

# Butterfly Constructions: From Boolean Foundations to Remaining Challenges over Prime Fields.

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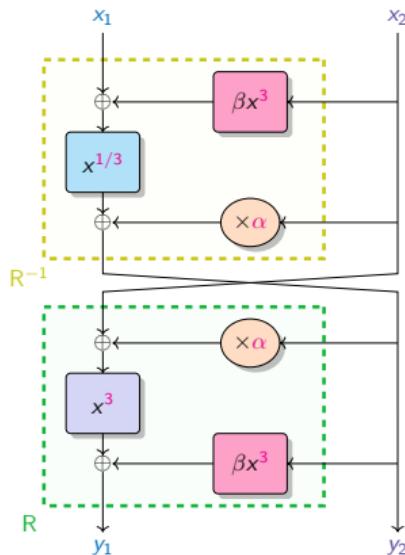
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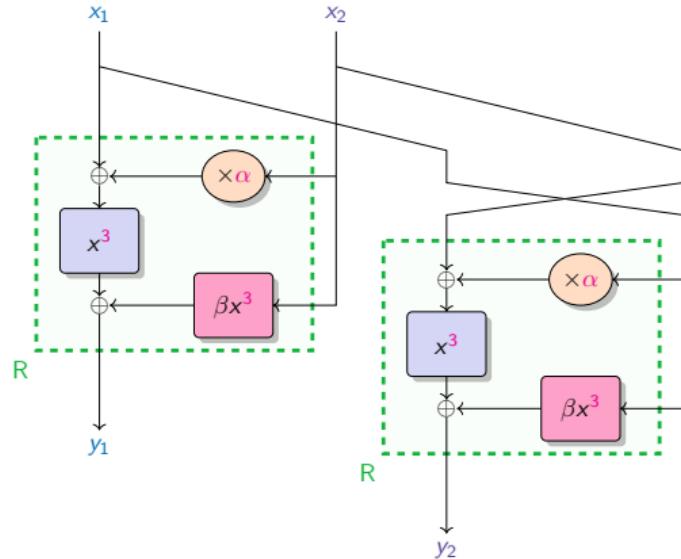
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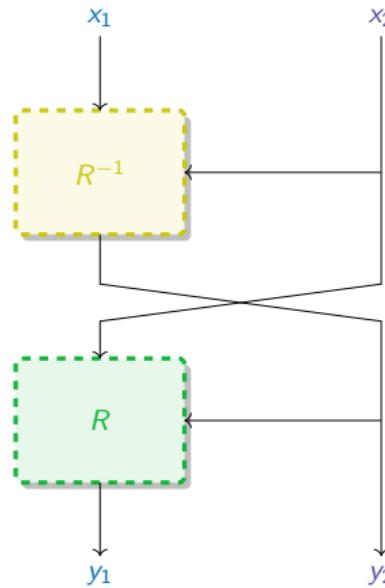
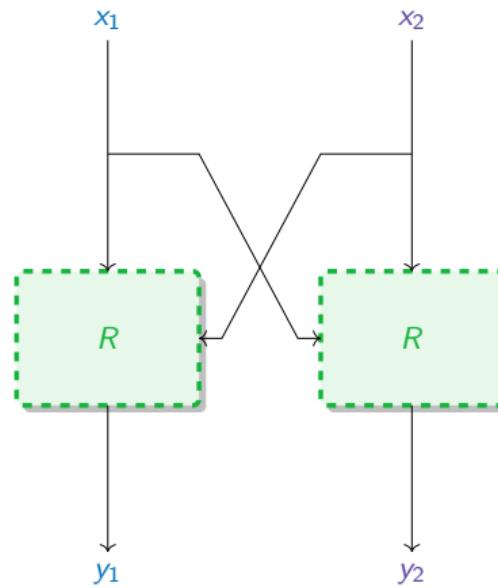


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## APN (Almost Perfect Non-linear) functions

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- ★ If  $F : x \mapsto Lx + c$ , then

$$\mathcal{W}_F = 2^n \quad \text{and} \quad C_F = 1.$$

- ★ If  $F : x \mapsto x^{-1}$ , with  $n$  even, then

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## Definition [Carlet, Charpin and Zinoviev, 1998]

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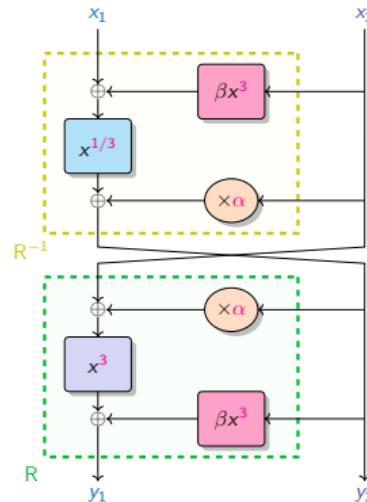
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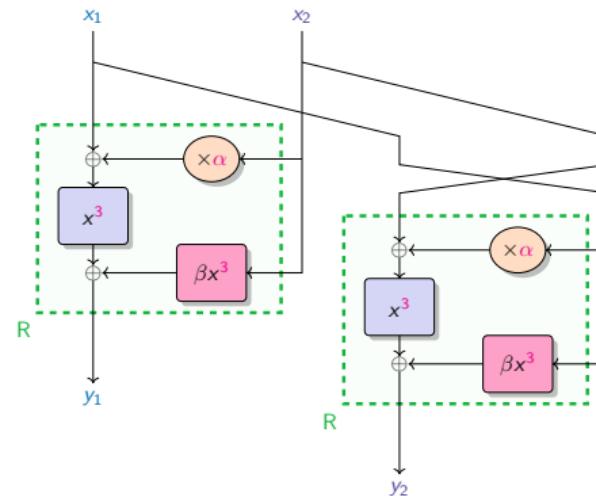
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## Take-away

