

GGH15 beyond permutation branching programs proofs, attacks, and candidates

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> $\text{WitnessEnc}(x, m)$, x = instance, m = message

Functionality: if $x = \text{SAT}$ -----> can use the witness to decrypt the msg.

Security: if $x = \text{UNSAT}$ -----> msg is hidden.



$\text{WitnessEnc}(x = \text{"there is an attack to Alice's PKE scheme"},$
 $\text{msg} = 100 \text{ Bitcoins}$)

> Current status of witness encryption: there are several candidates (more-or-less based on multilinear maps); none of them are based on established cryptographic assumptions.

> [Garg et al. 13] candidate witness encryption based on GGH13.

> Broken by [Hu, Jia 16]

> [Gentry, Lewko, Waters 14] from multilinear subgroup decision assumption (which is also open)

> Null-iO candidates (there are many) => Witness encryption candidates



Do we have secure
Witness encryption?

I am the title

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Wait, what's the relation
of witness encryption
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Summary of the results for GGH15 + non-perm branching programs:

- Proofs (focus of the talk):
 - > Introduce new lattice toolkits;
 - > New analysis techniques for GGH15.
 - > Leads to PCPRFs and lockable obfuscation for general BPs.
- Attacks: New attacks on the iO candidates.
- Candidates: Witness encryption and iO.

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> Bilinear maps from elliptic curves [Miller 1986]

> n-linear maps candidates: (all based on **non-standard** use of lattices)

>>>> Garg, Gentry, Halevi 2013 [GGH 13]

>>>> Coron, Lepoint, Tibouchi 2013 [CLT 13]

>>>> Gentry, Gorbunov, Halevi 2015 [GGH 15] (LWE-like)

*New: Trilinear maps from abelian varieties [Huang 2018], requires further investigation.

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Lattice trapdoor 101

[Ajtai 99, Alwen, Peikert
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Given Y find D s.t. $A \times D = Y$

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When witness encryption meets multilinear maps ...

[Gentry, Lewko, Waters 14] witness encryption from mmaps subgroup decision assumption, which is instance independent.

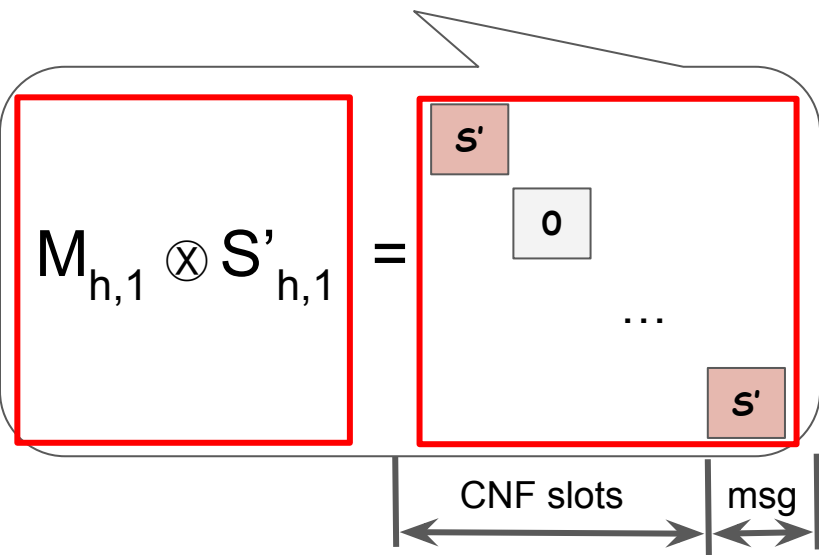


[Gentry, Lewko, Waters 14] a special witness encryption from mmaps.

A strawman implementation of GLW14 in GGH15

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- Low-rank matrices (bad news)
- Read-once BP (good news)

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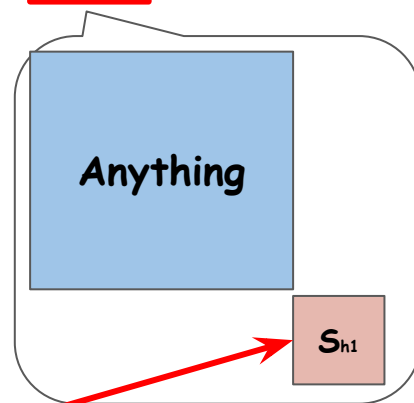
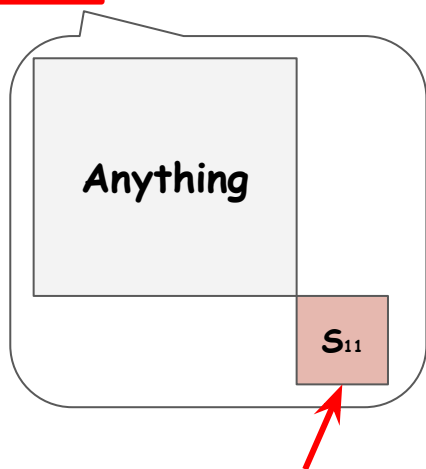


As secure as LWE:

When there is one “slot” that is **always random** in all the matrices.

