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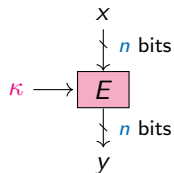
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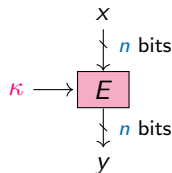
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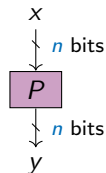
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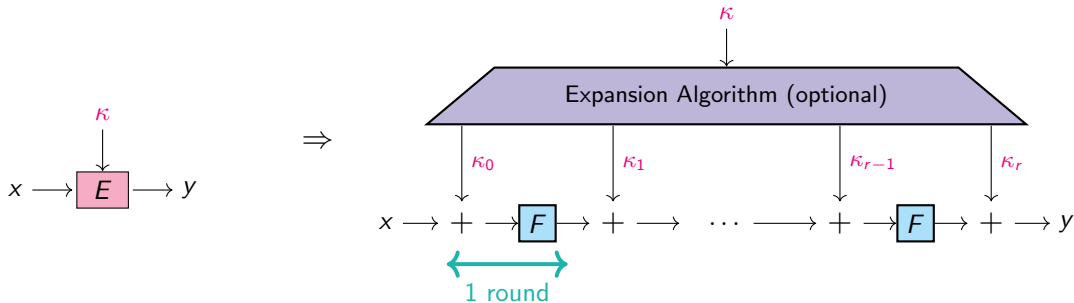
$$P : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$$
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$\Rightarrow$  Block cipher: family of  $2^k$  permutations of  $n$  bits.

# Iterated constructions

⇒ How to build a block cipher?

By iterating a round function.

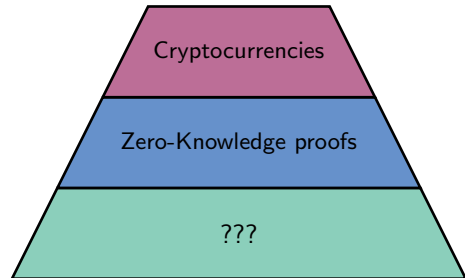


**Performance constraints!** The primitive must be fast.

# A need of new primitives

Protocols requiring new primitives:

- ★ Multiparty Computation (MPC)
- ★ Homomorphic Encryption (FHE)
- ★ Systems of Zero-Knowledge (ZK) proofs  
Example: SNARKs, STARKs, Bulletproofs



**Problem:** Designing new symmetric primitives  
And analyse their security!

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$$y = (ax + b)^3(cx + d) + ex$$

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$$y = x^7$$

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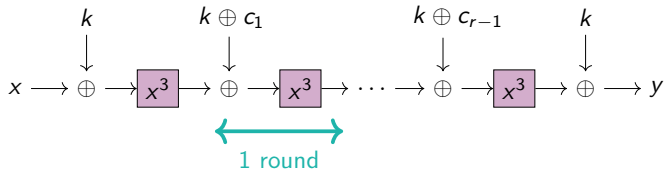
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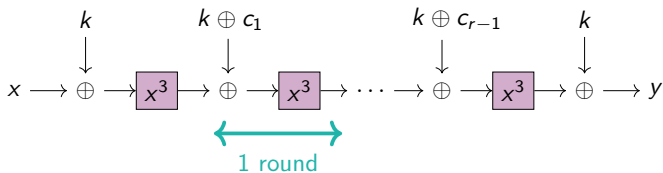
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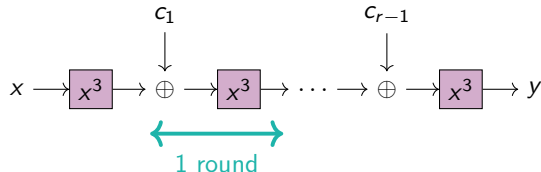
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$$\deg^a(F) \leq n - 1$$