- ★ Butterfly introduced over binary fields
- ★ Structure of APN permutations on an even number of bits
- ★ 2 variants of the construction: Open and Closed
- ★ An example of CCZ-equivalent functions
- ★ Same differential and linear properties for the 2 variants

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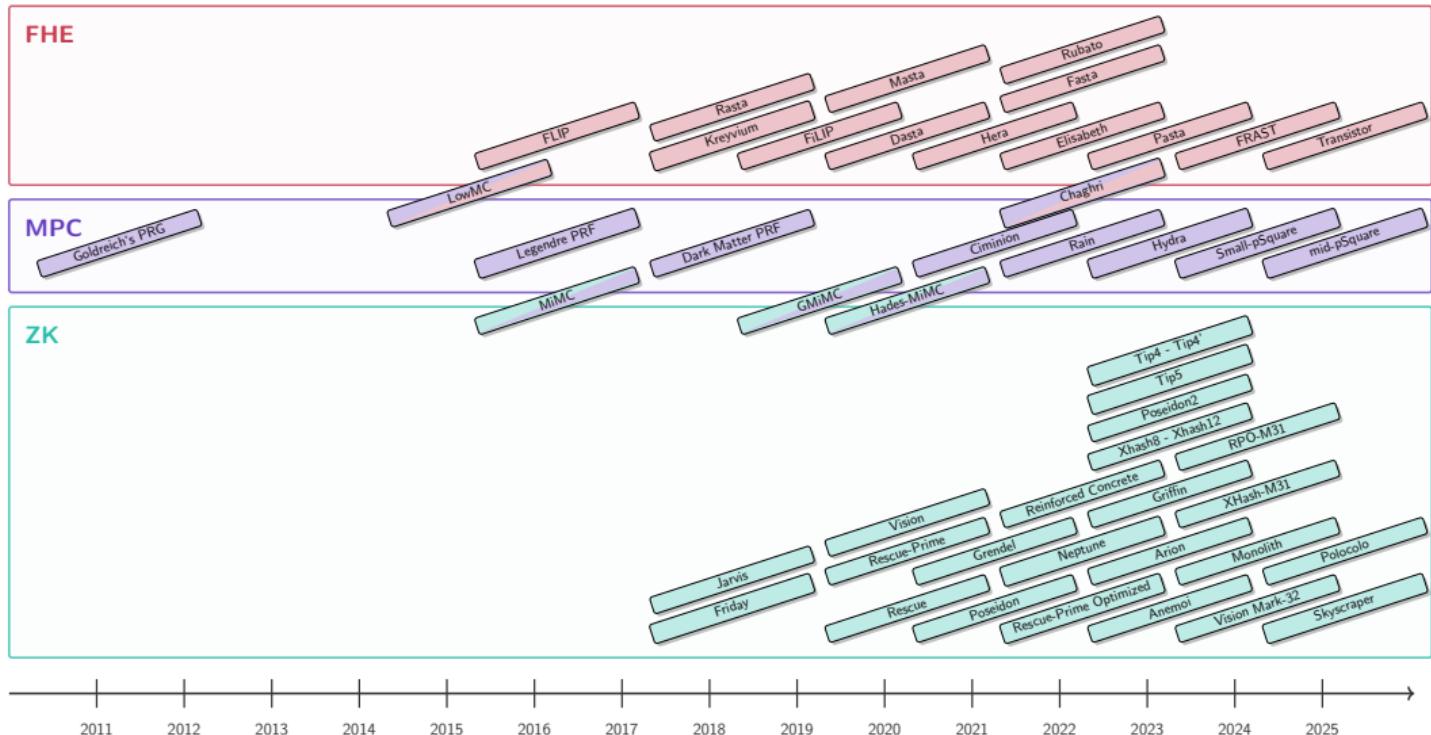
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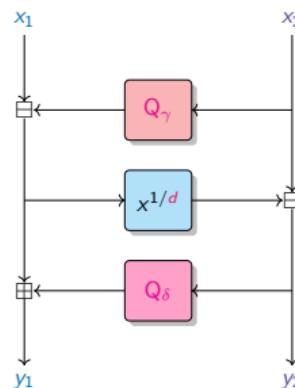
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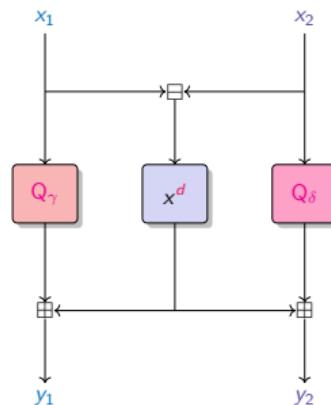
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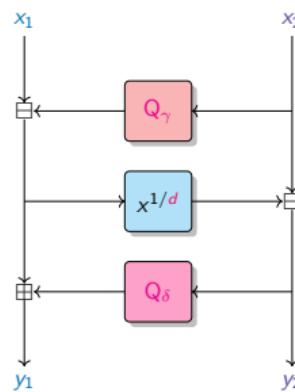
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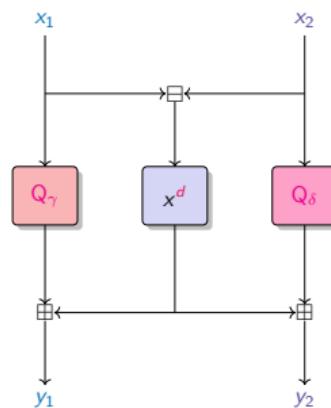
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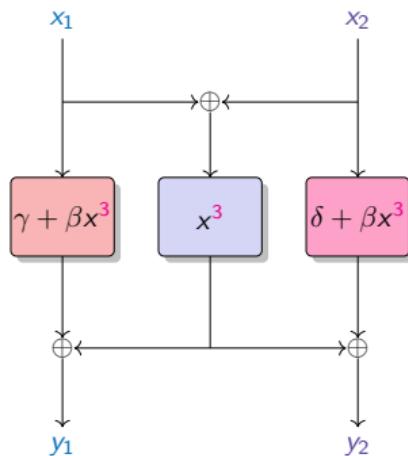
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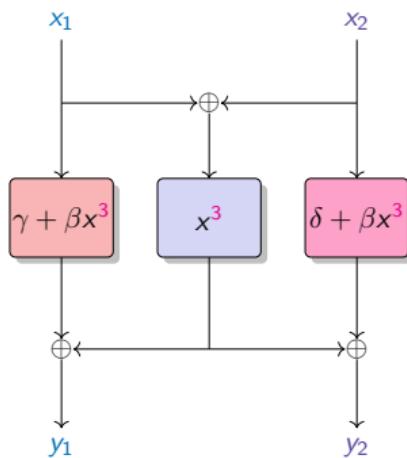


