

Packing ovals into projective planes

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Oval in the projective plane of order q is a set of $q + 1$ points in which no three points are collinear. Motivated by the problem of packing edge-disjoint copies of Hoffman-Singleton graph into K_{50} we study sets of $q + 1$ pairwise disjoint ovals in the Desarguesian plane of order q .