

Is liquid cooling demand greater than that of optical modules



Article Overview

The demand for liquid cooling is increasingly driven by the rising power and thermal requirements of optical modules, making liquid cooling adoption essential in modern high-density data centers.

Thermal Demands of Optical Modules

High-speed optical modules, especially 800G and 1.6T transceivers, generate significant heat, often exceeding 15–30W per module. In dense switch environments, this can create thermal hotspots totaling several kilowatts, which traditional air cooling cannot effectively manage. As data rates increase, optical modules become major heat sources, necessitating integration into liquid-cooling loops to maintain system stability, prevent performance degradation, and extend component lifespan.

Liquid Cooling Adoption

Liquid cooling is now a mainstream solution for both high-performance computing chips (GPUs, ASICs) and optical modules. Technologies such as cold plate cooling, immersion cooling, and silicon photonics liquid-cooled modules are being deployed to handle ultra-high-density environments. The global liquid-cooled data center market is projected to exceed USD 20 billion by 2027, reflecting a compound annual growth rate of 25%, highlighting the rapid adoption driven by thermal challenges.

Relationship Between Cooling and Optical Modules...

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Immersion Liquid Cooled Optical Module Market (2024-2034)

As industries continue to embrace digital transformation, the demand for advanced optical communication technologies is surging,

Pro-optics Launches Immersive Liquid-Cooled Optical Modules for

Lower PUE: Liquid-cooled data centers achieve a PUE close to 1.05, or even lower, compared to 1.3-1.5 for air-cooled data centers

Understanding Liquid-Cooled Optical Modules and Heat Sinks

Discover how liquid-cooled optical modules manage heat efficiently in high-speed data systems. Explore customized heatsink solutions.

A review of the immersion liquid cooling technology for high ...

Coolant modification, liquid cooling structure optimization, and interface regulation are the three mainstream technical

Immersion Liquid Cooled Optical Module Market Size, Insights, SWOT ...

Looking ahead, the integration of immersion liquid cooling into optical modules will extend across diverse industry applications, from

Liquid-Cooled Optical Modules: Deep Dive into NVIDIA Blackwell

To integrate optical modules into system-level cooling, two main technologies have emerged: Cold Plate Cooling and Immersion

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In this informative report, Molex explores the latest in air cooling, along with the integration of creative liquid cooling

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Simulation and experimental investigation of liquid-cooling thermal ...

Abstract This study explores the application of cold plate liquid cooling technology in co-packaged optics (CPO). By integrating

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