Innovative Thermal Management in HPEC VPX systems









- Customer demand for ever increasing processing power in each High Performance Embedded Computer (HPEC) VPX System
- Essential to find new ways for extracting the heat out of each system slot
- Thermal management cannot be considered anymore as an afterthought
- It has become as important as designing reliable hardware and efficient firmware



- IC has developed fluid and thermal simulation models verified through experiment
- High precision simulation for component placement and thermal interface design
- Allow in particular improvement of air cooled solution



- The VITA 48.1 open standard defines the mechanical specifications of air cooled VPX plug-in units
- Improve the cooling of VITA 48.1 compliant products to extend the temperature range of operation
 - to drive the costs down
 - To keep the weight low
 - to avoid the use of other less cost effective solutions based for instance on the VITA 48.2 conduction cooled or VITA 48.5 Air
 Flow Through standards that may prevent the cooling of the PCB itself (Components at the bottom)

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IC-INT-VPX3d with Intel ® Xeon D-1559 processor



IC-INT-VPX3d equipped with enhanced air cooled mechanical solution

Comparison standard/enhanced air cooled solutions





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IC-INT-VPX3d Ta = 75°C

Standard solution



Enhanced solution





Comparison standard/enhanced air cooled solutions

IC-INT-VPX3d

operating point P_CPU=30W with Ta=75°C



Standard solution \rightarrow Q = 50m^3.h^-1 et ΔP = 194Pa

Enhanced solution \rightarrow Q = 21m^3.h^-1 et Δ P = 94Pa



Comparison standard/enhanced air cooled solutions

Example of an air cooled test bench









C Enhanced conduction cooled system



| | Test with IC new cooling system | Simulation : IC new cooling system | Simulation: Classical aluminium solution |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| P_source (W) | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| T_Bord_Drain (°C) | 87,8 | 86,3 | 86,02 |
| T_Diffuseur (°C) | 91,1 | 92,1 | 107,55 |
| Delta_T (°C) | 3,3 | 5,8 | 21,53 |
| R (°C/W) | 0,07 | 0,13 | 0,48 |

Test with the new IC cooling system better than the aluminium classical

conduction cooled approach by a factor of 7

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Interface Concept