

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# China Communications 5G Low Power Generation Base Station



## Overview

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How many 5G base stations are built in China?

As 5G serves as the foundation for the construction of new infrastructure, China, as the world leader in 5G base station construction, has already built over 1.4 million 5G base stations in 2021 alone. In the same year, 5G base stations in China produced approximately 49.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

Are 5G base stations sustainable?

However, due to their high radio frequency and limited coverage, the construction and operation of 5G base stations can lead to significant energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. To address this challenge, scholars have focused on developing sustainable 5G base stations.

Will 5G telecommunication change modern lives?

The emergence of fifth-generation (5G) telecommunication would change modern lives, however, 5G network requires a large number of base stations, which may lead to greater carbon emissions. Since 2020, over 700,000 5G base stations are in operation in China.

How much carbon does a 5G base station produce?

Previous research has estimated that a single 5G base station will produce approximately 30.2 ~ 33.5 tCO<sub>2</sub> eq throughout its life cycle (Ding et al., 2022; Guo et al., 2022a). Consequently, the carbon emissions from 5G base stations in China in 2021 amounted to approximately 49.2 MtCO<sub>2</sub> eq.

What is the system boundary of 5G base station?

The system boundary of the CO<sub>2</sub> of 5G base station The civil construction of 5G base stations is typically carried out using the existing infrastructure of 4G base stations, resulting in less material input during the construction phase. The primary focus on carbon emission generation is during the use phase due to power consumption.

How much carbon does 5G emit in China in 2021?

The results indicate that, due to the high carbon emissions resulting from the new infrastructure, the carbon emissions of 5G base stations in China in 2021 amounted to 49.2 MtCO<sub>2</sub> eq.

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