

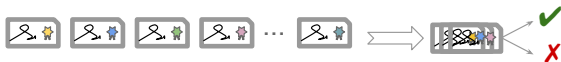
# FAULT TOLERANCE IN CRYPTOGRAPHY USING COVER-FREE FAMILIES

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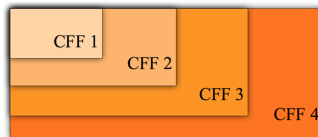


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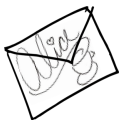
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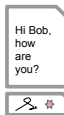
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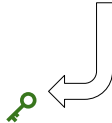
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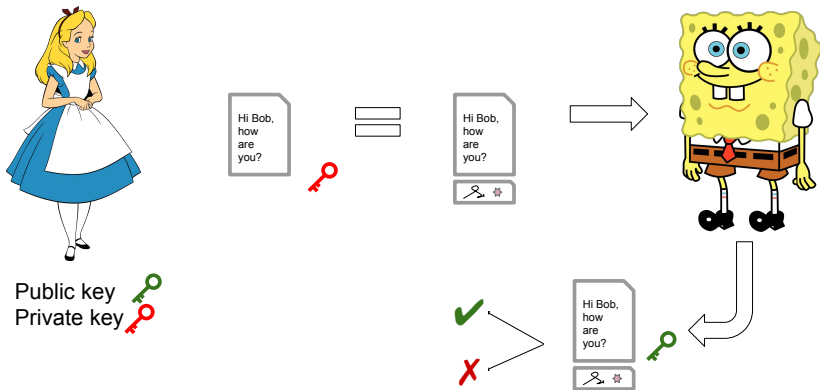
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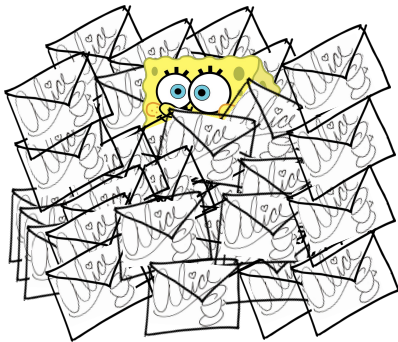


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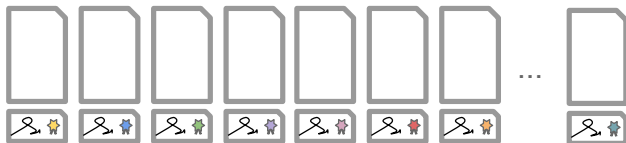
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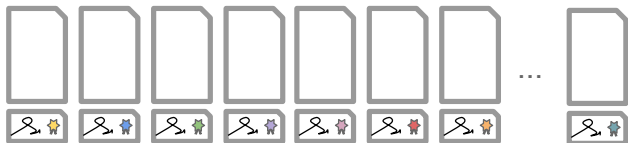
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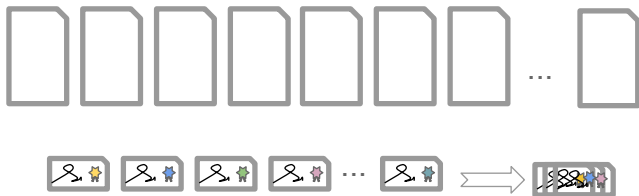
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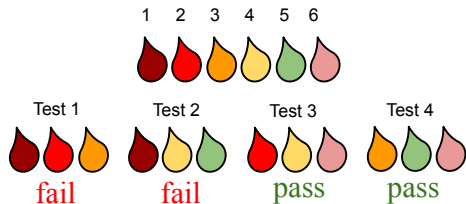
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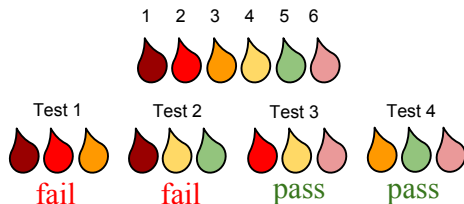
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**1-CFF(4,6) Matrix**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
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**A  $d$ -CFF( $t, n$ ) is a  $t \times n$  binary matrix where every set of  $d + 1$  columns contains a permutation submatrix of order  $d + 1$ .**

# CFFS AND GROUP TESTING

Using a  $d$ -cover-free family, no matter where the defectives are...

