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China s hybrid energy 5G base station share



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.

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 MtCO₂ eq.

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 tCO₂ 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 MtCO₂ eq.

How many 5G sites are there in China?

Mobile operators in China are ramping up 5G and 5G-A rollouts, with the former now at 4.5 million cell sites and the latter in 300 cities; a new 2027 roadmap will see 75% of mobile data in the country on 5G networks. 5G on 5M sites - China has over 4.486 million 5G sites; 5G now comprises more than 35% of total mobile base stations.

Why is 5G more energy efficient than 4G?

Due to the high radio frequency and limited network coverage of 5G base stations, the number of the 5G base stations are 1.4~2 times than that of the 4G base stations, and thus the energy consumption is also 2~3 times higher (Israr et al., 2021).

How many 5G base stations were built in 2020?

Construction of 5G base stations accelerated in 2020 and a total of 718,800 base stations were built, resulting in a sharp increase in carbon emissions. Carbon emissions during the operational phase account for the largest proportion among the other phases of the entire lifecycle.

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