

Formal Specifications for Certifiable Cryptography

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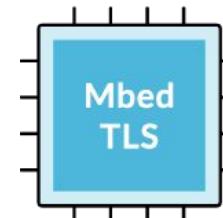
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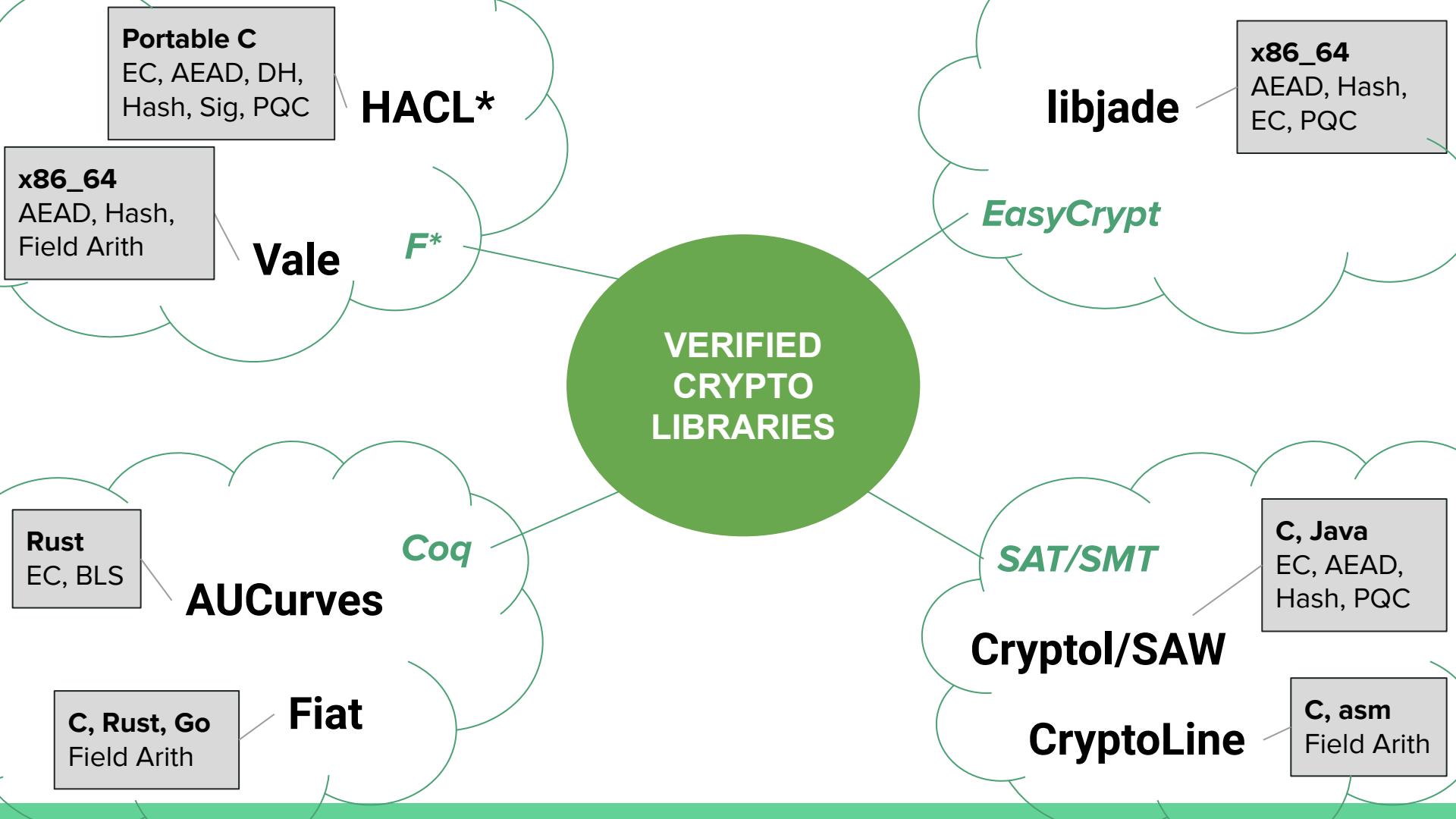
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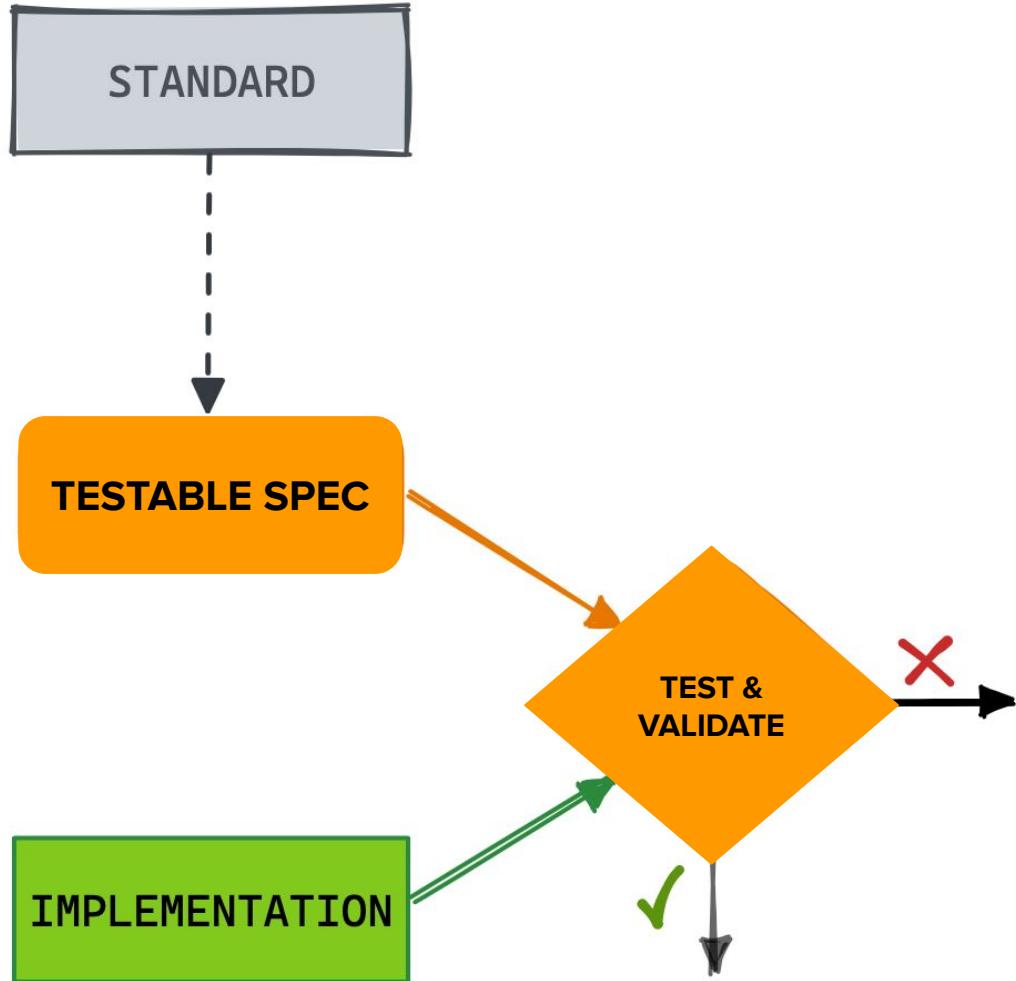
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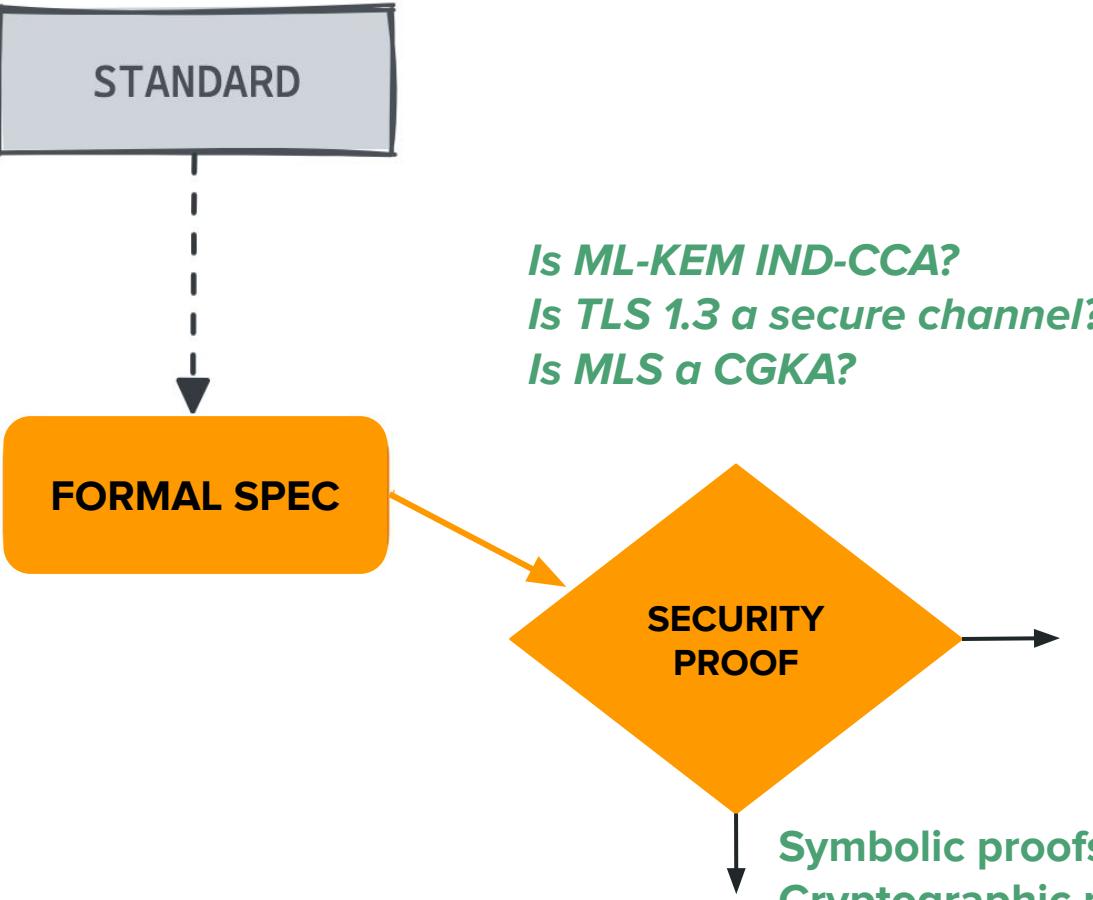
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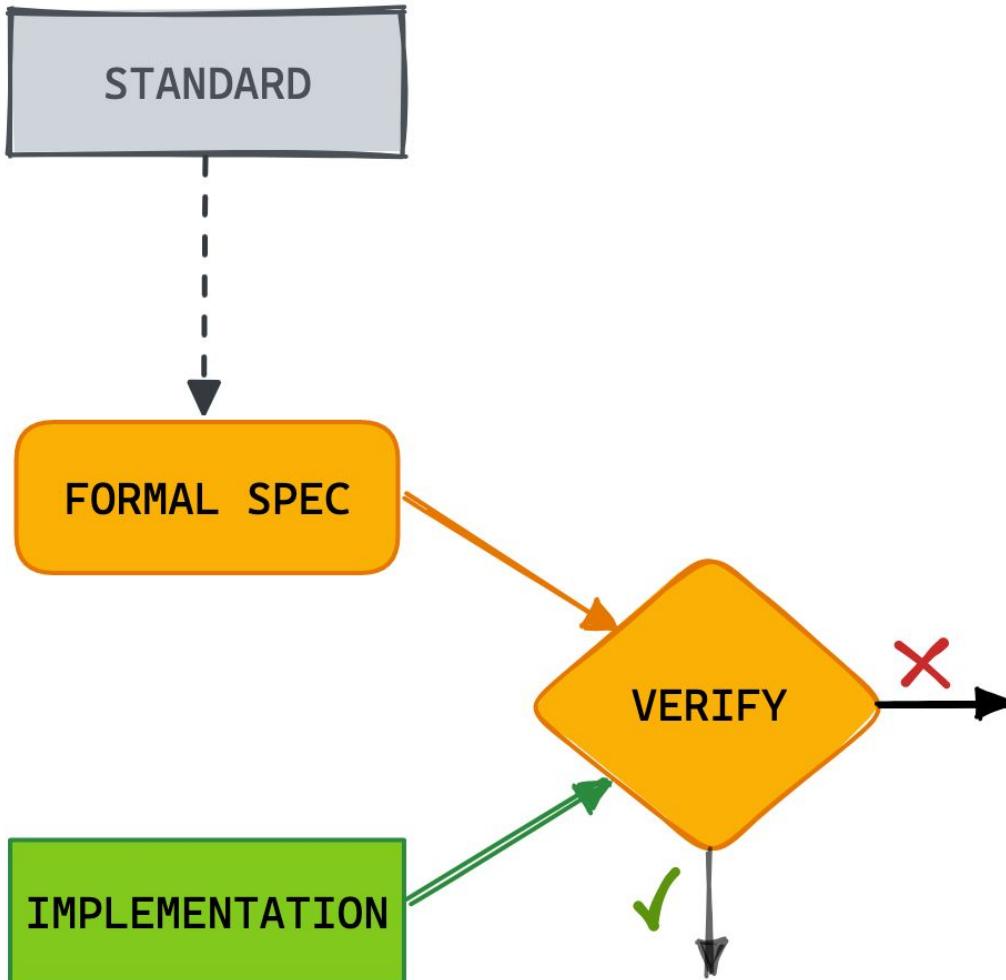


