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Abstract

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The interest in Oil immersion cooling is increasing day by day which can be attributed to the recent research that shows the potential of its performance when compared to other techniques that add a little more expenses to the organization. Even though the performance of oil immersion cooling has its own capabilities and advantages, this technique is not widely adopted and there is limited published information regarding the important aspects of the design of the system.

This paper presents the non-thermal aspects of oil immersion cooling and explains the chemistry of mineral oil and the factors that affect its performance. The main focus is on the reliability and compatibility of the materials when immersed in mineral oil. The leaching of the materials particularly plastics is regarded as recurring effect and is an important factor when the properties of material is taken into consideration. The issue of serviceability is a crucial segment of oil cooling which is often raised by the adversaries.

Serviceability of oil immersion data centers is also considered where its contamination and servicing issues are highlighted and some recommendations are proposed. The safety concerns and health hazards which include flammability of oil is

also considered as a valid concern when the IT equipment is immersed. Various operational and designs changes come into light when converting to oil immersion cooling from air cooling data centers.

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## Chapter 1

### INTRODUCTION

With the quick development of Information Technology Equipment the sympathy toward evacuating warmth out of this Equipment is expanding always. The world is searching for less expensive and dependable sources to address the issue. In the endless extension in the utilization of Mineral Insulating oil for cooling Information innovation hardware extended a great deal and now it gets to be the key to screen and keep up the unwavering quality of cooling oil alongside the solidness concerns.

Investigate and build up a more profound comprehension of the idea of oil submersion cooling of data innovation hardware (ITE). The real motivation to pick mineral oil is that it is now being delivered everywhere throughout the world and is accessible at a less expensive taken a toll. The fundamental asset of mineral oil is fossil fuel which adds to 85% of the vitality utilized as a part of the world.

Ever since we now have set up that will mineral oil would have been significantly more successful in eliminating temperature by PCs, we should observe how a the system could be made to exploit this specific straightforward reality furthermore the Operational productivity regarding the properties of the liquid, similarity of parts, wellbeing, and serviceability. [1][2][3][4][5]



Figure 1-1 Submerging supercomputers into vats of liquid [29]

### 1.1 Oil Immersion Cooling System

Liquid immersion cooling is the diminishment of heat in gear through submersion in a dielectric liquid that is thermally conductive. One of the minimum complex outlines of liquid immersion cooling is taking a standard air-cooled PC's hardware and submerging it in mineral oil. Mineral, oil being nonconductive and noncapacitive, speaks to no danger to the equipment. PC fans on occasion use this procedure using standard aquariums to hold the hardware.

The fans continue turning, revolving around the oil over the glow sinks at a lower speed however with a more powerful fluid medium for cooling than air. This cools the parts, as the oil first absorbs the glow, then favorable circumstances from evaporative cooling. In any case, that procedure can't oversee high warmth loads and needs discontinuous energizing of the oil. More unpredictable frameworks for dousing cooling are used as a piece of magnum opus PCs, incorporated PCs, and datacenters.

These structures still consistently handle evaporative cooling and submerge the parts anyway they are every now and again a close system, more like a cream between standard liquid cooling, complete with pumps and external radiators, and submersion

cooling. Their liquid is most typically a composed dielectric fluid with a lower limit than water. The liquid disperses, unites and streams back to the reason made a tank. This cycle diminishes the cost in a fluid, which is frequently prohibitive and excessive.

Liquid splashing uses up to 99 percent less power than ordinary server ranch cooling with chillers, warmth pump, and HVAC. A huge cooling at less cost furthermore makes more imperative system thickness down to earth. Various submersion cooling setups are flighty. In any case, less mind boggling - yet uncommonly effective - open shower structures as often as possible yield the most decreased operational cost.

Distinctive focal points consolidate verging on the silent operation and less spotless in perspective of the diminishment in required wind stream. Water cooling can confine the flexibility of server ranch layout in light of the way that systems joined with funnels can't be easily patched up. The blend of electronic structures and water moreover obfuscates disaster recovery masterminding (DRP). Administrators need to know early how they will oversee potential issues, for instance, rust or spillage.

Immersion cooling with dielectric liquid encourages a substantial segment of these stresses and the general fear of merging electrical systems and water. The coolant can be creatively used to transport the glow where it is useful, inciting convincing speculation reserves on warmth moreover. Most server homestead immersion cooling plans are unreasonable to execute.

Then again, in light of the fact that power used as a piece of cooling is one of the greatest operational costs, the early on expense for submersion cooling is typically adjust quickly by power speculation reserves.[30]

Immersion cooling is another propelled arrangement of cooling CPUs where the coolant is in direct contact with the CPU itself. With this strategy, a large portion of the patrons to inner warm resistance are disposed of. Direct fluid inundation cooling offers a high warmth exchange coefficient that decreases the temperature ascent of the CPU surface over the fluid coolant temperature. One late procedure of drenching cooling is accomplished through splash cooling where fine beads of fluids are showered specifically onto the CPU. Cooling of the surface is then accomplished through a mix of warm conduction through the fluid contact with the surface and dissipation at the fluid vapor interface.

Discontinuous shower cooling strategy was researched in a study by. One explanation behind utilizing discontinuous shower cooling is on the grounds that most frameworks have shifting warmth flux and the CPU needs to be cooled in a specific range just. In this manner, the shower instrument is just actuated when the temperature of the CPU achieves a sure utmost, and is thus killed when the temperature.[30]

## 1.2 The Fundamental Problem [31]

Before diving into the points of interest of immersion cooling, we should discuss the creation of heat by PCs what's more, the test of electively moving that heat from a server farm to the air or elsewhere where the heat can be reused. In order for computers to do useful work, they require energy. Efficiency of the work that they do can be measured as the ratio of the number of operations that they perform to the amount of energy that they consume. Over the years, there has been progressing against this metric, but that progress has slowed because much of the low-hanging fruit has been harvested and some of the key drivers, Moore's Law, have approached the

limits of their benefit. Improvements to the OPS/W metric can still be made, but they usually come at the expense of performance.

The problem is not unlike miles per gallon for cars. The internal combustion engine is well understood and has been optimized to the nth degree. For a given engine, car weight, and frontal area, the gas mileage is essentially fixed . The only way to improve the miles per gallon is to reduce the performance or exploit external benefit. In other words, drive slower, accelerate less, down hills, tailwind, etc. Even doing all of these things, the improvement in gas mileage is only marginal. So it is, too, with computers.

Processor clock frequencies and voltages can be reduced, sleep modes can be used, memory accesses and communications can be juggled to amortize their energy costs, but even with all of this, the improvement in OPS/W is limited. A natural consequence of doing useful work with computers are the production of heat. Every watt of energy that goes into a computer is converted into a watt of heat that needs to be removed from the computer, or else it will melt, burst into flames, or meet some other undesirable end.[31]

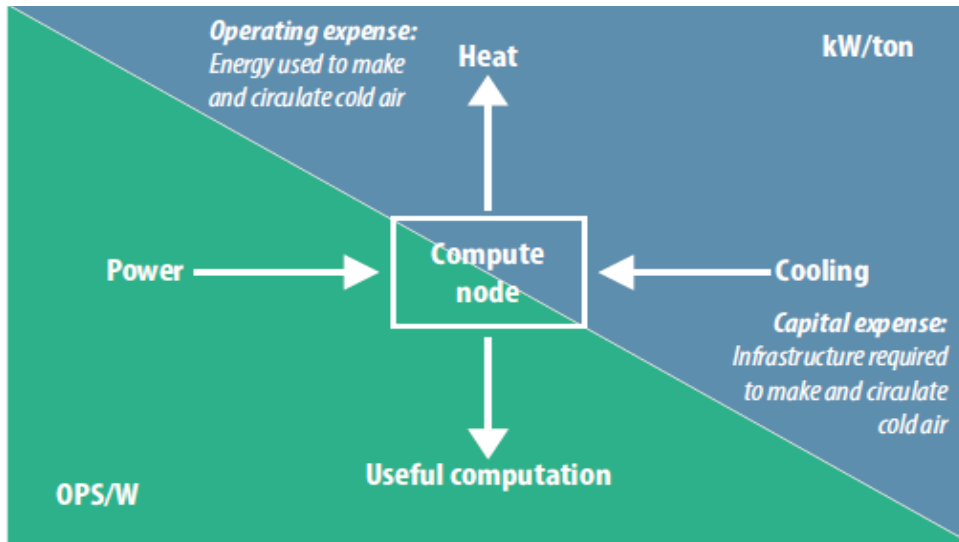


Figure 1-2 The two halves to the computer power efficiency problem [31]

### 1.3 Energy Use in Data Centre

As more individuals receive the data and correspondence advancements in their exercises, the server farms are presently developing and creating. Almost 40% of world's populace utilize the web.