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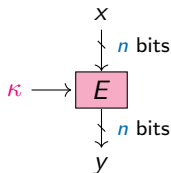
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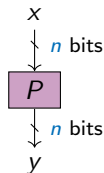
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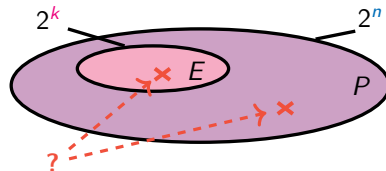
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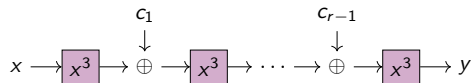
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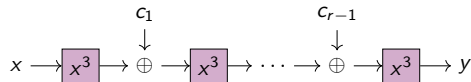
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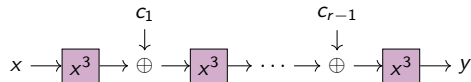
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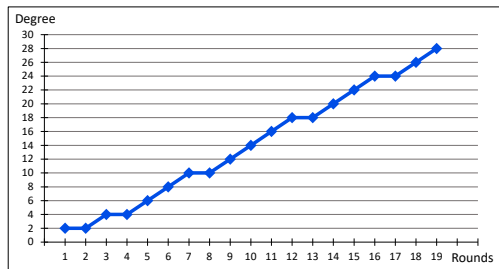
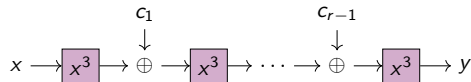
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$$\forall i \in \mathcal{E}_{3,r}, i \not\equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}$$

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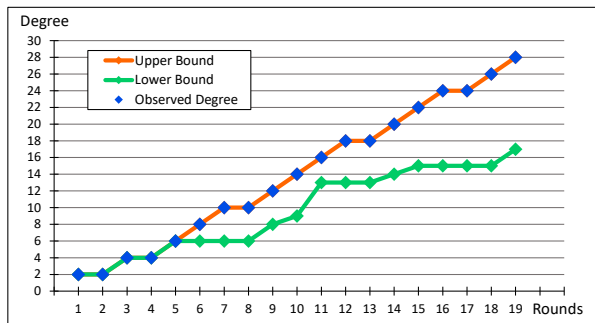
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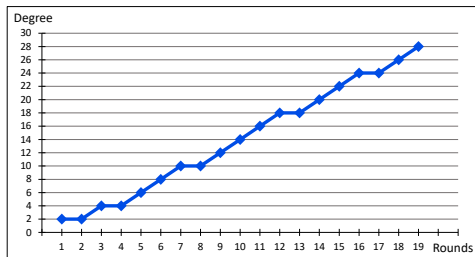
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**Upper bound reached  
for  $\sim 16265$  rounds**



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⇒ plateau when  $\lfloor r \log_2 3 \rfloor = 1 \pmod 2$  and  $\lfloor (r+1) \log_2 3 \rfloor = 0 \pmod 2$



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If we have a plateau

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Then the next one is

$$B_3^{r+4} = B_3^{r+5} \quad \text{or} \quad B_3^{r+5} = B_3^{r+6}.$$

# Music in MiMC<sub>3</sub>

♪ Patterns in sequence  $(\lfloor r \log_2 3 \rfloor)_{r>0}$ :

⇒ denominators of semiconvergents of  $\log_2(3) \simeq 1.5849625$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{ \boxed{1}, \boxed{2}, 3, 5, \boxed{7}, \boxed{12}, 17, 29, 41, \boxed{53}, 94, 147, 200, 253, 306, \boxed{359}, \dots \},$$

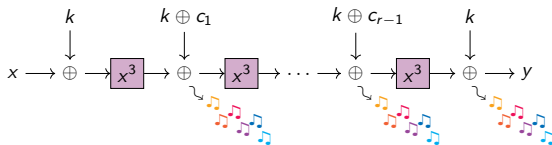
$$\log_2(3) \simeq \frac{a}{b} \Leftrightarrow 2^a \simeq 3^b$$

