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Spin Me Right Round: Rotational Symmetry for FPGA-Specific AES

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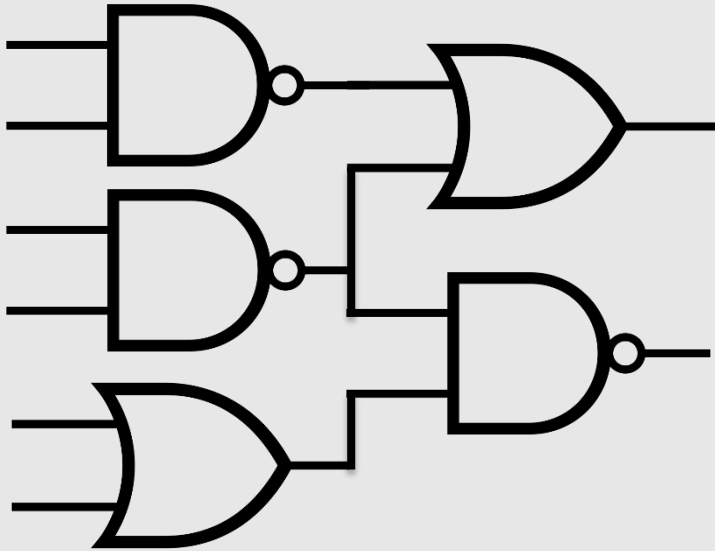
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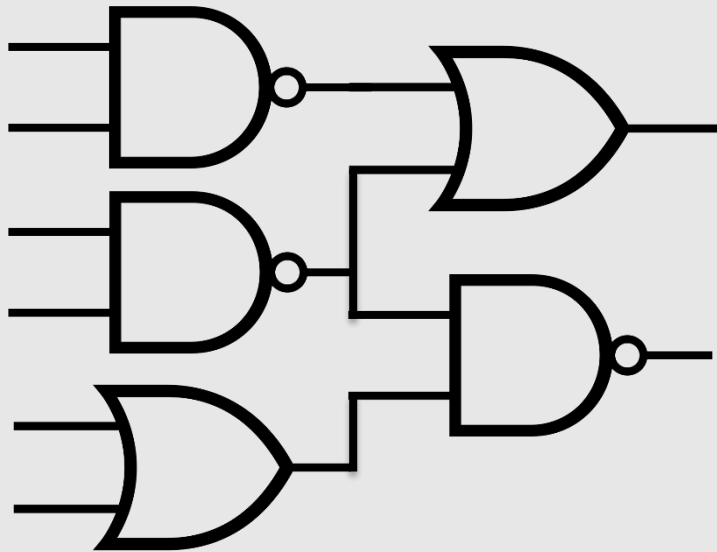
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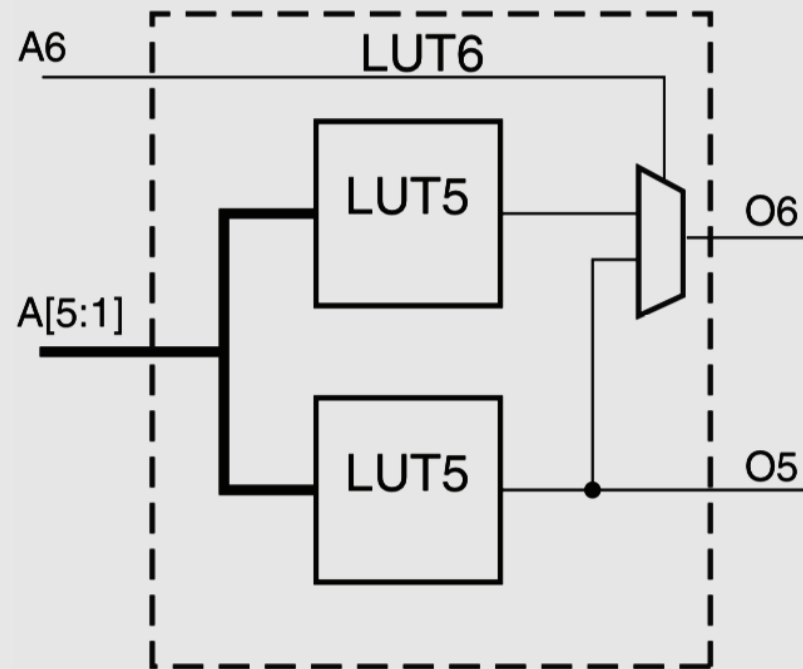


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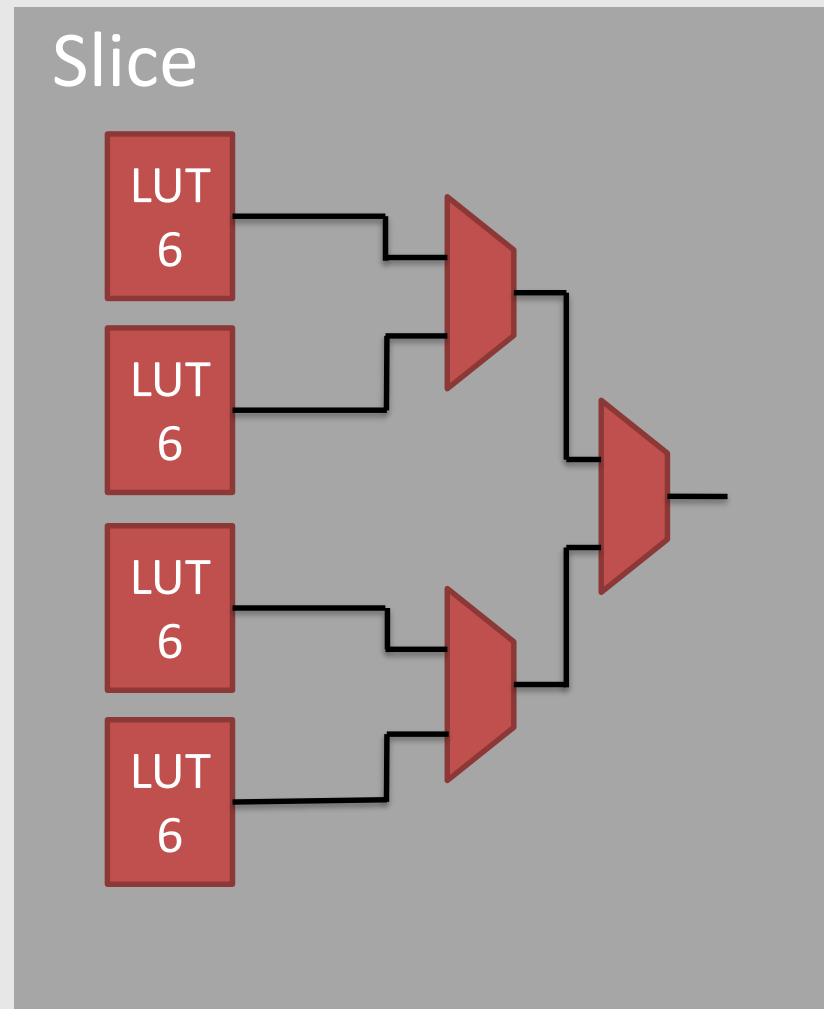
FPGA (Xilinx 6/7 series)



