On the Security of Some Cryptosystems Based on Gabidulin Codes

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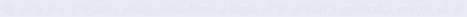
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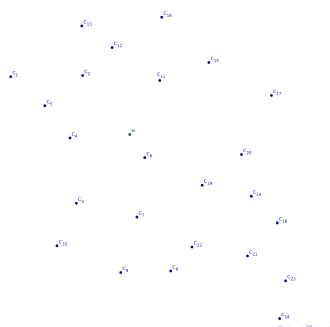
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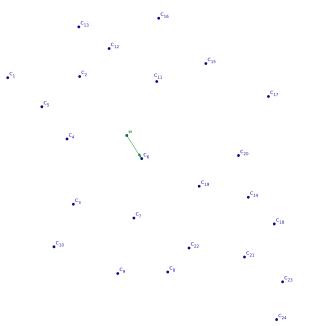
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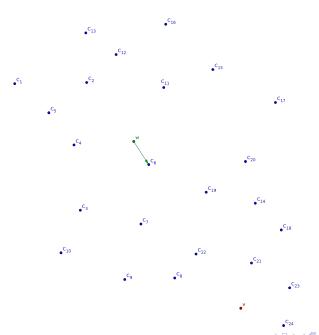


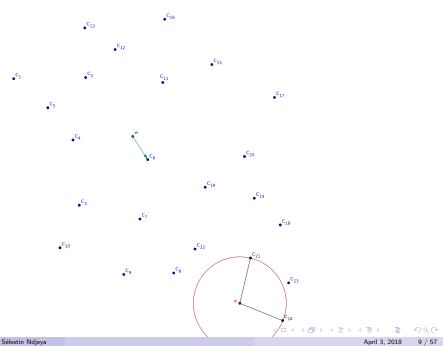




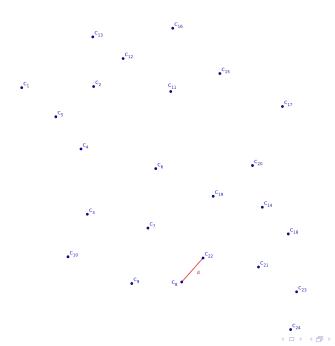


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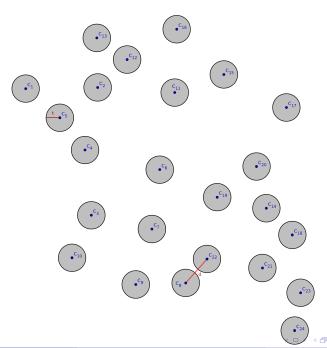




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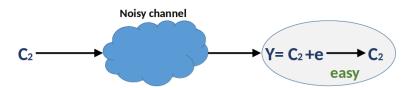
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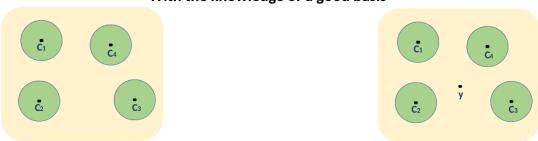


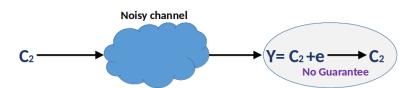
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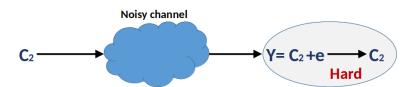
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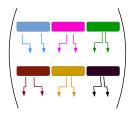
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$$\left\|\vec{x}\,\pmb{T}\right\|_q = \left\|\vec{x}\right\|_q$$



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m	k	t	$t_{ m pub}$	Temps (second)
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New masking for Gabidulin codes: P. Loidreau '16

- ullet $\mathscr{V}\subset \mathbb{F}_{q^m}$ a \mathbb{F}_q- vector space
- $d = \dim_{\mathbb{F}_a} (\mathscr{V}) \geqslant 3$
- Choose

$$P \in \mathsf{GL}_n(\mathscr{V})$$
 and $G_{\mathrm{pub}} = SGP^{-1}$

$$\to t_{\rm pub} = \frac{n-k}{2d}$$