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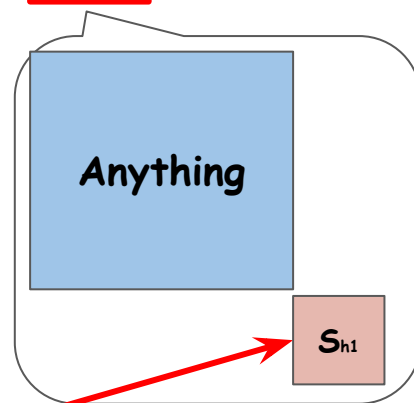
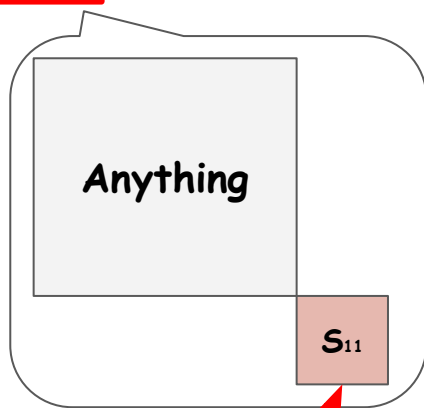
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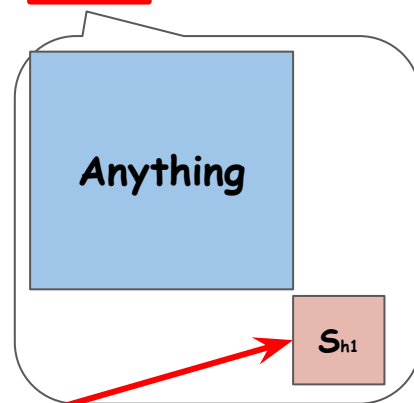
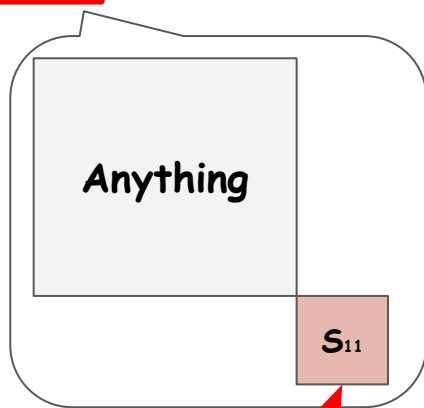


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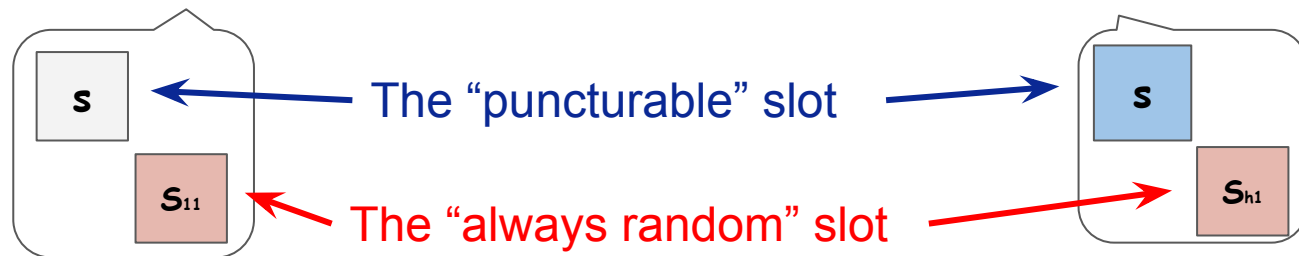
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What are you
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Semantic security:

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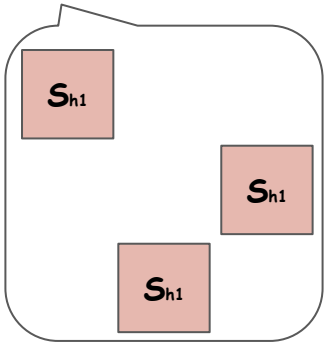
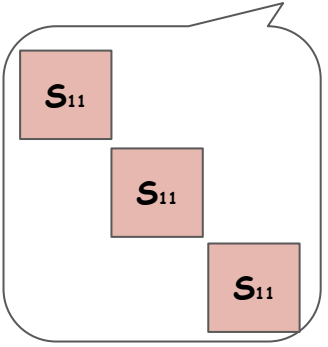
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LWE 101 [Regev 05]

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LWE 101 [Regev 05]

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Permutation - LWE:

