

# Design and Cryptanalysis of Arithmetization-Oriented Primitives.



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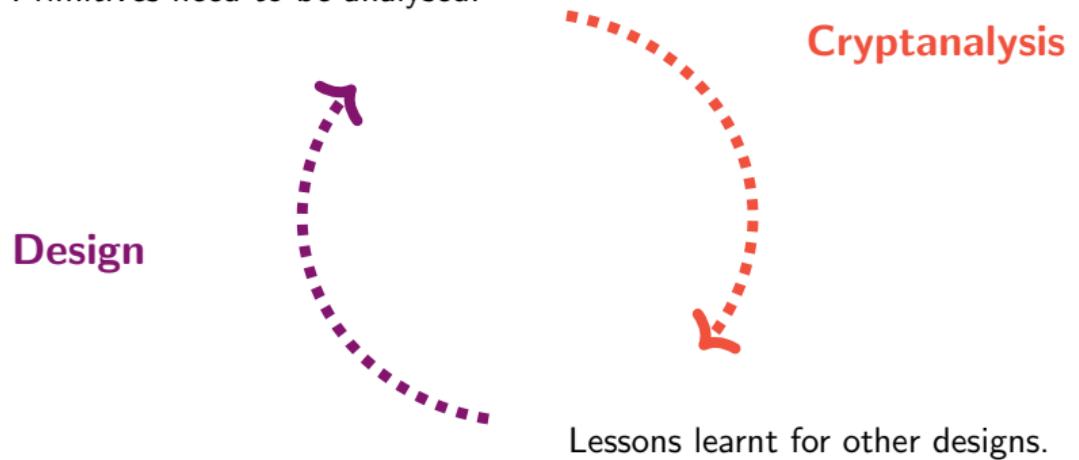
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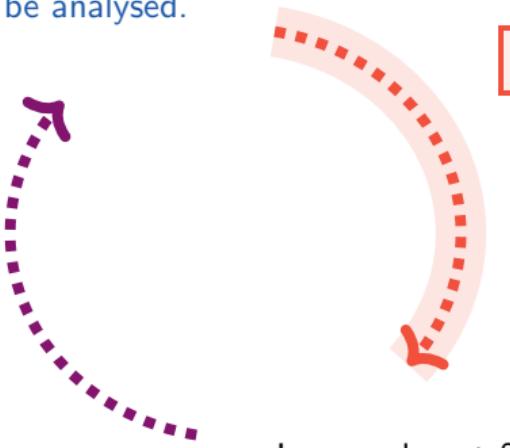
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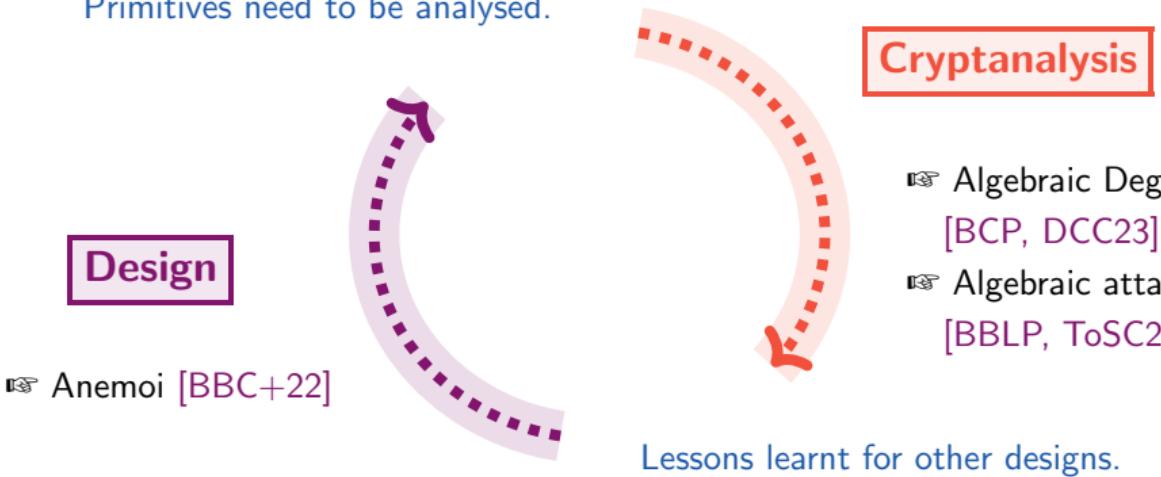
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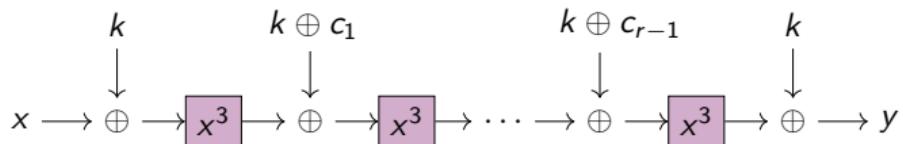
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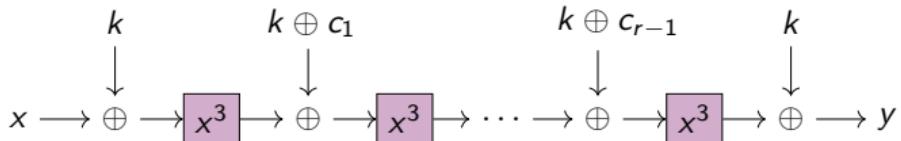
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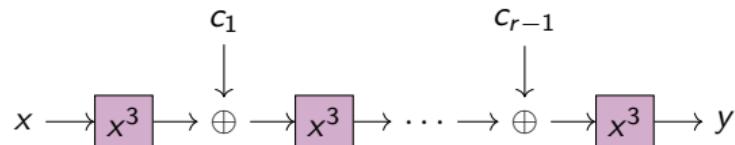
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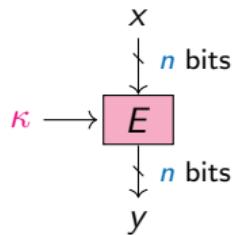
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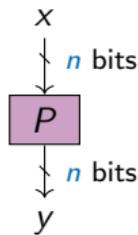
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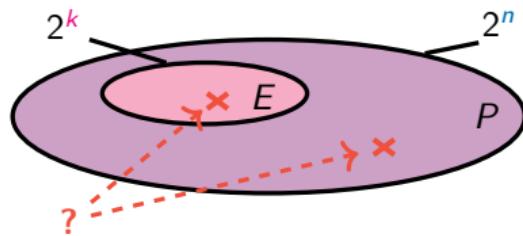
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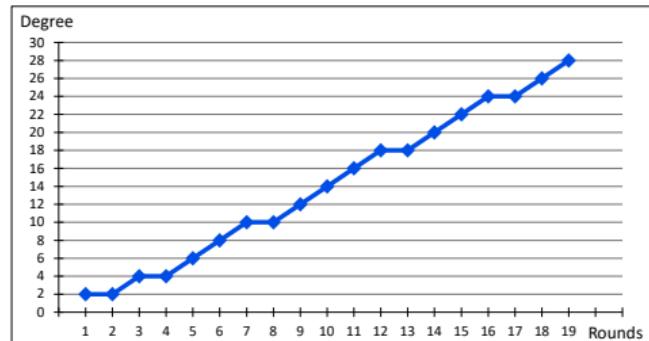
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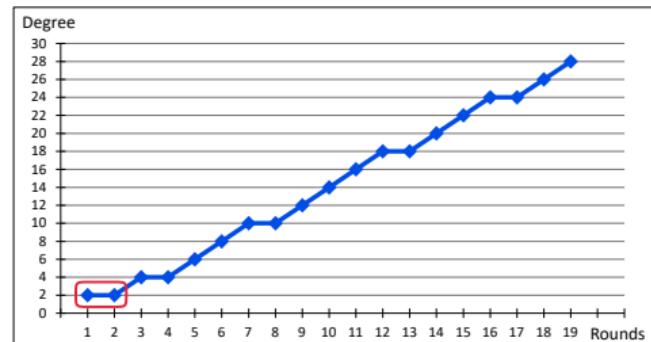