Certification Workflow



Security Analysis Workflow





Verified Cryptography Workflow

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ChaCha20 and Poly1305 for IETF Protocols

Abstract

This document defines the ChaCha20 stream cipher of the Poly1305 authenticator, both as stand-alone "combined mode", or Authenticated Encryption.

**IETF RFC or
NIST Standard**

2.1. The ChaCha Quarter Round

The basic operation of the ChaCha algorithm is the quarter round. It operates on four 32-bit unsigned integers, denoted a, b, c, and d. The operation is as follows (in C-like notation):

```
a += b; d ^= a; d <<= 16;  
c += d; b ^= c; b <<= 12;  
a += b; d ^= a; d <<= 8;  
c += d; b ^= c; b <<= 7;
```

**In English +
Pseudocode**

2.1.1. Test Vector for the ChaCha Quarter Round

For a test vector, we will use the same numbers as in the example, adding something random for c.

```
a = 0x11111111  
b = 0x01020304  
c = 0x9b8d6f43  
d = 0x01234567
```

+ Test Vectors

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```
let line (a:idx) (b:idx) (d:idx) (s:rotval U32) (m:state) : Tot state =
  let m = m.[a] ← (m.[a] +. m.[b]) in
  let m = m.[d] ← ((m.[d] ^. m.[a]) <<<. s) in m
```

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```
proc chacha20_line(a : int, b : int, d : int, s : int, st : State) = {
  var state;
  state <- st;
  state.[a] <- ((state).[a]) + ((state).[b]);
  state.[d] <- ((state).[d]) `^` ((state).[a]);
  state.[d] <- rotate_left ((state).[d]) (s);
  return state;
}

proc chacha20_quarter_round(a : int, b : int, c : int, d : int, st : State) = {
  var state;
  state <@ chacha20_line (a, b, d, 16, st);
  state <@ chacha20_line (c, d, b, 12, state);
  state <@ chacha20_line (a, b, d, 8, state);
  state <@ chacha20_line (c, d, b, 7, state);
  return state;
}
```

F* Spec
(HACL*)

IMPLEMENTATION

EasyCrypt Spec
(libjade)

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F* Implementation

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Translate

```
let line st a b d r =
  let sta = st.(a) in
  let stb = st.(b) in
  let std = st.(d) in
  let sta = sta +. stb in
  let std = std ^. sta in
  let std = rotate_left std r in
  st.(a) ← sta;
  st.(d) ← std

let quarter_round st a b c d =
  line st a b d (size 16);
  line st c d b (size 12);
  line st a b d (size 8);
  line st c d b (size 7)
```

IMPLEMENTATION

Portable C Code

```
static inline void quarter_round(uint32_t *st, uint32_t a, uint32_t b, uint32_t c, uint32_t d)
{
    uint32_t sta = st[a];
    uint32_t stb0 = st[b];
    uint32_t std0 = st[d];
    uint32_t sta10 = sta + stb0;
    uint32_t std10 = std0 ^ sta10;
    uint32_t std2 = std10 << (uint32_t)16U | std10 >> (uint32_t)16U;
    st[a] = sta10;
    st[d] = std2;
    ...
}
```

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IMPLEMENTATION

```
inline fn __line_ref(reg u32[16] k,  
                     inline int a b c r)  
    -> reg u32[16]  
{  
    k[a] += k[b];  
    k[c] ^= k[a];  
    _, _, k[c] = #ROL_32(k[c], r);  
    return k;  
  
inline fn __quarter_round_ref(reg u32[16] k,  
                             inline int a b c d)  
    -> reg u32[16]  
{  
    k = __line_ref(k, a, b, d, 16);  
    k = __line_ref(k, c, d, b, 12);  
    k = __line_ref(k, a, b, d, 8);  
    k = __line_ref(k, c, d, b, 7);  
    return k;  
}
```

