

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Can sodium ions be used in energy storage batteries



## Overview

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Sodium-ion batteries (SIBs) are considered one of the most promising alternatives to LIBs in the field of stationary battery storage, as sodium (Na) is the most abundant alkali metal in the Earth's crust, and the cell manufacturing process of SIBs is similar to that of LIBs. Can sodium-ion batteries be used for energy storage?

Sodium technology therefore benefits from all the economies of scale and knowledge from lithium (retrofitting an existing lithium plant to sodium-ion technology could require only 10 % additional capital expenditure). Research suggests that sodium-ion batteries will be able to meet the growing demands for energy storage in a sustainable way.

Are sodium ion batteries a viable substitute for lithium-ion battery?

Sodium is abundant and inexpensive, sodium-ion batteries (SIBs) have become a viable substitute for Lithium-ion batteries (LIBs). For applications including electric vehicles (EVs), renewable energy integration, and large-scale energy storage, SIBs provide a sustainable solution.

Why should we use sodium ion batteries?

Sodium batteries can provide power on demand to ensure a stable and secure energy supply. Reducing carbon emissions from transport is a key pillar of the energy transition. Sodium ion technology is an increasingly real alternative for electric mobility. Sodium-ion batteries can maximise asset utilisation in industry and minimise operating costs.

Are sodium ion batteries better than lithium-ion?

These advancements bring sodium-ion batteries closer to competing with lithium-ion systems in terms of energy storage capacity and operational lifespan. However, sodium-ion batteries remain particularly advantageous for stationary energy storage systems, such as solar and wind energy storage, where their lower cost and scalability excel.

Are sodium-ion batteries sustainable?

The future of sodium-ion batteries holds immense potential as a sustainable and cost-effective alternative to traditional lithium-ion batteries by addressing critical challenges in energy storage, scarcity of lithium, and sustainability.

Are sodium-ion batteries a new opportunity beyond energy storage by lithium?

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