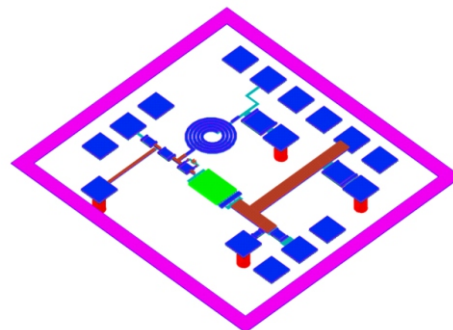


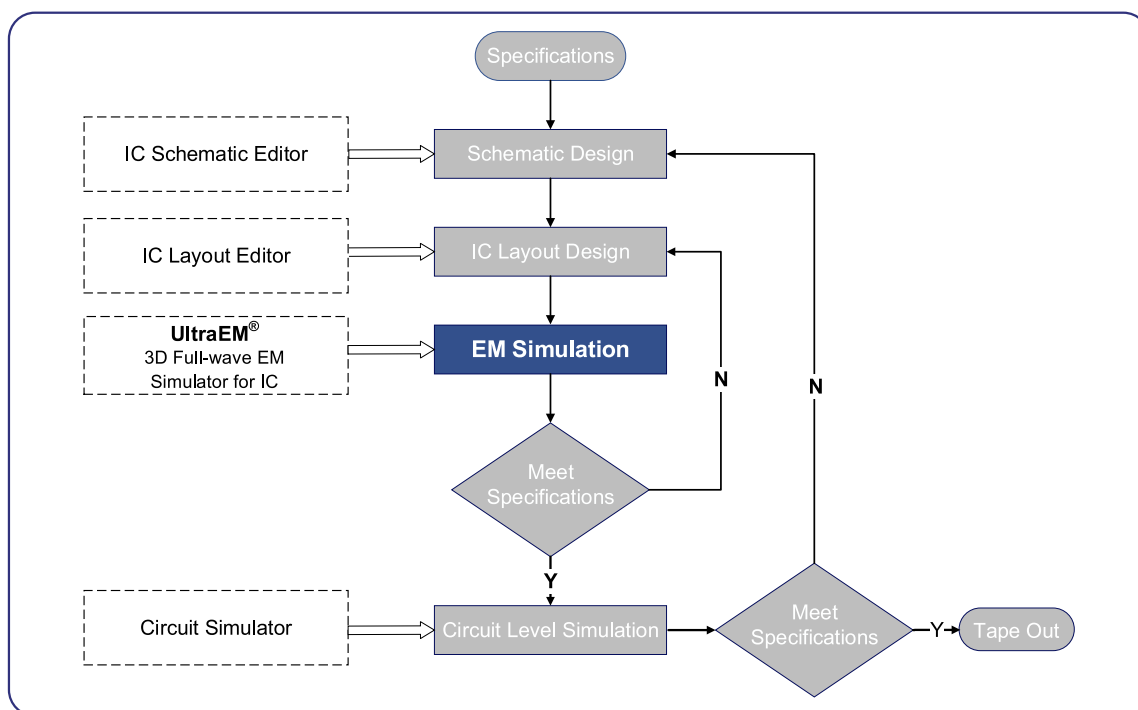


Introduction

Analog/RF chip design usually follows a series of rigorous steps, including specifications, circuit design, simulation and optimization, layout design, physical verification, etc. Chip design engineers need to use professional simulation tools and device models to ensure that the design meets performance and reliability requirements. Herein, a typical Ku-band power amplifier design, as a design example, is accomplished using a design flow from Faraday Dynamics, Ltd.



Design Flow



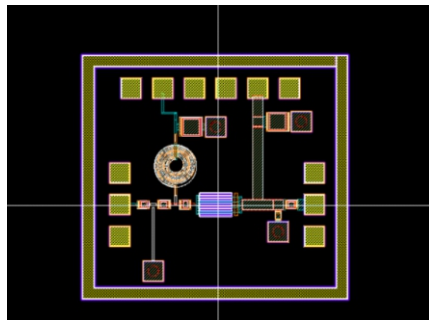
This example designs and optimizes a typical Ku-band power amplifier by virtue of a GaAs process, with the following specifications:

Work Frequency Band	16GHz-17GHz
Saturated Output Power	> 26.5dBm
PAE	> 45%
Return Loss	< -6dB
Chip Area	1100umX1200um

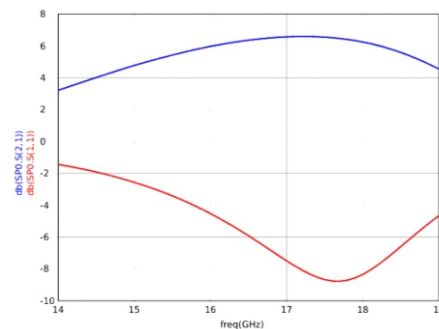


Layout and Result

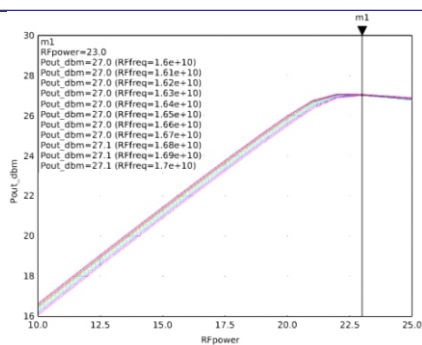
The final layout and simulation results are shown in the figures below:



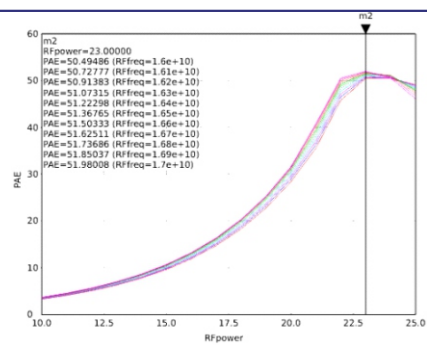
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S-parameters



Pout



PAE

