

# EA-equivalence Classes of Known APN Functions in Small Dimensions

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## Notations and definitions

### PN and APN functions:

Let  $F : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^m$  be a Vectorial Boolean function. We define

$$\delta_F(a, b) = |\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : F(x + a) - F(x) = b\}|.$$

The **differential uniformity** of  $F$  is

$$\delta(F) = \max_{a \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus \{0\}, b \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} \delta_F(a, b).$$

If  $\delta(F) = 2^{n-m}$  then  $F$  is said **Perfect Nonlinear** (PN) or **Bent**.  
Best resistance to differential attack.

K. Nyberg: Bent functions exist only when  $n$  is even and  $m \leq n/2$ .

If  $m = n$ , then  $\delta(F) \geq 2$ .

If  $\delta(F) = 2$ , then  $F$  is called **almost perfect nonlinear** (APN).

## AB functions:

The **nonlinearity** of a vectorial Boolean function  $F$  is the minimum Hamming distance between

- ▶ all component functions  $v \cdot F(x)$ ,  $v \neq 0$  and
- ▶ all affine functions  $u \cdot x + \varepsilon$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$   $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{F}_2$ .

The nonlinearity can be given in terms of the **Walsh transform** of  $F$

$$\mathcal{W}_F(a, b) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} (-1)^{a \cdot x + b \cdot F(x)}.$$

The nonlinearity equals:

$$\mathcal{Nl}(F) = 2^{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} \max_{\substack{a \in \mathbb{F}_2^n, \\ b \in \mathbb{F}_2^m \setminus \{0\}}} |\mathcal{W}_F(a, b)|.$$

## Bounds on nonlinearity

$$\mathcal{Nl}(F) \leq 2^{n-1} - 2^{n/2-1}.$$

The equality holds iff  $F$  is bent (best resistance to linear attack).

If  $n = m$  the Sidelnikov-Chabaud-Vaudenay bound states

$$\mathcal{Nl}(F) \leq 2^{n-1} - 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}.$$

In case of equality ( $n$  necessarily odd)  $F$  is called **almost bent** (AB).

AB  $\Rightarrow$  APN

From now on, we assume that  $m = n$ . In this case we can identify  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  with  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  and then we can take  $x \cdot y = \text{tr}(xy)$ .

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Kasami	$2^{2i} - 2^i + 1$	$\gcd(i, n) = 1$	$i + 1$
Welch	$2^t + 3$	$n = 2t + 1$	3
Niho	$2^t + 2^{\frac{t}{2}} - 1, t \text{ even}$	$n = 2t + 1$	$\frac{t+2}{2}$
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Gold, Kasami, Welch and Niho functions are AB for  $n$  odd

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Let  $\Gamma_f = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}$ .

Two functions  $F, G : \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  are **CCZ-equivalent** if and only if  $\Gamma_F$  and  $\Gamma_G$  are affine-equivalent, i.e. let  $\mathcal{L}$  an affine permutation on  $(\mathbb{F}_{2^n})^2$ ,  
 $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F) = \Gamma_G$ .

## CCZ-equivalence

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a linear permutation of  $(\mathbb{F}_{2^n})^2$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F) = \Gamma_G$ .  
 $\mathcal{L} = (L_1, L_2)$  for some linear  $L_1, L_2 : (\mathbb{F}_{2^n})^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{L}(x, F(x)) = (F_1(x), F_2(x)),$$

where  $F_1(x) = L_1(x, F(x))$  and  $F_2(x) = L_2(x, F(x))$ .

$$\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F) = \{(F_1(x), F_2(x)) : x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}.$$

$\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F)$  is the graph of  $G$  iff the function  $F_1$  is a permutation and  
 $G = F_2 \circ F_1^{-1}$

If we want to construct  $G$  which can be obtained from  $F$  via CCZ-equivalence:

- ▶ Find a permutation  $L_1(x, F(x)) = L(x) + R \circ F(x)$  where  $L, R$  are linear.
- ▶ Then find linear function  $L_2(x, y) = L'(x) + R'(y)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}$  is a permutation. (Found  $L_1$  then there always exists suitable  $L_2$ )

# Relation between CCZ- and EA-equivalences

## Cases when CCZ-equivalence coincides with EA-equivalence:

- ▶ Boolean functions,  $m = 1$ . (Budaghyan and Carlet)
- ▶ Bent functions. (Budaghyan and Carlet)
- ▶ Two quadratic APN functions. (Yoshiara)
- ▶ A power function  $F$  is CCZ-equivalent to a power function  $F'$  iff  $F$  is EA-equivalent to  $F'$  or  $F'^{-1}$ . (for APN and  $p = 2$  Yoshiara, any  $p$  and any power Dempwolff)
- ▶ A quadratic APN function is CCZ-equivalent to a power function iff it is EA-equivalent to one of the Gold functions. (Yoshiara)
- ▶ If  $n$  is even, a plateaued APN function is CCZ-equivalent to a plateaued power function iff it is EA-equivalent to it. (Yoshiara)

## Cases when CCZ-equivalence differs from EA-equivalence:

- ▶ For functions from  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2^m$  with  $m \geq 2$ .

## Equivalences of Boolean functions and codes

Let  $F$  be a vectorial Boolean function over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  then we can associate to  $F$  the linear code  $\mathcal{C}_1(F)$  generated by

$$C_1(F) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ x \\ F(x) \end{array} \right]_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & u & \dots & u^{2^n-1} \\ F(0) & F(u) & \dots & F(u^{2^n-1}) \end{array} \right]$$

### Theorem (Browning, Dillon, Kibler, McQuistan)

*Let  $F$  and  $G$  be two vectorial Boolean function over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ . Then,  $F$  is CCZ-equivalent to  $G$  iff  $\mathcal{C}_1(F)$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}_1(G)$ .*

# Equivalence of Boolean functions and codes

Let  $\mathcal{C}_2(F)$  generated by

$$\mathcal{C}_2(F) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ x & 0 \\ F(x) & y \end{array} \right]_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}, y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*}$$

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Let  $\mathcal{C}_3(F)$  generated by

$$C_3(F) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & z \\ F(x) & y & 0 \end{array} \right]_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}, y, z \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*}$$

### Theorem (Edel, Pott)

*Let  $F$  and  $G$  be two vectorial Boolean functions over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ . If  $F$  is not a permutation, then  $F$  is affine-equivalent to  $G$  iff  $\mathcal{C}_3(F)$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}_3(G)$ .*

*If  $F$  is a permutation, then  $F$  is affine-equivalent to  $G$  or  $G^{-1}$  iff  $\mathcal{C}_3(F)$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}_3(G)$ .*

### Remark

*If  $F$  is a permutation, we may not be able to distinguish whether  $F$  is equivalent to  $G$  or  $G^{-1}$ .*



# Equivalence of Boolean functions and codes

An extra code for the permutation case: Let  $\mathcal{C}_4(F)$  generated by

$$C_4(F) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ x & 0 & z \\ F(x) & y & 0 \end{array} \right]_{x,z \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}, y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*}$$

## Theorem

*Let  $F$  and  $G$  be two permutations over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ , with  $n \geq 3$ .  $F$  is affine-equivalent to  $G$  iff  $\mathcal{C}_4(F)$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}_4(G + b)$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ .*

## Classification of APN functions

- ▶  $n = 3, 4$  full classification with respect to the affine equivalence of all permutations (Leander, Poschmann).
- ▶  $n = 3, 4$  full classification with respect to the CCZ-equivalence and EA-equivalence of all functions over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  (Brinkmann).
- ▶  $n \leq 5$  full classification of all APN functions with respect to the CCZ-equivalence and EA-equivalence (Brinkmann, Leander).
- ▶  $n = 6$  full classification of cubic APN functions with respect to the CCZ-equivalence (Langevin, Z. Saygi, E. Saygi).
- ▶  $n \leq 11$  classification with respect to the CCZ-equivalence of APN functions from all known families of APN functions (Sun).

