# Motivic decomposition of anisotropic varieties of type $F_{\mathbf{4}}$ into generalized Rost motives 

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#### Abstract

We prove that the Chow motive of an anisotropic projective homogeneous variety of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ is isomorphic to the direct sum of twisted copies of a generalized Rost motive. In particular, we provide an explicit construction of a generalized Rost motive for a generically splitting variety for a symbol in $\mathrm{K}_{3}^{M}(k) / 3$. We also establish a motivic isomorphism between two anisotropic non-isomorphic projective homogeneous varieties of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$. All our results hold for Chow motives with integral coefficients.


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## 1. Introduction

The subject of the present paper begins with the celebrated result of M. Rost [Ro98] devoted to the motivic decomposition of a norm quadric. The existence of such a decomposition became one of the main ingredients in the proof of the Milnor conjecture by V. Voevodsky. The generalization of this conjecture to other primes $p>2$, known as the Bloch-Kato conjecture, was proven recently by M. Rost and V. Voevodsky. One of the ingredients of the proof is the fact that the motive with $\mathbb{Z} / p \mathbb{Z}$-coefficients of a splitting (norm) variety $X$ contains as a direct summand a certain geometric motive $M_{p-1}$ called generalized Rost motive [Vo03, Sect. 5]. This motive is indecomposable and splits as a direct sum of twisted Lefschetz motives over the separable closure of the base field.

Note that Voevodsky's construction of $M_{p-1}$ relies heavily on the language of triangulated category of motives. The main goal of the present paper is to provide an explicit and shortened construction of the motive $M_{2}(p=3)$ working only within the classical category of Chow motives. More precisely, we provide such a construction for an exceptional projective homogeneous variety of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ which splits the symbol (in $\mathrm{K}_{3}^{M}(k) / 3$ ) given by the Rost-Serre invariant $g_{3}$ (see 4.5).

[^0]Note that if $X$ is generically cellular and splits a pure symbol, it is expected that the motive of $X$ is isomorphic to the direct sum of twisted copies of the motive $M_{p-1}$. The motivic decomposition that we obtain confirms these expectations. Namely, we prove the following
1.1 Theorem Let $X$ be an anisotropic variety over a field $k$ such that over a cubic field extension $k^{\prime}$ of $k$ it becomes isomorphic to the projective homogeneous variety $G / P$, where $G$ is a split simple group of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ and $P$ its maximal parabolic subgroup corresponding to the last or the first three vertices of the Dynkin diagram 4.1.

Then the Chow motive of $X$ (with integral coefficients) is isomorphic to the direct sum of twisted copies of an indecomposable motive $R$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{M}(X) \cong \bigoplus_{i=0}^{7} R(i) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

which has the property that over $k^{\prime}$ it becomes isomorphic to the direct sum of twisted Lefschetz motives $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}(4) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(8)$.

The next result provides the first known "purely exceptional" example of two different anisotropic varieties with isomorphic motives. Recall that the similar result for groups of type $\mathrm{G}_{2}$ obtained in [Bo03] provides a motivic isomorphism between quadric and an exceptional Fano variety.
1.2 Theorem Let $\mathcal{G}$ be an anisotropic algebraic group over $k$ such that over a cubic field extension $k^{\prime}$ of $k$ it becomes isomorphic to a split simple group $G$ of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$. Let $X_{1}$ and $X_{4}$ be two projective $\mathcal{G}$-homogeneous varieties which over $k^{\prime}$ become isomorphic to $G / P_{1}$ and $G / P_{4}$ respectively, where $P_{1}$ (resp. $P_{4}$ ) is the maximal parabolic subgroup corresponding to the last (resp. first) three vertices of the Dynkin diagram 4.1.

Then the motives of $X_{1}$ and $X_{4}$ are isomorphic.
The main motivation for our work was the result of N. Karpenko where he gave a shortened construction of a Rost motive for a norm quadric [Ka98]. The key idea is to produce enough idempotents in the ring $\mathrm{CH}(X \times X)$ considered over the separable closure of $k$ and then lift them to $k$ using the Rost Nilpotence Theorem (see [CGM]). Contrary to the techniques used by Voevodsky, the proof of Theorem 1.1 is based on well-known and elementary facts about linear algebraic groups, projective homogeneous varieties, and Chow groups.

We expect that similar methods can be applied to other projective homogeneous varieties, thus providing analogous motivic decompositions. In particular, applying our arguments to a Pfister quadric one obtains the celebrated decomposition into

Rost motives (see [KM02, Example 7.3]). For exceptional groups of type $\mathrm{G}_{2}$ one immediately obtains the motivic decomposition of the Fano variety together with the motivic isomorphism constructed in [Bo03].

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we provide background information on Chow motives and rational cycles. Section 3 is devoted to computational matters of Chow rings. Namely, we introduce Pieri and Giambelli formulae and discuss their relationships with Hasse diagrams. In Section 4 we apply the formulae introduced in Section 3 to projective homogeneous varieties $X_{1}$ and $X_{4}$ of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$. In Section 5 we prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. Finally, in the Appendix we explain the intermediate technical steps of computations used in the proofs.

## 2. Motives and rational cycles

In the present section we introduce the category of Chow motives over a field $k$ following [Ma68] and [Ka01]. We remind the notion of a rational cycle and state the Rost Nilpotence Theorem for idempotents following [CGM].
2.1 Let $k$ be a field and $\mathcal{V} a r_{k}$ be a category of smooth projective varieties over $k$. First, we define the category of correspondences (over $k$ ) denoted by $\mathcal{C}$ or ${ }_{k}$. Its objects are smooth projective varieties over $k$. For morphisms, called correspondences, we set $\operatorname{Mor}(X, Y):=\coprod_{l=1}^{n} \mathrm{CH}_{d_{l}}\left(X_{l} \times Y\right)$, where $X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}$ are the irreducible components of $X$ of dimensions $d_{1}, \ldots, d_{n}$. For any two correspondences $\alpha \in \mathrm{CH}(X \times Y)$ and $\beta \in \mathrm{CH}(Y \times Z)$ we define their composition $\beta \circ \alpha \in \mathrm{CH}(X \times Z)$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta \circ \alpha=p r_{13 *}\left(p r_{12}^{*}(\alpha) \cdot p r_{23}^{*}(\beta)\right), \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p r_{i j}$ denotes the projection on the $i$-th and $j$-th factors of $X \times Y \times Z$ respectively and $p r_{i j_{*}}, p r_{i j}^{*}$ denote the induced push-forwards and pull-backs for Chow groups.

