Mapping Canadian Energy Flow from Primary Fuel to End Use

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ABSTRACT

This paper interprets the energy flow from available primary fuel to end use in all of the provinces and territories in Canada for the year 2012 using Sankey diagrams. These flow charts illustrate energy production, imports, exports, and local consumption by economic sector, and quantify the amount of useful and rejected energy. The inflow and outflow values could help determine existing energy efficiencies and energy intensity improvement potential. The total energy available in the energy flow path for all of the provinces and territories is 27,452 PJ including imports. The diagrams clearly indicate that fossil fuels dominate Canada's energy mix. Approximately 99% of the fuel in Alberta came from fossil sources in 2012 and approximately 76% of Canada's energy came from fossil sources. Alberta produced the highest amount of available energy in Canada (11,986 PJ); the lowest came from the territories (72.7 PJ). Among the non-fossil generation, hydro-electricity dominated, followed by nuclear, wind, and biomass, respectively. The overall share of thermal-based generation (fossil-fuel, nuclear, and biomass) was found to be 37.1% of Canada's produced electricity (2,222 PJ) in 2012. An analysis of rejected and useful energy indicated that the transport sector showed the poorest energy

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efficiency. This pictorial view of energy flow could help policy makers set targets for improving energy efficiency, select strategies for the reduction of greenhouse gases emissions, and help satisfy the vast global climate change challenges.

Keywords: Energy flow; Sankey diagrams; primary energy; end use energy; demand sectors; Canada

Nomenclature

- GHG Greenhouse gas
- GDP Gross domestic product
- CO₂ Carbon dioxide
- PJ Petajoule
- HVAC- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- U.S. United States
- U.K. United Kingdom
- CANSIM Canadian socio-economic information management
- CHP Combined heat and power
- NGL Natural gas liquids
- NG Natural gas
- NFL Newfoundland and Labrador
- NS Nova Scotia
- NB New Brunswick
- PEI Prince Edward Island

1. Introduction

The energy sector contributes to all socio-economic development indicators that enhance government revenues and improves lifestyles in both developing and industrialized countries. However, the energy sector also contributes to the environmental footprint in that it emits greenhouse gases (GHGs) [1]. Fossil energy is used in excess to satisfy rapid global growth [2]. Global energy sources mainly consist of solid and liquid fossils [3]. Fossil-based energy emits GHGs, which leads to global warming. Increasing the penetration of energy efficient technology could reduce GHG emissions by up to 50% by the year 2030 [4]. Increasing economic growth with less energy use and fewer GHG emissions is becoming more prevalent around the world [5]. For instance, China consumes the most energy and releases the most carbon dioxide of any country [6]. Recent work by Huang et al. [7] identifies determining factors behind China's overall energy intensity and Zhang et al. [8] identifies industrial carbon emission intensity reduction pathways. Additionally, in Denmark, primary energy demand decreased by 0.6% between 1990 and 2010 and final energy consumption increased by 4.9% due to the implementation of energy efficiency improvement programs [9]. A detailed understanding of energy demand and supply flow is required in order to design and implement such a program. Therefore, it is important to study energy flows in different ways and different sectors in a system.

Canada has the largest hydrocarbon base in North America and is at the upper ranking of energy production and exports irrespective to all types of energy. For example, crude oils and natural gas are 5th and 4th, respectively, in production and export in the world market; uranium is 2nd both in production and export in the world market; and hydroelectricity and biofuel are 3rd and

5th, respectively, in production in the world [10]. Canada has allocated \$195 million under the ecoENERGY Efficiency program over five years [11]. In Canada, energy consumption increased by about 23% over the last two decades [12]. Canada's energy expenditure is largely in the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. About \$152 billion was spent on energy to operate heating and cooling devices, appliances, cars, and industrial processes in 2009. This is equivalent to about 11% of the country's GDP [13].

Canada has a complex energy flow. Energy production, local consumption, and inter-provincial and international exports and imports are common in Canada. The residential, commercial and institutional, industrial, transportation and agriculture sectors are all energy demand sectors. Canada's energy consumption in 2012 was 8,735 PJ. The industrial sector consumed the largest share of end use energy (38.38%), followed by transport (29.65%), residential (16.70%), commercial and institutional (12.24%), and agriculture (3.03%). The energy used by these five sectors emitted 473.4 million tonnes (CO₂ equivalent) of GHGs in 2012 [12], of a total 699 million tonnes (CO₂ equivalent) that year [10]. The total fossil fuel production was 16,459 PJ in 2012; the major forms of fossil fuels are crude oil (47.6%) and natural gas (38.7%). Coal and natural gas liquids contributed 9.6% and 4.0%, respectively, of the fossil fuel supply in 2012. As energy consumption increases, GHG emissions from fossil fuel production have also increased and went up by 10% between 2005 and 2012 [10]. Net GHG emissions increased by 36%, 29%, and 8% in the transportation, commercial/institutional, and industrial sectors, respectively, between 2005 and 2009 [13].

