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The Circular Economy Meets Immersion Cooling: An Integrated Solution

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Collaboration with partners



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- Circular Economy approach with 2 platinum OCP members working together
- Integrated solution will see the Asperitas AIC24 21” module fitted with the OCP standard ITRenew Sesame hardware stack
- Working towards building a sustainable and high-density immersion cooled platform anywhere
- Energy efficiency, scalable and heat reuse ready
- Working towards energy neutral datacentre industry
- Helps reduce e-waste and CO2 production
- Each Immersed Computing® system will come integrated with 24 1U cassettes with three nodes each, making a total of 72 nodes and two integrated switches

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OCP membership and alliances



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- OCP is the place to collaborate
 - Asperitas and ITRenew are both active OCP members
 - Partnership exemplifies joint proposition of developing low carbon solutions in both the pre-use and use phase
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- Joining forces to integrate OCP Marketplace listed products
 - Asperitas AIC24 module and trolley
 - ITRenew servers, dense GPU solutions, and switches

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Key member contributions to OCP



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- Immersion cooling technology first to comply with Open Compute Project immersion requirements
- Contribution to ACS immersion group
- The first fully supported route to remarketed OCP marketplace servers
- Sustainable hyperscale technology at disruptive economics
- Integrated solution that is sustainable, dense and resilient

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Immersion cooling



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- Asperitas AIC24, high integrity and optimised for thermal performance
- Natural convection, no moving parts, no pumps
- Shell Immersion Cooling Fluid (S5X)
- Materials compatibility



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Case study on OCP Leopard 2-socket

- Converting Leopard sled for immersion
- Re-packaging 20U into 1U Open cassette
- Challenges, solutions, benefits
- Tooling: CFD, immersion testing



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Leopard: Server details



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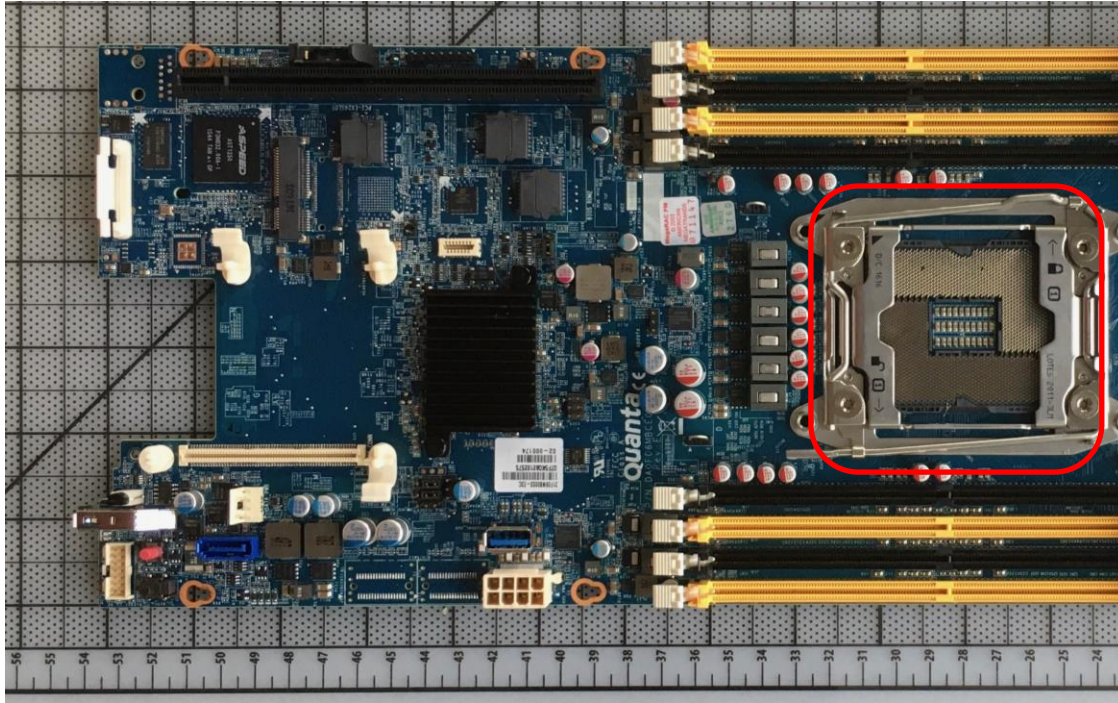
Leopard: Key component details



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Intel® Xeon E5-2678V3
TDP of 120W, $T_c\text{-max}=84.5^{\circ}\text{C}$

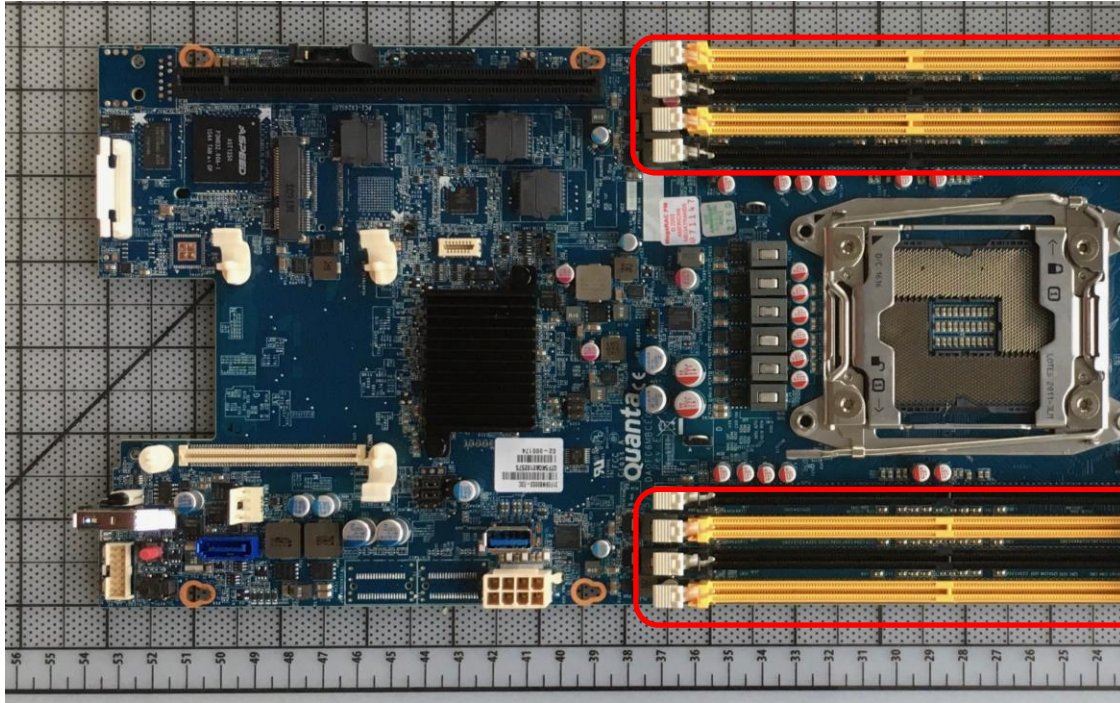
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48x DDR4 DIMMs
TDP of 10W ea., $T_c\text{-max}=85^{\circ}\text{C}$

