some  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$K_E = (K_X + E)|_E = (-2H + (c - n)R - H)|_E$$

that is  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(-n) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(c - n - 3)$ , so that  $c = 3$ . Therefore, since  $\mathcal{F}$  is very ample, it has splitting type  $(1, 2)$  on any line in  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  and it follows by [V, Thm.] that either  $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(2)$  or  $n = 3$  and  $\mathcal{F} \cong T_{\mathbb{P}^2}$ . The latter case is excluded since  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  does not contain linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$ 's. Therefore we are in the first case and [Lo, Lemma 4.1] gives in particular that  $H^i(\mathcal{G}(-s)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq s \leq n - 2$ . Hence  $\mathcal{G}(1)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^{n-1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(1))$ , so that  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(-1)^{\oplus r}$  by Remark 2.9. But this gives the contradiction  $0 = H^{n-1}(\mathcal{G}(-n+1)) = H^{n-1}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(-n)^{\oplus r}) \neq 0$ .  $\square$

### 3. NON-BIG ULRICH VECTOR BUNDLES ON FOURFOLDS

In this section we will prove Theorem 1, Corollary 1 and Corollary 2.

One guide will be given by the following.

**3.1. Fourfolds and adjunction theory.** We collect some definitions and standard facts in adjunction theory, that we recall for completeness' sake.

Let  $X$  be a smooth irreducible variety such that  $K_X$  is not nef and let  $H$  be a very ample divisor. Consider the nef value of  $(X, H)$  (see [BS, Def. 1.5.3])

$$\tau = \tau(X, H) = \min\{t \in \mathbb{R} : K_X + tH \text{ is nef}\}$$

and the nef value morphism, defined for  $m \gg 0$  by

$$\phi_\tau = \phi_\tau(X, H) := \varphi_{m(K_X + \tau H)} : X \rightarrow X'$$

We recall that  $(\phi_\tau)_*\mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_{X'}$ , see [BS, Def. 1.5.3].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  be a smooth irreducible fourfold covered by lines and let  $H \in |\mathcal{O}_X(1)|$ . Let  $\tau$  be the nef value of  $(X, H)$  and let  $\phi_\tau$  be the nef value morphism. Then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is only one of the following:*

- (a)  $(\mathbb{P}^4, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}(1))$ .
- (b.1)  $(Q_4, \mathcal{O}_{Q_4}(1))$ .
- (b.2) A linear  $\mathbb{P}^3$ -bundle under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a smooth curve with  $\tau = 4$ .
- (c.1) A del Pezzo 4-fold, that is  $K_X = -3H$ .
- (c.2) A quadric fibration under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a smooth curve with  $\tau = 3$ .
- (c.3) A linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a smooth surface with  $\tau = 3$ .
- (d.1) A Mukai variety, that is  $K_X = -2H$ .
- (d.2) A del Pezzo fibration under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a smooth curve with  $\tau = 2$ .
- (d.3) A quadric fibration with equidimensional fibers under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a smooth surface with  $\tau = 2$ .
- (d.4) A linear  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a smooth threefold with  $\tau = 2$ .
- (d.5) A scroll under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a normal threefold with non-equidimensional fibers with  $\tau = 2$ .
- (e) The blow-up  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  of a smooth fourfold at  $t \geq 1$  points, with exceptional divisors  $E_i \cong \mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $H|_{E_i} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$  and  $\tau = 3$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  be a general point and let  $L \in F_1(X, x)$ . Then

$$0 \leq \dim_{[L]} F_1(X, x) = -K_X \cdot L - 2$$

so that  $K_X \cdot L \leq -2$  and  $\tau \geq 2$ . By [BS, Prop. 7.2.2] we have that either we are in case (a), or  $\tau = 4$  and we are in cases (b.1) or (b.2) or  $\tau \leq 4$  and  $K_X + 4H$  is big and nef. In the latter case  $K_X + 4H$  is ample by [BS, Prop. 7.2.3] and  $\tau \leq 3$  by [BS, Prop. 7.2.4]. Moreover [BS, Prop. 7.3.2] gives that  $K_X + 3H$  is ample unless  $\tau = 3$  and either we are in one of the cases (c.1)-(c.3) or (e) (for (c.3) use also [SV, Thm. 0.2] and for (e) use also [SV, Thm. 0.3 and Rmk. 1]). Next if  $K_X + 3H$  is ample then  $\tau < 3$  and  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is isomorphic to its first reduction (see [BS, Def. 7.3.3]). Therefore [BS, Prop. 7.3.4] implies that  $\tau = 2$ , so that  $K_X \cdot L = -2$ , hence  $K_X + 2H$  is nef and not big. It follows by [BS, Prop. 7.5.3 and Thm. 14.2.3] that either we are in one of the cases (d.1)-(d.3) or  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a scroll under  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  over a normal threefold. Finally in the latter case if  $\phi_\tau$  has equidimensional fibers, then we are in case (d.4) by [BS, Prop. 3.2.1], otherwise we are in case (d.5).  $\square$

**3.2. Proofs.** To this end we will use the notation in 2.13 and in Definition 2.6.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (i)-(xi). Then, using, in the corresponding cases, Remark 2.9, [LMS, Prop. 3.3(iii)], [Lo, Lemma 4.1], [B, (3.5)] and Remark 2.8(iv), we see that  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big.

Now assume that  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big.

It follows by [Lo, Thm. 1] that  $X$  is covered by lines, hence Lemma 3.1 gives that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  belongs to one of the cases (a)-(e) in Lemma 3.1. We will divide the proof according to these cases.

If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is as in (a), we are in case (i) by Remark 2.9.

If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is as in (b.1), we are in case (xi) by [LMS, Prop. 3.3(iii)].

Therefore we can assume from now on that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is neither as in (a) nor as in (b.1).

For the rest of the proof  $x \in X$  will denote a general point.

We will now divide the proof into several subcases and claims.

**Case (A):**  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 > 0$ .

We claim that

$$(3.1) \quad \dim F_1(X, x) \geq r + 3 - \nu(\mathcal{E}) \geq 1.$$

In fact, set  $k = r + 3 - \nu(\mathcal{E})$ . It follows from [LS, Cor. 2] that we can find a 1-dimensional family  $T$  of  $k$ -dimensional linear spaces  $M_t, t \in T$ , with  $x \in M_t \subseteq X$ . Consider the incidence correspondence

$$\mathcal{J} = \{([L], t) \in F_1(X, x) \times T : L \subseteq M_t\}.$$

The second projection shows that  $\mathcal{J}$  is irreducible of dimension  $k$ . Next, let  $B = \bigcap_{t \in T} M_t$ . Since  $B \subseteq M_t$  for every  $t \in T$  and  $\dim T = 1$ , then  $\dim B < k$ . On the other hand,  $x \in B$ , hence choosing a point  $x' \in M_t \setminus B$ , we can find a line  $L_0 = \langle x, x' \rangle$ , with  $[L_0] \in F_1(X, x)$  and such that  $L_0 \not\subseteq B$ . Therefore, since  $\dim T = 1$ , there are finitely many  $t \in T$  such that  $L_0 \subset M_t$ . Thus, the first projection  $p : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow F_1(X, x)$  has 0-dimensional general fibers over  $p(\mathcal{J})$ . Therefore  $\dim F_1(X, x) \geq \dim p(\mathcal{J}) = k$ . This proves (3.1).

Now we study the cases (b.2) and (c.3). To unify notation, we denote  $\phi_\tau$  by  $p : X \rightarrow B$ . First, observe that [LP, Thm. 1.4] and (3.1) give that

$$(3.2) \quad r + 1 \leq \nu(\mathcal{E}) \leq r + 2 \text{ in case (b.2) and } \nu(\mathcal{E}) = r + 2 \text{ in case (c.3).}$$

We first show that we can apply [LMS, Lemma 4.4], that we recall here for the reader's sake.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) = (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1))$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a rank  $n - b + 1$  very ample vector bundle over a smooth irreducible variety  $B$  of dimension  $b$  with  $1 \leq b \leq n - 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank  $r$  Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$ , let  $p : X \rightarrow B$  be the projection morphism and suppose that*

$$(3.3) \quad p|_{\Pi_y} : \Pi_y \rightarrow B \text{ is constant for every } y \in \varphi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})).$$

*Then, for every fiber  $f$  of  $p$  we have  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = b + \dim \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) \geq b + r - 1$ . Moreover we have the following two extremal cases:*

- (i) *If  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = b + r - 1$  there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $B$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$  and  $H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes S^k \mathcal{F}^*) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq b - 1$ .*



- (ii) If  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = b + r$  then either  $b = n - 1$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  is big or  $b \leq n - 2$  and  $\mathcal{E}|_f \cong T_{\mathbb{P}^{n-b}(-1)} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-b}}^{\oplus(r-n+b)}$  for any fiber  $f = \mathbb{P}^{n-b}$  of  $p$ .

**Claim 3.3.** In cases (b.2) and (c.3) we have that (3.3) holds for  $p : X \rightarrow B$ .

*Proof.* If  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = r + 1$  we are in case (b.2) and for every  $y \in \varphi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}))$  we get that

$$\dim \Pi_y \geq r + 3 - \nu(\mathcal{E}) = 2.$$

Hence (3.3) holds for  $p : X \rightarrow B$ .

Therefore we can assume that  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = r + 2$  by (3.2).

Arguing by contradiction assume that there is an  $y_0 \in \varphi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}))$  such that  $\Pi_{y_0}$  is not contained in a fiber of  $p$ . Then the same holds for a general  $y \in \varphi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}))$ : In fact, if  $\Pi_y$  is contained in a fiber of  $p$ , then, by specialization  $\dim \Pi_{y_0} \cap f_{x_0} \geq \dim \Pi_y \cap f_x = 1$ , where  $y_0 \in P_{x_0}$  and  $y \in P_x$ . Now  $\Pi_{y_0}$  is a linear space of positive dimension by [LS, Thm. 2] and  $p|_{\Pi_{y_0}} : \Pi_{y_0} \rightarrow B$  contracts  $\Pi_{y_0} \cap f_{x_0}$  to a point, hence is constant, that is  $\Pi_{y_0} \subseteq f_{x_0}$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\Pi_y \not\subseteq f_x$  for a general  $y \in \varphi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}))$ . Then  $F_1(X, x)$  has at least two irreducible components, namely  $W$  made of lines in  $f_x$  through  $x$  and  $W'$  made of lines of type  $\Pi_y$ , with  $\dim W' \geq 1$  by [LS, Cor. 2]. Moreover  $F_1(X, x)$  is smooth, hence  $W \cap W' = \emptyset$ . As is well known,  $F_1(X, x) \subset \mathbb{P}^3 = \mathbb{P}(T_x X)$ . In case (b.2) we have that  $W$  is a plane, thus giving a contradiction. In case (c.3) we have that  $W$  is a line and  $W'$  is a curve. We now use the fact that  $F_1(X, x)$  is contained in the base locus of the linear system  $|II|$  given by the second fundamental form of  $X$  at  $x$ . Observe that  $X$  is not defective by [Ei, Thm. 3.3(b)], hence [Land, Thm. 7.3(i)] gives that there is a smooth quadric  $Q \in |II|$ . Since  $W \sqcup W' \subset Q$  we find that  $W'$  is a union of lines. But  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  and a line  $L$  component of  $W'$  is also a line in  $\mathbb{G}(1, N)$ , hence the union of the lines representing points of  $L$  gives a plane  $M_x$  such that  $x \in M_x \subset X$ . It follows by [Sa2, Main Thm.] that  $X$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^k$ -bundle  $p' : X \rightarrow B'$  over a smooth  $B'$  so that its general fibers contain the  $M_x$ 's. On the other hand, it cannot be that  $k \geq 3$  for otherwise on any  $\mathbb{P}^k$  we would have that  $p|_{\mathbb{P}^k} : \mathbb{P}^k \rightarrow B$  is constant, thus giving the contradiction that  $p$  has a fiber of dimension  $k$ . Therefore  $k = 2$  and, by construction, the  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle structure  $p'$  is different from  $p$ . Now on any fiber  $f'$  of  $p'$  we have that  $p|_{f'} : f' \rightarrow B$  cannot be constant, otherwise  $f'$  is also a fiber of  $p$ , and it follows by [Laz2, Thm. 4.1] that  $B \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ . Similarly,  $B' \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ . But then [Sa1, Thm. A] implies that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) = (\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Claim 3.4.** In case (b.2) we have that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (xii).

*Proof.* Note that (3.3) holds for  $p : X \rightarrow B$  by Claim 3.3.

If  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = r + 1$  we can apply Lemma 3.2 and we are in case (xii).

By (3.2) it remains to study the case  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = r + 2$ .

Then, Lemma 3.2 gives

$$\dim \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) = \nu(\mathcal{E}) - 1 = r + 1$$

for every fiber  $f$  of  $p$ . Next note that the morphism  $\Phi|_f : f = \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(r-1, \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E}))$  cannot be constant, for otherwise  $P_x = P_{x'}$  for any  $x, x' \in f$ , giving the contradiction  $\varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) = P_x = \mathbb{P}^{r-1}$ . Hence  $\Phi|_f$  is finite onto its image and therefore  $\varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) \subseteq \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E})$  is swept out by a family  $\{P_x, x \in f\}$  of dimension 3 of linear  $\mathbb{P}^{r-1}$ 's. We will now show, along the lines of [Se, Lemma p. 44], that

$$(3.4) \quad \text{either } \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) = \mathbb{P}^{r+1} \text{ or } \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) = Q_{r+1}, \text{ a quadric of rank at least 5.}$$

Set  $Y_f = \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f))$ . Since  $\dim Y_f = r + 1$ , if  $y \in Y_f$  is general, there is a 1-dimensional family  $\{P_t, t \in T\}$  of  $\mathbb{P}^{r-1}$ 's through  $y$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}_y = \bigcup_{t \in T} P_t$  be the corresponding cone. Then  $\dim \mathcal{C}_y = r$  and set  $c = \deg \mathcal{C}_y$ . Let  $H_1, \dots, H_{r-1}$  be general hyperplanes. Then the surface  $S_f := Y_f \cap H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_{r-1}$  is such that there are  $c$  lines contained in  $S_f$  and passing through its general point. As is well known, it follows that either  $c = 1$  and  $S_f$  is a scroll or a plane or  $c = 2$  and  $S_f$  is a quadric. Assume now that  $Y_f \neq \mathbb{P}^{r+1}$ . When  $c = 1$  we get that  $\mathcal{C}_y = \mathbb{P}^r$ , hence  $Y_f$  is a scroll in  $\mathbb{P}^r$ 's. Also, when  $c = 2$  we have that  $Y_f = Q$  is a quadric. If  $Y_f$  is a scroll, then the composition of  $\Phi_{\mathcal{E}|_f}$  with the Plücker embedding maps  $f = \mathbb{P}^3$  to another scroll in  $\mathbb{P}^r$ , say  $Z_f$ , of dimension  $r + 1$  over some curve  $\Gamma$ , whose  $\mathbb{P}^r$ 's are the dual of the ones in  $Y_f$ . Thus we get a map  $g : f = \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow Z_f$  and  $g$  lifts to the normalization  $\nu : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow Z_f$ , where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a vector bundle over  $\Gamma$ . But this gives the contradiction that  $f = \mathbb{P}^3$  dominates  $\Gamma$ . The same argument can be applied if  $\text{rk} Q \leq 4$  since we can see it as a scroll in  $\mathbb{P}^r$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . This proves (3.4).

We now claim that  $c_1(\mathcal{E}|_L) > 0$  for every line  $L \subset f$ . To see the latter, since  $\mathcal{E}$  is globally generated, we can suppose that there is a line  $L_0 \subset f$  such that  $c_1(\mathcal{E}|_{L_0}) = 0$ . Then the same holds on any line  $L \subset f$ , hence  $\Phi_{\mathcal{E}|_L}$  is constant. On the other hand, since  $\dim \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) = r+1$ , there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in f$  such that  $P_{x_1} \neq P_{x_2}$  hence on  $L' = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  we have that  $\Phi_{\mathcal{E}|_{L'}}$  is not constant. This proves that  $c_1(\mathcal{E}|_L) > 0$  for every line  $L \subset f$ . Now for every line  $L \subset f$  we have that  $H^0(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}|_L)$  is surjective by [LS, Lemma 3.2], hence  $\varphi(\pi^{-1}(L))$  is a rational normal scroll. Then  $h^0(\mathcal{E}|_L) \leq r+3$  by (3.4) and  $1 \leq c_1(\mathcal{E}|_L) \leq 3$ . Furthermore, if  $c_1(\mathcal{E}|_L) = 3$  then  $\varphi(\pi^{-1}(L))$  has codimension 1 in  $Q = \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f))$ . Note that  $r \geq 2$  since  $\mathcal{E}$  is not big and  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 > 0$ , hence intersecting with general hyperplanes  $H_i, 1 \leq i \leq r-2$  we get a surface  $\varphi(\pi^{-1}(L)) \cap H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_{r-2}$  of degree 3 inside a smooth quadric in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ , a contradiction. This gives that  $1 \leq c_1(\mathcal{E}|_L) \leq 2$ .

