



A presentation for



“Electrify Lanark”

The path to a near zero GHG Ontario

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30 Minutes


Objective:

Show that a zero carbon 2050 Ontario is possible.

It is well within past and present rates of change.

Your Questions

To achieve zero carbon, the world must electrify almost all current fossil fuel energy use.

A photograph of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the atmosphere. The sun is visible in the upper right corner, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The Earth's surface is covered in clouds and landmasses. A white arrow points down from the top of the atmosphere, and another white arrow points up from the surface, with the text "50 km" between them, indicating the scale of the atmosphere.

50 km

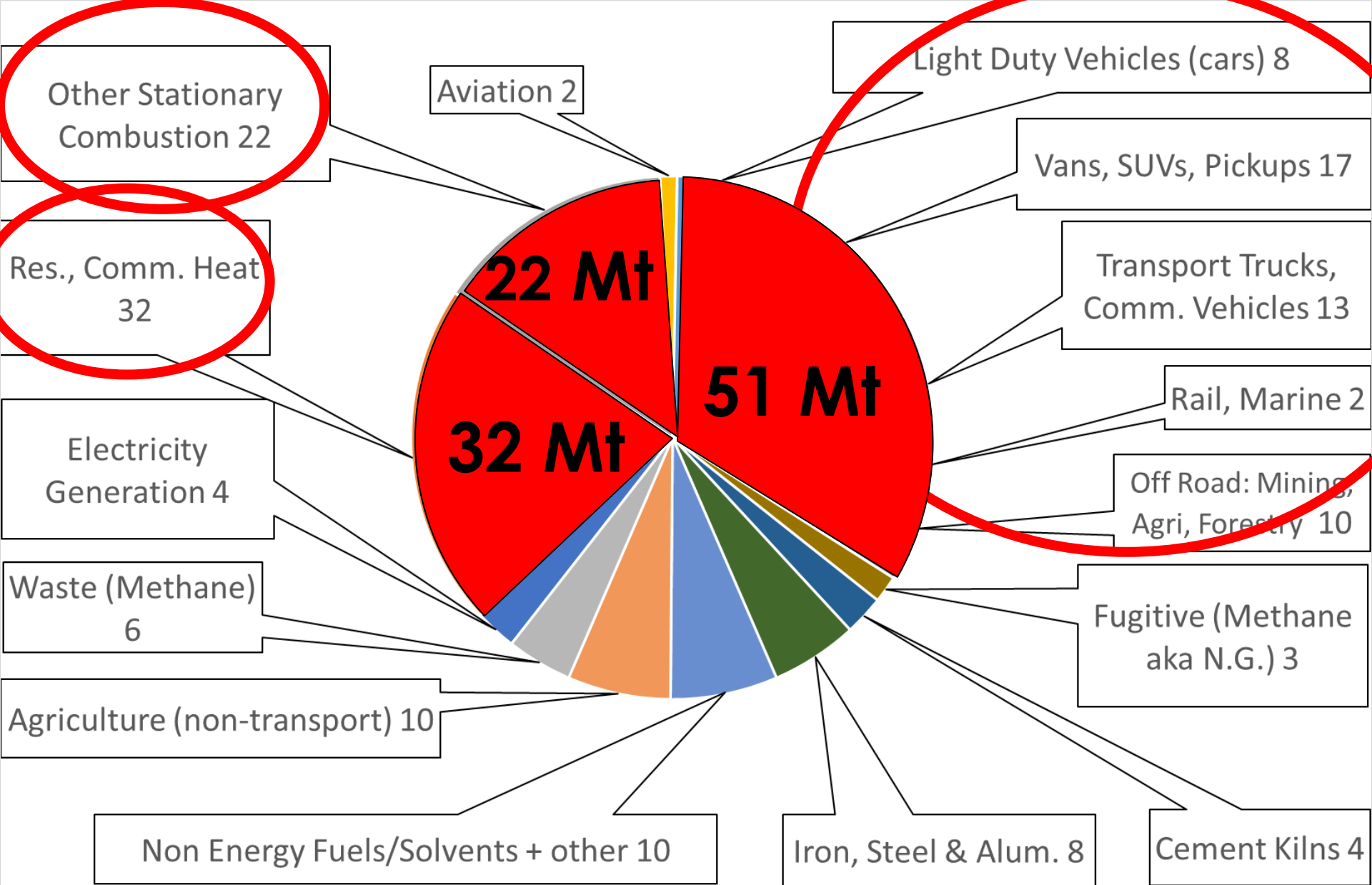
Terminology:

- **GHG** – Greenhouse Gas – measured in metric tonnes of CO₂e, 1 tonne = 1000 kg
- **Mt** – millions of tonnes of CO₂e emissions (151 Mt in Ontario in 2021)
- **TWh** – 1,000,000,000 kWh
\$150,000,000 of electricity at \$0.15/kWh

Let's look at the entire province

How much electricity will we require in a
2050 zero carbon Ontario?

First – the GHG emissions!



Ontario 2021 - 151 Mt GHG

Obvious Questions

What do we electrify?

How many additional TWh?

Electricity generation type?

What does it cost?