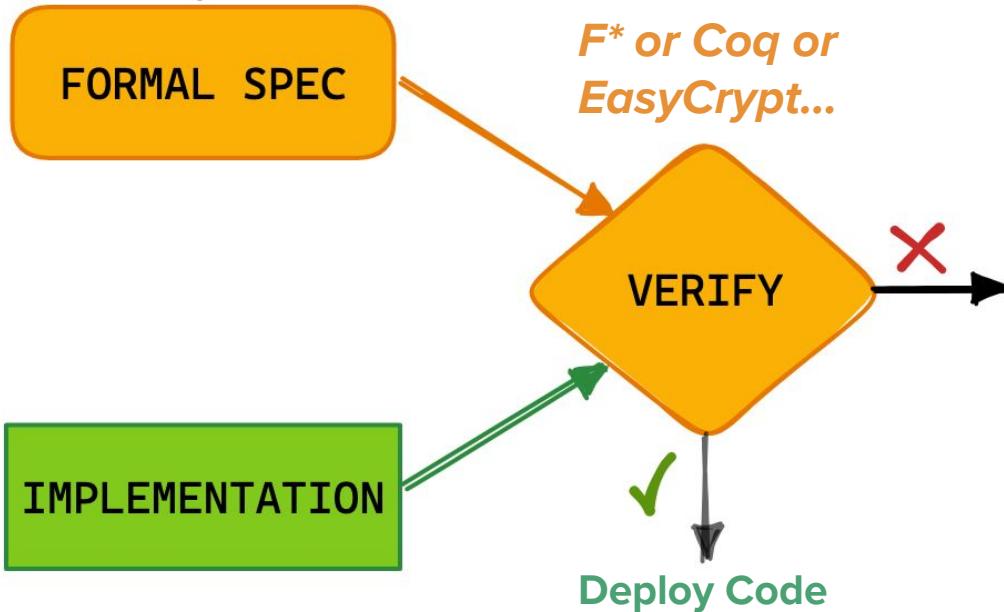
Jasmin
Implementation

Translate

Intel AVX2
Assembly

vpaddd %ymm4, %ymm0, %ymm0
vpxor %ymm0, %ymm12, %ymm12
(%rsp), %ymm12, %ymm12
vpaddd %ymm12, %ymm8, %ymm8
vpaddd %ymm6, %ymm2, %ymm2
vpxor %ymm8, %ymm4, %ymm4
vpxor %ymm2, %ymm14, %ymm14
vpslld \$12, %ymm4, %ymm15
vpsrlld \$20, %ymm4, %ymm4
vpxor %ymm15, %ymm4, %ymm4
vpshufb (%rsp), %ymm14, %ymm14
vpaddd %ymm4, %ymm0, %ymm0
vpaddd %ymm14, %ymm10, %ymm10
vpxor %ymm0, %ymm12, %ymm12
vpxor %ymm10, %ymm6, %ymm6
vpshufb 32(%rsp), %ymm12, %ymm12
vpslld \$12, %ymm6, %ymm15
vpsrlld \$20, %ymm6, %ymm6
...

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Verified Cryptography Workflow

Potential Implementation Bug

- Memory Safety Violation
- Functional Correctness Flaw
- Side Channel Vulnerability

Fix and re-verify

Good news: For any modern crypto algorithm,
there is probably a verified implementation

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- You don't have to sacrifice **performance**
 - **Mechanized proofs** that you can run and re-run yourself
 - You (mostly) don't have to read or understand the proofs

HACL* and libcrux

- **HACL***: Verified C/assembly implementations of all the classical crypto you need
 - Specs/Proofs in F*
 - Intel/ARM SIMD-optimized
 - “Fastest in the world” (sometimes)
- **libcrux**: Verified Rust (and C) implementations of modern FIPS algorithms: SHA-3, ML-KEM, FrodoKEM, ...
- Used in Firefox, Linux, etc.

Algorithm	Portable C code	Arm A64	Intel x64			
		Neon	AVX	AVX2	AVX512	Vale
AEAD						
Chacha20-Poly1305	✓ [43] (+)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ [20]
AES-GCM						
Hashes						
SHA-224,256	✓ [43] (+)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ [20]
SHA-384,512	✓ [43] (+)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	
Blake2s, Blake2b	✓ [34] (+)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)		
SHA3-224,256,384,512	✓ [34]					
HMAC and HKDF						
HMAC (SHA-2,Blake2)	✓ [43]	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	
HKDF (SHA-2,Blake2)	✓ [43]	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	
ECC						
Curve25519	✓ [43]					✓ [34]
Ed25519	✓ [43]					
P-256	✓ [34]					
High-level APIs						
Box	✓ [43]					
HPKE	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)	✓ (*)

But... not always easy to use, extend, or
combine code from verified libraries

- You do need to carefully audit the formal specs, written in tool-specific spec languages like F*, Coq, EasyCrypt
- You do need to safely use their low-level APIs, which often embed subtle security-critical pre-conditions

Specs are needed for analysis and verification

But... what makes a spec a (good) spec?

Specs for ML-KEM

Mathematical Operations

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Compress}_d : \quad & \mathbb{Z}_q \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{2^d} \\ & x \longrightarrow \lceil (2d/q) \cdot x \rceil\end{aligned}$$

- **Feature:** Succinct, unambiguous, mathematical
- Uses mathematical integers, in principle unbounded
- Uses modular field arithmetic, with specific rounding functions
- ML-KEM also uses polynomials, vectors, matrices
- Other crypto standards use elliptic curves, finite fields, pairing-based curves, ...

Mathematical Algorithms

- Computes a math function
- Uses loops, variables
- Easy to implement
- Not so simple to understand
- Is this a “good” spec?
- Is it correct?
- **Desired Feature:**
“We hold these specs to be self-evidently correct”

Algorithm 9 $\text{NTT}^{-1}(\hat{f})$

Computes the polynomial $f \in R_q$ corresponding to the given NTT representation $\hat{f} \in T_q$.

Input: array $\hat{f} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{256}$. ▷ the coefficients of input NTT representation
Output: array $f \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{256}$. ▷ the coefficients of the inverse-NTT of the input
▷ will compute in-place on a copy of input array

```
1:  $f \leftarrow \hat{f}$ 
2:  $k \leftarrow 127$ 
3: for ( $len \leftarrow 2$ ;  $len \leq 128$ ;  $len \leftarrow 2 \cdot len$ )
4:   for ( $start \leftarrow 0$ ;  $start < 256$ ;  $start \leftarrow start + 2 \cdot len$ )
5:      $zeta \leftarrow \zeta^{\text{BitRev}_7(k)} \bmod q$ 
6:      $k \leftarrow k - 1$ 
7:     for ( $j \leftarrow start$ ;  $j < start + len$ ;  $j++$ )
8:        $t \leftarrow f[j]$ 
9:        $f[j] \leftarrow t + f[j + len]$ 
10:       $f[j + len] \leftarrow zeta \cdot (f[j + len] - t)$  ▷ steps 9-10 done modulo  $q$ 
11:    end for
12:  end for
13: end for
14:  $f \leftarrow f \cdot 3303 \bmod q$  ▷ multiply every entry by  $3303 \equiv 128^{-1} \bmod q$ 
15: return  $f$ 
```

EasyCrypt Spec

```
op as_sint(x : Fq) = if (q-1) / 2 < asint x then asint x - q else asint x.  
op compress(d : int, x : Fq) : int = round (asint x * 2d /R q) % 2d.  
op decompress(d : int, x : int) : Fq = inFq (round (x * q /R 2d)).  
  
op invntt(p : poly) = Array256.init (fun i => let ii = i / 2 in  
if i % 2 = 0 then  $\sum_{j=0}^{127} \text{inv}(\text{inFq } 128) * p[2*j] * \text{zroot}^{-(2*\text{br } j+1)*ii}$   
else  $\sum_{j=0}^{127} \text{inv}(\text{inFq } 128) * p[2*j+1] * \text{zroot}^{-(2*\text{br } j+1)*ii}$ ).  
)
```

- **Feature:** Machine Checked
- **Feature:** Basis for security proof for ML-KEM
- **Feature:** Basis for correctness proof for Jasmin implementation

- Close to the mathematical spec (easy to eyeball and to formally verify)
- Can this be in the NIST spec? Is it stable? Is it readable for programmers?

Python pseudocode in the IETF RFC

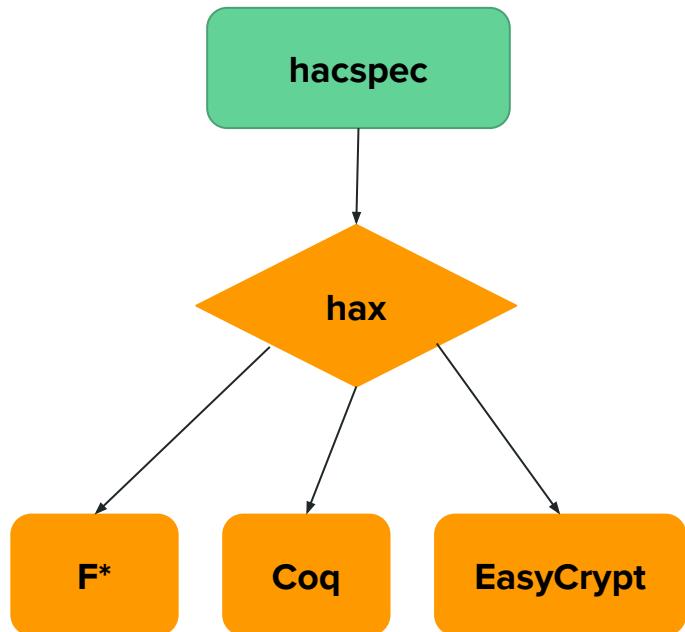
- Python, SAGE-friendly
- **Feature:** Executable
- **Feature:** Readable by programmers, written by cryptographers
- Is this a “good” spec?
- Is it correct?

```
Compress(x, d) = Round( (2^d / q) x ) umod 2^d

def InvNTT(self):
    cs = list(self.cs)
    layer = 2
    zi = n//2
    while layer < n:
        for offset in range(0, n-layer, 2*layer):
            zi -= 1
            z = pow(zeta, brv(zi), q)

            for j in range(offset, offset+layer):
                t = (cs[j+layer] - cs[j]) % q
                cs[j] = (inv2*(cs[j] + cs[j+layer])) % q
                cs[j+layer] = (inv2 * z * t) % q
        layer *= 2
    return Poly(cs)
```

