

# Formal Specifications for Certifiable Cryptography

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Cryptography and SSL/TLS Toolkit

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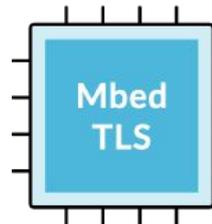
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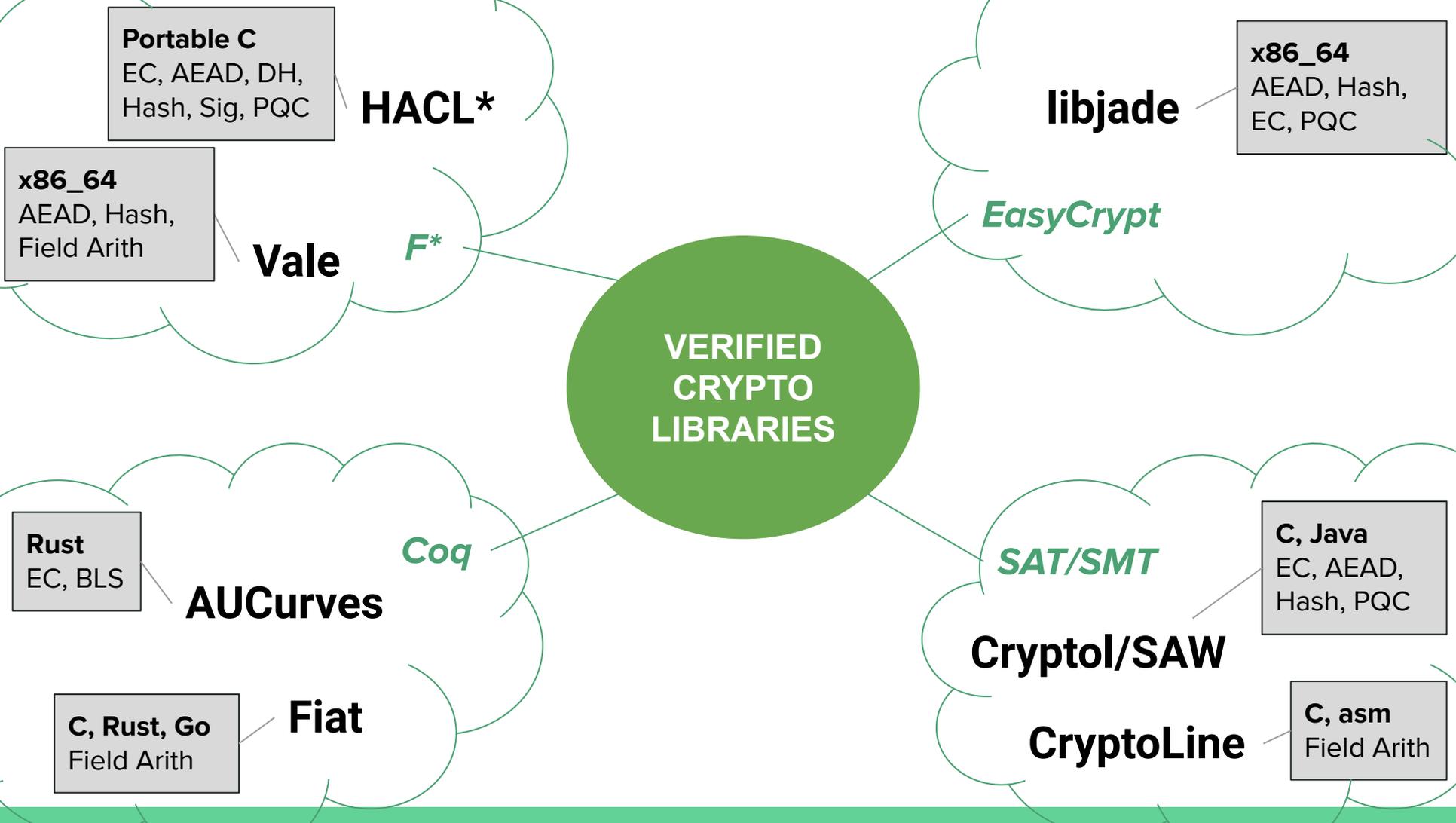
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**HACL\***

