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Modified Architecture Design for General CSLA

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ABSTRACT: Carry Select Adder (CSLA) which provides one of the fastest adding performance. From the structure of the CSLA, it is clear that there is scope for reducing the area and power consumption in the CSLA. Recently a new CSLA adder has been proposed which performs fast addition, while maintaining low power consumption and less area. This work uses a simple and efficient gate-level modification Based on this modification 8-, 16-, 32-, and 64-b square-root CSLA (SQRT CSLA) architecture have been developed and compared with the regular SQRT CSLA architecture. This work mainly focuses on implementing the 128 bit low power and area efficient carry select adder. The proposed design has reduced area and power as compared with the regular SQRT CSLA with only a slight increase in the delay. This work evaluates the performance of the proposed designs in terms of delay, area, power, and their products by hand with logical effort and through custom design and layout in 0.18- μ m CMOS process technology. The results analysis shows that the proposed CSLA structure is better than the regular SQRT CSLA. The proposed design has been developed using verilog HDL. synthesized and simulated using Xilinx ISE Simulator and verification is done using modelsim.

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I. INTRODUCTION

When we draw a block diagram or circuit diagram we define an input or output. However fast hardware is the gates or other things we have inside the circuit there will be a finite delay in the transmission of a signals this time is defined as propagation delay, of course depends on the length of the signal path as soon as the gates start switches transmission starts. When we want to design the fast circuit or fast system naturally we have to go for some solutions. And also the Design of area- and power-efficient high-speed data path logic systems are one of the most substantial areas of research in VLSI system design. In digital adders, the speed of addition is limited by the time required to propagate a carry through the adder. The sum for each bit position in an elementary adder is generated sequentially only after the previous bit position has been summed and a carry propagated into the next position.

The CSLA is used in many computational systems to alleviate the problem of carry propagation delay by independently generating multiple carries and then select a carry to generate the sum . However, the CSLA is not area efficient because it uses multiple pairs of Ripple Carry Adders (RCA) to generate partial sum and carry by considering carry input $C_{in}=1$ and $C_{in}=0$ then the final sum and carry are selected by the multiplexers (mux).

The basic idea of this work is to use Binary to Excess-1 Converter (BEC) instead of RCA with $C_{in}=1$ in the regular CSLA to achieve lower area and power consumption [2]–[4]. The main advantage of this BEC logic comes from the lesser number of logic gates than the n-bit Full Adder (FA) structure. The details of the BEC logic are discussed in Section III.

This brief is structured as follows. Section II deals with the delay and area evaluation methodology of the basic adder blocks. Section III presents the detailed structure and the function of the BEC logic. The SQRT CSLA has been chosen for comparison with the proposed design as it has a more balanced delay, and requires lower power and area. The delay and area evaluation methodology of the regular and modified SQRT CSLA are presented in Sections IV and V,

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respectively. The ASIC implementation details and results are analyzed in Section VI. Finally, the work is concluded in Section VII.

II. DELAY AND AREA EVALUATION METHODOLOGY OF THE BASIC ADDER BLOCKS

The AND, OR, and Inverter (AOI) implementation of an XOR gate is shown in Fig. 1. The gates between the dotted lines are performing the operations in parallel and the numeric representation of each gate indicates the delay contributed by that gate.

The delay and area evaluation methodology considers all gates to be made up of AND, OR, and Inverter, each having delay equal to 1 unit and area equal to 1 unit. We then add up the number of gates in the longest path of a logic block that contributes to the maximum delay. The area evaluation is done by counting the total number of AOI gates required for each logic block. Based on this approach, the CSLA adder blocks of 2:1 mux, Half Adder (HA), and FA are evaluated and listed in Table I.

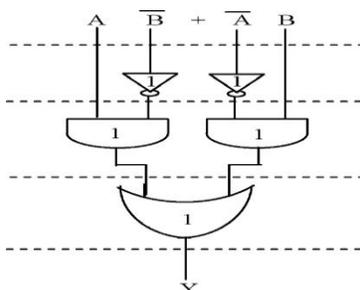


Fig. 1. Delay and Area evaluation of an XOR gate.

