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1 General

1.1 Scope

This document describes the design rules for IHPs SG13G2 SiGe BiCMOS technology.

1.2 List of Abbreviations

Table 1.1: List of abbreviations used within this document

Abbreviation	Explanation
BiCMOS	Bipolar CMOS
HBT	Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor
IC	Integrated Circuit
IHP	Innovations for High Performance Microelectronics
MIM	Metal-Insulator-Metal
NMOS Negative Channel Metal Oxide Semiconductor	
PMOS	Positive Channel Metal Oxide Semiconductor
RD	Reference Document
SiGe	Silicon Germanium
OPC	Optical Proximity Correction

1.3 Reference Documents

[RD 1] IHP SG13G2 Open Source Process Specification Rev. 1.2

[RD 2] IHP SG13 Minimum Layout Rules Rev. 1.2



2 Layer Table

This chapter is a documentation of IHP layers definition which is valid in all technologies.

Remark: Only the layers described in the following table are allowed to be used in layout designs. Do not use layers exclusively reserved for internal usage.

Layer name	Purpose	GDS Number	GDS Datatype	Description
Activ	drawing	1	0	Defines active regions in substrate, where transistors, diodes and/or capacitors will be fabricated
Activ	pin	1	2	Activ pin layer
Activ	mask	1	20	added to Active:drawing at mask generation
Activ	filler	1	22	Activ filler layer
Activ	nofill	1	23	Activ filler exclusion layer
Activ	OPC	1	26	Activ outer OPC definition layer
Activ	iOPC	1	27	Activ inner OPC definition layer
Activ	noqrc	1	28	No parasitics extraction
BiWind	drawing	3	0	Defines active npn collector region
BiWind	OPC	3	26	BiWind OPC definition layer
GatPoly	drawing	5	0	Defines polysilicon gates and interconnect
GatPoly	pin	5	2	GatPoly pin layer
GatPoly	filler	5	22	GatPoly filler layer
GatPoly	nofill	5	23	GatPoly filler exclusion layer
GatPoly	OPC	5	26	GatPoly outer OPC definition layer
GatPoly	iOPC	5	27	GatPoly inner OPC definition layer
GatPoly	noqrc	5	28	No parasitics extraction
Cont	drawing	6	0	Defines 1-st metal contacts to Activ, GatPoly
Cont	OPC	6	26	Cont OPC definition layer
nSD	drawing	7	0	Defines areas to receive N+ source/drain implant
nSD	block	7	21	Defines areas which do not receive S/D implants
Metal1	drawing	8	0	Defines 1-st metal interconnect
Metal1	pin	8	2	Metal1 pin layer
Metal1	mask	8	20	added to Metal1:drawing at mask generation
Metal1	filler	8	22	Metal1 filler layer
Metal1	nofill	8	23	Metal1 filler exclusion layer
Metal1	slit	8	24	Metal1 slit definition layer



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Metal1	text	8	25	Text layer for Metal1, used for LVS
Metal1	OPC	8	26	Metal1 OPC definition layer
Metal1	noqrc	8	28	No parasitics extraction
Metal1	res	8	29	Wire resistor
Metal1	iprobe	8	33	Current probe
Metal1	diffprb	8	34	Differential current probe
Passiv	drawing	9	0	Defines regions where passivation coating is removed
Passiv	pin	9	2	Passiv pin layer
Passiv	sbump	9	36	Defines passivation openings for solder bump bonding
Passiv	pillar	9	35	Defines passivation openings for copper pillar formation
Passiv	pdl	9	40	Plasma dicing line
Metal2	drawing	10	0	Defines 2-nd metal interconnect
Metal2	pin	10	2	Metal2 pin layer
Metal2	mask	10	20	added to Metal2:drawing at mask generation
Metal2	filler	10	22	Metal2 filler layer
Metal2	nofill	10	23	Metal2 filler exclusion layer
Metal2	slit	10	24	Metal2 slit definition layer
Metal2	text	10	25	Text layer for Metal2, used for LVS
Metal2	OPC	10	26	Metal2 OPC definition layer
Metal2	noqrc	10	28	No parasitics extraction
Metal2	res	10	29	Wire resistor
Metal2	iprobe	10	33	Current probe
Metal2	diffprb	10	34	Differential current probe
BasPoly	drawing	13	0	Defines npn base poly region
BasPoly	pin	13	2	BasPoly pin layer
pSD	drawing	14	0	Defines areas to receive P+ source/drain implant
NLDB	drawing	15	0	Reserved for internal LDMOS development
DigiBnd	drawing	16	0	surrounds areas were digital DRC is valid
Via1	drawing	19	0	Defines 1-st metal to 2-nd metal contact
BackMetal1	drawing	20	0	Defines 1-st back-side metal interconnect
BackMetal1	pin	20	2	BackMetal1 pin layer
BackMetal1	mask	20	20	added to BackMetal1:drawing at mask generation
BackMetal1	filler	20	22	BackMetal1 filler layer
BackMetal1	nofill	20	23	BackMetal1 filler exclusion layer
BackMetal1	slit	20	24	BackMetal1 slit definition layer



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Metal3drawing300Defines 3-rd metal	l interconnect
Metal3pin302Metal3 pin layer	
Metal3mask3020added to Metal3:d	rawing at mask generation
Metal3filler3022Metal3 filler layer	
Metal3 nofill 30 23 Metal3 filler exclusion	sion layer
Metal3 slit 30 24 Metal3 slit definition	on layer
Metal3text3025Text layer for Metal	al3, used for LVS
Metal3OPC3026Metal3 OPC definition	ition layer
Metal3noqrc3028No parasitics extra	action
Metal3res3029Wire resistor	
Metal3iprobe3033Current probe	
Metal3 diffprb 30 34 Differential current	t probe
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NWell pin 31 2 NWell pin layer	
nBuLay drawing 32 0 Defines bipolar su NMOS devices	b collector and isolated
nBuLaypin322nBuLay pin Layer	
nBuLay block 32 21 Defines areas who allowed	ere no nBuLay implant is
EmWind drawing 33 0 Defines npn emitted	
EmWind OPC 33 26 EmWind OPC defi	er window



DeepCo	drawing	35	0	Defines deep collector regions
MIM	drawing	36	0	Defines Metal-Insulator-Metal capacitor area
EdgeSeal	drawing	39	0	Edge Seal definition layer, reserved for internal use only
Substrate	drawing	40	0	Substrate recognition layer for LVS
Substrate	text	40	25	Substrate recognition text for LVS
dfpad	drawing	41	0	Pad recognition layer
dfpad	pillar	41	35	Copper pillar pad recognition layer
dfpad	sbump	41	36	Solder bump pad recognition layer
ThickGateOx	drawing	44	0	Thick Gate Oxide
PLDB	drawing	45	0	Reserved for internal LDMOS development
PWell	drawing	46	0	Reserved for internal use
PWell	pin	46	2	Pwell pin layer
PWell	block	46	21	Defines areas where no well implants are allowed PWL:=NOT(NWell OR PWellBlock)
IC	drawing	48	0	Reserved for internal use
Via3	drawing	49	0	Defines 3-rd metal to 4-th metal contact
Metal4	drawing	50	0	Defines 4-th metal interconnect
Metal4	pin	50	2	Metal4 pin layer
Metal4	mask	50	20	added to Metal4:drawing at mask generation
Metal4	filler	50	22	Metal4 filler layer
Metal4	nofill	50	23	Metal4 filler exclusion layer
Metal4	slit	50	24	Metal4 slit definition layer
Metal4	text	50	25	Text layer for Metal4, used for LVS
Metal4	OPC	50	26	Metal4 OPC definition layer
Metal4	noqrc	50	28	No parasitics extraction
Metal4	res	50	29	Wire resistor
Metal4	iprobe	50	33	Current probe
Metal4	diffprb	50	34	Differential current probe
HeatTrans	drawing	51	0	Defines heat source for transistors
HeatRes	drawing	52	0	Defines heat source for resistors
FBE	drawing	54	0	Fluidic back side etch
EmPoly	drawing	55	0	Defines npn emitter poly region and pnp base poly region
DigiSub	drawing	60	0	Substrate recognition layer for LVS
NoDRC	drawing	62	0	Excludes areas from design rule checking. Designs with NoDRC are rejected!
TEXT	drawing	63	0	Macrocell name, element text layer
Via4	drawing	66	0	Defines 4-th metal to 5-th metal contact



Metal5	drawing	67	0	Defines 5-th metal interconnect
Metal5	pin	67	2	Metal5 pin layer
Metal5	mask	67	20	added to Metal5:drawing at mask generation
Metal5	filler	67	22	Metal5 filler layer
Metal5	nofill	67	23	Metal5 filler exclusion layer
Metal5	slit	67	24	Metal5 slit definition layer
Metal5	text	67	25	Text layer for Metal5
Metal5	OPC	67	26	Metal5 OPC definition layer
Metal5	noqrc	67	28	No parasitics extraction
Metal5	res	67	29	Wire resistor
Metal5	iprobe	67	33	Current probe
Metal5	diffprb	67	34	Differential current probe
RadHard	drawing	68	0	Defines regions where special radiation hard design rules are applied
MemCap	drawing	69	0	Defines position of RFMEMS cap
Varicap	drawing	70	0	Well implant for varicap devices
IntBondVia	drawing	72	0	Via on top of interposer's TopMetal2
IntBondMet	drawing	73	0	Metal connected to IntBondVia
DevBondVia	drawing	74	0	Via on top of device's TopMetal2
DevBondMet	drawing	75	0	Metal connected to DevBondVia
DevTrench	drawing	76	0	Deep trench from front side for plasma dicing approach
Redist	drawing	77	0	Redistribution layer for metal wiring after chip IO
GraphBot	drawing	78	0	1st graphene layer
GraphTop	drawing	79	0	2nd graphene layer
AntVia1	drawing	83	0	Deep via between TopMetal2 and AntMetal1
AntMetal2	drawing	84	0	Extra second-metal layer for antenna and passive integration
GraphCont	drawing	85	0	GraphBot, GraphTop and GraphGat to GraphMetal1 or GraphMet1L contact
SiWG	drawing	86	0	Backend integrated Si waveguide
SiWG	filler	86	22	SiWG filler layer
SiWG	nofill	86	23	SiWG filler exclusion layer
SiGrating	drawing	87	0	Si waveguide etching layer
SiNGrating	drawing	88	0	SiN waveguide etching layer
GraphPas	drawing	89	0	Additional passivation for graphene structures
EmWind3	drawing	90	0	Defines G3 npn emitter window
EmWiHV3	drawing	91	0	Defines G3 HV npn emitter window



RedBuLay	drawing	92	0	Burried Layer with reduced dose for isolated NLDMOS
SMOS	drawing	93	0	Extraction recognition layer for special CMOS devices
GraphPad	drawing	97	0	Passivation opening
Polimide	drawing	98	0	Reserved for future use
Polimide	pin	98	2	Polimide pin layer
Recog	drawing	99	0	general device recognition shape for device extraction
Recog	pin	99	2	General device pin recognition layer
Recog	esd	99	30	ESD device recognition layer
Recog	diode	99	31	Active diode recognition layer
Recog	tsv	99	32	TSV device recognition layer
Recog	iprobe	99	33	Current probe
Recog	diffprb	99	34	Differential current probe
Recog	pillar	99	35	Copper pillar pad recognition layer
Recog	sbump	99	36	Solder bump pad recognition layer
Recog	otp	99	37	OTP device recognition layer
Recog	pdiode	99	38	Enables extraction of parasitic diodes
Recog	mom	99	39	Metal-on-metal (MOM) capacitor recognition layer
Recog	pcm	99	100	Process control structure recognition layer
ColOpen	drawing	101	0	Defines additional collector opening in SG13 HBTs
GraphMetal1	drawing	109	0	Graphene-metal standard interconnect
GraphMetal1	filler	109	22	GraphMetal1 filler layer
GraphMetal1	nofill	109	23	GraphMetal1 filler exclusion layer
GraphMetal1	slit	109	24	GraphMetal1 slit definition layer
GraphMetal1	OPC	109	26	Graphene-metal opc
GraphMet1L	drawing	110	0	Graphene-metal lift-off interconnect
GraphMet1L	filler	110	22	GraphMet1L filler layer
GraphMet1L	nofill	110	23	GraphMet1L filler exclusion layer
GraphMet1L	slit	110	24	GraphMet1L slit definition layer
GraphMet1L	OPC	110	26	Graphene-metal lift-off opc
EXTBlock	drawing	111	0	Block tip and halo implants
NLDD	drawing	112	0	Dedicated pwell body for NLDMOS
PLDD	drawing	113	0	Dedicated nwell body for PLDMOS
NExt	drawing	114	0	Reserved for internal LDMOS development
PExt	drawing	115	0	Reserved for internal use
NExtHV	drawing	116	0	Reserved for internal use



