

BASE STATIONS ARE INTERESTING COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT: Large-scale MIMO systems, motivated by the massive MIMO theory, are considered a key candidate technology for 5G cellular data networks. In the past few years, we have built two generations of prototypes for manyantenna MU-MIMO base stations, called Argos, using off-the-shelf 2.4/5 GHz SDR radios. In building them, we aim to answer the question: how can the base station scale up to thousands of antennas even with today's computational power? In this talk, I will share systems lessons we have learned toward answering this question. More information about Argos can be found at http://argos.rice.edu

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