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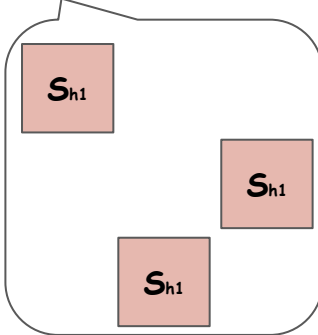
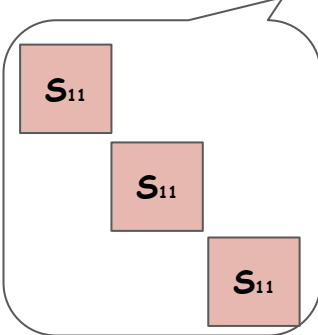
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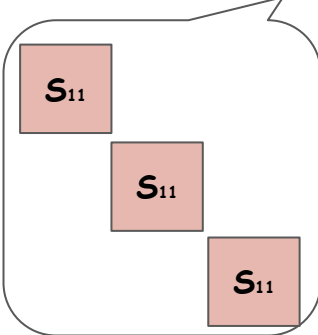
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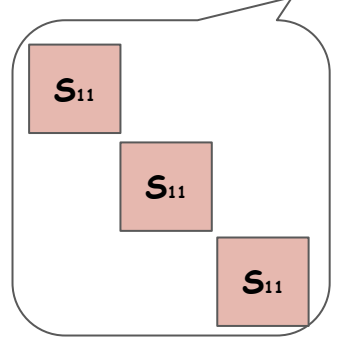
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[Gentry, Peikert, Vaikuntanathan 08]

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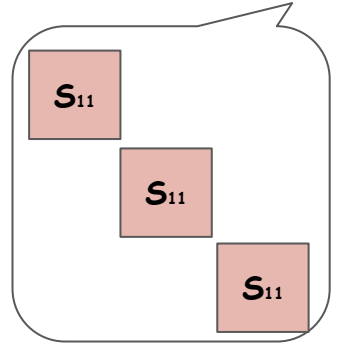
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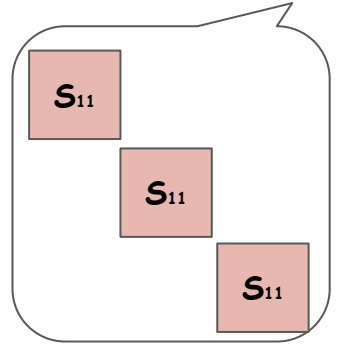
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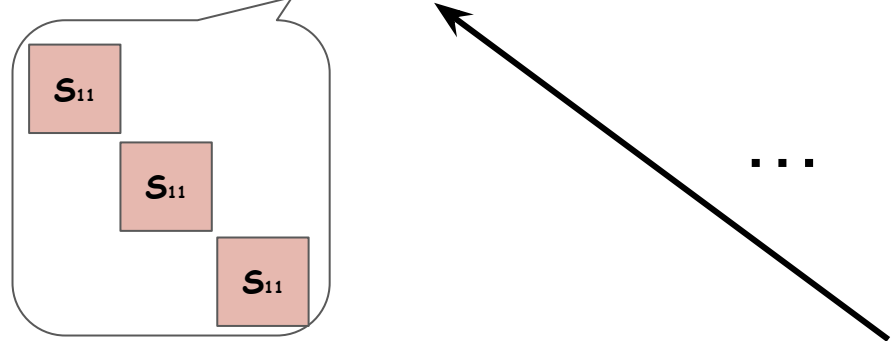
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[Final Steps] Another LWE + GPV