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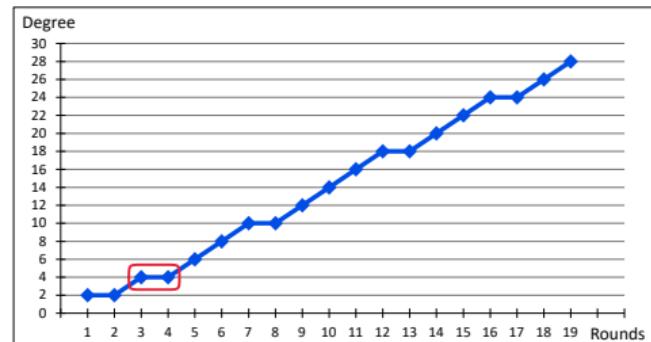
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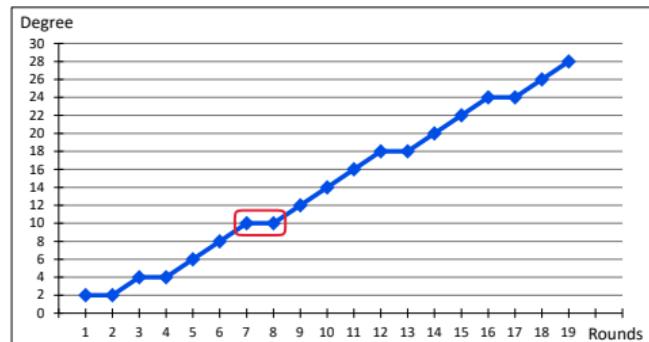
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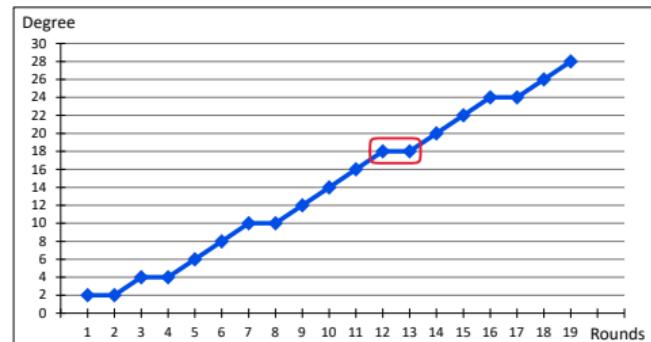
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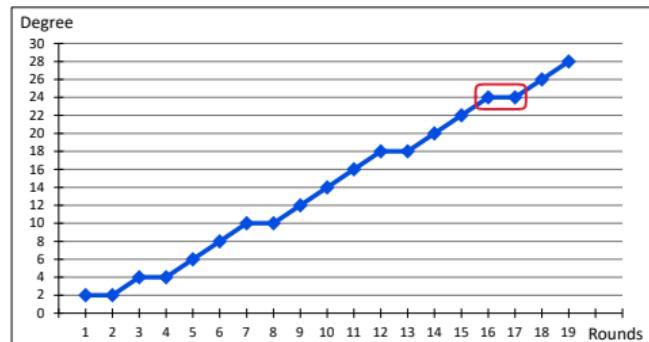
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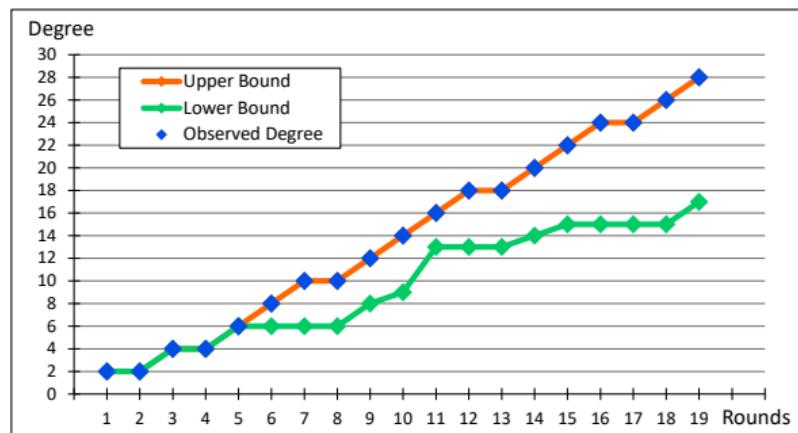
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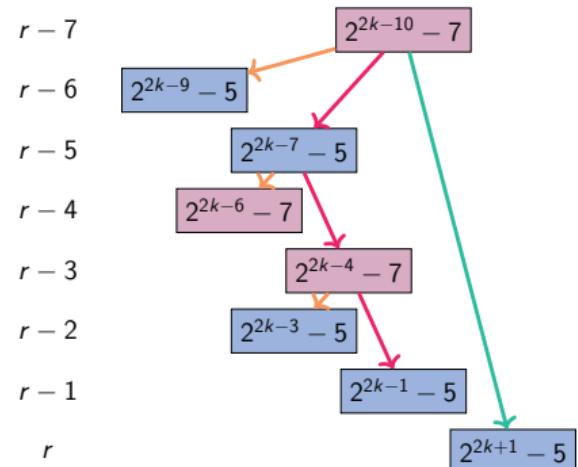
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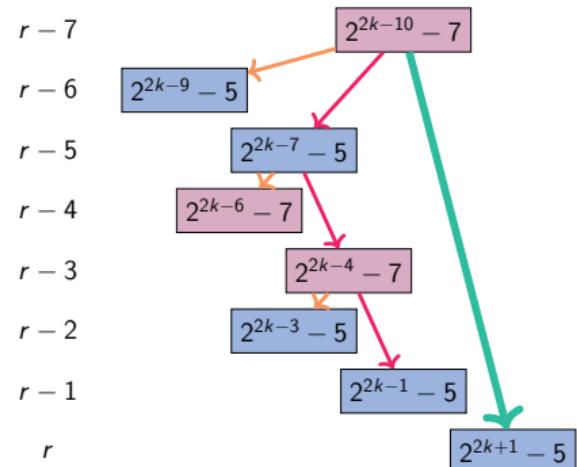
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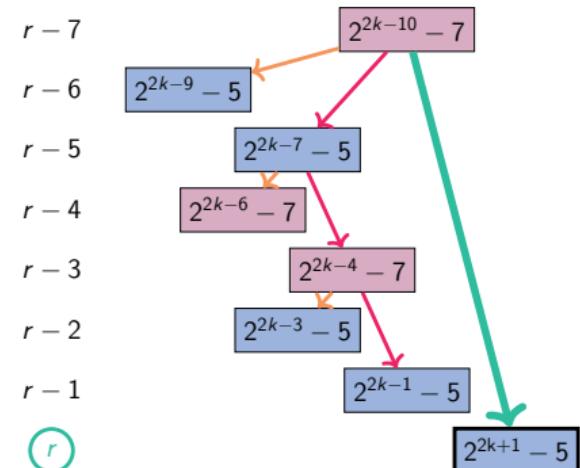
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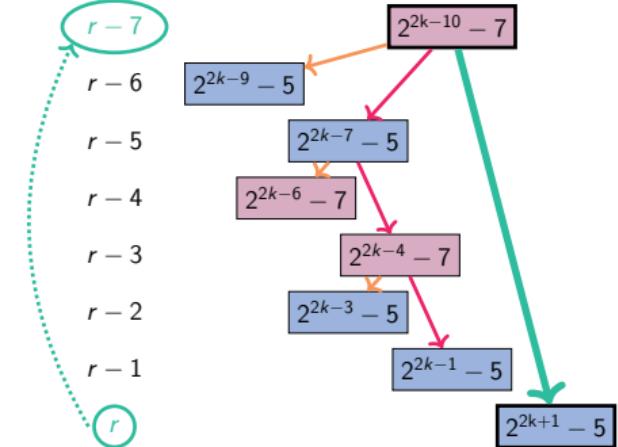
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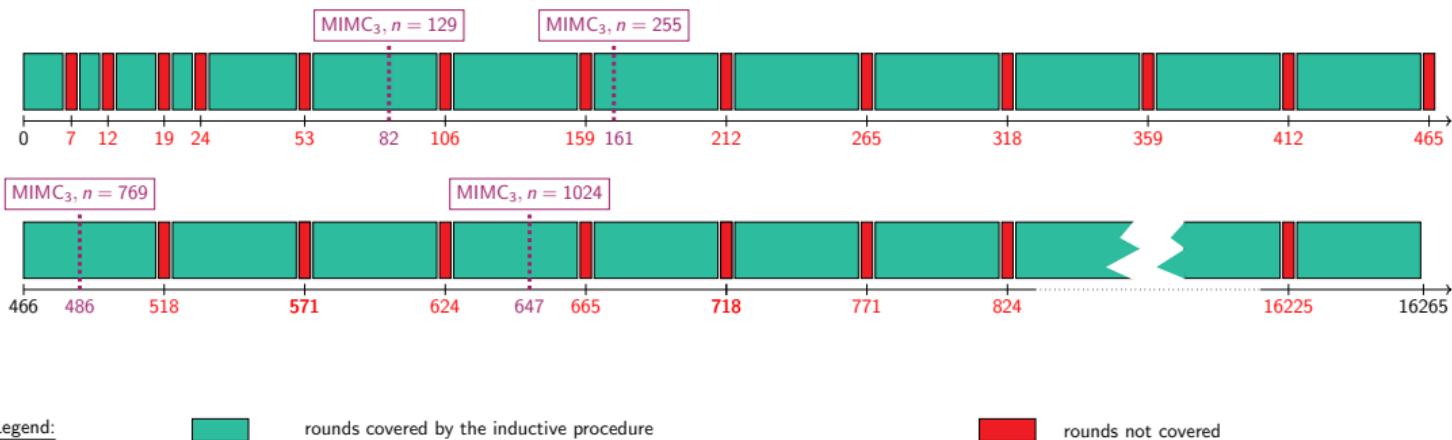
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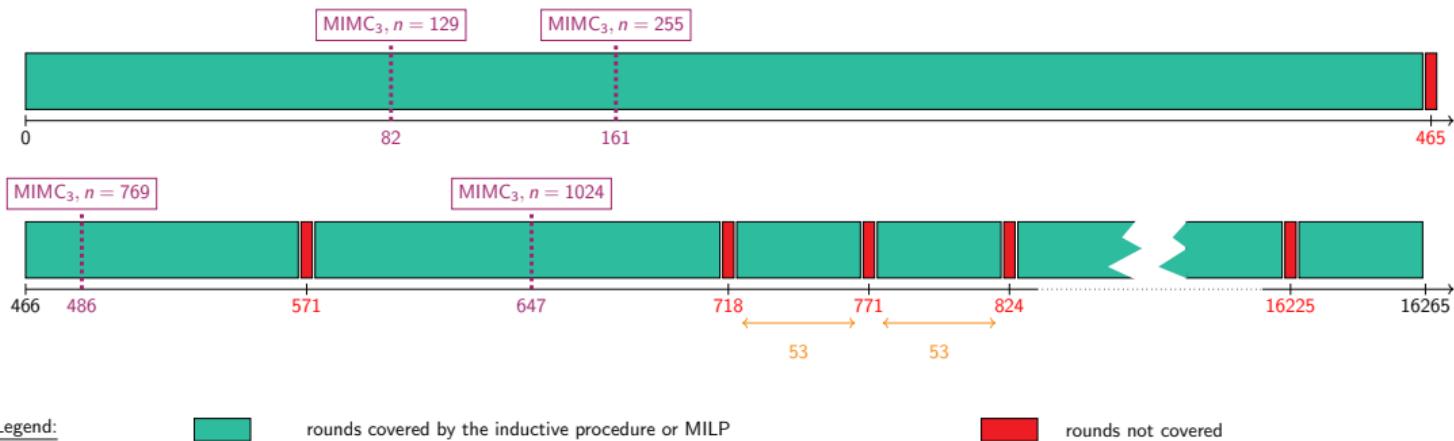