$c$	$c_1, \dots, c_d$											
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we can identify all good items.

(as long as we have at most  $d$  defectives)

When  $d = 1$ :

- no column is covered by any other
- no subset contains any other
- Sperner set systems

item	1	2	3	4	5	6
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# COVER-FREE FAMILIES WITH $d = 1$

When  $d = 1$ :

- Given  $n$ , choose  $t = \min\{s : \binom{s}{\lfloor s/2 \rfloor} \geq n\}$ .
- List the collection of all the  $\lfloor t/2 \rfloor$ -subsets of  $\{1, \dots, t\}$ .

Example  $n = 6, t = 4, d = 1$

**2-subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ :**  $\{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}\}$

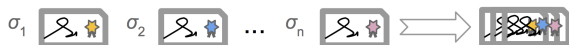
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- Minimize  $t$  for given  $n$  and  $d$ .
  - Lower bound for  $d \geq 2$ :  $t \geq c \frac{d^2}{\log d} \log n$ .<sup>2</sup>
- For  $d = 1$ :
  - Sperner system.
  - $t \sim \log n$ .
- For general  $d$ :
  - Direct construction from finite fields, codes, SHF, OAs, etc.
  - Probabilistic construction with  $t = \Theta((d + 1)^2 \ln n)$ .

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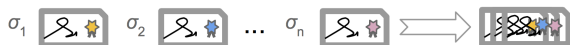


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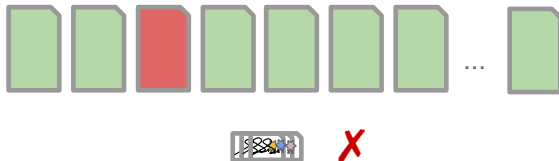
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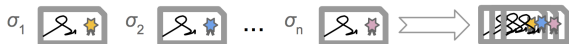
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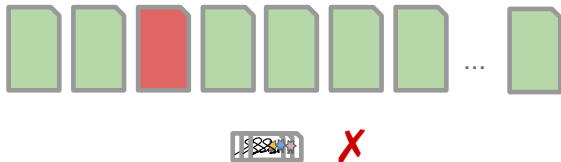
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- Use  $d$ -CFFs to provide fault-tolerance. <sup>3,4</sup>

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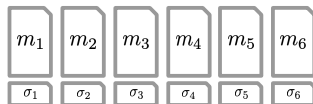
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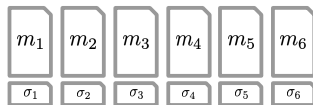
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agg 2:	1	0	0	1	1	0	$\sigma^*[2] = \mathbf{Agg}(\sigma_1, \sigma_4, \sigma_5)$
agg 3:	0	1	0	1	0	1	$\sigma^*[3] = \mathbf{Agg}(\sigma_2, \sigma_4, \sigma_6)$
agg 4:	0	0	1	0	1	1	$\sigma^*[4] = \mathbf{Agg}(\sigma_3, \sigma_5, \sigma_6)$



# FAULT TOLERANCE WITH $d$ -CFFs

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**AggVerify**( $\sigma^*[2], m_1, m_4, m_5$ ) **✓**

**AggVerify**( $\sigma^*[3], m_2, m_4, m_6$ ) **✓**

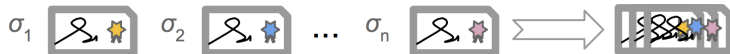
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	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_4$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_6$	result:
agg 1:	1	1	1	0	0	0	<b>X</b>
agg 2:	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	<b>✓</b>
agg 3:	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>1</b>	<b>✓</b>
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Invalid signature:  $\sigma_3$



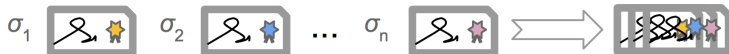
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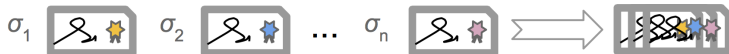
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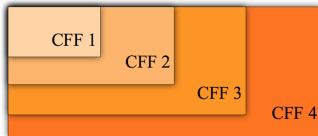
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- **Impractical for applications where signatures are dynamically arriving.**

How to make the number of signatures dynamic and still guarantee a reasonable size for the aggregate signature?