Spartan-6 FPGA Configurable Logic Block User Guide

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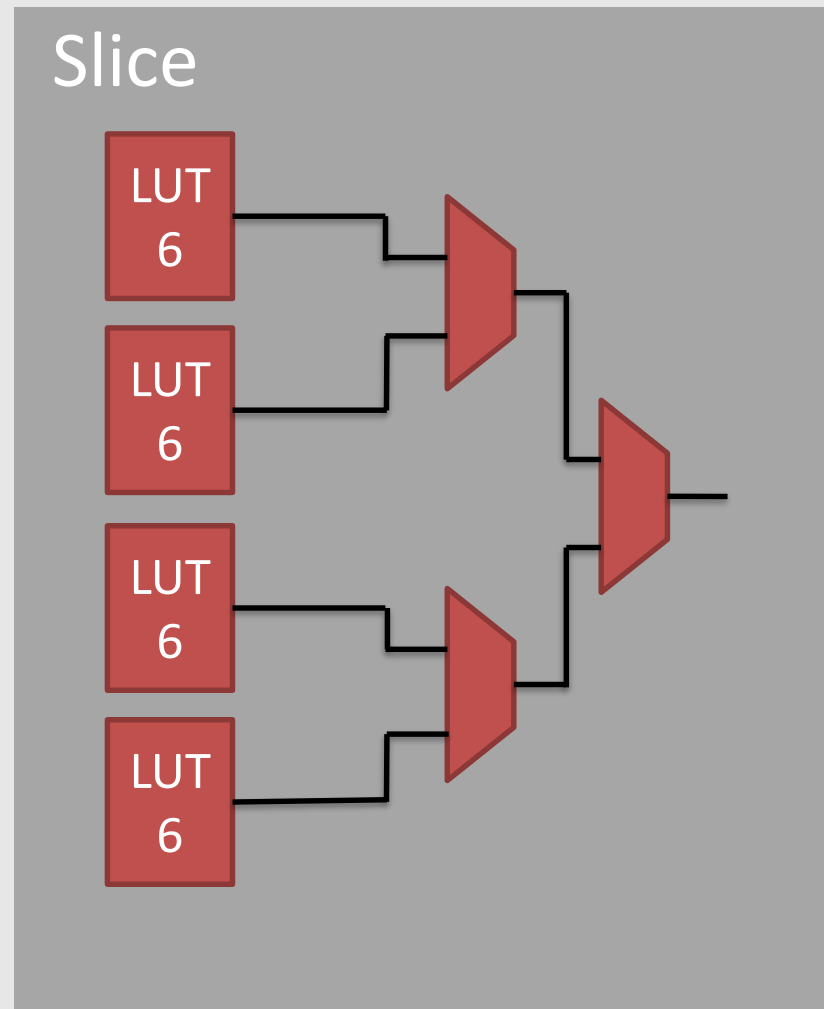
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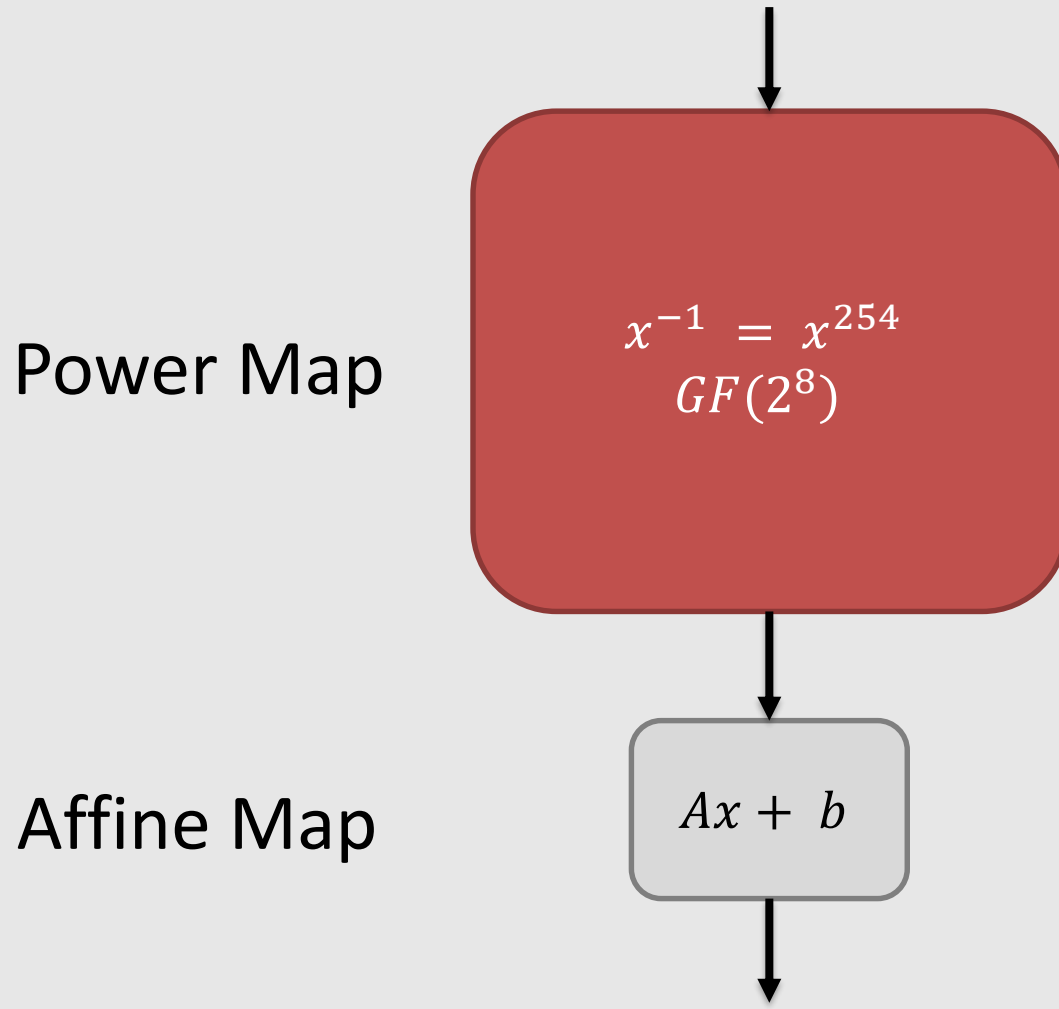
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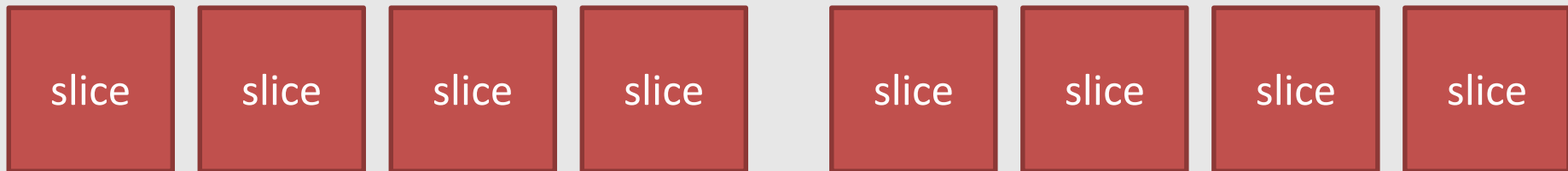


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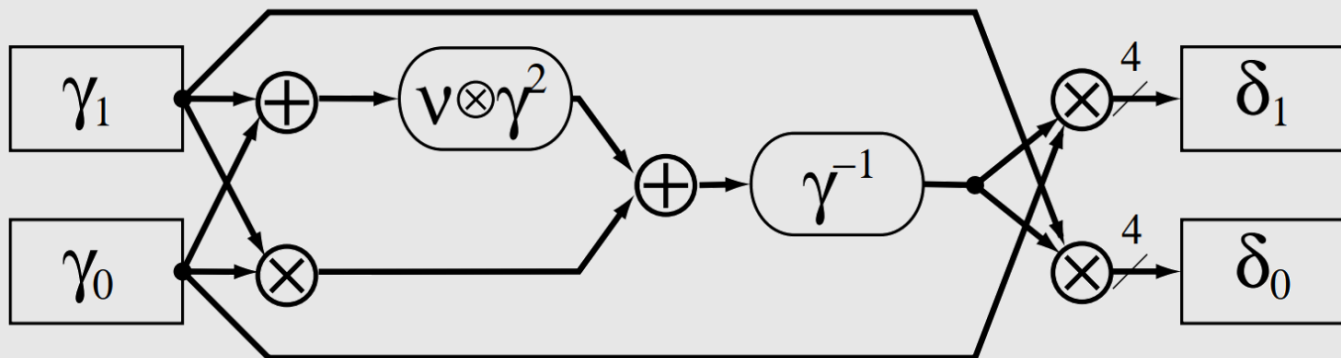
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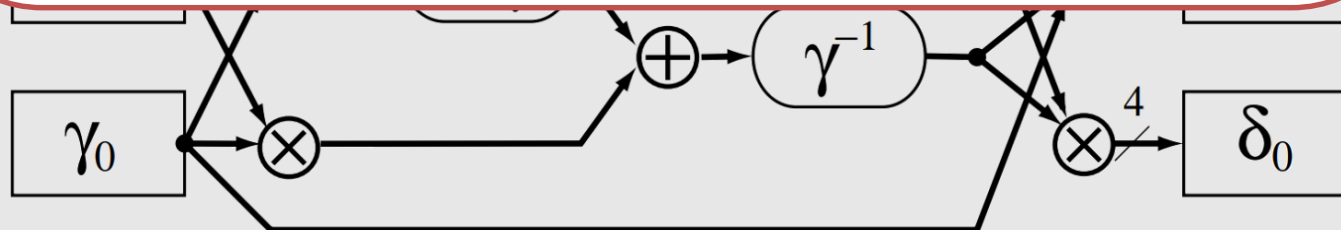
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Our Contribution:
Reduction to **4 slices**

- Alg
- Toy



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Theorem¹:

Power Map: $F(x) = x^m$ in $GF(2^8)$

Normal base: $S(x) = \phi(F(\phi^{-1}(x)))$

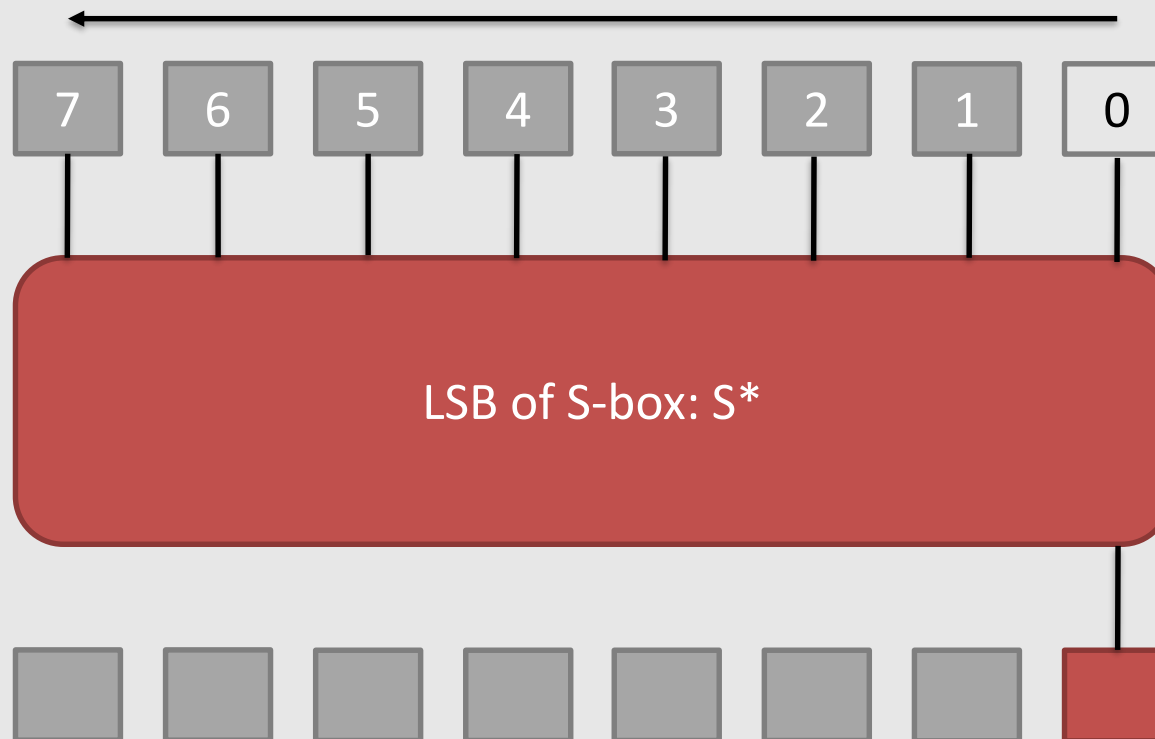
\Rightarrow

$rot(S(x)) = S(rot(x))$

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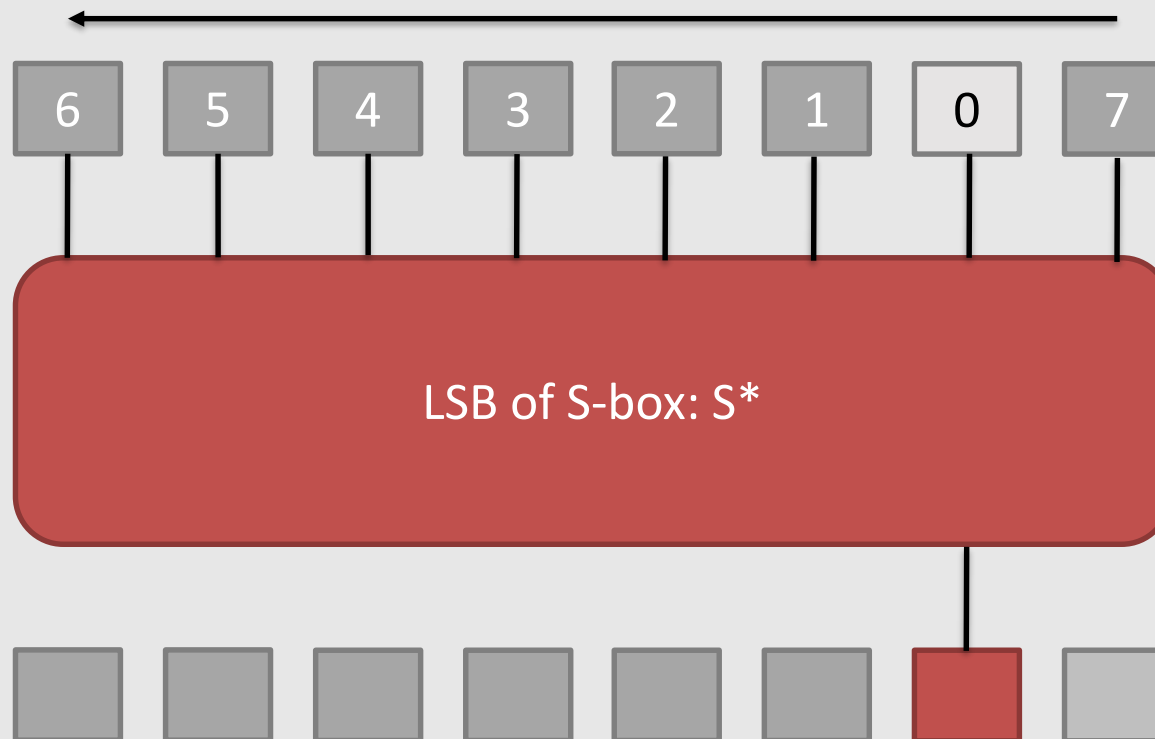
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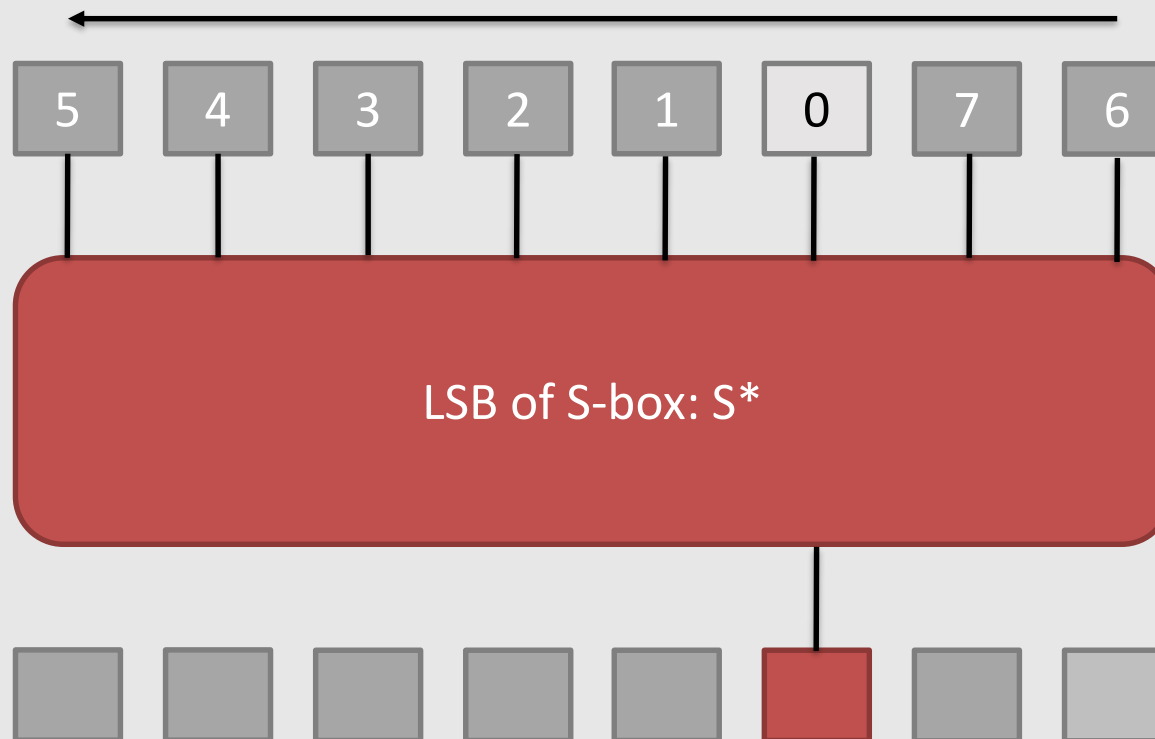
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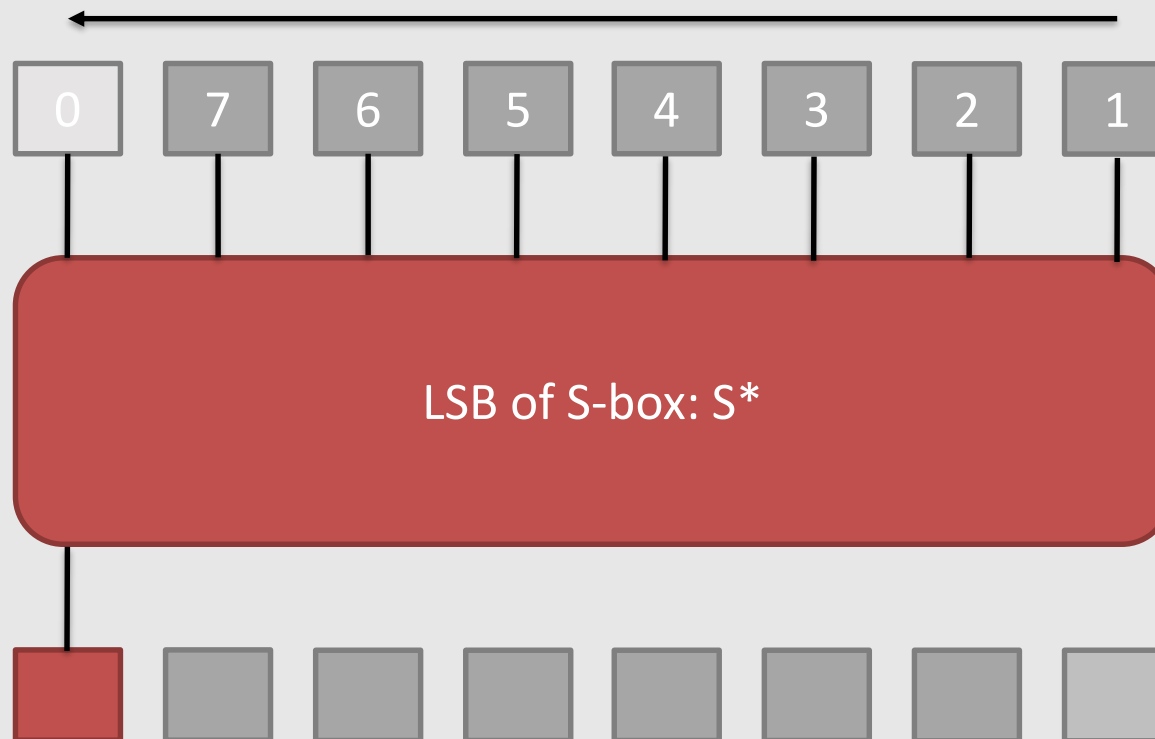
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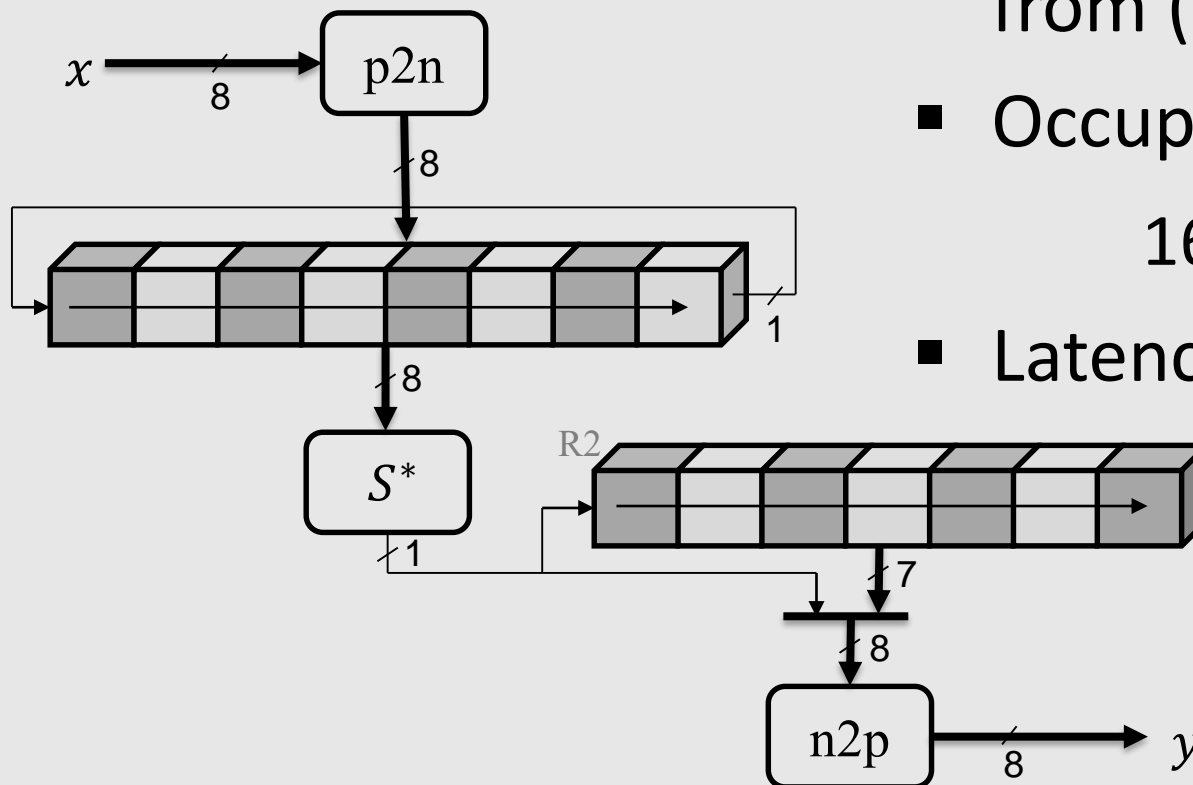
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AES S-box: Byte-serial Circuit