♪ **Music theory:**

♪ perfect octave 2:1

♪ perfect fifth 3:2

$$2^{19} \simeq 3^{12} \Leftrightarrow 2^7 \simeq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{12} \Leftrightarrow 7 \text{ octaves} \sim 12 \text{ fifths}$$





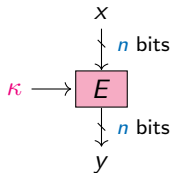
# Higher-Order differential attacks

Exploiting a **low algebraic degree**

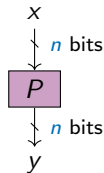
For any affine subspace  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{F}_2^n$  with  $\dim \mathcal{V} \geq \deg^a(F) + 1$ , we have a 0-sum distinguisher:

$$\bigoplus_{x \in \mathcal{V}} F(x) = 0.$$

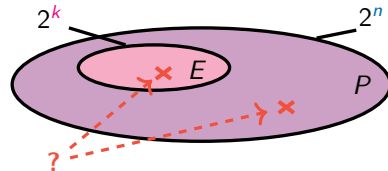
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Block cipher

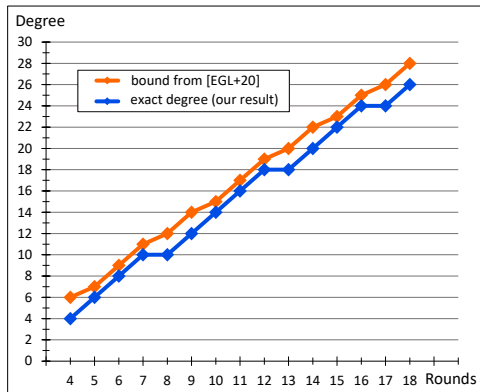


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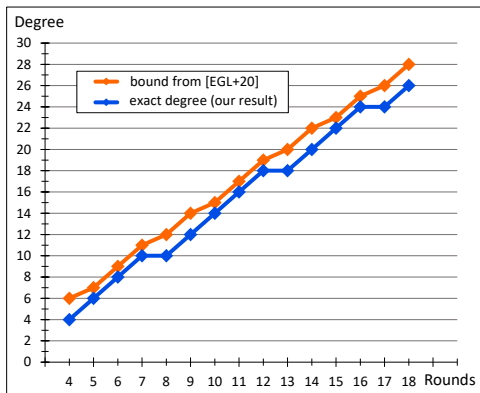
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Rounds	Time	Data	Source
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*Secret-key distinguishers ( $n = 129$ )*

## Take-Away

## Algebraic Degree of MiMC

- ★ **guarantee on the degree** of  $\text{MiMC}_3$ 
  - ★ upper bound on the algebraic degree

$$2 \times \lceil [r \log_2 3] / 2 - 1 \rceil .$$

- ★ bound tight, **up to 16265 rounds**
- ★ **minimal complexity** for higher-order differential attack

Joint work with Anne Canteaut and Léo Perrin

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## Futur work

### Some open problems

- ★ Conjecture for maximum-weight exponents
- ★ Form of coefficients
- ★ Sparse univariate polynomials
- ★ Inverse transformation
- ★ SPN construction
- ★ ...

# Sporadic Cases

## Observation

Let  $t$  be an integer s.t.  $1 \leq t \leq 21$ . Then

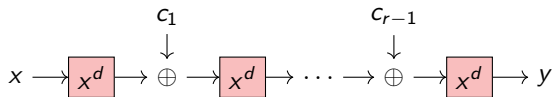
$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}/3^t\mathbb{Z}, \exists \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_{2t+2} \in \{0, 1\}, \text{ s.t. } x = \sum_{j=2}^{2t+2} \varepsilon_j 4^j \pmod{3^t} .$$