In December 2015, Canada committed to the Paris Agreement, which included a commitment to restrict the global average temperature increase to below 2°C over pre-industrial levels. This is a significant challenge in and of itself, and its complexity is compounded by Canada's massive economic growth, which is projected to be approximately 32% higher in 2020 than it was in 2005 [14]. In order to meet these commitments by the target dates, Canada must consider the rational use of energy in a timely manner, especially as the energy sector is a key part of Canada's economy. Energy use in Canada has become more efficient over time, but energy consumption has simultaneously increased. Hence, it is necessary to understand energy flow from primary fuel to end use in different sectors.

Canada is composed of 13 regions: 10 provinces and 3 territories. A map of Canada with its regions is shown in **Fig. 1**. Each region has an independent and unique energy system that is explored in this paper. **Table 1** compares the population and GDP for each region in 2012. Ontario and Quebec are the most populous provinces in Canada with 38.6% and 23.3% of the national population, respectively. Ontario and Quebec are also the most economically active with 39% and 17% of the 2012 national GDP, respectively. The eastern provinces Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick make up Atlantic Canada. The combined population and GDP of the Atlantic provinces British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan have the largest GDP/capita. This is largely due to significant fossil resource reserves and exploitation, including the oil sands in Alberta [15, 16]. The Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut make up the Territories of Canada. The Territories do not have

significant population or GDP (less than 0.5% of the Canadian total for both) due to the Arctic conditions of northern Canada.



Fig. 1. Provincial and territorial map of Canada (contains information licensed under the Open Government License – Canada) [17]

Table 1. Population and GDP of the provinces and territories of Canada

 Population	GDP	GDP per

	(thousands) [18]	(\$2007 CAD) [19]	thousand persons
Canada	34,750.50	1,668,524	48.0
Newfoundland and			
Labrador	526.5	26,719	50.7
Prince Edward Island	145.1	4,952	34.1
Nova Scotia	944.9	35,567	37.6
New Brunswick	756.8	28,417	37.5
Quebec	8,085.90	324,993	40.2
Ontario	13,413.70	622,717	46.4
Manitoba	1,250.30	55,674	44.5
Saskatchewan	1,086.00	58,514	53.9
Alberta	3,880.80	290,544	74.9
British Columbia	4,546.30	211,427	46.5
Yukon	36.1	2,407	66.7
Northwest Territories	43.6	3,511	80.5
Nunavut	34.7	1,784	51.4

Sankey diagrams are a widely used flow-pattern visualization tool that use arrows to illustrate a process; the width of the arrow and lines indicates the energy intensity of a particular process [20]. The diagrams show energy flow from primary sources to end uses through different processes and consumptions in different economic sectors. Several tools are described in the literature for the flow process visualization. Graveland describes the flow of different material, energy, exergy, and chemical processes using a tool called Exan[™] Pro [21]. Another report describes the conversion of 2-D Sankey diagrams into 3-D diagrams for energy-efficient product

development in mechanical engineering with virtual reality tools [22]. Szargut et al. use a band diagram for energy and exergy flow of thermal, chemical, and metallurgical processes [23]. Visualization tools are used to present global energy flow processes and efficiencies at different stages of energy conversion for planning and implementing measures to lower GHG emissions. Ma et al. did an evaluation and validation study using Sankey diagrams for energy flow from primary source to end use in China [24]. From the publications cited above, we can observe that Sankey diagrams facilitate the selection of energy-efficient scenarios of energy flow. Cullen and Allwood described a global map of energy conversion efficiency through a Sankey diagram for the reduction of GHG emissions [25]. Suzanne et al. described the use of a Sankey diagram to show annual consumption of electricity and natural gas and other end-use energy for a building hub. Through Sankey diagrams, the researchers easily identified large sources of end-use consumption with seasonal variations for different sectors [26]. These studies describe the evolution of mapping global energy with the help of Sankey diagrams. The diagrams can also be used to analyze energy flow in order to predict future scenarios. Lombard et al. used a Sankey diagram to analyze energy flow for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and found that HVAC systems were responsible for approximately 50% of a building's total energy consumption and identified areas for efficiency improvement [27]. The diagrams also illustrate energy transformations in thermal comfort services (i.e., heating and cooling). Efficiency improvements should be focused on those areas of energy flow that have the highest potential for energy savings and GHG emissions mitigation. These can be calculated in the energy flow chains of a Sankey diagram. System energy loss can also be shown in Sankey diagrams [25, 28].

Further examples of Sankey diagram use to map energy pathways are the mapping of energy use in the U.S. [29], a GHG emissions flow diagram [30], global energy flows from primary energy through carriers to end uses and losses for the year 2004 [31], global exergy and carbon flow diagrams [32], U.S. energy flow process diagrams done in 2014 [33], an energy flow diagram of the U.K. in 2010 [34], and energy flow diagrams for China [24].

As energy production, distribution, and consumption are complex, a Sankey diagram is an appropriate tool for analyzing energy flow. An earlier study investigated energy flows for Alberta's energy sector, one of the provinces in Canada [1]. Little has been reported on end use and rejected energy in Canada's economic sectors. The overall objective of the paper is to develop a complete map of energy flow patterns using Sankey diagrams in different Canadian provinces as well as a gross energy flow of Canada as a whole. The main objective of this study is to address energy flow from primary fuel to end use as well as the useful and rejected energy through the various energy transformation and end-use processes in different sectors in Canada. There are different inter-provincial export-imports as well as international export-imports, all of which will be discussed in this paper.

