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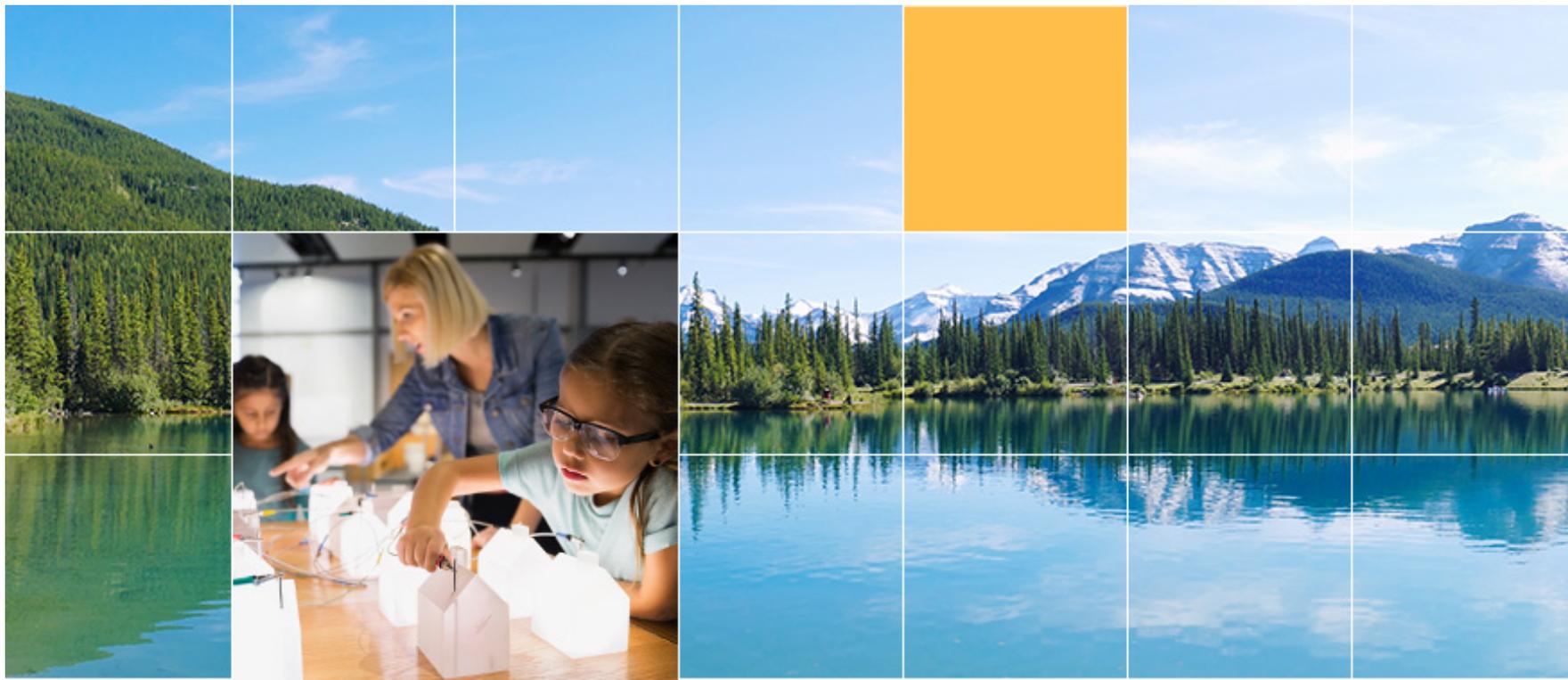
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# Hourly Projections from *Canada's Energy Future 2019*

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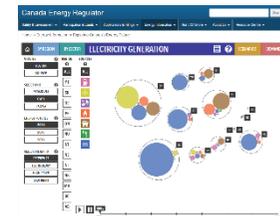




# What is *Canada's Energy Future*

Long-term outlook of Canadian energy supply and demand, produced regularly by the National Energy Board, now Canada Energy Regulator

- Covers:
  - All energy commodities
  - All provinces and territories
  - All economic sectors
- Large datasets publically available in numerous formats
- Typically includes a baseline Reference Case and relevant scenarios/sensitivities