The pseudo-abelian completion of $\mathcal{C}$ or $r_{k}$ is called the category of Chow motives and is denoted by $\mathcal{M}_{k}$. The objects of $\mathcal{M}_{k}$ are pairs ( $X, p$ ), where $X$ is a smooth projective variety and $p$ is an idempotent, that is, $p \circ p=p$. The morphisms between two objects $(X, p)$ and $(Y, q)$ are the compositions $q \circ \operatorname{Mor}(X, Y) \circ p$. The motive ( $X, \mathrm{id}$ ) will be denoted by $\mathcal{M}(X)$ and called the Chow motive of $X$.
2.2 By construction, $\mathcal{M}_{k}$ is a tensor additive category, where the tensor product is given by the usual product $(X, p) \otimes(Y, q)=(X \times Y, p \times q)$. For any cycle $\alpha$ we denote as $\alpha^{t}$ the corresponding transposed cycle.

Moreover, the covariant Chow functor $\mathrm{CH}:{\mathcal{V} a r_{k}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}-\mathcal{A} b$ (to the category of $\mathbb{Z}$ graded abelian groups) factors through $\mathcal{M}_{k}$, that is, one has a commutative diagram
of functors

where $\Gamma: f \mapsto \Gamma_{f}$ is the graph functor and $C H:(X, p) \mapsto \operatorname{Im}\left(p_{\star}\right)$ is the realization.
2.3 Observe that the composition product $\circ$ induces the ring structure on the abelian group $\mathrm{CH}^{\operatorname{dim} X}(X \times X)$. The unit element of this ring is the class of the diagonal map $\Delta_{X}$, which is defined by $\Delta_{X} \circ \alpha=\alpha \circ \Delta_{X}=\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \mathrm{CH}^{\operatorname{dim} X}(X \times X)$.
2.4 Consider the morphism $(e, i d):\{p t\} \times \mathbb{P}^{1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{1} \times \mathbb{P}^{1}$. The image by means of the induced push-forward $(e, i d)_{*}(1)$ does not depend on the choice of the point $e:\{p t\} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{1}$ and defines the projector in $\mathrm{CH}^{1}\left(\mathbb{P}^{1} \times \mathbb{P}^{1}\right)$ denoted by $p_{1}$. The motive $\mathbb{Z}(1)=\left(\mathbb{P}^{1}, p_{1}\right)$ is called Lefschetz motive. For a motive $M$ and a nonnegative integer $i$ we denote its twist by $M(i)=M \otimes \mathbb{Z}(1)^{\otimes i}$.
2.5 Let $G$ be a split simple linear algebraic group over $k$. Let $X$ be a projective $G$-homogeneous variety, that is, $X \simeq G / P$, where $P$ is a parabolic subgroup of $G$. The abelian group structure of $\mathrm{CH}(X)$, as well as its ring structure, is well-known. Namely, $X$ has a cellular filtration and the generators of Chow groups of the bases of this filtration correspond to the free additive generators of $\mathrm{CH}(X)$. Note that the product of two projective homogeneous varieties $X \times Y$ has a cellular filtration as well, and $\mathrm{CH}^{*}(X \times Y) \cong \mathrm{CH}^{*}(X) \otimes \mathrm{CH}^{*}(Y)$ as graded rings. The correspondence product of two cycles $\alpha=f_{\alpha} \times g_{\alpha} \in \mathrm{CH}(X \times Y)$ and $\beta=f_{\beta} \times g_{\beta} \in \mathrm{CH}(Y \times X)$ is given by (cf. [Bo03, Lemma 5])

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(f_{\beta} \times g_{\beta}\right) \circ\left(f_{\alpha} \times g_{\alpha}\right)=\operatorname{deg}\left(g_{\alpha} \cdot f_{\beta}\right)\left(f_{\alpha} \times g_{\beta}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where deg: $\mathrm{CH}(Y) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}(\{p t\})=\mathbb{Z}$ is the degree map.
2.6 Let $X$ be a projective variety of dimension $n$ over a field $k$. Let $k^{\prime}$ be a field extension of $k$ and $X^{\prime}=X \times_{k} k^{\prime}$. We say a cycle $J \in \mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$ is rational if it lies in the image of the natural homomorphism $\mathrm{CH}(X) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$. For instance, there is an obvious rational cycle $\Delta_{X^{\prime}}$ on $\mathrm{CH}^{n}\left(X^{\prime} \times X^{\prime}\right)$ that is given by the diagonal class. Clearly, all linear combinations, intersections and correspondence products of rational cycles are rational.
2.7 Several techniques allow to produce rational cycles (cf. [Ka04, Prop. 3.3] for the case of quadrics). We shall use the following:
(i) Consider a variety $Y$ and a morphism $X \rightarrow Y$ such that $X^{\prime}=Y^{\prime} \times_{Y} X$, where $Y^{\prime}=Y \times_{k} k^{\prime}$. Then any rational cycle on $\mathrm{CH}\left(Y^{\prime}\right)$ gives rise to a rational cycle on $\mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$ by the induced pull-back $\mathrm{CH}\left(Y^{\prime}\right) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$.
(ii) Consider a variety $Y$ and a projective morphism $Y \rightarrow X$ such that $Y^{\prime}=X^{\prime} \times_{X}$ $Y$. Then any rational cycle on $\mathrm{CH}\left(Y^{\prime}\right)$ gives rise to a rational cycle on $\mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$ by the induced push-forward $\mathrm{CH}\left(Y^{\prime}\right) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$.
(iii) Let $X$ and $Y$ be projective homogeneous varieties over $k$ such that $X$ splits completely (i.e., the respective group splits) over the function field $k(Y)$. Consider the following pull-back diagram

where the vertical arrows are surjective by [IK00, §5]. Now take any cycle $\alpha \in \mathrm{CH}^{i}\left(X^{\prime} \times Y^{\prime}\right), i \leq \operatorname{dim} X$. Let $\beta=g\left(f^{-1}\left(f^{\prime}(\alpha)\right)\right)$. Then $f^{\prime}(\beta)=f^{\prime}(\alpha)$ and $\beta$ is rational. Hence, $\beta=\alpha+J$, where $J \in \operatorname{Ker} f^{\prime}$, and we conclude that $\alpha+J \in \mathrm{CH}^{i}\left(X^{\prime} \times Y^{\prime}\right)$ is rational.
2.8 (Rost Nilpotence) Finally, we shall also use the following fact (see [CGM, Cor. 8.3]) that follows from the Rost Nilpotence Theorem. Let $X$ be a twisted flag variety and $p^{\prime}$ be a non-trivial rational idempotent on $\mathrm{CH}^{n}\left(X^{\prime} \times X^{\prime}\right)$, i.e., $p^{\prime} \circ p^{\prime}=p^{\prime}$. Then there exists a non-trivial idempotent $p$ on $\mathrm{CH}^{n}(X \times X)$ such that $p \times_{k} k^{\prime}=p^{\prime}$. Hence, the existence of a non-trivial rational idempotent $p^{\prime}$ on $\mathrm{CH}^{n}\left(X^{\prime} \times X^{\prime}\right)$ gives rise to the decomposition of the Chow motive of $X$