The development and improvement of the server farms are not connected with the extension of space, So that prompted build server farms power thickness. Figure 1-3 exhibits the diagram of the anticipated patterns of six computerized gear arrangements till the year 2014, which gives a thought regarding the force utilization by the server farms which as per Pacific Gas and Electrical organization the assessments are up to 50 times that of standard office space. In 1992, the PC server had the warmth load thickness of around 3 kW/m<sup>2</sup>, which was expanded to 40 kW/m<sup>2</sup> by 2011. It was normal this would further increment to 50kW/m<sup>2</sup>.

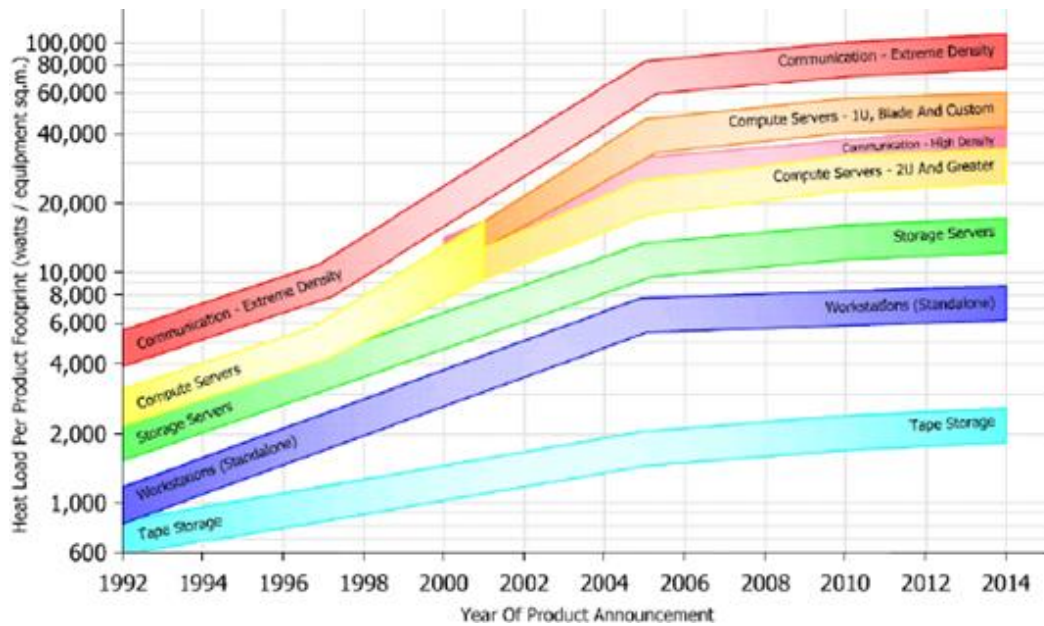


Figure 1-3 Projected trends of IT heat load [32]

Smith [30] states that somewhere around 2005 and 2010, ten extra power plants (1 GW) will be built to cover the electrical vitality utilization of server farms all through the world. The paper likewise demonstrated that, the electrical utilization in Western Europe in 2007 was 56 TWh/Year, while in 2020 electrical utilization is evaluated to increment to 104 TWh/Year which is proportional to the vitality utilization of more than 30 million UK families [31]. It is likewise assessed this increment will be because of a noteworthy development in force devoured by server farms requiring headways in their cooling offices.

The 2011 Data Center Industry Census [32] demonstrated that the development of force utilization in server farm was brought by 6.7% up in 12 months in the UK. By 2020, it is normal, that the IT carbon foot shaped impression universally will increment by half, while in the present circumstance IT represents 2% of the carbon outflows [33].



#### 1.4 Cooling Uses Energy

The server farms are considered as immense gadgets that devour a great deal of electrical force and thusly deliver warmth. The server farms must be connected with a cooling unit to dispose of this warmth, before harming the parts by overheating, which thusly requires more electrical force. The cooling units additionally must be cooled, in this way requiring more vitality. In this manner, operation expenses of server farms are more noteworthy than the development costs which are viewed as relative to the measure of force conveyed and the measure of warmth evacuated [33].

As showed in figure 1-4 the worldwide power utilization of server farms further multiplied from 2000 to 2005. From the IT load around 80% was because of the power devoured by the servers, while 10% was attributable to the information centre's system correspondences and 10% for the capacity gear. Power dissemination and cooling of server farms expend about portion of the aggregate vitality utilized by server farms, in spite of the fact that as of late the viability of the cooling frameworks has moved forward.

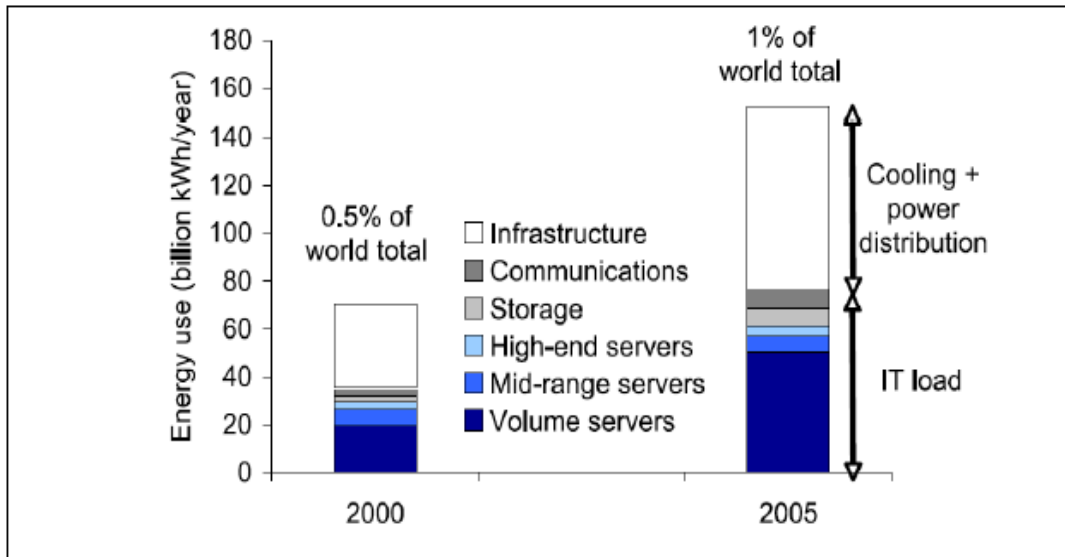


Figure 1-4 Energy use of worldwide data centers in 2000 and 2005 [33]

Figure 1-5 demonstrates the measurement from a study directed by Rasmussen for the Lawrence Berkley National Laboratories and APC Corp. In this study the force utilization of the server farms was separated as per the utilization. This demonstrated more than 33% of the aggregate utilization was because of the cooling burden. In this manner the vitality proficiency of the server farm can be enhanced by the diminishment in the cooling burdens.[33]