If  $c_1(\mathcal{E}|_L) = 1$  then  $\mathcal{E}|_L \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}^{\oplus(r-1)}$ , hence  $c_1(\mathcal{E}|_f) = 1$  and [Ell, Prop. IV.2.2] implies that  $\mathcal{E}|_f$  is either  $T_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-3)}$ ,  $r \geq 3$  or  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-1)}$  or  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)^{\oplus(r-3)}$ ,  $r \geq 3$ . The first case does not occur since then (3.4) implies the contradiction  $r+2 \leq h^0(\mathcal{E}|_f) = h^0(T_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-3)}) = r+1$ . In the second case we have that  $\mathcal{E}|_f$  is big, contradicting the fact that  $\dim \varphi(\pi^{-1}(f)) = r+1$ . Also  $c_1(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)^{\oplus(r-3)}) = r-1 \geq 2$ , hence the third case does not occur. It follows that  $c_1(\mathcal{E}|_f) = 2$  and therefore  $\mathcal{E}|_f$  is as in (i)-(vii) of [SU, Thm. 1]. Now  $r+2 \leq h^0(\mathcal{E}|_f) \leq r+3$  by (3.4), hence cases (i)-(iii) and (vii) of [SU, Thm. 1] are excluded. Thus  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (xii).  $\square$

**Claim 3.5.** *In case (c.3) we have that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (xiii).*

*Proof.* By (3.2) and Claim 3.3 we can apply Lemma 3.2(ii) and we are in case (xiii).  $\square$

To conclude the proof of case (A) we can assume that we are neither in case (b.2) nor in case (c.3).

Again [LP, Thm. 1.4], the classification of del Pezzo 4-folds (see for example [LP, §1], [F1]) and (3.1) give that  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = r+2$ ,  $\dim F_1(X, x) = 1$  and either we are in case (c.2) or in one of the following cases for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$ :

- (A.1) a cubic hypersurface  $\mathbb{P}^5$ .
- (A.2) a complete intersection of two quadrics in  $\mathbb{P}^6$ .
- (A.3) a linear section  $\mathbb{G}(1, 4) \cap H_1 \cap H_2$ , where  $\mathbb{G}(1, 4) \subset \mathbb{P}^9$  in the Plücker embedding and  $H_i \subset \mathbb{P}^9$  are hyperplanes  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (A.4)  $(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$ .

Moreover note that in cases (A.1)-(A.3), or in case (c.2), we have that  $F_2(X, x) = \emptyset$ . In fact, if not, being a closed condition, we would get that  $F_2(X, x') \neq \emptyset$  holds on any point  $x' \in X$ . Now [Sa2, Main Thm.] gives that  $X$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle over a smooth surface, hence [F2, Main Thm.] implies that we are in case (c.3), a contradiction. Therefore we can apply [LMS, Prop. 4.6] and deduce that there is a morphism  $\psi : \mathbb{P}^{r-1} \rightarrow F_1(X, x)$  that is finite onto its image and

$$1 = \dim F_1(X, x) \geq r-1$$

hence  $r \leq 2$ . On the other hand,  $\mathcal{E}$  is not big and therefore  $r = 2$ .

**Claim 3.6.** *Cases (A.1), (A.2), (A.3) and (A.4) do not occur.*

*Proof.* Case (A.4) does not occur by [LMS, Thm. 3]. In cases (A.1) and (A.2) it is well known (see for example [R, Ex. 2.3.11]) that  $F_1(X, x)$  is a smooth complete intersection of type (2, 3) or (2, 2) in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , dominated by  $\mathbb{P}^1$  via  $\psi$ , a contradiction.

In case (A.3) note that  $\det \mathcal{E} = 2H$  by [Lo, Lemma 3.2]. Let  $Y$  be a smooth hyperplane section of  $X$ . By Remark 2.8(iv),  $\mathcal{E}|_Y$  is Ulrich on  $Y$  and it is indecomposable since  $\text{Pic}(Y) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and there are no Ulrich line bundles on  $Y$ . It follows by [AC, Thm. 3.4] and Remark 2.8(iii) that  $\mathcal{E}|_Y \cong S_L(l)$  or  $S_C(l)$  or  $S_E(l)$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  (see [AC, Ex. 3.1, 3.2, 3.3] for the definition of these sheaves). Since  $\det(\mathcal{E}|_Y) = 2H|_Y$  we get that  $\mathcal{E}|_Y \cong S_L(1)$  or  $S_E(1)$ . Now  $h^0(\mathcal{E}|_Y) = 2 \deg X = 10$  while  $h^0(S_L(1)) = 12$ , hence this case is excluded. Therefore  $\mathcal{E}|_Y \cong S_E(1)$  and we deduce that  $c_2(\mathcal{E}) \cdot H^2 = c_2(S_E(1)) \cdot H|_Y = 7$ . We know that  $N^2(X)$  is generated by the classes of two planes  $M_1, M_2$  with  $M_1^2 = 1, M_2^2 = 2, M_1 \cdot M_2 = -1$  by [PZ, Cor. 4.7 and proof]. Hence  $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = a_1[M_1] + a_2[M_2]$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and

$$7 = c_2(\mathcal{E}) \cdot H^2 = (a_1[M_1] + a_2[M_2]) \cdot H^2 = a_1 + a_2.$$

Therefore

$$s_4(\mathcal{E}^*) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 - 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 \cdot c_2(\mathcal{E}) + c_2(\mathcal{E})^2 = 5a_1^2 - 42a_1 + 94 > 0$$

giving that  $\mathcal{E}$  is big, a contradiction.  $\square$

**Claim 3.7.** *In case (c.2) we have that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (xiv).*

*Proof.* Let  $Q$  be a general fiber of  $\phi_\tau$ . Then  $(\det \mathcal{E})|_Q = eH|_Q$  for some  $e \geq 0$ .

**Subclaim 3.8.** *For any line  $L \subset Q$  we have that*

$$(3.5) \quad \mathcal{E}|_L \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(e).$$

*Proof.* We first prove that (3.5) holds for a general line  $L \subset Q$ .

There is a nonempty open subset  $U \subseteq X$  such that  $F_1(X, x)$  is smooth,  $\dim F_1(X, x) = 1$  and  $Q_x := \phi_\tau^{-1}(\phi_\tau(x))$  is smooth irreducible for any  $x \in U$ . By [LMS, Prop. 4.6] there is a 1-dimensional family of lines  $Z_x := \psi(\mathbb{P}^1) \subset F_1(X, x)$ , hence  $Z_x$  is an irreducible component of  $F_1(X, x)$ , disjoint from other components. For every  $[L] \in Z_x$  we have that  $\dim_{[L]} F_1(X, x) = \dim_{[L]} Z_x = 1$ , hence  $K_X \cdot L = -3$ . Therefore  $(K_X + 3H) \cdot L = 0$  and then  $L \subset Q_x$ . Hence  $Z_x = F_1(Q_x, x)$  for every  $x \in U$ .

Moreover, let us see that for every  $[L] \in Z_x$  property (3.5) holds. In fact, if  $[L] \in Z_x$  then we have that  $L = \psi(y) = \Pi_y$  for some  $y \in P_x$ . Since  $\varphi^{-1}(y)$  is a curve contracted by  $\varphi$  and  $x \in L = \Pi_y$ , we deduce that there is a 0-dimensional subscheme  $Z$  of  $L$  of length 2 such that  $H^0(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}|_Z)$  is not surjective. On the other hand, the restriction map  $H^0(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}|_L)$  is surjective by [LS, Lemma 3.3], hence  $H^0(\mathcal{E}|_L) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}|_Z)$  is not surjective. Therefore  $\mathcal{E}|_L$  is not ample and (3.5) holds.

Consider now the incidence correspondence

$$\mathcal{I} = \{(u, [L]) \in Q \times F_1(Q) : u \in L\}$$

together with its surjective projections

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{I} & \\ p_1 \swarrow & & \searrow p_2 \\ Q & & F_1(Q) \end{array} .$$

Note that  $\mathcal{I}$  is irreducible. Since  $p_1^{-1}(U \cap Q)$  dominates  $F_1(Q)$ , there is a nonempty open subset  $V$  of  $F_1(Q)$  such that  $V \subset p_2(p_1^{-1}(U \cap Q))$ . Now for any line  $[L] \in V$  we have that  $L = p_2(x, L)$  for some  $(x, L) \in p_1^{-1}(U \cap Q)$ , so that  $x \in L \subset Q$  and  $x \in U \cap Q$ . Therefore  $[L] \in F_1(Q, x) = F_1(Q_x, x) = Z_x$ . Hence (3.5) holds for a general line  $L \subset Q$ . Now for any  $[L] \in F_1(Q)$  we have that  $\mathcal{E}|_L \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_2)$  with  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq 0$ , since  $\mathcal{E}$  is globally generated. By semicontinuity we have that  $h^0(\mathcal{E}|_L(-e)) \geq 1$  since (3.5) holds for a general line  $L_t \subset Q$ . Therefore we get that  $a_1 \geq e$ . Now  $a_1 + a_2 = c_1(\mathcal{E}) \cdot L = c_1(\mathcal{E}) \cdot L_t = e$ , so that  $a_2 = e - a_1 \leq 0$  and therefore  $a_2 = 0$  and  $a_1 = e$ .  $\square$

We now continue with the proof of Claim 3.7.

Note that  $\mathcal{E}|_Q$  cannot split as  $\mathcal{O}_Q \oplus \mathcal{O}_Q(e)$ . In fact, if such a splitting holds, choosing a point  $x \in U \cap Q$  (see proof of Subclaim 3.8) we get that  $x \in L = \Pi_y$ , hence there is  $z \in \varphi^{-1}(y)$  such that  $x = \pi(z)$ . On the other hand,  $z \in \varphi^{-1}(y) = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_L) \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_Q) \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})$ . But  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_Q)$  is contracted to a point by  $\varphi$ , contradicting the fact that  $\varphi^{-1}(y)$  is a curve.

Now Subclaim 3.8 gives that  $\mathcal{E}|_Q$  is a uniform rank 2 vector bundle on  $Q$  satisfying (3.5). Therefore  $\mathcal{E}|_Q$  is indecomposable and [MOS, Cor. 6.7] gives that  $\mathcal{E}|_Q$  is a spinor bundle, that is we are in case (xiv). This proves Claim 3.7.  $\square$

This concludes the proof of Theorem 1 in Case (A).

**Case (B):**  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0$ .

Note that this implies that  $\rho(X) \geq 2$ . Recall that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  belongs to one of the cases (a)-(e) in Lemma 3.1 and we are assuming that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is neither as in (a) nor as in (b.1). In many cases we will apply the notation and results of the Dichotomy Lemma with respect to the nef value morphism  $\phi_\tau$  in Lemma 3.1.

**Claim 3.9.** *In case (b.2), either we are in case (fn) and  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (ii1) or we are in case (fact) and  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (ii2).*

*Proof.* In case (fact) just apply Lemmas 2.16(iii) and 2.12 to get case (ii2). In case (fin) we are in (emb) by Lemma 2.16(ii). Now the same proof of [LS, Cor. 5, Case 2] applies and we get that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (ii1).  $\square$

**Claim 3.10.** *In case (c.1) we have that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (iii).*

*Proof.* Since  $\rho(X) \geq 2$ , using the classification of del Pezzo 4-folds (see for example [LP, §1], [F1]), we see that  $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$ . Then we are in case (iii) by [LMS, Thm. 3].  $\square$

**Claim 3.11.** *In case (c.2),  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (iv).*

*Proof.* Just apply Proposition 2.17.  $\square$

**Claim 3.12.** *In case (c.3), either we are in case (fact) and  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (v2) with  $p = \phi_\tau = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 2$  or we are in case (emb) and either  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (v3) with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}, b = 3$ , or  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (v1).*

*Proof.* Set  $\phi = \phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$ . In case (fact) just apply Lemmas 2.16(iii) and 2.12 to get  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (v2) with  $p = \phi_\tau = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 2$ . In case (fin) we are in (emb) by Lemma 2.16(ii). Note that it cannot be that there is a fiber  $F_{x_0} = \mathbb{P}^3$ , for then  $\phi|_{F_{x_0}} : F_{x_0} = \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow X'$  is constant, hence  $F_{x_0} \subset f_{x_0}$ , a contradiction. It follows that if  $F_x = \mathbb{P}^2$  then  $F_u = \mathbb{P}^2$  for every  $u \in X$ , hence  $\tilde{\Phi}$  has equidimensional fibers and gives a linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle over a smooth  $\tilde{\Phi}(X)$ . On the other hand,  $\phi|_{F_x} : F_x \rightarrow X'$  is a closed embedding, giving that  $X' \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ . Also  $\tilde{\Phi}|_{f_x} : f_x \rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}(X)$  is a closed embedding, giving that  $\tilde{\Phi}(X) \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ . Thus  $X$  has two different  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle structures over  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and [Sa1, Thm. A] implies that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \cong (\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$ . But then  $K_X = -3H$ , a contradiction since we are in case (c.3).

Therefore  $F_x$  is a line and  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 \neq 0$ .

Now we have two possibilities: either there is a fiber  $F_{x_0} = \mathbb{P}^2$  or  $F_u$  is a line for every  $u \in X$ .

Consider the second case. We have that  $\tilde{\Phi}$  has equidimensional fibers and then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 3$  by Lemma 2.12. Since we are in case (emb), we also have an unsplit family of smooth rational curves  $R = \{\phi(F_u), u \in X\}$  covering  $X'$ . For each  $r \in R$  let  $C_r \subset X'$  be the corresponding rational curve. For every  $z \in X'$  we have a morphism

$$\gamma_z : \mathbb{P}^2 \cong \phi^{-1}(z) \rightarrow R$$

defined by  $\gamma_z(u) = \phi(F_u)$ . Hence  $\gamma_z$  is either finite onto its image or constant. We claim that the first case does not occur. In fact, consider the incidence correspondence

$$\mathcal{I} = \{(z, r) \in X' \times R : z \in C_r\}$$

together with its two projections  $\pi_1 : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow X'$  and  $\pi_2 : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow R$ . Note that  $\pi_1^{-1}(z) \cong \text{Im } \gamma_z$  has dimension 0 or 2 for every  $z \in X'$ . Now  $\pi_2$  is surjective and  $\pi_2^{-1}(r) \cong C_r$  for every  $r \in R$ , so that  $\mathcal{I}$  is irreducible and  $\dim \mathcal{I} = \dim R + 1$ . Also  $\pi_1$  is surjective and therefore  $\dim R = 1 + \dim \pi_1^{-1}(z_1)$  for  $z_1 \in X'$  general. If  $\dim \pi_1^{-1}(z_1) = 2$ , we get that  $\dim R = 3$ , contradicting the bend-and-break lemma (see for example [D, Prop. 3.2]). Therefore  $\dim \pi_1^{-1}(z_1) = 0$  and we get that  $\dim R = 1$ . Now for any  $z \in X'$  we have that  $\dim \pi_1^{-1}(z) = \dim \text{Im } \gamma_z \leq 1$ , so that  $\dim \pi_1^{-1}(z) = 0$  and  $\gamma_z$  is constant.

For every  $u \in X$  let  $Y_u = \phi^{-1}(\phi(F_u))$ . Then  $\phi|_{Y_u} : Y_u \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \cong \phi(F_u)$  exhibits  $Y_u$  as a linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle over  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with fibers  $f_{u'}, u' \in Y_u$ . Now observe that, for every  $u' \in Y_u$  we have that  $F_{u'} \subset Y_u$ : in fact, since  $u' \in Y_u$  we have that  $z' := \phi(u') \in \phi(F_u)$ , so that there is an  $u'' \in F_u$  such that  $z' = \phi(u'')$ . Hence  $u', u'' \in \phi^{-1}(z')$  and therefore  $\gamma_{z'}(u') = \gamma_{z'}(u'')$ , that is  $\phi(F_{u'}) = \phi(F_{u''}) = \phi(F_u)$  since  $F_{u''} = F_u$ . Now for any  $u_1 \in F_{u'}$  we have that  $\phi(u_1) \in \phi(F_{u'}) = \phi(F_u)$  and therefore  $u_1 \in Y_u$ . Thus  $F_{u'} \subset Y_u$  for every  $u' \in Y_u$ . Set  $h_u := \tilde{\Phi}|_{Y_u} : Y_u \rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}(X)$ . Then  $F_{u'} = h_u^{-1}(h_u(u'))$  for every  $u' \in Y_u$ . This gives that  $h_u(Y_u)$  has dimension 2. On the other hand for any  $u' \in Y_u$  we have that  $h_u|_{f_{u'}}$  is a closed embedding, and therefore  $h_u(Y_u) \cong \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $h_u$  exhibits  $Y_u$  as a linear  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle over  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with fibers  $F_{u'}, u' \in Y_u$ . Finally observe that  $Y_u$  is smooth, since  $X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $Y_u \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}|_{\phi(F_u)})$ . It follows by [Sa1, Thm. A] that, for every  $u \in X$ ,  $Y_u \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  embedded by the Segre embedding in  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ . Moreover since  $\gamma_z$  is constant for every  $z \in X'$  it follows that there is a unique  $r_z \in R$  such that  $z \in C_{r_z}$ . This defines a

morphism  $X' \rightarrow R$  with all fibers the curves  $C_r$ . Passing to the Stein factorization we get a  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle  $X' \rightarrow \tilde{R}$  onto a smooth curve. Finally, the fibers of the composition  $X \rightarrow X' \rightarrow \tilde{R}$  are exactly the  $Y_u$ , that is  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  embedded by the Segre embedding. This concludes the proof in the case that  $F_u$  is a line for every  $u \in X$ , and gives that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (v3) with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 3$ .