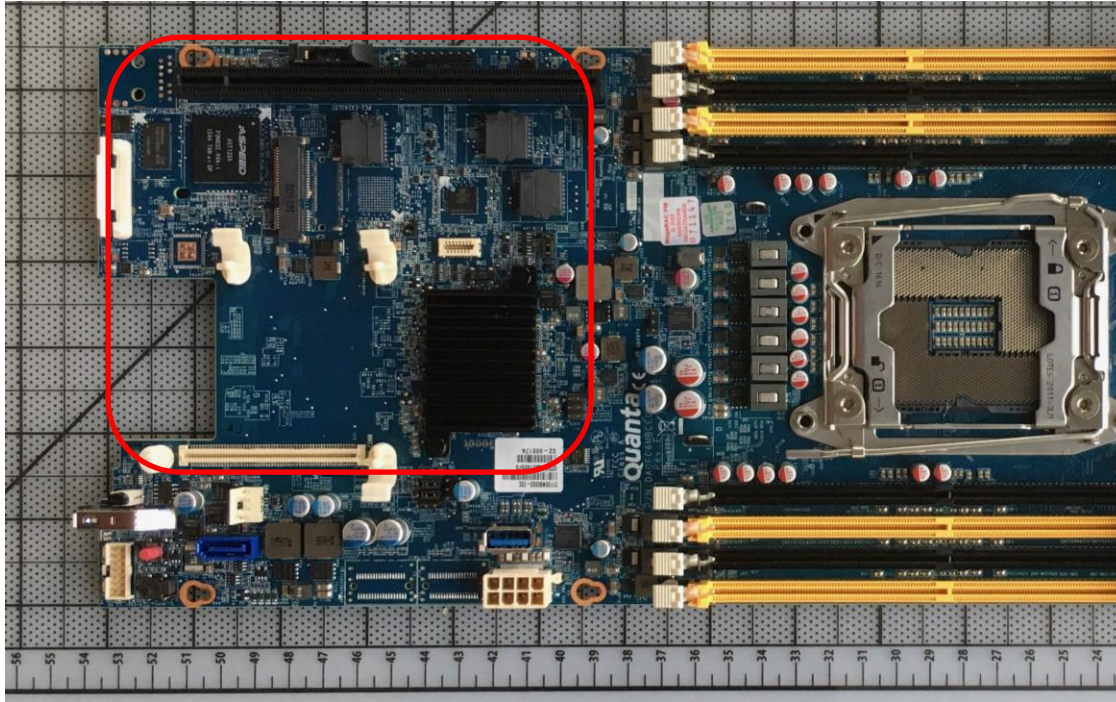
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AVA-4 m.2 x4 SS
TDP of 8W ea., $T_c\text{-max}=70^{\circ}\text{C}$

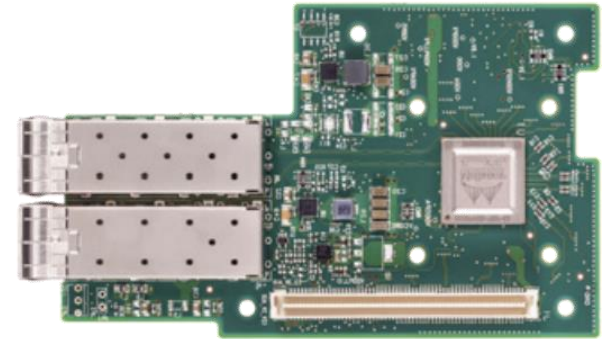
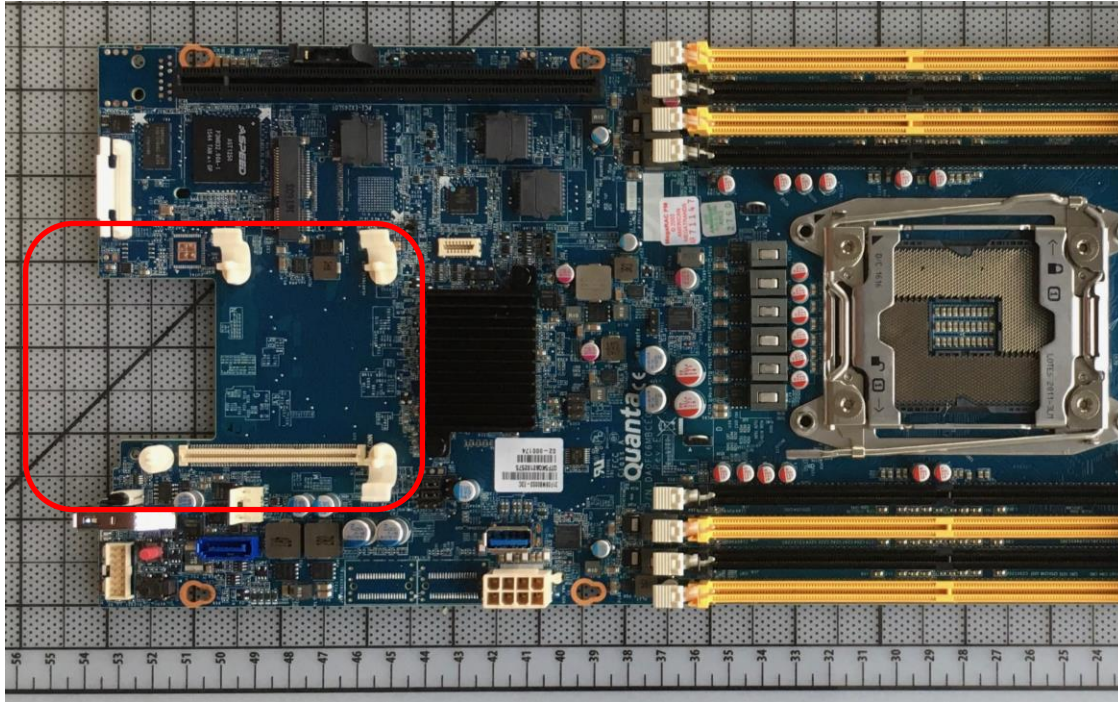
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NIC mezzanine card
TDP of 14W, $T_{c-max}=90^{\circ}\text{C}$

