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# Device Packaging and How it Affects RF Performance

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#### **Objective**

- Illustrate device packaging features that affect device performance at higher frequencies through modeling and simulation
- Highlight the modeled performance of an RF optimized test contactor in a complete system
  - An RF test system must incorporate a contactor that has validated RF performance compared to the device under test
- Draw attention to the interdependency of the components that constitute a test system
  - Collaborating the development of the different components that evolve into a high frequency test system is crucial above 50 GHz.



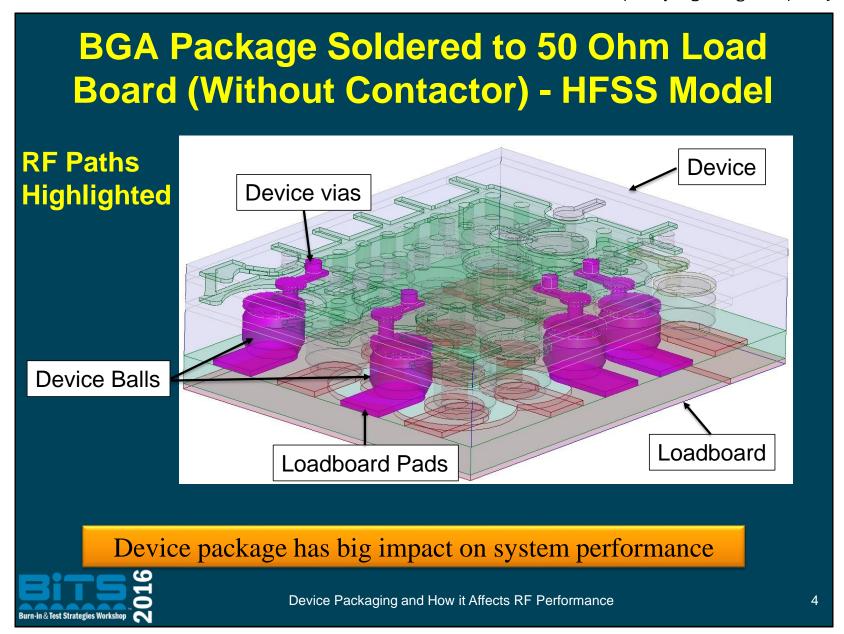
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#### **Contents**

- Device packaging features
- Effects of Device ball size variation
- Grounding effects relative to RF I/Os
- Contactor performance
- RF performance of Edge vs. Field connections in contactor
- System performance
- Summary



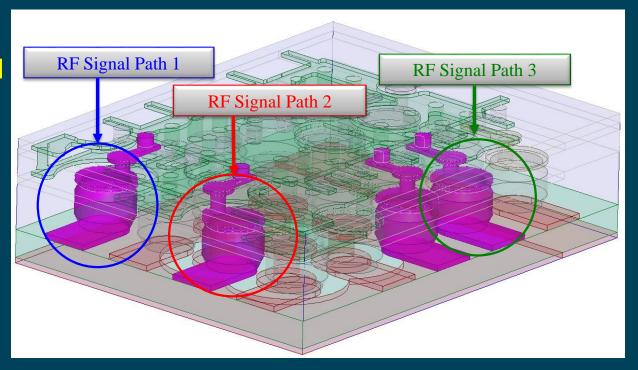
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### **BGA Package Soldered to 50 Ohm Load Board (Without Contactor) – RF I/Os**