## A procedure for investigating if $CCZ \stackrel{?}{=} EAI$ <sup>1</sup>

Let  $L_1(x, y) = L(x) + R(y)$ .  $F_1(x) = L(x) + R(F(x))$  is a permutation iff any of its component is balanced.

In terms of Walsh coefficients

$$\mathcal{W}_{F_1}(0, \lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{tr}(\lambda L(x) + \lambda R \circ F(x))} = 0, \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*.$$

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$$\mathcal{W}_{F_1}(0, \lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{tr}(L^*(\lambda)x + R^*(\lambda)F(x))} = \mathcal{W}_F(L^*(\lambda), R^*(\lambda)).$$

( $L^*$  is the adjoint operator)

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<sup>1</sup>Budaghyan, L., Calderini, M., Villa, I., On relations between CCZ- and EA-equivalences. Cryptogr. Commun. (2019)

We want to construct  $L^*$  and  $R^*$  so that  $F_1$  is a permutation.  
Let  $\mathcal{LW}(b) = \{a \mid \mathcal{W}_F(a, b) = 0\}$  for any  $b \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  and consider

$$S_F = \{b : \mathcal{LW}(b) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

**Note:** if  $F_1$  is a permutation then  $Im(R^*) \subseteq S_F$ .

For constructing  $F_1$  we need to consider the possible vector subspaces contained in  $S_F$ .

## Construction of $R^*$

Let  $U \subseteq S_F$  be a vector subspace. Fixed any basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$  of  $U$ , we can suppose that  $R^*(e_i) = u_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and  $\text{Ker}(R^*) = \text{Span}(e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n)$ .  
( $e_i$  is the canonical vector.)

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$$R^* = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_k \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Construction of $L^*$

For any  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  with  $a_1 \in \mathcal{LW}(u_1), \dots, a_k \in \mathcal{LW}(u_k)$  we need to check if

**(P1)**  $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i a_i \in \mathcal{LW}(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i u_i)$  with  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}_2$  not all zero.

and if there exist  $a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n$  satisfying

**(P2)**  $a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n$  are linear independent;

**(P3)** for any  $a \in \text{Span}(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $a + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i a_i \in \mathcal{LW}(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i u_i)$ , for any  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{F}_2$ .

Then,

$$L^* = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Functions in the same EA-class

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*For a function  $F : \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ , if  $\mathcal{L} = (L_1, L_2)$  and  $\mathcal{L}' = (L_1, L'_2)$  are linear permutations such that the function  $L_1(x, F(x))$  is a permutation, then the functions defined by the graphs  $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F)$  and  $\mathcal{L}'(\Gamma_F)$  are EA-equivalent.*

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*Let  $F$  be a function over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  and let  $\mathcal{L} = (L_1, L_2)$  and  $\mathcal{L}' = (L'_1, L'_2)$  be two linear permutations over  $(\mathbb{F}_{2^n})^2$  such that  $F_1(x) = L_1(x, F(x))$  and  $F'_1(x) = L'_1(x, F(x))$  are permutations. If  $L'_1(x, y) = L \circ L_1(x, y)$  for some linear permutation  $L$ , then the functions defined by the graphs  $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F)$  and  $\mathcal{L}'(\Gamma_F)$  are EA-equivalent.*



# An upper bound

## Corollary

Let  $F$  be a function defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  with  $\mathcal{N}l(F) \neq 0$  ( $F(0) = 0$ ). Let  $\mathcal{C}(F)$  be the code generated by

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} x \\ F(x) \end{array} \right)_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*}.$$

