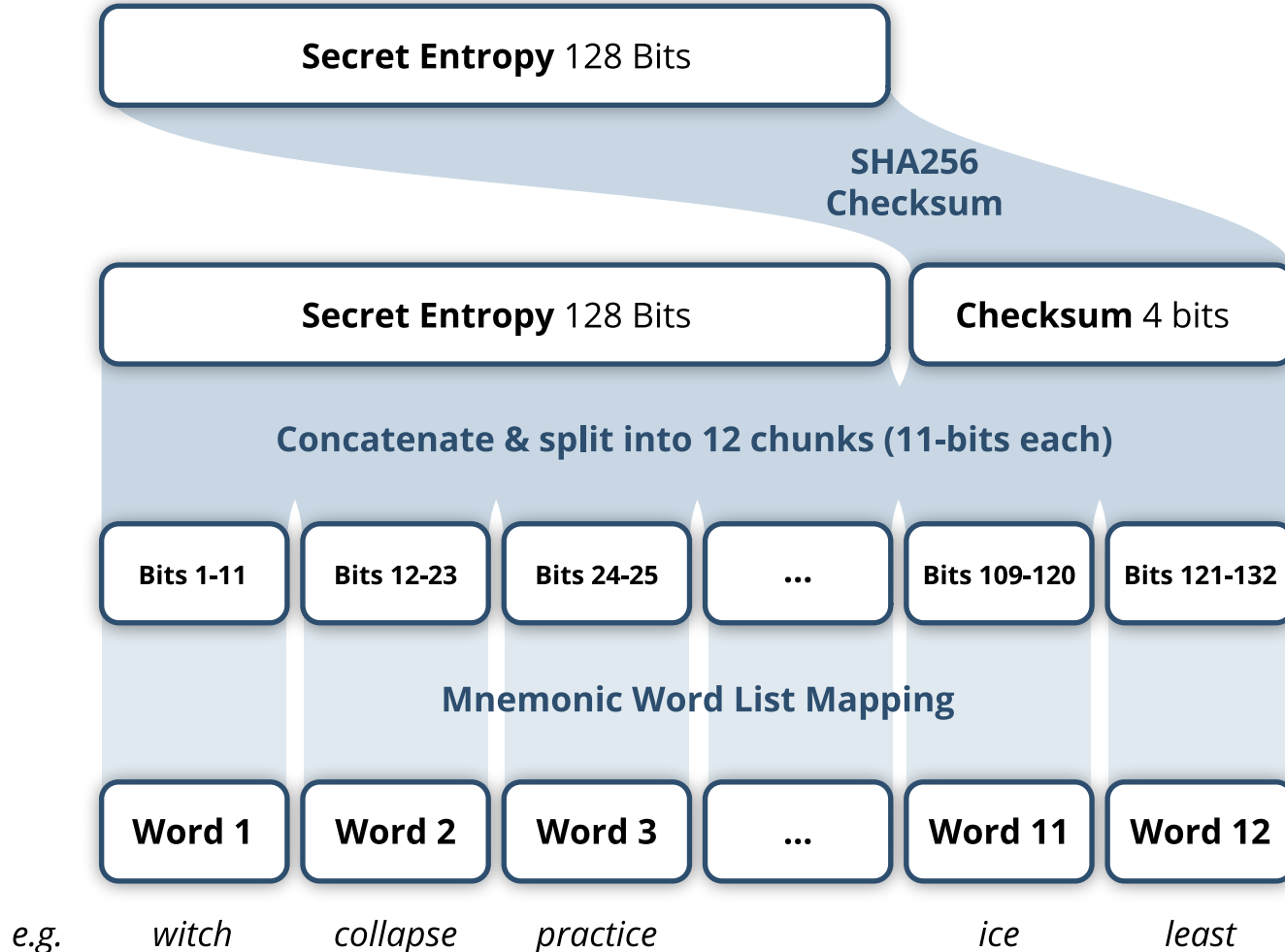


Wallets

- Good terminology?
- A collection of private keys
- Bitcoin Core: Independently randomly drawn
 - Backup problems
- BIP 39
 - How to backup initial entropy, and how to derive a 512-bit seed from it
- BIP 32
 - How to generate unlimited private keys from the seed

Mnemonic Key Words (BIP39)



Mnemonics are a user-friendly way to encode a secret root seed for a wallet.

Generate SHA256 checksum

- Secret lengths: 128, 160, 192, 224, 256 bits
- Checksum lengths: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 bits
- Checksum length = secret length / 32