PExtHV	drawing	117	0	Reserved for internal use
GraphGate	drawing	118	0	Graphene GFET gate
SiNWG	drawing	119	0	Backend integrated SiN waveguide
SiNWG	filler	119	22	SiNWG filler layer
SiNWG	nofill	119	23	SiNWG filler exclusion layer
MEMPAD	drawing	124	0	Dedicated to open Pads in RF-MEMS module
TopVia1	drawing	125	0	Defines 3-rd (or 5-th) metal to TopMetal1 contact
TopMetal1	drawing	126	0	Defines 1-st thick TopMetal layer
TopMetal1	pin	126	2	TopMetal1 pin layer
TopMetal1	mask	126	20	added to TopMetal1:drawing at mask generation
TopMetal1	filler	126	22	TopMetal1 filler layer
TopMetal1	nofill	126	23	TopMetal1 filler exclusion layer
TopMetal1	slit	126	24	TopMetal1 slit definition layer
TopMetal1	text	126	25	Text layer for TopMetal1, used for LVS
TopMetal1	noqrc	126	28	No parasitics extraction
TopMetal1	res	126	29	Wire resistor
TopMetal1	iprobe	126	33	Current probe
TopMetal1	diffprb	126	34	Differential current probe
INLDPWL	drawing	127	0	Dedicated PWell body for isolated NLDMOS
PolyRes	drawing	128	0	used to mark net resistors
PolyRes	pin	128	2	Defines polysilicon gates and interconnect
Vmim	drawing	129	0	used to mark net mim capacitors
nBuLayCut	drawing	131	0	P-separation implat INLDMOS (internal use)
AntMetal1	drawing	132	0	Extra first-metal layer for antenna and passive integration
TopVia2	drawing	133	0	Defines via between TopMetal1 and TopMetal2
TopMetal2	drawing	134	0	Defines 2-nd thick TopMetal layer
TopMetal2	pin	134	2	TopMetal2 pin layer
TopMetal2	mask	134	20	added to TopMetal2:drawing at mask generation
TopMetal2	filler	134	22	TopMetal2 filler layer
TopMetal2	nofill	134	23	TopMetal2 filler exclusion layer
TopMetal2	slit	134	24	TopMetal2 slit definition layer
TopMetal2	text	134	25	Text layer for TopMetal2
TopMetal2	noqrc	134	28	No parasitics extraction
TopMetal2	res	134	29	Wire resistor



TopMetal2	iprobe	134	33	Current probe
TopMetal2	diffprb	134	34	Differential current probe
SNSRing	drawing	135	0	Sensor package ring
Sensor	drawing	136	0	Sensor recognition layer
SNSArms	drawing	137	0	Arms of the Sensor
SNSCMOSVia	drawing	138	0	Defines via between BiCMOS wafer and sensor
ColWind	drawing	139	0	Defines enclosed active transistor region
FLM	drawing	142	0	Defines fluidic channel
HafniumOx	drawing	143	0	MEMRES dielectric layer
MEMVia	drawing	145	0	Local Vias within RFM area
ThinFilmRes	drawing	146	0	ThinFilmRes (V) and recognition layer for RFMEMS
RFMEM	drawing	147	0	Areas for integrated RF MEMS devices
NoRCX	drawing	148	0	No parasitics extraction
NoRCX	m2m3	148	41	No parasitics extraction in Metal2 and Metal3
NoRCX	m2m4	148	42	No parasitics extraction in Metal2 and Metal4
NoRCX	m2m5	148	43	No parasitics extraction in Metal2 and Metal5
NoRCX	m2tm1	148	44	No parasitics extraction in Metal2 and TopMetal1
NoRCX	m2tm2	148	45	No parasitics extraction in Metal2 and TopMetal2
NoRCX	m3m4	148	46	No parasitics extraction in Metal3 and Metal4
NoRCX	m3m5	148	47	No parasitics extraction in Metal3 and Metal5
NoRCX	m3tm1	148	48	No parasitics extraction in Metal3 and TopMetal1
NoRCX	m3tm2	148	49	No parasitics extraction in Metal3 and TopMetal2
NoRCX	m4m5	148	50	No parasitics extraction in Metal4 and Metal5
NoRCX	m4tm1	148	51	No parasitics extraction in Metal4 and TopMetal1
NoRCX	m4tm2	148	52	No parasitics extraction in Metal4 and TopMetal2
NoRCX	m5tm1	148	53	No parasitics extraction in Metal5 and TopMetal1
NoRCX	m5tm2	148	54	No parasitics extraction in Metal5 and TopMetal2
NoRCX	tm1tm2	148	55	No parasitics extraction in TopMetal1 and TopMetal2
NoRCX	m1sub	148	123	No parasitics extraction in Metal1 and Substrate
NoRCX	m2sub	148	124	No parasitics extraction in Metal2 and Substrate



NoRCX m3sub 148 125 No parasitics extraction in Metal3 and Substrate NoRCX m4sub 148 126 No parasitics extraction in Metal4 and Substrate NoRCX m5sub 148 127 No parasitics extraction in Metal5 and Substrate NoRCX tm1sub 148 300 No parasitics extraction in TopMetal1 and Substrate NoRCX tm2sub 148 301 No parasitics extraction in TopMetal2 and Substrate SNSDOVIa drawing 149 0 Sensor bottom via SNSTopVia drawing 151 0 Sensor top via DeepVia drawing 152 0 Through Silicon Via FGEtch drawing 153 0 At this place the 1-st poly-Si layer (floating-gate) is deposited CtrGat drawing 154 0 This layer patterns the 2-nd poly-Si layer (control-gate) is deposited CtrGat drawing 155 0 Defines areas where the Floating-gate is doped and the p-well of the flash-cells is formed EmWiHV drawing 156 0 EmWild layer for high vo					
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isoNWell	drawing	257	0	Defines regions with alternative NWell implant to form isolated NWell



3 General Requirements

3.1 Grid Rules

- All rules are defined in microns [µm] by default if there is no other unit mentioned
- All features are on a drawing grid of 5 nm (0.005 µm)
- Shapes with acute angles <87 degree are not allowed on any layer
- Following layers are only allowed on 90, 180 degree angles: Cont, Via1, Via2, Via3, Via4, Vmim, TopVia1, TopVia2
- Following layers are only allowed on 90, 135, 180, 225, and 270 degree angles: GatPoly, Activ, Metal1, Metal2, Metal3, Metal4, Metal5, TopMetal1, TopMetal2
- · Self-intersecting polygons must be avoided
- · Design elements, which are snapped to grid must not violate any geometries in this document.

There are several layers which are not considered for mask generation. Offgrid and angle checks are not applied on the following layers (in alphabetical order): DigiBnd, DigiSub, dfpad, EdgeSeal, HeatRes, HeatTrans, IND, NoDRC, NoMetFiller, NoRCX, RadHard, Recog, RES, Scribe, SRAM, TEXT

3.2 Forbidden Layers

Following layers are forbidden in designs submitted for all $0.13\,\mu m$ technologies. Layout data containing these layers will be rejected from the tape-in procedure automatically.

Layer name	Purpose	GDS Number	GDS Datatype
BiWind	drawing	3	0
PEmWind	drawing	11	0
BasPoly	drawing	13	0
DeepCo	drawing	35	0
PEmPoly	drawing	53	0
EmPoly	drawing	55	0
LDMOS	drawing	57	0
PBiWind	drawing	58	0
NoDRC	drawing	62	0
Flash	drawing	71	0
ColWind	drawing	139	0



4 Terminology

4.1 Design Rule Terminology

Critical design rules are defined in [RD 2]. These rules are checked during tape-in. If any of them are violated, the layout is rejected. Critical design rules ensure that violations in your own layout do not negatively influence other customer layouts and no damage occurs in the cleanroom.

Since no waivers are granted, IHP recommends performing the online MPW Rejection Test (https://dk.ihp-microelectronics.com) at an early stage.

Standard design rules define criteria that a layout must satisfy to ensure correct fabrication. Violations typically lead to errors that prevent successful chip production.

Recommended design rules are non-mandatory design rules. These rules focus on improving design manufacturability and reliablity. They offer hints for optimizing layouts to minimize variability and improve yield.

unrelated - two regions which do not touch each otherabut - two edges of two different layers touching each other

A description of a selection of different design rule types can be found in Fig. 4.1.

4.2 Special Layer Configuration

Various rule definitions require derived layers instead of the original layers defined in chapter 2. The generation rules for the derived layers are described below.

Layer name	Definition
PWell	NOT (NWell OR PWell:block) OR PWell:drawing
nSD ¹	NOT (pSD OR nSD:block) OR nSD:drawing
nBuLay	(((NWell ≥ 3.0 μm) sized by 1.0 μm/side) OR nBuLay:drawing) AND NOT nBuLay:block
NWell tie	(Activ AND nSD) inside NWell
Substrate tie	(Activ AND pSD) inside PWell
N+Activ	Activ AND nSD
P+Activ	Activ AND pSD
Gate	Activ AND GatPoly
NFET	GatPoly over (Activ AND NOT pSD)
PFET	GatPoly over ((Activ AND pSD) inside NWell)

¹nSD as a drawing layer only valid if pSD and nSD are identical. E.g. rhigh resistor (see 6.4)



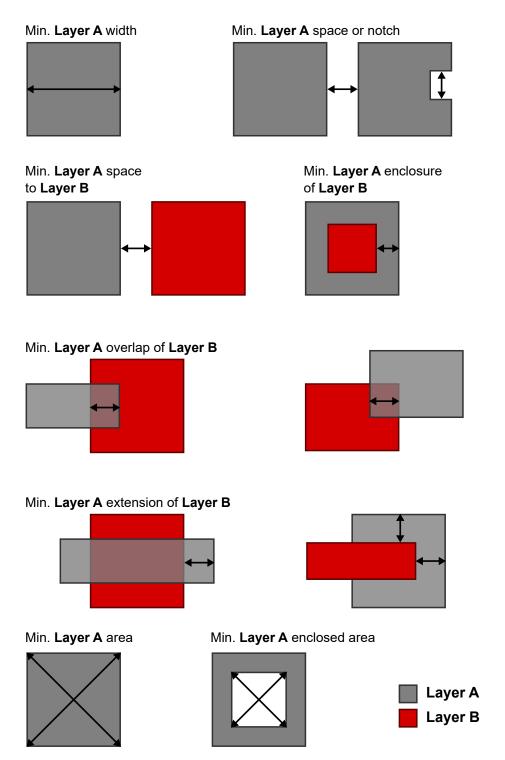


Figure 4.1: Rule check schematics.



5 Physical Layer Design Rules

5.1 NWell

Rule	Description	Value
NW.a	Min. NWell width	0.62
NW.b	Min. NWell space or notch (same net). NWell regions separated by less than this value will be merged.	0.62
NW.b1	Min. PWell width between NWell regions (different net) (Note 3)	1.80
NW.c	Min. NWell enclosure of P+Activ not inside ThickGateOx	0.31
NW.c1	Min. NWell enclosure of P+Activ inside ThickGateOx	0.62
NW.d	Min. NWell space to external N+Activ not inside ThickGateOx	0.31
NW.d1	Min. NWell space to external N+Activ inside ThickGateOx	0.62
NW.e	Min. NWell enclosure of NWell tie surrounded entirely by NWell in N+Activ not inside ThickGateOx	0.24
NW.e1	Min. NWell enclosure of NWell tie surrounded entirely by NWell in N+Activ inside ThickGateOx	0.62
NW.f	Min. NWell space to substrate tie in P+Activ not inside ThickGateOx	0.24
NW.f1	Min. NWell space to substrate tie in P+Activ inside ThickGateOx	0.62

Notes

- 1. Activ regions are allowed to cross well boundaries in some ESD protection layouts.
- 2. Substrate ties for internal logic are required due to p-silicon substrate.
- 3. A certain distance between **NWell** and **PWell** (see section 4.2) on different nets is required to prevent punchthrough due to different potentials.



