

## **SolarInnovate Energy Solutions**

# **Can communication base stations be powered**



## Overview

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Do base stations need a power system?

Base stations need to provide all day and night operations and are installed in urban areas as well as in remote areas including deserts, mountains, and islands. In remote areas without electricity, a standalone power system is required which must be reliable, cost effective, and easy to maintain.

How much power does a base station use?

BSs are categorized according to their power consumption in descending order as: macro, micro, mini and femto. Among these, macro base stations are the primary ones in terms of deployment and have power consumption ranging from 0.5 to 2 kW. BSs consume around 60% of the overall power consumption in cellular networks.

Are solar powered base stations a good idea?

Base stations that are powered by energy harvested from solar radiation not only reduce the carbon footprint of cellular networks, they can also be implemented with lower capital cost as compared to those using grid or conventional sources of energy . There is a second factor driving the interest in solar powered base stations.

How do cellular base stations work?

Most transceivers in the cellular base stations are run by 48 VDC to charge the batteries and power the communication equipment. The air conditioning of the base station runs at 220 VAC. These base stations can be powered by two types of diesel generators.

How much power does a cellular base station use?

A cellular base station can use anywhere from 1 to 5 kW power per hour depending upon the number of transceivers attached to the base station, the age of cell towers, and energy needed for air conditioning. Cellular base

stations use power without any interruption and also needs maintenance.

Are solar powered cellular base stations a viable solution?

Cellular base stations powered by renewable energy sources such as solar power have emerged as one of the promising solutions to these issues. This article presents an overview of the state-of-the-art in the design and deployment of solar powered cellular base stations.

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