

## ON THE CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC GROUP OF $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of this paper is to determine the structure of the crystallographic group  $\Pi$  of the 4-dimensional solvable Lie group  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$  that the translation subgroup of  $\Pi$ ,  $\Gamma := \Pi \cap \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ , is generated by the particular elements.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a complete connected, simply connected Riemannian manifold, and let  $G$  be a group of isometries of  $X$ . A pair  $(X, G)$  is called a *geometry* in the sense of Thurston [6, 7] if  $G$  acts transitively on  $X$  and  $G$  contains a discrete subgroup  $\Gamma$  with the coset space  $\Gamma \backslash X$  of finite volume. According to Filipkiewicz [3, 9], there are 20 types of geometries in dimension 4:  $S^4, \mathbb{H}^4, P^2(\mathbb{C}), \widetilde{H^2(\mathbb{C})}, S^2 \times S^2, S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2, S^2 \times \mathbb{H}^2, \mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{H}^2, \mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{H}^2, S^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{H}^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \widetilde{\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})} \times \mathbb{R}, \text{Nil}^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \text{Sol}^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \text{Nil}^4, \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4, \text{Sol}_0^4, \text{Sol}_1^4$  and  $F^4$ .

Let  $G$  be a connected, simply connected solvable Lie group and let  $C$  be any maximal compact subgroup of  $\text{Aff}(G)$ . A discrete cocompact subgroup  $\Pi$  of  $G \rtimes C$  is called a *crystallographic group* of  $G$ . The coset space  $\Pi \backslash G$  is an *infra-solvmanifold* of  $G$ , when  $\Pi$  is a *Bieberbach group* (i.e., a torsion-free crystallographic group) of  $G$ . The maximal compact subgroup  $C$  can be chosen so that  $G \rtimes C$  is equal to  $\text{Isom}(G)$ . Therefore, the Bieberbach groups of  $G$  are exactly the fundamental groups of compact infra-solvmanifolds of  $G$ . Consequently, a closed manifold has a  $(X, G)$ -geometry if and only if it is an infra-solvmanifold of  $G$ . The crystallographic groups of  $\text{Sol}^3$  and  $\text{Sol}_1^4$  are classified in [2] and [4], respectively. All the closed four-manifolds with  $\text{Sol}_1^4$ -geometry were

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studied in [8]. Utilizing the ideas in [2, 4, 8], the aim of this paper is to determine the structure of the crystallographic group of the solvable Lie group  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we show that a compact subgroup of the group of automorphisms of the Lie group  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  has at most 8 elements. There are an infinite but countable number of the Lie groups  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  that admit a lattice. Such Lie groups are denoted by  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ . In Section 3, we review a family of Lie groups  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ . In Section 4, we study the structure of the crystallographic group  $\Pi$  of  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$  that the translation subgroup of  $\Pi$ ,  $\Gamma := \Pi \cap \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ , is generated by the particular elements.

## 2. The Lie group $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$ and its automorphism group

The Lie group  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  is a 4-dimensional connected, simply connected and unimodular solvable Lie group  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$  of type (R) where

$$\varphi(s) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\lambda > 1).$$

This can be embedded in  $\text{Aff}(4)$  as

$$\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \varphi(s) & 0 & \mathbf{x} \\ 0 & 1 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \text{Aff}(4) \subset \text{GL}(5, \mathbb{R}),$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is a column vector. The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4$  of  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  is

$$\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \tau(s) & 0 & \mathbf{a} \\ 0 & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$

where

$$\tau(s) = \log \varphi(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1+\lambda)s \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now let us first find the group of automorphisms  $\text{Aut}(\text{Sol}_\lambda^4)$  of  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$ . Because  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  is simply connected, it suffices to find the group of Lie algebra automorphisms of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4$ . For this purpose, we

choose a linear basis  $\{\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{E}_3, \mathbf{F}\}$  of  $\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{E}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \tau(0) & 0 & \mathbf{e}_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau(1) & 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  is the set of standard basis vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then the nontrivial Lie brackets between them are

$$(2-1) \quad [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}_1] = \lambda \mathbf{E}_1, \quad [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}_2] = \mathbf{E}_2, \quad [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}_3] = -(1 + \lambda) \mathbf{E}_3.$$

A Lie algebra automorphism of  $\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4$  is a nonsingular linear transformation of the linear space  $\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4$  preserving the nontrivial Lie brackets (2-1) together with all trivial Lie brackets. It is now easy to observe that:

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *The Lie group  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4)$  is, with respect to the linear basis  $\{\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{E}_3, \mathbf{F}\}$ , the following matrix group*

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & b & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & c & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid abc \neq 0 \right\} \cong \mathbb{R}^3 \times \text{GD}(3),$$

where  $\text{GD}(3)$  is the group of all invertible  $3 \times 3$ -diagonal matrices and it acts on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by matrix multiplication.