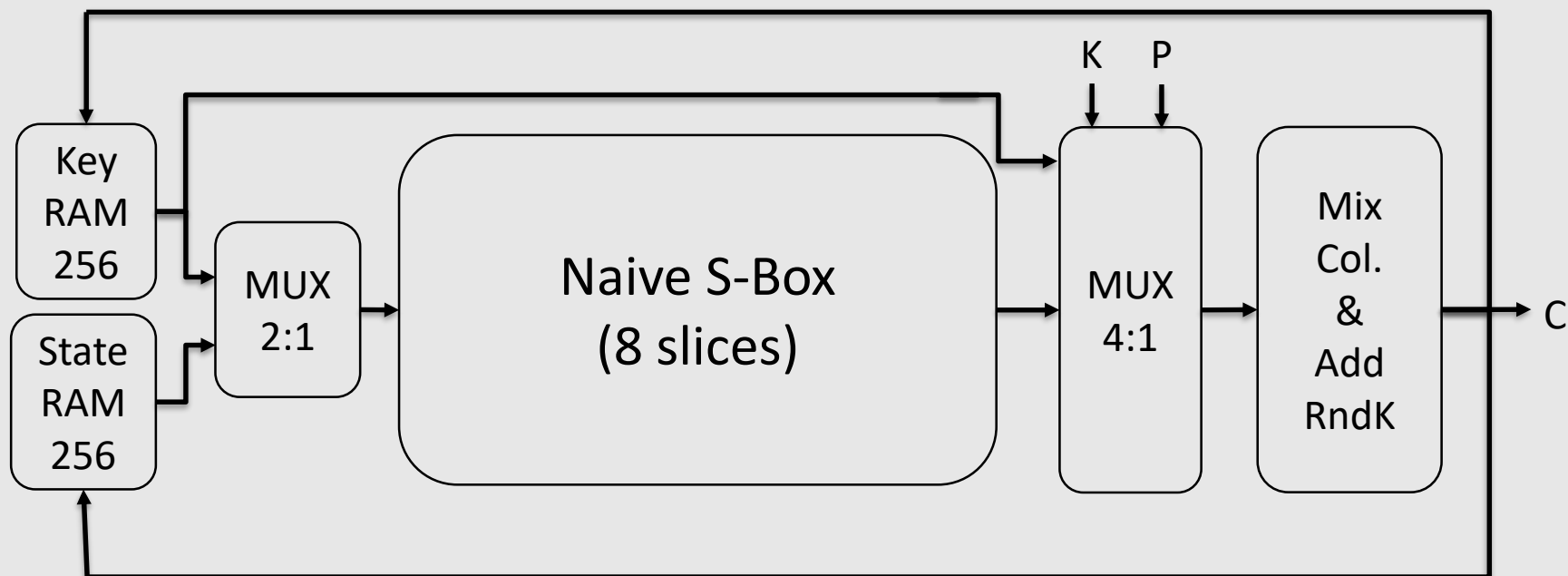
- Transformation to (p2n) and from (n2p) normal basis
- Occupies 4 slices:
16LUTs / 15Regs
- Latency: 8 cycles



