

The role of high-power outdoor base stations

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).

Why do we need a base station?

Technological advancements: The New technologies result in evolved base stations that support upgrades and enhancements such as 4G, 5G and beyond, its providing faster speeds with better bandwidth. Emergency services: They provide access to emergency services, so that in case of emergency, people can call through their mobile phones.

What are the properties of a base station?

Here are some essential properties: Capacity: Capacity of a base station is its capability to handle a given number of simultaneous connections or users. Coverage Area: The coverage area of a base station is that geographical area within which mobile devices can maintain a stable connection with the base station.

What are the components of a base station?

Power Supply: The power source provides the electrical energy to base station elements. It often features auxiliary power supply mechanisms that guarantee operation in case of lost or interrupted electricity, during blackouts. Baseband Processor: The baseband processor is responsible for the processing of the digital signals.

How does a base station work?

It usually connects the device to other networks or devices through a dedicated high bandwidth wire or fiber optic connection. Base stations typically have a transceiver, capable of sending and receiving wireless signals; Otherwise if they only send the trailer it will be considered a transmitter or broadcast point only.

Are base stations harmful?

This holds true whether the base station is part of a 2G (GSM), a 3G, a 4G (LTE) or a 5G network. The WHO states: "From all evidence accumulated so far, no adverse short- or long-term health effects have been shown to occur from the RF signals produced by base stations." (WHO fact sheet "Base stations and wireless technologies")

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