$$
\mathcal{M}(X) \cong(X, p) \oplus\left(X, \operatorname{id}_{X}-p\right) .
$$

## 3. Hasse diagrams and Chow rings

To each projective homogeneous variety $X$ we may associate an oriented labeled graph $\mathcal{H}$ called Hasse diagram. It is known that the ring structure of $\mathrm{CH}(X)$ is determined by $\mathcal{H}$. In the present section we remind several facts concerning relations between Hasse diagrams and Chow rings. For detailed explanations of these relations see [De74], [Hi82a] and [Ko91].
3.1 Let $G$ be a split simple algebraic group defined over a field $k$. We fix a maximal split torus $T$ in $G$ and a Borel subgroup $B$ of $G$ containing $T$ and defined over $k$. We denote by $\Phi$ the root system of $G$, by $\Pi$ the set of simple roots of $\Phi$ corresponding to $B$, by $W$ the Weyl group, and by $S$ the corresponding set of fundamental reflections.

Let $P=P_{\Theta}$ be a (standard) parabolic subgroup corresponding to a subset $\Theta \subset$ $\Pi$, i.e., $P=B W_{\Theta} B$, where $W_{\Theta}=\left\langle s_{\theta}, \theta \in \Theta\right\rangle$. Denote

$$
W^{\Theta}=\{w \in W \mid \forall s \in \Theta \quad l(w s)=l(w)+1\},
$$

where $l$ is the length function. The pairing

$$
W^{\Theta} \times W_{\Theta} \rightarrow W \quad(w, v) \mapsto w v
$$

is a bijection and $l(w v)=l(w)+l(v)$. It is easy to see that $W^{\Theta}$ consists of all representatives in the left cosets $W / W_{\Theta}$ which have minimal length. Sometimes it is also convenient to consider the set of all representatives of maximal length. We shall denote this set as ${ }^{\Theta} W$. Observe that there is a bijection $W^{\Theta} \rightarrow{ }^{\Theta} W$ given by $v \mapsto v w_{\theta}$, where $w_{\theta}$ is the longest element of $W_{\Theta}$. The longest element of $W^{\Theta}$ corresponds to the longest element $w_{0}$ of the Weyl group.
3.2 To a subset $\Theta$ of the finite set $\Pi$ we associate an oriented labeled graph, which we call a Hasse diagram and denote by $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$. This graph is constructed as follows. The vertices of this graph are the elements of $W^{\Theta}$. There is an edge from a vertex $w$ to a vertex $w^{\prime}$ labelled with $i$ if and only if $l(w)<l\left(w^{\prime}\right)$ and $w^{\prime}=s_{i} w$. A sample Hasse diagram is provided in 4.7. Observe that the diagram $\mathcal{H}_{W}(Ø)$ coincides with the Cayley graph associated to the pair $(W, S)$.
3.3 Lemma The assignment $\mathcal{H}_{W}: \Theta \mapsto \mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$ is a contravariant functor from the category of subsets of the finite set $\Pi$ (with embeddings as morphisms) to the category of oriented graphs.
Proof: It is enough to embed the diagram $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$ to the diagram $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\emptyset)$. We do this as follows. We identify the vertices of $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$ with the subset of vertices of $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\varnothing)$ by means of the bijection $W^{\Theta} \rightarrow^{\Theta} W$. Then the edge from $w$ to $w^{\prime}$ of ${ }^{\Theta} W \subset W$ has a label $i$ if and only if $l(w)<l\left(w^{\prime}\right)$ and $w^{\prime}=s_{i} w$ (as elements of $W)$. Clearly, the obtained graph will coincide with $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$.
3.4 Now consider the Chow ring of a projective homogeneous variety $G / P_{\Theta}$. It is well known that $\mathrm{CH}\left(G / P_{\Theta}\right)$ is a free abelian group with a basis given by varieties $\left[X_{w}\right]$ that correspond to the vertices $w$ of the Hasse diagram $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$. The degree of the basis element $\left[X_{w}\right]$ corresponds to the minimal number of edges needed to connect the respective vertex $w$ with $w_{\theta}$ (which is the longest word). The multiplicative structure of $\mathrm{CH}\left(G / P_{\Theta}\right)$ depends only on the root system of $G$ and the diagram $\mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$.

By definition one immediately obtains
3.5 Lemma The contravariant functor $\mathrm{CH}: \Theta \mapsto \mathrm{CH}\left(G / P_{\Theta}\right)$ factors through the category of Hasse diagrams $\mathcal{H}_{W}$, i.e., the pull-back (ring inclusion)

$$
\mathrm{CH}\left(G / P_{\Theta^{\prime}}\right) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{CH}\left(G / P_{\Theta}\right)
$$

arising from the embedding $\Theta \subset \Theta^{\prime}$ is induced by the embedding of the respective Hasse diagrams $\mathcal{H}_{W}\left(\Theta^{\prime}\right) \subset \mathcal{H}_{W}(\Theta)$.
3.6 Corollary Let $B$ be a Borel subgroup of $G$ and $P$ its (standard) parabolic subgroup. Then $\mathrm{CH}(G / P)$ is a subring of $\mathrm{CH}(G / B)$. The generators of $\mathrm{CH}(G / P)$ are $\left[X_{w}\right]$, where $w \in{ }^{\Theta} W \subset W$. The cycle $\left[X_{w}\right]$ in $\mathrm{CH}(G / P)$ has the codimension $l\left(w_{0}\right)-l(w)$.
Proof: Apply the lemma to the case $B=P_{\emptyset}$ and $P=P_{\Theta^{\prime}}$.
Hence, in order to compute $\mathrm{CH}(G / P)$ it is enough to compute $\mathrm{CH}(X)$, where $X=G / B$ is the variety of complete flags. The following results provide tools to perform such computations.
3.7 In order to multiply two basis elements $h$ and $g$ of $\mathrm{CH}(G / P)$ such that deg $h+$ $\operatorname{deg} g=\operatorname{dim} G / P$ we use the following formula (see [Ko91, 1.4]):

$$
\left[X_{w}\right] \cdot\left[X_{w^{\prime}}\right]=\delta_{w, w_{0} w^{\prime} w_{\theta}} \cdot[p t] .
$$

