# New maximum scattered linear sets of the projective line

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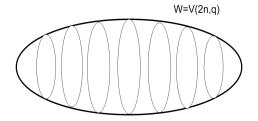


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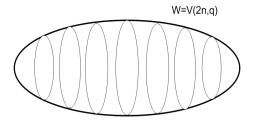
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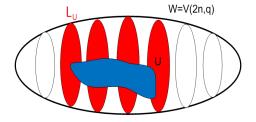
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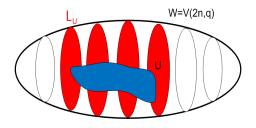


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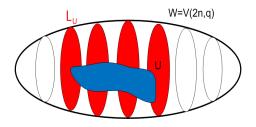
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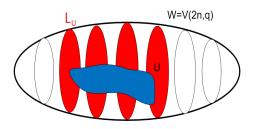


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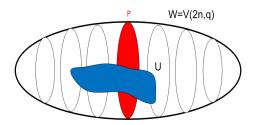
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#### Classes of L<sub>1</sub>

- $\mathcal{Z}(\Gamma L)$  class =  $\varphi(n)$  (Lavrauw, Sheekey and Zanella 2015);
- $\Gamma L class = \varphi(n)/2$  (Csajbók and Zanella 2016).

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#### **Theorem**

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Z. **Liu** and B. **Wu**: *Linearized polynomials over finite fields revisited*, Finite Fields Appl. **22** (2013), 79–100.

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