Harsh Environment Acquisition Terminal



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The Need for HT Electronics

- Temperature requirements have been increasing within industrial, avionics, military and oil exploration markets for the past 20 years.
- In the energy exploration sector, the need to find new oil and natural gas resources has driven the industry to drill deeper and deeper. Wells of 15,000ft to 20,000ft (4.5 6.1km) are increasing common with some natural gas wells researching beyond 30,000ft, 9.4km.
 - With nominal Earth temperature gradients of 25 °C and 30 °C per kilometer, these deep well can reach very high temperatures.
- Today, the military standard of 125°C is simply not HOT enough. Several semiconductor companies, like Texas Instruments, are reaching out to the industry with new products manufactured to meet >175°C temperature requirements.



What is H.E.A.T?

- Platform to minimize development time and accelerate industry wide adoption of HT qualified components.
 - Signal conditioning, acquisition and processing on board.
 - ADS1278-HT (A/D) and SM470R1B1M-HT (ARM7) as core devices
 - Basic firmware, user terminal (PC) software, BOM, design database all publicly available.
- Support for 200hrs of 200C testing.
 - Polyimide pcb + ht passives
- Six channels preconditioned for temperature, pressure and accelerometers.
- Two general purpose channels
 one fully differential and one single ended.
- Approx dimensions
 - 15.6" x 1.1"





Simplified Block Diagram





Core Devices

- SM470R1B1M-HT
 - ARM7 architecture, 60 MHz system clk, 16/32-Bit RISC
 - On Chip 1MB flash
 - Flexible I/O options
- ADS1278-HT
 - Up to128KSPS, Sigma Delta Architecture
 - High Resolution (24 bits), 17 bits enob @ 210C.
 - Simultaneous Sampling Capabilities, 8 Ch.



Featured Analog Inputs

- OPA211-HT, accelerometer inputs
 - All three axis inputs have a buffer amplifier with two poles in a Butterworth filter at 20Hz using the OPA211-HT
 - For demonstration purposes of the above signal path we created a low temp sensor board and cabling.
- Temperature Sensing
 - based on the THS4521-HT and OPA2333-HT
 - If the on board RTD is not in place, there is a connection for a four wire external RTD
- Pressure Sensing
 - A high impedance bridge amplifier using the THS4521-HT and the OPA2333-HT to create an instrumentation amplifier.
 - This circuit is a high gain (251X) circuit for measuring downhole pressure
 - Alternatively, we are proving dedicated input with INA333-HT to be used for pressure transducer coupling.



General Purpose Analog Inputs

- To use the remaining two A/D inputs the following were added
 - Inverting amplifier with DC offset for proper A/D dynamic range (the user can exercise full dynamic range of A/D)
 - OPA211 + buffered Vref (REF5025-HT)
 - One standard (1x) differential inputs using THS4521-HT.
- In addition, REF5025-HT, buffered references and other basic analog using OPA211-HT, OPA2333-HT are present in the board.



Firmware, interfaces and memory to uP

- Two HVD233-HT
 - CAN transciever (transmitter/receiver)
- One HVD11-HT
 - RS485 transciever (transmitter/receiver)
- In the HEAT design, a serial (SPI) interface links the ARM7 to the A/D
 - Basic firmware layer for A/D SPI and data relay.



Graphical User Interface



- Optional software layer for a PC terminal
- Simple Connection via serial
- Auto scrolling of data
- Temperature Display
 Actual, Min and Max
- Data logging capability (save file) for all 8 Ch.



Temperature Sensing

- The measurement of temperature and pressure are clearly the two most measured parameters of any well.
- An RTD (Resistive Temperature Device) is commonly used in the drilling industry because it provides a linear response over a wide temperature range.
- The chosen circuit uses a constant current across a 1000 Ω RTD. The voltage across the RTD changes with temperature as the resistance changes. The 'basic' RTD relation to temperature is 1 k Ω @ 25C with a 3.85 $\Omega/^{\circ}$ C slope.







Pressure Sensing

- The HEAT circuit has two pressure measurement type circuits on it, both with a gain of 251.
- Top right A discrete implementation of an instrumentation amplifier. Essentially a buffered difference amplifier. THS4521-HT combined with a OPA211-HT and a OPA2333-HT.
- Bottom right -The second pressure transducer type circuit is one more commonly used by the well logging industry, an instrumentation amplifier with resistor set gain. The instrumentation amplifier is the INA333-HT. The gain is set by choice of R42.







Inclination Sensing

- All three axis (x,y,z) inputs have a buffer amplifier with two poles in a Butterworth filter at 20Hz using the OPA211-HT
- Using a three axis inclination sensor mounted on a handheld cube, the position of the cube can be traced. Because the ADS1278 samples all 8 inputs at the same time, the position calculation can be conducted without the need to adjust for phase differences created by a single ADC sampling one axis at a time.
- This parallel sampling is a significant advantage when measuring 3 axis seismic signals where amplitude and phase are critical to the interpretation of the data. The ADS1278 is ideal for this application.





General Analog

- Fully differential path leveraging THS4521-HT into the A/D.
 - Ideal to get an evaluation window into the A/D.
 - Good for general purpose sensor evaluation.
- Inverting amplifier
 - Added DC offset for dynamic input range correction into A/D
 - Added a small high frequency RC filter
 - OPA211 + buffered Vref (REF5025-HT)



Power

- Three main supply rails
 - Five volts (5V) for analog A/D core and conditioning circuits.
 - Three point three volts (3.3V) for interfaces (I/O).
 - One point eight (1.8V) for digital cores in both A/D and processor
- Separate 1.8V rail and 3.3V rail each for A/D and ARM7 to satisfy power sequencing requirements.
- Power rails and sequencing to the HEATEVM need to be provided externally.



Additional Points

- Solder material type #240 (Sn95, Sb5) by Senju
- Onboard HT clocking running at 7.5 MHz
- Lifetime of 200 hrs driven by conservative de-rating of wet tantalums capacitors.
- There is no shock testing or long term qualification in place.
- All documentation, BOM, firmware source code and design database are available.



For Technical Information and BOM

http://www.ti.com/tool/heatevm





Closing Remarks and Summary

- The HEAT circuit board is built around the SM470R1B1M-HT (ARM7 core) microprocessor and the ADS1278-HT, A/D.
 - The ARM7 has a 32bit architecture, operating with a 60MHz internal core and 1MB flash.
 - The ADS1278 has 8, 24 bit analog to digital converters channels supporting simultaneous sampling.
- Pre-conditioned analog channels for a number of commonly used scenarios.
- Our main intend is to accelerate adoption of manufacturer qualified HT components.



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