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Bit-Sliding: A Generic Technique for Bit-Serial Implementations of SPN-based Primitives

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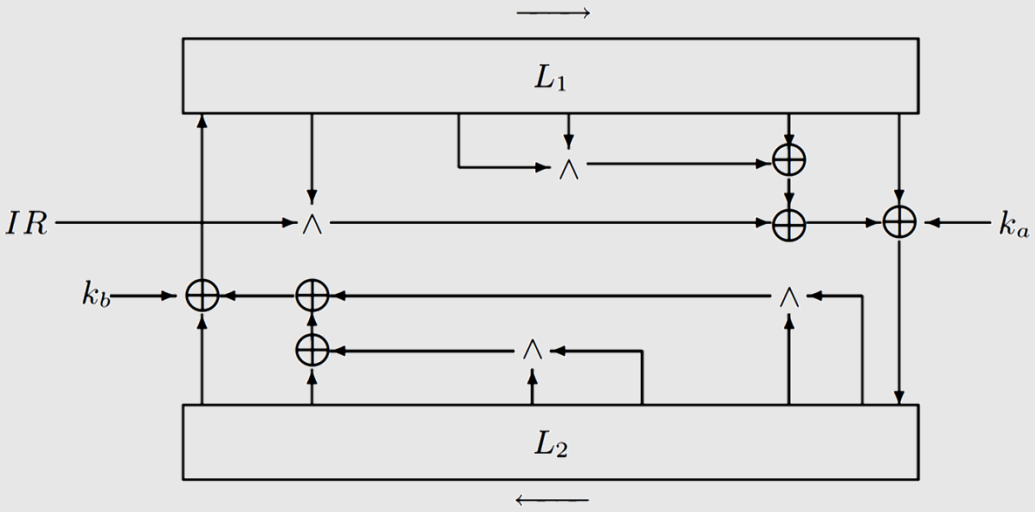

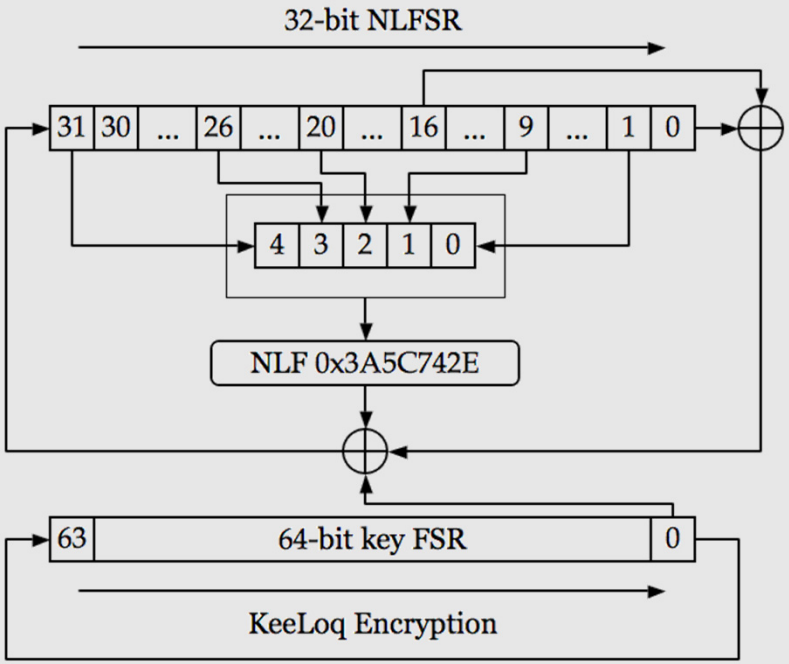

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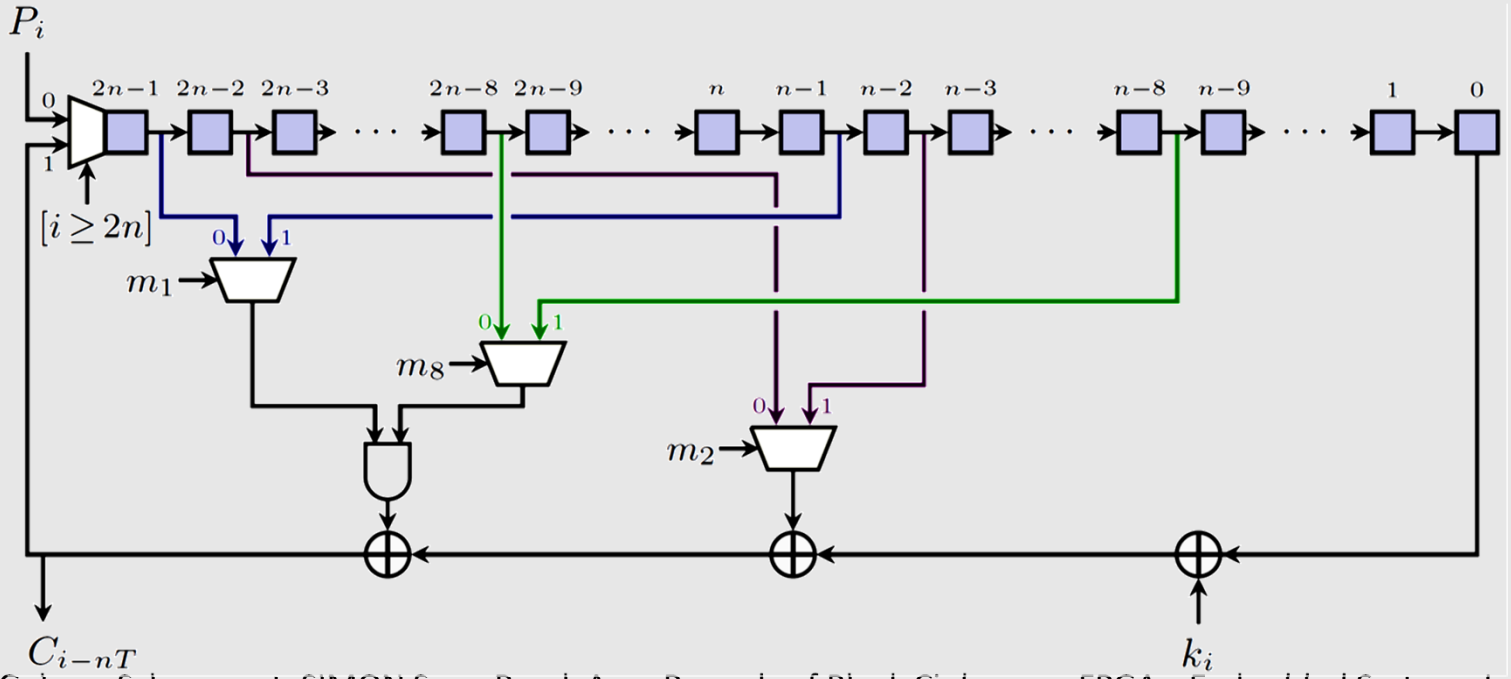

