

Do global communication base stations consume a lot of power





Overview

We found that, in 2015, ICT networks consumed 1.15% of the total electricity grid supply globally and contributed to 0.53% of the global carbon emissions related to energy.

Today we see that a major part of energy consumption in mobile networks comes from the radio base station sites and that the consumption is stable. We can.

The 5G NR standard has been designed based on the knowledge of the typical traffic activity in radio networks as well as the need to support sleep states in radio.

The first deployments of NR are mainly non-standalone(NSA) deployments. This means that existing LTE base stations will still be used, and NR will be added for.

We start by looking at the impact on user performance when introducing NR (Figure 6). We can notice that the LTE-only network is not sufficient to serve the.

How does densification affect radio network energy performance?

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Historically, densification of networks has implied higher energy expenditure which can add up to a significant part of operator expenses. This, in turn, can place restraints on the number of base stations in the networks.

Do mobile networks consume more energy than fixed networks?

Transferring data via mobile networks (2G to 5G) was found to consume more energy than with fixed networks (copper networks to fiber optic networks). Per transferred gigabyte (Gb) the energy consumption in the fixed network was 0.05 kilowatt hours (kWh) and for mobile communication networks about 0.12 kWh.

How can we reduce the energy consumption of Information & Communication Technologies (ICT)?



“The energy consumption of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) is increasing by 9% every year. It is possible to limit this growth to 1.5% per year by moving to sober digital practices. The digital transition as it is currently implemented participates to global warming more than it helps preventing it.

Why is global electricity consumption declining?

” Our best-case analysis shows a decline in consumption from 7.4% in 2012 to 6.9% of total global electricity consumption in 2017; however the worst-case shows a rise to 12.0% driven primarily by expansion of the network and data-center infrastructure.”.

Does the Information & Communication Industry contribute to GHGe?

In light of the concerted efforts to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions (GHGE) per the so-called Paris Agreement, the Information and Communication Industry (ICT) has received little attention as a significant contributor to GHGE and if anything is often highly praised for enabling efficiencies that help reduce other industry sectors footprint.



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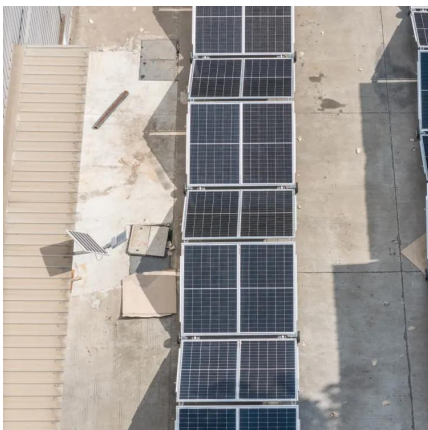


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