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# China's hybrid energy 5G base station co-construction and sharing construction

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 much CO<sub>2</sub> will China's 5G network produce?

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

How much electricity will China's 5G network consume in 2030?

Under the scenario of business-estimated six million base stations in 2030, the share of electricity consumed by China's 5G networks in 2030 could reach 8.4 % of the national total power generation, causing 0.44 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Could 5G help achieve China's Carbon Peak target?

In the case of a 5G low power load (Fig. 5 b), the fraction reduces to 0.13 %, suggesting that power load from switching 4G to a 5G network could reduce about 6 % of CO<sub>2</sub> emission subject to the nation's carbon peak scenario. In light of this, replacing the 4G with a 5G network could help achieve China's carbon peak target.

Its aim is to reduce 5G overall investment cost, and rapidly realize the continuous and wide-area 5G service capability, as well as improve the network efficiency and asset operation efficiency. ...

Since China Telecom and China Unicom opened the 5G co-construction and sharing model in 2019, they have jointly solved a series of problems and challenges such as ...

The implementation of co-construction and sharing of 5G base stations in power infrastructure has brought new opportunities for the operation and development of basic power ...

Base stations are evolving into "power plants"; With the widespread adoption of 5G technology, the number of telecom sites is increasing, leading to higher energy consumption. ...

We decomposed the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of China's 5G networks and assessed the

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contribution of the number of 5G base stations and mobile data traffic to 5G-induced CO<sub>2</sub> ...

At MWC Barcelona 2024, GSMA Foundry published a white paper named 5G Network Co-construction and Sharing Guide which shared the technological innovations of ...

In order to increase the contribution of the communication industry to mitigate the global greenhouse effect, future efforts must focus on reducing the carbon emissions ...

Zhang Xin, general manager of China Telecom's 5G Co-construction and Sharing Working Group, said at the 2022 Mobile World Congress that since China Telecom and China ...

On September 9, China Unicom and China Telecom held a meeting in Beijing celebrating the one-year anniversary of their 5G network co-construction and sharing program. ...

Abstract. Since 5G networks are mostly deployed in high frequency bands, in order to achieve the same coverage as 4G, the number of base stations will be greatly increased. ...

The Company continuously accelerated the construction of the 5G premium network, with more than 15,000 new outdoor 5G base stations added in three provinces and ...

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 ...

About This Document In 2019, China Telecom and China Unicom embarked on an innovative partnership known as "5G co-construction and sharing". Essentially, the two ...

5G Base Station Construction Market in China Driver and Challenges The development is propelled by government support, technological innovation, and increasing ...

The construction of the novel power system (NPS) mainly based on renewable energy is an important direction for the transformation and development of China's energy and power ...

QYR predicts that the scale of China's 5G base station construction in 2019 will eventually be around 150,000 stations, accounting for about 25% of ...

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