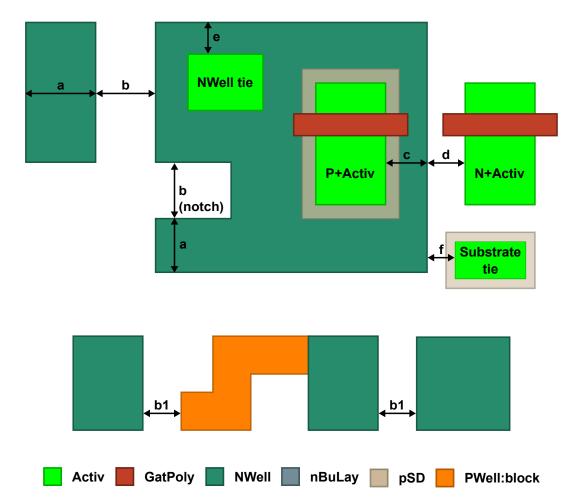


Figure 5.1: NWell dimensions (only rule variants without ThickGatOx are shown in this figure)



5.2 PWell:block

PWell:block layer is used to generate regions where both **NWell** and **PWell** implants are blocked.

Rule	Description	Value
PWB.a	Min. PWell:block width	0.62
PWB.b	Min. PWell:block space or notch	0.62
PWB.c	Min. PWell:block space to NWell	0.62
PWB.d	Overlap of PWell:block and NWell is allowed	
PWB.e	Min. PWell:block space to (N+Activ not inside ThickGateOx) in PWell	0.31
PWB.e1	Min. PWell:block space to (N+Activ inside ThickGateOx) in PWell	0.62
PWB.f	Min. PWell:block space to (P+Activ not inside ThickGateOx) in PWell	0.24
PWB.f1	Min. PWell:block space to (P+Activ inside ThickGateOx) in PWell	0.62

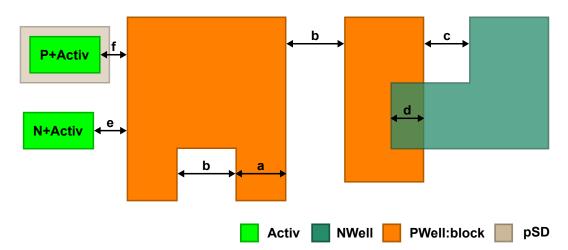


Figure 5.2: PWell:block dimensions



5.3 nBuLay

nBuLay defines regions with deep n-implants (deep nwell). This allows isolated nmos devices to be realized. Furthermore, **nBuLay** may be generated automatically within **NWell** (see 4.2) in order to reduce the resistance of the **NWell**.

Rule	Description	Value
NBL.a	Min. nBuLay width	1.00
NBL.b	Min. nBuLay space or notch (same net)	1.50
NBL.c	Min. PWeII width between nBuLay regions (different net) (Note 1)	3.20
NBL.d	Min. PWell width between nBuLay and NWell (different net) (Note 1)	2.20
NBL.e	Min. nBuLay space to unrelated N+Activ	1.00
NBL.f	Min. nBuLay space to unrelated P+Activ	0.50

Notes

1. A certain **PWeII** space to **NWeII** and **nBuLay** on different nets is required to prevent punchthrough due to different potentials. Please note that drawn as well as generated **nBuLay** regions are considered (see 4.2).

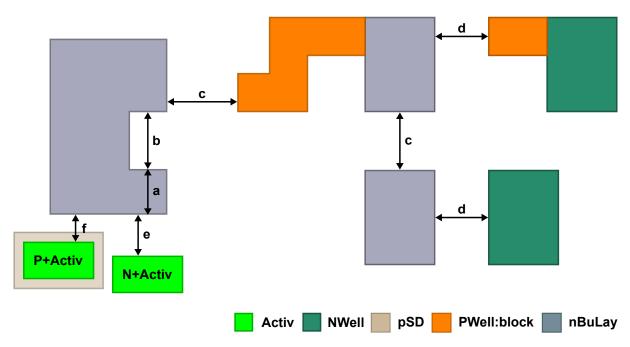


Figure 5.3: nBuLay dimensions



5.4 nBuLay:block

nBuLay:block is used for generating **NWell** structures, which are prevented from **nBuLay** implant. Latchup prevention has to be carefully considered whenever **nBuLay:block** layer is used (see 7.2).

Rule	Description	Value
NBLB.a	Min. nBuLay:block width	1.50
NBLB.b	Min. nBuLay:block space or notch	1.00
NBLB.c	Min. nBuLay enclosure of nBuLay:block	1.00
NBLB.d	Min. nBuLay:block space to unrelated nBuLay	1.50

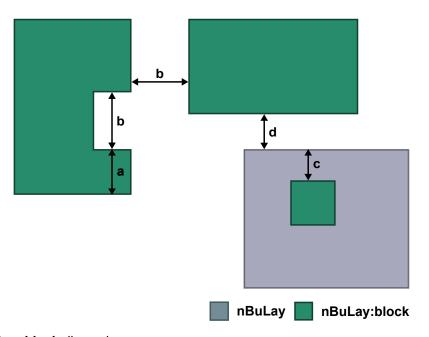


Figure 5.4: nBuLay:block dimensions



5.5 Activ

Rule	Description	Value
Act.a	Min. Activ width	0.15
Act.b	Min. Activ space or notch	0.21
Act.c	Min. Activ drain/source extension	0.23
Act.d	Min. Activ area (μm²)	0.122
Act.e	Min. Activ enclosed area (µm²)	0.15

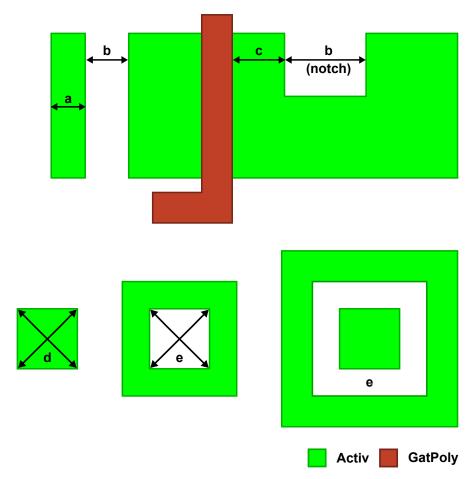


Figure 5.5: Activ dimensions



5.6 Activ:filler

Activ:filler pattern are required in order to reduce layout sensitivity due to etching and CMP process steps.

Rule	Description	Value
AFil.a	Max. Activ:filler width	5.00
AFil.a1	Min. Activ:filler width	1.00
AFil.b	Min. Activ:filler space	0.42
AFil.c	Min. Activ:filler space to Cont, GatPoly	1.10
AFil.c1	Min. Activ:filler space to Activ	0.42
AFil.d	Min. Activ:filler space to NWell, nBuLay	1.00
AFil.e	Min. Activ:filler space to TRANS	1.00
AFil.g	Min. global Activ density [%]	35.00
AFil.g1	Max. global Activ density [%]	55.00
AFil.g2	Min. Activ coverage ratio for any 800 x 800 µm² chip area [%]	25.00
AFil.g3	Max. Activ coverage ratio for any 800 x 800 µm² chip area [%]	65.00
AFil.i	Min. Activ:filler space to edges of PWell:block	1.50
AFil.j	Min. nSD:block and SalBlock enclosure of Activ:filler inside PWell:block	0.25

Notes

1. **Activ:nofill** layer can be used for filler pattern exclusion within specific device areas such as inductors or transformers as long as AFil.g2 and AFil.g3 are fulfilled. For larger sensitive areas it is recommended to minimize the conductivity of **Activ:filler** patterns by using **SalBlock**, **nSD:block** and **PWell:block**.

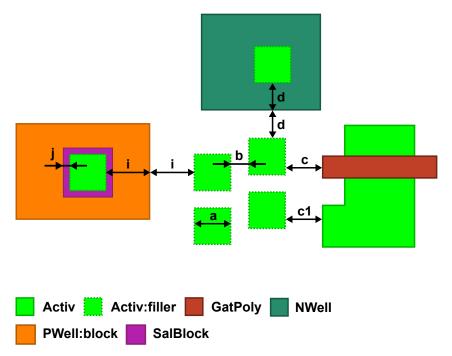


Figure 5.6: Activ:filler dimensions



5.7 ThickGateOxide

Rule	Description	Value
TGO.a	Min. ThickGateOx extension over Activ	0.27
TGO.b	Min. space between ThickGateOx and Activ outside thick gate oxide region	0.27
TGO.c	Min. ThickGateOx extension over GatPoly over Activ	0.34
TGO.d	Min. space between ThickGateOx and GatPoly over Activ outside thick gate oxide region	0.34
TGO.e	Min. ThickGateOx space (merge if less than this value)	0.86
TGO.f	Min. ThickGateOx width	0.86

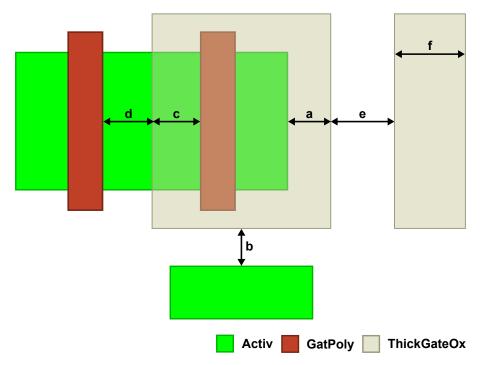


Figure 5.7: ThickGateOx dimensions



5.8 GatPoly

Rule	Description	Value
Gat.a	Min. GatPoly width	0.13
Gat.a1	Min. GatPoly width for channel length of 1.2 V NFET	0.13
Gat.a2	Min. GatPoly width for channel length of 1.2 V PFET	0.13
Gat.a3	Min. GatPoly width for channel length of 3.3 V NFET	0.45
Gat.a4	Min. GatPoly width for channel length of 3.3 V PFET	0.40
Gat.b	Min. GatPoly space or notch	0.18
Gat.b1	Min. space between unrelated 3.3 V GatPoly over Activ regions	0.25
Gat.c	Min. GatPoly extension over Activ (end cap)	0.18
Gat.d	Min. GatPoly space to Activ	0.07
Gat.e	Min. GatPoly area (μm²)	0.09
Gat.f	45-degree and 90-degree angles for GatPoly on Activ area are not allowed	
Gat.g	Min. GatPoly width for 45-degree bent shapes if the bend GatPoly length is > 0.39 µm	0.16

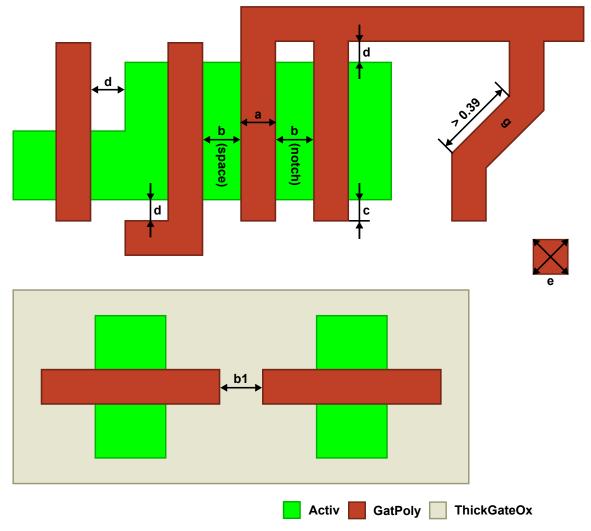


Figure 5.8: GatPoly dimensions



5.9 GatPoly:filler

GatPoly:filler pattern are required in order to reduce layout sensitivity due to etching and CMP process steps.

Rule	Description	Value
GFil.a	Max. GatPoly:filler width	5.00
GFil.b	Min. GatPoly:filler width	0.70
GFil.c	Min. GatPoly:filler space	0.80
GFil.d	Min. GatPoly:filler space to Activ, GatPoly, Cont, pSD, nSD:block, SalBlock	1.10
GFil.e	Min. GatPoly:filler space to NWell, nBuLay	1.10
GFil.f	Min. GatPoly:filler space to TRANS	1.10
GFil.g	Min. global GatPoly density [%]	15.00
GFil.i	Max. GatPoly:nofill area (μm²)	400 x 400
GFil.j	Min. GatPoly:filler extension over Activ:filler (end cap)	0.18

Notes

1. **GatPoly:nofill** layer can be used for filler pattern exclusion within specific device areas such as inductors or transformers.

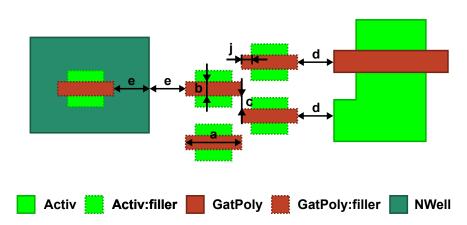


Figure 5.9: GatPoly:filler dimensions



5.10 pSD

Defines regions which receive p+ implants. Typically used for source/drain implants, resistors and substrate ties.

