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Pakistan 5G communication base station wind and solar complementary construction project



Overview

How will a 5G base station affect energy costs?

According to the mobile telephone network (MTN), which is a multinational mobile telecommunications company, report (Walker, 2020), the dense layer of small cell and more antennas requirements will cause energy costs to grow because of up to twice or more power consumption of a 5G base station than the power of a 4G base station.

Can renewable-dominated hybrid standalone systems be implemented in BTS encapsulation telecom sector?

This study presents a thorough techno-economic optimization framework for implementing renewable-dominated hybrid standalone systems for the base transceiver station (BTS) encapsulation telecom sector in Pakistan.

What is the current energy mix in Pakistan?

The current energy mix in Pakistan is 5.4% from renewables (solar and wind), as depicted in Figure 1 a . In a similar vein, Pakistan's NEPRA proposed the IGCEP 2022–31, which aims to raise the on-grid capacity of renewable energy generation by 22% by 2030 and is presented in Figure 1 b .

Which energy source is used in Pakistan?

5.1.6. Wind and Hydro with Battery Storage System (W-HYD-B) Due to its low operating costs, hydel electricity is a commonly used energy source and the primary energy source in most nations, including Pakistan. Only one BTS site named BTS-11 Swat has an optimal configuration of W-HYD-B, which can be seen in Table 10.

Is 5G the future of mobile communication?

Currently, mobile communication is now entering into the era of fifth-generation (5G) mobile networks (Alsharif et al., 2019). It is expected that 5G networks are capable of providing 1000 fold network capacity and connecting

trillions of devices.

Which fuel is used in BTS locations in Pakistan?

Over 80% of the expenses for off-grid and BTS locations are attributed to diesel fuel used in generators. In Pakistan, BTS locations are expanding across the north, south, and central regions. This study focused on 42 selected BTS sites to create HRESs, depicted in Figure 2.

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