$\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{n_1} \dots \sigma_{n_2} \dots \sigma_{n_3} \dots \sigma_{n_4}$



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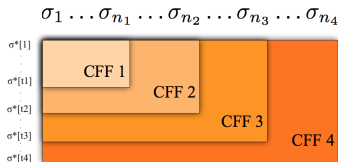
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# UNBOUNDED AGGREGATION OF SIGNATURES

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**1-CFF(5,10) Matrix**

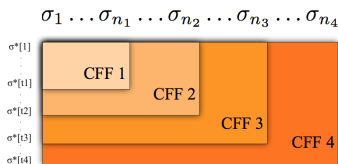
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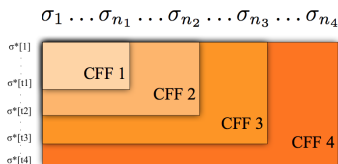
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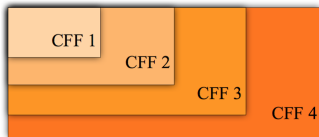
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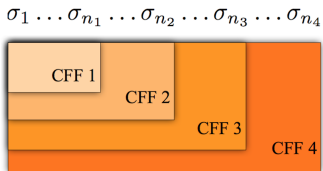
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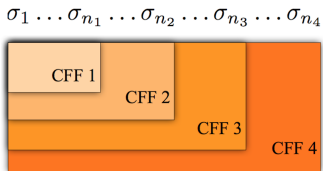
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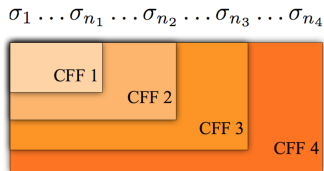
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- **Traditional aggregation:**

$$\rho(n) = n \implies t = 1, d = 0.$$

item	1	2	3	4	5	6
agg 1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- **No aggregation:**

$$\rho = 1 \implies t = n, d = n$$

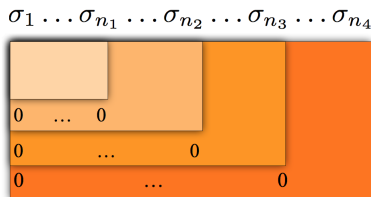
item	1	2	3	4	5	6
agg 1	1	0	0	0	0	0
agg 2	0	1	0	0	0	0
$\vdots$			$\vdots$			
agg 6	0	0	0	0	0	1

- **Fault-tolerant aggregation:**  $\rho(n) \leq \frac{n}{\frac{d^2}{\log d} \log n}$ .

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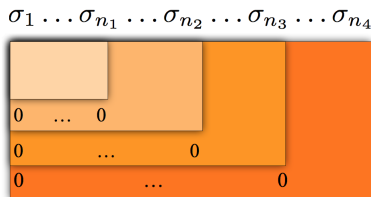


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- Solved unbounded problem but impractical (constant ratio).

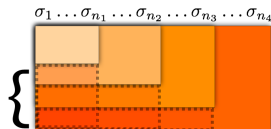
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### Our contribution:

- We define a more flexible family of matrices: *nested families*.<sup>6</sup>
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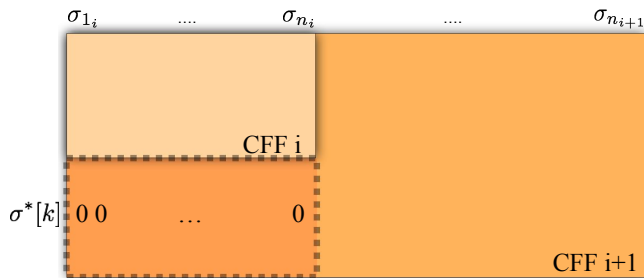
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<sup>6</sup>T. B. Idalino, L. Moura, TCS 2021.

