

LFP battery system procurement cost comparison

Will LFP dominate future batteries?

This 15-page report argues LFP will dominate future batteries, explores LFP battery costs, and draws implications for EVs and renewables. 2024 has offered up some exceptionally low battery prices. Most build-ups suggest lithium ion batteries should cost \$110-130/kWh. Yet the pricing on Chinese LFP batteries has been reported at \$50-80/kWh.

Are LFP batteries better than NMC batteries?

LFP batteries are fundamentally different from incumbent NMC cells: 2x more stable, 2x longer-lasting, \$15/kWh cheaper reagents, \$5/kWh cheaper manufacturing, and \$25/kWh cheaper again when made in China. This 15-page report argues LFP will dominate future batteries, explores LFP battery costs, and draws implications for EVs and renewables.

Why are LFP battery costs lower?

LFP battery costs are lower, specifically because of these chemical and performance differences. Cost savings on the materials side are quantified on page 5, while cost savings on the cathode manufacturing side are quantified on page 6. Chinese manufacturing of LFP batteries is the biggest reason for the downwards shift in the battery cost curve.

What is the market share of LFP battery technology in 2021?

Driven by this, the output of LFP battery technology outstripped the NMC output in May 2021 in China, a country with a 79% share in the global lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity in 2021. As can be seen above, the prediction for the market share of LiB technologies in the following years is challenging.

Do Chinese LFP cell manufacturers profit from NMC vs EU LFP?

As stated, Chinese LFP cell manufacturers especially profit from: Overall there is a up to 19% cost increase for NMC over LFP including the CN vs. EU localization effects on a pure reference cost comparison (excl. pricing and subsidy effects) and this ratio is maintained from materials to total cell product cost.

Can LFP reduce the cost of a cell?

This is highly unlikely, but suggests that the cost reduction could be far more substantial. Even more intriguing is the potential for weight reduction using LFP. According to the 2017 data(1), a LFP 18650 cell is roughly 12% lighter than NMC.

Lithium-ion (Li-ion) EV battery prices have decreased dramatically over the past few years, mainly due to the fall in prices of critical battery metals: Lithium, cobalt and nickel. For example, the price of cobalt has fallen from roughly \$70,000 ...



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