2. Methodology

2.1 Energy database

Canada's energy flow was mapped using energy-mix data. Energy data for coal, crude oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, hydro, nuclear, biomass, etc., were used to analyze flow processes. Energy from import sources was also included in the synthesis. The energy data, available up to 2012, were collected from the Government of Alberta, Natural Resources

Canada, the Canadian socio-economic information management (CANSIM) database, and the World Nuclear Association [10-13, 35, 36].

2.2 Sectoral energy analysis

Energy demand in the residential, commercial and institutional, industrial, transport, and agriculture sectors was analyzed in this study. Energy input, used energy, and waste energy in the economic sectors were analyzed and quantified. Energy from fossil sources (coal, crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids), renewable sources (hydro-electricity, biomass, wind, and solar), nuclear sources, and imports were critically synthesized and plotted on Sankey diagrams to indicate the flow processes.

2.3 Developing Sankey diagrams

Sankey diagrams are flow diagrams in which the width of the lines indicates the quantity of flow. In this study, these diagrams are used to illustrate energy flow processes from primary fuel to end use. The diagrams help us understand specific energy flows in each economic demand and supply sector as well as distribution of energy with respect to different processes. In this study, we estimate energy distribution through the various stages of energy flow, identify major energy flows in various economic sectors, and illustrate total useful energy and energy loss. Though some very recent data are available in some sectors (up to 2015), 2012 data are fully available and used in this study to allow for a comprehensive sector-wide annual study. All emerging small-quantity energy sources such as wind, solar, and biomass are included in the diagrams. The main two sources of inflow energy in Canada are indigenous production and imports. Energy outflow is through local consumption, non-energy use (of NG, NGLs, and petroleum products), and exports. The gross flow of the Canadian energy pool is shown in **Fig. 2**. Energy resource sectors are clearly identified by category and type of energy. Stock in supply sources is

maintained by indigenous production and import from and export to provinces and the U.S. Primary fuel includes coal, crude oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, and biomass. Electricity comes mainly from hydro, nuclear, coal, and natural gas. Supply sources are listed in **Table 2**. Any data sources where mass or volume was given were converted to energy using 2012 energy conversion factors [37]. The energy demand sectors are Canada's five economic sectors: residential, commercial and institutional, industrial, transport, and agriculture. The end-use subcategories of the demand sectors are: space heating and cooling, lighting, running appliances, industrial and mining processes, and passenger and freight transport (**Table 3**).



Fig. 2. Canada's gross energy flow

Source category	Source sub-category	Description	
Supply source	Natural resource	Value represents gross disposition of the	
		commodity.	
	Import [36, 38]	Primary energy and electricity imported to	
		Canada. Regional imports show imports	
		from foreign sources plus net regional	

 Table 2. Canada's energy supply sector

		transfers. Where data was not available,
		estimates were calculated based on
		historical values.
	Export [35, 36, 38]	Primary energy and electricity exported
		from Canada. Regional exports show
		exports to a foreign source plus net
		regional transfers. Where data was not
		available, estimates were calculated based
		on historical values.
Primary source	Coke and coke oven gas	Energy transformed from coal.
	[12, 38]	
	Nuclear [35, 38]	Electricity from nuclear power.
	Hydro [38, 39]	Electricity from hydro-power, includes
		tidal.
	Wind [38, 39]	Electricity from wind power.
	Solar [38, 39]	Electricity from solar power.
	Biomass [12, 38, 40]	Combustible wood forest/agriculture
		residues, biofuel. Does not include spent
		pulping liquor for electricity generation in
		regional diagrams.
	Coal [12, 41]	Bituminous, sub-bituminous, lignite coal.
		Includes coke for the Canada diagram
		only.
	Crude oil [38, 42]	Bitumen, light crude oil, medium crude
		oil, heavy crude oil, pentanes plus,
		condensate, synthetic crude oil (SCO),
		petroleum products. Any crude oil sold to
		non-refinery customers is included in
		refinery totals.

	Oil products [12, 38]	Crude oil is converted into petroleum
		products including gasoline, diesel, still
		gas, liquefied petroleum gases (LPGs),
		kerosene and stove oil, light and heavy
		fuel oils, petroleum coke, aviation fuels,
		and non-energy products. All petroleum
		products are shown to flow through a
		refinery module, even if no refining exists
		in a region.
	Natural gas [12, 38, 43]	Natural gas, coal bed methane.
	Natural gas liquids [38,	Condensate and other liquids from natural
	44]	gas.
	Electricity [38]	The value in the module represents the
		electrical energy produced including
		producer consumption and grid losses.
Energy carrier	Fuel [12, 36, 38]	Oil, gas, coal, biofuel used for engines,
		boilers, burners.
	Electricity [12, 45, 46]	Electricity generation from power plants
		including combined heat and power
		(CHP), nuclear, hydro, and other
		renewables.
	Non-energy use [44, 47]	Industrial used materials from petroleum
		sources, natural gas, and natural gas
		liquids.

