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Backup power supply for 5G small base stations



Overview

What is a telecom battery backup system?

A telecom battery backup system is a comprehensive portfolio of energy storage batteries used as backup power for base stations to ensure a reliable and stable power supply. As we are entering the 5G era and the energy consumption of 5G base stations has been substantially increasing, this system is playing a more significant role than ever before.

What is backup power in 5G HetNet?

Especially for the cloud radio access network (C-RAN) scenario with many baseband units (BBUs) pooled together, it is natural and convenient to supply backup power for those BSs all together. The scenario of 5G HetNet consisting of macro and small cells, in which the backup power is supplied by battery groups.

Can a battery group be used as a backup power supply?

In practice, the battery groups (either traditional lead-acid batteries or emerging lithium ones) are deployed as the backup power supply of BSs. In our scenario, one battery group could be shared by multiple BSs nearby to exploit the statistical multiplexing gain, and the multiple BSs sharing the same battery group form a virtual cell (VC).

Should telecommunication operators invest in a telecom battery backup system?

Investing in a telecom battery backup system is always one of the priorities for telecommunication operators in the 5G era. Sunwoda 48V telecom batteries have a capacity covering 50Ah-150Ah, which can easily meet the power backup needs of macro and micro base stations.

Can a BS share a backup battery?

A naive solution is to equip each BS with an individual backup battery (group),

while it is also the most expensive solution without taking any advantage of the BS deployment scenario. Considering the 5G heterogeneous network (HetNet) architecture with ultra dense small BS deployment, it is possible to share the backup power among multiple BSs.

What is the best backup power allocation framework for BSS?

In this chapter, we proposed an optimal backup power allocation framework for BSs, ShiftGuard, to help the mobile network operators reduce their backup power cost in shifting to the 5G network and beyond.

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