Rule	Description	Value
pSD.a	Min. pSD width	0.31
pSD.b	Min. pSD space or notch (Note 1)	0.31
pSD.c	Min. pSD enclosure of P+Activ in NWell	0.18
pSD.c1	Min. pSD enclosure of P+Activ in PWeII	0.03
pSD.d	Min. pSD space to unrelated N+Activ in PWeII	0.18
pSD.d1	Min. pSD space to N+Activ in NWell	0.03
pSD.e	Min. pSD overlap of Activ at one position when forming abutted substrate tie (Note 2)	0.30
pSD.f	Min. Activ extension over pSD at one position when forming abutted NWell tie (Note 2)	0.30
pSD.g	Min. N+Activ or P+Activ area (μm²) when forming abutted tie (Note 2)	0.09
pSD.i	Min. pSD enclosure of PFET gate not inside ThickGateOx	0.30
pSD.i1	Min. pSD enclosure of PFET gate inside ThickGateOx	0.40
pSD.j	Min. pSD space to NFET gate not inside ThickGateOx	0.30
pSD.j1	Min. pSD space to NFET gate inside ThickGateOx	0.40
pSD.k	Min. pSD area (μm²)	0.25
pSD.I	Min. pSD enclosed area (μm²)	0.25
pSD.m	Min. pSD space to n-type poly resistors	0.18
pSD.n	Min. pSD enclosure of p-type poly resistors	0.18

Notes

- 1. **pSD** regions separated by less than this value will be merged.
- 2. These rules are for abutted ties: An electrical connection from P+Activ to NWell tie (or N+ Activ to P-sub tie) is made through the source/drain silicide. For a good electrical connection rule pSD.g is important together with rule pSD.e or pSD.f (see Fig. 5.10).



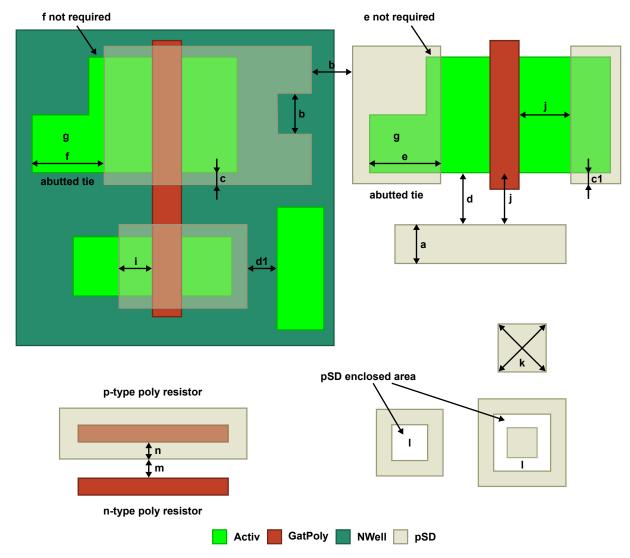


Figure 5.10: pSD dimensions



5.11 nSD:block

nSD:block layer is used to generate regions where n+ S/D implants are blocked. The final mask data nSD are generated by: nSD: = NOT (pSD OR nSD:block).

Rule	Description	Value
nSDB.a	Min. nSD:block width	0.31
nSDB.b	Min. nSD:block space or notch	0.31
nSDB.c	Min. nSD:block space to pSD	0.31
nSDB.d	Overlap of nSD:block and pSD is allowed	
nSDB.e	Min. nSD:block space to Cont (Note 1)	0.00

Notes

1. **nSD:block** and **Cont** do not overlap.

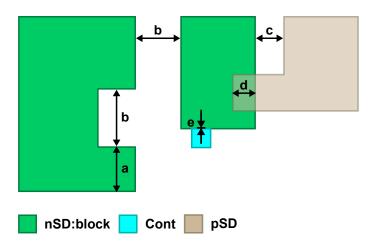


Figure 5.11: nSD:block dimensions



5.12 EXTBlock

EXTBlock layer is used to generate regions where all tip and halo implants are blocked.

Rule	Description	Value
EXTB.a	Min. EXTBlock width	0.31
EXTB.b	Min. EXTBlock space or notch	0.31
EXTB.c	Min. EXTBlock space to pSD	0.31

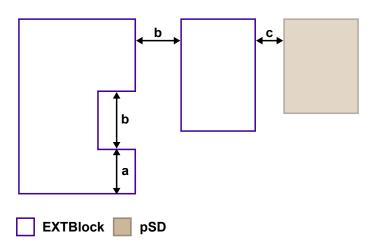


Figure 5.12: EXTBlock dimensions



5.13 SalBlock

SalBlock is used to block salicidation of **GatPoly** or source/drain areas.

Rule	Description	Value
Sal.a	Min. SalBlock width	0.42
Sal.b	Min. SalBlock space or notch	0.42
Sal.c	Min. SalBlock extension over Activ or GatPoly	0.20
Sal.d	Min. SalBlock space to unrelated Activ or GatPoly	0.20
Sal.e	Min. SalBlock space to Cont	0.20

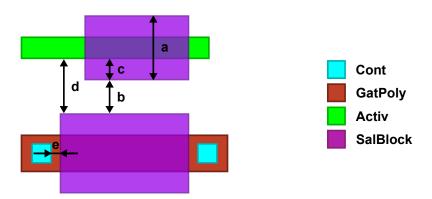


Figure 5.13: SalBlock dimensions



5.14 Cont

This section describes design rules for square-shaped **Cont** regions. All non-square shapes in layer **Cont** are covered in section 5.15.

Rule	Description	Value
Cnt.a	Min. and max. Cont width	0.16
Cnt.b	Min. Cont space	0.18
Cnt.b1	Min. Cont space in a contact array of more than 4 rows and more then 4 columns (Note 1)	0.20
Cnt.c	Min. Activ enclosure of Cont	0.07
Cnt.d	Min. GatPoly enclosure of Cont	0.07
Cnt.e	Min. Cont on GatPoly space to Activ	0.14
Cnt.f	Min. Cont on Activ space to GatPoly	0.11
Cnt.g	Cont must be within Activ or GatPoly	
Cnt.g1	Min. pSD space to Cont on nSD-Activ	0.09
Cnt.g2	Min. pSD overlap of Cont on pSD-Activ	0.09
Cnt.h	Cont must be covered with Metal1	
Cnt.j	Cont on GatPoly over Activ is not allowed	

Notes

1. Cnt.b1 is only required in one direction. The distance of the other direction must be at least Cnt.b.

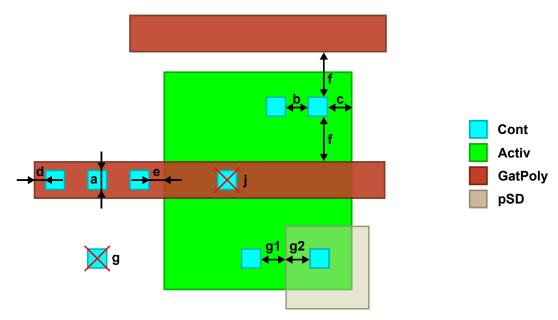


Figure 5.14: Cont dimensions



5.15 ContBar

Any **Cont** shape not being a square shape is considered a **ContBar**.

Rule	Description	Value
CntB.a	Min. and max. ContBar width	0.16
CntB.a1	Min. ContBar length	0.34
CntB.b	Min. ContBar space	0.28
CntB.b1	Min. ContBar space with common run > 5 μm	0.36
CntB.b2	Min. ContBar space to Cont	0.22
CntB.c	Min. Activ enclosure of ContBar	0.07
CntB.d	Min. GatPoly enclosure of ContBar	0.07
CntB.e	Min. ContBar on GatPoly space to Activ	0.14
CntB.f	Min. ContBar on Activ space to GatPoly	0.11
CntB.g	ContBar must be within Activ or GatPoly	
CntB.g1	Min. pSD space to ContBar on nSD-Activ	0.09
CntB.g2	Min. pSD overlap of ContBar on pSD-Activ	0.09
CntB.h	ContBar must be covered with Metal1	
CntB.h1	Min. Metal1 enclosure of ContBar	0.05
CntB.j	ContBar on GatPoly over Activ is not allowed	

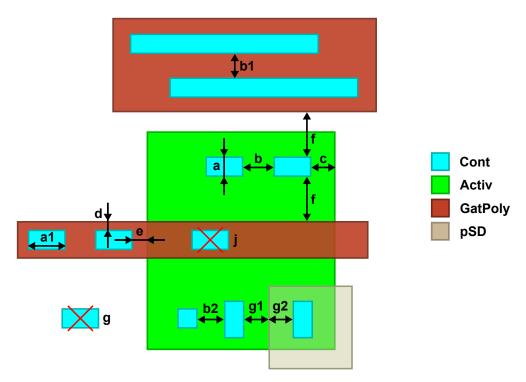


Figure 5.15: ContBar dimensions



5.16 Metal1

Rule	Description	Value
M1.a	Min. Metal1 width	0.16
M1.b	Min. Metal1 space or notch	0.18
M1.c	Min. Metal1 enclosure of Cont	0.00
M1.c1	Min. Metal1 endcap enclosure of Cont (Note 1)	0.05
M1.d	Min. Metal1 area (μm²)	0.09
M1.e	Min. space of Metal1 lines if, at least one line is wider than 0.3 μm and the parallel run is more than 1.0 μm	0.22
M1.f	Min. space of Metal1 lines if, at least one line is wider than 10.0 μm and the parallel run is more than 10.0 μm	0.60
M1.g	Min. 45-degree bent Metal1 width if the bent metal length is > 0.5 µm	0.20
M1.i	Min. space of Metal1 lines of which at least one is bent by 45-degree	0.22
M1.j	Min. global Metal1 density [%]	35.0
M1.k	Max. global Metal1 density [%]	60.0

Notes

1. For contacts at **Metal1** corners at least one side must be treated as an endcap and for the other sides rule M1.c can be applied.

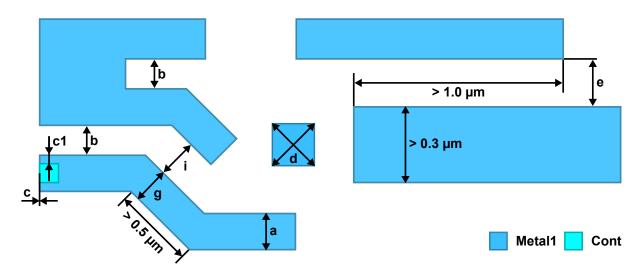


Figure 5.16: Metal1 dimensions



5.17 Metal(n=2-5)

Rule	Description		
Mn.a	Min. Metal(n) width		
Mn.b	Min. Metal(n) space or notch		
Mn.c	Min. Metal(n) enclosure of Via(n-1)	0.005	
Mn.c1	Min. Metal(n) endcap enclosure of Via(n-1) (Note 1)	0.05	
Mn.d	Min. Metal(n) area (μm²)	0.144	
Mn.e	Min. space of Metal(n) lines if, at least one line is wider than 0.39 μm and the parallel run is more than 1.0 μm		
Mn.f	Min. space of Metal(n) lines if, at least one line is wider than 10.0 µm and the parallel run is more than 10.0 µm		
Mn.g	Min. 45-degree bent Metal(n) width if the bent metal length is > 0.5 μm	0.24	
Mn.i	Min. space of Metal(n) lines of which at least one is bent by 45-degree		
Mn.j	Min. global Metal(n) density [%]		
Mn.k	Max. global Metal(n) density [%]	60.00	

Notes

1. For vias at **Metal(n)** corners at least one side must be treated as an endcap and for the other sides rule Mn.c can be applied.

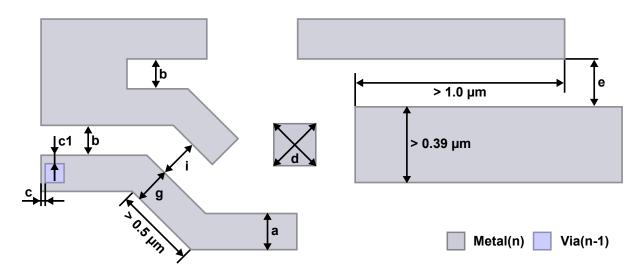


Figure 5.17: Metal(n) dimensions



5.18 Metal(n=1-5):filler

Metal(n):filler pattern are required in order to reduce layout sensitivity due to metal etching and CMP process steps.