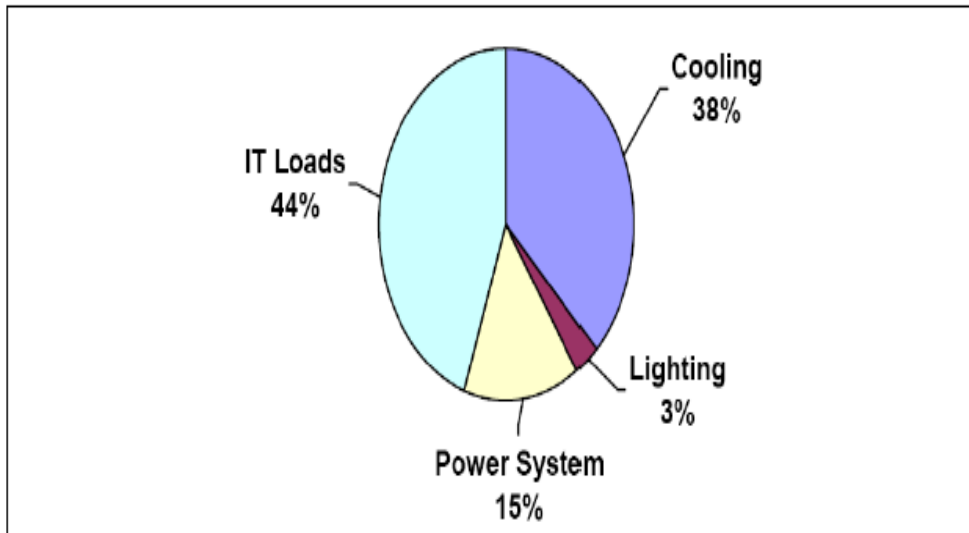


Figure 1-5 Electricity consumption of the data center [33]

### 1.5 The Effect On Data Center Energy Consumption

The way to deal with vitality lessening portrayed in this white paper has additionally been investigated by the Data Center Expert Group (DCSG) of the British Computing Society (BCS). In 2011, BCS distributed a white paper titled IT natural extent and server farm cooling examination. This paper surveyed the effect of IT channel temperature and mugginess ranges on server farm expense and general vitality utilization. 17 To get it general vitality costs, the BCS broke down the quantity of hours of chiller operation (mechanical cooling) that was required when utilizing the full ASHRAE.[34]

A2 Allowable scope of temperature and dampness. Imitated from the BCS paper, the information delineates the quantity of chiller hours required for three distinctive cooling methodologies in significant worldwide urban areas. [34]

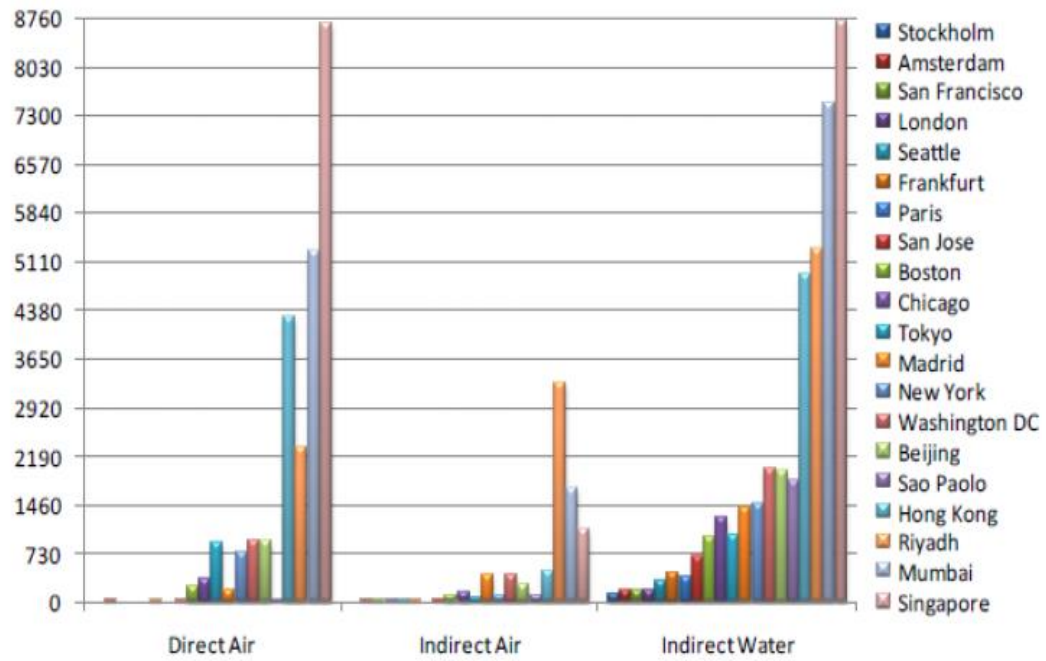


Figure 1-6 Annual worldwide chiller hours necessary when using ASHRAE class A2 range with different cooling approaches [34]

## Chapter 2

### LIFE OF MINERAL OIL [12]

At the point when the oil is presently removing warmth out of a chip in PCB which is a piece of Information innovation Hardware, there are a few procedures which happen some of them are oxidation, defilement by; dampness, particles or fiber; overheating and electrical spillage.

#### 2.1 Chemistry Of Mineral Oil

Rough petroleum goes about as a wellspring of extraction of petroleum oil, which contains hydrocarbons alongside a little the extent of Sulfur and Nitrogen [11]. The particles of hydrocarbons are chiefly made out of Paraffin, Naphthenes, furthermore, Aromatics. Methane as a gas, ordinary butane and isobutane go under the gathering Paraffin while Naphthenes contain ring structures which can be either with 6 carbons particles inside of six-membered rings or 14 carbon molecules inside three-membered rings. Aromatics likewise fall under the class of six-membered ring structures, monoaromatic meaning single ring and polyaromatic which alludes to two or more rings.

On refining unrefined petroleum, helpful items like fuel, lamp oil, greasing up oils, LPG (fluid petroleum gas), thus on are gotten. In this procedure, different steps like Sulfuric corrosive extraction, specific dissolvable extraction, earth filtration, hydrogenation, re-refining, filtration, parchedness are taken after and this procedure additionally comprises of a vacuum refining unit.[10]

## 2.2 Chemical Stability Of Mineral Oil

Elements that impact the compound solidness of oil are:

- Temperature
- Oxygen accessibility
- Catalyst vicinity

Amazing temperature can be a huge reason in the disintegration of the hydrocarbon particles. Which may lead towards the corruption of the mineral oil. Substance of Oxygen in protecting oil may prompt an ascent of the sharpness number and slop arrangement. Copper and iron are broken down in oil amid maturing process and may quicken the maturing process.[11]

## 2.3 Longevity Of Mineral Oil [20]

The stability/longevity of the mineral oil depends on the following factors:

### 2.3.1 Flash Point:

The most essential worry with the server farm on oil emersion cooling is ignition purpose of the oil since Flash point is the most reduced temperature of the oil at which it can shape an ignitable blend with air and can be risky for the entirety office. Low sub-atomic hydrocarbons that cause bringing down in blaze purpose of oil are created by either overheating or electrical release in the oil compartment which brings about the breakdown of oil.[22]

### 2.3.2 Thickness:

Much the same as pour point, Density of white mineral oil is critical in chilly atmospheres with regards to information focus use. Thickness is not influenced by the ordinary oil weakening and it doesn't affect with regards to looking at the nature of

diverse oils. It offers in choosing some assistance with oiling with deference to atmosphere condition for ideal operation. For example, in a an instance of dampness arrangement in oil compartment the water precious stones will skim on the highest point of high-thickness oil while sink down if there should arise an occurrence of a low-thickness oil . [26]

### 2.3.3 Destructive Sulfur:

Sulfur is a vital piece of an oil and it relies on upon the level of refining, kind of refining and the nature of raw petroleum utilized. The present Sulfur substance may exasperate the oxidation steadiness of oil since more rate of Sulfur compound in the oil less will be the oxidation strength of oil.

