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Alex Iosevich, Igor Shparlinski and Maosheng Xiong* (xiong@math.psu.edu), Dept. Math, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA 16802. *Sets with Integral Distance in Finite Fields.*

This is recent joint work with Shparlinski and Iosevich. Given a positive integer n , a finite field F_q of q elements (q odd), and a non-degenerate quadratic form Q on F_q^n , we study the largest possible cardinality of subsets $E \subseteq F_q^n$ with pairwise integral Q -distance, that is, for any two vectors $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ of E , one has

$$Q(x - y) = u^2$$

for some $u \in F_q$. (Received January 29, 2009)