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Annual electricity consumption of 5G base stations in the UK



Overview

Investing in the communication infrastructure transition requires significant scientific consideration of challenges, prioritisation, risks and uncertainties. To address these challenges, a bottom-up approach.

How much power will a 5G base station use in 2025?

The Small Cell Forum predicts the installed base of small cells to reach 70.2 million in 2025 and the total installed base of 5G or multimode small cells in 2025 to be 13.1 million. "A 5G base station is generally expected to consume roughly three times as much power as a 4G base station.

How much energy does a 5G small cell BS consume?

Simulation results reveal that more than 50% of the energy is consumed by the computation power at 5G small cell BS's. Moreover, the computation power of 5G small cell BS can approach 800 watt when the massive MIMO (e.g., 128 antennas) is deployed to transmit high volume traffic.

What is the role of 5G in the UK?

The simulation results show that 700 MHz and 26 GHz will play an important role in 5G deployment in the UK, which allow base stations to meet short-term and long-term data traffic demands respectively.

Will 5G consume a lot of energy?

"A lurking threat behind the promise of 5G delivering up to 1,000 times as much data as today's networks is that 5G could also consume up to 1,000 times as much energy," Dexter Johnson in the IEEE Spectrum. Why?

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Does 5G configuration affect base station capacity?

In this study, we mainly focused on the commercial 5G non-standalone networks, 2 and the configurations (transmit and receive antennas, spectrum frequency and bandwidth) defined in this part has a decisive impact on base

station capacity (see Eq.1).

Which frequency bands will play a role in 5G deployment in the UK?

The first argues that 700 MHz and 26 GHz frequency bands will play an important role in 5G deployment in the UK, which enables base stations to meet short- and long-term demand. In order to accelerate the 5G development, the launch of the two spectrum resources should be actively promoted.

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