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# **What's All This Planar EM simulation Stuff Anyhow ?**

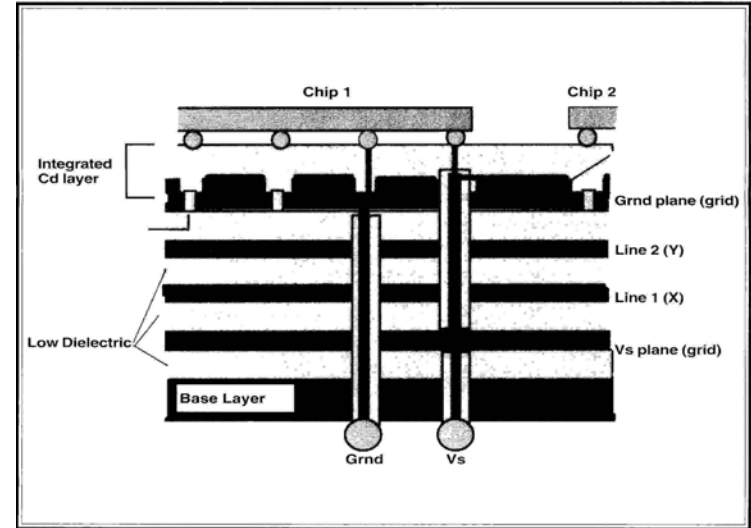


# AGENDA

- **What and Why – Momentum ?**
  - How does momentum fit in the Grand scheme of Agilent ADS?
- **Under lying technologies:**
  - Method of Moments
  - Mesh reduction Quasi static approximation
  - Star-loop basis functions
  - Adaptive frequency sampling
  - MAPS
- **What is the design flow?**
  - The starting point
  - The set up
    - Mode
    - Substrate stack
    - Layer definition and mapping
    - Mesh set up
    - Simulation set up
- **Unique features**
  - Momentum RF
  - Schematic to lay out flow
  - Co simulation
  - Co optimization
  - Statistical design of physical circuits
  - Visualization
  - Spice model generator
- **Bench marks and Examples**

# What is meant by Planar EM simulation ?

- **Substrate - multiple dielectrics**
- **Metals - traces on different layers forming component and/or thin film interconnect**
- **Vias - connecting different layers**
- **Method of Moments technique**
- **Sometimes referred to as 2.5D**
  
- **It does NOT include:**
  - **Arbitrary 3D structures**
  - **Horn Antennas**



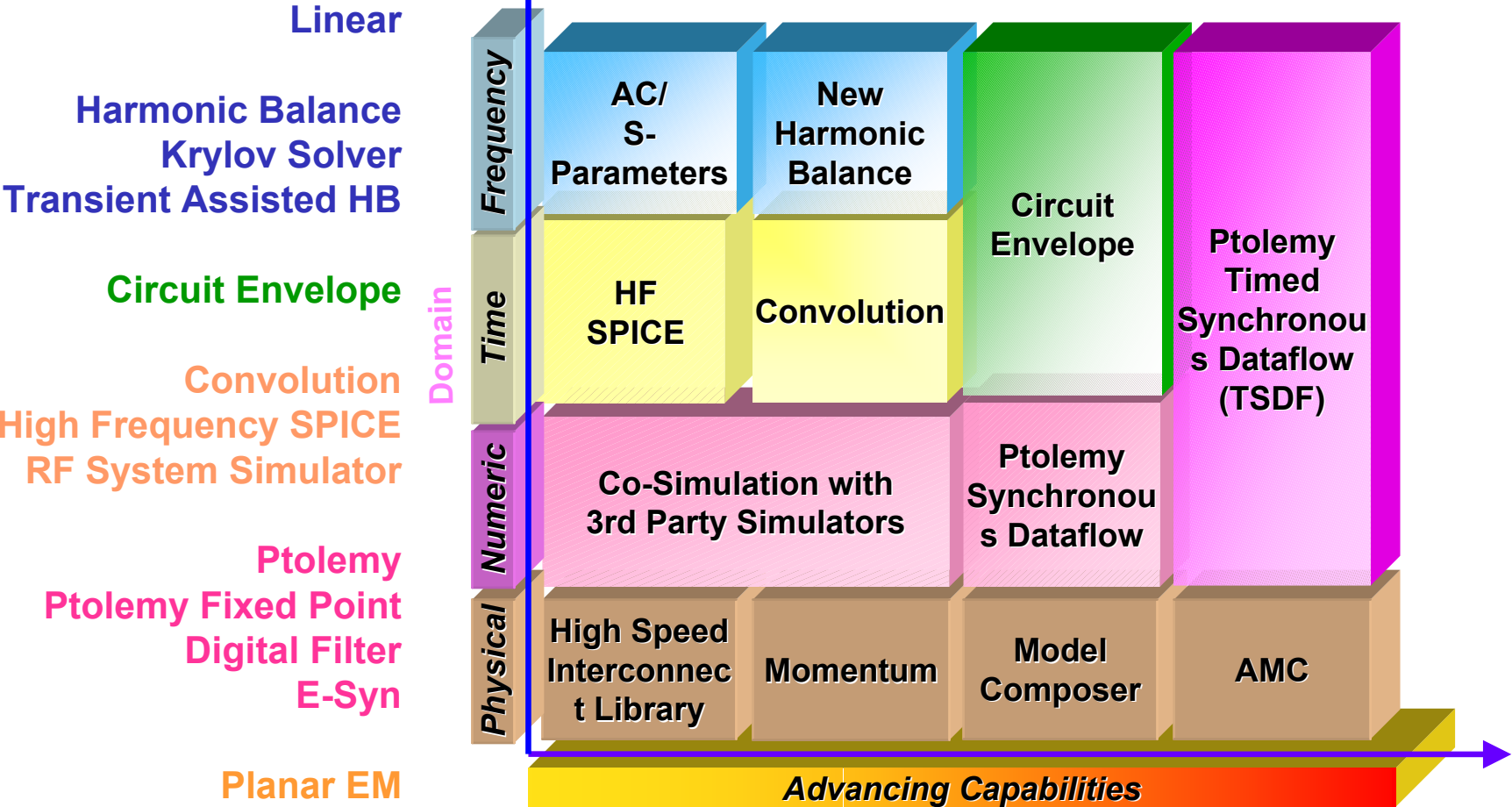
# Why are Planar EM Simulators used ?

- **No simple analytical model exists**
- **Coupling between conductors or layers is significant**
- **Arbitrary planar geometry**
- **Narrow frequency response not captured by analytical models**
- **Radiation patterns of planar antennas**
- **CPW transmission lines**
  
- **When full 3D analysis would take too long**



# Agilent EEs of RF AM/S (Analog Mixed Signal) Simulation Technologies

ADS



Linear

Harmonic Balance  
Krylov Solver  
Transient Assisted HB

Circuit Envelope

Convolution  
High Frequency SPICE  
RF System Simulator

Ptolemy  
Ptolemy Fixed Point  
Digital Filter  
E-Syn

Planar EM



# Method of Moments

Other names related to this topic or method (some very old and others relatively recent) are "Variational Method", "Rayleigh-Ritz Method", "Weighted Residual Method", "Method of projections", "Petrov-Galerkin Method" and "Boundary Element Method". They all share a common theme or approach and basically accomplish the same goal; viz., *to turn differential and integral equations with continuous variables into matrix equations that can be solved on the computer*. This is the essence of the formal procedure that follows.

Fourier analysis is another example of the many forms of discretization. Given a function  $f(x)$  over the period  $0 \leq x \leq a$ , we can define a harmonic series of the form

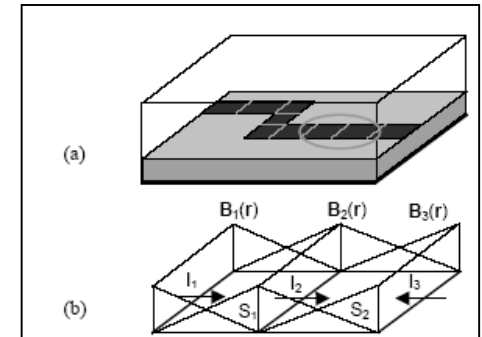
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( A_n \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{a}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{a}\right) \right) \quad (1.1)$$

where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$  and the coefficients  $(A_n, B_n)$  are respectively the amplitudes of the "**harmonic basis functions**"  $[\cos(2n\pi x/a), \sin(2n\pi x/a)]$ . The coefficients  $(A_n, B_n)$  constitute discretized values that describe the function  $f(x)$  and can be used and manipulated as numbers in the computer.



# Planar EM Simulation Basics

- The planar structure is decomposed
  - Substrate layer stack of infinite lateral extent
  - Finite metallization patterns
- The metallization patterns are meshed
  - Rectangular, triangular or improved polygonal cells
- Maxwell's equations are translated into integral form
- Surface currents modeled with rooftop basis or Star loop functions
- Boundary conditions imposed by applying Galerkin testing procedure



The mixed potential equation in its general form can be written

$$\iint dS \bar{\bar{G}}(r, r') \cdot J(r) = E(r)$$

Resulting MOM interaction matrix equation is of the form

$$\text{for } i=1, \dots, N \quad \sum_{j=1}^N Z_{i,j} I_j = V_i \quad \text{or} \quad [Z] \cdot [I] = [V] \quad (1)$$

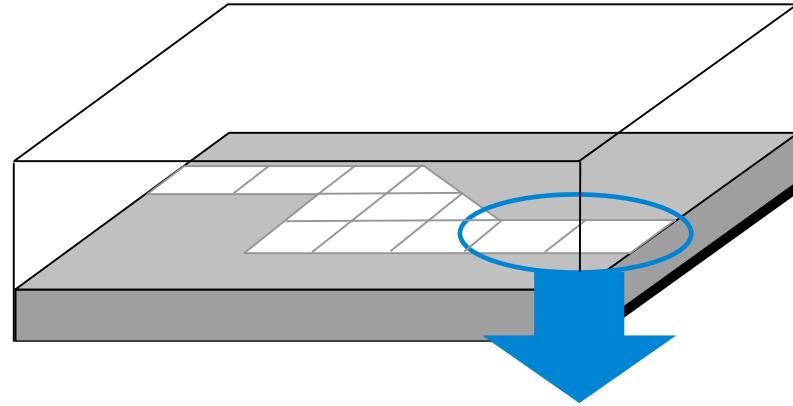
$$\text{with} \quad Z_{i,j} = \iint_S dS \mathbf{B}_i(r) \cdot \iint_{S'} dS' \bar{\bar{G}}(r, r') \cdot \mathbf{B}_j(r) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and} \quad V_i = \iint_S dS \mathbf{B}_i(r) \cdot \mathbf{E}(r) \quad (3)$$

# Planar EM Simulation Basics

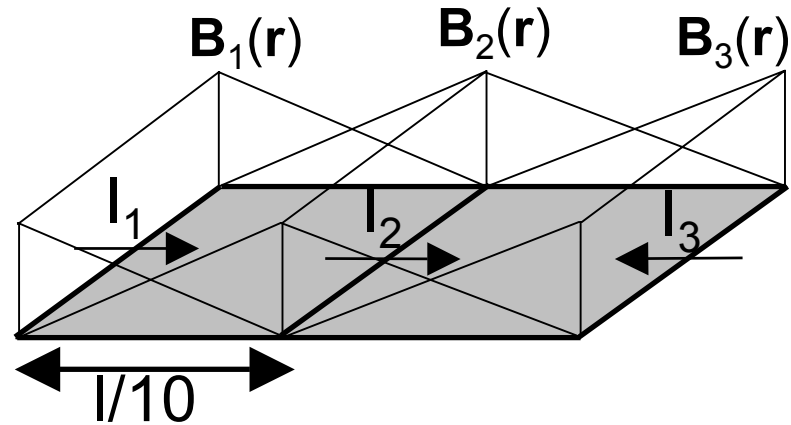
## Physical Design

- Substrate
- Metallization
- Ports



## Method of Moments

- Meshing
- Rooftop functions



$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = I_1 \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r}) + I_2 \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r}) + I_3 \mathbf{B}_3(\mathbf{r})$$





# Planar EM Simulation Basics

- $Z_{ij}$  represents the EM interaction between  $B_i$  and  $B_j$
- Solution for interaction matrix equation yields

surface currents 
$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=1}^N I_j \mathbf{B}_j(\mathbf{r})$$

- Decomposing Green's dyadic in the MPIE

$$\overline{\overline{\mathbf{G}}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = j\omega \mathbf{G}^A(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \frac{1}{j\omega} \nabla[\mathbf{G}^V(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \nabla'] + \mathbf{Z}_s \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

- And substituting above into eqn (2) yields

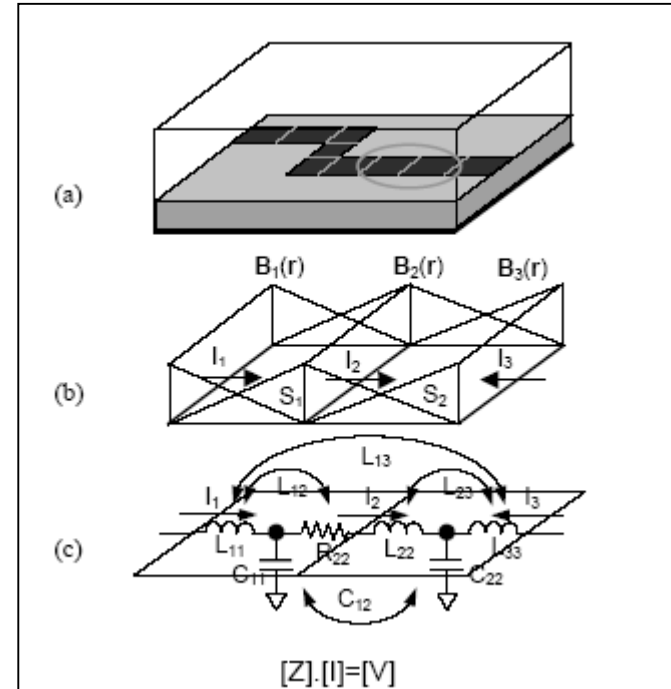
$$Z_{i,j} = R_{i,j} + j\omega L_{i,j} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_{i,j}}$$

With

$$Z_{ij}^L = j\omega L_{ij}(\omega) = \iint_{S_i} dS \iint_{S_j} dS' G_m(\omega, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{B}_j(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$Z_{ij}^C = \frac{1}{j\omega C_{ij}(\omega)} = \iint_{S_i} dS \iint_{S_j} dS' G_e(\omega, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}_j(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$Z_{ij}^R = R_{ij}(\omega) = \mathbf{Z}_s(\omega) \iint_{S_i} dS \iint_{S_j} dS' \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{B}_j(\mathbf{r}')$$



# Planar EM Simulation Basics

## Method of Moments

Maxwell's Equations



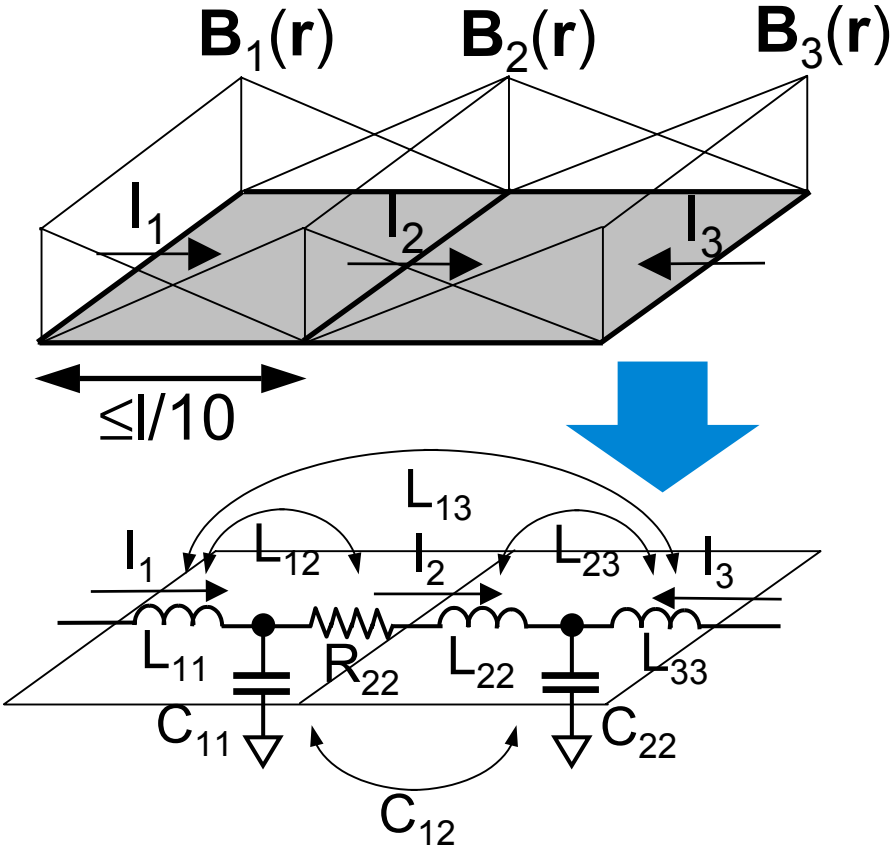
Matrix Equation

$$[Z] \cdot [I] = [V]$$



Equivalent Circuit

$$[Z] = [R] + j\omega[L] + 1/j\omega [C]^{-1}$$



# Planar EM Simulation Basics

Full Wave Approach:

- The electric and magnetic Greens functions follow from Maxwell's equations which include coupling, radiation and dispersion.
- The Green's functions and hence the inductors and capacitors are complex and frequency dependent

For Example in the free space

$$G_m(\omega, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \frac{j\omega\mu_0}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} e^{-jk_0|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$G_e(\omega, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon_0 4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} e^{-jk_0|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Can be expanded in Taylor series

$$k_0 = \omega\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0}$$

- The above can be expanded in a Taylor series, to accommodate approximations as in the next section.



# Momentum versus MomentumRF

## Fullwave versus Quasi-Static:

### Fullwave EM

Maxwell's Equations



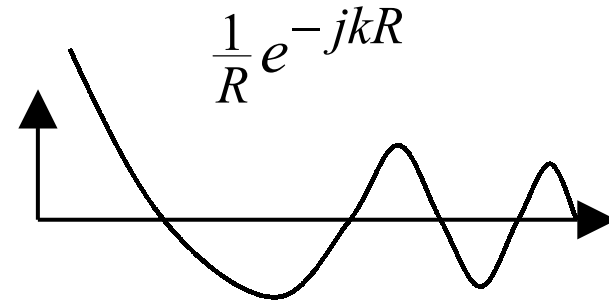
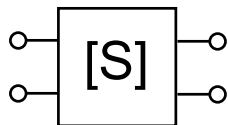
Matrix Equation

$$[Z].[I]=[V]$$



Equivalent Circuit

$$[Z] = [R] + j\omega[L(\omega)] + 1/j\omega [C(\omega)]^{-1}$$



- Fullwave electric & magnetic Green's functions
- Includes space and surface radiation
- $[L(\omega)]$  &  $[C(\omega)]$  are complex and frequency dependent
- $[Z(\omega)]$  matrix reload CPU intensive



# Planar EM Simulation Basics

Quasi-static approach

- The electric and magnetic Greens functions follow from magnetostatic and electrostatic solution of Maxwell's equations

- For the free space

$$G_m(\omega, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \frac{j\omega\mu_0}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$G_e(\omega, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon_0 4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

- Equivalent L and C that follow from above will be real frequency independent and do not include HF wave effects, the radiation.
- As long as the electrical length of the circuit is not significant both fullwave and quasi-static approaches give similar results.



# Momentum versus MomentumRF

## Fullwave versus Quasi-Static: Quasi-Static

### Quasi-Static EM

Maxwell's Equations



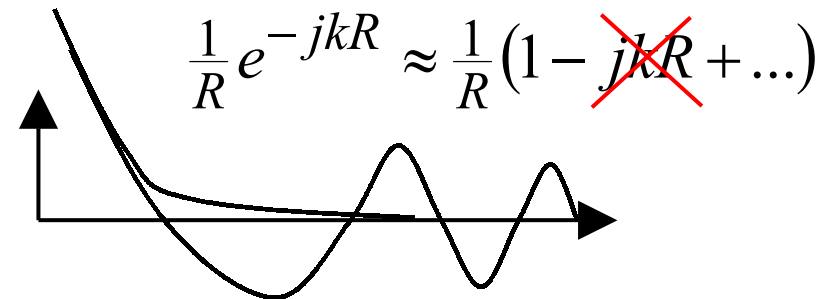
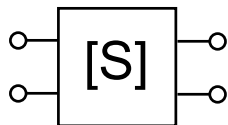
Matrix Equation

$$[Z_o] \cdot [I] = [V]$$



Equivalent Circuit

$$[Z_o] = [R] + j\omega[L_o] + 1/j\omega [C_o]^{-1}$$



- Electro- and magneto-static Green's functions

- Near field / low freq approximation

$$L(\omega) = L_0 + \cancel{L_1 \omega R} + \cancel{L_2 (\omega R)^2} + \dots$$

$$C(\omega) = C_0 + \cancel{C_1 \omega R} + \cancel{C_2 (\omega R)^2} + \dots$$

- Neglects far field radiation

- $[L_o]$  &  $[C_o]$  are real and frequency independent

- $[Z_o]$  matrix reload very fast



# Momentum versus MomentumRF

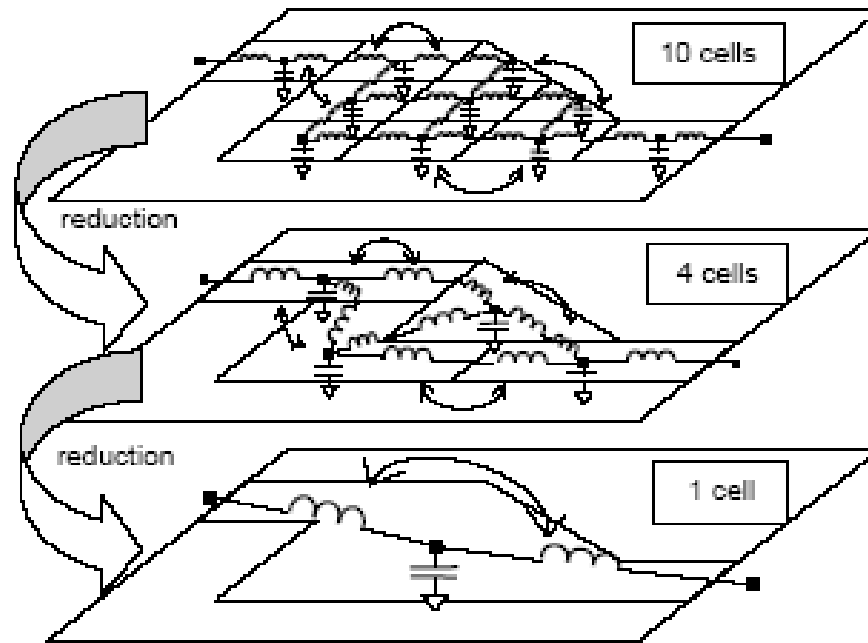
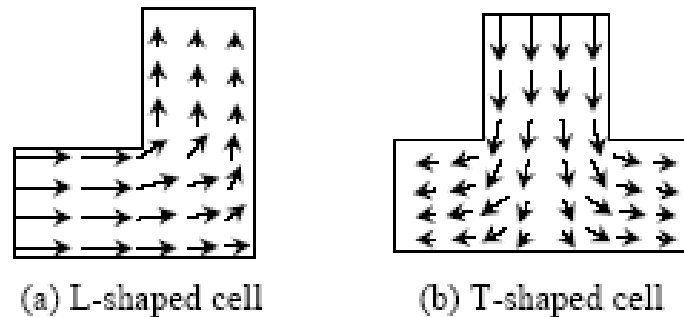


