

High-speed cryptography

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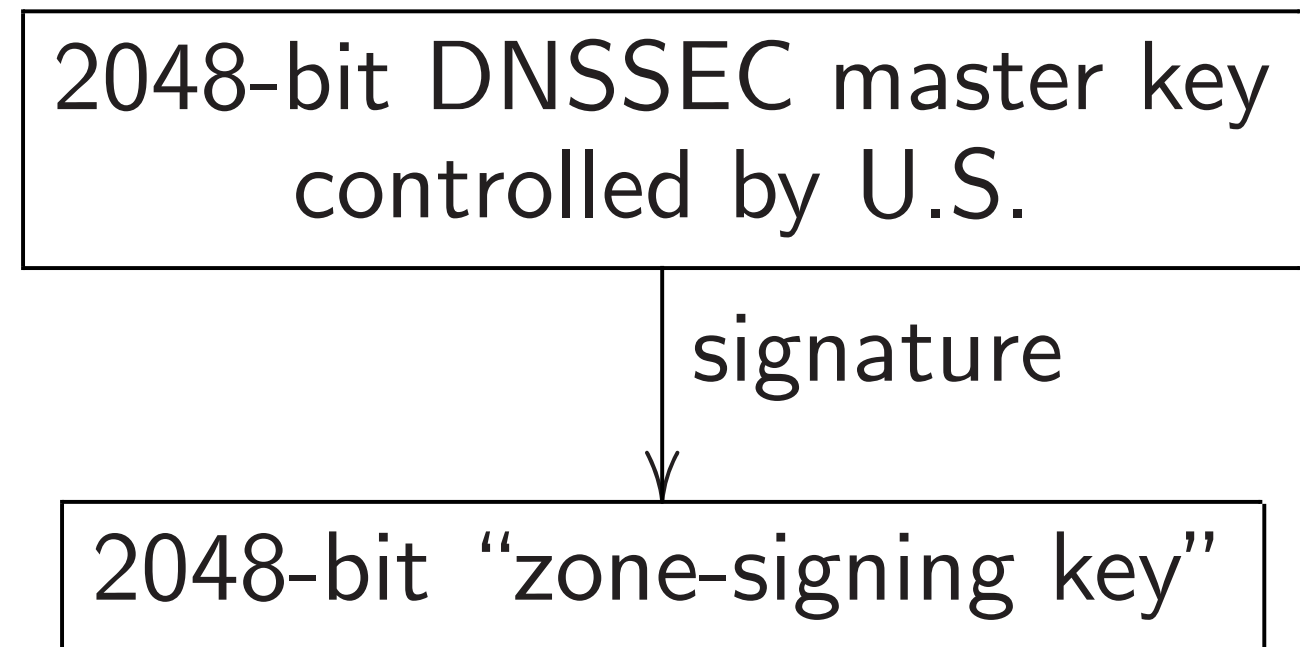
