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Number of hybrid energy 5G base stations





Overview

The growing penetration of 5G base stations (5G BSs) is posing a severe challenge to efficient and sustainable operation of power distribution systems (PDS) due to their huge energy demand and ma.

How many 5G base stations are there?

These predicted station numbers are considerably smaller than the business-projected 6-million stations, even for the BDDL = 100 % case under the S2 scenario that yielded the number of 5G base stations at 5.03 million, still one million smaller than the business-estimated 5G base stations. This number, however, is implausible.

Does China have a 5G network?

Given that China currently has the largest 5G network in the world (~1.53 million base stations by the end of 2021, Table S1) and that base station number was projected by up to 6–8 million by 2030 (CCID Consulting, 2020), concerns are being expressed regarding 5G mobile networks' environmental effects and sustainability.

How many 5G base stations will we have by 2030?

Our modelled 5G base stations by 2030 range from about 1.3 to 5.0 million subjects to the two scenarios.

How much CO2 will China's 5G network produce?

Under the model predicted 5G base stations, China's 5G network could yield 0.15–0.29 GtCO2 /yr emissions subject to the nation's BDDL from 40 to 80 % by 2030. Both 5G base stations and CO 2 emissions are significantly lower than the previous estimates.



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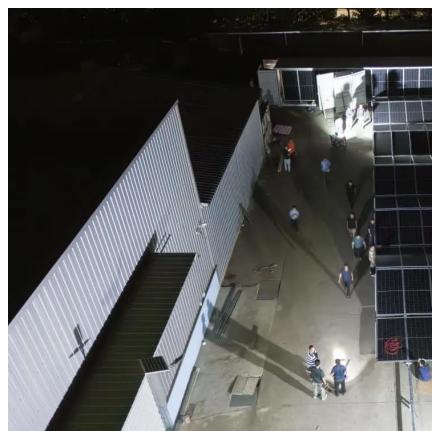
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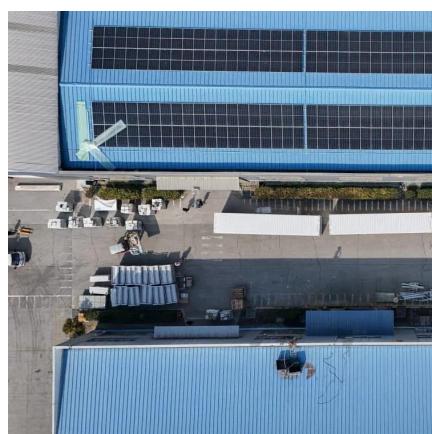
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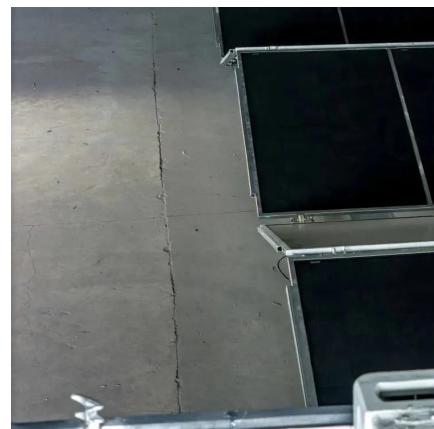
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