

# **Main fuel for solar glass production**





## Overview

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Will natural gas be the main fuel for glass production in 2050?

Natural gas will continue to be the main fuel for glass production until 2050 (Griffin et al. 2021). But in the future, countries are planning to use renewable energy sources such as hydrogen, nitrogen, biomass, solar energy and wind energy instead of carbon-based fossil fuels.

What energy sources are used in glass production?

Historically, wood, coal, natural gas, and electricity have been used as energy sources in glass production (Griffin et al. 2021). Since the outbreak of the oil crisis in the last century, the need to reduce energy consumption per unit product has become one of the key factors in industrial furnace designs (Weber et al. 2020).

How does the glass industry meet its energy needs?

The Chinese glass industry meets its energy needs with fuel oil (13.1%), natural gas (15.5%), coal (44.3%), electricity, and other sources (27.1%). On the other hand, the USA and Europe use natural gas as an energy source in the glass industries with a share of 80% and 90%, respectively (Zier et al. 2021).

Could solar glass be the future of energy storage?

Solar Glass with Integrated Energy Storage: Imagine a future where the glass itself not only generates solar energy but also stores it. Researchers are developing solar glass that integrates energy storage capabilities, enabling buildings and structures to store solar energy during the day for use at night.



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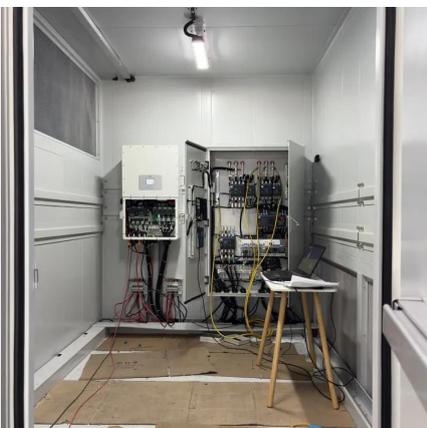
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## Decarbonisation

First Glass Melting Furnace Invented in 1872  
Natural Gas Was Cheaper, But Also Less Efficient  
As Early as 1905: The First Electric Furnace  
New Interest in Electric Melting  
Uniform and Stable Batch Layer  
Potentially Lower Investment Costs  
Other Advantages of Electric Furnaces  
250 Tonnes of Solar Glass Per Day  
Solar Power from The Factory's Surfaces  
First Pilot Line in Planning  
Achieving a uniform and particularly stable batch layer plays a central role for solar glass. On the other hand, the batch layer should allow the passage of bubbles rising from the melt (for example carbon dioxide or sulphur dioxide). The problem is that to achieve a stable batch layer, the drawing speed can only be varied within a very small range See more on [gw-news energybandgdansk.pl](#)[PDF]



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