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High electricity costs for 5G base stations



Overview

Are 5G base stations more energy efficient than 4G BSS?

The energy consumption of 5G base stations (BSs) is significantly higher than that of 4G BSs, creating challenges for operators due to increased costs and carbon emissions. Existing solutions address this issue by switching off BSs during specific periods or forming cooperation coalitions where some BSs deactivate while others serve users.

Can 3GPP reduce base station energy consumption in 5G NR BS?

Aiming at minimizing the base station (BS) energy consumption under low and medium load scenarios, the 3GPP recently completed a Release 18 study on energy saving techniques for 5G NR BSs. A broad range of techniques was evaluated in terms of the obtained network energy saving (NES) gain and their impact to the user-perceived throughput (UPT).

How does mobile data traffic affect the energy consumption of 5G base stations?

The explosive growth of mobile data traffic has resulted in a significant increase in the energy consumption of 5G base stations (BSs).

What is 5G base station?

1. Introduction 5G base station (BS), as an important electrical load, has been growing rapidly in the number and density to cope with the exponential growth of mobile data traffic. It is predicted that by 2025, there will be about 13.1 million BSs in the world, and the BS energy consumption will reach 200 billion kWh.

What is 5G BS power consumption?

The 5G BS power consumption mainly comes from the active antenna unit (AAU) and the base band unit (BBU), which respectively constitute BS dynamic and static power consumption. The AAU power consumption changes

positively with the fluctuation of communication traffic, while the BBU power consumption remains basically unchanged . . .

How to choose a 5G energy-optimised network?

Certain factors need to be taken into consideration while dealing with the efficiency of energy. Some of the prominent factors are such as traffic model, SE, topological distribution, SINR, QoS and latency. To properly examine an energy-optimised network, it is very crucial to select the most suitable EE metric for 5G networks.

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