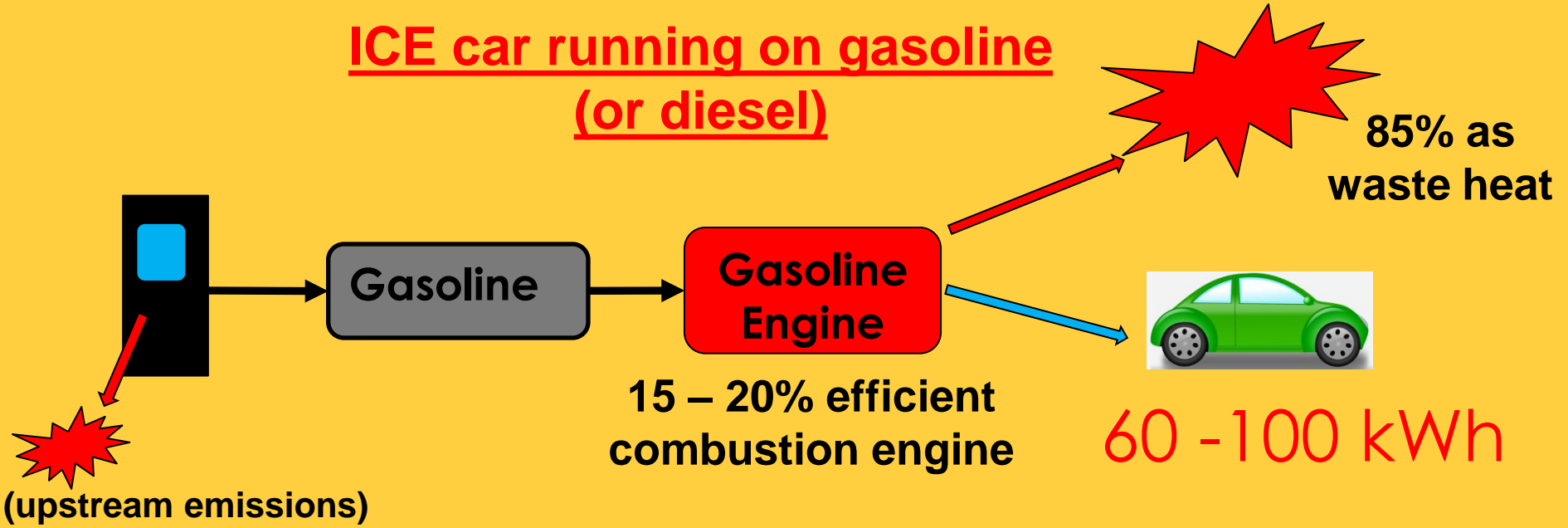
What are the impacts?

Since 2021 significant progress in the IESO taking this forward.

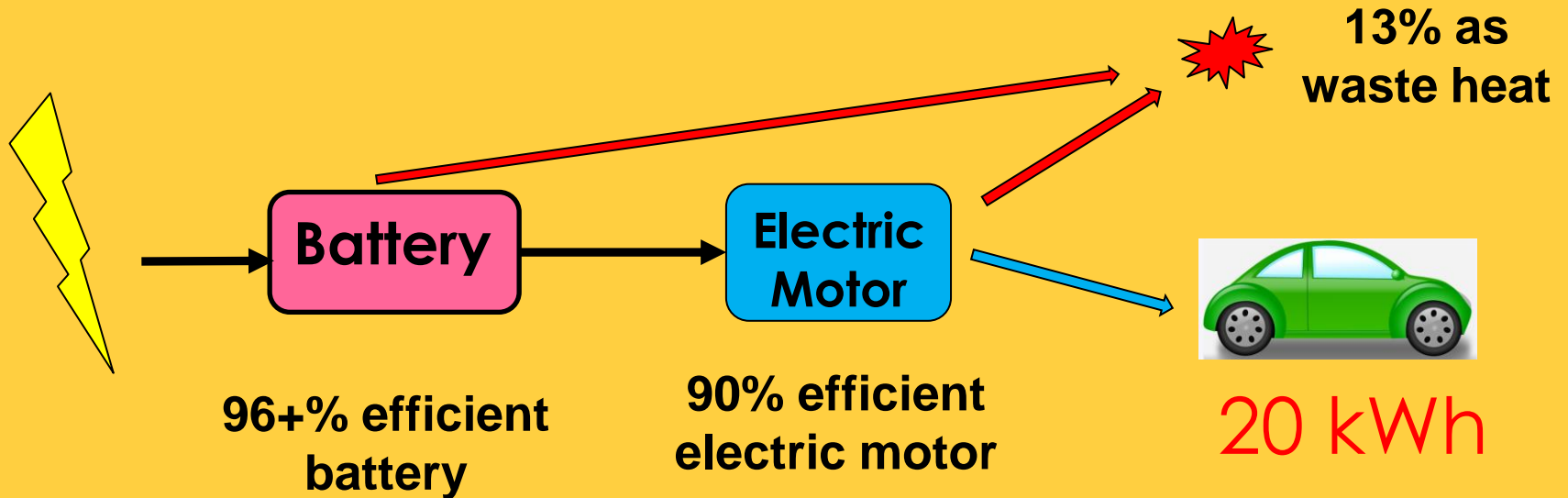
Efficiency Matters!

- When converting from one energy type (gasoline) to another (electricity), we need to know the efficiency of the energy path.
- Much of the energy (80%+) in gasoline powered cars is wasted as heat!
- Ontarions spent about \$33 Billion on gasoline, diesel in 2021 and 80% of those \$ went as waste heat!

ICE car running on gasoline
(or diesel)