**libjade**

**Vale**

*EasyCrypt*

*F\**

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CRYPTO  
LIBRARIES**

*Coq*

*SAT/SMT*

**AUCurves**

**Cryptol/SAW**

**Fiat**

**CryptoLine**

**Portable C**  
EC, AEAD, DH,  
Hash, Sig, PQC

**x86\_64**  
AEAD, Hash,  
EC, PQC

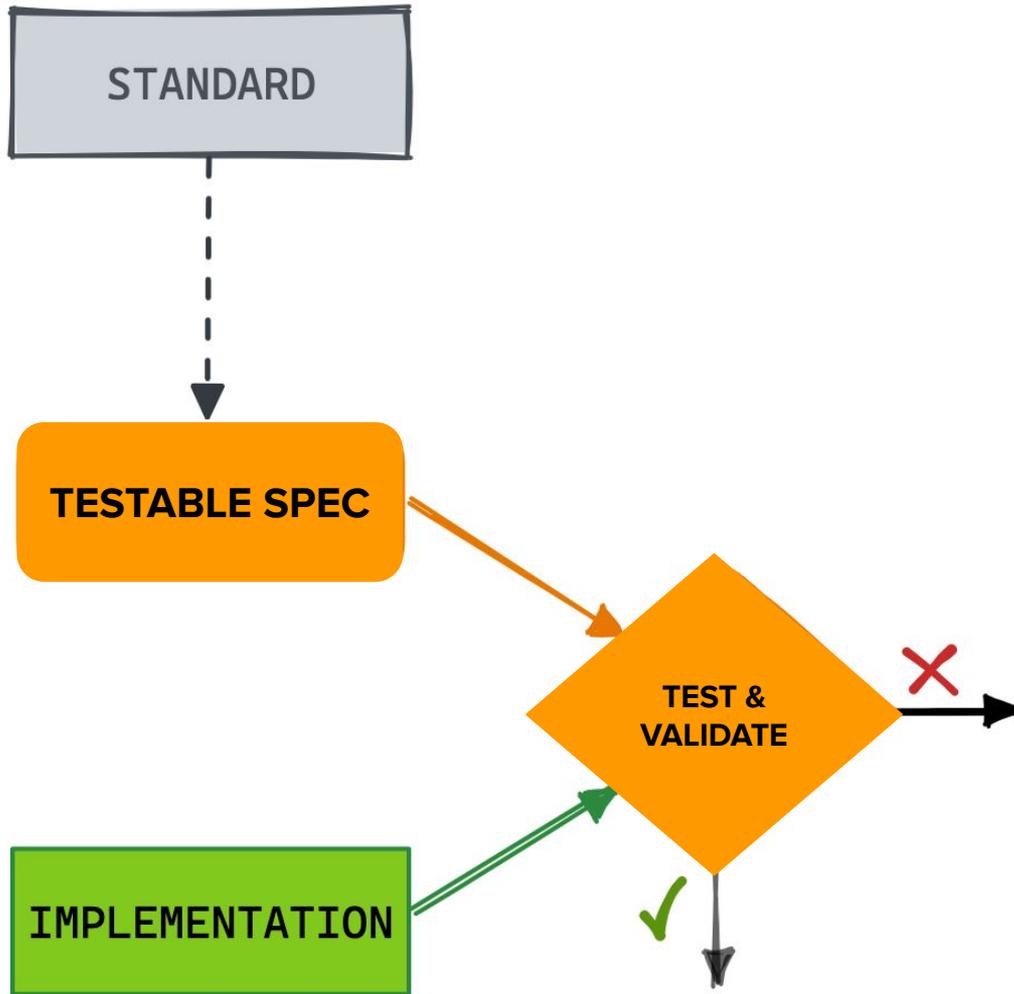
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AEAD, Hash,  
Field Arith

**Rust**  
EC, BLS

**C, Java**  
EC, AEAD,  
Hash, PQC

**C, Rust, Go**  
Field Arith

**C, asm**  
Field Arith



# Certification Workflow

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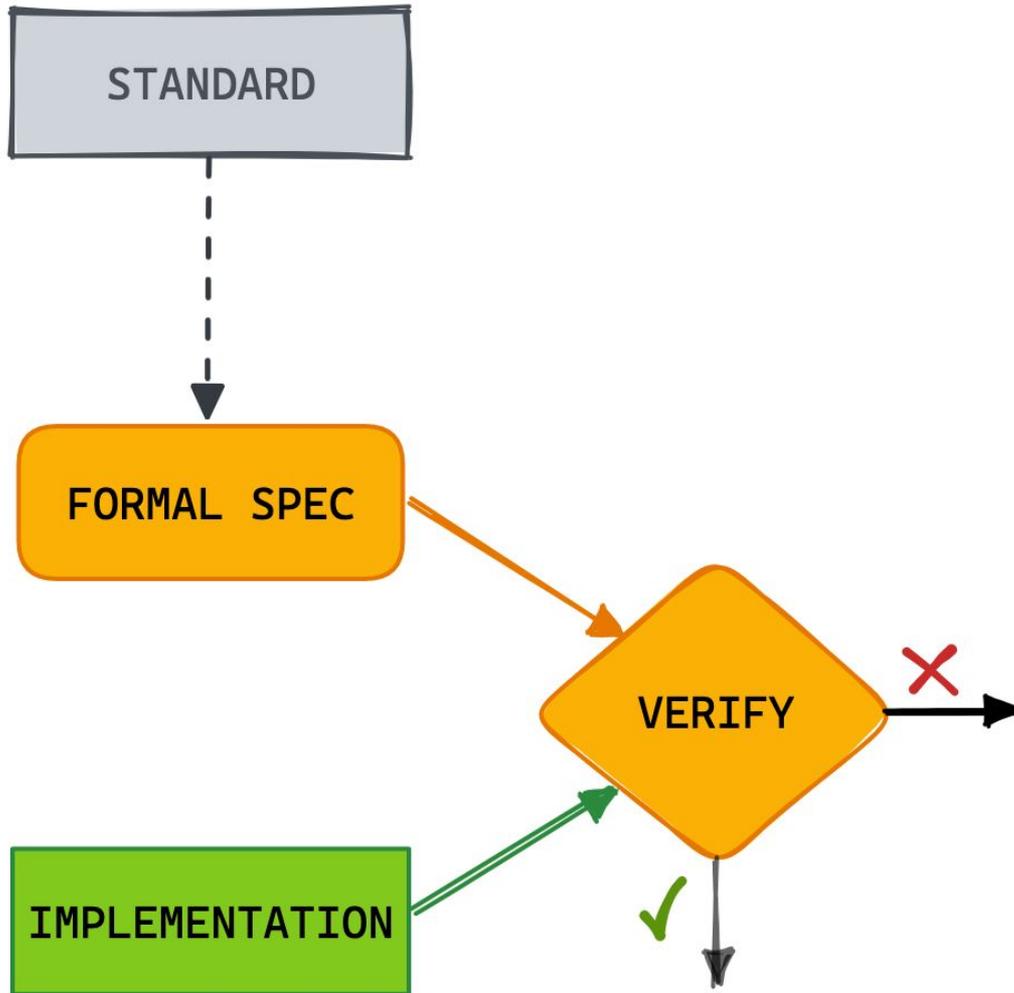
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*Is ML-KEM IND-CCA?  
Is TLS 1.3 a secure channel?  
Is MLS a CGKA?*

# Security Analysis Workflow

**Symbolic proofs:** ProVerif/Tamarin  
**Cryptographic proofs:** EasyCrypt/CryptoVerif/Squirrel  
**Post-Quantum proofs:** EasyCrypt/CryptoVerif/Squirrel



# Verified Cryptography Workflow

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**ChaCha20 and Poly1305 for IETF Protocols**

Abstract

This document defines the ChaCha20 stream cipher and the Poly1305 authenticator, both as standard, or as a "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
```