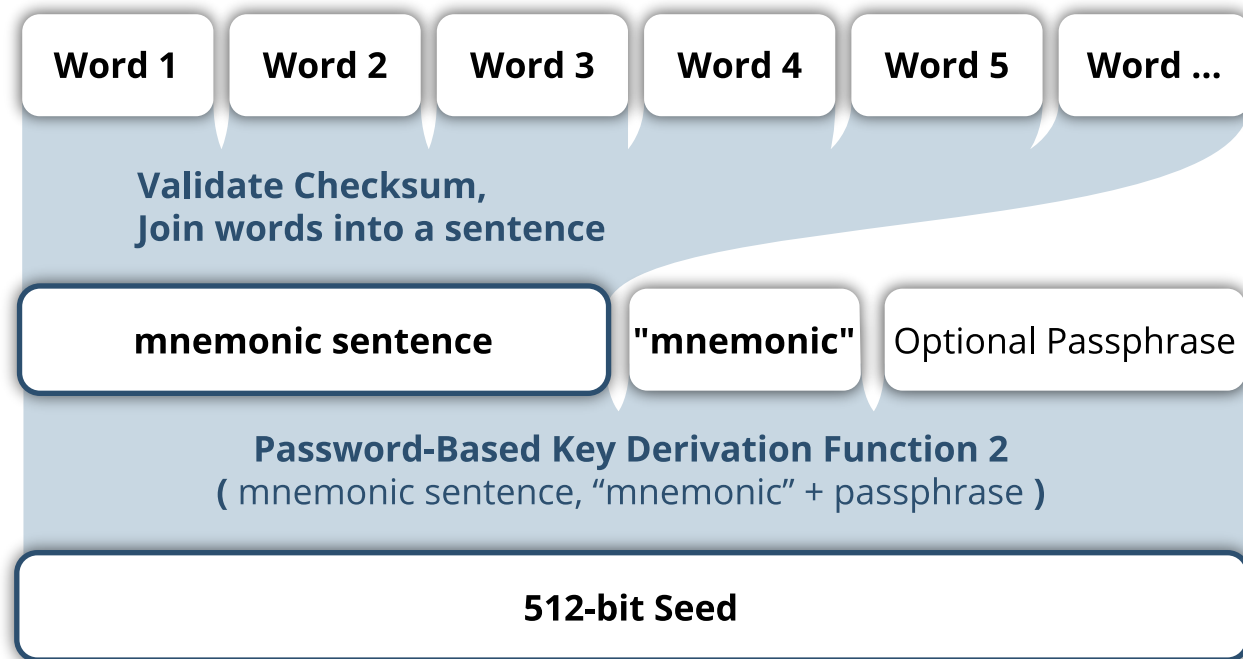
Split into 11-bit chunks

Sequence of 11-bit chunks needs to be maintained.

11-bit to word mapping

There are multiple languages mappings available to translate 11-bit chunks into words (BIP39).

Mnemonics-to-Seed (BIP39)



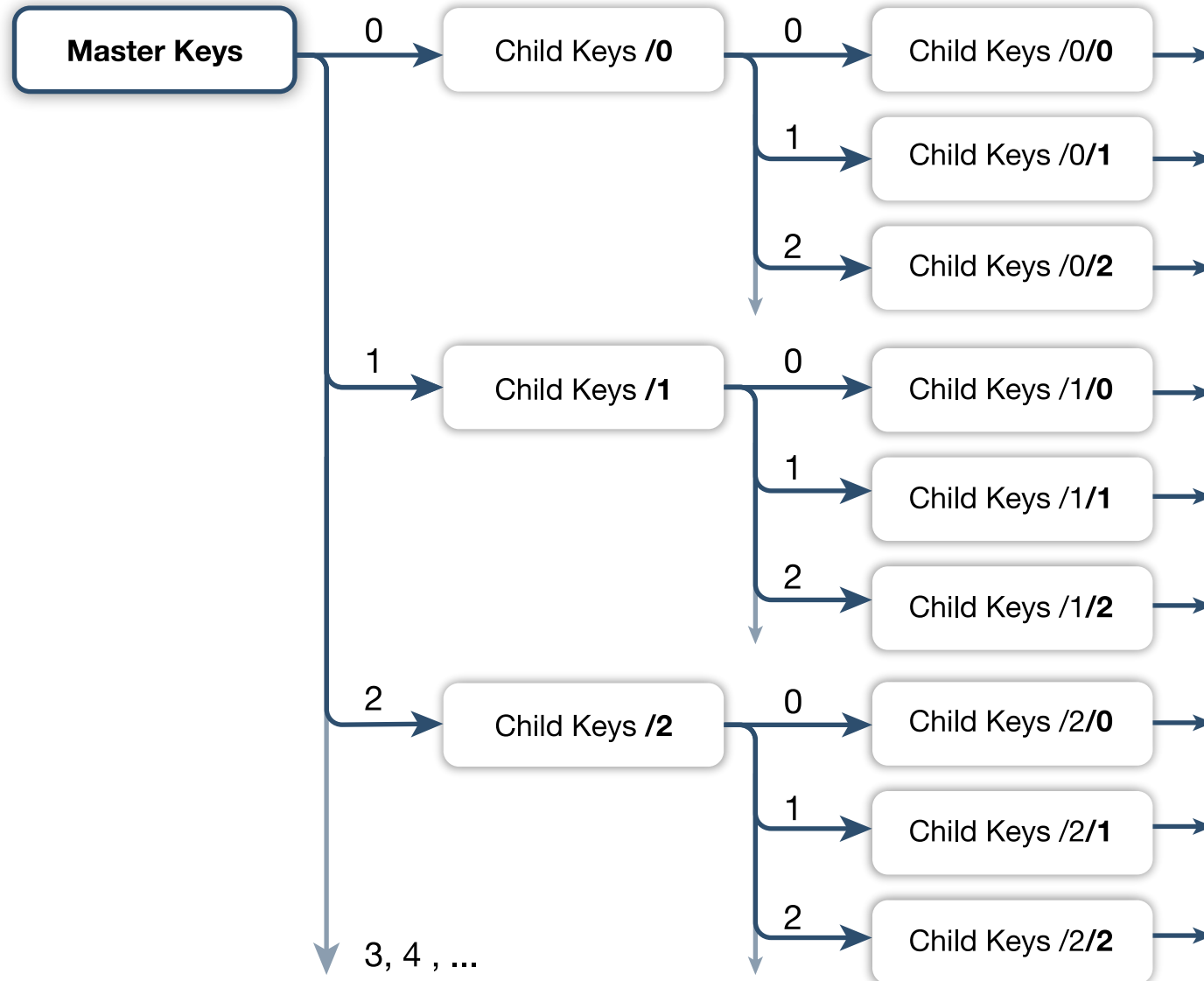
Password-Based Key Derivation Function 2

- 2048 rounds of HMAC-SHA512 (keyed hash function)
- Password: mnemonic sentence
- Salt: "mnemonic" + passphrase
- (Password & salt encoded in UTF-8 NFKD)

512-bit hash digest

- Seed for the creation of a wallet

Hierarchical Deterministic Wallets (BIP32)



HD wallets (BIP32) can deterministically derive an indefinite number of fresh addresses from a single wallet secret.