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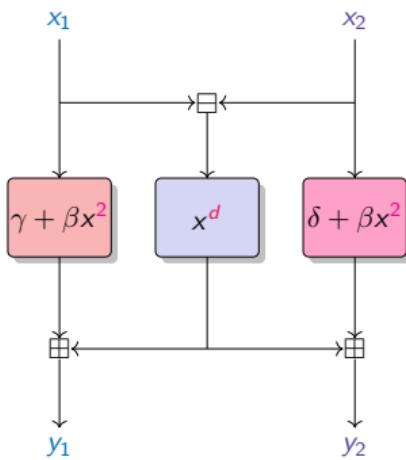
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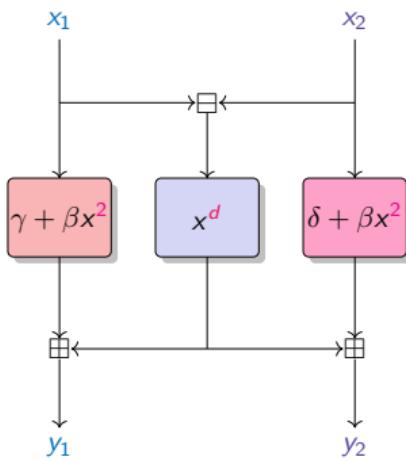
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How to determine an accurate bound for the linearity of the Closed Flystel in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ?

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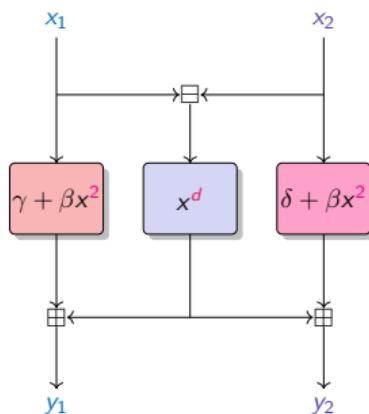
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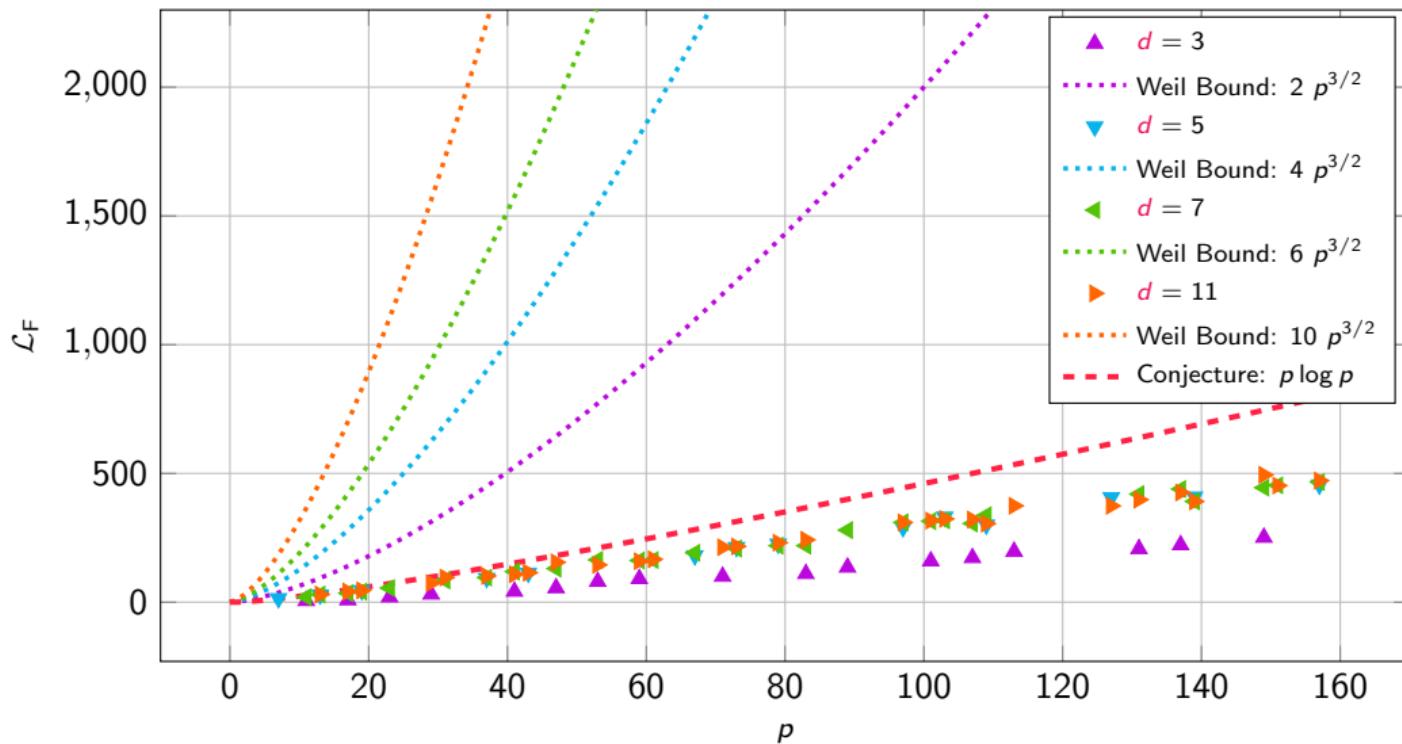
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$$\mathcal{L}_F \leq (d-1)p\sqrt{p} ? \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma + \beta x^2} \leq \sqrt{p} , \\ \mathcal{L}_{x^d} \leq (d-1)\sqrt{p} , \\ \mathcal{L}_{\delta + \beta x^2} \leq \sqrt{p} . \end{cases}$$

