

THE MMAP STRIKES BACK:

**Obfuscation and New Multilinear Maps
Immune to CLT13 Zeroizing Attacks**

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RETURN OF GGH15:

Provable Security Against Zeroizing Attacks

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Multilinear Maps

[BS03,GGH13,CLT13,GGH15]

Levels: $1, \dots, \kappa$, Plaintext Ring R

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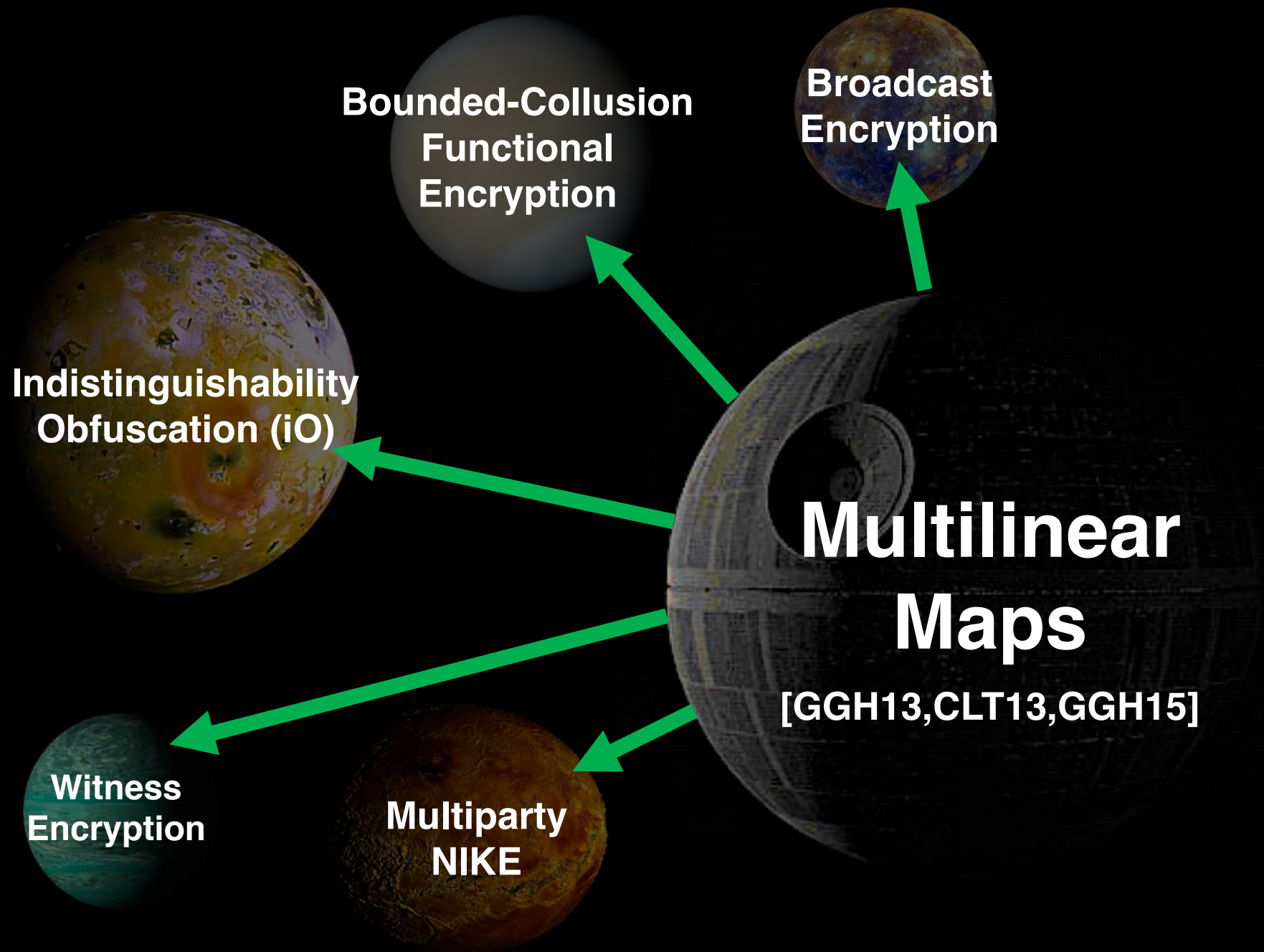
$$a \in R, i \in \{1, \dots, \kappa\} \xrightarrow{\text{Encode}} [a]_i$$

Public

$$[a]_i + [b]_i \longrightarrow [a + b]_i$$

$$[a]_i \times [b]_j \longrightarrow [ab]_{i+j}$$

$$[a]_\kappa \xrightarrow{\text{Zero-Test}} \text{Yes/No}$$



[HuJia15]

[MSZ16]

[CHLRS15]

[CLLT16]

[CGH17]