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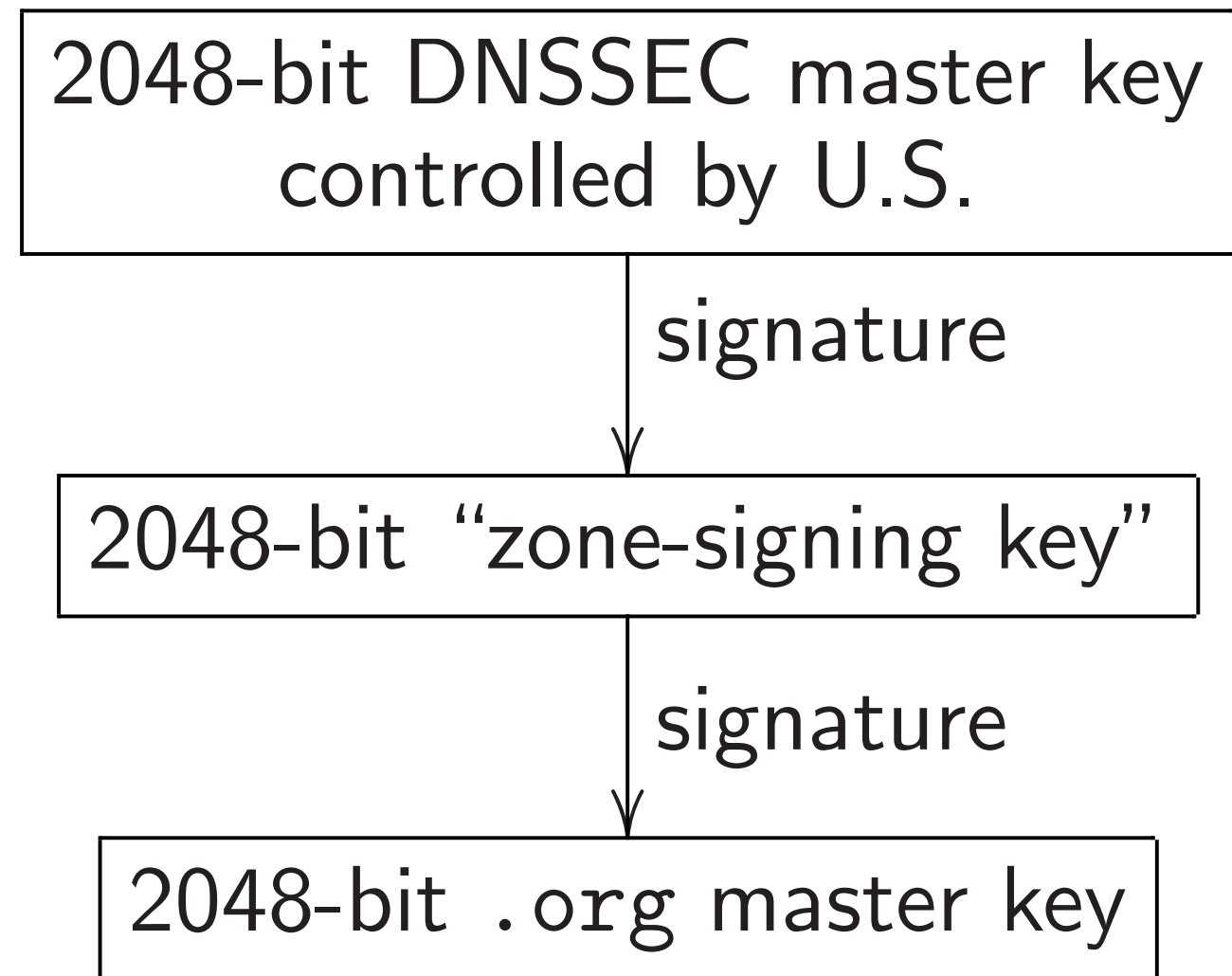
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