

Provably Bug-Free BIPs & Implementations

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This talk presents a tiny **step** towards improving this.

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BIP format and structure

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- Preamble — Headers containing metadata about the BIP ([see below](#))

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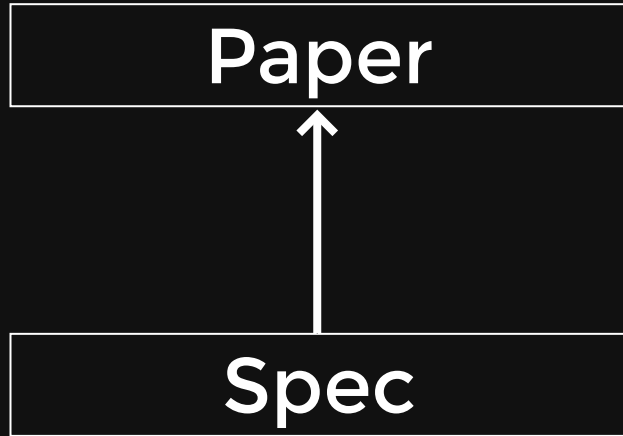
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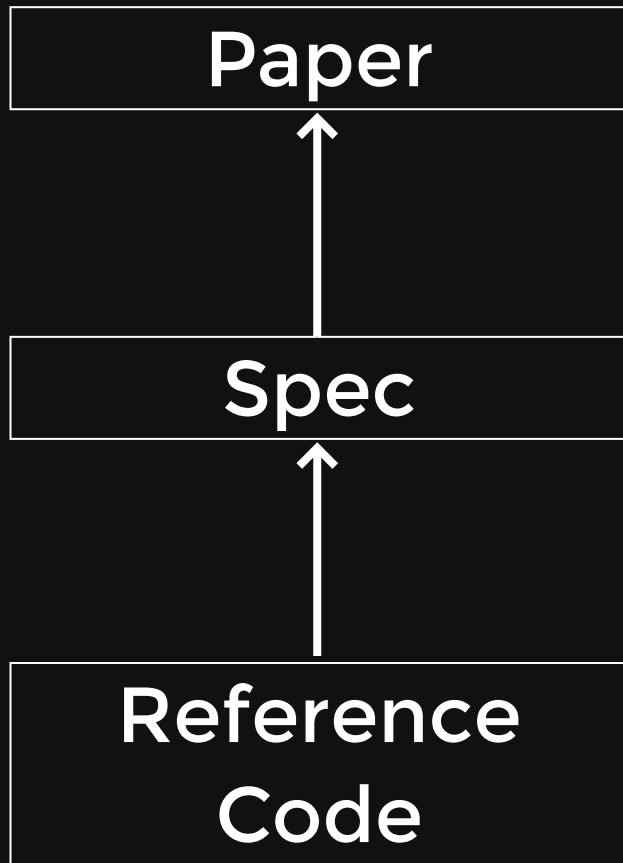
