

# THE INFLUENCE OF $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -SUPPLEMENTED SUBGROUPS ON THE STRUCTURE OF FINITE GROUPS

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Let  $G$  be a finite group. A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is quasinormal in  $G$  if it permutes with every subgroup of  $G$ . In this paper, we introduce the following definition: A subgroup  $H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$  if  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(H \cap N)H_G/H_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ , where  $H_G$  is the core of  $H$  in  $G$  and  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$  is the hypercenter of  $G/H_G$ . Also, we study the structure of  $G$  under assumption that all minimal subgroups are  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

All groups considered in this paper will be finite and  $G$  always means a finite group. We use conventional notions and notations, as in Doerk and Hawkes [5].

Recall that a minimal subgroup of a group  $G$  is a subgroup of prime order. For a  $p$ -group  $P$ , we denote  $\Omega(P) = \Omega_1(P)$  if  $p > 2$ , and  $\Omega(P) = \langle \Omega_1(P), \Omega_2(P) \rangle$  if  $p = 2$ , where  $\Omega_i(P) = \langle x \in P : |x| = p^i \rangle$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of groups. We call  $\mathcal{F}$  a formation provided that (i) if  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $G/N \in \mathcal{F}$ , and (ii) if  $G/N_1$  and  $G/N_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $G/(N_1 \cap N_2) \in \mathcal{F}$  for arbitrary normal subgroups  $N_1, N_2$  of  $G$ .

A formation  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be saturated if  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathcal{F}$  implies  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . Throughout this paper,  $\mathfrak{U}$  will denote the class of supersolvable groups. Clearly,  $\mathfrak{U}$  is a saturated formation. A formation  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be  $S$ -closed ( $S_n$ -closed) if it contains every subgroup (every normal subgroup, respectively) of all its

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groups. Let  $[A]B$  stand for the semiproduct of two groups  $A$  and  $B$ . For a class  $\mathcal{F}$  of groups, a chief factor  $H/K$  of a group  $G$  is called  $\mathcal{F}$ -central ( see [6; Definition 2.4.3]) if  $[H/K](G/C_G(H/K)) \in \mathcal{F}$ . The symbol  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  denotes the  $\mathcal{F}$ -hypercenter of a group  $G$ , that is, the product of all such  $H$  of  $G$  whose  $G$ -chief factors are  $\mathcal{F}$ -central.

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is quasinormal (or permutable) in  $G$  if  $HK = KH$  for all subgroups  $K$  of  $G$ , or equivalently for all cyclic subgroups  $K$  of  $G$ . Thus normal subgroups are always quasinormal, but not conversely. If  $p$  is a prime, then any cyclic group  $C_{p^n}$  extended by any cyclic group  $C_{p^m}$  has all subgroups quasinormal (provided, when  $p = 2$  and  $n \geq 2$ , the cyclic subgroup of order 4 in  $C_{2^n}$  is central in the extension). The same is true if  $C_{p^n}$  is replaced by any abelian  $p$ -group  $H$  of finite exponent, with  $C_{p^m}$  acting on  $H$  as a group of power automorphisms (and elements of order 4 in  $H$  are again central in the extension if  $p = 2$ ). These results can be found in sections 2.3 and 2.4 of [12].

We say, following Kegel [9], that a subgroup of a group  $G$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$  if it permutes with every Sylow subgroup of  $G$ .

Agrawal [1] defined the generalized center  $genz(G)$  of a group  $G$  to be the subgroup  $\langle g \in G : \langle g \rangle \text{ is } S\text{-quasinormal in } G \rangle$ . The generalized hypercenter  $genz_{\infty}(G)$ , is the largest term of the chain

$$1 = genz_0(G) \leq genz_1(G) = genz(G) \leq genz_2(G) \leq \dots,$$

where  $genz_{i+1}(G)/genz_i(G) = genz(G/genz_i(G))$  for all  $i > 0$ .