RF Paths Highlighted





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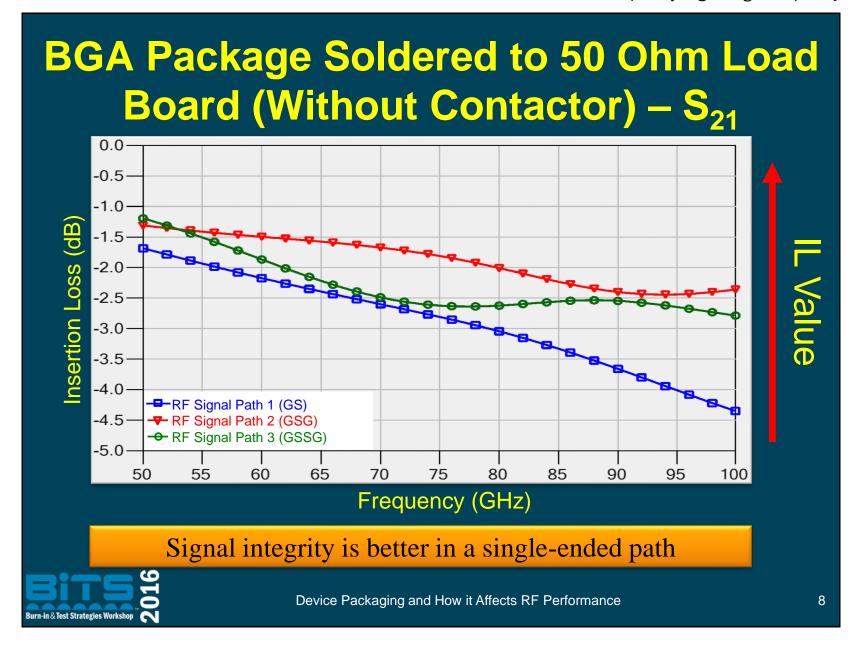
### **BGA Package Soldered to 50 Ohm Load Board (Without Contactor) - Path Definitions**

- RF Signal Path 1 (GS)
  - Positioned at edge of package and adjacent to a ground path
- RF Signal Path 2 (GSG)
  - Has a ground path on either side
- RF Signal Path 3 (GSSG)
  - Situated between a ground and high frequency path
  - Part of a differential pair
- Package Ball features:
  - Diameter 0.20mm
  - Pitch 0.40mm



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#### **BGA Package Soldered to 50 Ohm Load** Board (Without Contactor) - S<sub>11</sub> -5 -10 Return Loss (dB) RL Value -20 -25 -30 -35 -40--RF Signal Path 1 (GS) ▼ RF Signal Path 2 (GSG) -45-- RF Signal Path 3 (GSSG) -50· 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 Frequency (GHz) Differential path has more consistent reflections in device Device Packaging and How it Affects RF Performance 7

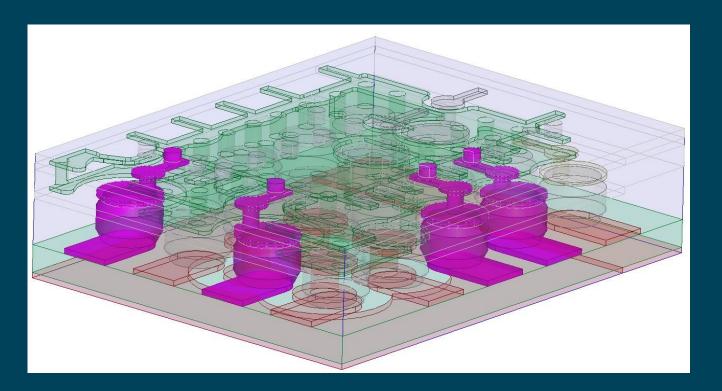


### **BGA Package Performance: Effects of Ball Diameter Variation**



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#### **BGA Package Soldered to 50 Ohm Load Board** (Without Contactor) – Only Ball Diameters Varied

