

# Multivariate Goppa Codes

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## Big idea

Multivariate polynomials provide a generalization of classical Goppa codes and utility in several applications, including simultaneous protection against side channel attacks and fault injection attacks and quantum error correction.

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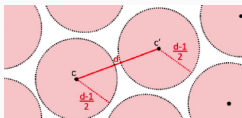
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An  $[n, k, d]$  code  $C$  can

- correct any  $\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$  errors and
- recover any  $d - 1$  erasures.



The dual of an  $[n, k, d]$  code  $C$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is

$$C^\perp := \{w \in \mathbb{F}_q^n : w \cdot c = 0 \forall c \in C\}$$

which is an  $[n, n - k, d']$  code.

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In general,  $C_k^\perp = C_{v,n-k}$  where  $v_i := \left(\prod_{j \in [n] \setminus \{i\}} \alpha_i - \alpha_j\right)^{-1}$ .

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### generalized Reed-Solomon (GRS) code via a Goppa code

A GRS code via a Goppa code is of the form

$$\text{GRS}(S, g) := \text{GRS}(S, \deg(g), g).$$

GRS codes via Goppa codes were introduced in 2021 by Y. Gao, Q. Yue, X. Huang, and J. Zhang.

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3.  $mSS^{-1} = m$

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The code  $C|_{\mathbb{F}_q}$  is an  $[n, \geq k - (t - 1)(n - k), \geq d]$  code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .



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### Delsarte's Theorem

$$(C_q)^\perp = \text{tr}(C^\perp).$$

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## GRS codes via Goppa

Setting  $m = t = 1$  gives the codes considered by Y. Gao, Q. Yue, X. Huang, and J. Zhang (2021):

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Larger values of  $t$  and  $m$  provides longer codes over the same field, compared with either classical Goppa codes or generalized Reed-Solomon (GRS) codes.

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where the rows are indexed by  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{N}^{\deg(g_1)-1 \times \cdots \times \deg(g_m)-1}$ .

# Multivariate Goppa codes via parity check matrices

## Theorem (parity check matrix representation)

If  $T$  is a generator matrix of  $T(\mathcal{S}, g)$ , then

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g) = \{\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n : T \mathbf{c}^T = 0\};$$

that is, a parity check matrix for the multivariate Goppa code is of the form

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### augmented Cartesian codes

Suppose  $h \in \mathbb{F}_{q^t}[\mathbf{x}]$  is such that  $h(\mathcal{S}) \neq 0$ . An augmented Cartesian code is

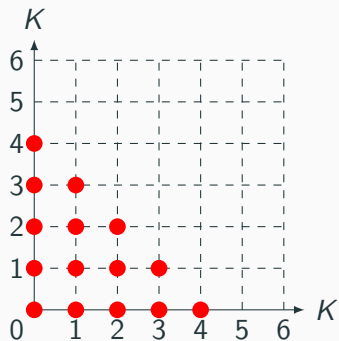
$$ACar(\mathcal{S}, h) := \left\{ \left( \frac{h}{L}(\mathbf{s}_1)f(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \frac{h}{L}(\mathbf{s}_n)f(\mathbf{s}_n) \right) : f \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_h) \right\},$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_h := \prod_{j=1}^m \{0, \dots, n_j - 1\} \setminus \prod_{j=1}^m \{n_j - \deg_{x_j}(h), \dots, n_j - 1\}.$$

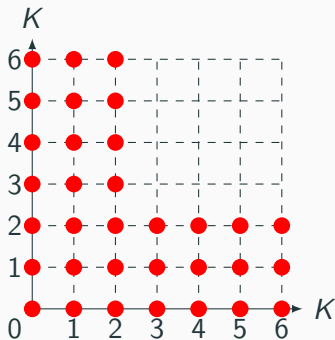
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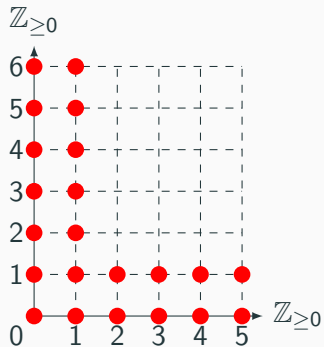


