

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Domestic 5G base station power supply



## Overview

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How much power does a 5G base station use?

Each nation has a different 5G strategy. For 5G, China uses 3.5GHz as the frequency. Then, a 5G base station resembles a 4G system, but it's on a much larger scale. For sub-6GHz in 5G, let's say you have a macro base station. The power levels at the antenna range from 40 watts, 80 watts or 100 watts.

What is a 5G base station?

As part of a network's wireless telephone system, a 5G base station is a fixed communication point that connects using a single or several antennas. It comprises a wireless receiver and a short-range transceiver with an antenna and analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) to convert radio frequency impulses to digital signals.

How many 5G base stations would a cell phone tower support?

Hundreds of 5G base stations will need to be installed to cover the area of a single cell phone tower. Even if just 100 base stations were required, 5G's would support at least 25,000 devices to 4G's 100. 5G smartphones are being released all the time.

How does a 5G base station reduce OPEX?

This technique reduces opex by putting a base station into a "sleep mode," with only the essentials remaining powered on. Pulse power leverages 5G base stations' ability to analyze traffic loads. In 4G, radios are always on, even when traffic levels don't warrant it, such as transmitting reference signals to detect users in the middle of the night.

How will mmWave based 5G affect PA & PSU designs?

Site-selection considerations also are driving changes to the PA and PSU designs. The higher the frequency, the shorter the signals travel, which means mmWave-based 5G will require a much higher density of small cells compared

to 4G. Many 5G sites will also need to be close to street level, where people are.

Why does 5G cost more than 4G?

This percentage will increase significantly with 5G because a gNodeB uses at least twice as much electricity as a 4G base station. The more operators spend on electricity, the more difficult it is to price their 5G services competitively and profitably.

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