 Table 3. Energy demand side sectors in Canada

Economic sectors	Description	

Residential [12, 38]	Energy demand for space heating and cooling, water	
	heating, appliances, and lighting. Energy comes from both	
	primary and secondary sources.	
Commercial and institutional	Energy demand for space heating and cooling, water	
[12, 38]	heating, space lighting, street lighting, and other.	
Industry [12, 38]	Energy demand for mining, pulp and paper, production and	
	processing of chemicals and metals, manufacturing,	
	construction, pipeline, and forestry. Includes producer	
	consumption and steam generation.	
Transport [12, 38]	Energy demand for passenger, freight, and off-road	
	transportation by road, air, rail, and marine.	
Agriculture [12, 38]	Motive and non-motive energy demand for agricultural	
	purposes.	

The map of energy flows from source to end use is given in **Fig. 3**. The main energy sources include nuclear, hydro, coal, crude oil, natural gas and gas liquids, and others. These are derived from net indigenous production, net import, and stock variation. Electricity is the main secondary energy carrier. Most electricity comes from hydro, nuclear power, biomass, and coal power plants. Electricity export and import are also included in the map. The data for the energy sources are mainly derived from Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) energy use database, StatsCan's Canada Yearbook, and CANSIM's database, all for 2012 [36, 48, 49] (as listed in **Table 2**). Rejected and useful energy in each sector was calculated based on ratios reported by Kaiper in 2003 [50] (**Table 4**).



Fig 3. Sankey diagram showing energy flow from source to end use

Economic sectors	Useful / rejected energy ratio
Residential	0.75
Commercial and institutional	0.75
Industry	0.80
Transport	0.20
Agriculture	0.80

Table 4. Rejected and useful energy ratios [50]

The software tool e!Sankey pro 3.2 was used to generate the Sankey diagrams for this study [51]. The energy flow for the provinces and territories as well as all of Canada is illustrated in Sankey diagrams and discussed in the results and discussion section. The energy available to each energy source module was calculated as shown in equation 1. The outflow of the energy was balanced as shown in equation 2.

Energy available = Production + Imports + Stock changes – Losses	(1)
Outflow energy = Energy demand + Non-fuel use + Export	(2)

3. Results and discussion

3.1 Energy flows in different Canadian provinces and territories

3.1.1 Energy flow in Alberta in 2012

Alberta's total energy flow in 2012 is illustrated in **Fig. 4**. Alberta's total energy supply including electricity imports was 11,986 PJ in 2012. Of this total, almost 99% came from fossil sources and the remaining 1% came from hydro, wind, and biomass. Among the fossil fuels, crude oil contributes the most energy (53.3%) followed by natural gas (36.6%), coal (5.3%), and natural gas liquids (NGLs) (4%). Crude oil production has increased by 35% since 2009 [38]. Electricity generated in Alberta's energy mix was an estimated 252 PJ [39, 46], which is 5.4% more than the electricity generated in 2009 [1]. About 93% of electricity available was from fossil fuel sources. A significant amount of coal (445 PJ) was consumed to generate electricity [45]. In Alberta electricity is generated from coal and natural gas (NG). During the study year, total electricity consumption in Alberta was 266 PJ. To meet the demand, 26 PJ of electricity were imported. This suggests that electricity generation lags behind demand.

2012 Alberta Energy (Units in PJ)



Fig. 4. Sankey diagram showing energy flow for Alberta in 2012

Alberta produces a large amount of fossil-based fuel, more than is consumed, and a significant amount of this fuel is exported. Crude oil exports were the highest (4,905 PJ) followed by NG (2,602 PJ) and NGLs (163 PJ). Total primary and secondary energy exports have increased by 44% since 2009 in Alberta [38]. Non-energy use of fossil fuel is seen mostly in crude products (234 PJ) and NGLs (222 PJ). On the demand side, 2,645 PJ of energy were consumed. Among the economic demand sectors, the industry sub-sector consumed the most energy (66%), followed by transport (16.3%), residential (8.2%), commercial (7.5%), and agriculture (2.1%) [12, 40-44, 52]. Natural gas consumption in the industrial sector was 1,139 PJ in 2012, a 51%

growth since 2009 [38]. The overall ratio of rejected energy to useful energy is estimated to be 1:1.42. The total import of energy was 67 PJ, whereas the total export was 8,244 PJ. This shows that there was a surplus in energy production in Alberta in 2012.