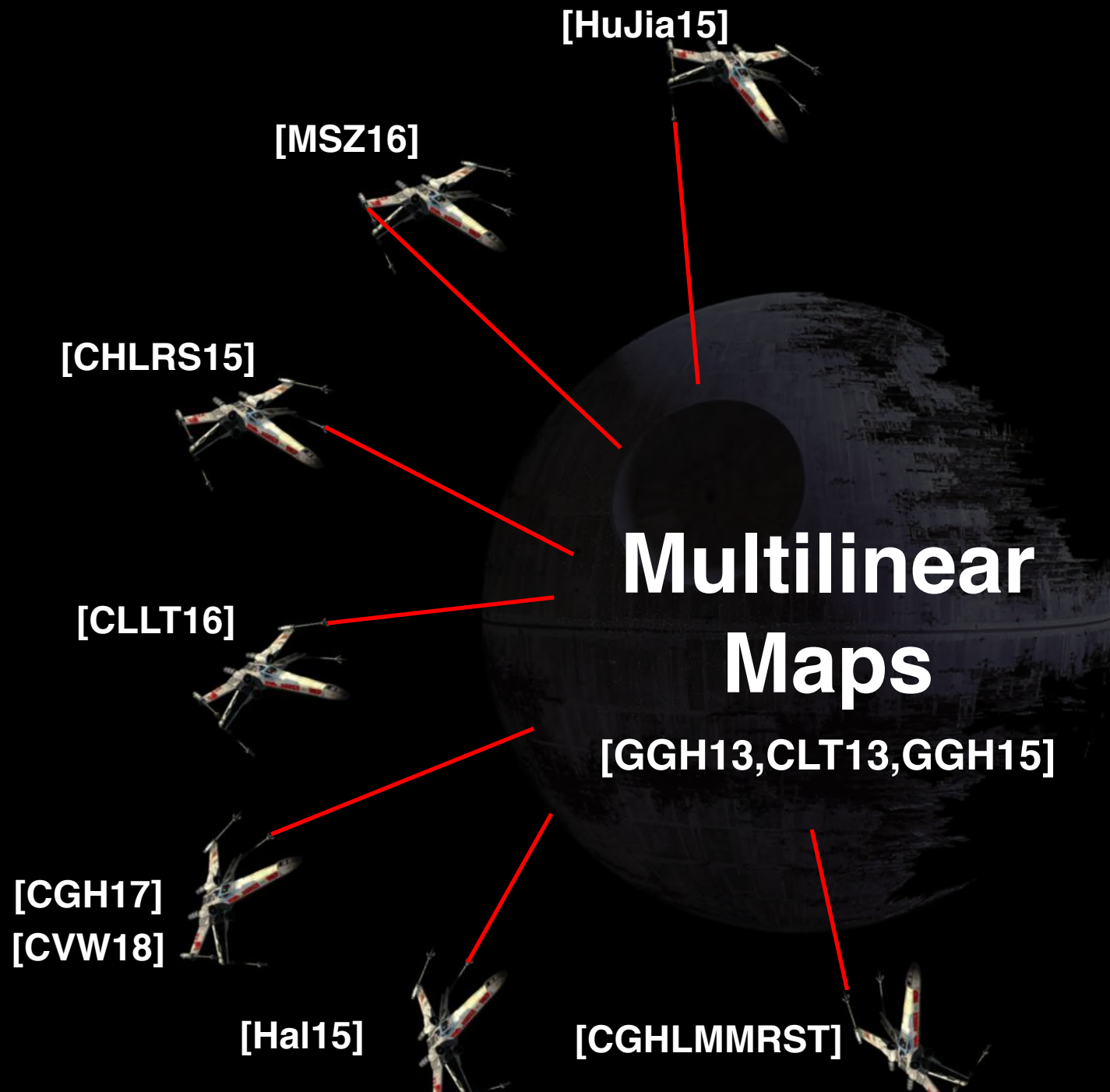
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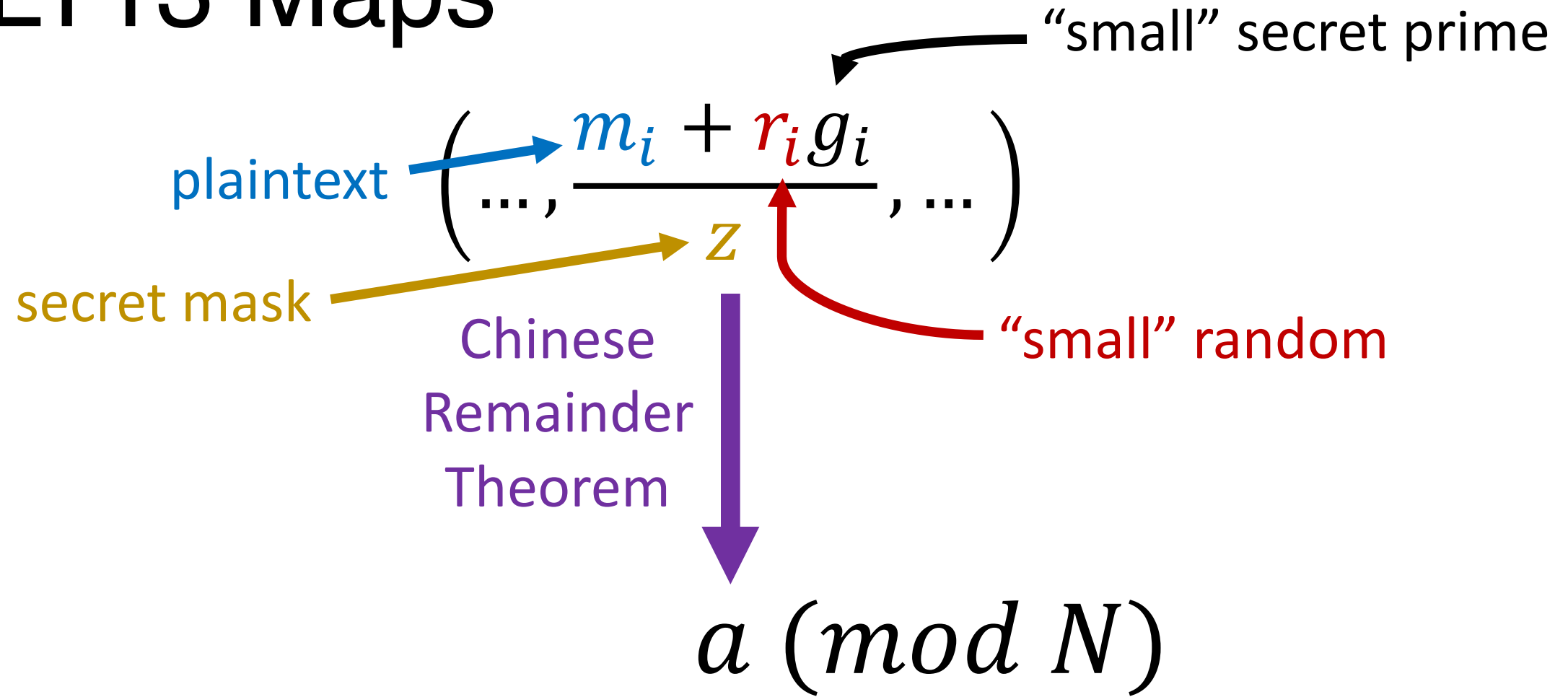
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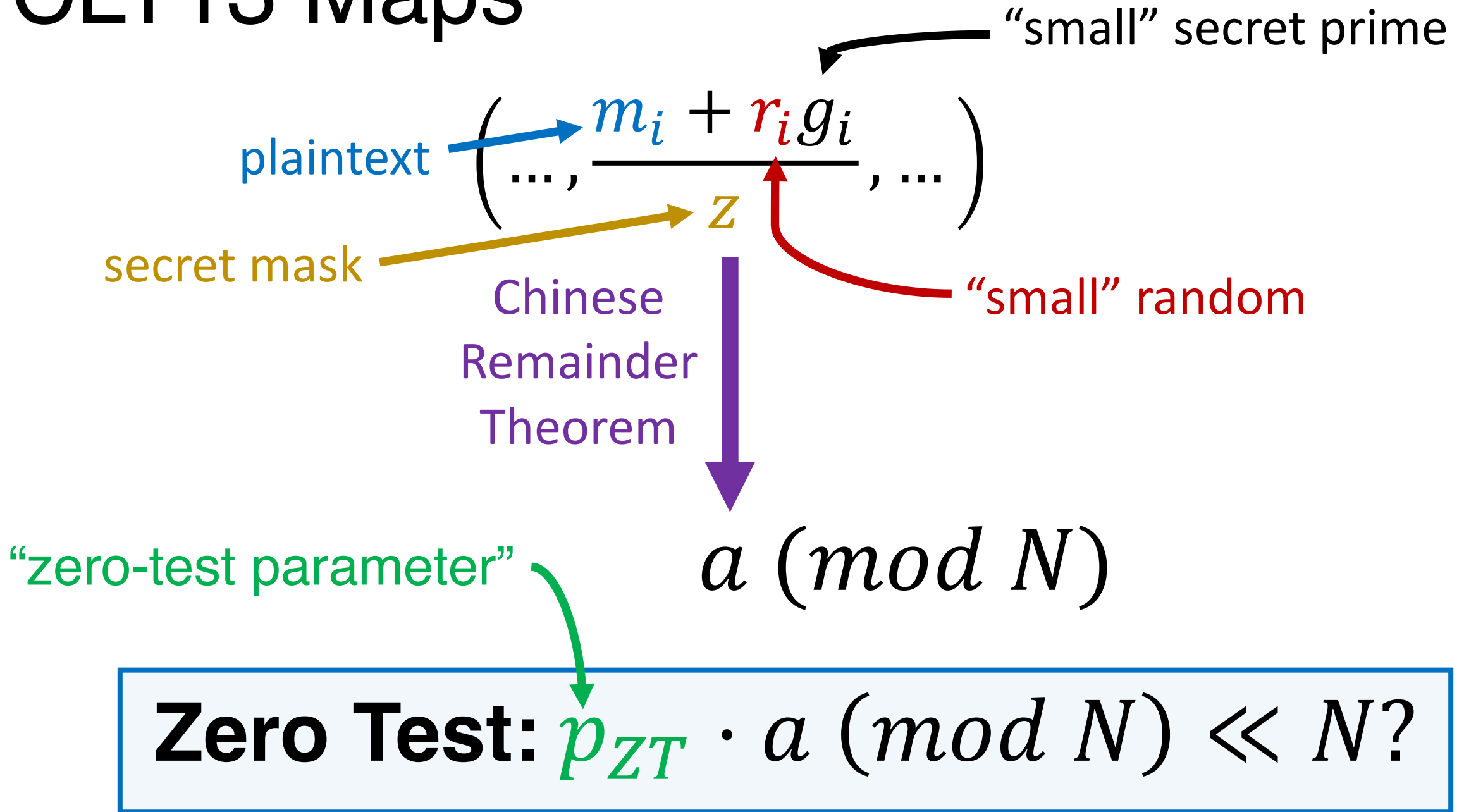
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formal variable