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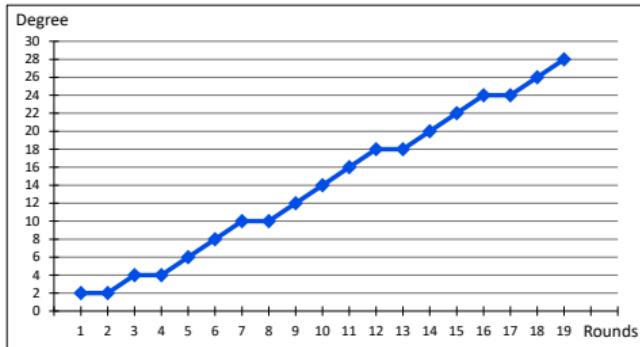
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If we have a plateau

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Then the next one is

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

♪ Patterns in sequence  $(k_r)_{r>0}$ :

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

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

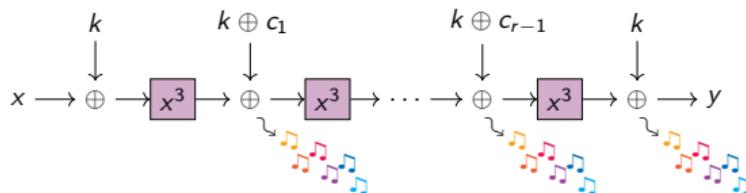
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♪ Music theory:

