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# How much power does Huawei's 5g base station consume





## Overview

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Energy consumption per unit of data (watt/bit) is much less for 5G than 4G, but power consumption is much higher. In the 5G era, the maximum energy consumption of a 64T64R active antenna unit (AAU).

How much power does a 5G station use?

The power consumption of a single 5G station is 2.5 to 3.5 times higher than that of a single 4G station. The main factor behind this increase in 5G power consumption is the high power usage of the active antenna unit (AAU). Under a full workload, a single station uses nearly 3700W.

Why does 5G use more power than 4G?

The data here all comes from operators on the front lines, and we can draw the following valuable conclusions: The power consumption of a single 5G station is 2.5 to 3.5 times higher than that of a single 4G station. The main factor behind this increase in 5G power consumption is the high power usage of the active antenna unit (AAU).

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 .

How much power will 5G use in 2023?

Multiple bands in one site will be the typical configuration in the 5G era. The proportion of sites with more than five bands will increase from 3% in 2016 to 45% in 2023. As a result, the maximum power consumption of a site will be higher than 10 kW, in a site where there is more than 10 bands, the power consumption will exceed 20 kW.



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### Front Line Data Study about 5G Power Consumption

The two figures above show the actual power consumption test results of 5G base stations from different manufacturers, ZTE and HUAWEI, in Guangzhou and Shenzhen, by an anonymous

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