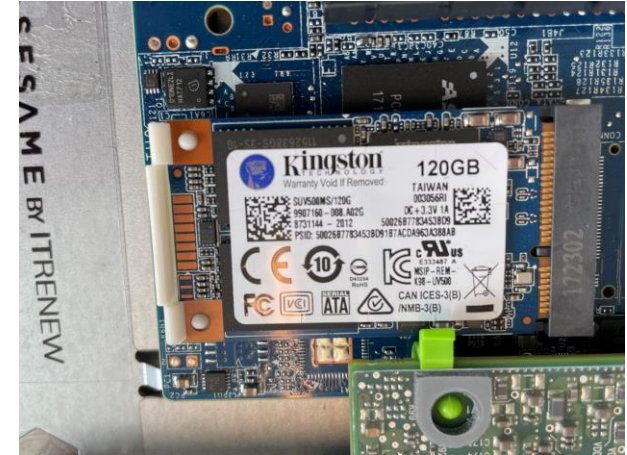
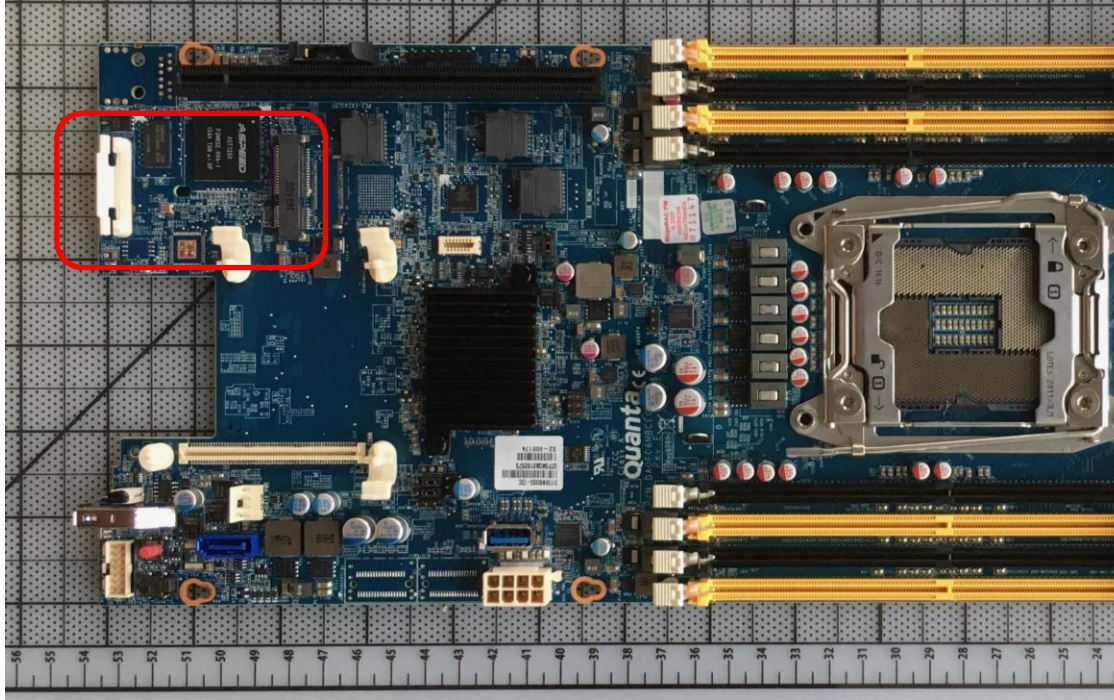
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SSD

TDP of 8W ea., $T_c\text{-max}=70^{\circ}\text{C}$

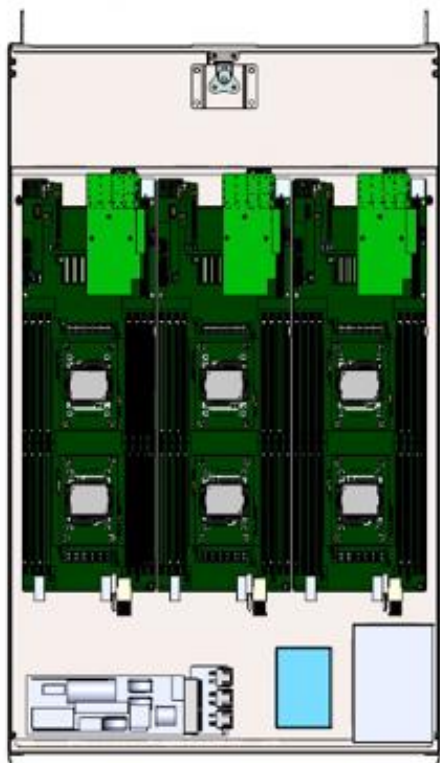
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Layout configurations options



