CryptOpt: Automatic Cryptographic Code Optimization with Verified Compilation

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efficient implementation

cryptanalysis

security







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### Observation



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• Cryptographic code has "special" structures

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  - "bet" explores up to budget then "run" continues from the best

















#### Random Local Search



























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Z





















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# **Optimization Progress**



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Bet-and-Run in Action
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Fiat Cryptography Erbsen et al. IEEE S&P 2019

Functional program











#### Performance: Field Arithmetic

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	Multiply		Square	
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SIKEp434	1.30	1.70		1.29	1.83
Curve448	1.02	0.95		1.00	0.99
P-521	1.20	1.06		1.25	1.11
Poly1305	1.10	1.15		1.09	1.16
secp256k1	1.34	1.73		1.32	1.74

### Performance: Scalar Multiplication

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# Achievements

- CryptOpt: automatic cryptographic code optimizer
- Competitive performance with hand-written assembly
- Verified compilation of the generated code
- Resistant to timing side channels
- https://0xade1a1de.github.io/CryptOpt



GitHub Project

# The Journey



#### • Be confident



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• Be assertive



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• Be assertive

• Learn to say 'no'