Rule	Description	
MFil.a1	Min. Metal(n):filler width	
MFil.a2	Max. Metal(n):filler width	
MFil.b	Min. Metal(n):filler space	0.42
MFil.c	Min. Metal(n):filler space to Metal(n)	
MFil.d	Min. Metal(n):filler space to TRANS	
MFil.h	Min. Metal(n) and Metal(n):filler coverage ratio for any 800 x 800 µm ² chip area [%]	25.00
MFil.k	Max. Metal(n) and Metal(n):filler coverage ratio for any 800 x 800 μm² chip area [%]	75.00

- 1. A smaller coverage or larger filler exclusion area leads to smaller metal lines and higher sheet resistance. Sheet resistance of minimum width **Metal(n)** lines is increasing by 10 % if metal coverage is lower than 30 %.
- 2. **Metal(n):filler** must be generated prior to the tape out procedure. For sensitive areas of the circuit, designers should exclude **Metal(n):filler** using the **Metal(n):nofill** or **NoMetFiller** exclusion layer, or should place defined metal structures to prevent metal fill.

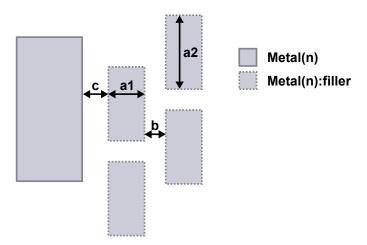


Figure 5.18: Metal(n):filler dimensions



5.19 Via1

Rule	Description		
V1.a	Min. and max. Via1 width	0.19	
V1.b	Min. Via1 space	0.22	
V1.b1	Min. Via1 space in an array of more than 3 rows and more then 3 columns (Note 1)	n an array of more than 3 rows and more then 3 0.29	
V1.c	Min. Metal1 enclosure of Via1 0.		
V1.c1	Min. Metal1 endcap enclosure of Via1 (Note 2)	1 endcap enclosure of Via1 (Note 2) 0.05	

- 1. V1.b1 is only required in one direction. The distance of the other direction must be at least V1.b.
- 2. For **Via1** at **Metal1** corners at least one side must be treated as an endcap and for the other sides rule V1.c can be applied.

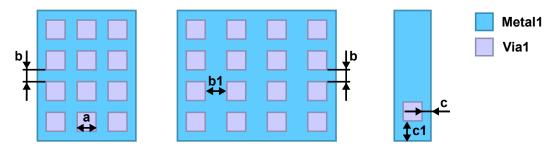


Figure 5.19: Via1 dimensions



5.20 Via(n=2-4)

Rule	Description		
Vn.a	Min. and max. Via(n) width	0.19	
Vn.b	Min. Via(n) space	0.22	
Vn.b1	Min. Via(n) space in an array of more than 3 rows and more then 3 columns (Note 1)	n 3 rows and more then 3 0.29	
Vn.c	Min. Metal(n) enclosure of Via(n) 0.		
Vn.c1	Min. Metal(n) endcap enclosure of Via(n) (Note 2)	0.05	

- 1. Vn.b1 is only required in one direction. The distance of the other direction must be at least Vn.b.
- 2. For **Via(n)** at **Metal(n)** corners at least one side must be treated as an endcap and for the other sides rule Vn.c can be applied.

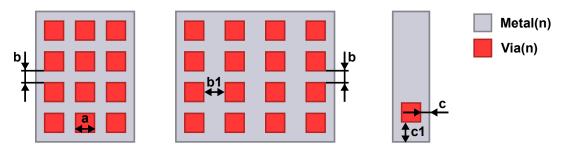


Figure 5.20: Via(n) dimensions



5.21 TopVia1

Rule	Description	
TV1.a	Min. and max. TopVia1 width	0.42
TV1.b	Min. TopVia1 space	0.42
TV1.c	Min. Metal5 enclosure of TopVia1	0.10
TV1.d	Min. TopMetal1 enclosure of TopVia1	0.42

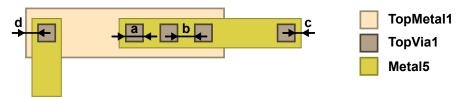


Figure 5.21: TopVia1 dimensions



5.22 TopMetal1

Rule	Description Va	
TM1.a	Min. TopMetal1 width	1.64
TM1.b	Min. TopMetal1 space or notch	1.64
TM1.c	Min. global TopMetal1 density [%]	25.00
TM1.d	Max. global TopMetal1 density [%]	70.00

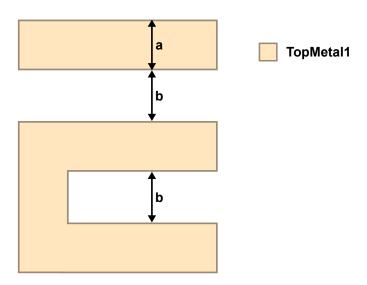


Figure 5.22: TopMetal1 dimensions



5.23 TopMetal1:filler

TopMetal1:filler pattern are required in order to reduce layout sensitivity due to metal etching and CMP process steps.

Rule	Description	Value
TM1Fil.a	Min. TopMetal1:filler width	5.00
TM1Fil.a1	Max. TopMetal1:filler width	10.00
TM1Fil.b	Min. TopMetal1:filler space	3.00
TM1Fil.c	Min. TopMetal1:filler space to TopMetal1	3.00
TM1Fil.d	Min. TopMetal1:filler space to TRANS	4.90

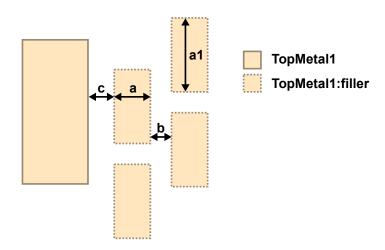


Figure 5.23: TopMetal1:filler dimensions



5.24 TopVia2

Rule	Description Val	
TV2.a	Min. and max. TopVia2 width	0.90
TV2.b	Min. TopVia2 space	1.06
TV2.c	Min. TopMetal1 enclosure of TopVia2	0.50
TV2.d	Min. TopMetal2 enclosure of TopVia2	0.50

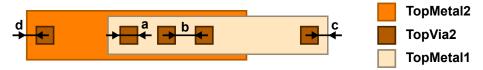


Figure 5.24: TopVia2 dimensions



5.25 TopMetal2

Rule	Description	
TM2.a	Min. TopMetal2 width	
TM2.b	Min. TopMetal2 space or notch	
TM2.bR	Min. space of TopMetal2 lines if, at least one line is wider than 5.0 µm and the parallel run is more than 50.0 µm (Note 1)	
TM2.c	Min. global TopMetal2 density [%]	
TM2.d	Max. global TopMetal2 density [%]	70.00

Notes

1. Not checked within **IND** regions.

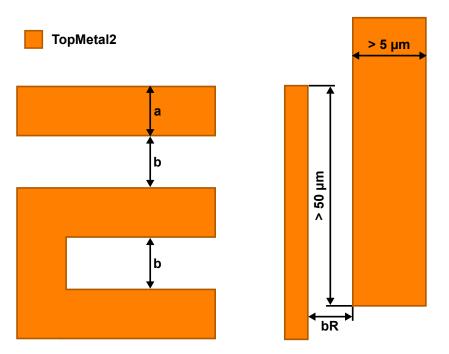


Figure 5.25: TopMetal2 dimensions



5.26 TopMetal2:filler

TopMetal2:filler pattern are required in order to reduce layout sensitivity due to metal etching and CMP process steps.

Rule	Description	Value
TM2Fil.a	Min. TopMetal2:filler width	5.00
TM2Fil.a1	Max. TopMetal2:filler width	10.00
TM2Fil.b	Min. TopMetal2:filler space	3.00
TM2Fil.c	Min. TopMetal2:filler space to TopMetal2	3.00
TM2Fil.d	Min. TopMetal2:filler space to TRANS	4.90

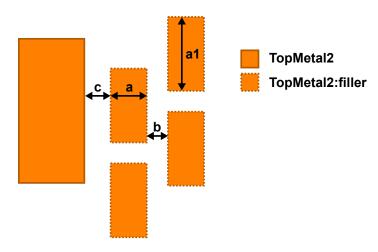


Figure 5.26: TopMetal2:filler dimensions



5.27 Passiv

Rule	Description	Value
Pas.a	Min. Passiv width	2.10
Pas.b	Min. Passiv space or notch	3.50
Pas.c	Min. TopMetal2 enclosure of Passiv (Note 1)	2.10

Notes

1. Not checked outside of sealring (edge-seal-passive)

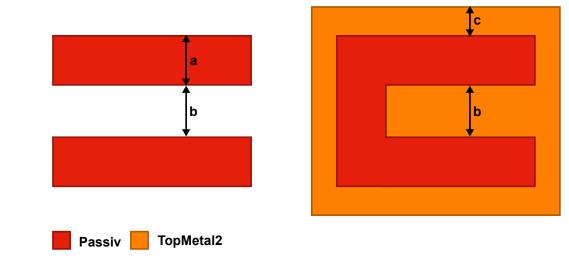


Figure 5.27: Passiv dimensions



6 Device Layout Rules

6.1 Bipolar Design Rules

Bipolar design rules are not disclosed due to IP reasons. Additional layers will be added during the tape out procedure for mask generation. Changing the given layouts may result in catastrophic device malfunction. The IHP library provides a number of predefined devices shown in the follow sections. Do not modify these layouts/abstracts.

Strict design rule: Do not flatten the HBT layout cells and do not place any shapes, except metal for connections, in bipolar **TRANS** regions. Use pins on given metals to connect base, emitter and collector with corresponding metal shapes. Any modification in bipolar transistor results in non-working device.

Device recognition: For device recognition **TRANS** layer in combination with TEXT labels and layer combinations are used for device recognition.

6.1.1 Pre-defined Transistor Layouts

Device	Emitter width	Parameter	Comment
npn13G2	$W_E=0.07\mu m$	$\label{eq:loss_loss} \begin{array}{l} L_E = 0.9 \mu m, \\ N_x = 1 \dots 10, \\ A_E = N_x (0.07 \mu m \cdot L_E) \end{array}$	L_E : emitter length, A_E : emitter area, N_x : number of emitters in a row
npn13G2L	$W_E=0.07\mu m$	$\begin{split} L_E &= 1.0\mu\text{m}\dots 2.5\mu\text{m},\\ N_x &= 1\dots 4,\\ A_E &= N_x\left(0.07\mu\text{m}\cdot L_E\right) \end{split}$	L_E : emitter length, A_E : emitter area, N_x : number of emitters in a row
npn13G2V	$W_E=0.12\mu m$	$\begin{split} L_E &= 1.0 \mu m \dots 5.0 \mu m, \\ N_x &= 1 \dots 8, \\ A_E &= N_x (0.12 \mu m \cdot L_E) \end{split}$	L_{E} : emitter length, A_{E} : emitter area, N_{x} : number of emitters in a row

6.1.2 Schematic Cross-section

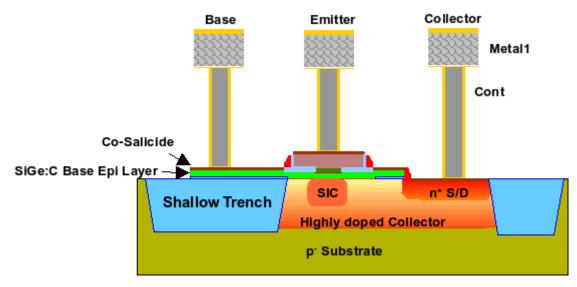


Figure 6.1: Schematic cross-section of the SiGe:C hetero bipolar transistor



6.1.3 Design Rules

The NPN Substrate-Tie is formed by Activ and pSD ring.

The following rules do not apply: nSDB.e

General Design Rules

Rule	Description	Value
npnG2.a	NPN Substrate-Tie = Activ AND pSD	
npnG2.b	NPN Substrate-Tie must enclose TRANS	
npnG2.c	pSD enclosure of Activ inside NPN Substrate-Tie	0.20
npnG2.d	Min. unrelated N+Activ, NWell, PWell:block, nBuLay, nSD:block space to TRANS	1.21
npnG2.d1	Min. unrelated GatPoly space to TRANS	0.90
npnG2.d2	Min. unrelated SalBlock space to TRANS	0.90
npnG2.e	Min. unrelated Cont space to TRANS	0.27
npnG2.f	NPN Substrate-Ties are allowed to overlap each other	

Device Related Design Rules

Rule	Description	Value
npn13G2.a	Min. and max. npn13G2 emitter length	0.90
npn13G2.bR	Max. recommended total number of npn13G2 emitters per chip	4000
npn13G2L.a	Min. npn13G2L emitter length	1.00
npn13G2L.b	Max. npn13G2L emitter length	2.50
npn13G2L.cR	Max. recommended total number of npn13G2L emitters per chip	800
npn13G2V.a	Min. npn13G2V emitter length	1.00
npn13G2V.b	Max. npn13G2V emitter length	5.00
npn13G2V.cR	Max. recommended total number of npn13G2V emitters per chip	800



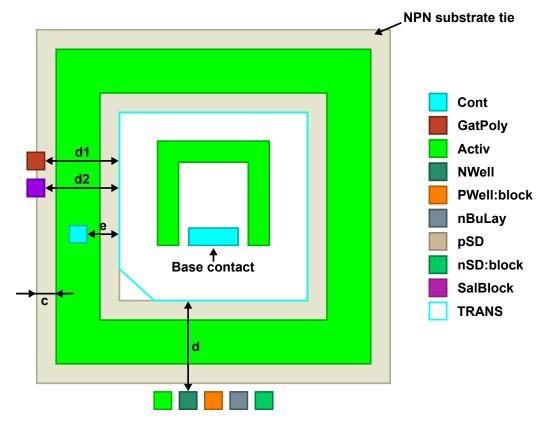


Figure 6.2: HBT dimensions.



