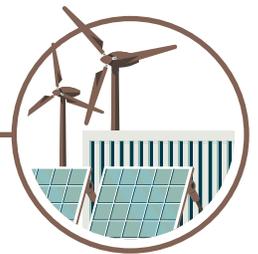
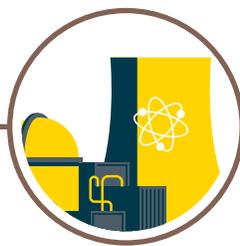


# **COPPER** and the *Clean Energy* Transition



*A new energy transition is beginning and  
copper is at the heart of it.*

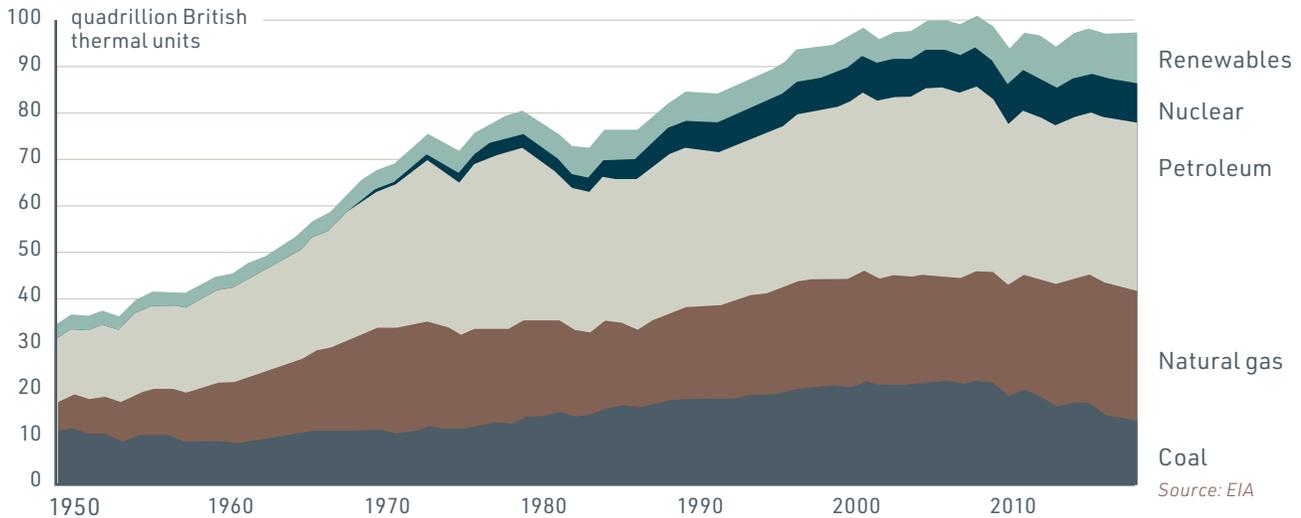


*In the past two centuries, humankind has rapidly evolved its  
sources of power with each new scientific innovation, from muscle  
power and burning wood, to coal and nuclear fuel.*

# Energy Transitions

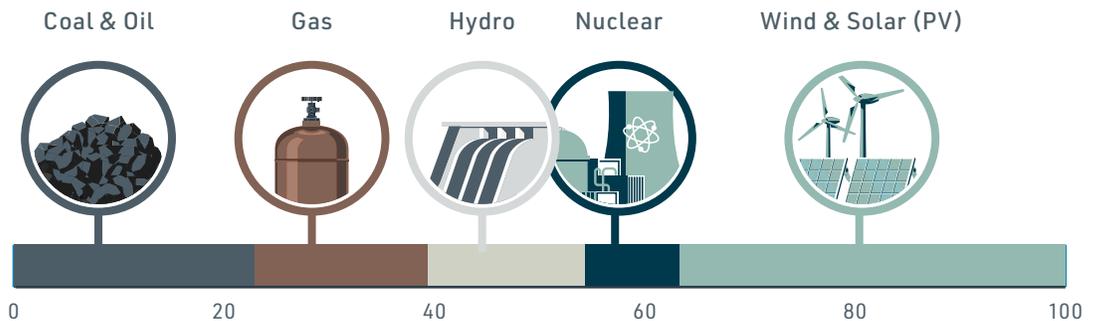
America's energy mix is rapidly diversifying.