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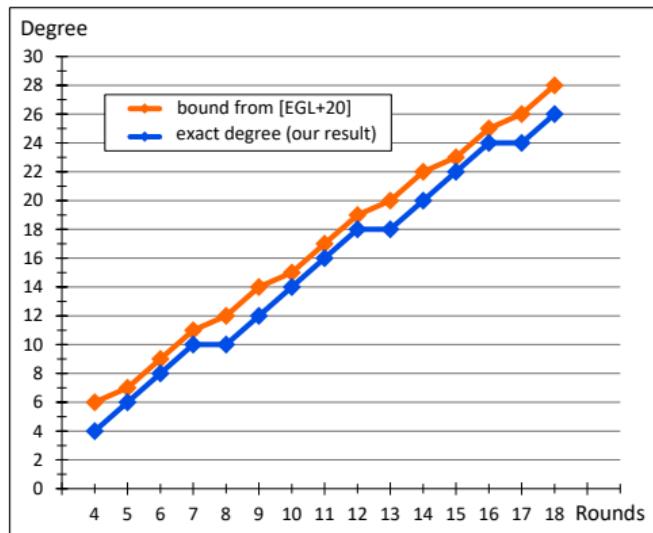
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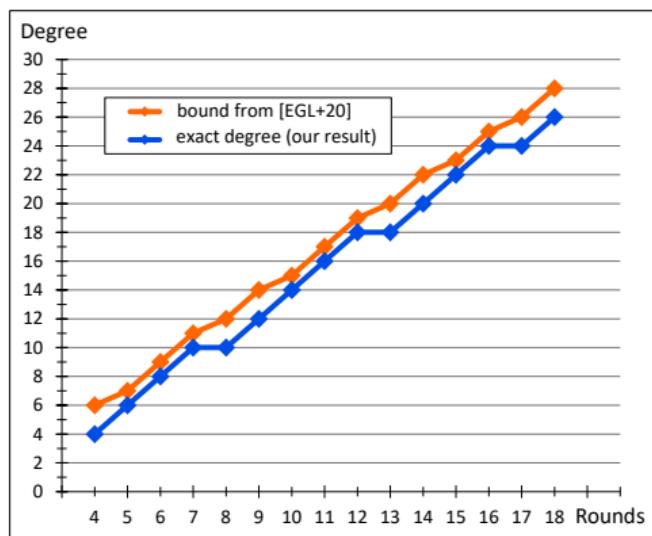
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*Secret-key distinguishers ( $n = 129$ )*

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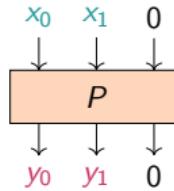
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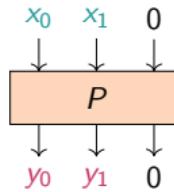
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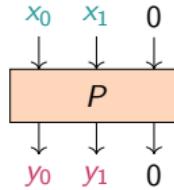
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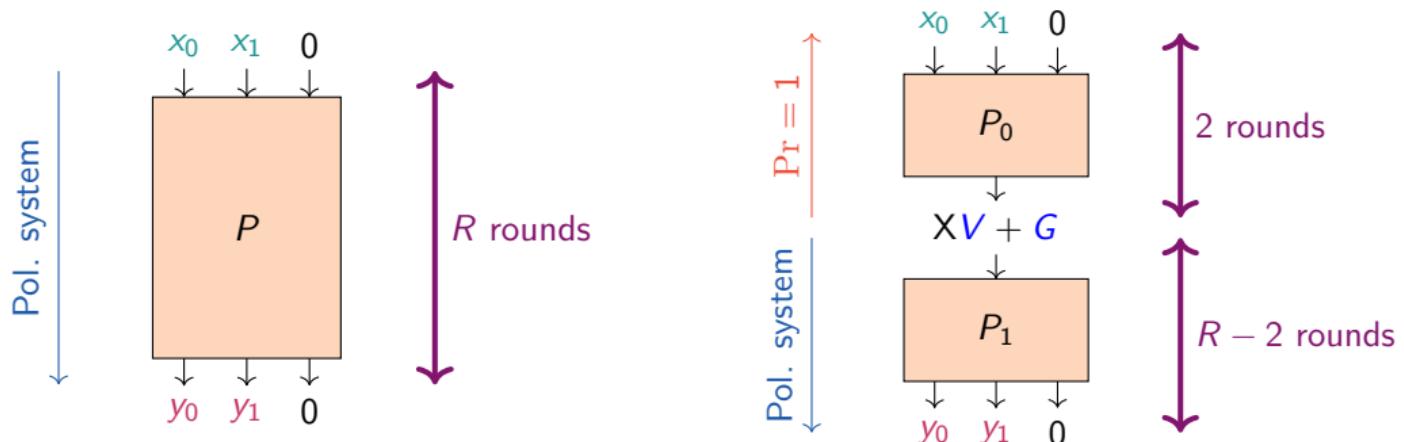
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Approach used against POSEIDON and Rescue-Prime

