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Overview

The low prescribed battery operating temperature (20° to 25°C), requires a refrigeration cooling system rather than direct ambient air cooling.Is air cooling a viable solution for a battery system?

Despite its drawbacks, air cooling remains a viable solution when simplicity, low cost and ease of integration outweigh the need for high thermal precision. Liquid cooling is one of the most widely adopted thermal management strategies for modern battery systems due to its excellent balance of performance and practicality.

Why is air-cooling important for battery thermal management?

For various cooling strategies of the battery thermal management, the air-cooling of a battery receives tremendous awareness because of its simplicity and robustness as a thermal solution for diverse battery systems. Studies involve optimizing the layout arrangement to improve the cooling performance and operational efficiency.

How important is battery temperature management?

As applications become more powerful and more prevalent, managing battery temperature is no longer a design afterthought, it’s a critical system-level priority. Thermal management plays a key role in ensuring battery safety, performance, lifespan and charging efficiency. But how do we choose the right cooling strategy?

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Which battery thermal management system has the best temperature uniformity?

The two-phase immersion cooling system has the best temperature uniformity and the highest charging/discharging rates, reaching up to 20 C-rates, among all battery thermal management systems. It is evident that ultra-fast charging and discharging demand excellent temperature uniformity. 2.

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