**Is it true for any  $t$ ?**

**Should we consider more  $\varepsilon_j$  for larger  $t$ ?**

# Sparse Univariate Polynomials

Gold Functions:  $x^3, x^5, x^9, \dots$



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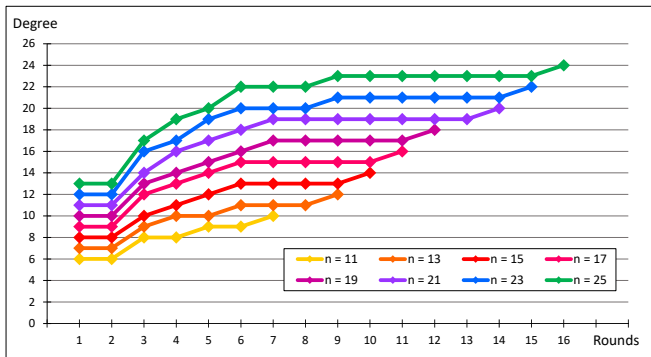
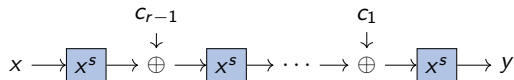
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$$\forall i \in \mathcal{E}_{d,r}, i \bmod 2^j \in \{0, 1\}.$$

- ★ for  $\text{MIMC}_5$  :  $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$
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# Study of MiMC<sub>3</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Inverse:  $F : x \mapsto x^s, s = (2^{n+1} - 1)/3 = [101..01]_2$





# First plateau

Plateau between rounds 1 and 2, for  $s = (2^{n+1} - 1)/3 = [101..01]_2$

★ Round 1:

$$B_s^1 = wt(s) = (n+1)/2$$

★ Round 2:

$$B_s^2 = \max\{wt(is), \text{ for } i \preceq s\} = (n+1)/2$$

## Proposition

For  $i \preceq s$  such that  $wt(i) \geq 2$ :

$$wt(is) \in \begin{cases} [wt(i) - 1, (n-1)/2] & \text{if } wt(i) \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ [wt(i), (n+1)/2] & \text{if } wt(i) \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

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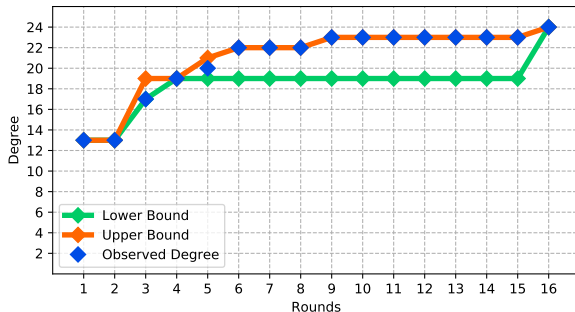
### Proposition [BC13]

$\forall i \in [1, n - 1]$ , if the algebraic degree of encryption is  $\deg^a(F) < (n - 1)/i$ , then the algebraic degree of decryption is  $\deg^a(F^{-1}) < n - i$

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In particular:

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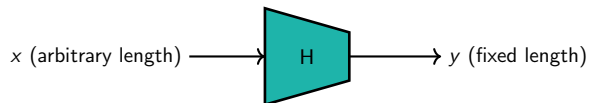
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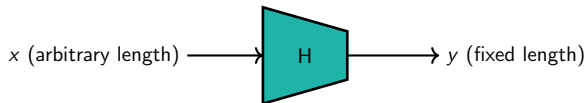
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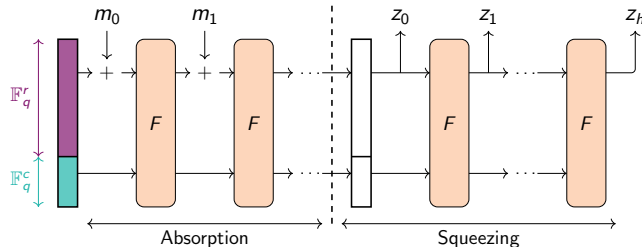
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Parameters:

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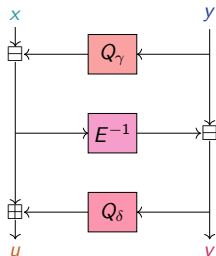
Butterfly + Feistel  $\Rightarrow$  Flystel

A 3-round Feistel-network with

$Q_\gamma : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $Q_\delta : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  two quadratic functions, and  $E : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  a permutation

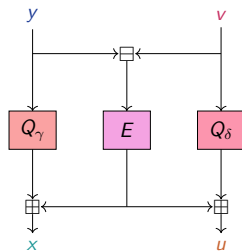
Open Flystel  $\mathcal{H}$ .

