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# **Communication base station solar transformation project**



## Overview

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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.

How does a solar base station work?

The main technological approach includes the integrated installation of solar panels, energy storage units, and controllers, with the specific transformation plan displayed in Figure 6. In this scheme, the base station is powered by solar panels, the electrical grid, and energy storage units to ensure the stability of energy supply.

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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.<sup>4,5,6</sup> Therefore, the low-carbon upgrade of communication base stations and systems is at the core of the telecommunications industry's energy use issues.

What is a base station energy optimization?

The optimization covers configurations of base station energy supply equipment (e.g., investment in photovoltaics [PV] and energy storage capacity) and operational locations (e.g., urban vs. rural deployments).

How does a communication base station upgrade affect emissions?

(D) Total emissions of major pollutants (CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and PM 2.5) generated by the electricity consumption of communication base stations before and after the upgrade. Paired bars with the same color represent pre- and post-upgrade comparisons for the same pollutant. Emissions of all pollutants are significantly reduced after the upgrade.

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