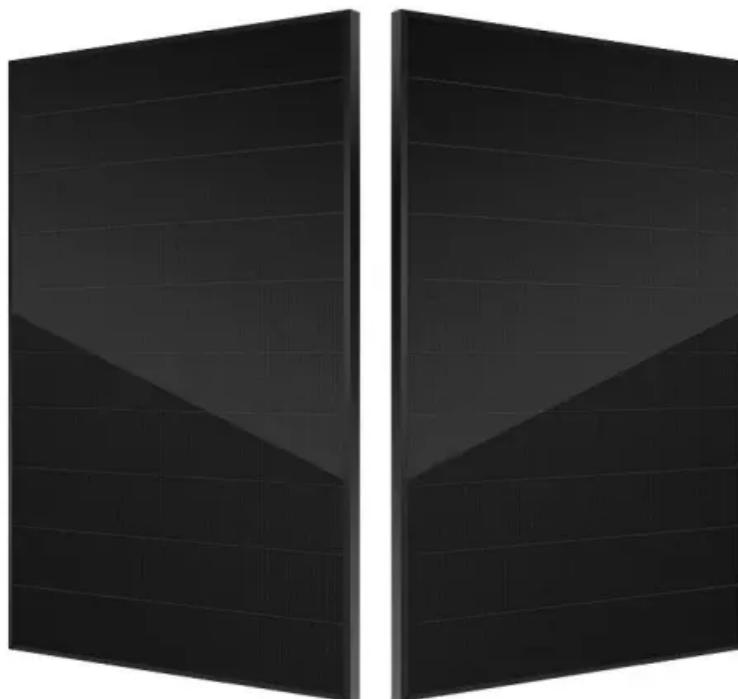


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Ranking of annual solar power generation of communication base stations



Overview

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 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.

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).

Why are China's leading communications companies incorporating energy storage batteries and photovoltaic power?

In addition, China's leading communications companies are progressively incorporating energy storage batteries and photovoltaic power generation to offset the mounting cost pressures stemming from the continued expansion of energy usage. The relative importance attached to this issue depends on the

sense of urgency.

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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