```
let quarter_round a b c d : Tot shuffle =  
  line a b d (size 16) @  
  line c d b (size 12) @  
  line a b d (size 8) @  
  line c d b (size 7)
```

F\* Spec  
(HACL\*)

```
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;  
}
```

EasyCrypt Spec  
(libjade)

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```
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
```

F\* Implementation

```
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)
```

Translate

```
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;  
  ...  
}
```

Portable C Code

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```

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



Intel AVX2 Assembly

```

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

```

Translate

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*F\* or Coq or EasyCrypt...*

VERIFY



**Potential Implementation Bug**

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



**Fix and re-verify**

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Deploy Code

# Verified Cryptography Workflow

**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



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

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- 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

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

# Specs for ML-KEM

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# 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”

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

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Computes the polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{R}_q$  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

1:  $f \leftarrow \hat{f}$

▷ will compute in-place on a copy of input array

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:        $f[j] \leftarrow t + f[j + len]$

▷ steps 9-10 done modulo  $q$

10:        $f[j + len] \leftarrow zeta \cdot (f[j + len] - t)$

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**  $f$

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# 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  $\sum_{j=0}^{127} \text{inv}(\text{inFq } 128) * p[2*j] * \text{zroot}^{-(2*br\ j+1)*ii}$   
else  $\sum_{j=0}^{127} \text{inv}(\text{inFq } 128) * p[2*j+1] * \text{zroot}^{-(2*br\ j+1)*ii}$ ).`

- **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

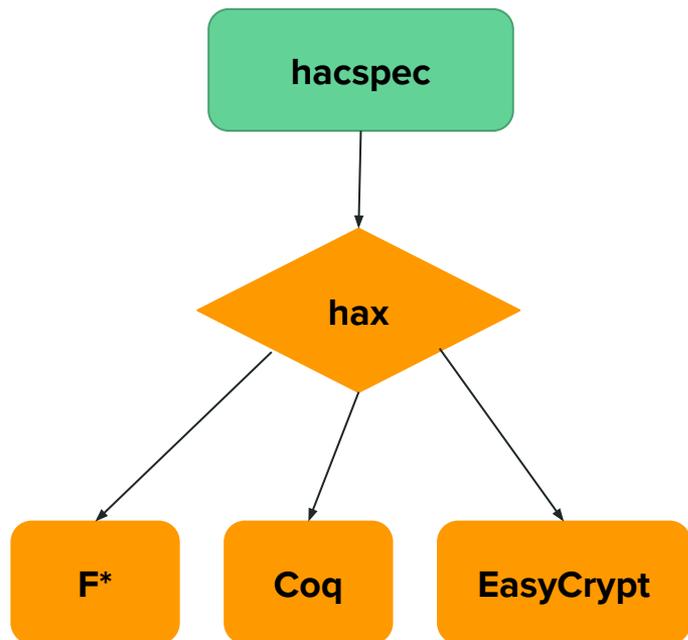
- Python, SAGE-friendly
- **Feature:** Executable
- **Feature:** Readable by programmers, written by cryptographers
- Is this a “good” spec?
- Is it correct?

```
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?

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

```
// 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

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# 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?

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# 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

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# 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
- **Executable** for spec debugging
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## A purely functional subset of Rust

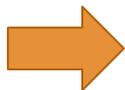
- Safe Rust without external side-effects
- No mutable borrows
- All values are copyable
- Rust tools & development environment
- A library of common abstractions
  - Arbitrary-precision Integers
  - Secret-independent Machine Ints
  - Vectors, Matrices, Polynomials,...

# hacspec: purely functional crypto code in Rust

Call-by-value

```
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  
hacspec

# hacspec: 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  
hacspec

Modular Arithmetic over User-Defined Field

# hacspec: 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  
hacspec

```
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  
hacspec

# hacspec: 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  
hacspec**

```
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**

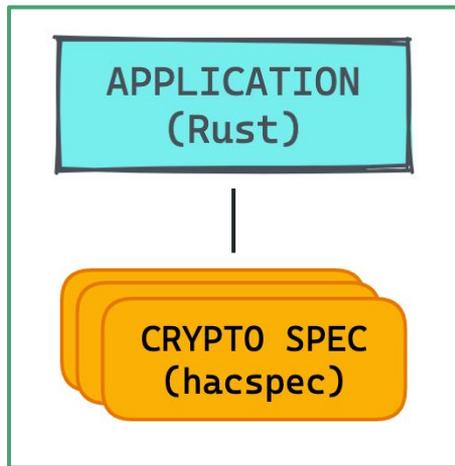
```
Definition chacha20_quarter_round (a : int32) (b : int32) (c : int32)  
  (d : int32) (state : State) : State :=  
  let state := chacha20_line a b d 16 state : State in  
  let state := chacha20_line c d b 12 state : State in  
  let state := chacha20_line a b d 8 state : State in  
  chacha20_line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