3.1.2 Energy flow in the Atlantic (Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island) in 2012

The total energy flow for the Atlantic provinces in 2012 is illustrated in Fig. 5. 1,946 PJ of energy were available in the energy flow mix in the Atlantic provinces in that year, of which about 1,118 PJ were imported. Large shares of available energy came from crude oil (1,424 PJ). About 72% of the Atlantic's crude oil energy was exported. This is a 62% decrease since 2009 and corresponds with a 42% decline in crude production from 2009 to 2012 [38]. Of the electricity available, the mix comprised nuclear, hydro, wind, coal, and imports for a total of 228 PJ. Of this total, 236 PJ [39, 46] was generated within the Atlantic provinces in 2012; this figure is 3.5% more than the amount generated in 2009 [46]. Hydro-power dominated the electricity mix share with 46% of the total. About 29% of the electricity was exported during the study year. There appears to be an abundance of electricity in these provinces. Total energy supply disposition to different economic sectors was estimated to be 604 PJ. The industrial sector consumed the highest demand share (35.9%), followed by the transport (31.9%), residential (19.4%), commercial and institutional (11.1%), and agriculture sectors (1.7%) [12, 40-44, 52]. The overall ratio of rejected energy to useful energy is estimated to be 1:0.98. The total export of energy (1,152 PJ) was higher than the imports, indicating there was surplus energy production in the Atlantic provinces in 2012.



2012 Atlantic Energy (Units in PJ) (NFL, NS, NB, PEI)

Fig. 5. Sankey diagram showing energy flow for the Atlantic provinces in 2012

3.1.3 Energy flow in British Columbia in 2012

The total energy flow for British Columbia in 2012 is illustrated in **Fig. 6**. Total available energy in British Columbia's energy mix is estimated to be 3,055 PJ in 2012. Of the total available energy, 86% came from fossil sources and the rest from renewable sources. Among the fossil fuels, natural gas provided the largest share (45%) of the total energy mix followed by coal (25.7%), crude oil (13.7%), and NGLs (1.6%). The total amount of electricity available in the province was 290 PJ [39, 46]. Of this total, 265 PJ were generated in the province; this is 13.25% more than the amount generated in 2009 [46]. Electricity came mainly from hydro (80.2% of the total electricity mix) and the rest from imports (9.9%) and other sources (wind and biomass).

Approximately 19% of the total electricity was exported. Electricity imports to BC have decreased by 33% since 2009 [38]. Coal was not used in the provincial energy mix; all of the province's coal is exported. Crude oil production was not enough to meet the demand; therefore, more was imported. Natural gas is abundant in the province; about 73.5% (1011 PJ) of the natural gas was exported. The production of natural gas has increased by 23% between 2009 and 2012 [38]. In the demand sectors, 1,008 PJ of energy were consumed. Of the total consumption, the industrial sector consumed the highest amount of energy (44.3%) in the province followed by the transport sector (29.9%), the residential sector (14.6%), the commercial sector (9.4%), and the agriculture sector (1.8%) [12, 40-44, 52]. The ratio of rejected and useful energy is estimated to be 1:1.55. Total imported energy was 401 PJ, whereas total exported energy was 1,891 PJ. This demonstrates a surplus in energy production in the province in 2012.



Fig. 6. Sankey diagram of energy flow for British Columbia in 2012

3.1.4 Energy flow in Manitoba in 2012

The total energy flow for Manitoba in 2012 is illustrated in Fig. 7. Total available energy in Manitoba's energy mix was 1,022 PJ in 2012. Of the total energy available, 55.6% came from natural gas followed by crude oil (27.9%), hydro-electricity (11.3%), NGLs (2.2%), and the rest from biomass, wind, and coal. A large amount of natural gas (550 PJ) is transferred through the province for international export. Crude oil production increased 119% between 2009 and 2012, driving a 94% increase in crude oil exports during the same period [38]. Almost all the electricity in 2012 came from hydro-power plants; some came from imports and other sources. Of the total electricity, 119 PJ [39, 46] came from in-province generation; this figure is 2.4% lower than the amount generated in 2009 [46]. Generation was 119 PJ; however, only 108 PJ of electricity was recorded in the power mix. About 26% of the total pooled electricity was exported in 2012. In the demand sectors, 300 PJ of energy were consumed in 2012. Of the total energy demand, the highest amount of energy was consumed in the transport sector (31.1%), followed by the industrial sector (29.3%), the residential sector (17.2%), the commercial and institutional sector (15.2%), and the agriculture sector (7.2%) [12, 40-44, 52]. The ratio of rejected and useful energy is estimated to be 1:1.47. The total amount of energy imported was 727 PJ, whereas the total exported was 690 PJ, resulting in 37 PJ net imports. This demonstrates a deficit in energy production in the province in 2012. Primary energy imports grew by 422% between 2009 and 2012 [38].