EV powered by zero carbon electricity



Replacing fossil fuel energy by electricity – differing efficiencies




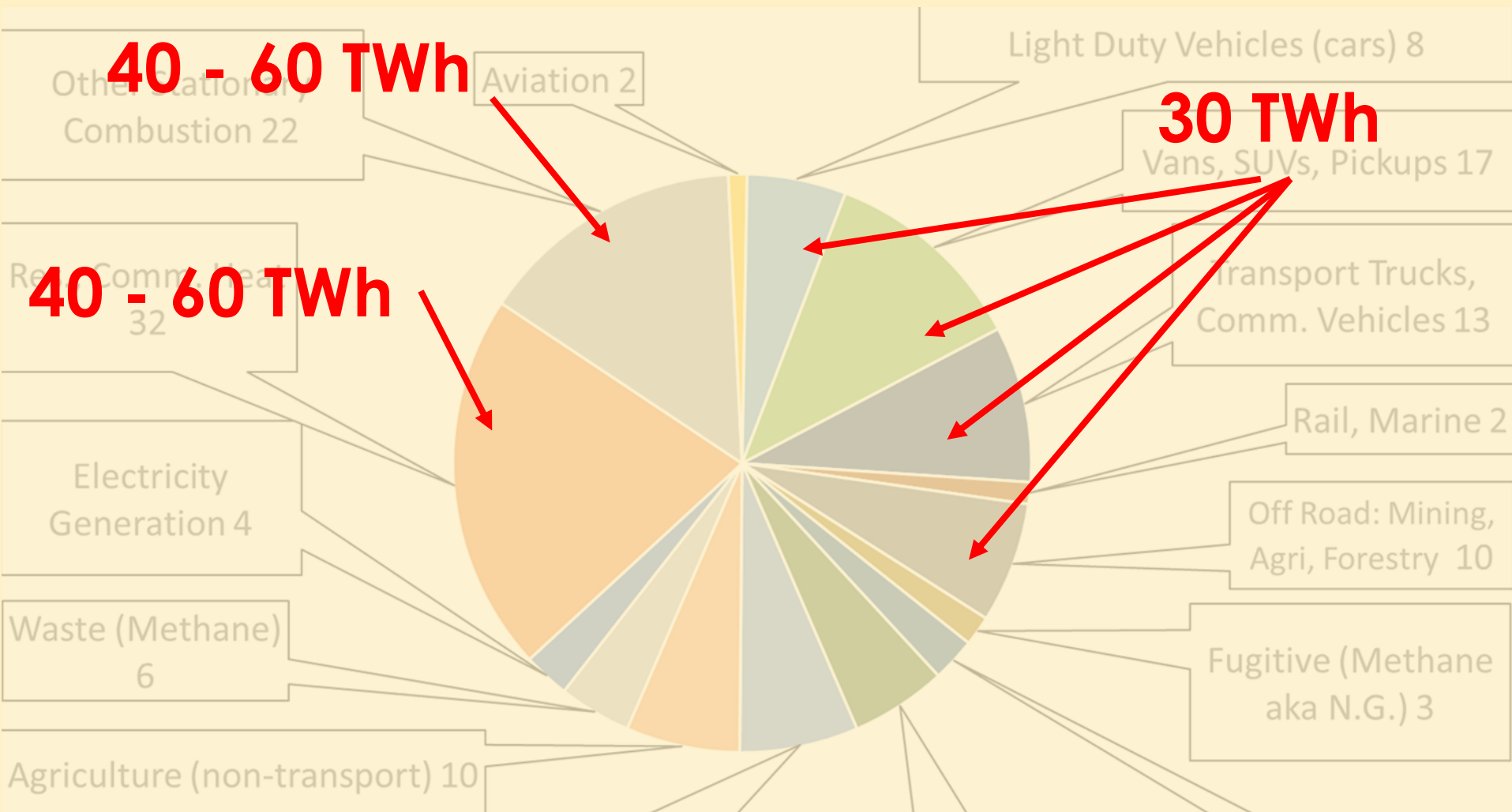
Piston engines are only about
15% - 20% efficient
EVs @ 80+%



Natural gas heating systems are
60% - 98% efficient
Heat Pumps @ 200% - 300%



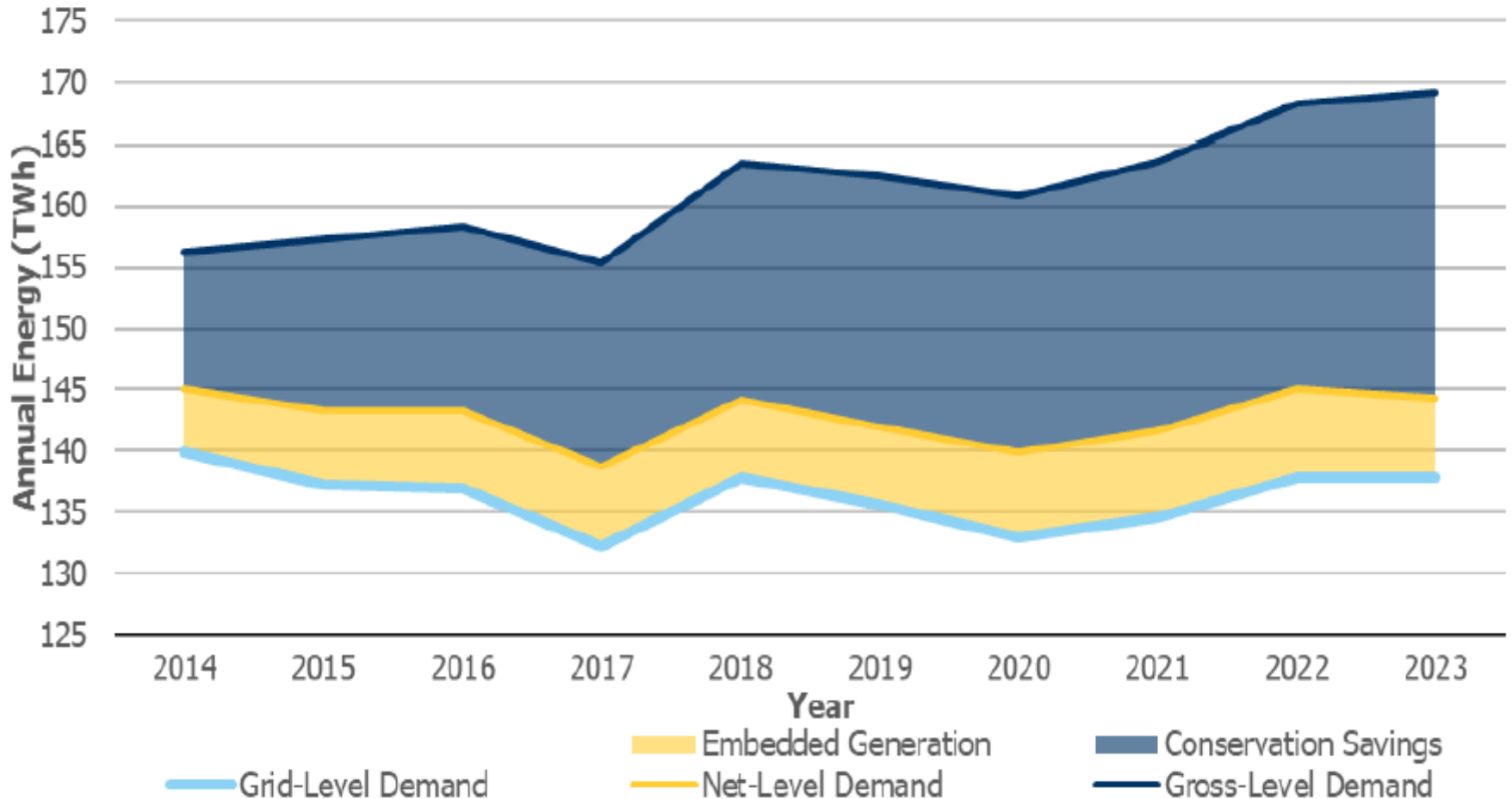
Industrial processes are
trickier to replace by 
Heat pumps, electric, biofuel,
hydrogen