Figure 2. Mesh reduction and corresponding EM equivalent network



# Momentum versus MomentumRF: A Snapshot

## Momentum MW features:

- Full-Wave EM Simulation
- ~~Roof-top~~ Basis Function  
Star/Loop\*
- Rectangular and Triangular Cells  
OR Polygonal\*
- For most passive geometry
- Full accuracy for all circuit sizes
- No inherent upper frequency limit
- ~~Potential instability at  $f < \text{kHz to MHz}$~~   
Results stable down to DC\*
- Port Calibration
- Box and Waveguide inclusion
- Includes all radiation modes
- Display 2D and 3D Radiation Patterns
- Improved simulation performance\*

## Momentum RF features:

- Quasi-Static EM Simulation
- Star/Loop Basis Functions
- Polygonal cells  
OR Rectangular/Triangular\*
- Best for geometrically complex designs
- For electrically small designs ( $\leq \lambda/2$ )
- Upper frequency depends on size
- Results stable down to DC
- Port Calibration
- ~~No Box / Waveguide Modes~~  
Box and Waveguide inclusion\*
- For designs that don't radiate
- No Radiation Patterns
- Great for 1<sup>st</sup> pass results, even for large designs ( $> \lambda/2$ )
- Simulation time and memory decrease by  $\sim 10X-25X$

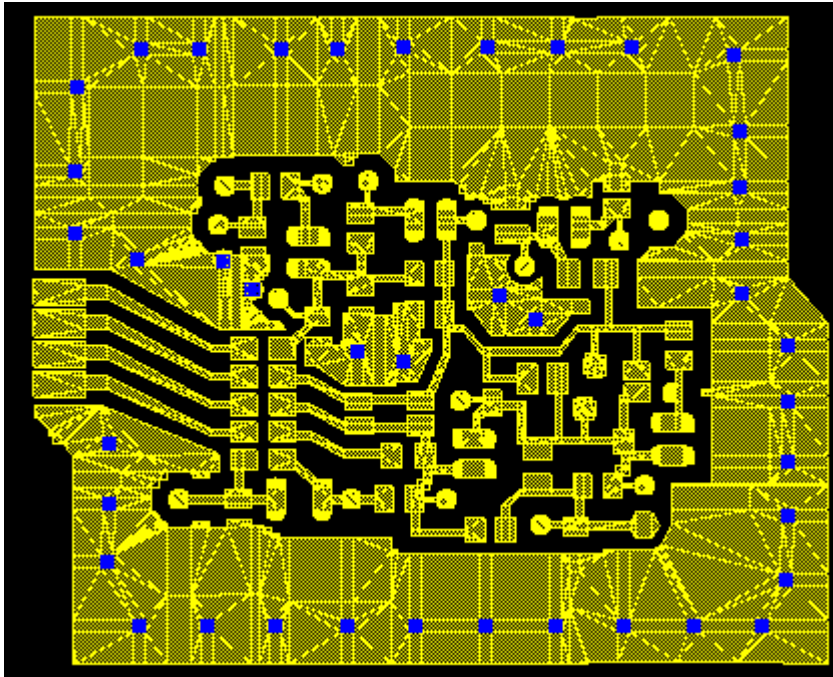
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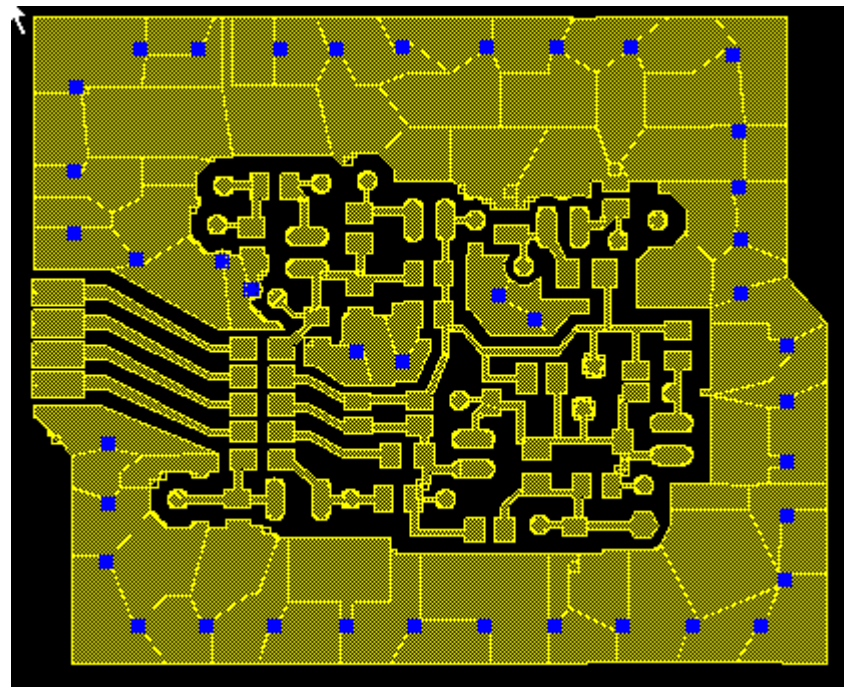


# Momentum versus MomentumRF

Momentum

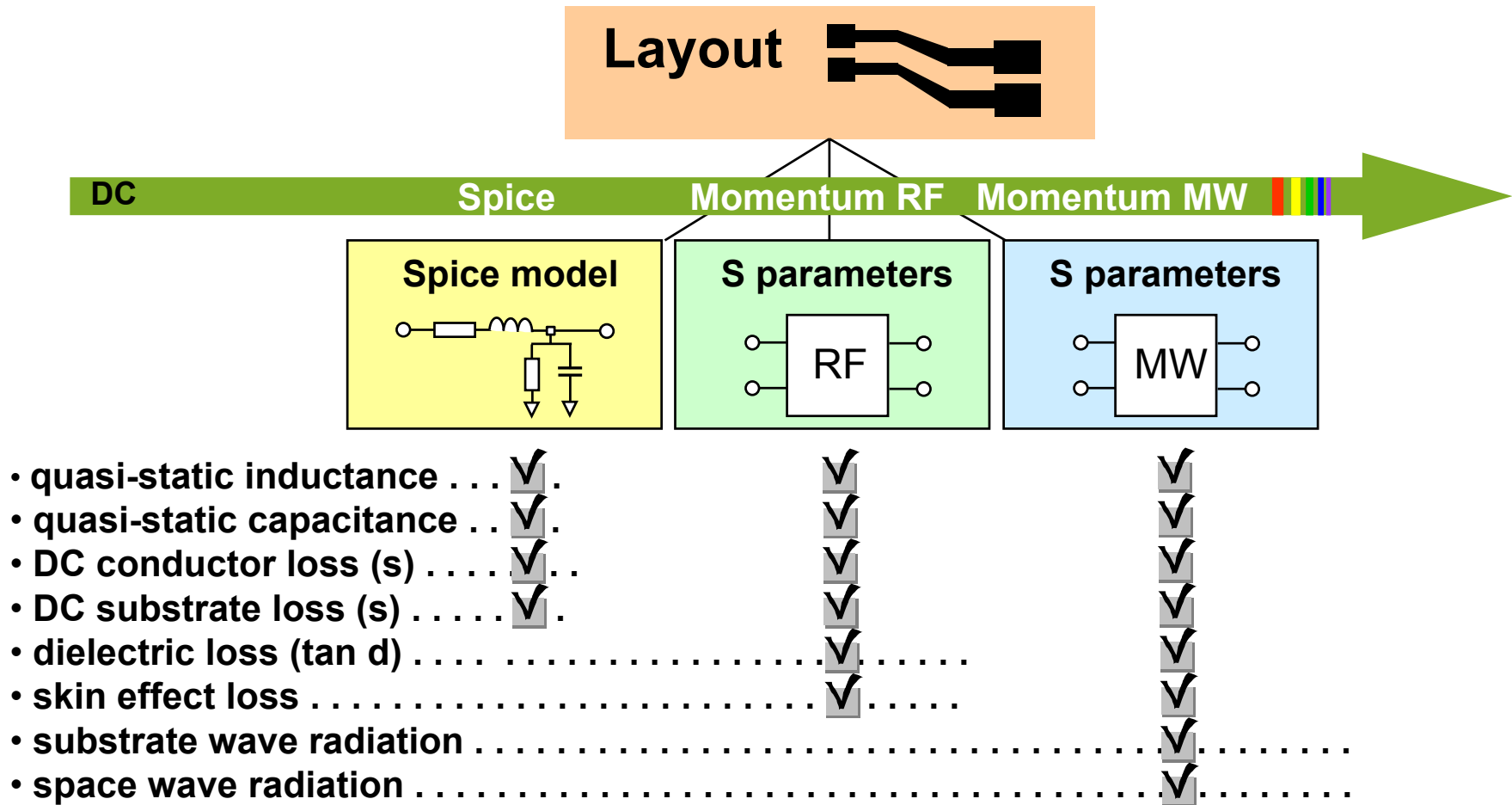


Momentum RF

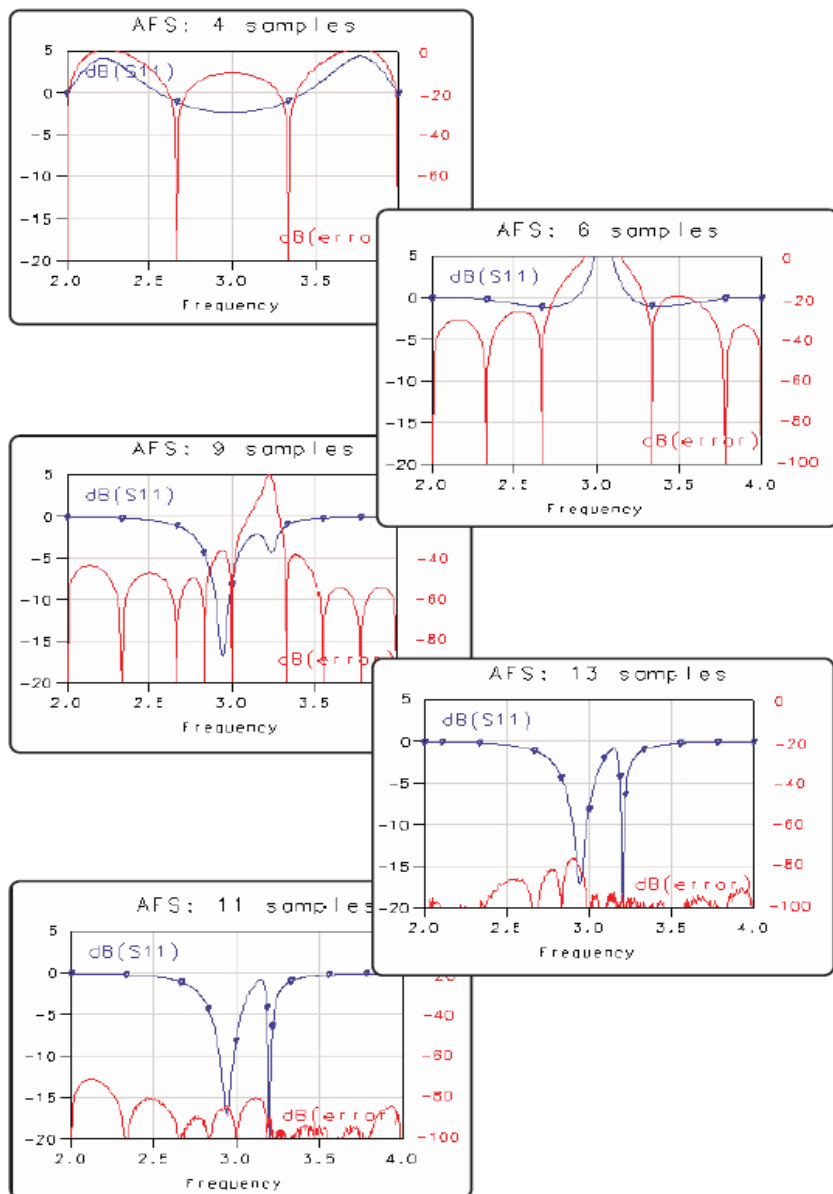


# Momentum versus MomentumRF

## A Summary of Effects Included



# Adaptive Frequency Sampling



The Adaptive Frequency Sampling process of selecting frequencies is illustrated here. The S-parameter response and the error function are shown.

**Multiple Adaptive Parameter Sampling** is similar excepting that the sampling is done in the parameter domain.



# Adaptive Frequency Sampling

Adaptive Frequency Sampling (AFS)

- Automatic selection of key frequencies
- Interpolates all S-parameter data using a rational fitting model

$$S(f) = \frac{A + B*f + C*f^2 + \dots}{K + L*f + M*f^2 + \dots}$$

the\_16.gif

## Simple Answer to Convergence

AFS has converged unless it tells you that it hasn't converged (e.g., when the max number of points that you specified was too low)

# How is Momentum used ?

- **Layout driven**

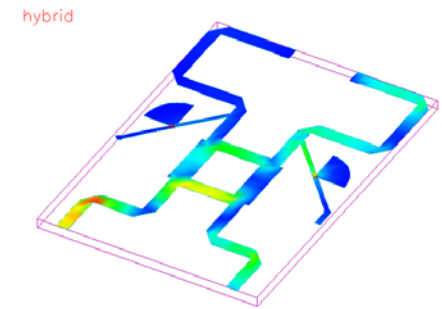
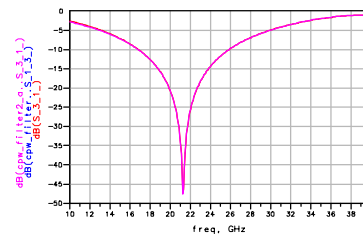
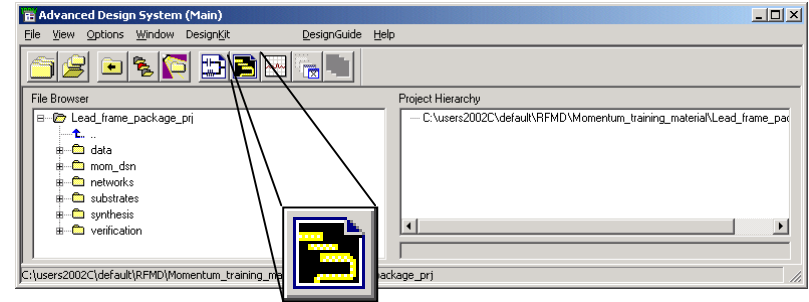
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2. Schematic-to-Layout translation, OR
3. Import – (DXF, GDSII, etc.)

- Momentum interface within ADS Layout

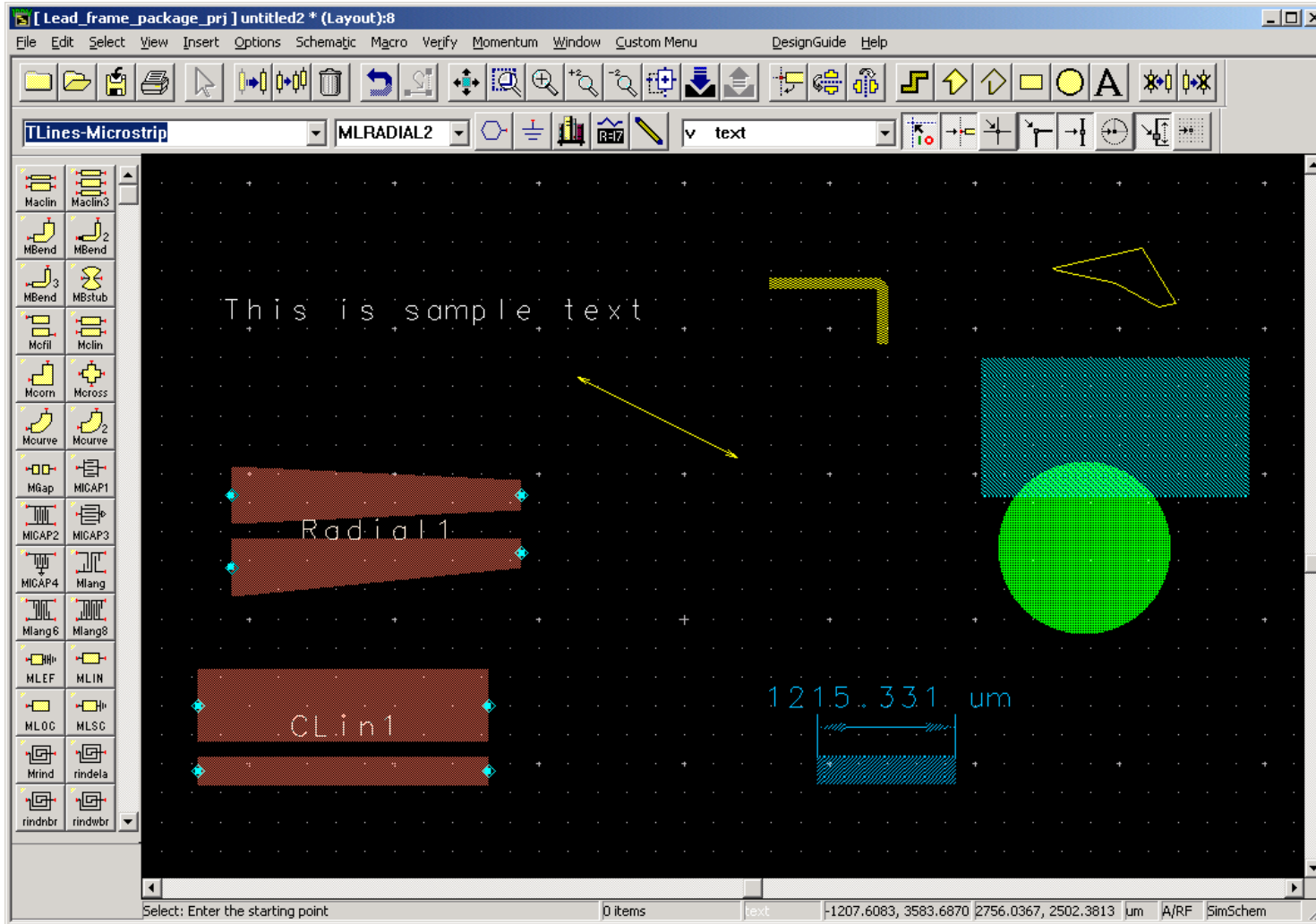
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- Outputs

- S-parameters
- Current visualization



# Creating artwork in Layout



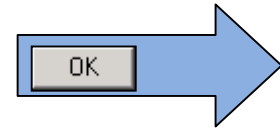
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# Creating/importing artwork in Layout

The screenshot shows the Cadence DesignTools interface. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Select, View, Insert, Options, Tools, Layout, Simulate, Window, Cadence, DesignGuide, and Help. The 'Layout' menu is open, showing options like 'Generate/Update Layout...', 'Undo Generate/Update...', 'Place Components From Schem To Layout', 'Fix Component Position', 'Free Component Position', 'Show Equivalent Component', 'Show Unplaced Components', 'Show Components With No Artwork', 'Clear Highlighted Components', 'Show Connected Components', and 'Show Fixed Components'. The 'Generate/Update Layout:4' dialog box is open, with the 'Starting Component' set to 'P1' and the 'Equivalent Component' also set to 'P1'. The dialog includes options for deleting equivalent components, showing status reports, and fixing starting component positions. A note at the bottom of the dialog states: 'Note: When you choose OK or Apply, the "Undo" stack will be cleared. Current design will be saved in ".sync" file. Use File>Open to retrieve.' The background shows a schematic diagram with components like 'Port', 'P1', 'P2', 'P3', 'P4', 'P5', 'P6', and 'ML3CTL\_C'. A blue arrow points from the 'OK' button in the dialog to the right.



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**Schematic-to-  
Layout  
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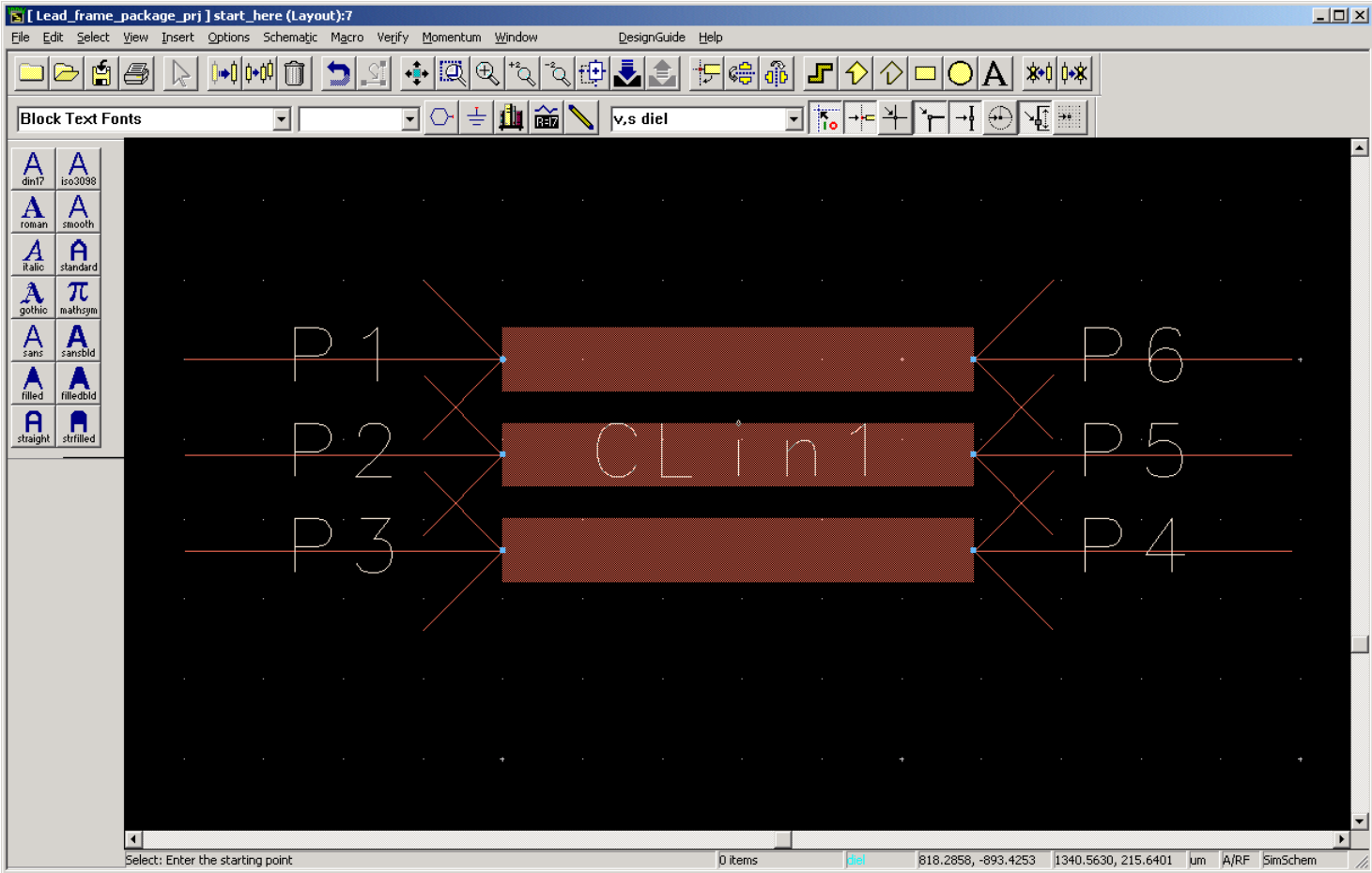
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# Importing artwork in Layout

The screenshot displays the Inductor software interface. The main window is titled "[ Inductor\_prj ] untitled1 (Layout):18". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Select, View, Insert, Options, Schematic, Macro, Verify, Momentum, Window, Custom Menu, DesignGuide, and Help. The 'Import...' menu item is highlighted. The 'Import:18' dialog box is open, showing 'File Type' set to 'DXF (hierarchical)', 'Import File Name (Source)' as 'MD\Momentum\_training\_material\Inductor\_new.dxf', and 'New Design Name (Destination)' as 'v,s lm\_dg'. The 'Import DXF (hierarchical) Options:18' dialog box is also open, showing 'Unit Conversion' (AutoCAD Units: um, ADS Units: mil), 'Attributes' (Auto Scale, Link Zero-Width Elements, Map Circles), and 'Layers' (Include Layer(s): dt\_dg, cond, cond2, resi, diel, hole, pc\_dg). A blue arrow points from the 'OK' button in the 'Import DXF (hierarchical) Options:18' dialog to the right.

