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Overview

How much electricity does a communication base station consume in China?

Based on the actual number of base stations in each province of China in 2021, 13 we calculated the national electricity consumption of communication base stations (methodology detailed in Note S4), which amounted to 83,525.81 GWh (95% confidence interval [CI]: 81,212.38–85,825.86 GWh) for the year (Figures 2 A and 2C).

How much energy does a communication base station use a day?

A small-scale communication base station communication antenna with an average power of 2 kW can consume up to 48 kWh per day. 4,5,6 Therefore, the low-carbon upgrade of communication base stations and systems is at the core of the telecommunications industry’s energy use issues.

Should China upgrade to low-carbon base stations?

These outcomes demonstrate that upgrading to low-carbon base stations not only ensures economic feasibility but also delivers significant environmental and public health benefits, reinforcing the strategic value of decarbonizing China’s communication infrastructure.

Can solar power improve China's base station infrastructure?

Traditionally powered by coal-dominated grid electricity, these stations contribute significantly to operational costs and air pollution. This study offers a comprehensive roadmap for low-carbon upgrades to China’s base station infrastructure by integrating solar power, energy storage, and intelligent operation strategies.

How can a communication base station reduce energy consumption?

Strategies such as applying solar energy generation facilities in base stations to replace part of the grid electricity or implementing active deep sleep in communication base stations to optimize energy management 7,8,9,10 have

been applied to reduce the use of grid-supplied energy and lower the operating costs of communication systems.

Can China's communications industry reduce reliance on grid-powered systems?

While focused on China, the model and findings can serve as a blueprint for countries worldwide facing similar energy and infrastructure challenges in the age of digital expansion. It is important for China’s communications industry to reduce its reliance on grid-powered systems to lower base station energy costs and meet national carbon targets.

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