First Design: Improve smallest FPGA-specific AES

Former record by Sasdrich *et al.*¹

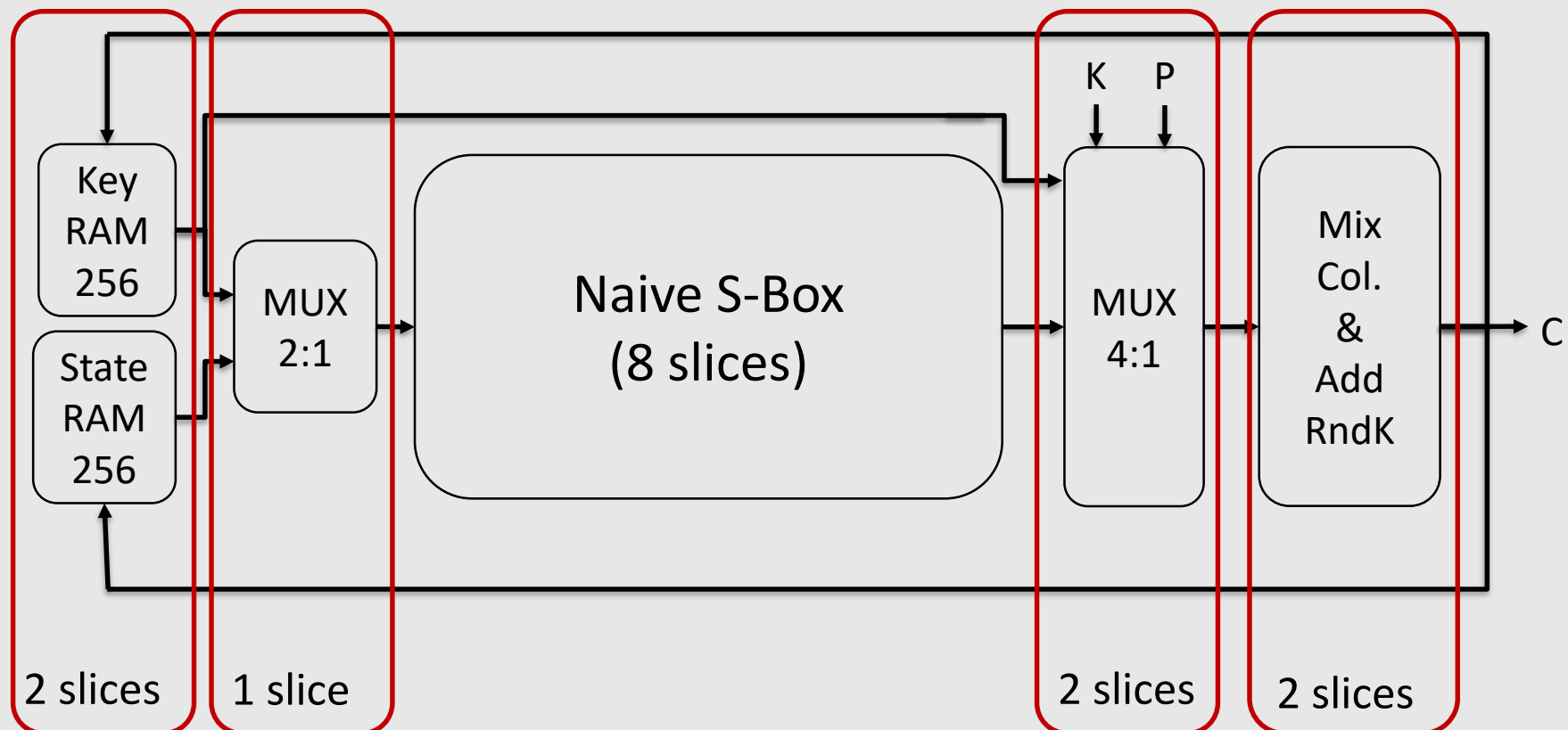
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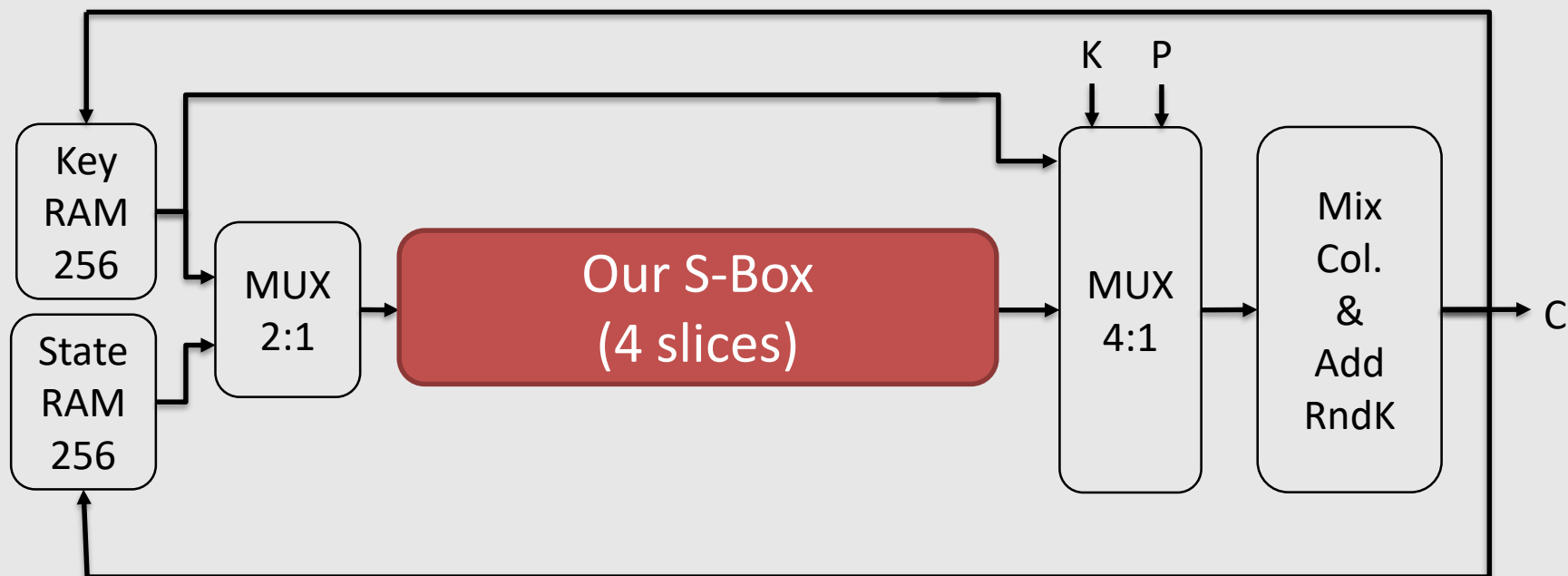
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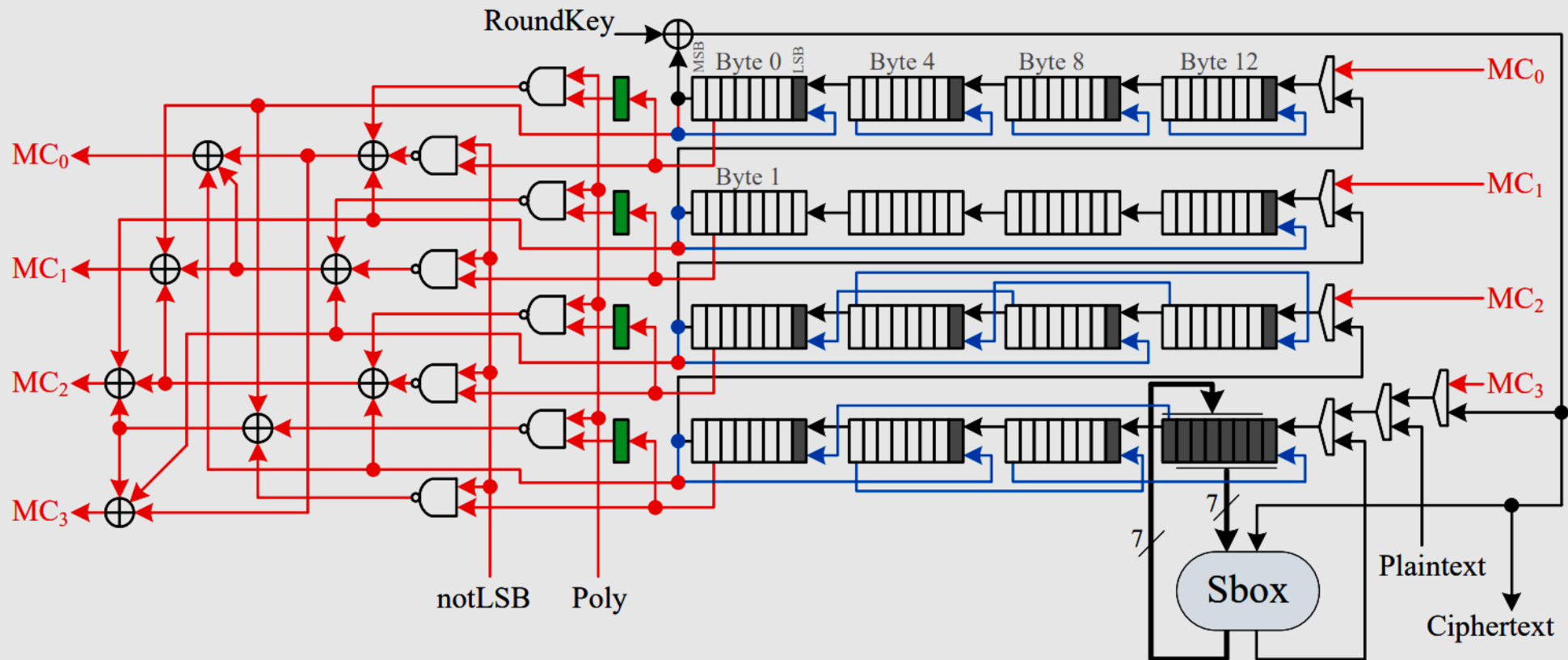
Total design: 17 slices

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Second Design: Port smallest AES on ASICs to FPGAs

