

*Hybrid approach for solving multivariate
polynomial systems over big finite fields*

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Introduction

Polynomial system solving

- Gröbner bases

- Algorithms and complexity

Hybrid approach

- Presentation of the hybrid approach

- Complexity analysis

- Security analysis of multivariate signature schemes

Conclusion

Motivations

- Algebraic cryptanalysis
- Multivariate signature
- Design of multivariate schemes.

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Verify $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$: Evaluate $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$

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- Polynomial System Solving is NP-hard
- Hard in practice for random polynomials.

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Zero-dim solving strategy:

1. Compute a DRL Gröbner basis.
2. Compute a lex Gröbner basis with a change ordering algorithm (FGLM).

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A **tradeoff** between exhaustive search and Gröbner bases computation.

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The degree of regularity can be computed exactly.

Finding the best tradeoff

Approximation of $d_{\text{reg}}(n-k, n, 2)$

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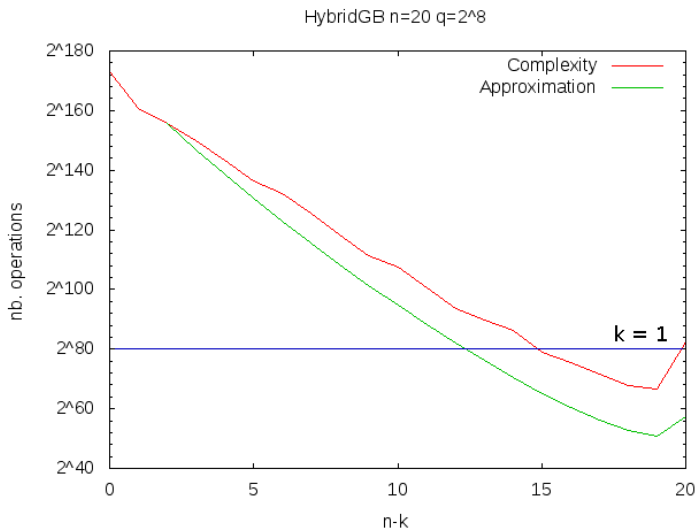
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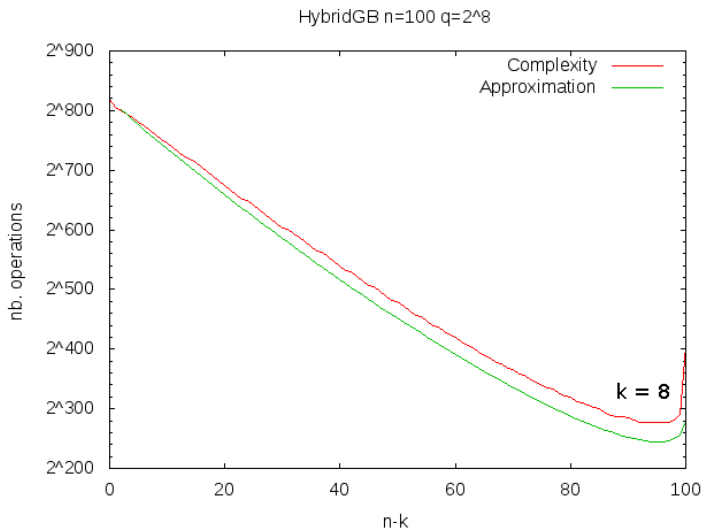
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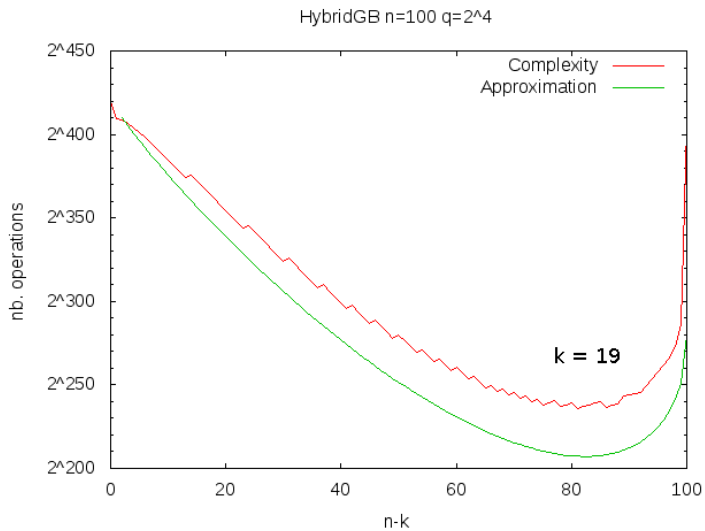
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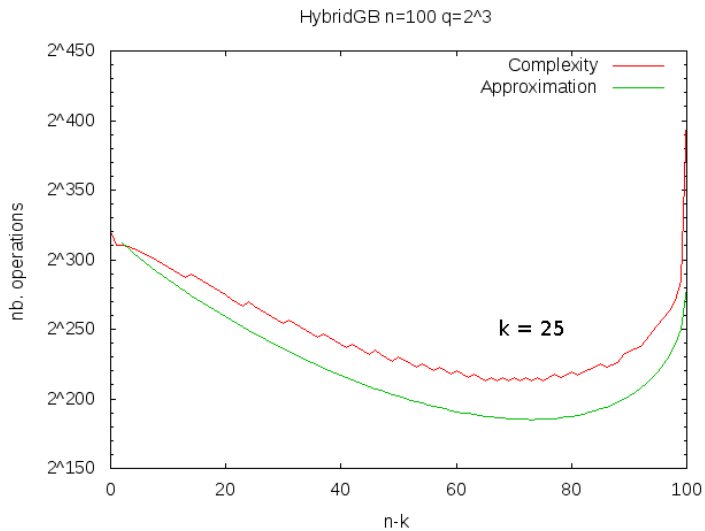
Find the **best tradeoff** by solving $\frac{\partial \log(C_{Hyb})}{\partial k} = 0$.



