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Threats to cryptographic systems

- Failure in algorithm design
 - Eg: SHA-1 not cryptographically secure
- Failure in algorithm implementation
 - Examples in commercial sector?
- Failure in algorithm use
 - Eg: Microsoft's use of RC4 in Office Documents
- Side-channel attacks
 - Eg: SPA, DPA, timing, error messages, glitch
- Failure in surrounding glue and protocol
 - Eg: ASN.1 parsing, buffer overflow, non-zeroed keys/plaintext
- Failure due to outdated or no crypto at all
 - Cost of device devel. and certification very high
 - Very long delay from specification to deployment



Cryptol directions



Verification spectrum

	Infrastructure	Problem Coverage	Automation	Assurance
Testing	Minimal	Full	Some	Low
Code-to-spec reviews	None	Full	None	Med
Model checking	Some	Limited	Full	Med-High
Proof checking	Some	Some	None	High
Verifying compiler	Large	Some	Full	High
Verified compiler	Huge	Some	Full	High

Topic 1: Increasing the precision of testing and ease of code-to-spec using Cryptol

Topic 2: Improving coverage for SAT-based verification of C/Cryptol against Cryptol

Topic 3: Improved approach to assertional verification of programs

A flavor of Cryptol

- Basics: numbers, vectors, tuples, rich set of primitives
- Key ingredient: recurrence relations
 - Block ciphers must "mix" key and block bits
 - Typically this requires repeated applications of substitutions and other transformations
- "Repeated" in hardware \Rightarrow latches and feedback
- "Repeated" in C \Rightarrow arrays and loops

Eg: Fibonacci numbers

Cryptol as an aid to implementation and certification

From specification to implementation

- On conventional $\mu\text{P},$ conceptual gap from specification to implementation is small enough to be bridged "on-the-fly" by the programmer
- On specialized hardware, gap can be very much wider
 - Parallelization on VLIW architectures
 - Deep pipelining
 - Monolithic operators with many configuration parameters
- Cryptol can be a stepping-stone between specification and implementation
 - Can use the Cryptol interpreter to produce test vectors
 - Can embed Cryptol program fragments within comments to capture intended semantics of complex instructions

Cryptol in the development process

Status

- General Dynamics has multiple crypto devices under certification for which Cryptol programs form part of the supporting documentation
- We could go much further:
 - Support Cryptol assertions within microcode/assembly/C programs
 - Support automatic test case generation based on Cryptol fragments
 - Support reasoning about equivalence of Cryptol programs
 - Support reasoning about equivalence of implementation and Cryptol programs

Equivalence verification by SAT-solving

Symbolic simulation

• A symbolic simulator computes each output bit of a program as boolean expressions in terms of symbolic variables representing each input bit

main = encrypt (var "key", var "pt")

- Cryptol symbolic simulator is easy to implement
- C symbolic simulator not so easy!
 - Luckily cilly (developed by George Necula et al) can translate C to CIL, an intermediate language simpler than C
 - We may then compile CIL to a simple stack machine
 - We then model every bit of the stack and heap symbolically
 - Each machine transition induces a relation between states
 - Machine will print its output as a series of bits
- A boolean expression may be represented as a directed acyclic graph of AND nodes (with possibly inverted inputs)

Verification approach

Equivalence checking

- For each output bit, we now have two DCNF graphs in terms of a common set of symbolic variables
- We now need to show
 - For every valuation of symbolic variables, output values of two DCNF graphs are equal
- eqsatz (by Chu Min Li) is SAT solver using the Davis-Putnam procedure with built-in support for equality
 - Given a CNF, it answers whether the formula is a tautology
- Now we must encode the above problem as one CNF