70% Provincial reduction in GHGs

Requires 110 - 150 TWh of electricity to replace these fossil fueled activities

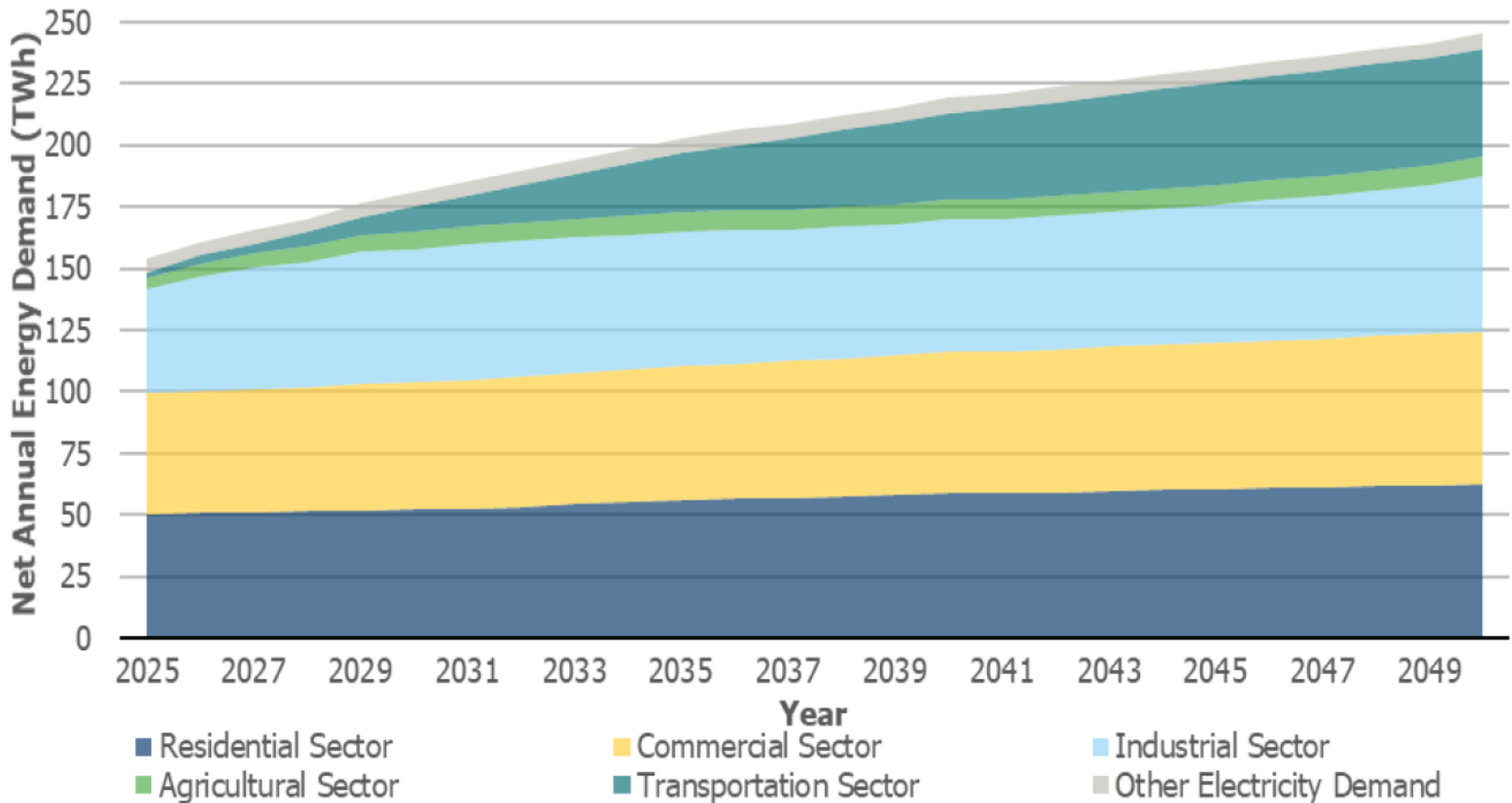
Ontario Grid*



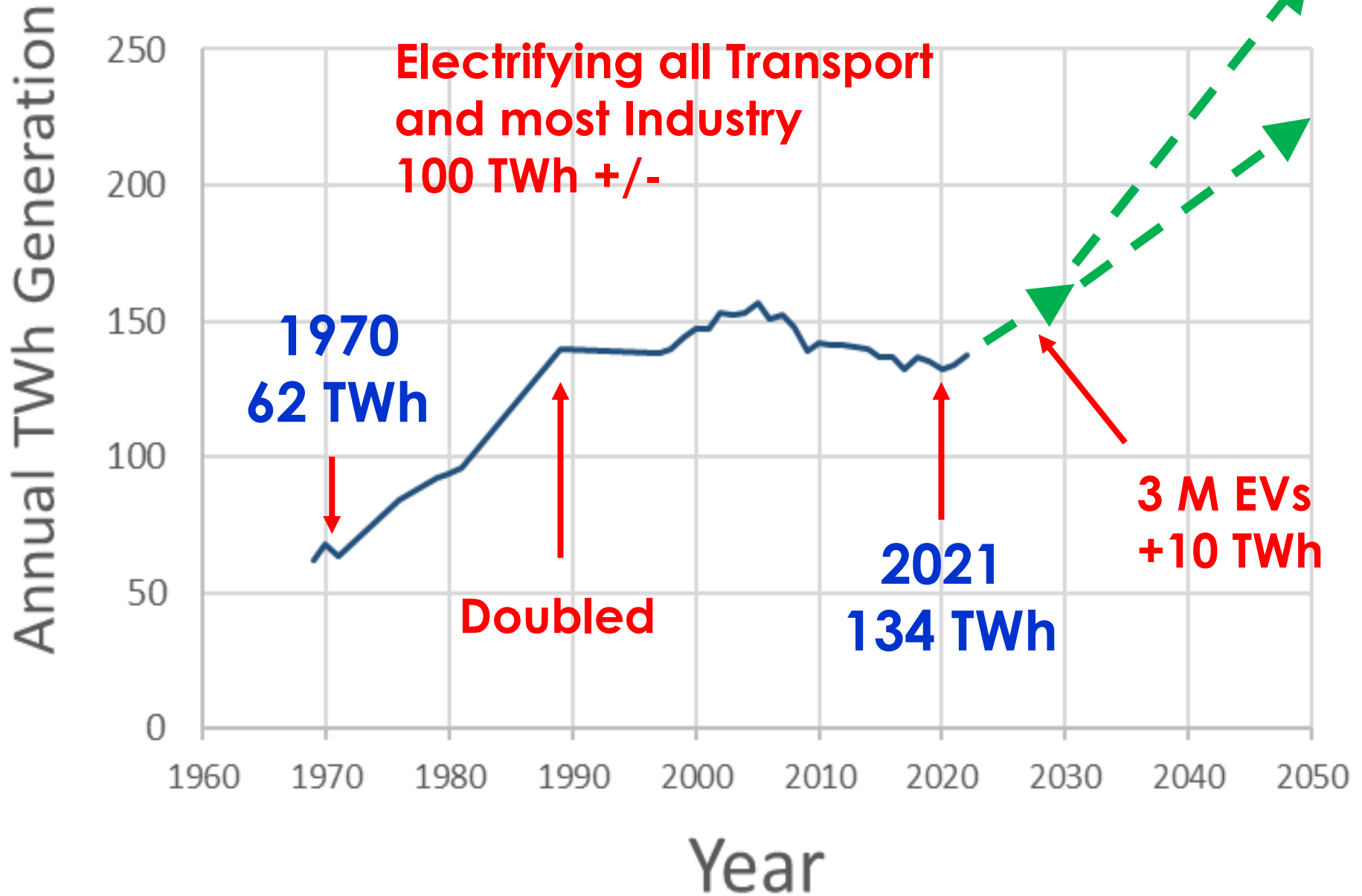
IESO March 2024 APO (Annual Planning Outlook)

