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In an earlier paper I introduced projective varieties  $V(S,t)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with the property that if  $V(S,t)$  contains no nontrivial points over  $\text{GF}(q)$ , then any cyclic code over  $\text{GF}(q)$  whose defining set contains  $S$  has minimum distance  $> t$ . Here we aim to classify those  $S$  and  $t$  for which  $V(S,t)$  is ‘nice’, meaning its components are all rational and defined over an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , allowing us to characterize precisely those  $S$  and  $t$  for which Hartmann-Tzeng-type bounds exist. This is a joint project with Gary McGuire. (Received August 05, 2007)