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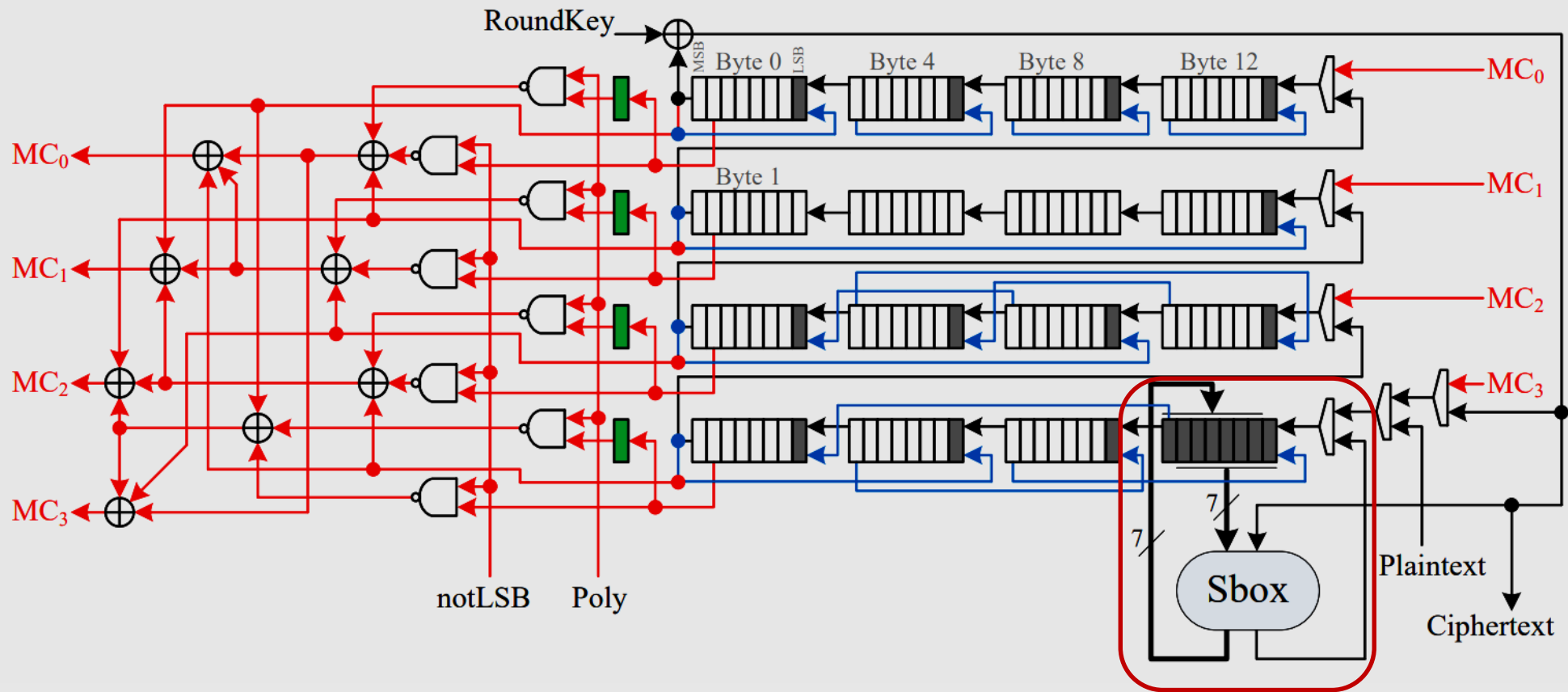
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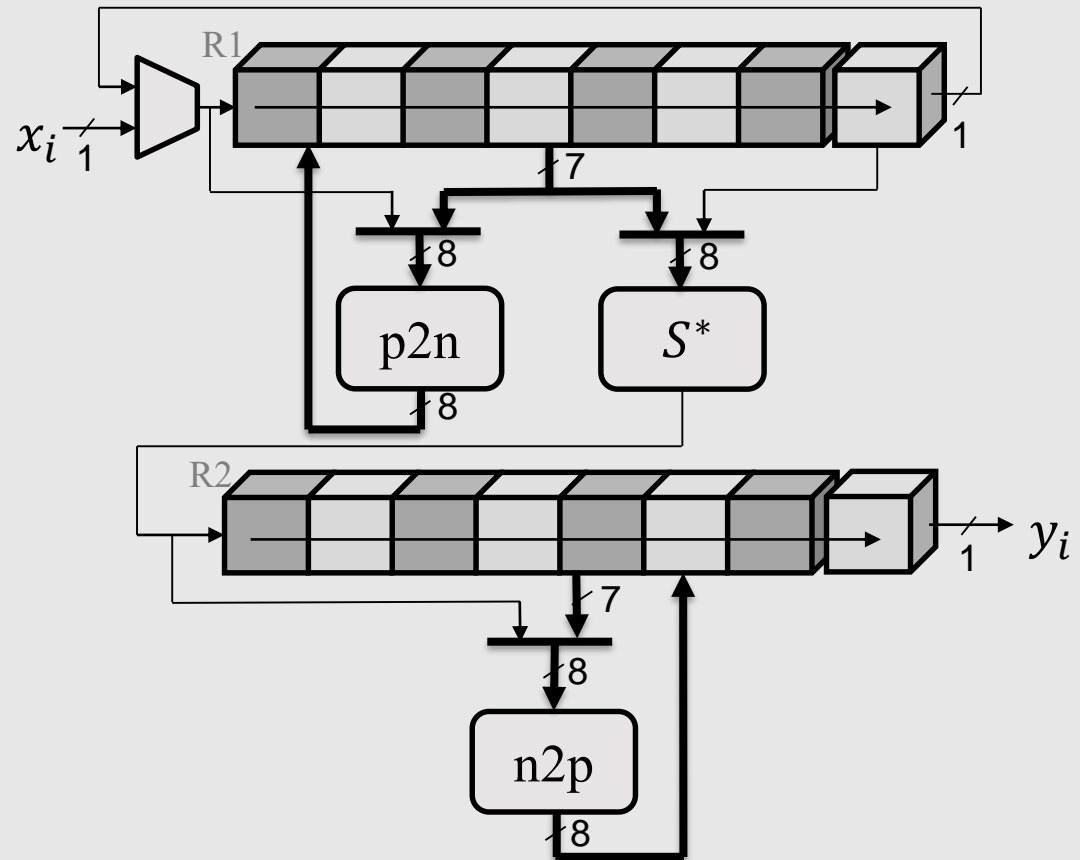
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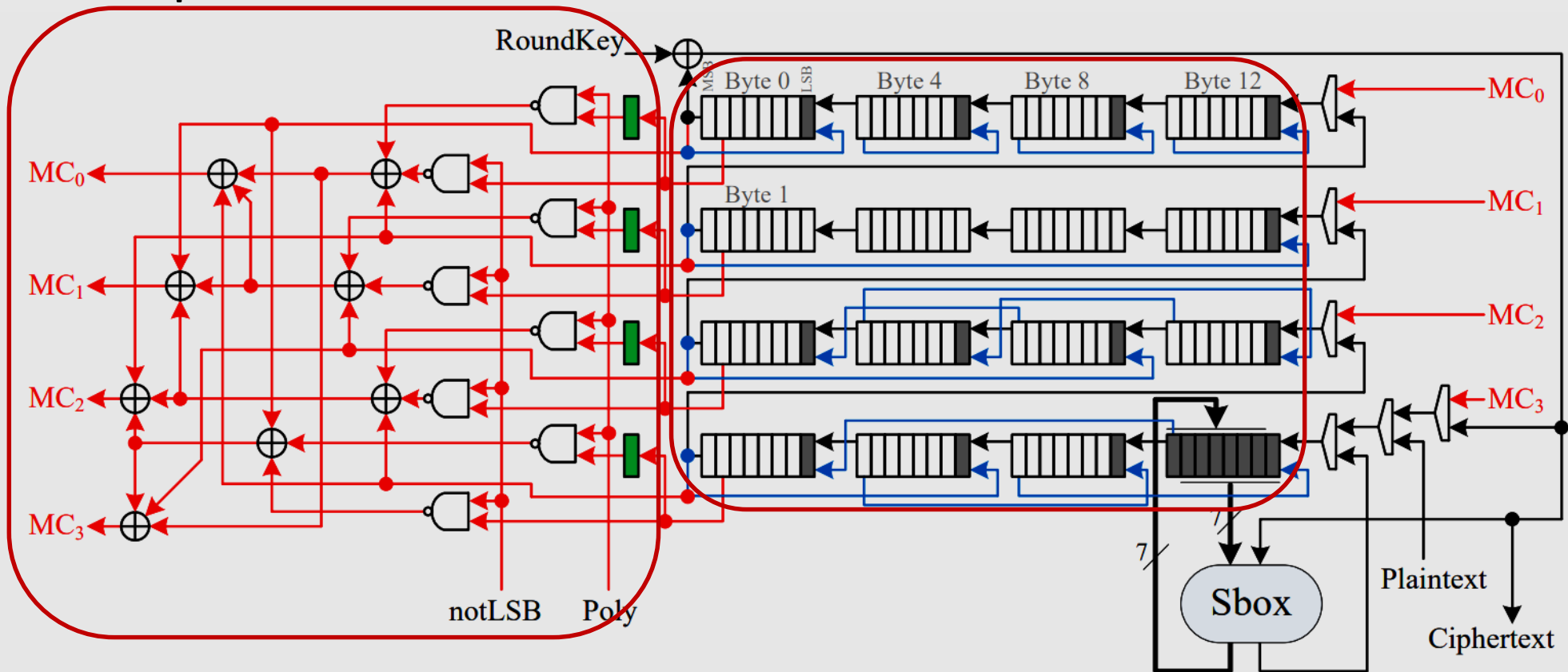
Fully-bitserial S-box

