

5G base station power and power consumption





Overview

In this post, we explore the energy saving features of 5G New Radio and how this enables operators to build denser networks, meet performance demands and maintain low 5G energy consumption.

How much power does a 5G station use?

The power consumption of a single 5G station is 2.5 to 3.5 times higher than that of a single 4G station. The main factor behind this increase in 5G power consumption is the high power usage of the active antenna unit (AAU). Under a full workload, a single station uses nearly 3700W.

Do 5G base stations consume a lot of energy?

The energy consumption of the fifth generation (5G) of mobile networks is one of the major concerns of the telecom industry. However, there is not currently an accurate and tractable approach to evaluate 5G base stations' (BSs') power consumption.

Why does 5G use more power than 4G?

The data here all comes from operators on the front lines, and we can draw the following valuable conclusions: The power consumption of a single 5G station is 2.5 to 3.5 times higher than that of a single 4G station. The main factor behind this increase in 5G power consumption is the high power usage of the active antenna unit (AAU).

Is 5G base station power consumption accurate?

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Should power consumption models be used in 5G networks?

This restricts the potential use of the power models, as their validity and accuracy remain unclear. Future work includes the further development of the



power consumption models to form a unified evaluation framework that enables the quantification and optimization of energy consumption and energy efficiency of 5G networks.

What is a 5G base station?

A 5G base station is mainly composed of the baseband unit (BBU) and the AAU — in 4G terms, the AAU is the remote radio unit (RRU) plus antenna. The role of the BBU is to handle baseband digital signal processing, while the AAU converts the baseband digital signal into an analog signal, and then modulates it into a high-frequency radio signal.



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Analysis of energy efficiency of small cell base station in 4G/5G

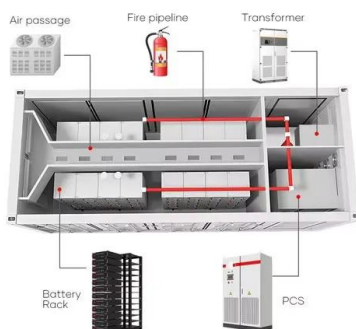
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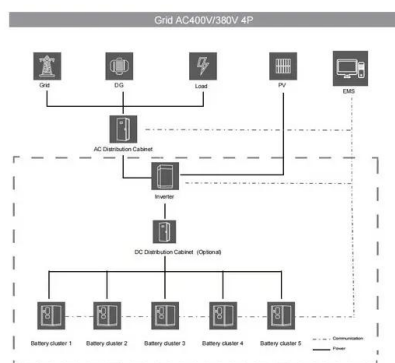
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The lean design of 5G NR standards represents a major improvement compared to LTE, enabling unprecedentedly low energy consumption in 5G networks, and beyond.

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2. Power consumption of a 5G base station is 3 X LTE 3. 5G base station costs 4 X price of LTE -- Gabriel Brown (@Gabeuk) February 24, 2019

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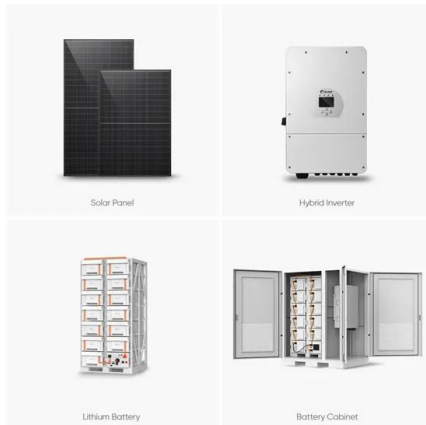
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For the latter, although energy consumed for service provisioning in high traffic load scenarios may be seen as justifiable, energy saving techniques in spatial-, time-, power-, ...

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