Guo, Freng and Huang [8] introduced the following new concept. They defined that the subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be  $\mathcal{F}_h$ -normal if there exists a normal subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $HK$  is a normal Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(H \cap K)H_G/H_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ ; the authors have obtained some interesting results (see [7]). The latter concept has since been improved by Li and Tang [10] by the following concept; let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of groups. A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be  $\mathcal{F}_h$ -supplemented in  $G$  if there exists a normal subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $HT$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(H \cap T)H_G/H_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ . As a consequence, we now introduce an extension of the preceding concept, it means that we replace the quasinormality of subgroups instead of the normality of subgroups as in the following definition:

*Definition.* A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$  if  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(H \cap N)H_G/H_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ , where  $H_G = Core_G(H) = \bigcap_{g \in G} H^g$  is the maximal normal subgroup of  $G$  which is contained in  $H$ .

The goal of this paper is to investigate the structure of Gunder assump-

tion that all minimal subgroups are  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . In fact, we have obtained significant new results on these groups; these results improve the past results in [10].

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

For the convenience of the reader, we start with several known lemmas found in that paper.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \leq G$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a non-empty saturated formation and  $Z = Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$ .*

- (a) *If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $HZ/H \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H)$ .*
- (b) *If  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $S$ -closed, then  $Z \cap H \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(H)$ .*
- (c) *If  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $Z = G$ .*

*Proof.* See ([7; Lemma 2.1]).  $\square$

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \leq K \leq G$ . Then*

- (a)  *$H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$  if and only if  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ ,  $H_G \leq N$  and  $(H/H_G) \cap (N/H_G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ .*
- (b) *If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $K$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ , then  $K/H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G/H$ .*
- (c) *If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then the subgroup  $HE/H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G/H$  for every  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$  subgroup  $E$  satisfying  $(|H|, |E|) = 1$ .*
- (d) *If  $H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $S$ -closed, then  $H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $K$ .*

*Proof.* (a) Suppose that  $H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . Then  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(H \cap N)H_G/H_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ . Put  $M = NH_G$ . Clearly  $M$  is quasinormal subgroup of  $G$  and  $HM = HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ . Also  $(H/H_G) \cap (M/H_G) = (H \cap M)/H_G = (H \cap NH_G)/H_G = (H \cap N)H_G/H_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ . The converse is clear.

(b) Assume that  $K$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . By (a),  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  such that  $KN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ ,  $K_G \leq N$  and  $(K/K_G) \cap (N/K_G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/K_G)$ . Then  $K/H$  is quasinormal in  $G/K$  and clearly  $H \leq K_G$ . So  $(K/H)(N/H) = KN/H$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G/H$  and  $((K/H)/(K_G/H)) \cap ((N/H)/(K_G/H)) = ((K/H)/(K/H)_{G/H}) \cap ((N/H)/(K/H)_{G/H}) = ((K \cap N)/H)/(K/H)_{G/H} \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}((G/H)/(K/H)_{G/H})$ . Hence  $K/H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G/H$ .

(c) Suppose that  $E$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$  and let  $N$  be a quasinormal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $EN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(E/E_G) \cap (N/E_G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/E_G)$  by (a). Put  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/E_G) = L/E_G$ . We treat the following two cases:

*Case 1.*  $H \leq N$ .

Then  $HEN = EHN = EN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and so  $HE \cap N = H(E \cap N) \leq HL$ . Also

$$HL/HE_G = HE_GL/HE_G \cong L/(L \cap HE_G) = L/E_G(L \cap H)$$

so  $HL/HE_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/HE_G)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (HE/HE_G) \cap (N/HE_G) &= (HE \cap N)/HE_G = H(E \cap N)/HE_G \leq \\ &HL/HE_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/HE_G). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1(a),

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/HE_G)((HE)_G/HE_G)/((HE)_G/HE_G) &\leq \\ Z_{\mathcal{F}}((G/HE_G)/((HE)_G/HE_G)). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(HE \cap N)(HE)_G/(HE)_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/(HE)_G)$  and so  $HE$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . Hence  $HE/H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G/H$ , by (b).

*Case 2.*  $H \not\leq N$ .