6.2 Rsil

Rsil represents the salicided n+ doped **GatPoly** resistor.

Device recognition: Rsil = **RES** + **GatPoly**

Rule	Description	Value
Rsil.a	Min. GatPoly width	0.50
Rsil.b	Min. RES space to Cont	0.12
Rsil.c	Min. RES extension over GatPoly	0.00
Rsil.d	Min. pSD space to GatPoly	0.18
Rsil.e	Min. EXTBlock enclosure of GatPoly	0.18
Rsil.f	Min. RES length	0.50

Notes

1. **RES** represents the resistor definition layer and is required for back annotation.

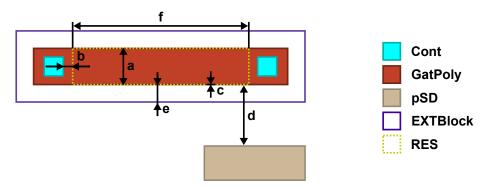


Figure 6.3: Rsil dimensions



6.3 Rppd

Rppd represents the unsalicided p+ doped **GatPoly** resistor.

Device recognition: Rppd = SalBlock + GatPoly + pSD

Rule	Description	Value
Rppd.a	Min. GatPoly width	0.50
Rppd.b	Min. pSD enclosure of GatPoly	0.18
Rppd.c	Min. and max. SalBlock space to Cont	0.20
Rppd.d	Min. EXTBlock enclosure of GatPoly	0.18
Rppd.e	Min. SalBlock length	0.50

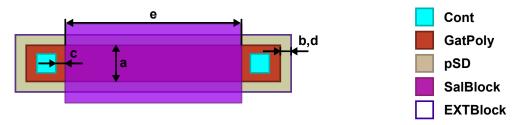


Figure 6.4: Rppd dimensions



6.4 Rhigh

Rhigh represents an unsalicided partial compensated low n-doped **GatPoly** resistor.

Device recognition: Rhigh = SalBlock + GatPoly + pSD + nSD

Rule	Description	Value
Rhi.a	Min. GatPoly width	0.50
Rhi.b	pSD and nSD are identical (Note 1)	
Rhi.c	Min. pSD and nSD enclosure of GatPoly	0.18
Rhi.d	Min. and max. SalBlock space to Cont	0.20
Rhi.e	Min. EXTBlock enclosure of GatPoly	0.18
Rhi.f	Min. SalBlock length	0.50

Notes

1. **nSD:drawing** is only permitted within **Rhigh** resistors. Apart from that, **nSD** is generated automatically (see section 4.2).

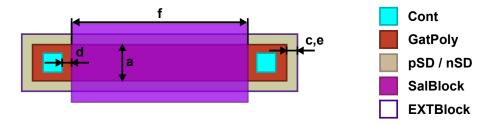


Figure 6.5: Rhigh dimensions



6.5 nmosi and nmosiHV

Device recognition: nmosi is recognized as an nmos device. The difference of nmosi and nmosiHV is given by **ThickGateOx**. There are special device construction rules for this substrate isolated nmos device. These rules will only be tested inside a closed ring of **NWell** AND **nBuLay**.

Rule	Description	Value
nmosi.b	Min. nBuLay enclosure of Iso-PWell-Activ (Note 1)	1.24
nmosi.c	Min. NWell space to Iso-PWell-Activ	0.39
nmosi.d	Min. NWell-nBuLay width forming an unbroken ring around any Iso-PWell-Activ (Note 2)	0.62
nmosi.f	Min. nSD:block width to separate ptap in nmosi	0.62
nmosi.g	Min. SalBlock overlap of nSD:block over Activ	0.15

- 1. Iso-PWell-Activ = Activ AND nBuLay AND PWell
- 2. NWell-nBuLay = **NWell** AND **nBuLay**
- 3. NWell which is used as a ring for isolated PWell and carries active p-mos devices has to be carefully layed out in order to prevent latch up.
- 4. Recommendation: 1 mimimum PWell contact per 50 μ m². To calculate voltage drops in PWell consider an average sheet resistance of 3 k Ω .
- 5. Recommendation: Use ptapsb Pcell to ensure proper isolated PWell connection. An example can be found in Cadence PDK's example library.



6.6 isolbox

The isolbox structure is used to generate PWell regions isolated from the global substrate. This enables the realization of substrate isolated nmos transistors or resistors. We recommend to use only pcell offered via PDK by IHP. The pins "isosub" and "bn" are not part of the layout pcell and have to be placed manually in order to give designer more flexibility.

Device recognition: isolbox = TEXT "isolbox" within (**NWell** enclosed by **Recog:diode**)

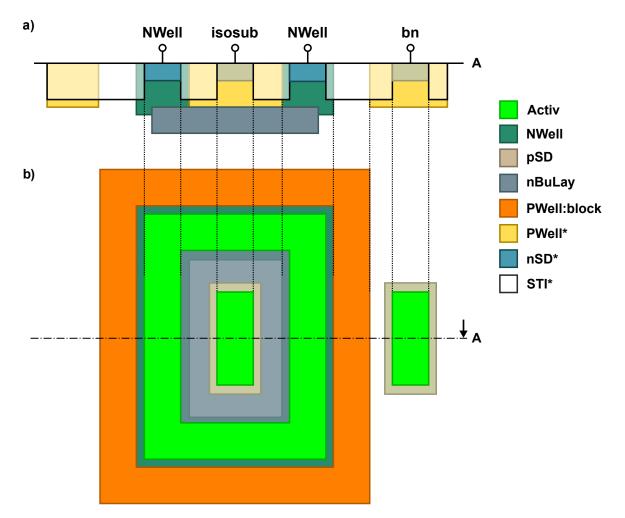


Figure 6.6: a) Cross-section and b) top view of the isolbox device. (* These layers are inherently derived from drawing layers.)



6.7 Schottky diode

Device recognition: schottky_nbl1 = **ContBar** enclosed by (**SalBlock** and **nSD:block** and **PWell:block** and **nBuLay**)

The following rules do not apply: NW.c1, NW.e1, PWB.f1, CntB.a, LU.d

Rule	Description	Value
Sdiod.a	Min. and max. PWell:block enclosure of ContBar	0.25
Sdiod.b	Min. and max. nSD:block enclosure of ContBar	0.40
Sdiod.c	Min. and max. SalBlock enclosure of ContBar	0.45
Sdiod.d	Min. and max. ContBar width inside nBuLay	0.30
Sdiod.e	Min. and max. ContBar length inside nBuLay	1.00

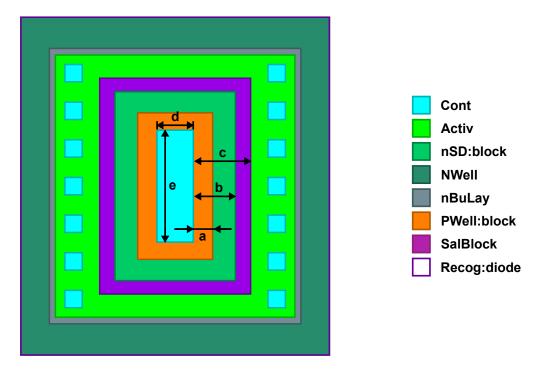


Figure 6.7: schottky_nbl1 dimensions.



6.8 ESD Protection Devices

For ESD protection of the chip, special clamp devices are provided. Please refer to the ESD documents for details about protection level. Also note that it is recommended to have I/O MOS devices with channel length of at least $0.36\,\mu m$.

6.8.1 nmoscl_2

Clamp device for limiting supply voltage.

Device recognition: nmoscl_2 = TEXT "nmoscl_2" within **Recog:esd**

Following rules do not apply: nmosi.e, Gat.a3

6.8.2 nmoscl_4

Clamp device for limiting supply voltage.

Device recognition: nmoscl_4 = TEXT "nmoscl_4" within **Recog:esd**

Following rules do not apply: nmosi.e, Gat.a3

6.8.3 scr1

Device recognition: scr1 = TEXT "scr1" within Recog:esd

Following rules do not apply: nmosi.c, nmosi.g, LU.d, Gat.a



6.9 Pad Dimensions

Device recognition: Pad = (Passiv + Passiv:sbump + Passiv:pillar) + dfpad

Pad rules are tested only within **dfpad** recognition layer. Pad rules are only tested on metal structures which are on same net as **TopMetal2**. The following design rules must be also applied to solder bump pads and Cu pillar pads.

Rule	Description	Value
Pad.aR	Min. recommended Pad width	30.00
Pad.a1	Max. Pad width	150.00
Pad.bR	Min. recommended Pad space	8.40
Pad.d	Min. Pad space to EdgeSeal	7.50
Pad.dR	Min. recommended Pad to EdgeSeal space (Note 1)	25.00
Pad.d1R	Min. recommended Pad to Activ (inside chip area) space	11.20
Pad.eR	Min. recommended Metal(n), TopMetal1, TopMetal2 exit width	7.00
Pad.fR	Min. recommended Metal(n), TopMetal1, TopMetal2 exit length	7.00
Pad.gR	Min. recommended TopMetal1 (within dfpad) enclosure of TopVia2	1.40
Pad.i	dfpad without TopMetal2 not allowed	
Pad.jR	No devices under Pad allowed (Note 2)	
Pad.kR	TopVia2 under Pad not allowed (Note 3)	

- 1. Distance of **Pad** opening to **EdgeSeal** strongly depends on bonding procedure. For flip chip bonding via solder bumps (see section 6.9.1) or copper pillars (see section 6.9.2) or manual bonding a bigger distance may be required. We strongly recommend 25 µm distance for wedge-wedge wire bonding.
- 2. Components under pads can be damaged by mechanical stress.
- 3. TopVia2 may be damaged during packaging process, we recommend not to use them below Passiv.

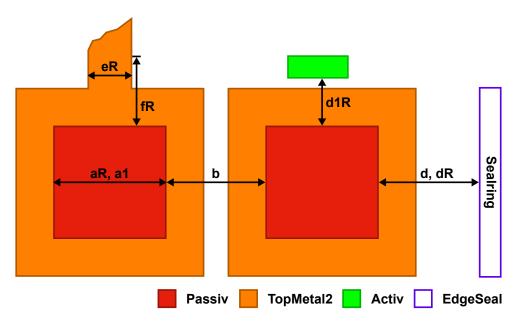


Figure 6.8: Pad dimensions.



6.9.1 Solder Bump Rules

These rules are valid within pads used for solder bumping and flip chip assembling. These pad rules are valid for 60 µm passive opening and 80 µm bump ball size. Bump ball standard is PacTech SAC305 (SnAgCu).

We recommend to use Solder Bump option in Pcell provided in the PDK.

For different geometries refer to design rule manual of our partner PacTech or the design rule manual of your specific bumping provider.

Device recognition: SBumpPad = Passiv:sbump + dfpad

Rule	Description	Value
Padb.a	SBumpPad size	60.00
Padb.b	Min. SBumpPad space	70.00
Padb.c	Min. TopMetal2 (within dfpad) enclosure of SBumpPad	10.00
Padb.d	Min. SBumpPad space to EdgeSeal	50.00
Padb.e	Min. SBumpPad pitch (Note 1)	130.00
Padb.f	Allowed passivation opening shape (Note 1)	Octagon Circle

Notes

1. Underlying **TopMetal2** may have a different shape. This rule is not checked during DRC.

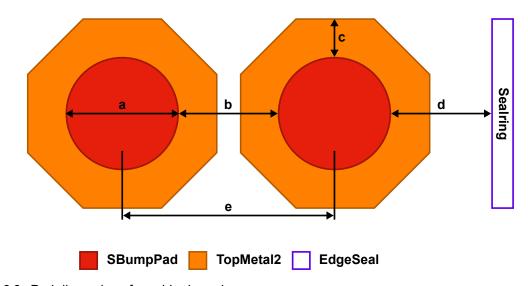


Figure 6.9: Pad dimensions for solder bumping process.