Destructive Sulfur confers oxidation so it is exceptionally important to know the rate of Sulfur in gave oil before utilizing following most a determination needs oil free of destructive Sulfur. At hoisted temperature Sulfur on top of a hot metal surface can frame metal Sulfides which in the end can exasperate the electrical the balance of the oil.[27]

### 2.3.4 Breakdown Voltage:

The vitality supplied to the protection material chooses its breakdown abilities. Dampness can be the principle element which can influence the electrical steadiness of an oil. The propensity of a mineral oil to accomplish water sullies the mineral oil. In territories where oil is utilized for cooling of ITE, the estimation of breakdown voltage tells the vicinity of molecule and water in it.

The low estimation of breakdown voltage shows free water and strong particles. In any case, the nonattendance of contaminants can't be straightforwardly identified with the high estimation of breakdown voltage.[24]

#### 2.3.5 Pour Point:

This property is a measure of oil stream at moderately low temperature. It is of huge significance where the information focuses are situated in chilly areas and with the need to keep up the normal temperature of oil in the compartment. To beat the abatement in pour point oil garnishes are added to get multivariate results.[25]

#### 2.3.6 Interfacial Tension (IFT):

Interfacial Tension is utilized to give an intend to distinguishing degradable items and dissolvable polar contaminants. A sudden diminish in IFT demonstrates non-similarity and debasement between the parts of server and oil. It's a decent practice to gauge IFT in the middle of oil and water before operation and amid operation to get relative results. [20]

#### 2.3.7 Molecule Number:

Molecule number is the component that straightforwardly influences other properties of the oil in the operation like dielectric quality, flash point, thickness, and warm effectiveness of the oil. It characterizes the quantity of particles present in the oil while it is in operation. The particles can be from oil and also from the hardware it is cooling. For example, metallic, fiber, slop and so forth. So a nonstop channel framework must be joined to oil chamber so that on each cycle it runs doesn't influence the execution of oil.[21]



### 2.3.8 Oxidation Stability[11]:

The quality of mineral oil to withstand oxidation under warm stretch and in the vicinity of oxygen and copper the impetus is known as oxidation steadiness. Since all the oil submerged hardware are presented to air so there is a wide the possibility of oil to get oxidized. Time being the basic component in choosing the oxidation phase of the oil, as the slime development is a sign of oxidation in oil.

Slime can be dissolvable in oil contingent on the oil sort, for the most part, naphthenic oil obliges muck and keep it dissolvable until immersion point comes to. Another sort is Paraffinic oil, they oppose the dissolvability of slime. Whichever way muck assumes a vital part in the cooling operation of the gear, once it begins gathering in the corners and over the limits of channels making the stream moderate down bringing about an overheat.

An early sign of oil oxidation should be possible by observing shading, appearance, dampness level and causticity level tests. Oxidation strength measures the normal life cycle of oil under administration with electrical hardware. This element turns out to be critical in server farms where nature is contained and room for administration is constrained. There exist normal mixes in oil that restrains oxidation known as oxidation inhibitors alongside that manufactured inhibitors are additionally accessible to expand the steadiness of the oil.[11]

## 2.4 Desired Characteristics

Oil protection has two imperative purposes in the information focus operation, as the protection material and the cooling medium. There are a few different prerequisites for server farm protecting oil: [17]

a. To go about as a coolant, the principle errand of retaining the warmth from the bundle and the framework and after that transmitting it to the external surface of the hardware. At higher temperatures, the consistency of the oil diminishes without a doubt encouraging the dissemination of the oil. It is essential to keep the pour point low so the oil is competent at any unmistakable stream.

b. Oil makes a decent commitment to protect distinctive parts at distinctive electrical potential by infiltrating into and filling the spaces between protection layers.

c. Oil temperature in administration ought to be kept up underneath its flash point furthermore to minimize the dissipation misfortunes the instability of the oil ought to stay low.

d. Keeping in mind the end goal to wellbeing, it ought not be a perilous material.

## 2.5 Advantages Of Immersion Cooling [35]

- Higher proficiency and vitality funds (>90% power investment funds)
- Lessened capital and operational costs
- Enhanced execution
- Higher thickness
- Enhanced equipment dependability
- Speedier time to showcase
- Fits any structure, size or state of hardware segments and sheets
- Non-combustible, inalienable flame assurance
- Works in kept spaces and amazing situations (hot and sticky and so on).
- Diminished natural effect

## Chapter 3

### RELIABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY OF MATERIAL OIL

Immersion cooling assaults to the device level. The major segments which come specifically in contact with mineral oil are:

- Switching Devices
- Printed circuit sheets (PCBs)
- Passive segments (resistor, capacitor, and so on.)
- Electronic bundles
- Switching Devices
- Insulation (PVCs)

The effect of mineral oil inundation on the unwavering quality and operability of servers and electronic parts gets to be noteworthy and ought to be concentrated legitimately before setting up the server farm office. The progressions in diverse properties of parts, and in addition mineral oil, may bring about major issues amid.

#### 3.1 Five Essential Components for Highly Reliable Data Centers [36]

As expenses keep on ascending, forward-looking systems must address different framework challenges and envelop both equipment and programming arrangements that are versatile, open, and firmly coordinated and cooperating as an extensive framework. Coordinating existing foundations with high accessibility control what's more, best in class programming abilities, for example, checking or disturbing can fundamentally increment operational execution by lessening human mistake, enhancing framework accessibility and execution, and lessening vitality utilization. There are five key segments that are basic to helping information focuses shift toward long haul practicality, proficiency, and dependability for office improvement.

### 3.1.1 High availability control

At the center of server farm execution is high accessibility control, which offers information some assistance with centering guarantee information security, consistent operations, and recuperation, in the occasion of a blackout. Conventional high accessibility control arrangements are intended to boost uptime through the multiplying of individual framework parts and the disregarding of control from the dynamic to the reinforcement frameworks right now of disappointment. Be that as it may, take note of that a few architectures give a more elevated amount of cutting edge ability to drive greatest framework accessibility for every single basic application.[36]

For instance, a server farm that influences a paralleling switchgear high accessibility arrangement with genuine double control and double repetition information synchronization can give straightforward procedure switchover and shield from misfortune in the occasion of disappointment, conveying ceaseless operation and accessibility to the end client. Deterministic fast correspondences is another key capacity for paralleling switchgear unwavering quality that empowers fast, low idleness, information conveyance and deterministic information exchanges. A high accessibility arrangement that synchronizes frameworks toward the starting and end of every rationale check execution can keep all variable information the same giving quick, full framework synchronization, bump less switchover for amplified unwavering quality.[36]

### 3.1.2 Advanced data collection

The following crucial part of a data center methodology is propelled information gathering. Consistent operation and execution upgrades of all server farm frameworks are just comparable to the runtime information gathered for examination and activity from all the framework. A key test for some server farms today is the trouble of incorporating

numerous dissimilar equipment and programming frameworks and standalone items into a typical information gathering and administration procedure. A propelled history specialist programming arrangement is the establishment for expanded understanding, giving implicit information accumulation capacities what's more, the capacity to catch huge volumes of constant information from numerous sensors and frameworks at high speeds; a few history specialists present to a 1 m sec determination.[36]

It augments the force of time arrangement information and exceeds expectations at offering information some assistance with centering answer questions that effect continuous choices, for example, main driver examination of segment issues or "out-of-spec" conditions; enhancement of the cooling foundation to convey the right temperature, mugginess, and weight; and power and warmth decreases to build proficiency and diminish costs.[36]

### 3.1.3 Advanced analytics

With the information gathered, progressed investigation can then offer assistance separate information from the information, which is basic to driving restorative activity for boosted execution and dependability. With progressed investigation programming, server farms can pick up knowledge into the conceivable reasons for occasions or issues, perform "imagine a scenario in which" situation examination, and recognize open doors for nonstop upgrades what's more, the aversion of future issues. Progressed examination can give server farms basic setting to generally static chronicled and ongoing information, expanding information respectability and empowering better choice making for enhanced office administration and execution. For instance, investigation can give understanding into measurements, for example, power utilization viability (PUE) so server farms can better comprehend the connections between the elements that effect the metric, giving a

way to take activity on the separated information. With the included understanding that examination gives, server farms can investigate issues quicker and improve their procedures for expanded operational productivity. Programming arrangements can give non-direct and straight relapse examination, multivariate investigation, what's more, disconnected from the net demonstrating and recreation to address inquiries such as "why did it happen?" The learning can then set the course for server farms to make a move for upgraded execution also, dependability.[36]

#### 3.1.4 . Critical alarm response [36]

The fourth basic ability is the utilization of cautions to move forward responsiveness and consistency. Utilizing cutting edge caution reaction administration programming can offer information some assistance with centering decrease expenses and hazard by guaranteeing the right reaction to the little subset of basic alerts expanding framework accessibility what's more, lessening risk introduction and expense.