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Schematic-to-Layout translation

Import – (DXF, GDSII, etc.)

# Importing artwork in Layout

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**Import – (DXF, GDSII, etc.)**

The screenshot displays a PCB layout software interface. The main window is titled "[ Inductor\_prj ] inductor\_new (Layout):18" and shows a layout of an inductor with a central red vertical bar and blue traces on a grid. A "Layer Editor:18" dialog box is open in the foreground, showing a table of layers and their properties.

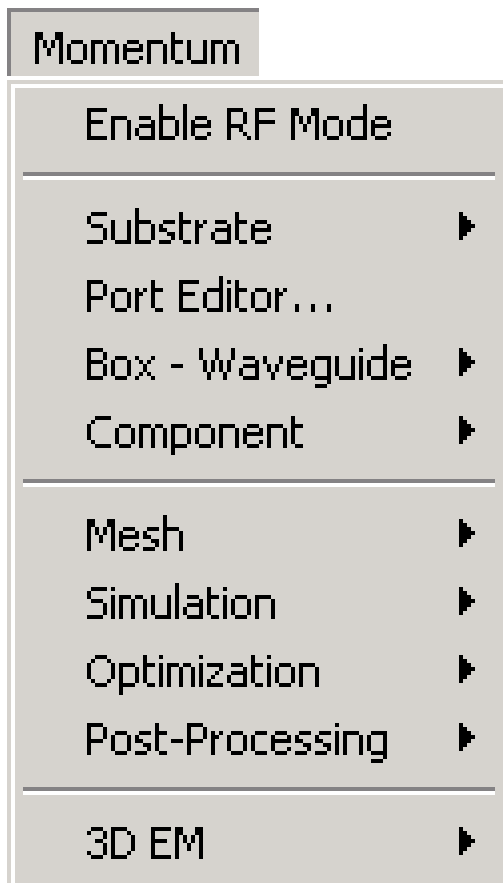
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The Layer Editor dialog box also includes "Select" (All, None), "Visible" (All, None), "Shape Display", "Line Style", and "Layer" (New, Cut, Paste) options. At the bottom, there are buttons for "OK", "Apply", "Reset", "Save...", "Read...", "Cancel", and "Help".

# Using Momentum

## Solution process

- Select Mode
- Substrate definition
- Port Setup
- Mesh Generation
- Planar Solve
- Display Results



- **Enable regular Momentum or Momentum RF**
- **Define Substrate and Metallization (pre-compute option)**
- **Modify the type and impedance of ports**
- **Describe a possible Substrate enclosure**
- **Create/modify Momentum Component to be used in EM/circuit co-simulation or co-optimization**
- **Define Mesh parameters (pre-compute option)**
- **Setup and Perform a Momentum simulation (planar solve)**
- **Setup and Perform a Momentum optimization (geometric perturbation based)**
- **Display Visualization (S-parameters, current density, transmission line parameters) and Radiation patterns**
- **Export 3D files for HFSS**

# Using Momentum: Selecting the Analysis Mode

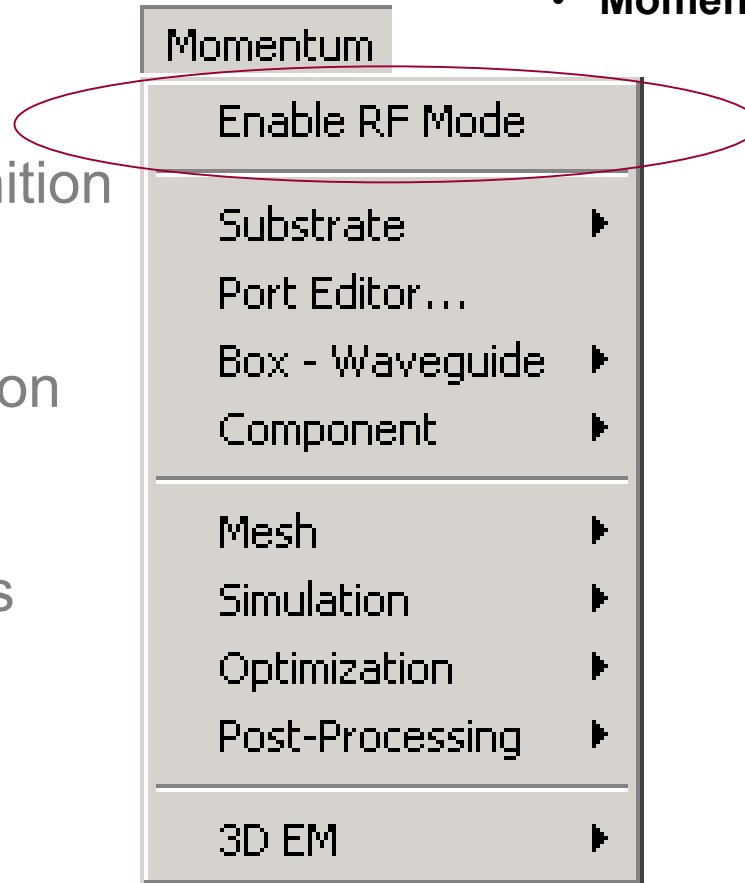
Click this submenu to toggle the analysis mode

- **Solution process**

- **Select Mode**

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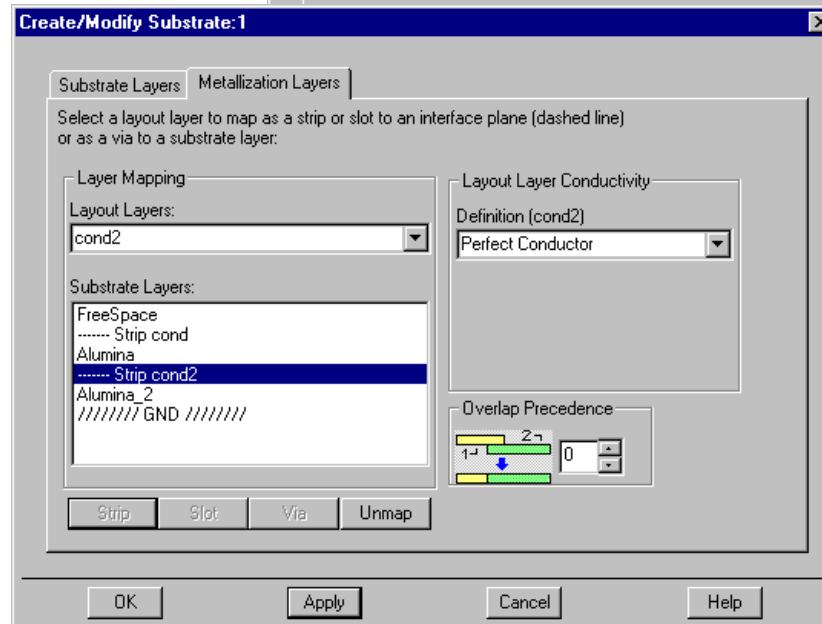
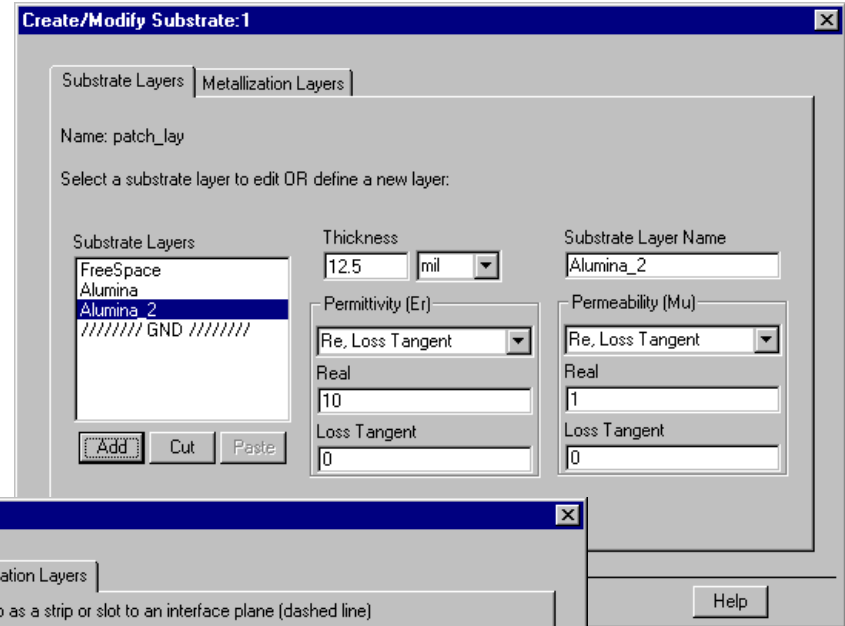
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# Using Momentum: Creating Substrate Stack-ups and Mapping Layout Layers as Metallization Layers

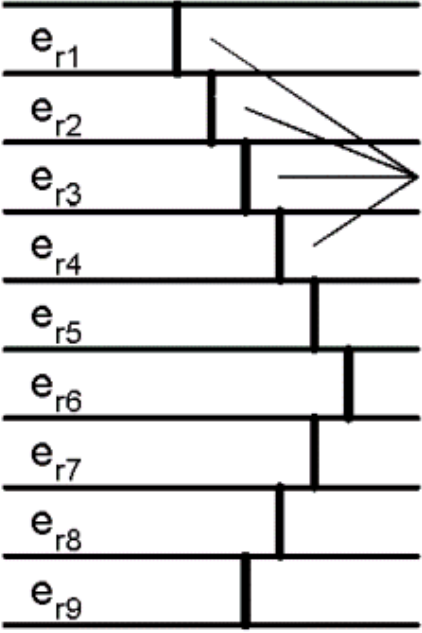
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# Using Momentum: Creating Substrate Stack-ups and Mapping Layout Layers as Metallization Layers

## *Greens Function Substrate Calculation Time*



The diagram shows a cross-section of a substrate with 9 conductor layers, labeled  $e_{r1}$  through  $e_{r9}$  from top to bottom. Vertical lines represent vias connecting the layers. A label 'vias' with arrows points to these vertical connections. The vias are shown as a series of steps, indicating that each layer is connected to the layer below it.

Substrate Calculation Time:  
Example - 9 conductor layers with 9 vias

9 conductors + 9 vias = 18 metals

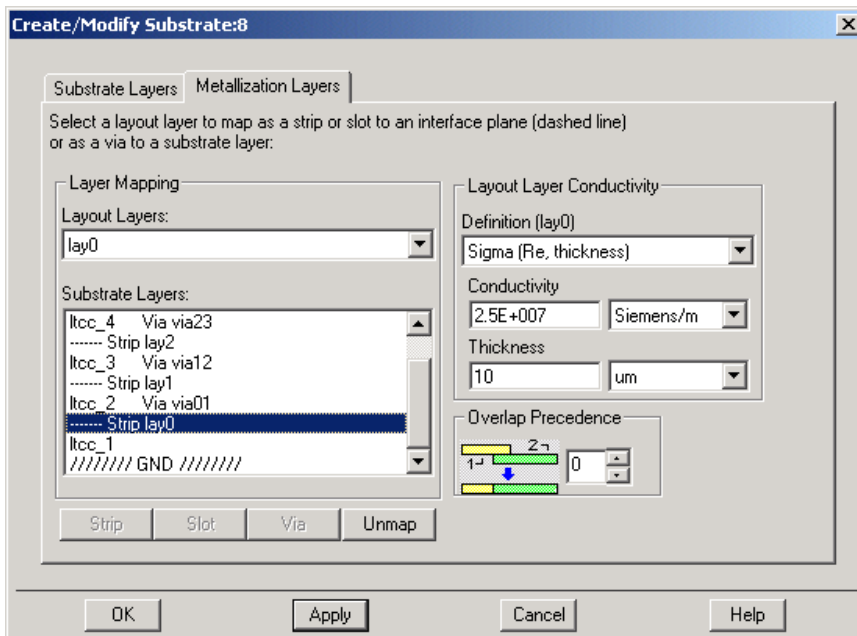
They are all coupled, so  
 $18 * 18 = 324$  different types of coupling must be computed and stored.

This is 324 times slower than the calculation for a single metal



# Using Momentum: Creating Substrate Stack-ups and Mapping Layout Layers as Metallization Layers

## *A note on layout layer conductivity*



### Conductivity defined as:

1. Perfect Conductor (lossless)
2.  $\sigma$  (Real, Imaginary)
3.  $\sigma$  (Real, thickness)
4. Impedance (Real, Imaginary)

The parameters selected are applied toward a conductor loss algorithm, this does NOT affect the layout thickness



# Using Momentum: Creating Substrate Stack-ups and Mapping Layout Layers as Metallization Layers:

## *Loss Model used in Strip Conductors*

- Momentum treats all conductors as having zero thickness. However, the conductivity and thickness can be specified to approximate frequency dependent losses in the metallization patterns.
- Momentum uses a complex surface impedance for all metals that is a function of conductor thickness, conductivity, and frequency.
  - At low frequencies, current flow will be approximately uniformly distributed across the thickness of the metal. Momentum uses this minimum resistance and an appropriate internal inductance to form the complex surface impedance.
  - At high frequencies, the current flow is dominantly on the outside of the conductor and Momentum uses a complex surface impedance that closely approximates this skin effect.
  - At intermediate frequencies, where metal thickness is between approximately two and ten skin depths, the surface impedance transitions between those two limiting behaviors.
- This surface impedance is added to the Method of Moments approach that is used for Momentum in general.
- The formula used is a combination of a high-frequency conductivity and a low-frequency bulk resistivity. The formula is such that both approaches (LF bulk behavior → HF surface impedance) transition seamlessly.
- The formula is:
  - $Z = \coth(\gamma) * Z_c$ 
    - where  $Z_c$  = the HF impedance and  $\coth(\gamma)$  is the correction for finite thickness
  - $Z_c = 0.5 * \sqrt{j * \mu_0 * \omega / (\sigma + j * \epsilon_0 * \omega)}$
  - $\gamma = 0.5 * \text{thickness} * \sqrt{j * \mu_0 * \omega * (\sigma + j * \epsilon_0 * \omega)}$ 
    - where  $\omega = 2 * \pi * f$
    - and  $\sigma$  = conductivity = 1/resistivity [in Siemens/meter]
- The meshing density can affect the simulated behavior of a structure. A more dense mesh allows current flow to be better represented and can slightly increase the loss. This is because a more uniform distribution of current for a low density mesh corresponds to a lower resistance

***“thick  
conductors”  
Can also be  
treated***

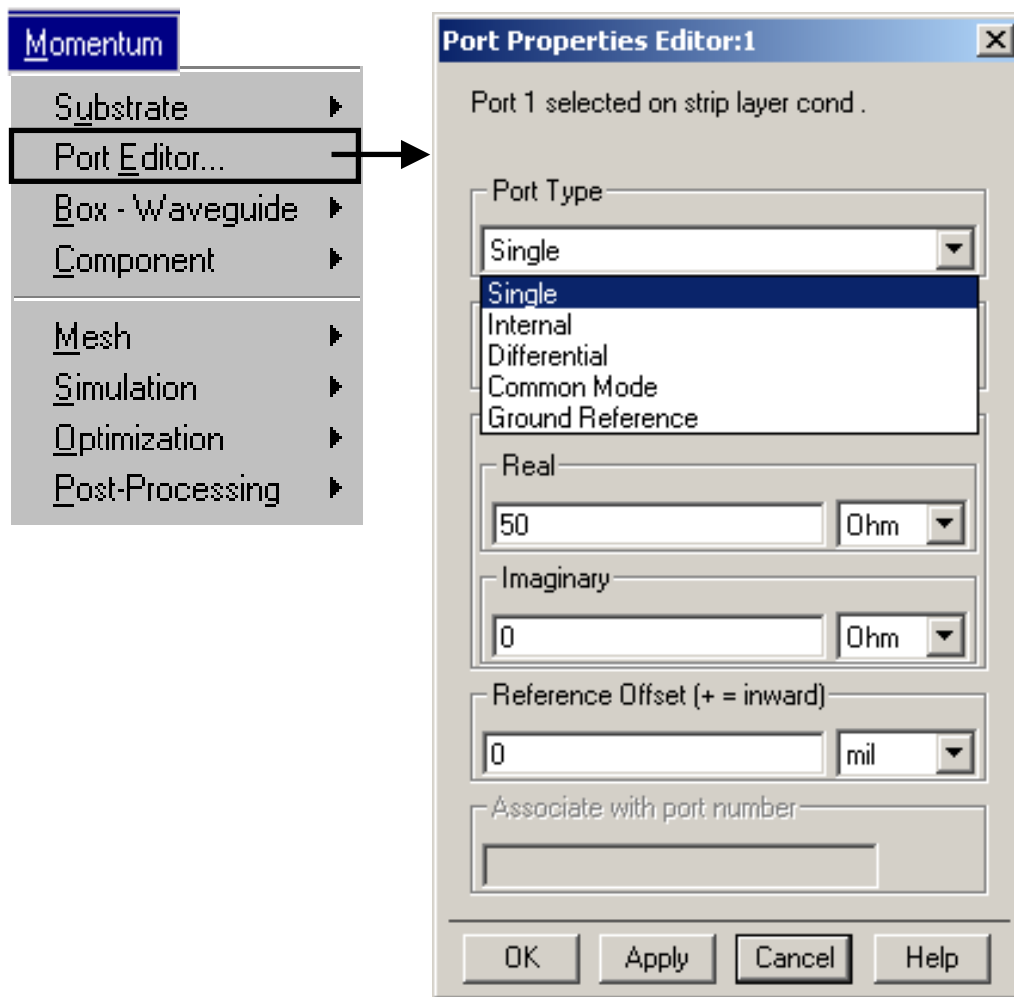




# Using Momentum

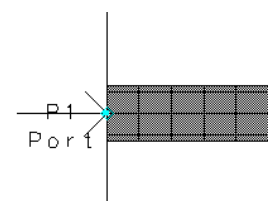
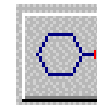
- **Solution process**

- Select Mode
- Substrate definition
- **Port Setup**
- Mesh Generation
- Planar Solve
- Display Results



# Placing and Defining Ports

## *Description of Momentum Port Types*



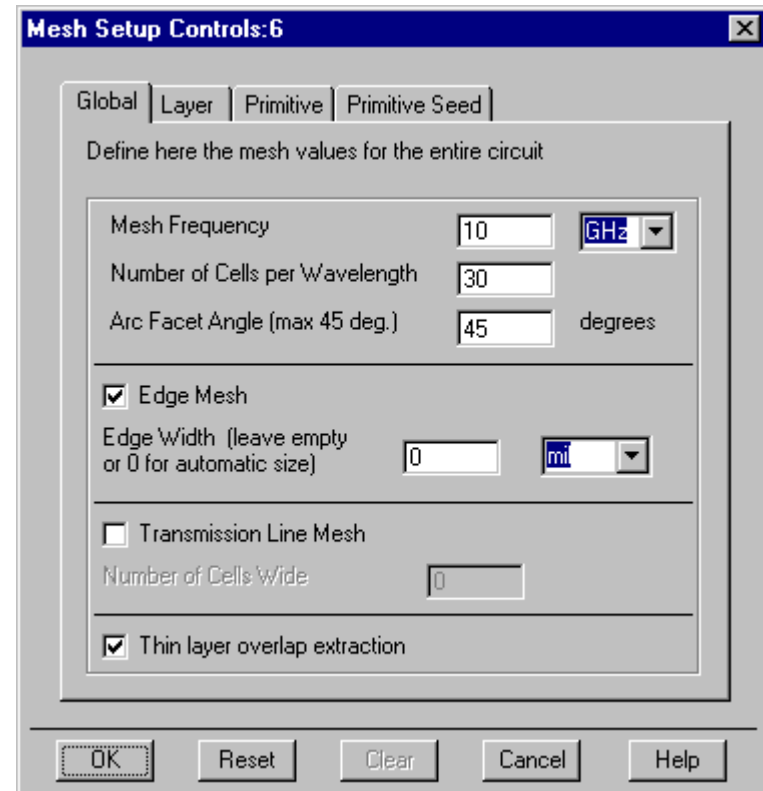
<u>Port Type</u>	<u>General Description</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Type of layer</u>
• <b>Single</b> (default)	Calibrated to remove mismatch at port boundary (might also call this a transmission line port)	Edge	Strip or Slot
• <b>Internal</b>	Not calibrated (might also call this a direct excitation port)	Edge or Surface	Strip
• <b>Differential</b>	Two ports with opposite polarity	Edge	Strip
• <b>Coplanar (CPW)</b>	Two ports with opposite polarity	Edge	Slots
• <b>Common Mode</b>	Two ports with the same polarity	Edge	Strip
• <b>Ground Ref.</b>	An explicit ground reference for a Single or Internal port.	Edge or Surface	Strip

**CPW NOTE:** For **finite ground planes**, use Ground Reference ports and Internal port on center conductor.

# Details of Momentum

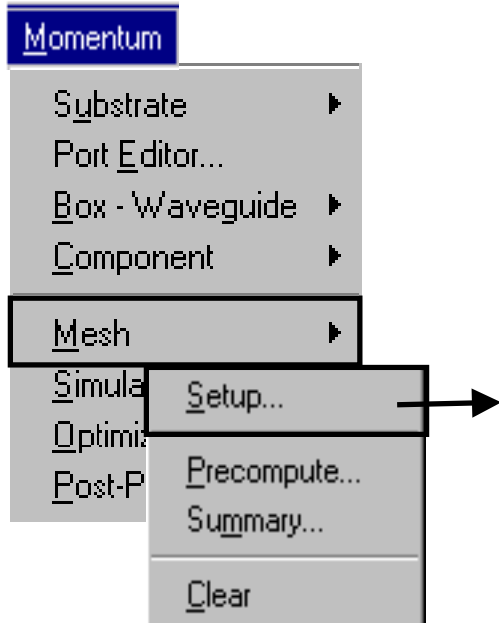
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- Display Results



