

Why do base stations need to be re-powered when upgrading to 5G





Overview

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.

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.

How do engineers design 5G base stations?

Engineers designing 5G base stations must contend with energy use, weight, size, and heat, which impact design decisions. 5G New Radio (NR) uses Multi-User massive-MIMO (MU-MIMO), Integrated Access and Backhaul (IAB), and beamforming with millimeter wave (mmWave) spectrum up to 71 GHz.

Can a solar panel replace a base station?

Most base station sites are powered from the electricity grid, and replacing this with 100% solar energy is not always viable. However, adding a single solar panel to each site could replace up to 10% of the electricity used, and



provide a quick payback.

How many HD movies can a 5G base station download?

Studies show that with 5G base stations, it is possible to download more than 5,000 HD movies using only 1 kWh, whereas with 4G, the same amount of power would allow for fewer than 200 movies to be downloaded.



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Size, weight, power, and heat affect 5G base station designs

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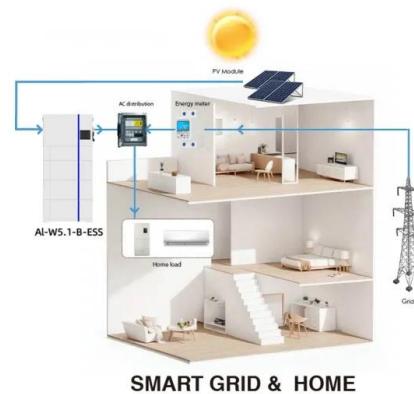
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