Projects TWh of generation
required out to 2050

The IESO Projection to 2050*



Province of Ontario TWh Generation vs Year



What are the details?

Land Area

Cost

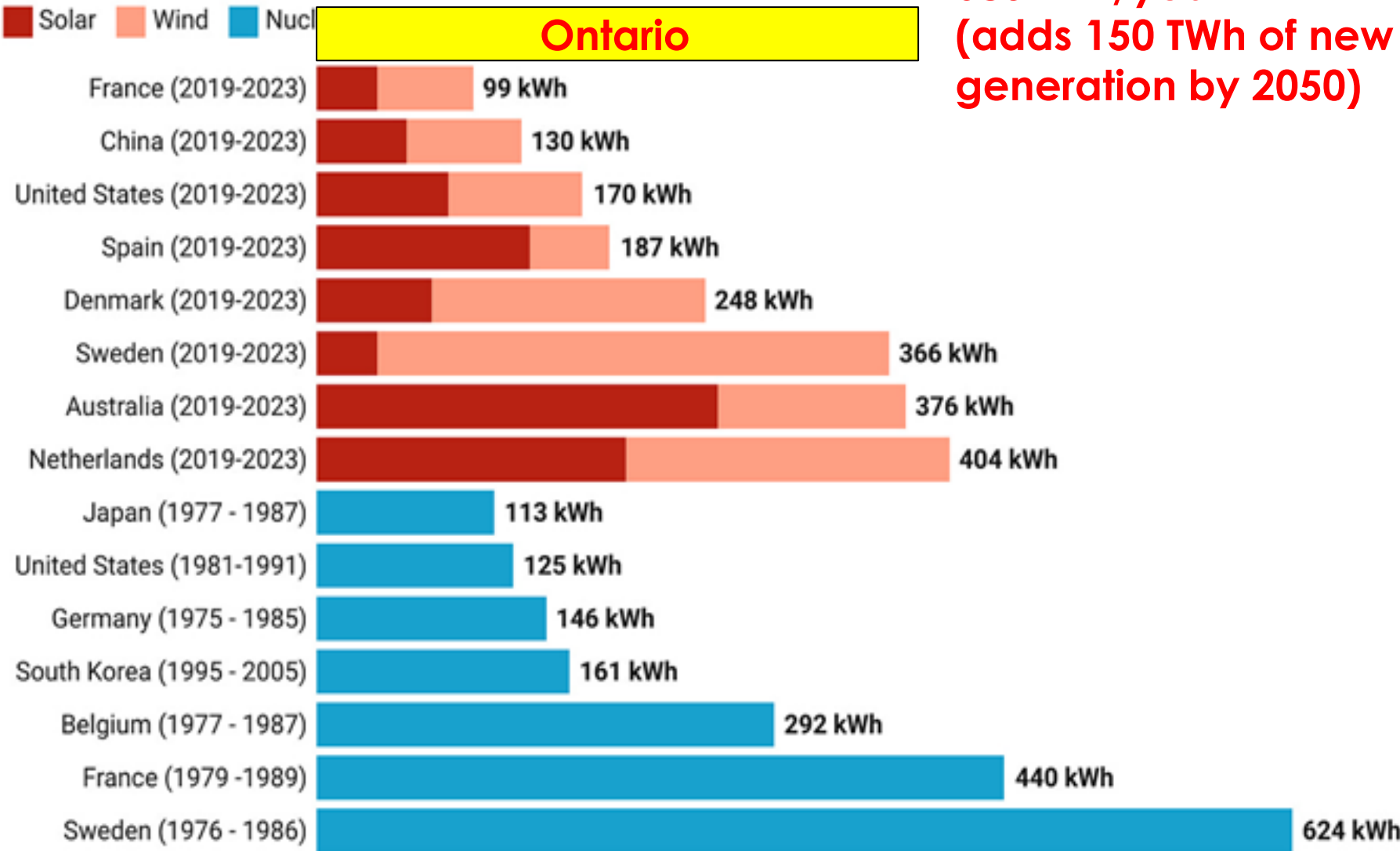
Build Time

Public Approval

Can it be Done?

