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Vocoders and De-Jitter buffer. The book describes several LTE and LTE-A advanced features in the evolution from Release 8 to 10 including SON, eICIC, CA, CoMP, HetNet, Enhanced MIMO, Relays, and LBS.

This book can be used as a reference for best practices in LTE networks design and deployment, performance analysis, and evolution strategy.

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• Presents key aspects and best practice of 4G-LTE networks design and deployment

• Includes a realistic roadmap for evolution of deployed 3G/4G networks

• Addresses the practical aspects for designing and deploying commercial LTE networks.

• Analyzes LTE coverage and link budgets, including a detailed comparative analysis with HSPA+.

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