# Defining Mesh Parameters

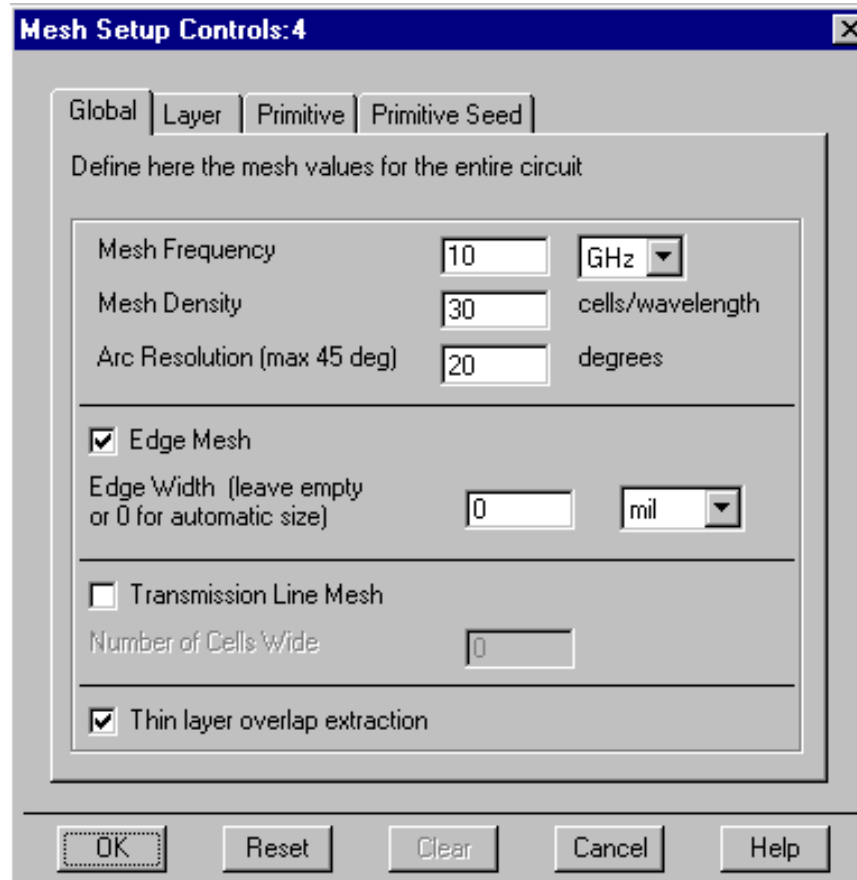
## Mesh Setup Control



**Global mesh is the default.  
But you have choices.**



***In general, small patterns are more accurate but take more time to solve.***



# Defining Mesh Parameters

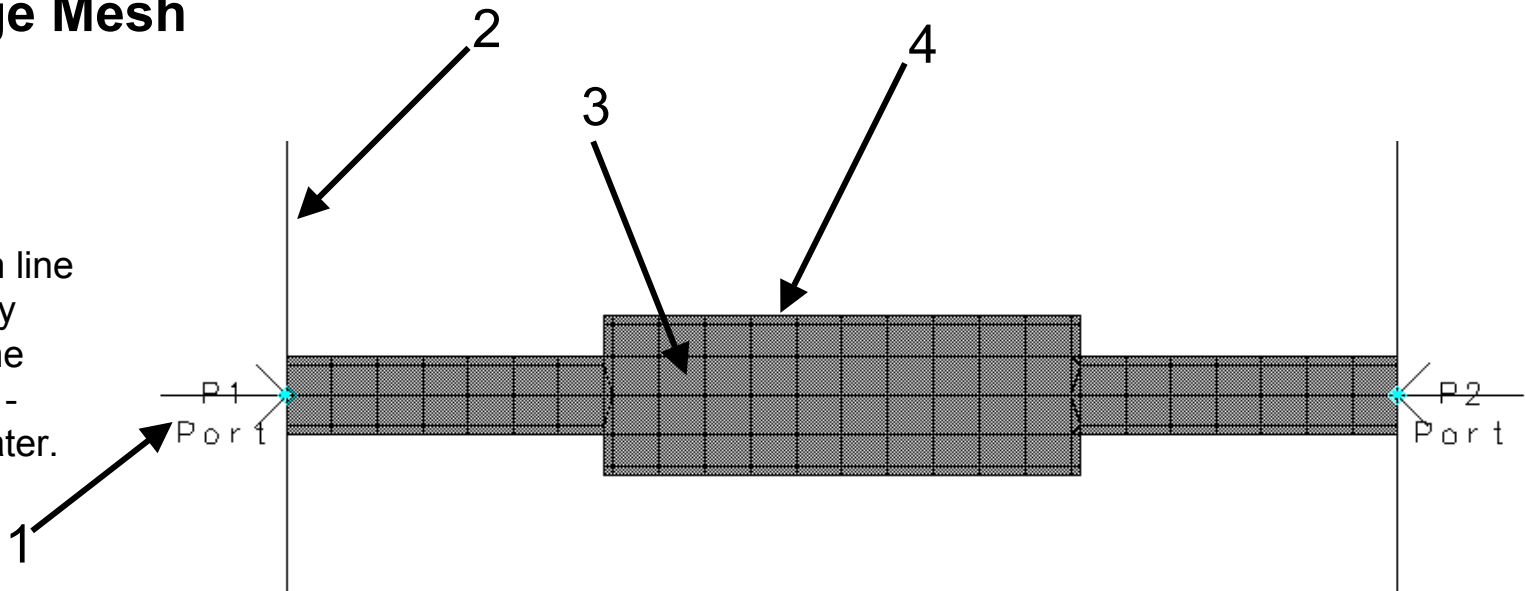
## Global Mesh example with Edge Mesh

- 1 - Port
- 2 - Calibration Line
- 3 - Mesh
- 4 - Edge Mesh

*Here, the cell size is the same for all parts of the geometry, except for the edges around each primitive.*



The calibration line is automatically drawn when the port is defined - more on this later.



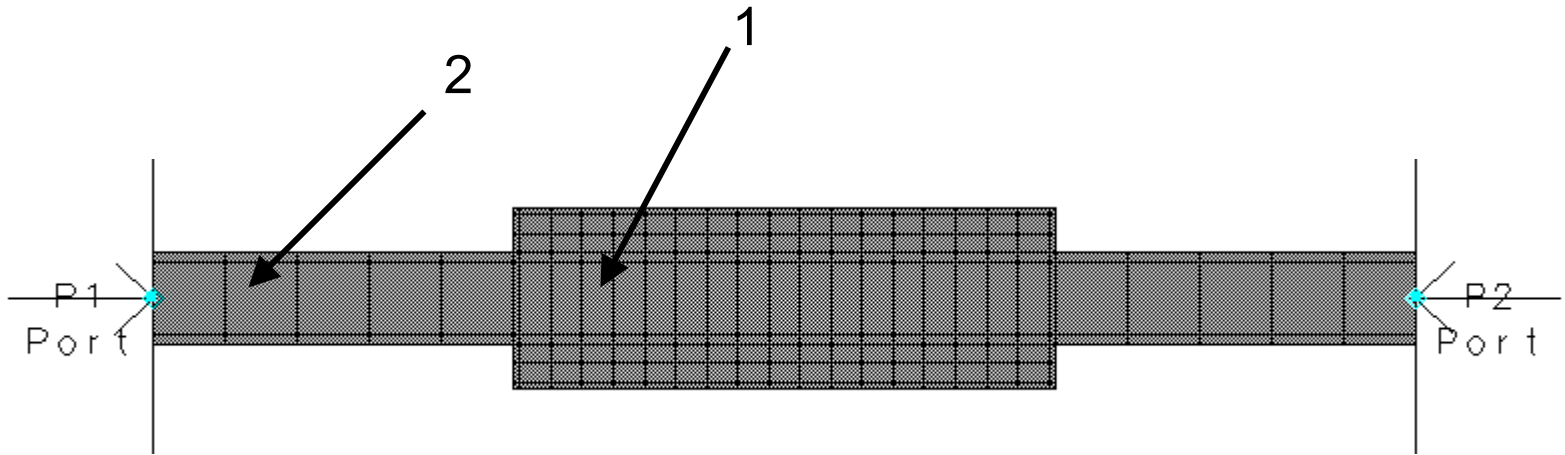
**NOTE:** You can view the mesh, ports, and reference line before simulating and make adjustments if desired.

# Defining Mesh Parameters

## *Primitive Mesh example*

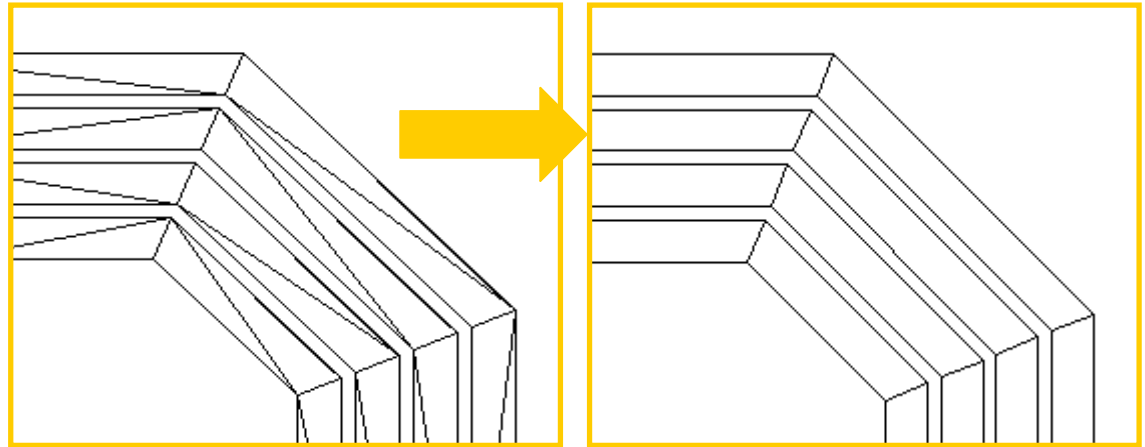
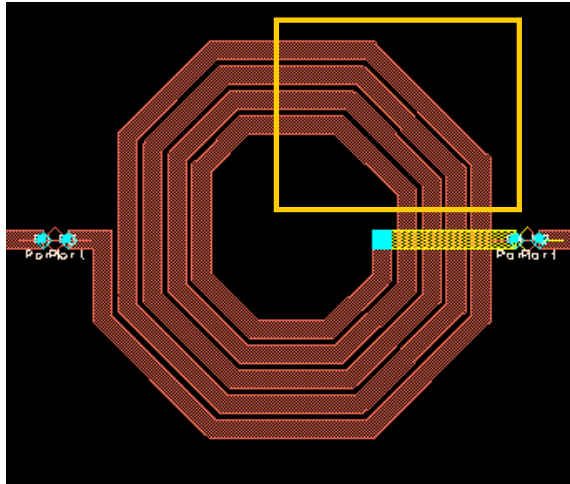
*You can combine primitive mesh, layer mesh, and global mesh.*

The center **primitive** of this geometry has a different mesh (50 cells/wavelength) than the two outside geometries (20 cells/wavelength).

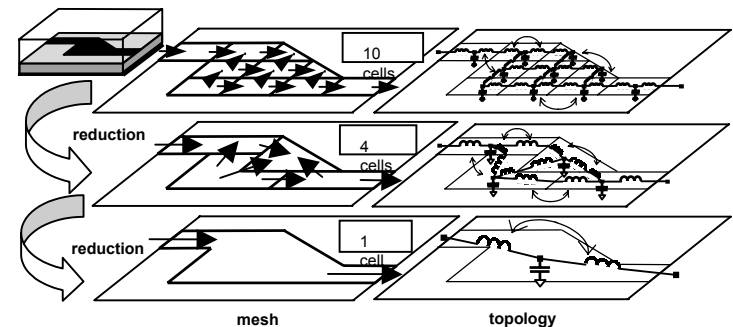


# Mesh: Momentum versus MomentumRF

## Momentum RF & Polygon Mesh



- Meshing complex geometries with POLYGONAL cells
- Eliminates “slivery” triangles
- Eliminates redundant R,L,C elements
- Uncompromised accuracy for RF frequencies
- Strongly reduced computer memory
- Strongly reduced computation time



# Using Momentum

## Method of Moments

### • Solution process

- Select Mode
- Substrate definition
- Port Setup
- Mesh Generation
- **Planar Solve**
- Display Results

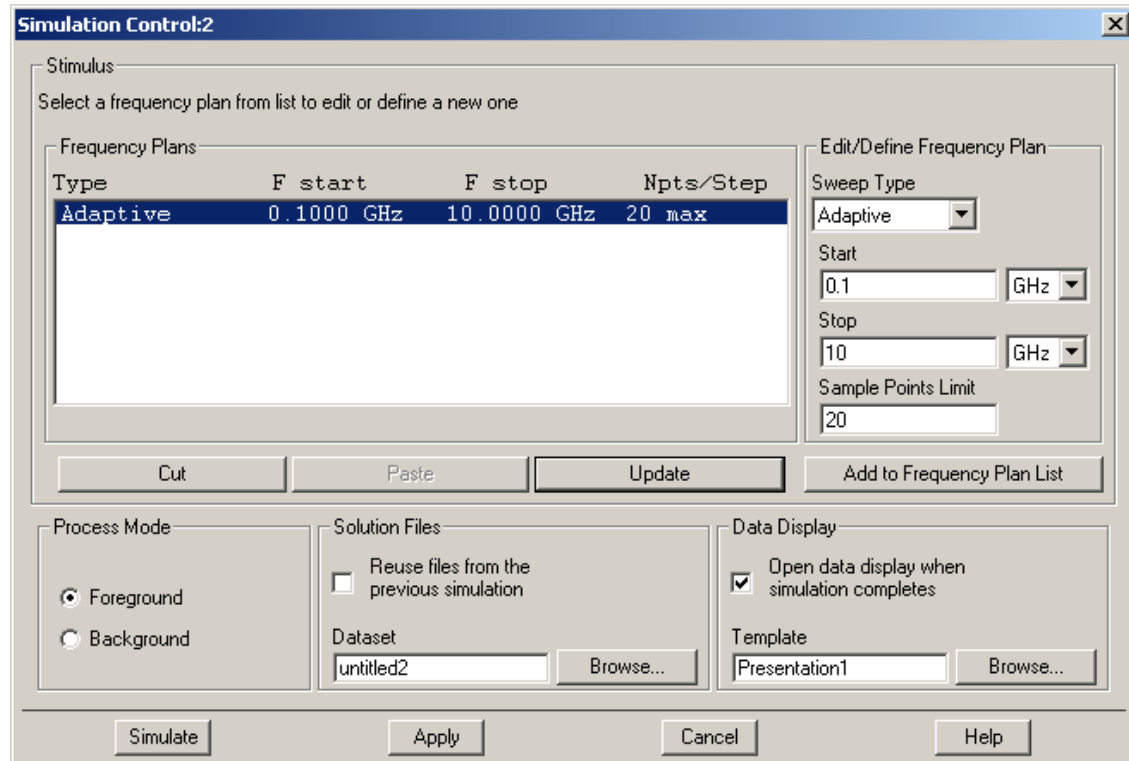
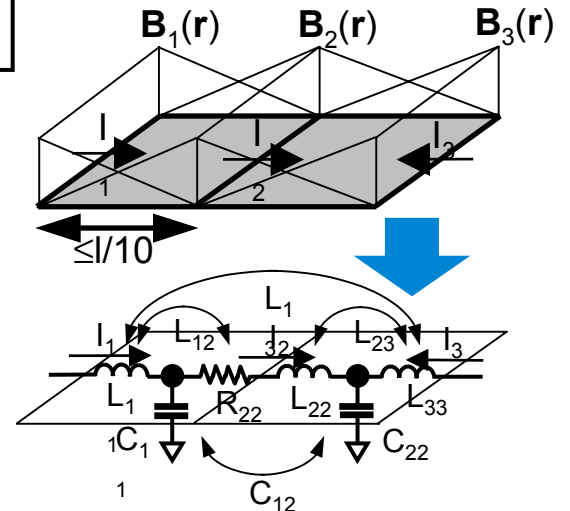
Maxwell's Equations

Matrix Equation

$$[Z] \cdot [I] = [V]$$

Equivalent Circuit

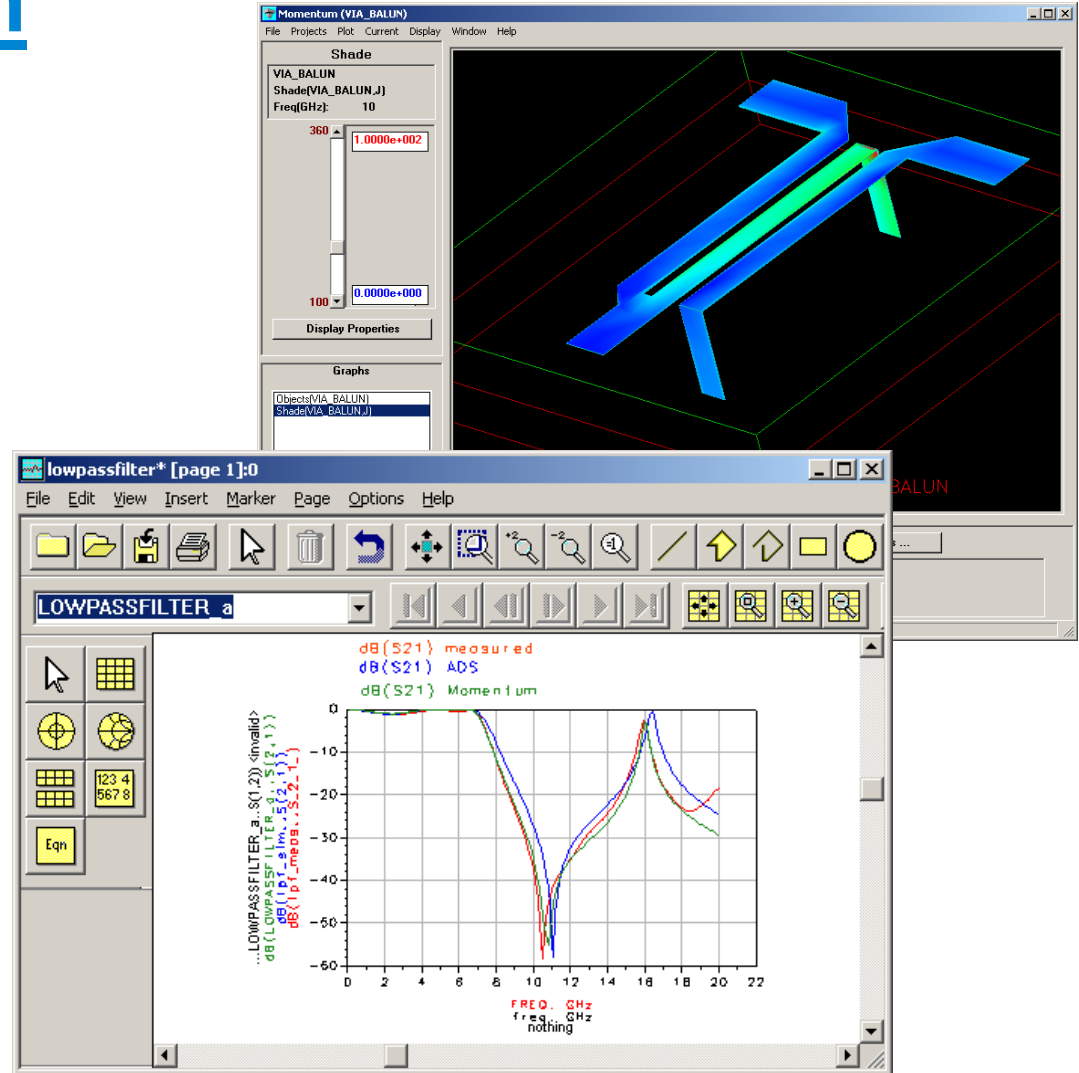
$$[Z] = [R] + j\omega[L] + 1/j\omega [C]^{-1}$$





# Using Momentum

- **Solution process**
  - Select Mode
  - Substrate definition
  - Port Setup
  - Mesh Generation
  - Planar Solve
  - **Display Results**

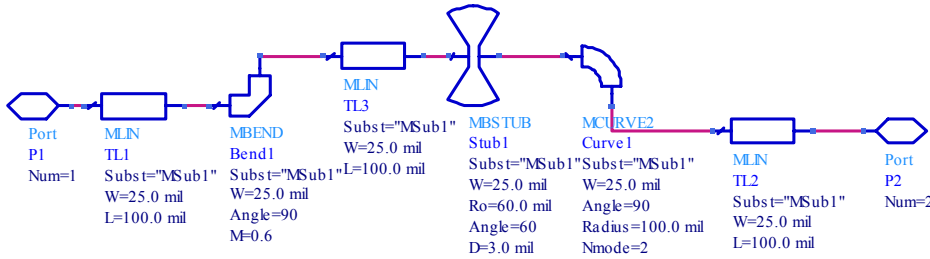


More on this in the next section...



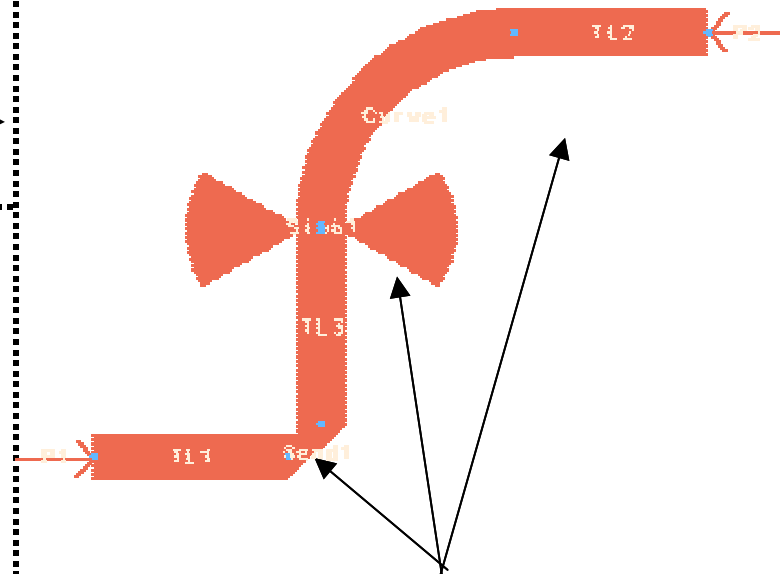
# Model Composer : Allows you to create EM model for an electrical component

## Create a Schematic

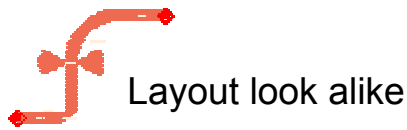


Translate to Layout

## Layout

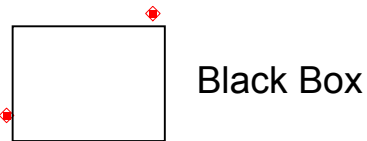


These structures retain parameters. Define the range in which they vary in an EM model. Create **Layout** component



Ref  
test  
test\_1  
ModelType=MW

Or



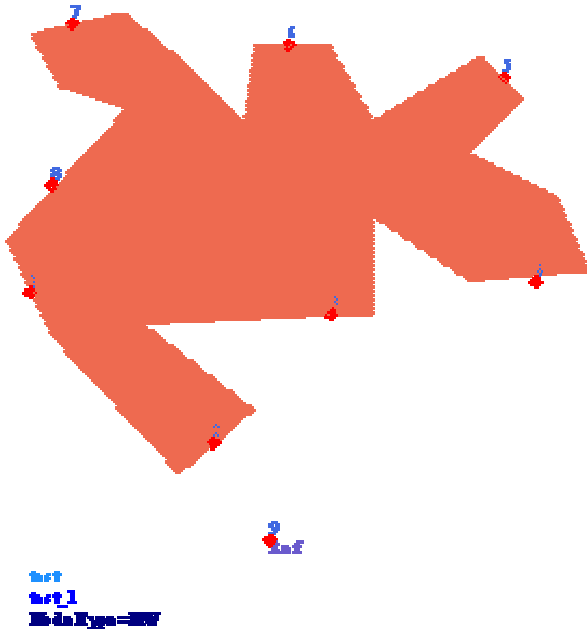
test  
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ModelType=MW

Place the Layout component in the schematic



# Advanced Model Composer: Lets you create EM models for arbitrary shapes

Let this be your most creative network !!!