Caution reaction administration programming can help administrators settle on better choices by giving data and direction with the precise reactions expected to address basic alerts. It additionally tracks execution and permits chiefs to audit comes about and enhance reaction guidelines. Another metric, Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF), permits information focuses to take a gander at how regularly a caution is happening. For instance, on the off chance that a caution happens time after time, this most likely flags another insufficiency in the framework that ought to be tended to keep the alert from happening by any means.

By empowering administrators to take activities on alerts with particular alert reaction guidelines, server farms can lessen reaction time and channel alerts; guarantee

the right reaction to issues; diminish mistakes, adjust, and squander; and naturally produce reports to quantify reaction results.

### 3.1.5 Integration of all systems [36]

Finally, as enhancing productivity of force supply frameworks is a key objective, it is just through an incorporated, all encompassing methodology that information focuses can increase continuous perspectives crosswise over frameworks and worldwide similar examination for complete office hazard appraisal. The capacity to concentrate on all frameworks rather than a select one on the other hand two inside of a server farm empowers the basic "enormous picture" perspective of the operation's unwavering quality and productivity.

The innovation for overseeing power supply frameworks what's more, base ought to be open and adaptable for consistent coordination with a server farm's present frameworks and in addition its future advances in light of the fact that combination empowers basic understanding into the general condition of the office. It likewise permits partners to penetrate down into useful prerequisites and root reasons, influence constant and chronicled information to drive ceaseless upgrades, and settle on better decisions.



### 3.2 Server Under Study



Figure 3-1 Additional Server [37]

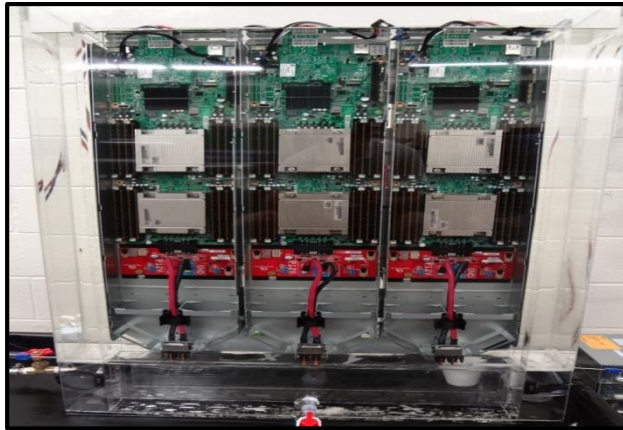


Figure 3-2 Three Open Compute Servers [37]

### 3.3 Setup

Three Open Compute servers removed from service after approx. 6 months in a mineral oil immersion cooling tank were taken apart, photographed and sectioned for imaging to document the effects of oil on server components.

Photos and sectioning of an additional server immersed in oil for 8 months was also documented.

### 3.4 Visual Changes

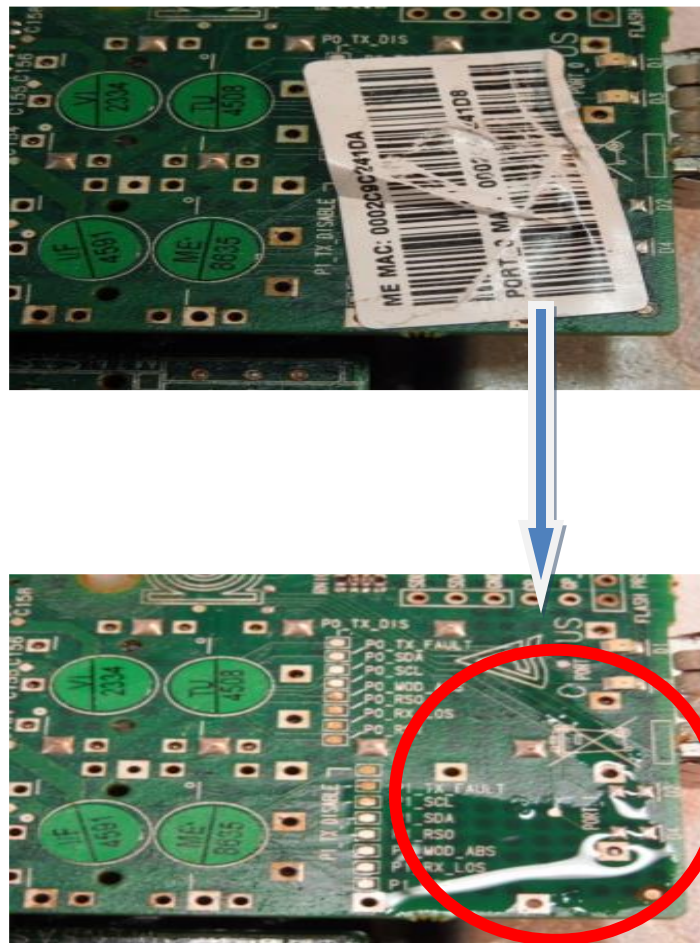


Figure 3-3 Adhesive Concerns

Figures 3-3 demonstrate a few visuals/restorative changes seen in the oil cooled test setup in the wake of keeping servers drenched in mineral oil for 8 months. Here we can see that standardized tag sticker was effectively evacuated by light touch. Pooling of oil under the mark is effectively seen, as well. That demonstrates the assault of mineral oil on the cement. Ink(labeling) can likewise be the issue for recognizable proof at the season of serviceability.

