

ABSTRACT

Embodiments of this application provide a hotspot device management method, a communication apparatus, and a communication system. In the method, a policy control network element indicates a user plane network element to: detect a quantity of devices that access a terminal device by using a hotspot sharing technology, and notify the policy control network element when detecting that the quantity of devices that access the terminal device by using the hotspot sharing technology is greater than or equal to a hotspot access threshold. Therefore, the policy control network element learns that the quantity of devices that access the terminal device by using the hotspot sharing technology is greater than or equal to the hotspot access threshold, so that the policy control network element determines a charging manner or a control manner for the terminal device, to properly charge and precisely control the terminal device.