An executable, translatable spec in hacspec



```
fn ntt_inverse(f_hat: KyberPolynomialRingElement) -> KyberPolynomialRingElement {
    let mut f = f_hat;
    let mut k: u8 = 127;
    // for (len <- 2; len <= 128; len <- 2*len)
    for len in NTT_LAYERS {
        // for (start <- 0; start < 256; start <- start + 2*len)
        for start in (0..(COEFFICIENTS_IN_RING_ELEMENT - len)).step_by(2 * len) {
            // zeta <- Zeta^(BitRev_7(k)) mod q
            let zeta = ZETA.pow(bit_rev_7(k));
            k -= 1;

            for j in start..start + len {
                let t = f[j];
                f[j] = t + f[j + len];
                f[j + len] = zeta * (f[j + len] - t);
            }
        }
    }
    // f <- f*3303 mod q
    for i in 0..f.coefficients().len() {
        f[i] = f[i] * INVERSE_OF_128;
    }
    f
}
```

Mathematical Precision vs. Implementation Guidance

- KyberSlash Attacks
- **Version 1:** timing attack due to division in Compress_1 applied to plaintext
- **Version 2:** timing attack due to division in Compress_12 applied to IND-CPA ciphertext
- Would having secrecy annotations in the spec have helped?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Compress}_d : \quad & \mathbb{Z}_q \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{2^d} \\ & x \longrightarrow \lceil (2d/q) \cdot x \rceil\end{aligned}$$

```
// t += ((int16_t)t >> 15) & KYBER_Q;  
// t = (((t << 1) + KYBER_Q/2)/KYBER_Q) & 1;  
t <= 1;  
t += 1665;  
t *= 80635;  
t >>= 28;  
t &= 1;
```

Specs for Constructions & Protocols

CryptoVerif (Signed DH, HPKE, WireGuard)

- Process calculus
- Defines protocol actions, cryptographic assumptions, security goals, as oracles,
- **Feature:** Machine-checked
- **Feature:** Close to pen-and-paper proofs written by cryptographers
- Should this be in the HPKE RFC?

```
let processA(hf:hashfunction, skA:skey) =
  OA1(hostX: host) :=
    a <-R Z;
    ga <- exp(g,a);
    return(A, hostX, ga);

  OA3(=A, =hostX, gb:G, s:signature) :=
    get keys(=hostX, pkX) in
    if verify(msg2(A, hostX, ga, gb), pkX, s) then
      gba <- exp(gb, a);|
      kA <- hash(hf, gba);
      event endA(A, hostX, ga, gb);
      return(sign(msg3(A, hostX, ga, gb), skA));

  OAfin() :=
    if hostX = B then (
      keyA:key <- kA
    ) else
      return(kA).
```

ProVerif (TLS 1.3, Signal, ...)

- Process calculus
- Defines protocol actions, **symbolic** cryptographic assumptions, security goals, as concurrent processes
- **Feature:** Machine-checked
- **Feature:** Fully automatic, finds protocol flaws, MitM attacks
- Not a crypto proof (symbolic)
- Should this be in the TLS RFC?

```
(*****  
(* TLS 1.3 0+1-RTT Processes: no client auth, uses psk (potentially NoPSK) *)  
*****)
```

```
let Client13() =  
  (get preSharedKeys(a,b,psk) in  
   in (io,ioffer:params);  
   let nego(=TLS13,DHE_13(g,eee),hhh,aaa,pt) = ioffer in  
   new cr:random;  
   let (x:bitstring,gx:element) = dh_keygen(g) in  
   let (early_secret:bitstring,kb:mac_key) = kdf_es(psk) in  
   let zoffer = nego(TLS13,DHE_13(g,gx),hhh,aaa,Binder(zero)) in  
   let pt = Binder(hmac(StrongHash,kb,msg2bytes(CH(cr,zoffer))) in  
   let offer = nego(TLS13,DHE_13(g,gx),hhh,aaa,pt) in  
   let ch = CH(cr,offer) in  
   event ClientOffersVersion(cr,TLS13);  
   event ClientOffersKEX(cr,DHE_13(g,gx));  
   event ClientOffersAE(cr,aaa);  
   event ClientOffersHash(cr,hhh);  
   out(io,ch);  
   let (kc0:ae_key,ems0:bitstring) = kdf_k0(early_secret,msg2bytes(ch)) in  
   insert clientSession0(cr,psk,offer,kc0,ems0);  
  
   in(io,SH(sr,mode));  
   let nego(=TLS13,DHE_13(=g,gy),h,a,spt) = mode in  
   let log = (ch,SH(sr,mode)) in  
  
   let gxy = e2b(dh_exp(g,gy,x)) in  
   let handshake_secret = kdf_hs(early_secret,gxy) in  
   let (master_secret:bitstring,chk:ae_key,shk:ae_key,cfin:mac_key,sfin:mac_key) =
```

Questions: what makes a good spec?

Questions for discussion

- Should we embed formal specifications within NIST and IETF crypto standards?
- If not, would it be possible to link the pseudocode used in these standards with formal specifications?
- Is it more valuable to have an executable specification for testing or a formal spec for verification?
- Are specifications written in languages like Python and Rust more accessible, readable, usable than specifications written in formal languages like F* or EasyCrypt?
- Should formal specifications describe high-level mathematical concepts like polynomial multiplication or should they detail low-level algorithms like NTT multiplication?
- Should specifications in standards be targeted towards security proofs or implementation correctness, and can they do both?
- Should standards and their formal specifications include indications for secure implementations, such as algorithms that may be at risk of side-channel attacks?

hacspec

hacspec: a tool-independent spec language

Design Goals

- **Easy to use** for crypto developers
- **Familiar** language and tools
- **Succinct** specs, like pseudocode
- **Strongly typed** to avoid spec errors
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A purely functional subset of Rust

- Safe Rust without external side-effects
- No mutable borrows
- All values are copyable
- Rust tools & development environment
- A library of common abstractions
 - Arbitrary-precision Integers
 - Secret-independent Machine Ints
 - Vectors, Matrices, Polynomials,...

hacspe: purely functional crypto code in Rust

```
inner_block (state):  
    Qround(state, 0, 4, 8, 12)  
    Qround(state, 1, 5, 9, 13)  
    Qround(state, 2, 6, 10, 14)  
    Qround(state, 3, 7, 11, 15)  
    Qround(state, 0, 5, 10, 15)  
    Qround(state, 1, 6, 11, 12)  
    Qround(state, 2, 7, 8, 13)  
    Qround(state, 3, 4, 9, 14)  
end
```

ChaCha20 RFC



```
fn inner_block(st: State) -> State {  
    let mut state = st;  
    state = chacha20_quarter_round(0, 4, 8, 12, state);  
    state = chacha20_quarter_round(1, 5, 9, 13, state);  
    state = chacha20_quarter_round(2, 6, 10, 14, state);  
    state = chacha20_quarter_round(3, 7, 11, 15, state);  
    state = chacha20_quarter_round(0, 5, 10, 15, state);  
    state = chacha20_quarter_round(1, 6, 11, 12, state);  
    state = chacha20_quarter_round(2, 7, 8, 13, state);  
    chacha20_quarter_round(3, 4, 9, 14, state)  
}
```

State-passing style

ChaCha20 in
hacspe

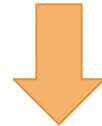
Call-by-value

hacspe: abstract integers for field arithmetic

```
n = le_bytes_to_num(msg[((i-1)*16)..(i*16)] | [0x01])
a += n
a = (r * a) % p
```

Poly1305 RFC
(update_block)

Modular 130-bit Prime Field Arithmetic



```
pub fn poly1305_encode_block(b: &PolyBlock) -> FieldElement {
    let n = U128_from_le_bytes(U128Word::from_seq(b));
    let f = FieldElement::from_secret_literal(n);
    f + FieldElement::pow2(128)
}

pub fn poly1305_update_block(b: &PolyBlock, (acc,r,s): PolyState) -> PolyState {
    ((poly1305_encode_block(b) + acc) * r, r, s)
}
```

Poly1305 in
hacspe

Modular Arithmetic over User-Defined Field

hacspe: secret integers for “constant-time” code

Separate Secret and Public Values

- New types: U8, U32, U64, U128
- Can do arithmetic: +, *, -
- Can do bitwise ops: ^, |, &
- Cannot do division: /, %
- Cannot do comparison: ==, !=, <, ...
- Cannot use as array indexes: x[u]

