

Power consumption of 4G and 5G base stations





Overview

Why do we need a 5G base station?

The limited penetration capability of millimeter waves necessitates the deployment of significantly more 5G base stations (the next generation Node B, gNB) than their 4G counterparts to ensure network coverage . Notably, the power consumption of a gNB is very high, up to 3–4 times of the power consumption of a 4G base stations (BSs).

Can machine learning predict energy consumption for 5g/4g radio base stations?

To further develop energy modelling methodology and attempt to answer the questions presented in the previous section, different machine learning algorithm's ability to predict energy consumption is investigated for 5G/4G radio base stations.

How much energy does a 4G ran consume?

In 2020, we estimate that 4G RANs consume 112 GWh, which corresponds to 0.13% of the annual electricity consumption in Belgium (i.e., 84.7 TWh). In 2025, the total energy consumption goes up, especially with extensive 5G deployments, as shown in Fig. 7a.

Does 4G consume more energy than 5g?

If 4G is additionally decommissioned, the total RAN energy consumption can drop, but this scenario is very unlikely by 2025. Therefore, we show that concurrently operating country-wide 4G and 5G RANs consumes more energy than using only one generation.



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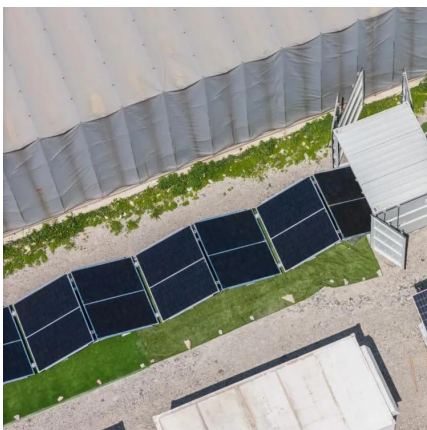
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Today we see that a major part of energy consumption in mobile networks comes from the radio base station sites and that the consumption is stable. We can also see that even in densely deployed networks, as in city centers, the network traffic





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