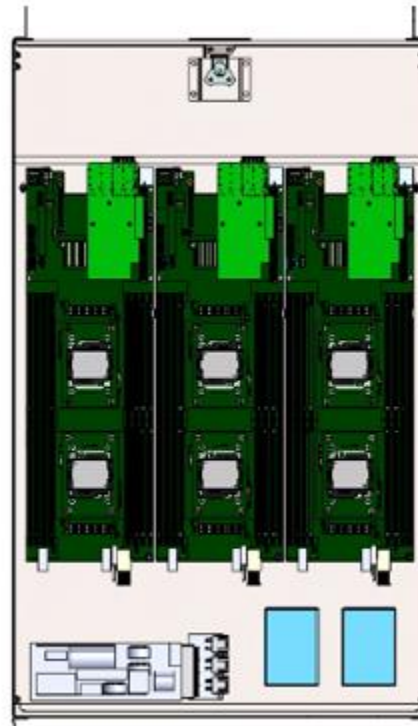
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Options 1: 2x 2.5" HDDs, stacked (SSD), 1x 3.5" HDDs

Pros: we can fit 1x 3.5" HDD in the cold (stable) part of the server

Cons: we can only fit two 2.5" SSDs along-side, and 3.5" impedes flow, cable routing challenge for the right-hand server



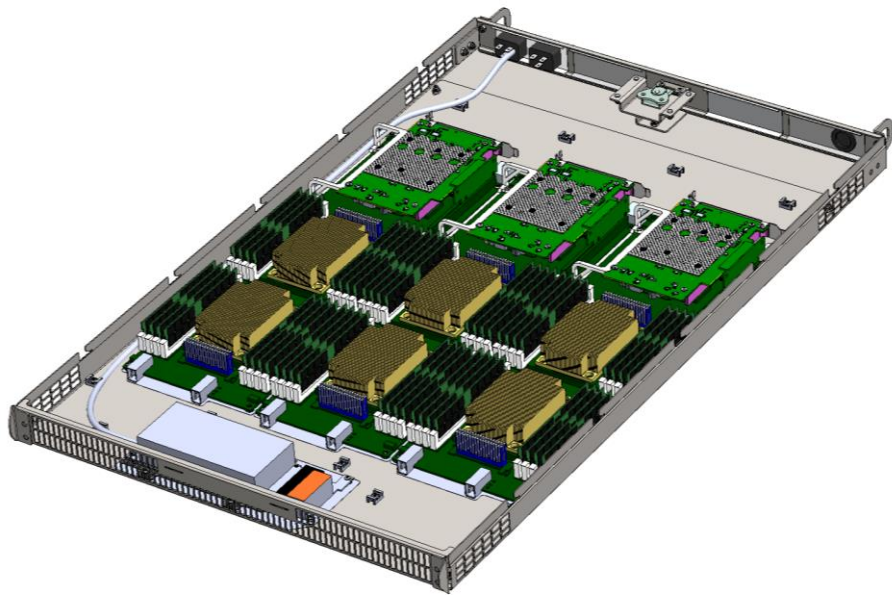
Option 2: 4x 2.5" HDDs, stacked (SSD), no 3.5" HDDs