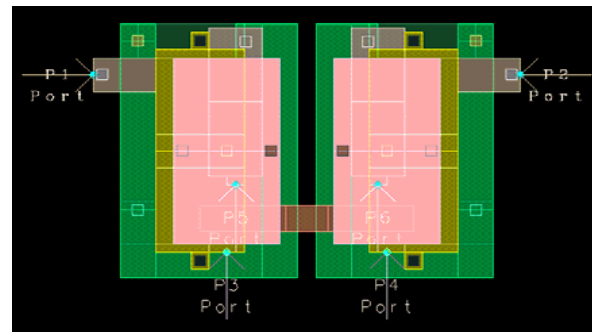


- Parameterize this network in terms of various geometrical parameters
- Tell the simulator how you want them to vary.
- Perform the EM simulation to create a EM model This creates a design kit using MAPS
- Install the design Kit
- Use the design kit there after in schematics
- You can now Co-simulate and Co-optimize
- You can use all the powerful statistical design tools such as yield optimization, tolerance analysis, design centering etc.



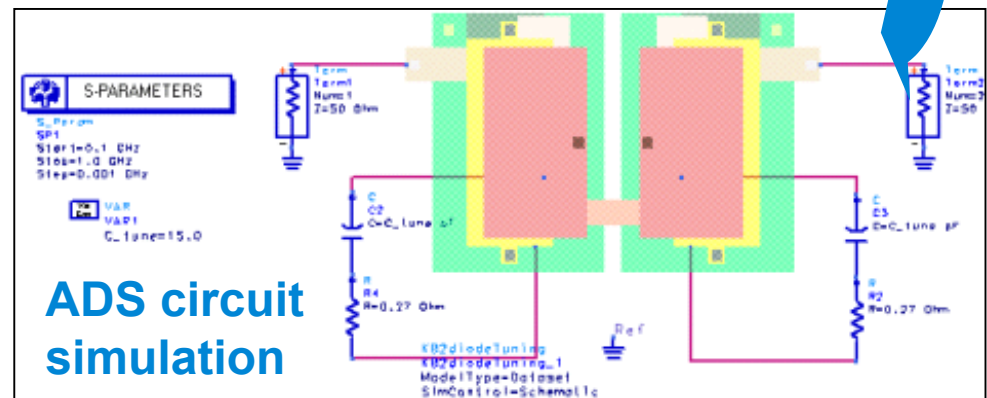
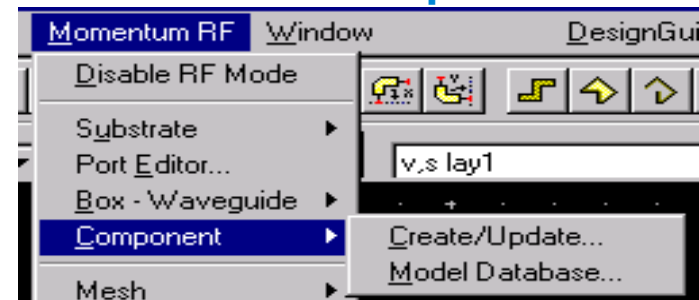
# Momentum Component (EM/circuit co-simulation)

- EM/Circuit co-simulation from the schematic environment
- Transparent integration of electromagnetic simulators at the schematic design level
- Include physical layout parasitics in schematic
- Momentum simulation options accessible from schematic
- Compiled Layout Components listed in project's hierarchy
- Model database for reuse option
- **ADS 2002C: EM/Circuit co-optimization**



Layout setup

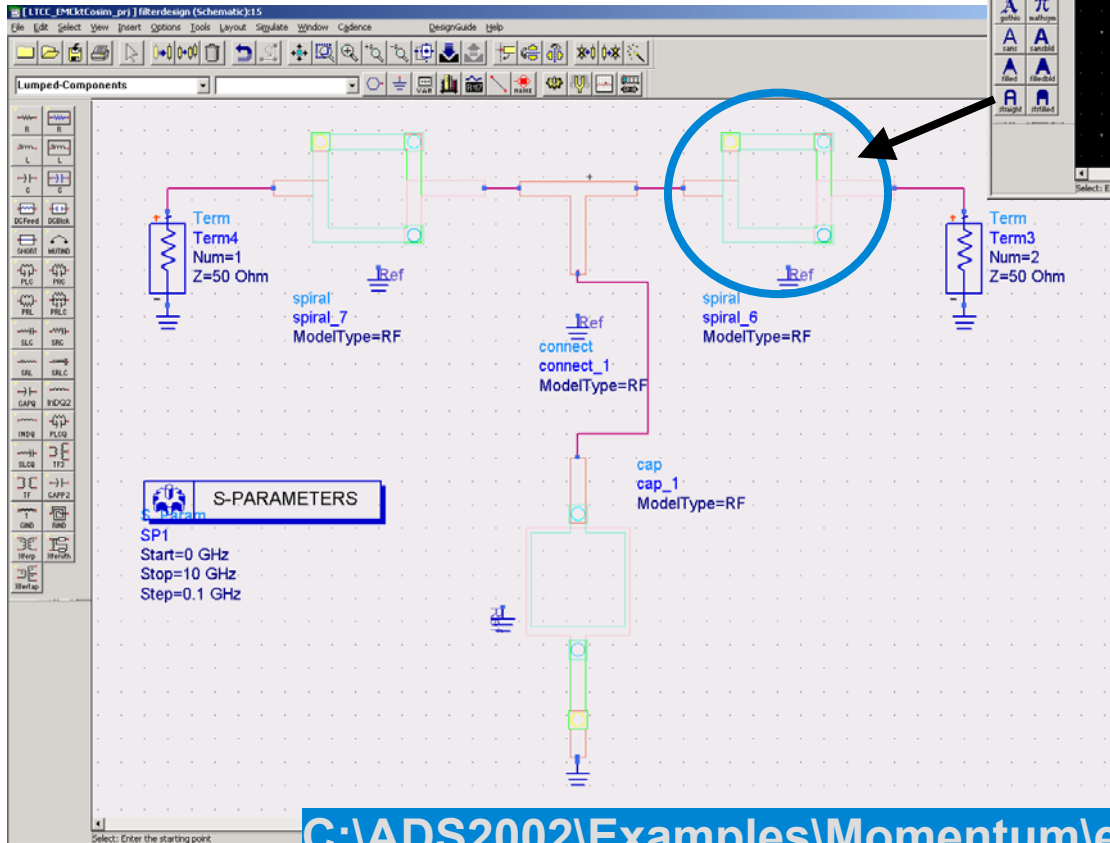
## Momentum Component



# Momentum Component (EM/circuit co-simulation)

## Example included in ADS 2002 & higher

- EM/Circuit co-simulation from the schematic environment



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# Momentum Datasets

## *Variables Available in the Standard Dataset*

- **freq** Independent frequency variable
- **GAMMA $n$**  Modal propagation constant of port  $n$  (calculated for single, differential, and coplanar ports only)
- **PORTZ $n$**  Impedance of Port  $n$
- **S** S-matrix, normalized to PORTZ $n$
- **S(i,j)** S-parameters for each port pairing, normalized to PORTZ $n$
- **S\_50** S-matrix, normalized to 50 ohms
- **S\_50(i,j)** S-parameters for each port pairing, normalized to 50 ohms
- **S\_Z0** S-matrix, normalized to Z0
- **S\_Z0(i,j)** S-parameters for each port pairing, normalized to Z0 of each port
- **Z0 $n$**  Characteristic impedance of Port  $n$  (calculated for single, differential, and coplanar ports only, others are 50 ohms)

(Note that these are included in the datasets for Momentum simulations but not for MomentumRF)

# ADS Data Display: S-parameters, L, and Q of an Inductor

Powerful post processing data display allows you to take advantage of countless built-in functions and provides the flexibility to write your own (through both measurement equations in a schematic or equations in a data display page).

**Reactance, L, C and Q calculated from S-parameters at a single frequency (based on marker location)**

These equations will determine the Reactance, the Inductance, and the Capacitance at the frequency that the marker is on

```
Eqn m1_reactance=imag(zin(m1,100))
Eqn m1_L=if (m1_reactance[:]>0.0) then (m1_reactance[:]/(2*pi*indep(m1_reactance[:])) else 0
Eqn m1_C=if (m1_reactance[:]<0.0) then 1/(2*pi*indep(m1_reactance[:]))*m1_reactance[:] else 0
```

freq (1.000GHz to 1.000GHz)

m1	freq=1.000GHz	S(2,2)=0.9057169417	impedance = 0.989 + j4.629
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freq	m1	m1_reactance
1.000GHz	0.9857169417	9.259

freq	m1	m1_L
1.000GHz	0.9857169417	1.474E-9

freq	m1	m1_C
1.000GHz	0.9857169417	0.000

```
Eqn m1_Q=imag(zin(m1,100))*real(zin(m1,100))
```

freq	m1	m1_Q
1.000GHz	0.9857169417	5.148

**Reactance, L, C and Q calculated from S-parameters for all simulated frequencies**

This equation will determine Inductance when the reactance is >0 (inductive) and will output 0 when reactance is <0 (capacitive)

```
Eqn ind=if (reactance[:]>0.0) then (reactance[:]/(2*pi*indep(reactance[:])) else 0
```

ind	1.474E-9
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This equation will determine Capacitance when the reactance is <0 (capacitive) and will output 0 when reactance is >0 (inductive)

```
Eqn cap=if (reactance[:]<0.0) then 1/(2*pi*indep(reactance[:]))*reactance[:] else 0
```

cap	0.000
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This equation will determine the Reactance from the S-parameters

```
Eqn reactance=imag(zin(S(2,2)[:],100))
```

**Alternate approaches: Reactance, L, C and Q calculated from Y- & Z-parameters for all simulated frequencies**

```
Eqn Y=stoz(S22,100)
Eqn Z=stoz(S22,100)
Eqn L=imag(1/Y)/(2*pi*freq)
Eqn L1=if (imag(Z)>0.0) then (imag(Z)/(2*pi*freq)) else 0
Eqn Q=-1*(imag(Y)/real(Y))
Eqn Q1=imag(Z)/real(Z)
```

freq	L	Q	Q1	L1
1.000GHz	1.474E-9	5.148	5.148	1.474E-9

To use this Data Display, just select the desired S-parameter Dataset in the Default Dataset field (the drop-down menu just below the file menu and the toolbar)

# Momentum Datasets

## *Variables Available in the Far-field Dataset*

- **THETA** Swept parameter of planar cut
- **PHI** Swept parameter of conical cut
- **Etheta & Ephi** Absolute E field strength (V) of theta and phi far-field components
- **Htheta & Hphi** Absolute H field strength (A) of theta and phi far-field components
- **Eihp & Erhp** Normalized E field strength of LHCP and RHCP far-field components
- **ARcp** Axial ratio, derived from LHCP and RHCP far-field components
- **Eco & Ecross** Normalized E field strength of co and cross polarized far-field comp
- **ARlp** Linear polarization axial ratio, derived from co and cross polarized far-field components
- **Gain, Directivity** Gain, Directivity, Efficiency (in %), and Effective area (in m<sup>2</sup>) Efficiency, Effective Area
- **Power** Radiation intensity (in watts/steradian)



# Momentum Visualization

## *Momentum Visualization Enables You to View and Analyze...*

- **Currents** (surface currents)
- **S-parameters** (mag, re, im, phase, and dB of  $S(i,j)$ )
- **Transmission line data** (propagation constant, characteristic impedance)
- **Far-fields** (radiation patterns & axial ratio in 3D and 2D)
- **Antenna parameters** (gain, directivity, pointing angle, etc.)

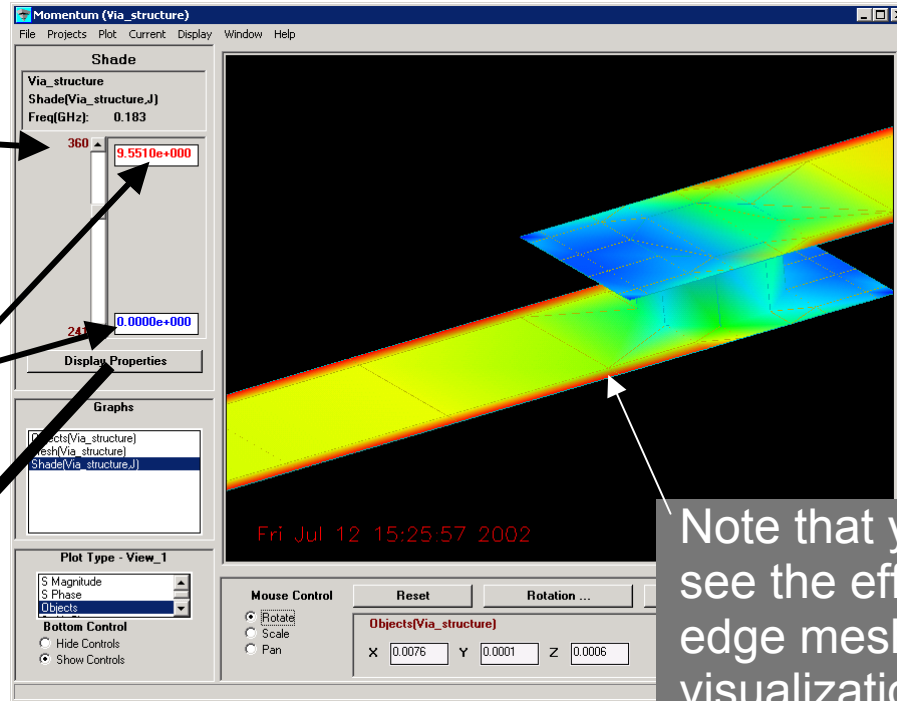
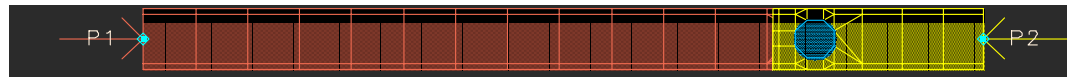
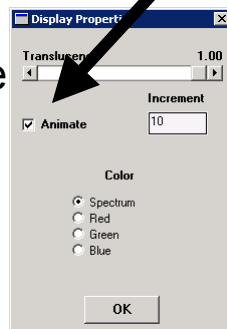


# Momentum Visualization: Surface Currents

When you scroll from 0-360, you are actually varying the phase which illustrates the  $e^{j\omega t}$  time dependency of the surface currents

The lower and upper values input into these fields represents the lowest and highest values of the surface current density (A/m) which will be viewed

You also have the option to look at the animated currents when click on the Display Properties button



Note that you can also see the effects of an edge mesh in the current visualization (the skin effect is emphasized)

Note: when you are viewing the results for a slot metallization layer, the MAGNETIC currents are plotted instead of the ELECTRIC currents. You will also be viewing the mesh in the slots instead of a mesh on the conductors when viewing the mesh for a slot layer.

# Momentum Visualization: Surface Currents

Window

- Erase Plot ...
- Tile**
- Refresh
- Select View ...
- Full Window
- Preferences ...

Momentum (spiral\_param\_work)

File Projects Plot Current Display Window Help

**Arrow**

spiral\_param\_work  
Arrow(spiral\_param\_work.J)  
Freq(GHz): 3.33333

360   
180

Display Properties

**Graphs**

Objects(spiral\_param\_work)  
Arrow(spiral\_param\_work.J)

**Plot Type - View\_4**

S Magnitude  
S Phase  
**Objects**

**Bottom Control**

Hide Controls  
 Show Controls

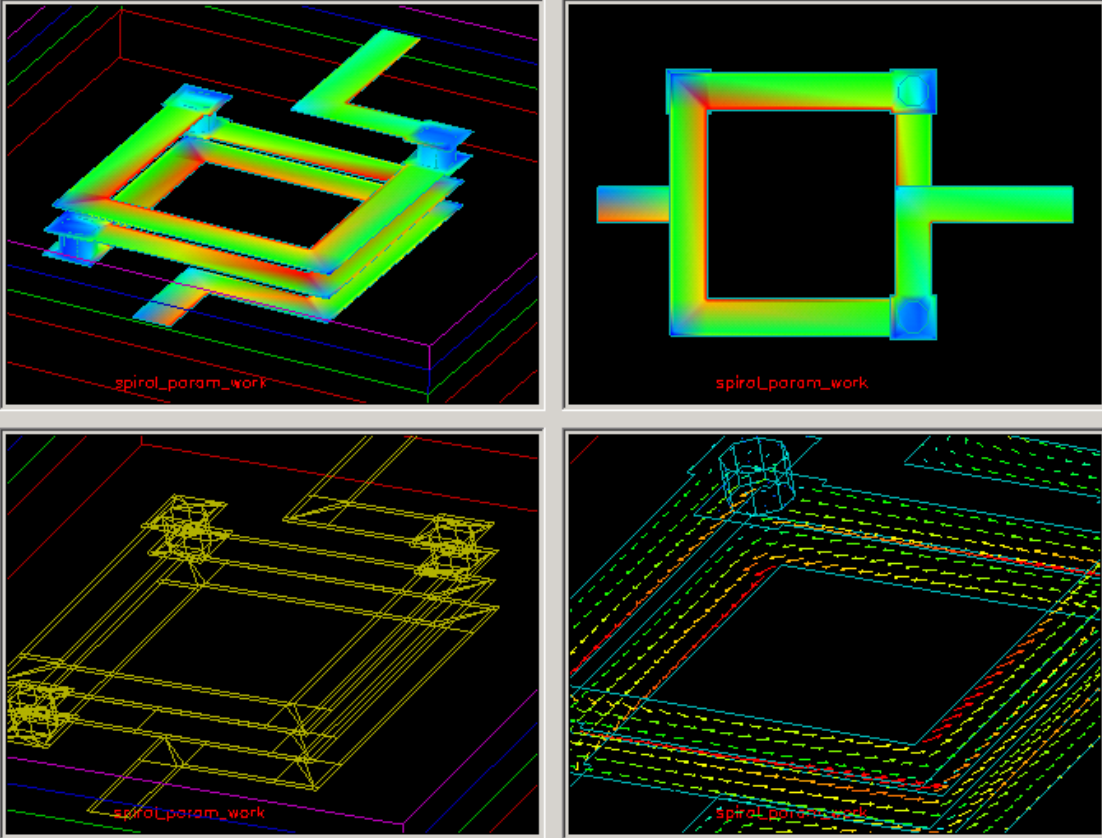
**Mouse Control**

Rotate  
 Scale  
 Pan

Reset Rotation ... Views ...

Objects(spiral\_param\_work)

X  Y  Z

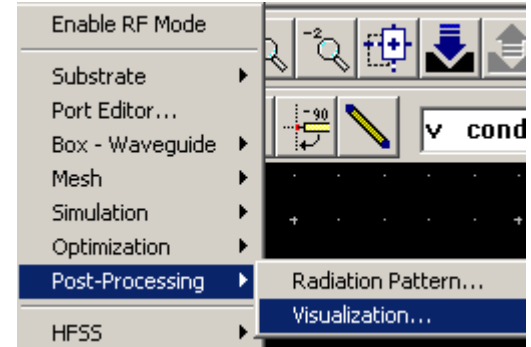
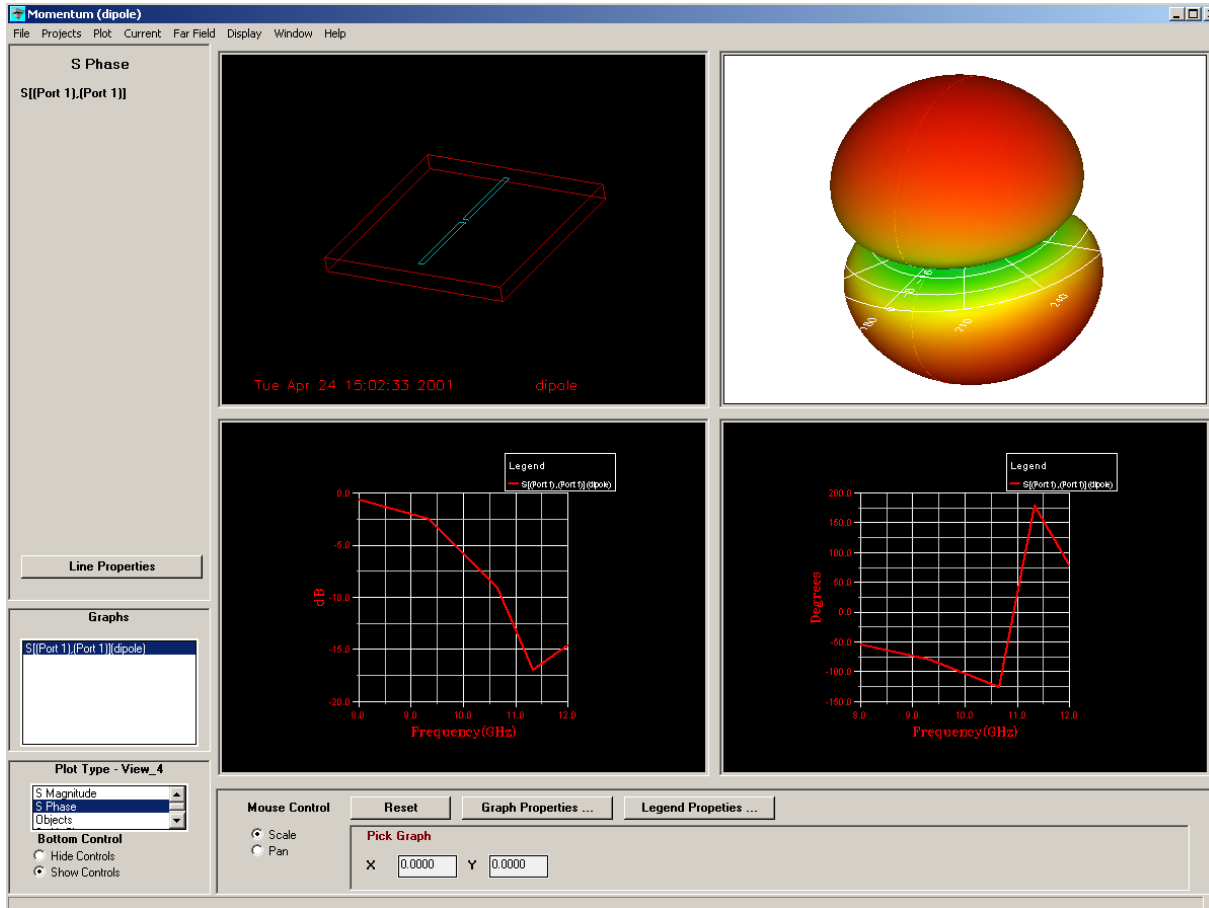


The image displays four panels of surface current visualizations for a spiral structure. The top-left panel shows a 3D magnitude plot with a color scale from blue (low) to red (high). The top-right panel shows a 2D magnitude plot. The bottom-left panel shows a 3D phase plot with a color scale from blue to red. The bottom-right panel shows a 2D phase plot with a color scale from blue to red. The spiral structure is shown in a 3D perspective view.