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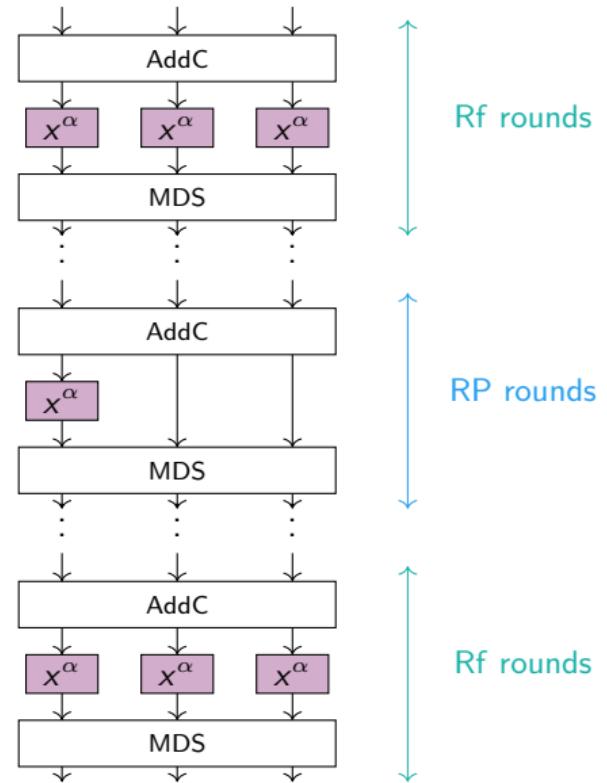
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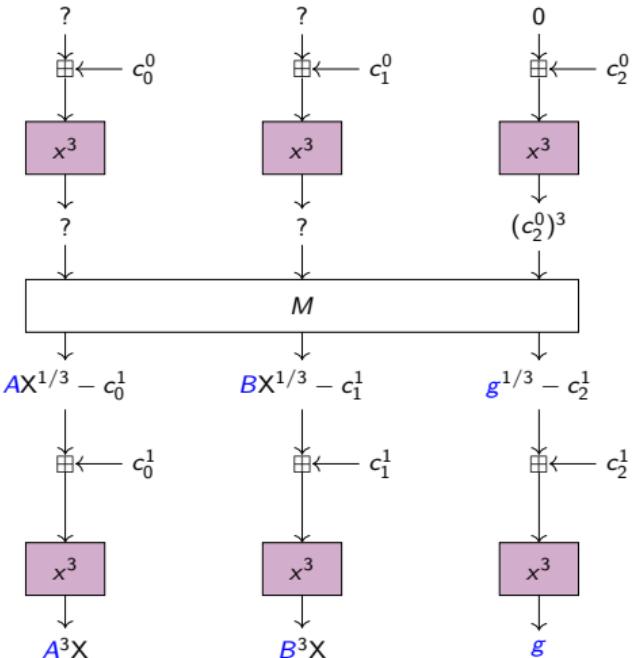
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$R$	Designers claims	Ethereum estimations	$d$	complexity
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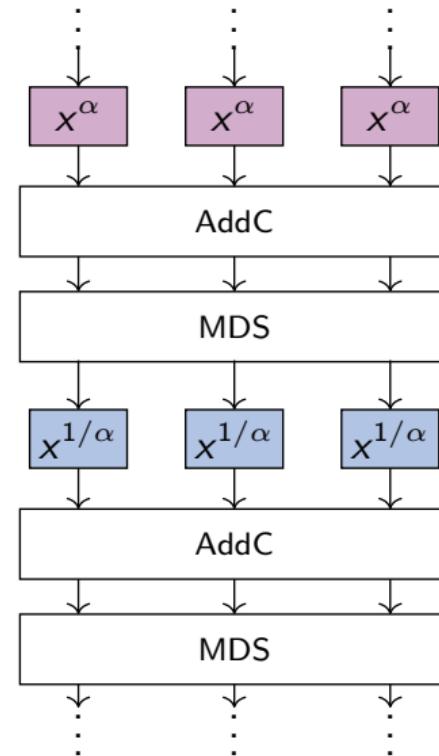
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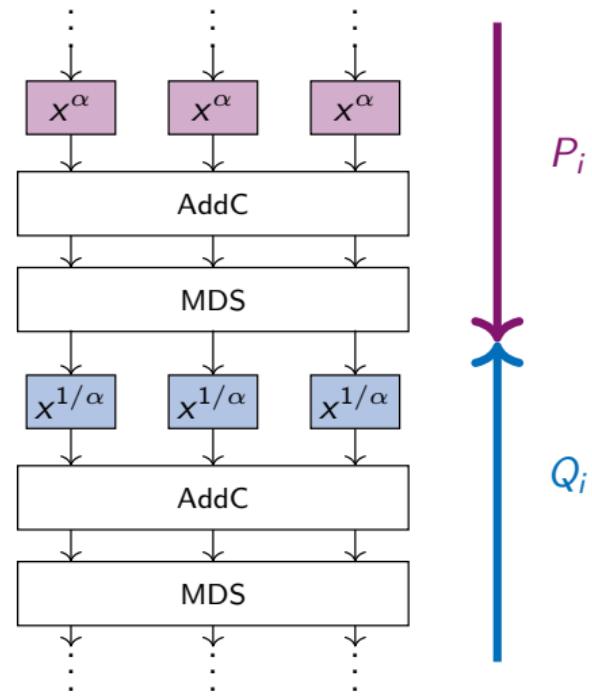
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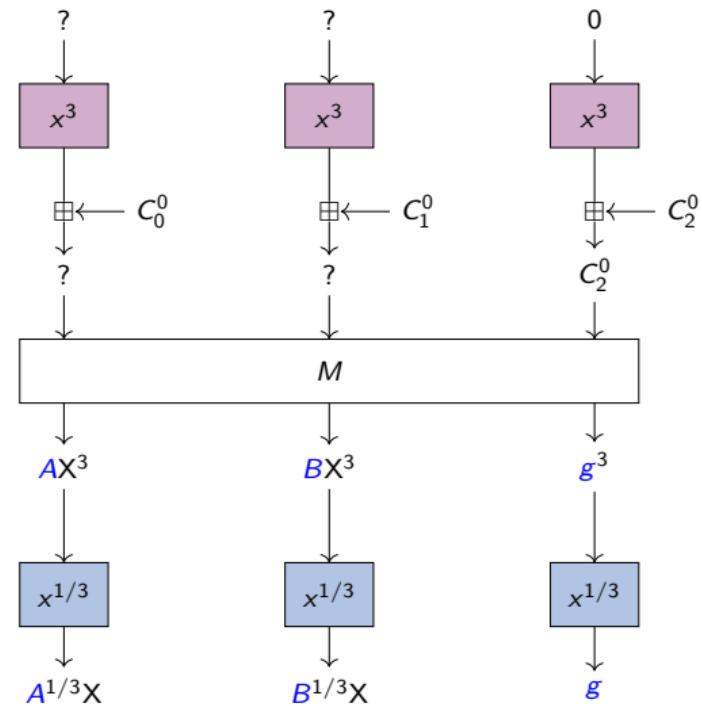
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Complexity of our attack against Rescue.



# Take-Away

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- ★ start (and end) with a linear layer
- ★ 2 rounds can be skipped with the trick

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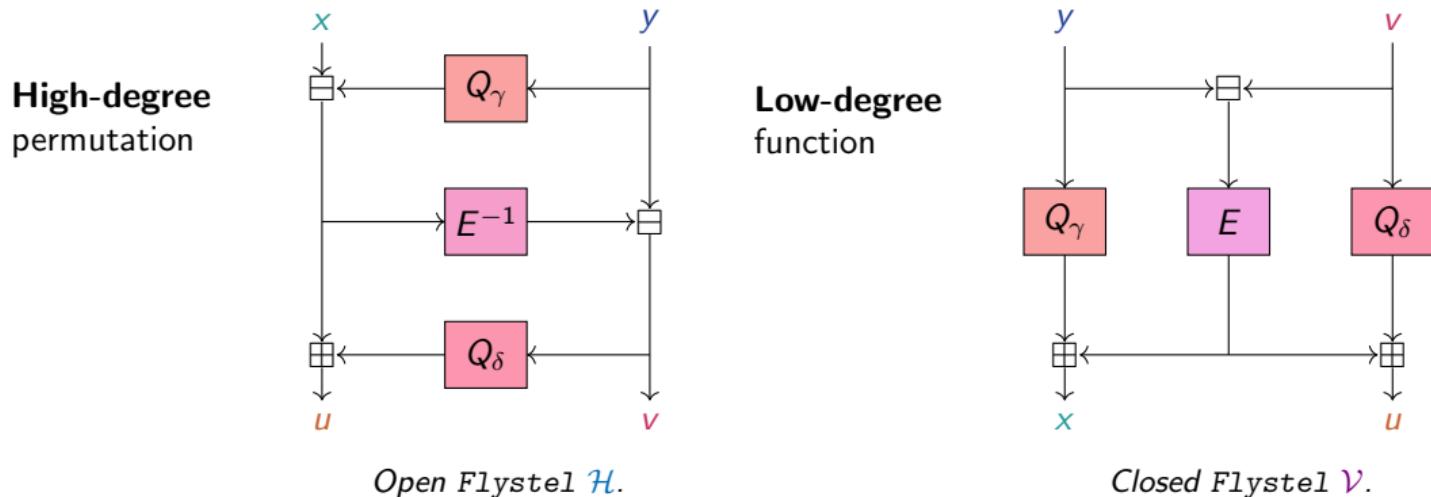
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Butterfly + Feistel  $\Rightarrow$  Flystel

