

# **Building a 5G base station consumes power**





## Overview

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Can 3GPP reduce base station energy consumption in 5G NR BS?

Aiming at minimizing the base station (BS) energy consumption under low and medium load scenarios, the 3GPP recently completed a Release 18 study on energy saving techniques for 5G NR BSs . A broad range of techniques was evaluated in terms of the obtained network energy saving (NES) gain and their impact to the user-perceived throughput (UPT).

What is 5G base station?

1. Introduction 5G base station (BS), as an important electrical load, has been growing rapidly in the number and density to cope with the exponential growth of mobile data traffic . It is predicted that by 2025, there will be about 13.1 million BSs in the world, and the BS energy consumption will reach 200 billion kWh .

What is 5G BS power consumption?

The 5G BS power consumption mainly comes from the active antenna unit (AAU) and the base band unit (BBU), which respectively constitute BS dynamic and static power consumption. The AAU power consumption changes positively with the fluctuation of communication traffic, while the BBU power consumption remains basically unchanged , , .

How does mobile data traffic affect the energy consumption of 5G base stations?

The explosive growth of mobile data traffic has resulted in a significant increase in the energy consumption of 5G base stations (BSs).



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### How Much Power Does 5G Base Station Consume?

Aug 26, 2023 · The average 5G base station consumes 2.5-4 kW daily - equivalent to powering 40 refrigerators simultaneously. Three factors amplify this: Operators now spend 20-40% of ...

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### Energy consumption optimization of 5G base stations ...

Aug 1, 2023 · An energy consumption optimization strategy of 5G base stations (BSs) considering variable threshold sleep mechanism (ECOS-BS) is proposed, which includes the initial ...

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### Comparison of Power Consumption Models for 5G ...

Jun 30, 2024 · Power consumption models for base stations are briefly discussed as part of the development of a model for life cycle assessment.

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### 5G network deployment and the associated energy ...

Jul 1, 2022 · However, the total power consumption of a single 5G base station is about four times that of a single 4G base station and considering the high density the overall power ...

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### Modelling the 5G Energy Consumption using Real-world ...

Sep 15, 2025 · To address this, we propose a novel deep learning model for 5G base station energy consumption estimation based on a real-world dataset. Unlike existing methods, our ...

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### A Power Consumption Model and Energy Saving Techniques for 5G ...

May 28, 2023 · Aiming at minimizing the base station (BS) energy consumption under low and medium load scenarios, the 3GPP recently completed a Release 18 study on energy savi

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### Power Consumption Analysis of a 5G NR Base Transceiver Station ...

Jul 17, 2025 · This work has explored the power consumption of an outdoor commercial 5G NR base station using an inexpensive and custom-built power measurement setup.

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### Why does 5g base station consume so much power and how ...

Apr 3, 2025 · 5G base stations use high power consumption and high RF signals, which require more signal processing for digital and electromechanical units, and also put greater pressure ...

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### Power Consumption Modeling of 5G Multi-Carrier Base ...

Jan 23, 2023 · Importantly, this study item indicates that new 5G power consumption models are needed to accurately develop and optimize new energy saving solutions, while also ...

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What is the Power Consumption of a 5G Base Station?

Nov 15, 2024 · These 5G base stations consume about three times the power of the 4G stations. The main reason for this spike in power consumption is the addition of massive MIMO and ...

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