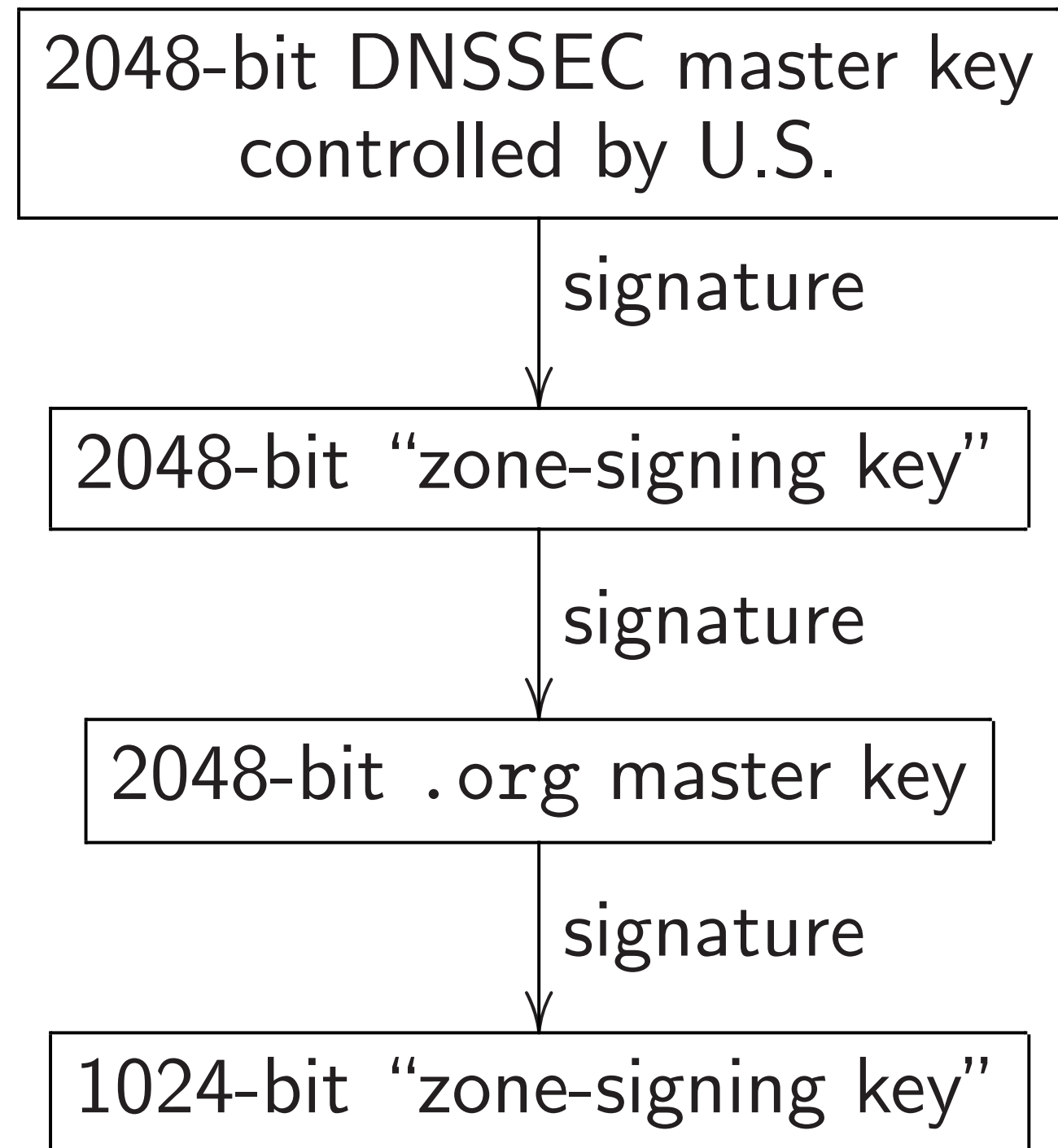
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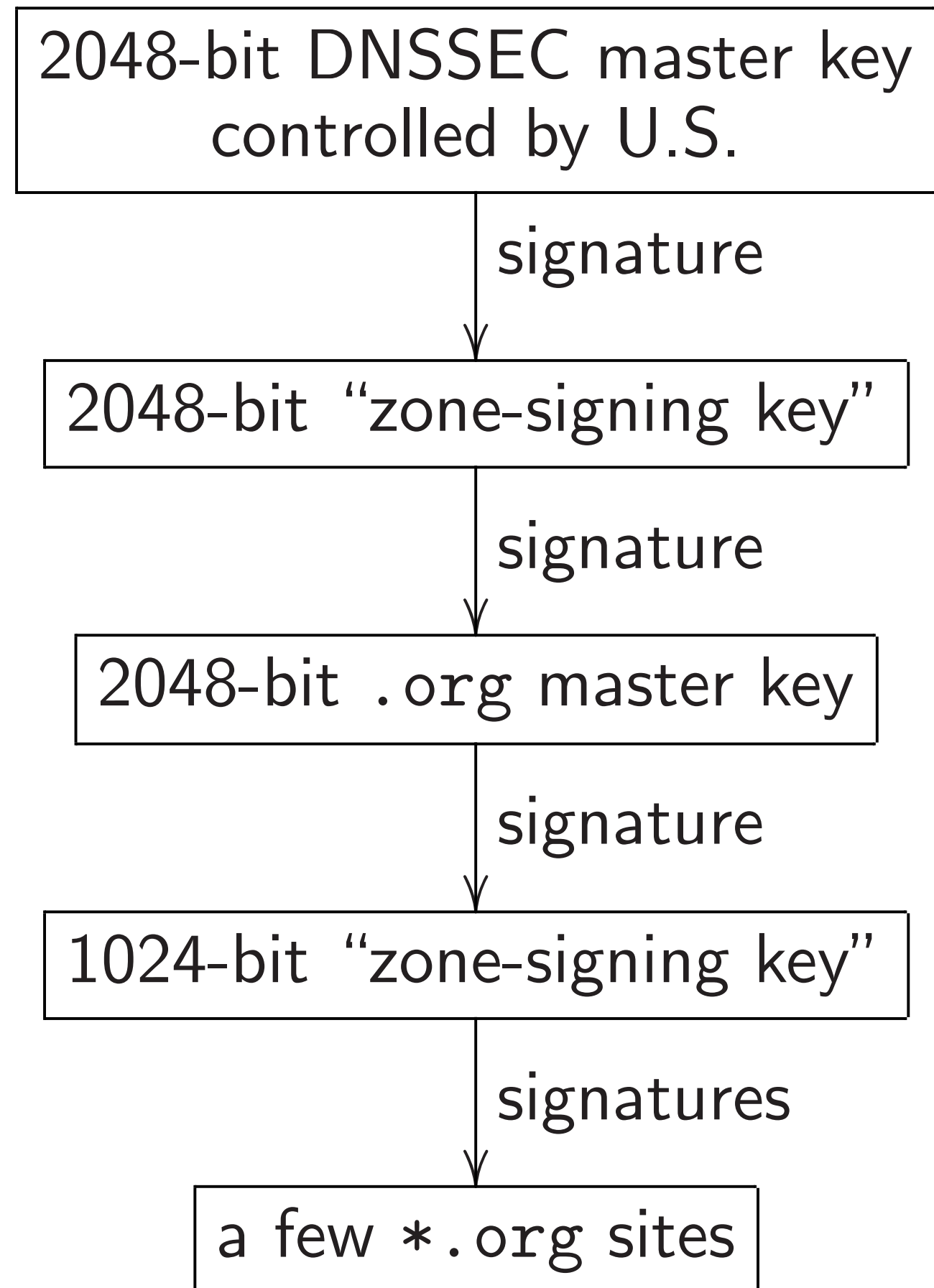