A 3-round Feistel-network with

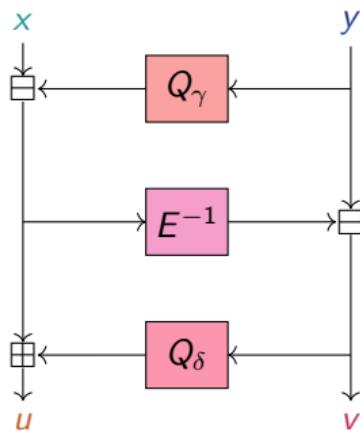
$Q_\gamma : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $Q_\delta : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  two quadratic functions, and  $E : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  a permutation



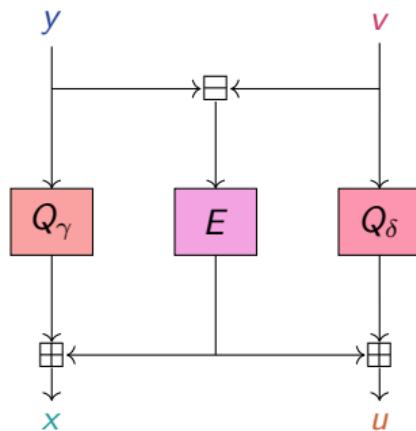
# The Flystel

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

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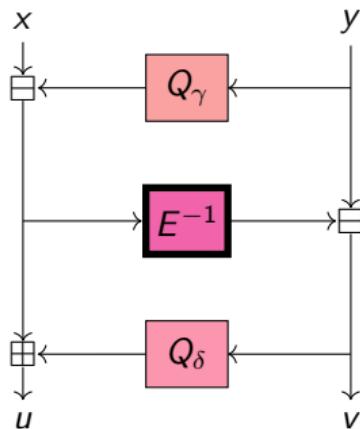
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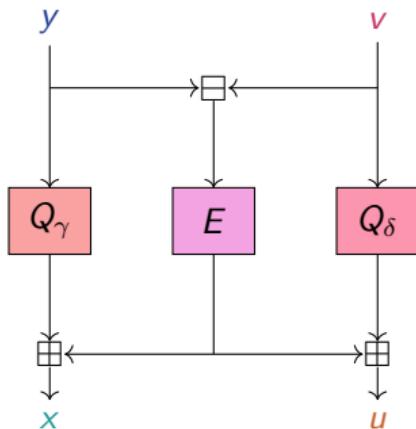
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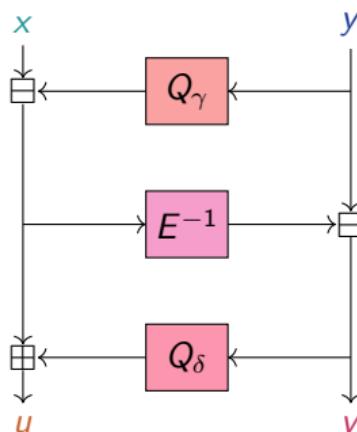
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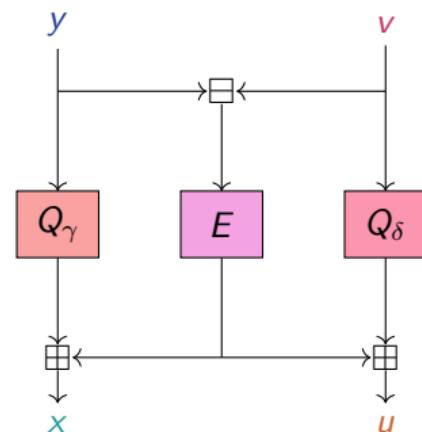
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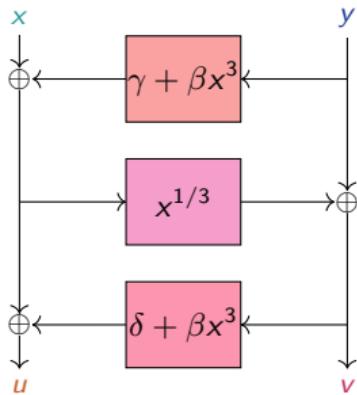


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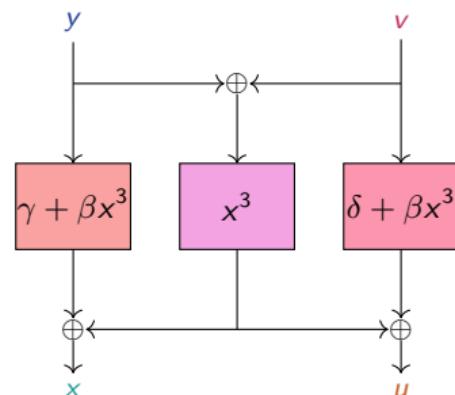
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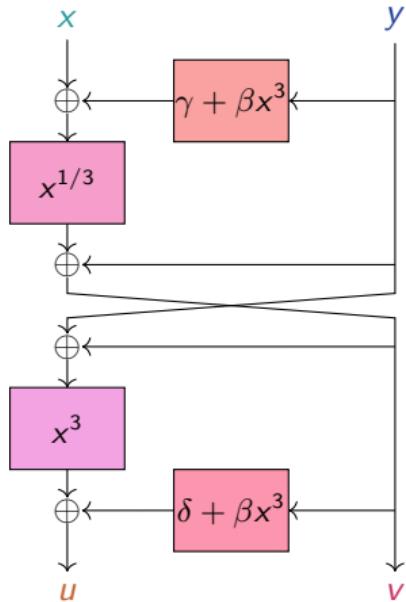


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# Properties of Flystel in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$



*Degenerated Butterfly.*

First introduced by [Perrin et al. 2016].

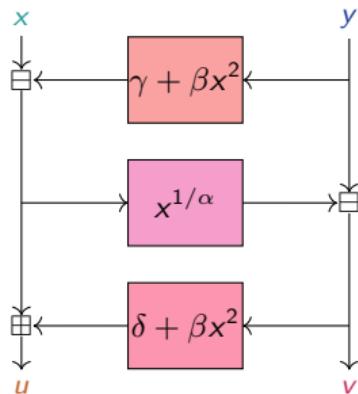
Well-studied butterfly.

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

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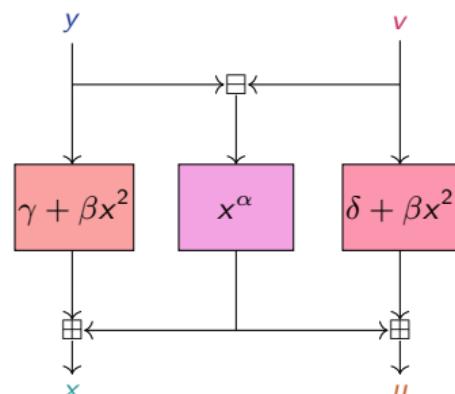
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usually  
 $\alpha = 3$  or  $5$ .