Assume now that there is a fiber  $F_{x_0} = \mathbb{P}^2$ , so that, as above  $X' \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ . Recall that we have a very ample rank 3 vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $\mathbb{P}^2$  such that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \cong (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1))$ . As is well known,  $F_1(X, x)$  is smooth, hence  $L := F_x$  belongs to a unique irreducible component  $W$  of  $F_1(X, x)$ . For any line  $[L'] \in W$  we have that  $\det \mathcal{E} \cdot L' = \det \mathcal{E} \cdot L = 0$ , hence  $L'$  is contracted by  $\Phi$ , that is  $L' = L$  and therefore  $\dim W = 0$ . Hence  $0 = \dim_{[L]} F_1(X, x) = -K_X \cdot L - 2$ , so that  $K_X \cdot L = -2$ .

Set  $c_i(\mathcal{F}) = a_i H_{\mathbb{P}^2}^i$  for some  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}, i = 1, 2$ . Let  $\xi = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$  and  $R = \phi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$ , so that  $\xi^2 \cdot R^2 = 1$  and  $R^3 = 0$ . We claim that

$$\xi^4 = a_1^2 - a_2 \text{ and } \xi^3 \cdot R = a_1.$$

In fact, from the standard relation

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 (-1)^i \phi^*(c_i(\mathcal{F})) \xi^{3-i} = 0$$

we get

$$\xi^3 = a_1 \xi^2 \cdot R - a_2 \xi \cdot R^2$$

hence  $\xi^3 \cdot R = a_1$  and  $\xi^4 = a_1 \xi^3 \cdot R - a_2 \xi^2 \cdot R^2 = a_1^2 - a_2$ .

Now there are  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$\det \mathcal{E} = a\xi + bR.$$

Note that it cannot be that  $a = 0$ , for otherwise we would get that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 = 0$ , a contradiction. Also, the condition  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0$  gives

$$(3.6) \quad 6a^2b^2 + 4a^3ba_1 + a^4(a_1^2 - a_2) = 0.$$

Now  $\xi \cdot L = 1$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} \cdot L = 0$ , giving

$$(3.7) \quad a + bR \cdot L = 0.$$

Therefore  $K_X \cdot L = -2$  gives

$$(-3\xi + \phi^*(K_{\mathbb{P}^2} + \det \mathcal{F})) \cdot L = -2$$

that is

$$(a_1 - 3)R \cdot L = 1$$

and therefore

$$a_1 = 4 \text{ and } R \cdot L = 1.$$

We get from (3.7) that  $b = -a$  and from (3.6) that  $a_2 = 6$ .

Let  $M$  be any line in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}|_M$  is ample and  $c_1(\mathcal{F}|_M) = c_1(\mathcal{F}) \cdot M = 4$ . This implies that  $\mathcal{F}|_M \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)^{\oplus 2}$ . It follows by [Ele, Prop. 5.1] that  $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)^{\oplus 2}$  or  $T_{\mathbb{P}^2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$ . The first case is excluded since it has  $a_2 = 5$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{F} \cong T_{\mathbb{P}^2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(\xi - R)$ . Since  $|\xi - R|$  is base-point free and defines a morphism  $q : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ , it follows by [Lo, Lemma 5.1] that there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong q^*\mathcal{G}$ . We now claim that  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)^{\oplus r}$ . To this end observe that we can see  $X$  as a hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  under the Segre embedding given by  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$ . Moreover  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L|_X$  and  $q = p_{2|X} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ , where  $p_2 : \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is the second projection. Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-(p+1)L) \rightarrow (p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-pL) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(-pH) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-pH)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 4$  we deduce that

$$H^i((p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-(p+1)L)) \cong H^i((p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-pL)) \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq p \leq 4.$$

Now the Künneth formula gives that

$$h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(p-2))h^{i-2}(\mathcal{G}(-p-1)) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(p-3))h^{i-2}(\mathcal{G}(-p)) \text{ for } i \geq 2 \text{ and } 1 \leq p \leq 4$$

and one easily sees that this implies that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-2)(-s)) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq s \leq 3$ . But then  $\mathcal{G}(-2)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$  and therefore  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)^{\oplus r}$  by Remark 2.9. Thus  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (v1).  $\square$



In the sequel we will use the standard notation  $V_7$  for the blow up of  $\mathbb{P}^3$  in a point.

In order to study cases (d.2)-(d.5) we first observe the following.

**Claim 3.13.** *In cases (d.2), (d.3), (d.4) and (d.5), case (fin) does not hold for  $\phi_\tau$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that case (fin) holds for  $\phi_\tau$  and let  $L$  be any line such that  $x \in L \subseteq F_x$ . Since  $\tau = 2$  we have that  $(K_X + 2H) \cdot L \geq 0$ , that is  $K_X \cdot L \geq -2$ . On the other hand, we have that

$$0 \leq \dim_{[L]} F_1(X, x) = -K_X \cdot L - 2$$

so that  $K_X \cdot L = -2$  and therefore  $\phi_\tau(L)$  is a point, so that  $L \subseteq f_x \cap F_x$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Claim 3.14.** *In case (d.2) we have that every smooth fiber is isomorphic to only one of  $V_7, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ .*

*Proof.* By Claim 3.13 we are in case (fact) for  $\phi_\tau$ , hence  $\phi_\tau$  factorizes through  $\tilde{\Phi}$ . Let  $f_u$  be a smooth fiber. If  $\text{Pic}(f_u) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , Lemma 2.16(iii) gives that  $f_u = F_u$ , hence  $f_u \cong \mathbb{P}^3$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)|_{f_u} \cong \mathcal{O}_X(1)|_{F_u} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$ . But  $\phi_\tau : X \rightarrow X'$  is a del Pezzo fibration for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$ , so that  $K_X|_{f_u} = -2H|_{f_u}$ , giving the contradiction

$$-4H_{\mathbb{P}^3} = K_{f_u} = K_X|_{f_u} = -2H|_{f_u} = -2H_{\mathbb{P}^3}.$$

Now the classification of del Pezzo 3-folds (see for example [LP, §1], [F1]) implies that  $f_u$  is either  $V_7, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ . In the first case  $f_u$  is a del Pezzo 3-fold of degree 7 and then  $f_u \cong V_7$ . In the other two cases observe that  $\rho(f_u) = \rho(f_x)$  by [JR, Thm. 1.4] and therefore  $f_u \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  when  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $f_u \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  when  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ .  $\square$

**Claim 3.15.** *In case (d.2), if  $f_x \cong V_7$ , then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (vi1).*

*Proof.* By [F3, (4.7)] we have that  $f_u \cong V_7$  for every  $u \in X$ . We claim that  $F_u$  is a line for every  $u \in X$ . Assume to the contrary that there is an  $u \in X$  such that  $F_u$  is not a line. We know that  $F_u \subset f_u$ . Then it cannot be that  $F_u = \mathbb{P}^3$ , for otherwise,  $\mathbb{P}^3 \cong V_7$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $F_u = \mathbb{P}^2$ . Let  $E$  be the exceptional divisor of the blow-up  $\varepsilon : f_u \cong V_7 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  in a point and let  $\tilde{H}$  be the pull back of a plane. Observe that since  $K_{f_u} = (K_X + f_u)|_{f_u} = K_X|_{f_u} = -2H|_{f_u}$  and, as is well known,  $\text{Pic}(V_7)$  has no torsion, we get that  $H|_{f_u} = 2\tilde{H} - E$ . Since  $E$  is the only linear plane contained in  $V_7$  (with respect to  $2\tilde{H} - E$ ), we deduce that  $F_u = E$ . Let now  $u' \in f_u \setminus E$ . Then  $F_{u'}$  is not contained in  $E$ , and therefore, by what we have just proved,  $F_{u'}$  is a line. As above  $F_{u'} \cap E \neq \emptyset$ , for otherwise  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) = (2\tilde{H} - E)|_{F_{u'}} = 2\tilde{H}|_{F_{u'}}$ , a contradiction. But then  $F_{u'} \cap F_u = F_{u'} \cap E \neq \emptyset$  and therefore  $F_{u'} = F_u = E$ , a contradiction. Hence  $F_u$  is a line for every  $u \in X$  and Lemma 2.12 implies that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi} : X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow B$  and  $b = 3$ . As we know,  $\phi_\tau = h \circ p$  where  $h : B \rightarrow X'$ . Also there is an ample line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $X'$  such that

$$mp^*(K_B + \det \mathcal{F}) = m(K_X + 2H) = \phi_\tau^* \mathcal{L} = p^*(h^* \mathcal{L})$$

and therefore  $m(K_B + \det \mathcal{F}) = h^* \mathcal{L}$ , so that  $(B, \det \mathcal{F})$  is a del Pezzo fibration over  $X'$ . Also, for every  $x' \in X'$ , we have that  $V_7 \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}|_{h^{-1}(x')})$ , hence  $h^{-1}(x')$  is a smooth surface and we have a surjective morphism  $p|_{V_7} : V_7 \rightarrow h^{-1}(x')$ . Now  $E$  is a plane and the fibers  $F_{u'}, u' \in V_7$  of  $p|_{V_7}$  are lines. As above  $F_{u'} \cap E \neq \emptyset$ . On the other hand, it cannot be that  $F_{u'} \subset E$ , for otherwise the morphism  $\Phi|_E : \mathbb{P}^2 \cong E \rightarrow \Phi(X)$ , that contracts  $F_{u'}$  to a point, would be constant, therefore implying the contradiction  $F_{u'} = E$ . Hence  $F_{u'} \cap E$  is a point for every  $u' \in V_7$  and  $p|_E : E \rightarrow h^{-1}(x')$  is a closed embedding, thus giving that  $h^{-1}(x') \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ .  $\square$

**Claim 3.16.** *In case (d.2), if  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (vi2), while if  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ , then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (vi3).*

*Proof.* By Claim 3.13 we are in case (fact) and, for every  $u \in X$ ,  $f_u$  is a disjoint union of fibers  $F_v$  of  $\Phi$ . Also,  $K_{f_x} = -2H|_{f_x}$ , hence  $H^3 \cdot f_u = H^3 \cdot f_x = 6$ .

**Subclaim 3.17.**  *$f_u$  is normal for every  $u \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $f_u$  is integral by [F3, (4.6)], hence there is no linear  $\mathbb{P}^3$  contained in  $f_u$ . Moreover,  $f_u$  is not a cone by [F3, §1, p. 232]. Assume that  $f_u$  is not normal. It follows by [F4, Thm. 2.1(a)] and [F5, Thm. II] that  $f_u$  is the projection  $\pi_O : \Sigma \rightarrow f_u$  of a rational normal threefold scroll  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{P}^8$



of degree 6 from a point  $O \notin \Sigma$ . In particular a general curve section  $C$  of  $f_u$  is a rational curve of degree 6 in  $\mathbb{P}^5$  and with arithmetic genus 1, because so is the arithmetic genus of a general curve section of  $f_x$ . Therefore  $C$  has a unique double point and this implies that  $\text{Sing}(f_u)$  is a plane. Then there is a quadric  $Q \subset \Sigma$  such that  $\pi_O(Q) = \text{Sing}(f_u)$  and it is easily checked that then  $\Sigma$  is the embedding of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(4) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$  by the tautological line bundle and  $Q$  is the embedding of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$ . Let  $p : \Sigma \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(4) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be the projection map. Then any plane contained in  $\Sigma$  must be a fiber of  $p$ . Also, since  $p|_Q : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is surjective, it follows that the planes  $M_z := p^{-1}(z), z \in \mathbb{P}^1$  intersect  $Q$ , and therefore  $L_z := M_z \cap Q$  is an effective divisor on  $Q$ . On the other hand,  $M_z \not\subset \langle Q \rangle = \mathbb{P}^3$ , for otherwise  $L_z$  would be a hyperplane section of  $Q$  and then, for  $z \neq z' \in \mathbb{P}^1$  we would get the contradiction  $\emptyset \neq L_z \cap L_{z'} \subset M_z \cap M_{z'} = \emptyset$ . Therefore, since  $L_z \subset M_z \cap \langle Q \rangle$ , it follows that  $L_z$  is a line for every  $z \in \mathbb{P}^1$ . Now  $\pi_O(L_z)$  and  $\pi_O(L_{z'})$  are two lines in the plane  $\text{Sing}(f_u)$ , hence they intersect. Therefore  $\pi_O(M_z) \cap \pi_O(M_{z'}) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $z, z' \in \mathbb{P}^1$ .

Let  $u' \in f_u$  be a general point. If  $F_{u'} = \mathbb{P}^2$  then, for general  $u'' \in f_u$ , there are two planes  $M_{z'}, M_{z''} \subset \Sigma$  such that  $\pi_O(M_{z'}) = F_{u'}, \pi_O(M_{z''}) = F_{u''}$ . But this gives the contradiction

$$\emptyset = F_{u'} \cap F_{u''} = \pi_O(M_{z'}) \cap \pi_O(M_{z''}) \neq \emptyset.$$

Assume now that  $F_{u'}$  is a line. Observe that  $F_{u'} \not\subset \pi_O(M_z)$  for any  $z \in \mathbb{P}^1$ , for otherwise  $\Phi|_{\pi_O(M_z)} : \mathbb{P}^2 = \pi_O(M_z) \rightarrow \Phi(X)$  must be constant, since it contracts the line  $F_{u'}$  to a point. But then  $F_{u'} = \pi_O(M_z)$ , a contradiction. Hence there is a line  $L \subset \Sigma$  such that  $F_{u'} = \pi_O(L)$  and  $L \not\subset Q$ . But lines in  $\Sigma$  not contained in  $Q$  must be contained in a plane  $M_z$ , thus giving a contradiction.  $\square$

We assume from now on that

$$V := f_u \text{ is a singular fiber of } \phi_\tau.$$

Note that  $K_V = -2H|_V$  and  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^7 = \mathbb{P}H^0(H|_V)$  is of degree 6 by [F3, (1.5)].

Let us recall some notation. Let  $a_s \geq \dots \geq a_0 \geq 0$  be integers and let  $S = S(a_0, \dots, a_s) = \varphi_\xi(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})) \subset \mathbb{P}^{\sum_{i=0}^s a_i + s}$  be the rational normal scroll, where  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_0) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_s)$ ,  $p : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\xi$  is the tautological line bundle. We denote, for every  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ , by  $R = R_t$  a ruling on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})$  and by  $G = G_t$  its image on  $S$ . When some  $a_i$  are zero,  $S(a_0, \dots, a_s)$  is a cone with vertex  $S_0$  and inverse image  $W_0$  on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})$ . If  $a_k = 1$  for some  $k$ , let  $l(S) = \max\{k \geq 0 : a_k = 1\}$ , let  $S_1 = S(a_0, \dots, a_{l(S)})$ ,  $W_1 = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_0) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_{l(S)}))$  with tautological line bundle  $\xi_1$  and ruling  $R_1$ . We recall that if a line  $L \subset S$  is not contained in a ruling, then  $L \subset S_1$ . For every subvariety  $Y \subset S$  such that  $Y \not\subset S_0$  we denote its strict transform on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})$  by  $\tilde{Y} := \varphi_\xi^{-1}(Y \setminus S_0)$ .

**Subclaim 3.18.** *Let  $S_V \subset \mathbb{P}^7$  be one of  $S(0, 0, 1, 3)$ ,  $S(0, 0, 2, 2)$  or  $S(0, 1, 1, 2)$  and let  $\mathcal{G}_V$  be one of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(3)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)^{\oplus 2}$  or  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)$ . Then  $V \subset S_V$ ,  $\tilde{V} \sim 2\xi - 2R$  on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G}_V)$ ,  $W_0 \subset \tilde{V}$ ,  $S_0 \subset V$  and  $\varphi_\xi^{-1}(V) = \tilde{V}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $v_0 \in \text{Sing}(V)$ , let  $\pi_{v_0} : V \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^6$  be the projection with center  $v_0$  and let  $V' \subset \mathbb{P}^6$  be its image. Since  $V$  is not a cone by [F3, p. 232], it follows that  $V'$  is an irreducible non-degenerate threefold of degree at most 4. Hence  $\deg V' = 4$  and [EH, Thm. 1] implies that either  $V'$  is a rational normal scroll or a cone over the Veronese surface  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ . In the second case, we have that  $V \subset \mathcal{C}$  the cone with vertex a line  $L$  over  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ . Let  $\pi_L : \mathbb{P}^7 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$  be the projection with center  $L$ . Note that any plane  $M \subset \mathcal{C}$  is of type  $\langle p, L \rangle$ ,  $p \in S$ . Now, for any point  $z \in M \setminus L$  we have that  $p = \pi_L(z) \in S$  and  $M = \langle p, L \rangle$ . Also, any line  $L' \subset \mathcal{C}$  must intersect  $L$ , for otherwise  $\pi_L(L')$  is a line in  $S$ , a contradiction. If there is a point  $v \in V$  such that  $F_v$  is a plane, then  $L \subset F_v$  and picking any  $v' \in V \setminus F_v$  we find the contradiction

$$\emptyset \neq F_{v'} \cap L \subseteq F_{v'} \cap F_v = \emptyset.$$

Therefore  $F_v$  is a line for every  $v \in V$ . This means that  $\dim \Phi(V) = 2$  and  $V$  is disjoint union of the 2-dimensional family of lines  $\{\Phi^{-1}(y), y \in \Phi(V)\}$ . Since they all intersect  $L$ , it follows that there is point  $v' \in L$  contained in infinitely many such lines, a contradiction.