Pros: we can fit 4x 2.5" SSD in the cold (stable) part of the server

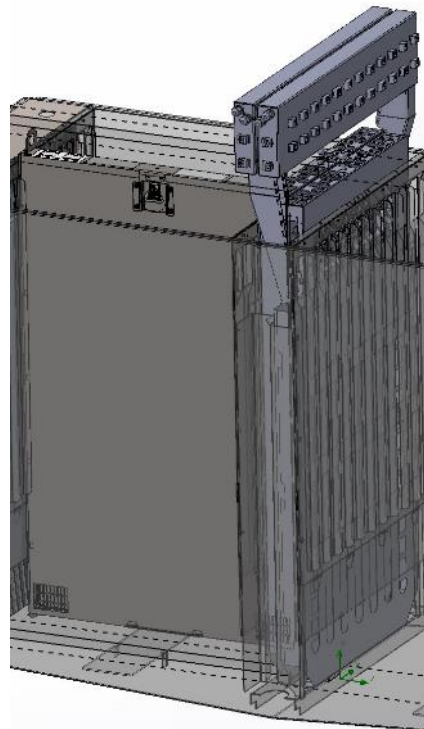
Cons: no 3.5" HDD

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CFD modelling



CFD model: server context



CFD model: Module context



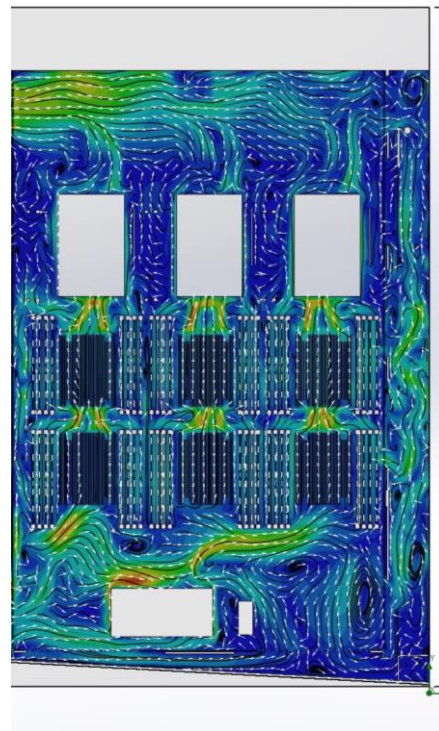
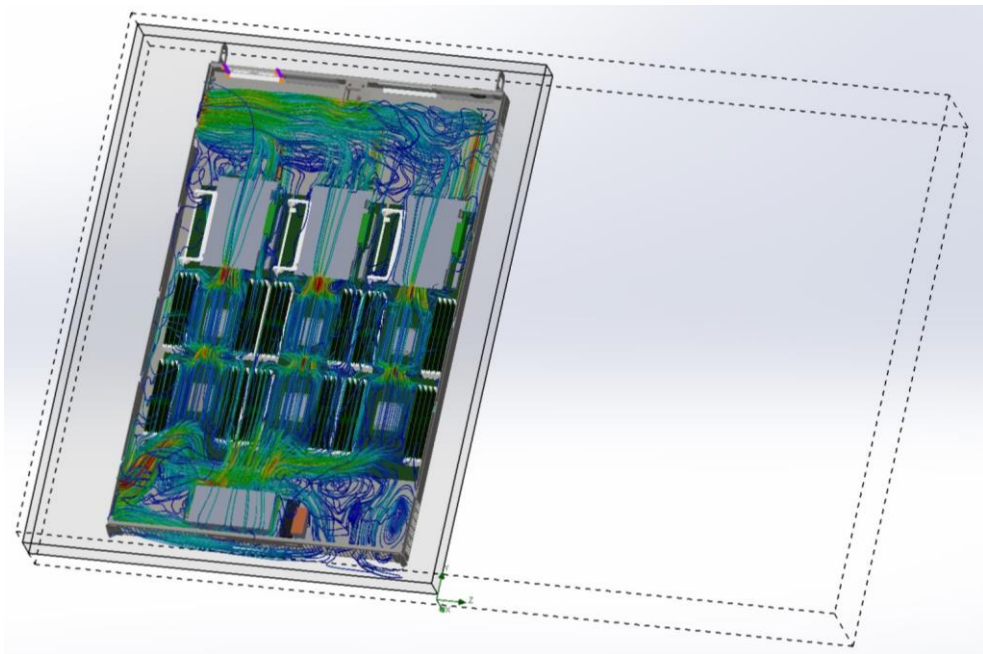
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CFD modelling: Natural convection flow distribution



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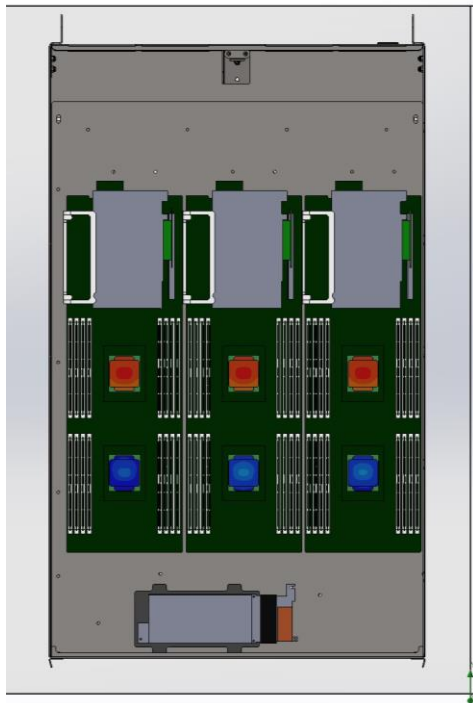
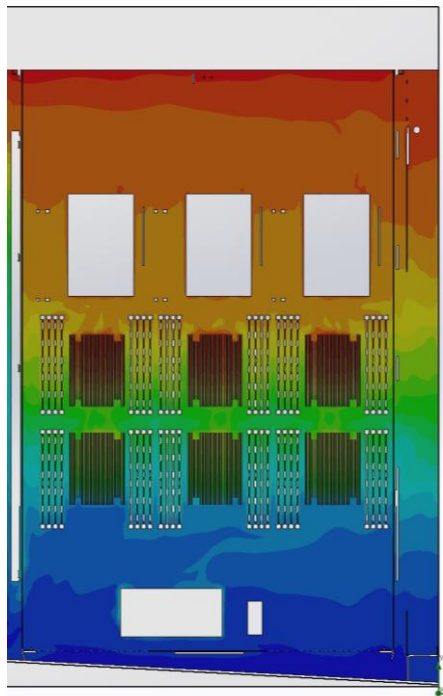


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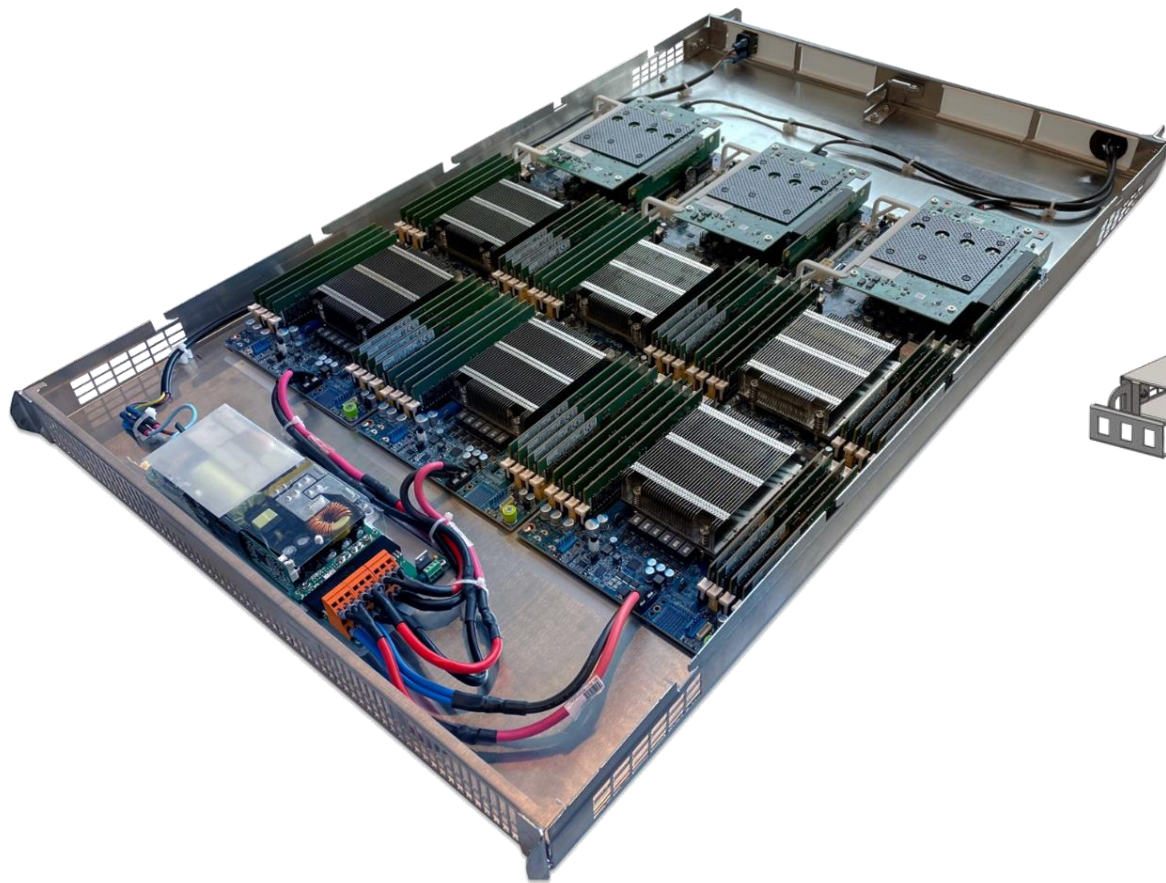
At 40°C water inlet temperature:

- CPU case: 84.5, 69-70, 15K
- DIMMs: 85, 70 max, 15K
- PSU 85, 65, 20K

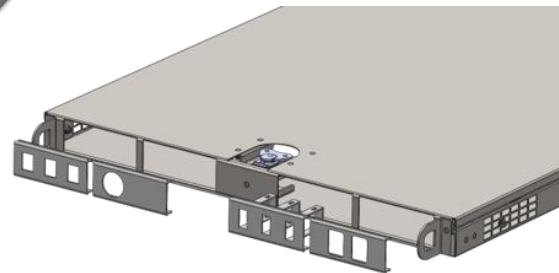
Therefore minimum margin 15K

Water inlet temperature max = 55°C

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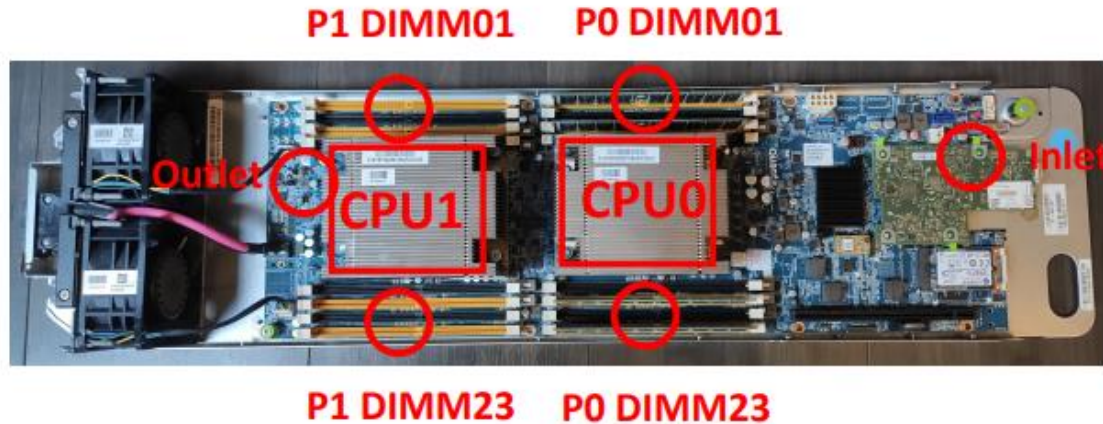
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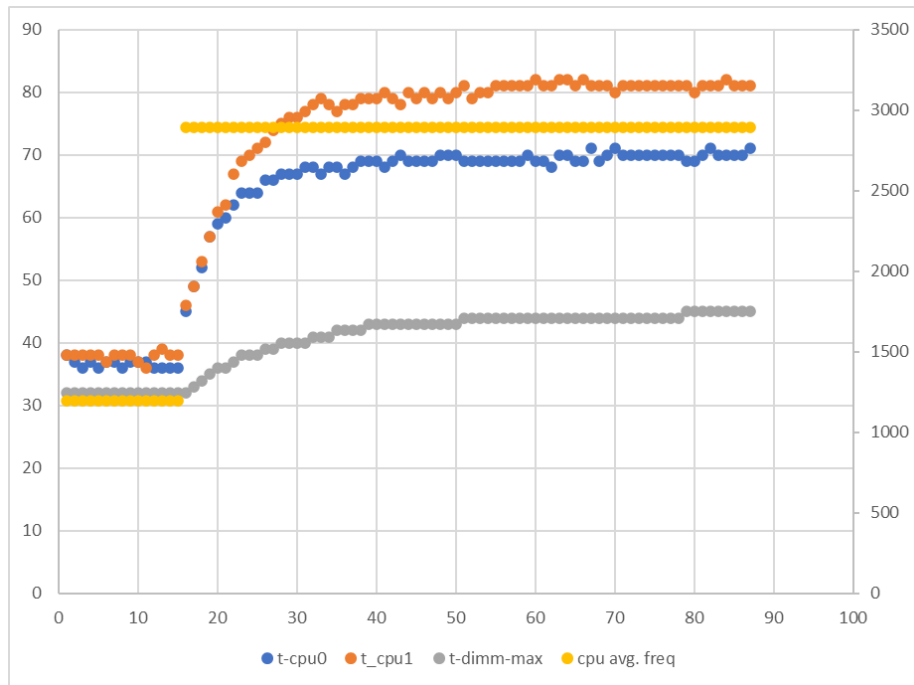
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Sensor	Value
Average Inlet temp °C	25,10
Average max outlet temp °C	57,33
Average P0 max temp °C	70,00
Average max temp °C	83,33
Average P0 min temp °C	35,33
Average P1 min temp °C	37,00
max delta P1;P0 °C	15,00
Average delta P1;P0 °C during burn	12,70
Average DIMM max temp °C	32,00
Average DIMM min temp °C	31,33
Average Idle power consumption	80,40
Average burn power consumption	340,56