Since  $EN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(|H|, |E|) = 1$ , we have that  $(HE/H)(NH/H) = HEN/H$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G/H$  and since  $(E \cap N)/E_G \leq L/E_G$ , we have that  $E \cap N \leq L$  and  $(E \cap N)(HE)_G/(HE)_G \leq L(HE)_G/(HE)_G$ . By Lemma 2.1(a),

$$\begin{aligned} ((E \cap N)(HE)_G/E_G)/((HE)_G/E_G) &\leq (L(HE)_G/E_G)/((HE)_G/E_G) \\ &= Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/E_G)(HE)_G/E_G/((HE)_G/E_G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}((G/E_G)/((HE)_G/E_G)). \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $(E \cap N)(HE)_G/(HE)_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/(HE)_G)$ . Since  $(|H|, |E|) = 1$ , we have that  $(|HN : N|, |HN \cap E|) = 1$  and so  $HN \cap E = N \cap E$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (HE/H \cap HN/H)(HE/H)_{G/H}/(HE/H)_{G/H} \\ = (H(E \cap N)/H)((HE)_G/H)/((HE)_G/H) \leq ((E \cap N)(HE)_G/H)/((HE)_G/H) \\ \leq (L(HE)_G/H)((HE)_G/H) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}((G/H)/((HE)_G/H)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $HE/H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G/H$ .

(d) Suppose that  $H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$  and let  $N$  be a quasinormal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $(H/H_G) \cap (N/H_G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$  by (a). Put  $M = K \cap N$ . For every subgroup  $L$  of  $K$ ,  $LM = L(K \cap N) = K \cap LN = K \cap NL = (K \cap N)L = ML$  as  $N$  is quasinormal in  $G$ . Then  $M$  is quasinormal in  $K$ . Since  $HN$  is a

Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $H \leq K$ , we have that  $HM$  is a Hall subgroup of  $K$ . Also  $M/H_G \cap H/H_G = (K \cap N \cap H)/H_G = K/H_G \cap Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G)$ . Put  $K/H_G \cap Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/H_G) = R/H_G$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $S$ -closed, we have by Lemma 2.1(b),  $R/H_G \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(K/H_G)$ . By Lemma 2.1(a),  $(R/H_G)(H_K/H_G)/(H_K/H_G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(K/H_G)(H_K/H_G)/(H_K/H_G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(K/H_G)/(H_K/H_G)$  and so  $(M \cap H)H_K/H_K \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(K/H_K)$ . Hence  $H$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $K$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 2.3. (a) *An  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $G$  is subnormal in  $G$ .*

(b) *If  $H$  is  $S$ -quasinormal Hall subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H \triangleleft G$ .*

(c) *Let  $H$  be a  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$  if and only if  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(H)$ .*

(d) *If  $K$  is a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $H$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$ , then  $H \cap K$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$ .*

*Proof.* (a) See ([9; Satz 1, p. 209]).

(b) By (a),  $H$  is subnormal in  $G$ . Hence  $H$  is subnormal Hall subgroup of  $G$ . This implies that  $H \triangleleft G$ .

(c) See ([11; Lemma A, p. 287]).

(d) Since  $H$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$ , it follows by (a), that  $H$  is subnormal in  $G$  and so  $HK$  and  $H \cap K$  are subnormal in  $G$ . Let  $P$  be an arbitrary Sylow subgroup of  $G$ . Clearly  $H \cap P \in \text{Syl}(H)$ ,  $K \cap P \in \text{Syl}(K)$ ,  $HK \cap P \in \text{Syl}(HK)$  and  $H \cap K \cap P \in \text{Syl}(H \cap K)$ . Then  $|(H \cap P)(K \cap P)| = \frac{|H \cap P||K \cap P|}{|H \cap K \cap P|} = |HK \cap P|$  and since  $(H \cap P)(K \cap P) \leq HK \cap P$ , it follows that  $(H \cap P)(K \cap P) = HK \cap P$ . Hence by [5; Lemma 1.2, p. 2],  $(H \cap K)P = HP \cap KP$  and so  $H \cap K$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 2.4. (a) *Let  $p$  be the smallest prime dividing the order of  $G$ , and let  $G_p$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . If  $\Omega(G_p) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.*

(b) *Let  $P$  be a normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G/P$  is supersolvable. If  $\Omega(P) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

*Proof.* See ([3; Lemma 3.8 and Theorem 3.11, p. 2245-2246]).  $\square$

LEMMA 2.5. *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathfrak{U}$  and let  $K$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G/K \in \mathcal{F}$  and the cyclic subgroups of  $K$  of prime order or order 4 are  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

*Proof.* See ([2; Theorem 1, p.2773]).  $\square$

LEMMA 2.6. *Let  $K$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  with  $G/K$  contained in a saturated formation  $\mathcal{F}$ . If  $\Omega(P) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$ , where  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $K$ , then  $G/O_{p'}(K) \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

*Proof.* See ([4]).  $\square$

### 3. RESULTS

We proceed now to the first main results.