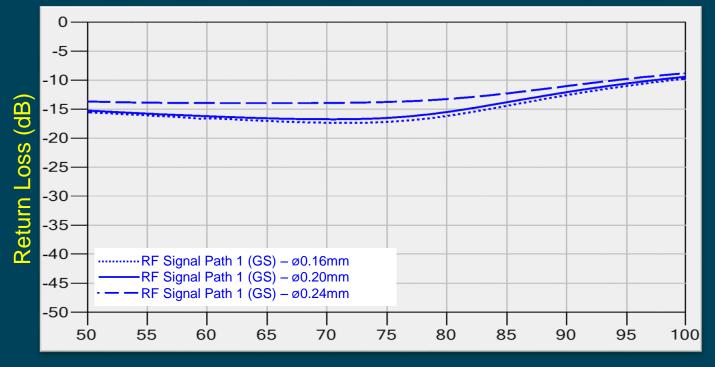


Varying ball diameters & keeping all other features unchanged



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# Package Ball Diameters Varied RF Signal Path 1 - Return Loss



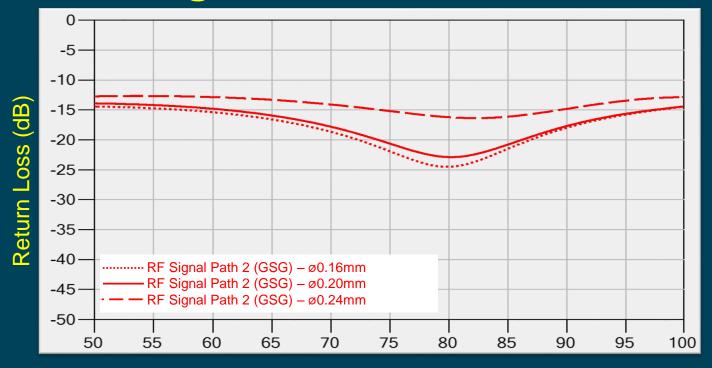
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Large ball sizes are more prone to impedance mismatches



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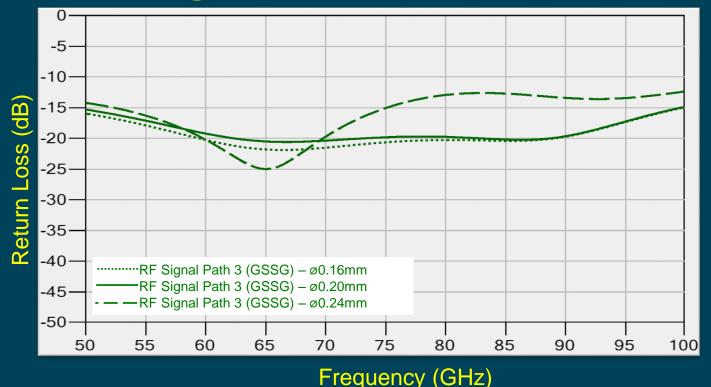


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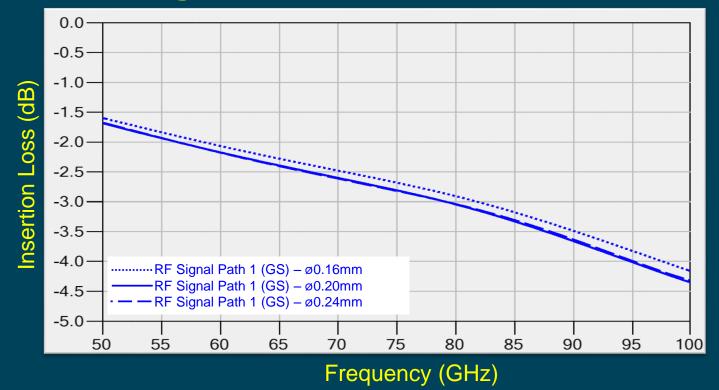
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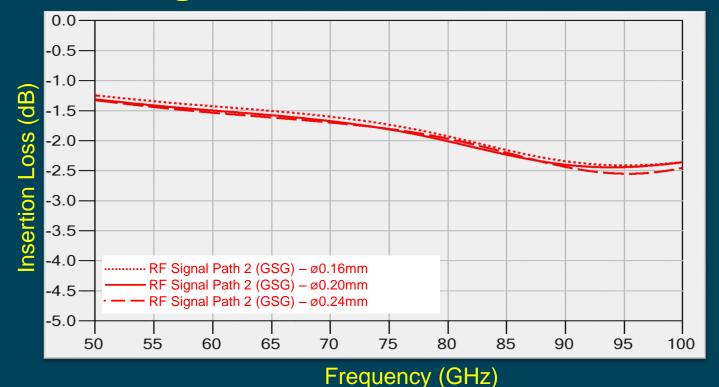