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Closed Flystel  $\mathcal{V}$ .

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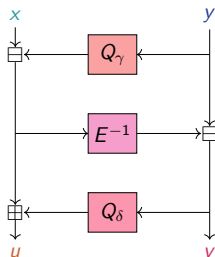
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# The Flystel

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\mathcal{H}} &= \{((x, y), \mathcal{H}((x, y))) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_q^2\} \\ &= \mathcal{A}(\{((v, y), \mathcal{V}((v, y))) \mid (v, y) \in \mathbb{F}_q^2\}) \\ &= \mathcal{A}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{V}}) \end{aligned}$$

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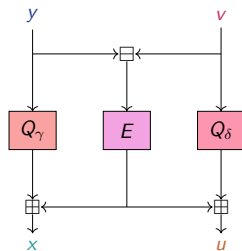
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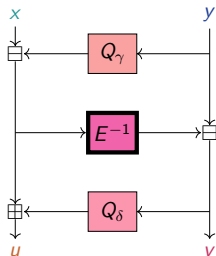


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- ★ High Degree Evaluation.

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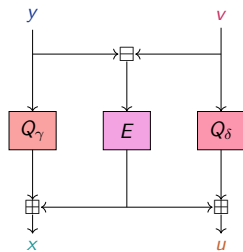
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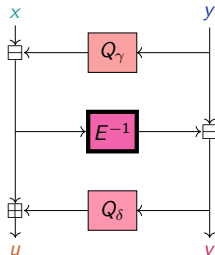
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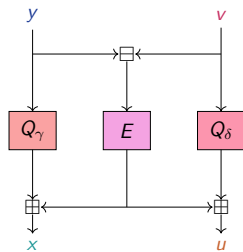
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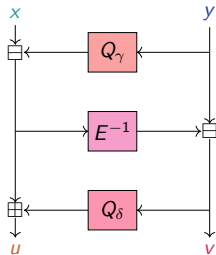
# Advantage of CCZ-equivalence

- ★ High Degree Evaluation.
- ★ Low Cost Verification.

$$(u, v) == \mathcal{H}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow (x, u) == \mathcal{V}(y, v)$$

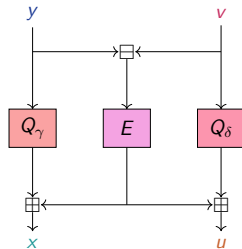
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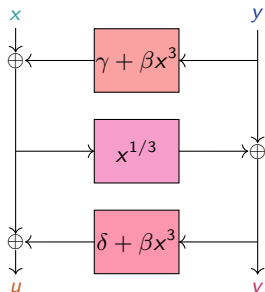
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# Flystel in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$

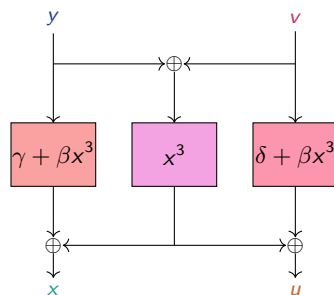
$$Q_\gamma(x) = \gamma + \beta x^3, \quad Q_\delta(x) = \delta + \beta x^3, \quad E(x) = x^3$$

$$\mathcal{H} : \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \times \mathbb{F}_{2^n} & \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \times \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \\ (x, y) & \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x + \beta y^3 + \gamma + \beta (y + (x + \beta y^3 + \gamma)^{1/3})^3 + \delta, \\ y + (x + \beta y^3 - \gamma)^{1/3} \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{V} : \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \times \mathbb{F}_{2^n} & \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \times \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \\ (x, y) & \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} (y + v)^3 + \beta y^3 + \gamma, \\ (y + v)^3 + \beta v^3 + \delta \end{pmatrix}, \end{cases}$$