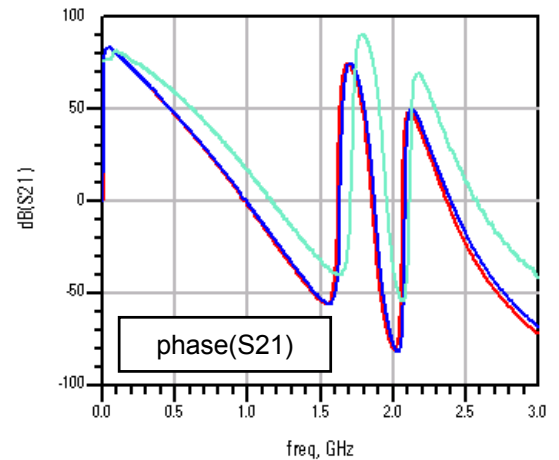
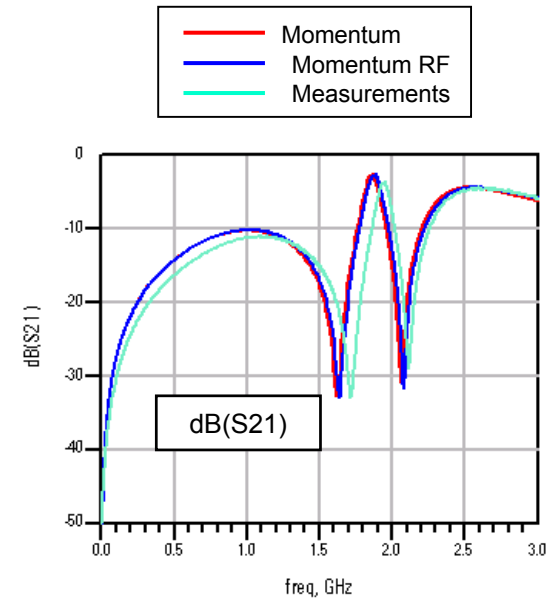
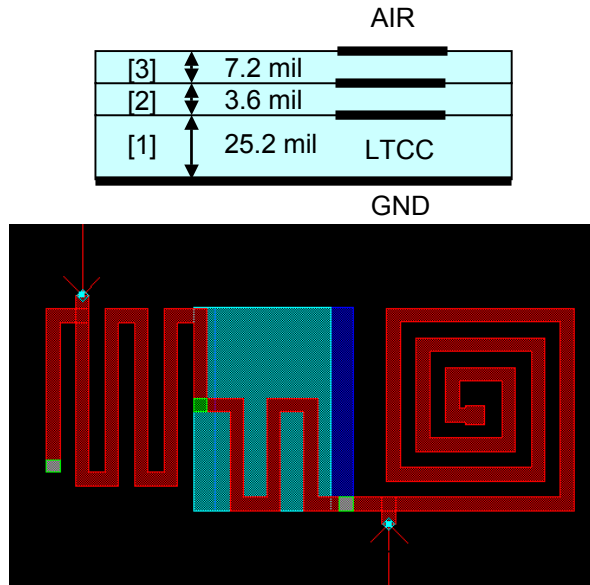
# Momentum Visualization:

## Far-field Radiation Patterns and S-parameters



**Radiation  
Patterns are only  
available with  
Momentum  
results, not  
MomentumRF**

# LTCC Filter Design



## Momentum

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 3 GHz  
Frequencies: 14

Matrix size : **218**  
Process size : **14.13 MB**  
User time : **5 m 14 s**

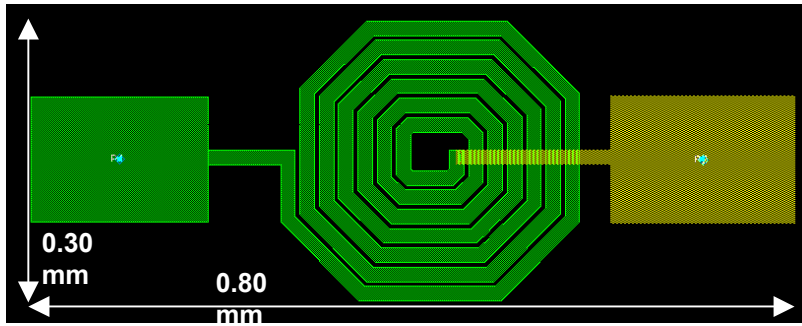
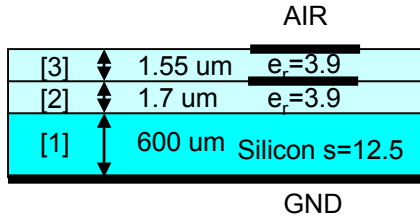
## Momentum RF

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 3 GHz  
Frequencies: 10

Matrix size : **56**  
Process size : **7.59 MB**  
User time : **45 s**

Example from National Semiconductor

# RFIC/MMIC Applications



**Momentum**

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 5 GHz  
Frequencies: 7

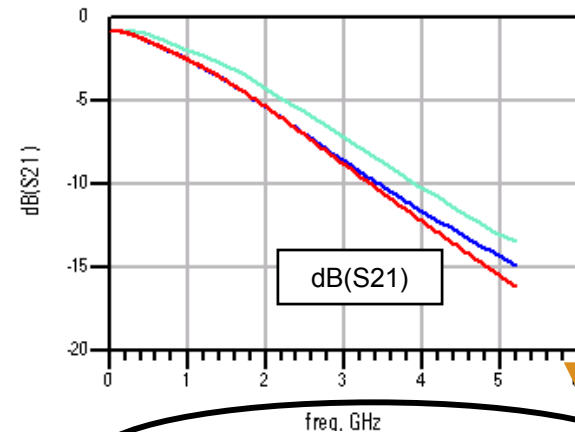
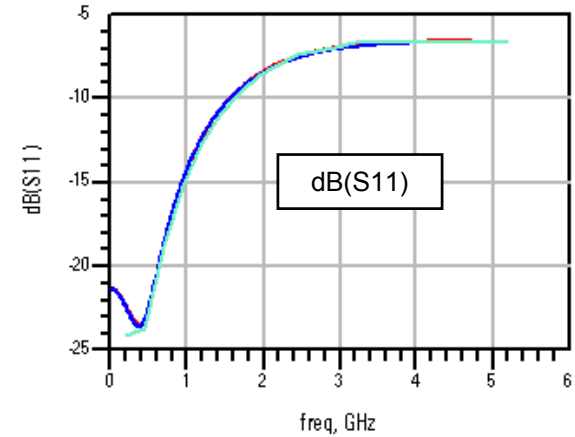
Matrix size : **274**  
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User time : **11m 09s**

**Momentum RF**

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 5 GHz  
Frequencies: 7

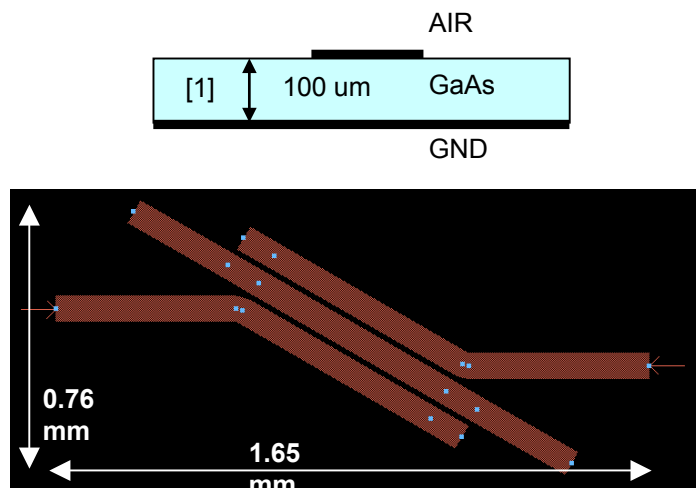
Matrix size : **35**  
Process size : **3.33 MB**  
User time : **1m 39s**

PC-NT Pentium II workstation (330 MHz)



**Rule of thumb: freq < 176 GHz**

# RFIC / MMIC Applications



## Momentum

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 50 GHz  
Frequencies: 12

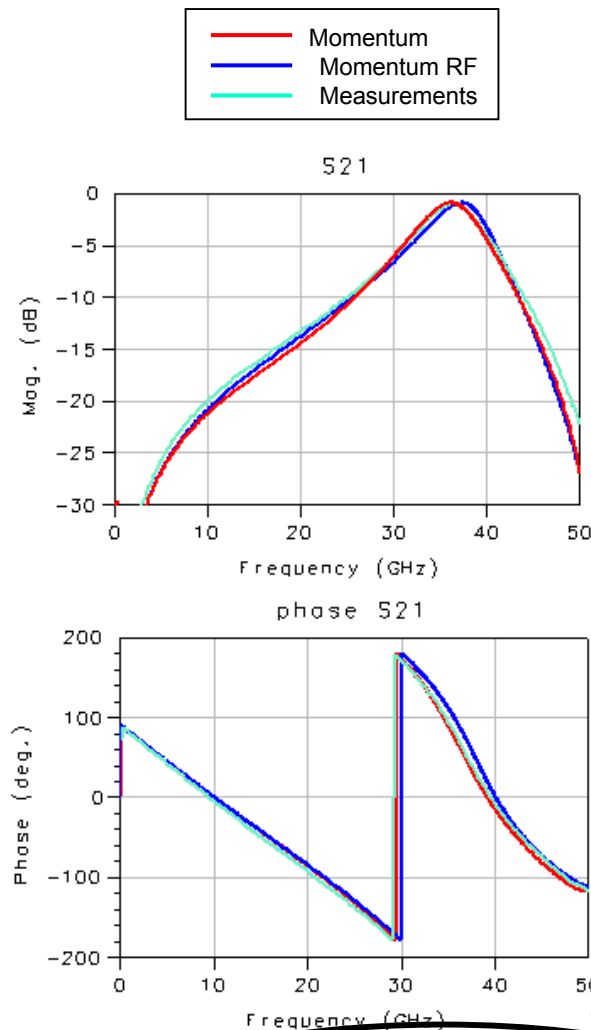
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Process size : **6.32 MB**  
User time : **2 m 03 s**

## Momentum RF

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 50 GHz  
Frequencies: 10

Matrix size : **203**  
Process size : **4.50 MB**  
User time : **0 m 26 s**

PC-NT Pentium II workstation (330 MHz)

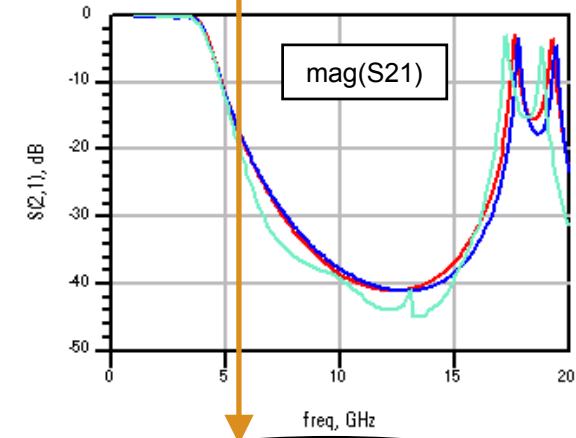
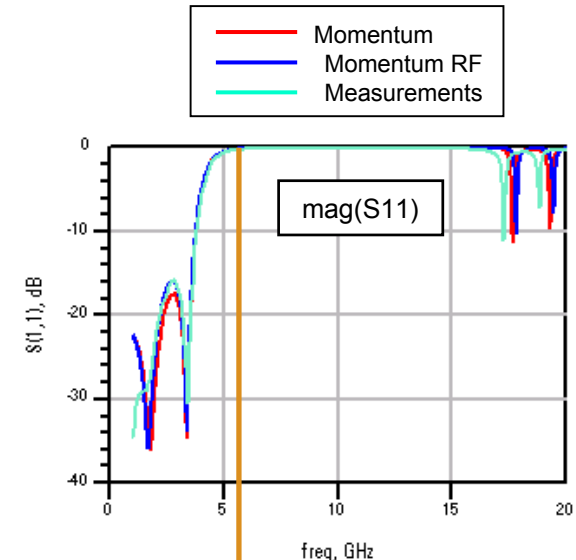
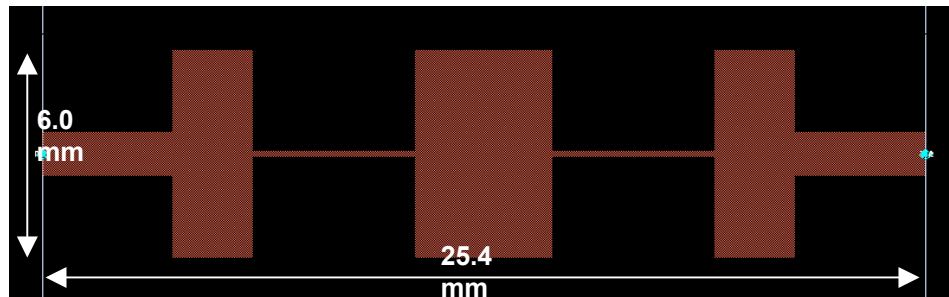
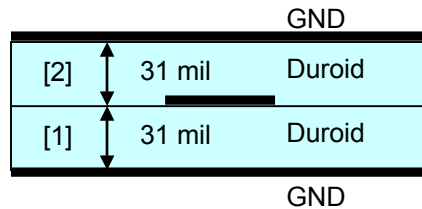


**Rule of thumb: freq < 83.3 GHz**



Agilent Technologies

# Microwave Lowpass Filter (Stripline)



Rule of thumb: freq < 5.76 GHz

**Momentum**

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 15 GHz  
Frequencies: 20

Process size : **18.07 MB**  
User time : **36 m 07 s**

**Momentum RF**

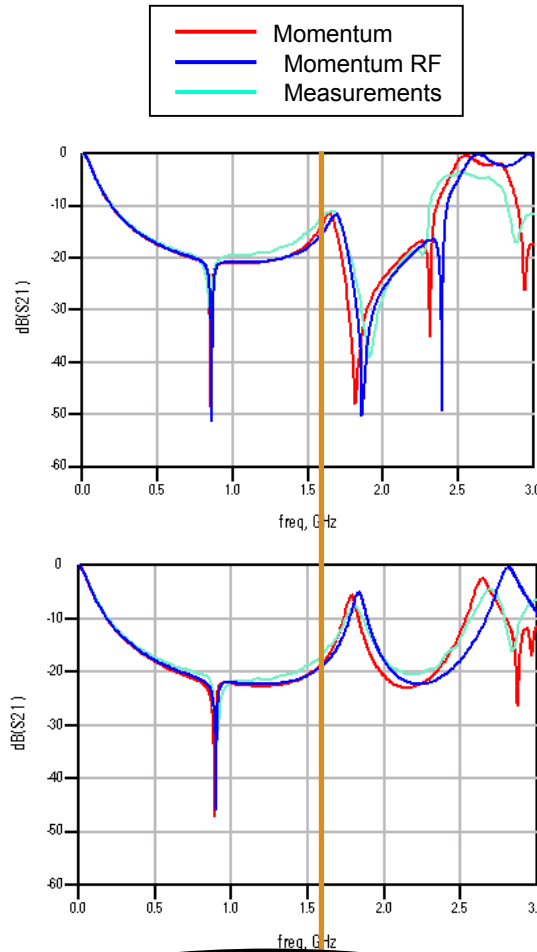
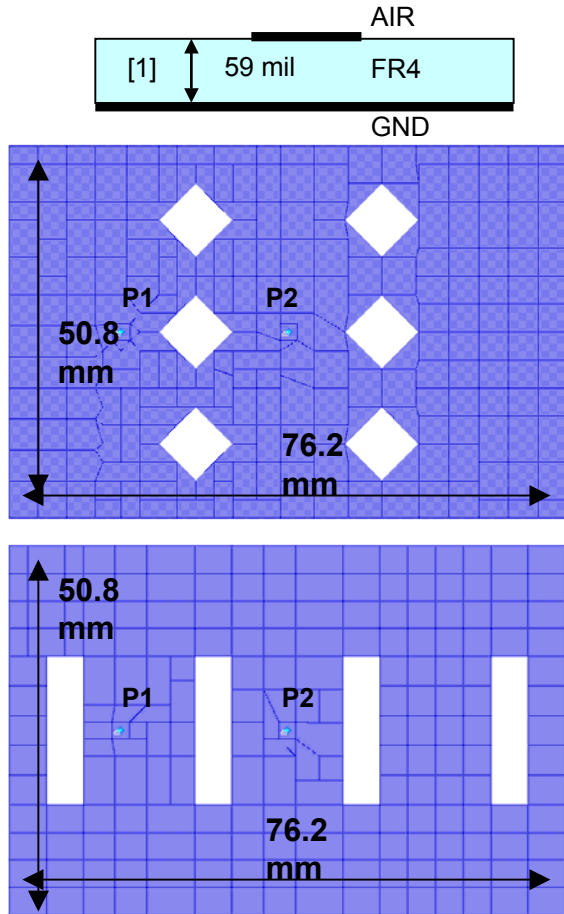
Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 15 GHz  
Frequencies: 15

Process size : **12.29 MB**  
User time : **2 m 21 s**

PC-NT Pentium II workstation (330 MHz)



# RF Board Power/Ground



**Momentum**  
 Process size : 20.8 MB  
 User time : 30 m 42 s

**Momentum RF**  
 Process size : 15.0 MB  
 User time : 4 m 41 s

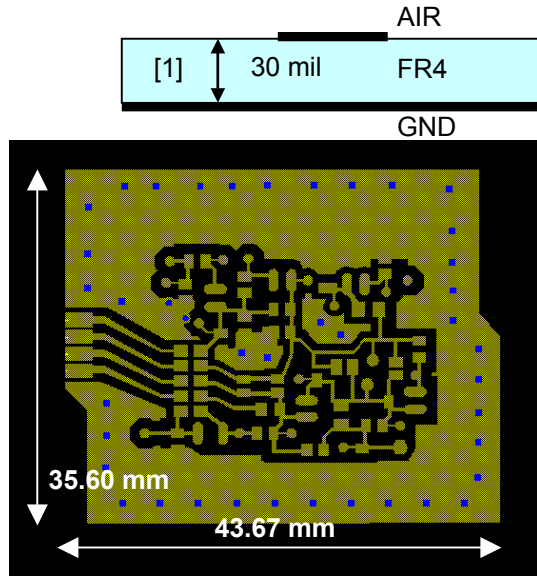
**Momentum**  
 Process size : 20.2 MB  
 User time : 50 m 29 s

**Momentum RF**  
 Process size : 17.0 MB  
 User time : 5 m 33 s

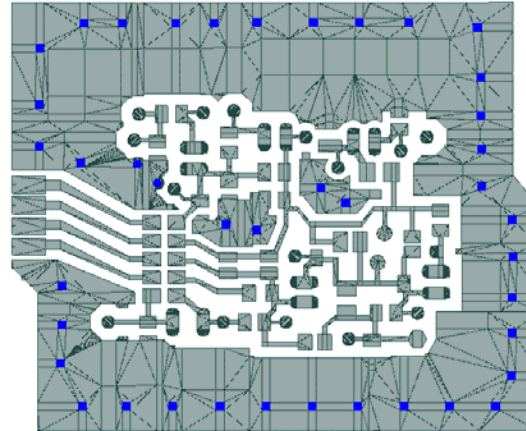
**Rule of thumb: freq < 1.63 GHz**

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# RF Board Application



rectangular & triangular mesh

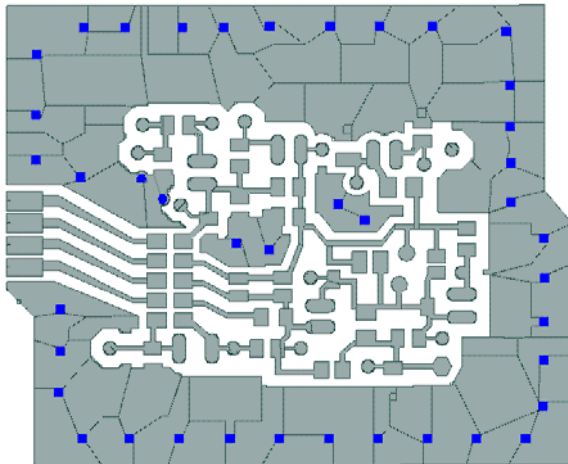


## Momentum

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 1 GHz  
Ports: 60  
Frequencies: 6

Matrix size : 3428  
Process size : 152.48 MB  
User time : 11h 04m 51s

reduced polygonal mesh



## Momentum RF

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 1 GHz  
Ports: 60  
Frequencies: 6

Matrix size : 733  
Process size : 59.35 MB  
User time : 48m 24s

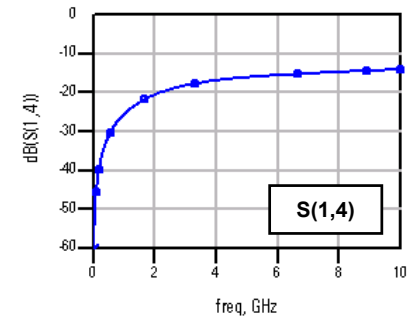
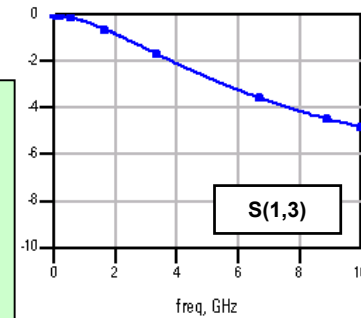
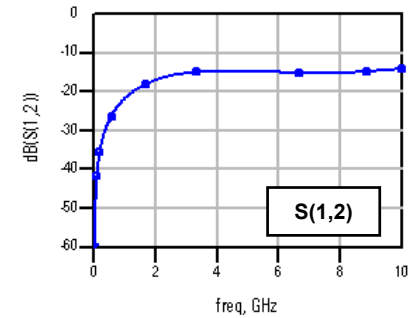
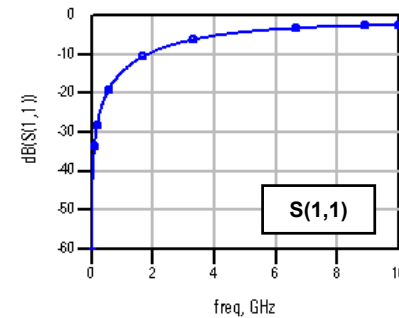
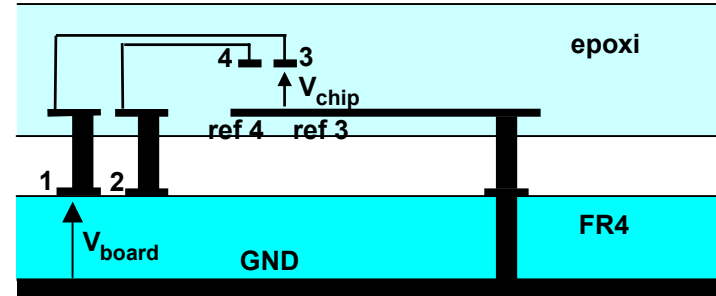
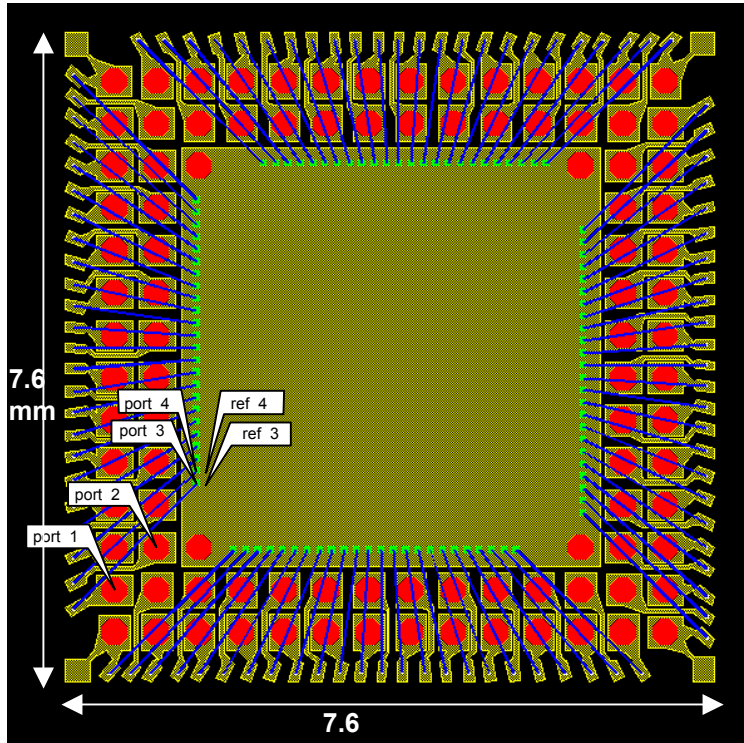
## Speed & Capacity