Therefore  $V'$  is a rational normal scroll of degree 4, hence it can be one of  $S(0, 1, 3)$ ,  $S(0, 2, 2)$ ,  $S(0, 0, 4)$  or  $S(1, 1, 2)$  and, as a consequence,  $V \subset S_V \subset \mathbb{P}^7$ , where  $S_V$  is one of  $S(0, 0, 1, 3)$ ,  $S(0, 0, 2, 2)$ ,  $S(0, 0, 0, 4)$  or  $S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ . Let  $C$  be a general curve section of  $V$  so that  $C$  is a smooth irreducible elliptic curve of degree 6. If  $S_V = S(0, 0, 0, 4)$  then  $C \subset S(0, 4)$ , which is not possible since  $S(0, 4)$  does not contain an

elliptic curve of degree 6. Thus  $S_V$  is one of  $S(0, 0, 1, 3)$ ,  $S(0, 0, 2, 2)$  or  $S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ . Hence the vertex of  $S_V$  is a point or a line and we can consider  $\tilde{V} \sim a\xi + bR$  on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G}_V)$ . It follows that  $V$  is a Weil divisor linearly equivalent to  $aH + bG$  on  $S_V$  and  $C \sim aH|_Y + bG|_Y$ , where  $Y$ , the general surface section of  $S_V$ , is a non-degenerate smooth irreducible surface of degree 4 in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ , that is  $Y = S(1, 3)$  or  $S(2, 2)$ . Then this gives that  $a = 2$  and  $b = -2$ . Now  $W_0$  is covered by curves  $\Gamma$  contracted by  $\varphi_\xi$ , hence  $\Gamma \equiv c(\xi^3 - 4\xi^2R)$ ,  $c > 0$ . Therefore  $\Gamma \cdot \tilde{V} = c(\xi^3 - 4\xi^2R) \cdot (2\xi - 2R) = -2c < 0$ , hence  $\Gamma \subset V$  and it follows that  $W_0 \subset \tilde{V}$ ,  $S_0 \subset V$  and  $\tilde{V} = \varphi_\xi^{-1}(V)$ .  $\square$

**Subclaim 3.19.** *Let  $S_V = S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ . Then  $V \cap S_1 = \tilde{M}_1 \cup \tilde{M}_2$ , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two planes. Moreover either  $S_0 \subset M_1 = M_2$  or  $M_1 \cap M_2 = S_0$  and both  $M_1 \cap G_t$  and  $M_2 \cap G_t$  are lines for every  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ . Furthermore  $\langle S(1, 2), M_1 \rangle = \langle S(1, 2), M_2 \rangle = \mathbb{P}^7$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $S_V = \varphi_\xi(\mathcal{G})$  where  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)$ . It is easily follows that  $V \cap S_1 = \varphi_\xi(\tilde{V} \cap W_1)$ . Moreover  $W_0 \subset \tilde{V} \cap W_1$  by Subclaim 3.18, hence  $S_0 \subset V \cap S_1$ . Now let  $D = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2))$ . Note that  $D \sim \xi$  and  $D \cap W_0 = \emptyset$ , hence  $\varphi_\xi(D)$  is a hyperplane section of  $S$  not passing through the vertex  $S_0$ . Let  $Q = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)^{\oplus 2})$ , with tautological line bundle  $\xi_Q$  and fiber  $R_Q$ . Note that  $Q \subseteq D \cap W_1$ . Also, since  $W_1 \sim \xi - 2R$ , we have that  $\xi^2 \cdot D \cdot W_1 = \xi^3 \cdot (\xi - 2R) = 2 = \xi^2 \cdot Q$  and therefore  $Q = D \cap W_1$ . Now  $\tilde{V} \cap W_1 \cap D = \tilde{V} \cap Q \sim 2\xi_Q - 2R_Q$ , hence  $\tilde{V} \cap W_1 \cap D$  is a curve of type  $(0, 2)$  (or  $(2, 0)$ ) on  $Q$ , that is the union of two, possibly coincident, lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  on  $Q$ . Also note that  $\tilde{V} \cap W_1 \sim 2\xi_1 - 2R_1$  on  $W_1$  and  $H^0(\xi_1 - \tilde{V} \cap W_1) = H^0(-\xi_1 + 2R_1) = 0$  and therefore  $V \cap S_1 = \varphi_\xi(\tilde{V} \cap W_1)$  is a non-degenerate degree 2 surface in  $\mathbb{P}^4 = \mathbb{P}(H^0(\xi_1))$ . This implies that  $V \cap S_1$  is reducible, hence  $V \cap S_1 = M_1 \cup M_2$ , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two, possibly coincident, planes. Also, in case  $M_1 \neq M_2$ , they must intersect in a point, hence in  $S_0$ . Now assume that  $M_1 \subset G_t$ . Let  $\tilde{M}_i, i = 1, 2$  be the strict transforms, so that  $\tilde{V} \cap W_1 = \tilde{M}_1 \cup \tilde{M}_2$  and  $\tilde{M}_1 \subset R_t$ . Then  $\tilde{M}_1 = W_1 \cap R_t$ , hence  $\tilde{M}_1 \sim R_1$  and therefore  $\tilde{M}_2 \sim 2\xi_1 - 3R_1$ , a contradiction since  $H^0(2\xi_1 - 3R_1) = 0$ . Hence  $\tilde{M}_1 \not\subset R_t$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$  and then  $\pi|_{\tilde{M}_1} : \tilde{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is surjective. Hence  $\tilde{M}_1 \cap R_t \neq \emptyset$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$  and then it is a divisor on  $\tilde{M}_1$ . It follows that both  $M_1 \cap G_t$  and  $M_2 \cap G_t$  are lines for every  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ . Also let  $\tilde{M}_i \sim a_i\xi_1 + b_iR_1, i = 1, 2$ , so that  $a_i \geq 0, a_1 + a_2 = 2$  and  $1 = \xi_1^2 \cdot (a_1\xi_1 + b_1R_1) = 2a_1 + b_1$ . If  $a_1 = 0$  then  $b_1 = 1$  and we get the same contradiction as above. Similarly if  $a_2 = 0$ . Therefore  $\tilde{M}_1 \sim \xi_1 - R_1$ . Since  $\langle S(1, 2) \rangle = \mathbb{P}^4$ , to prove that  $\langle S(1, 2), M_1 \rangle = \mathbb{P}^7$ , we just need to prove that  $H^0(\mathcal{I}_{\tilde{M}_1 \cup W_{12}/\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})}(\xi)) = 0$ , were  $W_{12} = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)) \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})$ . If not, there is a  $D_1 \in |\xi|$  such that  $D_1 \cap W_1 = \tilde{M}_1 + W_1 \cap W_{12}$ . But then  $W_1 \cap W_{12} \sim R_1$ , hence it maps to a point in  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . But this is a contradiction since  $W_1 \cap W_{12}$  contains  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$ .  $\square$

**Subclaim 3.20.** *Let  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$  and let  $\Sigma_t = V \cap G_t$ . Then  $\Sigma_t$  is a smooth quadric in  $\mathbb{P}^3 = G_t$  such that  $S_0 \subset \Sigma_t$ . In particular,  $\dim(\tilde{\Phi}(V)) = 2$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $\Sigma_t = \varphi_\xi(\tilde{V} \cap R_t)$  and, by Subclaim 3.18,  $\deg \Sigma_t = \xi^2 \cdot (2\xi - 2R) \cdot R = 2$ , so that  $\Sigma_t$  is a quadric in  $\mathbb{P}^3 = G_t$ . Also  $S_0 \subset V$  by Subclaim 3.18, hence  $S_0 \subset \Sigma_t$ . To prove that  $\Sigma_t$  is smooth, let  $Z = S_1$  when  $S_V = S(0, 0, 1, 3)$  or  $S(0, 1, 1, 2)$  and  $Z = S_0$  when  $S_V = S(0, 0, 2, 2)$ . Observe that  $V \not\subset Z$ , for otherwise we would have that either  $V = Z = S(0, 0, 1) = \mathbb{P}^3$  or  $V = Z = S(0, 1, 1)$  a quadric cone in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ , a contradiction. Let  $\tilde{v} \in \tilde{V} \setminus \varphi_\xi^{-1}(Z)$  and  $v = \varphi_\xi(\tilde{v})$ . Note that  $v \notin S_0$ , for otherwise  $\varphi_\xi(\tilde{v}) = v \in S_0 \subseteq Z$ . Let  $L$  be any line such that  $v \in L \subseteq F_v$ . Then  $L \not\subset S_0$  and  $\tilde{v} \in \tilde{L}$ , because  $\tilde{v} \notin W_0$ . Since  $L \not\subset S_1$  we get that  $L \subset G_{\pi(\tilde{v})}$  and therefore  $F_v \subset G_{\pi(\tilde{v})}$ . Hence  $\dim_v F_v \cap G_{\pi(\tilde{v})} = \dim_v F_v \geq 1$  and it follows by semicontinuity that  $\dim_v F_v \cap G_{\pi(\tilde{v})} \geq 1$  for every  $\tilde{v} \in \tilde{V}$ . We have that

$$\Sigma_t = \bigsqcup_{y \in \Phi(V)} \Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t$$

and if  $v \in \Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t$ , then  $\Phi^{-1}(y) = F_v$  and there is  $\tilde{v} \in R_t$  such that  $v = \varphi_\xi(\tilde{v})$ , so that  $t = \pi(\tilde{v})$  and  $\dim \Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t = \dim F_v \cap G_{\pi(\tilde{v})} \geq 1$ . Since  $\Phi^{-1}(y) = \mathbb{P}^k, k = 1, 2$ , two cases are possible. If there is an  $y \in \Phi(V)$  such that  $\dim \Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t = 2$  then  $\Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t = \Phi^{-1}(y) = \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $\Sigma_t$  is either reducible or a double plane. Since  $\Sigma_t \subset G_t = \mathbb{P}^3$  and  $\Sigma_t \subset X$ , we can apply the same method in the proof of Claim 3.25 and get a contradiction. Therefore  $\Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t$  is a line for every  $y \in \Phi(V)$  such that  $\Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\Sigma_t$  is covered by a family of disjoint lines, so that  $\Sigma_t$  is smooth. Moreover

note that a general fiber  $F_v, v \in V$  cannot be a plane, for otherwise the argument above would show that  $\dim_v F_v \cap G_{\pi(\tilde{v})} \geq 2$  and then we would have an  $y \in \Phi(V)$  such that  $\dim \Phi^{-1}(y) \cap G_t = 2$ , a contradiction. Therefore a general  $F_v$  is a line and  $\dim \Phi(V) = 2$ . Since  $\tilde{\Phi}$  and  $\Phi$  have the same fibers, we get that  $\dim(\tilde{\Phi}(V)) = 2$ .  $\square$

**Subclaim 3.21.** *The case  $S_V = S(0, 0, 1, 3)$  does not occur. In the other cases we have that  $V = \varphi_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)}(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}))$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(2C_0 + f)$  if  $S_V = S(0, 0, 2, 2)$ , while  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + 2f)$  if  $S_V = S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S_V$  be  $S(0, 0, 1, 3)$ ,  $S(0, 0, 2, 2)$  or  $S(0, 1, 1, 2)$  and let  $Y$  be respectively  $S(1, 3)$ ,  $S(2, 2)$  or  $S(1, 2)$ . We have that  $S_V \subset \mathbb{P}^7$ , and, in the first two cases,  $S_V$  is a cone with vertex the line  $S_0$  over  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ , while in the third case  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^4$  and  $\langle Y \rangle \cap M_1 = \emptyset$ , where  $M_1 \subset V$  is the plane given in Subclaim 3.19. Set  $N = S_0$  in the first two cases and  $N = M_1$  in the third case. Let  $z \in Y$  and let  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$  be such that  $z \in G_t$ . Consider the plane  $M_z = \langle z, S_0 \rangle$  in the first two cases and  $M_z = \langle z, L_1 \rangle$  in the third case, where  $L_1 = M_1 \cap G_t$ . Since  $M_z \subset G_t$ , we get by Subclaim 3.20 that  $M_z \cap \Sigma_t$  is the union of  $S_0$  (or  $L_1$ ) and a line  $L_z$ , meeting  $S_0$  (or  $L_1$ , hence also  $M_1$ ) in a point. This defines a morphism  $Y \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(1, 7)$  which in turn gives rise to a rank 2 globally generated vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $Y$  such that

$$V = \bigcup_{z \in Y} L_z = \varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})).$$

Moreover note that there is a unique such line passing through the general point of  $V$ , for the lines  $L_z$  are the fibers of the projection  $\pi_N : V \dashrightarrow Y$ . In particular  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$  is birational and we find that

$$(3.8) \quad h^0(\xi_{\mathcal{F}}) = 8 \text{ and } \xi_{\mathcal{F}}^3 = \deg V = 6.$$

Also, since the lines  $L_z$  meet  $N$  in a point, it follows that  $N$  gives rise to a section  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{L}_0) \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$  of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow Y$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_0$  is a line bundle quotient of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}_0$  is globally generated and defines a morphism  $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}_0} : Y \rightarrow N$ . Thus we have, for some integers  $a$  and  $b$ , an exact sequence

$$(3.9) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(aC_0 + bf) \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow 0.$$

Now, when  $S_V = S(0, 0, 2, 2)$  we have that  $Y \cong \mathbb{F}_0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_0$  must be  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)$ . By (3.8) we get that  $a \geq 0$  and  $b \geq 0$ , for otherwise (3.9) gives that  $8 = h^0(\xi_{\mathcal{F}}) = h^0(\mathcal{F}) \leq 2$ . Hence  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(aC_0 + bf)) = 0$  and (3.9) gives that

$$8 = h^0(\mathcal{F}) = (a + 1)(b + 1) + 2.$$

Moreover, using the well-known fact that  $\xi_{\mathcal{F}}^3 = c_1(\mathcal{F})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{F})$ , we get from (3.9) that

$$a(2b + 1) = 6$$

and it follows that  $a = 2, b = 1$ . Since  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(2C_0 + f)) \cong H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(2C_0)) = 0$ , we get that (3.9) splits and  $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(2C_0 + f)$ .

Next we exclude the case  $S_V = S(0, 0, 1, 3)$ . We have that  $Y \cong \mathbb{F}_2$  and it is easily seen that  $\mathcal{L}_0 \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_2}(f)$ . Then (3.9) gives an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_f(a) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}|_f \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_f \rightarrow 0$$

with  $a = c_1(\mathcal{F}) \cdot f \geq 0$ , since  $\mathcal{F}$  is globally generated. But then the sequence splits and we find that  $\mathcal{F}|_f \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a)$ . On the other hand if we let  $G_t = \langle f, S_0 \rangle$  we see that the quadric  $\Sigma_t = \varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}|_f}}(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}|_f))$  is a cone, contradicting Subclaim 3.20. Thus this case does not occur.

