# HYBRID FURNACE FOR FLAT GLASS: VOLTA MID-SIZED PILOT

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### **HYBRID ELECTRIC-GAS FURNACE**

#### **MAIN PAIN POINTS**



Glass quality is the main pain point of high level of electrification





#### **STRATEGY TO DELIVER**



Joint development with AGC on a 90t/day pattern glass production line to validate concept & glass quality





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- Novel furnace design 50% electricity / 50% oxy-combustion
- Circularity via a high cullet recycling rate of 80% on average
- Scope 1 & 3 emissions avoidance of ~75% while achieving float glass quality

Today, with the Volta project, we are investing in cleaner glass production. We are supporting the electrification of existing flat-glass furnaces so that they can cut 66



#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Novel design is being tested in **Barevka** ٠ (patterned glass, CZ)
- During 36 months we will test float • glass quality and assess scalability



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### **VOLTA PROJECT TIMELINE**

#### **5 YEARS PROJECT TO DELIVER DISRUPTING TECHNOLOGY**

VOLTA pilot line: production started Feb. 2025

### End of trials by the end of 2027



#### Next steps:

- Trials to reach float-glass quality
- When successful, extrapolation toward float furnaces (>500T/d)



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