Adder blocks	Delay	Area
XOR	3	5
2:1 Mux	3	4
Half adder	3	6
Full adder	6	13

Table I.: Delay and Area Count

III. BEC

As stated above the main idea of this work is to use BEC instead of the RCA with $C_{in}=1$ in order to reduce the area and power consumption of the regular CSLA. To replace the n-bit RCA, an n+1-bit BEC is required. A structure of a 6-b BEC are shown in Fig. 2 .

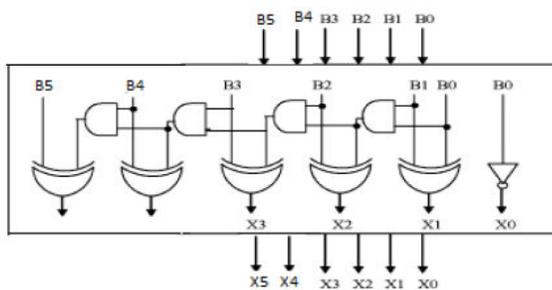


Fig. 2: 6-b BEC

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Fig. 3 illustrates how the basic function of the CSLA is obtained by using the 6-bit BEC together with the mux. One input of the 12:6 mux gets as it input (B5,B4,B3, B2, B1, and B0) and another input of the mux is the BEC output. This produces the two possible partial results in parallel and the mux is used to select either the BEC output or the direct inputs according to the control signal Cin. The importance of the BEC logic stems from the large silicon area reduction when the CSLA with large number of bits are designed. The Boolean expressions of the 6-bit BEC is listed as (note the functional symbols ~ NOT,&AND,^XOR)

$$X0 = \sim B0$$

$$X1 = B0 \wedge B1$$

$$X2 = B2 \wedge (B0 \& B1)$$

$$X3 = B3 \wedge (B0 \& B1 \& B2)$$

$$X4 = B4 \wedge (B0 \& B1 \& B2 \& B3)$$

$$X5 = B5 \wedge (B0 \& B1 \& B2 \& B3 \& B4).$$

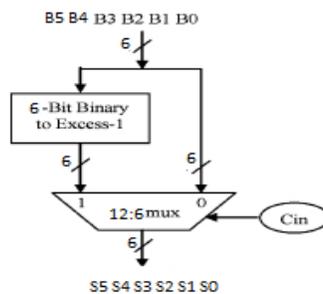


Fig.3, 6-b BEC with 12:6 mux.

IV. DELAY AND AREA EVALUATION METHODOLOGY OF REGULAR 128-B SQRT CSLA

The structure of the 128-b regular SQRT CSLA is shown in Fig. 4. It has sixteen groups of different size RCA. The delay and area evaluation of first five groups are shown in Fig. 5, in which the numerals within [] specify the delay values, e.g., sum2 requires 10 gate delays. The steps leading to the evaluation are as follows.

- 1) The group2 [see Fig. 5(a)] has two sets of 2-b RCA. Based on the consideration of delay values of Table I, the arrival time of selection input c1[time(t)=7] of 6:3 mux is earlier than S3[t=8] and later than s2[t =6] Thus, sum3[t = 11] is summation of S3 and MUX[t=3] andSUM2[t=10] is summation of C1 and mux.
- 2) Except for group2, the arrival time of mux selection input is always greater than the arrival time of data outputs from the RCA's. Thus, the delay of group3 to group5 is determined, respectively as follows:
 $\{c6; \text{sum}[6 : 4]\} = c3[t = 10] + \text{mux}$
 $\{c10; \text{sum}[10 : 7]\} = c6[t = 13] + \text{mux}$
 $\{\text{cout}; \text{sum}[15 : 11]\} = c10[t = 16] + \text{mux}.$
- 3) The one set of 2-b RCA in group2 has 2 FA for Cin=1 and the other set has 1 FA and 1 HA for Cin=0. Based on the area count of Table I, the total number of gate counts in group2 is determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gate count} &= 57(\text{FA} + \text{HA} + \text{MUX}). \\ \text{FA} &= 39(3 * 13) \\ \text{HA} &= 6(1 * 6) \\ \text{Mux} &= 12(3 * 4) \end{aligned}$$

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4) Similarly, the estimated maximum delay and area of the other groups in the regular SQRT CSLA are evaluated.