HD Tree

- Fresh addresses to improve privacy.
- HD Tree is derived from Master Keys.
- HD Tree can be reconstructed from master Keys (given tree structure).

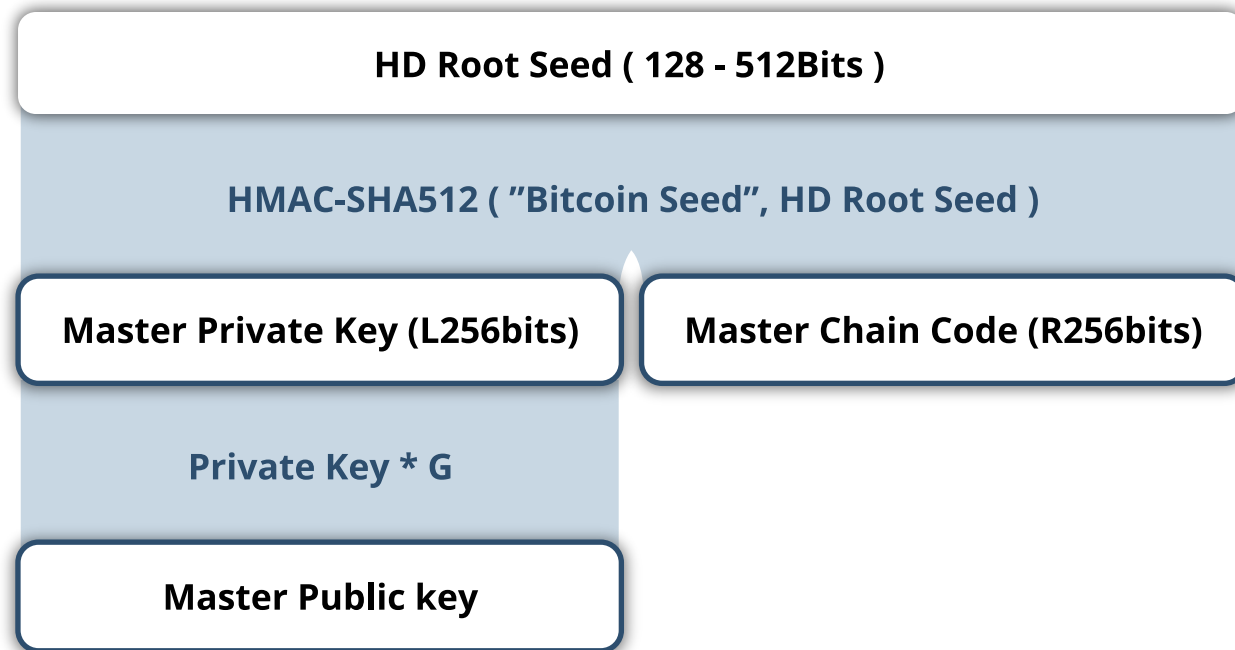
Master keys

- Derived from HD root secret.

Subtrees

- Allow separation of keys for accounts/usages.
- Selective key sharing.