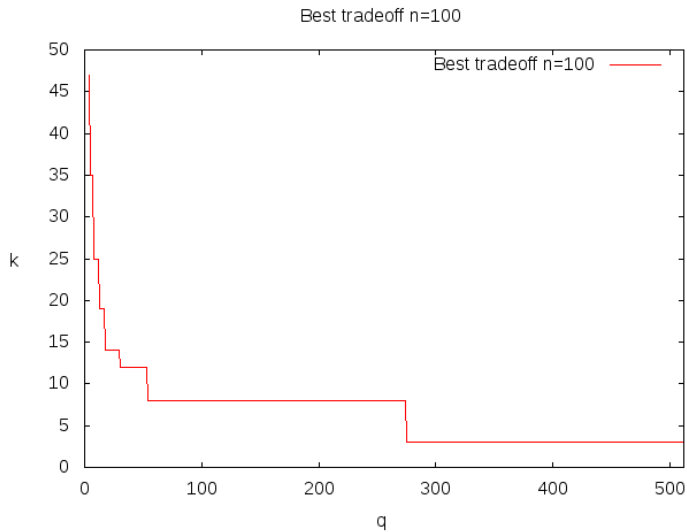




Comparaison



The best tradeoff



	n	$ \mathbb{K} $	expected security	Gröbner basis ($k = 0$)
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Table: Analysis of several multivariate schemes



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Minimal recommended parameters

Key size computed with $\frac{3n}{2}$ variables.

$ \mathbb{K} $	n	k	T	signature length	public key size
2^{32}	20	0	2^{82}	960 bits	39 kB
2^{16}	23	1	2^{81}	560 bits	29 kB
2^8	26	1	2^{83}	312 bits	21 kB
2^4	30	7	2^{83}	180 bits	16 kB

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Applications in cryptography

- Reevaluate parameters of cryptosystems
- A general tool to solve random systems over finite field
- Implementation in MAGMA.