

# **Is it necessary to develop 5G base stations when they consume so much power**





## Overview

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Today we see that a major part of energy consumption in mobile networks comes from the radio base station sites and that the consumption is stable. We can also see that even in densely deployed networks, as i.

Why are 5G base stations being powered off every day?

Selected 5G base stations in China are being powered off every day from 21:00 to next day 9:00 to reduce energy consumption and lower electricity bills. 5G base stations are truly large consumers of energy such that electricity bills have become one of the biggest costs for 5G network operators.

Will MIMO increase the energy consumption of 5G base stations?

As a result, there are many more hardware components per base station. Björnson believes this will probably increase the total energy consumption of 5G base stations compared to 4G. But as massive MIMO technology develops, its energy efficiency may also improve over time.

Is 5G more energy efficient than 4G?

Although the absolute value of the power consumption of 5G base stations is increasing, their energy efficiency ratio is much lower than that of 4G stations. In other words, with the same power consumption, the network capacity of 5G will be as dozens of times larger than 4G, so the power consumption per bit is sharply reduced.

Why do we need a 5G base station?

TrendForce research vice president Kelly Hsieh indicates that, from a technical perspective, the growth in mobile data consumption, low-latency applications (such as self-driving cars, remote surgeries, and smart manufacturing), and large-scale M2M (smart cities) requires an increase in 5G base stations for support.

How much power does a 5G station use?

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). Under a full workload, a single station uses nearly 3700W.

Will 5G reduce energy consumption?

According to recent research, the ultra-lean design that 5G networks are capable of will make it possible to put more components to sleep for a longer time, reducing energy consumption by almost 10 times compared to current systems when there are no users.



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Base stations with multiple frequencies will be a typical configuration in the 5G era. It's predicted that the proportion of sites with more than five frequency ...

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This raises an obvious question: if the base stations are spending so much of their time not transmitting user data, why are they still consuming energy all the time?



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## **Research on Performance of Power Saving Technology for 5G Base Station**

Compared with the fourth generation (4G) technology, the fifth generation (5G) network possesses higher transmission rate, larger system capacity and lower transmission ...

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## **Why does 5g base station consume so much power and how to ...**

5G base stations use high power consumption and high RF signals, which require more signal processing for digital and electromechanical units, and also put greater pressure ...

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## **5G and Energy Efficiency**

g when and where needed. According to the white paper released by Nokia on "5G network energy efficiency"<sup>14</sup>, attention should be focused on the base stations, as they consume 80% ...

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These 5G base stations consume about three times the power of the 4G stations. The main reason for this spike in power consumption is the addition of massive MIMO and ...

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DASs take a signal from the base station and boost it to increase the area the signal can reach. While DASs are great for increasing coverage, they do not increase network capacity; the only ...

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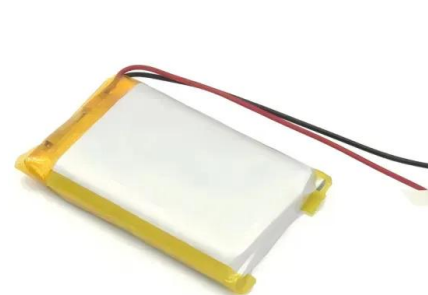
At present, 5G mobile traffic base stations in energy consumption accounted for 60% ~ 80%, compared with 4G energy consumption increased three times. In the future, high-density ...

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