U.S. primary energy consumption (by major sources between 1950 and 2017)



*In the future, clean energy sources are set to take a larger portion of the global energy mix.*

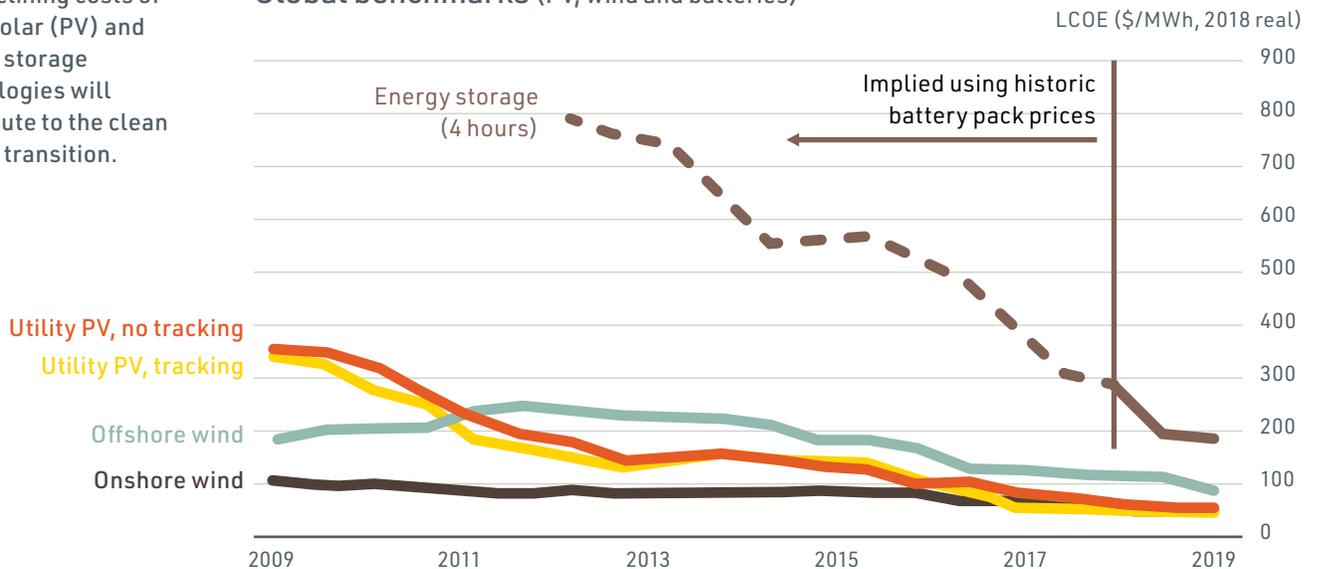
Power generation forecast Global electricity generation (% of total in 2040)



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

The declining costs of wind, solar (PV) and energy storage technologies will contribute to the clean energy transition.

Global benchmarks (PV, wind and batteries)



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

With each energy transition comes a new need for materials.



Wind, solar, and the associated battery technologies are mineral intensive, using many niche and base metals.



Nickel



Lithium



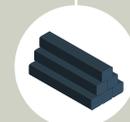
Cobalt



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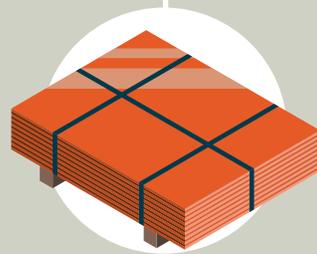


Aluminum



Vanadium

There is one metal that stands out:  
**Copper**



Copper connects and delivers clean energy to the world.

## Why Copper?

Copper has the superior properties that allow it to be used for many types of clean energy.

### CONDUCTIVITY



Electrons can move freely through copper, making it a good conductor of heat and electricity.

### DUCTILITY



Copper's ability to be bent and easily shaped into wires or sheets, make it the ideal metal for a variety of electrical uses.

### EFFICIENCY



Without copper, for the same efficiency, electrical equipment such as motors, transformers and cables would use 20% more materials.

### RECYCLABILITY



Copper is 100% recyclable and can be used over and over without losing its engineering properties.

It is these properties that make it **the critical material** for wind and solar technology, energy storage, and electric vehicles.