Enforces secret independence

- A “constant-time” discipline
- Important for some crypto specs

```
fn chacha20_line(a: StateIdx, b: StateIdx, d: StateIdx,  
                  s: usize, mut state: State) -> State {  
    state[a] = state[a] + state[b];  
    state[d] = state[d] ^ state[a];  
    state[d] = state[d].rotate_left(s);  
    state  
}
```

ChaCha20 in
hacspe

```
fn sub_bytes(state: Block) -> Block {  
    let mut st = state;  
    for i in 0..BLOCKSIZE {  
        st[i] = SBOX[U8::declassify(state[i])];  
    }  
    st  
}
```

AES in
hacspe

hacspe: translation to formal languages

```
pub fn chacha20_quarter_round(  
    a: StateIdx,  
    b: StateIdx,  
    c: StateIdx,  
    d: StateIdx,  
    mut state: State,  
) -> State {  
    state = chacha20_line(a, b, d, 16, state);  
    state = chacha20_line(c, d, b, 12, state);  
    state = chacha20_line(a, b, d, 8, state);  
    chacha20_line(c, d, b, 7, state)  
}
```

ChaCha20 in
hacspe

```
let chacha20_quarter_round (a b c d: state_idx_t) (state: state_t) : state_t =  
let state:state_t = chacha20_line a b d 16 state in  
let state:state_t = chacha20_line c d b 12 state in  
let state:state_t = chacha20_line a b d 8 state in  
chacha20_line c d b 7 state
```

F* Spec

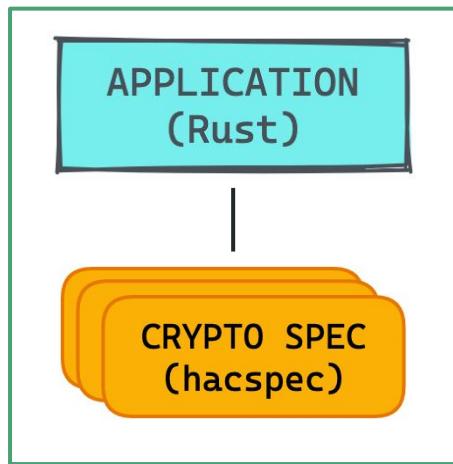
```
Definition chacha20_quarter_round (a : int32) (b : int32) (c : int32)  
                                (d : int32) (state : State) : State :=  
let state := chacha20_line a b d 16 state : State in  
let state := chacha20_line c d b 12 state : State in  
let state := chacha20_line a b d 8 state : State in  
chacha20_line c d b 7 state.
```

Coq Spec

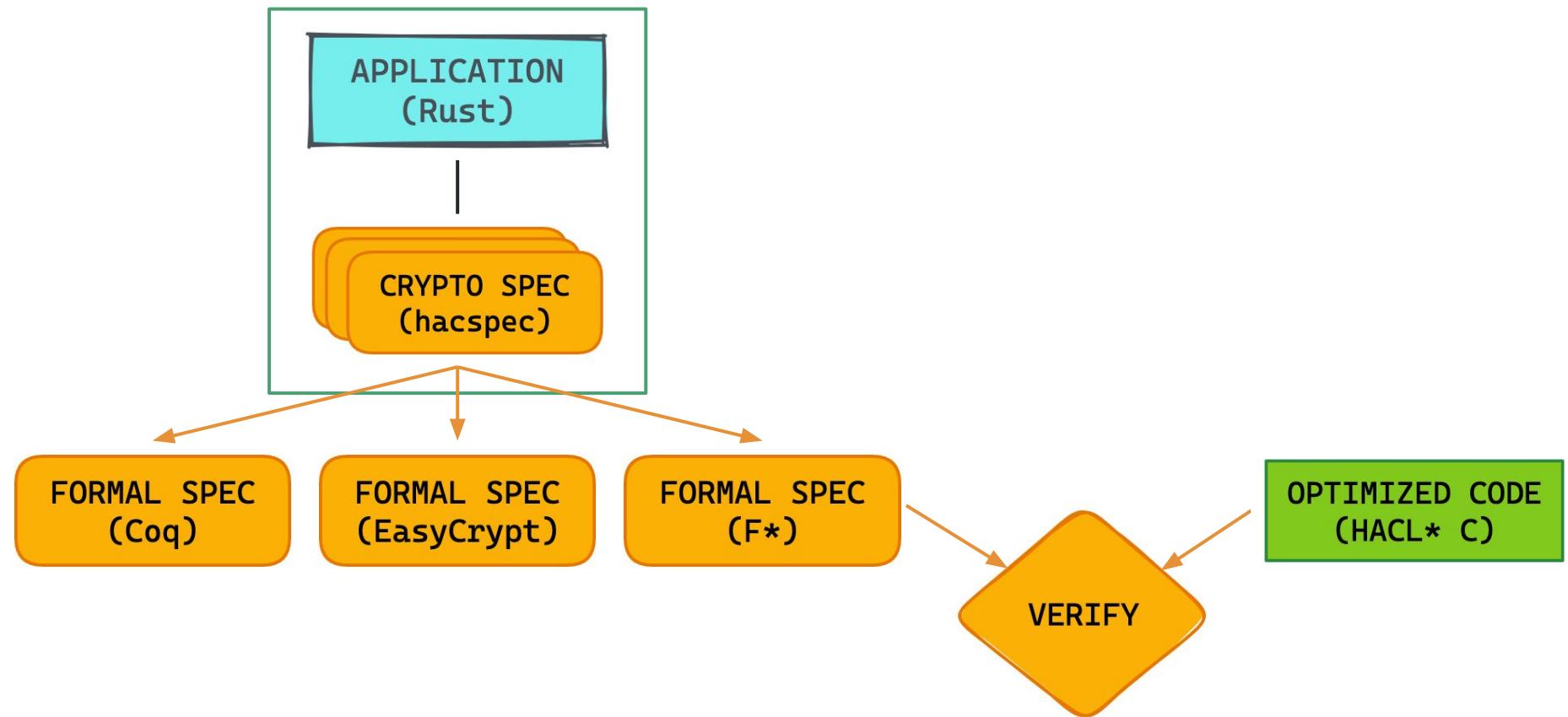
```
proc chacha20_quarter_round(a : int, b : int, c : int, d : int,  
                           state : State) = {  
    var _res;  
    state <@ chacha20_line (a, b, d, 16, state);  
    state <@ chacha20_line (c, d, b, 12, state);  
    state <@ chacha20_line (a, b, d, 8, state);  
    _res <@ chacha20_line (c, d, b, 7, state);  
    return _res;  
}
```