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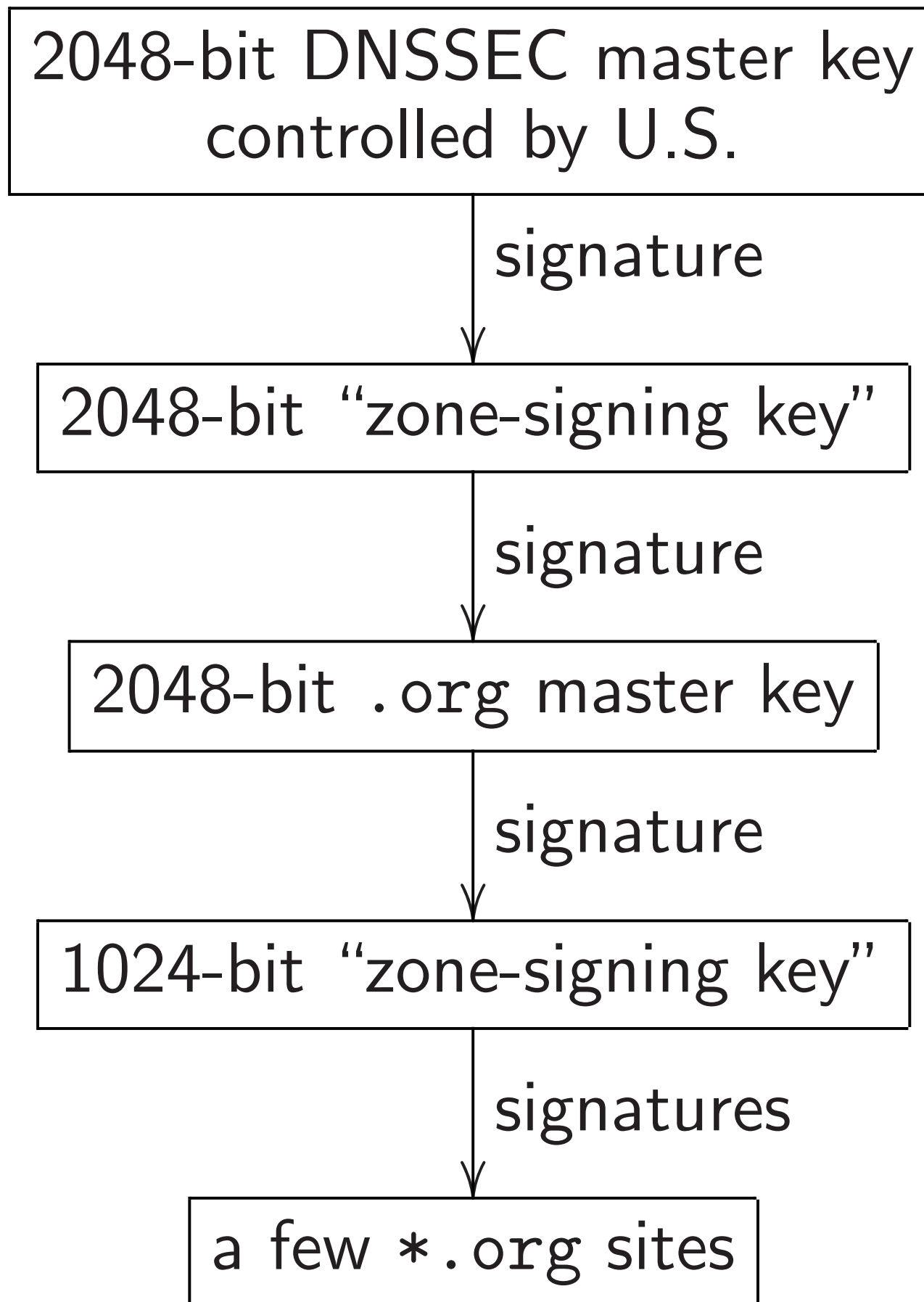
