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Electricity consumption of various communication base stations





Overview

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 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.

Which base station elements consume the most energy?

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%). New research aimed at reducing energy consumption in the cellular access networks can be viewed in terms of three levels: component, link and network.

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 do you calculate energy consumption of wireless communication systems?

The first step when modeling the energy consumption of wireless communication systems is to derive models of the power consumption for the main system components, which are then combined with time-dependent traffic load models to estimate the consumed energy.



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