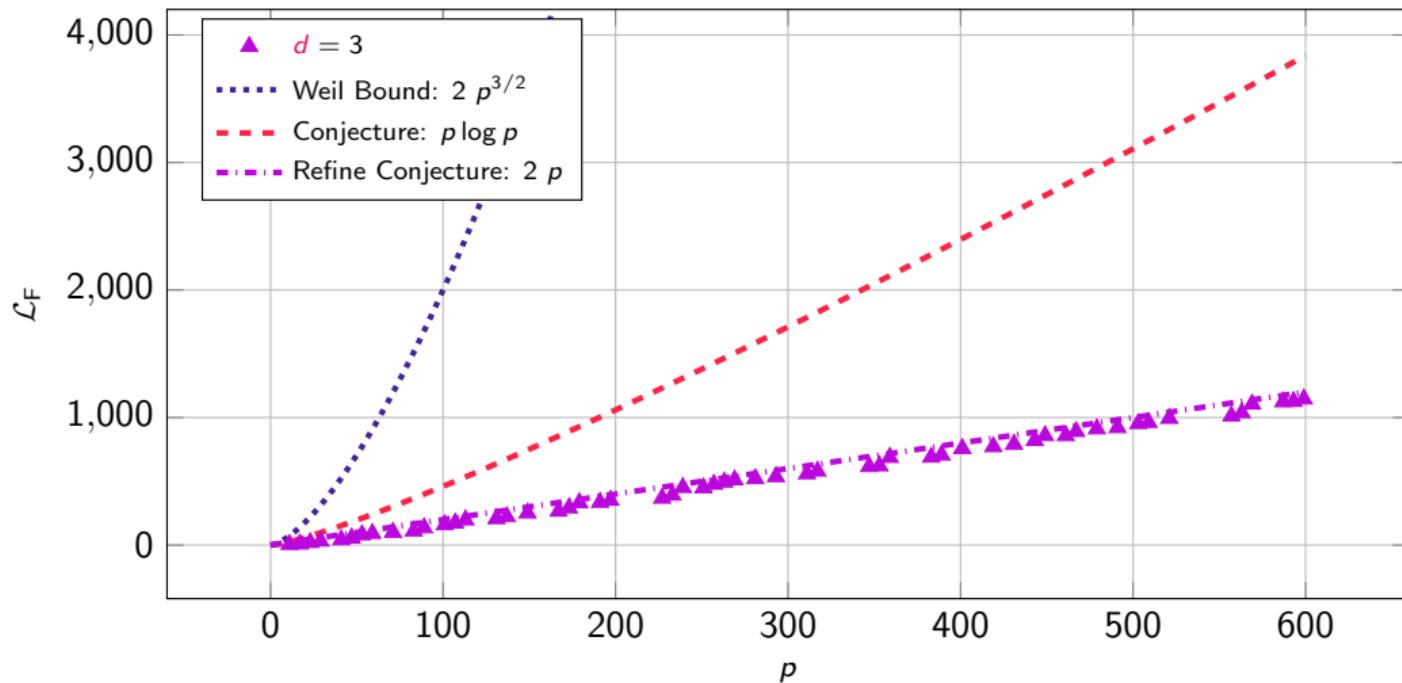
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$$\mathcal{L}_F = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^2} e\left(\frac{2i\pi}{p}(\langle v, F(x) \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle)\right) \leq p \log p$$