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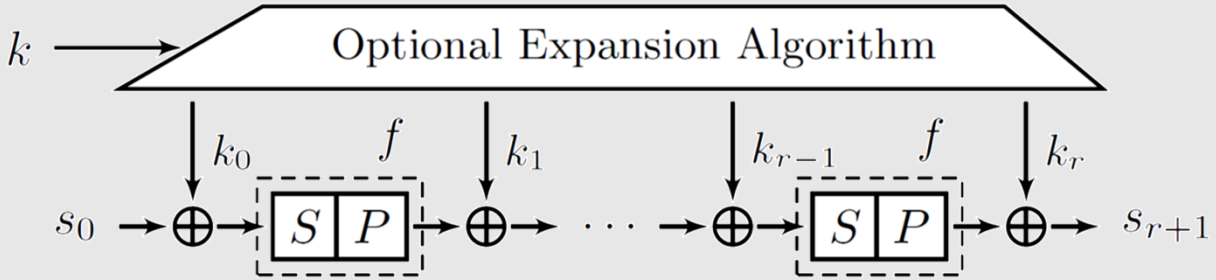

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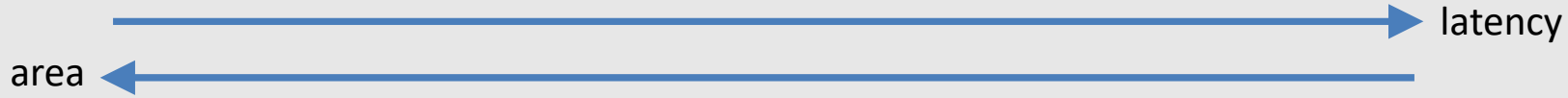
SPN & Implementation Trade-offs

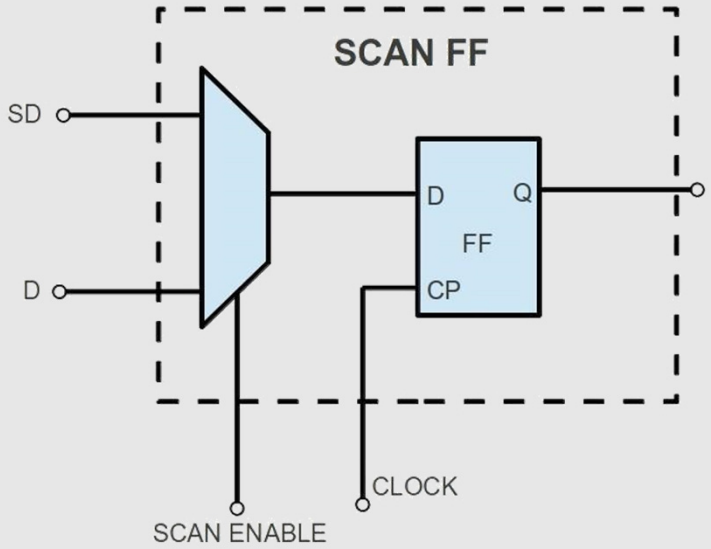
- fully unrolled … pipeline … round-based … serial



- lightweight cryptography (smallest footprint): **serial** arch.
  - s-bit Sbox and l-bit linear function
    - s-bit data path, l a multiple of s (s-bit serial implementation)
  - PRESENT, LED, Klein, …: 4-bit serial
  - AES: 8-bit serial
  - enables to employ scan flip-flops

Scan Flip-flop

- developed & used in scan chain for testing purposes
- operates as (but smaller than) a MUX + D-FF