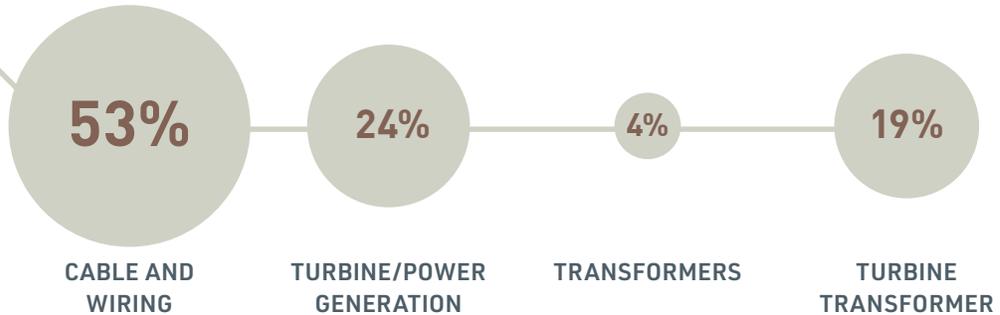
The generation of clean energy from solar and wind has a copper usage that is typically

**4-6 times**  
more than fossil fuels.

Source: ThinkCopper

# Copper in *Wind Farms*

A 3 megawatts (MW) wind turbine contains up to  
**4.7 TONS OF COPPER.**



Source: Navigant Research

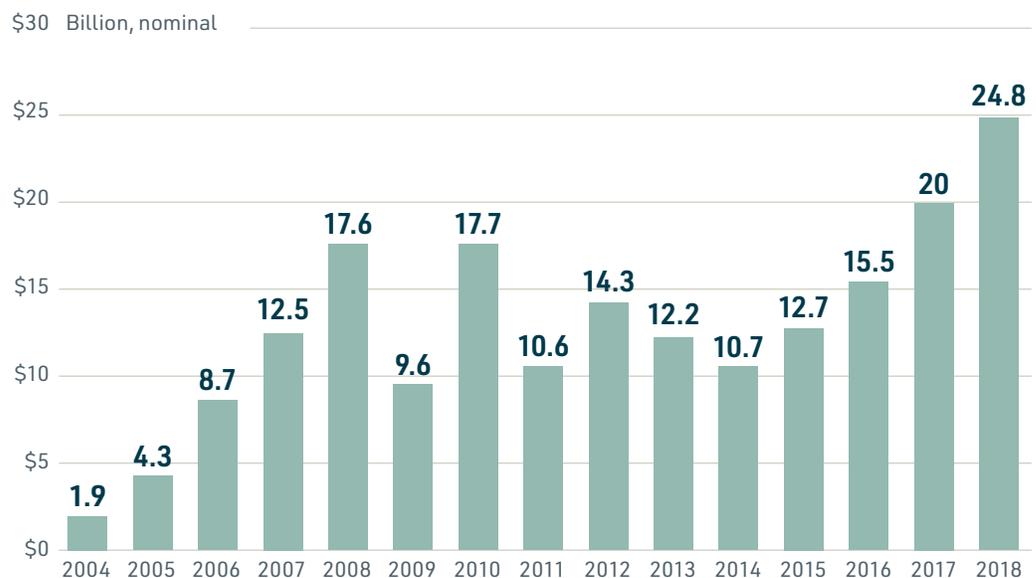
Offshore wind farms require significantly more copper per MW on average than onshore wind farms, with copper cabling accounting for up to 82% of copper usage.



Source: Navigant Research

Since 2004, **\$177 billion** has been invested in U.S. large-scale wind projects.

## U.S. LARGE-SCALE WIND PROJECTS (financing)



Source: BloombergNEF Energy in America 2018



# Copper in Solar Technology

There are approximately  
**5.5 TONS PER MW**  
of copper in solar power systems.

