The schurity problem for quasi-thin association schemes

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- 3 schemes of prime degree p: there exist non-schurian schemes of rank 3 but any scheme of rank $\geq (4p)^{4/5}$ is schurian (M-P, 2009).

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- 3 given $i \in \{4,7\}$ there exist infinitely many non-schurian Klein schemes of index *i*.

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