

Overview of Flatbed in Open Rack V2.0

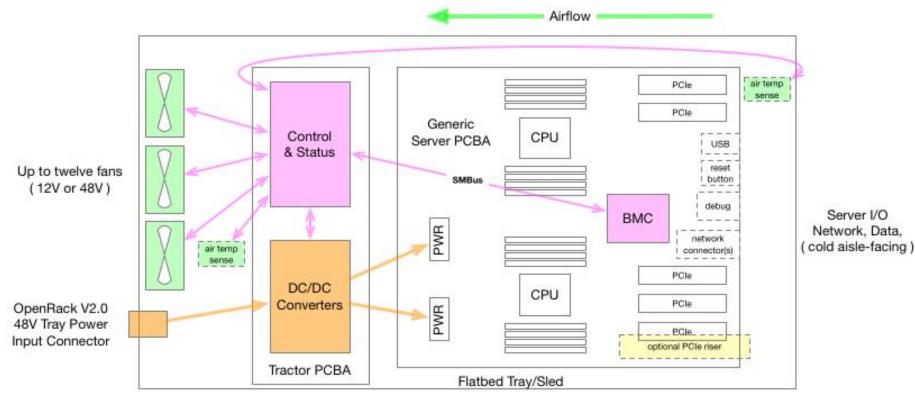
Support for 12V IT Payloads in 48V Power Distribution Racks

What is Flatbed?

A **toolbox** of components to provide standardized **"shim" interfaces** between Off-The-Shelf Server Motherboards and deployed higher-level rack infrastructure (OpenRack Version2.0)

- Sheetmetal tray options (aka the "sled")
 - Various widths and server motherboard mounting hole locations
 - Shielded or open-top tray design
- Power supply with 12V or ATX outputs
- Fans, heatsinks, ducting, with associated mechanical brackets
- Miscellaneous adapters and breakouts between Motherboard and other HW
 - PCIe riser cards
 - Air temperature sensors
 - Other (TBD)

What Is a "Typical" Flatbed Implementation?



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Motivations for Flatbed

- Flatbed provides an incremental migration path from 12V to 48V racks using existing, proven 12V IT payloads
- Fast implementation of a broader range of payloads in OpenRack Version2.0
- OpenBMC & re-usable HW adapters ease SW re-use by focusing on bridging between open, standard interfaces.

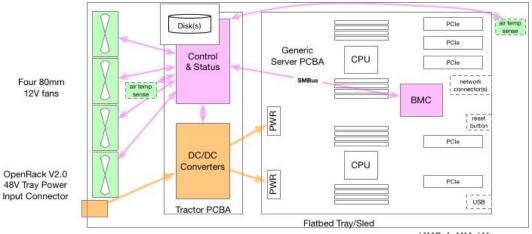
Examples of Diverse **Payload Support** Capability

Generic USB Server PCBA 1 ---air temp CPU CPU network sense connector(s) Three 80mm BMC PWR 12V fans PCle SMBus PCIe riser optional expansion area DC/DC Converters ractor PCBA Control & Status air temp Disk Disk Flatbed Tray/Sled

OpenRack V2.0 48V Tray Power Input Connector



- PCBAs (Tractor, Risers) Ο
- Fans, Sensors \bigcirc
- Most BMC FW & SW \bigcirc
- **Customize by Payload:**
 - Brackets \bigcirc
 - Fairings Ο
- Possible Re-use or Custom:
 - Cables \bigcirc
 - Heatsinks \bigcirc



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Overview of Flatbed Proposed Specification: What is Covered?

- Tray/Sled Mechanical
 - Maximum Dimensions
 - Thermal Considerations
- Tractor PCBA
 - Power Conversion (Hotswap, DC/DCs, Monitoring)
 - Control/Monitoring Path, including Thermal Control (Fans, Sensors)
 - Interface to Motherboard for Control & Status
- Server Motherboard Minimum Requirements

Highlights: Flatbed Mechanical Details

Features to enhance rapid prototyping, configurability

- Standardized tray designs
 - Fans, power entry, Tractor PCBA typically hard located
 - Flexible electrical cable routing & attachment features
 - Airflow fairings: fast 3-D printed prototype to low-cost production path
- Heatsinks
 - Standardized CPU attachments at the socket and chip retention interface
 - Traditional heatsinks: Design can tradeoff BOM cost vs. height vs. tray level fan power
 - Heatpipe or evaporator based designs: Design can customize interconnections & radiators