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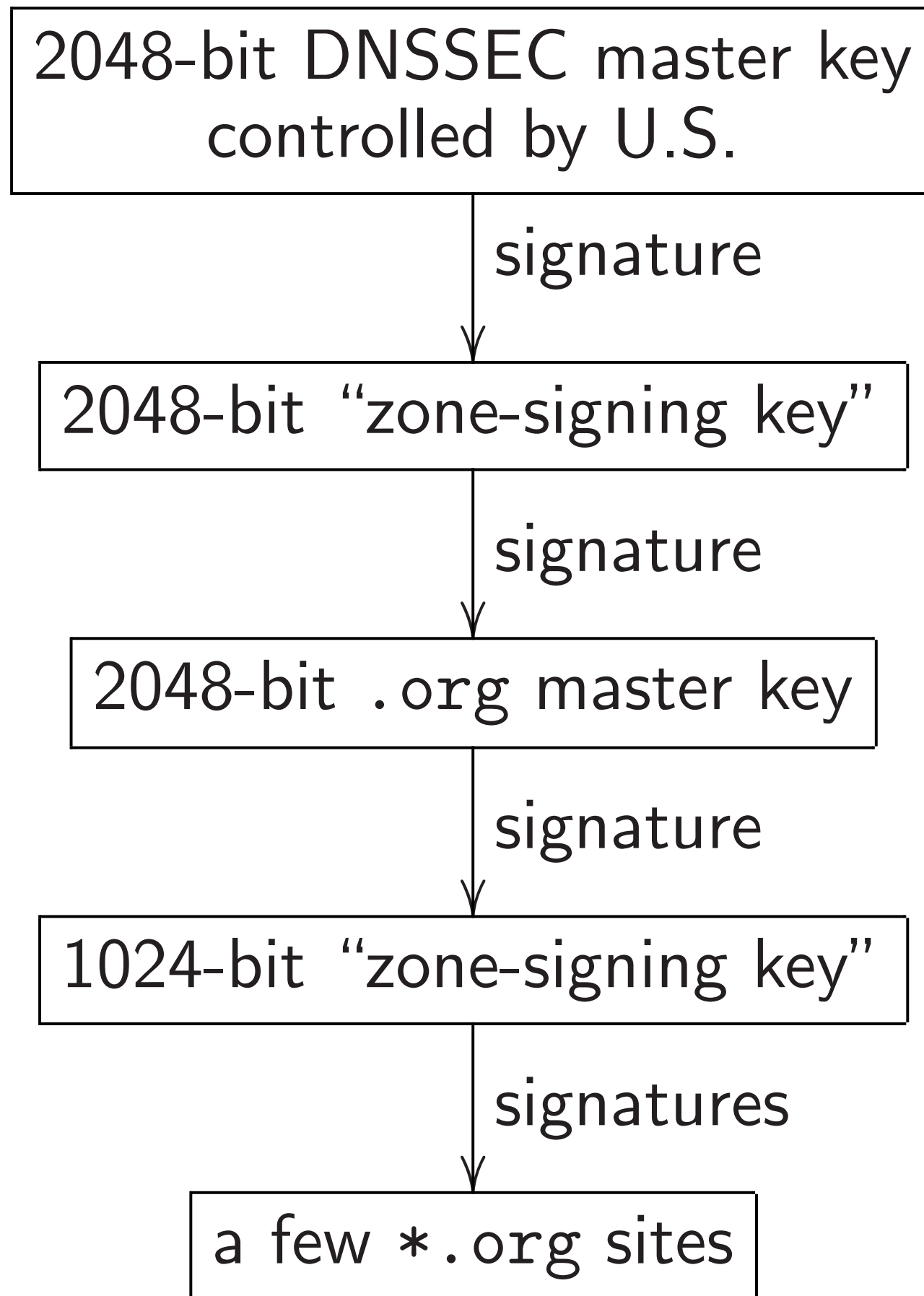
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