**memory: 3 x**  
**speed: 14 x**

PC-NT Pentium II workstation (330 MHz)



# Packaging Application



## Momentum

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 5 GHz

Matrix size : 8244

Process size : > 1 GB

User time : > 2 days

## Momentum RF

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 5 GHz

Matrix size : 1354

Process size : 106.57 MB

User time : 5h 17m 53s

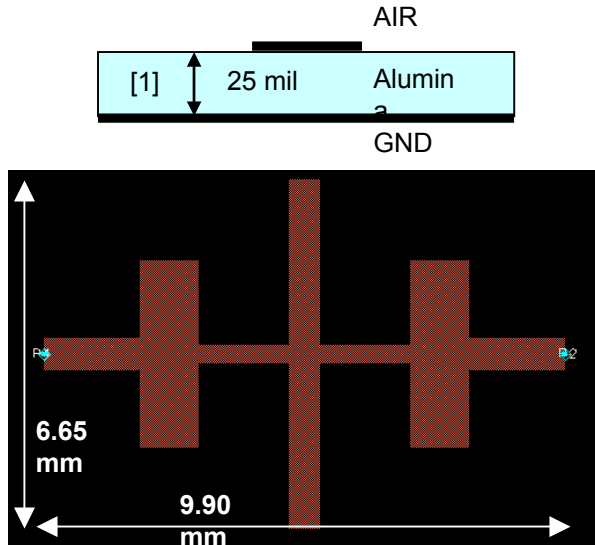
PC-NT Pentium II workstation (330 MHz)



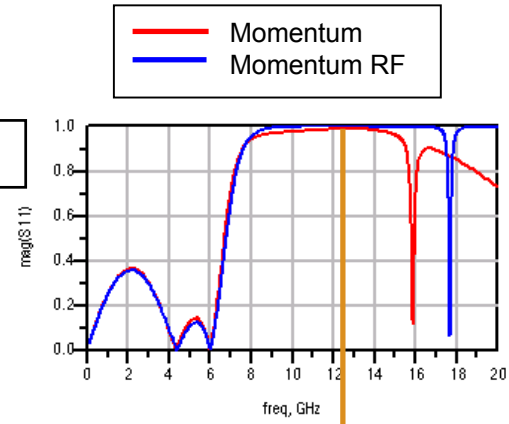
Agilent Technologies

Rule of thumb: freq < 13.8 GHz

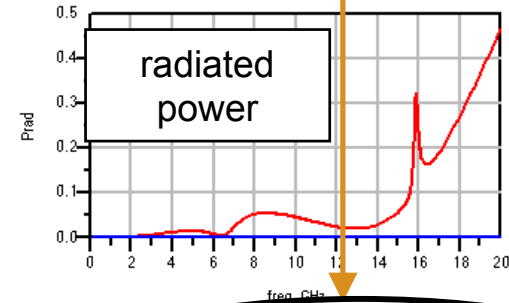
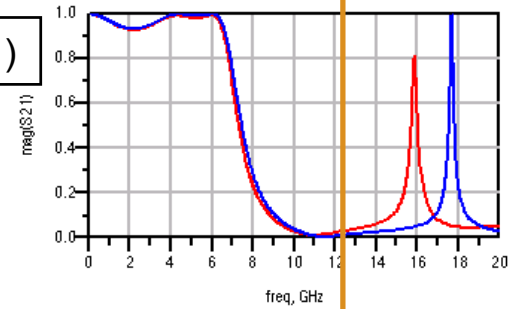
# Microwave Applications



mag(S11)



mag(S21)



**Momentum**

Mesh: 10 cells/wavelength, 20 GHz  
Frequencies: 18

Matrix size : **181**  
Process size : **2.92 MB**  
User time : **1 m 02 s**

**Momentum RF**

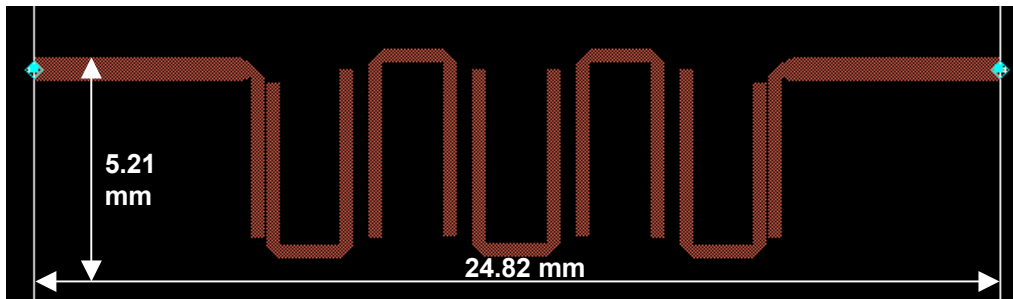
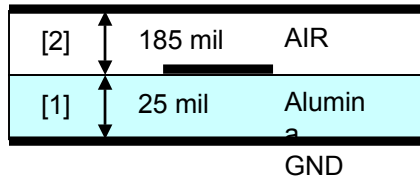
Mesh: 10 cells/wavelength, 20 GHz  
Frequencies: 14

Matrix size : **122**  
Process size : **2.13 MB**  
User time : **0 m 09 s**

PC-NT Pentium II workstation (330 MHz)

**Rule of thumb: freq < 12.5 GHz**

# Microwave Applications



## Momentum

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 7 GHz  
Frequencies: 27

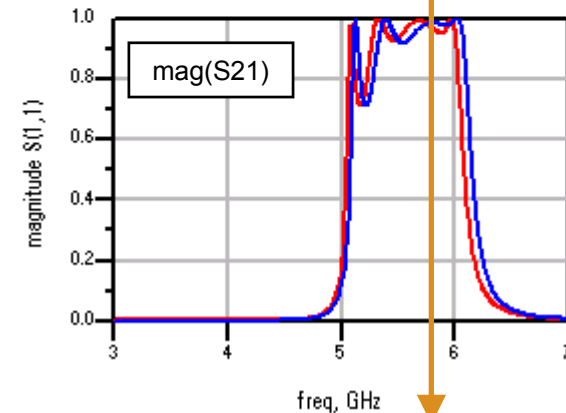
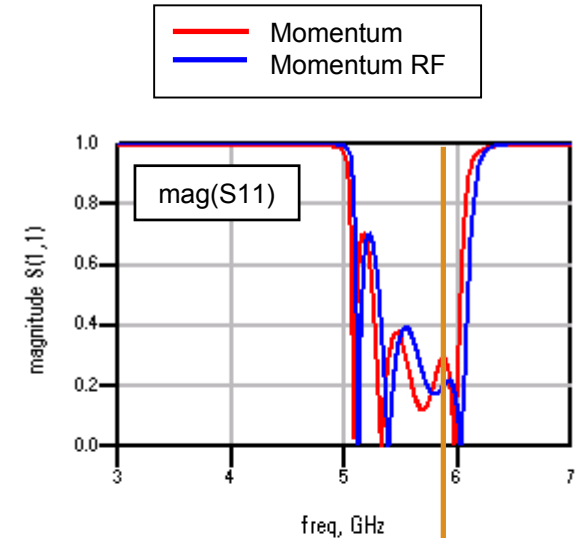
Process size : **8.26 MB**  
User time : **7 m 53 s**

## Momentum RF

Mesh: 20 cells/wavelength, 7 GHz  
Frequencies: 25

Process size : **4.75 MB**  
User time : **0 m 29 s**

PC-NT Pentium II workstation (330 MHz)

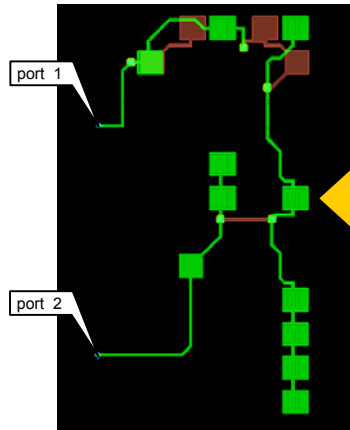


**Rule of thumb: freq < 5.9 GHz**

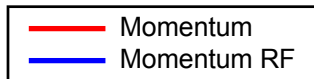
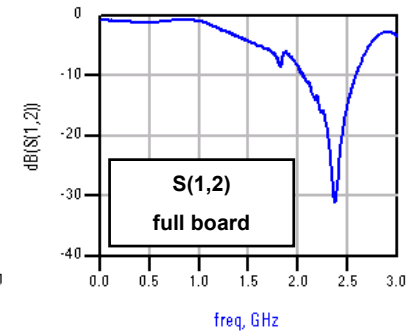
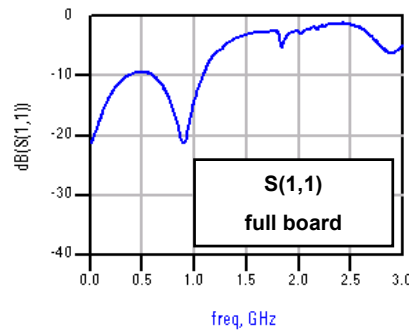
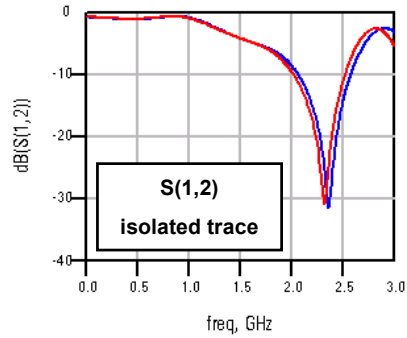
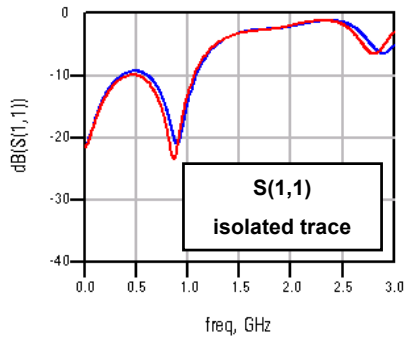
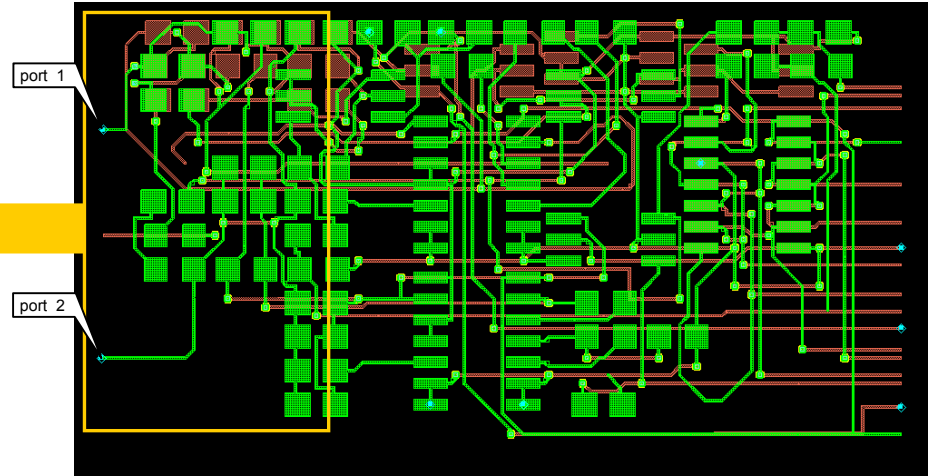


# Digital Application

isolated trace

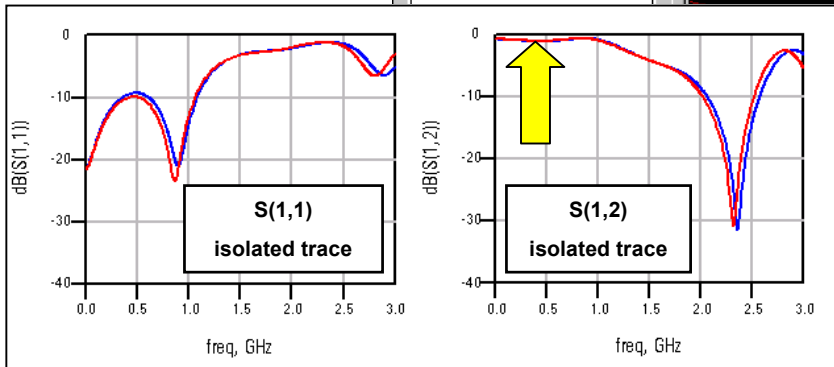
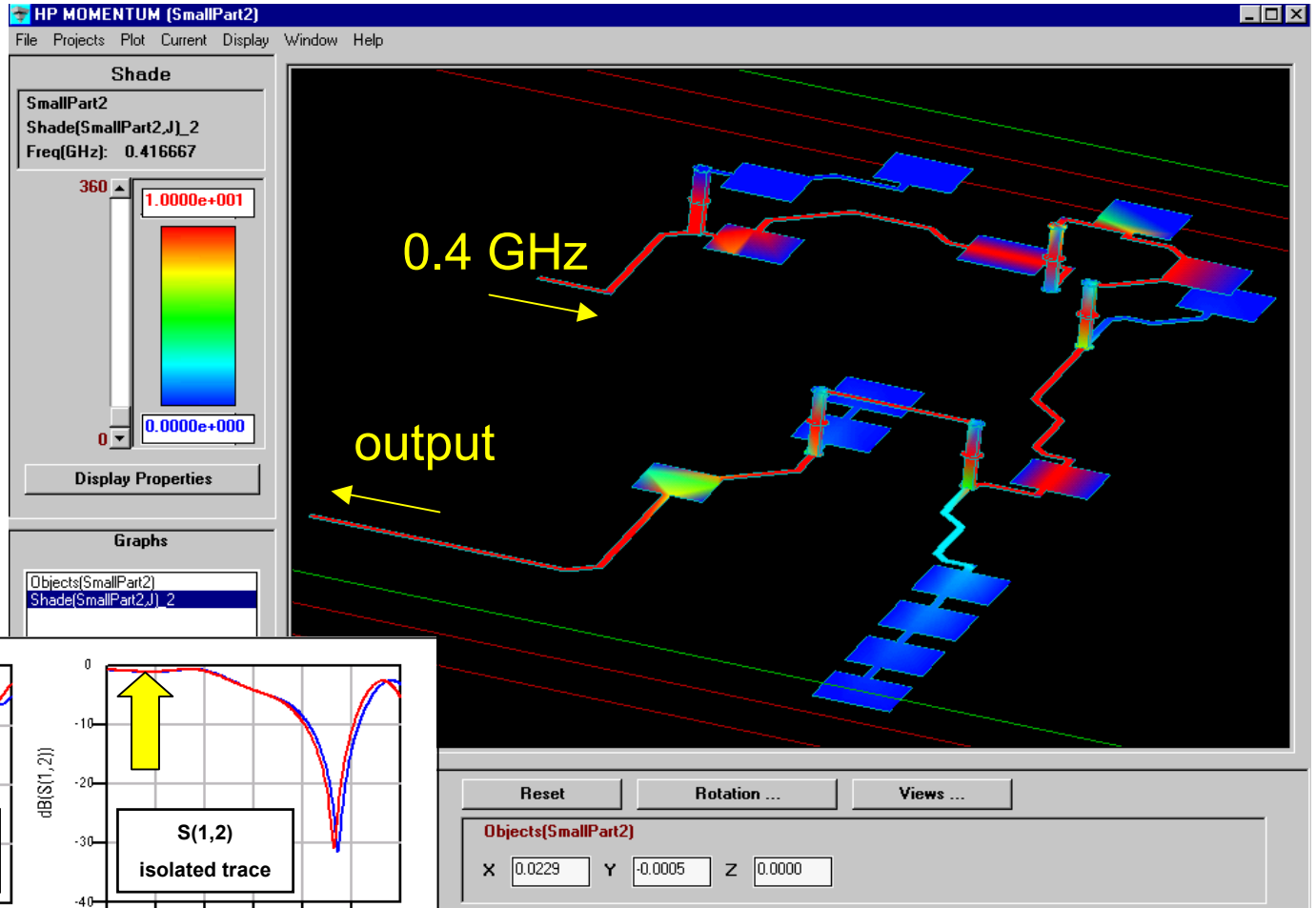
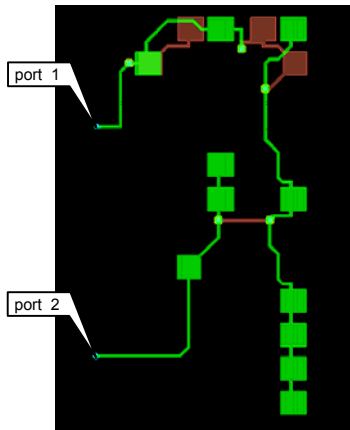


full board



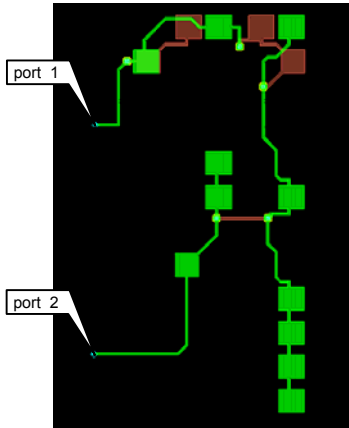
# Digital Application

isolated trace



# Digital Application

isolated trace



HP MOMENTUM (SmallPart2)  
File Projects Plot Current Display Window Help

Shade  
SmallPart2  
Shade[SmallPart2.J]  
Freq(GHz): 2.33333

360  
1.0000e+001  
0.0000e+000

Display Properties

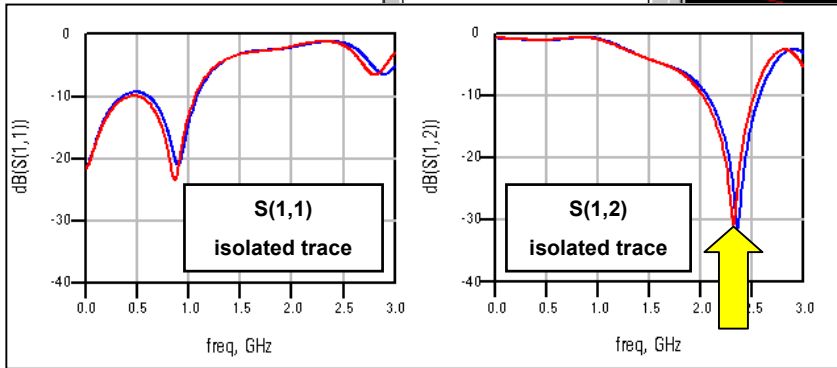
Graphs  
Objects[SmallPart2]  
Shade[SmallPart2.J]

harmonic signal  
2.33 GHz

no output

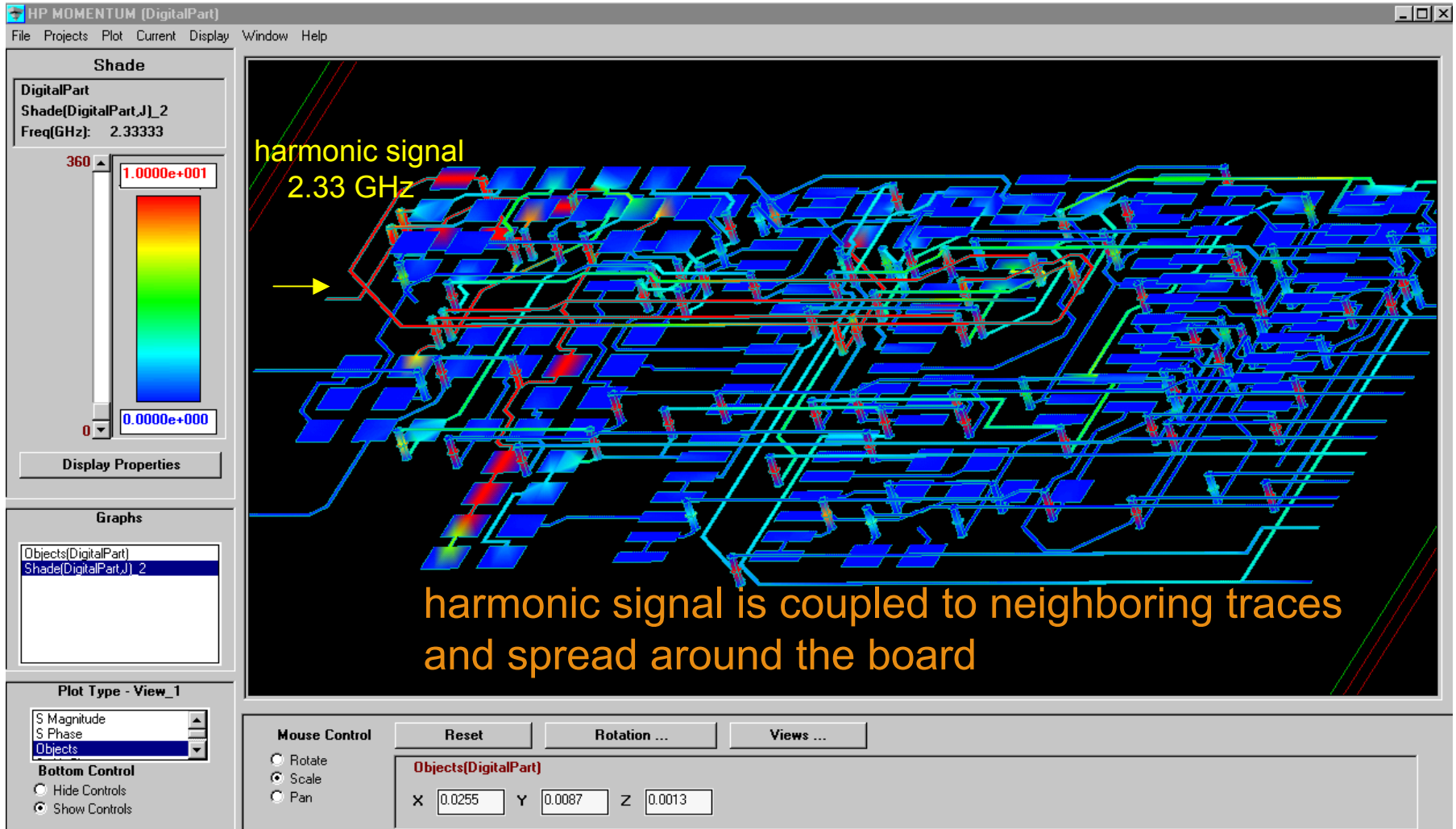
resonance  
blocks the signal

Reset Rotation ... Views ...  
Objects[SmallPart2]  
X: -0.0056 Y: -0.0005 Z: 0.0006

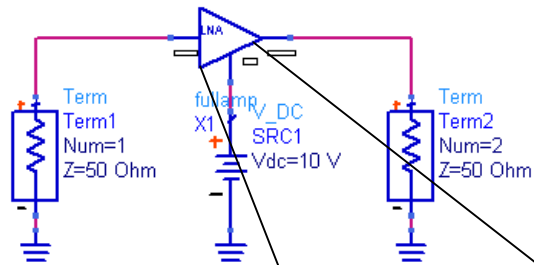




# Digital Application



# LNA EXAMPLE



**MSub**

MSUB  
 FR4  
 H=28 mil  
 Er=4.3  
 Mur=1  
 Cond=1.0E+306  
 Hu=3.9e+34 mil  
 T=0 mil  
 TanD=0  
 Rough=0 mil

