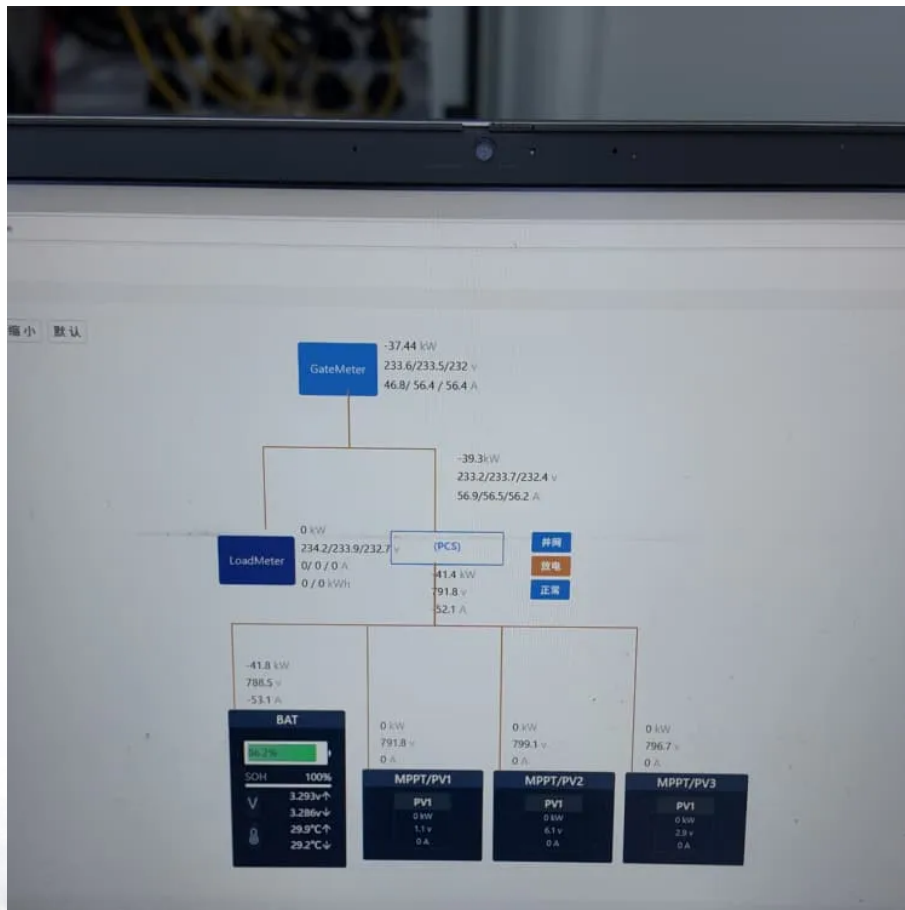


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Overview

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How much energy does a 5G base station use?

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How much carbon does 5G emit in China in 2021?

The results indicate that, due to the high carbon emissions resulting from the new infrastructure, the carbon emissions of 5G base stations in China in 2021 amounted to 49.2 MtCO₂ eq.

How much electricity will China's 5G network consume in 2030?

Under the scenario of business-estimated six million base stations in 2030, the share of electricity consumed by China's 5G networks in 2030 could reach 8.4 % of the national total power generation, causing 0.44 GtCO₂ /yr CO₂ emissions.

Will China's 5G base stations increase electricity consumption?

New research from Greenpeace East Asia finds that electricity consumption from digital infrastructure in China is on track to increase an estimated 289% by 2035.4 Electricity use at 5G base stations in China is rising at an even more dramatic rate and is projected to increase nearly 500% over the same period.

Does China have a 5G network?

Given that China currently has the largest 5G network in the world (~1.53 million base stations by the end of 2021, Table S1) and that base station number was projected by up to 6–8 million by 2030 (CCID Consulting, 2020), concerns are being expressed regarding 5G mobile networks' environmental



effects and sustainability.

How much CO₂ will China's 5G network produce?

Under the model predicted 5G base stations, China's 5G network could yield 0.15–0.29 GtCO₂ /yr emissions subject to the nation's BDDL from 40 to 80 % by 2030. Both 5G base stations and CO₂ emissions are significantly lower than the previous estimates.



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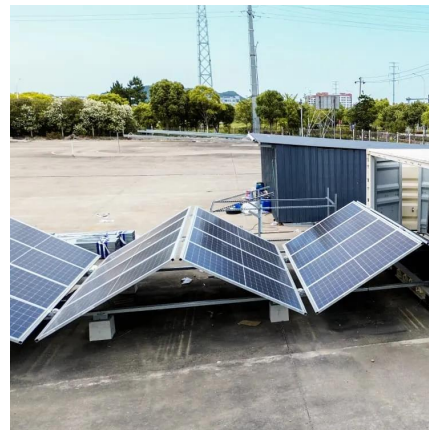
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