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $p$  be the smallest prime dividing the order of  $G$  and let the cyclic subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$  or 4 be  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . Then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.*

*Proof.* Suppose the result is false and let  $G$  be a counter-example of minimal order. Suppose that  $G_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Then we have:

(1)  $O_{p'}(G) = 1$ .

If not, then by Lemma 2.2(c), it is easy to see that the cyclic subgroup of  $G_p O_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G)$  of order  $p$  or order 4 is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G/O_{p'}(G)$ . The minimality of  $G$  implies that  $G/O_{p'}(G)$  is  $p$ -nilpotent and hence  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent; a contradiction.

(2)  $p = 2$ .

Suppose  $p > 2$ . If the cyclic subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$  is normal of  $G$ , then  $\Omega_1(G_p) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4(a),  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent; a contradiction. Thus we may assume that there exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  of order  $p$  such that  $H$  is not normal in  $G$ . By hypothesis,  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.2(a),  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $H/H_G \cap N/H_G \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G/H_G)$ . Since  $H$  is not normal in  $G$ , we have that  $H_G = 1$  and so  $H \cap N \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . If  $H \cap N = H \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ , then  $\Omega_1(G_p) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4(a),  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent; a contradiction. Thus  $H \cap N = 1$ . Clearly  $N < G$ . Since  $N$  is a quasinormal subgroup of  $G$ , we have by Lemma 2.3(a), that  $N$  is a subnormal in  $G$  and since  $N < G$ , we have a normal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  containing  $N$ . If  $N$  is not  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then also  $M$  is not  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Since the class of supersolvable group is  $S$ -closed, we have by Lemma 2.2(d), that the cyclic subgroup of  $M$  of order  $p$  is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $M$ . Then  $M$  is  $p$ -nilpotent, by the minimality of  $G$ . Hence  $O_{p'}(M) \neq 1$ . Since  $M$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , we have that,  $1 < O_{p'}(M) \leq O_{p'}(G)$ ; a contradiction. Thus  $N$  is  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ , we have that  $HN = G_p$  and since  $H \cap N = 1$ , we have  $N$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G_p$ . So  $N \triangleleft G_p$ . Let  $G_q$  be an arbitrary Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $G$ , with  $q > p$ . Since  $N$  is a quasinormal subgroup in  $G$ , we have that  $NG_q \leq G$  and so  $N$  is a quasinormal Hall in  $NG_q$ . Then by Lemma 2.3(b),  $N \triangleleft NG_q$  i.e.,  $G_q \leq N_G(N)$ . Thus  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(N)$  and since  $N \triangleleft G_p$ , we have that  $N \triangleleft G$ . Now consider the group  $G/N$ . Clearly  $G_p/N$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/N$  of order  $p$ . By Burnside's theorem,  $G/N$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. Then  $G/N$  has a normal Hall  $p'$ -subgroup  $K/N$  and so  $K$  is a proper normal subgroup of  $G$ . Since the class of supersolvable groups is  $S$ -closed, we have by Lemma 2.2(d), that the cyclic subgroups of  $K$  of order

$p$  is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $K$ . Then  $K$  is  $p$ -nilpotent, by the minimality of  $G$ . Hence  $O_{p'}(K) \neq 1$ . So  $1 < O_{p'}(K) \leq O_{p'}(G)$ ; a contradiction.

(3) Final contradiction.