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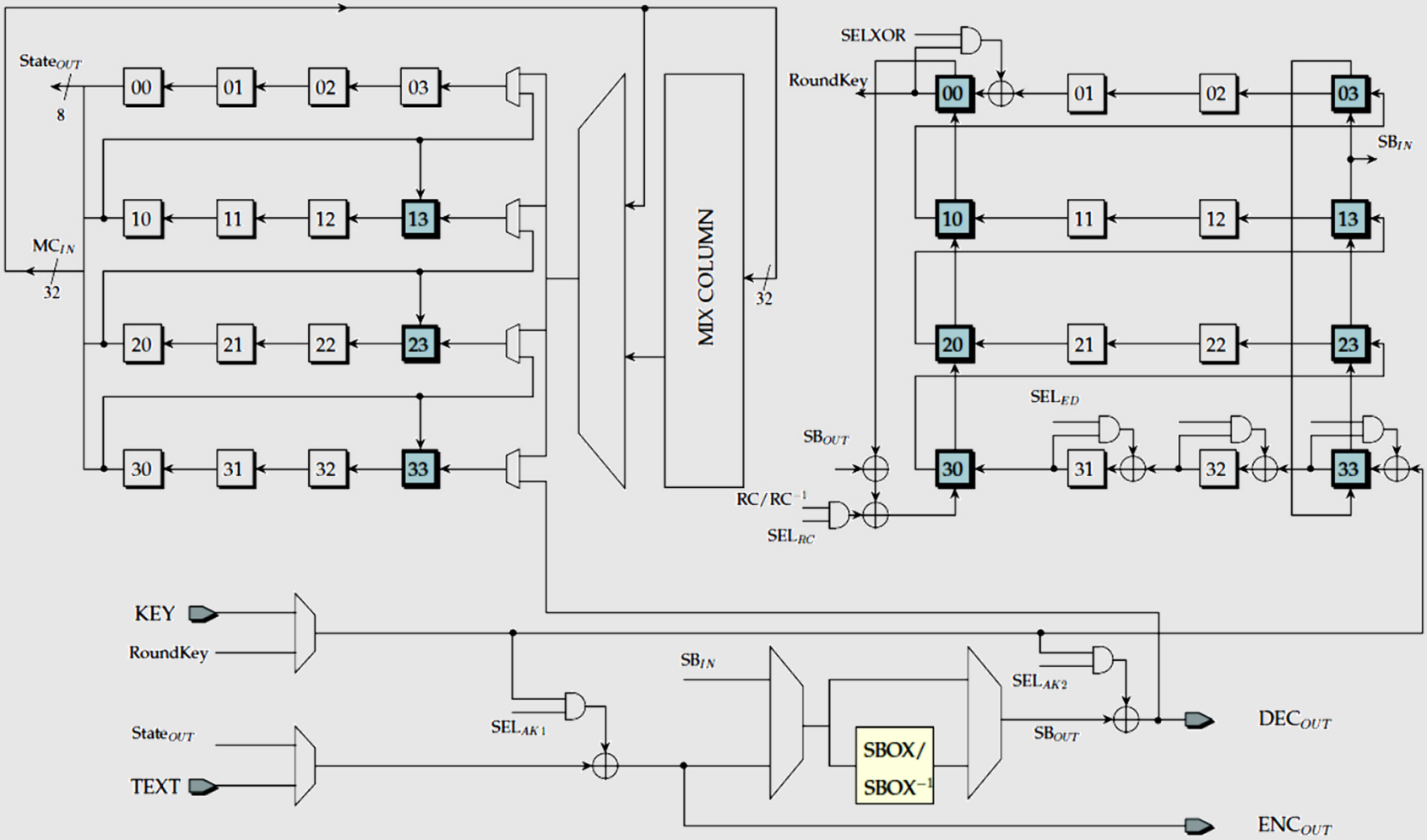
	GE	GE	GE	GE	GE
1-bit D FF	4.67	5.00	4.25	5.67	4.25
1-bit Scan FF	6.00	6.25	5.75	7.67	5.50

MUX ≈ 2.33 GE

GE: Gate Equivalence: area of a NAND gate

Smallest Known Serial AES, Atomic AES v2.0



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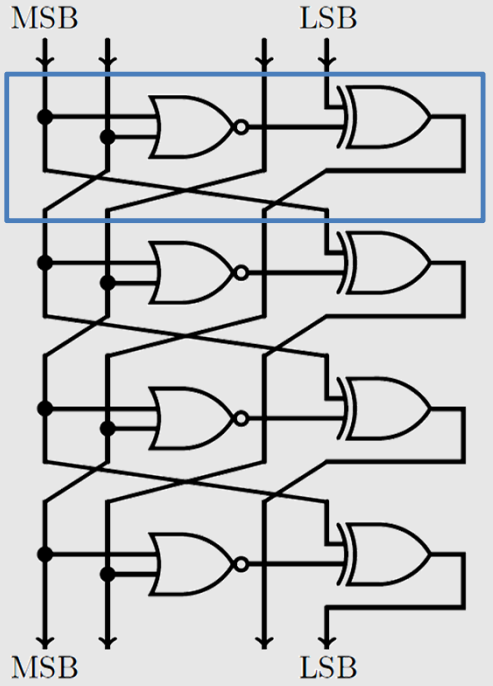
Atomic AES v2.0

- supports both ENC & DEC
- clock gating for each row (due to ShiftRows & ShiftRows^{-1})
- 3 $\times$ 8-bit scan FF(state) + 8 $\times$ 8-bit scan FF(key): 88 scan FF
- $MC^{-1}(x) = MC(MC(MC(x)))$
- Canright Sbox (supporting $Sbox^{-1}$)
- 2060 GE (STM 90nm)
  - 246 clock cycles ENC
  - 326 clock cycles DEC

Bit-Sliding

- use as many as possible regular FF, use less scan FF
- almost all register cells always shift (regular FF)
  - a few have multiple inputs (scan FF)
- challenge 1: s-bit Sbox
  - easy for PICCOLO & SKINNY Sboxes
  - how about AES, PRESENT, …?
    - no way (yet) than using the Sbox in parallel
- challenge 2: permutation
  - ad hoc, easy for AES, hard for PRESENT



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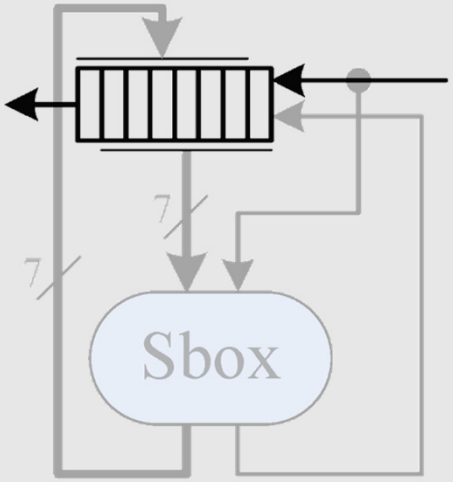