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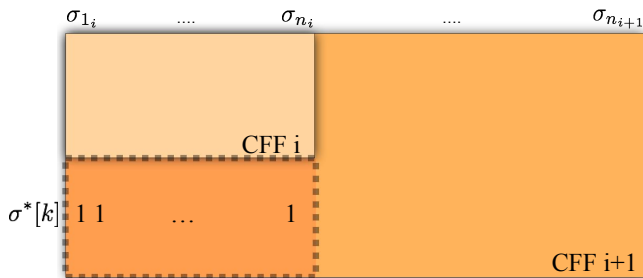
## DEFINITION



**Row of 0's:**  $\sigma^*[k]$  is a regular aggregation.

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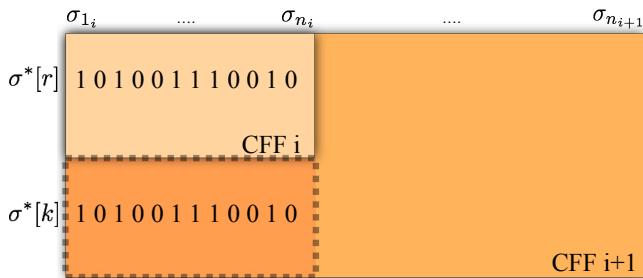


### Row of 1's:

- Keep one extra aggregation  $\sigma^*[0] = \text{Agg}(\sigma_i, \dots, \sigma_{n_i})$ ;
- then  $\sigma^*[k] = \text{Agg}(\sigma^*[0], \text{new signatures})$ .

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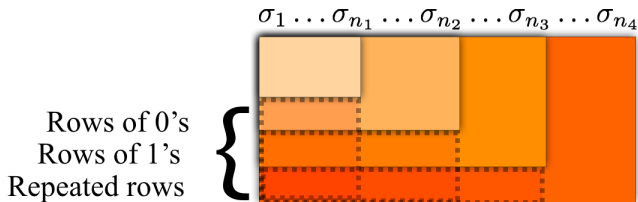
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**Repeated row  $r$ :**  $\sigma^*[k] = \text{Agg}(\sigma^*[r], \text{new signatures})$ .

# NESTED FAMILY CONSTRUCTION

- We need constructions for nested families, with good increasing compression ratio
- Proposed 3 different constructions for  $d = 1$  and general  $d$





# NESTED FAMILY CONSTRUCTION

Case  $d = 1$ :

- Based on Sperner set systems.

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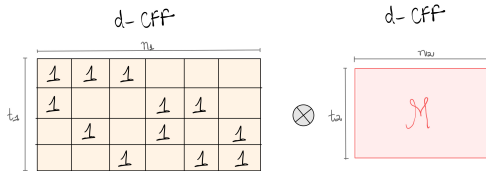
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- We increase  $t$  as necessary and fill the matrix accordingly.
- $\rho(n) = \frac{n}{\log_2 n} \rightarrow$  **meets the upper bound.**

## General $d$ (Construction 1):

### KRONECKER PRODUCT

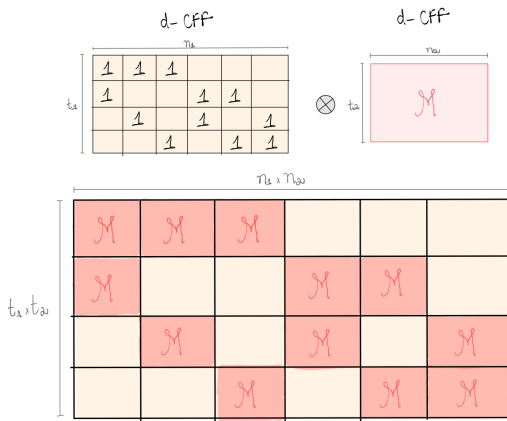
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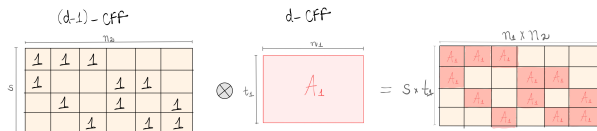
### ITERATING THE STEP

