

Does Curaçao have a potential for wind energy storage?

In this study, Curaçao is selected as the prototypical location for tropical SIDS. This island has significant potential for wind energy, and already has 30 MW of installed capacity [5]. In this analysis, the storage capacity for short-term and seasonal energy storage was estimated (Section 1 of the Supporting Information - SI).

Is green ammonia energy storage feasible in Curaçao (Caribbean SIDS)?

Green ammonia seasonal energy storage is feasible in Curaçao (Caribbean SIDS). Absorption Enhanced Haber-Bosch using Ru-catalysts results in a LCOE of 0.13 USD/kWh. Wind energy combined with ammonia energy storage leads to a carbon footprint of just 0.03 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh.

How much energy does Curaçao need?

Peak demand for Curaçao is estimated to be 164 MW, based upon consumption [50], corrected for energy consumption increases in recent years [62]. Synergy between N<sub>2</sub> production, NH<sub>3</sub> production, and NH<sub>3</sub> power generation has been assessed by Aziz et al. [63], resulting in a reduced energy consumption of N<sub>2</sub> production.

What is the peak energy demand for Curaçao?

Sufficient SOFC-H capacity was considered in the design to handle the peak demand. That is when no direct wind energy or battery energy storage is available. Peak demand for Curaçao is estimated to be 164 MW, based upon consumption [50], corrected for energy consumption increases in recent years [62].

How much does coal cost in Curaçao?

The coal price was estimated in the range of 42.7-96.5 USD/ton, based on shipping tariffs from Puerto Bolívar to Curaçao [68] and current spot prices [69]. For the natural gas power plant, LNG (liquefied natural gas) spot prices are taken at 8-13 USD/MMBtu (8.44-13.72 USD/GJ) based upon current trends [70].

The Battery Energy Storage System will contribute to a reduction of power outages on the island and optimizes the use of renewable energy and thereby lowers greenhouse gas emissions. This system also brings us a myriad of economic benefits, such as a cutback in peak demand charges and low electricity bills for consumers and businesses in Curaçao.

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Fig. 2. Operation modes of islanded green ammonia powered system. From "Green ammonia enables sustainable energy production in small island developing states: A case study on the island of Cura&#231;ao", Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, June 2022.

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