Source: Navigant Research

Commonly used in



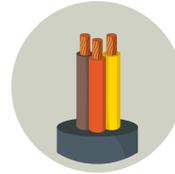
**HEAT EXCHANGERS**

Used to transfer solar energy to heat water or air in heating systems



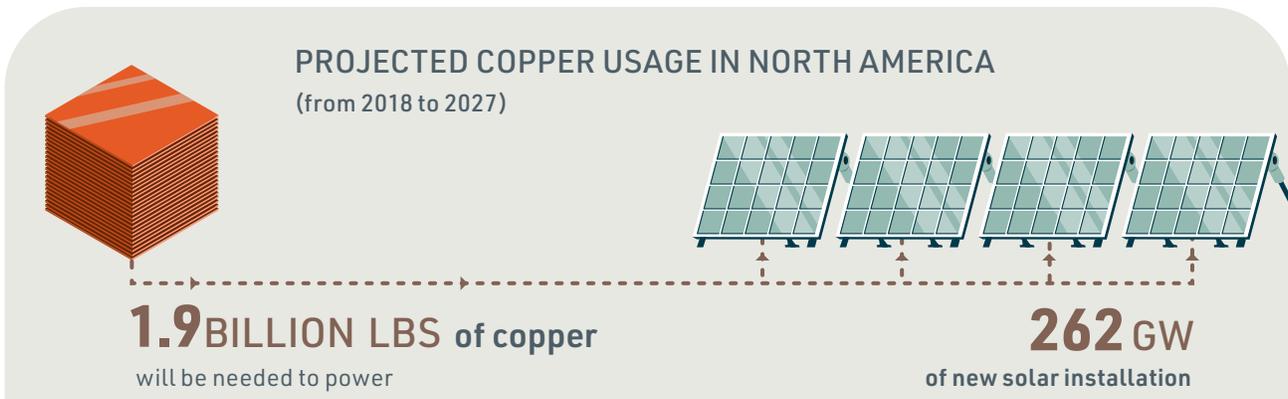
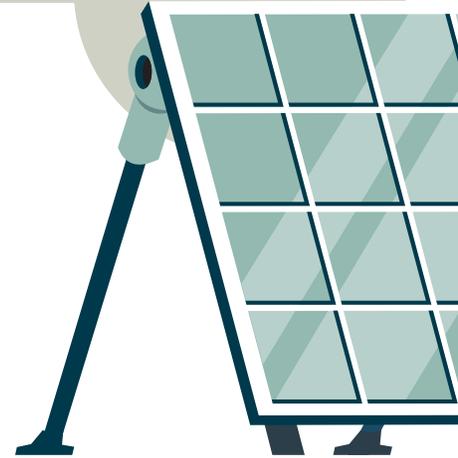
**WIRING**

Used for conducting electricity



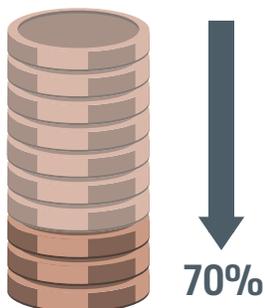
**CABLING**

A group of insulated conductors used for transmitting electrical power or signals



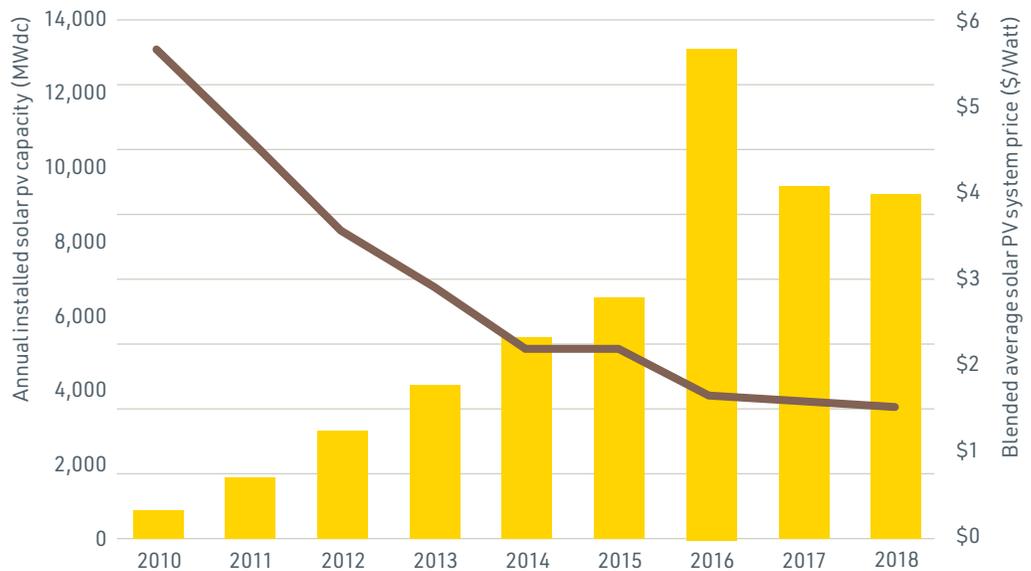
Source: Navigant Research

The cost to install solar has dropped by more than **70%** over the last decade which has **increased the annual installed capacity of solar power.**



Source: SEIA

## U.S. SOLAR PV price declines & deployment growth



Source: SEIA

# Copper in Energy Storage

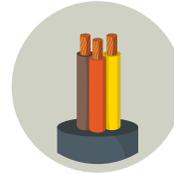
Copper wiring and cabling connect renewable power generation with energy storage devices while the copper in the switches of transformers help to deliver power at the right voltage.