Iterating the step we get a nested family with

$$\rho(n) = \frac{n}{n^{1/c}} = n^{1-1/c}.$$

## General $d$ (Construction 2):

$$(d-1)\text{-CFF}(s, n_2) \otimes d\text{-CFF}(t_1, n_1) \text{ plus } d\text{-CFF}(t_2, n_2) \\ = d\text{-CFF}(s \times t_1 + t_2, n_2 \times n_1)$$

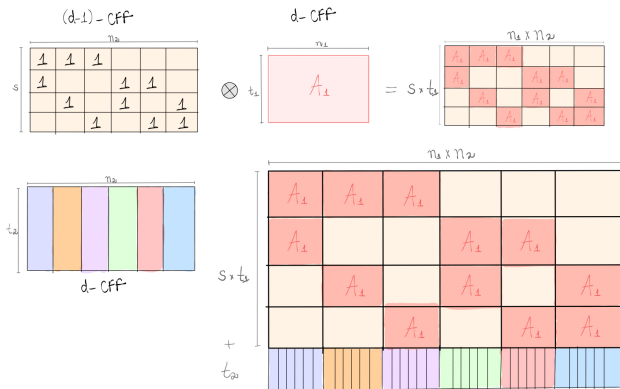


# NESTED FAMILY - CONSTRUCTIONS

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Iterating the step (in a specific way) we get a nested family with

$$\rho(n) = \frac{n}{(b \log_2 n)^{\log_2 \log_2 n + D}}.$$



## With Nested families:

- Make fault-tolerant aggregation of signatures more practical.
  - Allow increase on the number  $n$  of signatures.
  - Reasonable aggregate signature size.

$d$	$\rho(n)$	<b>Construction</b>
0	$n$	Traditional
1	$\frac{n}{\log_2 n}$	Sperner
$d$	$\frac{n}{n^{1/c}}$	Construction 1
$d$	$\frac{n}{(b \log_2 n)^{\log_2 \log_2 n + D}}$	Construction 2
$d$	1	Hartung et al. <sup>7</sup>

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# WHAT ELSE?

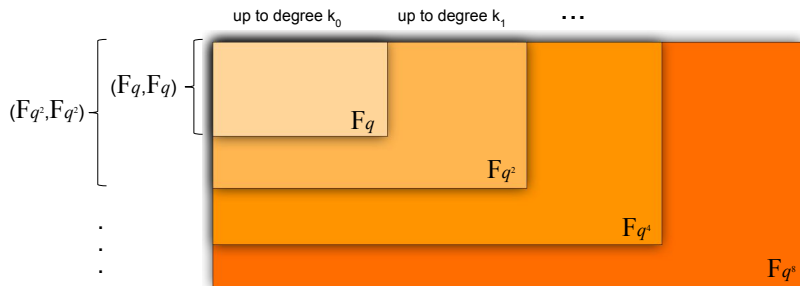
$\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{n_1} \dots \sigma_{n_2} \dots \sigma_{n_3} \dots \sigma_{n_4}$



- Increases in  $n$  may increase  $d$  too.
- Nested and monotone families do not allow increases on  $d$ .
- Application in broadcast encryption and authentication.

# EMBEDDING COVER-FREE FAMILIES

- Generalization of monotone and nested: *embedding families*.<sup>8</sup>
- Constructions based on polynomials over finite fields and extension fields.



<sup>8</sup>T. B. Idalino, L. Moura, Mathematics of Communications, 2019.

Different applications require different properties of CFFs.

- Explore dynamic applications with increasing  $n$  and  $d$ .
- Good compression ratios.

	$d$	$n$
$d$ -CFFs	fixed	fixed
Monotone	fixed	increasing
<b>Nested</b>	<b>fixed</b>	<b>increasing</b>
<b>Embedding</b>	<b>increasing</b>	<b>increasing</b>

- Constructions with better compression ratio.
- Compression ratio bounds on monotone and nested families ( $d \geq 2$ ).
  - $\rho(n) \leq \frac{n}{\frac{d^2}{\log d} \log n}$
- Other aspects of CFFs to be explored.
  - Mixed properties and applications.

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