Fig. 7. Sankey diagram showing energy flow for Manitoba in 2012

3.1.5 Energy flow in Ontario in 2012

The total energy flow for Ontario in 2012 is illustrated in **Fig. 8**. The total available energy in Ontario's energy mix in 2012 was 7,909 PJ. The energy mix in Ontario is exceptional in that all types of energy are present in the mix. Ontario imported all of Saskatchewan's nuclear energy (4,500 PJ) and processed it. 692 PJ of nuclear energy were used to produce electricity, and the remainder was exported. The total electricity in the pool was 559 PJ in 2012 [39, 46]. Of this total, 552 PJ came from in-province generation; this figure is 4.3% higher than the electricity generated in 2009 [46]. The province has a significant amount of hydro- (122 PJ) and wind- (14

PJ) generated electricity and generated 1 PJ of solar electricity in 2012. Ontario is the only province with a significant level of solar power production in the study year. The fossil fuel resource availabilities are crude oil (1,135 PJ), NG (1,336 PJ), NGLs (244 PJ), and coal (168 PJ). Crude oil and natural gas were mostly from imported sources with little coming from provincial production. Crude oil imports decreased by 75% and natural gas imports increased by 95% from 2009 quantities [38]. Energy from crude oil contributed most of the province's internal energy flow-mix (1,410 PJ) followed by NG (1,026 PJ), nuclear (692 PJ), NGLs (166 PJ), biomass (143 PJ), hydro (122 PJ), and wind and solar. The share of non-energy fossil energy use was 343 PJ and came mainly from crude oil and NGLs. Electricity in this province was provided from eight different in-province fuel sources as well as imported electricity. The major share of electricity came from nuclear; other sources are hydro, NG, coal, biomass, wind, and solar. In the demand sector, 2,647 PJ of energy were consumed in 2012. Of the total energy demand, the transport sector scored the highest consumption rate (32.6%) followed by the industrial sector (29.5), the residential sector (21.1%), the commercial and institutional sector (14.5%), and the agriculture sector (2.3%) [12, 40-44, 52]. The ratio of rejected and useful energy is calculated to be 1:0.93. Total imports of energy were 7,061 PJ, whereas total exports were 4,331 PJ. This indicates a deficit in energy production for the province in 2012.

2012 Ontario Energy (Units in PJ)



Fig. 8. Sankey diagram showing energy flow for Ontario in 2012

3.1.6 Energy flow in Quebec in 2012

The total energy flow for Quebec in 2012 is illustrated in **Fig. 9**. The total available energy in Quebec's energy mix was 2,409 PJ in 2012. The total electricity pool in the province was 754 PJ, out of which 716 PJ came from in-province generation [39, 46]. This is 1.3% more than the electricity generated in 2009 [46]. The province is rich in hydro-electricity and produced 691 PJ in 2012, half the amount produced nationally. Most of the fossil fuel used in Quebec was imported during the study year. Crude oil contributed most of the energy in the mix (43.7%) followed by hydro-electricity (28.7%), NG (12.6%), and biomass (7.1%); the remainder came

from other sources (nuclear, NGLs, coal, and wind). In the electricity mix, the primary share came from hydro (81.8%) and the second largest share came from imported sources (11%). The major energy exports were oil products (279 PJ), electricity (87 PJ), and NG (67 PJ). In the demand sector, 1,710 PJ of energy were consumed in 2012. Of this total, the industrial sector consumed the highest amount of energy (35%) in 2012 followed by the transport sector (30.9%), the residential sector (20.5%), the commercial and institutional sector (11.6%), and the agriculture sector (2%) [12, 40-44, 52]. Refined petroleum product consumption in the residential sector has fallen by 45% since 2009; however, the commercial and institutional sector increased consumption by 44% [38]. The ratio of rejected and useful energy is calculated to be 1:1.42. Total imports of energy were 1,415 PJ and total exports were 449 PJ. This indicates a deficit in energy production in the province in 2012.



Fig. 9. Sankey diagram showing energy flow for Quebec in 2012

3.1.7 Energy flow in Saskatchewan in 2012

The total energy flow for Saskatchewan in 2012 is illustrated in **Fig. 10**. The total available energy in Saskatchewan's energy mix was 7,742 PJ in 2012. The total electricity disposition in the province was 73 PJ; however, 77 PJ were generated from in-province generation [39, 46]. This is 2.6% more than the electricity generated in 2009 [46]. Of the total energy supply, about 58% (4,500 PJ) came from nuclear sources; however, no nuclear energy is consumed in the province. The remainder of energy came almost entirely from fossil fuels and a limited amount came from hydro, wind, and biomass in the study year. Other than nuclear, the highest

contribution was recorded by natural gas (1,805 PJ), followed by crude oil (1,154 PJ), coal (139 PJ), and NGLs (48 PJ). Natural gas production in the province has decreased by 31% since 2009 [38]. In the electricity sector, the major share came from coal. Major exports came from natural gas (1,445 PJ), followed by crude oil (896 PJ), NGLs (33 PJ), and some other sources, mainly electricity (1 PJ). Natural gas exports increased by 12% and crude oil exports increased by 21% between 2009 and 2012 [38]. In the demand sector, 587 PJ of energy were consumed by different economic sectors in Saskatchewan in the study year. Of the total demand, the industrial sector consumed the most energy (51.9%) in the study year followed by the transport sector (21.6%), the agriculture sector (10.6%), the residential sector (8.2%), and the commercial sector [12, 40-44, 52]. The industrial sector experienced a 15% increase in total energy consumption between 2009 and 2012 [38]. The ratio of rejected and useful energy is 1:1.13. Total imports of energy were 1,677 PJ, and total exports were 6,973 PJ. This indicates a significant surplus of energy production by the province in 2012.