# Example: Augmented Reed-Muller code

$ARM(7, 2, 4)$



## Example: Augmented Cartesian code



## Theorem (subfield subcode representation)

A multivariate Goppa code is a subfield subcode of an augmented Cartesian code, meaning

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g) = A\text{Car}(\mathcal{S}, g)_q.$$

## Theorem

The dual of a multivariate Goppa code is

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)^\perp = \text{tr}(T(\mathcal{S}, g)).$$

# Parameters of multivariate Goppa codes

## Theorem

The multivariate Goppa code  $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)$  is an  $[n, k, d]$  code with

- length  $n = |\mathcal{S}|$ .
- dimension  $k$  satisfying

$$n - t \deg(g) \leq k \leq n - \deg(g).$$

- minimum distance

$$d \geq \min \{ \deg(g_j) + 1 \}_{j \in [m]}.$$



## Proposition

- $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, gg') \subseteq \Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)$ .
- $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g) \cap \Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g') = \Gamma(\mathcal{S}, \text{lcm}(g, g'))$ .

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Hulls play a role in the complexity of algorithms:

- Sendrier's support splitting algorithm is exponential in the dimension of a hull.
- Bardet, Otmani, and Saeed-Taha proved that the permutation code equivalence between codes  $C, C' \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^n$  can be decided in  $O(hn^{w+dim(Hull(C))+1}t(n))$  operations where  $t(n)$  is the complexity of deciding isomorphism of graphs on  $n$  vertices with weights from  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

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## Theorem

Given  $g = g_1 \cdots g_m \in \mathbb{F}_{q^t}[\mathbf{x}]$ , there exists  $f = f_1 \cdots f_m \in \mathbb{F}_{q^t}[\mathbf{x}]$  such that

$$T(\mathcal{S}, g)^\perp = T(\mathcal{S}, f)$$

if and only for some  $j^* \in [m]$  the following hold:

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We say that  $f$  and  $g$  satisfying the theorem above satisfy condition (\*).

## Corollary

- $\text{Hull}(T(\mathcal{S}, g)) = T(\mathcal{S}, \gcd(f, g)) = \text{Hull}(\text{ACar}(\mathcal{S}, g))$ .
- $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, \text{lcm}(f, g)) \subseteq \text{Hull}(\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g))$ , with equality when  $t = 1$ .

## Corollary

- $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)$  is LCD if  $t = 1$  and  $\deg_{x_j}(\text{lcm}(f, g)) \geq n_j$  for all  $j \in [m]$ .
- $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)$  is self-orthogonal if  $t = 1$  and  $f$  divides  $g$ .
- $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)$  is self-dual if  $t = 1$  and  $f = g$ .



## Example: family of long LCD codes

Assume  $\mathbb{F}_{32}^* = \langle a \rangle$ . Let  $S_1 := \{0, 1, a, a^7\}$  and  $S_2 := \{1, a^5, a^7\}$ .

Set

$$f_1 := x + 1,$$

$$g_1 := 2x^3 + a^5x^2 + a^5x + 1,$$

and

$$f_2 := g_2 := x^3 + ax^2 + 2x.$$

Then

$$f_1g_1 = 2L'_1 + 2L_1 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2g_2 = a^2L'_2 + pL_2,$$

where  $p(x) = x^3 + a^5x^2 + a^2x + a^6$ . Set

$$g := g_1(x)g_2(x_1) \cdots g_2(x_m).$$

Then  $\Gamma(S, g)^\perp$  is a  $[4 \cdot 3^m, 3^{m+1}]$  LCD code over  $\mathbb{F}_9$ .