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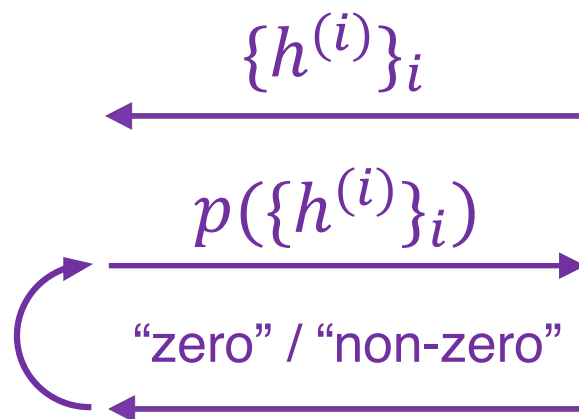
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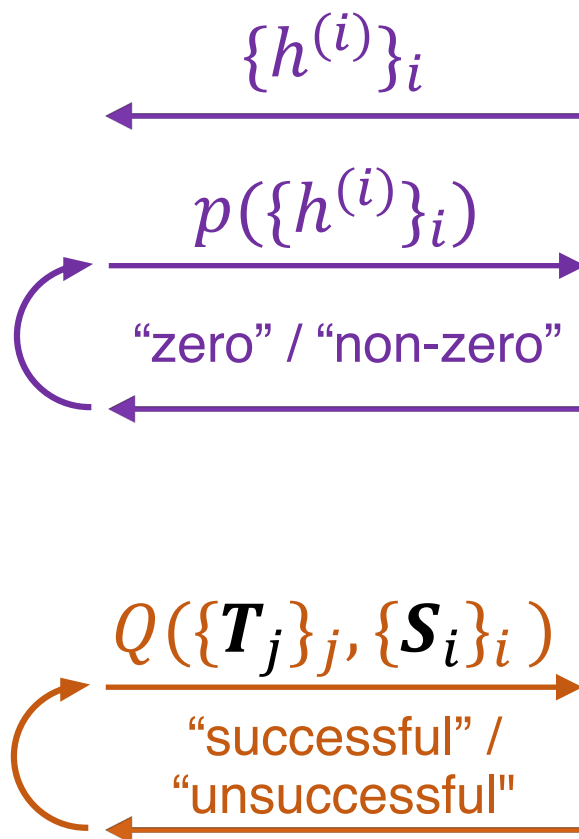
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If x, y are CLT13 encodings, and $x^2 + xy$ is a top-level zero, **the zero-test polynomial** is the formal polynomial $x^2 + xy$.

Theorem: If  can mount a zeroizing attack,  can “cancel out” linearly independent zero-test polynomials.

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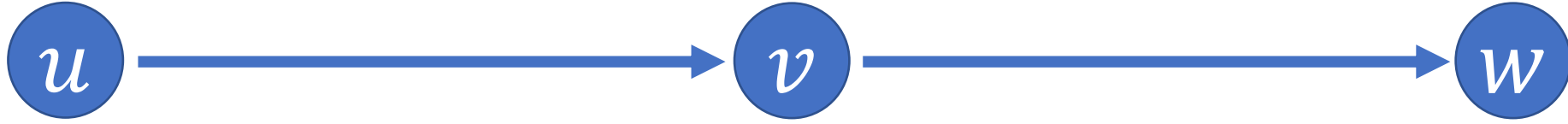
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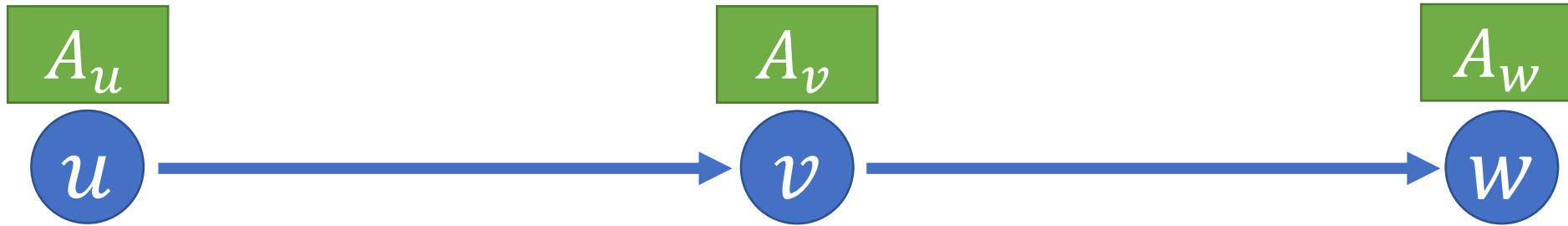
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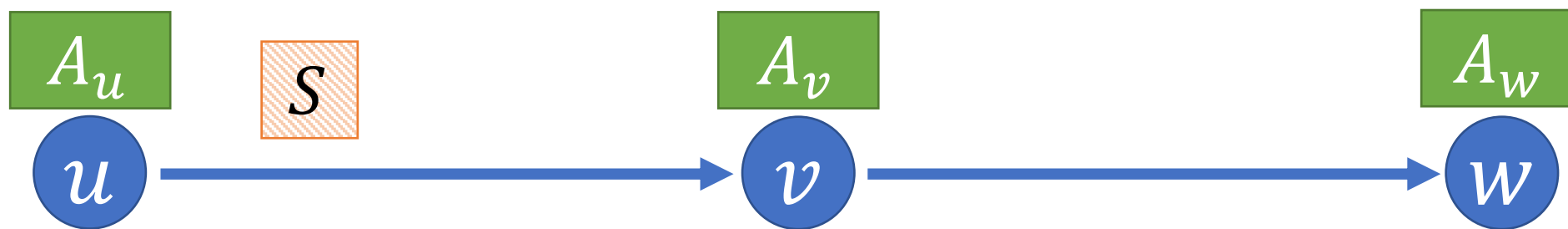
- For BMSZ16 Obfuscation and BLRSZZ16 ORE it is provably hard to annihilate zero-test polynomials (from **standard** assumptions [GMMSSZ16])
- New multilinear map hard to annihilate (under new **non-standard** assumption).



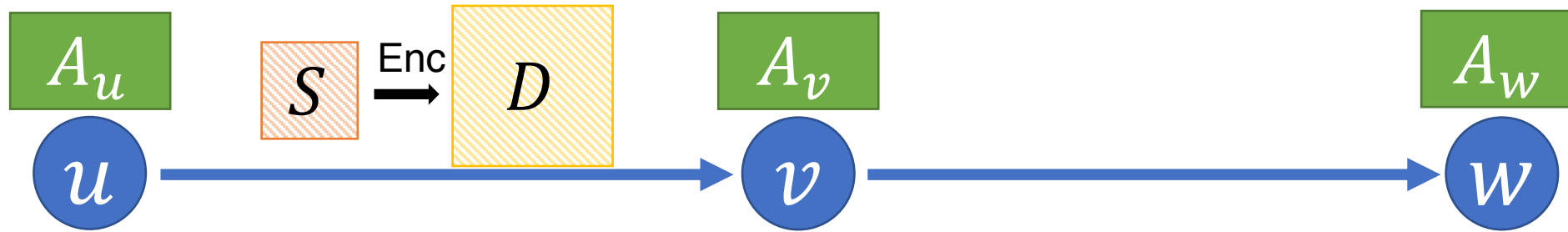
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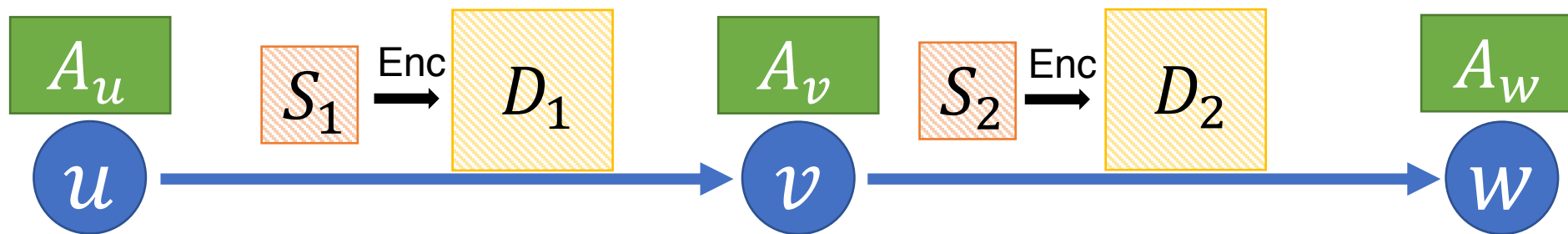
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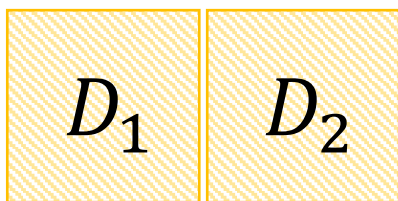
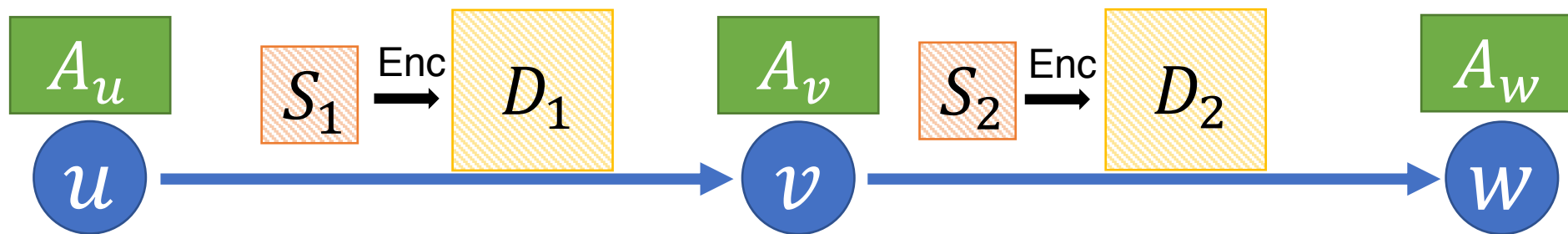
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The equation shows the product of matrix A_u (green rectangle) and matrix D (orange rectangle) equals the sum of matrix S (orange rectangle) multiplied by matrix A_v (green rectangle), and matrix E (gray rectangle).

