

# The raw materials for lithium batteries are scarce

Does abundant material scenario require less material demand of battery raw materials?

From the results, it can be concluded that the abundant material scenario requires less material demand of battery raw materials. The demand for cobalt and nickel in the abundant material scenario is about half of the demand for the same raw materials in the critical material scenario.

Can a lithium battery be recycled?

It is estimated that recycling can save up to 51% of the extracted raw materials, in addition to the reduction in the use of fossil fuels and nuclear energy in both the extraction and reduction processes. One benefit of a LIB compared to a primary battery is that they can be repurposed and given a second life.

What materials are used in a lithium ion battery?

Most existing LIBs use aluminum for the mixed-metal oxide cathode and copper for the graphite anode, with the exception of lithium titanate (Li<sub>4</sub>Ti<sub>5</sub>, LTO) which uses aluminum for both. The cathode materials are typically abbreviated to three letters, which then become the descriptors of the battery itself.

Will the EU be reliant on battery raw materials?

However, it is likely that the EU will be import reliant to various degrees for primary and processed (batt-grade) materials. Australia and Canada are the two countries with the greatest potential to provide additional and low-risk supply to the EU for almost all battery raw materials.

Which raw materials are used in batteries?

A European study on Critical Raw Materials for Strategic Technologies and Sectors in the European Union (EU) evaluates several metals used in batteries and lists lithium (Li), cobalt (Co), and natural graphite as potential critical materials (Huisman et al., 2020; European Commission 2020b).

Where do lithium batteries come from?

In Europe, Serbia is a likely source of lithium minerals for conversion to chemicals, and Norway a reliable source of flake and refined graphite. Figure 3 - Projection of production capacity for battery-grade processed raw materials and cells in 2030

Volkswagen's battery unit, PowerCo, signed an agreement with Canada last August to develop suppliers of "critical raw materials" including lithium, cobalt and nickel. The German chancellor, Olaf Scholz, in a statement welcomed cooperation with "close friends" on "raw material security." Last year, Canada imposed limits on foreign involvement in production ...

Critical Materials in the Energy Transition: Several strategies can be deployed to avoid major supply challenges in the period leading up to 2050, but particularly in this decade. These strategies include increased

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mining, product design to avoid or minimise critical materials use, and reuse and recycling of products to recover scarce materials ...

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But these massive power lithium-ion battery increments will create the new challenges of scarce resources and supply chain risks ... Song et al. conducted a logistics analysis of critical raw materials for lithium-ion batteries in China, using a CRM-MFA model to evaluate the life cycle of essential materials in selected battery industries, and concluded that ...

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This paper aims to give a forecast on future raw material demand of the battery cathode materials lithium, cobalt, nickel (Ni), and manganese (Mn) for EV LIBs by considering ...

The three types of lithium-ion batteries today use cobalt oxide, iron phosphate, and manganese oxide, respectively, for their cathode materials. The anode material is carbon (graphite for each); these combinations produce an average battery voltage of 3.6 V, 3.4 V, and 4.0 V respectively. The value for cobalt oxide is 3.6

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For example, the emergence of post-LIB chemistries, such as sodium-ion batteries, lithium-sulfur batteries, or solid-state batteries, may mitigate the demand for lithium and cobalt. 118 Strategies like using smaller vehicles or extending the lifetime of batteries can further contribute to reducing demand for LIB raw materials. 119 Recycling LIBs emerges as a ...

To assist in the understanding of the supply and safety risks associated with the materials used in LIBs, this chapter explains in detail the various active cathode chemistries of the numerous ...

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