3.8 (Pieri formula) In order to multiply two basis elements of $\mathrm{CH}(X)$ one of which is of codimension 1 we use the following formula (see [De74, Cor. 2 of 4.4]):

$$
\left[X_{w_{0} s_{\alpha}}\right]\left[X_{w}\right]=\sum_{\beta \in \Phi^{+}, l\left(w s_{\beta}\right)=l(w)-1}\left\langle\beta^{\vee}, \bar{\omega}_{\alpha}\right\rangle\left[X_{w s_{\beta}}\right],
$$

where the sum runs through the set of positive roots $\beta \in \Phi^{+}, s_{\alpha}$ denotes the simple reflection corresponding to $\alpha$ and $\bar{\omega}_{\alpha}$ is the fundamental weight corresponding to $\alpha$. Here $\left[X_{w_{0} s_{\alpha}}\right]$ is the element of codimension 1 .
3.9 (Giambelli formula) Let $P=P(\Phi)$ be the weight space. We denote as $\bar{\omega}_{1}, \ldots \bar{\omega}_{l}$ the basis of $P$ consisting of fundamental weights. The symmetric algebra $S^{*}(P)$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}\left[\bar{\omega}_{1}, \ldots \bar{\omega}_{l}\right]$. The Weyl group $W$ acts on $P$, hence, on $S^{*}(P)$. Namely, for a simple root $\alpha_{i}$,

$$
w_{\alpha_{i}}\left(\bar{\omega}_{j}\right)= \begin{cases}\bar{\omega}_{i}-\alpha_{i}, & i=j, \\ \bar{\omega}_{j}, & \text { otherwise } .\end{cases}
$$

We define a linear map $c: S^{*}(P) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}^{*}(G / B)$ as follows. For a homogeneous $u \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\bar{\omega}_{1}, \ldots, \bar{\omega}_{l}\right]$

$$
c(u)=\sum_{w \in W, l(w)=\operatorname{deg}(u)} \Delta_{w}(u)\left[X_{w_{0} w}\right],
$$

where for $w=w_{\alpha_{1}} \ldots w_{\alpha_{k}}$ we denote by $\Delta_{w}$ the composition of derivations $\Delta_{\alpha_{1}} \circ \ldots \circ$ $\Delta_{\alpha_{k}}$ and the derivation $\Delta_{\alpha_{i}}: S^{*}(P) \rightarrow S^{*-1}(P)$ is defined by $\Delta_{\alpha_{i}}(u)=\frac{u-w_{\alpha_{i}}(u)}{\alpha_{i}}$. Then (see [Hi82a, ch. IV, 2.4])

$$
\left[X_{w}\right]=c\left(\Delta_{w^{-1}}\left(\frac{d}{|W|}\right)\right),
$$

where $d$ is the product of all positive roots in $S^{*}(P)$. In other words, the element $\Delta_{w^{-1}}\left(\frac{d}{|W|}\right) \in c^{-1}\left(\left[X_{w}\right]\right)$.

Hence, in order to multiply two basis elements $h, g \in \mathrm{CH}(X)$ one may take their preimages under the map $c$ and multiply them in $S^{*}(P) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}=\mathbb{Q}\left[\bar{\omega}_{1}, \ldots \bar{\omega}_{l}\right]$, finally applying $c$ to the product.

## 4. Homogeneous varieties of type $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{4}}$

In the present section we remind several well-known facts concerning Albert algebras, groups of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ and respective projective homogeneous varieties (see [PR94] and [Inv]). At the end we provide partial computations of Chow rings of these varieties.
4.1 From now on let $X_{i}$ be an anisotropic projective homogeneous variety over a field $k$ that over a cubic field extension $k^{\prime}$ of $k$ becomes isomorphic to the projective homogeneous variety $X_{i}^{\prime}=G / P_{i}$, where $G$ is a split group of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ and $P_{i}=P_{\theta_{i}}$ is a maximal parabolic subgroup of $G$ corresponding to the subset $\theta_{i}=\{1,2,3,4\} \backslash$ $\{i\}$ of the Dynkin diagram

4.2 Remark The variety $X_{i}$ is a ${ }_{\xi} G$-variety over $k$, where ${ }_{\xi} G$ is an algebraic group over $k$ that is the twisted form of a split group $G$ of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ by means of a 1-cocycle $\xi \in H^{1}\left(k, G\left(k^{\prime}\right)\right)$ (see [De77, Prop. 4]).

If the base field $k$ has characteristic not 3 and $\mu_{3} \subset k$, then all such groups ${ }_{\xi} G$ are automorphism groups of Albert algebras coming from the first Tits construction.

The next two important properties of the varieties $X_{i}$ will be extensively used in the sequel.
4.3 Lemma The Picard group $\operatorname{Pic}\left(X_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ is a free abelian group of rank 1 with a rational generator.
Proof: Since $P$ is maximal, $\operatorname{Pic}\left(X_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ is a free abelian group of rank 1. Consider the following exact sequence (see [Ar82] and [MT95, 2.3])

$$
0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Pic} X_{i} \longrightarrow\left(\operatorname{Pic} X_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \operatorname{Br}(k),
$$

where $\Gamma=\operatorname{Gal}\left(k^{\prime} / k\right)$ is the Galois group and $\operatorname{Br}(k)$ the Brauer group of $k$. The map $\alpha$ is explicitly described in [MT95] in terms of Tits classes. Since all groups of type $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ are simply-connected and adjoint their Tits classes are trivial and so is $\alpha$. Since $\Gamma$ acts trivially on $\operatorname{Pic}\left(X_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ and the image of $\alpha$ is trivial, we have $\operatorname{Pic}\left(X_{i}\right) \simeq \operatorname{Pic}\left(X_{i}^{\prime}\right)$.
4.4 Lemma For any $i, j \in\{1,2,3,4\}$, the variety $X_{i}$ splits completely over the function field $k\left(X_{j}\right)$.