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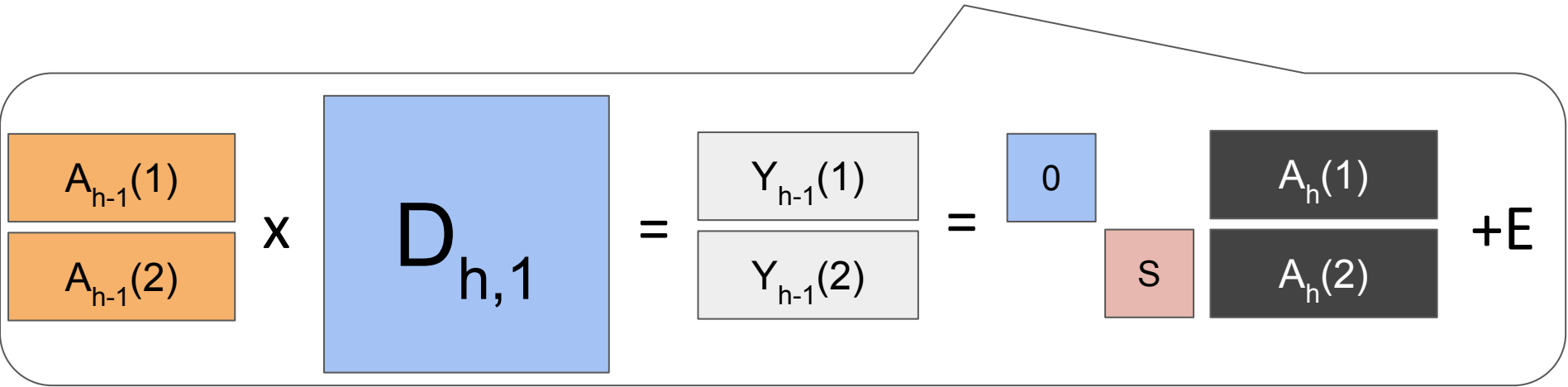
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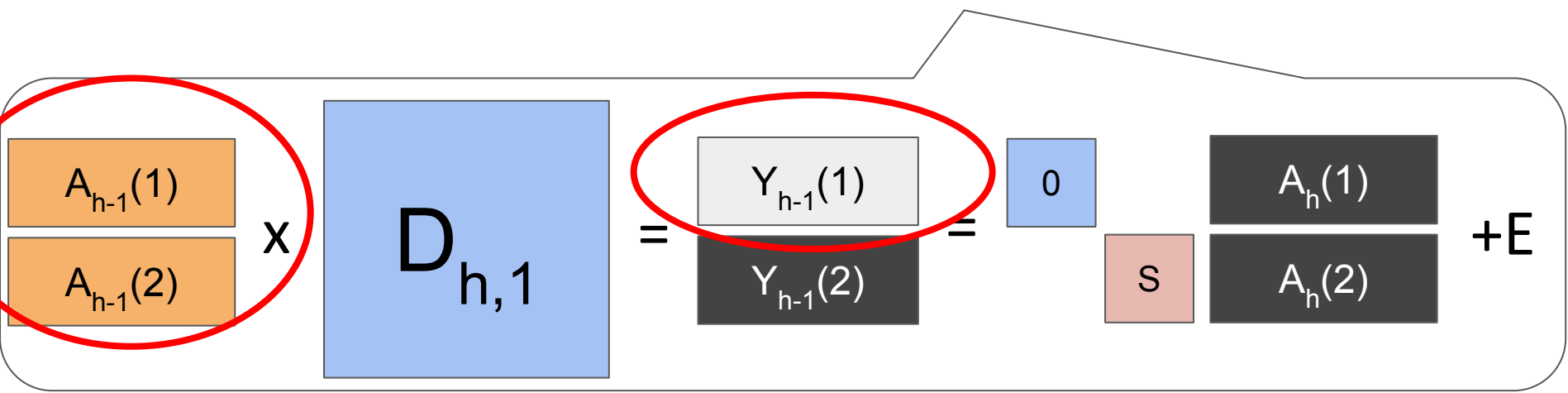
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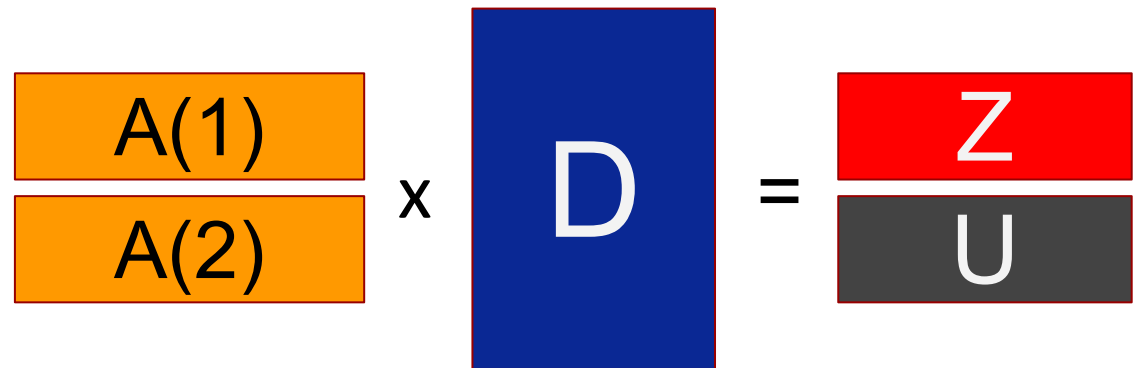
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Observation: $Y_{h-1}(1)$ is not random
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Lattice trapdoor Lemma 1:

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The diagram illustrates the Lattice trapdoor Lemma 1. On the left, two orange rectangular boxes are stacked vertically, labeled A(1) and A(2). To the right of these boxes is a black 'x' symbol. Further right is a tall blue rectangular box labeled 'D'. To the right of the blue box is a black '=' symbol. On the far right, two rectangular boxes are stacked vertically. The top box is red and labeled 'Z', and the bottom box is dark gray and labeled 'U'.