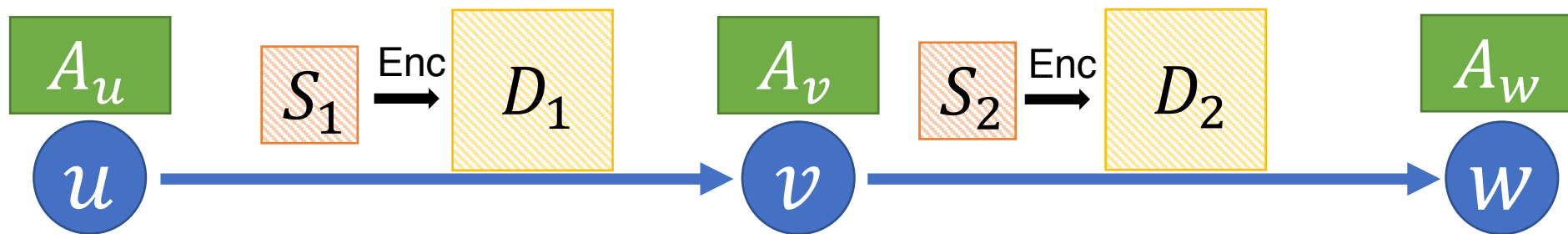
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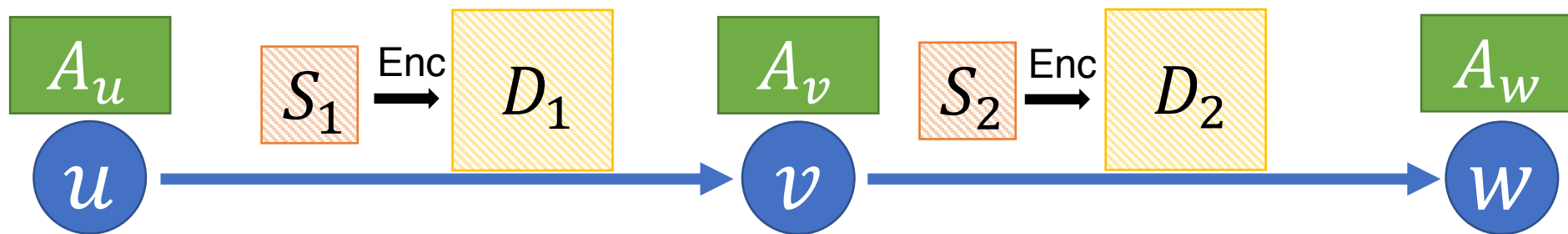
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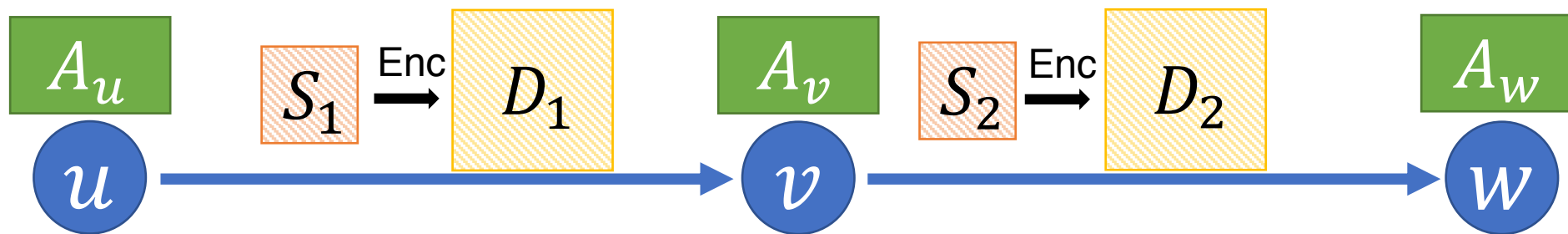
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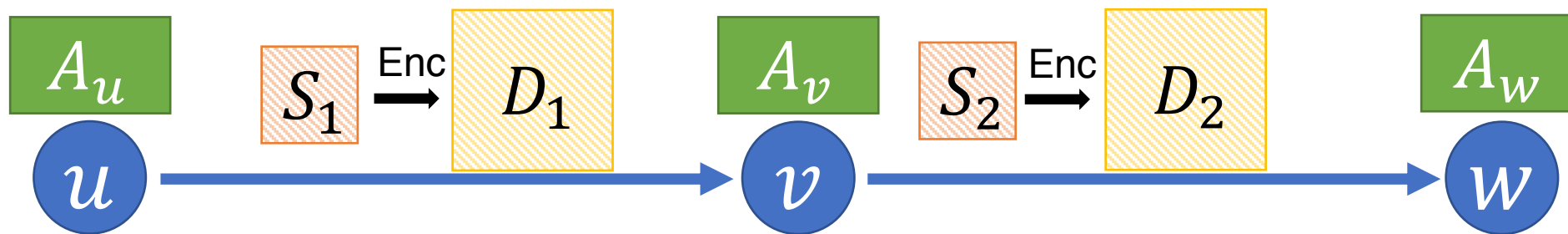
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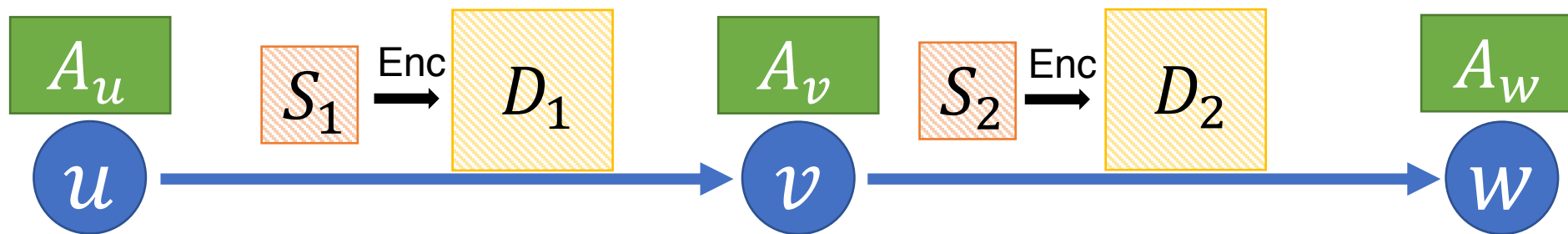
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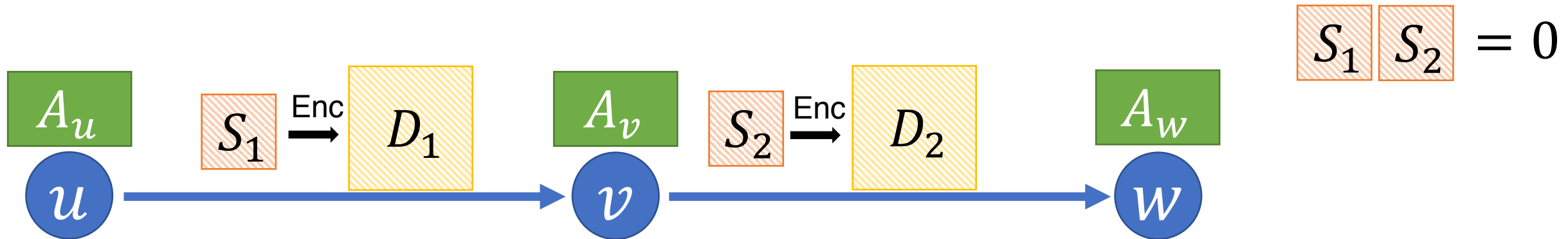
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$$A_u \parallel D_1 \parallel D_2 = S_1 \parallel S_2 \parallel A_w + \underbrace{S_1 \parallel E_2 \parallel E_1}_{\text{short}} \parallel D_2$$