Finally assume that  $S_V = S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ . Then  $Y \cong \mathbb{F}_1$  and it is easily seen that  $\mathcal{L}_0$  must be  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f)$ . By (3.8) we get that  $a \geq 0$  and  $b \geq 0$ , for otherwise  $8 = h^0(\xi_{\mathcal{F}}) = h^0(\mathcal{F}) \leq 3$ . Now  $\xi_{\mathcal{F}}^3 = c_1(\mathcal{F})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{F})$  becomes  $a^2 - 2ab - b + 5 = 0$ , that can be rewritten as

$$(2a + 1)(4b - 2a + 1) = 21.$$

The possible integer solutions are  $(a, b) = (0, 5), (1, 2), (3, 2)$  and  $(10, 5)$ . As it is easily seen, the cases  $(0, 5)$  and  $(3, 2)$  have  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(aC_0 + bf)) = 0$  and  $h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(aC_0 + bf)) \neq 5$ , while the case  $(10, 5)$  has  $h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(10C_0 + 5f)) > 8$ , so they all contradict (3.9). Thus we have that  $a = 1, b = 2$ . Since  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + 2f)) \cong H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(f)) = 0$ , we get that (3.9) splits and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + 2f)$ .  $\square$

**Subclaim 3.22.** *Let  $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  be the quadric cone. In the case  $S_V = S(0, 0, 2, 2)$ , we have that  $V \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathcal{Q} \subset \mathbb{P}^7$  embedded by  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}}(1)$ .*

*Proof.* By Subclaim 3.21 we have that  $V = \varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}))$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(2C_0 + f)$ . Let us first consider the exceptional locus  $\text{Exc}(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}})$  of  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$ . We claim that

$$(3.10) \quad \text{Exc}(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}) = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)).$$

Let  $p : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_0$  be the projection map. From Grothendieck's relation

$$\xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = \xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* c_1(\mathcal{F}) - p^* c_2(\mathcal{F})$$

we deduce, setting  $R = p^*(C_0)p^*(f)$ , that

$$(3.11) \quad \xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = 2\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0 + 2\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f - 2R$$

and therefore that  $\xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 p^* C_0 = \xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 p^* f = 2$ . Also (3.11) gives that  $N^2(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}))$  is generated by  $\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0, \xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f$  and  $R$ . Let  $C \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$  be an irreducible curve contracted by  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$ . Then  $C \equiv a\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0 + b\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f + cR$  for some integers  $a, b, c$ . Since  $p^* C_0$  and  $p^* f$  are nef, we get that  $0 \leq C \cdot p^* C_0 = b$  and  $0 \leq C \cdot p^* f = a$ . Now

$$0 = \xi_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = 2a + 2b + c$$

gives that  $c = -2a - 2b$ , hence either  $a > 0$  or  $b > 0$ . Also  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)) \sim \xi_{\mathcal{F}} - 2p^* C_0 - p^* f$  and therefore

$$C \cdot \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)) = [a\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0 + b\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f - (2a + 2b)R] \cdot (\xi_{\mathcal{F}} - 2p^* C_0 - p^* f) = -a - 2b < 0$$

so that  $C \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f))$ . On the other hand  $H^0(\mathcal{F}) \cong H^0(\xi_{\mathcal{F}}) \rightarrow H^0(\xi_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)}) \cong H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f))$  is surjective, hence  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$  restricts to  $\varphi_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)}$  on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)) \cong \mathbb{F}_0$ , a morphism that contracts all curves  $C \sim f$ . Since  $V$  is normal by Subclaim 3.17, this proves (3.10) and moreover the proof of Subclaim 3.21 shows that  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f))$  is contracted to the line  $S_0$ . Now for every  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$  let  $f_t$  be the corresponding line on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f)) \cong \mathbb{F}_0$ . We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(-f_t) \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{f_t} \rightarrow 0$$

with  $H^1(\mathcal{F}(-f_t)) = H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(2C_0)) = 0$ , showing that  $H^0(\mathcal{F}) \cong H^0(\xi_{\mathcal{F}}) \rightarrow H^0(\xi_{\mathcal{F}|_{f_t}}) \cong H^0(\mathcal{F}|_{f_t})$  is surjective. Since  $\mathcal{F}|_{f_t} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)$  we deduce that  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$  maps  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}|_{f_t})$  onto a quadric cone  $\mathcal{Q}_t \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ . On the other hand  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}|_{f_t}) \cap \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f))$  is a curve on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f))$  isomorphic to  $f_t \subset \mathbb{F}_0$  and this curve is contracted to the point in  $S_0$  corresponding to  $t$ . Now any point  $v \in V \setminus S_0$  belongs to a unique cone  $\mathcal{Q}_t$ . On the other hand, if  $v \in S_0$  then  $v$  is the vertex of the cone  $\mathcal{Q}_t$  where  $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$  is the image of  $f_t$  on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_0}(f))$ . This clearly gives an isomorphism  $V \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathcal{Q}$ .  $\square$

**Subclaim 3.23.** *If  $S_V = S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ , then  $\rho(V) = 2$  and in fact  $V$  is a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$ .*

*Proof.* By Subclaim 3.21 we have that  $V = \varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}))$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + 2f)$ . Consider the isomorphism  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f)) \cong \mathbb{F}_1$  and let  $\tilde{C}_0$  be the curve on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f))$  isomorphic to  $C_0 \subset \mathbb{F}_1$ . We first claim that  $\tilde{C}_0$  is the unique curve contracted by  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$ . To see the latter, let  $p : \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_1$  be the projection map. From Grothendieck's relation

$$\xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = \xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* c_1(\mathcal{F}) - p^* c_2(\mathcal{F})$$

we deduce, setting  $R = p^*(C_0)p^*(f)$ , that

$$(3.12) \quad \xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = 2\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0 + 3\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f - 2R$$

and therefore that  $\xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 p^* C_0 = 1, \xi_{\mathcal{F}}^2 p^* f = 2$ . Also (3.12) gives that  $N^2(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}))$  is generated by  $\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0, \xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f$  and  $R$ . Let  $C \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$  be an irreducible curve contracted by  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$ . Then  $C \equiv a\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0 + b\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f + cR$  for some integers  $a, b, c$ . Since  $p^*(C_0 + f)$  and  $p^* f$  are nef, we get that  $0 \leq C \cdot p^*(C_0 + f) = b$  and  $0 \leq C \cdot p^* f = a$ . Now

$$0 = \xi_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = a + 2b + c$$

gives that  $c = -a - 2b$ , hence either  $a > 0$  or  $b > 0$ . Also  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f)) \sim \xi_{\mathcal{F}} - p^* C_0 - 2p^* f$  and therefore

$$C \cdot \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f)) = [a\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* C_0 + b\xi_{\mathcal{F}} p^* f - (a + 2b)R] \cdot (\xi_{\mathcal{F}} - p^* C_0 - 2p^* f) = -a - b < 0$$

so that  $C \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f))$ . On the other hand, via the isomorphism  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f)) \cong \mathbb{F}_1$  we have that

$$(\xi_{\mathcal{F}})_{|\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0+f))} = \xi_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0+f)} \cong C_0 + f$$

so that

$$0 = \xi_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = (C_0 + f) \cdot p(C)$$

and therefore  $p(C) = C_0$ , hence  $C = \tilde{C}_0$ . This proves the above claim.

Since  $V$  is normal by Subclaim 3.17, we have that  $\text{Exc}(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}) = \tilde{C}_0$  and therefore  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$  is an isomorphism outside  $\tilde{C}_0$  and contracts the latter to a singular point of  $V$ , namely to  $S_0$ . It follows that  $(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}})_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})} \cong \mathcal{O}_V$  and therefore  $(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}})_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}^* \cong \mathcal{O}_V^*$ . Moreover  $R^1(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}})_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}^*$  is a skyscraper sheaf supported on the point  $S_0$  and on  $S_0$  it is  $H^1(\tilde{C}_0, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{C}_0}^*)$ , so that

$$H^0(V, R^1(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}})_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}^*) \cong H^1(\tilde{C}_0, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{C}_0}^*) \cong H^1(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$

Now the Leray spectral sequence gives rise to the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(V, \mathcal{O}_V^*) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}^*) \rightarrow H^0(V, R^1(\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}})_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}^*) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^1(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}^3$ , we deduce that  $\text{Pic}(V)$  has rank 2.

Now let us see that  $V$  is a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$ . Note that this also proves, by Lefschetz's theorem, that  $\rho(V) = 2$ .

Under the morphism  $\varphi_{\xi_{\mathcal{F}}}$  we see that  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + f))$  gets mapped onto  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with  $\tilde{C}_0$  contracted to a point  $P \in \mathbb{P}^2$ , while  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(C_0 + 2f))$  gets mapped isomorphically onto the rational normal surface scroll  $S(1, 2) \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ . Moreover the fibers of  $p$  not meeting  $\tilde{C}_0$ , give rise to a family of disjoint lines meeting  $S(1, 2)$  and  $\mathbb{P}^2$  in a point and giving an isomorphism  $S(1, 2) \setminus S(1) \cong \mathbb{P}^2 - \{P\}$ , while the fibers meeting  $\tilde{C}_0$ , give rise to lines meeting  $S(1)$  and passing through  $P$ . One can put coordinates so that  $V$ , that is the union of these lines, is a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$ . To see this let  $P = (1 : 0 : 0) \in \mathbb{P}^2$ , consider the line  $(0 : s : t)$  and parametrize the lines through  $P$  with coordinates  $(a : b)$ , so that a point in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  has coordinates  $(a : bs : bt)$ . Parametrize the points of  $S(1, 2)$ , join of the line  $(s : 0 : 0 : t : 0 : 0)$  and the conic  $(0 : s^2 : st : 0 : st : t^2)$ , by  $(as : bs^2 : bst : at : bst : bt^2)$ , inside the hyperplane  $Z_2 - Z_4 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ . Now a point in a line joining a point of  $S(1, 2)$  and of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  has coordinates  $(ma : mbs : mbt : nas : nbs^2 : nbst : nat : nbst : nbt^2)$ . It follows that  $V$ , that is the locus of these points, is a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$ : if we have coordinates  $(X_0 : X_1 : X_2)$  and  $(Y_0 : Y_1 : Y_2)$  this can be seen by setting  $m = X_0, ns = X_1, nt = X_2, a = Y_0, bs = Y_1$  and  $bt = Y_2$ .  $\square$

**Subclaim 3.24.** *If  $S_V = S(0, 1, 1, 2)$  then  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ , while if  $S_V = S(0, 0, 2, 2)$  then  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V = f_u$  be such that  $S_V = S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ . Then  $V = \varphi_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)}(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}))$  by Subclaim 3.21 and therefore  $\rho(V) = 2$  by Subclaim 3.23. Also the only singular point of  $V$  is an ordinary double point by [F4, Thm. 2.9], hence in particular is terminal. It follows by [JR, Thm. 1.4] that  $\rho(f_x) = 2$  and therefore that  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ .

Assume now that  $S_V = S(0, 0, 2, 2)$  so that we know by Subclaim 3.22 that  $V = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathcal{Q} \subset \mathbb{P}^7$ . Moreover  $T := \tilde{\Phi}(V)$  is a surface by Subclaim 3.20. We now show that  $T \cong \mathcal{Q}$ . In fact, let  $U$  be the open subset of  $\tilde{\Phi}(X)$  such that the fibers of  $\tilde{\Phi}$  have dimension 1. For every  $v \in V$  we know that  $F_v \subset f_v = f_u = V$ , hence  $F_v$  is a line, since  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathcal{Q}$  does not contain planes. Then  $V \subset \tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(U)$  and, similarly,  $f_x \subset \tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(U)$ . Now there is a rank 2 vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $U$  such that  $\tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(U) \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)_{|\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})}(1)$ . Therefore  $V \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G}|_T)$  and, since  $V$  is normal by Subclaim 3.17, so must be  $T$ . But it is easily seen that  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathcal{Q}$  has only one  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle structure over a normal surface, namely the second projection  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  and therefore  $T \cong \mathcal{Q}$ . Now (2.2) gives rise to the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(U) \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\Phi}|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})}} & U \\ & \searrow \phi_{\tau|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})}} & \downarrow g|_U \\ & & X' \end{array} .$$



In particular  $g|_U$  gives a deformation of  $\mathcal{Q}$  to  $T_x := \tilde{\Phi}(f_x)$ . Also we know that there is an ample line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $X'$  such that  $K_X + 2H = \phi_\tau^* \mathcal{L}$  and therefore, restricting to  $\tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(U) \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})$  we get, setting  $p = \tilde{\Phi}|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G})}$ , that  $p^*((g|_U)^* \mathcal{L}) = p^*(K_U + \det \mathcal{G})$ , so that  $K_U + \det \mathcal{G} = (g|_U)^* \mathcal{L}$ . In particular this shows that both  $K_{\mathcal{Q}}$  and  $K_{T_x}$  are restrictions of a line bundle on  $U$ . But then  $K_{T_x}^2 = K_{\mathcal{Q}}^2 = 8$ . Since  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  have as only  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle structures over a smooth surface the projections to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or to  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , we have that  $T_x$  is either  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  when  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or  $\mathbb{P}^2$  when  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ . Thus  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .  $\square$

To finish the proof of Claim 3.16 observe that we already know the smooth fibers of  $\phi_\tau$  by Claim 3.14. On the other hand, if  $V = f_u$  is a singular fiber, Subclaims 3.18, 3.21 and Subclaim 3.24 imply that all singular fibers are either all of type  $S(0, 0, 2, 2)$  or all of type  $S(0, 1, 1, 2)$ . Hence, when  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  we get that all singular fibers are  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathcal{Q}$  by Subclaims 3.24 and 3.22. In particular  $F_u$  is a line for every  $u \in X$  and it follows by Lemma 2.12 that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $b = 3$ . This gives case (vi2). Finally if  $f_x \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  then we are in case (vi3) by Subclaim 3.21. This completes the proof of Claim 3.16.  $\square$

**Claim 3.25.** *In case (d.3),  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (vii).*

*Proof.* By Claim 3.13 we are in case (fact) for  $\phi_\tau$ , hence  $\phi_\tau$  factorizes through  $\tilde{\Phi}$ . Suppose first that there is an  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $F_{x_0}$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^k$  with  $2 \leq k \leq 3$ . Since  $F_{x_0} \subset f_{x_0}$  and  $\dim f_{x_0} = 2$ , it follows that  $\mathbb{P}^2 = F_{x_0} \subset f_{x_0}$ , so that  $f_{x_0}$  is a reducible quadric. If  $f_{x_0} = F_{x_0} \cup M$  with  $M$  a plane distinct from  $F_{x_0}$ , note that  $f_{x_0}$  spans a  $\mathbb{P}^3$ : If not, then  $F_{x_0} \cap M$  is a point but then a general hyperplane section of  $X$  gives a conic fibration over a curve with a fiber union of two disjoint lines, contradicting the fact that all fibers must have arithmetic genus 0. Now  $\Phi|_M : M \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(r-1, \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{E}))$  contracts the line  $F_{x_0} \cap M$  to a point, hence it is constant, so that  $\Phi(F_{x_0}) = \Phi(M)$  and therefore  $M \subset F_{x_0}$ , a contradiction. Hence  $f_{x_0}$  is a double plane with  $(f_{x_0})_{red} = F_{x_0}$ . Again  $f_{x_0}$  spans a  $\mathbb{P}^3$ : In fact, a general hyperplane section of  $X$  gives a conic fibration over a curve with a fiber which is a double line with arithmetic genus 0. But such a double line spans a plane, hence  $f_{x_0}$  spans a  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Since  $F_{x_0}$  is a fiber of  $\Phi$  we have that  $(\det \mathcal{E})|_{F_{x_0}} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}$ . Now consider the exact sequence (see for example [BE, Proof of Prop. 4.1])

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{f_{x_0}}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{F_{x_0}}^* \rightarrow 1.$$

Since  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1)) = 0$  we get that the restriction map

$$\text{Pic}(f_{x_0}) = H^1(\mathcal{O}_{f_{x_0}}^*) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{O}_{F_{x_0}}^*) = \text{Pic}(F_{x_0})$$

is injective, hence  $(\det \mathcal{E})|_{f_{x_0}} \cong \mathcal{O}_{f_{x_0}}$ . Now  $f_{x_0}$  is a quadric in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , hence  $h^0(\mathcal{O}_{f_{x_0}}) = 1$ . Therefore  $\Phi(f_{x_0})$  is a point and this gives that, scheme-theoretically,  $f_{x_0} = F_{x_0}$ . But this contradicts [LS, Thm. 2]. It follows that  $\dim F_u = 1$  for every  $u \in X$  and then we can apply Lemma 2.12.  $\square$

**Claim 3.26.** *In case (d.4),  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (viii).*

*Proof.* By Claim 3.13 we are in case (fact) for  $\phi_\tau$ , hence  $F_u = f_u$  for every  $u \in X$ . Thus  $\phi_\tau = \tilde{\Phi}$  and we just apply Lemma 2.12.  $\square$

**Claim 3.27.** *In case (d.5),  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (ix).*

*Proof.* By Claim 3.13 we are in case (fact) for  $\phi_\tau$ , hence there is a morphism  $\psi : \widetilde{\Phi(X)} \rightarrow X'$  such that  $\phi_\tau = \psi \circ \tilde{\Phi}$ . Now  $F_x$  is a line, hence  $f_x = F_x = \tilde{F}_x$ . Therefore the general fiber of  $\psi$  must be a point, that is  $\psi$  is generically finite of degree 1.  $\square$

**Claim 3.28.** *Case (e) does not occur.*

*Proof.* This follows by Proposition 2.18.  $\square$

We are therefore left with case (d.1) in which  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a Mukai fourfold, that is  $K_X = -2H$ . We will use Mukai's classification [M, Thm. 7], [W1, Table 0.3].

We remark that we can assume that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 \neq 0$ , for otherwise [LS, Cor. 4] implies that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^{4-b}$ -bundle over a smooth variety of dimension  $b \leq 2$ , contradicting  $K_X = -2H$ .

We will divide the proof in two subcases of case (d.1):



(B.1) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\dim F_{x_0} \geq 2$ .

(B.2)  $\dim F_u = 1$  for every  $u \in X$ .

In the second case we have the following general fact.

**Claim 3.29.** *In case (B.2) we have that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple with  $p = \widetilde{\Phi}$ ,  $B = \widetilde{\Phi}(X)$  and  $b = 3$ . Moreover the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle structure  $p : X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow B$  occurs in the following cases:*

- (i)  $X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times M$  and either  $\mathcal{F} \cong L^{\oplus 2}$  where  $K_M = -2L$ , or  $B = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  and either  $M = V_7$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$  or  $M = \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes T_{\mathbb{P}^2}$ .
- (ii)  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is as in Examples 6, 8 or 9 in Mukai's classification and the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle structure is the one given in [M, Thm. 7 and Ex. 1-9] (see also [W1, Table 0.3]).