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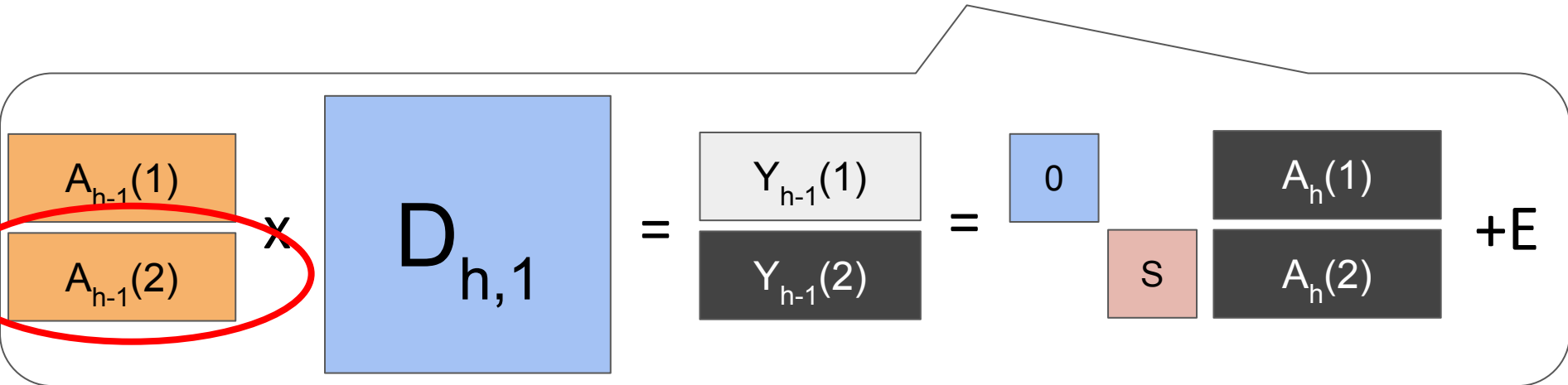
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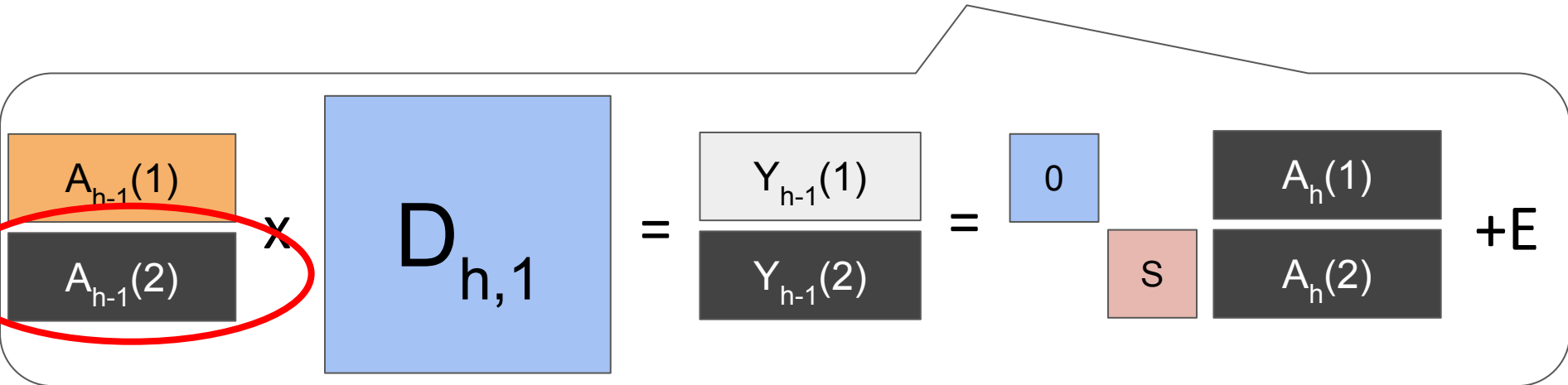
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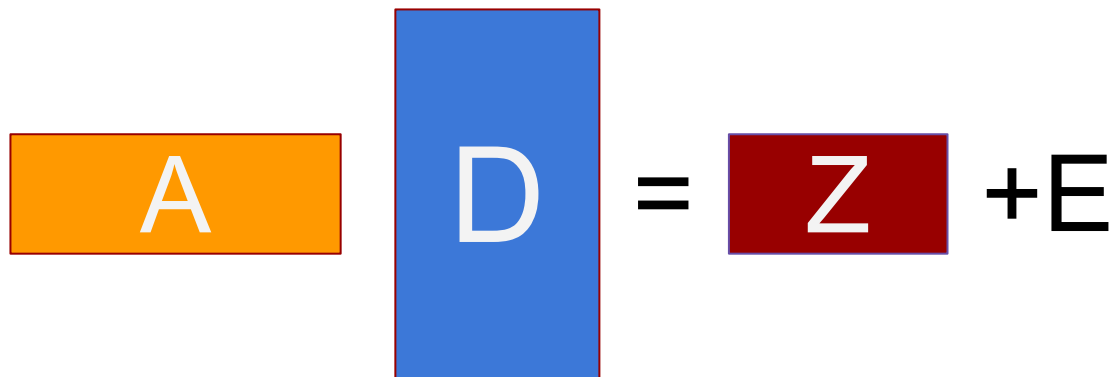