Master Key Pair Derivation

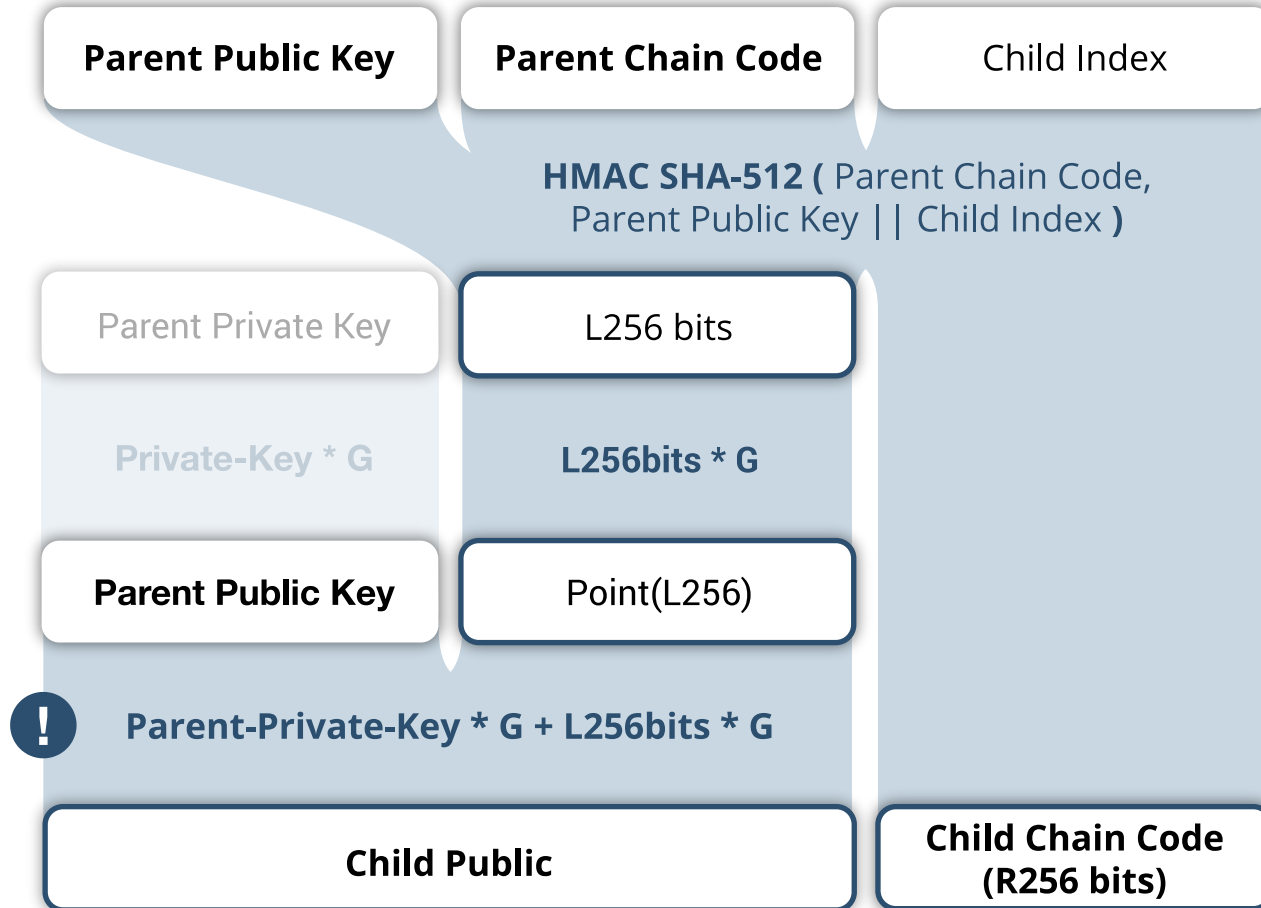


The master key pair is derived from the HD root secret, and together with the chaincode, provides the basis for deriving subsequent child key generations.

HMAC-SHA512

- 512 bit hash digest is split into left and right 256 bits.
- Right 256 bits are chaincode, used in child key derivation.

Child Key Pair Derivation



Hierarchical deterministic (child) private keys are derived from parent private keys.

HMAC SHA512

- Key: Parent chaincode
- Data: Parent public Key || Index

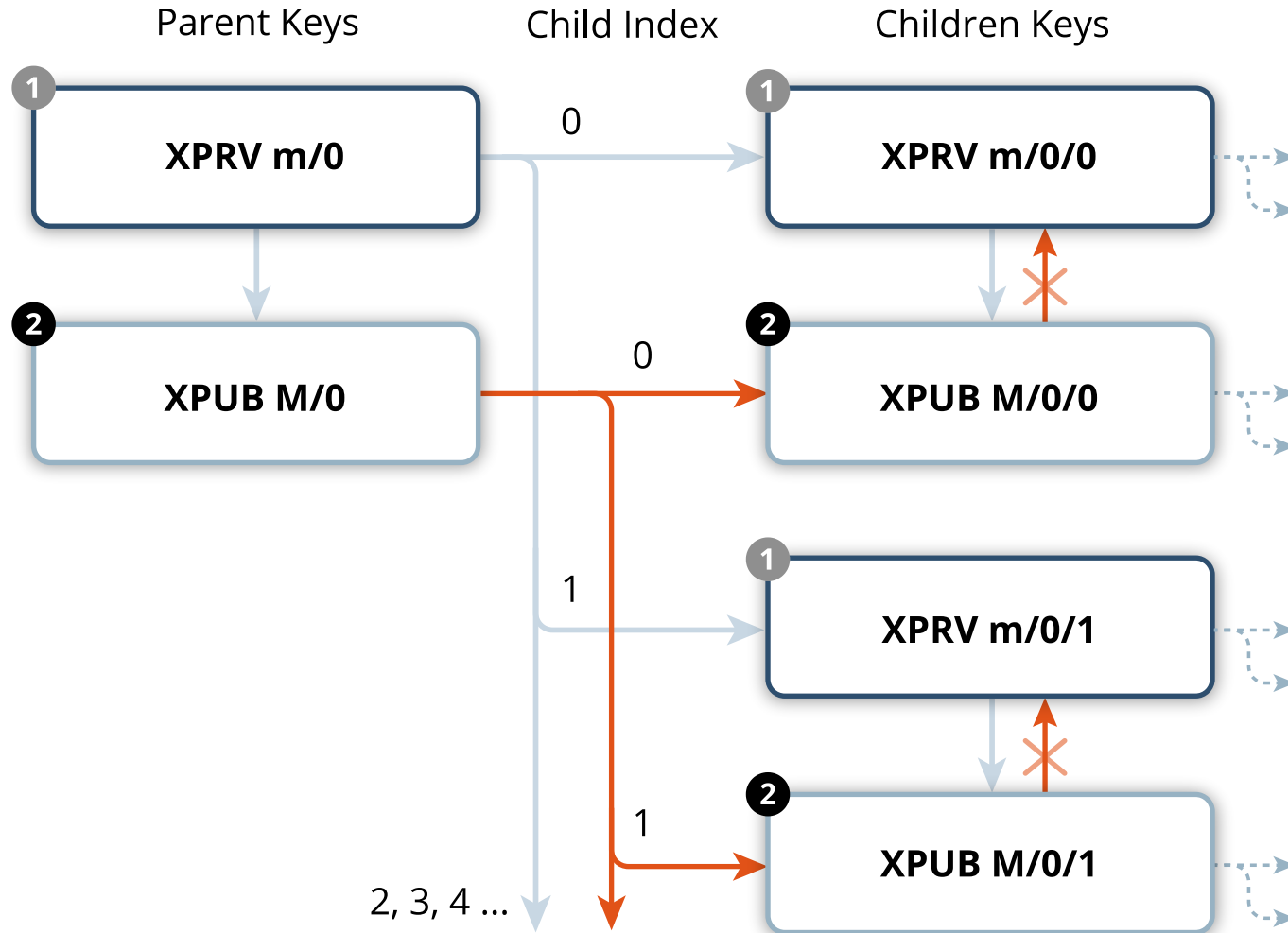
Addition of two 256bit scalars

- Private key + L256
- Result: Child private key

Parent public key to child public key

- HD child public key derivation without parent private key.