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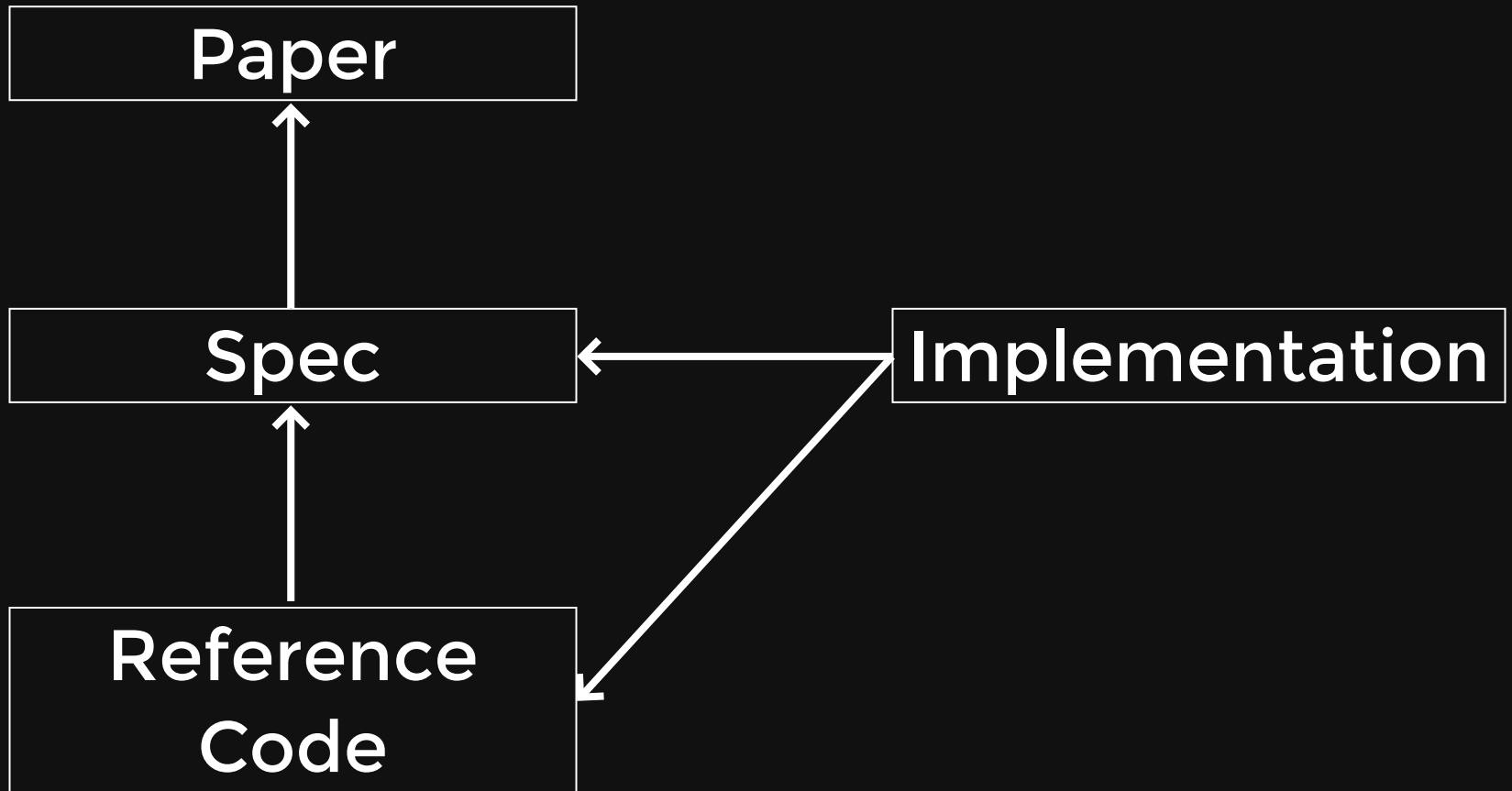
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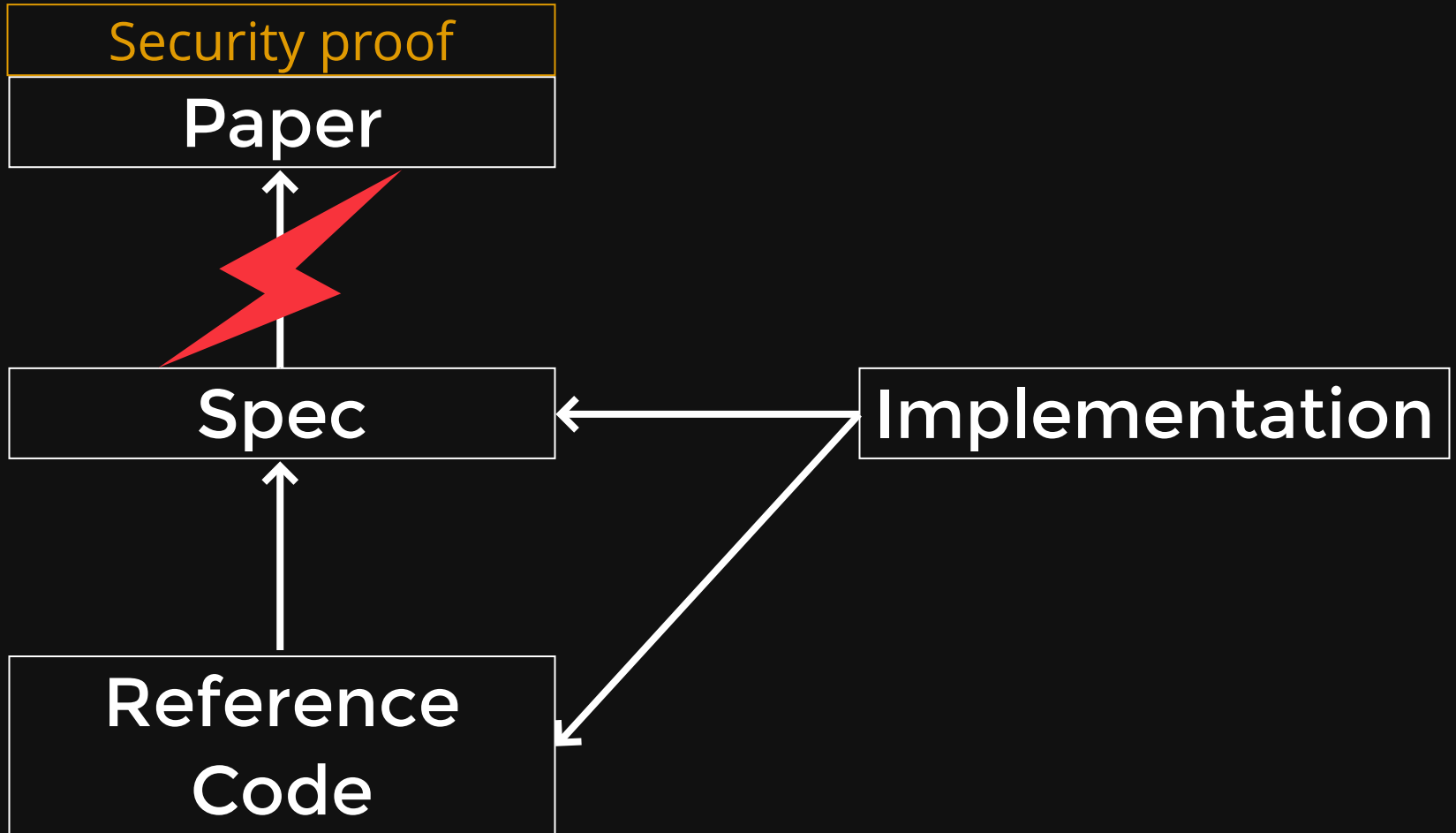
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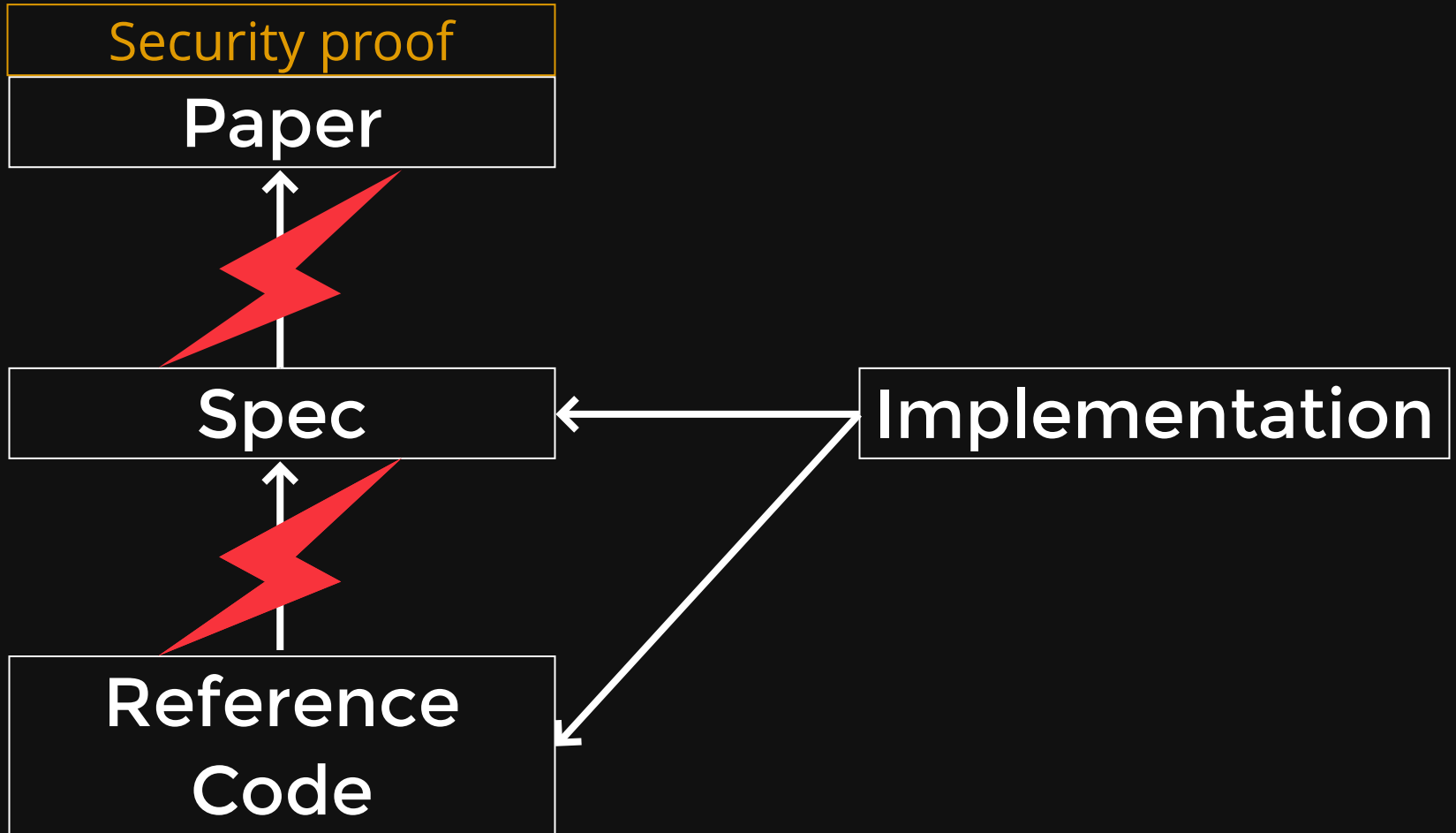
