

ContainerPower Energy Solutions

Power consumption of Tunisian communication base stations



Overview

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 to reduce the energy consumption of a base station?

So when the inter-cell distance is too large, it is necessary to increase the distance between cells, thus reducing the power consumption of the base station. In the actual network, in order to reduce the energy loss caused by frequent switching, the following two methods can usually be used: increase the distance between cells.

What is the largest energy consumer in a base station?

The largest energy consumer in the BS is the power amplifier, which has a share of around 65% of the total energy consumption . Of the other base station elements, significant energy consumers are: air conditioning (17.5%), digital signal processing (10%) and AC/DC conversion elements (7.5%) .

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.

What is the impact of base stations?

The impact of the Base Stations comes from the combination of the power consumption of the equipment itself (up to 1500 Watts for a nowadays macro base station) multiplied by the number of deployed sites in a commercial

network (e.g. more than 12000 in UK for a single operator).

What are the components of a base station?

A base station consists of a set of equipments including power amplifiers, baseband units, RF units, power supplies, and air conditioning. The power of a base station in operation in a 4G cellular network is 30 . .

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