

# Four major materials account for the cost of lithium batteries

What materials are used in lithium ion batteries?

Lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite are integral materials in the composition of lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) for electric vehicles. This paper is one of a five-part series of working papers that maps out the global value chains for these four key materials.

How much does a lithium ion battery cost?

One source estimates that LIB prices have dropped from \$1,160 to \$176 per kilowatt-hour, an 85 percent drop, in the last two decades, making EVs more affordable (Figure 2). Source: Goldie-Scot 2019, "A Behind the Scenes Take on Lithium-Ion Battery Prices." a The basic LIB unit is the "cell" that contains the electrodes, separator, and electrolyte.

Why are lithium-ion batteries so expensive?

Depending on the chemistry, lithium-ion battery costs are sensitive to lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite prices; the availability of these key materials could put upward pressure on LIB prices (Hertzke et al. 2019).

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What materials are needed for battery synthesis?

The starting materials necessary for the production of battery materials must have a high purity (battery grade), which requires various refinement steps after raw material mining, and be in the right chemical form. In battery material synthesis, the use of carbonates, hydroxides and sulphates has become established.

What factors influence the price of battery materials?

The materials under investigation are predominantly used in the battery value chain, so that the dynamics are essentially shaped by battery demand and the expansion of production capacities for materials. Their price therefore particularly reflects market factors such as supply and demand fluctuations.

In 1959, global CO<sub>2</sub> levels were at 313 parts per million (ppm). Now, just six decades later, they are 100 ppm higher, recently surpassing 412 ppm in September of 2019 [1]. This is an unprecedented change in atmospheric conditions, which effect is already having, and will increasingly have a major impact on the Earth in the decades to come [2].

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non-binding targets for the EU to build sufficient mining capacity so that mines within the bloc can meet 10% of its critical mineral demand.

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Lithium-ion batteries (LiBs) are pivotal in the shift towards electric mobility, having seen an 85 % reduction in production costs over the past decade. However, achieving even more significant cost reductions is vital to making battery electric vehicles (BEVs) widespread and competitive with internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs).

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Battery lithium demand is projected to increase tenfold over 2020-2030, in line with battery demand growth. This is driven by the growing demand for electric vehicles. Electric vehicle batteries accounted for 34% of lithium demand in 2020 but is set to rise to account for 75% of demand in 2030.

Here, we review advances and challenges in LIB materials for automotive applications, in particular with respect to cost and performance parameters. The production processes of anode and...

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Part 1. The basic components of lithium batteries. Anode Material. The anode, a fundamental element within lithium batteries, plays a pivotal role in the cyclic storage and release of lithium ions, a process vital during the charge and discharge phases. Often constructed from graphite or other carbon-based materials, the anode's selection is ...

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China also leads in demand of cobalt and lithium for LDV Li-ion battery (LIB) materials. Its estimated use

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from 2014 through 2016 was between 15,000 metric tons (mt) and 24,000 mt of ...

As previously mentioned, Li-ion batteries contain four major components: an anode, a cathode, an electrolyte, and a separator. The selection of appropriate materials for each of these components is critical for producing ...

Battery raw materials like lithium carbonate ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ), lithium hydroxide (LiOH), nickel (Ni) and cobalt (Co) have experienced significant price fluctuations over the past five years. Figures 1 and 2 show the development of ...

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