Smaller ball sizes have shorter paths resulting in higher BW



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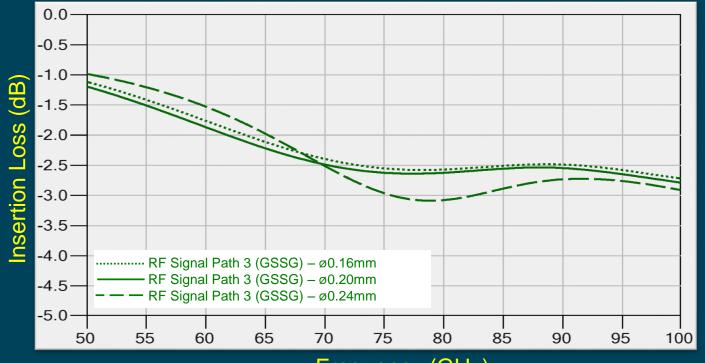
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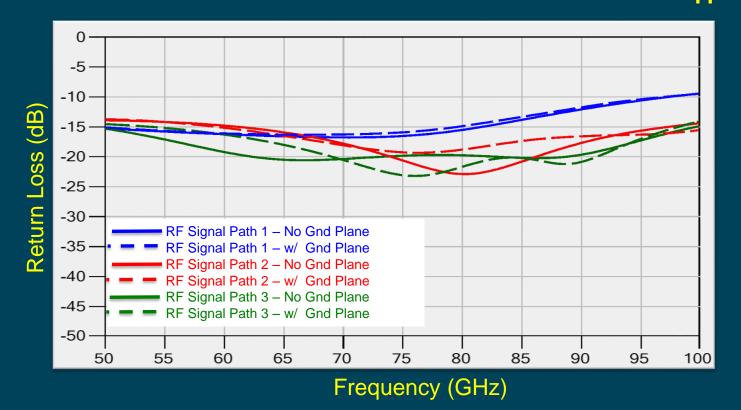
### **BGA Package Performance: Effects of Grounding Relative to RF I/Os**



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#### **BGA** Package Soldered to 50 Ohm Load **Board (Without Contactor)** S 8 S S 8 (8) G G ■Ball Diameter - 0.20mm SS S G G G Ball Pitch - 0.40mm S S S 8 9 G S S G S S G G With No Ground Plane With Ground Plane Device Packaging and How it Affects RF Performance 18

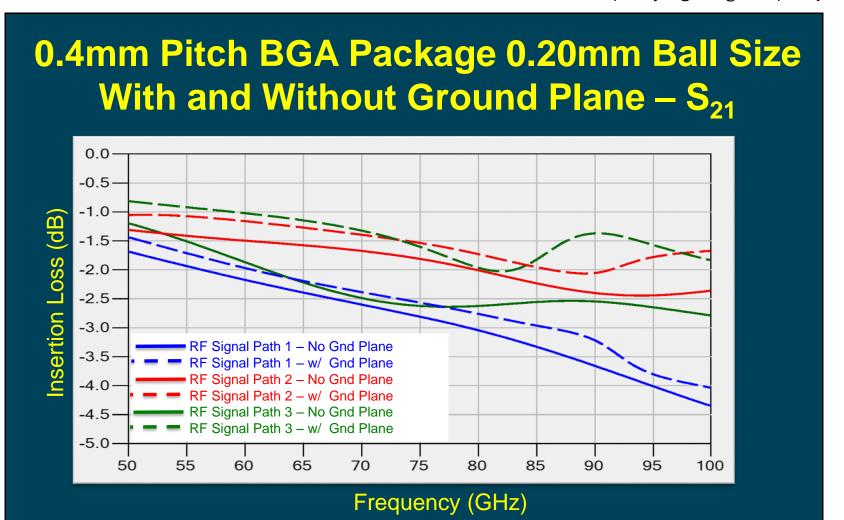
### 0.4mm Pitch BGA Package 0.20mm Ball Size With and Without Ground Plane – S<sub>11</sub>



