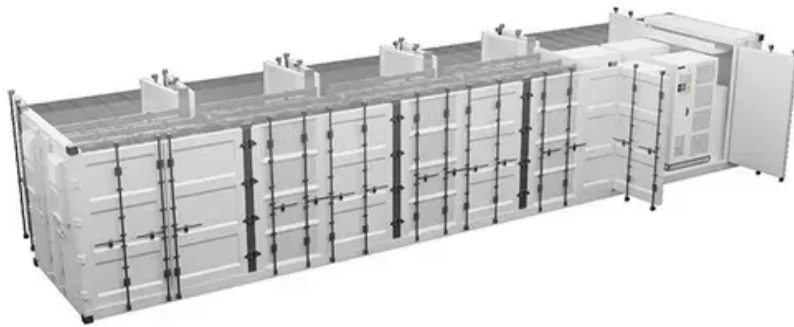


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# 5G base station without grid access



## Overview

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Should 5G base stations be tripled?

To cover the same area as traditional cellular networks (2G, 3G, and 4G), the number of 5G base stations (BSs) could be tripled (Wang et al., 2014). Furthermore, Ge, Tu, Mao, Wang, and Han, (2016) suggested that to achieve seamless coverage services, the density of 5G BSs would reach 40-50 BSs/km<sup>2</sup>.

Can laser beams power a 5G base station wirelessly?

Ericsson is claiming a world-first in a proof-of-concept that used laser beam technology to power a 5G base station completely wirelessly, without any electric grid connection or on-site power generation. The demo took place in Seattle and used optical beaming with partner PowerLight Technologies.

How does a 5G base station work?

The 5G Base Station uses a set of antennas that connect with the distributed unit. These antennas can be implemented using a passive or active architecture. These are connected to the Base Station cabinet using feeder cables. The Base Station cabinet includes the transceiver and RF processing functions.

What is a 5G NR base station?

It facilitates communication between user equipment (UE), such as smartphones and IoT devices, and the core network. Unlike LTE base stations (eNodeBs), 5G NR base stations are designed to handle the enhanced requirements of 5G, such as high throughput, network slicing, and support for multiple frequency bands.

How much energy does a 5G base station consume?

But the analyst firm says a typical 5G base station consumes up to twice or more the power of a 4G base station; it notes that the industry consensus is

that 5G will double to triple energy consumption for mobile operators, once networks scale.

How much power does a 5G site need?

Huawei data from FierceWireless suggest the typical 5G site has power needs of over 11.5kW, up nearly 70 percent from a base station deploying a mix of 2G, 3G, and 4G radios.

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