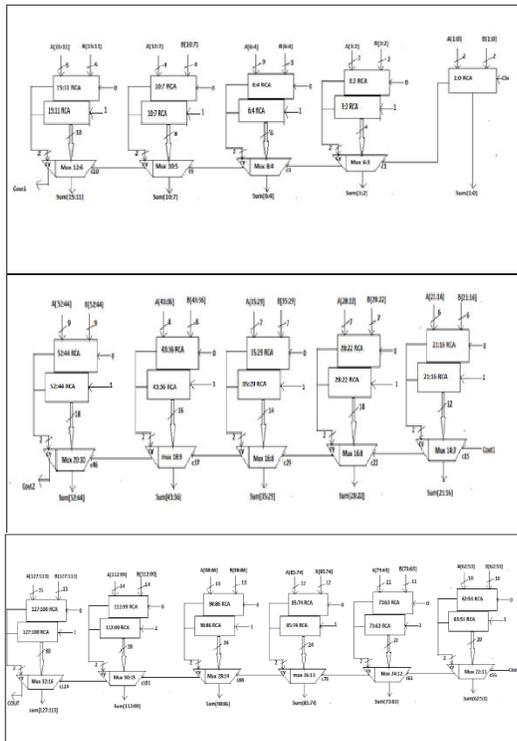


Fig4: 128-bit Regular carry select adder

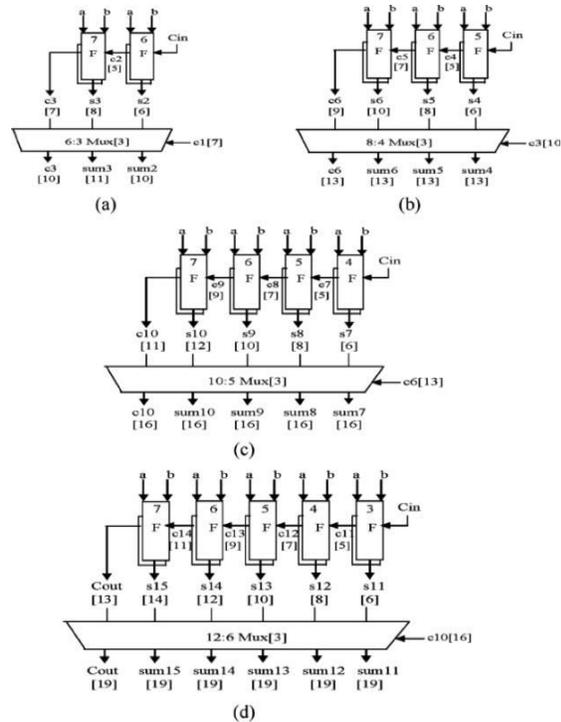


Fig5: Delay and area evaluation of regular SQRT CSLA:(a) group2, (b)group3,(c) group4, and (d) group5. F is a Full Adder.

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V. DELAY AND AREA EVALUATION METHODOLOGY OF MODIFIED 128-B SQRT CSLA

The structure of the proposed 128-b SQRT CSLA using BEC for RCA with $C_{in} = 1$ to optimize the area and power is shown in Fig. 6. We again split the first 16-bits from the structure into five groups. The delay and area estimation of each group are shown in Fig. 7. The steps leading to the evaluation are given here.

1) The group 2 [see Fig. 7(a)] has one 2-b RCA which has 1 FA and 1 HA for $C_{in} = 0$. Instead of another 2-b RCA with $C_{in} = 1$ a 3-b BEC is used which adds one to the output from 2-b RCA.