Proof: The following arguments belong to S . Garibaldi.
It is equivalent to show that the function field $K=k\left(X_{j}\right)$ splits the group $\widetilde{G}=$ $\xi G$. First, observe that if $\widetilde{G}$ is isotropic then it is split. Indeed, by Tits classification [Ti66, p. 60], the only other possibility is that $\widetilde{G}$ has a maximal parabolic $P_{4}$ defined over $k$, but no others. That is, the semisimple anisotropic kernel $H$ of $G$ is of type $\mathrm{B}_{3}$. Since $\widetilde{G}$ is split by a cubic field extension, the same is true for $H$. But this is impossible for an anisotropic group of type $\mathrm{B}_{3}$ by Springer's Theorem on quadratic forms and odd-degree extensions.

Now let $k^{\prime}$ be a cubic extension of $k$ that splits $\widetilde{G}$. Since $K$ is a regular extension of $k$, the tensor product $K^{\prime}=K \otimes_{k} k^{\prime}$ is a field and has dimension 1 or 3 over $K$. Hence, $\widetilde{G} \otimes_{k} K$ is isotropic and is split by the extension $K^{\prime}$. By previous arguments $\widetilde{G} \otimes_{k} K$ is split.
4.5 Remark To any Albert algebra $A$ one can associate a symbol $\left\{a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right\}$ in $\mathrm{K}_{3}^{M}(k) / 3$ given by Rost-Serre's invariant $g_{3}$. If $A$ is obtained by the first Tits construction, then $g_{3}=0$ iff $A$ is split, and the variety $X_{j}$ corresponding to $A$ provides an example of a generically splitting variety for the symbol given by $g_{3}$ (see [Su05, Def. 1.8]). Observe that $X_{j}$ is not exactly a norm ( $v_{n}$-)variety in the sense of [Vo03, Sect. 4], since it has the wrong dimension, but rather a "Pfister quadric" version of it.
4.6 From now on we consider only two anisotropic varieties $X_{1}$ and $X_{4}$. Recall that over a cubic field extension $k^{\prime}$ they become isomorphic to $X_{1}^{\prime}=G / P_{1}$ and $X_{4}^{\prime}=G / P_{4}$ respectively (see 4.1). Varieties $X_{1}^{\prime}$ and $X_{4}^{\prime}$ are not isomorphic (their Chow rings are different) and have the dimension 15. Observe that the variety $X_{4}$ is a twisted form of a hyperplane section of the Cayley plane $\mathbb{O} \mathbb{P}^{2}$ which was extensively studied in [IM05].
4.7 The Hasse diagram (see 3.2) for $X_{1}^{\prime}$ looks as follows

and for $X_{4}^{\prime}$


We draw the diagrams in such a way that the labels on opposite sides of a parallelogram are equal, and in that case we omit all labels but one. Recall that (see 3.4) the vertices of this graph correspond to the basis elements of the Chow group. The rightmost vertex is the unit class and the leftmost one is the class of a 0 -cycle of degree 1 .
4.8 We denote the basis elements of the respective Chow groups as follows

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{CH}^{i}\left(X_{1}^{\prime}\right)= \begin{cases}\left\langle h_{1}^{i}\right\rangle, & i=0, \ldots, 3,12, \ldots, 15, \\
\left\langle h_{1}^{i}, h_{2}^{i}\right\rangle, & i=4, \ldots, 11\end{cases} \\
& \mathrm{CH}^{i}\left(X_{4}^{\prime}\right)= \begin{cases}\left\langle g_{1}^{i}\right\rangle, & i=0, \ldots, 3,12, \ldots, 15, \\
\left\langle g_{1}^{i}, g_{2}^{i}\right\rangle, & i=4, \ldots, 11 .\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

The generators with lower index 1 correspond to the lower vertices of the respective Hasse diagrams, and with index 2 to the upper ones (if there are two generators).
4.9 Applying 3.7 we immediately obtain the following partial multiplication table:

$$
h_{i}^{s} h_{j}^{15-s}=\delta_{i j} h_{1}^{15}, \quad g_{i}^{s} g_{j}^{15-s}=\delta_{i j} g_{1}^{15}
$$

where $\delta_{i j}=1$ if $i=j$ and 0 otherwise.
4.10 By Pieri formula 3.8 we obtain the following partial multiplication tables for $\mathrm{CH}\left(X_{1}^{\prime}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{1}=h_{1}^{2}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{2}=2 h_{1}^{3}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{3}=2 h_{2}^{4}+h_{1}^{4}, & \\
h_{1}^{1} h_{2}^{4}=h_{2}^{5}, \\
h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{6}=2 h_{2}^{5}+h_{1}^{5}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{2}^{5}=2 h_{2}^{6}+h_{1}^{6}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{5}=2 h_{1}^{6}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{2}^{6}=h_{2}^{7}+h_{1}^{7}, \\
h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{8}=h_{2}^{9}+2 h_{1}^{9}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{2}^{7} h_{2}^{9}=2 h_{2}^{8}+h_{1}^{10}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{7}=h_{2}^{8}+2 h_{1}^{8}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{2}^{8}=h_{2}^{9}, \\
h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{10}=h_{1}^{11}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{2}^{11}=2 h_{1}^{12}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{9} h_{1}^{11}=h_{2}^{10}+2 h_{1}^{10}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{2}^{10}=h_{2}^{11}+2 h_{1}^{11}, \\
h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{13}=h_{1}^{14}, & h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{14}=h_{1}^{15} . & & h_{1}^{1} h_{1}^{12}=2 h_{1}^{13}, \\
\end{array}
$$

for $\mathrm{CH}\left(X_{4}^{\prime}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{1}=g_{1}^{2}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{2}=g_{1}^{3}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{3}=g_{1}^{4}+g_{2}^{4}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{4}=g_{2}^{5}, \\
g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{4}=g_{1}^{5}+g_{2}^{5}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{5}=g_{1}^{6}+g_{2}^{6}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{5}=g_{1}^{6}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{6}=g_{1}^{7}+g_{2}^{7}, \\
g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{6}=g_{1}^{7}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{7}=2 g_{1}^{8}+g_{2}^{8}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{7}=g_{1}^{8}+2 g_{2}^{8}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{8}=g_{2}^{9}, \\
g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{8}=g_{1}^{9}+g_{2}^{9}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{9}=g_{2}^{10}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{9}=g_{1}^{10}+g_{2}^{10}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{10}=g_{1}^{11}+g_{2}^{11}, \\
g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{10}=g_{1}^{11}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{2}^{11}=g_{1}^{12}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{11}=g_{1}^{12}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{12}=g_{1}^{13}, \\
g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{13}=g_{1}^{14}, & g_{1}^{1} g_{1}^{14}=g_{1}^{15} . & &
\end{array}
$$