Let  $N_{sc}$  be the number of simplex codes in  $\mathcal{C}(F)$ . Then

$$\#EA\text{-classes} \leq N_{sc}.$$

# Obtaining the EA-classes

## Proposition (Budaghyan, -, Villa)

*Let  $U$  be a subspace contained in  $S_F$ . Then, there exists a permutation of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$   $F_1(x) = L(x) + R \circ F(x)$ , with  $L$  and  $R$  linear and  $\text{Im}(R^*) = U$ , if and only if the procedure applied to the space  $U$  is successful.*

## Proposition

*Applying the procedure to all the subspace  $U$  contained in  $S_F$ , and considering all the  $L_1$ 's constructed by this procedure, we can obtain at least one representative for each EA-class contained in the CCZ-class of  $F$ .*

## Obtaining the EA-classes

- ▶ Use the procedure of Budaghyan, Calderini and Villa for obtaining at least one  $L_1$  for any EA-class.
- ▶ If  $L_1$  and  $L'_1$  are s.t. the codes generate by  $(L_1(x, F(x)))_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}}$  and  $(L'_1(x, F(x)))_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}}$  are equal, then discard  $L'_1$ .
- ▶ Construct one  $L_2$  for any  $L_1$  and the related function  $F' = F_2 \circ F_1^{-1}$ .
- ▶ Check the EA-equivalence of all  $F'$ 's using code equivalence.

## The case $n=6$

Over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^6}$  we have

- ▶ 14 APN functions (up to CCZ-equivalence) of degree at most 3;
- ▶ 13 quadratics APN functions;
- ▶ 1 APN function CCZ-inequivalent to quadratic functions
- ▶ only one is equivalent to a permutation

# EA-classes in dimension 6

Table: CCZ-inequivalent APN functions over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^6} = \langle \zeta \rangle$

N.	function	# EA-classes	Degrees
1	$x^3$	3	{*2,3,4*}
2	$x^3 + \zeta^{11}x^6 + ux^9$	3	{* 2, 3, 4 *}
3	$\zeta x^5 + x^9 + \zeta^4 x^{17} + \zeta x^{18} + \zeta^4 x^{20} + \zeta x^{24} + \zeta^4 x^{34} + \zeta x^{40}$	19	{* 2, 3 <sup>15</sup> , 4 <sup>3</sup> *}
4	$\zeta^7 x^3 + x^5 + \zeta^3 x^9 + \zeta^4 x^{10} + x^{17} + \zeta^6 x^{18}$	13	{*2, 3 <sup>9</sup> , 4 <sup>3</sup> *}
5	$x^3 + \zeta x^{24} + x^{10}$	13	{*2, 3 <sup>5</sup> , 4 <sup>7</sup> *}
6	$x^3 + \zeta^{17}(x^{17} + x^{18} + x^{20} + x^{24})$	91	{*2, 3 <sup>66</sup> , 4 <sup>24</sup> *}
7	$x^3 + \zeta^{11}x^5 + \zeta^{13}x^9 + x^{17} + \zeta^{11}x^{33} + x^{48}$	19	{*2, 3 <sup>15</sup> , 4 <sup>3</sup> *}
8	$\zeta^{25}x^5 + x^9 + \zeta^{38}x^{12} + \zeta^{25}x^{18} + \zeta^{25}x^{36}$	85	{*2, 3 <sup>66</sup> , 4 <sup>18</sup> *}
9	$\zeta^{40}x^5 + \zeta^{10}x^6 + \zeta^{62}x^{20} + \zeta^{35}x^{33} + \zeta^{15}x^{34} + \zeta^{29}x^{48}$	91	{*2, 3 <sup>63</sup> , 4 <sup>27</sup> *}
10	$\zeta^{34}x^6 + \zeta^{52}x^9 + \zeta^{48}x^{12} + \zeta^6x^{20} + \zeta^9x^{33} + \zeta^{23}x^{34} + \zeta^{25}x^{40}$	91	{*2, 3 <sup>66</sup> , 4 <sup>24</sup> *}
11	$x^9 + \zeta^4(x^{10} + x^{18}) + \zeta^9(x^{12} + x^{20} + x^{40})$	86	{*2, 3 <sup>69</sup> , 4 <sup>16</sup> *}
12	$\zeta^{52}x^3 + \zeta^{47}x^5 + \zeta x^6 + \zeta^9x^9 + \zeta^{44}x^{12} + \zeta^{47}x^{33} + \zeta^{10}x^{34} + \zeta^{33}x^{40}$	92	{*2, 3 <sup>69</sup> , 4 <sup>22</sup> *}
13	$\zeta(x^6 + x^{10} + x^{24} + x^{33}) + x^9 + \zeta^4x^{17}$	85	{*2, 3 <sup>66</sup> , 4 <sup>18</sup> *}
14	$x^3 + \zeta^{17}(x^{17} + x^{18} + x^{20} + x^{24}) + \zeta^{14}(\text{tr}(\zeta^{52}x^3 + \zeta^6 * x^5 + \zeta^{19}x^7 + \zeta^{28}x^{11} + \zeta^2x^{13})) + (\zeta^2x)^9 + (\zeta^2x)^{18} + (\zeta^2x)^{36} + x^{21} + x^{42}$	25	{*3 <sup>10</sup> , 4 <sup>15</sup> *}

