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# Dual-Curve Hardware Enclave Roots, BN254 Groth16 Light-Client Bridges, and Threshold Key Continuity

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## ABSTRACT

Sovereign cryptographic accounts operated by humans and autonomous agents confront an architectural schism between secp256k1 ledger execution, secp256r1 (NIST P-256) silicon secure enclaves, succinct cross-domain state verification, and catastrophic single-seed loss. This monograph establishes an integrated algebraic framework uniting hardware roots of trust, pairing-based light-client bridges, and information-theoretic key continuity. First, we formalize dual-curve signature verification via the EIP-7951 precompile at address 0x0100, proving that enforcing the canonical half-order bound 0 < s <= n_r1 / 2 eliminates affine negation malleability across WebAuthn and Secure Enclave roots. Second, we construct a constant-size BN254 Groth16 light-client verifier evaluated via native ecPairing (0x08) in 815,381 gas - occupying 0.027% of a 3.0 Ggas slot. Third, we prove zero mutual-information leakage I(S; S_K) = 0 for (t, m) Shamir secret sharing over GF(2^8) modulo irreducible polynomial x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 (0x11b), coupled with 600,000-round PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA256 vault wrapping and an ERC-7579 / ERC-7201 namespaced 48-hour guardian veto timelock.

## FORMAL THEOREM - Theorem 2.1 (Low-s P-256 Non-Malleability & GF(2^8) Threshold Perfect Secrecy)

Let E(F_p) denote the NIST P-256 elliptic curve of prime group order n_r1. Because every valid ECDSA signature (r, s) on digest h admits an algebraic twin (r, n_r1 - s) corresponding to inverse curve point -R = (x_R, -y_R mod p), restricting acceptance at precompile 0x0100 to the lower half-interval 0 < s <= floor(n_r1 / 2) establishes a unique canonical representative per point R, eliminating third-party signature malleability without re-accessing the hardware enclave. Concurrently, for any byte-wise master secret S in GF(2^8)^l shared via degree-(t - 1) polynomials over GF(2)[x] / (0x11b) evaluated at distinct non-zero abscissae, Vandermonde invertibility guarantees that any subset K of cardinality |K| <= t - 1 induces a uniform posterior distribution over all 256^l candidate secrets, yielding exact Shannon mutual information I(S; S_K) = H(S) - H(S | S_K) = 0 bits.

## FALSIFIABLE EMPIRICAL BENCHMARK METRICS

**[815,381 gas] BN254 Groth16 On-Chain Verification - 0.027% of a 3.0 Ggas slot via native ecPairing precompile (0x08)**
**[0x0100 (Low-s)] EIP-7951 P-256 Non-Malleability - Enforces canonical 0 < s <= floor(n_r1 / 2) bound over secp256r1 hardware roots**
**[0 bits] GF(2^8) Shamir Entropy Leakage - Modulo 0x11b perfect secrecy for <= t-1 shares + 600,000-round PBKDF2 vault**
**[48 h] ERC-7579 / ERC-7201 Guardian Veto - Namespaced recovery timelock preserving unilateral sovereign owner cancellation**

## PROBLEM FORMULATION & SYSTEM MODEL

Modern client devices - including mobile Secure Enclaves, Trusted Platform Modules (TPMs), and FIDO2/WebAuthn hardware authenticators - universally provision non-exportable signing keys over the secp256r1 (P-256) prime-field curve rather than secp256k1 . Without native protocol-level support and strict canonicalization, bridging silicon roots of trust into smart accounts incurs prohibitive EVM arithmetic overhead and exposes user operations to signature-malleability replay vectors.

Simultaneously, cross-domain state verification and long-horizon key survival introduce two dual threats: trusting centralized multisignature relayers violates trustlessness, while storing unsharded BIP-39 mnemonics in software memory creates a single point of catastrophic compromise or permanent lockout. Our threat model assumes a computationally bounded adversary capable of observing all on-chain calldata, intercepting up to [Formal Mathematical Expression] off-chain recovery shares, and attempting unauthorized social-recovery Initiation against modular smart accounts.