HD Derivation Paths



Parent-to-child derivation

- Parent private to child private key
- Parent public to child public key

Firewall between private and public key derivation paths

- Creation of new addresses can be delegated safely.
- Example: Creation of new receiving addresses by frontend.

XPRV & XPUB keys

- Chaincode
- + Private or public key

Mainnet XPRV: **0x0488ADE4**
Mainnet XPUB: **0x0488B21E**
Testnet XPRV: **0x04358394**
Testnet XPUB: **0x043587CF**

**Parent Private Key (33B) OR
Parent Public key (33B)**

Private Key: **0x00 + Private Key (32B)**
Public Key: **Compressed Public Key (33B)**

Hash160
(First 4 Bytes)

**Version
(4B)**

**Depth
(1B)**

**Index
(4B)**

**Parent
Fingerprint (4B)**

**Chain Code
(32B)**

**Private Key (33B) OR
Public key (33B)**

Extended Key Format

**Version
(4B)**

**Depth
(1B)**

**Index
(4B)**

**Parent
Fingerprint (4B)**

**Chain Code
(32B)**

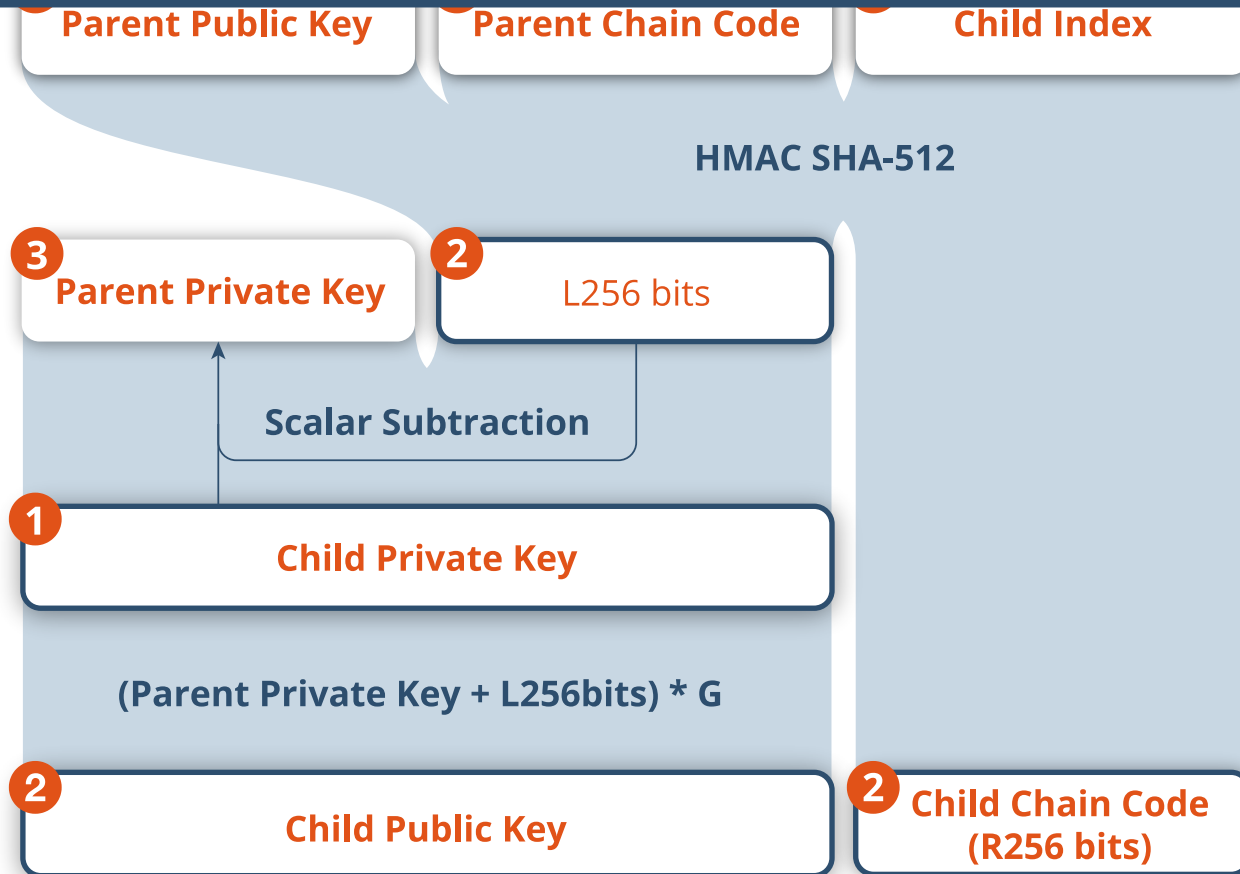
**Private Key (33B) OR
Public key (33B)**