# Dillon's APN permutation

## Theorem (Browning, Dillon, Kibler, McQuistan)

Let  $F : \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  be APN, with  $F(0) = 0$ .  $F$  is CCZ equivalent to an APN permutation iff  $\mathcal{C}(F)$  is a double simplex code (i.e.  $\mathcal{C}(F) = C_1 \oplus C_2$  with  $C_i$  a  $[2^n - 1, n, 2^{n-1}]$ -code).

If  $F$  is APN and  $\mathcal{C}(F) = C_1 \oplus C_2 = \langle F_1(x) \rangle \oplus \langle F_2(x) \rangle$  is a double simplex code

$$C_1 \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dots & F_1(x) & \dots \\ \dots & F_2(x) & \dots \end{bmatrix} \right\} \mathcal{C}(F)$$

where  $F_i(x) = L_i(x, F(x))$  ( $L_i$  linear map from  $\mathbb{F}_2^{2n}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ )

$F_i$ 's are permutations of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ , thus  $F$  is CCZ-equivalent to  $F_2 \circ F_1^{-1}$  which is an APN permutation.

# Dillon's APN permutation

At the Fq9 conference (Dublin 2009), Dillon presented the construction of an APN permutation on  $\mathbb{F}_{2^6}$ .

Theorem (Browning, Dillon, McQuistan, Wolfe)

$x^3 + \zeta x^{24} + x^{10}$  is CCZ-equivalent to an APN permutation.

- ▶ Consider the simplex codes contained in  $\mathcal{C}(F)$ .
- ▶ From any disjoint pairs of these simplex codes we can obtain a permutation.
- ▶ In total we can obtain 512 permutations.

## Dillon's APN permutation

For all the APN permutations we have that the degree of their components are

$$\{ * 3^{7}, 4^{56} * \}$$

and the Walsh spectrum of the single components is given by the multi-set

$$\{ * \begin{aligned} & \{ * -16, -8^{22}, 0^{12}, 8^{26}, 16^3 * \}^{21}, \\ & \{ * -16^2, -8^{20}, 0^{12}, 8^{28}, 16^2 * \}^{21}, \\ & \{ * -16^3, -8^{18}, 0^{12}, 8^{30}, 16 * \}^7, \\ & \{ * -16^6, 0^{48}, 16^{10} * \}^7, \\ & \{ * -8^{24}, 0^{12}, 8^{24}, 16^4 * \}^7 \end{aligned} * \}$$



# Classification results for the Dillon's APN permutation

In the CCZ-class of  $x^3 + \zeta x^{24} + x^{10}$  we have:

- ▶ 13 EA-classes;
- ▶ 2 of them contain a permutation;
- ▶ 4 affine-classes containing a permutation.