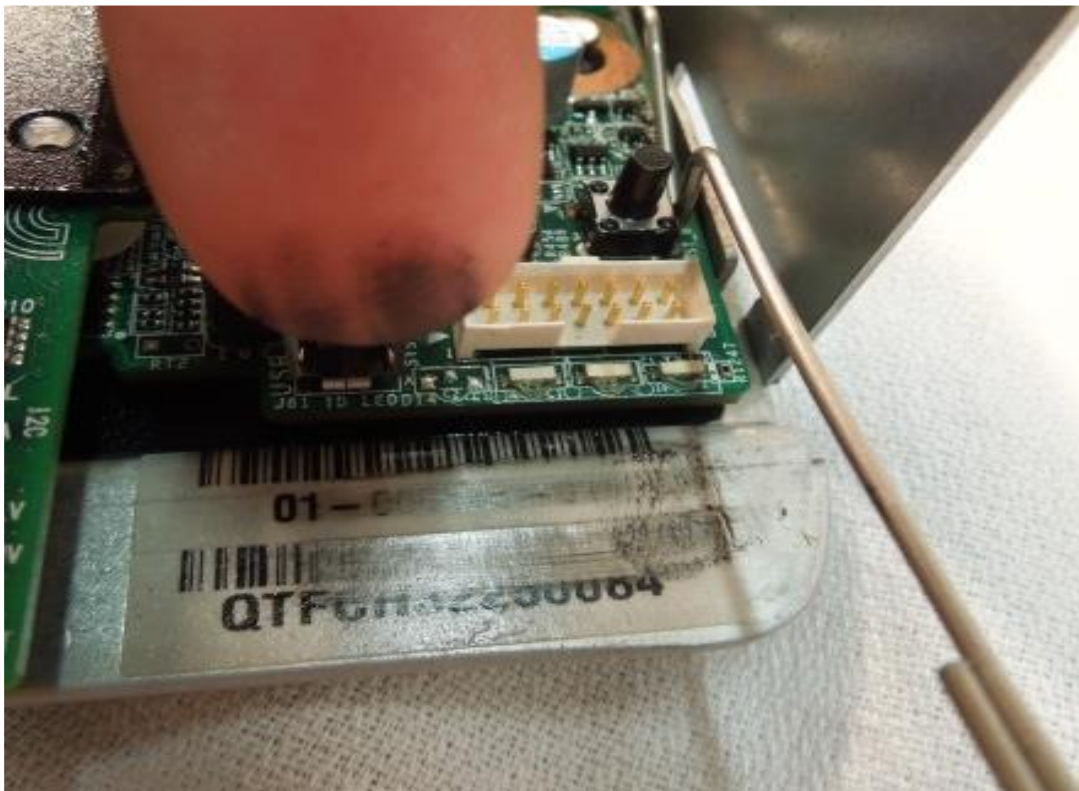


Figure 3-4 Ink/Labeling Issues

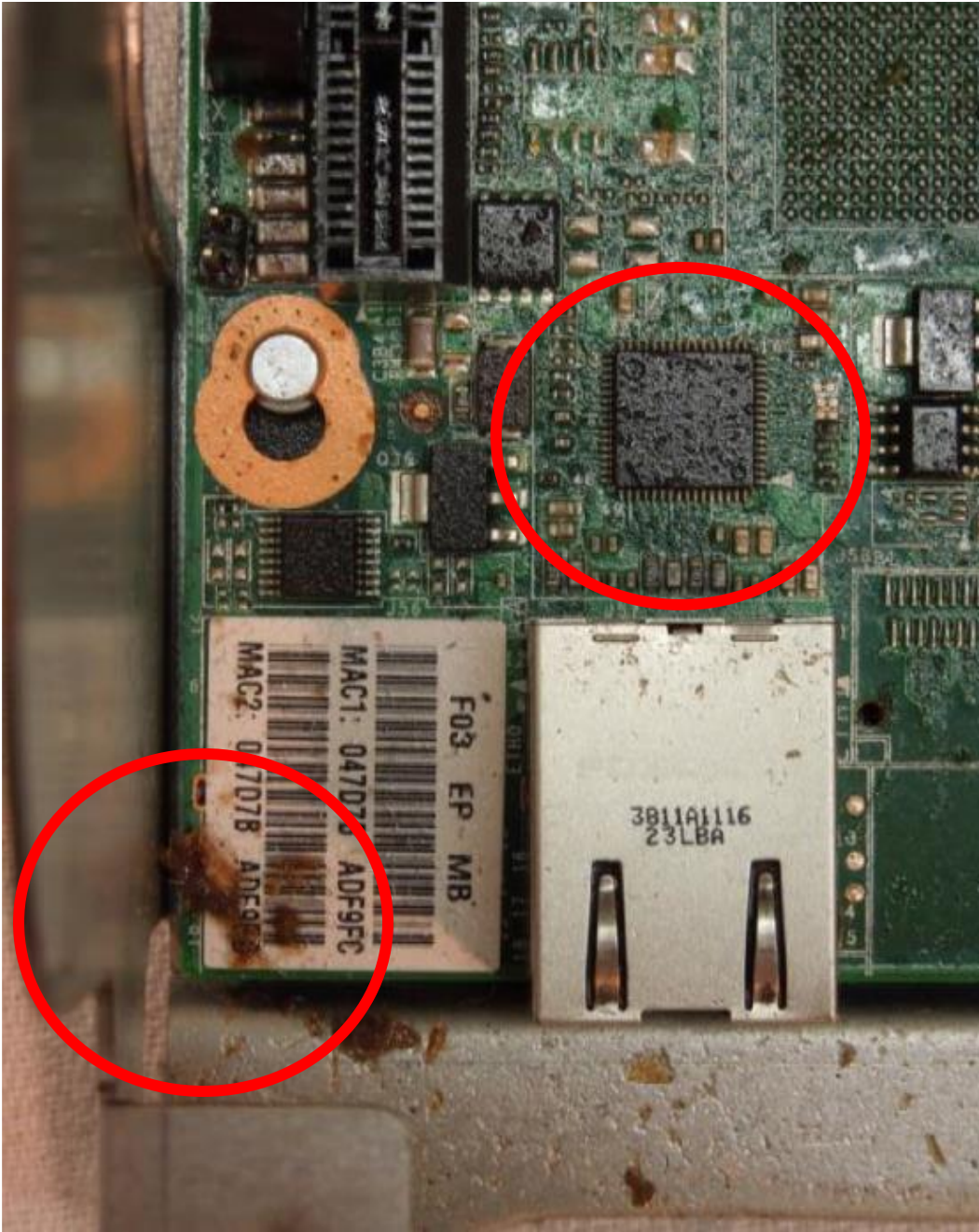


Figure 3-5 Dust and Particles

Picture demonstrates the aggregation of flotsam and jetsam and particles in view of uncalled for upstream taking care of makes mineral oil debased amid the operation and makes the issues in the stream of liquid by obstructing or hindering the funnels amid dissemination. This substantial flotsam and jetsam was likely gathered amid the delivery prepare however highlights the remaining oil's affinity to gather debases.

### 3.5 Potential Failure Modes: Contamination and Cleanliness

An oil cooled framework's greatest effect may be on:

#### 3.5.1 Serviceability:

- Dust/sullyng issues while evacuating and supplanting servers from oil tanks amid overhauling.

#### 3.5.2 Stock Following Of Server Parts:

- Labels and ink handling so as to be evacuated conceivable framework stopping up/pollution by cement, marks, and trash.

#### 3.5.3 Proposed Suggestions:

- Improved systems for alleviating leftover surface oils.
- Possible utilization of RFID labels.

### 3.6 Primary Results Of Effects

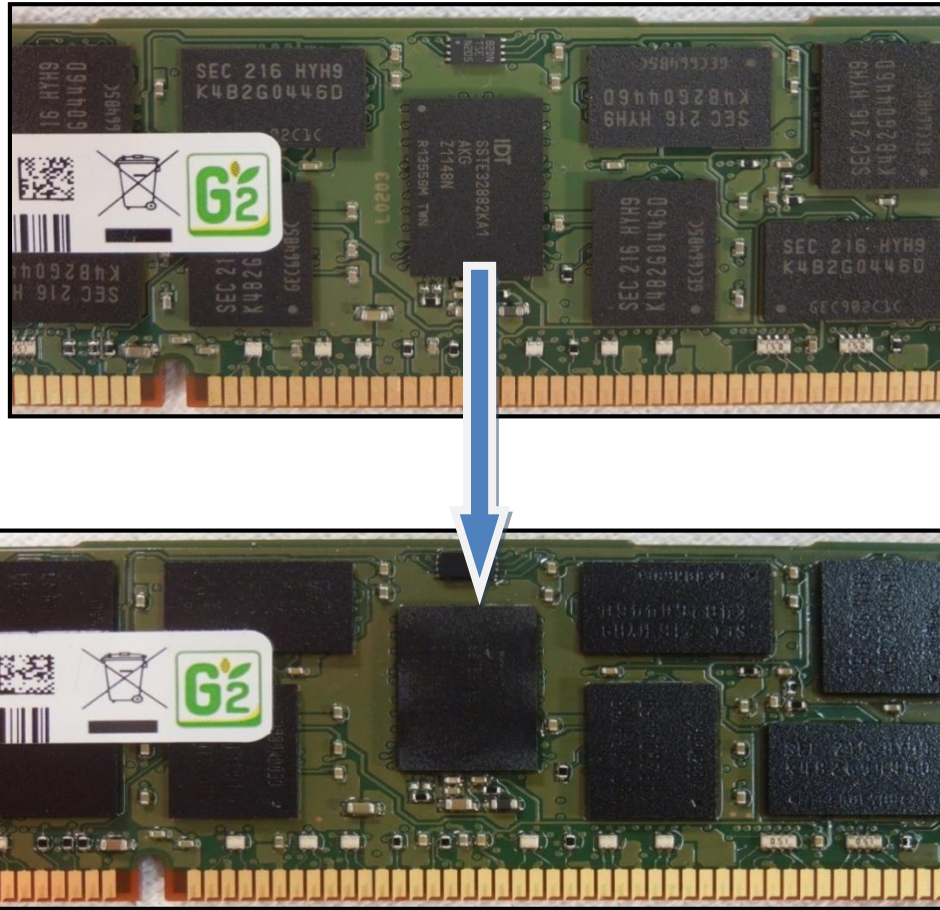


Figure 3-6 Labeling

figure shows us the image of the server before immersing into the mineral oil. The next fig shows us the image of the server after immersing into the mineral oil. So by comparing both the fig we observe that the component labeling is faded/removed.