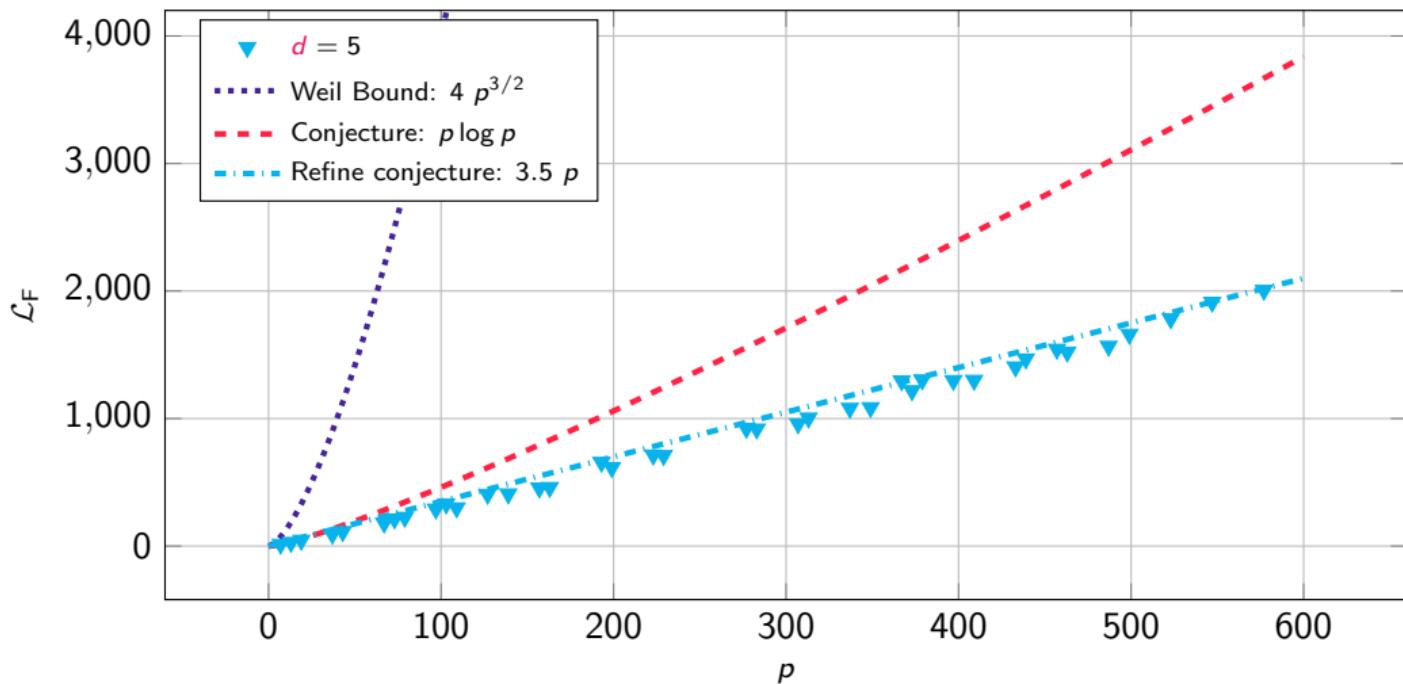
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### This Talk:

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- ★  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field s.t.  $q$  is a power of a prime  $p$ .
- ★ Functions with 2 variables  $F \in \mathbb{F}_q[\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2]$ .

# Generalizations of Weil bound

[Beyne and Bouvier, 2024]

## ★ Deligne bound

★ Application to the **Generalized Butterfly** construction

## ★ Denef and Loeser bound

★ Application to **3-round Feistel** construction

## ★ Rojas-León bound

★ Application to the **Generalized Flystel** construction

## Smoothness

## Definition

Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . A hypersurface defined by  $f = 0$  is **smooth**, if the system

$$f = \partial f / \partial \textcolor{blue}{x}_1 = \dots = \partial f / \partial \textcolor{violet}{x}_n = 0$$

has no non zero solutions.

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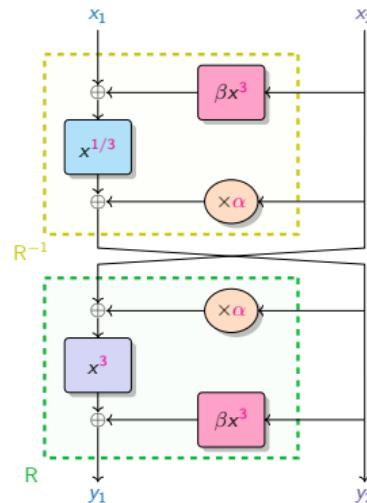
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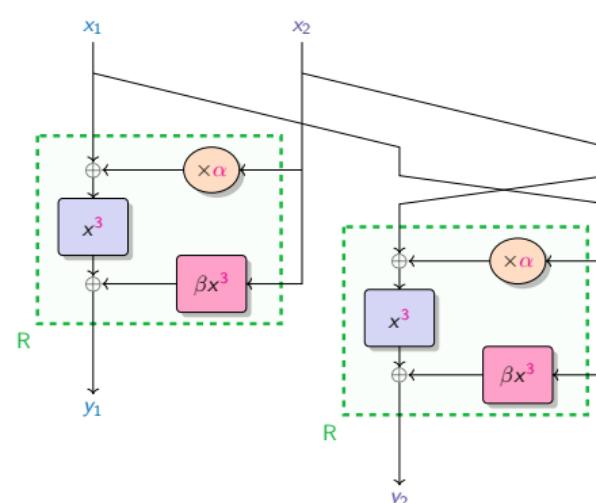
## Butterfly - Definition

Introduced by [Perrin, Udovenko and Biryukov, 2016] over binary fields,  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^2$ ,  $n$  odd.



