
Transition to CO₂ neutral glass furnaces: technological options and challenges

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Abstract

The worldwide transition to durable energy resources will have major consequences for the glass manufacturing industry. The objective of this paper is to highlight the technological opportunities for CO₂ neutral melting of glass, including: flexible hybrid (green gas-electric) melters, full electric melters and application of low carbon combustion processes by power-to-gas conversion. The current status, advantages and challenges of these various technological solutions will be discussed. Moreover, the required knowledge development in view of designing new CO₂ neutral glass melter concepts will be outlined.

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