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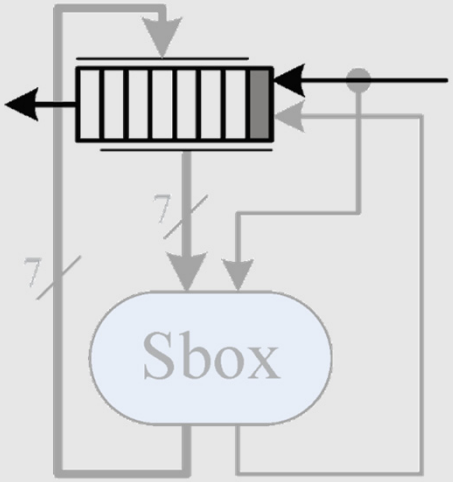

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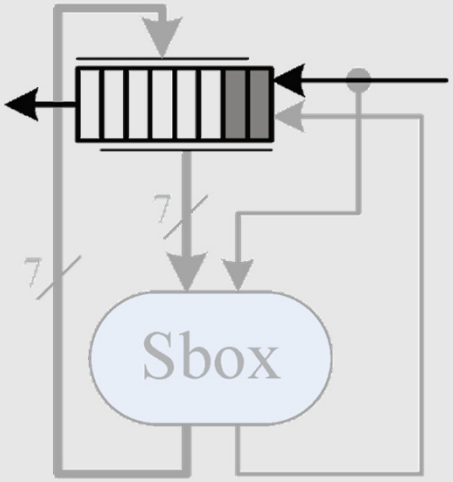

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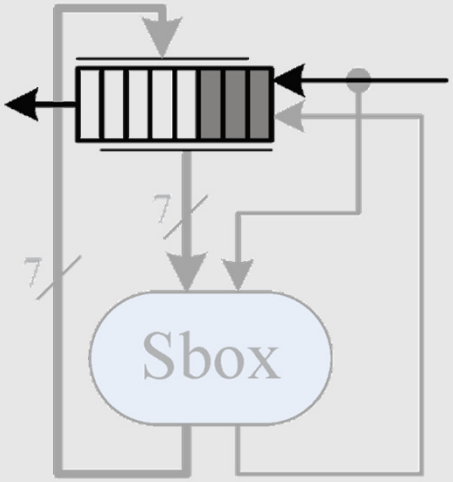

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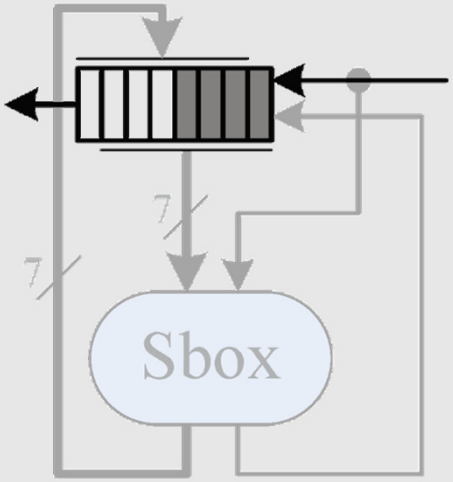

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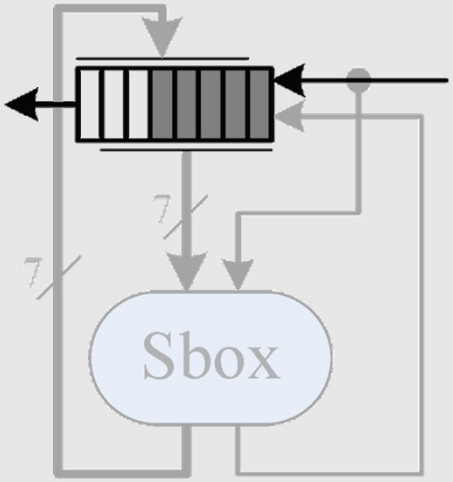

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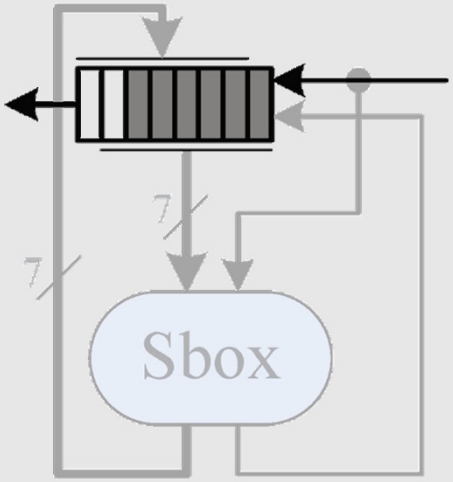

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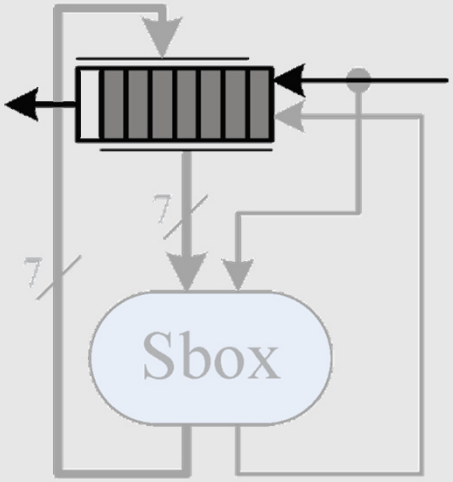