**Checksum
(4B)**

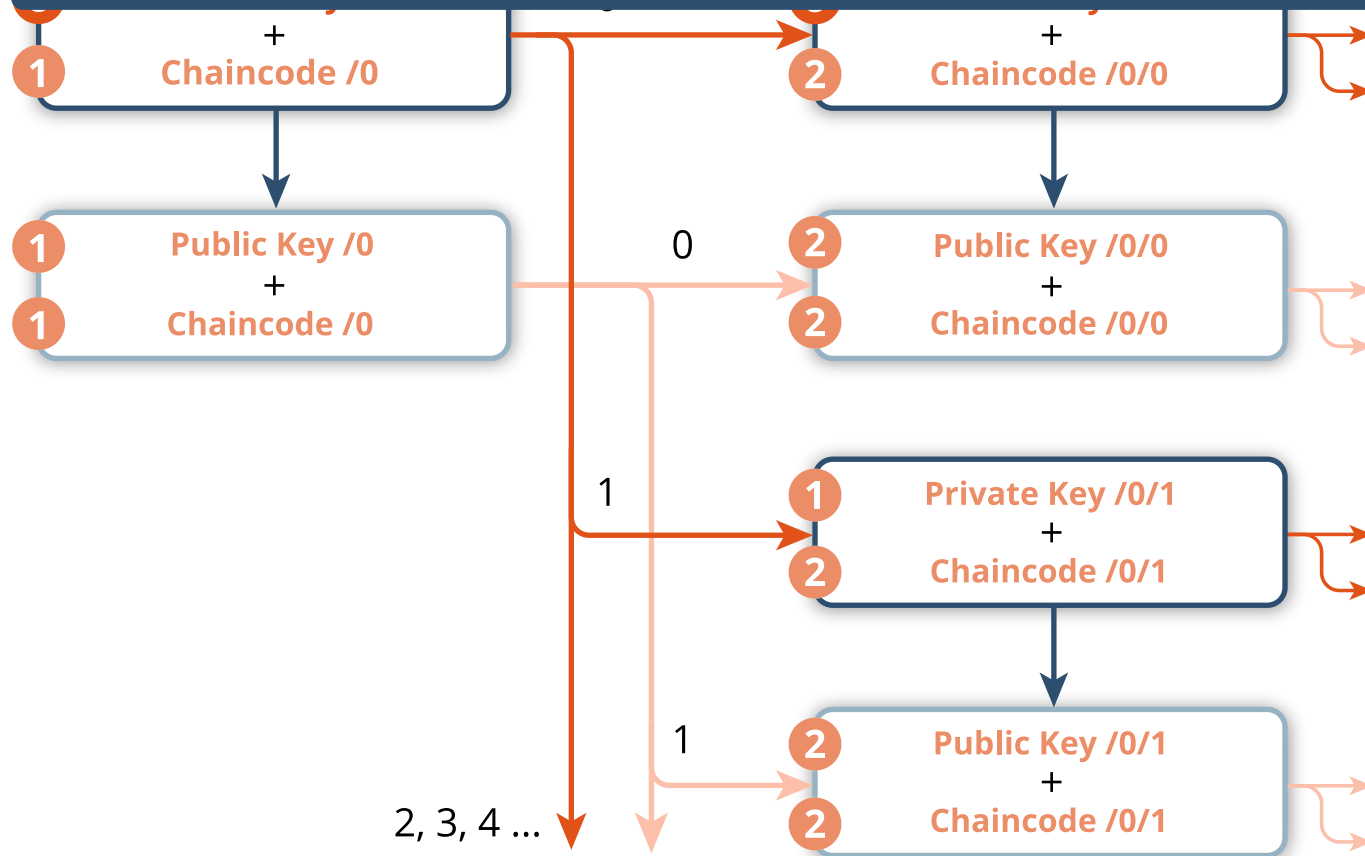
Base58 Encode

XPRV / XPUB (Serialised Extended Key Format)

Upstream Private Key Exposure



Upstream Private Key Exposure 2



1) Parent XPUB + private child exposure.

- Chaincode is identical for all keys of the same generation.

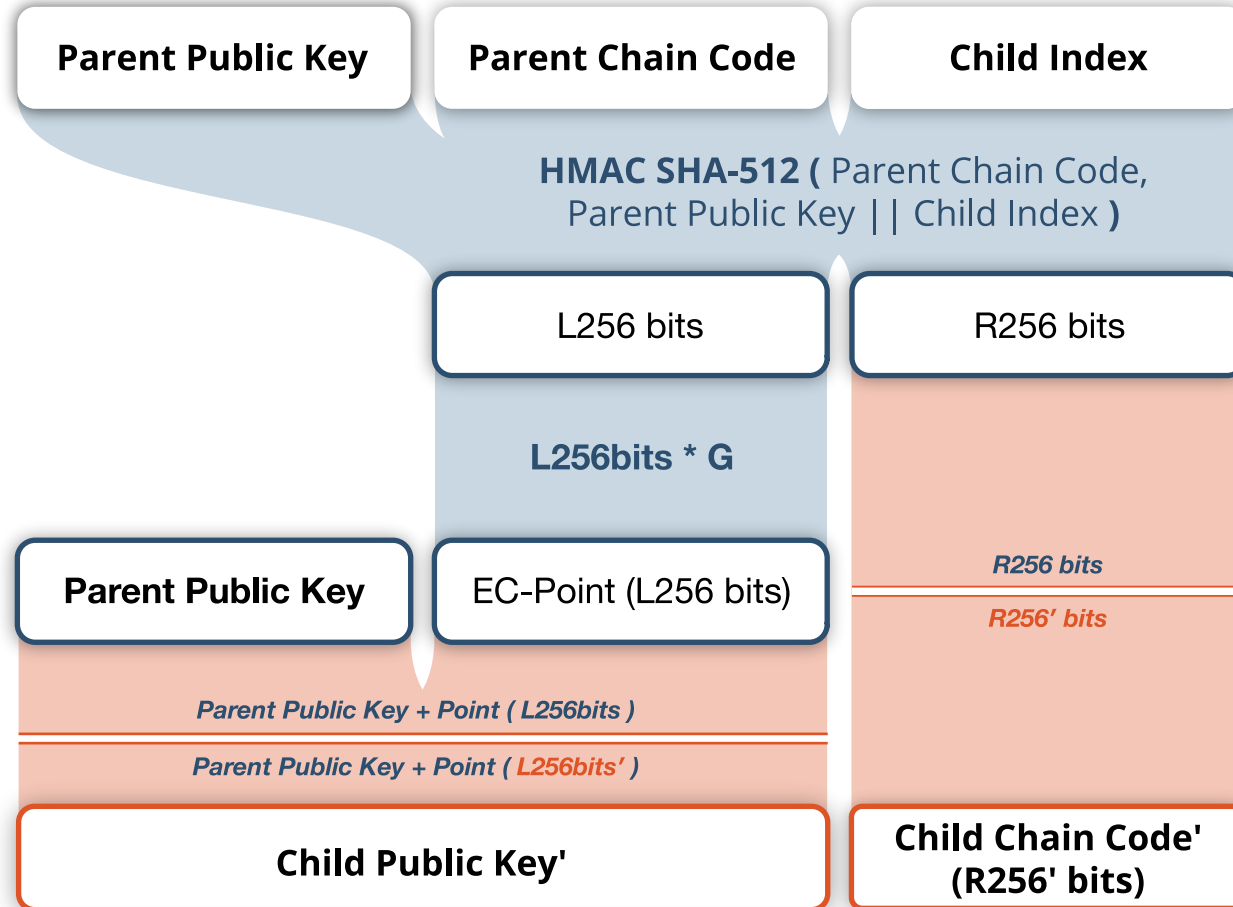
2) All child public keys are exposed.