Fig. 10. Sankey diagram showing energy flow for Saskatchewan in 2012

3.1.8 Energy flow in the territories in 2012

The total energy flow for Northern Canada (Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut) in 2012 is illustrated in **Fig. 11**. The total available energy in the Territories' energy mix was 72.7 PJ in 2012. Of the total energy available in the mix, crude oil contributed the highest amount (83.7%), followed by NG (11.1%), hydro (3.4%), NGLs (1.39%), and wind (0.01%). The total electricity generated was estimated to be 4.7 PJ [39, 46]. This is 6.8% more than the electricity generated in 2009 [46]. Most of the crude oil produced (26 PJ) was exported. Total primary energy produced in the Territories has decreased by 18% since 2009 [38]. On the demand side, the total energy consumed was estimated to be 29 PJ. Of the total demand, the industrial sector

consumed the highest amount of energy (44%) in the study year followed by the transport sector (22.3%), the commercial sector (20.3%), the residential sector (10.5%), and the agriculture sector (3%) [12, 40-44, 52]. Residential energy consumption has decreased by 19% since 2009 [38]. The ratio of rejected and useful energy is calculated to be 1:1.3. Total imports of energy were 27 PJ, whereas total exports were 38 PJ. This indicates a surplus in energy production for the territories in 2012.



Fig. 11. Sankey diagram showing energy flow for the territories in 2012

3.2 Integrated energy flow for all provinces and territories in Canada

The total energy available in Canada's energy flow in 2012 was estimated to be 27,452 PJ and is shown in **Fig.12** and **Table 5**. Of the total energy flow, approximately 3,720 PJ were from

imported sources, and the remaining 23,732 PJ were from in-country sources. Supply side energy comprises local production, imports, and stock changes, and demand side energy comprises local energy demand, exports, and non-fuel uses of energy. Canada's energy sources can be divided into two main sources, fossil fuel and non-fossil fuel. Non-fossil fuels can be divided into two main sources, renewable and nuclear. The highest amount of energy flow was observed to be 20,805 PJ (75.8%) from fossil sources followed by nuclear (4,500 PJ, 16.4%) and renewable (2,049 PJ, 7.7%). Most of the energy available in Canada in 2012 was from crude oil (39.9%), followed by natural gas (26.8%), nuclear (16.4%), coal (6.8%), hydro-electricity (4.9%), and others (5.2%).



2012 Canada Energy (Units in PJ)

Fig. 12. Integrated energy flow Sankey diagram for Canada, 2012

Source	PJ	Proportion	End use/consumption	PJ	Proportion
Primary source (Available			Economic sector (Final energy		
energy)			disposition)		
Crude oil and oil products	10,861	39.6%	Industry	4,230	44.3%
Natural gas	7,370	26.8%	Transport	2,574	26.9%
Nuclear	4,500	16.4%	Residential	1,458	15.3%
Coal	1,867	6.8%	Commercial/institutional	1,023	10.7%
Renewables (hydro, wind,	1,397	5.1%	Agriculture	266	2.8%
solar)					
NGLs	706	2.6%	Sub total	9,552	34.8%
Biomass	711	2.6%	Loss during generation and	1,703	6.2%
			transmission		
Electricity import	39	0.1%	Non-energy use	1,153	4.2%
Total	27,452	100%	Export		
			Crude oil and oil products	6,502	43.2%
Supply source			Nuclear	3,765	25.0%
Indigenous	23,732	86.4%	Natural gas	3,420	22.7%
Import	3,720	13.6%	Coal	962	6.4%
Total	27,452	100.00%	Electricity	208	1.4%
			NGLs	185	1.2%
			Sub total	15,044	54.8%

Table 5. Ranking of energy flow from primary sources to demand sectors in Canada in 2012

	Total	27,452	100.00%
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Most of Canada's energy is exported. More energy (15,044 PJ) is exported than imported (3,720 PJ), which clearly indicates that Canada is a net energy exporter country. The energy exported is comprised of fossil fuels, nuclear sources, and electricity. The main sources of exported energy were crude oil (5,471 PJ), followed by nuclear (3,765 PJ), natural gas (3,420 PJ), oil products (1,031 PJ), coal (961 PJ), electricity (208 PJ), and NGLs (185 PJ). Crude oil exports from Canada increased by 29% between 2009 and 2012 [38]. 2,104 PJ of electricity were available in Canada in 2012. Of the total electricity supply, 2,222 PJ were generated in the country [39, 46]. Canada generated 3.6% more electricity in 2012 than in 2009 [46]. More than 60% of the national electricity mix came from hydro-power (1,356 PJ), which makes Canada the second largest hydro-electricity producing country in the world [53].

On the demand side, 9,552 PJ were consumed in Canada in 2012. Energy is supplied to the demand side as oil, natural gas, coal, NGL, electricity, and biomass. The industrial sector consumed the highest amount of energy, 4,230 PJ (44.3%), followed by the transport sector at 2,574 PJ (26.9%), the residential sector at 1,458 PJ (15.3%), the commercial and institutional sector at 1,023 (10.7%), and the agriculture sector at 266 PJ (2.8%) [12, 40-44, 52]. Energy consumption by type showed that almost 97% of transportation energy came from crude oil. The industrial sector consumed mainly natural gas (47.6%), oil products (19.9%), electricity (17.3%), biomass (8.4%), and a small amount (6.7%) from other sources. The residential sector experienced a notable 25% decrease in refined petroleum product consumption between 2009 and 2012 [38].