Highlights: Thermal Control

- Front to Back airflow (architectural requirement)
- Multiple zone control with support for independent sensors, fans
 - Tractor PCBA implementation supports up to twelve independent fans (PWM, tach)
 - Tractor PCBA implementation supports up to four remote I2C air temperature sensors
 - Main thermal control loop is implemented on BMC with Tractor PCBA functioning as an aggregated fan/sensor controller
- Custom heatsinks and fairings may be used if required
- Thermal implementation
 - Varies by payload; managed by custom or OTS heatsinks + fans

Minimum Required Features: Server Payloads - Mechanical Requirements

- Maximum mechanical dimensions
 - Width: up to 19.5"
 - Depth for "co-planar" tray layouts:
 - Up to 15.9" depth for shallow ORv2 option (30" Rack depth)
 - Up to 21.4" depth for deep ORv2 option
 - Height agnostic
- Front-to-rear airflow direction (DIMMs, PCIe slots, heatsink fins)
- CPU socket and retention mechanism match vendor reference designs
 - Standardized heatsink interface details
- "Most" PCIe slots located at front (those used for NIC and other external I/O)

Minimum Required Features: Server Payloads - Electrical Requirements

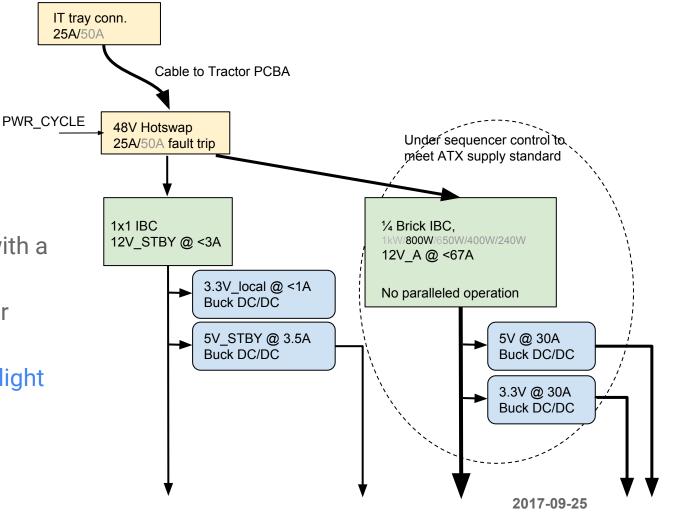
- PCIe slots
 - PCIe RSVD pin usage generally fits under "soft" requirements.
- 100Base-TX compatible RJ45 connector routed to BMC for NC-SI
- At least one "clean" SMBus accessible on a header for Tractor PCBA interface
 - Clean = empty address space. Existing I2C EEPROMs, expanders, and cascaded muxes on the Payload are particularly difficult to work around.
- BMC that can boot Linux, support OpenBMC
 - Upgrade via software
- Power input must be **12V + 12V_STBY** or **ATX/EPS12V**
- FCC Part 15, subpart B (radiated emissions)
 - Additional compliance TBD