### 3.6.1 DIMM Solder Balls:

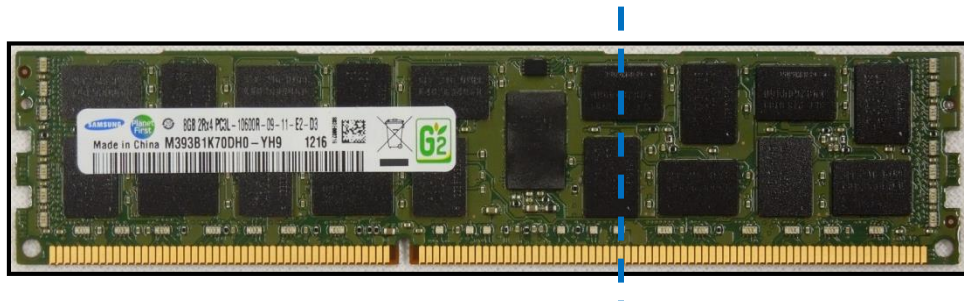
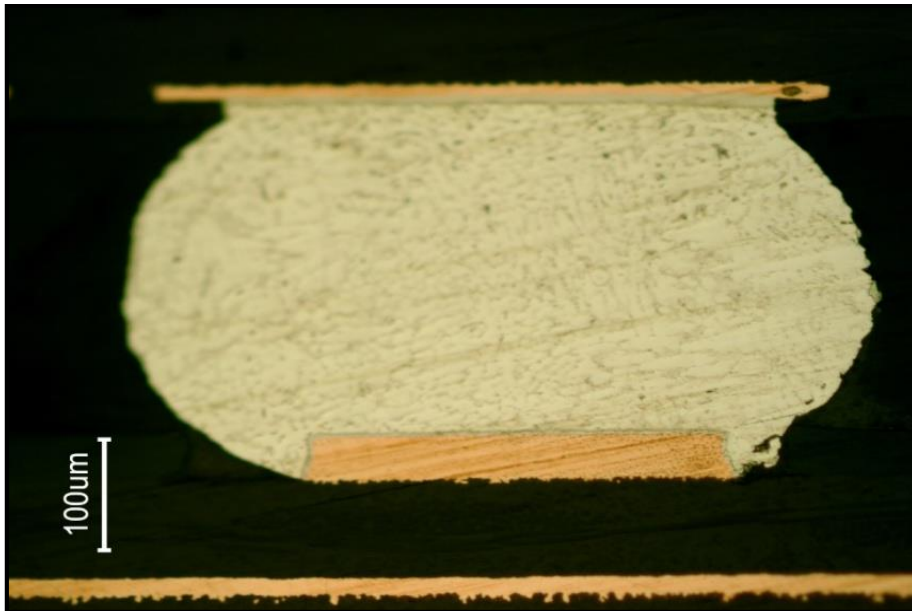


Figure 3-7 DIMM Solder Balls

### 3.6.2 Motherboard PCB Layers:

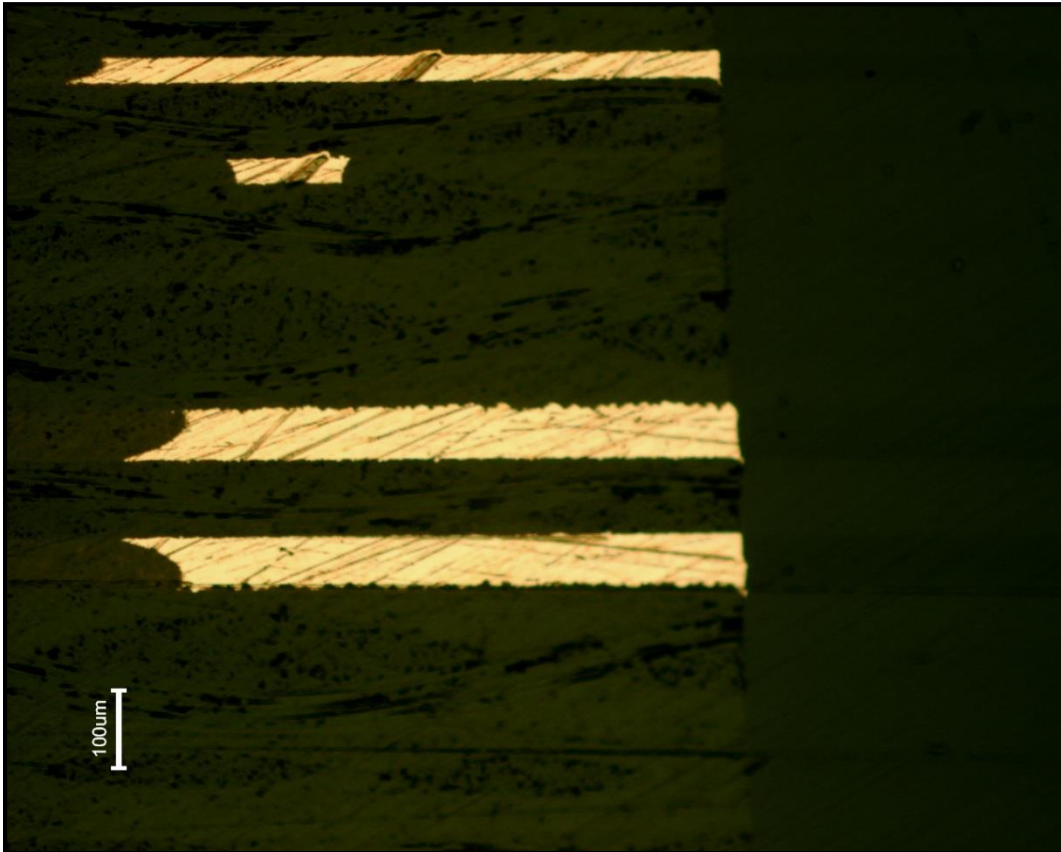


Figure 3-8 Motherboard PCB Layers

### 3.7 Potential Reliability Enhancements [39]

1. Tin Whisker Mitigation
  - Arcing
2. Reduction in Corrosion and Electrochemical Migration
  - Corrosive introduction lessening
  - Moisture diminishment
3. Environmental contaminant diminishment



- Dust, trash, particulates
4. More steady and even warm environment
- No problem areas

## Chapter 4

### SERVICEABILITY OF OIL IMMERSION COOLING DATA CENTERS

#### 4.1 Serviceability

In some cases, oil is inclined to warmth, water, oxygen and other impetuses which are hurtful to its properties. In order to keep its quality, testing and investigation frequently are suggested. Decay of oil can be known by simply watching the shading what's more, it's clarity through conservator's visor. This examination can additionally be utilized to screen spillage and spills of oil too [14]. Some serviceability issues may emerge like frameworks must deplete some time recently uprooting to maintain a strategic distance from slip/fall perils. [15] [16] Mineral oil is a dielectric liquid so that there will be no circuit breakdowns [17]. To decide the serviceability of the oil, a few parameters must be thought seriously about [18].

- Physical parameter
  
- Electrical parameter
  
- Chemical parameter

With a specific end goal to achieve industrial facility warmth run execution, the oil should keep up its dielectric execution, age gradually and to have adequate warmth dissemination and coveted thickness properties. A number of acidic materials present in the oil decides its corrosive number. As the oil ages in administration increments the corrosive number that the oil is oxidized or defiled with outside matter. Dielectric misfortunes in an oil protection are controlled by the dissemination calculate likewise called as the oil power component. Pollution and decay can be assessed with this

component [17]. For the oil to be in administration, it ought to be as nonvolatile as could reasonably be expected and must have a higher consistency at the working temperature and ought to be of lower carbon content.