CABLING

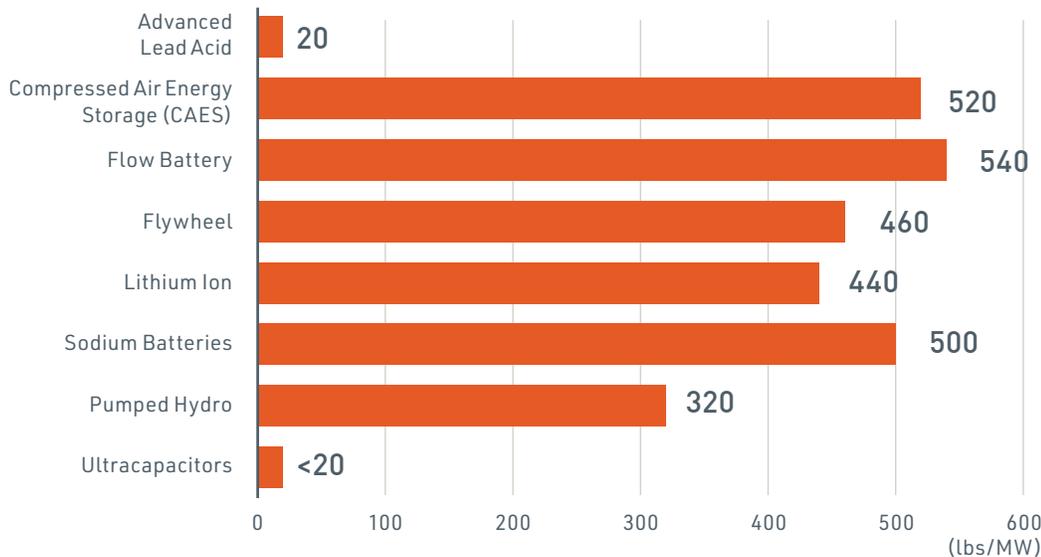


WIRING



SWITCHES

## COPPER CONTENT (by Energy Storage Technology)

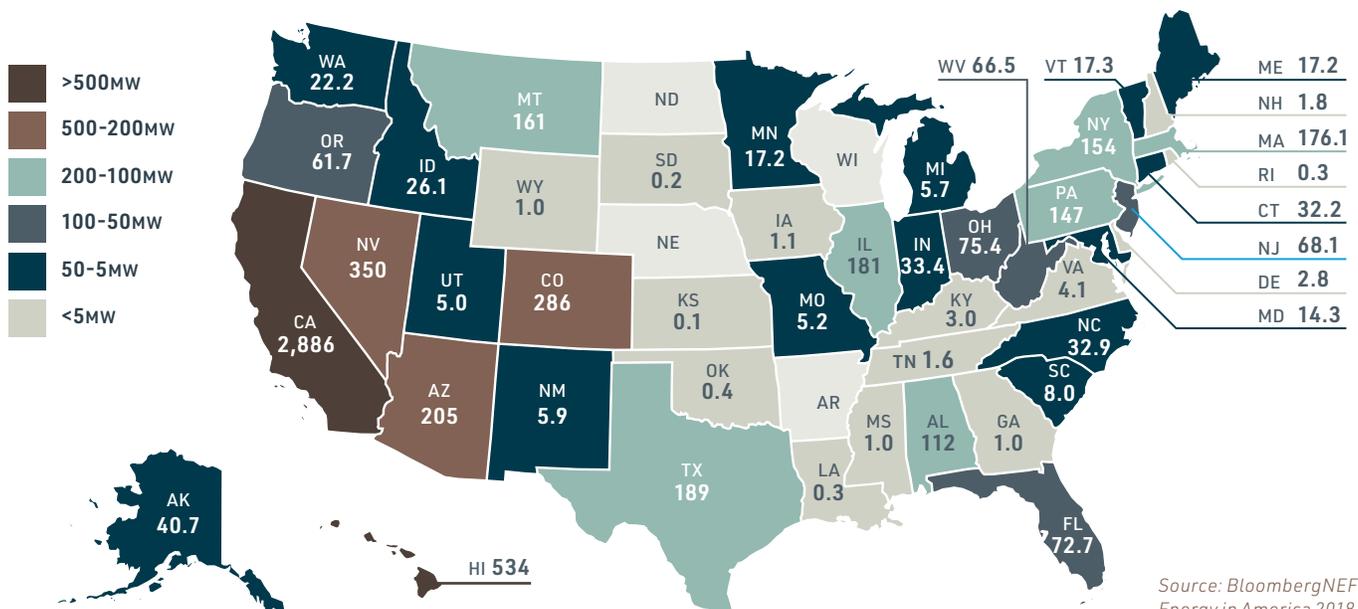


Across the United States, a total of **5,752 MW** of energy storage capacity has been announced and commissioned.

Source: Navigant Research

Source: BloombergNEF Energy in America 2018

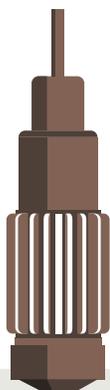
## U.S. ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS (announced and commissioned)



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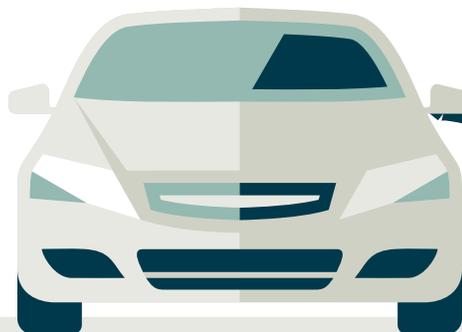
# Copper in *Electric Vehicles*

Electric vehicles rely heavily on copper for the **motor coil that drives the engine.**