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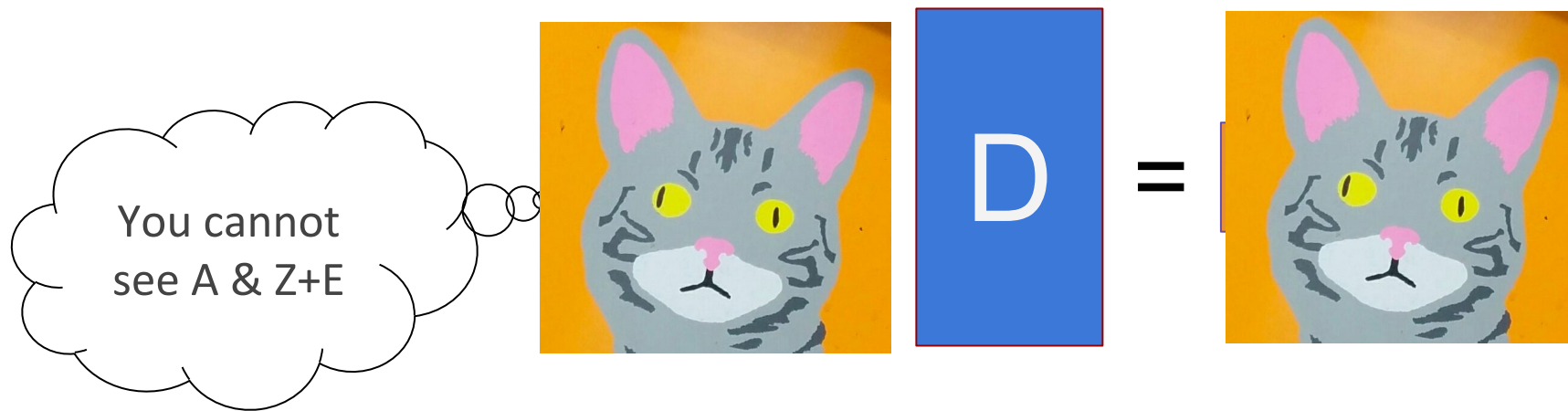
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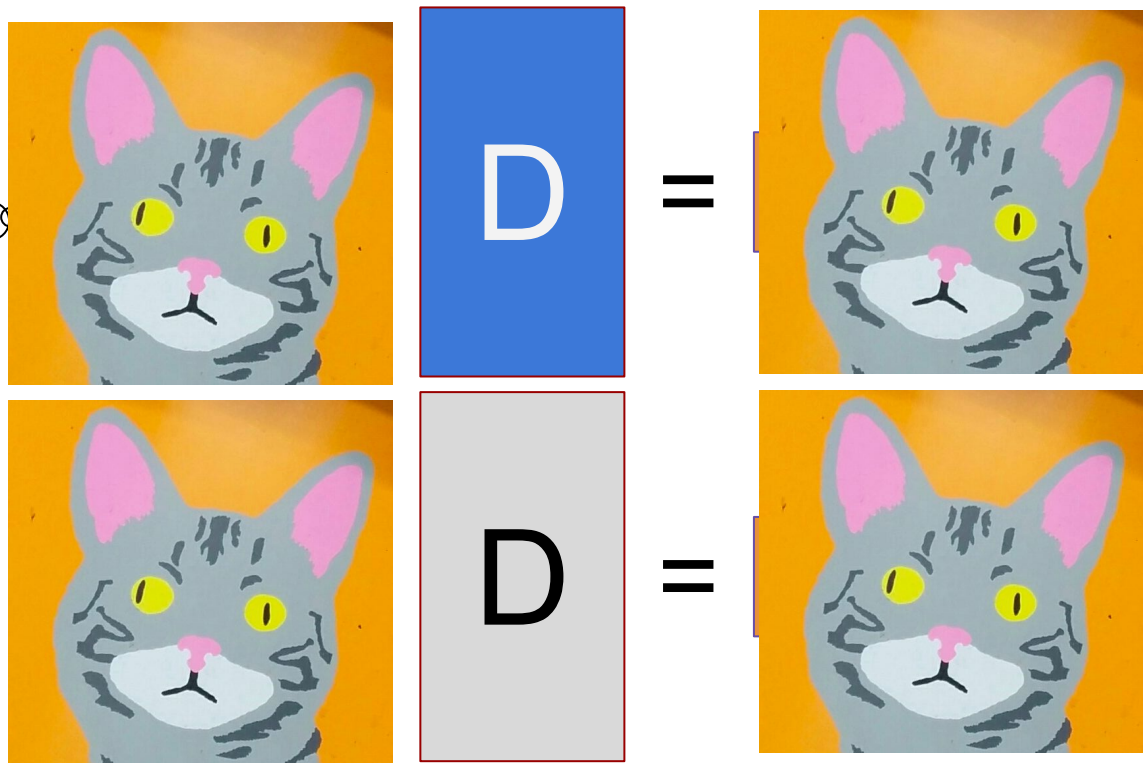
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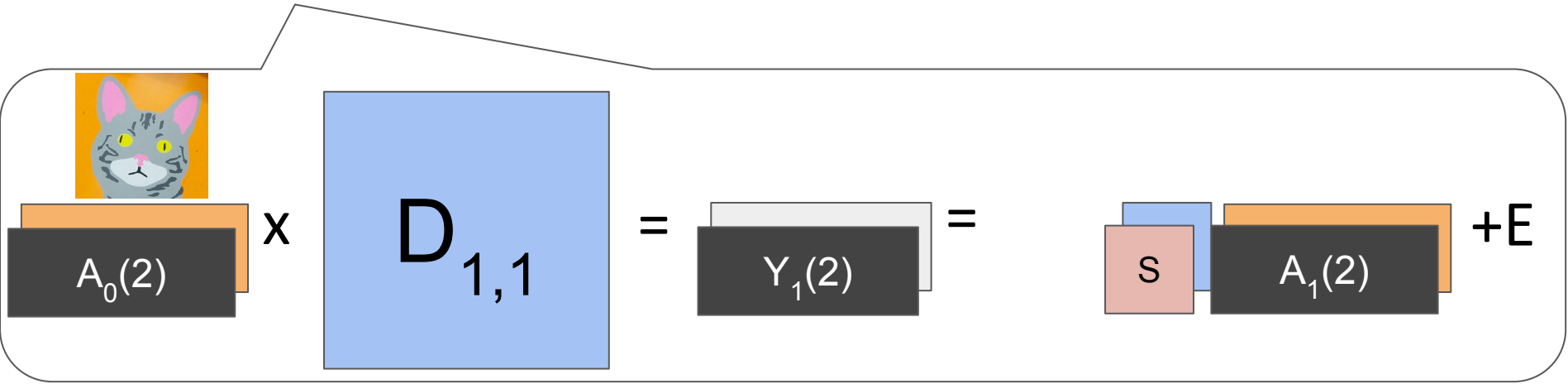