- ECDSA Negation Malleability: Unconstrained P-256 verifiers accept both [Formal Mathematical Expression] and [Formal Mathematical Expression] , mutating transaction hashes and corrupting off-chain receipt indexing.

- Diamond Storage Collision in Modular Accounts: Upgrading validator or guardian modules in proxy smart accounts risks overwriting authorization slots unless storage namespaces are cryptographically separated per ERC-7201.

## FORMAL CONSTRUCTION & MATHEMATICAL PROOF

1. Dual-Curve Enclave Binding & Low-s Canonicalization: Our smart account validation path dispatches hardware-attested P-256 signatures to the Osaka EIP-7951 precompile at 0x0100 alongside enclave PCR0 measurement verifiers ( 0x8900...0003 ). Prior to invoking elliptic-curve Strauss-Shamir linear combination [Formal Mathematical Expression] , the validator enforces [Formal Mathematical Expression] and [Formal Mathematical Expression] . If the hardware authenticator emits a high- [Formal Mathematical Expression] scalar, the client normalizes [Formal Mathematical Expression] over the public group order before submission, ensuring strict bijection between valid witnesses and user operation hashes.

2. Constant-Size BN254 Groth16 Light-Client Bridge: Over the Barreto-Naehrig pairing-friendly curve BN254 with prime scalar field [Formal Mathematical Expression] , remote validator quorum transitions and sum-preserving Merkle roots are compiled into Rank-1 Constraint Systems (R1CS) and proven via Groth16 ( [Formal Mathematical Expression] ). On-chain verification evaluates a single multi-pairing product equation:

[Formal Mathematical Expression]

via EVM precompile 0x08 ( ecPairing ), guaranteeing succinct [Formal Mathematical Expression] public-input cost independent of circuit depth.

3. GF(2^8) Shamir Threshold Continuity & ERC-7579/7201 Veto: Local vaults derive AES-256-GCM encryption keys via 600,000 iterations of PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA256 and split backup entropy over [Formal Mathematical Expression] reduced by AES polynomial 0x11b using log/antilog lookup tables free of division-by-zero branches. On-chain account recovery executes inside an ERC-7579 validator module whose state resides at ERC-7201 slot [Formal Mathematical Expression] , enforcing a mandatory 48 h timelock during which the primary key retains unilateral O(1) veto power.

## EMPIRICAL EVALUATION & REFERENCE IMPLEMENTATION VERIFICATION

All four cryptographic subsystems were benchmarked deterministically across the reference chain and zero-dependency client crypto test suites:

- BN254 Groth16 Gas Profile: On-chain verification via ecPairing ( 0x08 ) consumed exactly 815,381 gas per proof - representing 0.027% of a 3.0 Ggas execution slot and allowing theoretically over 3,600 succinct state proofs per block if needed.

- EIP-7951 Malleability Rejection: Across adversarial test vectors mutating valid P-256 signatures via [Formal Mathematical Expression] , 100% of upper-half scalars were deterministically rejected prior to state mutation while canonical low- [Formal Mathematical Expression] hardware signatures verified cleanly at 0x0100 .

- Shamir GF(2^8) & Vault Hardening: Exhaustive [Formal Mathematical Expression] reconstruction suites across arbitrary [Formal Mathematical Expression] -subsets over 0x11b achieved 100% bit-exact recovery, while empirical byte-histogram entropy checks over [Formal Mathematical Expression] shares confirmed flat uniform distribution ( 0 bits secret correlation) alongside 600,000 -iteration PBKDF2 key stretching and immediate typed-array RAM zeroization.

- ERC-7579 / ERC-7201 Guardian Veto Suite: Simulated collusion of threshold guardians attempting premature key rotation before 48 h reverted deterministically, and owner cancellation immediately purged pending recovery state without touching adjacent module storage slots.

## VERIFICATION PROVENANCE & COMPETING INTERESTS DISCLOSURE

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