From Proposition 2.1, it is immediate that a maximal compact subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4)$  is

$$\text{O}(1) \times \text{O}(1) \times \text{O}(1) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pm 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2)^3$$

which is a maximal compact subgroup of  $\text{GD}(3)$ .

Remark that the Lie group  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  is of type (R) and hence is of type (E), that is, the exponential map  $\exp : \text{Sol}_\lambda^4 \rightarrow \mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4$  is a diffeomorphism. Us-

ing this diffeomorphism, we can observe that  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & b & 0 & q \\ 0 & 0 & c & r \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4)$

is an automorphism of  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & e^s & 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 & 0 & ax + sp \frac{e^{\lambda s} - 1}{e^s - 1} \\ 0 & e^s & 0 & 0 & by + sq \frac{e^s - 1}{e^s - 1} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} & 0 & cz + sr \frac{e^{-(1+\lambda)s} - 1}{-(1+\lambda)s} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular,  $\text{GD}(3)$  ( $p = q = r = 0$ ) acts on  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$  as matrix multiplication on its nilradical  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Consequently,

$$(2-2) \quad \text{Sol}_\lambda^4 \rtimes \text{GD}(3) = (\mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}) \rtimes \text{GD}(3) = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_{\varphi'} (\mathbb{R} \times \text{GD}(3))$$

where  $\varphi'(s, X) = \varphi(s) \cdot X = X \cdot \varphi(s)$ .

### 3. The Lie group $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$

In this section, we will briefly review a family of Lie groups  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ . A good reference is [5] or [9]. Let  $\Gamma$  be a lattice (i.e., a discrete cocompact subgroup) of  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3$  is a lattice of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\Gamma/(\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3)$  is a lattice of  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4/\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}$ , so that  $\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3 \cong \mathbb{Z}^3$  and  $\Gamma/(\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , and the following diagram of short exact sequences is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & 1 \end{array}$$

The rightmost map is injective. We may assume this injective map is an inclusion  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Choose a generator  $s > 0$  of the group  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  is a  $\varphi(s)$ -invariant lattice of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , namely,  $\varphi(s)$  can be regarded as an automorphism on  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ . Choose a basis  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ . Then we must have that

$$(3-1) \quad \varphi(s)(\mathbf{x}_i) = \ell_{1i}\mathbf{x}_1 + \ell_{2i}\mathbf{x}_2 + \ell_{3i}\mathbf{x}_3, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

for some integers  $\ell_{ij}$ . Thus the lattice  $\Gamma$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  generated by the following elements

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (\mathbf{x}_1, 0), \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = (\mathbf{x}_2, 0), \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = (\mathbf{x}_3, 0), \quad s = (\mathbf{0}, s)$$

of  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$ . We shall denote such a lattice by

(3-2)

$$\Gamma = \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, s \mid [\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j] = 1, \varphi(s)(\mathbf{x}_i) = \ell_{1i}\mathbf{x}_1 + \ell_{2i}\mathbf{x}_2 + \ell_{3i}\mathbf{x}_3 \rangle.$$

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & \ell_{12} & \ell_{13} \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \ell_{23} \\ \ell_{31} & \ell_{32} & \ell_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_A \mathbb{Z}$ .

Now we form the matrix  $P$  with columns  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$ . Then (3-1) is equivalent to

$$(3-3) \quad PAP^{-1} = \varphi(s) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} \end{bmatrix}.$$

This implies that  $A \in \text{SL}(3, \mathbb{Z})$  and the columns of  $P^{-1}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvalues  $e^{\lambda s}, e^s$  and  $e^{-(1+\lambda)s}$ , respectively.

For another basis  $\{\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2, \mathbf{x}'_3\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ , we let  $P'$  be the matrix with columns  $\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}'_3$ . Then we have that

$$\varphi(s)(\mathbf{x}'_i) = \ell'_{1i}\mathbf{x}'_1 + \ell'_{2i}\mathbf{x}'_2 + \ell'_{3i}\mathbf{x}'_3, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

for some integers  $\ell'_{ij}$ . If

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} \ell'_{11} & \ell'_{12} & \ell'_{13} \\ \ell'_{21} & \ell'_{22} & \ell'_{23} \\ \ell'_{31} & \ell'_{32} & \ell'_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

then we have

$$\varphi(s) = P'A'P'^{-1}.$$

Therefore,  $A' = P'^{-1}PAP^{-1}P'$ , i.e.,  $A$  and  $A'$  are conjugate by an element of  $\text{GL}(3, \mathbb{R})$ . Clearly,  $\mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_A \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_{A'} \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let