EasyCrypt Spec

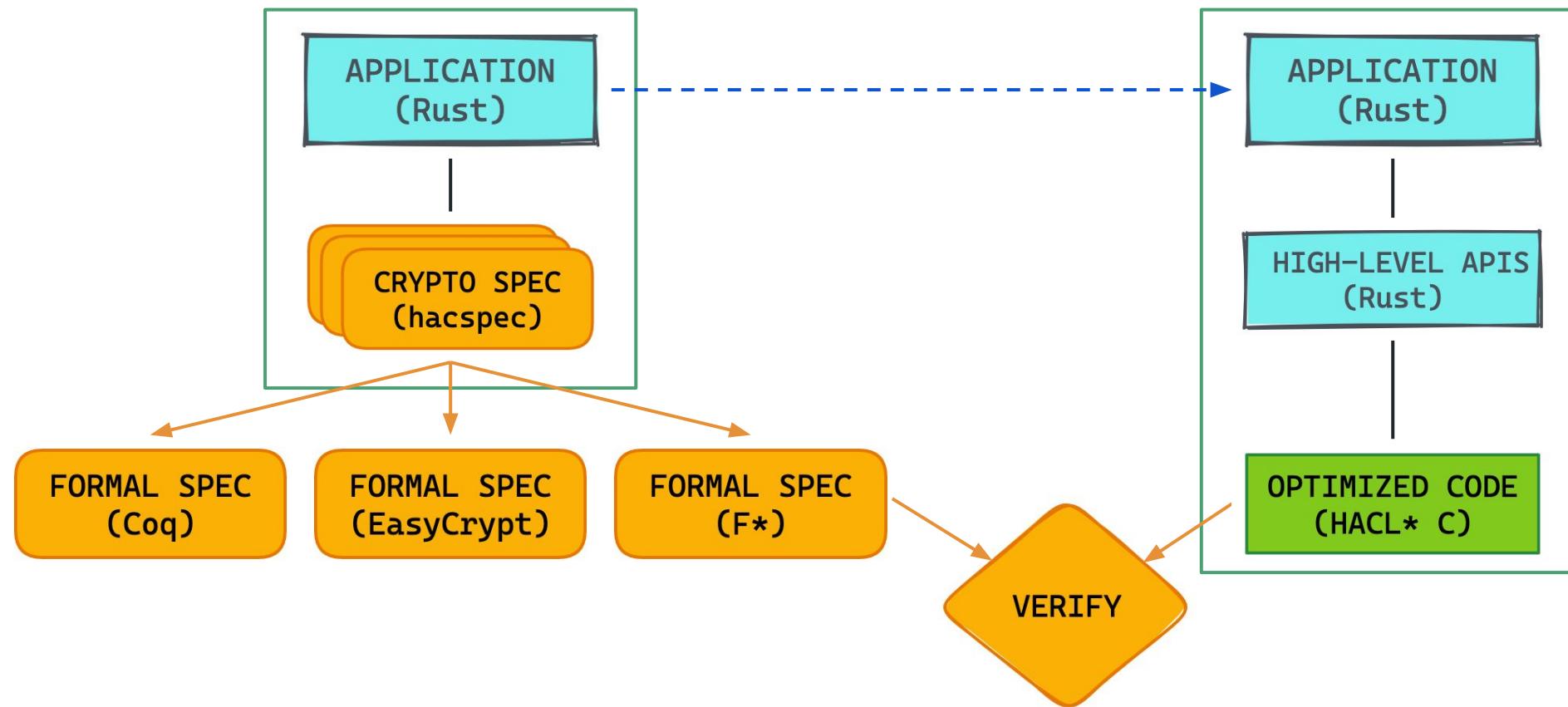
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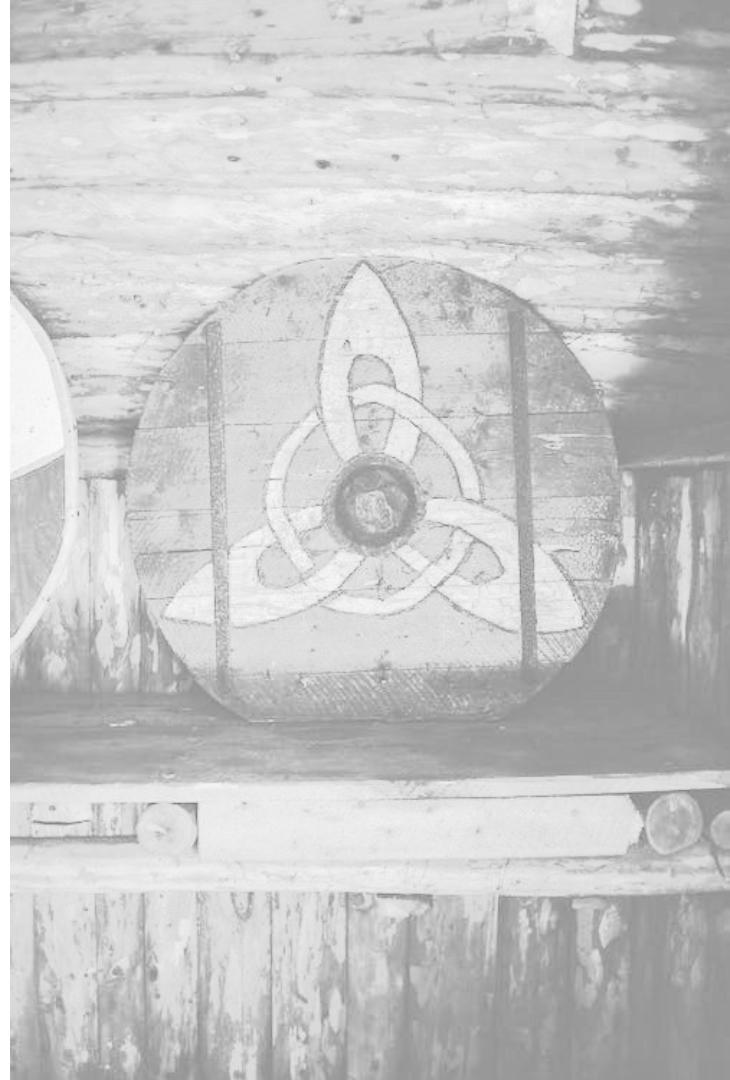
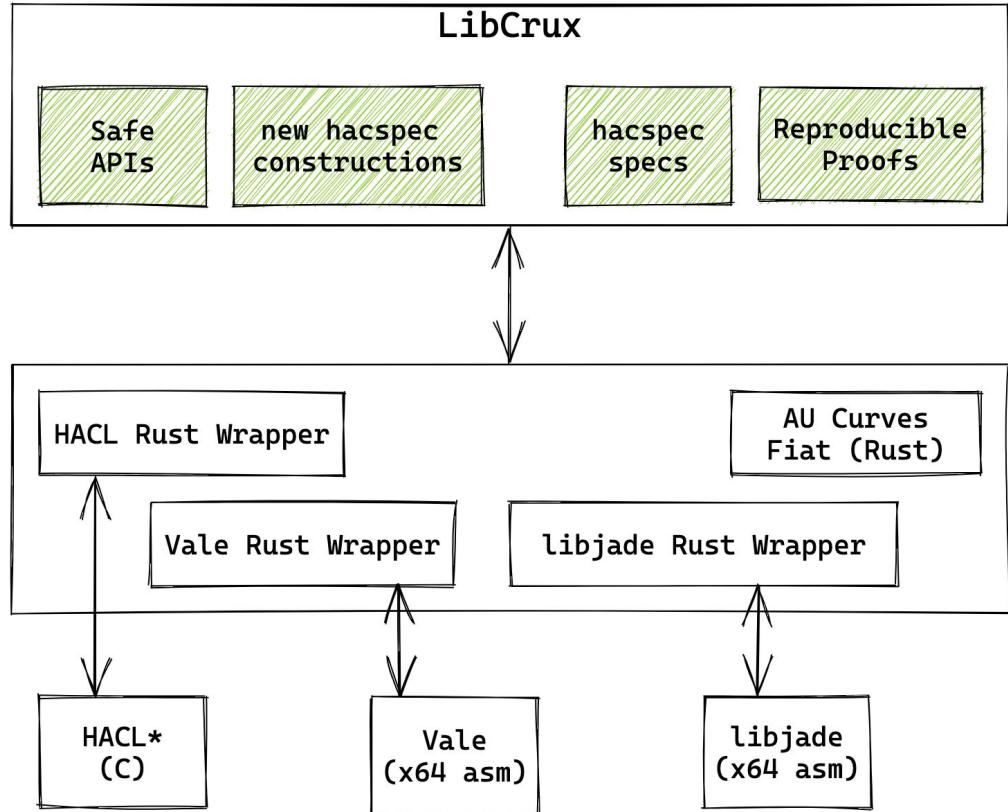


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libcrux: a library of verified cryptography

libcrux: architecture



Unsafe APIs: Array Constraints

```
void  
Hacl_Chacha20Poly1305_32_aead_encrypt(  
    uint8_t *k, ←  
    uint8_t *n, ←  
    uint32_t aadlen,  
    uint8_t *aad,  
    uint32_t mlen,  
    uint8_t *m,  
    uint8_t *cipher, ←  
    uint8_t *mac ←  
);
```

