

SolarTech Power Solutions

Base station power supply support understanding



Overview

How do you convert a base station to a power supply?

The most common method is to use multistage conversion: Table 1. Base station types. first the AC/DC or isolated PoE converter generating the intermediate bus voltage of 12 V or 5 V, and then a point-of-load converter to step down once more to the necessary voltage level.

What are base station types?

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How does a small cell base station affect a smartphone's battery life?

When a mobile device is close to a small-cell base station, the power needed to transmit the signal is much lower compared to the power needed to transmit a signal from a cell tower far away, thus extending smartphone battery life.

How much power does a PSU need?

This is when the PSU is no longer powering the PA, which is the main power draw, but still needs to power other electronics. The current target for low-load efficiency is about 30 W. Some OEMs would like to see that drop to nearly 10 W.

How does a 5G base station reduce OPEX?

This technique reduces opex by putting a base station into a “sleep mode,” with only the essentials remaining powered on. Pulse power leverages 5G base stations’ ability to analyze traffic loads. In 4G, radios are always on, even when traffic levels don’t warrant it, such as transmitting reference signals to

detect users in the middle of the night.

How will mmWave based 5G affect PA & PSU designs?

Site-selection considerations also are driving changes to the PA and PSU designs. The higher the frequency, the shorter the signals travel, which means mmWave-based 5G will require a much higher density of small cells compared to 4G. Many 5G sites will also need to be close to street level, where people are.

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