$$\chi_A(x) = x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1$$

be the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  (so  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). Since  $A$  and  $\varphi(s)$  are conjugate, we have

$$\begin{aligned} m &= e^{\lambda s} + e^s + e^{-(1+\lambda)s} = \text{tr}(A) \\ n &= e^{-\lambda s} + e^{-s} + e^{(1+\lambda)s} = \text{tr}(A^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $m > 3$ . [It can be seen that the function  $f(x) = e^{\lambda x} + e^x + e^{-(1+\lambda)x}$  has the global minimum value 3 at  $x = 0$ .] Similarly,  $n > 3$ . We call such  $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4$  as  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ .

By choosing  $-s$  as another generator of the group  $\mathbb{Z}(\subset \mathbb{R})$ , we see that  $\text{Sol}_{n,m}^4 \cong \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ . Note also that  $e^s$  cannot be 1, that is, 1 cannot be a root of  $\chi_A(x)$ , which happens when and only when  $m = n$ . Remark

that  $\text{Sol}_{m,m}^4 \cong \text{Sol}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$ . Thus in what follows we shall assume that  $m > n > 3$ .

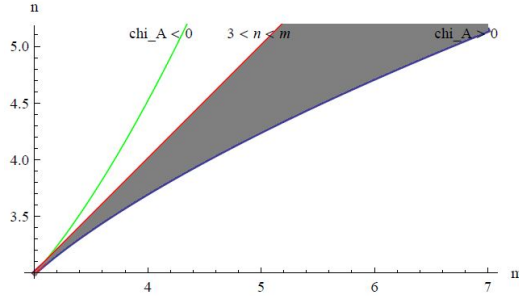
Since  $m > n > 3$ , we have  $m^2 - 3n > 0$ . So, the characteristic polynomial  $\chi_A(x)$  of  $A$  has two positive critical values

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \left( m \pm \sqrt{m^2 - 3n} \right).$$

Then  $\chi_A(x)$  has 3 distinct positive real roots if and only if

$$(3-4) \quad \begin{aligned} m &> n > 3, \\ \chi_A \left( \frac{1}{3} \left( m - \sqrt{m^2 - 3n} \right) \right) &> 0, \\ \chi_A \left( \frac{1}{3} \left( m + \sqrt{m^2 - 3n} \right) \right) &< 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, if the group  $\text{Sol}_\chi^4$  has a lattice, then there exists a pair of integers  $(m, n)$  satisfying the conditions (3-4), or equivalently, lying in the shaded region.



Conversely, suppose  $(m, n)$  is a pair of integers satisfying the conditions (3-4). Then the equation  $x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1 = 0$  has 3 distinct positive real roots, say  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \alpha_3 > 0$ . This equation has the companion matrix

$$A_{m,n} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -n \\ 0 & 1 & m \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $P$  be the Vandermonde matrix corresponding  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_1^2 \\ 1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_2^2 \\ 1 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_3^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$P \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -n \\ 0 & 1 & m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_3 \end{bmatrix} P.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 &= 1 \\ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 &= m \\ \alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1} + \alpha_3^{-1} &= \alpha_2 \alpha_3 + \alpha_3 \alpha_1 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 = n \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, if  $A \in \text{SL}(3, \mathbb{Z})$  has characteristic polynomial  $\chi_A(x) = x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1$  then it is conjugate to  $A_{m,n}$ .

Let

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln \alpha_1}{\ln \alpha_2}, \quad s = \ln \alpha_2.$$

A direct computation shows that  $Q = P^{-1}$  is, up to a nonzero constant,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & -\alpha_3 \alpha_1 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1) & -\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & (\alpha_3 + \alpha_1)(\alpha_3 - \alpha_1) & (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ -(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & -(\alpha_3 - \alpha_1) & -(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence the vectors

$$(3-5) \quad \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \\ -(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_3 \alpha_1 \\ -(\alpha_3 + \alpha_1) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \\ -(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are eigenvectors of  $A_{m,n}$  with eigenvalues  $\alpha_1 = e^{\lambda s}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = e^s$  and  $\alpha_3 = e^{-(1+\lambda)s}$ , respectively. This proves that the abstract group  $\mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_{A_{m,n}} \mathbb{Z}$  is isomorphic to the lattice of  $\text{Sol}_{\lambda}^4 = \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$  generated by  $(\mathbf{x}_1, 0)$ ,  $(\mathbf{x}_2, 0)$ ,  $(\mathbf{x}_3, 0)$  and  $(\mathbf{0}, s)$ , see (3-2).

