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Communication base station power supply power consumption parameters



Overview

How do base stations affect mobile cellular network power consumption?

Base stations represent the main contributor to the energy consumption of a mobile cellular network. Since traffic load in mobile networks significantly varies during a working or weekend day, it is important to quantify the influence of these variations on the base station power consumption.

Do base stations dominate the energy consumption of the radio access network?

Furthermore, the base stations dominate the energy consumption of the radio access network. Therefore, it is reasonable to focus on the power consumption of the base stations first, while other aspects such as virtualization of compute in the 5G core or the energy consumption of user equipment should be considered at a later stage.

What are the main components of a base station Power model?

The main components are the baseband processing unit, analog frontend, power amplifier, and power supply as well as active cooling. As the main components are common to most of the models, they can be easily combined to form a new model. Most of the base station power models are based on measurements of LTE (4G) hardware or theoretical assumptions.

Can a base station Power model be combined?

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Is there a direct relationship between base station traffic load and power consumption?

The real data in terms of the power consumption and traffic load have been obtained from continuous measurements performed on a fully operated base station site. Measurements show the existence of a direct relationship between base station traffic load and power consumption.

How can a power consumption model be used to estimate power consumption?

Quantification models are most suitable for quantifying overall power consumption of base station or even networks as part of large-scale evaluations. The number and complexity of parameters is limited, and simple usage with load profiles or traffic models is possible to estimate total energy consumption.

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