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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.

What is the energy consumption of a 5G network?

The energy consumption of 5G networks is one of the pressing concerns in green communications. Recent research is focused towards energy saving techniques of base stations (BSs). BSs are one of the most power consuming elements of a 5G network. It is important to model their energy consumption for analyzing overall energy efficiency of a network.

Does 5G increase energy consumption?

Although 5G networks offer larger capacity due to more antennas and larger bandwidths, their increased energy consumption is concerning. This paper investigates energy consumption issues from widespread 5G deployment using city-scale real-world mobile network data.

Why is low 5G energy consumption important?

With new devices and use cases increasing the capacity of the networks, the demand to ensure low 5G energy consumption is critical to minimizing operator expenses and ensuring they can still meet energy reduction goals. How can NR bring an answer?

Figure 1: Global mobile data traffic outlook [Ericsson Mobility Report, June 2019].

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.



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