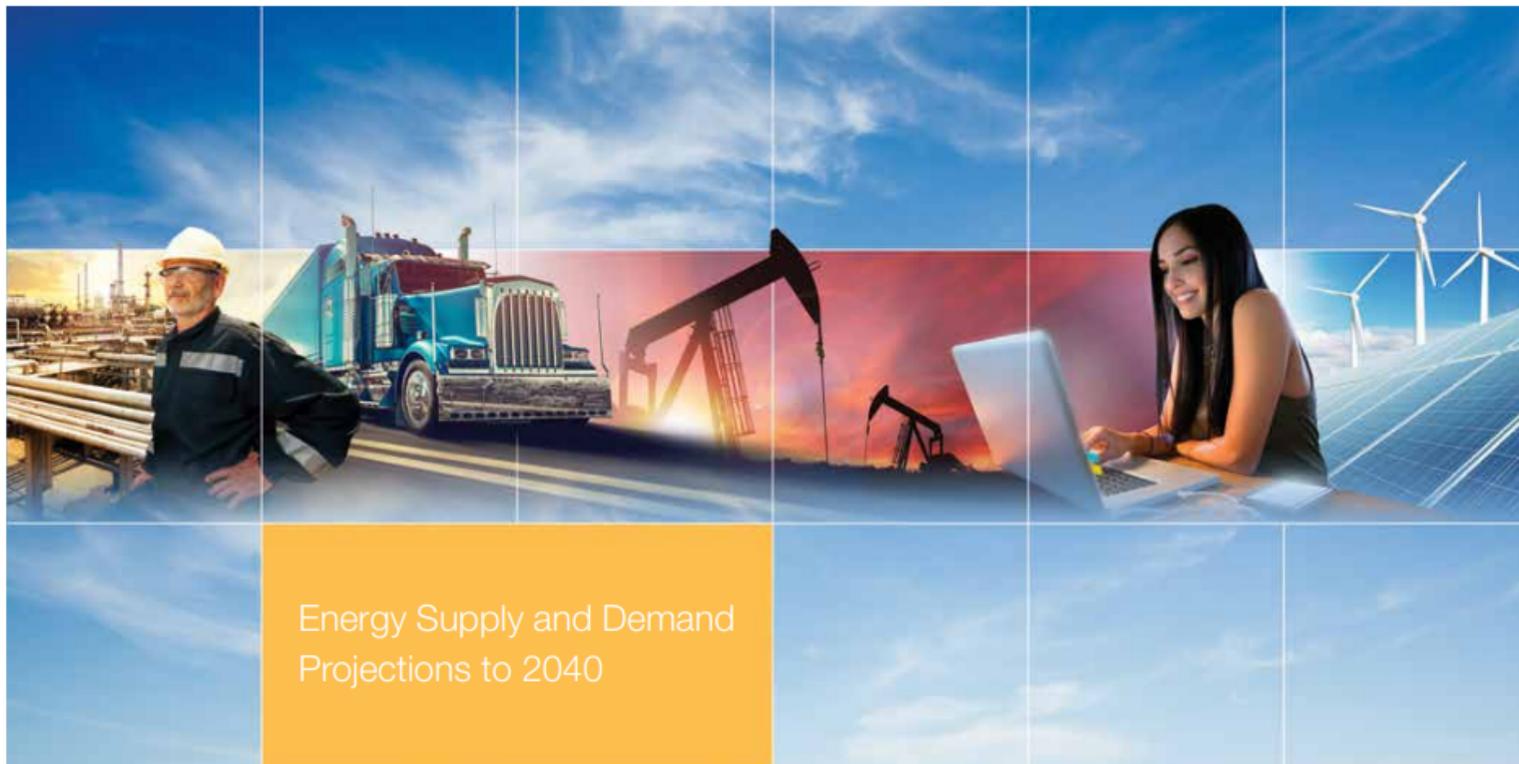




## Canada's Energy Future 2019

Our most recent release, and first Energy Futures report from the CER, is *Canada's Energy Future 2019 (EF2019)*.

Released December 3<sup>rd</sup>, it includes an update to the baseline Reference Case outlook.





# Our EMI Project: Hourly Electricity Projections from *Canada's Energy Future 2019*

**Looks at EF2019 electricity projections for 2040, but from an hourly perspective**

- EF projections typically annual, with limited time slices (peak/average/minimum load, 2 seasons)
- We know there can be substantial variation hour-to-hour, especially with increasing levels of variable renewable energy
- When accounting for this variability, are the 2040 projections still reasonable?