Fixed Length

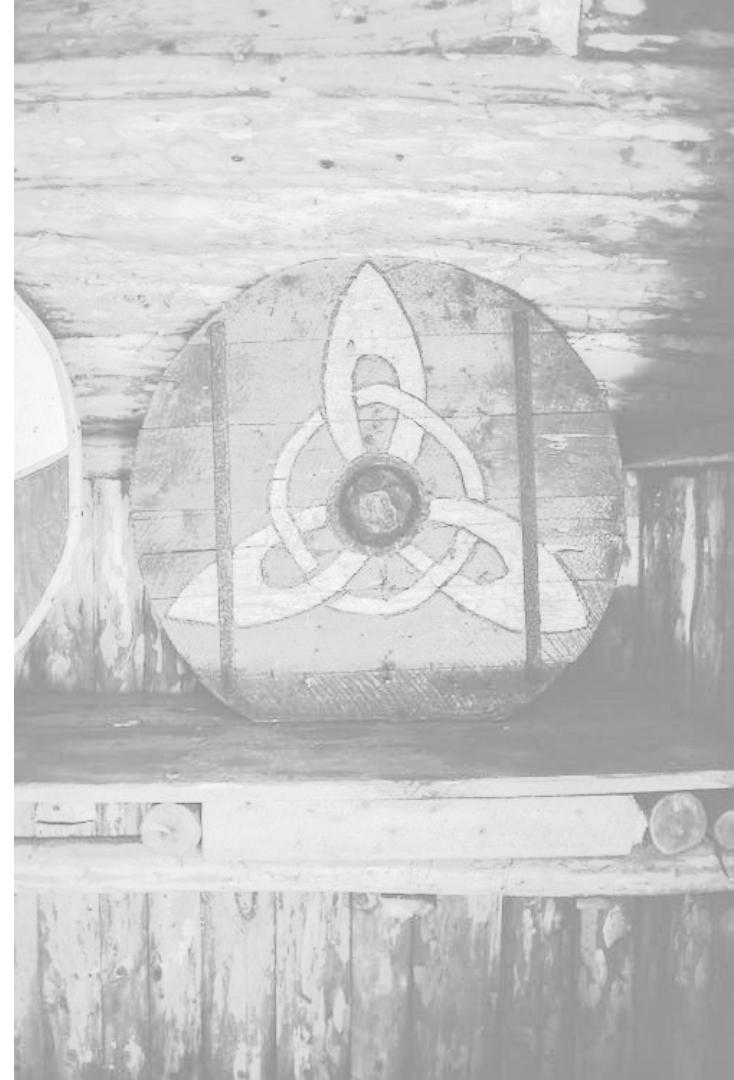
Disjoint



Verified F* API: Preconditions

```
let aead_encrypt_st (w:field_spec) =
  key:lbuffer uint8 32ul
  -> nonce:lbuffer uint8 12ul
  -> alen:size_t
  -> aad:lbuffer uint8 alen
  -> len:size_t
  -> input:lbuffer uint8 len
  -> output:lbuffer uint8 len
  -> tag:lbuffer uint8 16ul ->
Stack unit
(requires fun h ->
  live h key /\ live h nonce /\ live h aad /\
  live h input /\ live h output /\ live h tag /\
  disjoint key output /\ disjoint nonce output /\
  disjoint key tag /\ disjoint nonce tag /\
  disjoint output tag /\ eq_or_disjoint input output /\
  disjoint aad output)
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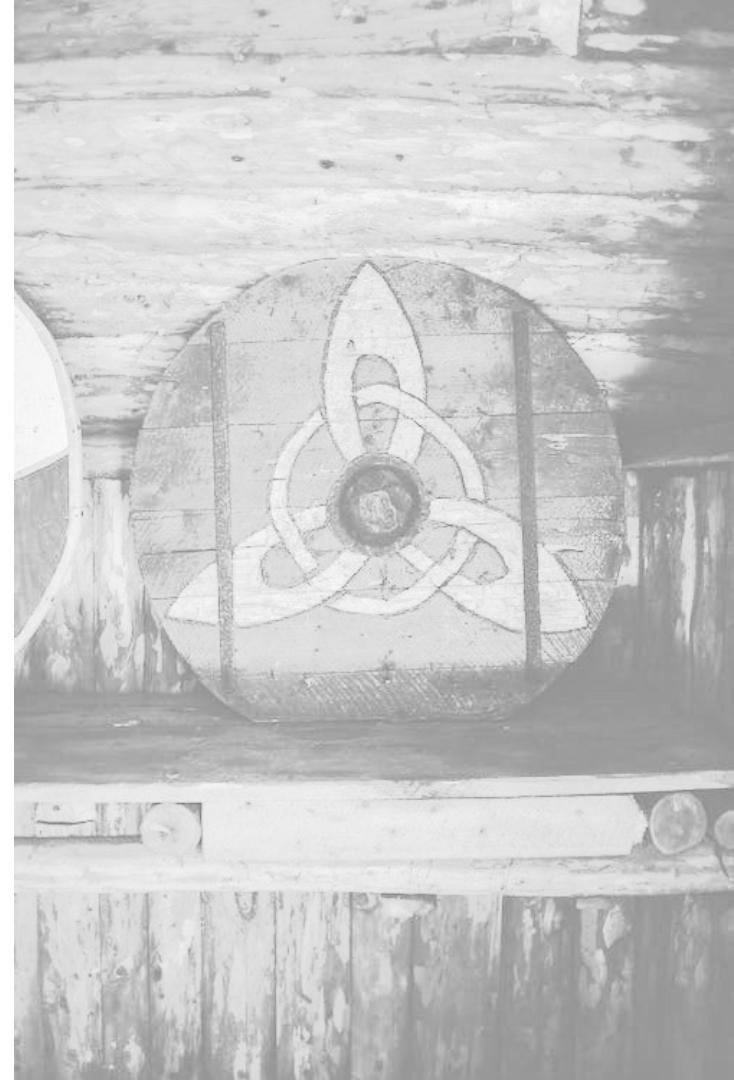
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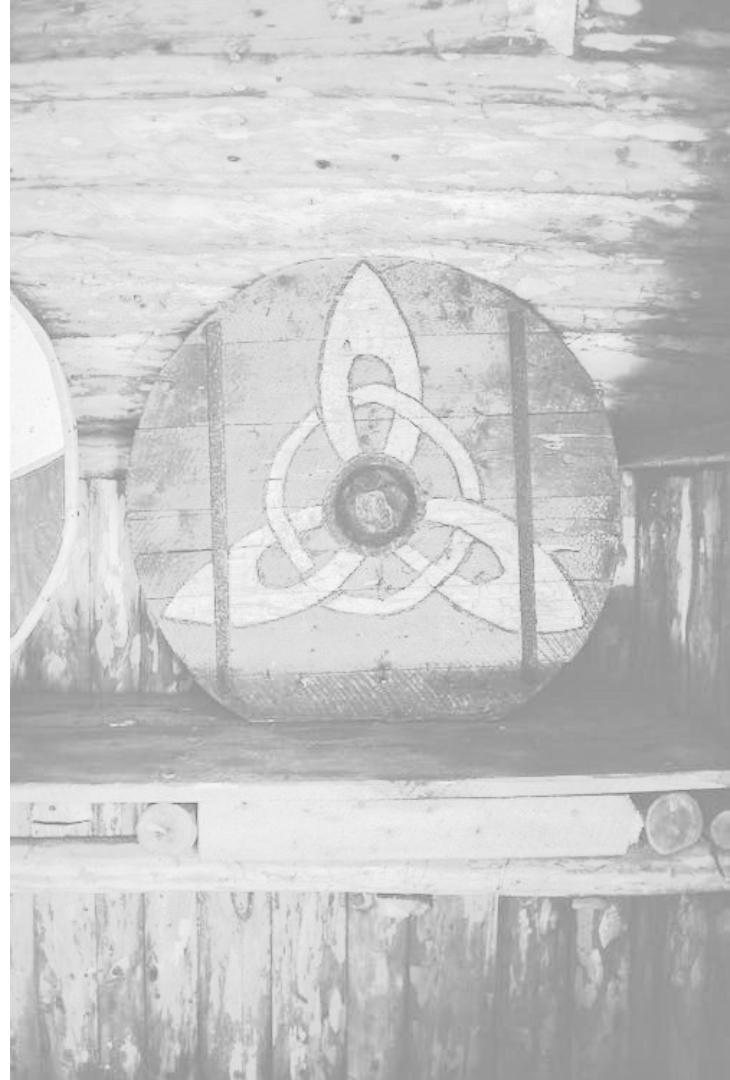
Disjointness Constraints



libcrux: Typed Rust APIs

```
type Chacha20Key = [u8; 32];
type Nonce = [u8; 12];
type Tag = [u8; 16];

fn encrypt(
    key: &Chacha20Key,
    msg_ctxt: &mut [u8],
    nonce: Nonce,
    aad: &[u8]
) -> Tag
```



libcrux: supported algorithms & perf

Crypto Standard	Platforms	Specs	Implementations
ECDH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• x25519• P256	Portable + Intel ADX Portable	hacspec, F* hacspec, F*	HACL*, Vale HACL*
AEAD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chacha20Poly1305• AES-GCM	Portable + Intel/ARM SIMD Intel AES-NI	hacspec, F*, EasyCrypt hacspec, F*	HACL*, libjade Vale
Signature <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ed25519• ECDSA P256• BLS12-381	Portable Portable Portable	hacspec, F* hacspec, F* hacspec, Coq	HACL* HACL* AUCurves
Hash <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blake2• SHA2• SHA3	Portable + Intel/ARM SIMD Portable Portable + Intel SIMD	hacspec, F* hacspec, F* hacspec, F*, EasyCrypt	HACL* HACL* HACL*, libjade
HKDF, HMAC	Portable	hacspec, F*	HACL*
HPKE	Portable	hacspec	hacspec

libcrux: performance

	libcrux	Rust Crypto	Ring	OpenSSL
Sha3 256	574.39 MiB/s	573.89 MiB/s	unsupported	625.37 MiB/s
x25519	30.320 µs	35.465 µs	30.363 µs	32.272 µs

libjade **HACL* + Vale** **Intel Kaby Lake (ADX, AVX2)**