Grounds impact impedance based on their location



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Grounds improve signal transmission



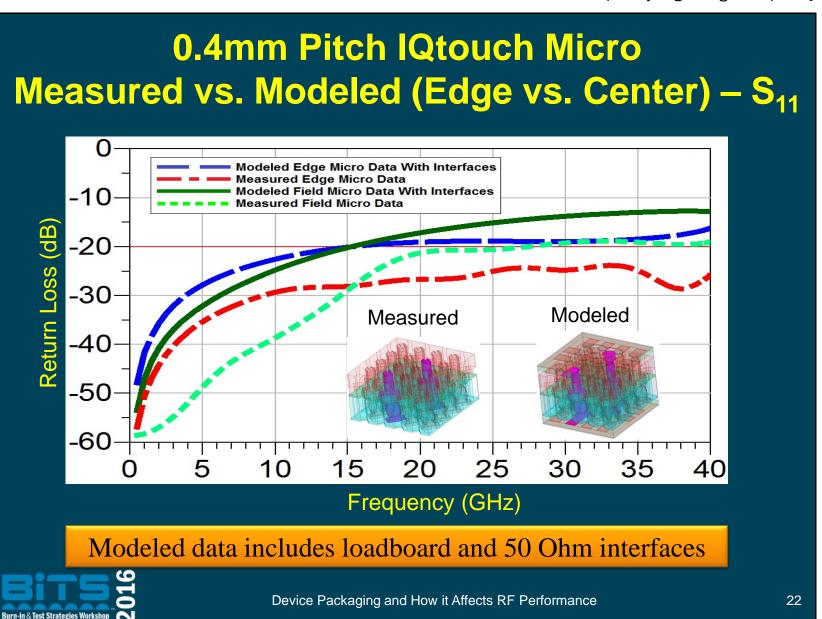
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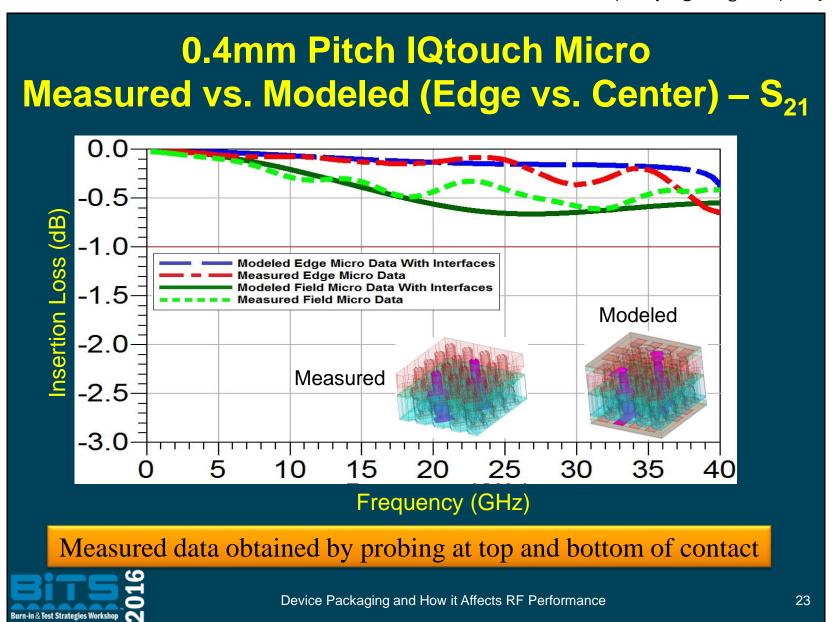
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#### **Contactor Performance**