*Proof.* The first fact follows by Lemma 2.12. As for the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle structure, this is a well-known fact that can be easily proved either by following the proof of [W2, Thm. 0.1] or simply using the fact that the morphism  $p$  is given by a globally generated line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $X$  with  $\mathcal{L}^4 = 0$  (most calculations of this type are done in the course of the proofs).  $\square$

**Claim 3.30.** *If  $X$  is a Mukai fourfold of product type, then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (x1) or (x2).*

*Proof.* We have that  $X \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times M$  with  $M$  a Fano threefold of even index, hence  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes L$  where  $K_M = -2L$ . Let  $p_i, i = 1, 2$  be the two projections. Then  $\det \mathcal{E} = p_1^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a)) + p_2^*N$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and some line bundle  $N$  on  $M$ . Now

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 4aN^3.$$

If  $a = 0$ , then  $N$  is globally generated and [Lo, Lemma 5.1] gives that there is a vector bundle  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p_2^*\mathcal{H}$ . Hence we are in case (x1) by [Lo, Lemma 4.1]. Suppose now that  $N^3 = 0$ . Then  $\rho(M) \geq 2$ , for otherwise we have that then  $N \cong \mathcal{O}_M$  and therefore  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence the only possibility is that either  $M = V_7, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ .

First, assume that we are in case in case (B.1).

We have  $\mathbb{P}^k = F_{x_0} \subset X$  for  $k = 2$  or  $3$ . Since  $p_{1|F_{x_0}} : \mathbb{P}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  must be constant, it follows that  $F_{x_0} = \{y\} \times Z$ , where  $y \in \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $Z$  is a linear  $\mathbb{P}^k$  contained in  $M$ . In most cases we will write this as  $F_{x_0} \subset M$ . Therefore  $k = 2$  and  $L|_{F_{x_0}} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$ .

If  $M = V_7$ , let  $\varepsilon : V_7 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  be the blow-up map with exceptional divisor  $E$ . Let  $\widetilde{H}$  be the pull back of a plane, so that  $L = 2\widetilde{H} - E$ . Note that it cannot be that  $E \cap Z = \emptyset$ , for otherwise  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) = L|_Z = 2\widetilde{H}|_Z$ . Therefore  $\dim E \cap Z \geq 1$  and the morphism  $\varepsilon|_Z : \mathbb{P}^2 = Z \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  contracts  $E \cap Z$  to a point, hence it is constant, so that  $Z = E$ . Now  $h = \text{id}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \times \varepsilon : X \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times V_7 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  contracts  $F_{x_0}$  to a point. But then the Dichotomy Lemma implies that  $F_x \subset h^{-1}(h(x)) = \{x\}$ , a contradiction.

If  $M = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  observe that if  $p_i, 1 \leq i \leq 3$  is a projection, then  $p_{i|F_{x_0}} : \mathbb{P}^k = F_{x_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  must be constant, giving a contradiction.

If  $M$  a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ , then, as is well known,  $F_{x_0} = \mathbb{P}^2 \times \{y\}$  or  $\{z\} \times \mathbb{P}^2$ . In the first case, if  $p_2 : \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is the second projection, then  $p_{2|M}(F_{x_0}) = \{y\}$ , hence  $F_{x_0} \subset (p_{2|M})^{-1}(y)$ . But this is a contradiction since  $\dim(p_{2|M})^{-1}(y) = 1$ , as one can see using the isomorphism  $M \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  and that  $p_{2|M} : \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is the projection map. In the second case a similar contradiction can be obtained.

Next assume that we are in case in case (B.2), so that we can apply Claim 3.29.

If  $\mathcal{F} \cong L^{\oplus 2}$ , setting  $\mathcal{G}' = \mathcal{G}(L)$  we get that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}'(L))$  and this gives again case (x1).

Now when  $M = \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes T_{\mathbb{P}^2}$  we are in case (x2) by (2.4).

Finally consider the case  $M = V_7$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$  on  $B = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ . For ease of notation we will set, for any  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_B(c, d) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(c) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(d)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_B(c) = \mathcal{O}_B(c, c)$  and  $\mathcal{H}(c, d) = \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{O}_B(c, d)$  for any sheaf  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $B$ . Now (2.4) gives in particular the vanishings

$$H^j(\mathcal{G}(-s)) = H^j(\mathcal{G}(-1, -2)) = H^j(\mathcal{G}(-2, -3)) = 0 \text{ for } j \geq 0, 0 \leq s \leq 2.$$

Since the same vanishings hold for any direct summand of  $\mathcal{G}$ , we can assume that  $\mathcal{G}$  is indecomposable. Note that the vanishings give that  $\mathcal{G}(1)$  is an Ulrich bundle for  $(B, \mathcal{O}_B(1))$ , hence it is also ACM by

Remark 2.8(iii). Then [FMS, Thm. B] gives that either  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \boxtimes \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$  or  $\mathcal{G}$  fits into an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_B(-1, 0)^{\oplus a} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_B(1, -1)^{\oplus b} \rightarrow 0.$$

In the first case we find the contradiction

$$0 = H^3(\mathcal{G}(-2, -3)) = H^3(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-2) \boxtimes \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-2)) \cong H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-2)) \otimes H^2(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-2)) \neq 0.$$

In the second case we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_B(-2)^{\oplus a} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(-1, -2) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_B(0, -3)^{\oplus b} \rightarrow 0.$$

But  $H^2(\mathcal{G}(-1, -2)) = H^3(\mathcal{O}_B(-2)) = 0$  giving, for  $b \neq 0$ , the contradiction  $H^2(\mathcal{O}_B(0, -3)) = 0$ . Therefore  $b = 0$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{O}_B(-1, 0)^{\oplus a}$ , giving the contradiction  $0 = H^3(\mathcal{G}(-2, -3)) = H^3(\mathcal{O}_B(-3))^{\oplus a} \neq 0$ . Thus this case does not occur. This proves Claim 3.30.  $\square$

To finish the proof of Theorem 1, it remains to consider the Mukai fourfolds not of product type, which, by [M, Thm. 7], are linear sections of the varieties listed in [M, Ex. 1-9].

**Claim 3.31.** *If  $X$  is a Mukai fourfold not of product type, then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (x3)-(x5).*

*Proof.* We refer to [M, Thm. 7], [W1, Table 0.3].

In example 1 we have that  $X$  is a double cover  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  ramified along a divisor of type  $(2, 2)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = f^*L, L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$ . For  $i = 1, 2$  let  $p_i : \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  be the projections and set  $q_i = f \circ p_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ . Let  $Y$  be a smooth hyperplane section of  $X$  and set  $h_i = q_i|_Y : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ . By Lefschetz's theorem we know that the restriction map  $\text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(Y)$  is an isomorphism. On the other hand,  $Y$  is just the Fano threefold listed as No. 6b in Mori-Mukai's list [MM1, Table 2] and it follows from [MM2, Thm. 5.1 and proof of Thm. 1.7] that  $\text{Pic}(Y)$  is generated by  $h_i^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)), i = 1, 2$ . Therefore  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is generated by  $A = q_1^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$  and  $B = q_2^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$ . Now  $\det \mathcal{E} = aA + bB$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , hence

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 12a^2b^2.$$

Therefore either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ , giving the contradiction  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 = 0$ . Thus example 1 is excluded.

In examples 2 and 4, setting  $Q = Q_3$ , we have that  $X$  is the hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times Z$ , where  $Z = \mathbb{P}^3$  (respectively  $Q$ ) under the Segre embedding given by  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes M$ , with  $M = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)$  (resp.  $M = \mathcal{O}_Q(1)$ ) and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))|_X$  (resp.  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L|_X$ ). Let  $p_i, i = 1, 2$  be the two projections on  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times Z$  and let  $q = p_2|_X$ . By Lefschetz's theorem we know that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is generated by  $A|_X$  and  $B|_X$  where  $A = p_1^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$  and  $B = p_2^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$  (resp.  $B = p_2^*(\mathcal{O}_Q(1))$ ). Now  $\det \mathcal{E} = aA|_X + bB|_X$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence, in both cases,

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = \sum_{j=0}^4 \binom{4}{j} a^j b^{4-j} A^j \cdot B^{4-j} X = 4ab^2(b + 3a).$$

If  $a \neq 0$ , then either  $b = 0$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} = aA$ , hence  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 = 0$ , a contradiction, or  $b = -3a$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(A - 3B)$ . But this is not nef: if  $a > 0$ , let  $y \in \mathbb{P}^2$  and choose a curve  $C$  in the surface  $(\{y\} \times Z) \cap X$ . Then  $A \cdot C = 0, B \cdot C = \frac{1}{2}L \cdot C > 0$  (resp.  $B \cdot C = L \cdot C > 0$ ), hence  $\det \mathcal{E} \cdot C = -3aB \cdot C < 0$ ; if  $a < 0$ , let  $z \in Z$  and let  $C = (\mathbb{P}^2 \times \{z\}) \cap X$ . Then  $B \cdot C = 0, A \cdot C = L \cdot C > 0$ , hence  $\det \mathcal{E} \cdot C = aL \cdot C < 0$ . Since  $\det \mathcal{E}$  is globally generated, this is a contradiction. Therefore  $a = 0, \det \mathcal{E} = q^*(\mathcal{O}_Z(b))$  and it follows by [Lo, Lemma 5.1] that there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $Z$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong q^*\mathcal{G}$ .

When  $Z = Q$ , exactly as in the case of the hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  (proof of Claim 3.12), we see that  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-pH)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 4$ , together with the Künneth formula implies that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-2)(-s)) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq s \leq 3$ . But then  $\mathcal{G}(-2)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(Q, \mathcal{O}_Q(1))$ , hence  $r$  is even and  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{S}(2)^{\oplus \binom{5}{2}}$  by [LMS, Lemma 3.2(iv)], so that we are in case (x3). Hence we are done with example 4.

When  $Z = \mathbb{P}^3$  we will reach a contradiction. To this end set  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$  and consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-p\mathcal{L} - X) \rightarrow (p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-p\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(-pH) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-pH)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 4$  we deduce that

$$H^i((p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-p\mathcal{L} - X)) \cong H^i((p_2^*\mathcal{G})(-p\mathcal{L})) \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq p \leq 4.$$

Now the Künneth formula gives that

$$h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(p-2))h^{i-2}(\mathcal{G}(-p-2)) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(p-3))h^{i-2}(\mathcal{G}(-p)) \text{ for } i \geq 2 \text{ and } 1 \leq p \leq 4$$

and one easily sees that this implies that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-4)) = H^j(\mathcal{G}(-6)) = 0$  and  $h^j(\mathcal{G}(-3)) = 3h^j(\mathcal{G}(-5))$  for all  $j \geq 0$ . Setting  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{G}(-3)$  we find

$$(3.13) \quad H^j(\mathcal{H}(-1)) = H^j(\mathcal{H}(-3)) = 0 \text{ and } h^j(\mathcal{H}) = 3h^j(\mathcal{H}(-2)) \text{ for all } j \geq 0.$$

Now let  $M$  be a plane in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  and consider, for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the exact sequences

$$(3.14) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(-l-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(-l) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(-l)|_M \rightarrow 0.$$

We have  $H^0(\mathcal{H}(-1)) = 0$  by (3.13), hence also  $H^0(\mathcal{H}(-2)) = 0$  and then (3.13) gives that

$$(3.15) \quad h^0(\mathcal{H}) = 3h^0(\mathcal{H}(-2)) = 0.$$

Now  $H^1(\mathcal{H}(-1)) = 0$  by (3.13), hence (3.14) with  $l = 0$  implies that  $H^0(\mathcal{H}|_M) = 0$ , hence also  $H^0(\mathcal{H}(-1)|_M) = 0$ . Setting  $l = 1$  in (3.14) and using again  $H^1(\mathcal{H}(-1)) = 0$ , we deduce that  $H^1(\mathcal{H}(-2)) = 0$ . We have  $H^3(\mathcal{H}(-3)) = 0$  by (3.13), hence also  $H^3(\mathcal{H}(-2)) = 0$ . Since  $H^2(\mathcal{H}(-1)) = 0$  by (3.13), then (3.14) with  $l = 1$  implies that  $H^2(\mathcal{H}(-1)|_M) = 0$ , hence also  $H^2(\mathcal{H}|_M) = 0$ . Therefore (3.14) with  $l = 0$  and (3.13) imply that  $H^2(\mathcal{H}) = 0$ , whence also  $H^2(\mathcal{H}(-2)) = 0$  by (3.13). Thus we have proved that  $H^j(\mathcal{H}(-2)) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0$  and together with (3.14) this implies that  $\mathcal{H}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . But this contradicts (3.15).

Thus we are done with example 2.

In example 3 we have that  $X$  is twice a hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  under the Segre embedding given by  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L|_X$ . Let  $p_i, i = 1, 2$  be the two projections on  $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  and let  $p = p_1|_X$  and  $q = p_2|_X$ . By Lefschetz's theorem we know that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is generated by  $A = p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$  and  $B = q^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$  with  $A^4 = B^4 = 0, A \cdot B^3 = A^3 \cdot B = 1$  and  $A^2 \cdot B^2 = 2$ . Now  $\det \mathcal{E} = aA + bB$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , hence

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 4ab(b^2 + 3ab + a^2).$$

and, the case  $b = 0$  being completely similar, we can assume that  $a = 0$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} = q^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(b))$ . It follows by [Lo, Lemma 5.1] that there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong q^*\mathcal{G}$ . We now claim that  $\mathcal{G}(-3)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ . To this end observe that, as is well known, we can see  $X$  as the hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^3})$  embedded by the tautological line bundle  $\xi$  and  $q := (p_2)|_{\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^3})} : \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^3}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is just its projection map. Thus  $\mathcal{E} \cong (q^*\mathcal{G})|_X$  and we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (q^*\mathcal{G})(-(s+1)\xi) \rightarrow (q^*\mathcal{G})(-s\xi) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(-sH) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-sH)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq s \leq 4$  we deduce that

$$H^i((q^*\mathcal{G})(-(s+1)\xi)) \cong H^i((q^*\mathcal{G})(-s\xi)) \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq s \leq 4.$$

Setting  $j = i - 2$ , the Leray spectral sequence implies that

$$H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes R^2q_*(-(s+1)\xi)) \cong H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes R^2q_*(-s\xi)) \text{ for all } j \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq s \leq 4.$$

Since  $R^2q_*(-2\xi) = 0$  we deduce that  $H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes R^2q_*(-h\xi)) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $3 \leq h \leq 5$ . On the other hand,  $R^2q_*(-h\xi) \cong (S^{h-3}\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^3})(-4)$  and therefore we have that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-4) \otimes S^k\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^3}) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq k \leq 2$ . But this is condition (6.4) in [Lo] (applied to  $\mathcal{G}(-4)$ ), and it is proved there that this implies that  $\mathcal{G}(-3)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ . Hence  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3)^{\oplus r}$  by Remark 2.9 and we are in case (x4). Thus we are done with example 3.

In example 5 we have that  $X$  is the blow-up of  $Q = Q_4$  along a conic. Let  $\varepsilon : X \rightarrow Q$  be the blow-up map with exceptional divisor  $E$  and let  $\tilde{H} = \varepsilon^*(\mathcal{O}_Q(1))$ . We have that  $\det \mathcal{E} = a\tilde{H} + bE$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is easily checked that  $E^4 = 6, \tilde{H} \cdot E^3 = 2, \tilde{H}^i \cdot E^{4-i} = 0$  for  $i = 2, 3$  and  $\tilde{H}^4 = 2$ . But then

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 6b^4 + 8ab^3 + 2a^4$$

implies that either  $a = b = 0$ , that is  $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 0$ , a contradiction, or  $b = -a$ , and in this case  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(\tilde{H} - E)$ , hence  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 = 0$ , again a contradiction. Thus example 5 is excluded.

