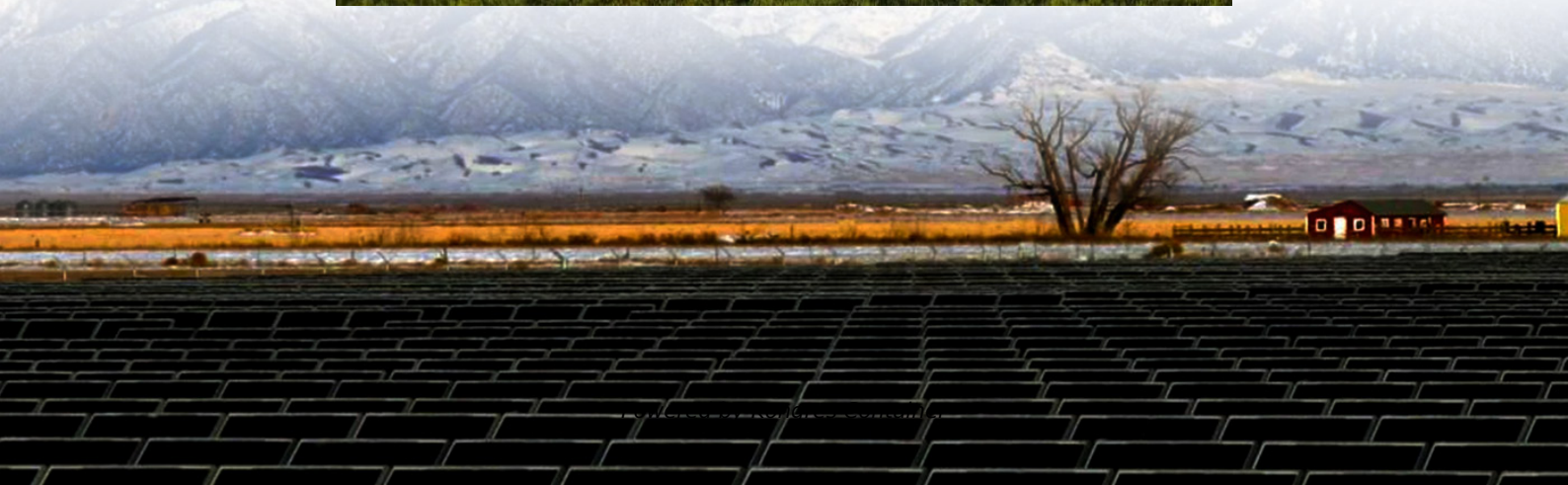


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Overview

Do base stations dominate the energy consumption of the radio access network?

Furthermore, the base stations dominate the energy consumption of the radio access network. Therefore, it is reasonable to focus on the power consumption of the base stations first, while other aspects such as virtualization of compute in the 5G core or the energy consumption of user equipment should be considered at a later stage.

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.

Will communication base stations reduce electricity consumption?

Our findings revealed that the nationwide electricity consumption would reduce to 54,101.60 GWh due to the operation of communication base stations (95% CI: 53,492.10–54,725.35 GWh) (Figure 2 C), marking a reduction of 35.23% compared with the original consumption. We also predicted the reduction of pollutant emissions after the upgrade.

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.

Why do base stations waste so much energy?

When there is little or no communication activity, base stations typically consume more than 80% of their peak power consumption, leading to

significant energy waste . This energy waste not only increases operational costs, but also burdens the environment, which is contrary to global sustainability goals .

How to reduce the energy consumption of a base station?

So when the inter-cell distance is too large, it is necessary to increase the distance between cells, thus reducing the power consumption of the base station. In the actual network, in order to reduce the energy loss caused by frequent switching, the following two methods can usually be used: increase the distance between cells.

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