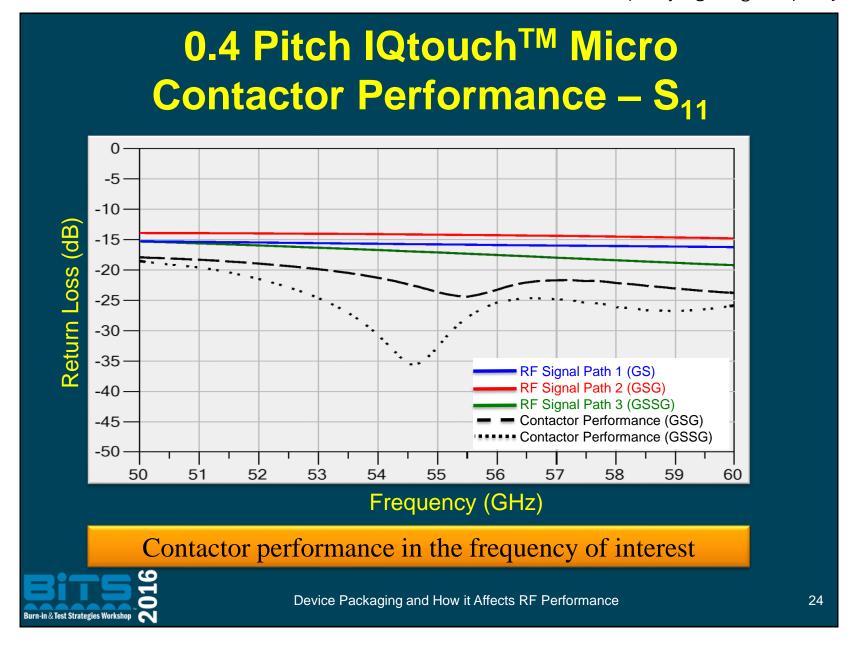
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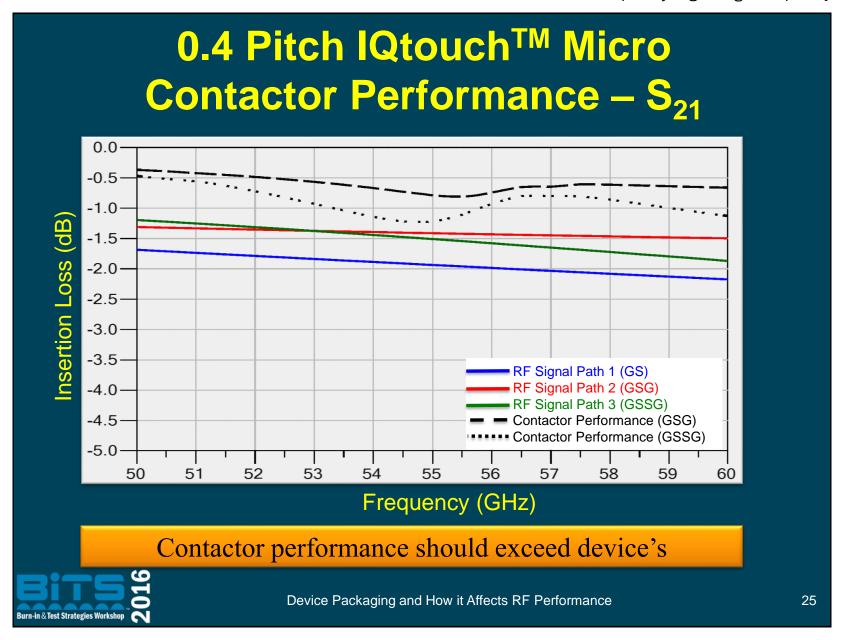