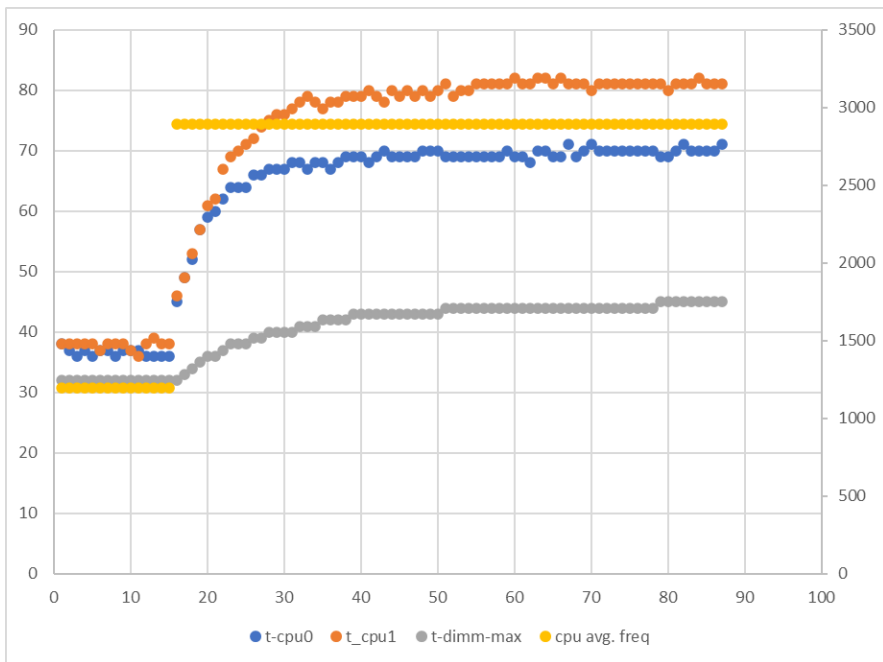
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ITRenew Immersion Benchmark

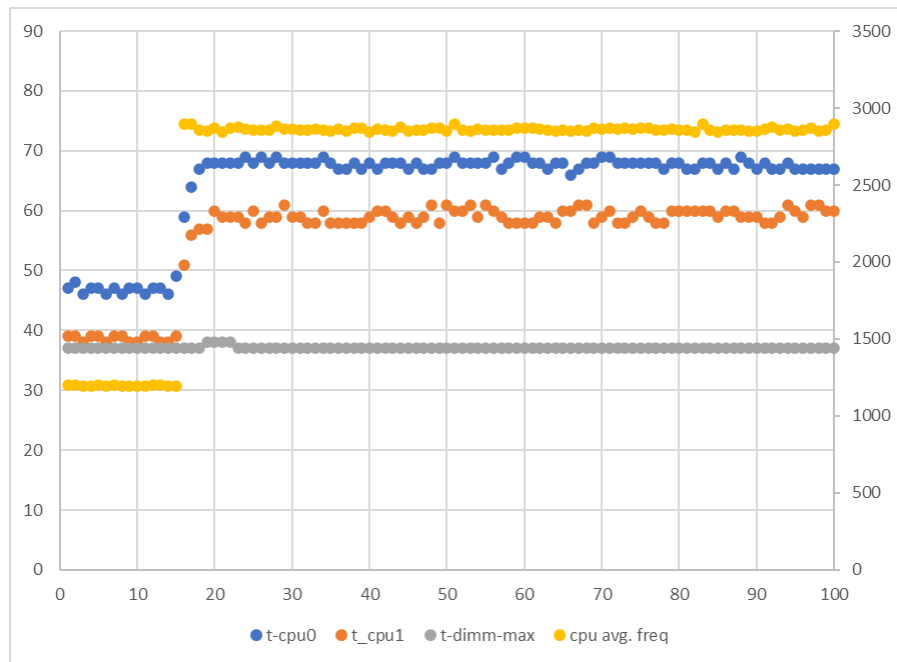


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Air inlet temperature 25°C

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Water inlet temperature 20°C

