

Development of Green Base Stations in Asian Communications





Overview

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 CO₂ eq.

Can a 5G base station promote green development of mobile communication facilities?

However, a significant reduction of ca. 42.8% can be achieved by optimizing the power structure and base station layout strategy and reducing equipment power consumption. Overall, this study provides a clear approach to assess the environmental impact of the 5G base station and will promote the green development of mobile communication facilities.

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.

Do communication base station operations increase electricity consumption in China?

Comparing data from 2021, 2025, and 2030, we found that the electricity consumption due to communication base station operations in China increased annually.



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