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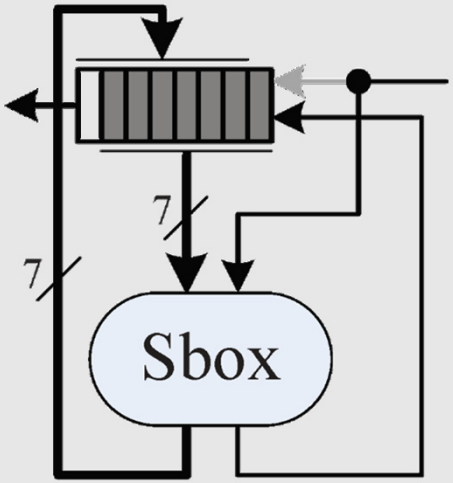

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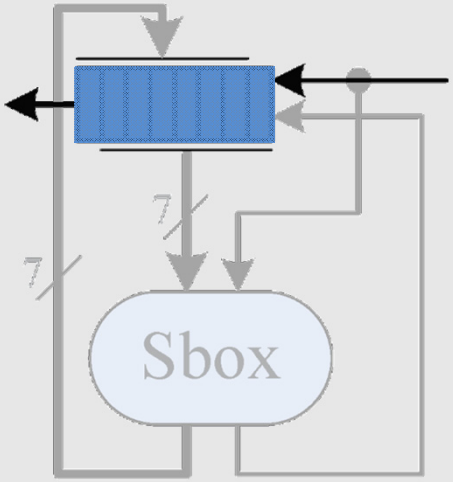

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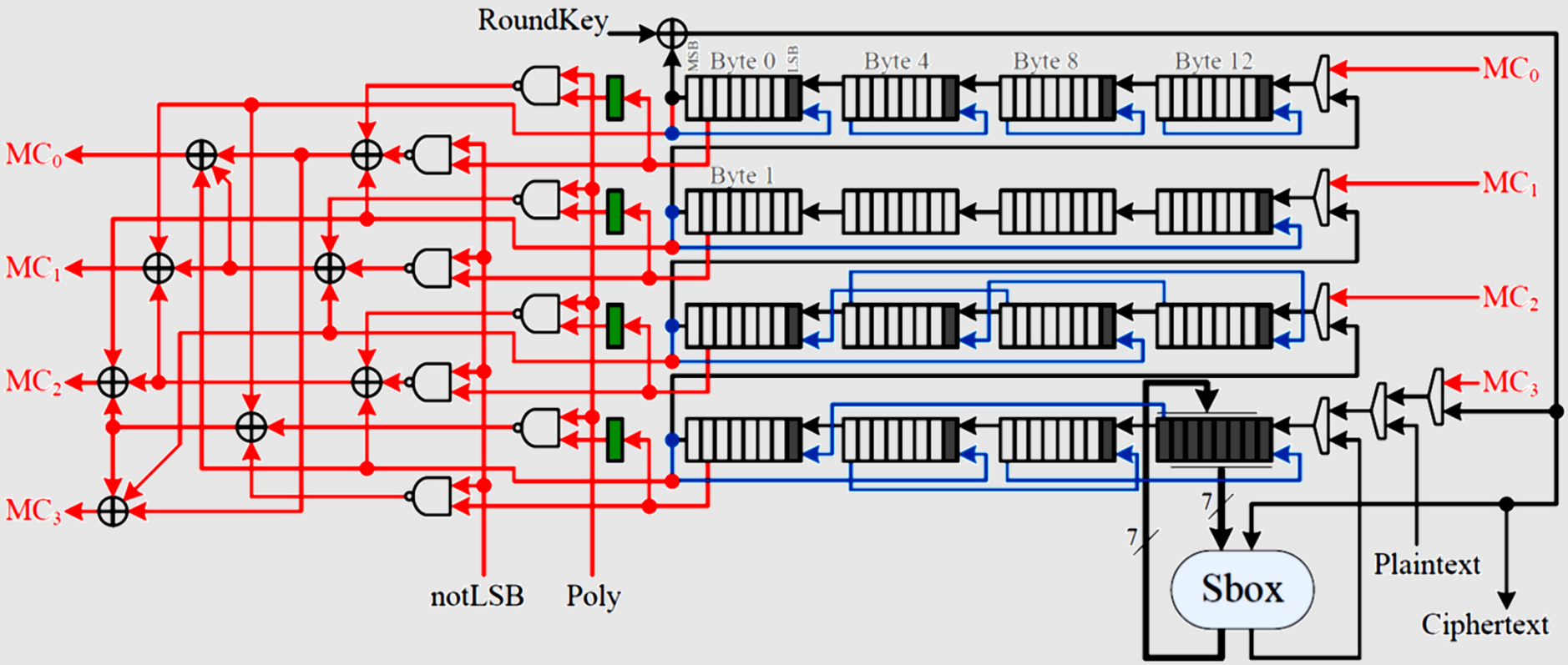