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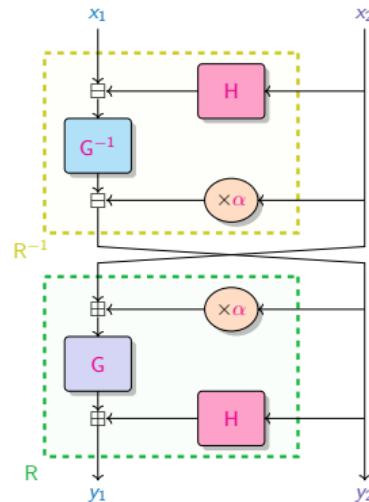


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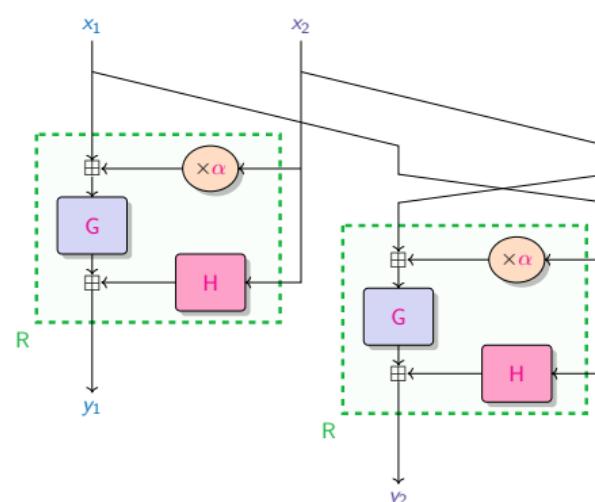
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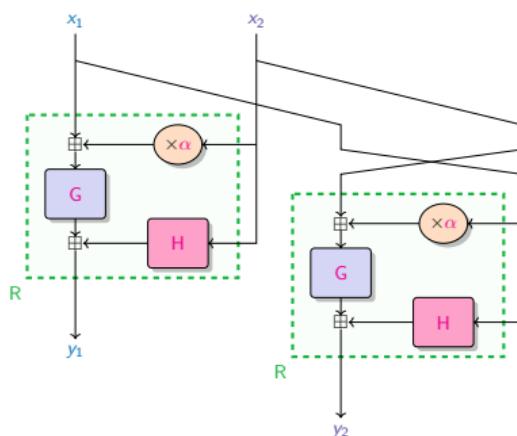
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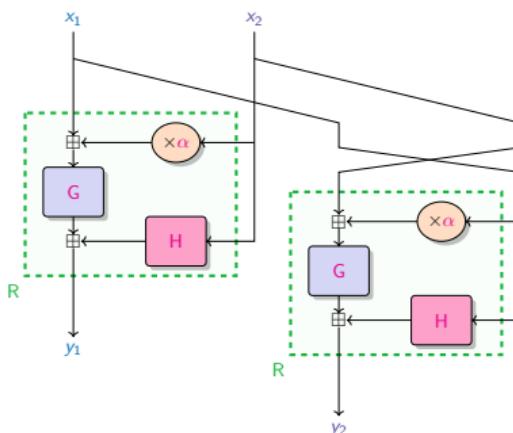