Equivalence checking problem

DCNF directly from Cryptol

Equivalence checking after merging

Equivalence checking with hints

- However, even small cryptographic algorithms are too complicated to be directly verified this way by eqsatz
 - We need to merge more aggressively
- Remarkably, simply "hash-consing" during the "bottom-up" construction of the merged CNF does quite a good job
- We could also give the SAT solver "hints" as to which interior CNF nodes are *probably* equivalent
 - If hint is unsound, equivalence will fail
 - If hint is sound, equivalence holds even without hint
- One approach: use concrete simulation on random inputs to eliminate nodes which are definitely not equal
 - Run multiple times to eliminate more nodes
 - Remainder are likely to be equal for all inputs
 - Effective because cryptographic algorithms are very good at dispersing input bits to interior nodes!
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Equivalence checking with hints

Status

• Currently verified 32-round TEA in around 3.5 minutes with hash-consed merging, but without hints

Equivalence verification by theorem proving

Context

- The SHADE project (joint work with Rockwell Collins) is building a verifying compiler from $\mu\text{Cryptol}$ to the AAMP7 microprocessor
 - μ Cryptol is a variation of the Cryptol language intended to support embedded applications
 - The Rockwell Collins AAMP7 is an embedded μP supporting very high-assurance process partitioning
- "Verifying" means that, for a given $\mu\text{Cryptol}$ program, the complier emits:
 - An AAMP7 binary image
 - A proof script which demonstrates behavioral equivalence of the $\mu\text{Cryptol}$ program with the final AAMP7 program

How to verify equivalent behavior?

- We must know the intended meaning of every $\mu\mbox{Cryptol}$ program:
 - Galois have developed the semantics of μ Cryptol, written in conventionally accepted mathematical notation
 - The semantics will be validated against a conventional interpretation of μ Cryptol:
 - Semantics of each feature inspected to see if it corresponds with expectations
 - **Eg:** reverse (reverse [0,1,2]) == [0,1,2]
 - Common cryptographic algorithms will be implemented in μ Cryptol, and tested against published test vectors
 - Using the semantics, not the compiler!

How to verify equivalent behavior?

- We must know the intended meaning of every AAMP7 program:
 - Rockwell Collins have developed a simulator for AAMP7 binaries
 - The simulator will be validated against the actual AAMP7 hardware

- By inspection of each opcode transition
- By test vectors run in parallel on simulator and hardware
- We must decide what behavior we are interested in:
 - Input/output correspondence
 - Termination

Verification approach

- The $\mu\text{Cryptol}$ compiler uses a stack-machine based abstract machine ("CrAM") language as an intermediate form
- We exploit this to break the verification problem into two halves:
 - Using Isabelle/HOL: Verify CrAM program implements μ Cryptol program using assertional reasoning
 - Using ACL2: Verify AAMP7 programs implements CrAM program using state-machine refinement

Verification approach

CrAM verification problem

- We wish to verify that
 - **if** the initial CrAM state corresponds to symbolic inputs of μCryptol program
 - then each final CrAM state corresponds to expected output of μ Cryptol program
 - and every execution trace reaches a final state

State invariants

- We tie states to inputs and expected outputs by adding invariants
 - Invariant on initial state ties operand stack to symbolic values for program inputs
 - Invariant on final states tie operand stack to (the meaning of) μCryptol expression describing output in terms of symbolic inputs
- What about all the interior states?
 - At first blush, need to find invariant for every state, perhaps using a verification condition generator

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• Luckily, J Moore presented a beautiful short-cut at HCSS 2004

State invariants: Insight 1

- We only need invariants on cutpoint states
 - Ie those which are either initial, final, or break a loop
- Once we have a small-step semantics for the machine, we may use it to propagate invariants from cutpoint states to all other states

State invariants: Insight 2

• The µCryptol compiler already knows these invariants

- Frame and non-interference axioms
- Input/output correspondence with source term
- Stack, locals and heap locations of all relevant source variables
- Purpose and indexes for all loops
- Remember: we are not demonstrating correctness w.r.t. an absolute property, but equivalence with an existing program
- Hence we do not have to deal with inferring or supplying complicated loop invariants
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State invariants: Insight 3

- To show termination, we associate a well-founded measure value to each state, and show
 - Each state transition strictly decreases the measure