- 20 scan FF (state)
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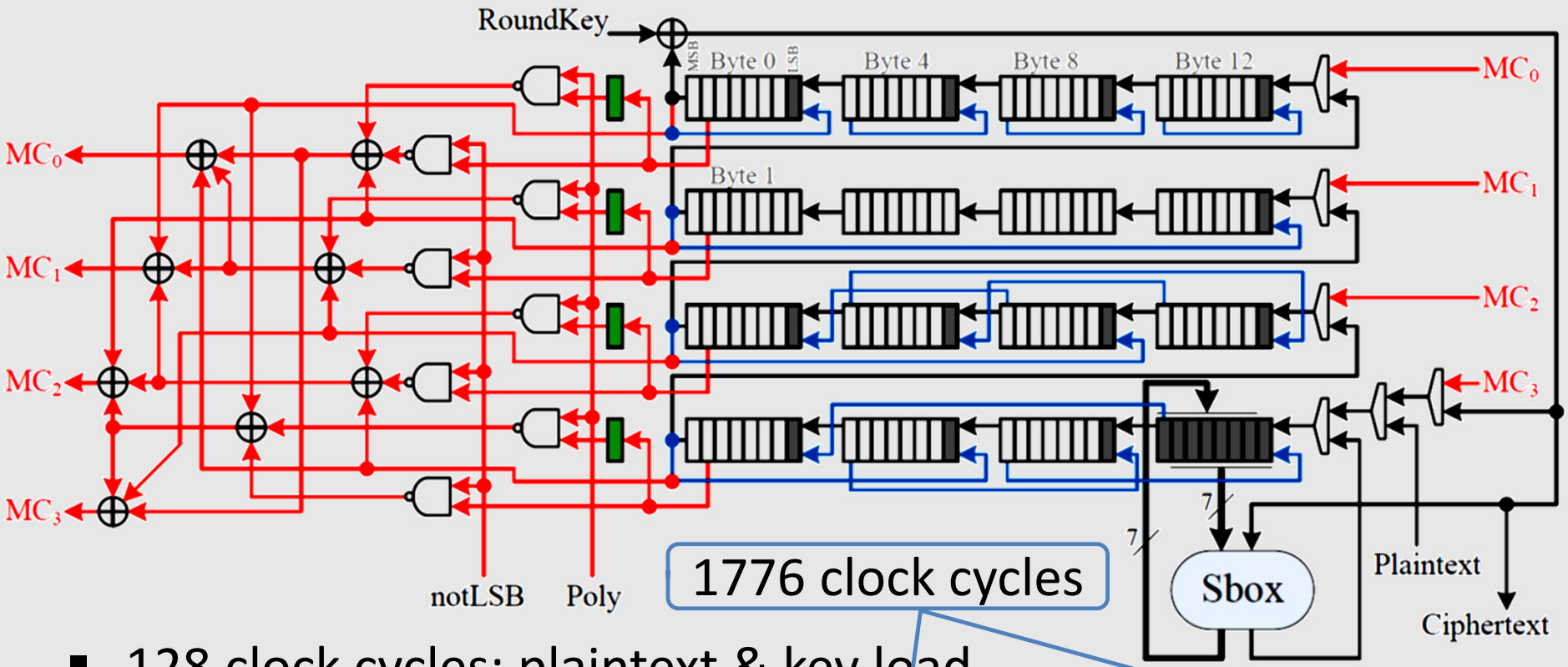

1776 clock cycles

- 128 clock cycles: plaintext & key load
- 128 clock cycles: AddKey & SubBytes
- 8 clock cycles: ShiftRows 32 clock cycles: MixColumns

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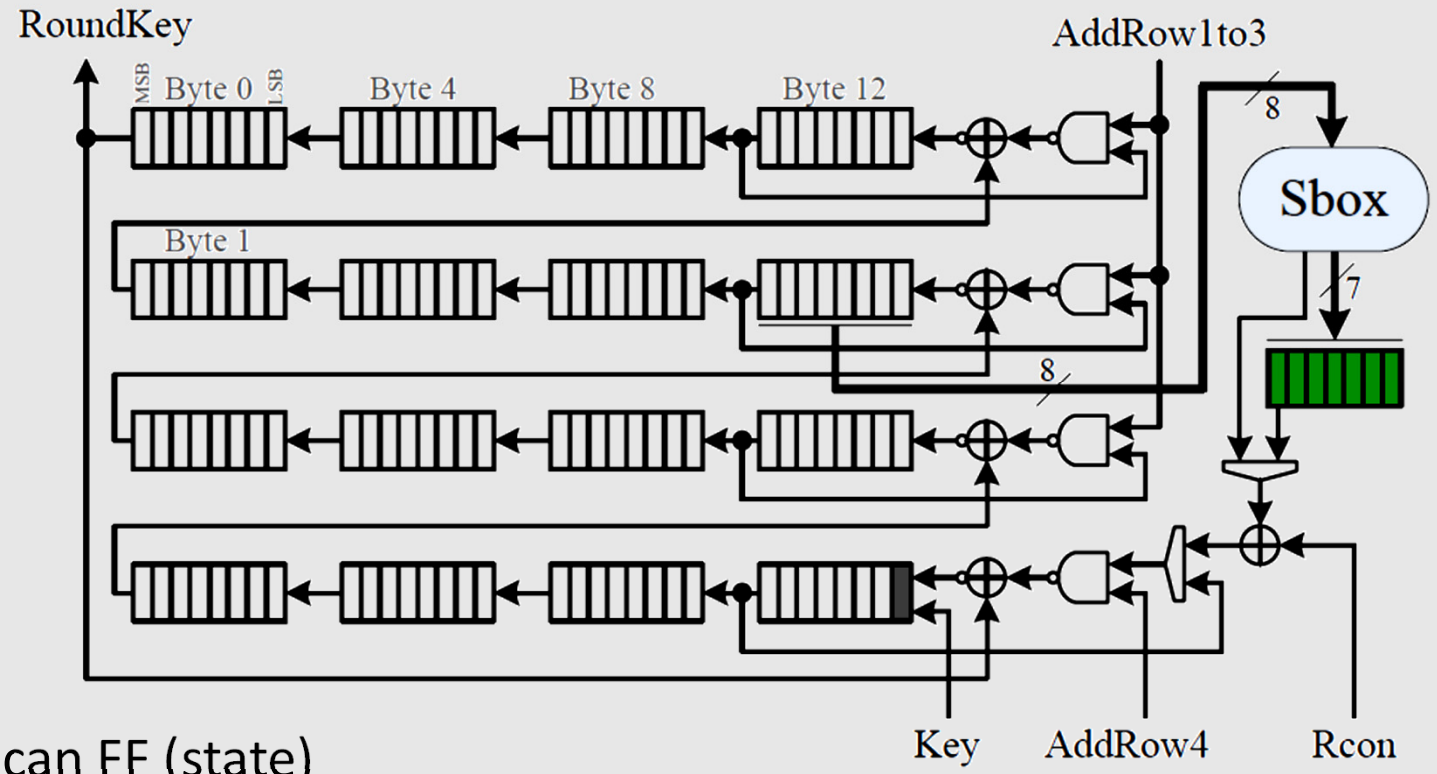