6.9.2 Copper Pillar Rules

These rules are valid within pads used for assembly with copper pillars. The given pad rules are valid for a number of different geometries offered by our partner PacTech given in table 6.1.

Important: Please note that pad opening may have an impact on final testing. If the passivation openings are too small, wafer-level testing may be prevented because the pad metal cannot be sufficiently contacted.

We recommend to use Solder Bump option in Pcell provided in the PDK.

Device recognition: CuPillarPad = Passiv:pillar + dfpad

* Thickness of optional SnAg cap after reflow at peak temperature 260 °C would be higher than that of after plating/ before reflow in the factor of 1.4 - 1.7, depending on the SnAg height as well.

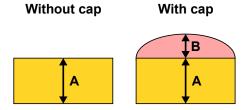


Figure 6.10: Copper pillar layer stack with and without optional SnAg cap.

For different geometries than listed in table 6.1, refer to the design rule manual of our partner PacTech or the design rule manual of your specific bumping provider.

The following table defines design rules for PacTech's copper pillar option with minimum passivation opening, copper pillar height and copper pillar pitch.

Table 6.1: Valid pad geometries and design rules for Cu pillars.

Passiv opening	35	40	45	Padc.a
Opening spacing	40	40	50	Padc.b
Opening enclosure	7.5	7.5	7.5	Padc.c
CuPillarPad pitch	75	80	95	Padc.e
Cu pillar height	50 ± 7	55 ± 7	65 ± 7	
Cu pillar diameter	44 ± 3	49 ± 3	54 ± 3	
Cu height (A)	28 ± 2	32 ± 2	42 ± 2	
SnAg height* (B)	16 ± 1	16 ± 1	19 ± 2	

- 1. Passivation openings highlighted in green are suited for on-wafer measurements
- 2. Pads with passivation openings of $45\,\mu m$ and $55\,\mu m$ are suited for PCB applications. Minimum recommended pitch $250\,\mu m$; recommended standard pitch $500\,\mu m$.



Rule	Description	Value
Padc.a	CuPillarPad size	Table 6.1
Padc.b	Min. CuPillarPad space	Table 6.1
Padc.c	Min. TopMetal2 (within dfpad) enclosure of CuPillarPad	Table 6.1
Padc.d	Min. CuPillarPad space to EdgeSeal	30.00
Padc.e	Min. CuPillarPad pitch (Note 1)	Table 6.1
Padc.f	Allowed passivation opening shape (Note 1)	Circle

Notes

1. Underlying **TopMetal2** may have a different shape. This rule is not checked during DRC.

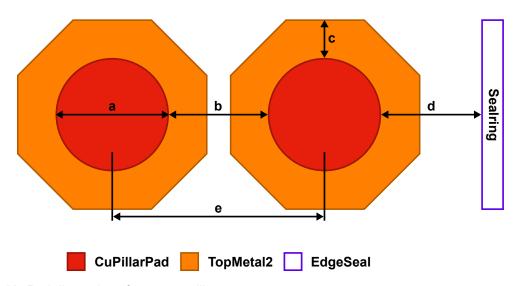


Figure 6.11: Pad dimensions for copper pillar process.



6.10 Sealring

A sealring is an uninterrupted ring of metal and via layers. The purpose of the sealring is to reduce the effects of mechanical stress on the circuit that occurs during dicing of various chips. The sealring must be enclosed by an unbrokend ring of **Passiv**. Figure 6.12 shows distance between **EdgeSeal** and the sealring boundary (30 μ m) and the passivation opening. Please be aware that corresponding standard metal and via rules are not checked within **EdgeSeal** regions.

Device recognition: EdgeSeal

Rule	Description	Value
Seal.a	Min. EdgeSeal-Activ, EdgeSeal-pSD, EdgeSeal-Metal(n=1-5), EdgeSeal-TopMetal1, EdgeSeal-TopMetal2 width	3.50
Seal.b	Min. Activ space to EdgeSeal-Activ, EdgeSeal-pSD, EdgeSeal-Metal(n=1-5), EdgeSeal-TopMetal1, EdgeSeal-TopMetal2	4.90
Seal.c	EdgeSeal-Cont ring width	0.16
Seal.c1	EdgeSeal-Via(n=1-4) ring width	0.19
Seal.c2	EdgeSeal-TopVia1 ring width	0.42
Seal.c3	EdgeSeal-TopVia2 ring width	0.90
Seal.d	Min. EdgeSeal-Activ enclosure of EdgeSeal-Cont, EdgeSeal-Via(n=1-4), EdgeSeal-TopVia1, EdgeSeal-TopVia2 ring	1.30
Seal.e	Min. Passiv ring width outside of sealring	4.20
Seal.f	Min. Passiv ring outside of sealring space to EdgeSeal-Activ, EdgeSeal-Metal(n=1-5), EdgeSeal-TopMetal1, EdgeSeal-TopMetal2	1.00
Seal.k	Min. EdgeSeal 45-degree corner length (Note 1)	21.00
Seal.l	No structures outside sealring boundary allowed	
Seal.m	Only one sealring per chip allowed (Note 1)	
Seal.n	Sealring must be enclosed by an unbroken Passiv ring	

Notes

1. Not checked during DRC



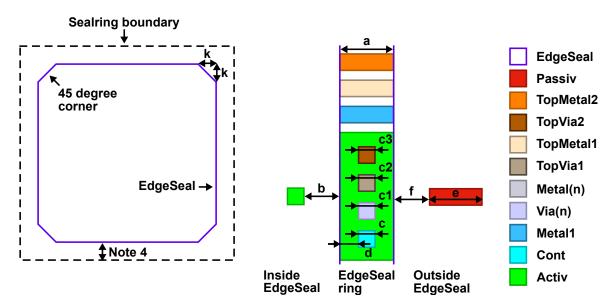


Figure 6.12: EdgeSeal and Sealring dimensions.



6.11 MIM

Metal-Insulator-Metal (MIM) capacitors are formed by a thin dielectric layer and conductor placed between **Metal5**, **TopVia1** and **TopMetal1**.

Within **MIM** capacitor layer **Vmim** can be used instead of **TopVia1**. Some EDA tools cannot distinguish between interconnects and electrical components which are formed by the same conductive layers. Within the MIM device, **TopVia1** can be replaced with **Vmim** to prevent false short circuit detection.

Device recognition: MIM capacitor = MIM + Metal5

Rule	Description	Value
MIM.a	Min. MIM width	1.14
MIM.b	Min. MIM space	0.60
MIM.c	Min. Metal5 enclosure of MIM	0.60
MIM.d	Min. MIM enclosure of TopVia1	0.36
MIM.e	Min. TopMetal1 space to MIM	0.60
MIM.f	Min. MIM area per MIM device (μm²)	1.30
MIM.g	Max. MIM area per MIM device (µm²)	
MIM.gR	Max. recommended total MIM area per chip (μm²)	174800.00
MIM.h	TopVia1 must be over MIM	

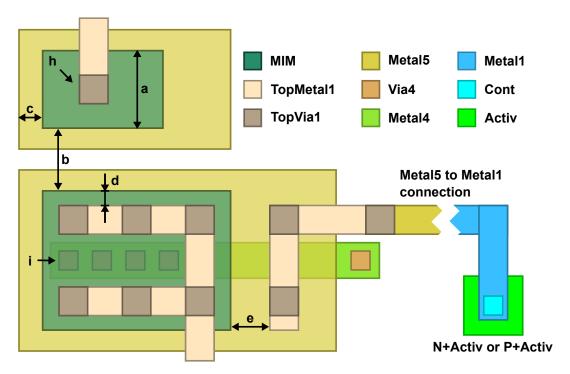


Figure 6.13: MIM dimensions



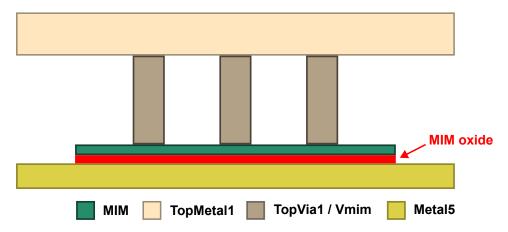


Figure 6.14: Schematic representation of a MIM capacitor cross-section (not to scale).

6.12 Inductors

In order to verify a custom inductor in the LVS check, additional layers must be added to the actual inductor layout (see Fig. 6.15). The inductor must be completely enclosed by the **IND** layer. To define the connection points, rectangles in layer **IND:pin** must be placed on the inductor metal. The connection points must touch the edge of the **IND** layer and contain a pre-defined text label in layer **IND:text**. These text labels are "LA" and "LB" for inductors with two connections or "LA", "LB" and "LC" for inductors with three connections.

Parasitic extraction of metal lines is excluded from inductors defined by this procedure. Within this layer there is by default no filler generation.

Following rules will not be checked within this layer: metal slit rules, AFil.g2, MFil.h, TM2.bR

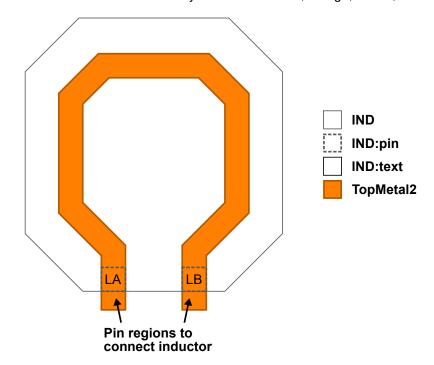


Figure 6.15: Custom inductor connection method.



7 Special Rules

7.1 Antenna Rules

The antenna effect occurs when metal layers on a chip are etched during the semiconductor manufacturing process. As the metal layers are etched, the remaining metal traces collect charge during the etching process. When these metal traces discharge, it can lead to damage or unwanted changes in the properties of the connected devices.

The design rules related to unprotected devices are determined by using gate leakage current (shift of 10 % for nominal devices) as failure criterion.

Antenna Rules are not checked by default. Antenna rule checking must be switched on separately.

Rule	Description	Value	
Ant.a	Max. ratio of GatPoly over field oxide area to connected Gate area	200.00	
Ant.b	Max. ratio of cumulative metal area (from Metal1 to TopMetal2) to connected Gate area (without protection diode)	200.00	
Ant.c	Max. ratio of Cont area to connected Gate area	20.00	
Ant.d	Max. ratio of cumulative via area (from Via1 to TopVia2) to connected Gate area (without protection diode)		
Ant.e	Max. ratio of cumulative metal area (from Metal1 to TopMetal2) to connected Gate area (with protection diode)	20000.00	
Ant.f	Max. ratio of cumulative via area (from Via1 to TopVia2) to connected Gate area (with protection diode)	500.00	
Ant.g	Size of protection diode (µm²) (Note 4)	m²) (Note 4) 0.16	
Ant.h	dantenna in NWell not allowed		
Ant.i	dpantenna in PWell not allowed		

Notes

- 1. The rules apply for both types of oxide.
- 2. Vn area = cumulative area Cont, Via1 to TopVia2
- 3. Via_area = cumulative area Via1 to TopVia2
- 4. PDarea (μm²) = 0.02 x (Vn_area / (GatPoly over Activ)_area)

$$AreaRatio\left(G1\right) = \frac{Area\{M1\left(i\right)\} + Area\{M2\left(i\right)\}}{Area\{G1\}} + \frac{Area\{M3\left(i\right)\}}{Area\{G1\} + Area\{G2\} + Area\{G3\}}$$

$$\label{eq:AreaRatio} \text{Area}(\text{G2}) = \frac{\text{Area}\{\text{M1}\,(\text{ii})\}}{\text{Area}\{\text{G2}\}} + \frac{\text{Area}\{\text{M2}\,(\text{ii})\}}{\text{Area}\{\text{G2}\} + \text{Area}\{\text{G3}\}} + \frac{\text{Area}\{\text{M3}\,(\text{i})\}}{\text{Area}\{\text{G1}\} + \text{Area}\{\text{G2}\} + \text{Area}\{\text{G3}\}}$$

Recommendations

- To get DRC clean layouts it is recommended to connect the antenna node to the output of the driver at low metal level to reduce the antenna area or connect the antenna node to a diode.
- To get DRC clean layouts it is recommended to use stacked vias to connect large metal or via areas as shown in Fig. 7.2.



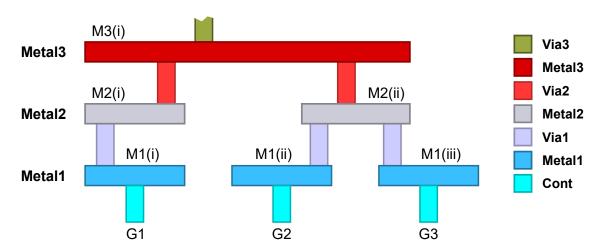


Figure 7.1: Cumulated area ratio calculation example.