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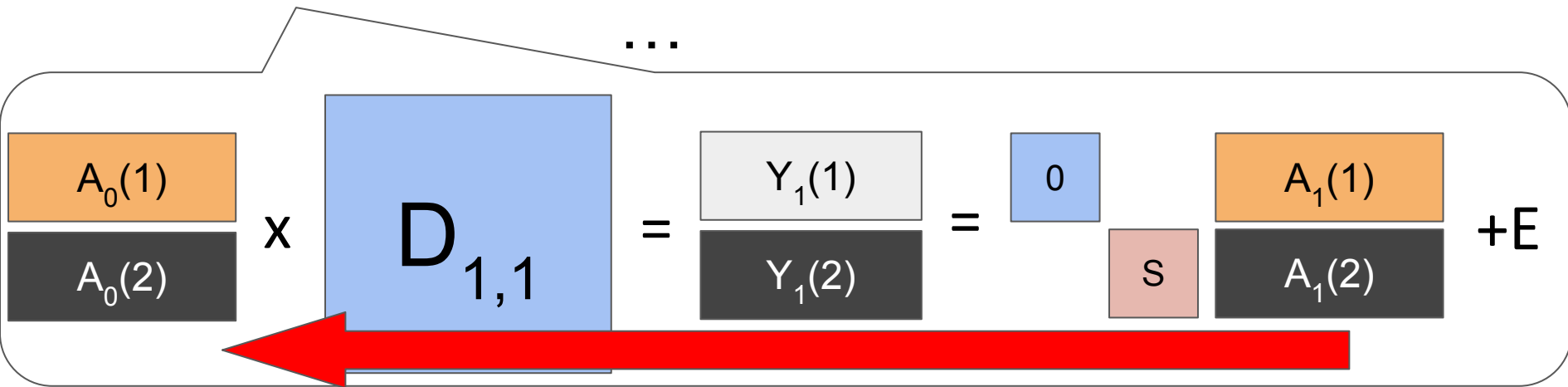
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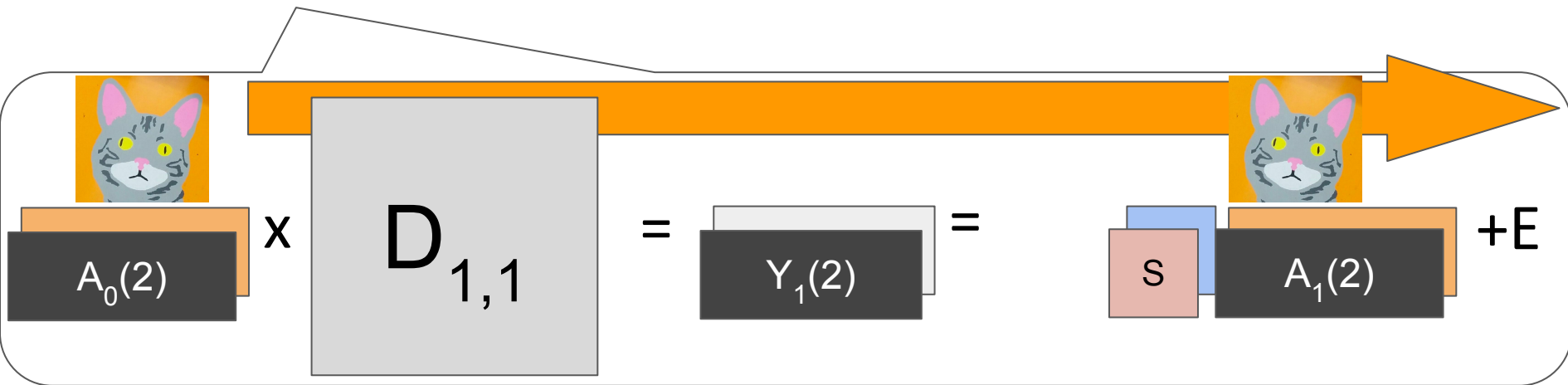
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End of the proof for GGH15 + low-rank BP

