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## Overview

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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).

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 .

Can network energy saving technologies mitigate 5G energy consumption?

This Technical Report explores how network energy saving technologies, such as carrier shutdown, channel shutdown, symbol shutdown etc., that have emerged since the 4G era, can be leveraged to mitigate 5G energy consumption.

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.



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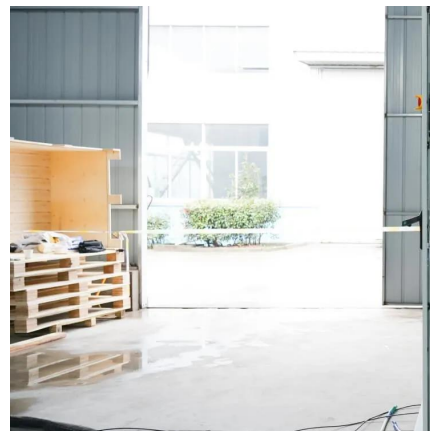


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