

# **Reasons for the increase in green base stations for 5G communication**



## Overview

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Can a 5G base station promote green development of mobile communication facilities?

However, a significant reduction of ca. 42.8% can be achieved by optimizing the power structure and base station layout strategy and reducing equipment power consumption. Overall, this study provides a clear approach to assess the environmental impact of the 5G base station and will promote the green development of mobile communication facilities.

Will 5G telecommunication change modern lives?

The emergence of fifth-generation (5G) telecommunication would change modern lives, however, 5G network requires a large number of base stations, which may lead to greater carbon emissions. Since 2020, over 700,000 5G base stations are in operation in China.

Why is 5G more energy efficient than 4G?

Due to the high radio frequency and limited network coverage of 5G base stations, the number of the 5G base stations are 1.4~2 times than that of the 4G base stations, and thus the energy consumption is also 2~3 times higher (Israr et al., 2021).

How much energy does a 5G base station use?

China Mobile's measurement report 9 indicates that the energy consumption of a 5G base station is 4.3 kWh, which is four times that of a 4G base station at 1.1 kWh. One 5G base station is estimated to produce 30 t of carbon emissions in one year of operation 10.

Why are micro base stations important in 5G planning?

Micro base stations, on the other hand, are smaller and more flexible, allowing them to supplement the peripheral communication that cannot be covered by macro stations, thereby improving communication quality and capacity.

Therefore, micro stations play a critical role in 5G planning.

Do 5G base stations need more base stations?

Consequently, deploying more base stations is necessary for 5G base stations to cover the same area. Macro and micro base stations are currently being deployed for 5G network. The base station is categorized into micro base station, macro base station, and sub-system based on the coverage range.

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