Additionally, the **cabling for charging stations** of electric vehicles will be another source of copper usage.

*For example, BYD charging ports ranging from 3.3 kW to 200 kW contain between two to 17 pounds of copper. According to IDTechEx, BYD's total sale of chargers in 2016 used more than 295,000 lbs. of copper.*



Source: Copper Development Association

## COPPER CONTENT BY VEHICLE TYPE

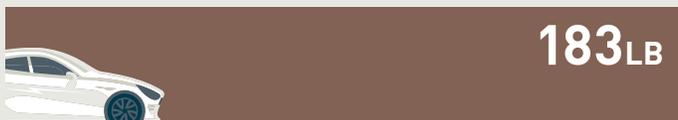
Internal Combustion Engine (ICE)



Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV)



Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)

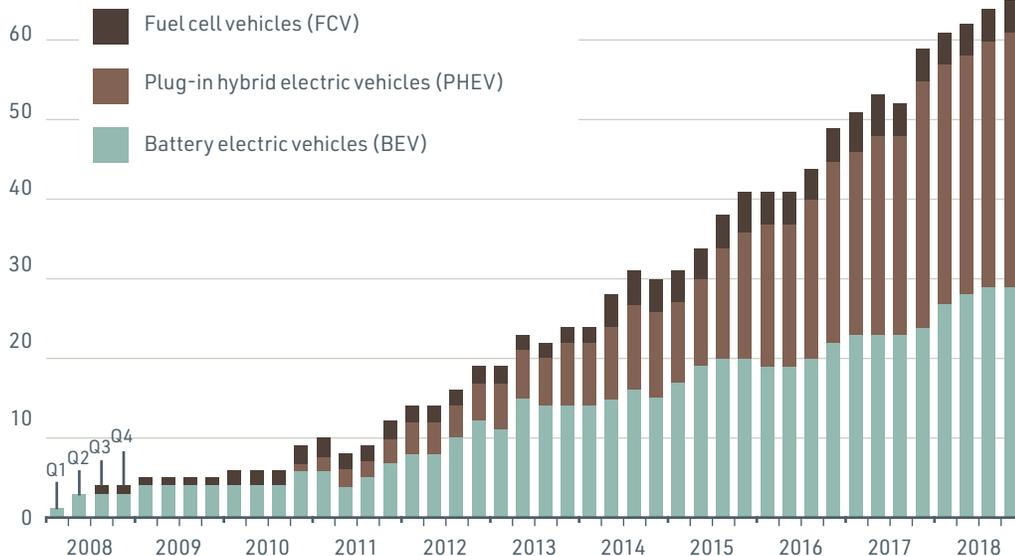


Source: Reuters

Electric vehicles are becoming more accessible as **more options enter the market.**

