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Telecommunications industry base station cost reduction and efficiency improvement



Overview

Optimizing network infrastructure through technologies like SDN and NFV can lead to significant cost savings and improved efficiency. 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).

Can low-carbon communication base stations improve local energy use?

Therefore, low-carbon upgrades to communication base stations can effectively improve the economics of local energy use while reducing local environmental pollution and gaining public health benefits. For this research, we recommend further in-depth exploration in three areas for the future.

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 important is electricity usage optimization in communication base stations?

The results indicate that the optimization of electricity usage in the rapid development scenario of communication base stations yields the most significant improvement, surpassing the base station layout optimization scenario by 1.14 times.

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.

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.

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