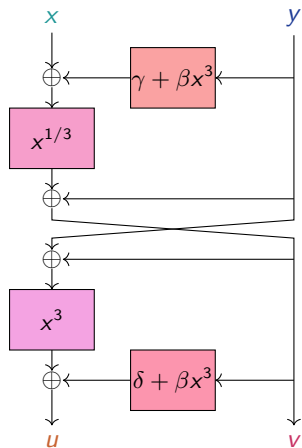


Open Flystel<sub>2</sub>.



Closed Flystel<sub>2</sub>.

# Properties of Flystel in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$



*Degenerated Butterfly.*

First introduced by [Perrin et al. 2016].

Well-studied butterfly.

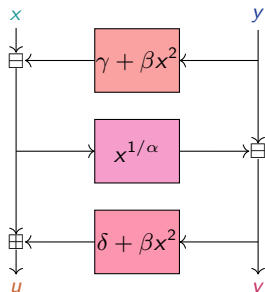
Theorems in [Li et al. 2018] state that if  $\beta \neq 0$ :

- ★ Differential properties
  - ★ Flystel<sub>2</sub>:  $\delta_{\mathcal{H}} = \delta_{\mathcal{V}} = 4$
- ★ Linear properties
  - ★ Flystel<sub>2</sub>:  $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{H}} = \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{V}} = 2^{n+1}$
- ★ Algebraic degree
  - ★ Open Flystel<sub>2</sub>:  $\deg_{\mathcal{H}} = n$
  - ★ Closed Flystel<sub>2</sub>:  $\deg_{\mathcal{V}} = 2$

# Flystel in $\mathbb{F}_p$

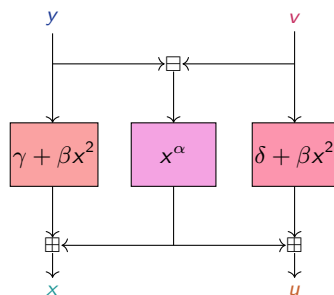
$$Q_\gamma(x) = \gamma + \beta x^2, \quad Q_\delta(x) = \delta + \beta x^2, \quad E(x) = x^\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{H}: \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p \\ (x, y) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x - \beta y^2 - \gamma + \beta (y - (x - \beta y^2 - \gamma)^{1/\alpha})^2 + \delta \\ y - (x - \beta y^2 - \gamma)^{1/\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}, \quad \mathcal{V}: \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p \\ (y, v) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} (y - v)^\alpha + \beta y^2 + \gamma \\ (v - y)^\alpha + \beta v^2 + \delta \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}.$$



Open Flystel<sub>p</sub>.

usually  
 $\alpha = 3$  or  $5$ .



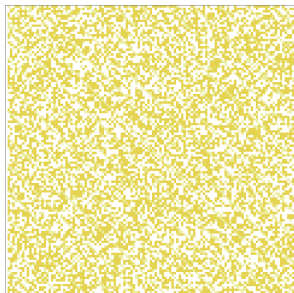
Closed Flystel<sub>p</sub>.

# Properties of Flystel in $\mathbb{F}_p$

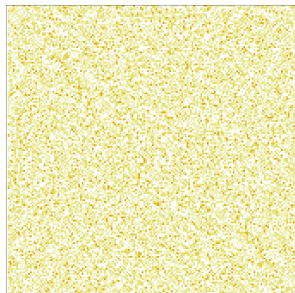
★ Differential properties

Flystel<sub>p</sub> has a differential uniformity equals to  $\alpha - 1$ .