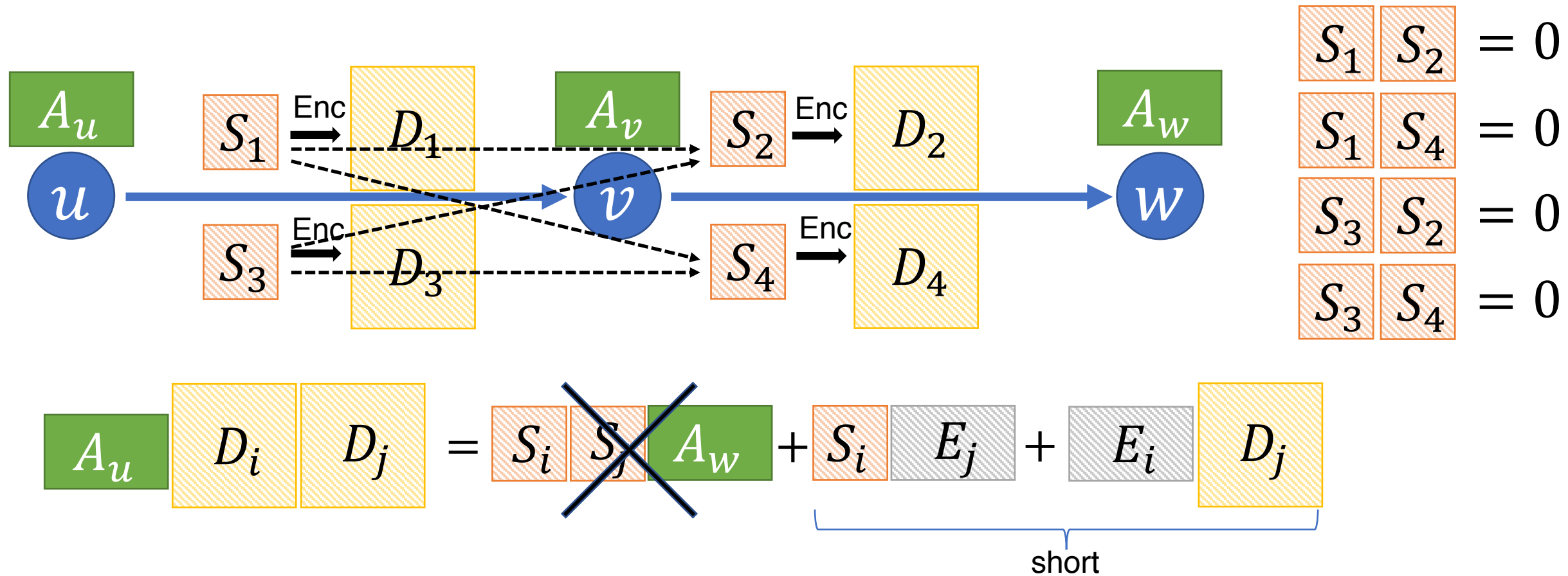
The equation shows the concatenation of A_u , D_1 , and D_2 (green, yellow, and yellow boxes respectively) equals the concatenation of S_1 , S_2 , A_w , and D_2 (orange, orange, green, and yellow boxes respectively). The term $S_1 \parallel E_2 \parallel E_1$ is grouped under a bracket labeled "short", indicating it is a short string.

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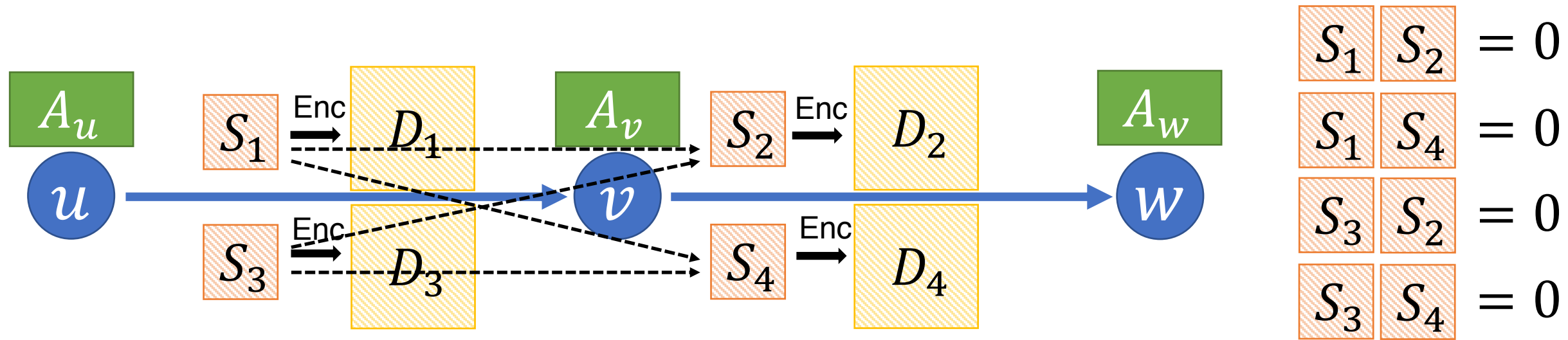


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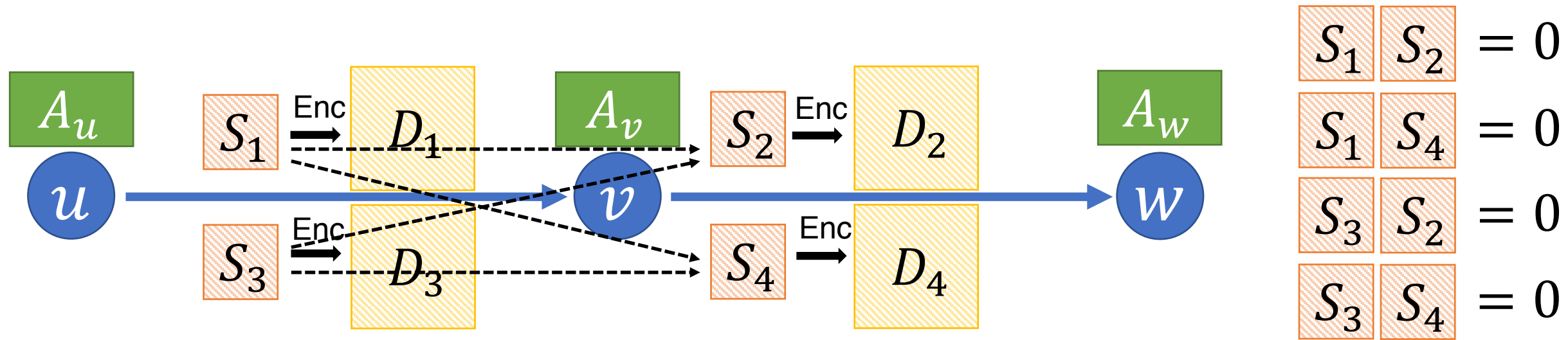


Toy Attack
[CLLT16,CGH17,CVW18]



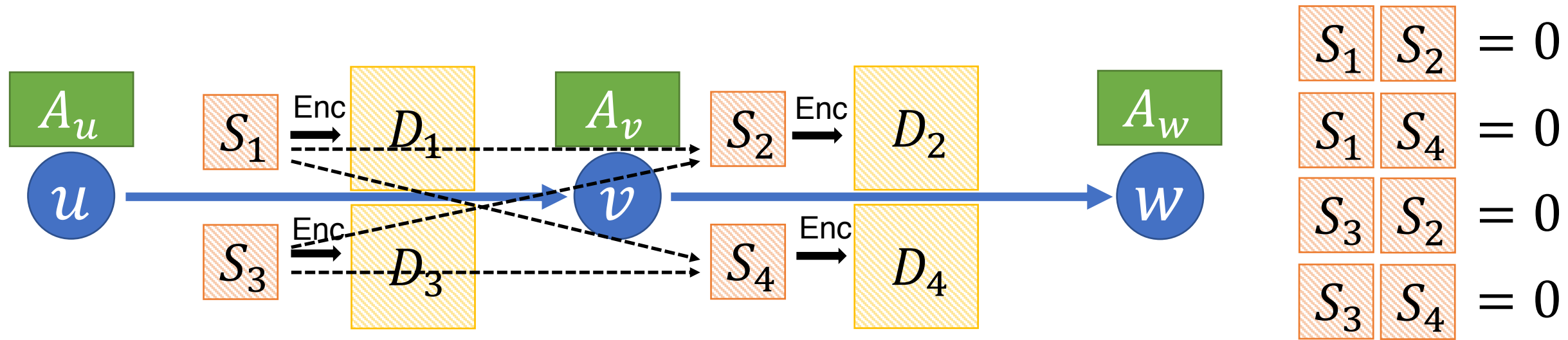
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$$ZT_{i,j} := \text{top left entry of } A_u \quad D_i \quad D_j$$

