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## Overview

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Why is glass important for solar energy?

Despite the abundance of solar radiation, significant energy losses occur due to scattering, reflection, and thermal dissipation. Glass mitigates these losses by functioning as a protective layer, optical enhancer, and spectral converter within PV cells.

How does glass improve photon absorption & conversion?

Advances in glass compositions, including rare-earth doping and low-melting-point oxides, further optimize photon absorption and conversion processes. In addition, luminescent solar concentrators, down-shifting, downconversion, and upconversion mechanisms tailor the solar spectrum for improved compatibility with silicon-based solar cells.

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).

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.



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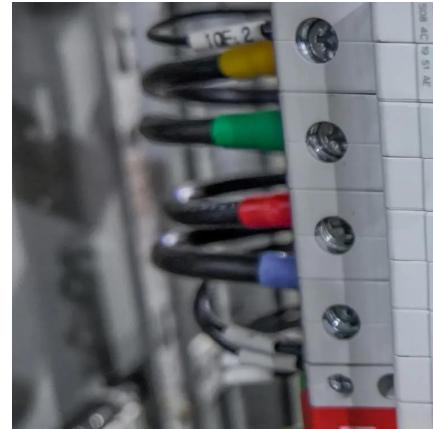
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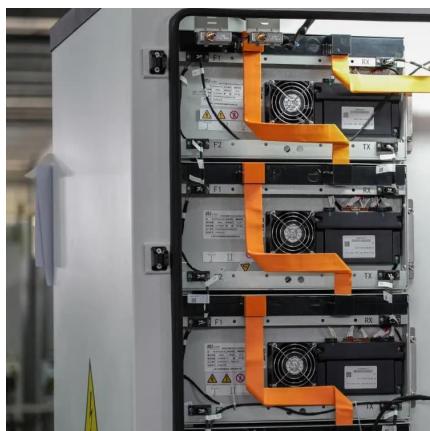
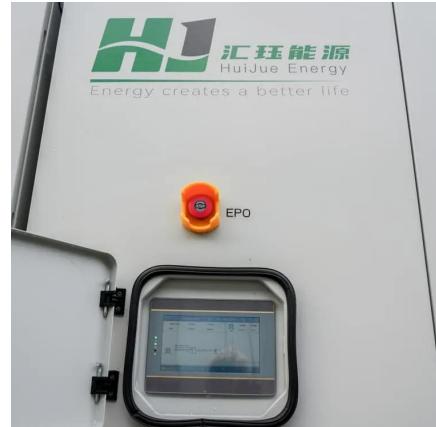
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