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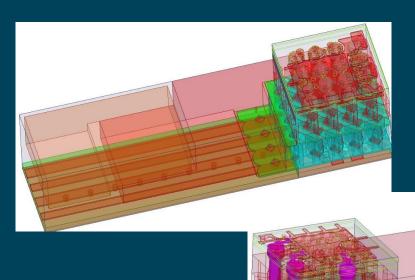
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#### **System Performance**



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# Testing Needs a System Approach That Starts Early in the Design Phase

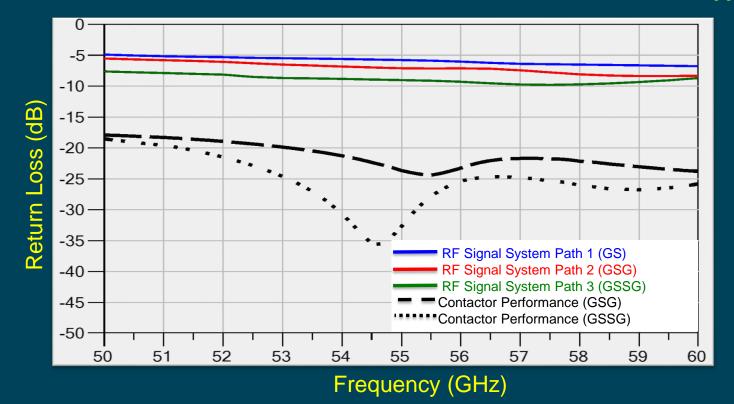


Material proximity to traces impacts trace impedance



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### 0.4mm Pitch IQtouch<sup>™</sup> Contactor With Package and Load Board Interface – S<sub>11</sub>



Loadboard features have a significant impact on RF performance



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#### 0.4mm Pitch IQtouch™ Contactor With Package and Load Board Interface – S<sub>21</sub> 0.0 -1.0-Insertion Loss (dB) -1.5 -2.0--2.5

RF Signal System Path 3 (GSSG) Contactor Performance (GSG) Contactor Performance (GSSG)

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RF Signal System Path 1 (GS) RF Signal System Path 2 (GSG)

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Frequency (GHz)

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Long traces degrade signal integrity and lower BW



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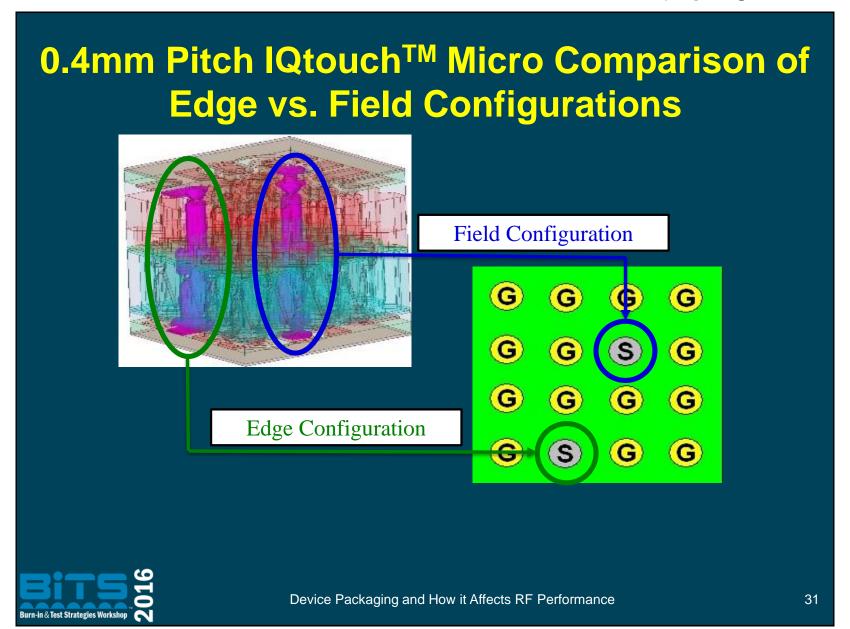
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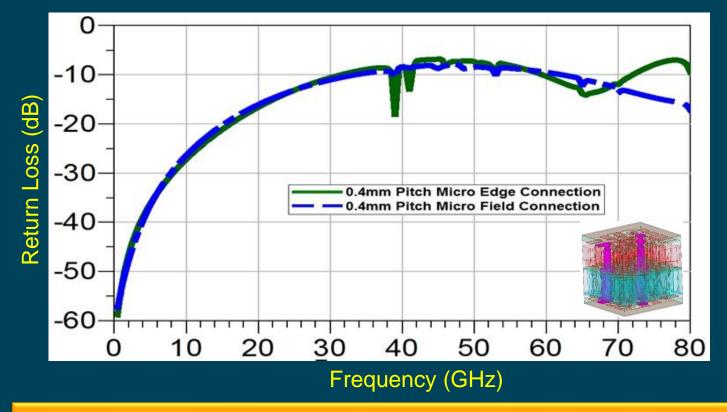
#### Edge vs Field Performance of 0.4mm Pitch IQtouch<sup>TM</sup> Micro Contactor