## Remark

*Checking affine equivalence using the code  $\mathcal{C}_3(F)$  permits to identify 3 classes. Using  $\mathcal{C}_4(F)$  it is possible to identify all the 4 classes. With  $\mathcal{C}_3(F)$  we cannot understand if a function is equivalent to its inverse or not.*

## The case of dimension 7 and 8

In dimension 7 there are 490 known APN functions. For dimension 8 there are 8180 known APN functions. <sup>2</sup>

For dimension 7 and 8 the procedure for obtaining the  $L_1$ s can be still implemented. However, checking EA-equivalence using the code equivalence seems to require too much time.

We can give an upper bound on the number of EA-classes counting the simplex codes in  $\mathcal{C}(F)$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Yu, Yuyin, Mingsheng Wang, and Yongqiang Li, A matrix approach for constructing quadratic APN functions, *Designs, codes and cryptography* 73.2 (2014): 587-600. 

Table: CCZ-inequivalent APN functions over  $\mathbb{F}_{27}$  given in [Edel, Pott (2009)]<sup>3</sup>

N.	function	# EA-classes $\leq$
1	$x^3$	256
2	$x^5$	256
3	$x^9$	256
4	$x^{13}$	2
5	$x^{57}$	2
6	$x^{63}(\text{inverse})$	2
7	$x^3 + \text{tr}(x^9)$	184
8	$x^{34} + x^{18} + x^5$	184

N.	function	# EA-classes $\leq$
9	$x^{20} + x^6 + x^3$	324
10	$x^{66} + x^{34} + x^{20} + x^{17} + x^3$	184
11	$x^{34} + x^{33} + x^{17} + x^3$	184
12	$x^{34} + x^{33} + x^{10} + x^5 + x^3$	296
13	$x^{66} + x^{18} + x^9 + x^3$	212
14	$x^{33} + x^{17} + x^{12} + x^3$	240
15	$x^{66} + x^{34} + x^{20} + x^3$	184
16	$x^{72} + x^{40} + x^{12} + x^3$	184
17	$x^{72} + x^{40} + x^{34} + x^6 + x^3$	184
18	$x^{34} + x^{33} + x^{12} + x^6 + x^5 + x^3$	240
19	$x^{72} + x^{40} + x^{34} + x^6 + x^3 +$ $\zeta^{27}(\text{tr}(\zeta^{20}x^3 + \zeta^{94}x^5 + \zeta^{66}x^9))$	216

<sup>3</sup>Y. Edel, and A. Pott, A new almost perfect nonlinear function which is not quadratic. Adv. in Math. of Comm. 3.1 (2009): 59-81.

Table: CCZ-inequivalent APN functions over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$  given in [Edel, Pott (2009)].

N.	function	# EA-classes $\leq$
1	$x^3$	256
2	$x^9$	256
3	$x^{57}$	1
4	$\zeta^{15}x^{48} + \zeta^{16}x^{33} + \zeta^{16}x^{18} + x^{17} + x^3$	256
5	$x^3 + \text{Tr}(x^9)$	256
6	$x^9 + \text{Tr}(x^3)$	256
7	$\zeta^{21}x^{144} + \zeta^{183}x^{66} + \zeta^{245}x^{33} + x^3$	256
8	$\zeta^{135}x^{144} + \zeta^{120}x^{66} + \zeta^{65}x^{18} + x^3$	256
9	$\zeta^{67}x^{192} + \zeta^{182}x^{132} + \zeta^{24}x^6 + x^3$	256
10	$x^{160} + x^{132} + x^{80} + x^{68} + x^6 + x^3$	464
11	$x^{66} + x^{40} + x^{18} + x^5 + x^3$	368
12	$x^{130} + x^{66} + x^{40} + x^{12} + x^3$	400