## Example: family of long self-orthogonal codes

Assume  $\mathbb{F}_{32}^* = \langle a \rangle$ . Let  $S_1 := \{0, 1, 2, a\}$  and  $S_2 := \{1, a^5, a^7\}$ . Set

$$f_1 := ax^3 + 2x^2 + a^7x + a,$$

$$g_1 := a^2x + 1,$$

and

$$f_2 := g_2 := x^3 + ax^2 + 2x.$$

Then

$$f_1g_1 = L'_1 + a^3L_1 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2g_2 = a^2L'_2 + pL_2,$$

where  $p(x) = x^3 + a^5x^2 + a^2x + a^6$ . Set

$$g := g_1(x)g_2(x_1) \cdots g_2(x_m).$$

Then  $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)^\perp$  is a  $[4 \cdot 3^m, 3^m]$  self-orthogonal code over  $\mathbb{F}_9$ .

**Lemma [K. Guenda, S. Jitman, and T. A. Gulliver, 2018]**

Given an  $[n, k, d]$  code  $C$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , there exist EAQECCs with parameters

$$[[n, k - \dim(\text{Hull}(C)), d, n - k - \dim(\text{Hull}(C))]_q \quad \text{and} \\ [[n, n - k - \dim(\text{Hull}(C)), d(C^\perp), k - \dim(\text{Hull}(C))]_q.$$

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{q^t}^m$ ,  $g$  and  $f$  satisfy condition (\*). Then the code  $T(\mathcal{S}, g)$  gives rise to EAQECs with parameters

$$\begin{aligned} & [[n, \deg(g) - \deg(\gcd), \deg(f_{j^*}) + 1; \deg(f) - \deg(\gcd)]]_{q^t} \quad \text{and} \\ & [[n, \deg(f) - \deg(\gcd), \deg(g_{j^*}) + 1; \deg(g) - \deg(\gcd)]]_{q^t}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gcd := \gcd(g, g')$ . The code  $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, g)$  gives rise to EAQECs with parameters

$$\begin{aligned} & [[n, \leq t(\deg(\text{lcm}) + \deg(g)) - n, \geq \deg(f_{j^*}) + 1; \leq t \deg(\text{lcm}) - \deg(g)]]_q \quad \text{and} \\ & [[n, \leq t \deg(\text{lcm}) - \deg(g), \geq \deg(g_{j^*}) + 1; \leq t(\deg(\text{lcm}) + \deg(g)) - n]]_q, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{lcm} := \text{lcm}(g, g')$ , and equalities in the parameters of the codes when  $t = 1$ .

### Corollary

Let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^m$ ,  $g$  and  $f$  satisfy condition (\*). Then the code  $T(\mathcal{S}, g)$  gives rise to an MDS EAQEC.