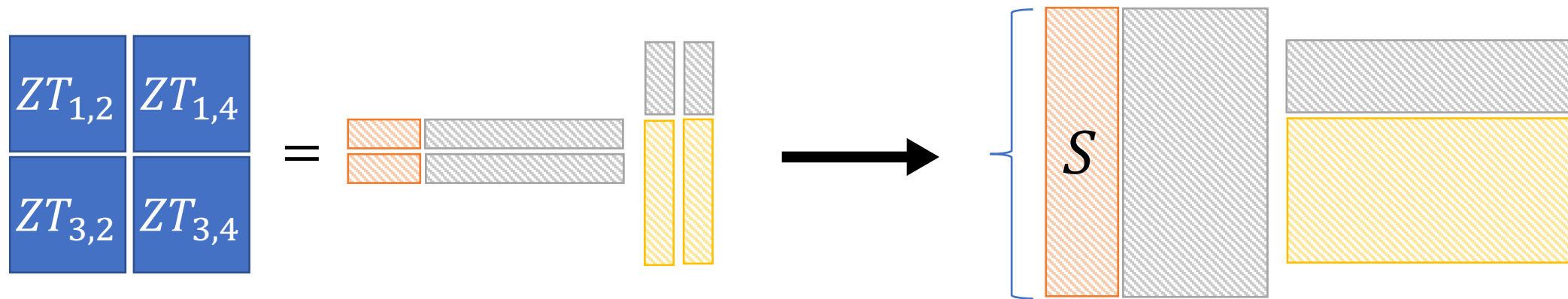


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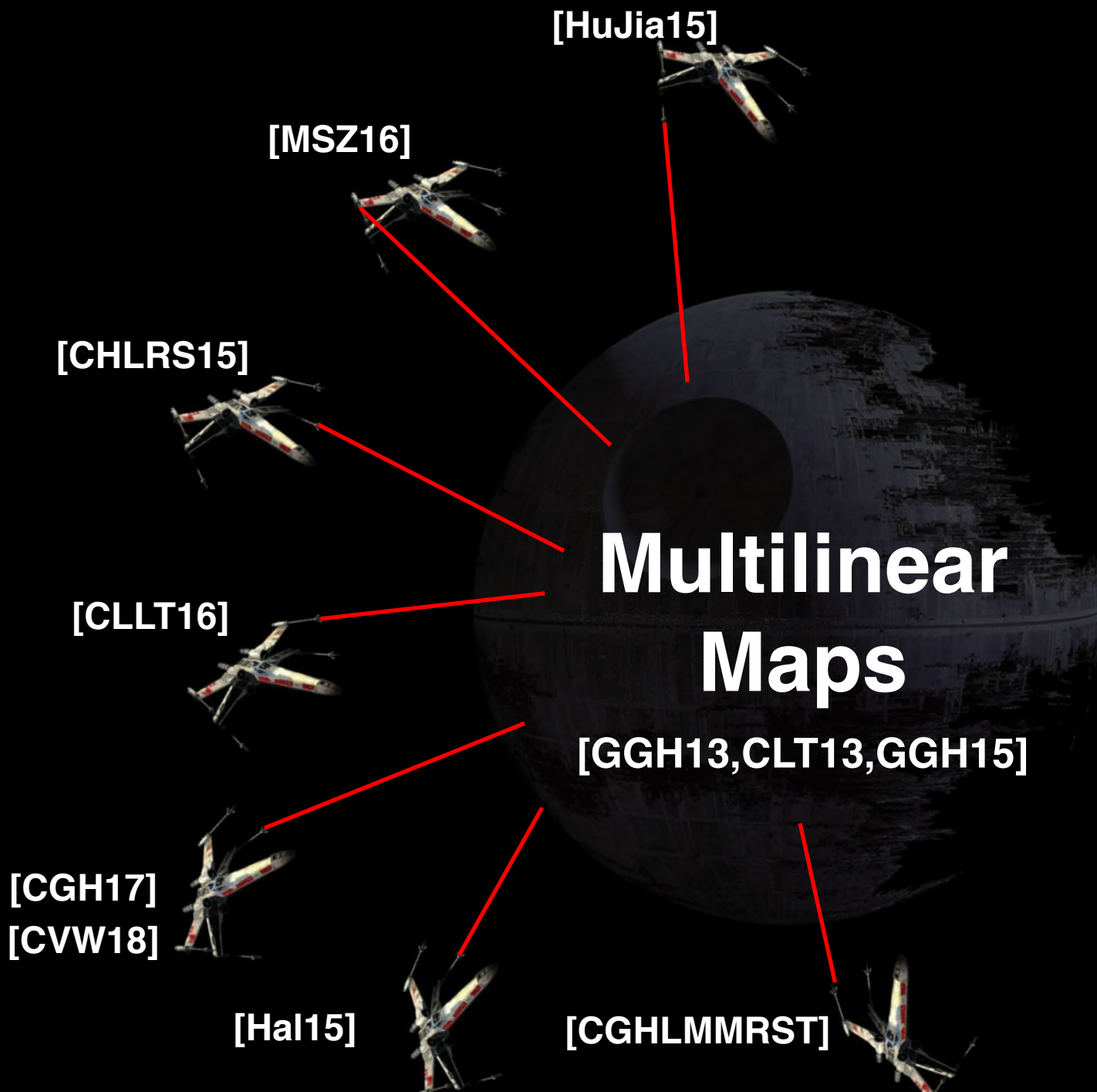


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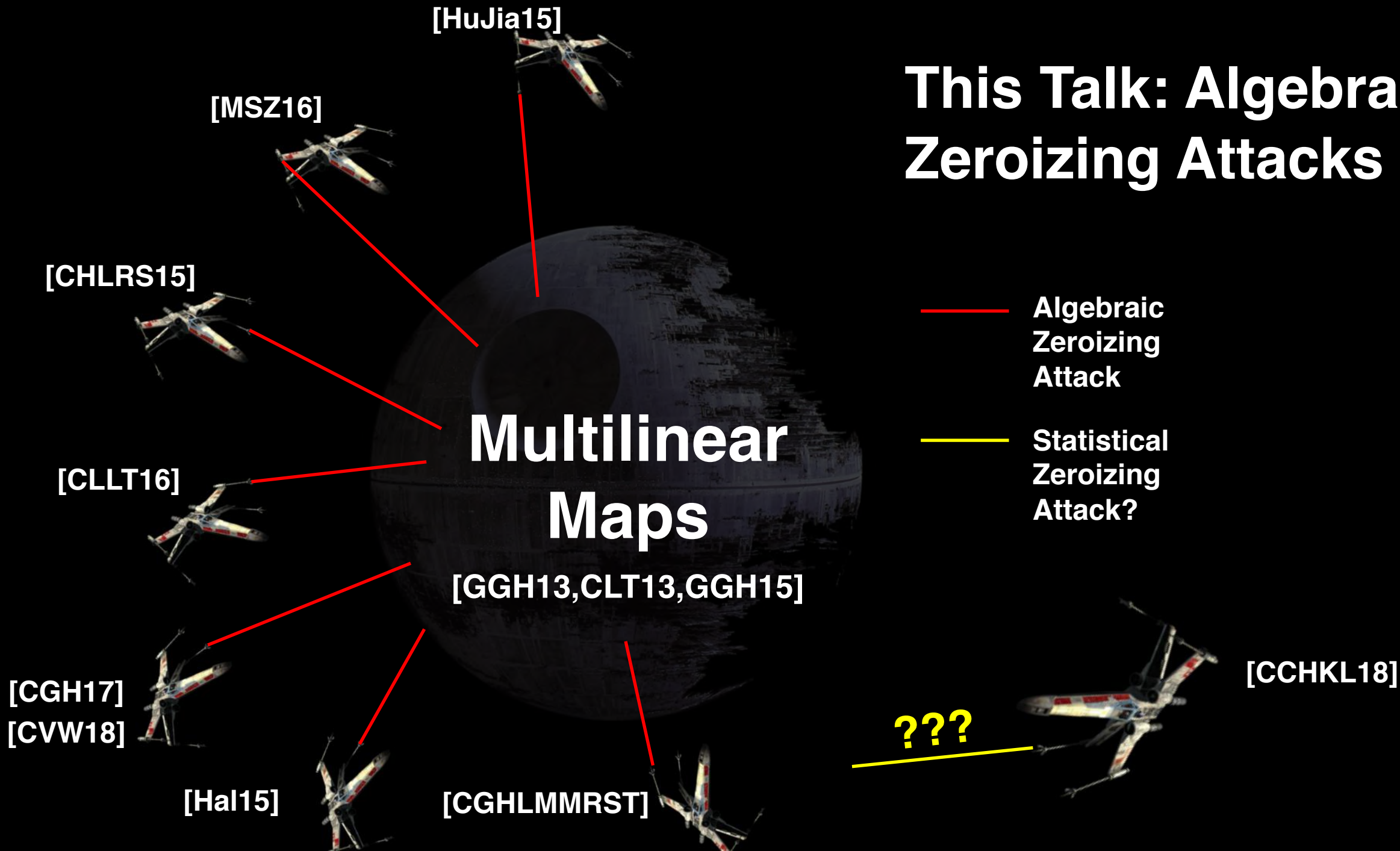