- 1 scan FF (state)
- 1 clock gating
- 7 extra FF (shared with MC)
- the largest difference compared to state of the art

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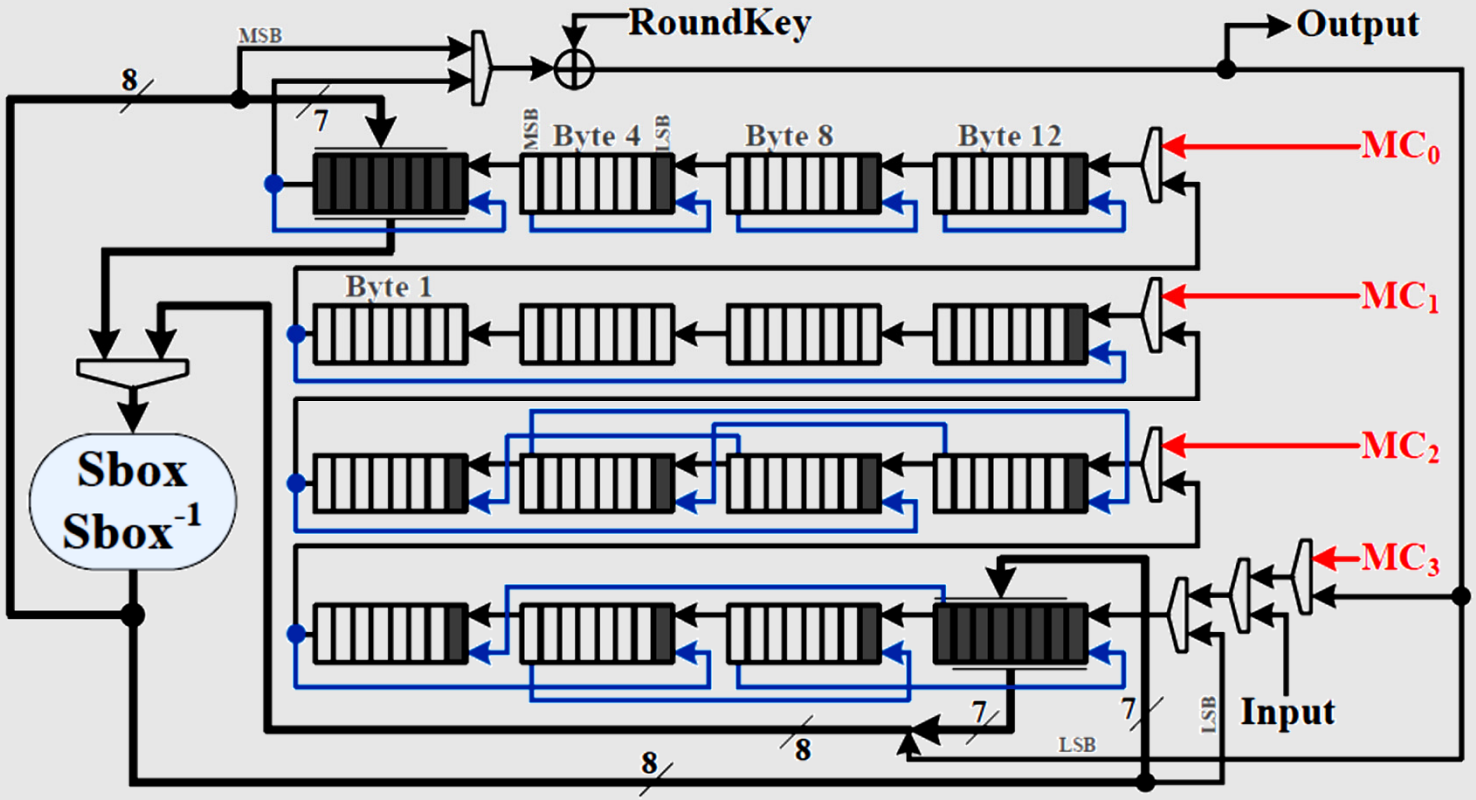

- 27 scan FF (state) + 1 scan FF (key)
- no clock gating, no enable signal
- $MC^{-1}=MC^{3}$, $SR^{-1}=SR^{3}$ (no extra logic)

Results (AES-128)

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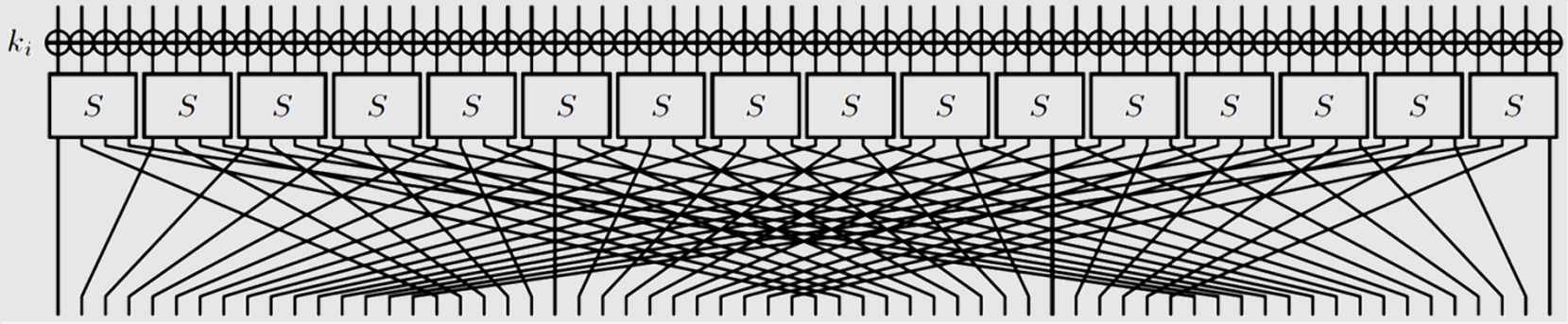

