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China s 5G base station power consumption



Overview

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How much carbon is produced by 5G in China?

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How will 5G affect the energy consumption of mobile operators?

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How much power does 5G power use?

The site's average load is 1.4 kW, with peak loads of 2.7 kW. However, the AC power limit is 1.6 kW. When 5G services were added in tests, peak loads exceeded the power limit. 5G Power's intelligent peak shaving technology leverages smart energy scheduling algorithms of software-defined power supply and intelligent energy storage.

How many 4G & 5G base stations are there in Nanchang?

The network traffic data were collected from China Mobile. We carried out a city-level measurement in Nanchang and collected fine-grained records on the network traffic of all 4G and 5G base stations for one week in May 2022. The network traffic data cover 12,264 4G base stations and 2,159 5G base stations.

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