**Coq Spec**

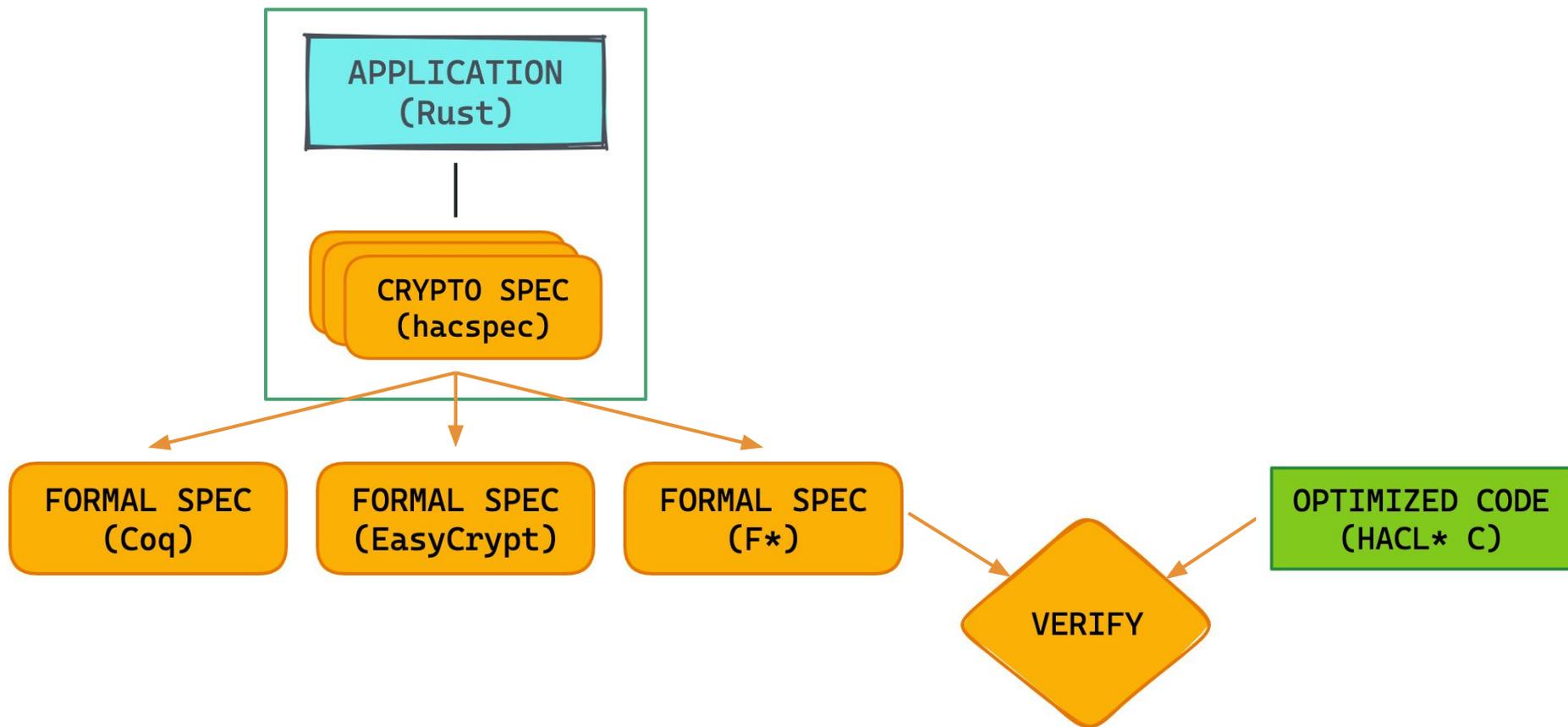
```
proc chacha20_quarter_round(a : int, b : int, c : int, d : int,  
  state : State) = {  
  var _res;  
  state <@ chacha20_line (a, b, d, 16, state);  
  state <@ chacha20_line (c, d, b, 12, state);  
  state <@ chacha20_line (a, b, d, 8, state);  
  _res <@ chacha20_line (c, d, b, 7, state);  
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

**EasyCrypt Spec**

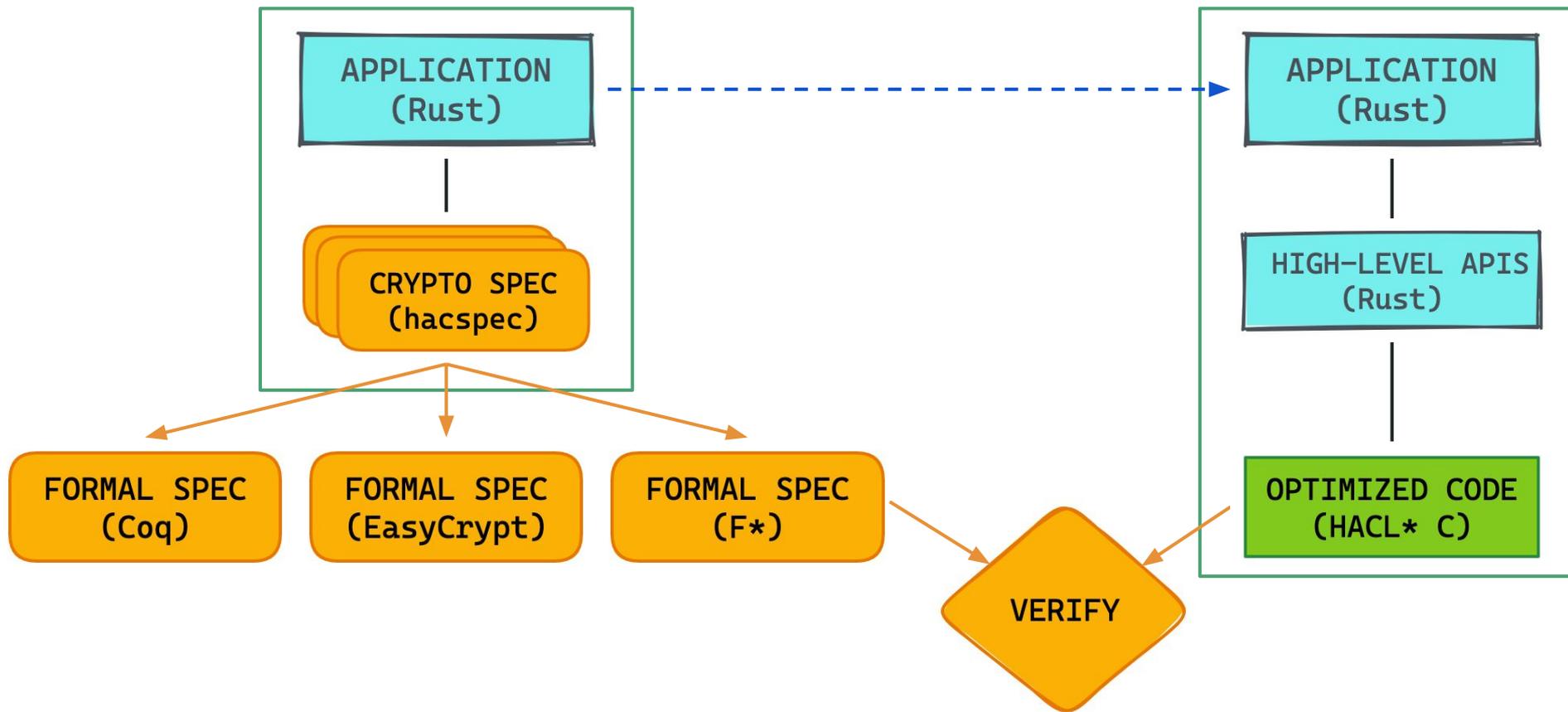
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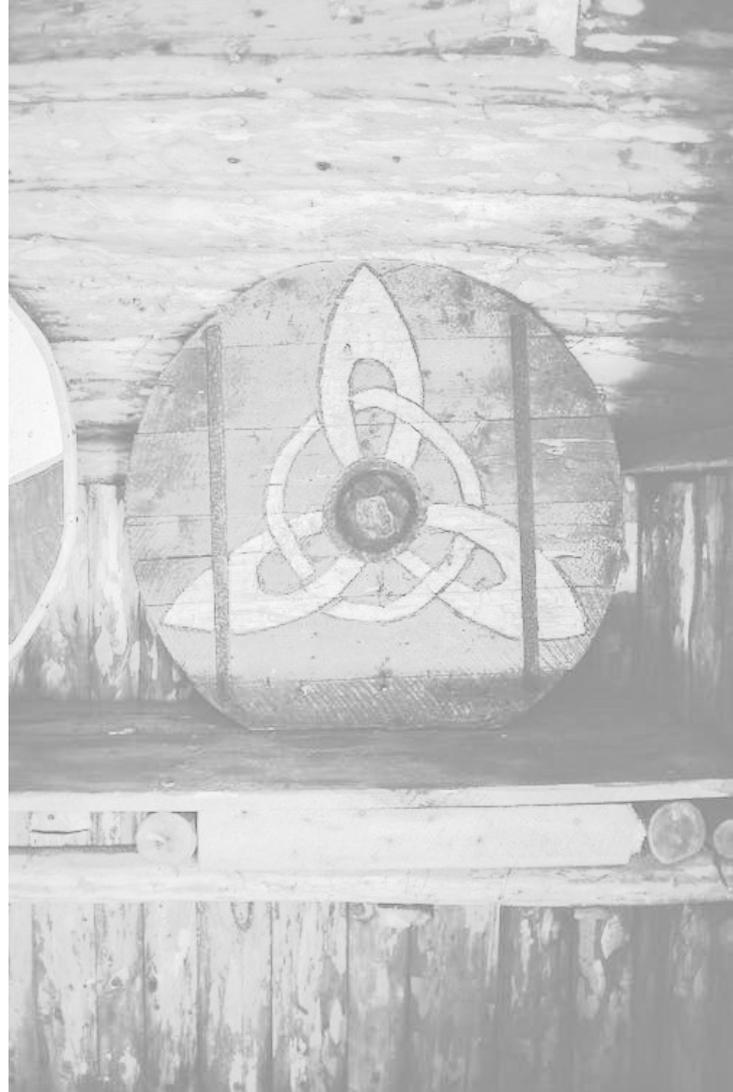
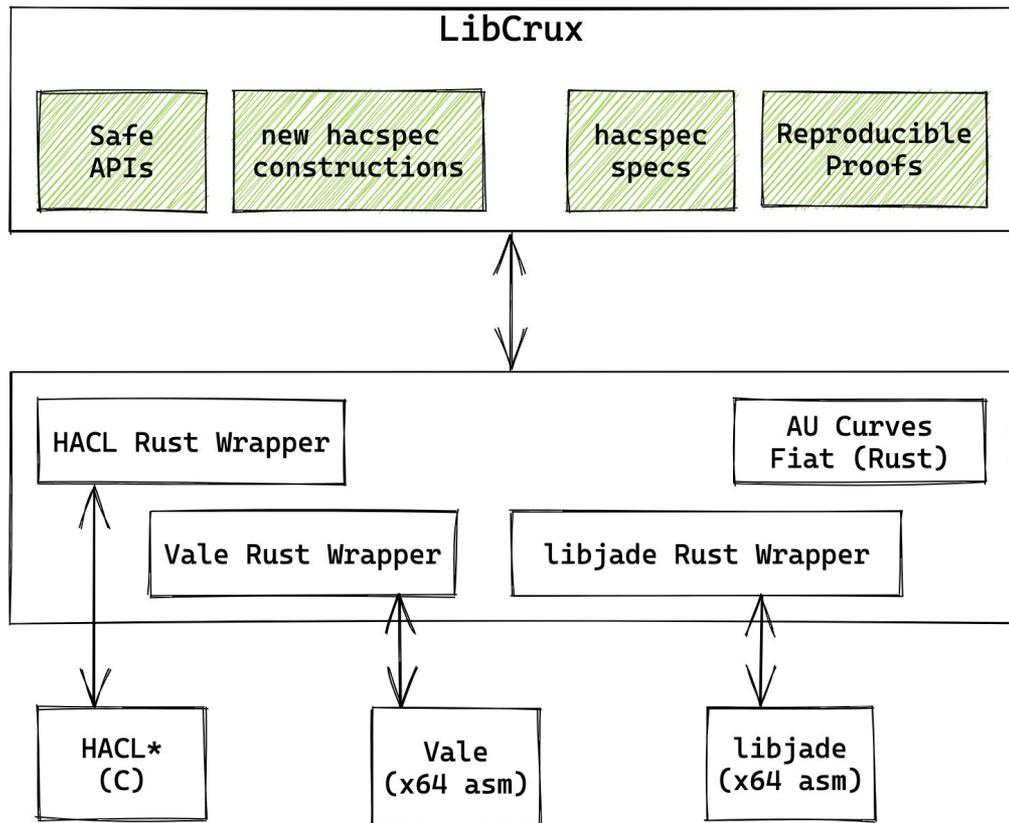
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libcrux: a library of verified cryptography

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# libcrux: architecture