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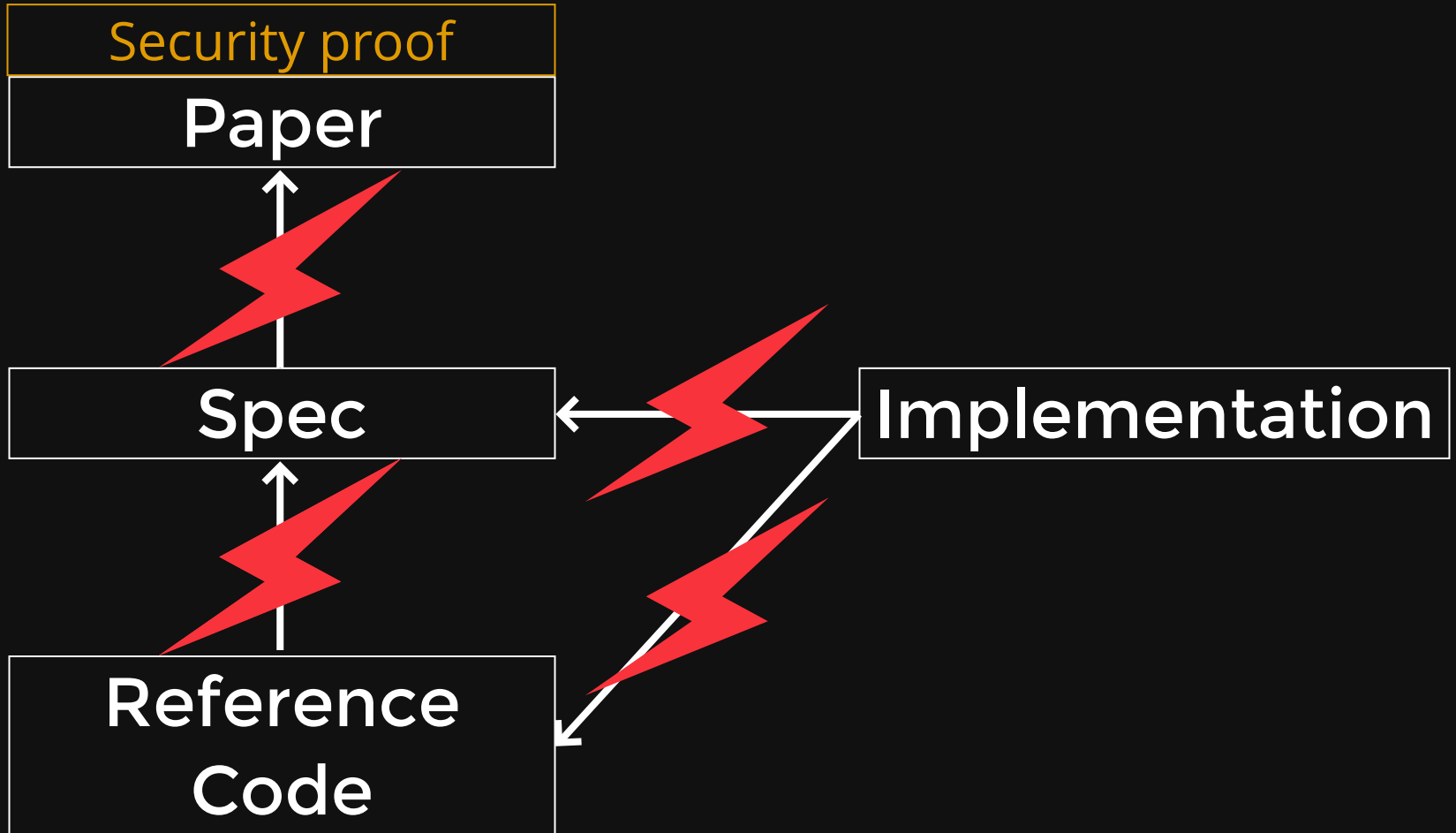
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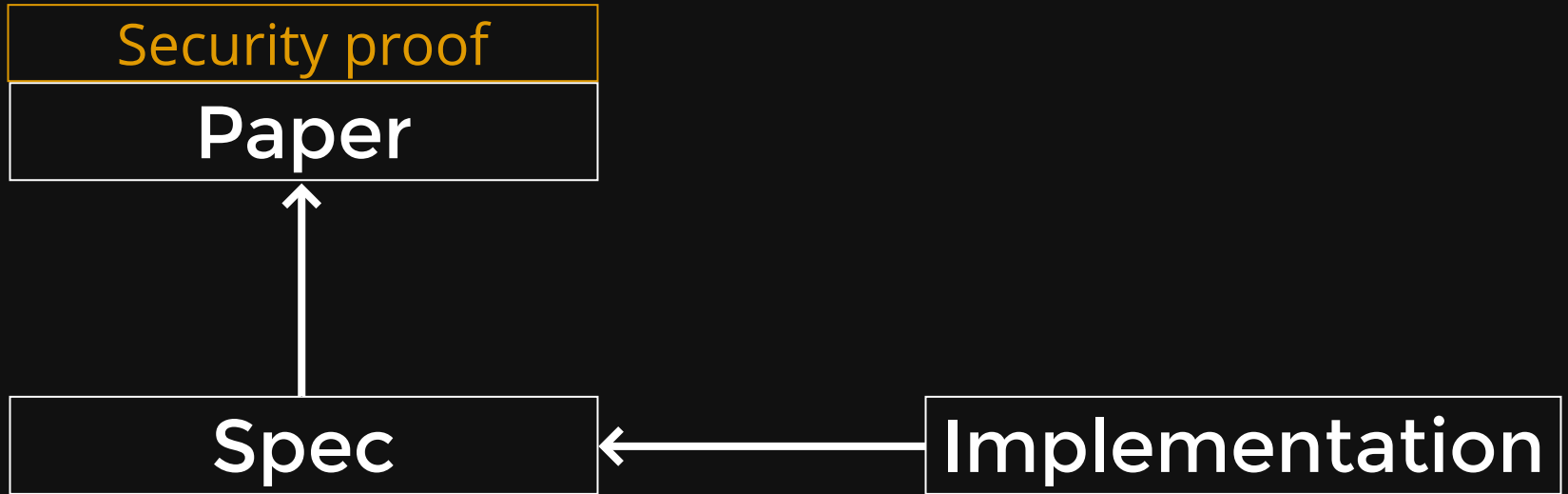