Compiler also knows these measures

They may be derived from the control structure of the µCryptol source program

Status

- See:
 - A Symbolic Simulation Approach to Assertional Program Verification John Matthews, J S. Moore, Sandip Ray and Daron Vroon.
 - (Submitted for publication)
 - Partial Clock Functions in ACL2 John Matthews and Daron Vroon.
 Appeared in the Fifth International Workshop on the ACL2 Theorem Prover and Its Applications (ACL2-2004), Austin, Texas, Nov 2004.
- Compiler currently generating AAMP7 binaries, which may be executed on both real hardware and ACL2 model
- Currently developing μ Cryptol semantics in Isabelle

Other ongoing work

- Cryptol Embedded
 - Refined language and type system to support static memory allocation for embedded devices
- Cryptol to FPGA
 - Compile Cryptol directly to VHDL, which may be realized on an FPGA using existing toolchain
- Public Key Algorithms
 - Additional primitives to support prime field and elliptic curve arithmetic with run-time field/group parameters
- Waveforms
 - Extend Cryptol's applicability to describing the "waveform" or "glue" code which surrounds cryptographic algorithms in actual devices

Cryptol FPGA: Cost vs Throughput

Typical cryptographic device layering

Application
Key Management
Security Protocol
Crypto Core
Data Protocol
Packets
Data Link
Physical

- The entire device must be certified
- The actual cryptographic core is a small fraction of overall code
- A great deal of tedious and error-prone engineering must go into the lower level "waveform" layers:
 - padding and packet boundaries
 - cryptographic modes, initialization, keying
 - error detection and correction
 - packet parsing and encoding
 - packet protocol: start, data, end, ack, timeout, resend
 - parsing and encoding highly structured data (eg certificate in ASN.1)

Tackling the waveform problem

- Much lower-layer code is bit-twiddling
 - With use of error-correction primitives
- Bit-twiddling is Cryptol's bread and butter
- Possible approach
 - Allow packet layout to be declared as a new Cryptol type
 - Allow packet protocols to be declared
 - Allow packet recognition to be declared
 - Compile all of above down to vanilla Cryptol
- Generated code may be subject to verification by same methods we have already discussed

Cryptol team and partners

- Core
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- Cryptol development methodology
 - General Dynamics
- FPGA
 - Andy Gill, Fergus Henderson
 - Xilinx
- SHADE
 - John Matthews, Mark Shields
 - Rockwell Collins
- SAT Verifier
 - Thomas Nordin
- Public Key
 - Thomas Nordin, Frank Taylor

Questions?

Additional Material

A flavor of Cryptol

Cryptol values and operators

• Values:

_	Bits:	True, False	:	Bit
-	Vectors of bits:	[True False True], 5	:	[3]
-	Tuples of any type:	(3 True [True])	:	([2], Bit, [1])
-	Vectors of any type:	[(3, 2) (2, 1)]	:	(B ² , B ²) ²
Bu	ilt in operators:			
-	Modular arithmetic:	(3:[3]) +7	==	2
-	Comparison:	7 < 8	==	True
-	Logical:	7 < 8 && (3:[3]) == 1+2	==	True
-	Bitwise logical:	6 1	==	7
-	Shift and rotate:	[7 9 11] <<< 2	==	[11 7 9]
-	Indexing:	[7 9 11]@0	==	7
-	Polynomials:	pmult 3 4	==	12

Cryptol values and operators

• More advanced operations on vectors:

-	Append:	[1 2] # [3 4]	==	[1 2 3 4]
-	Reverse:	reverse [(1, 2) (3, 4)]	==	[(3,4) (1,2)]
-	Join:	join [[1 2] [3 4]]	==	[1 2 3 4]
-	Split:	split [1 2 3 4 5 6] : [2][3][8]	
		== [[1	23]	[4 5 6]]
-	Drop:	drop [1 2 3 4] : [3][8]	==	[2 3 4]
-	Take:	take [1 2 3 4] : [3][8]	==	[1 2 3]
-	Transpose:	transpose [[1 2] [3 4]]	==	[[1 3] [2 4]]