# Unsafe APIs: Array Constraints

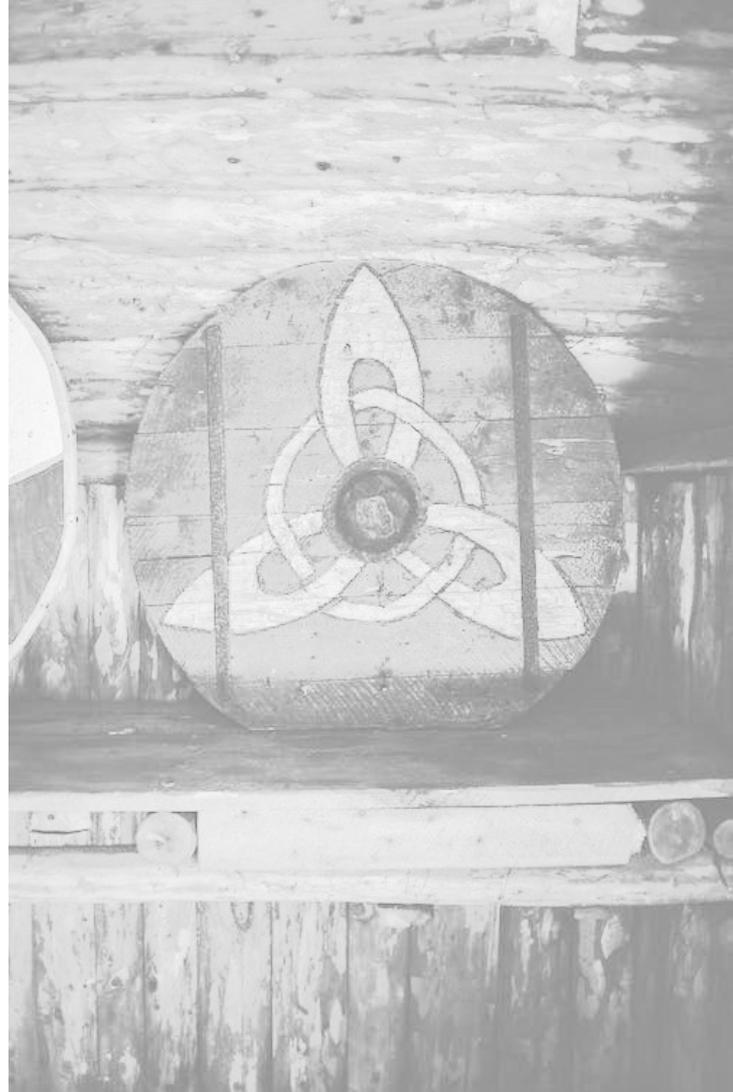
```
void  
Hacl_Chacha20Poly1305_32_aead_encrypt(  
    uint8_t *k, ←  
    uint8_t *n, ← Fixed Length  
    uint32_t aadlen,  
    uint8_t *aad,  
    uint32_t mlen,  
    uint8_t *m,  
    uint8_t *cipher, ← Disjoint  
    uint8_t *mac ←  
);
```



# 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 /\  
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  disjoint output tag /\ eq_or_disjoint input output /\  
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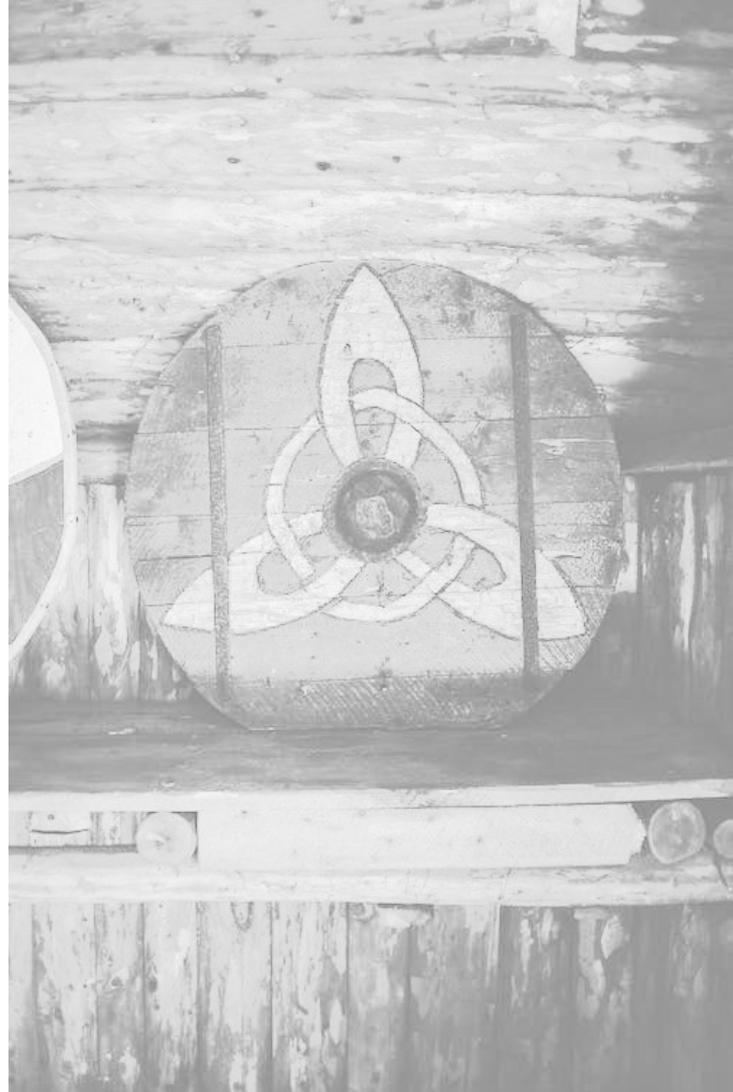
Length Constraints



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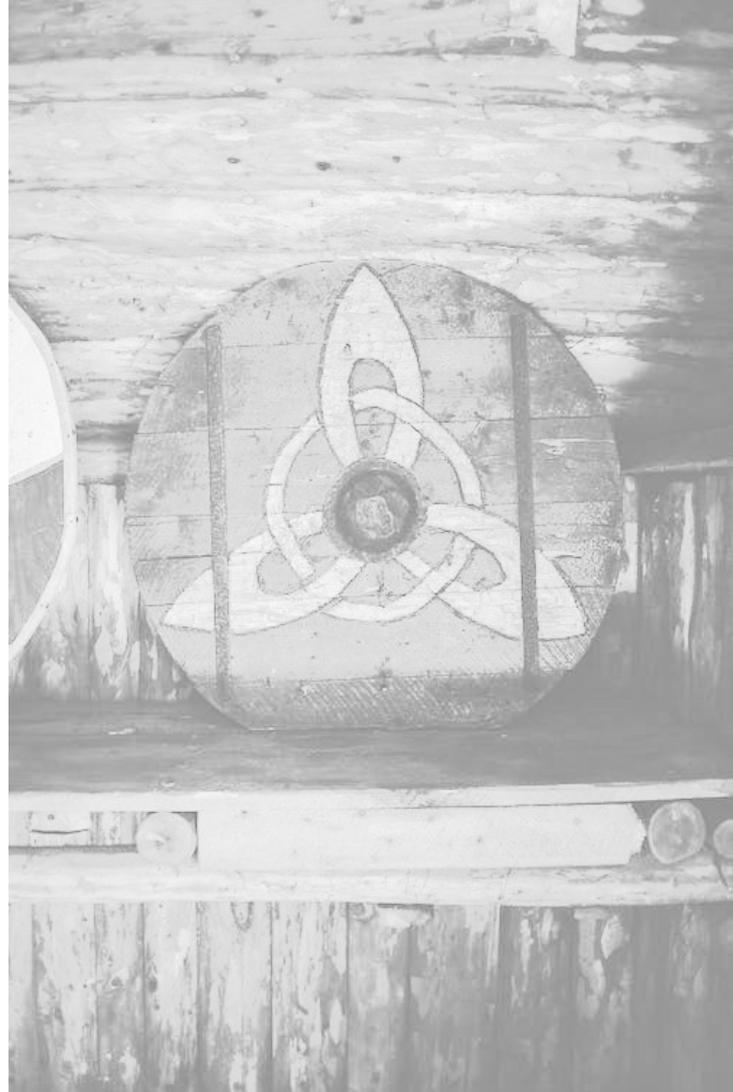
Disjointness Constraints