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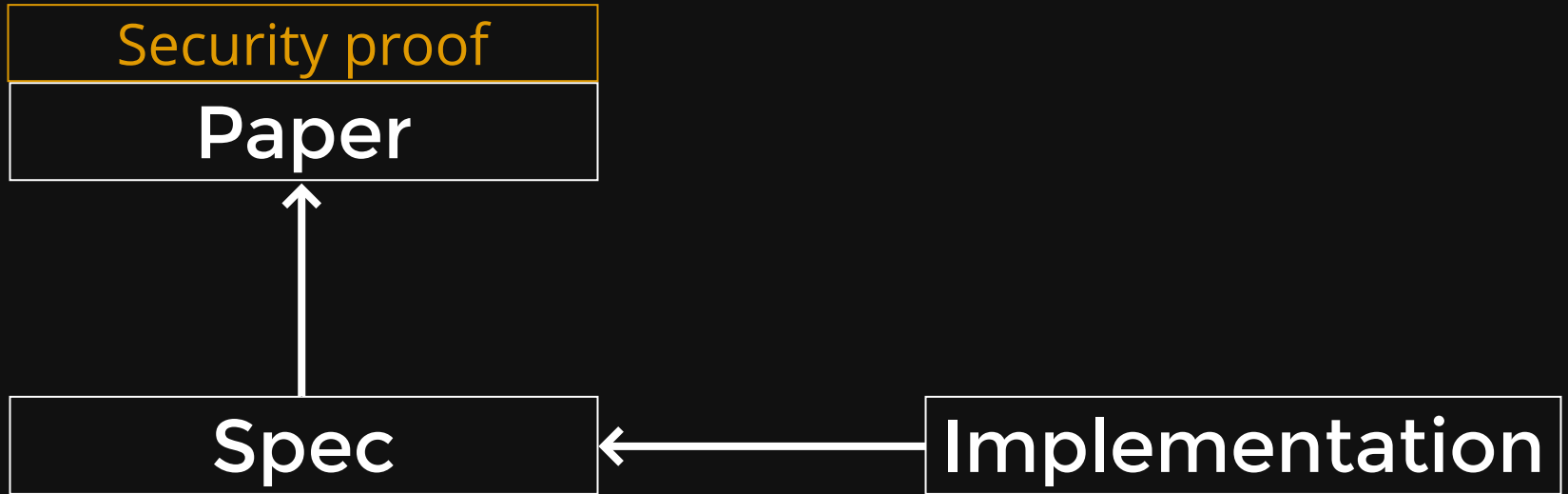
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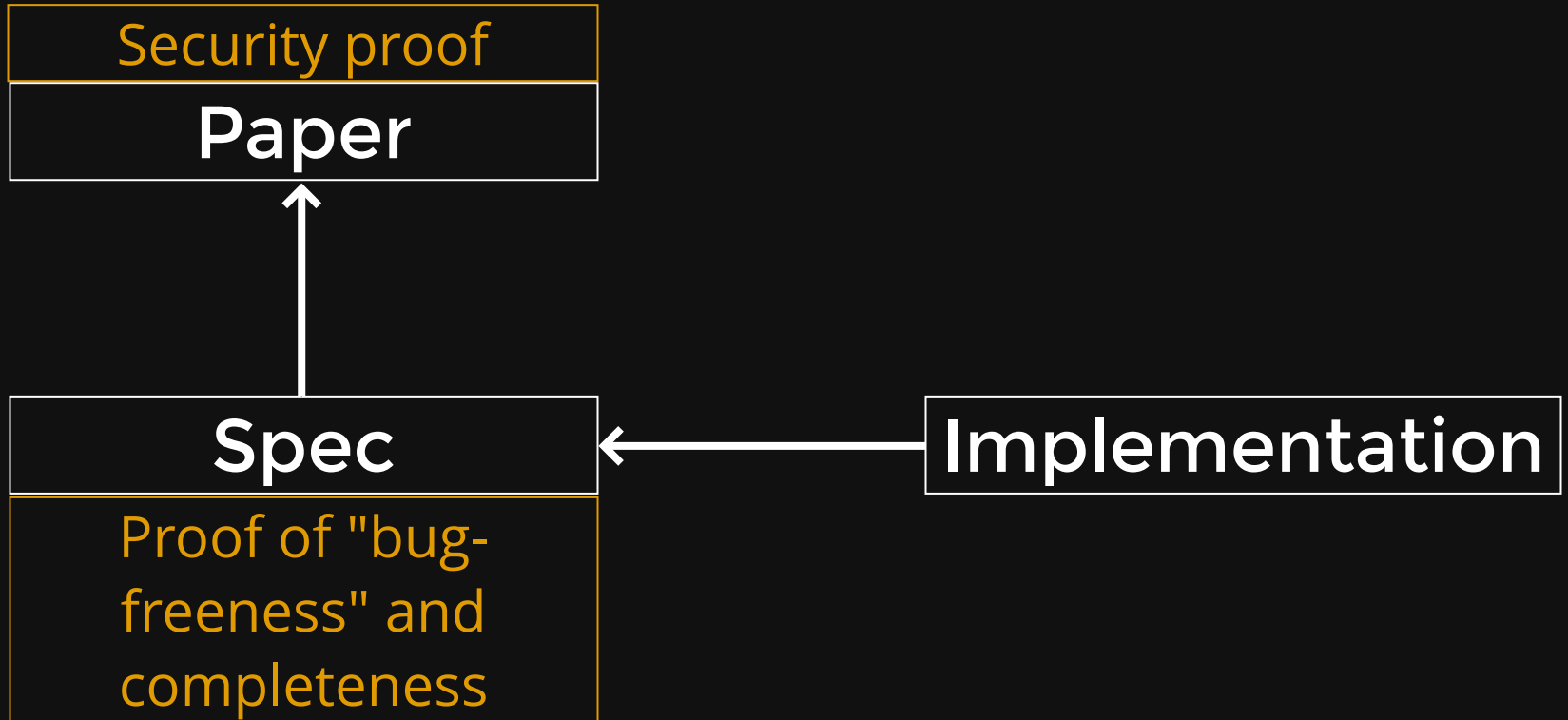
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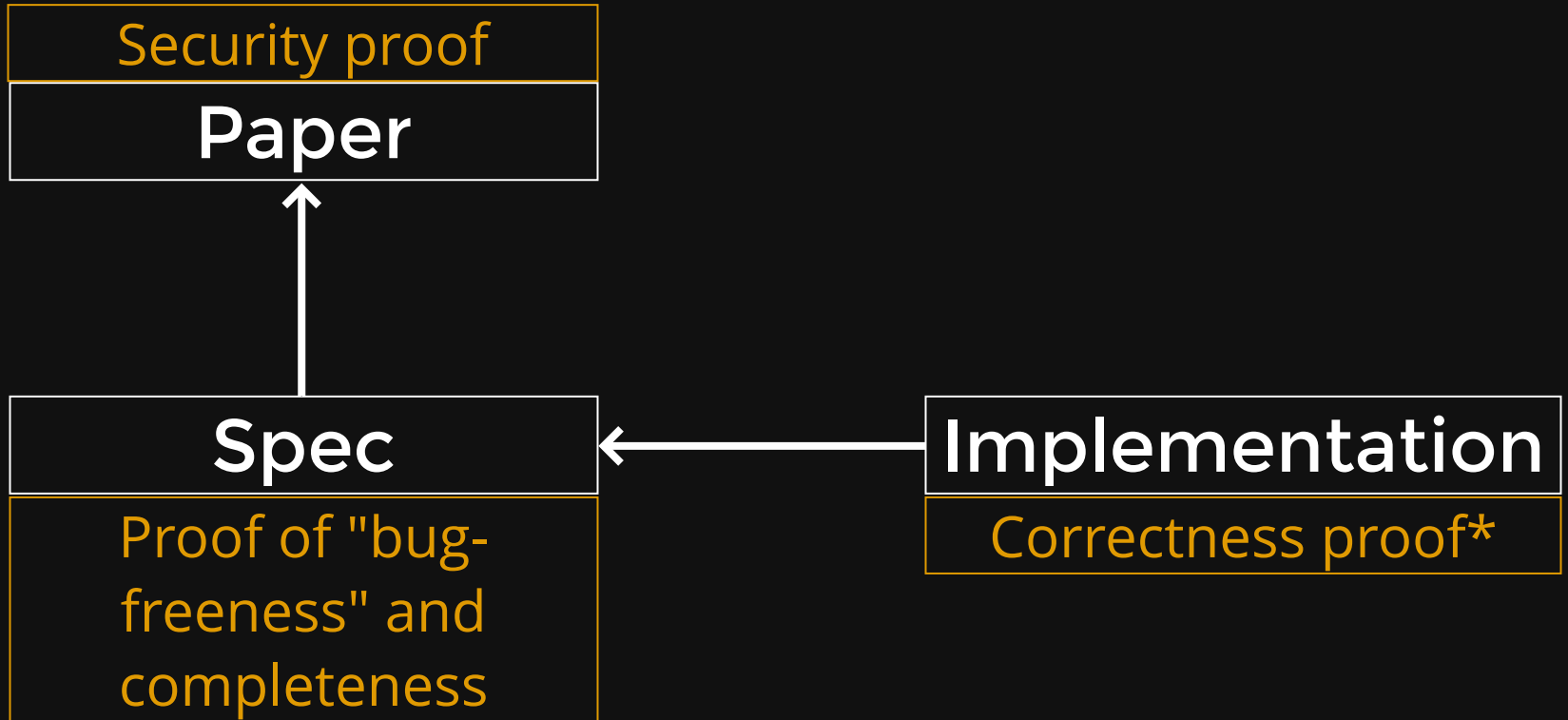
