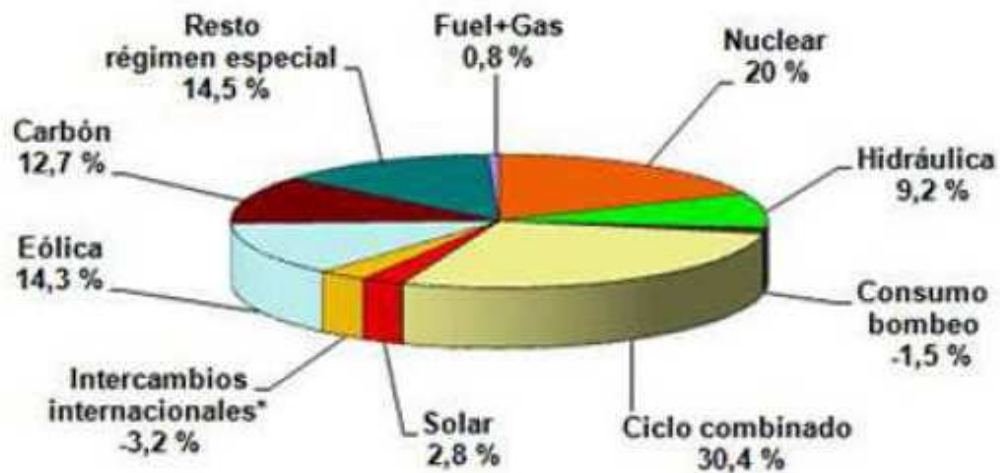


Wind Energy has consolidated as the third technology of the power system

Wind energy has consolidated as the third technology of the Spanish power system in 2009 having reached an output of **36,188 GWh**, only overtaken by thermal gas combined cycle, **78,364GWh**, and nuclear that reached **52,741 GWh**, according to the daily balance data **Red Electrica of Spain** published on its website. Wind Energy has increased its production by **15.57%** over 2008, and for the first time in the annual calculation has overtaken coal that produced **33,844 GWh** (representing a 26.86% less than last year) while the Hydraulic generated **23,887 GWh**. In the entire year, wind energy has covered 14.3% of the demand compared to 11.5% in 2008.

Demand coverage for 2009

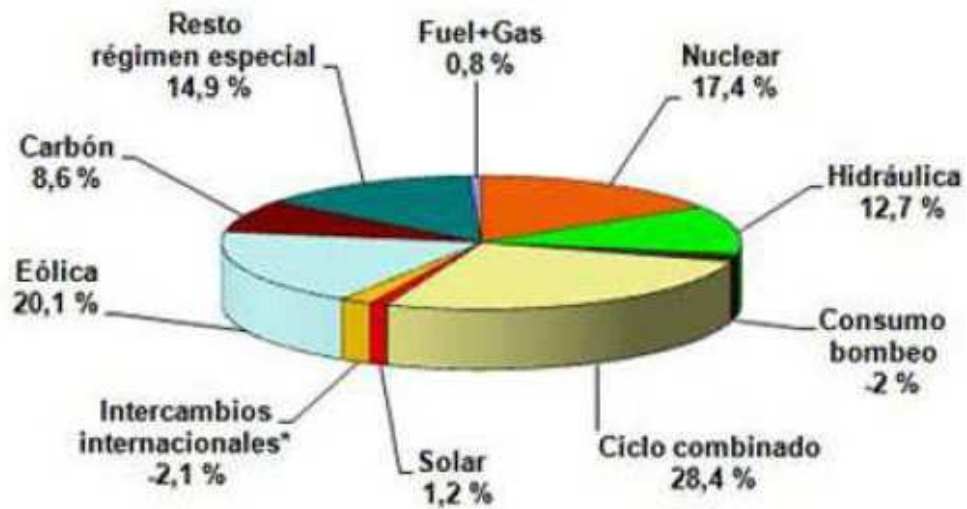


The entire Special Scheme (including wind energy) exceeded **79,534 GWh** over a net generation of **263,398 GWh** and a demand in distribution of **248,440 GWh**.

In December just like in November, wind energy was again the second technology of the system with **4,663 GWh** (23.6% more than in 2008) and 20.1% of production ahead of the **4,138 GWh** produced by nuclear which accounted for 17.4% of the total.

Coverage record of 54.1%

Cobertura de la demanda del mes de diciembre



On the other hand, on the morning of Wednesday December 30, there was a new wind energy record reaching **demand coverage of 54.1%** at 3h50. The high wind production that morning, together with the high hydropower generation as a result of the reservoirs from recent rains, forced the REE Control Centre to technically minimize heat production. These *wind records* must be added up to the wind energy production highs reached last November 8: **11,620 MW** of simultaneous power in operation, **11,429 MW/h** of hourly wind production and **251,543 MW/h** of daily wind production, and **44.9 %** of electricity demand that day. That same day, wind energy production covered from 03h00 till 08h30 **53 per cent** of demand in those hours that ranged between 21,700 and 19,700 MW.