N.	function	# EA-classes $\leq$
13	$\zeta^{189}x^{192} + \zeta^{143}x^{144} + \zeta^{22}x^{132} + \zeta^{21}x^{129} + \zeta^{133}x^{96} + \zeta^{230}x^{72} + \zeta^{229}x^{66} + \zeta^{31}x^{48} + \zeta^{187}x^{36} + \zeta^{185}x^{33} + \zeta^{68}x^{24} + \zeta^{230}x^{18} + \zeta^{75}x^{12} + \zeta^{81}x^9 + \zeta^{97}x^6 + \zeta^{160}x^3$	256
14	$\zeta^{100}x^{192} + \zeta^{17}x^{160} + \zeta^{15}x^{144} + \zeta^{243}x^{138} + \zeta^{234}x^{132} + \zeta^{21}x^{130} + \zeta^{79}x^{129} + \zeta^{130}x^{96} + \zeta^{31}x^{80} + \zeta^{229}x^{72} + \zeta^{39}x^{68} + \zeta^{17}x^{60} + \zeta^{189}x^{65} + \zeta^{129}x^{48} + \zeta^{189}x^{40} + \zeta^{238}x^{36} + \zeta^{192}x^{34} + \zeta^{217}x^{33} + \zeta^{122}x^{24} + \zeta^{144}x^{20} + \zeta^{169}x^{18} + \zeta^{141}x^{17} + \zeta^{238}x^{12} + \zeta^{117}x^{10} + \zeta^{183}x^9 + \zeta^{184}x^6 + \zeta^{211}x^5 + \zeta^{229}x^3$	400
15	$\zeta^{155}x^{192} + \zeta^{96}x^{144} + \zeta^{223}x^{132} + \zeta^{77}x^{129} + \zeta^{88}x^{96} + \zeta^{232}x^{72} + \zeta^{69}x^{66} + \zeta^{142}x^{48} + \zeta^{168}x^{36} + x^{33} + \zeta^{145}x^{24} + \zeta^{234}x^{18} + \zeta^{202}x^{12} + \zeta^{94}x^9 + \zeta^{189}x^6 + \zeta^{241}x^3$	256
16	$\zeta^{126}x^{182} + \zeta^{119}x^{144} + \zeta^{221}x^{132} + \zeta^{222}x^{129} + \zeta^{79}x^{96} + \zeta^{221}x^{72} + \zeta^{187}x^{66} + \zeta^{146}x^{48} + \zeta^{187}x^{36} + \zeta^{237}x^{24} + \zeta^{231}x^{12} + \zeta^{119}x^9 + \zeta^{244}x^6 + \zeta^{236}x^3$	256
17	$\zeta^{151}x^{192} + \zeta^{13}x^{144} + \zeta^{18}x^{132} + \zeta^{143}x^{129} + \zeta^{110}x^{96} + \zeta^{172}x^{72} + \zeta^{244}x^{66} + \zeta^{29}x^{48} + \zeta^{180}x^{36} + \zeta^{8}x^{33} + \zeta^{99}x^{24} + \zeta^{76}x^{18} + \zeta^{201}x^{12} + \zeta^{19}x^9 + \zeta^{19}x^6 + \zeta^{107}x^3$	256
18	$\zeta^{99}x^{192} + \zeta^{204}x^{129} + \zeta^{163}x^{96} + \zeta^{102}x^{66} + \zeta^{129}x^{48} + \zeta^{237}x^{36} + \zeta^{170}x^{33} + \zeta^{14}x^{24} + \zeta^{170}x^{18} + \zeta^{201}x^{12} + \zeta^{18}x^9 + \zeta^{254}x^3$	256
19	$\zeta^{95}x^{192} + \zeta^{242}x^{144} + \zeta^{195}x^{132} + \zeta^{98}x^{129} + \zeta^{84}x^{96} + \zeta^{65}x^{72} + \zeta^{234}x^{66} + \zeta^{202}x^{48} + \zeta^{159}x^{36} + \zeta^{60}x^{33} + \zeta^{73}x^{24} + \zeta^{148}x^{18} + \zeta^{230}x^{12} + \zeta^{32}x^9 + \zeta^{54}x^6 + \zeta^{41}x^3$	256
20	$\zeta^{132}x^{192} + \zeta^{37}x^{144} + \zeta^{81}x^{132} + \zeta^{183}x^{129} + \zeta^{76}x^{96} + \zeta^{162}x^{72} + \zeta^{46}x^{66} + \zeta^{252}x^{48} + \zeta^{42}x^{36} + \zeta^{81}x^{33} + \zeta^{83}x^{24} + \zeta^{13}x^{18} + \zeta^{185}x^{12} + \zeta^{163}x^9 + \zeta^{216}x^6 + \zeta^{181}x^3$	256
21	$\zeta^{91}x^{192} + \zeta^{124}x^{144} + \zeta^{214}x^{132} + \zeta^{106}x^{129} + \zeta^{159}x^{96} + \zeta^{172}x^{72} + \zeta^{138}x^{66} + \zeta^{163}x^{48} + \zeta^{36}x^{36} + \zeta^{100}x^{33} + \zeta^{12}x^{24} + \zeta^{200}x^{18} + \zeta^{45}x^{12} + \zeta^{241}x^9 + \zeta^{157}x^6$	256
22	$\zeta^{25}x^{192} + \zeta^{140}x^{144} + \zeta^{50}x^{132} + \zeta^{129}x^{129} + \zeta^{42}x^{96} + \zeta^{164}x^{72} + \zeta^{149}x^{66} + \zeta^{119}x^{48} + \zeta^{74}x^{36} + \zeta^{211}x^{33} + \zeta^9x^{24} + \zeta^{46}x^{18} + \zeta^{130}x^{12} + \zeta^{185}x^9 + \zeta^{147}x^6 + \zeta^{27}x^3$	256
23	$\zeta^{113}x^{192} + \zeta^{30}x^{144} + \zeta^{68}x^{132} + \zeta^{155}x^{129} + \zeta^{91}x^{96} + \zeta^{78}x^{72} + \zeta^{159}x^{66} + \zeta^{30}x^{48} + \zeta^{194}x^{36} + \zeta^{14}x^{33} + \zeta^{238}x^{24} + \zeta^{91}x^{18} + \zeta^{100}x^{12} + \zeta^{96}x^9 + \zeta^{222}x^6 + \zeta^{179}x^3$	256