4.11 Observe that the multiplication tables 4.10 can be visualized by means of slightly modified Hasse diagrams. Namely, for the variety $X_{1}^{\prime}$ consider the following graph which is obtained from the respective Hasse diagram by adding a few more edges and erasing all the labels:

and for $X_{4}^{\prime}$ :


Then the multiplication rules can be restored as follows: for a vertex $u$ (that corresponds to a basis element of the Chow group) we set

$$
H \cdot u=\sum_{u \rightarrow v} v
$$

where $H$ denotes either $h_{1}^{1}$ or $g_{1}^{1}$ and the sum runs through all the edges going from $u$ one step to the left (cf. [Hi82b, Cor. 3.3]).
4.12 Applying Giambelli formula 3.9 we obtain the following products (for details see Appendix):

$$
h_{1}^{4} h_{1}^{4}=8 h_{1}^{8}+6 h_{2}^{8}, \quad g_{1}^{4} g_{1}^{4}=4 g_{1}^{8}+3 g_{2}^{8}
$$

## 5. Construction of rational idempotents

The goal of the present section is to prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. The proof consists of several steps. First, using properties 4.3 and 4.4 we provide several important cycles $\rho_{i}$ and prove their rationality. Multiplying and composing them, we obtain a set of pairwise orthogonal idempotents $p_{i}^{\prime}$ and $q_{i}^{\prime}$. Then, using the Rost Nilpotence Theorem (see 2.8) we obtain the desired motivic decomposition and, hence, finish the proof of 1.1. At the end we construct an explicit cycle which provides a motivic isomorphism of Theorem 1.2.
5.0.0.1 Proof of Theorem 1.1: Let $X_{1}$ and $X_{4}$ be the varieties corresponding to the last (resp. first) three roots of the Dynkin diagram (see 4.6). By the hypothesis of Theorem 1.1 the variety $X$ is isomorphic either to $X_{1}$ or $X_{4}$ over $k$. As in 4.6 let $k^{\prime}$ denote the cubic field extension and let $X_{1}^{\prime}$ and $X_{4}^{\prime}$ be the respective base change. We start with the following obvious observation.
5.1 Since the variety $X$ of Theorem 1.1 splits by a cubic field extension, transfer arguments show that any cycle of the kind $3 z \in \mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$ is rational. Hence, to prove that a cycle in $\mathrm{CH}\left(X^{\prime}\right)$ is rational it is enough to prove this modulo 3. We shall write $x \equiv y$ if $x-y=3 z$ for some cycle $z$.
5.2 The rational cycles to start with one obtains by Lemma 4.3. Namely, those are the classes of rational generators of the Picard groups $h_{1}^{1}$ and $g_{1}^{1}$ (see 4.8). Clearly, their powers $\left(h_{1}^{1}\right)^{i}$ and $\left(g_{1}^{1}\right)^{i}, i=2, \ldots, 7$ are rational as well.
5.3 Apply the arguments of 2.7 (iii) to $\mathrm{CH}^{4}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{4}^{\prime}\right)$ (this can be done because of Lemma 4.4). There exists a rational cycle $\alpha_{1} \in \mathrm{CH}^{4}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{4}^{\prime}\right)$ such that $f^{\prime}\left(\alpha_{1}\right)=$ $h_{1}^{4} \times 1$. This cycle must have the following form:

$$
\alpha_{1}=h_{1}^{4} \times 1+a_{1} h_{1}^{3} \times g_{1}^{1}+a_{2} h_{1}^{2} \times g_{1}^{2}+a_{3} h_{1}^{1} \times g_{1}^{3}+a_{4} 1 \times g_{2}^{4}+a^{\prime} 1 \times g_{1}^{4},
$$

where $a_{i}, a^{\prime} \in\{-1,0,1\}$. We may reduce $\alpha_{1}$ by adding cycles that are known to be rational by 5.2 to

$$
\alpha_{1}=\left(h_{1}^{4} \times 1\right)+a\left(1 \times g_{1}^{4}\right),
$$

where $a \in\{-1,0,1\}$. Repeating the same procedure for a rational cycle $\alpha_{2} \in$ $\mathrm{CH}^{4}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{4}^{\prime}\right)$ such that $f^{\prime}\left(\alpha_{2}\right)=1 \times g_{1}^{4}$ and reducing it we obtain the rational cycle

$$
\alpha_{2}=b\left(h_{1}^{4} \times 1\right)+\left(1 \times g_{1}^{4}\right)
$$

where $b \in\{-1,0,1\}$. Hence, there is a rational cycle of the form

$$
r=h_{1}^{4} \times 1+\varepsilon \cdot\left(1 \times g_{1}^{4}\right)
$$

where the (indefinite) coefficient $\varepsilon$ is either 1 or -1 .

Now combining 5.2 and 5.3 together we obtain
5.4 Lemma For all $i=0, \ldots, 7$ the cycles

$$
\rho_{i}=r^{2} \cdot\left(\left(h_{1}^{1}\right)^{i} \times\left(g_{1}^{1}\right)^{7-i}\right) \in \mathrm{CH}^{15}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{4}^{\prime}\right)
$$

are rational.
5.5 By the previous lemma all cycles

$$
\rho_{7-i}^{t} \circ \rho_{i} \in \mathrm{CH}^{15}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{1}^{\prime}\right) \text { and } \rho_{i} \circ \rho_{7-i}^{t} \in \mathrm{CH}^{15}\left(X_{4}^{\prime} \times X_{4}^{\prime}\right)
$$