Energy losses and useful energy consumption are also plotted on the Sankey diagrams. Most energy loss occurred in the transportation sector (80%), followed by electricity generation from thermal power plants (62.9%) (excluding the renewables, hydro-wind-solar), the commercial and institutional sector (25%), the residential sector (25%), the agriculture sector (21%), and the industrial sector (20%). The Sankey diagram illustrates that the highest energy efficiency was found in the industrial sector and the lowest in the transport sector. The overall ratio of rejected to useful energy was estimated to be 0.83.

A Sankey diagram of regional energy flow differences is presented in **Fig. 13.** The energy flows between resources and regions represent aggregated energy production and consumption. The energy flows between regions and end-use sectors include aggregated total energy consumption. Electricity generation is separated from the demand sectors for information purposes; the demand sectors include electricity use in the values. Significant energy supply is concentrated in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and accounts for 44% and 28% of Canada's total available energy, respectively. This is due to the exploitation of the abundant fossil reserves in Alberta and uranium reserves in Saskatchewan. Renewable energy is focused primarily in Quebec (865 PJ), British Columbia (400 PJ), and Ontario (281 PJ), as these regions take advantage of vast hydropower resources. Energy demands (excluding non-energy use demand) are highest in Ontario (2,647 PJ), Alberta (2,645 PJ), and Quebec (1,710 PJ). Ontario and Quebec's high energy demand is driven by high population and GDP relative to other regions. Alberta's high energy demand is primarily due to oil sands extraction and processing in the industrial sector. Manitoba, the Atlantic provinces, and the Territories

together make up only 11% of the total energy flow. This is reflected by their smaller populations and lower GDP.



Fig. 13. Integrated regional energy Sankey diagram for Canada, 2012

4. Conclusion

Primary fuel to end use energy flows were mapped through Sankey diagrams for Canada's provinces and territories and for Canada as a whole for the year 2012. The macro view of the maps clearly shows the energy sources, energy conversion, energy consumption by economic

sector, and finally useful and rejected energy. Crude oil was the dominant energy supply source (10,385 PJ) in Canada in 2012, and a major share of crude (52.7%, or 5,471 PJ) was exported. Among the provinces, Alberta exported the highest amount of crude oil and oil products (5,297 PJ), followed by the Atlantic provinces (963 PJ), Saskatchewan (994 PJ), Quebec (279 PJ), Manitoba (153 PJ), Ontario (87 PJ), and the territories (34.9 PJ). A significant amount of natural gas was exported by Alberta (2,602 PJ), Saskatchewan (1,445) and British Columbia (1,011 PJ). Most of the coal stock from British Columbia (780 PJ) was exported, whereas the other provinces consumed nearly all of their coal. Every province exported NGLs (from 8 PJ to 163 PJ) for a total of 185 PJ. Nuclear energy was produced only in Saskatchewan (4,500 PJ). All of it was exported to Ontario for processing. Ontario consumed approximately 22% of the nuclear energy it processed and exported the rest. Electricity generation was found to be mostly based on renewable energy, led by hydro-electricity (1,356 PJ) and followed by biomass (109 PJ), wind (40 PJ), and a small amount of solar (1 PJ). On the demand side, the industrial sector consumed the most energy (4,230 PJ) and the agriculture sector consumed the least (266 PJ) in Canada in 2012.

An analysis of the ratio of rejected to useful energy shows that the worst efficiency was observed in Ontario (1:0.93) and the Atlantic (1:0.98) and the best in BC (1:1.55); other provinces held moderate efficiencies ranging from 1:1.13 to 1:47. The overall ratio of rejected and useful energy for Canada as a whole was 1:1.2. These variations of energy efficiency can be shown in Sankey diagrams. In Ontario, about 73% of crude oil flow was consumed in the transportation sector; and in the Atlantic, about 32% of energy consumed was in the transportation sector. (The transport sector has the lowest energy efficiency). On the other hand, the Quebec transport sector rejected 80% of its supplied oil products' energy (516 PJ) though its ratio of loss and useful energy was 1:1.42 due to the high amount of electricity (691 PJ, about 82%) the province produced through hydro-power, which minimized the overall loss of energy.

The maps clearly present the balance of energy flow from source to end use. The total available energy from different sources (fossils, renewables, and nuclear) is shown in the maps. There are two inflows of energy in the supply source, local production and imports. The outflows of energy from the supply source are local demand and exports. These maps can provide useful information to help understand the extent of energy consumption and the efficiency of the energy consumed in different sectors. The maps can help identify energy demand by economic sector in different forms of use. They can also help by providing information on a specific sector vulnerable to wasting energy that has the potential to improve in energy efficiency. The maps can also help formulate policy in the areas of energy conversion, refining, and end-use energy efficiency.

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