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# China Communications 5G base station network construction process



## Overview

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How many 5G base stations will China build in 2025?

China plans to construct over 4.5 million 5G base stations in 2025 while introducing additional policy and financial incentives to support industries expected to shape the next decade, the country's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) announced during its annual work conference.

What is the system boundary of 5G base station?

The system boundary of the CO<sub>2</sub> of 5G base station The civil construction of 5G base stations is typically carried out using the existing infrastructure of 4G base stations, resulting in less material input during the construction phase. The primary focus on carbon emission generation is during the use phase due to power consumption.

What is 5G base station equipment architecture?

The 5G base station equipment architecture mainly adopts the BBU + AAU method. The BBU is the baseband part and can be further divided into two logical network elements, CU and DU. The CU handles the protocol stack functions above the PDCP layer of the wireless network, while the DU handles radio protocol functions below the PDCP layer.

How will China achieve 5G-A level?

China will continue to accelerate the research and development (R&D) and innovation of 6G cellular technology and upgrade its 5G mobile network to reach the 5G-A level under its new data infrastructure construction plan, which was released on Monday.

How much carbon does a 5G base station produce?

Previous research has estimated that a single 5G base station will produce approximately 30.2 ~ 33.5 tCO<sub>2</sub> eq throughout its life cycle (Ding et al., 2022; Guo et al., 2022a). Consequently, the carbon emissions from 5G base

stations in China in 2021 amounted to approximately 49.2 MtCO<sub>2</sub> eq.

How does a 5G base station consume energy?

In terms of energy consumption, 5G base stations require continuous operation and stability, which leads to significant electricity consumption (Guo et al., 2022a). This power is mainly supplied by transmission equipment and auxiliary equipment, such as transformers, UPS power supplies, and cooling equipment.

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