# The case of non-Gold APN power functions and the inverse function

Table: Over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^7}$ .

N.	function	upper bound	# EA-classes
1	$x^{13}$	2	2
2	$x^{57}$	2	1
3	$x^{63}(\text{inverse})$	2	1

Table: Over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ .

N.	function	upper bound	# EA-classes
1	$x^{57}$	1	1
2	$x^{127}(\text{inverse})$	2	1

Table: Over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^9}$ .

N.	function	upper bound	# EA-classes
1	$x^{13}$	2	2
2	$x^{19}$	2	2
3	$x^{241}$	2	2
4	$x^{255}(\text{inverse})$	2	1

## Theorem

Let  $n \leq 9$  and  $F(x) = x^d$  be a non-Gold APN function defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ . Then the CCZ-class of  $F$  is partitioned in at most two EA-classes represented by  $F$  and  $F^{-1}$  (when exists).

## Theorem (Li, Wang)

*Let  $n \geq 5$ . The inverse function is EA-equivalent to a permutation if and only if it is affine equivalent to it.*

## Theorem

*Let  $5 \leq n \leq 9$ . A permutation polynomial  $F$  defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  is CCZ-equivalent to  $x^{-1}$  if and only if  $F$  is affine-equivalent to  $x^{-1}$ .*

Thanks for your attention!