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# Approach and Data

## Methodology

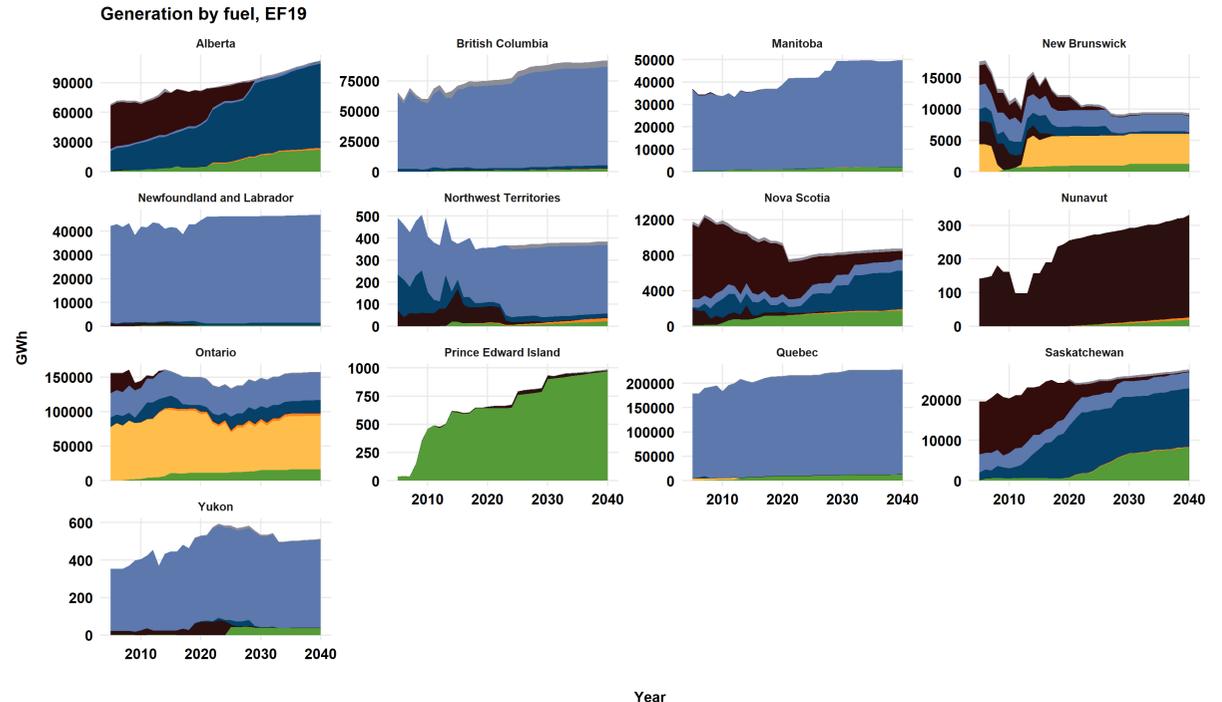
- Energy Futures Modeling System uses the energy system model *ENERGY2020* for projections of electricity demand, supply, and trade
- We compliment this with the open-source model *Python for Power Systems Analysis* (PyPSA) for hourly (8760) projections for a given year.  
(<https://github.com/PyPSA/PyPSA>)
- Specifically, we simulate 2040 generation and trade based on capacity and peak load projections from ENERGY2020, and historical load shapes

## Data

- Hourly load, trade, and generation data gathered from a variety of sources including:
  - Provinces
  - System operators
  - NERC submissions