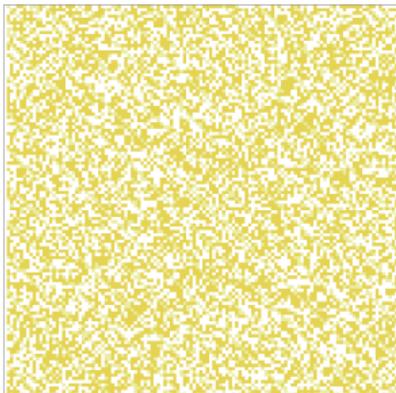


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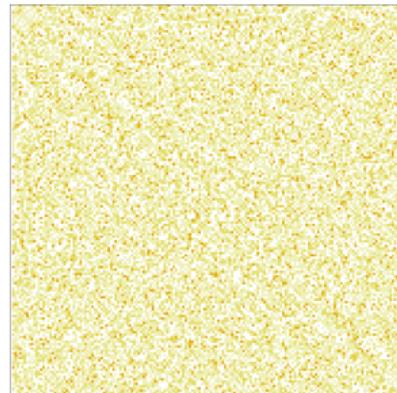
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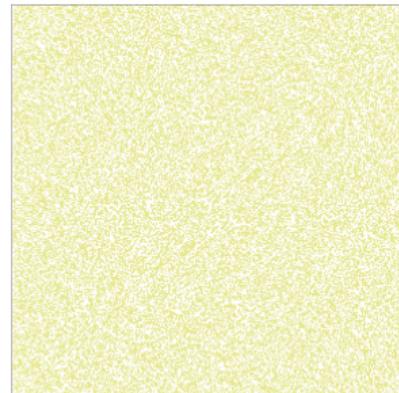
$\text{Flystel}_p$  has a differential uniformity equals to  $\alpha - 1$ .



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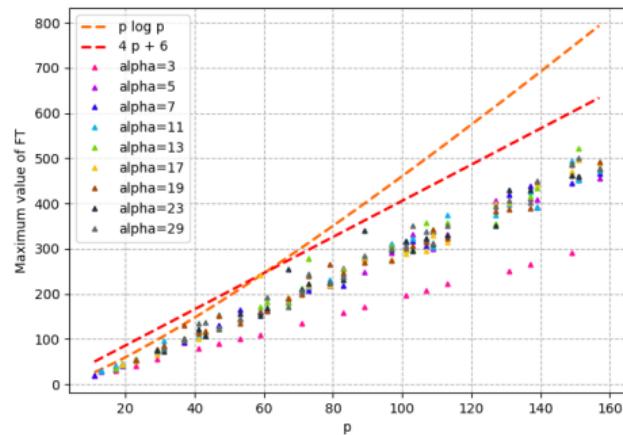
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*DDT of  $\text{Flystel}_p$ .*

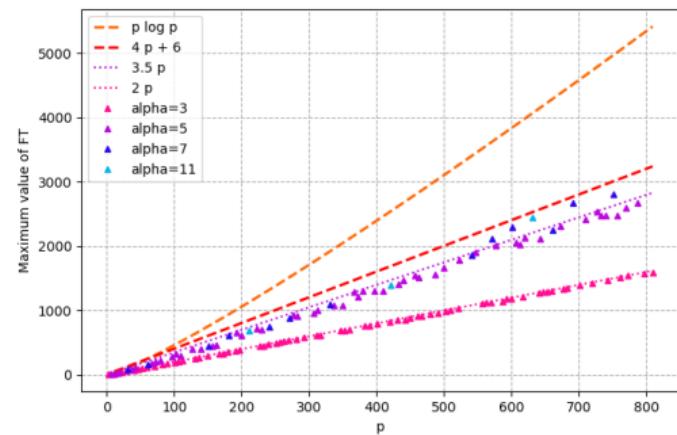
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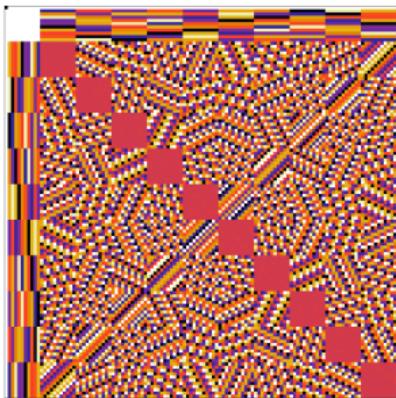
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Conjecture for the linearity.

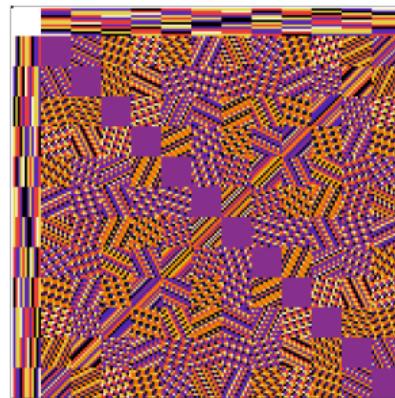
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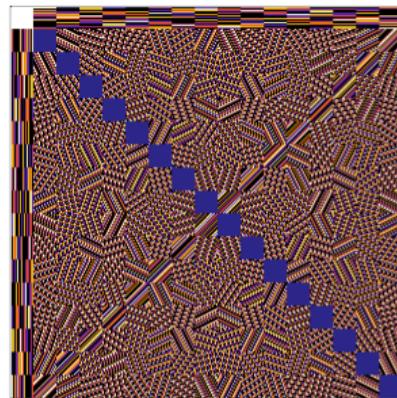
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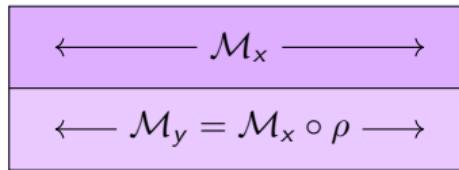
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The internal state of Anemoi and its basic operations.

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$y_0$	$y_1$	$\dots$	$y_{\ell-1}$

(a) Internal state



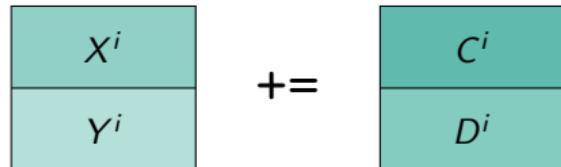
(b) The diffusion layer  $\mathcal{M}$ .