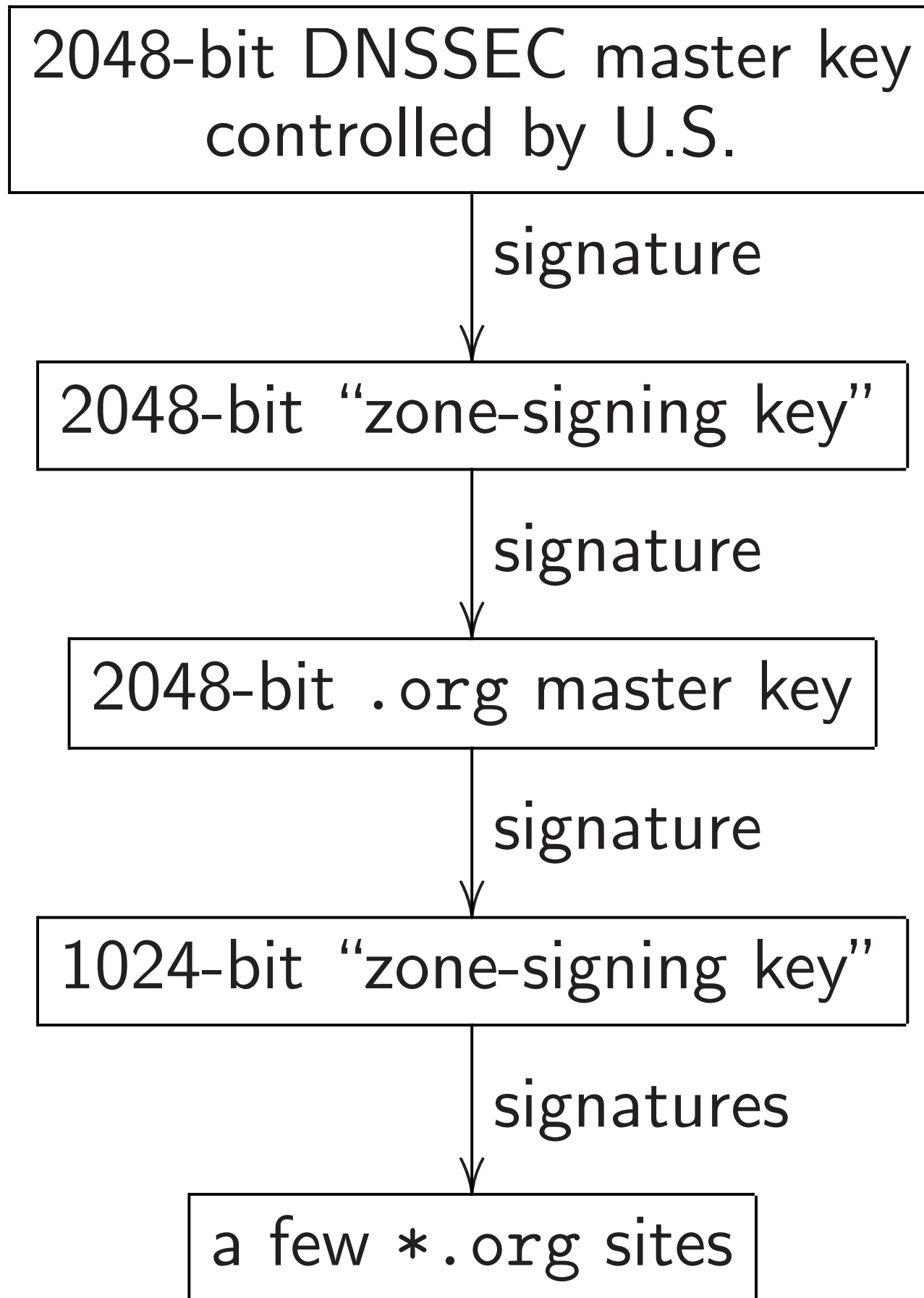
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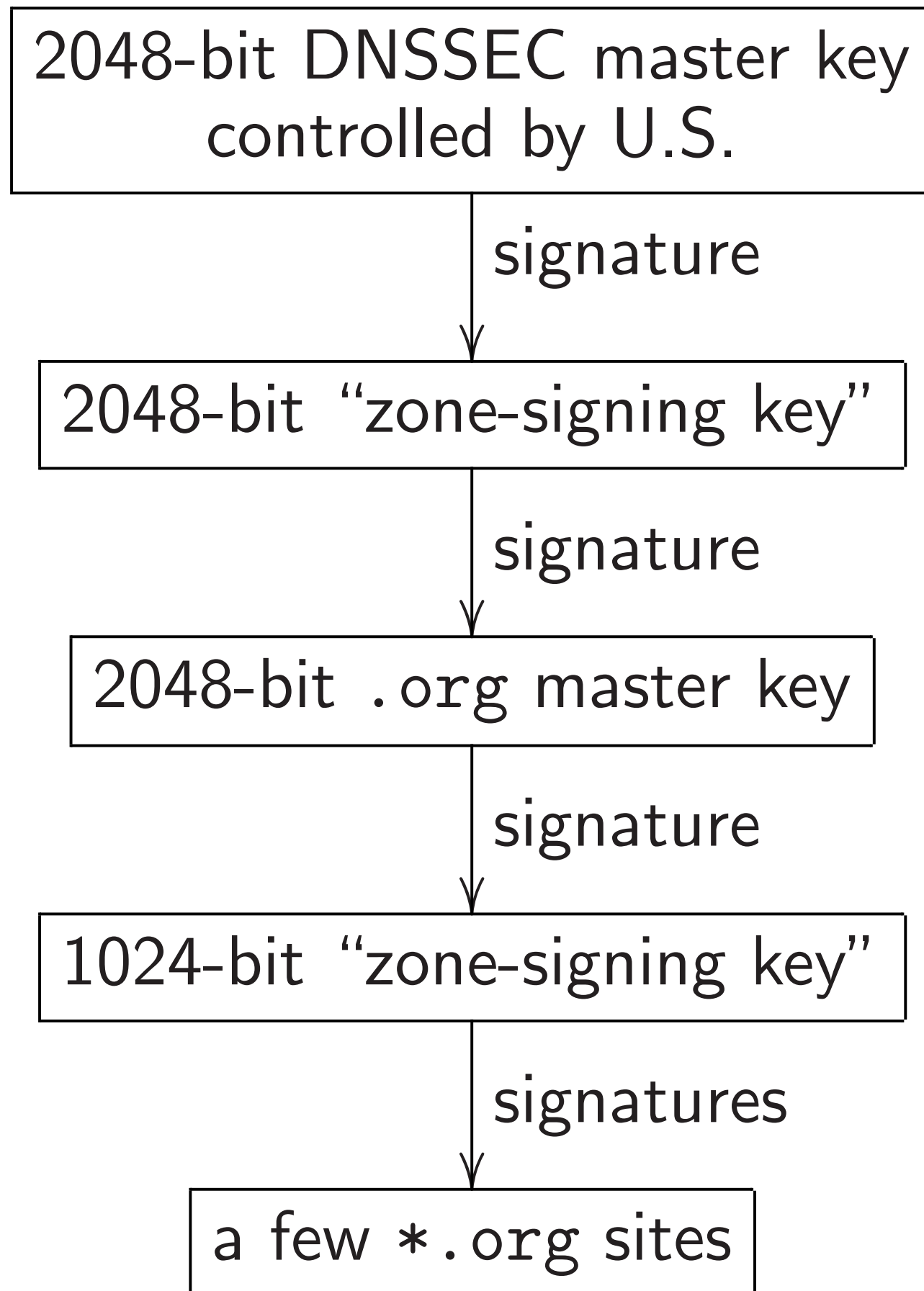


