

*Résolution de systèmes polynomiaux structurés et  
applications en Cryptologie*

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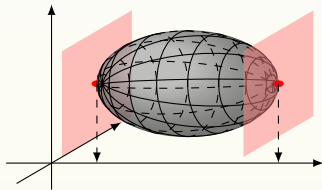
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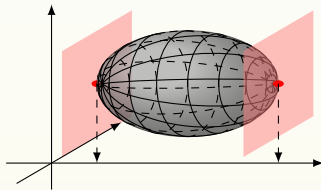
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**My Ph.D. thesis: impact of structures in GB computations**

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## Critical questions

- **Complexity?**: polynomial in the number of solutions? polynomial in the number of variables?
- **Dedicated algorithms?**: how to exploit the structures to obtain efficient solving techniques?
- **Validation and Applications?**: which structures? systematic methods of analysis? experimental validation (asymptotic vs. practical complexity)?

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- **Multivariate** generalization of the **EigenValue** problem.
- Applications in **cryptology**, **coding theory**, **geometry**, ...  
*Kipnis/Shamir* Crypto'99  
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- Fundamental **NP-hard** problem of **linear algebra**.



Buss, Frandsen, Shallit.

J. of Computer and System Sciences. 1999.

The computational complexity of some problems of linear algebra.

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$\rightsquigarrow$  **polynomial system solving** problem:  $\text{Minors}_{r+1}(M) = 0$

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- Real algebraic **geometry**  
[Safey/Trébuchet 06, Bank/Giusti/Heintz/Safey/Schost AAECC'10].

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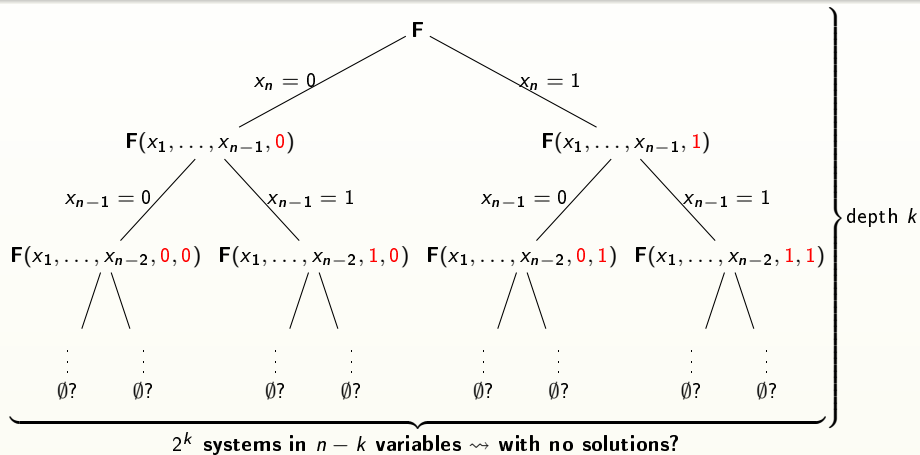
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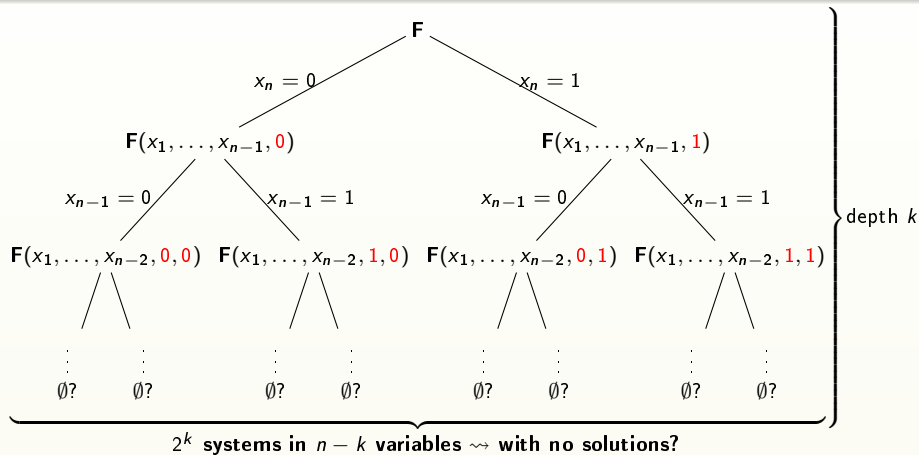
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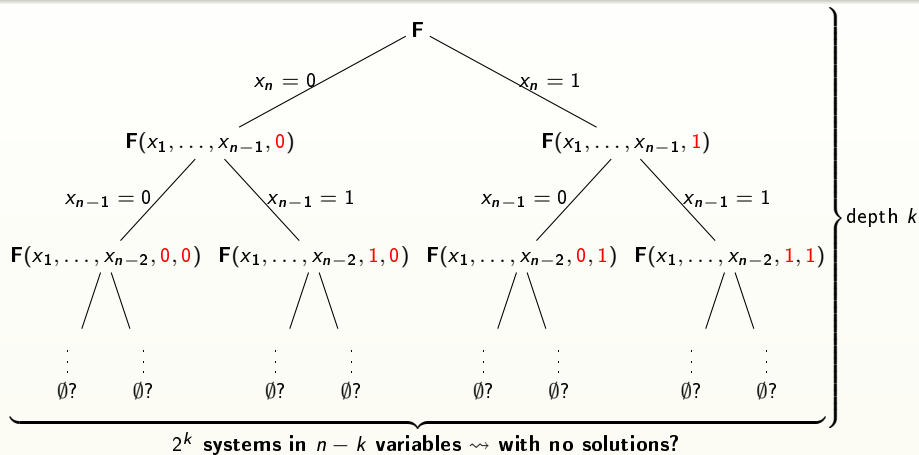


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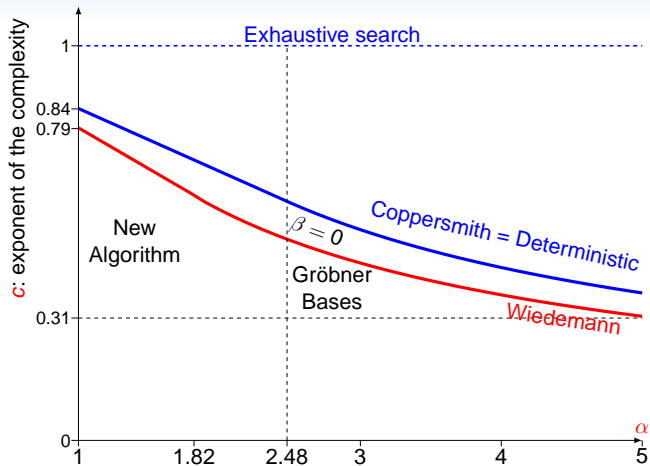


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