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Power 5G base station speed increase



Overview

How much power does a 5G station use?

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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).

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.

Why are small cells a new part of 5G?

The need to increase the number of base stations to provide wider and more dense coverage has led to the creation of small cells. Small cells are a new part of the 5G platform that increase network capacity and speed, while also having a lower deployment cost than macrocells.

Can 5G reduce energy consumption?

However, the energy consumption of 5G networks is today a concern. In recent years, the design of new methods for decreasing the RAN power consumption has attracted interest from both the research community and

standardization bodies, and many energy savings solutions have been proposed.

Is the National Grid the biggest winner in the 5G race?

The conclusions are striking — we have been prepared for the increase in 5G power consumption, but the extent of that power consumption is beyond what many were prepared for, with some internet commenters noting that the National Grid may be the biggest winner in the 5G race.

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