If the cyclic subgroup of  $G$  of order 2 or 4 is normal in  $G$ , then  $\Omega_2(G) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4(a),  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent; a contradiction. Thus we may assume that there exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  of order 2 or 4 such that  $H$  is not normal in  $G$ . If  $|H| = 2$ , then  $H_G = 1$ . By hypothesis,  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.2(a),  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $H \cap N \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . If  $H \cap N = 1$ , then  $O_{p'}(G) \neq 1$ , by repeating the proof of (2). Thus  $H \cap N = H \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$  and so  $\Omega_1(G_p) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . If the cyclic subgroup of  $G$  of order 4 is normal in  $G$ , then  $\Omega_2(G) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4(a),  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent; a contradiction. Thus there exists a subgroup  $L$  of  $G$  of order 4 such that  $L$  is not normal in  $G$ . By hypothesis,  $L$  is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.2(a),  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $LT$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $L/L_G \cap T/L_G \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G/L_G)$ . Since  $L$  is not normal in  $G$ , we have that  $|L_G| = 2$  or  $1$ . If  $|L_G| = 2$ , then  $L_G \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . Hence  $Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G/L_G) = Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)/L_G$ . So  $L \cap T \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . Also if  $|L_G| = 1$ , then  $L \cap T \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . If  $L = L \cap T \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ , then  $\Omega_2(G) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4(a),  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent; a contradiction. Thus  $L \cap T$  is a proper subgroup of  $L$ . So  $T$  is also a proper subgroup of  $G$ . If  $T$  is not  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $O_{p'}(G) \neq 1$  by repeating the proof of (2); a contradiction. Thus  $T$  is  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $LT$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ , we have that  $LT = G_p$ . Since  $L \cap T$  is a proper subgroup of  $L$ , we have that  $T$  is a proper subgroup of  $G_p$  and since  $T$  is quasinormal subgroup in  $G$ , we have by Lemma 2.3(c), that  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(T)$ . If  $N_G(T) = G$ , then  $T \triangleleft G$ . Since  $G_p/T$  is cyclic, we have by Burnside's theorem,  $G/T$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. By repeating the proof of (2), we have that  $1 < O_{p'}(G)$ ; a contradiction. Thus we may assume that  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(T) < G$ . Since the class of supersolvable groups is  $S$ -closed, we have by Lemma 2.2(d), that the cyclic subgroups of  $O^p(G)$  of order 2 or 4 is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $O^p(G)$ . By the minimality of  $G$ ,  $O^p(G)$  is  $p$ -nilpotent and also  $G$ ; a final contradiction.  $\square$

As a consequence, we also obtain improvement of Corollary 4.2 in [9].

**THEOREM 3.2.** *If the cyclic subgroups of  $G$  of prime order or order 4 are  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersolvable.*

*Proof.* Suppose the result is false and let  $G$  be a counter-example of minimal order. Lemma 3.1 implies that  $G$  is  $r$ -nilpotent, where  $r$  is the smallest prime dividing the order of  $G$ . Then  $G = G_r K$ , where  $G_r$  is a Sylow  $r$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $K$  is a normal Hall  $r'$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Since the class of supersolvable

is  $S$ -closed, we have by Lemma 2.2(d), the hypothesis of the theorem satisfies over  $K$ . Then  $K$  is supersolvable by the minimality of  $G$ . Hence  $K$  has a characteristic Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $G_q$  and  $q$  is the largest prime dividing the order of  $K$ . Since  $K \triangleleft G$ , we have that  $G_q \triangleleft G$  and since  $K$  is a Hall  $r'$ -subgroup of  $G$ , we have  $G_q$  is a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Now consider the factor group  $G/G_q$ . By Lemma 2.2(c), the hypothesis satisfies  $G/G_q$ . Then  $G/G_q$  is supersolvable by the minimality of  $G$ . Thus  $G^{\mathfrak{U}} \leq G_q$ , where  $G^{\mathfrak{U}}$  is supersolvable residual of  $G$ . If the cyclic subgroups of  $G^{\mathfrak{U}}$  of order  $q$  are normal in  $G$ , then  $\Omega_1(G^{\mathfrak{U}}) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4(b),  $G$  is supersolvable; a contradiction. Thus there exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $G^{\mathfrak{U}}$  of order  $q$  is not normal in  $G$ . By hypothesis,  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{U}_q$ -supplemented in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.2(a),  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $H/H_G \cap N/H_G \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G/H_G)$ . Since  $H$  is not normal in  $G$ , we have that  $H_G = 1$  and so  $H \cap N \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . If  $H \leq N$ , then  $H = H \cap N \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . Hence  $\Omega_1(G^{\mathfrak{U}}) \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G) \leq \text{genz}_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4(b),  $G$  is supersolvable; a contradiction. Thus  $H \cap N = 1$ . Since  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ , we have that  $G_q \leq HN$  and  $N \cap G_q$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G_q$ . Since  $N$  is quasinormal in  $G$ , we have that  $N$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$  and since  $G_q$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , we have by Lemma 2.3(d), that  $N \cap G_q$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$ . Then  $O^q(G) \leq N_G(N \cap G_q)$  by Lemma 2.3(c) and since  $N \cap G_q$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G_q$ , we have that  $G_q \leq N_G(N \cap G_q)$ . Then  $G = G_q O^q(G) \leq N_G(N \cap G_q)$ . Hence  $N \cap G_q \triangleleft G$ . Since  $G/G_q$  is supersolvable, we have that  $(G/(N \cap G_q))/(G_q/(N \cap G_q)) \cong G/G_q$  is supersolvable and since  $G_q/(N \cap G_q)$  is cyclic of order  $q$ , we have that  $G/(N \cap G_q)$  is supersolvable. Then  $G^{\mathfrak{U}} \leq N \cap G_q$ . Hence  $H \leq N \cap G_q \leq N$ ; a final contradiction.  $\square$