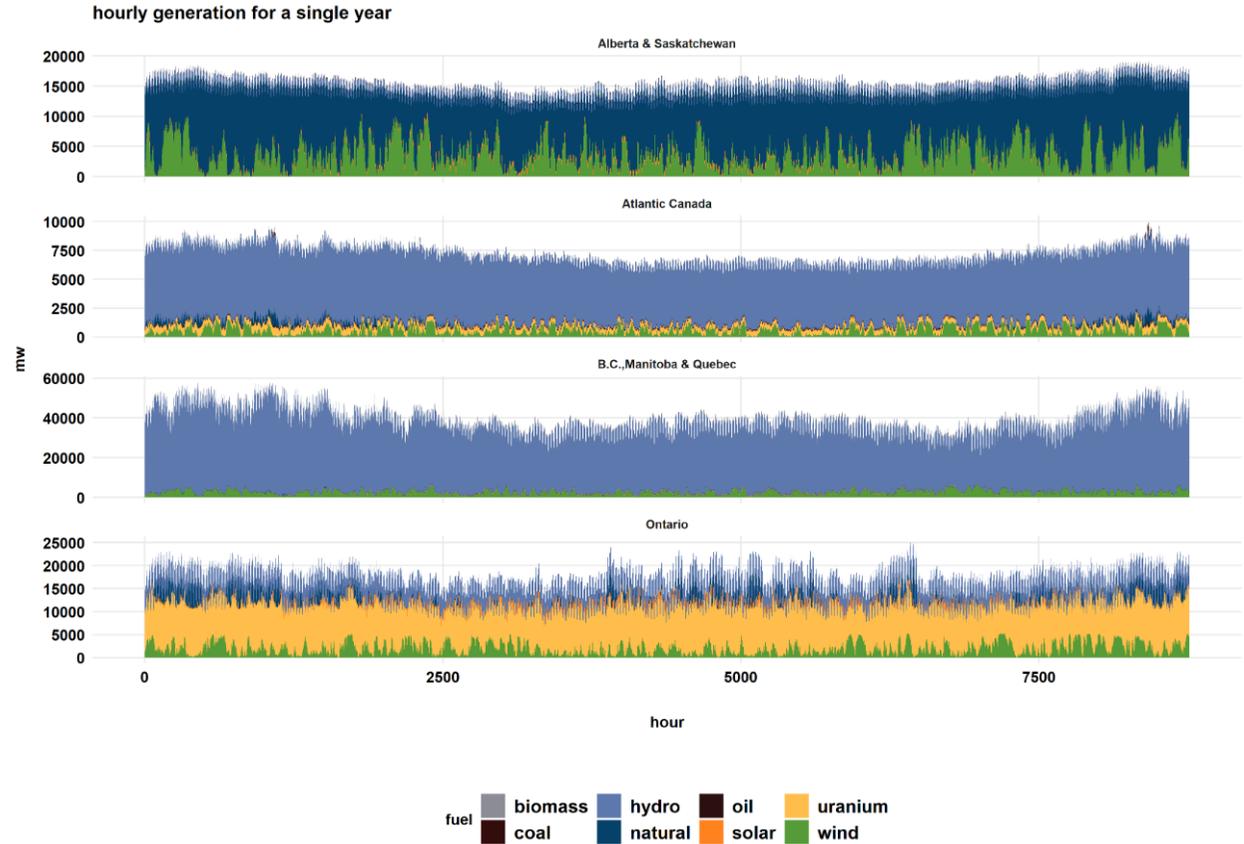
# Results: Annual Generation by Fuel for each Province and Territory