```
graph TD; libjade[libjade] --> Sha3MiB[574.39 MiB/s]; libjade --> X25519Us[30.320 µs]; HACL_Vale[HACL* + Vale] --> Sha3MiB; HACL_Vale --> X25519Us; IntelKaby[Intel Kaby Lake (ADX, AVX2)] --> Sha3MiB; IntelKaby --> X25519Us;
```

	libcrux	Rust Crypto	Ring	OpenSSL
Sha3 256	337.67 MiB/s	275.05 MiB/s	unsupported	322.21 MiB/s
x25519	37.640 µs	67.660 µs	71.236 µs	48.620 µs

HACL* **Apple Arm M1 Pro (Neon)**

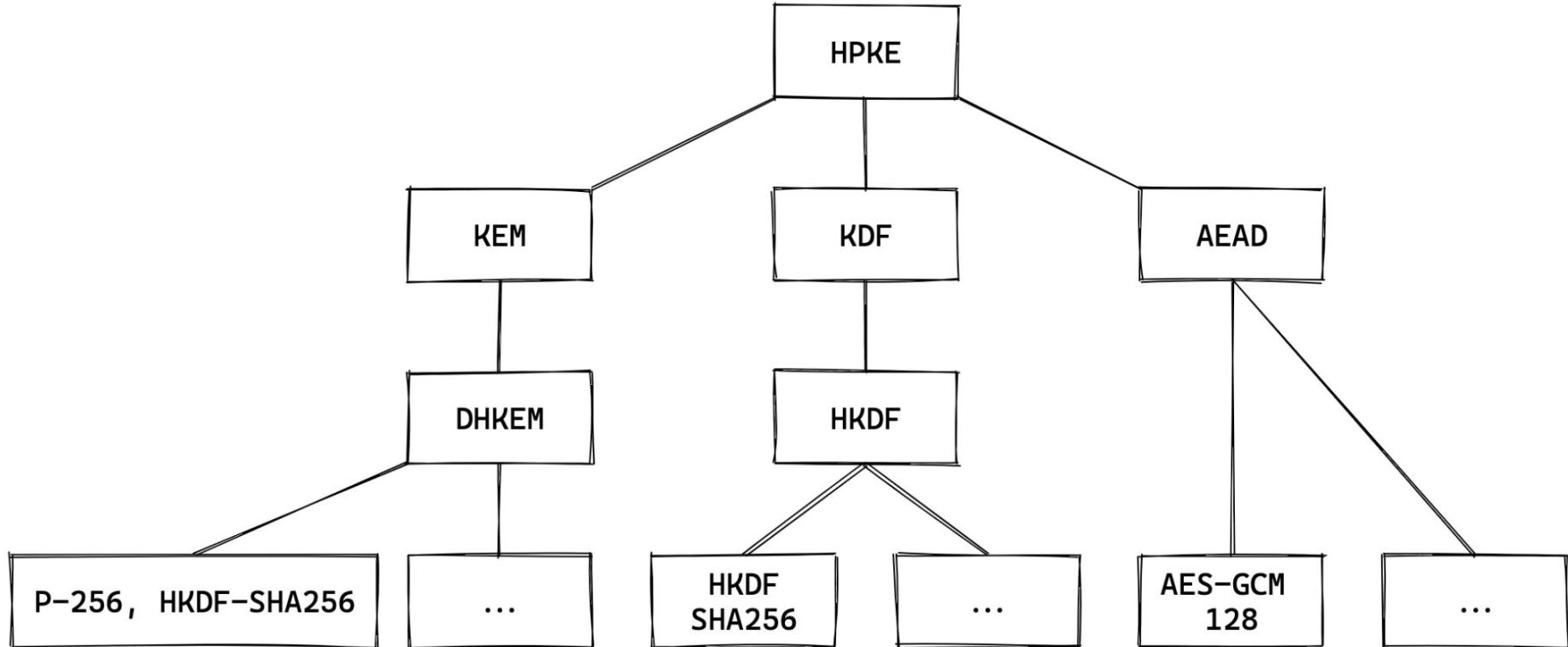
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graph TD; HACL[*][HACL*] --> Sha3MiB[337.67 MiB/s]; HACL[*] --> X25519Us[37.640 µs]; AppleM1[Apple Arm M1 Pro (Neon)] --> Sha3MiB; AppleM1 --> X25519Us;
```

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Hybrid Public Key Encryption

HPKE: Construction



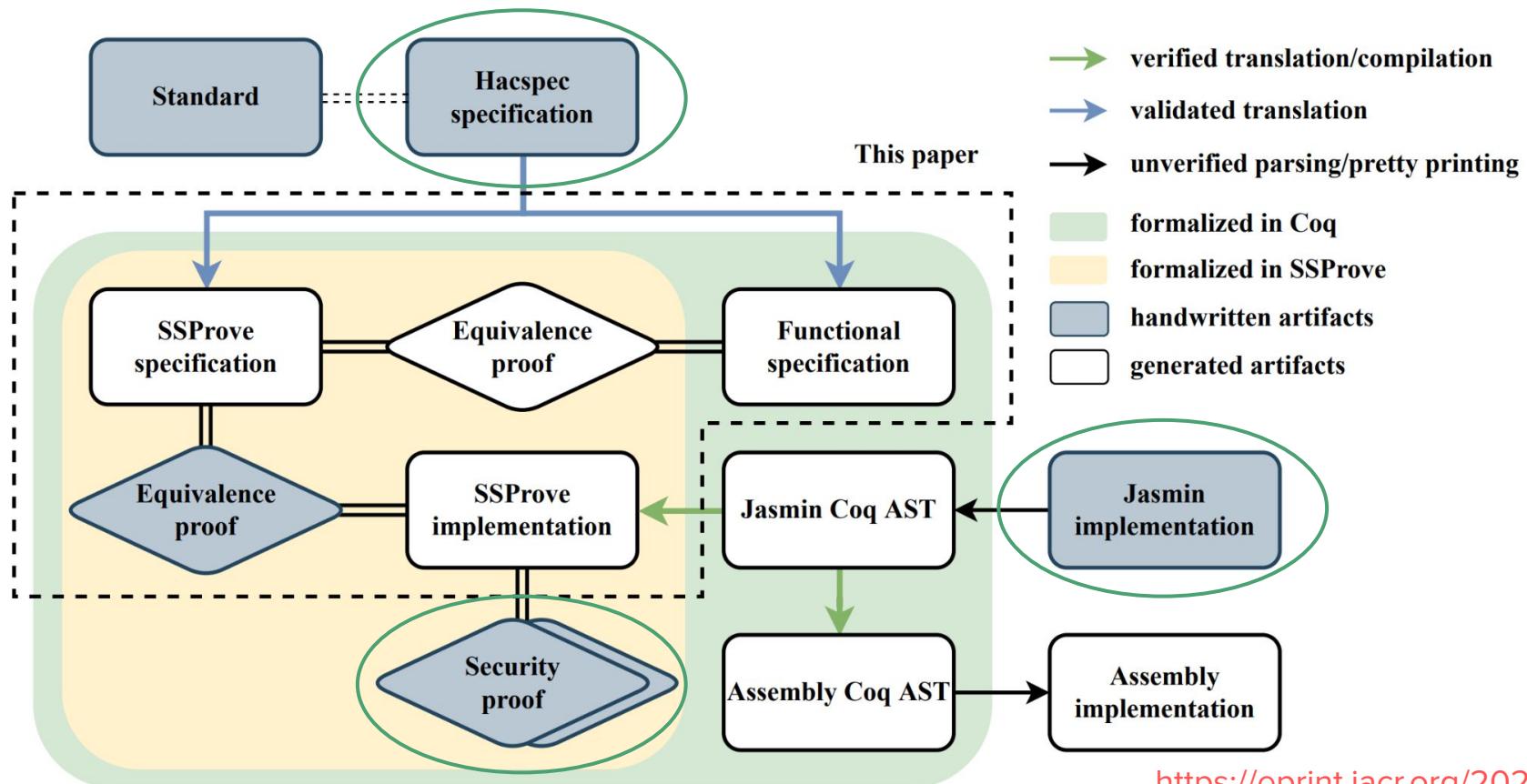
HPKE code performance: hacspec vs. stateful Rust

	hacspec HPKE	Rust HPKE
Setup Sender	79.9 μ s	68 μ s
Setup Receiver	76 μ s	54.4 μ s

	libcrux	RustCrypto
Sha2 256	311.76 MiB/s	319.10 MiB/s
x25519	30.320 μ s	35.465 μ s
x25519 base	30.218 μ s	11.812 μ s
ChaCha20Poly1305	758.89 MiB/s	249.33 MiB/s

Ongoing and Future Work

The Last Yard: linking hacspec to security proofs



Verification Tools: more proof backends for hacspec

Security Analysis Tools

- **SSProve**: modular crypto proofs
- **EasyCrypt**: verified constructions

- **ProVerif**: symbolic protocol proofs
- **CryptoVerif**: verified protocols
- **Squirrel**: protocol verifier

Program Verification Tools

- **QuickCheck**: logical spec testing
- **Creusot**: verifying spec contracts
- **Aeneas**: verifying Rust code

- **LEAN**: verification framework
- <Your favourite prover here>

Conclusions

- **Fast verified code** is available today for most modern crypto algorithms
 - + some post-quantum crypto; **Future**: verified code for ZKP, FHE, MPC, ...
 - Most code in C or Intel assembly; **Ongoing**: Rust, ARM assembly, ...
- **hacspec** can be used as a common spec language for multiple tools/libraries
 - **Ongoing**: adding new Rust features, new proof backends, linking with Rust verifiers, ...
 - **Try it yourself:** hacspec.org
- **libcrux** provides safe Rust APIs to multiple verified crypto libraries
 - **Ongoing**: recipes for integrating new verified crypto from various research projects
 - **Try it yourself:** libcrux.org

Thanks!

- HACL*: <https://github.com/hacl-star/hacl-star>
- Vale: <https://github.com/ValeLang/Vale>
- libjade: <https://github.com/formosa-crypto/libjade>
- AUCurves: <https://github.com/AU-COBRA/AUCurves>

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