- All child chain codes are exposed.

3) Parent Private Key is exposed.

- Complete HD subtree is exposed.

Hardened HD Children



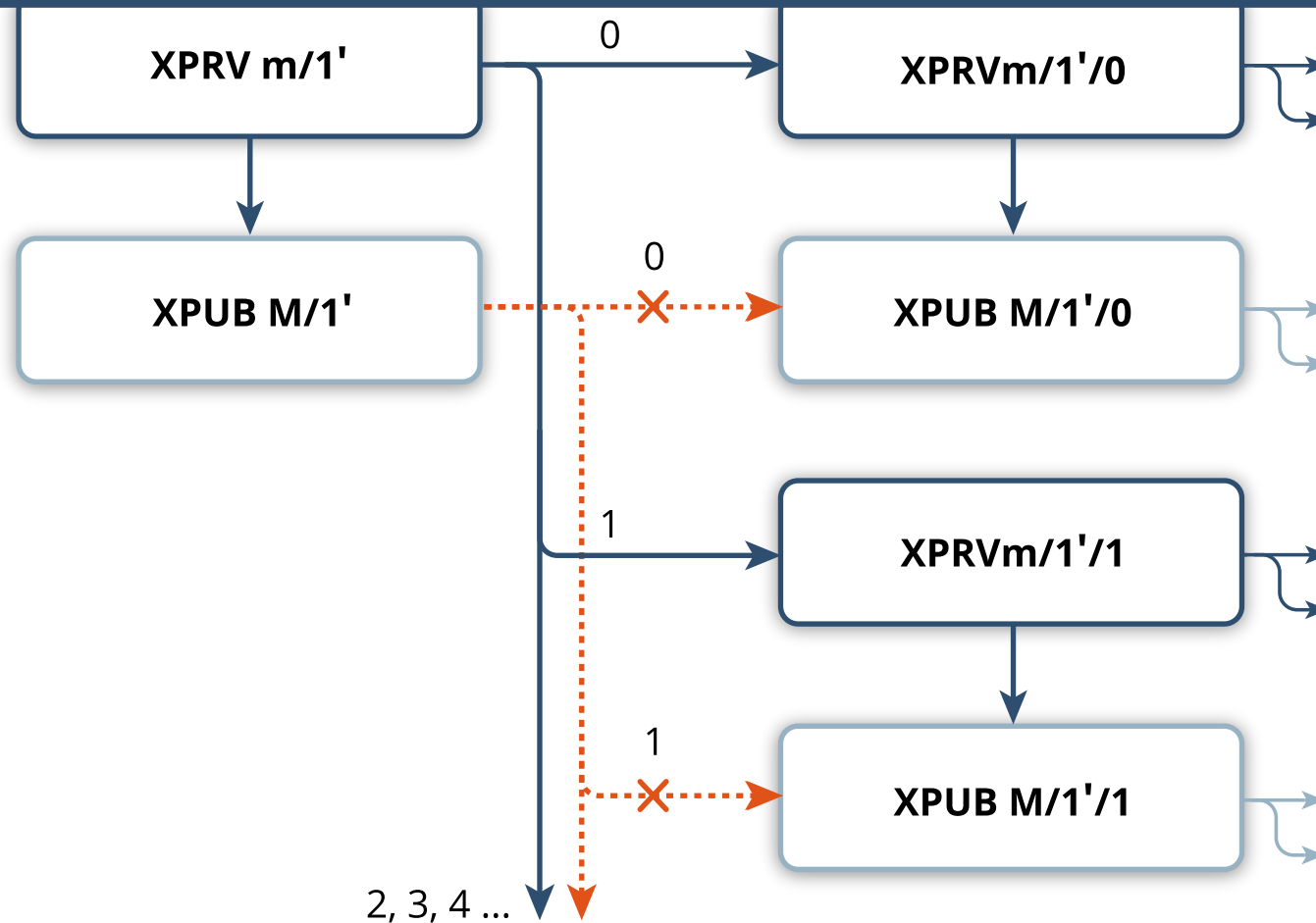
Child private key hardening

- Parent public key replaces private key.
- HMAC512:
 - Key: parent chaincode
 - Data: 0x00 || private key || index
- Hardened Index Notation:
 - $i' = i + 2^{31}$

Hardened public keys.

- Cannot derive any children.
- Derived only from hardened parent child key.