Based on the consideration of delay values of Table I, the arrival time of selection input $C1[time(t)=7]$ of 6:3 mux is earlier than the $S3[t=9]$ and $C3[t=10]$ and later than the $S2[t=4]$. Thus, the $sum3$ and final $C3$ (output from mux) are depending on $S3$ and mux and partial $C3$ (input to mux) and mux, respectively. The $sum2$ depends on $C1$ and mux.

2) For the remaining group's the arrival time of mux selection input is always greater than the arrival time of data inputs from the BEC's. Thus, the delay of the remaining groups depends on the arrival time of mux selection input and the mux delay.

3) the area count of group 2 is determined as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gate count} &= 43(\text{FA} + \text{HA} + \text{MUX} + \text{BEC}) \\ \text{FA} &= 13(1 * 13) \\ \text{HA} &= 6(1 * 6) \\ \text{AND} &= 1 \\ \text{NOT} &= 1 \\ \text{MUX} &= 12(3 * 4) \\ \text{XOR} &= 10(2 * 5). \end{aligned}$$

4) Similarly, the estimated maximum delay and area of the other groups of the modified SQRT CSLA are evaluated. this SQRT CSLA saves 113 gate areas than the regular SQRT CSLA, with only 11 increases in gate delays. To further evaluate the performance, we have resorted to ASIC implementation and simulation.

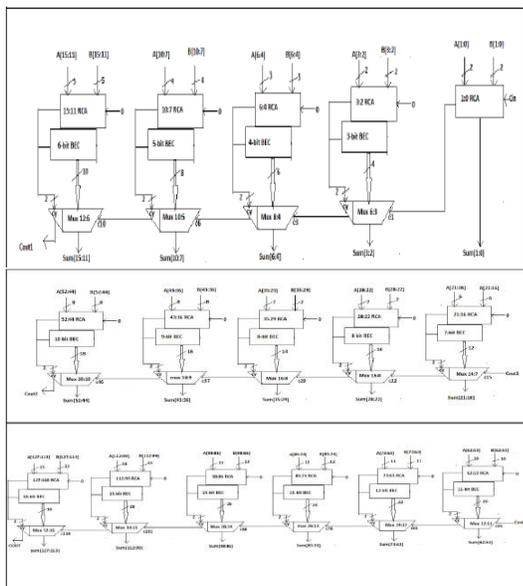


Fig.6: 128-bit modified carry select add

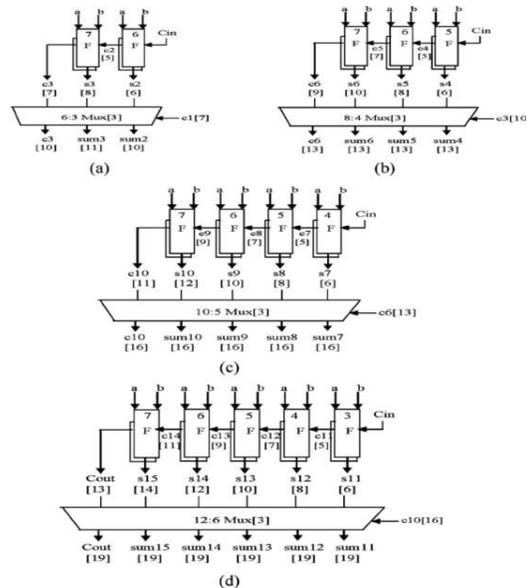


Fig.7. Delay and area evaluation of modified SQRT CSLA: (a) group2, (b) group3, (c) group4, and (d) group5. H is a Half Adder.