In example 6 we have, by [W1, Table 0.3 and Thm. 1.1(iii)], [SW, Cor. page 206] (or [MOS, Thm. 6.5]), that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  has two linear  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle structures  $p : X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow B$  with  $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{N}(2)$  or  $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{S}(1)$  where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a null-correlation bundle on  $B = \mathbb{P}^3$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  is the spinor bundle on  $B = Q_3$ . We first prove

that case (B.1) does not occur. In fact, the Dichotomy Lemma applied to  $p$  in the case  $B = Q_3$  and Lemma 2.16(ii) give that we are in case (emb). But this implies that  $p|_{F_{x_0}} : \mathbb{P}^k = F_{x_0} \rightarrow Q_3$  is an embedding, hence that  $k = 2$ . Therefore  $p|_{F_{x_0}}$  is the composition of the Veronese embedding  $v_s$  of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with an isomorphic projection. By Severi's theorem [Se] on projection of smooth surfaces it follows that  $s = 2$ . But it is well known that the Veronese surface in  $\mathbb{P}^4$  is not contained in a smooth quadric. Therefore we are in case (B.2) and Claim 3.29 gives that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple, so that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(4))$ , in the case  $B = \mathbb{P}^3$ , or  $p^*(\mathcal{G}(3))$ , in the case  $B = Q_3$ , where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $B$  satisfying (2.4). When  $B = Q_3$  we get case (x5). We now prove that, still in case (B.2),  $B = \mathbb{P}^3$  does not occur. In fact, we have that  $X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N})$  and setting  $\xi = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N})}(1)$ ,  $R = p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = \xi + 2R$ . It is easily verified that  $\xi^4 = \xi^2 \cdot R^2 = R^4 = 0$ ,  $\xi^3 \cdot R = -1$ ,  $\xi \cdot R^3 = 1$  and  $H^4 = 24$ . Now consider the surface  $S$  complete intersection of two general divisors in  $|H|$ . Then  $S$  is a K3 surface and  $\mathcal{E}|_S$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(S, H|_S)$  by Remark 2.8(iv). We can write  $\det \mathcal{E} = c_1 R$  for some  $c_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It follows by [C, Prop. 2.1] that

$$(3.16) \quad c_1(\mathcal{E}) \cdot H^3 = c_1(\mathcal{E}|_S) \cdot H|_S = \frac{3r}{2} H|_S^2 = 36r$$

and

$$(3.17) \quad c_2(\mathcal{E}|_S) = \frac{1}{2} c_1(\mathcal{E}|_S)^2 - r(H|_S^2 - \chi(\mathcal{O}_S)) = \frac{1}{2} c_1(\mathcal{E}|_S)^2 - 22r.$$

From (3.16) we get

$$36r = c_1 R \cdot (\xi + 2R)^3 = 11c_1$$

giving  $c_1 = \frac{36r}{11}$ . But  $\mathcal{E}|_S$  is  $\mu$ -semistable by [CH, Thm. 2.9], hence, using (3.17), Bogomolov's inequality gives

$$0 \leq 2rc_2(\mathcal{E}|_S) - (r-1)c_1(\mathcal{E}|_S)^2 = 4c_1^2 - 44r^2 = -\frac{140r^2}{121}$$

a contradiction. Thus the case  $X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N})$  does not occur and we are done with example 6.

To see example 7, consider  $\varepsilon : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$  the blow-up along a line with exceptional divisor  $E$  and let  $\tilde{H} = \varepsilon^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^5}(1))$ . Set  $L = 2\tilde{H} - E$ . Then  $X$  is a smooth divisor in  $|L|$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L|_X$ . By Lefschetz's theorem we know that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is generated by  $\tilde{H}|_X$  and  $E|_X$ . It is easily checked that  $E^5 = -4$ ,  $\tilde{H} \cdot E^4 = -1$ ,  $\tilde{H}^5 = 1$  and  $\tilde{H}^i \cdot E^{5-i} = 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq 4$ . Now  $\det \mathcal{E} = a\tilde{H}|_X + bE|_X$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = \sum_{j=0}^4 \binom{4}{j} a^j b^{4-j} \tilde{H}^j \cdot E^{4-j} (2\tilde{H} - E) = 2b^4 + 2a^4 + 4ab^3.$$

If  $a = 0$  we get that  $b = 0$ , that is  $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 0$ , a contradiction. If  $a \neq 0$  then  $b = -a$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(\tilde{H} - E)|_X$ . Now observe that  $Y \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$  and the bundle morphism  $q : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is just the morphism defined by  $|\tilde{H} - E|$ . Moreover  $L = \xi + q^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ , where  $\xi$  is the tautological line bundle. If we set  $h = q|_X : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  we deduce from  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(\tilde{H} - E)|_X$  and [Lo, Lemma 5.1] that there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong h^* \mathcal{G}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{E} \cong (q^* \mathcal{G})|_X$  and we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (q^* \mathcal{G})(-(p+1)L) \rightarrow (q^* \mathcal{G})(-pL) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(-pH) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-pH)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 4$  we deduce that

$$H^i((q^* \mathcal{G})(-(p+1)L)) \cong H^i((q^* \mathcal{G})(-pL)) \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq p \leq 4.$$

Setting  $j = i - 2$ , the Leray spectral sequence implies that

$$H^j(\mathcal{G}(-p-1) \otimes R^2 q_*(-p\xi)) \cong H^j(\mathcal{G}(-p) \otimes R^2 q_*(-p\xi)) \text{ for all } j \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq p \leq 4.$$

Since  $R^2 q_*(-2\xi) = 0$  we deduce that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-h) \otimes R^2 q_*(-h\xi)) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $3 \leq h \leq 5$ . On the other hand,  $R^2 q_*(-h\xi) \cong (S^{h-3}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1))(-1))$  and therefore we have that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-s)) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $4 \leq s \leq 8$ . In particular  $\mathcal{G}(-3)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ , hence  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3)^{\oplus r}$  by Remark 2.9. But this gives the contradiction

$$0 = H^3(\mathcal{G}(-7)) = H^3(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4)^{\oplus r}) \neq 0.$$

Thus example 7 is excluded.

In examples 8 and 9 we first claim that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple. In fact, we already know that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \cong (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1))$  where  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_B(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_B(m)$ , with  $B = \mathbb{P}^3$  (respectively  $B = Q_3$ ),  $m = 3$  (resp.  $m = 2$ ). Now let  $p : X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_B \oplus \mathcal{O}_B(m-1)) \rightarrow B$  be the projection map, let  $\xi$  be the tautological line bundle and let  $R = p^*(\mathcal{O}_B(1))$ . Set  $\det \mathcal{E} = a\xi + bR$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $a = 0$  we get that  $\det \mathcal{E} = p^*(\mathcal{O}_B(b))$  and it follows by [Lo, Lemmas 4.1 and 5.1] that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple. Assume that  $a \neq 0$ . In example 8 we have that  $\xi^i \cdot R^{4-i} = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  and  $R^4 = 0$ . Hence

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 2a^4 + 8a^3b + 12a^2b^2 + 8ab^3$$

so that  $b = -\frac{1}{2}a$  and  $2 \det \mathcal{E} = a(2\xi - R)$ . Let  $f$  be a fiber of  $p$ , so that  $0 \leq c_1(\mathcal{E}) \cdot f = 2a$ , hence  $a > 0$ . But  $Q_3 =: Q \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_Q) \subset X$  and  $\xi|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_Q)} \cong \mathcal{O}_Q$ , while  $R|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_Q)} \cong \mathcal{O}_Q(1)$ , hence  $(2 \det \mathcal{E})|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_Q)} = \mathcal{O}_Q(-a)$ , a contradiction since  $\det \mathcal{E}$  is globally generated. In example 9 we have that  $\xi^4 = 8, \xi^3 \cdot R = 4, \xi^2 \cdot R^2 = 2, \xi \cdot R^3 = 1$  and  $R^4 = 0$ . Now

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 8a^4 + 16a^3b + 12a^2b^2 + 4ab^3$$

hence  $b = -a$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(\xi - R)$ . But  $\mathbb{P}^3 \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}) \subset X$  and  $\xi|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3})} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}$ , while  $R|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3})} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$ , hence  $(\det \mathcal{E})|_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3})} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1)$  is not globally generated, a contradiction. Thus we have proved that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is a linear Ulrich triple. Hence  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(m+1))$ , where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a rank  $r$  vector bundle on  $B$  such that  $H^j(\mathcal{G} \otimes S^k \mathcal{F}^*) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq 2$ . This gives in particular that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-s)) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq s \leq 3$ . Hence  $\mathcal{G}(1)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(B, \mathcal{O}_B(1))$ . When  $B = \mathbb{P}^3$  we get by Remark 2.9 that  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1)^{\oplus r}$ . But this gives the contradiction

$$0 = H^3(\mathcal{G}(-3)) = H^3(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4))^{\oplus r} \neq 0.$$

Instead, when  $B = Q_3$ , we get by [LMS, Lemma 3.2(iv)] that  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{S}(-1)^{\oplus (\frac{r}{2})} \cong \mathcal{S}^{\oplus (\frac{r}{2})}$ . But this gives the contradiction

$$0 = h^3(\mathcal{G}(-3)) = h^3(\mathcal{S}(-3))^{\oplus (\frac{r}{2})} = h^0(\mathcal{S}^*)^{\oplus (\frac{r}{2})} = h^0(\mathcal{S})^{\oplus (\frac{r}{2})} \neq 0.$$

Thus examples 8 and 9 are excluded.

This proves Claim 3.31. □

This concludes the proof of Theorem 1 in Case (B). Therefore the proof of Theorem 1 is complete. □

Finally, our last two results.

*Proof of Corollary 1.* If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (i) or as in (iii), it follows by Remark 2.9 and [LMS, Thm. 1] and 1 that  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big. If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (ii1)-(ii3), it follows by [Lo, Prop. 6.1 and 6.2] for (ii1) and (ii2) and by [B, (3.5)] for (ii3), that  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big.

Vice versa assume that  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich not big.

Suppose first that  $\rho(X) = 1$ .

If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \cong (\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$  we are in case (i1) by Remark 2.9. If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \not\cong (\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$  then  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n > 0$  by [Lo, Lemma 3.2] and we are in case (i2) by [LM, Thms. 1 and 2] and Theorem 1. This proves (i).

Now suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a del Pezzo variety.

If  $n = 2$ , since del Pezzo surfaces are not covered by lines, there is no such  $\mathcal{E}$ .

If  $n = 3$  it follows by [LM, Thm. 3] that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 = 0, c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 \neq 0$ . According to the classification of del Pezzo 3-folds (see for example [LP, §1], [F1]), we get that  $X$  is either  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  or  $V_7$ . In the first two instances we are in cases (ii1) and (ii2) by [Lo, Prop. 6.1 and 6.2]. Now consider the third one, that is we have  $\varepsilon : X = V_7 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  the blow-up map with exceptional divisor  $E$  and let  $\tilde{H} = \varepsilon^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ . Hence  $\det \mathcal{E} = a\tilde{H} + bE$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is easily checked that  $\tilde{H}^3 = E^3 = 1, \tilde{H}^i \cdot E^{3-i} = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . But then

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 = a^3 + b^3$$

implies that  $b = -a$ , that is  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(\tilde{H} - E)$ . As is well known, we have that  $X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$  and the morphism induced by  $|\tilde{H} - E|$  is just the projection map  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ . We deduce by [Lo, Lemma 5.1] that there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(2))$ . But now [Lo, Lemma 4.1] gives that  $H^i(\mathcal{G}(-s)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq s \leq 3$ . In particular  $\mathcal{G}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$ ,



hence  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}^{\oplus r}$  by Remark 2.9. But this gives the contradiction  $0 = H^2(\mathcal{G}(-3)) = H^2(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-3)^{\oplus r}) \neq 0$ . Thus this case is excluded.

If  $n = 4$ , using the classification of del Pezzo 4-folds (see for example [LP, §1], [F1]) and case (i), we see that  $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$ . Then we are in case (ii3) by [LMS, Thm. 3]. This proves (ii).

Now suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a Mukai variety.

We have that  $n = 4$  since the Mukai  $n$ -folds are not covered by lines for  $n \leq 3$ . Therefore we are in cases (x1)-(x5) of Theorem 1. This proves (iii).  $\square$

*Proof of Corollary 2.* If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  is as in (i) or (ii), it follows by Corollary 1, Theorem 1, [B, (3.5)] and [Lo, Prop. 6.2] that  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich with  $\det \mathcal{E}$  not big.

Vice versa assume that  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich. Since  $\mathcal{E}$  is globally generated and  $\det \mathcal{E}$  is not big, we have that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^n = 0$ , hence  $\rho(X) \geq 2$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  is not big.

If  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a del Pezzo  $n$ -fold, then either  $n \leq 4$  and we get cases (ii1)-(ii3) of Corollary 1 by the same corollary, or  $n \geq 5$ . But in the latter case the classification of del Pezzo  $n$ -folds (see for example [LP, §1], [F1]) gives that  $\rho(X) = 1$ , hence this case does not occur. This proves (i).

Now suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  is a Mukai  $n$ -fold.

If  $n \leq 4$  we get cases (x1)-(x5) of Theorem 1 by Corollary 1(iii).

If  $n \geq 5$ , Mukai's classification [M, Thm. 7] gives that  $X$  is as in examples 3, 4 and 7 in [M, Ex. 2].

In example 3 we have that either  $X = \mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  or  $X = \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^3})$ . In the second case  $\mathcal{E}$  is as in (ii2) by [Lo, Prop. 6.2]. In the first case  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^6 = 0$  immediately gives that  $\det \mathcal{E} = p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(a))$ , for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $p : \mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  is one of the two projections. It follows by [Lo, Lemmas 4.1 and 5.1] and Remark 2.9 that  $\mathcal{E}$  is as in (ii1).

In example 4 we have that  $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \times Q_3$  and  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^5 = 0$  immediately gives that either  $\det \mathcal{E} = p_1^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(a))$  or  $p_2^*(\mathcal{O}_{Q_3}(a))$ , for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $p_i, i = 1, 2$  are the projections. In the second case it follows by [Lo, Lemmas 4.1 and 5.1] and [LMS, Lemma 3.2(iv)] that  $\mathcal{E}$  is as in (ii3). In the first case it follows by [Lo, Lemma 5.1] that there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p_1^*\mathcal{G}$ . Now the vanishings  $H^i(\mathcal{E}(-pH)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 5$ , together with the Künneth formula imply that  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-2)(-s)) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq s \leq 3$ . But then  $\mathcal{G}(-2)$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$  and Remark 2.9 gives that  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)^{\oplus r}$ , thus giving the contradiction  $0 = H^2(\mathcal{G}(-5)) = H^2(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-3)^{\oplus r}) \neq 0$ .

In example 7 we have that  $X$  is the blow-up  $\varepsilon : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$  along a line with exceptional divisor  $E$  and let  $\tilde{H} = \varepsilon^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^5}(1))$ . As in the proof of Theorem 1 (see Claim 3.31) we have that  $E^5 = -4, \tilde{H} \cdot E^4 = -1, \tilde{H}^5 = 1$  and  $\tilde{H}^j \cdot E^{5-j} = 0$  for  $2 \leq j \leq 4$ . Now  $\det \mathcal{E} = a\tilde{H} + bE$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and

$$0 = c_1(\mathcal{E})^5 = \sum_{j=0}^5 \binom{5}{j} a^j b^{5-j} \tilde{H}^j \cdot E^{5-j} = a^5 - 5ab^4 - 4b^5.$$

If  $a = 0$  we get that  $b = 0$ , that is  $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 0$ , a contradiction. If  $a \neq 0$  then  $b = -a$  and  $\det \mathcal{E} = a(\tilde{H} - E)$ . Again as in the proof of Theorem 1 (see Claim 3.31), using the morphism  $p : X \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  we deduce by [Lo, Lemma 5.1] that there is a rank  $r$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong p^*(\mathcal{G}(3))$ . Now [Lo, Lemma 4.1] gives that  $H^i(\mathcal{G}(-s)) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq s \leq 4$ . In particular  $\mathcal{G}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$ , hence  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus r}$  by Remark 2.9. But this gives the contradiction  $0 = H^3(\mathcal{G}(-4)) = H^3(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4)^{\oplus r}) \neq 0$ . Thus example 7 is excluded.

This proves (ii).  $\square$

#### 4. EXAMPLES

In this section we will give some examples that are significant both with respect to Theorem 1 (for the statement but also for the method of proof) and to the fact that they do not appear in lower dimension.

*Example 4.1.* (cfr. cases (v2) and (v3) in Theorem 1)

Let  $C$  be a smooth curve, let  $L$  be a very ample line bundle on  $C$ , let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(C, L)$  and let  $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \times C \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes L \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$ . For case (v3), let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \times C$  be the projection and let  $\mathcal{E} = p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2) \boxtimes \mathcal{G}(L))$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is Ulrich on  $X$  by [B, (3.5)] and  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0$ . Similarly, for case (v2), let  $q : X \rightarrow C \times \mathbb{P}^2$  be the projection and let  $\mathcal{E} = q^*(\mathcal{G}(2L) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(3))$ .



*Example 4.2.* (cfr. case (vi2) in Theorem 1)

Let  $B$  be a smooth irreducible curve and let  $L$  be a very ample line bundle on  $B$  such that  $K_B + 2L$  is very ample. Let  $Y = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$ . Let  $X = B \times Y$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L \boxtimes \mathcal{L}$  and let  $p_1 : X \rightarrow B$  be the first projection. Then  $K_X + 2H = p_1^*(K_B + 2L)$ , hence  $p_1 = \varphi_{K_X + 2H}$ . Thus  $\varphi_{K_X + 2H}$  gives a del Pezzo fibration on  $X$  over  $B$  with all fibers  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be any Ulrich vector bundle for  $(B, L)$  and let  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \boxtimes \mathcal{S}'$  on  $Y$ . Then  $\mathcal{E} := \mathcal{F}(3L) \boxtimes \mathcal{G}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  by [B, (3.5)] with  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0, c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 \neq 0$ .

*Example 4.3.* (cfr. case (vi2) in Theorem 1)

Let  $Y$  be a smooth irreducible divisor of type  $(1, 2)$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_Y(1) = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))|_Y$ . Then  $\pi_{1|Y} : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is a quadric fibration whose fibers are either smooth or a cone in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  and there are 12 such cones by [Lant, §2]. Let  $X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times Y$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_Y(1))|_X$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(1))$  and let  $\mathcal{E} = q^*(\mathcal{G}(1))$ , where  $q : X \rightarrow Y$  is the restriction of the second projection. It follows by [Lo, Lemma 4.1] that  $\mathcal{E}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle on  $X$  and we are in case (vi2) in Theorem 1.