# 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

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Crypto Standard	Platforms	Specs	Implementations
<b>ECDH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• x25519</li> <li>• P256</li> </ul>	Portable + Intel ADX Portable	hacspec, F* hacspec, F*	HACL*, Vale HACL*
<b>AEAD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chacha20Poly1305</li> <li>• AES-GCM</li> </ul>	Portable + Intel/ARM SIMD Intel AES-NI	hacspec, F*, EasyCrypt hacspec, F*	HACL*, libjade Vale
<b>Signature</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ed25519</li> <li>• ECDSA P256</li> <li>• BLS12-381</li> </ul>	Portable Portable Portable	hacspec, F* hacspec, F* hacspec, Coq	HACL* HACL* AUCurves
<b>Hash</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blake2</li> <li>• SHA2</li> <li>• SHA3</li> </ul>	Portable + Intel/ARM SIMD Portable Portable + Intel SIMD	hacspec, F* hacspec, F* hacspec, F*, EasyCrypt	HACL* HACL* HACL*, libjade
<b>HKDF, HMAC</b>	Portable	hacspec, F*	HACL*
<b>HPKE</b>	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 $\mu$ s	35.465 $\mu$ s	30.363 $\mu$ s	32.272 $\mu$ s

libjade

HACL\* + Vale

Intel Kaby Lake (ADX, AVX2)

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

HACL\*

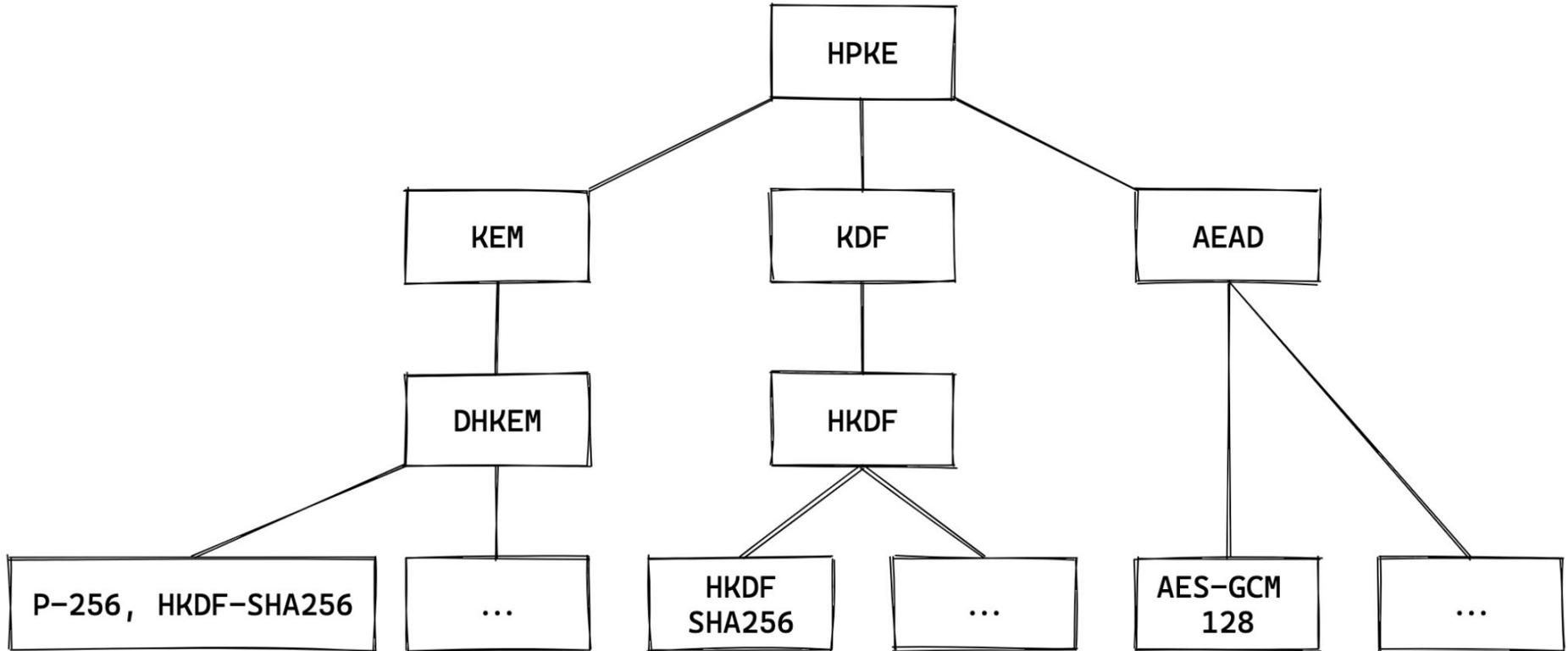
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## Hybrid Public Key Encryption

# HPKE: Construction



# HPKE code performance: hacspec vs. stateful Rust

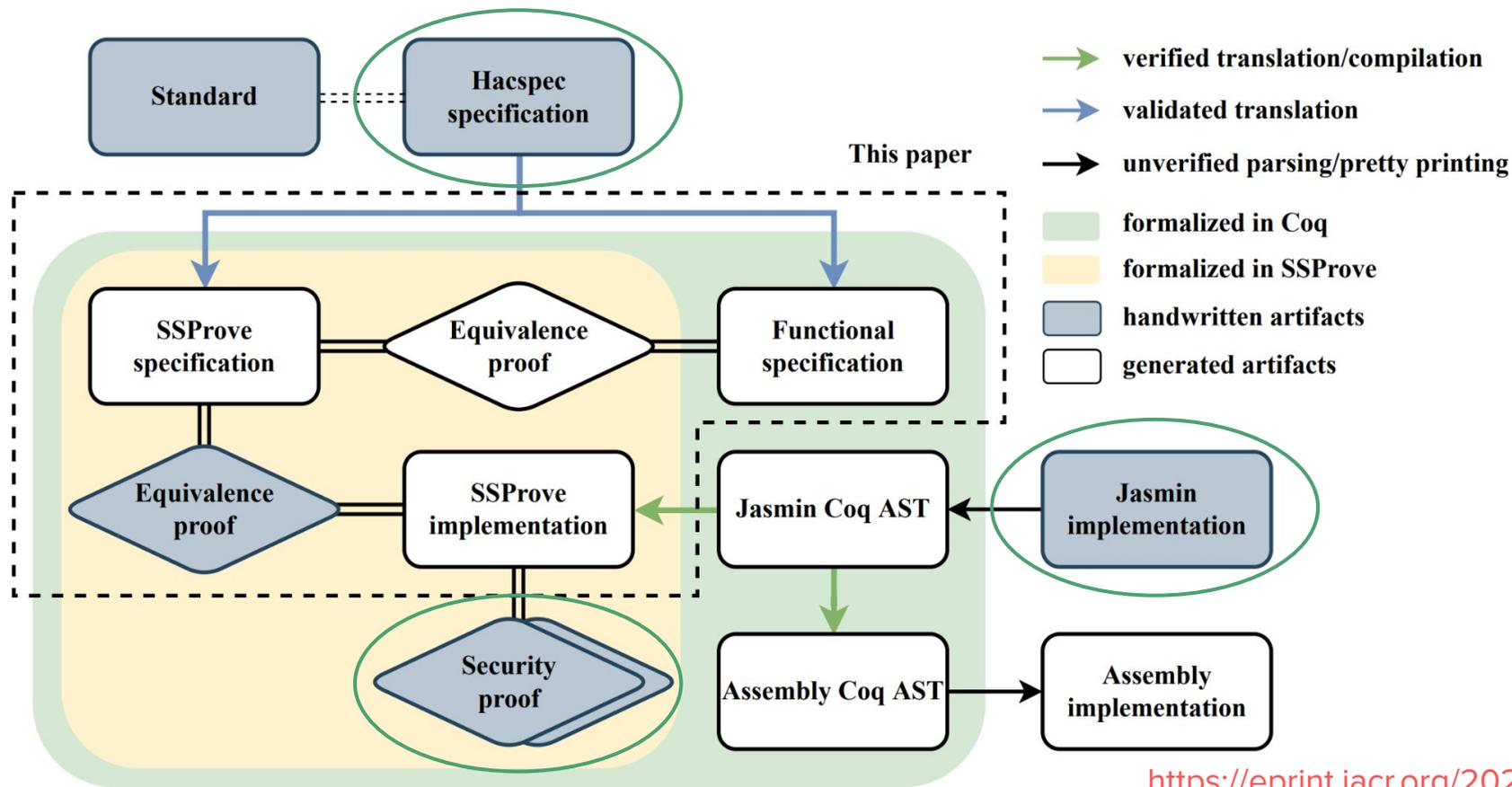
	<b>hacspec HPKE</b>	<b>Rust HPKE</b>
Setup Sender	79.9 $\mu$ s	68 $\mu$ s
Setup Receiver	76 $\mu$ s	54.4 $\mu$ s

	<b>libcrux</b>	<b>RustCrypto</b>
Sha2 256	311.76 MiB/s	319.10 MiB/s
x25519	30.320 $\mu$ s	35.465 $\mu$ s
x25519 base	30.218 $\mu$ s	11.812 $\mu$ s
ChaCha20Poly1305	758.89 MiB/s	249.33 MiB/s

# Ongoing and Future Work

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# 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](https://hacspec.org)
- **libcrux** provides safe Rust APIs to multiple verified crypto libraries
  - **Ongoing:** recipes for integrating new verified crypto from various research projects
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# 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>
  
- **hacspec:** <https://github.com/hacspec/hacspec>
- **libcrux:** <https://github.com/cryspen/libcrux>