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1003-X1-1540      **William Brian Muse\*** (Muse\_Brian@colstate.edu) and **K. T. Phelps.** *Orthogonal quadruple systems and 3-frames.*

Orthogonal quadruple systems are defined and investigated. Orthogonal quadruple systems with an additional nesting property are shown to provide a new construction of 3-frames  $F(3, 4, n\{2\})$ . Constructions for pairs of nested orthogonal quadruple systems are provided. Applications to 2-resolvable Steiner quadruple systems and highly nonlinear functions are discussed. Conjugate orthogonal 3-quasigroups are defined and constructed assuming that they will be an important ingredient in future product constructions of orthogonal Steiner quadruple systems. (Received October 05, 2004)