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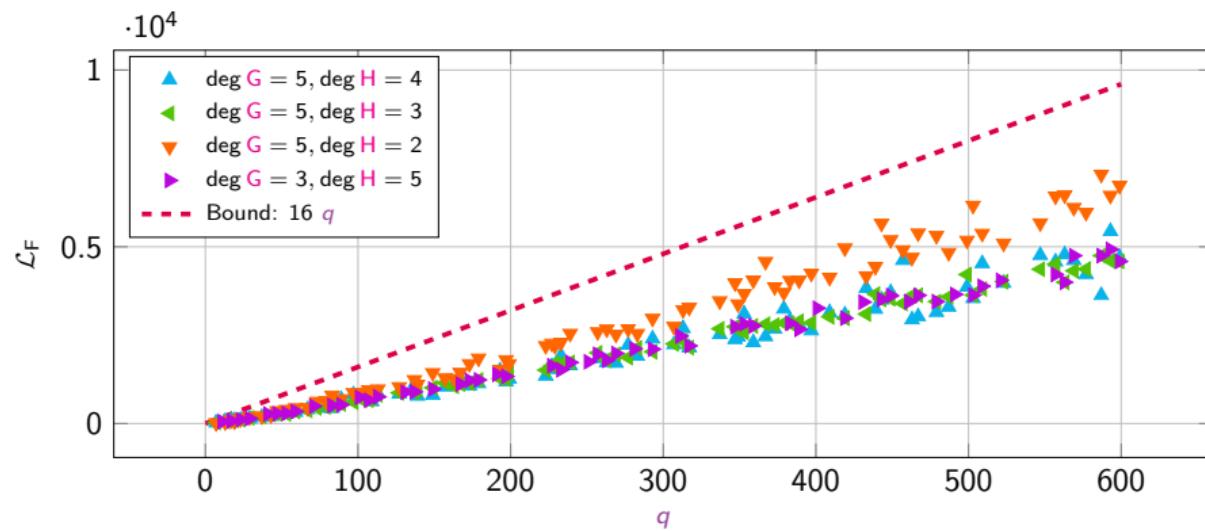
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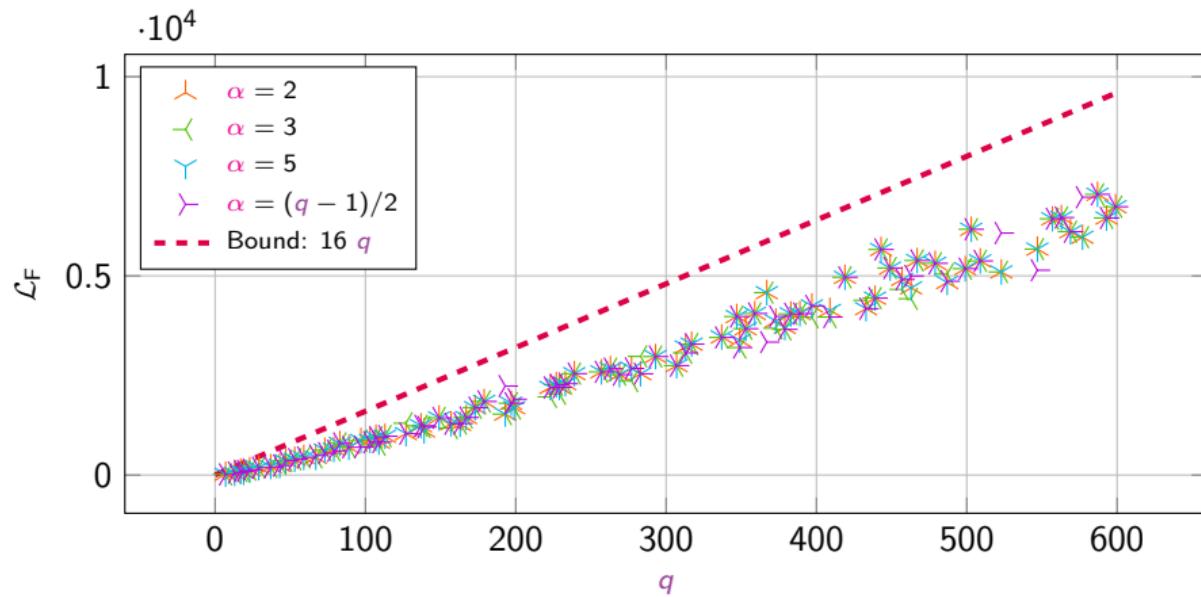
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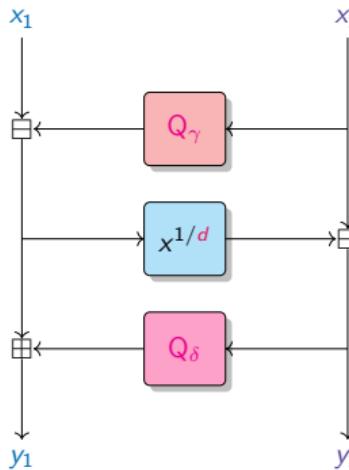
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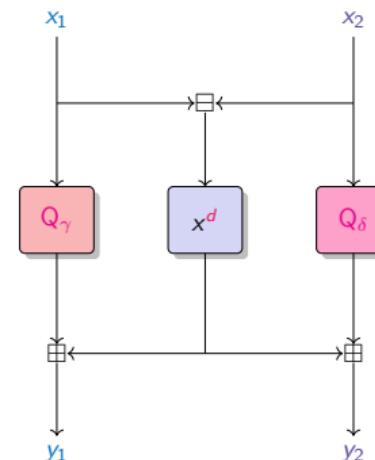
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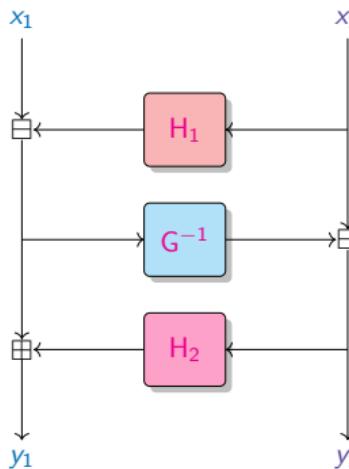