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VI. ASIC IMPLEMENTATION RESULTS

The design proposed in this paper has been developed using Verilog- HDL and synthesized in Cadence RTL compiler using typical libraries of TSMC 0.18 um technology. The synthesized Verilog netlist and their respective design constraints file (SDC) are imported to Cadence SoC Encounter and are used to generate automated layout from standard cells and placement and routing [7]. Parasitic extraction is performed using Encounter's Native RC extraction tool and the extracted parasitic RC (SPEF format) is back annotated to Common Timing Engine in Encounter platform for static timing analysis. For each word size of the adder, The similar design flow is followed for both the regular and modified Sqrt CSLA. Table II exhibits the simulation results of both the CSLA structures in terms of delay, area and power. The area indicates the total cell area of the design and the total power is sum of the leakage power, internal power and switching power. The percentage reduction in the cell area, total power, power-delay product and the area-delay product as function of the bit size are shown in Fig. 8(a). Also plotted is the percentage delay overhead in Fig. 8(b). It is clear that the area of the 8-, 16-, 32-, 64-,128-b proposed Sqrt CSLA is reduced by 9.7%, 15%, 16.7%, and 17.4%, respectively. The total power consumed shows a similar trend of increasing reduction in power consumption 7.6%, 10.56%, 13.63%,and 15.46 % with the bit size. Interestingly, the delay overhead also exhibits a similarly decreasing trend with bit size. The delay overhead for the 8, 16, and 32-b is 14%, 9.8%, and 6.7% respectively, whereas for the 64-b it reduces to only 3.76%. The power-delay product of the proposed 8-b is higher than that of the regular Sqrt CSLA by 5.2% and the area-delay product is lower by 2.9%. However, the power-delay product of the proposed 16-b Sqrt CSLA reduces by 1.76% and for the 32-b and 64-b by as much as 8.18%, and 12.28% respectively. Similarly the area-delay product of the proposed design for 16-, 32-, and 64-b is also reduced by 6.7%, 11%, and 14.4% respectively .

Group	Delay of SSB CSLA	Delay of Modified SSB CSLA	Area of SSB CSLA	Area of Modified SSB CSLA
Group2	11	13	57	43
Group3	13	16	87	61
Group4	16	19	117	84
Group5	19	22	147	107
Group6	22	25	177	142
Group7	25	28	207	158
Group8	25	28	207	158
Group9	28	31	267	181
Group10	31	34	297	199
Group11	34	37	327	211
Group12	37	40	357	241
Group13	40	43	387	262
Group14	43	46	417	287
Group15	46	49	447	310

TABLE II: Comparison of The Regular And Modified Sqrt CSLA

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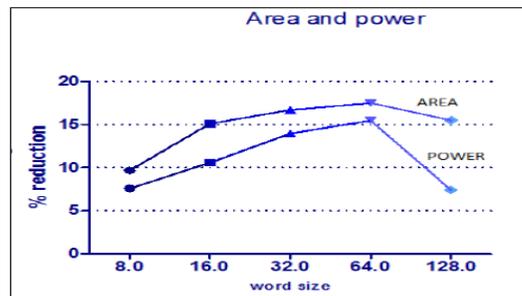


Fig. 8. (a) Percentage reduction in the cell area, total power.

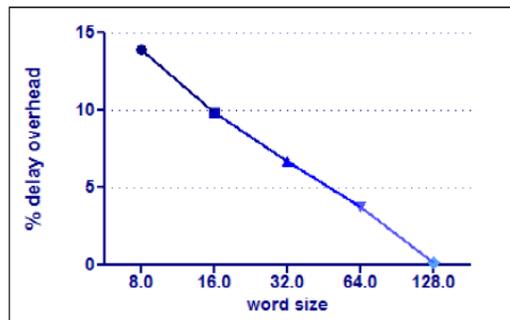


Fig. 8. (b) Percentage of delay overhead.

VII. CONCLUSION

A simple approach is proposed in this paper to reduce the area and power of SQR CSLA architecture. The reduced number of gates of this work offers the great advantage in the reduction of area and also the total power. The compared results show that the modified SQR CSLA has a slightly larger delay (only 3.76%), but the area and power of the 64-b modified SQR CSLA are significantly reduced by 17.4% and 15.4% respectively.

The power-delay product and also the area-delay product of the proposed design show a decrease for 16-, 32-, and 64-b sizes which indicates the success of the method and not a mere tradeoff of delay for power and area. The modified CSLA architecture is therefore, low area, low power, simple and efficient for VLSI hardware implementation. It would be interesting to test the design of the modified 128-b SQR CSLA.

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