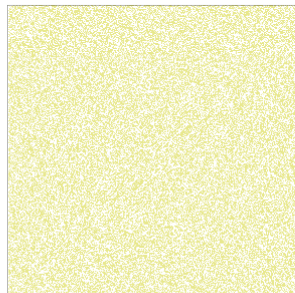
$$\delta_{\mathcal{H}} = \max_{a \neq 0, b} |\{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^2, \mathcal{H}(x + a) - \mathcal{H}(x) = b\}| = \alpha - 1$$



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(b) when  $p = 13$  and  $\alpha = 5$ .



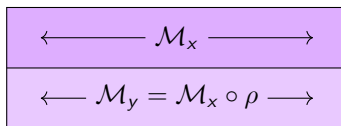
(c) when  $p = 17$  and  $\alpha = 3$ .

# The SPN (Substitution-Permutation Network) Structure

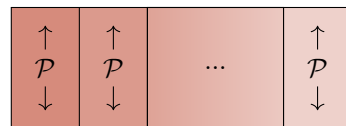
The internal state of Anemoi and its basic operations.

$x_0$	$x_1$	...	$x_{\ell-1}$
$y_0$	$y_1$	...	$y_{\ell-1}$

(a) Internal state



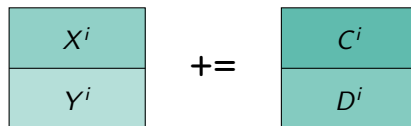
(b) The diffusion layer  $\mathcal{M}$ .



(c) The PHT  $\mathcal{P}$ .



(d) The S-box layer  $\mathcal{S}$ .



(e) The constant addition  $\mathcal{A}$ .



# SPN - mathematical point of view

Let

$$X = (x_0 \ x_1 \ \dots \ x_{\ell-1}) \text{ and } Y = (y_0 \ y_1 \ \dots \ y_{\ell-1}) \text{ with } x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{F}_q.$$

Internal state of Anemoi:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Addition of constants and the linear layer:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} XM_x \\ YM_y \end{pmatrix}.$$

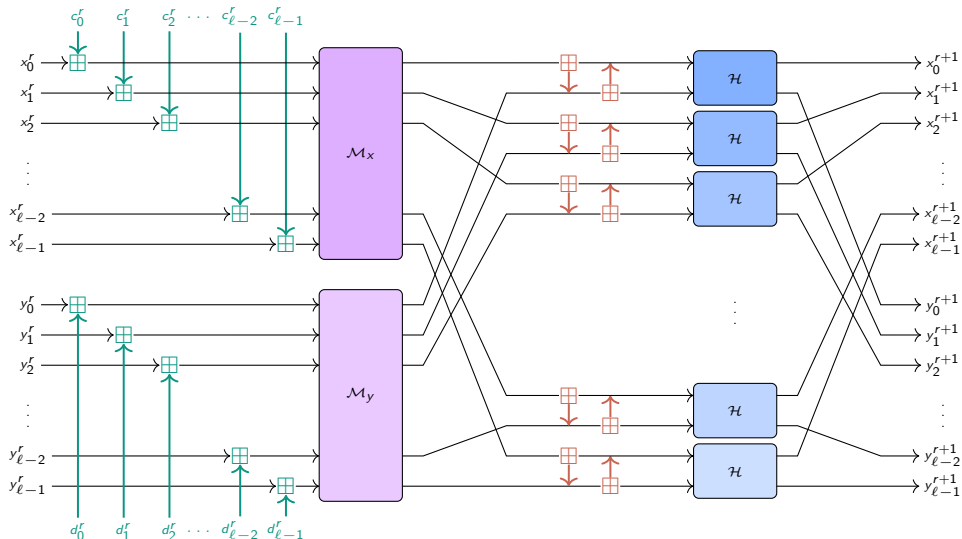
The Pseudo Hadamard Transform:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto ( {}^t\mathcal{P}(x_0, y_0) \ \dots \ {}^t\mathcal{P}(x_{\ell-1}, y_{\ell-1}) ) \quad \text{where } \mathcal{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

And the S-Box layer:

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# The SPN Structure



## Some Benchmarks

	$m$	$RP$	POSEIDON	GRIFFIN	Anemoi
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	4	224	232	112	<b>96</b>
	6	216	264	-	<b>120</b>
	8	256	296	176	<b>160</b>
Plonk	2	312	380	-	<b>189</b>
	4	560	1336	<b>260</b>	308
	6	756	3024	-	<b>444</b>
	8	1152	5448	<b>574</b>	624
AIR	2	156	300	-	<b>126</b>
	4	<b>168</b>	348	<b>168</b>	<b>168</b>
	6	<b>162</b>	396	-	216
	8	<b>192</b>	480	264	288

(a) when  $\alpha = 3$ 

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R1CS	2	240	216	-	<b>95</b>
	4	264	264	<b>110</b>	120
	6	288	315	-	<b>150</b>
	8	384	363	<b>162</b>	200
Plonk	2	320	344	-	<b>210</b>
	4	528	1032	<b>222</b>	336
	6	768	2265	-	<b>480</b>
	8	1280	4003	<b>492</b>	672
AIR	2	<b>200</b>	360	-	210
	4	<b>220</b>	440	<b>220</b>	280
	6	<b>240</b>	540	-	360
	8	<b>320</b>	640	360	480

(b) when  $\alpha = 5$ 

Constraint comparison for Rescue-Prime, POSEIDON, GRIFFIN and Anemoi ( $s = 128$ )  
for standard arithmetization, without optimization.

# Take-Away

## Anemoi

- ★ A new family of ZK-friendly hash functions
- ★ Contributions of fundamental interest:
  - ★ New S-box: **Flystel**
- ★ Identify a link between AO and **CCZ-equivalence**

Joint work with Pierre Briaud, Pyrros Chaidos, Léo Perrin, Robin Salen, Vesselin Velichkov and Danny Willems

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# Futur work

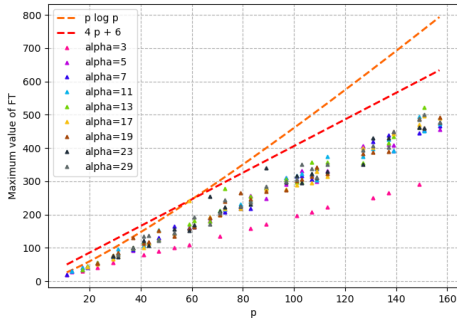
## Some open problems

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- ★ ...

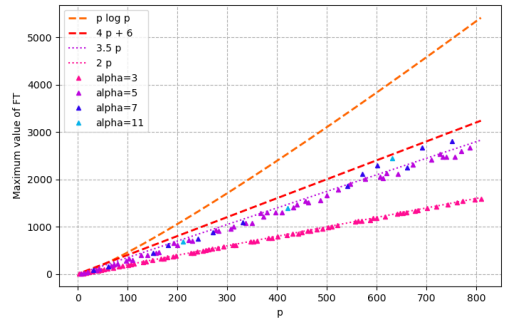
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(a) For different  $\alpha$ .



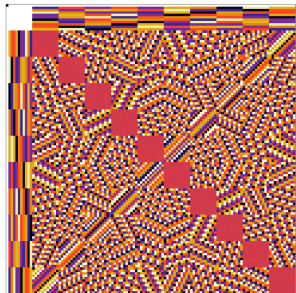
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Conjecture for the linearity.

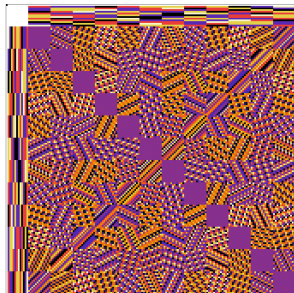
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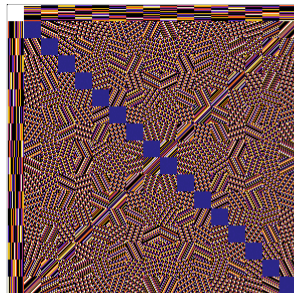
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Cryptanalysis and designing of arithmetization-oriented primitives remain to be explored!

*Thanks for your attention!*