- Note that:
 - The type checker knows the width of every vector at compile time
 - Type checker performs arithmetic at compile time
 - All the vector operators work on vectors of anything
 - We say they are "polymorphic" on their element type and width

Cryptol constructs

- Enumerations (shorthand for sequences of numbers):
 [3, 5 .. 11] == [3 5 7 9 11]
- Local definitions:

x + y where { x = 7; y = 8; }

• Functions:

f : [8] -> [8]; f x = g (x + 1) * 3 where { g : [8] -> [8]; g y = y + x; }

• Branching:

if x > 3 then x - 1 else x + 1

• Comprehensions ("calculate for each element of..."):

 $\begin{bmatrix} | x + 1 | | x < - [0{8}..3] \end{bmatrix} == \begin{bmatrix} 1 2 3 4 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} | x + y | | x < - [0 1], y < - [2 3] \end{bmatrix} == \begin{bmatrix} 2 3 3 4 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} | x + y | | x < - [0 1] | | y < - [2 3] \end{bmatrix} == \begin{bmatrix} 2 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Eg: RC6 Key Expansion - Hardware

Eg: RC6 Key Expansion - C

```
#define A ...
#define Nk 44
\#define C (max(1, (A + 3) / 4))
\#define V (3 * max(C, Nk))
void rc6exp(byte key[A], byte s[Nk]) {
 word l[C]; int i, j, s; word a, b;
 1[C - 1] = 0; memcpy(1, key, A);
 |[0] = 0xb7e15163;
 for (i = 1; i < Nk; i++)
    s[i] = s[i - 1] + 0x9e3779b9;
 a = b = 0; i = j = 0;
 for (s = 0; s < V; s++) {
   a = s[i] = (s[i] + a + b) <<< 3;
   b = l[j] = (l[j] + a + b) <<< (a + b);
   i = (i + 1) % Nk;
    i = (i + 1) \& C;
```

Eg: RC6 Key Expansion - Cryptol

```
A = \ldots i
Nk = 44;
C = max(1, (A + 3) / 4);
V = 3 * max(C, Nk);
rc6exp : [A][Byte] -> [Nk][Word];
rc6exp key = seqment(V-Nk, s) >>> (V - 3 * Nk)
  where {
    consts : [inf][Word];
    consts = [0xb7e15163] # [| x + 0x9e3779b9 || x <- consts |];
    inits : [Nk][Word];
    inits = segment(0, consts);
    initl : [C][Word];
    initl = split (join ((key # zero) : [4*C][Byte])));
    s : [inf][Word];
    s = [| (x+a+b) <<< 3]
         | x <- inits # s || a <- [0] # s || b <- [0] # 1 |];
    1 : [inf][Word];
    l = [| (x+a+b) <<< (a+b)
         || x <- initl # l || a <- s || b <- [0] # l |]; };</pre>
```

μ**Cryptol**

Cryptol as an implementation language

- Implementations have many concerns which may be conveniently ignored in a specification:
 - Efficient and bounded use of memory
 - Efficient use of available hardware primitives
 - Timing and power analysis attacks
 - Zeroing sensitive memory after use
- Many implementation details are device dependent
 - Eg: Software only vs custom hardware targets
- So is it realistic to push these issues up into the language?
- Our strategy:

Support as many implementation refinements within Cryptol itself.