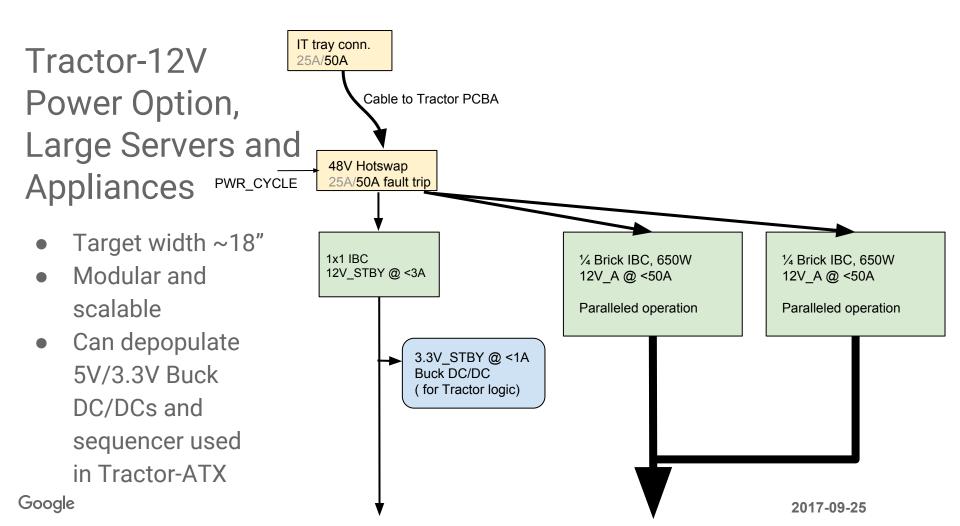
Highlights: Tractor PCBA

- 48V power input, fusing, and hotswap
- Supply outputs to payload: 12V or ATX/EPS12V
- Fan control + connectors
- Miscellaneous digital communications & breakouts between Motherboard and other HW, through the PCBA comms block
 - PSU enable and powergood (ATX PSU standard signals)
 - SMBus (main communication link)
 - Other (optional, TBD, GPIOs)

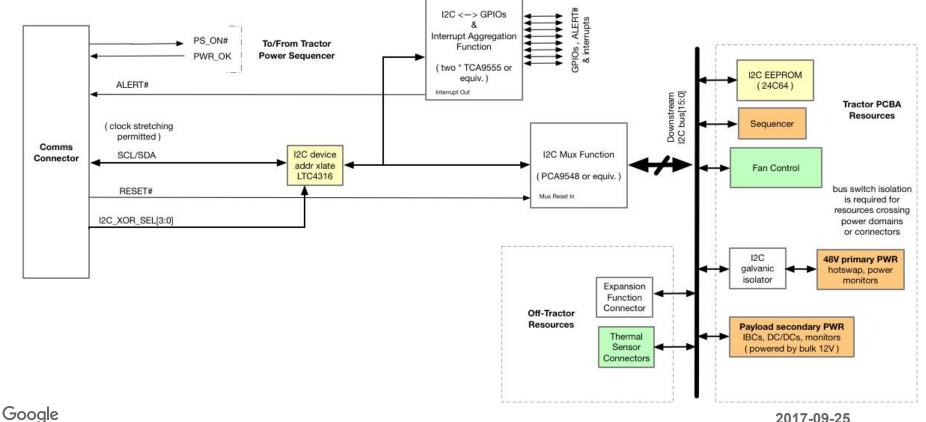
Tractor-ATX Up to ~1000W Power Option

- Target width 7.5" with a 9.5" fallback
- ATX/EPS12V power outputs
- Stuffing options in light gray.





Tractor PCBA Control and Communications



Flatbed Software: Management and OpenBMC

- OpenBMC support for Tractor to be upstreamed for easy integration with existing and future OCP servers
- Single I2C interface for BMC-to-Tractor Control/Status
 - Any BMC or uC has access to the same Tractor/Flatbed resources
 - Different Flatbed+Payload variants can execute similar BMC code
 - Fewer dependencies on free BMC GPIOs or server connector I/O (fans, sensors)
- Tractor can support a uC in the "I2C device address xlate" block implementation
 - Supports payloads with special requirements or without BMCs
 - Local Tractor uC option can unload monitoring tasks from motherboard BMC
 - High sample rate monitoring or control loops
 - Interrupt aggregation

Discussion: What Do YOU Need From Flatbed?

- Sheetmetal tray options (aka the "sled")
 - Widths: 8"? 10"? 19"? Other?
 - ~10" width (microATX)
 - ~19" width (OpenCompute or other multi-socket servers)
- Power supply with 12V or ATX outputs?
- Thermal solution reference designs (heatsinks, fairings, fans, sensors)?
- Miscellaneous adapters and breakouts between Motherboard and other HW
 - Particular PCIe riser cards? Special sideband requirements? USB?
 - Air temperature sensors? TPMs? Others?
- Particular logical mappings for Tractor PCBA control/status bus branches?
 - Power domains: 48V (primary, may use isolators), Standby, Main/Bulk
 - uC implementations with multiple polling masters for fast, deterministic power sampling?