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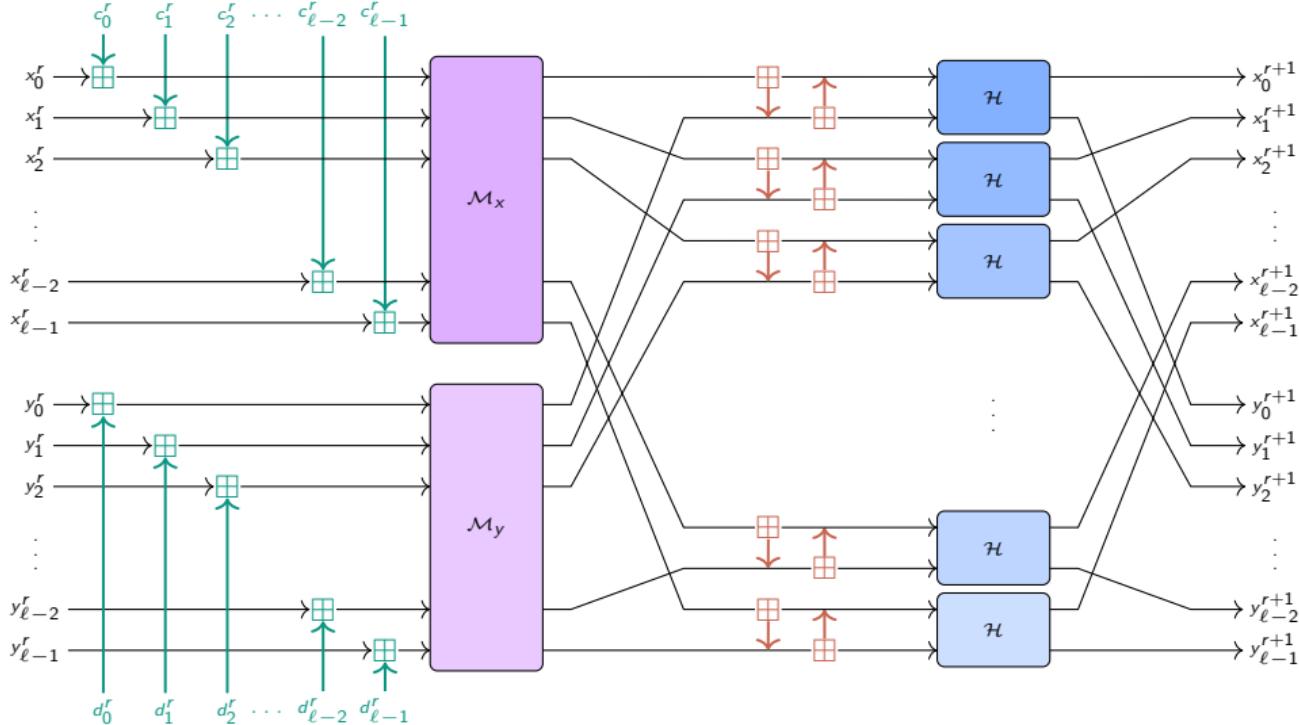


(d) The S-box layer  $\mathcal{S}$ .



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

# The SPN Structure



# Number of rounds

$$\text{Anemoi}_{q,\alpha,\ell} = \mathcal{M} \circ \mathbf{R}_{n_r-1} \circ \dots \circ \mathbf{R}_0$$

⇒ Choosing the number of rounds:

$$n_r \geq \max \left\{ 8, \underbrace{\min(5, 1 + \ell)}_{\text{security margin}} + 2 + \underbrace{\min \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} \mid \left( \frac{4\ell r + \kappa_\alpha}{2\ell r} \right)^2 \geq 2^s \right\}}_{\text{to prevent algebraic attacks}} \right\}.$$

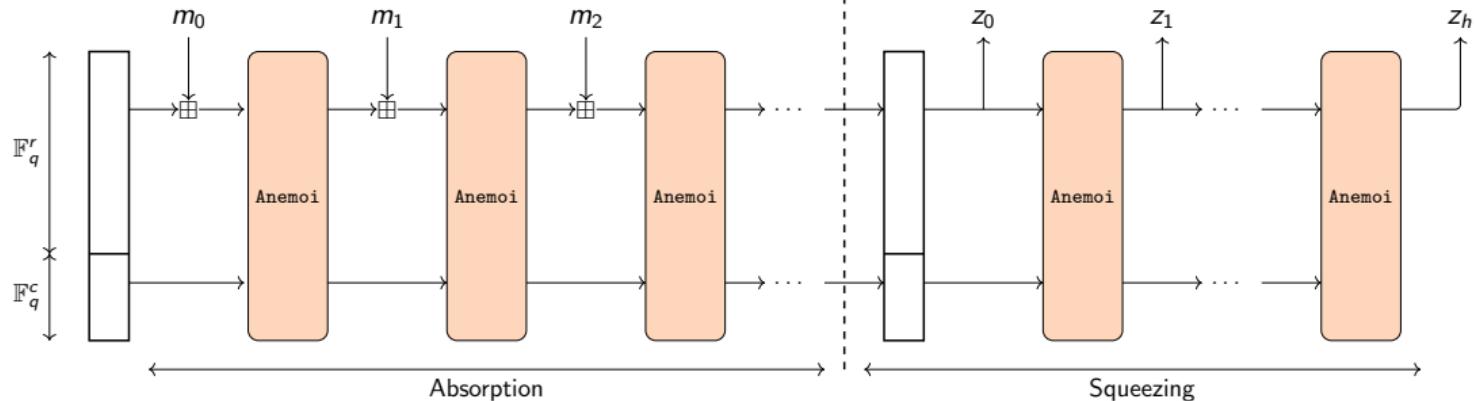
$\alpha (\kappa_\alpha)$	3 (1)	5 (2)	7 (4)	11 (9)
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$\ell = 2$	14	14	13	13
$\ell = 3$	12	12	12	11
$\ell = 4$	12	12	11	11

Number of Rounds of Anemoi ( $s = 128$ ).

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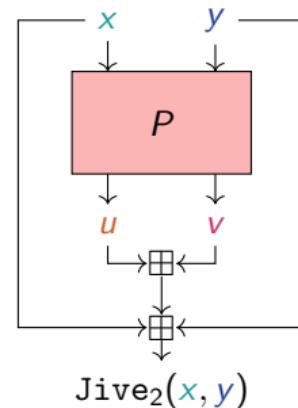
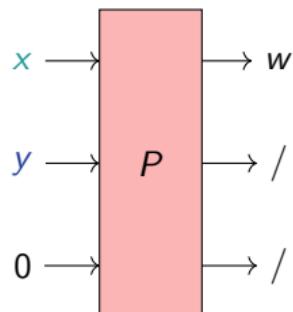
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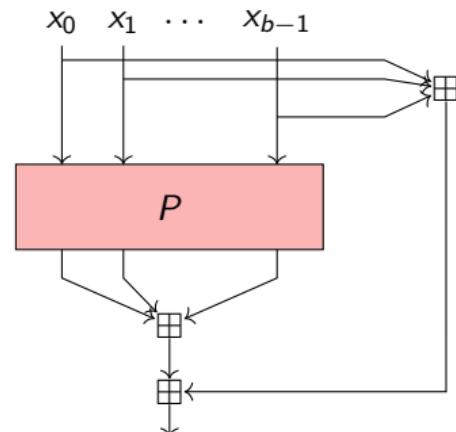
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$\text{Jive}_b(x_0, \dots, x_{b-1})$

# Some Benchmarks

	<i>m</i>	<i>RP</i>	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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	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*
  - ★ New mode: *Jive*
- ★ Identify a link between AO and CCZ-equivalence

# Conclusions

- ★ A better understanding of the algebraic degree of MIMC<sub>3</sub>

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# Conclusions

- ★ A better understanding of the algebraic degree of MIMC<sub>3</sub>
  - ☞ More details on [doi.org/10.1007/s10623-022-01136-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10623-022-01136-x) (or [eprint.iacr.org/2022/366](https://eprint.iacr.org/2022/366))
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Cryptanalysis and designing of arithmetization-oriented primitives remain to be explored!

*Thanks for your attention!*