where $i=0, \ldots, 3$ are rational. Direct computations (see Appendix) show that these cycles are congruent modulo 3 to the following cycles in $\mathrm{CH}^{15}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{1}^{\prime}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho_{7}^{t} \circ \rho_{0} & \equiv 1 \times h_{1}^{15}+h_{1}^{4} \times\left(h_{1}^{11}+h_{2}^{11}\right)+h_{1}^{8} \times\left(h_{1}^{7}+h_{2}^{7}\right), \\
\rho_{6}^{t} \circ \rho_{1} & \equiv h_{1}^{1} \times h_{1}^{14}+\left(2 h_{2}^{5}+h_{1}^{5}\right) \times\left(h_{2}^{10}-h_{1}^{10}\right)+\left(h_{2}^{9}-h_{1}^{9}\right) \times h_{2}^{6}, \\
\rho_{5}^{t} \circ \rho_{2} & \equiv h_{1}^{2} \times h_{1}^{13}+\left(h_{1}^{6}+h_{2}^{6}\right) \times h_{1}^{9}+\left(2 h_{1}^{10}-h_{2}^{10}\right) \times\left(h_{1}^{5}+h_{2}^{5}\right), \\
\rho_{4}^{t} \circ \rho_{3} & \equiv h_{1}^{3} \times h_{1}^{12}+h_{2}^{7} \times\left(h_{2}^{8}-h_{1}^{8}\right)+h_{2}^{11} \times\left(h_{2}^{4}-h_{1}^{4}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and in $\mathrm{CH}^{15}\left(X_{4}^{\prime} \times X_{4}^{\prime}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \rho_{0} \circ \rho_{7}^{t} \equiv 1 \times g_{1}^{15}+g_{1}^{4} \times\left(g_{1}^{11}-g_{2}^{11}\right)+g_{1}^{8} \times\left(g_{1}^{7}+g_{2}^{7}\right), \\
& \rho_{1} \circ \rho_{6}^{t} \equiv g_{1}^{1} \times g_{1}^{14}+\left(2 g_{1}^{5}-g_{2}^{5}\right) \times\left(g_{1}^{10}+g_{2}^{10}\right)+\left(g_{1}^{9}+g_{2}^{9}\right) \times g_{2}^{6}, \\
& \rho_{2} \circ \rho_{5}^{t} \equiv g_{1}^{2} \times g_{1}^{13}+\left(g_{1}^{6}-g_{2}^{6}\right) \times g_{1}^{9}+\left(g_{1}^{10}+2 g_{2}^{10}\right) \times\left(g_{2}^{5}-g_{1}^{5}\right), \\
& \rho_{3} \circ \rho_{4}^{t} \equiv g_{1}^{3} \times g_{1}^{12}+g_{2}^{7} \times\left(g_{2}^{8}-g_{1}^{8}\right)+g_{2}^{11} \times\left(g_{1}^{4}+g_{2}^{4}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

respectively, which turn to be idempotents. Denote them by $p_{0}^{\prime}, p_{1}^{\prime}, p_{2}^{\prime}, p_{3}^{\prime}$ and $q_{0}^{\prime}$, $q_{1}^{\prime}, q_{2}^{\prime}, q_{4}^{\prime}$ respectively. Since they are congruent to rational cycles, they are rational. To complete the picture observe that the transposed cycles $\left(p_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{t}$ and $\left(q_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{t}, i=$ $0, \ldots, 3$, are rational idempotents as well. Hence, we have produced eight rational idempotents in each Chow ring.
5.6 Now easy computations show that these idempotents are orthogonal to each other, and their sum is equal to the respective diagonal cycle

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_{X_{1}^{\prime}}=\sum_{i, j, s} \delta_{i j} h_{i}^{s} \times h_{j}^{15-s}=\sum_{l=0}^{3} p_{l}^{\prime}+\left(p_{l}^{\prime}\right)^{t} \in \mathrm{CH}^{15}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{1}^{\prime}\right), \\
& \Delta_{X_{4}^{\prime}}=\sum_{i, j, s} \delta_{i j} g_{i}^{s} \times g_{j}^{15-s}=\sum_{l=0}^{3} q_{l}^{\prime}+\left(q_{l}^{\prime}\right)^{t} \in \mathrm{CH}^{15}\left(X_{4}^{\prime} \times X_{4}^{\prime}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, by 2.8 we obtain decompositions of the motives of $X_{1}$ and $X_{4}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{M}\left(X_{1}\right)=\bigoplus_{i=0}^{3}\left(X_{1}, p_{i}\right) \oplus\left(X_{1}, p_{i}^{t}\right) \\
& \mathcal{M}\left(X_{4}\right)=\bigoplus_{i=0}^{3}\left(X_{4}, q_{i}\right) \oplus\left(X_{4}, q_{i}^{t}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where $p_{i} \times_{k} k^{\prime}=p_{i}^{\prime}$ and $q_{i} \times_{k} k^{\prime}=q_{i}^{\prime}$ are pairwise orthogonal idempotents (over $k)$.
5.7 By a straightforward computation using the definition of the idempotents $p_{i}^{\prime}$ and $q_{i}^{\prime}$ given in 5.5 we immediately obtain that

- there are isomorphisms of motives

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\left(X_{1}, p_{i}\right) & \simeq\left(X_{1}, p_{0}\right)(i), & \left(X_{1}, p_{i}^{t}\right) & \simeq\left(X_{1}, p_{i}\right)(7-i) \\
\left(X_{4}, q_{i}\right) & \simeq\left(X_{4}, q_{0}\right)(i), & \left(X_{4}, q_{i}^{t}\right) \simeq\left(X_{4}, q_{i}\right)(7-i)
\end{array}
$$

- over the cubic extension $k^{\prime}$ the motives $\left(X_{1}, p_{0}\right)$ and $\left(X_{4}, q_{0}\right)$ split as direct sums of Lefschetz motives $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}(4) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(8)$, where the shifts correspond to the codimensions of the first factors of $p_{0}$ and $q_{0}$.
5.8 To finish the proof of Theorem 1.1 we have to prove that the motives $\left(X_{1}, p_{0}\right)$ and $\left(X_{4}, q_{0}\right)$ are indecomposable. To see this observe that the group of endomorphisms $\operatorname{End}\left(X_{1}^{\prime}, p_{0}^{\prime}\right)$ is a free abelian group with the basis

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle 1 \times h_{1}^{15}, h_{1}^{4} \times\left(h_{1}^{11}+h_{2}^{11}\right), h_{1}^{8} \times\left(h_{1}^{7}+h_{2}^{7}\right)\right\rangle \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Assume that $\left(X_{1}, p_{0}\right)$ is decomposable, then the motive $\left(X_{1}^{\prime}, p_{0}^{\prime}\right)$ is decomposable as well. The latter means that there exists a non-trivial rational idempotent in $\operatorname{End}\left(X_{1}^{\prime}, p_{0}^{\prime}\right)$. In this case easy computations show that one of the elements of the basis (4) must be rational. For instance, assume $1 \times h_{1}^{15}$ is rational. Then the cycle $\left(1 \times h_{1}^{15}\right) \cdot\left(h_{1}^{15} \times 1\right)=h_{1}^{15} \times h_{1}^{15}$ is rational and so is its image $h_{1}^{15}$ by means of the push-forward $\mathrm{CH}_{0}\left(X_{1}^{\prime} \times X_{1}^{\prime}\right) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{0}\left(X_{1}^{\prime}\right)$ induced by a projection. Hence, we obtain a cycle of degree 1 on $X_{1}$, i.e., the variety $X_{1}$ must have a rational point [PR94, Cor. p. 205]. We have arrived to a contradiction.
5.9 Remark The following picture demonstrates how the realizations of motives $\left(X_{1}^{\prime}, p_{i}^{\prime}\right), i=0,1,2,3$, are supported by the generators of the Hasse diagram (the
numbers $i$ drawn inside the rectangulars correspond to the motives $\left(X_{1}^{\prime}, p_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ ).