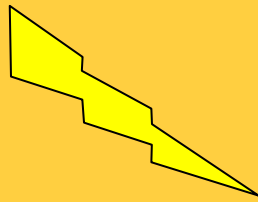
Average annual increase in low-carbon electricity output per person

Given for solar and wind over the last five years, compared to peak build-out periods of nuclear during the 1970s and 1980s.



Source: Ember (2024) • Created with Datawrapper

(Hannah Ritchie, 2024, World in Data)



150 TWh

Photovoltaics



- 125,000 MW Cap.
- 14 % Cap. Factor
- 2,100 km²
- 0.2 % Ont. area
- \$160 B*

Nuclear



- 20,400 MW Cap.
- 85% Cap. Factor
- 69 km² (waste?)
- 0.007 % Ont. area
- \$230 - \$380 B
- \$204 B* (68 SMRs @ \$3B)

Wind



- 49,500 MW Cap.
- 35 % Cap. Factor
- 600 – 2,800 km²
- 6 – 28 km² actual
- (0.0006 – 0.28 % Ont. area)
- \$100 B*

*\$1300/kW solar, \$1400/kW wind, \$10,000/kW SMR

**75 TWh from PV = 32 km x 32 km
(1050 km²) of Land**



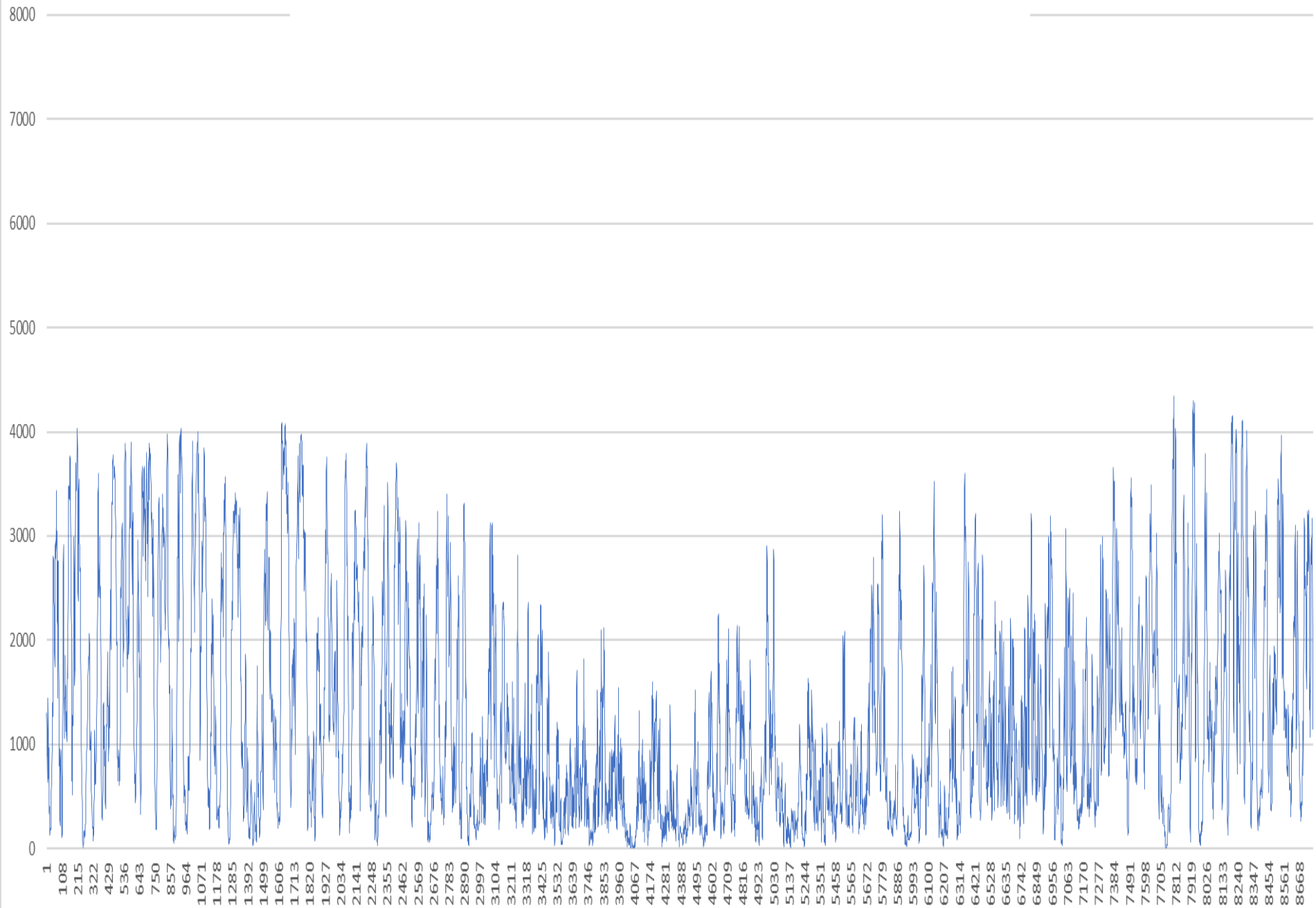
**2021 Forest Fires
8000 km²**



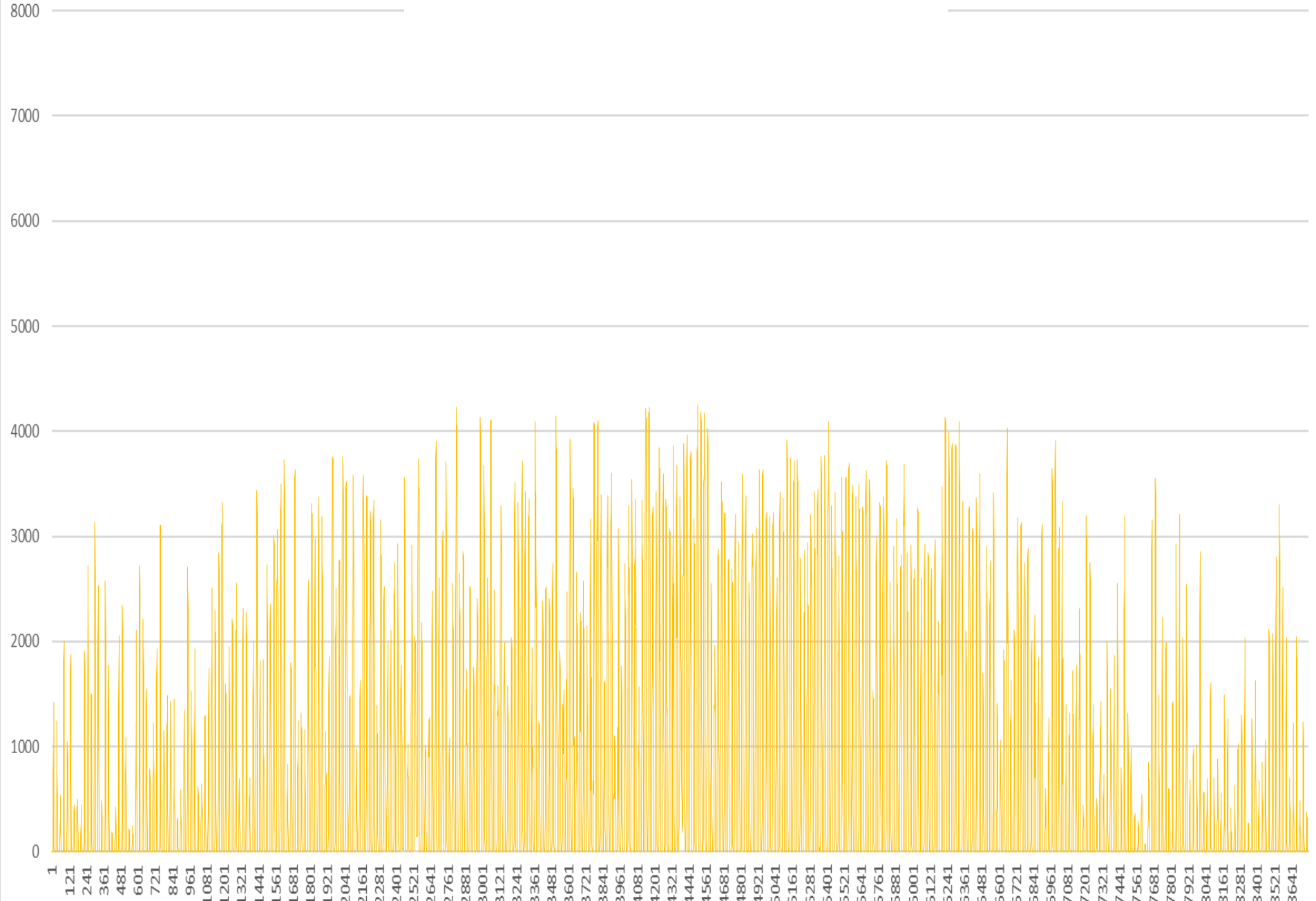
GTA = 7,100 km²



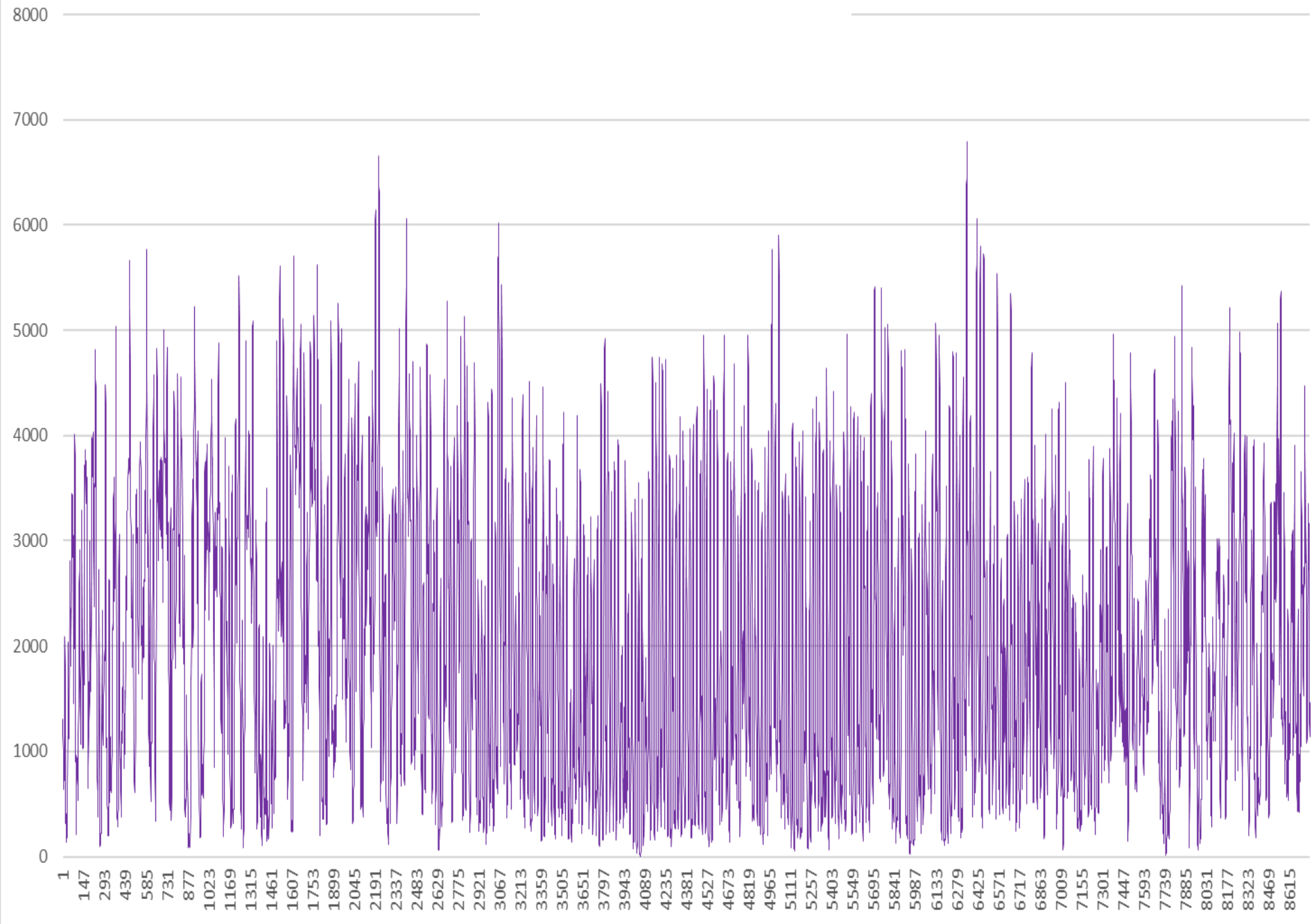
Actual Wind Power in Ontario (IESO 2019 Data)