## EV MODEL AVAILABILITY IN NORTH AMERICA

70 available EV models



By the fourth quarter of 2018, there were

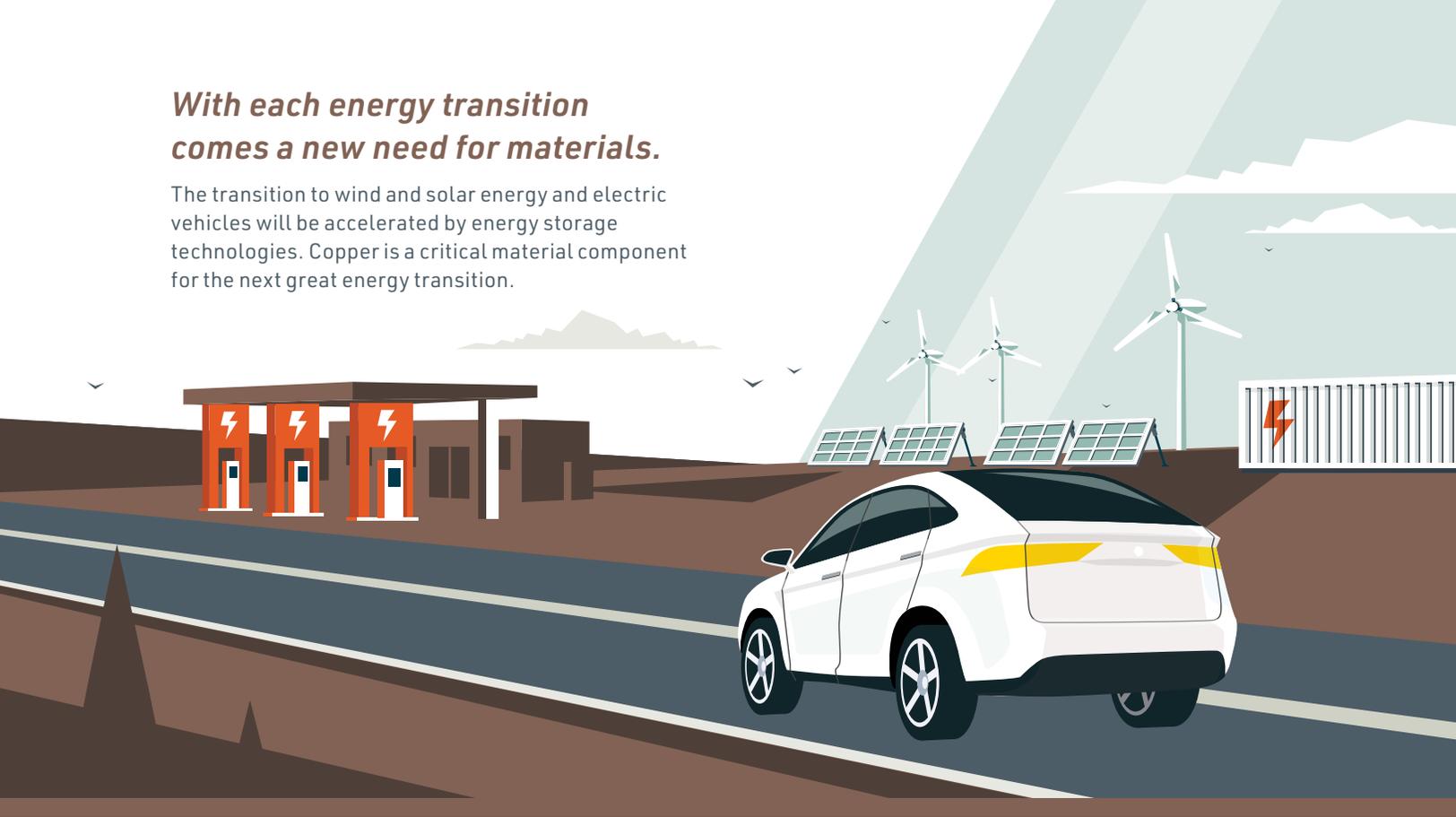


available to consumers for purchase in North America.

Source: BloombergNEF Energy in America 2018

***With each energy transition  
comes a new need for materials.***

The transition to wind and solar energy and electric vehicles will be accelerated by energy storage technologies. Copper is a critical material component for the next great energy transition.



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