Now we prove an extension of Corollary 4.3 in [10].

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an  $S$ -closed saturated formation containing  $\mathfrak{U}$ . Then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if there exists a normal subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $G/K \in \mathcal{F}$  and the cyclic subgroups of  $K$  of prime order or order 4 are  $\mathfrak{U}_{h_q}$ -supplemented in  $G$ .*

*Proof.* If  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ , then the result holds with  $K = 1$ .  $\square$

The converse, suppose the result is false and let  $G$  be a counter-example of minimal order. Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $S$ -closed, we have by Lemma 2.2(d), the cyclic subgroups of  $K$  of prime order or order 4 are  $\mathfrak{U}_{h_q}$ -supplemented in  $K$ . Then  $K$  is supersolvable by Theorem 3.2. Hence  $K$  has a characteristic Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $K_p$ , where  $p$  is the largest prime dividing the order of  $K$ . Since  $K \triangleleft G$ , we have that  $K_p \triangleleft G$ . Then  $(G/K_p)/(K/K_p) \cong G/K \in \mathcal{F}$ . By hypothesis and Lemma 2.2(c), the cyclic subgroups of  $K/K_p$  of prime order or



order 4 are  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G/K_p$ . Then  $G/K_p \in \mathcal{F}$  by the minimality of  $G$ . If  $p = 2$ , then  $K_p G_q \leq G$ , for every Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $G_q$  of  $G$  with  $q > 2$ . By Lemma 3.1,  $K_p G_q$  is 2-nilpotent. Then  $K_p G_q = K_p \times G_q$ . Since  $K_p$  is a normal 2-subgroup of  $G$ , we have that the cyclic subgroups of  $K_p$  of order 2 or 4 are  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$ . Then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  by Lemma 2.5; a contradiction. Thus we may assume that  $p > 2$ . Clearly  $1 \neq G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq K_p$  as  $G/K_p \in \mathcal{F}$ . If the subgroups of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  of order  $p$  lay in  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  by Lemma 2.6; a contradiction. Thus there exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  of order  $p$  such that  $H \not\leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$ . Then  $H \not\leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$  as  $\mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . Hence  $H_G = 1$ . By hypothesis  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.1(a),  $G$  has a quasinormal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $H \cap N \leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ . Since  $HN$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ , we have that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq G_p \leq HN$ , where  $G_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Also since  $H \not\leq Z_{\mathfrak{U}}(G)$ , we have that  $H \cap N = 1$ . Then  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N$  is a maximal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$ . Since  $N$  is a quasinormal subgroup of  $G$ , we have that  $N$  is  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $G$  and since  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \triangleleft G$ , we have by Lemma 2.3(d), that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N$  is  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N)$ . Clearly  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N \triangleleft N$  and since  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$ , we have that  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N \triangleleft G^{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then  $G_p \leq HN = G^{\mathcal{F}} N \leq N_G(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N)$ . Hence  $G = G_p O^p(G) \leq N_G(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N)$  i.e.,  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N \triangleleft G$ . Since  $(G/(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N))/(G^{\mathcal{F}}/(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N)) \cong G/G^{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathcal{F}$  and since  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N)$  is cyclic of order  $p$ , we have that  $G^{\mathcal{F}}/(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G/(G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N))$ . Hence  $G/G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N \in \mathcal{F}$  and so  $H \leq G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq G^{\mathcal{F}} \cap N \leq N$ ; a final contradiction.

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