Large solar farms on the Grid X 10

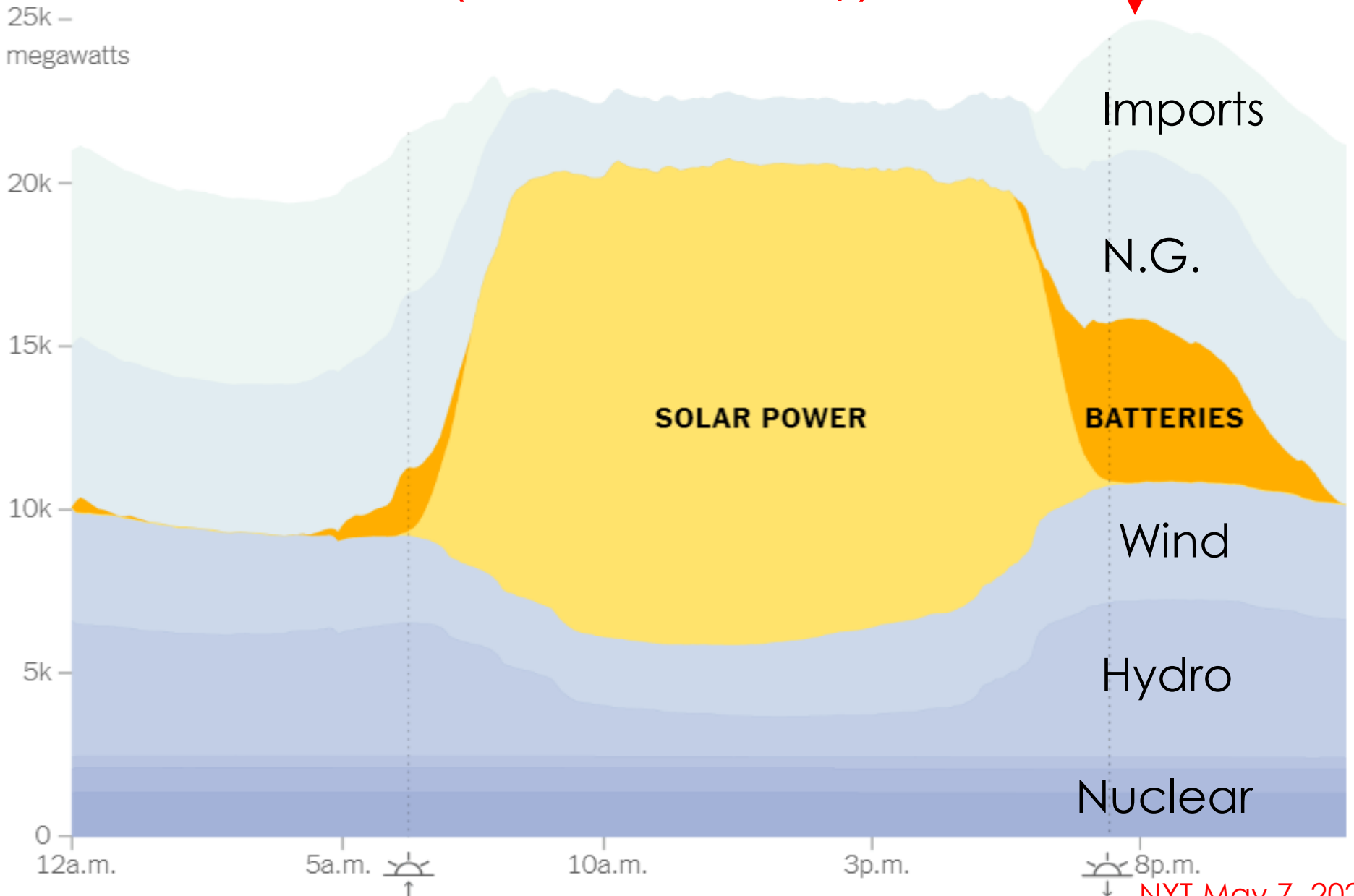


Wind plus 10 X solar



April 2024 – Average Daily Generation California Grid (300 TWh Annually)

Peak Demand



Annual expenses

Gasoline/Diesel/N.G.:	\$ 33 B
Natural gas:	<u>\$ 14 B</u>
Fossil Fuel 2021 Total	\$ 47 B

Ontario's GDP \$800 B

Ontario cell phone market \$ 10 B

Darlington & Bruce refurb \$ 26 B

IESO - invested since 2003 \$ 70 B

150 TWh solar and wind? \$10 -15 B

Conclusions

To take Ontario to a low carbon 2050, we must...

- Have a government that makes it a priority to get there. IESO moving forward...but....
- Eliminate N.G. electricity generation.
- Support EV and Heat Pump adoption.
- Meaningful consultation to determine which of (or combination of) Wind, Nuclear and/or Solar and electricity storage provides the best value for citizens, is deployable in the timeline and is environmentally acceptable.
- Hurray!! - Avoided fossil fuel cost of \$40B/year

What can you do?

- Contact your MPP
- Electric car (approx. 2 years GHG payback)
- Cold climate heat pump
- Hybrid electric hot water heater (instead of N.G.)
- Home energy audit to find most cost effective retrofits
- Fly less or not at all
- Wifi based thermostat
- Buy less of everything..except EVs and Heat pumps!



**Thank You
for Your Attention**

Questions?

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