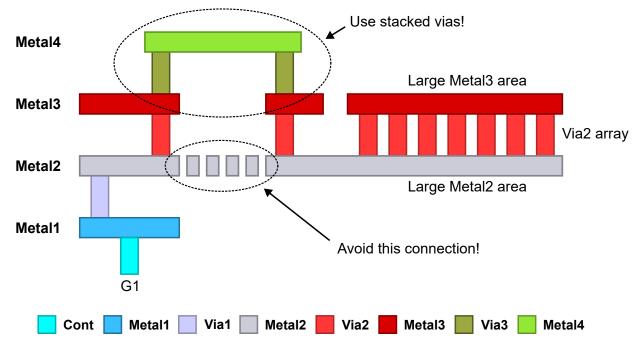


Figure 7.2: Usage of stacked vias to avoid antenna area ratio violations. Please note that this figure is only an example. The stacked via method can be applied up to **TopMetal2**.

- To protect the gate of an isolated nMOS transistors it is recommended to place the antenna-protection diode in a separate (non isolated) p-body region.
- For applications which are especially sensitive to V_t variation or mismatch (sense amplifers, certain analog circuits, etc.), each gate should be tied directly to an nSD/PWell or pSD/NWell diode in Metal1.



7.2 Latch-up Guidelines

Latch-up is an undesirable phenomenon in integrated circuit (IC) design that can lead to the inadvertent creation of a low-impedance path between the power supply rails or any other regions forming a parasitic thyristor. The effect is trigged by unwated injection of charges into this structure. This can lead to destruction of circuit parts due to overcurrent.

Latch-up rules are not checked by default. Latch-up rule checking must be switched on separately.

7.2.1 Latch-up Protection on Output Buffers

- 1. Connect source of NMOS and PMOS devices to VSS and VDD, respectively.
- 2. Connect drain of NMOS and PMOS devices directly to the output pad.
- 3. Place guard rings (VSS, VDD ties) around any NMOS and PMOS devices, which are directly tied to a pad.
- 4. Double guard rings (N-Well isolator and P+ isolator) should be inserted between n-channel and p-channel output buffers.
- 5. Double guard rings (N-Well isolator and P+ isolator) should be inserted between output buffers and internal circuit area.

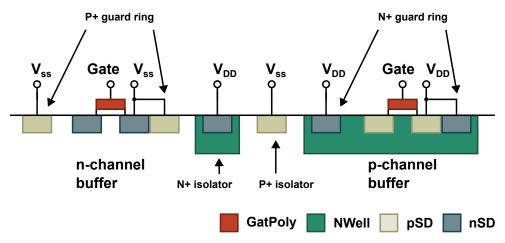


Figure 7.3: I/O latch-up protection scheme.

7.2.2 Additional Rules for Subtrate and NWell Ties

Rule	Description	
LU.a	Max. space from any portion of P+Activ inside NWell to an nSD-NWell tie	
LU.b	Max. space from any portion of N+Activ inside PWeII to an pSD-PWeII tie	
LU.c	Max. extension of an abutted NWeII tie beyond Cont	
LU.c1	Max. extension of an abutted substrate tie beyond Cont	6.00
LU.d	Max. extension of NWell tie Activ tie beyond Cont 6.	
LU.d1	Max. extension of an substrate tie Activ beyond Cont 6.00	



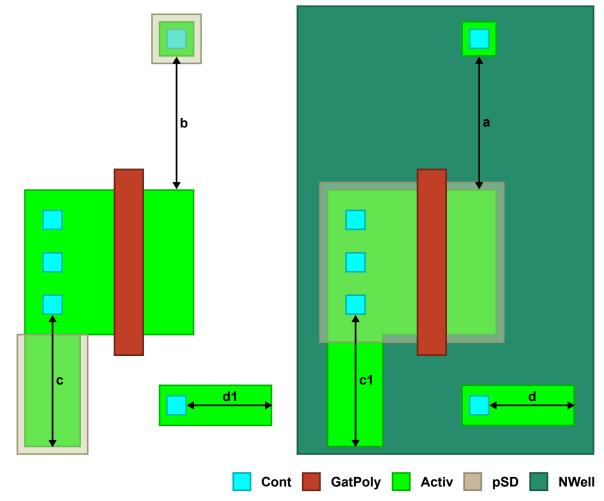


Figure 7.4: Latch-up protection rules.



7.3 Metal Slits

Large areas of metal are subject to mechanical stress during production. This can cause metal detachment from the oxide. The use of metal slits leads to reduction of mechanical stress.

Metal stands for all metal layers (Metal(n=1-5), TopMetal1 and TopMetal2).

Metal = Metal(n=1-5) + TopMetal1 + TopMetal2

Rule	Description	Value	
Slt.a	Min. Metal:slit width	2.80	
Slt.b	Max. Metal:slit width	20.00	
Slt.c	Max. Metal width without requiring a slit	30.00	
Slt.e	No slits required on pads		
Slt.e1	No slits required on MIM		
Slt.e2	No slits required inside IND		
Slt.f	Min. Metal enclosure of Metal:slit	1.00	
Slt.g	Min. Metal5:slit and TopMetal1:slit space to MIM		
Slt.h1	Min. Metal1:slit space to Cont and Via1		
Slt.h2	Min. Metal(n):slit space to Via(n-1) and Via(n)		
Slt.h3	Min. TopMetal1:slit space to TopVia1 and TopVia2		
Slt.h4	Min. TopMetal2:slit space to TopVia2		
Slt.i	Min. Metal:slit density for any Metal plate bigger than 35 µm x 35 µm [%]		

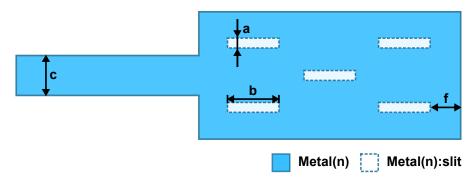


Figure 7.5: Metal slits dimensions.



7.4 Pin Layer Rules

Circuit designers should use only drawing purpose 0 (data types) for layouts. Only exception is pin purpose 2 for symbolic pins. Data type 2 (purpose pin) is used for symbolic connectivity information. Pin areas must be fully covered by drawing. These rules are tested because pin areas are not used for mask generation and a potential issue due to false postive LVS matchs.

Rule	Description	Value
Pin.a	Min. Activ enclosure of Activ:pin	0.00
Pin.b	Min. GatPoly enclosure of GatPoly:pin	0.00
Pin.e	Min. Metal1 enclosure of Metal1:pin	0.00
Pin.f	Min. Metal(n=2-5) enclosure of Metal(n=2-5):pin	0.00
Pin.g	Min. TopMetal1 enclosure of TopMetal1:pin	0.00
Pin.h	Min. TopMetal2 enclosure of TopMetal2:pin	0.00



8 Rules of Digital Design

8.1 DigiBnd Layer

Digital designs can be marked with the **DigiBnd** layer. This layer must be used when using IHP's standard digital libraries. **DigiBnd** must enclose the complete layout of the digital components. Within the **DigiBnd** layer the following design rules are changed compared to the analog flow.

8.1.1 NWell

Refer to section 5.1 for NWell standard rule definitions.

Rule	Description	Value
NW.c1	Min. NWell enclosure of P+Activ inside ThickGateOx inside DigiBnd	0.31
NW.d1	Min. NWell space to external N+Activ inside ThickGateOx inside DigiBnd	0.31
NW.e1	Min. NWell enclosure of NWell tie surrounded entirely by NWell in N+Activ inside ThickGateOx inside DigiBnd	0.24
NW.f1	Min. NWell space to substrate tie in P+Activ inside ThickGateOx inside DigiBnd	0.24

8.1.2 Cont

Refer to section 5.14 for Cont standard rule definitions.

Rule	Description	Value
Cnt.c	Min. Activ enclosure of Cont inside DigiBnd	0.05

8.2 DigiSub Layer

The **DigiSub** layer is used to define an area of a layout in which substrate contacts are extracted as a short instead of a resistive component. It is assumed that the substrate in which the components are located has the same potential as the metal connections that are connected to the substrate contact. There is no voltage drop within the substrate.

8.3 SRAM Layer

Work in progress.



9 Localized Backside Etching (LBE)

The backside etching module is not qualified and not yet tested under all conditions.

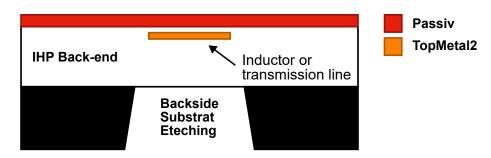


Figure 9.1: LBE cross-section.

Rule	Description	Value
LBE.a	Min. LBE width	100.00
LBE.b	Max. LBE width	1500.00
LBE.b1	Max. LBE area (μm²)	250000.00
LBE.b2	Min. LBE area (μm²)	30000.00
LBE.c	Min. LBE space or notch	100.00
LBE.d	Min. LBE space to inner edge of EdgeSeal	150.00
LBE.e	Min. LBE space to dfpad and Passiv	50.00
LBE.f	Min. LBE space to Activ	30.00
LBE.h	No LBE ring allowed	
LBE.i	Max. global LBE density [%]	20.00

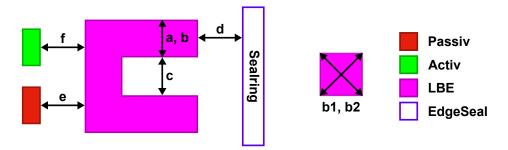


Figure 9.2: LBE dimensions.



10 Change history

Revision	Date	Changes
Rev. 0.1	2023-04-20	Initial revision
Rev. 0.2	2024-03-08	Document structure completely revised Add missing figures to rule sections Chapter 2: Add layer isoNWell to 257:0 Chapter 3: Add chapter "General Requirements"
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		Seal.m, update Seal.e and Seal.f descriptions Chapter 6.11: Remove MIM.i, remove "Yield Enhancement Guideline" Chapter 6.12: Rename section to "Inductors", add explanation of the connection method, add Fig. 6.15, fix waived design rules Chapter 7: Remove section "Layer generation" (overview of generated layers can be found in section 4.2), remove section "NoDRC", move sections "Grid Rules" and "Forbidden Layers" to chapter 3 Chapter 7.1: Move note 1 to introduction text Chapter 7.2: Add introduction text, change LU.c1 description to "Max. extention of an abutted substrate tie beyond Cont" Chapter 7.3: Update introduction text



		Chapter 8.1: Update introduction text Chapter 8.1.1: Change to subsection of section 8.1, align description to original descriptions in section 5.1 Chapter 8.1.2: Change to subsection of section 8.1 Chapter 8.1.3: Change to subsection of section 8.1 Chapter 8.2: Update introduction text Chapter 8.3: Update introduction text Chapter 10: Remove TSV_G.h, update TSV_G.g description, update Fig. 10.1
Rev. 0.3	2024-05-28	Remove chapter "Through-Silicon Via for Grounding (TSV_G)" Chapter 5.4: Fix nBuLay:block rule names (from NBL to NBLB) Chapter 5.12: Fix EXTBlock rule names (from EXT to EXTB) Chapter 5.13: Fix Sal.e name Chapter 5.15: Fix CntB.g2 name Chapter 5.25: Remove note 1 Chapter 6.7: Fix schottky_nbl1 device recognition definition Chapter 6.9: Update Pad.gR description Chapter 7.1: Add Ant.h and Ant.i Chapter 7.3: Update Slt.e description Chapter 8: Remove section "SRAM" Chapter 8.1.2: Update Cnt.c description Chapter 8.1.1: Update NW.c1, NW.d1, NW.e1 and NW.f1 description
Rev. 0.4	2024-12-19	Chapter 1.3: Add "IHP SG13 Minimum Layout Rules Rev. 1.2" as [RD 2] Chapter 3.2: Change EmPoly layer number to 55 Chapter 4: Add description of different design rule classes Chapter 5.2: Update PWB.c and PWB.d descriptions Chapter 5.11: Update nSDB.c and nSDB.d descriptions Chapter 6.2: Fix Rsil.d in figure Chapter 6.5: Remove nmosi.e1 and nmosi.e2 Chapter 6.10: Change Seal.d description from metals to corresponding vias, add Seal.n Chapter 6.11: Add MIM capacitor cross-section figure Chapter 7.2.2: Fix LU.a and LU.b in Fig. 7.4 Chapter 7.3: Add Slt.e2 Chapter 8: Remove nmosi rules



11 Known issues