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# How much energy does a 5G base station usually consume





## Overview

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That's almost a threefold increase compared to 4G (5). One 5G base station is estimated to consume about as much power as 73 households (6), and 3x as much as the previous generation of base stations (5), (7).

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.

Does 5G increase energy consumption?

However, this technological leap comes with a substantial increase in energy consumption. Compared to its predecessor, the fourth-generation (4G) network, the energy consumption of the 5G network is approximately three times higher .

Does 5G configuration affect base station capacity?

In this study, we mainly focused on the commercial 5G non-standalone networks, 2 and the configurations (transmit and receive antennas, spectrum frequency and bandwidth) defined in this part has a decisive impact on base station capacity (see Eq.1).



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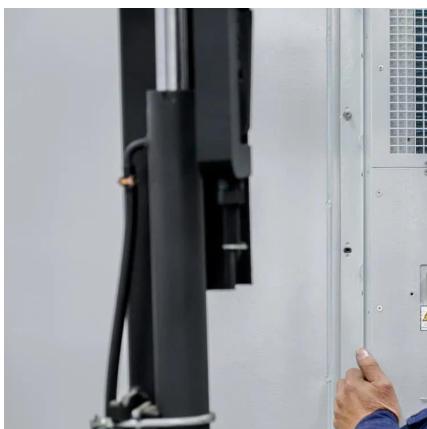


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