 Programmer may thus start with a reference implementation, and progressively refine it to an efficient implementation

Constraints on embedded devices

- Dynamic allocation of memory generally frowned upon
- Memory at a premium
- Don't always have access to high quality C compiler
- Alas, these all work against the implementation of a declarative language such as Cryptol
 - Existing backend targets C, and makes use of garbage collected heap allocated memory
- We have developed $\mu\text{Cryptol}$, a sub-language of Cryptol intended for embedded devices
 - Current target is the Rockwell Collins AAMP7 processor
 - Complier goes directly from source to AAMP7 binary image
 - Complier intended to be verifying: AAMP7 program may be shown input/output equivalent to μ Cryptol source program

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• Biggest challenge is dealing with streams

Sequence flavors

```
xs0 = [ x + 1 | x <- [0..3] ];
xs1 = [0..];
xs2 = take{5} ([0] # xs2);
xs3 = [0] # [ x + y | x <- xs3 | y <- [0..3] ];
xs4 = [0, 1] # [ x + y | x <- xs4 | y <- drops{1} xs4 ];</pre>
```

Width	Finite	Infinite	
Elements			
Independent	"Vectors"	Xcl	4
Dependent	xs2, xs3	"Streams"	
			•

- Cryptol Classic distinguishes sequences according to width
- Semantics and compilation must distinguish according to element dependencies
- For simplicity, μCryptol allows only two combinations
- Easy to re-express others using just these two

Vectors and streams in µCryptol

- Vectors
 - Types like B^8, (B, B^8)^4
 - Must be non-recursive
 - Must be finite, with statically known width
 - May compute elements in any order
 - Eg sequential for loop, parallel hardware, etc

- Streams
 - Types like B^inf[32,4], B^5^inf[8,2]
 - Must be recursive
 - Must be infinite (unbounded) width
 - Must compute elements in a particular order

Stream expressiveness

- How expressive a language of streams do we need?
- Choices have huge impact on time and space efficiency

ys0 = [0, 1] ## [x + y | x <- ys0 | y <- drops{1} ys0]; ys1 = (drops{4} ys1 ## [0..3]) ## ys1; ys2 = [0] ## [x + y | x <- ys2, y <- [0, 1]]; ys3 = [0..3] ## [(ys3 @ (3 - (x % 4))) + 1 | x <- ys3]; ys4 = [0] # [x + y | x <- ys4 | y <- drops{1} ys4];</pre>

Compiling streams

CrAM

Type checking streams

- We implement delay analysis within the type system
 - "External" stream types (as seen by the programmer) $\tau \inf[w, h]$
 - "Internal" stream types (as used by the type checker)

 τ inf $\{w, m, l\}$

where

- τ stream element type
- *w* width of stream indexes
- *h* no. previous stream elements needed to compute next
- *m* delay from stream definition to current term context
- *l* recursive stream level
- Stream primitives track delays by polymorphism

Status

- Type system implemented within the $\mu\text{Cryptol}$ compiler
- Work needed to integrate µCryptol and current Cryptol

Public-key Algorithms

Symmetric vs Public

- Symmetric-key algorithms typically work in:
 - $\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n}}$ Arithmetic on naturals modulo 2^{n} (where *n* is known at compile-time)
 - \mathbf{F}_2^n Binary field (polynomials over \mathbf{F}_2) (where *n* is known at compile-time)

(eg AES)

- Vectors and tuples over the above
- Recursive streams over the above
- Public-key algorithms typically work in:
 - \mathbf{F}_p Prime field on prime *p* (eg RSA) (where *p* may only be known at run-time)
 - $\mathbf{E}(p,a,b,P,n,h)$ Group of points on elliptic curve over \mathbf{F}_p (eg ECC) defined by $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ with base point P of order prime n, and group order nh(where above may only be known at run-time)

Key design decisions

- Cryptol already has built-in support \mathbb{Z}_{2^n} and \mathbb{F}_{2^n}
- Extending to \mathbf{F}_p and $\mathbf{E}(...)$ presents many challenges:
 - How to handle the run-time field or elliptic curve parameters? \Rightarrow Specially named variable
 - Is an element of (eg) \mathbf{F}_{29} incompatible with an element of \mathbf{F}_{31} ? \Rightarrow No, the programmer must keep them separate
 - Is an element of (eg) \mathbf{F}_{31} incompatible with an element of \mathbf{Z}_2 5?
 - \Rightarrow No, the programmer may switch between these two views
 - Should the new operators be implemented as built-in primitives, or supplied as a library?
 - \Rightarrow For prime fields, implemented within interpreter using GMP
 - \Rightarrow For elliptic groups, implemented as a Cryptol library