## 4.2 Spill and Disposal

### 4.2.1 Counteractive Action:

The spilling of a material requests unique precautionary measures in request to counteract deadly mischance's. As its less biodegradability, it should be avoided entering sewers or water streams in the case if spillage has happened. The further spill may make slipping dangers and departure of all superfluous work force from the spill region ought to be the initial step. As the oil skims on water, spongy material and cushions are valuable [13].

### 4.2.2 Waste Disposal Methods:

The mineral oil can be unsafe waste without appropriate taking care of and discarding an oil according to government law rules. To expand the reusing and reuse of the material, the government law affirmed treatment and unique transfer locales ought to be taken after. The introduction of spillage can be perilous for a waste water treatment framework and may interest for substance also, organic oxygen. Spill material may demonstrate some biodegradability if progressively presented to microorganisms. Land cultivating, incineration, and area transfer are potential treatment what's more, transfer strategies [13].

### 4.3 The Effect Of Contaminations

Molecule tainting in protecting oil may prompt a lessening of the breakdown quality. A breakdown at generally low voltage can happen if the oil is intensely tainted with strands which can frame an extension of filaments between the terminals along the most astounding field force. In addition, for the situation that a wet fiber exists in electrically pushed oil, it will bring about a surge of water or vapor alongside a breakdown channel, further diminishing the electric quality of the oil.

Fluid development might likewise prompt a breakdown. For instance, if oil is pumped through a terminal crevice or the anodes are turned, then it will start the breaking of fiber chains or development of gas collection. This will bring about a bringing down of the rotating and coordinate breakdown voltage, however it won't influence the lightning motivation breakdown quality.

## Chapter 5

### SAFETY CONCERNS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND HEALTH HAZARDS

Bringing operational temperatures up in a server farm can influence more than its IT gear. The accompanying area talks about key server farm configuration components to consider when getting ready for developed ecological ranges. Higher-temperature operation, if just for constrained lengths of time, brings new operational difficulties for server farms. It is exceedingly improbable that essentially taking a current server farm and expanding its working temperature will bring about a fruitful move. A few fundamental oil-administration and operational ranges should be inspected for pertinence, including: [38]

- Health and wellbeing attentiveness toward working faculty.
- Oil immersion improvement all through the server farm's design to maintain a strategic distance from (extremely) problem areas.
- Increased temperature in the hot passageway, which may amplify past points of confinement of cabling.
- Increased temperature, stickiness, and particulates impacts.
- PUE irregularities because of server fan power utilization at high temperature.

## 5.1 Security Concerns [13]

The real security concerns and proposals are recorded beneath:

1. How the oil is taken care of in a server farm relies on upon its flash point, the rate of vanishing and thickness.
2. On the off chance that the oil vanishes essentially at the shower working temperatures then the vapor must be ceaselessly vented so as not to amass in the tank or in the room and increment the danger of a flame or blast.
3. Underway situations, the tanks would should be introduced in a different room with flame entryways and far from other IT hardware. This is so that if there is a flame, it won't spread effectively to whatever is left of the server farm. Additional flame concealment would be introduced in this room.
4. For oils with a high glimmer point (>500F), water concealment may be adequate regardless of the fact that the oil coasts as the objective is to cool the oil rapidly utilizing water. Be that as it may, if the oil is denser then it is far and away superior as the water can shape a layer over the oil and go about as an oxygen hindrance.
5. High stream water sprinklers and higher thickness of sprinkler heads are for the most part prescribed close or more the oil tanks.
6. Establishment on a raised floor obliges sprinklers to be introduced in the under floor area.

7. For oils with a lower flashpoint, clearing of the oil far from the PC room and utilization of gas flame suppressant may be vital.

8. Tanks should be introduced with mechanical warm security switches so that energy to the IT hardware and oil tank is cut on the off chance that the oil temperature gets too high.

9. Tanks and oil coursing gear and pipes need to be made of heat proof materials, for example, stainless steel or moved steel. Plastics ought to be dodged. The tanks must have a top that is kept shut amid ordinary operation, and be made sufficiently solid to ensure the tank if there should be an occurrence of falling flame flotsam and jetsam.

Aluminum could be utilized for optional control however not for the tank or the pipes as it can twist at high temperatures and there is a danger of oil spilling out of the tank, stoking the flame.

## 5.2 Combustibility

The fluids which have a flash point beneath 100 deg., those are called as "Combustible Liquids". The blaze purpose of a mineral oil is 388 F(197.7C) and a breaking point is of around 590F(310C). That demonstrates that mineral Oil is not a combustible fluid. It is a Class IIIB Combustible Liquid which implies that to make it flame, it must be presented to high warmth before it will maintain a fire [13].

### 5.3 Hazards [13]

- The treatment of mineral oil must be considered with incredible significance with respect to individual cleanliness.
- Direct contact may bring about aggravation.
- Much care must be taken on account of anticipation of arrival of mineral oil into nature.
- The short-term presentation does not mean wellbeing risk.
- Inhalation for a brief timeframe additionally does not influence much.
- Eye contact, skin retention, skin bothering are most certainly not watched for the transient introduction.
- Ingestion will bring about a cathartic (Laxative) impact and the digestive tract may encounter some disturbance.
- Aspiration into lungs may bring about Lipoid Pneumonia.



#### 5.4 Future of Contamination / Cleanliness [39]

1. Continued diminshments in pitch between conductors will make future bundling more defenseless.
2. Increased utilization of leadless bundles (QFN, land framework exhibit, and so forth.) results in diminshment in standoff.
3. Will diminish productivity of cleaning.
4. May prompt expanded centralization of contaminants.
5. Increased item deals into nations with contaminated and tropical situations ( Asia, and so on.).
6. ECM event exceptionally delicate to surrounding stickiness conditions .
7. Pb-Free and littler bond cushions .
8. Require more forceful flux definitions.

## 5.5 Electrochemical Migration Drivers

- Temperature
- Moisture
- Contamination
- Voltage/Electrical Field
- Temperature, moisture, and contamination can all be reduced and/or eliminated with immersion cooling

## Chapter 6

### CONCLUSION

Mineral oil ought to be earth supportable working liquid which can't contrast as for its dissolvability for basic framework contaminants. The refining procedure and added substances of inhibitors assume an essential part in the concoction what's more, oxidation solidness of mineral oil. For the life span of mineral oil in operation, it ought to be furnished with the inhibitors for craved attributes. Liquid dielectric properties should not affect the sign honesty and dielectric properties of parts. Liquid ought not influence the dependability and similarity of parts over the sure limit which can be in charge of the disappointment of the framework.

The operational effectiveness of oil cooled server farm depends on the life of oil, serviceability and wellbeing. The coveted properties can be accomplished by added substances, yet compound security should be kept up by assessment of oil at customary interims. The manageability of the framework relies on upon the life span of oil and the oil ought to be kept from dampness, impetuses what's more, clean contaminants. For that oil ought to be tried some time recently use, in administration and after use. The material similarity ought to be resolved to anticipate the life bend of the server farm. The visual perception raises concerns identified with the serviceability and stock control. The proposed arrangement can be helpful for the smoother operation of the server farms.

The oil cooled server farm can be less expensive and that's only the tip of the iceberg productive when contrasted with air cooling in light of its framework prerequisite over the ordinary air cooling unit and unwavering quality upgrades like even and stable temperature environment, consumption decrease.

## 6.1 Future Work

- Create quickened testing technique for assessing the unwavering quality of electronic bundles and parts when inundated in mineral oil.
- Assess change in material properties (case: young's modulus, CTE and so forth) after introduction in mineral oil (contrast with control tests in air).
- Assess change in electrical execution of detached gadgets in the wake of cycling in oil (contrast with control tests in air).

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