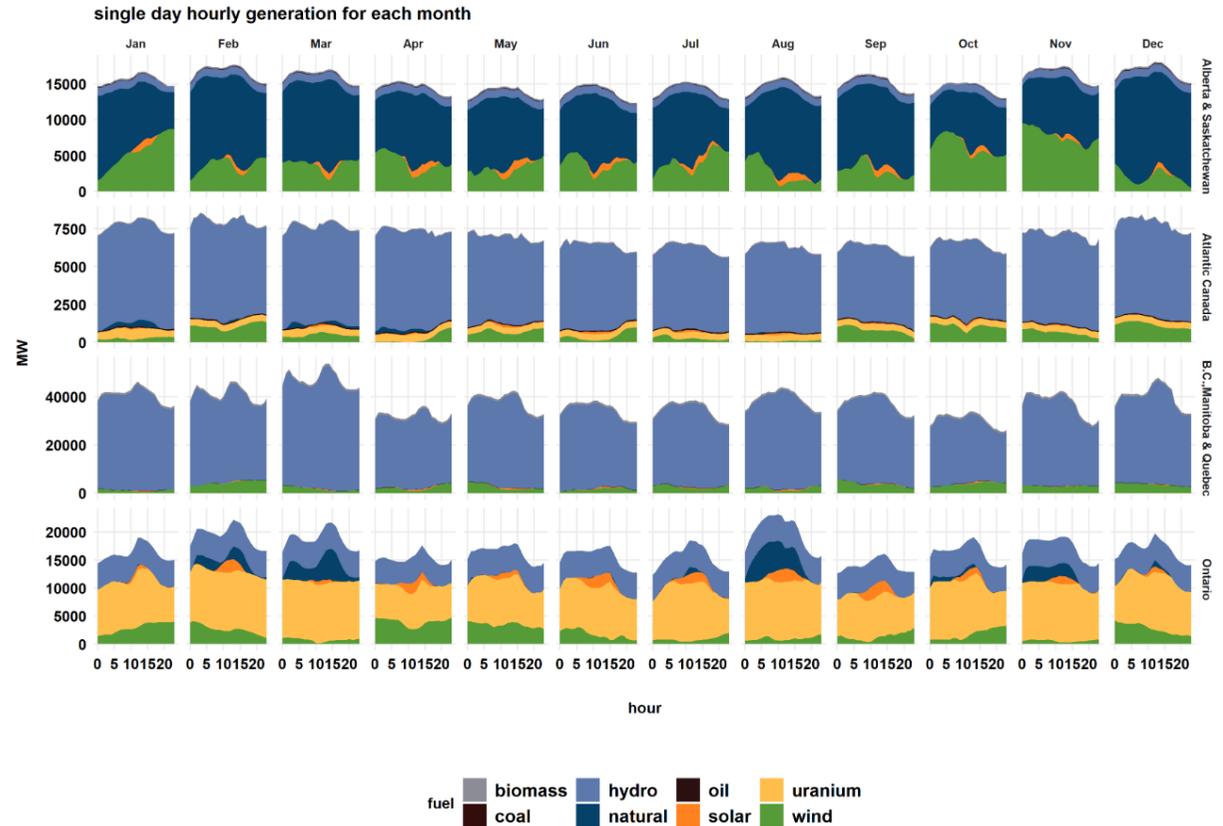
# Hourly Generation by Region

Large hydro provinces  
grouped together because  
of similar fuel mix



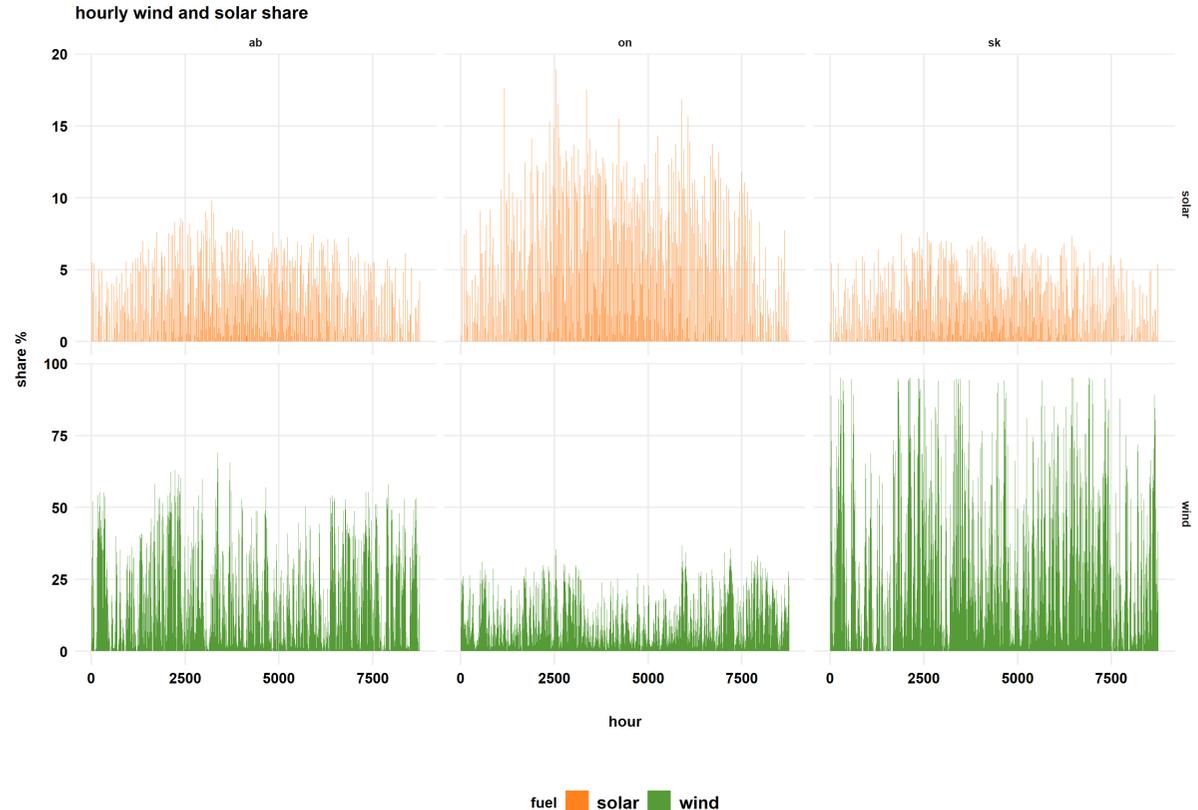


# Simulated day for each month, by fuel and region



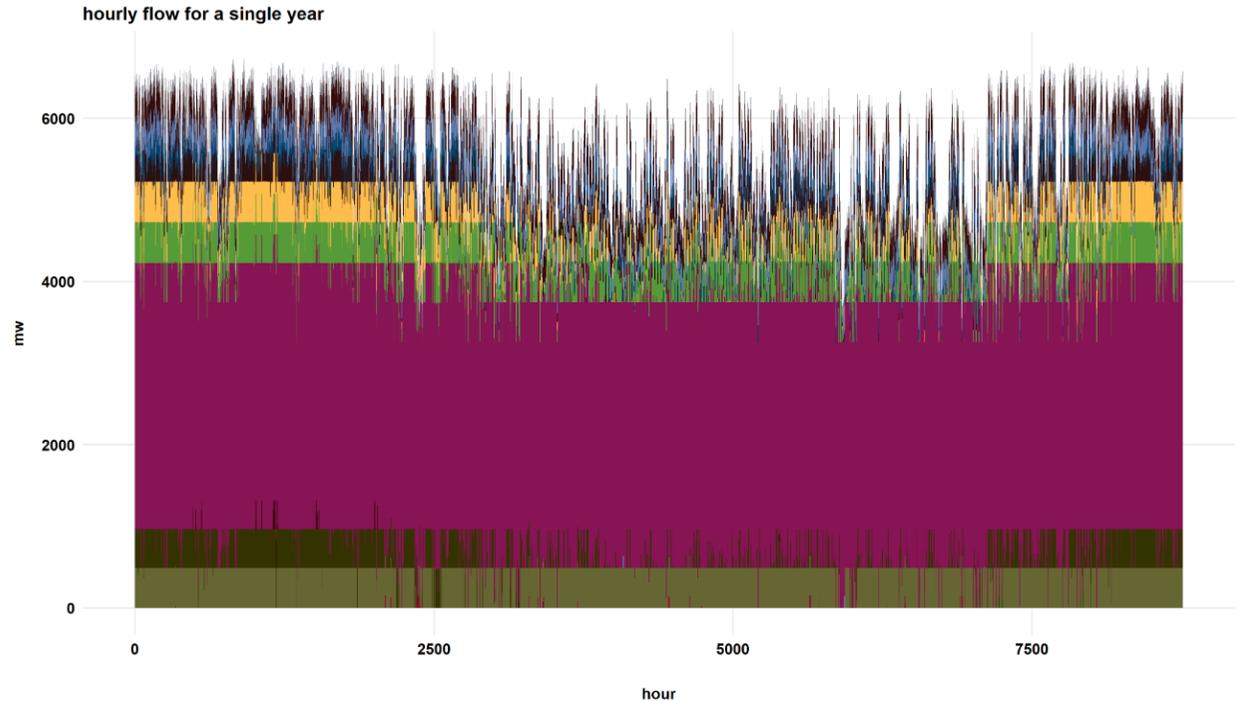


For Alberta,  
Saskatchewan  
, and Ontario,  
VRE can be a  
significant  
share of  
generation





Interprovincial  
trade  
dominated by  
large hydro  
movements,  
but substantial  
hourly variation





## Next steps

### Hourly generation Simulations:

- Incorporate this into regular public releases
- Make data available in similar formats to other *Energy Futures* projections
- Integrate this approach into other scenarios/sensitivities

### Going further:

- Enhanced U.S. trade
- Enhanced demand-side granularity

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