*Example 4.4.* (cfr. case (vi3) in Theorem 1)

Let  $Y = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  and let  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$ . Let  $X \in |L|$  be smooth and irreducible and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L|_X$ . Let  $p_1 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be the restriction of the first projection on  $Y$ . Then  $K_X + 2H = p_1^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$ , hence  $p_1 = \varphi_{K_X + 2H}$ . A general fiber  $F$  of  $p_1$  is a hyperplane section of the Segre embedding of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ , that is  $F \cong \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ . Thus  $\varphi_{K_X + 2H}$  gives a del Pezzo fibration on  $X$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with general fiber  $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ . To construct  $\mathcal{E}$  observe that if  $p : Y \cong \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2}^{\oplus 3}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  with tautological line bundle  $\xi$ , then  $L = \xi + p^*M$ , where  $M = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}' = p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(4) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}'$  is an Ulrich line bundle for  $(Y, L)$  by [B, (3.5)] and [Lo, Lemma 4.1(ii)]. Hence  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}'|_X$  is an Ulrich line bundle for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  with  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0, c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 \neq 0$ . Moreover  $\Phi$  is just the composition of  $p|_X : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  with the embedding of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  by  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(4) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)$ . Finally,  $p|_X$  has  $M^3 = 3$  fibers that are a linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$  by [BS, Ex. 14.1.5], hence so does  $\Phi$ .

We do not know if there is an example of a triple  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1), \mathcal{E})$  with  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0, c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 \neq 0$  and with the del Pezzo fibration having as fibers the blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^3$  in a point.

*Example 4.5.* (cfr. case (vii) in Theorem 1)

Let  $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \times Q$ , where  $Q = Q_2$ , let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_Q(1)$  and let  $p_1 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  be the first projection. Then  $K_X + 2H = p_1^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$ , hence  $p_1 = \varphi_{K_X + 2H}$  is a quadric fibration over  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle on  $(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$  and let  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}(2) \boxtimes \mathcal{S}'$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  by [B, (3.5)]. Moreover  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0$  and  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 \neq 0$ .

*Example 4.6.* (cfr. case (ix) in Theorem 1)

Let  $Y$  be a smooth irreducible threefold and let  $M$  be a very ample line bundle on  $Y$  such that  $K_Y + 3M$  is very ample. Let  $Z = \mathbb{P}^2 \times Y$  and let  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes M$ . Let  $X \in |L|$  be smooth and irreducible and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L|_X$ . Let  $p_2 : Z \rightarrow Y$  be the second projection and let  $q = p_{2|X}$ . Then  $K_X + 2H = q^*(K_Y + 3M)$ . Hence  $q = \varphi_{K_X + 2H}$  gives a structure of scroll over  $Y$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(Y, M)$  and let  $\mathcal{E}' = p_2^*(\mathcal{G}(2M))$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}'$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(Y, L)$  by [Lo, Lemma 4.1]. Hence  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}'|_X$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  by Remark 2.8(iv). Since  $\mathcal{E} = q^*(\mathcal{G}(2M))$  it follows that  $\Phi$  factorizes through  $q : X \rightarrow Y$ . Finally,  $q$  has  $M^3 > 0$  fibers that are a linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$  by [BS, Ex. 14.1.5]. Therefore  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0, c_1(\mathcal{E})^3 \neq 0$  and  $\Phi$  has  $M^3$  fibers that are a linear  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

*Example 4.7.* (cfr. case (x1) in Theorem 1)

On a Fano 3-fold  $M$  of index 2, there are several examples of Ulrich vector bundles for  $(M, L)$ , where  $K_M = -2L$ . See for instance [B, CMRPL].

*Example 4.8.* (cfr. case (x2) in Theorem 1)

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes T_{\mathbb{P}^2}$ ,  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) = (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1))$  and let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  be the projection map. It is easily verified that  $\mathcal{E} = p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(3) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$  is an Ulrich bundle as in (x2) of Theorem 1.

*Example 4.9.* (cfr. case (x5) in Theorem 1)

The following example was kindly suggested to us by D. Faenzi, whom we thank.

Let  $Q \subset \mathbb{P}^4 = \mathbb{P}(V)$  be a smooth quadric. We have a natural identification

$$(4.1) \quad \Lambda^2 V \cong H^0(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2)) \cong H^0(\Omega_Q(2)) \subset H^0(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2)|_Q).$$

We can define a vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}$  by setting

$$\mathcal{H}^* = \mathcal{H}om(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2)|_Q, \mathcal{O}_Q) \otimes H^0(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2))$$

and considering the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Q \rightarrow 0$$

where the morphism  $\psi : \mathcal{H}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Q$  is defined locally by sending  $\phi \otimes \sigma$  to  $\phi(\sigma|_Q)$ .

Now set  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}^*(-1)$  so that we have an exact sequence

$$(4.2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Q \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(1) \rightarrow 0$$

defining a rank 39 vector bundle  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $Q$ . We have

*Claim 4.10.*  $H^j(\mathcal{G}(-2k) \otimes S^k \mathcal{S}) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq 2$ .

*Proof.* To see this set  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2)|_Q$  and consider the twisted Euler sequence, for every  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$(4.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1(l) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{O}_Q(1)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_Q(l+1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Q(l+2) \rightarrow 0.$$

For  $l = -1$  we see that  $H^j(\mathcal{H}_1(-1)) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0$ , hence also  $H^j(\mathcal{H}(-1)) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0$ . Then (4.2) tensored by  $\mathcal{O}_Q(-1)$  gives that

$$H^j(\mathcal{G}) = 0 \text{ for } j \geq 0.$$

Choosing  $l = -3$  in (4.3) and tensoring with  $\mathcal{S}$ , we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1(-3) \otimes \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(-2)^{\oplus 5} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(-1) \rightarrow 0.$$

Using the fact that  $\mathcal{S}$  is Ulrich, we deduce that  $H^j(\mathcal{H}_1(-3) \otimes \mathcal{S}) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0$ , hence also  $H^j(\mathcal{H}(-3) \otimes \mathcal{S}) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0$ . Then (4.2) tensored by  $\mathcal{S}(-3)$  gives that

$$H^j(\mathcal{G}(-2) \otimes \mathcal{S}) = 0 \text{ for } j \geq 0.$$

To finish the proof of (4.10) it remains to prove that

$$(4.4) \quad H^j(\mathcal{G}(-4) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S}) = 0 \text{ for } j \geq 0.$$

To this end we collect some well-known vanishings, that can be easily obtained using [O] and restricting to the hyperplane section.

*Subclaim 4.11.*

- (i)  $H^0((S^2 \mathcal{S})(l)) = 0$  for  $l \leq -2$ .
- (ii)  $H^1((S^2 \mathcal{S})(l)) = 0$  for  $l \neq -2$ .
- (iii)  $H^2((S^2 \mathcal{S})(l)) = 0$  for  $l \neq -3$ .
- (iv)  $h^2((S^2 \mathcal{S})(-3)) = 1$ .
- (v)  $H^3((S^2 \mathcal{S})(-4)) = 0$ .
- (vi)  $h^3((S^2 \mathcal{S})(-5)) = 10$ .

Setting  $l = -5$  in (4.3) and tensoring with  $S^2 \mathcal{S}$ , we get the exact sequence

$$(4.5) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1(-5) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S} \rightarrow (S^2 \mathcal{S})(-4)^{\oplus 5} \rightarrow (S^2 \mathcal{S})(-3) \rightarrow 0$$

and we deduce by Subclaim 4.11(i), (ii) and (iii) that  $H^j(\mathcal{H}_1(-5) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S}) = 0$  for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , hence also

$$(4.6) \quad H^j(\mathcal{H}(-5) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S}) = 0 \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2.$$

Now tensoring (4.2) with  $(S^2 \mathcal{S})(-5)$  we get the exact sequence

$$(4.7) \quad 0 \rightarrow (S^2 \mathcal{S})(-5) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(-5) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(-4) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S} \rightarrow 0$$

and applying (4.6) and Subclaim 4.11(ii) and (iii) we get that

$$H^j(\mathcal{G}(-4) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S}) = 0 \text{ for } j = 0, 1.$$

Moreover (4.6) and (4.7) give rise to the exact sequence

$$(4.8) \quad 0 \rightarrow H^2(\mathcal{G}(-4) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow H^3((S^2 \mathcal{S})(-5)) \rightarrow H^3(\mathcal{H}(-5) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow H^3(\mathcal{G}(-4) \otimes S^2 \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Now note that from (4.5) we have, applying Subclaim 4.11(iii), (iv) and (v), that  $h^3(\mathcal{H}_1(-5) \otimes S^2\mathcal{S}) = h^2((S^2\mathcal{S})(-3)) = 1$ , hence

$$h^3(\mathcal{H}(-5) \otimes S^2\mathcal{S}) = 10.$$

Since  $h^3((S^2\mathcal{S})(-5)) = 10$  by Subclaim 4.11(vi), to complete the proof it remains to show that the morphism

$$H^3((S^2\mathcal{S})(-5)) \rightarrow H^3(\mathcal{H}(-5) \otimes S^2\mathcal{S})$$

is injective, or, by Serre's duality, that

$$H^0(\mathcal{H}^* \otimes S^2\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow H^0(S^2\mathcal{S})$$

is surjective.

To see the latter, using the isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Hom}(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2)|_Q, \mathcal{O}_Q) \otimes \Omega_Q(2) \cong \mathrm{Hom}(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2)|_Q, \Omega_Q(2))$$

and recalling that  $S^2\mathcal{S} \cong \Omega_Q(2)$  by [O, Ex. 1.5], we have that the map  $H^0(\mathcal{H}^* \otimes S^2\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow H^0(S^2\mathcal{S})$  can be identified, with our choices, with the map

$$\mathrm{Hom}(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4|Q}(2), \Omega_Q(2)) \otimes H^0(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2)) \rightarrow H^0(\Omega_Q(2))$$

which sends  $\phi \otimes \sigma$  to  $\phi(\sigma|_Q)$ . This map is clearly surjective by (4.1). Hence it is an isomorphism and therefore (4.8) gives that

$$H^j(\mathcal{G}(-4) \otimes S^2\mathcal{S}) = 0 \text{ for } j = 2, 3.$$

This proves (4.4) and the claim.  $\square$

*Example 4.12.* (cfr. cases (xii)-(xiii) in Theorem 1)

Let  $B$  be a smooth irreducible variety of dimension  $b = 1, 2$  and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a rank  $5 - b$  very ample vector bundle on  $B$ . Let  $X = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$  with tautological line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  and projection  $p : X \rightarrow B$ . Let  $M$  be a line bundle on  $B$  such that  $H^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and set  $\mathcal{E} = \Omega_{X/B}(2H + p^*M)$ . When  $b = 2$  suppose also that  $H^i(\mathcal{F}(M - \det \mathcal{F})) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is an Ulrich vector bundle for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  it is not big,  $\mathcal{E}|_{\mathcal{F}} \cong \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}(2)$  and, in many cases,  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 > 0$ . This is shown for  $b = 1$  in [LM, Lemma 4.1]. With the same method it can be shown for  $b = 2$ . An example for  $b = 2$  can be obtained by picking a very ample line bundle  $L$  on  $B$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = L^{\oplus 3}$  and  $M = \mathcal{L}(-2L)$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  is an Ulrich line bundle for  $(B, 2L)$ . Explicitly one can take  $B = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$  and  $M = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$ . Note that for  $b = 2$  we have by (3.1) that  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = r + 2$ . Moreover, in order to get restrictions  $\mathcal{E}|_{\mathcal{F}}$  with trivial summands, one can add to  $\mathcal{E}$  direct summands of type  $p^*(\mathcal{L}(\det \mathcal{F}))$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a line bundle on  $B$  such that  $H^j(\mathcal{L} \otimes S^k \mathcal{F}^*) = 0$  for  $j \geq 0, 0 \leq k \leq b - 1$ .

*Example 4.13.* (cfr. case (xii) in Theorem 1)

Let  $X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$ . It is easily seen that the vector bundle

$$\mathcal{E} = [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \boxtimes (T_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1))^{\oplus 2}] \oplus [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(3) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}]^{\oplus (r-6)}$$

is Ulrich,  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 > 0$ ,  $\nu(\mathcal{E}) = r + 2$  and  $\mathcal{E}|_{\mathcal{F}} = T_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus (r-6)}$ . This is the last possible case in Theorem 1(xii), as in [SU, Thm. 1(v)].

We do not know if the case with restriction  $\mathcal{N}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus (r-2)}$  actually occurs in Theorem 1(xii).

*Example 4.14.* (cfr. case (xiv) in Theorem 1)

Let  $B$  be a smooth irreducible curve, let  $L$  be a very ample line bundle on  $B$  and let  $Q = Q_3$ . Let  $X = B \times Q$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = L \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_Q(1)$ . Then the first projection  $p_1 : X \rightarrow B$  is a quadric fibration associated to  $K_X + 3H$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be an Ulrich line bundle for  $(B, L)$  and let  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{L}(3L) \boxtimes \mathcal{S}$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is an Ulrich rank 2 relative spinor bundle for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$  by [B, (3.5)] and [LMS, Lemma 3.2(iii)]. Note that  $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 > 0$ . Moreover  $\mathcal{E}$  is not big by [LMS, Prop. 3.3(iii)] and [LM, Lemma 2.4].

TABLE 1.

Cases in Theorem 1 with $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 = 0$							
Case	$X$	$\mathcal{O}_X(1)$	$\mathcal{E}$	$B$ (if linear Ulrich triple)	case Lemma 3.1, $\phi_\tau$	$p$ (Def. 2.3) or $q$	Example
(i)	$\mathbb{P}^4$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}^{\oplus r}$		(a)		
(ii1)	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))^{\oplus r}$	$\mathbb{P}^3$	(b.2), $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$	
(ii2)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$	curve	(b.2), $p$	bundle map	
(iii)	$\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))^{\oplus r}$	$\mathbb{P}^2$	(c.1)	$\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$	
(iv)	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times Q_3$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{Q_3}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{S}(1))^{\oplus (\frac{r}{2})}$	$Q_3$	(c.2), $\mathbb{P}^1 \times Q_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times Q_3 \rightarrow Q_3$	
(v1)	$(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^3) \cap H$	$(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)) _X$	$q^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2))^{\oplus r}$		(c.3), $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ projection linear $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle	$X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ projection	
(v2)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$	surface	(c.3), $p$	bundle map	4.1
(v3)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$	3-fold	(c.3), linear $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle over surface	bundle map	4.1
(vi1)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$	3-fold, del Pezzo fibration, fibers $\mathbb{P}^2$	(d.2), del Pezzo fibration, fibers $V_7$	bundle map	
(vi2)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$	3-fold, del Pezzo fibration, smooth fibers $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$	(d.2), del Pezzo fibration, smooth fibers $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$	bundle map	4.2, 4.3
(vi3)	del Pezzo fibration, smooth fibers $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$	del Pezzo fibration	$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})}$ pull-back from $\mathbb{P}^2$		(d.2), del Pezzo fibration, smooth fibers $\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$		4.4
(vii)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$	3-fold	(d.3), quadric fibration over surface	bundle map	4.5
(viii)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\det \mathcal{F}))$	3-fold	(d.4), $p$	bundle map	
(ix)	scroll over a normal threefold	scroll	$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ trivial		(d.5), scroll over a normal threefold		4.6
(x1)	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times M$ , $K_M = -2L$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes L$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(L))$ , $\mathcal{G}$ Ulrich for $(M, L)$	$M$	(d.1)	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times M \rightarrow M$	4.7
(x2)	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})}(1)$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3)))$	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$	(d.1)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes T_{\mathbb{P}^2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$	4.8
(x3)	$(\mathbb{P}^2 \times Q_3) \cap H$	$(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{Q_3}(1)) _X$	$q^*(\mathcal{S}(2))^{\oplus (\frac{r}{2})}$		(d.1)	$X \rightarrow Q_3$ projection	
(x4)	$(\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^3) \cap H \cap H'$	$(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)) _X$	$q^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3))^{\oplus r}$		(d.1)	$X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ projection	
(x5)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S})}(1) \otimes p^*(\mathcal{O}_{Q_3}(1))$	$p^*(\mathcal{G}(3))$	$Q_3$	(d.1)	bundle map	4.9

TABLE 2.

Cases in Theorem 1 with $c_1(\mathcal{E})^4 > 0$						
Case	$X$	$\mathcal{E}$	$B$	case Lemma 3.1, $\phi_\tau$	$p$	Example
(xi)	$Q_4$	$\mathcal{O}_X(1)$ $\mathcal{O}_{Q_4}(1)$		(b.1)		
(xii)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$\mathcal{E} _f = T_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-3)}, \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-3)}, \mathcal{N}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r-2)},$ or quotient $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-1)^{\oplus 2} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}^{\oplus(r+2)} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} _f \rightarrow 0$	curve	(b.2), $p$	bundle map <b>4.12, 4.13</b>
(xiii)	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F})}(1)$	$\mathcal{E} _f \cong T_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}^{\oplus(r-2)}$	surface	(c.3), $p$	<b>4.12</b>
(xiv)	quadric fibration	quadric fibration	$\mathcal{E} _f$ spinor bundle on general $f$	curve	(c.2), $p$	<b>4.14</b>

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