- Bitserial in-/output
- Area: 4 slices:
16 LUTs, 16 Regs
- Latency: 16 Cycles



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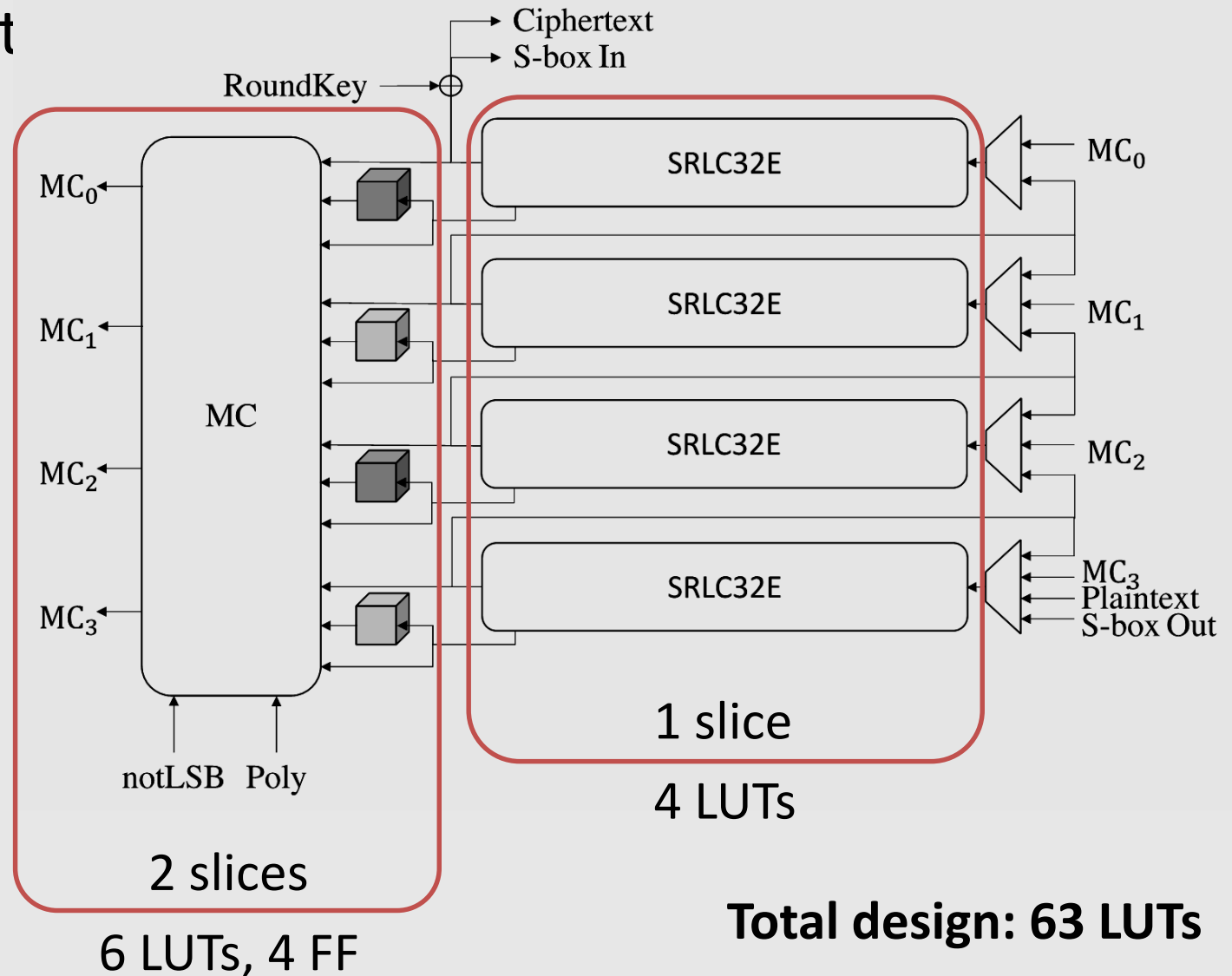
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Bitsliding on an FPGA

- 4 LUTs as 32-bit shift registers
- Shiftrows:
32 cycles
- Mixcolumns:
32 cycles



Comparison

Design	# LUTs	# Flipflops	# Slices	#Clockcyc.	Max. Freq.
Sasdrich <i>et al.</i> [SG16]	84	24	21	1471	108 Mhz
Our AES based on [SG16]	68	39	17	5538	109 Mhz
Our AES based on [JMPS17]	63	38	19	4852	155 Mhz

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Third Design: Smallest First-order secure AES on FPGAs

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Masking

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- **Solution: Our Heuristic**
Split function G into parts: G^A, G^B, G^C
2 input shares / 8 output shares each

(Details in the paper)

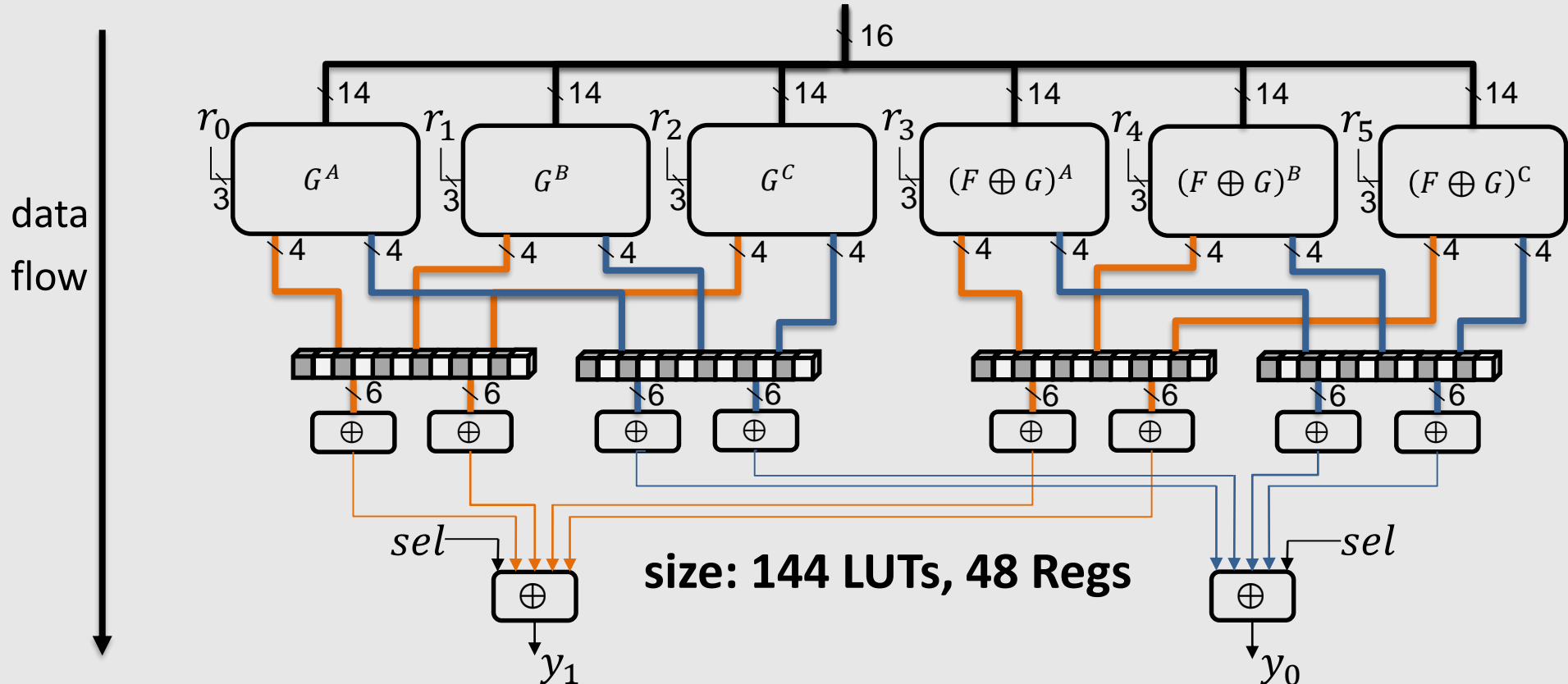
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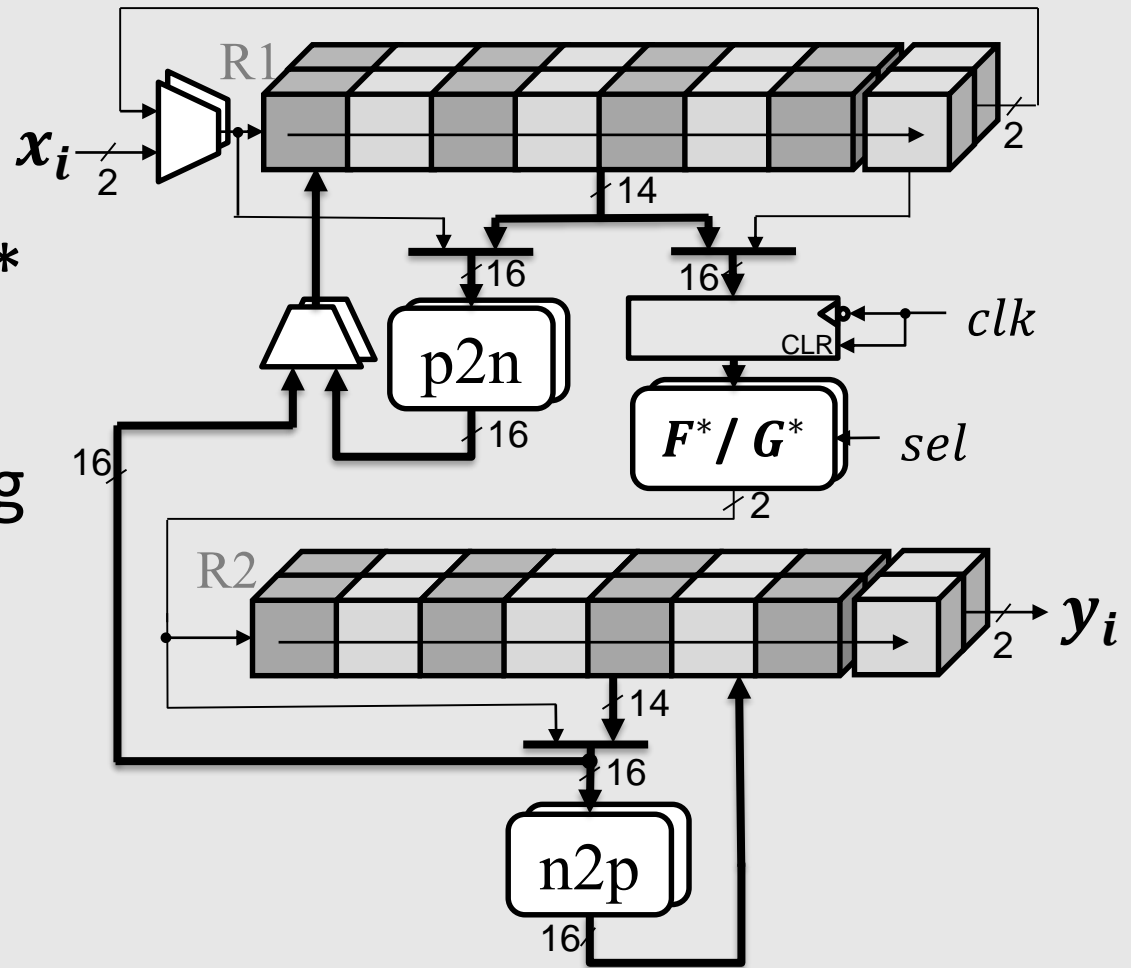
Non-complete realization of F^*/G^*