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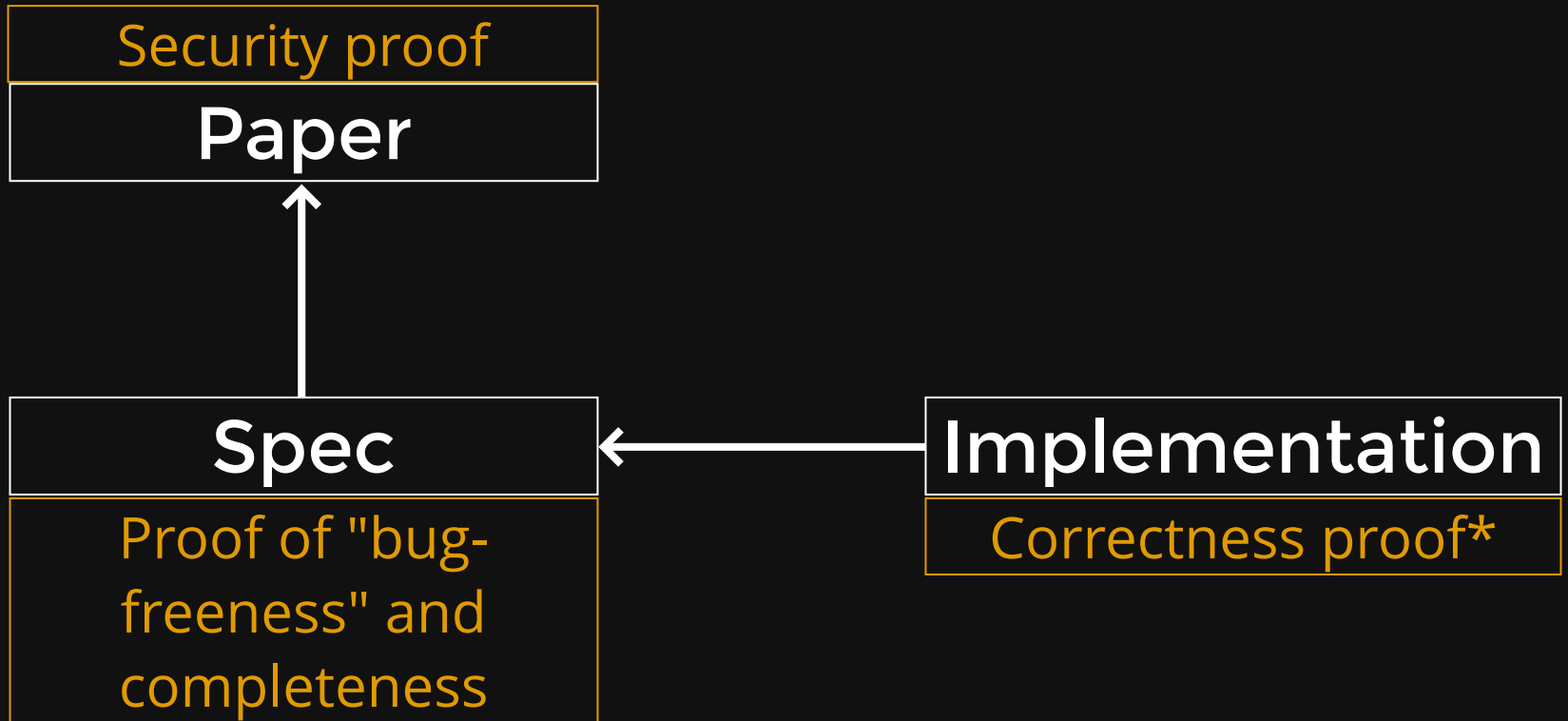
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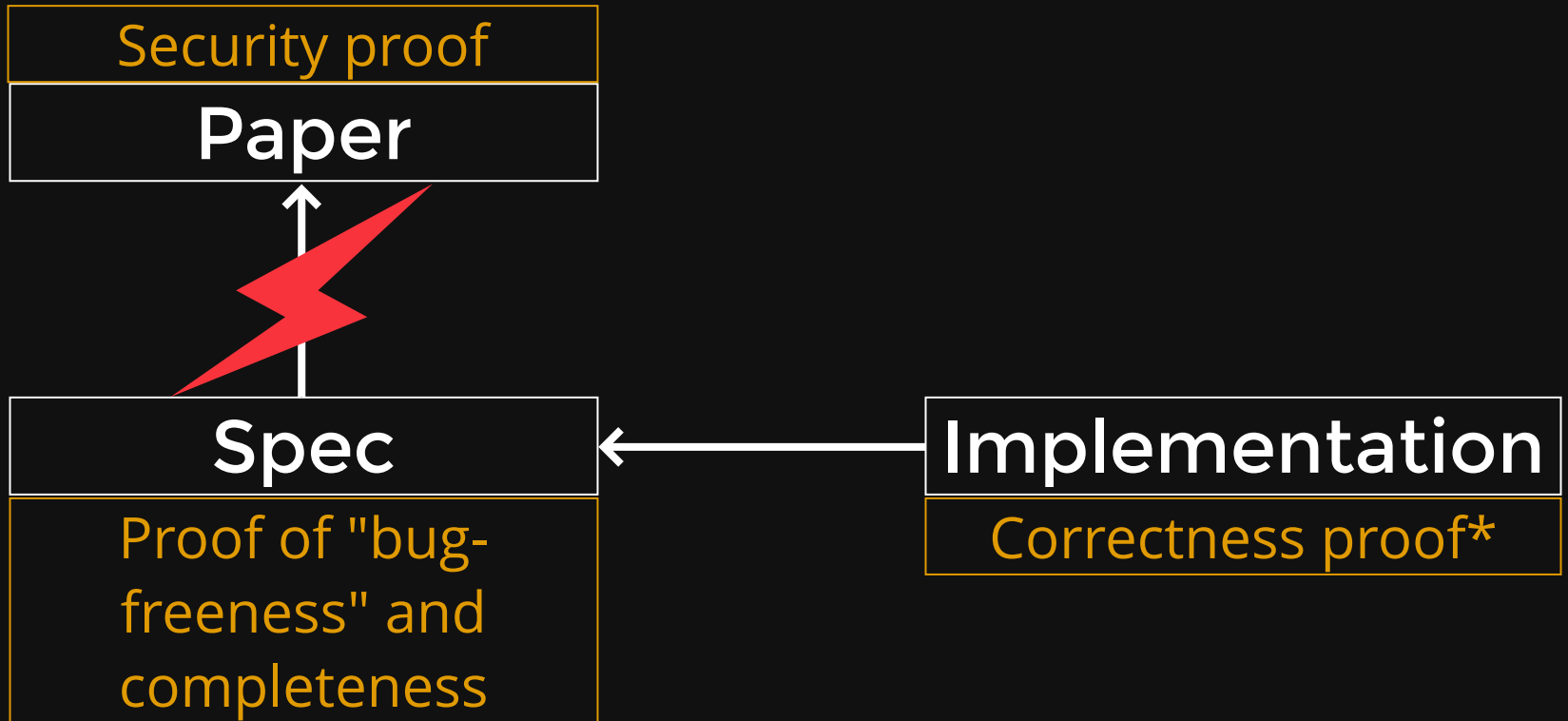






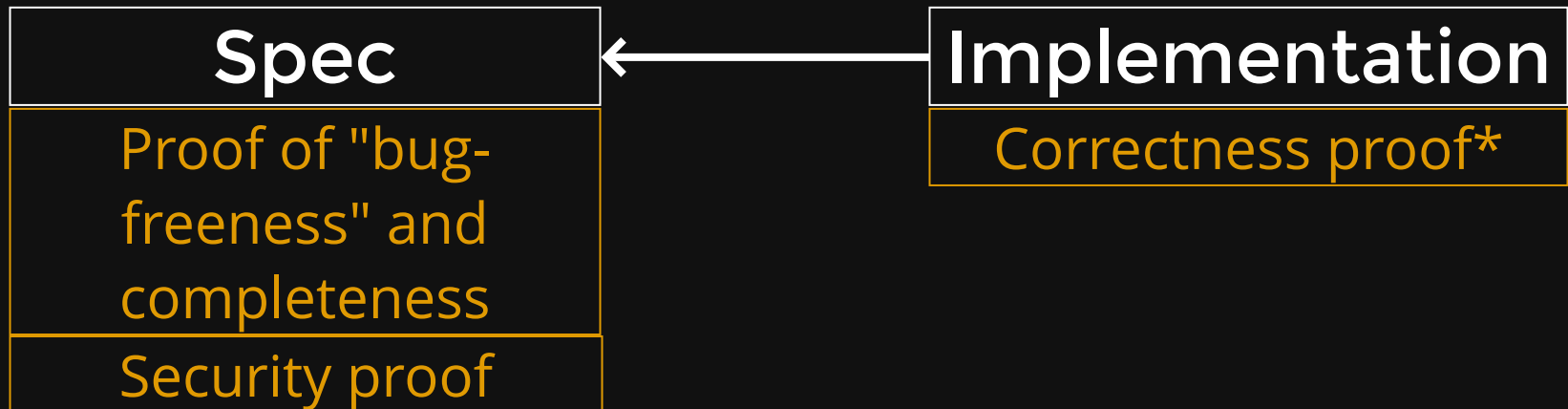


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Far far future



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It is still true that cryptography is hard, unfortunately. Yannick Seurin, Tim Ruffing, Elliott Jin, and I discovered an `attack against the latest version of BIP MuSig2` in the case that a signer's individual key $A = a \cdot G$ is tweaked before giving it as input to key aggregation.

In more detail, a signer may be vulnerable if `_all_` of the following conditions are true:

Security proof

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