

Power returns but mystery remains

Spain and Portugal are returning to normality after one of Europe's biggest ever power outages crippled the countries for hours, leaving engineers baffled as to what had caused it

ELECTRICITY DEMAND IN SPAIN – Megawatts (MW)

35,000

red eléctrica

Takes 20 hours to fully restore

30,000

Forecast demand

25,000

1:45pm:
24,821 MW

20,000

Actual usage

15,000

10,000

12:35pm: About 15 gigawatts of power vanishes from power grid in few seconds

1:45pm:
10,624 MW

0

10pm

4am

10am

4pm

10pm

4am

10am

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Tue, Apr 29