Vector in left kernel gives algebraic relation on secrets!

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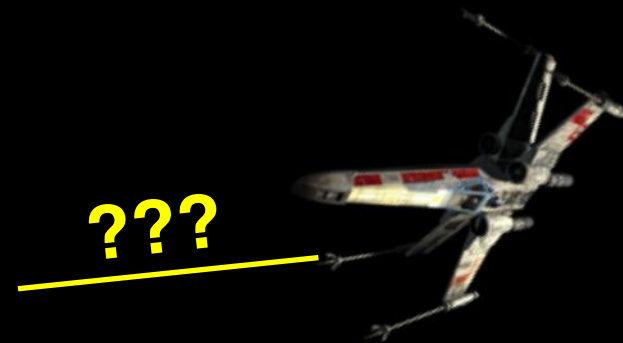


Statistical Zeroizing Attack: Cryptanalysis of Candidates of BP Obfuscation over GGH15 Multilinear Map

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First polynomial-time, non-algebraic zeroizing attack on GGH15-based obfuscation!



[CCHKL18]

CCHKL18 updated ePrint 23 hours ago:

Note: We temporarily add the disclaimer not to mislead the readers and audiences of TCC.

Disclaimer

The authors of BGMZ obfuscation [4] (TCC'18) report that there are flaws of cryptanalysis of BGMZ obfuscation in Section 5. In particular, the current optimal parameter choice of BGMZ obfuscation is robust against our attack, while the attack lies outside the provable security of BGMZ obfuscation.

The flaws in the analysis in Section 5 are as follows:

- ν is chosen to $\text{poly}(\lambda)$ in this paper whereas the original paper [4] chooses $\nu = 2^\lambda$ (or at least super-polynomial of λ).
- The analysis of our attack claims that $\left(1 + \frac{2}{g}\right)^h$ is polynomial of λ , but it is not true since $g = 5$ is constant.

We remark that our attack gives a constraint on the parameters; BGMZ obfuscation with $\sigma = \exp(\lambda)^a$ can be broken in the same manner with slightly modified proof. We will update the paper as soon as possible.

^a Interestingly, this choice gives a countermeasure of CVW obfuscation.

GGH15 Algebraic Zeroizing Model



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Generic Model + GGH15 Attacks

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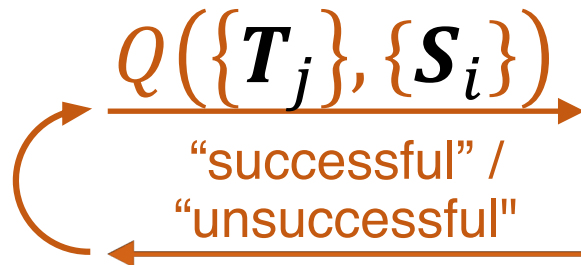
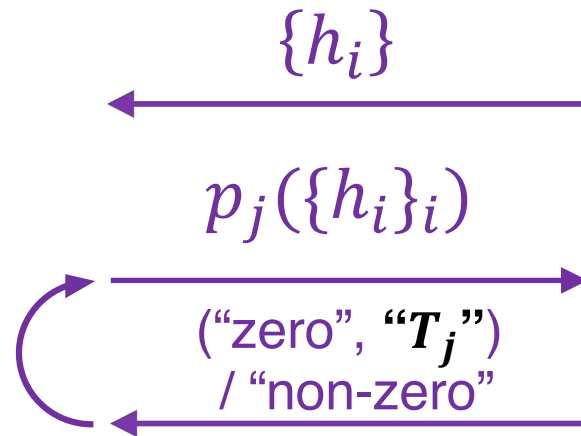
$D_i \leftarrow \mathbf{Enc}(S_i, u_i \rightarrow v_i)$

Handles $\{h_i \rightarrow (D_i, S_i, u_i \rightarrow v_i)\}$

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Return *post-zero-test* handle " T_j "



