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How to cool down the energy storage system of communication base stations



Overview

Thermoelectric coolers, also referred to as Peltier coolers, offer a smaller, more efficient option to precisely cool or heat vital electronics in telecom enclosures, energy storage and battery backup cabinets. Are data centres and telecommunication base stations energy-saving?

Data centres (DCs) and telecommunication base stations (TBSs) are energy intensive with ~40% of the energy consumption for cooling. Here, we provide a comprehensive review on recent research on energy-saving technologies for cooling DCs and TBSs, covering free-cooling, liquid-cooling, two-phase cooling and thermal energy storage based cooling.

How to maintain the indoor temperature of a DC or TBS?

To maintain the indoor temperature of DCs or TBSs, the computer room air conditioning (CRAC) system and chilled-water system have been developed which are energy intensive (Borah et al., 2015) and contribute more carbon emissions.

How does a DC & TBS cooling system work?

Cooling methods and performance The cooling of DCs and TBSs is mainly achieved using computer room air conditioning (CRAC) units, which consists of a vapour compression refrigeration system for cooling and a cold/hot aisle layout (Fig. 3) (Nada et al., 2016).

Can energy-saving cooling technologies be applied to DCS & TBSS?

Energy-saving cooling technologies, as environmentally friendly and low-cost cooling solution, have been developed low-carbon, energy-efficient and achieving sustainability (Cho et al., 2017). Such cooling technologies could be applied to DCs and TBSs since their servers and racks have similar layouts.

Are energy-saving cooling technologies effective?

Our review on the four main energy-saving cooling technologies indicates that

they are effective in reducing the energy consumption of CRAC units of DCs or TBSs and improving the energy efficiency of the cooling systems.

What are the different phase change cooling technologies in data centres?

Yuan et al. reviewed the technical principles, advantages, and limitations of four major phase change cooling technologies in data centres, namely, stand-alone heat pipe cooling, integrated heat pipe cooling, two-phase immersion cooling and phase change cold energy storage.

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