



# As solar energy overtakes natural gas

**Natural Gas Generators:** These generators use natural gas as fuel. They're a cleaner alternative to diesel and are commonly used for residential purposes. **Solar Generators:** These are the environment-friendly kids on the block. Solar generators use sunlight to produce electricity, meaning they're renewable and don't contribute to pollution.

For the first time ever, Britain has more wind capacity than natural gas hooked up to the power grid, a new study shows. The UK's installed wind capacity reached 27.9 gigawatts in June, compared to 27.7 gigawatts of gas generation, according to an analysis from Imperial College London for Drax Electric Insights. "This makes Britain only the fifth country in the world ...

Aerial view of solar panels in a solar farm in Thailand. Credit: Elizaveta Galitckaia / Alamy Stock Photo. Wind and solar capacity will double over the next five years globally and exceed that of both gas and coal, according to a new International Energy Agency (IEA) report.

Wind and solar power will replace consistently dispatchable electricity from fossil fuels with variable and more unpredictable clean energy. Seasonal shifts and annual variations cannot be handled with batteries or other proposed storage solutions like hydrogen. Natural gas will have to bridge the gap for many decades.

Driven by technological advances in solar energy and EVs, clean energy investments have seen a substantial rise, gradually replacing the demand for oil, coal, and natural gas. It is projected that in 2023, over \$1 billion will be spent on the solar energy sector every day, totaling \$380 billion for the entire year, surpassing upstream oil ...

Over the past 10 years, Britain's wind capacity has tripled and is currently nearly equally split between 14.1 GW of onshore wind capacity and 13.8 GW of offshore wind farms.

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In 2022, hard coal for the first time was overtaken by solar energy in electricity generation in the EU, according to Eurostat data. The proportion of solar energy in the EU's total electricity production was 210,249 gigawatt-hours (GWh) ...

Still, the percentage of energy coming from coal has steadily declined over the last decade, and in 2015 it was exceeded by energy produced from natural gas for the first time. Since then, natural ...

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Resource assessment and elementary modelling: solar energy. As compared to wind, solar energy modelling is much more involved. ... Note that if transport, production, and processing of materials are all taken into account brown coal, hard coal and natural gas respectively emit 1.183-, 1.142- and 0.572 kgCO<sub>2</sub> /kWh of electricity.

Zooming out to see more energy sources tells a different story, about the rise of natural gas-fired energy. US Energy Information Administration. 5 / 6. ... wind and solar as "clean energy ...

The best renewable energy for your home is either solar energy or heat pumps. Heat pumps can generate heat from either the air or the ground. Ground source heat pumps, in particular, can harness the Earth's warmth into hot water, making it a ...

Installed utility-scale solar has now climbed into fourth place - behind natural gas (43.79%), coal (15.87%), and wind - for its share of generating capacity after having recently ...

Here are some obvious benefits of solar energy compared to natural gas. Every day, the sun provides abundant energy that we can convert into solar power. Unlike other energy sources, including natural gas, solar energy will not run out. The efficiency of solar energy depends on technologies to turn it into electricity in a cost-effective way.

This upper hand of natural gas over coal made it the energy source for the future. First, natural gas started replacing coal and nuclear plants, and then, it started providing flexibility, filling in the energy gaps where variable renewables (solar and wind) fall short.

Last year, the Chinese government drive to switch millions of residents from coal to natural gas resulted in China surpassing South Korea to become the world's second-largest LNG importer behind ...

New natural gas power plants come in two types -- combined-cycle gas turbines (CCGT) and open-cycle gas turbines (OCGT). Solar energy is beating both these types of natural gases in terms of efficiency and cost. On top of it, solar is fast, flexible, and can be stored for future use. All of these factors have taken a toll on gas. Related articles:

Pros and Cons of Natural Gas. Natural gas is a high-capacity energy source that has become a popular power source for places with rising electricity demand. It is often found in the form of liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas, which can be extracted and easily supplied all over the



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About 31 percent of electric power generation in April came from natural gas, and 30 percent from coal, according to a recently released report from the research company SNL Energy, which used ...

Still, if just a fraction of those facilities were turned on last month, solar will outpace natural gas, which ranked second in terms of new capacity additions, with 8.7 GW brought online...

Wind and Solar Outstrip Fossil Fuels. In the first quarter of 2023, wind and solar energy production combined has outstripped energy production from fossil fuels, with shares of 43% and 40% respectively in the nation's electricity production [1,2]. Wind has been the primary mode of electricity generation in the UK over a period of three months.

The state is the US' largest consumer of coal, says the body, but cheap natural gas, and renewable energy pricing are helping drive the transition to clean energy in the oil-rich state. Weather is another reason for wind's success in the state - most of the state's coal plants are used for peak demand only, and a milder spring and ...

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