**S-PARAMETERS**

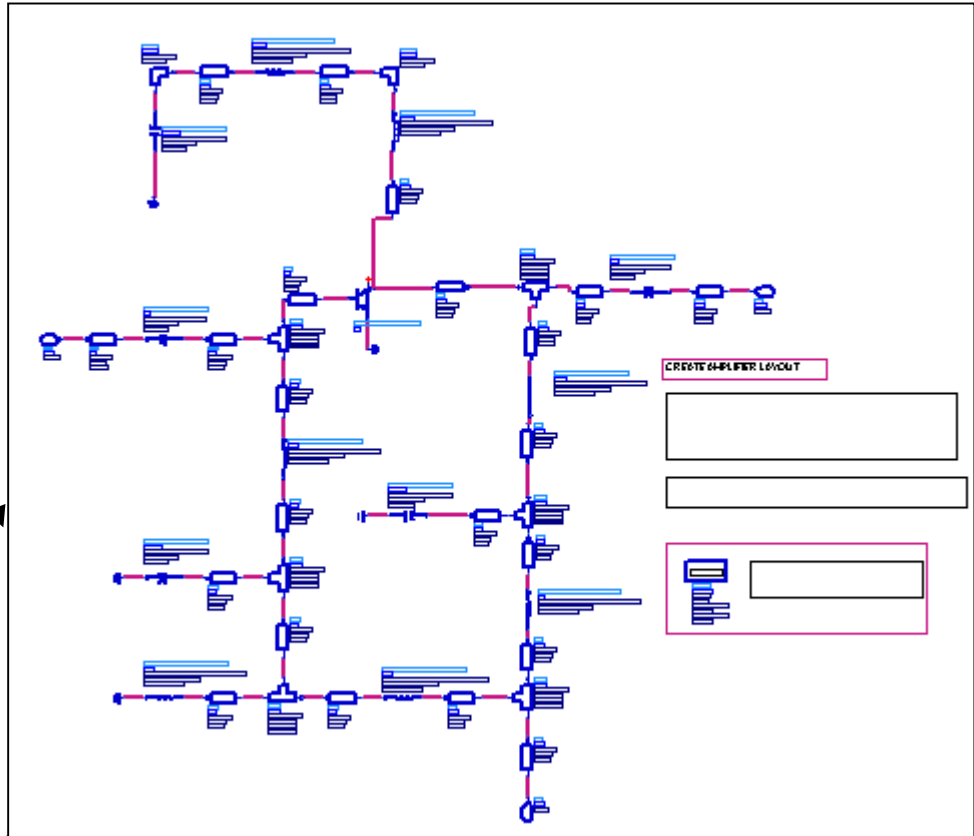
S\_Param  
 SP2  
 SweepVar="freq"  
 Start=100 MHz  
 Stop=4 GHz  
 Step=100 MHz  
 CalcS=yes  
 CalcNoise=yes  
 BandwidthForNoise=1.0 Hz

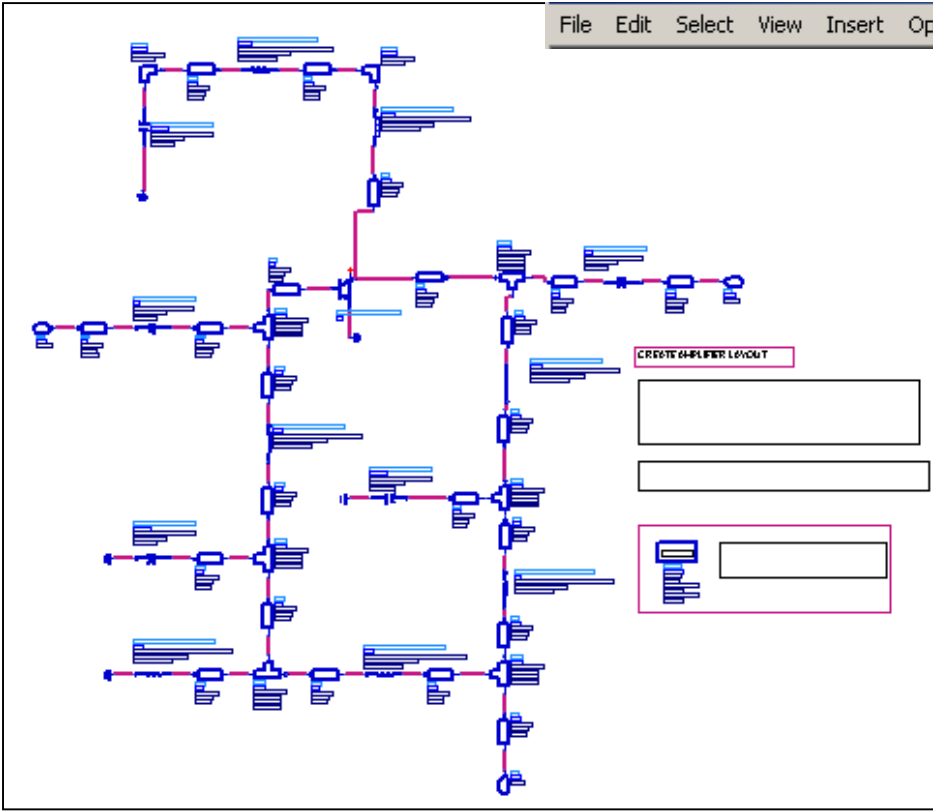
**OPTIONS**

Options1  
 Temp=16.85  
 Tnom=25  
 TopologyCheck=yes  
 V\_RelTol=1e-6 V  
 I\_RelTol=1e-6 A  
 GiveAllWarnings=yes  
 MaxWarnings=10

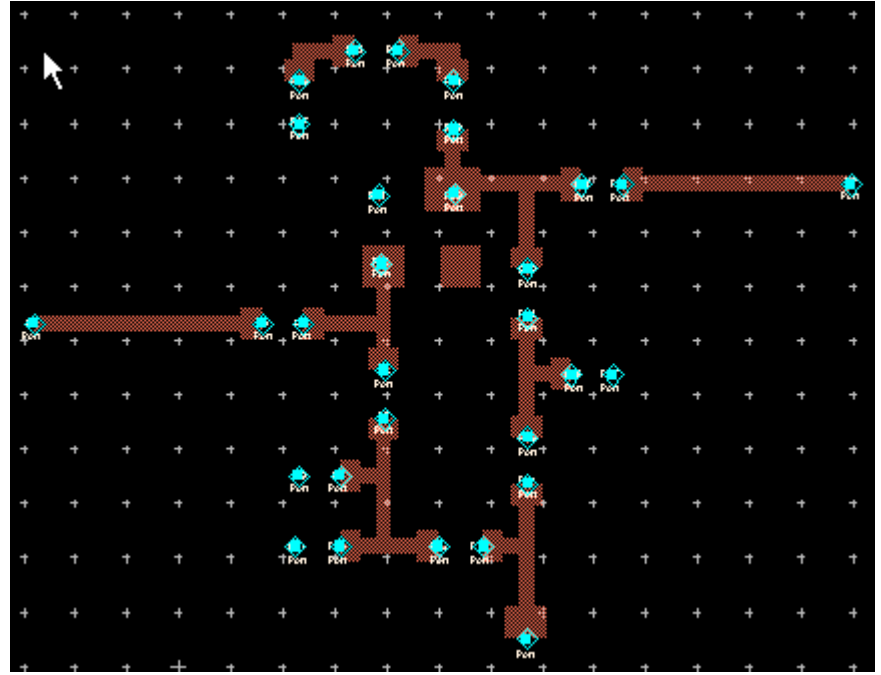
**DC**

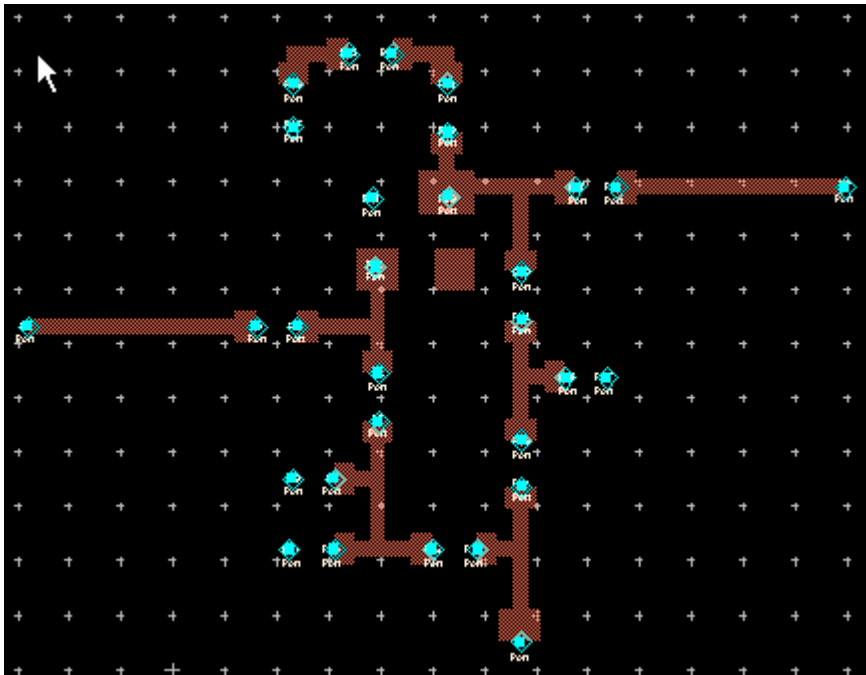
DC  
 DC1



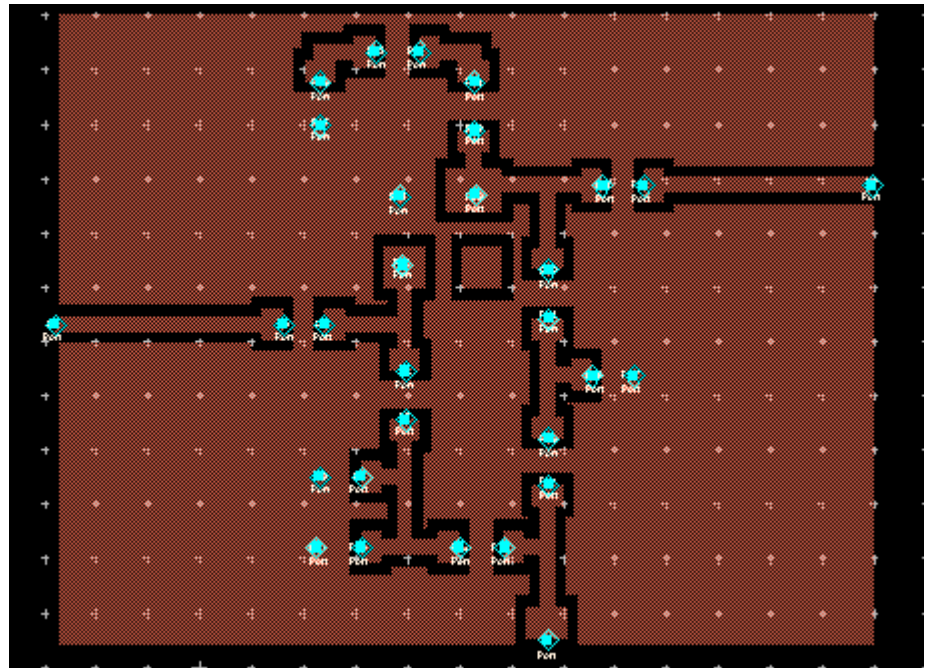


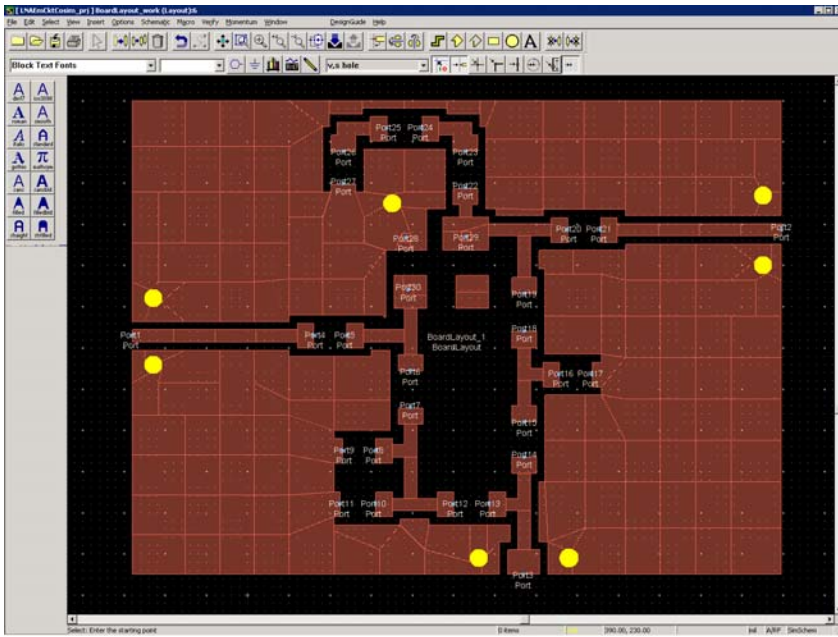
- Generate/Update Layout...
- Undo Generate/Update...
- Place Components From Schem To Layout
- Fix Component Position
- Free Component Position
- Show Equivalent Component
- Show Unplaced Components
- Show Components With No Artwork
- Clear Highlighted Components
- Show Connected Components
- Show Fixed Components



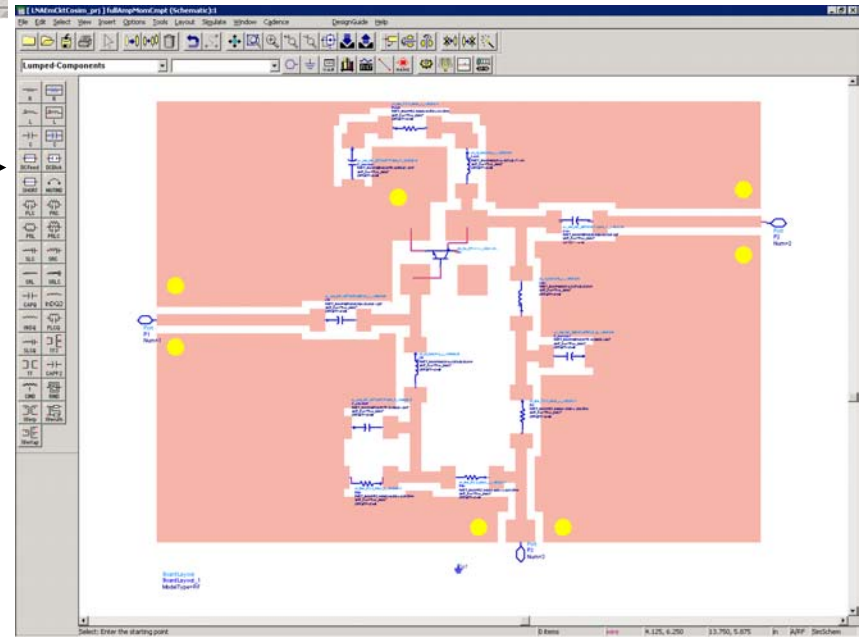


Create a ground plane





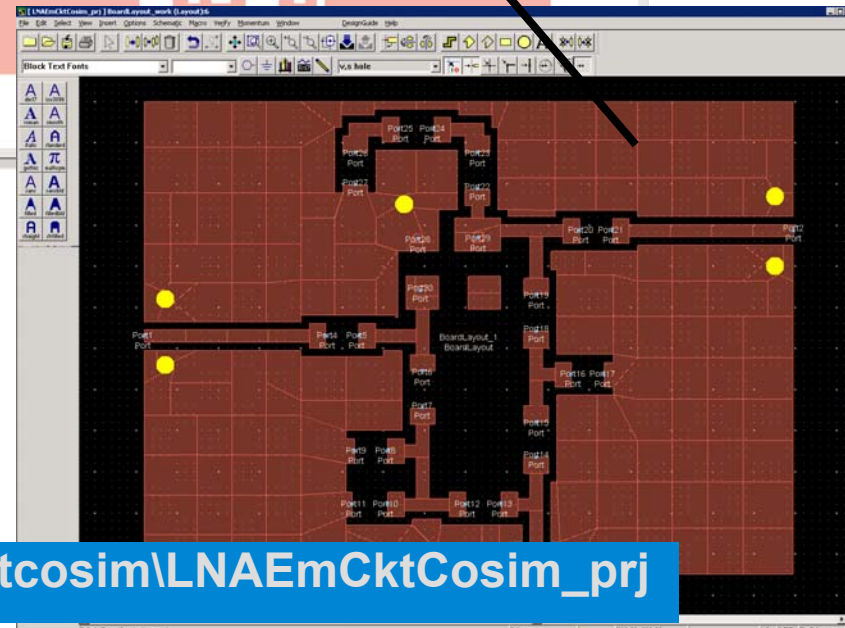
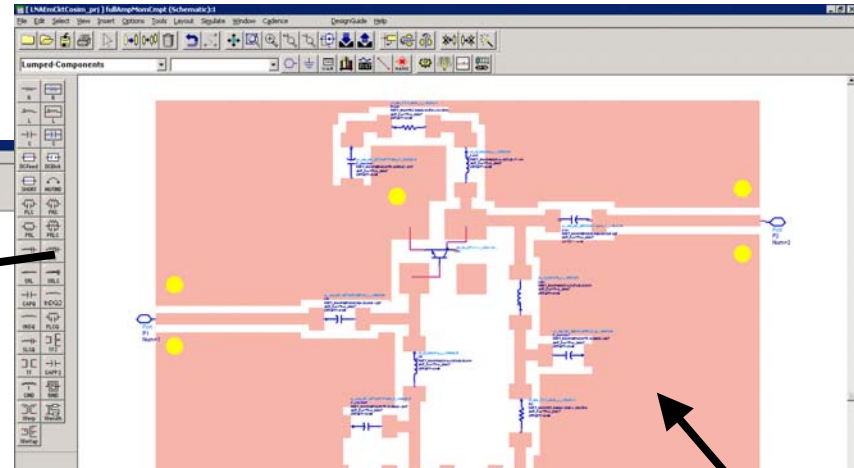
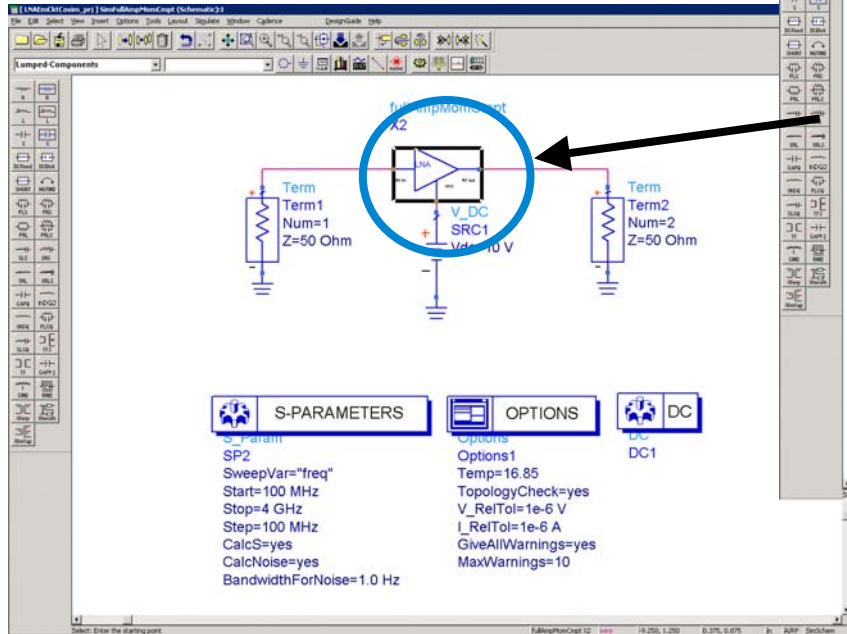
Create a Layout component  
 And  
 Place it in the Schematic  
 And  
 Reconnect the lumped components



# Momentum Component (EM/circuit co-simulation)

Example included in ADS 2002 & higher

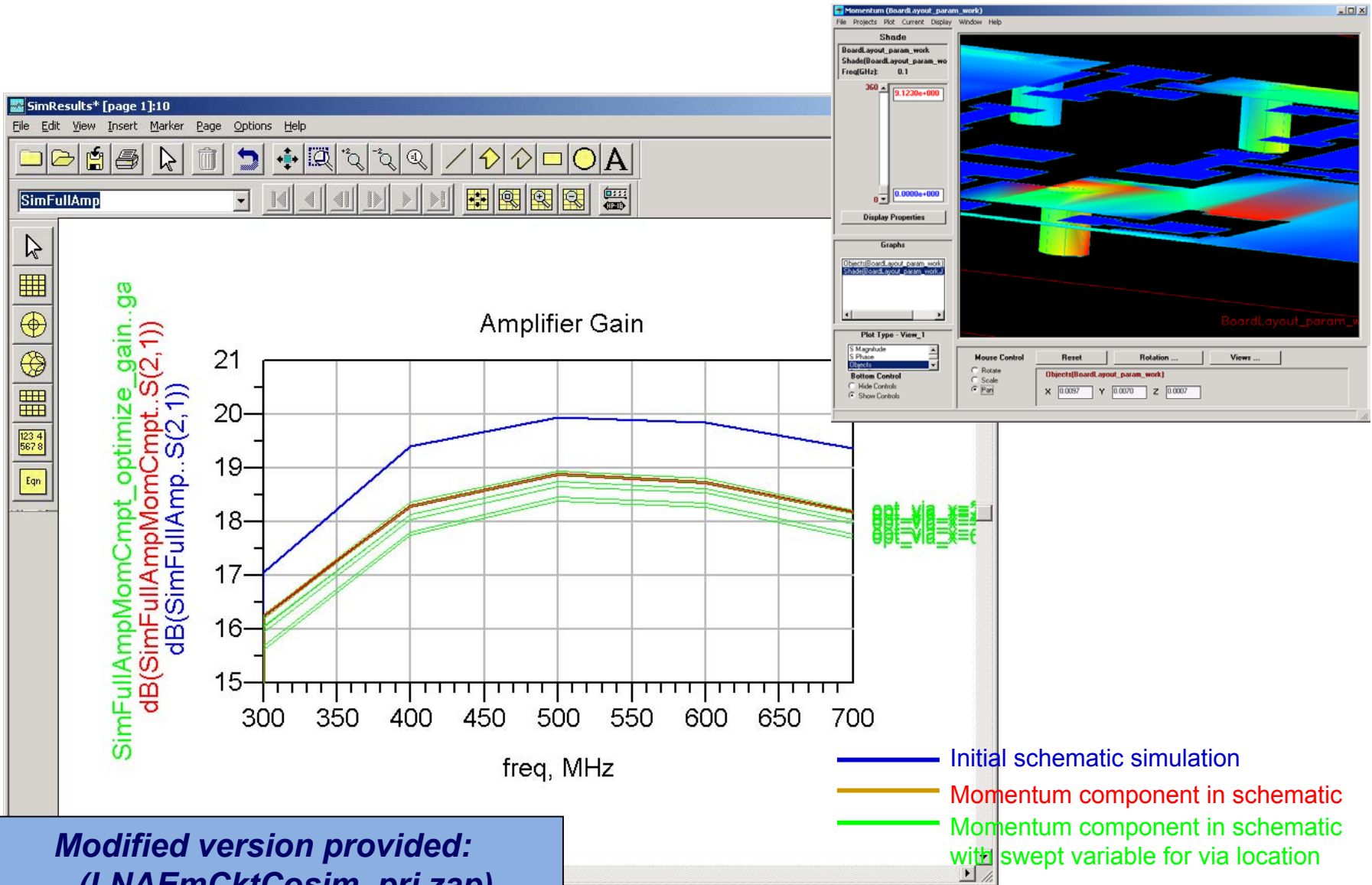
- EM/Circuit co-simulation from the schematic environment



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# Momentum Component (EM/circuit co-simulation)

## Example included in ADS 2002 & higher (slightly modified)



**Modified version provided:  
(LNAEmCktCosim\_prj.zap)**



Wrap-up: Q & A

**Questions?**