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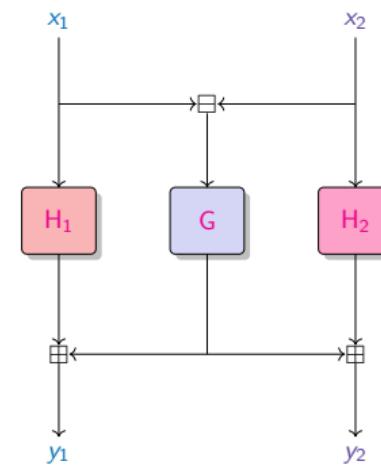
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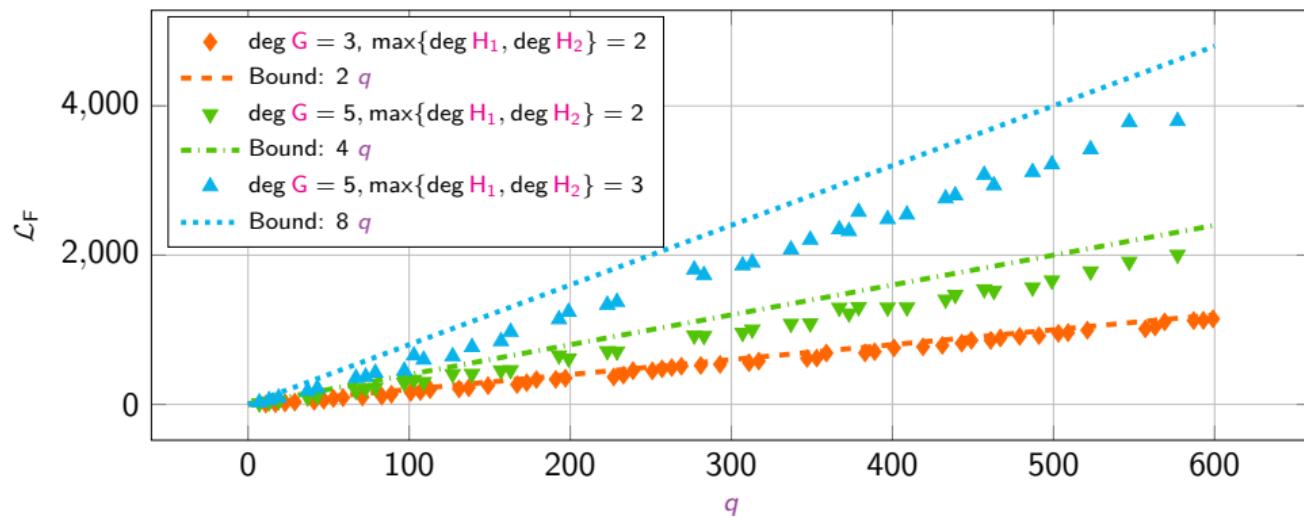
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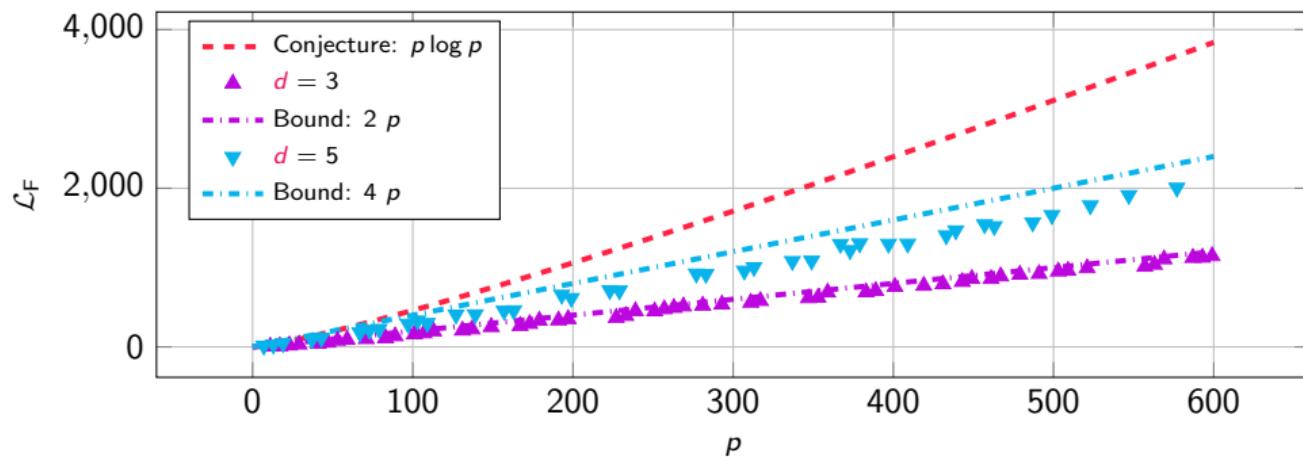


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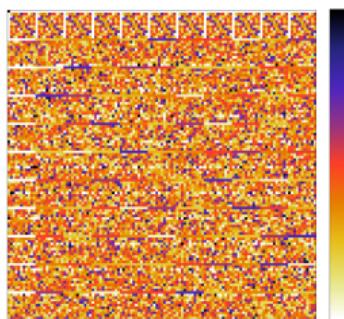
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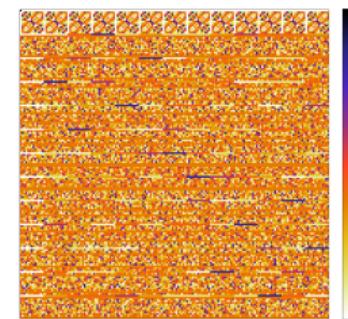
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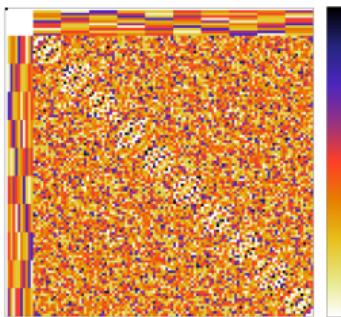
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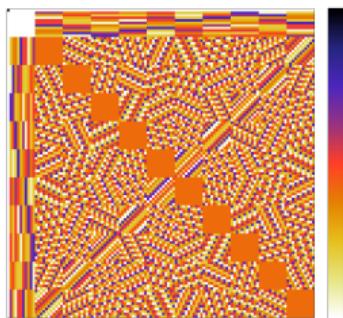
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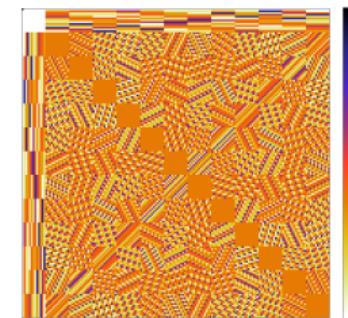
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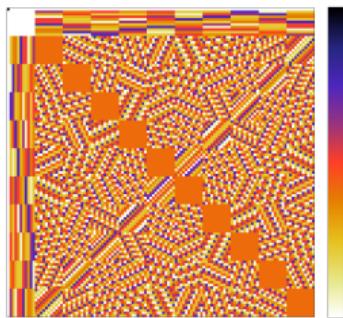
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