A similar picture for the motives $\left(X_{1}^{\prime}, p_{i}^{t}\right)$ corresponding to transposed idempotents is obtained by the reflection along the vertical dashed line of the diagram.

Proof of Theorem 1.2: We use the notation of the proof of 1.1. Easy computations (see Appendix) show that

$$
\left(\rho_{0}+\rho_{1}+\varepsilon \rho_{2}+\varepsilon \rho_{3}\right)+\left(\rho_{0}+\rho_{1}+\varepsilon \rho_{2}+\varepsilon \rho_{3}\right)^{t} \equiv \sum_{i, j, s} \pm \delta_{i j} h_{i}^{s} \times g_{j}^{15-s}
$$

Denote the right hand side by $J$. We have $J^{t} \circ J=\Delta_{X_{1}^{\prime}}$ and $J \circ J^{t}=\Delta_{X_{4}^{\prime}}$, i.e., $J$ and $J^{t}$ are two mutually inverse rational correspondences and the cycle $J$ provides a rational motivic isomorphism between the motives of $X_{1}^{\prime}$ and $X_{4}^{\prime}$. By the Rost Nilpotence Theorem, $J$ can be lifted to a motivic isomorphism between the motives of twisted forms $X_{1}$ and $X_{4}$. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

## Appendix

Most of the computations of the present section were performed and checked using the Maple package by J. Stembridge [St04].
5.10 In the present paragraph we list the intermediate results of the computations of 5.5. First, using 4.12 we obtain

$$
r^{2} \equiv-h_{1}^{8} \times 1-\varepsilon h_{1}^{4} \times g_{1}^{4}+1 \times g_{1}^{8} .
$$

Then, using 4.10 we obtain the following congruences for the cycles $\rho_{i}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho_{0} & \equiv-1 \times g_{1}^{15}+\varepsilon h_{1}^{4} \times\left(g_{1}^{11}-g_{2}^{11}\right)+h_{1}^{8} \times\left(g_{1}^{7}+g_{2}^{7}\right) \\
\rho_{1} & \equiv-h_{1}^{1} \times g_{1}^{14}+\varepsilon\left(h_{2}^{5}-h_{1}^{5}\right) \times\left(g_{1}^{10}+g_{2}^{10}\right)+\left(h_{2}^{9}-h_{1}^{9}\right) \times g_{2}^{6} \\
\rho_{2} & \equiv-h_{1}^{2} \times g_{1}^{13}-\varepsilon\left(h_{1}^{6}+h_{2}^{6}\right) \times g_{1}^{9}+\left(h_{1}^{10}+h_{2}^{10}\right) \times\left(g_{2}^{5}-g_{1}^{5}\right) \\
\rho_{3} & \equiv h_{1}^{3} \times g_{1}^{12}+\varepsilon h_{2}^{7} \times\left(g_{2}^{8}-g_{1}^{8}\right)-h_{2}^{11} \times\left(g_{1}^{4}+g_{2}^{4}\right) \\
\rho_{4} & \equiv\left(h_{1}^{4}-h_{2}^{4}\right) \times g_{2}^{11}+\varepsilon\left(h_{2}^{8}-h_{1}^{8}\right) \times g_{2}^{7}+h_{1}^{12} \times g_{1}^{3} \\
\rho_{5} & \equiv\left(h_{1}^{5}+h_{2}^{5}\right) \times\left(g_{2}^{10}-g_{1}^{10}\right)+\varepsilon h_{1}^{9} \times\left(g_{2}^{6}-g_{1}^{6}\right)-h_{1}^{13} \times g_{1}^{2} \\
\rho_{6} & \equiv h_{2}^{6} \times\left(g_{1}^{9}+g_{2}^{9}\right)+\varepsilon\left(h_{2}^{10}-h_{1}^{10}\right) \times\left(g_{1}^{5}+g_{2}^{5}\right)-h_{1}^{14} \times g_{1}^{1} \\
\rho_{7} & \equiv\left(h_{1}^{7}+h_{2}^{7}\right) \times g_{1}^{8}+\varepsilon\left(h_{1}^{11}+h_{2}^{11}\right) \times g_{1}^{4}-h_{1}^{15} \times 1
\end{aligned}
$$

5.11 The root enumeration follows Bourbaki [Bou]. To obtain the products of 4.12 we apply the Giambelli formula 3.9. Let $\bar{\omega}_{i}, i=1, \ldots, 4$, be the fundamental weights. Then, the preimages of $h_{1}^{4}$ and $g_{1}^{4}$ in $S^{*}(P)$ can be expressed as polynomials in fundamental weights as follows

$$
\begin{aligned}
h_{1}^{4}= & c\left(\frac{11}{6} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}+\frac{3}{4} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2}-\frac{4}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2}+\frac{11}{6} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2}-\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}+\frac{11}{12} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{4}+\right. \\
& \frac{1}{6} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{4}-\frac{4}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}+\frac{4}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}+\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}+\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}-\frac{11}{6} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}+ \\
& 2 \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}-2 \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}-\frac{7}{12} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}-\frac{11}{6} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}+\frac{4}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}+\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2}- \\
& \left.\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{3} \bar{\omega}_{3}-\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{3}-\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}\right), \\
g_{1}^{4}= & c\left(\frac{11}{6} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{4}-\frac{7}{6} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{3}+\frac{11}{12} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}+\frac{3}{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}-\frac{11}{6} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}+\frac{11}{12} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}-\right. \\
& \frac{11}{12} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}^{2}-\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}-\frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}+\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}+\frac{4}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}+\frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{4}- \\
& \frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}-\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3} \bar{\omega}_{4}+\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{4}-\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}+\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1} \bar{\omega}_{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2}-\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{1}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2}+ \\
& \left.\frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}+\frac{1}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{2} \bar{\omega}_{3}^{2}-\frac{2}{3} \bar{\omega}_{2}^{3}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Multiplying the respective polynomials and taking the $c$ function, we find the products.

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