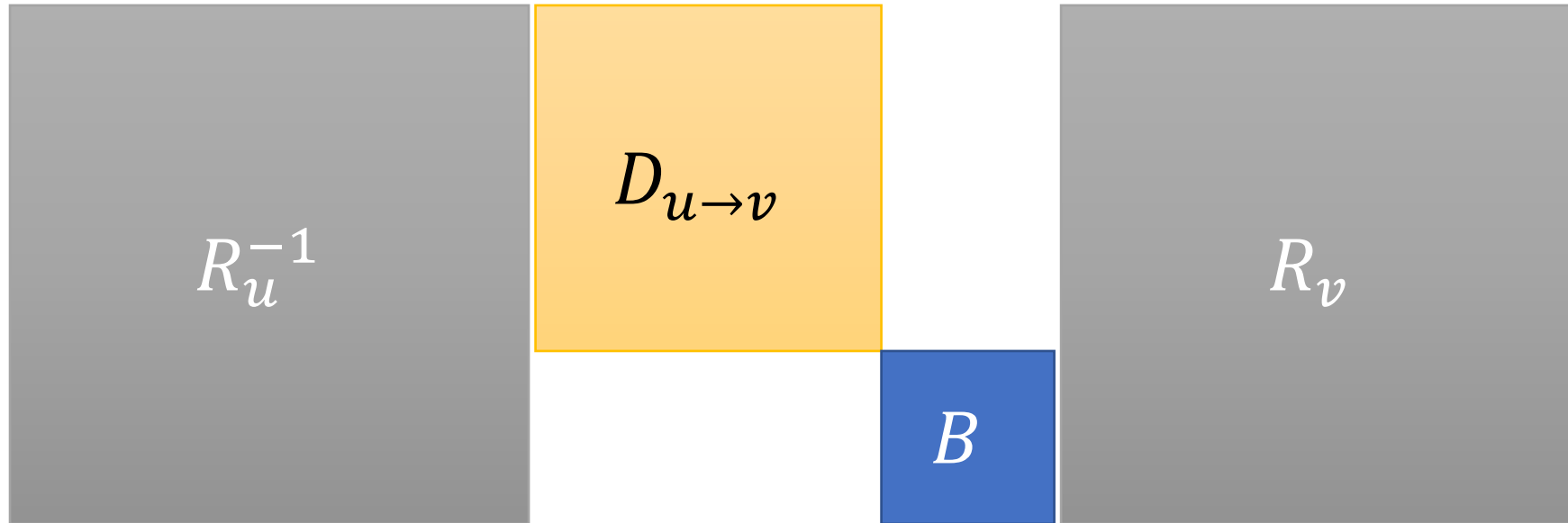
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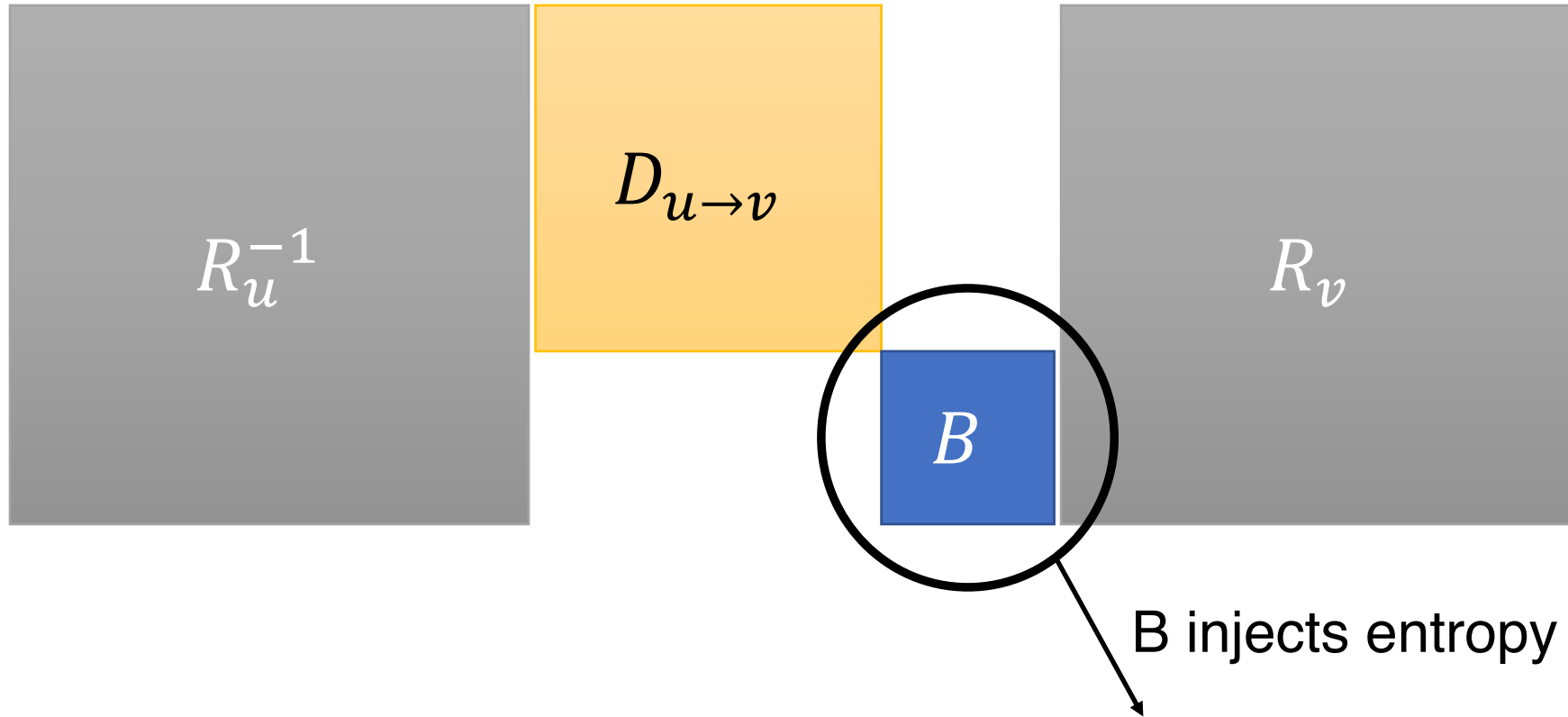
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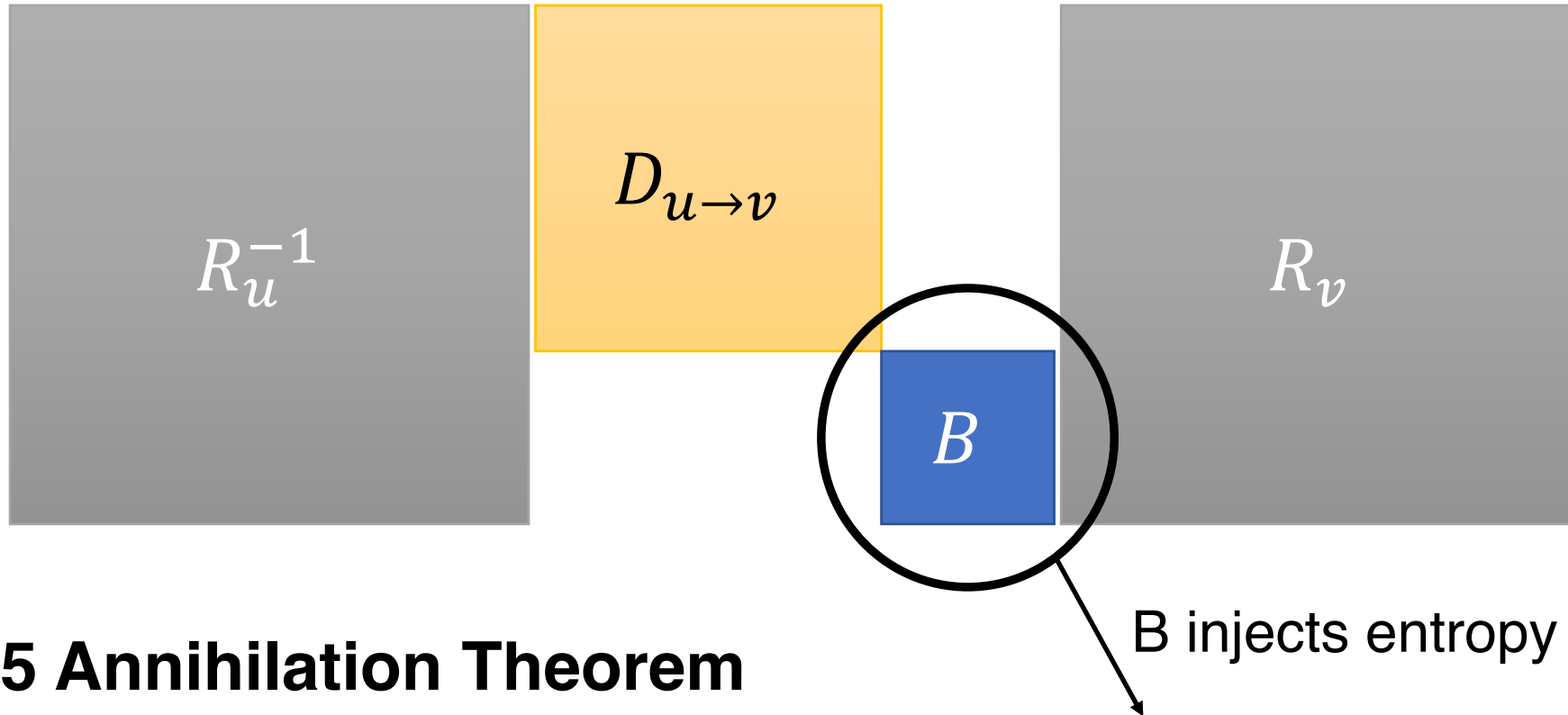


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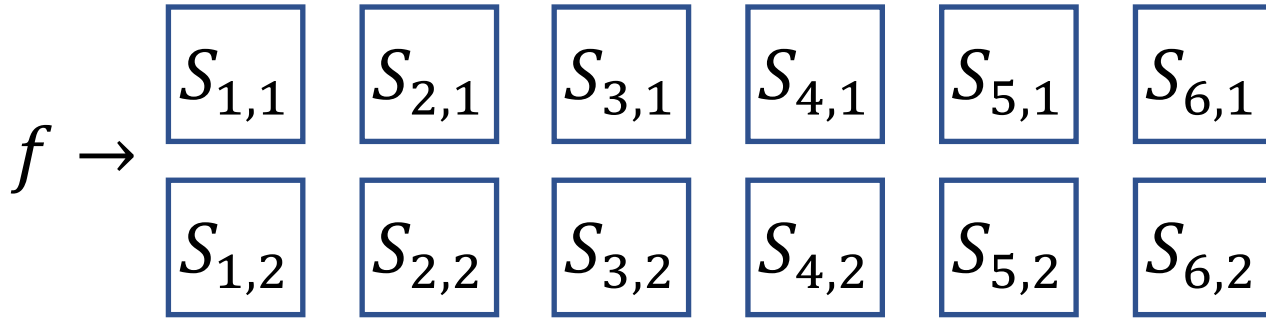
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GGH15 Annihilation Theorem

hardness of annihilating zero-test polynomials \rightarrow security in our model!

Branching Program (BP) Obfuscation



$$f(x) = 1 \leftrightarrow \prod_i S_{i,x_{inp(i)}} = 0$$

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