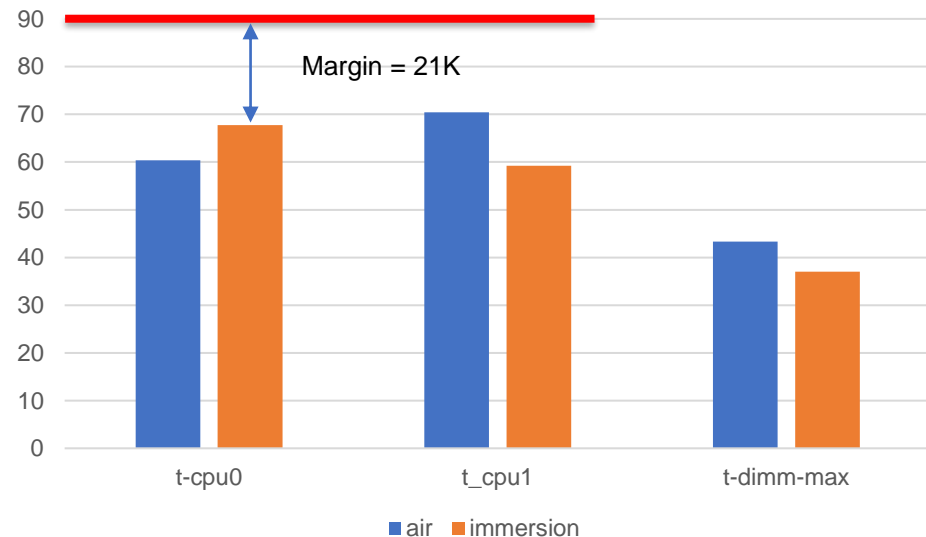


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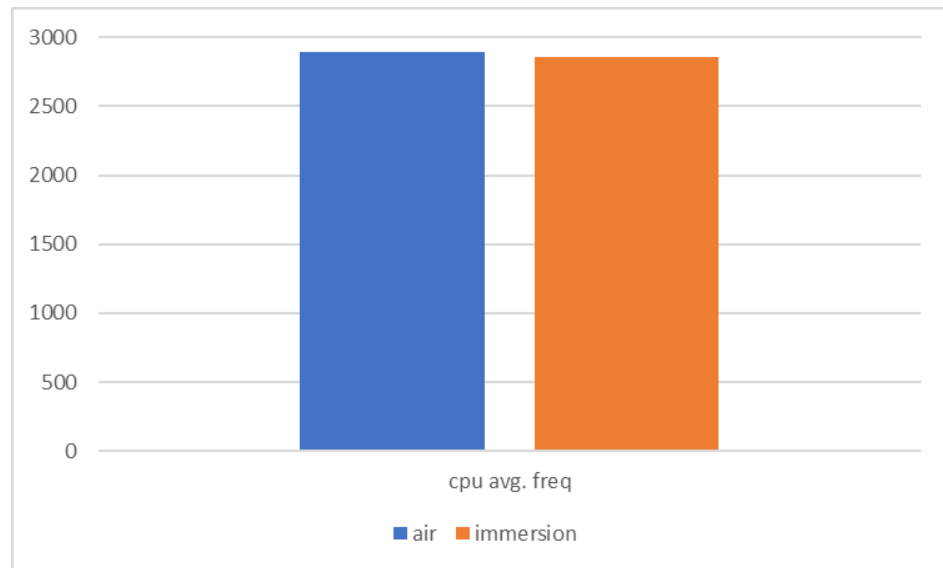
Water inlet temperature = 20°C

T_DTS-max = 90°C

Margin = 21K



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Water inlet temperature max. = 41°C

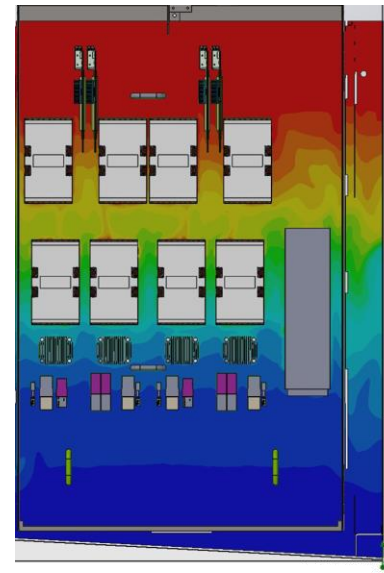
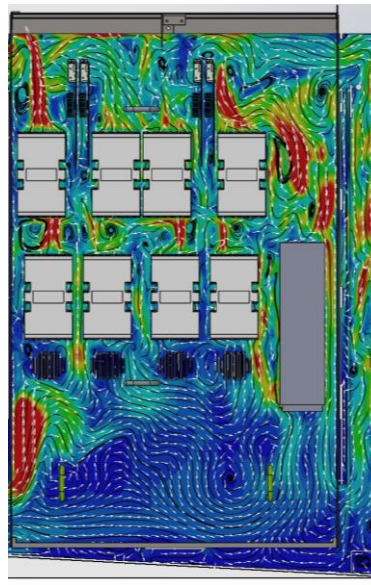
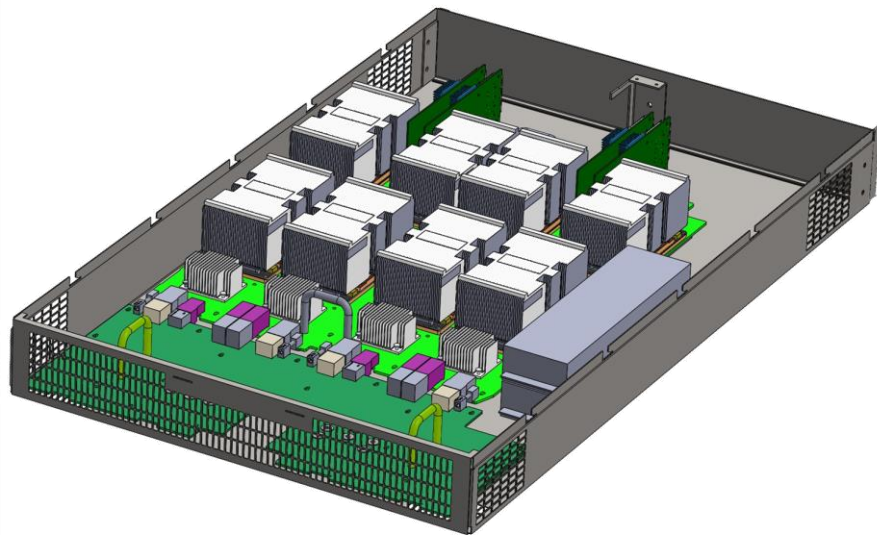
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Also in progress: Big Basin GPU server



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Summary



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Immersion cooling and extending first lifetime value of datacentre technology

Working together through OCP to achieve

- **Immersion ready solutions**
- **Carbon reduction**
- **Reliability**
- **Warm water cooling at 41°C**
- **Enabling heat reuse**
- **Circular economy**

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Call to Action



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- **Join and contribute** immersion related content in ACS Immersion, Server and ACF groups
- **Collaborate** on optimization of IT platforms for immersion
 - **Cross-pollination** within OCP builds an effective ecosystem
 - **Sharing knowledge** helps increase the immersion potential
- More information: andy.young@asperitas.com
- ACS Immersion Project Wiki with latest information
 - https://www.opencompute.org/wiki/Rack_%26_Power/Advanced_Cooling_Solutions_Immersion_Cooling
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