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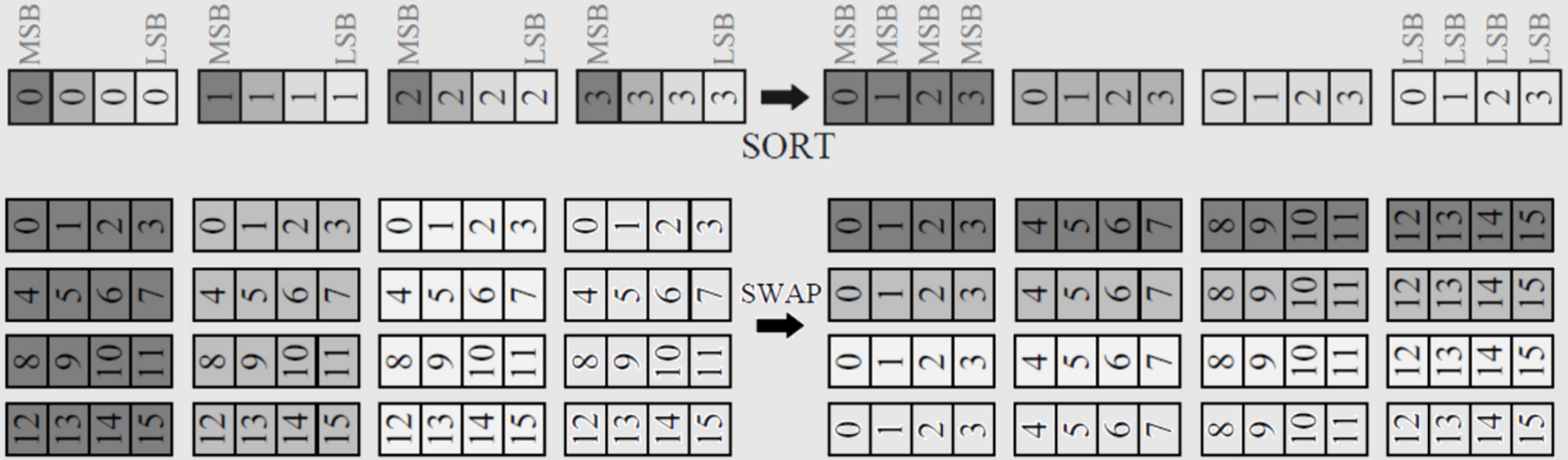

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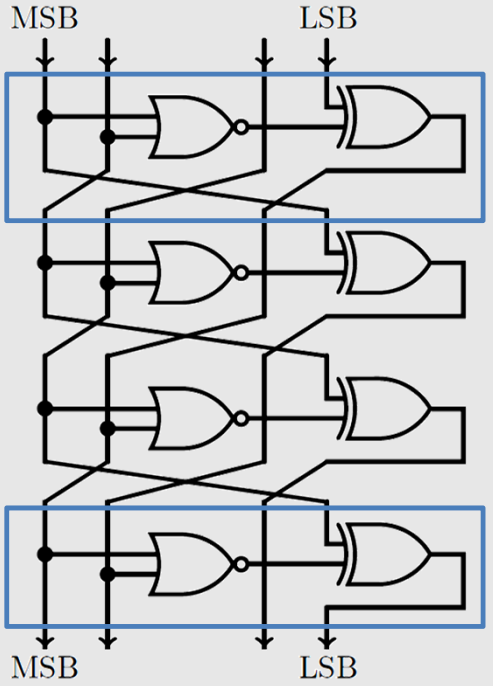
Skinny

- first glance: iterative Sbox construction helps
- reality: the parallel technique still better
  - not fully iterative (last round different)
  - Sbox itself small
  - Bit-serial already slow
    - becomes almost 4 times slower
- the same for 8-bit variant



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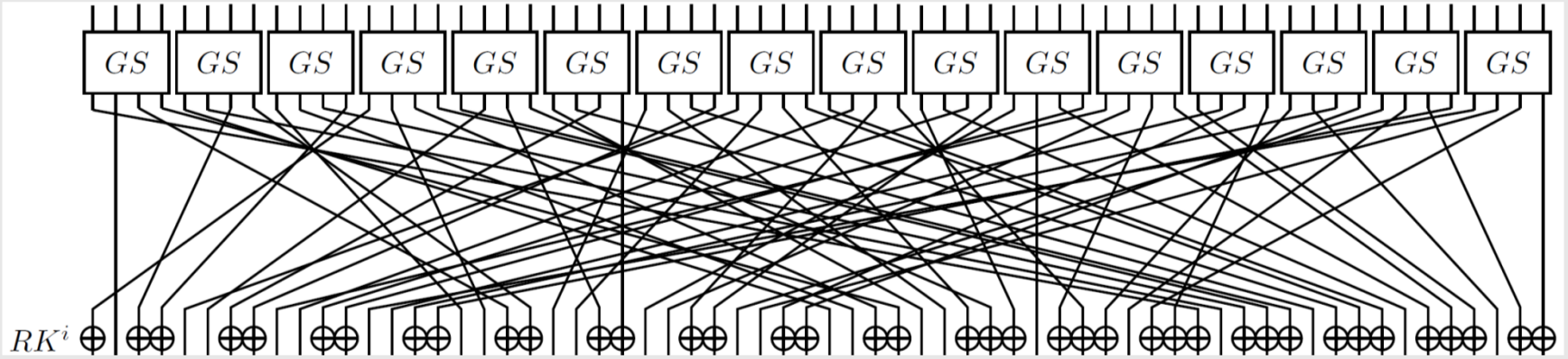

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