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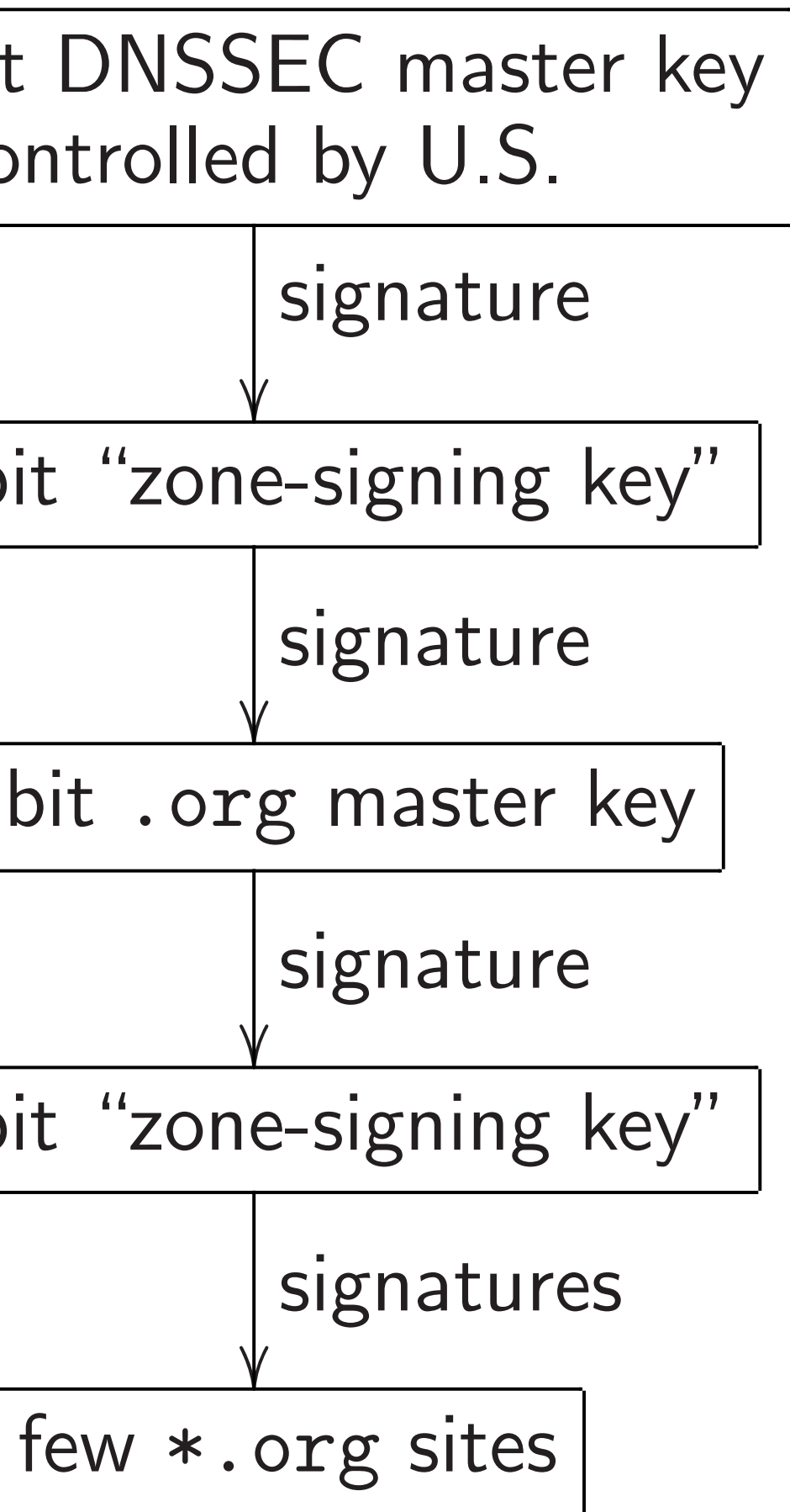
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ECC: $R = SB - h$

Speed advantage same

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