Hardened HD Key Path



Hardened Child Keys break XPUB derivation paths

- Hardened keys denoted with prime'
- Although the parent keys are hardened, note that children keys mustn't necessarily be hardened, as shown here.
- This means the child XPUB keys in this example can derive grandchildren XPUB keys.

Note: In the case of key exposure in any of the subsequent child generations, the upstream key exposure cannot propagate up to the hardened parent key.

HD Wallet Tree Structure (BIP44/43)

Depth	①	②	③	④	⑤
	m or M	/ 44'	/ 0'	/ 0'	/ 0 / 0

Examples:

m / 44' / 0' / 0' / 0 / 1

↑
Private Key
Mainnet

↑
1st Account

↑
1st Receiving Address

M / 44' / 1' / 3' / 1 / 4

↑
Public Key
Testnet

↑
4th Account

↑
5th Change Address

① Purpose

- Always set to a hardened 44' (BIP44/43).

② Network

- Mainnet: 0'
- Testnet: 1'

③ Account

- Individual Wallet Accounts.

④ Receiving/Change Addresses

- Keys of receiving address: 0 (unhardened)
- Keys of change address: 1 (unhardened)

⑤ Address Index

collapse practice ice ...

"optional passphrase"

1st Testnet Acct

HD Wallet Restoration

M/44'/1'/0'/1

2nd Testnet Acct

m/44'/1'/1'/0

M/44'/1'/1'/1

3rd Testnet Acct

m/44'/1'/2'/0

M/44'/1'/2'/1

Address 44'/1'/0'/0/0 used

Address 44'/1'/0'/0/0 used

Address 44'/1'/0'/0/1 used

Address 44'/1'/0'/0/3 unused

Address 44'/1'/0'/0/.. unused

Address 44'/1'/0'/0/21 unused

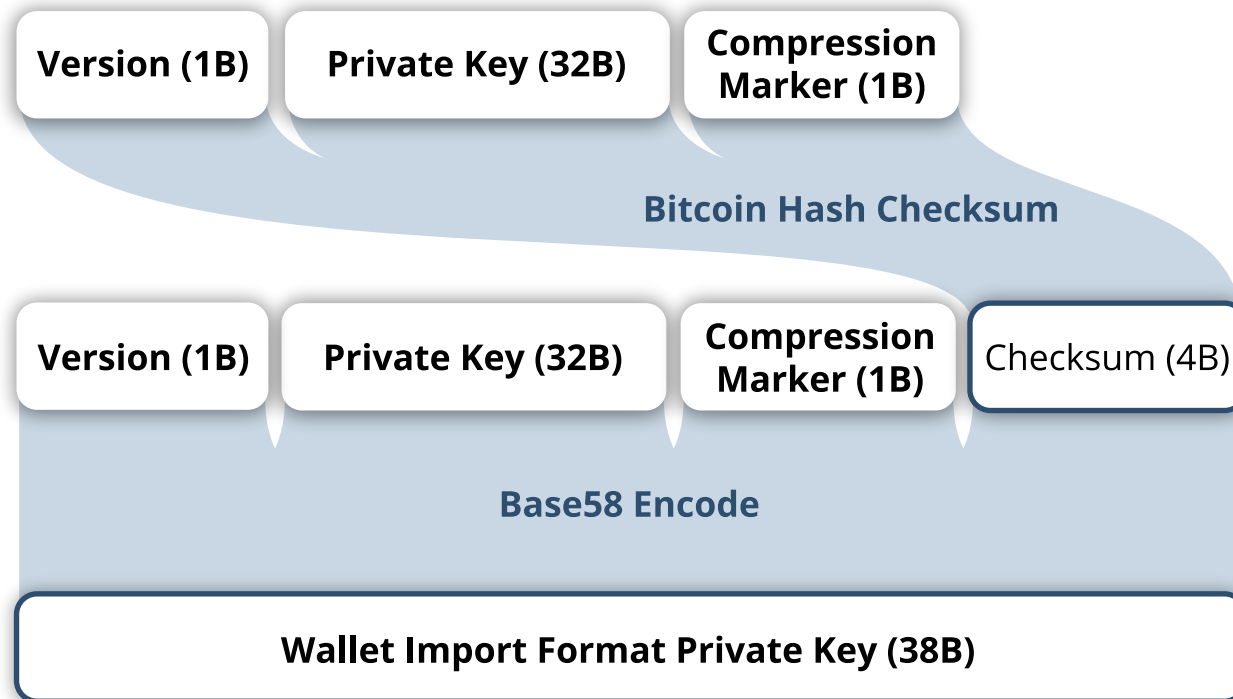
Address scan stops after gap of 20 unused addresses

Beyond BIP44 & P2PKH

- BIP 49 introduced yprv/ypub
 - m / 49' / ...
 - Wallets construct P2SH-P2WPKH outputs
- BIP 84 introduced zprv/zpub
 - m / 84' / ...
 - Wallets construct P2WPKH outputs
- not scalable
- ⇒ [Output descriptors](#)
 - sh(wpkh(03fff97bd5755eeea420453a14355235d382f6472f8568a18b2f057a1460297556))
 - pkh(xpub68G...GDnw/1/2)
 - wsh(multi(1,xpub661...uduB/1/0/*,xpub69H...QTPH/0/0/*))

Private Key - Wallet Import Format

The WIF private key provides information to recreate a private/public key pair.



Bitcoin Hash Checksum

- `double SHA256(input)`
- First 4 bytes of digest.
- Version byte:
 - Mainnet: 0x80
 - Testnet: 0xEF
- Compression Marker (0x01) omitted if associated public key is uncompressed

Base58 Encoding

- Base58 encoded WIF begins with:
 - Mainnet/Compressed: K/L
 - Mainnet/Uncompressed: 5
 - Testnet/Compressed: C
 - Testnet/Uncompressed: 9