#### 4. The structure of crystallographic group of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$

We recall that a closed 4-dimensional manifold  $M$  has  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ -geometry if and only if it is an infra-solvmanifold of  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ ,  $M = \Pi \backslash \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ . Therefore,  $\Pi$  is a torsion-free discrete cocompact subgroup of  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4 \rtimes K \subset \text{Aff}(\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4)$  where  $K = \text{O}(1)^3$  is a maximal compact subgroup of the group of automorphisms  $\text{Aut}(\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4)$  of  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ .

Let  $\Pi$  be a crystallographic group of  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ . Since the Bieberbach theorems generalize to  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$  [1], the translation subgroup of  $\Pi$ ,  $\Gamma := \Pi \cap \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ , is of finite index in  $\Pi$ , and is a lattice of  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ . The maximal

compact subgroup  $K$  is very small, has only 8 elements. Therefore, all crystallographic groups of  $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$  are extensions of a lattice by a subgroup  $\Phi$  of the finite group  $K$ .

Given a pair of integers  $(m, n)$  satisfying the conditions (3-4), we denote by  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \alpha_3 > 0$  the 3 distinct positive real roots of the associated equation  $x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1 = 0$ .

The purpose of this paper is to determine the structure of the crystallographic group  $\Pi$  of which the translation subgroup  $\Gamma$  is generated by  $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, 0), (\mathbf{x}_2, 0), (\mathbf{x}_3, 0), (\mathbf{0}, s)\}$ , where  $s = \ln \alpha_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  are given as in (3-5). With  $\Phi := \Pi/\Gamma \subset K$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi := \Pi/(\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3)$ , we obtain the commutative diagram below with exact rows and columns

$$(4-1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 1 & & 1 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \xrightarrow{=} & \mathbb{Z}^3 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & \Pi & \longrightarrow & \Phi \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow = \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_\Phi & \longrightarrow & \Phi \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & 1 & & 1 & & \end{array}$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}^3 = \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbb{Z} = \langle s \rangle$ .

Remark also that  $\Pi \subset \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4 \rtimes K = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_{\varphi'} (\mathbb{R} \times K)$  and hence  $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi \subset \mathbb{R} \times K$ . In particular,  $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi$  is abelian. Consequently, it makes easy to determine  $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi \subset \mathbb{R} \times K$ , which is an extension of  $\mathbb{Z} = \langle s \rangle$  by  $\Phi$ .

For any non-trivial element  $X$  of  $\Phi$ , there exists a  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(t, X) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$ . Since  $(t, X)^2 = (2t, X^2) = (2t, I) \in \langle s \rangle$ , we may assume that  $t = 0$  or  $t = \frac{s}{2}$ . Hence the subgroup  $\langle (s, I), (t, X) \rangle$  is either  $\langle (s, I), (0, X) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $\langle (\frac{s}{2}, X) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $X, Y \in \Phi$  generate a subgroup of  $\Phi$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2^2$ . Choose lifts  $(t, X), (u, Y) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$  of  $X, Y$  where  $t, u$  are 0 or  $\frac{s}{2}$ . Therefore, the



subgroup  $\langle (s, I), (t, X), (u, Y) \rangle$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi$  is one of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (s, I), (0, X), (0, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (0, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \\ \langle (0, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Phi = K$  with generators  $X, Y, Z$ . Choose lifts  $(t, X), (u, Y), (v, Z) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$  of  $X, Y, Z$  where  $t, u$  and  $v$  are 0 or  $\frac{s}{2}$ . Then it can be seen easily that the subgroup  $\langle (s, I), (t, X), (u, Y), (v, Z) \rangle$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi$  is one of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (s, I), (0, X), (0, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^3, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (0, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (0, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (0, X), (0, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (0, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (0, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, we can see that  $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi$  is isomorphic to one of the following

$$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^3.$$

Moreover, if  $\Phi$  has 2 or more generators, then  $(0, X) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$  for some nontrivial element  $X$  of  $\Phi$ .

We know all the subgroups  $\Phi$  of  $K \subset \text{Aut}(\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4)$ . The group  $K = \text{O}(1)^3$  is generated by

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus the nontrivial subgroups  $\Phi$  of  $K = \{\pm I, \pm X, \pm Y, \pm Z\}$  are:

$\Phi$	generator(s)
$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle, \langle Z \rangle, \langle -X \rangle, \langle -Y \rangle, \langle -Z \rangle, \langle -I \rangle$
$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\langle X, -X \rangle, \langle X, Y \rangle, \langle X, Z \rangle, \langle Y, -Y \rangle, \langle Y, Z \rangle, \langle Z, -Z \rangle, \langle -X, -Z \rangle$
$\mathbb{Z}_2^3$	$\langle X, Y, Z \rangle$

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