# q-ary EAQECs from multivariate Goppa codes

2*Field	2*S	2*g(x, y)	Puncturing $\Gamma(\mathcal{S}, \cdot)^{\perp}$ the following entries	2*Parameters
$\mathbb{F}_8$	$\mathbb{F}_8 \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^3 + x + a)(y)$	$\{8, \dots, 15\}$	$[[8, 2, 6; 6]]_8$
$\mathbb{F}_8$	$\mathbb{F}_8 \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^3 + x + a)(y)$	$\{10, \dots, 16\}$	$[[9, 2, 7; 7]]_8$
$\mathbb{F}_8$	$\mathbb{F}_8 \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^3 + x + a)(y)$	$\{11, \dots, 16\}$	$[[10, 2, 8; 8]]_8$
$\mathbb{F}_8$	$\mathbb{F}_8 \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^3 + x + a)(y)$	$\{12, \dots, 16\}$	$[[11, 2, 9; 9]]_8$
$\mathbb{F}_{16}$	$\mathbb{F}_{16} \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^3 + a)(y)$	$\{19, \dots, 32\}$	$[[18, 2, 16; 16]]_{16}$
$\mathbb{F}_{16}$	$\mathbb{F}_{16} \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^3 + a)(y)$	$\{21, \dots, 32\}$	$[[20, 2, 18; 18]]_{16}$
$\mathbb{F}_{16}$	$\mathbb{F}_{16} \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^3 + a)(y)$	$\{23, \dots, 32\}$	$[[22, 2, 20; 20]]_{16}$
$\mathbb{F}_{16}$	$\mathbb{F}_{16} \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^4 + x^2 + ax + a^2)(y)$	$\{26, \dots, 32\}$	$[[25, 3, 21; 20]]_{16}$
$\mathbb{F}_{16}$	$\mathbb{F}_{16} \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^4 + x^2 + ax + a^2)(y)$	$\{28, \dots, 32\}$	$[[27, 3, 23; 24]]_{16}$
$\mathbb{F}_{16}$	$\mathbb{F}_{16} \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^4 + x^2 + ax + a^2)(y)$	$\{30, \dots, 32\}$	$[[29, 3, 25; 26]]_{16}$
$\mathbb{F}_{16}$	$\mathbb{F}_{16} \times \{a^1, a^2\}$	$(x^4 + x^2 + ax + a^2)(y)$	$\{32\}$	$[[31, 3, 27; 28]]_{16}$
$\mathbb{F}_{25}$	$\mathbb{F}_{25} \times \{a^1, a^2, a^3\}$	$(x^4 + a)(y)$	$\{60, \dots, 75\}$	$[[59, 3, 53; 56]]_{25}$
$\mathbb{F}_{49}$	$\mathbb{F}_{49} \times \{a^1, \dots, a^4\}$	$(x^4 + a)(y)$	$\{168, \dots, 196\}$	$[[167, 3, 159; 164]]_{49}$
$\mathbb{F}_{49}$	$\mathbb{F}_{49} \times \{a^1, \dots, a^4\}$	$(x^4 + a)(y)$	$\{175, \dots, 196\}$	$[[174, 3, 166; 171]]_{49}$

**Table 1:** New EAQECs. For every row, we assume that  $\mathbb{F}_q^* = \langle a \rangle$ .

## Family of long EAQECs

Assume  $\mathbb{F}_{3^2}^* = \langle a \rangle$ . Take  $S_1 := \{0, 1, a, a^7\}$  and  $S_2 := \{1, a^6\}$ . Define the polynomials  $f_1 := ax + 1$ ,  $g_1 := x^3 + a^6x^2 + 1$ ,  $f_2 := x^2 + a^2x + 2$ , and  $g_2 := x^2 + a^2$ . Then

$$f_1g_1 = 2L'_1 + aL_1 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2g_2 = a^2L'_2 + pL_2,$$

where  $p(x) = x^2 + a^7x + a$ . Then, for every  $m \geq 0$ , define the polynomials in  $m + 1$  variables

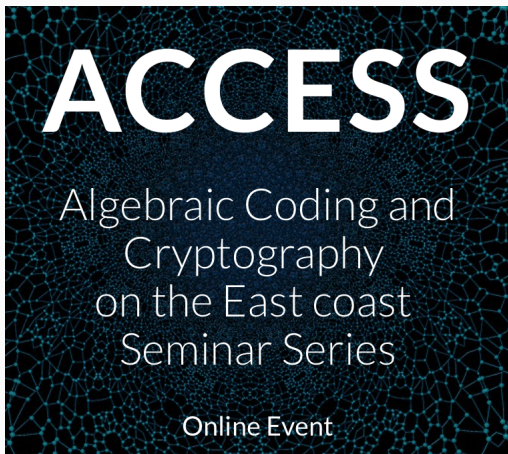
$$f := f_1(x)f_2(x_1) \cdots f_2(x_m), g := g_1(x)g_2(x_1) \cdots g_2(x_m) \in \mathbb{F}_9[x_1, \dots, x_m].$$

Since  $\gcd(f, g) = 1$ ,  $\deg(f) = 2^m$ , and  $\deg(g) = 3 \cdot 2^m$ , there exists a  $[[4 \cdot 2^m, 2^m, 4; 3 \cdot 2^m]]$  EAQEC over  $\mathbb{F}_9$ . Note that when  $m = 0$ , this is an MDS EAQEC over  $\mathbb{F}_9$ . Larger values of  $m$  give rise to longer codes (of length  $2^{m+2}$ ) over  $\mathbb{F}_9$  that are not MDS but have a known gap to the Singleton Bound.

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