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### 0.4mm Pitch IQtouch<sup>™</sup> Micro Comparison of Edge vs. Field Configurations – S<sub>11</sub>

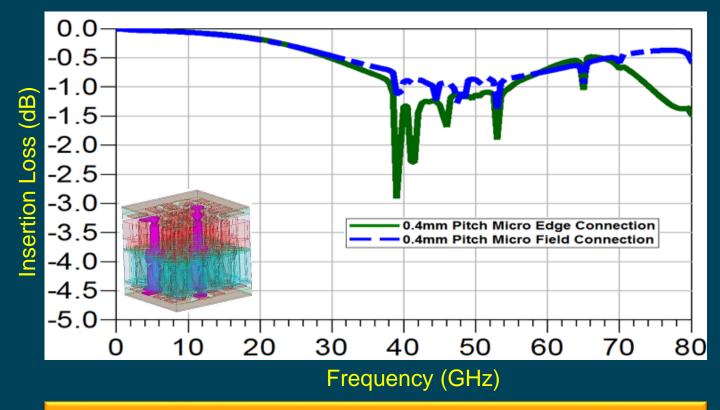


Impedance mismatches impact edge more than field connections



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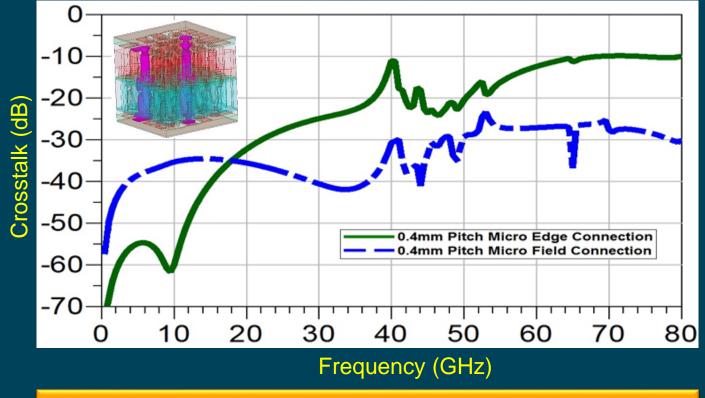


Higher RF signals prefer short and direct paths



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### 0.4mm Pitch IQtouch™ Micro Comparison of Edge vs. Field Configurations – S<sub>41</sub>



Field connections have more noise immunity



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#### **Summary**

- Parameters that affect device performance:
  - Grounding with respect to RF I/Os
  - Ball sizes
  - Stubs
  - Ball Pitch
  - Path lengths (wire bonds, vias, trace lengths etc.)
- Crucial properties of high frequency contactor:
  - Impedance matched to device
  - Lower return loss and higher bandwidth than device
- Continue collaboration of system components for millimeter wavelength test systems
  - System nuances have increasingly significant importance at higher bands



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