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# China Tietong has hybrid energy for communication base stations



## Overview

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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.

Why do Chinese communication companies rely on a power grid?

This is primarily due to the reliance of these base stations on the power grid, which derives over 70% of its energy from coal. 19,20 Compounded by the Chinese government's stringent low-carbon policies, which mandate environmental responsibility across all industries, 21 communication companies face considerable policy pressure.

Do communication base station operations increase electricity consumption in China?

Comparing data from 2021, 2025, and 2030, 41 we found that the electricity consumption due to communication base station operations in China increased annually.

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.

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.

Why are China's leading communications companies incorporating energy storage batteries and photovoltaic power?

In addition, China's leading communications companies are progressively incorporating energy storage batteries and photovoltaic power generation to offset the mounting cost pressures stemming from the continued expansion of energy usage. The relative importance attached to this issue depends on the sense of urgency.

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