

High-efficiency data center



AI Overview

High-efficiency data centers are designed to minimize energy consumption while maximizing performance, utilizing best practices in design, cooling, and power management to reduce operational costs and environmental impact.

Energy Consumption Trends Data centers are significant consumers of electricity, with global energy demand projected to reach approximately 945 terawatt-hours (TWh) by 2030, driven largely by the rise of cloud computing and AI workloads. In the U.S. alone, data centers consumed about 176 TWh in 2023, accounting for roughly 4.4% of national electricity sales. This increasing demand highlights the urgent need for energy-efficient designs to mitigate environmental impacts and reduce costs.

Best Practices for High-Efficiency Design

- Holistic Approach:** Implementing a comprehensive strategy that includes optimizing IT systems, cooling solutions, and power distribution is essential. This involves minimizing energy use through efficient IT equipment and adopting renewable energy sources to improve Carbon Usage Effectiveness (CUE).
- Cooling Innovations:** High-density data centers often require advanced cooling solutions due to increased power demands. Traditional air-only cooling may not suffice; instead, liquid-assisted cooling systems, such as rear-door heat exchangers, can significantly enhance efficiency by managing higher thermal loads.
- Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE):** This metric is crucial for assessing data center efficiency. A lower PUE indicates better energy efficiency, as it measures the ratio of total building energy usage to the energy used by IT equipment alone. Strategies to improve PUE include optimizing server utilization and implementing energy-efficient cooling systems.
- Design Guidelines:** Following established best practices can lead to significant energy savings. These guidelines suggest designing data centers with high reliability and power density while considering life cycle costs versus initial costs.
- Future Outlook** As digital transformation accelerates, the demand for high-efficiency...

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In focus: Data centres – an energy-hungry challenge

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