

Why do we need energy storage systems in Spain?

Energy storage systems in Spain are a key element in the fight against climate change, as they help us to address the challenge of the energy transition. These systems make renewable energy production more flexible; and therefore help us to guarantee its integration into the Spanish electricity system.

How will Spain increase its energy storage capacity?

Spain has launched an ambitious EUR700 million (around \$796 million) program to increase its energy storage capacity. This plan will add 2.5 to 3.5 gigawatts (GW) of storage. It includes pumped hydro, thermal energy storage, and battery systems.

How do supercapacitors store energy?

Like hydroelectric pumping and compressed air systems, this system is designed to store energy on a large scale. Supercapacitors are an alternative energy storage device to batteries. They are capable of storing large amounts of electrical energy in the form of electrostatic charges.

Are supercapacitors a good choice for energy storage?

In terms of energy storage capability, the commercially accessible supercapacitors can offer higher energy density (e.g.,  $5 \text{ Wh kg}^{-1}$ ) than conventional electrolytic capacitors, though still lower than the batteries (up to  $1000 \text{ Wh kg}^{-1}$ ).

What is a supercapacitor used for?

For instance, supercapacitors are currently employed in hybrid systems for buses and trucks, storing regenerative braking energy of light rails and automobiles, heavy-duty vehicles, industrial power, consumer electronics, and load-balancing systems for fluctuating energy sources. [16, 36, 38]

Which country has the most energy storage systems in Europe?

With more than 20,000 megawatts, Spain is the country with the largest number of energy storage systems in Europe measured by power, and has the second largest number of projects: 128 in total; second only to Germany's 169.



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