- 18 bits of randomness / cycle
- Dependence on only 14 bits each reduces area



Two-share S-box

- First-order secure design
- Clear register to F^*/G^* on negative edge
- Area: 182 LUTs, 96 Reg
- Latency: 26 cycles

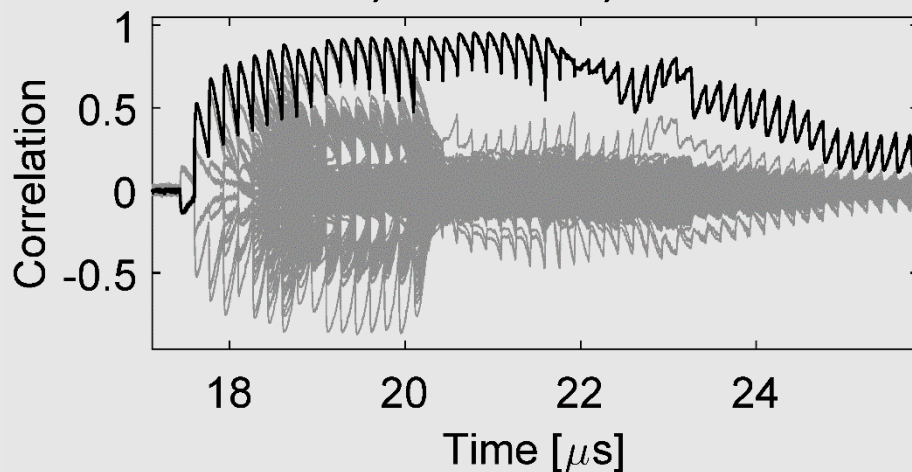


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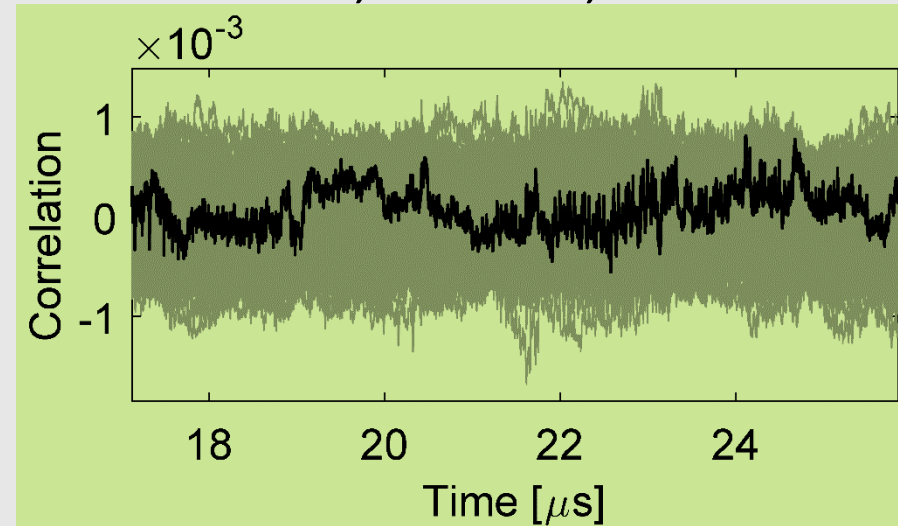


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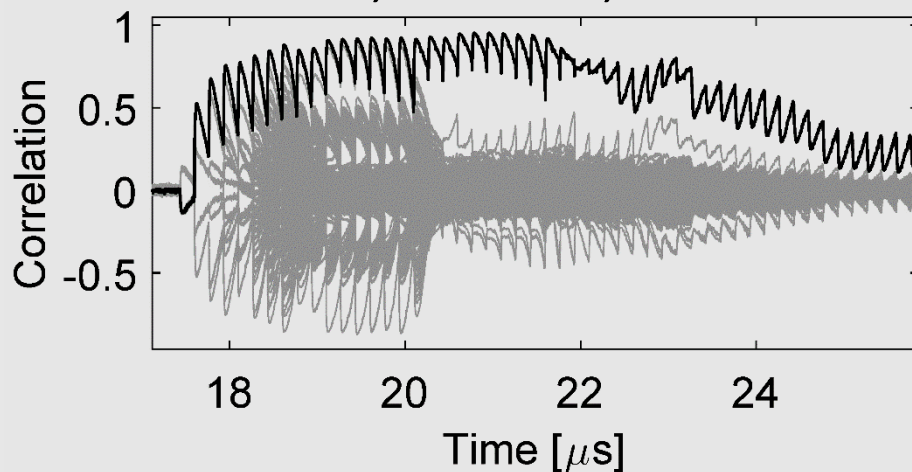
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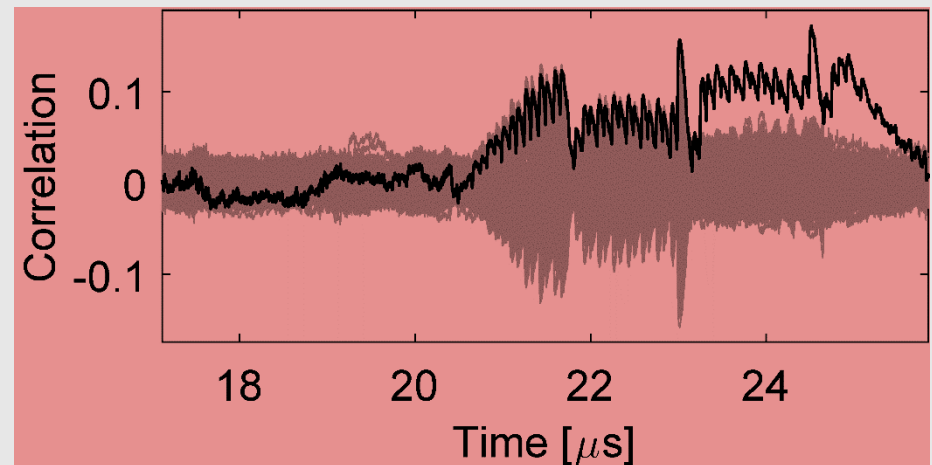
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Comparison: First-order secure Designs

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Bilgin et al. [BGN+15]	1198	611	475	246	32	127 MHz
Gross et al [GMK17]	595	734	366	246	18	103 MHz
Cnudde et al [CRB+16]	1191	642	553	275	54	181 MHz
This work	293	124	162	6852	18	103 MHz

[BGN+15] Bilgin, Gierlichs, Nikova, Nikov, Rijmen. *Trade-offs for threshold implementations illustrated on AES*. IEEE TCAD 2015.

[GMK17] Groß, Mangard, Korak. *An efficient side-channel protected AES implementation with arbitrary protection order*. CT-RSA 2017

[CRB+16] De Cnudde, Reparaz, Bilgin, Nikova, Nikov, Rijmen. *Masking AES with $d+1$ shares in hardware*. CHES 2016

Summary

This presentation:

- New size-record for FPGA-specific AES
- Smallest first-order secure AES on FPGA devices

Further contributions in the paper:

- Latency optimizations for the Sasdrich *et al.* design
- New heuristic to mask Boolean functions with $d + 1$ Shares



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