Public-key in Cryptol

- The type system remains unchanged. Eg:
 - An element of \mathbf{F}_{3I} is represented by a 5 or greater bit word
- New operators expect a specially named variable to bind the necessary run-time parameters. Eg:
 - Move a 6-bit word into \mathbf{F}_{31}

```
Cryptol> @% 33 where modulus = 31
```

- Perform arithmetic in \mathbf{F}_{31}

```
**% 2 where modulus = 31
```

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- Perform arithmetic on a pre-defined curve f13

```
Cryptol> @&(1,4,1) +& @&(1,4,1) where ellipticcurve = f13 (11, 9, 1)
```

Status

- Current implementation:
 - 3 point multiplies (on a NIST curve) per second
- Future work:
 - Support in multiple backends (currently just interpreter)

Cryptol to FPGA

Technical approach

fib: Intermediate representation

fib: Optimized representation

Pipelining TEA: starting point

- What are the sequential dependencies?
 - 32 outer rounds, each requires result of previous
 - Expression in \mathtt{zs} comprehension depends on value of \mathtt{ys} at the same round
 - sums could be precomputed

Pipelining TEA: outer rounds

- Convert streams ys, zs and sums to a round function
- Then unwind outer loop 32 times

```
round : ([32], [32], [32], [4][32]) -> ([32], [32], [32], [4][32]);
round (y, z, sum, [k0 k1 k2 k3]) = (nexty, nextz, nextsum, [k0 k1 k2 k3])
where {
    nexty = y + ((z << 4) + k0 ^ (z + sum) ^ (z >> 5) + k1);
    nextz = z + ((nexty << 4) + k2 ^ (nexty+sum) ^ (nexty >> 5) + k3);
    nextsum = sum + delta; };
pipeline32 : [inf]([32],[32],[32],[4][32]) -> [inf]([32],[32],[32],[4][32]);
pipeline32(vs0) = drop(32,vs32) where {
    vs32 = [zero] # [| round x || x <- vs31 |];
    vs31 = [zero] # [| round x || x <- vs30 |];
    ...
    vs1 = [zero] # [| round x || x <- vs0 |]; };</pre>
```

Pipelining TEA: inner pipeline

• Pipeline round function into two parts:

```
roundA (y, z, sum, [k0 k1 k2 k3]) = (nexty, z, sum, [k0 k1 k2 k3])
  where {
    nexty = y + ((z << 4) + k0 ^ (z + sum) ^ (z >> 5) + k1); };
roundB (nexty, z, sum, [k0 k1 k2 k3]) = (nexty, nextz, nextsum, [k0 k1 k2 k3])
  where {
    nextz = z + ((nexty << 4) + k2 ^ (nexty+sum) ^ (nexty >> 5) + k3);
   nextsum = sum + delta;
};
pipeline64 : [inf]([32],[32],[32],[4][32]) -> [inf]([32],[32],[32],[4][32]);
pipeline64(vs0) = drop(64,vs64)
  where {
    vs64 = [zero] # [| roundB x || x <- vs63 |];
   vs63 = [zero] # [| roundA x || x <- vs62 |];
   vs62 = [zero] # [| roundB x || x <- vs61 |];
   vs61 = [zero] # [| roundA x || x <- vs60 |];
    . . .
    vs2 = [zero] # [| roundB x || x <- vs1 |];
    vs1 = [zero] # [| roundA x || x <- vs0 |]; };</pre>
```

Status

- Have tested on Spartan 3 (Xilinx XC3S200, 200 Kgates) and Wildcard II (Xilinx XC2V3000, 3000 Kgates) evaluation hardware
- Pipelined DES performance comparable with hand-written VHDL using Xilinx VHDL synthesis toolchain