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Overview

How can we improve the energy efficiency of 5G networks?

To improve the energy efficiency of 5G networks, it is imperative to develop sophisticated models that accurately reflect the influence of base station (BS) attributes and operational conditions on energy usage.

Are 5G network operators motivated to cooperate with the power system?

On the one hand, 5G network operators are highly motivated to cooperate with the power system in energy matters, given that the numerous gNBs with their high energy consumption result in significant electricity bills that can be troublesome for the operators , .

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).

Does 5G increase energy consumption?

However, this technological leap comes with a substantial increase in energy consumption. Compared to its predecessor, the fourth-generation (4G) network, the energy consumption of the 5G network is approximately three times higher .



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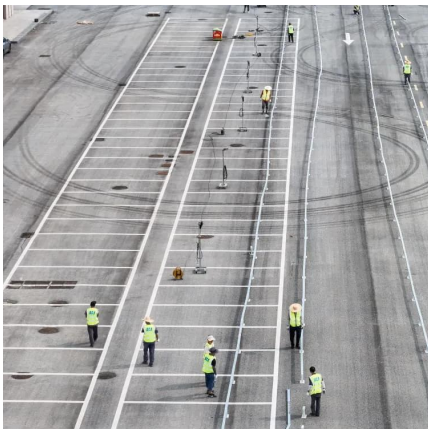


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