Q: What about the other cases without a proof from LWE?

A: Hmm ... some of them can be broken.



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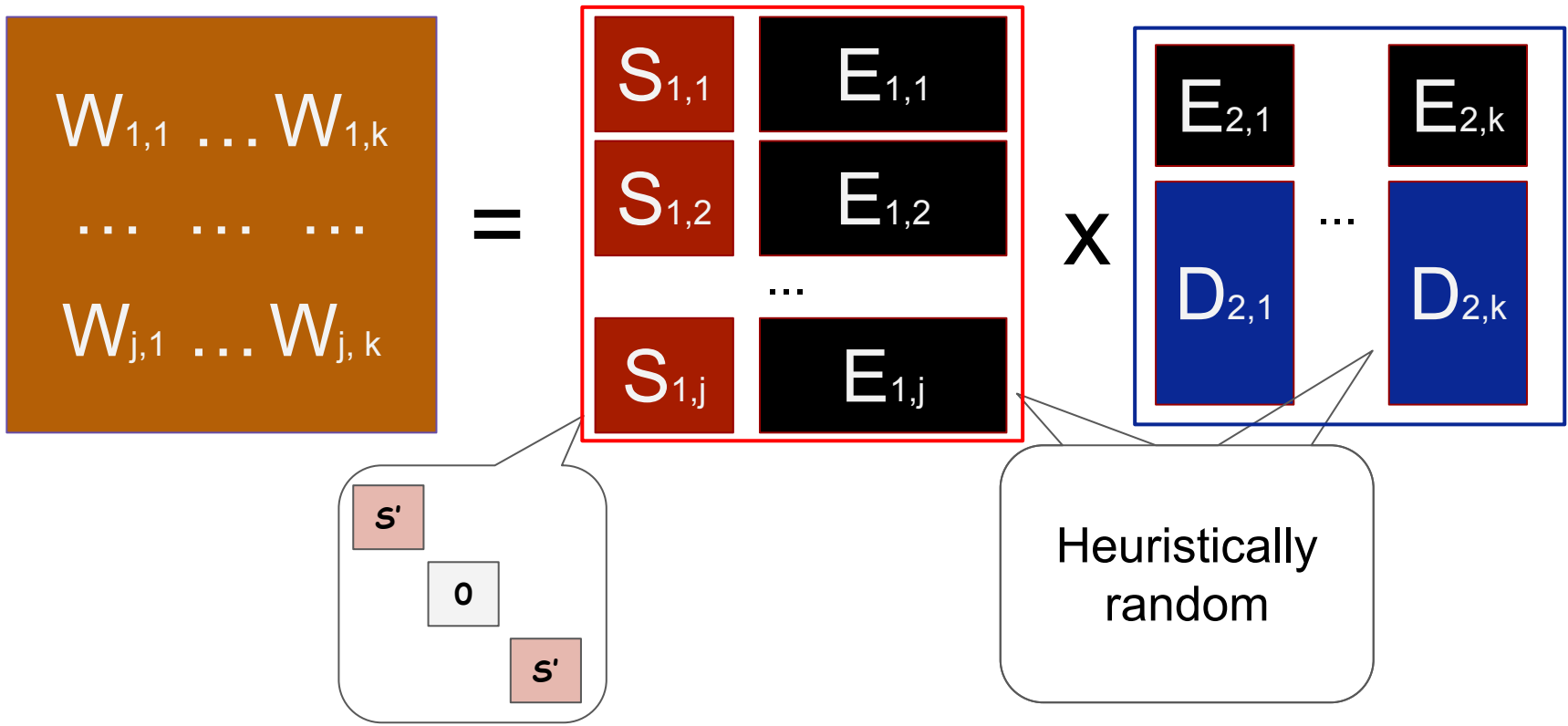
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The analysis is quite involved, especially for the extension to non-input-partitioning BPs.

[code] <https://github.com/wildstrawberry/cryptanalysesBPobfuscators/blob/master/ggh15analysis.sage>

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Other related works & Implications

The lattice lemmas appear in the concurrent work of [Goyal, Koppula, Waters 18] that builds traitor tracing from LWE.

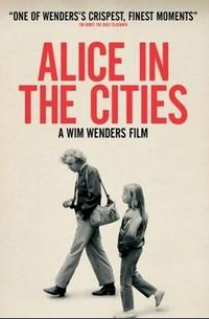
[Bartusek, Guan, Ma, Zhandry] limitation of the attacks on GGH15-based iO candidates.

One of the future direction:
Build applications from multilinear maps with “slots”
=> instantiate using GGH15 with diagonal matrices,
see if there is a chance of proving from LWE





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Thanks for your time!

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