

# BALANCING CONTRIBUTIONS

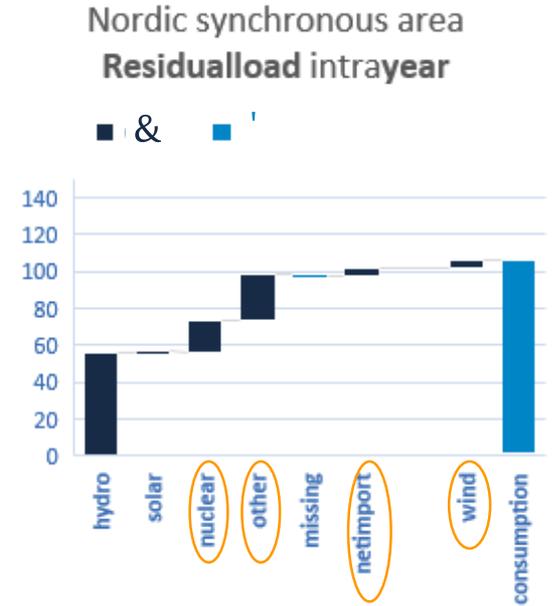
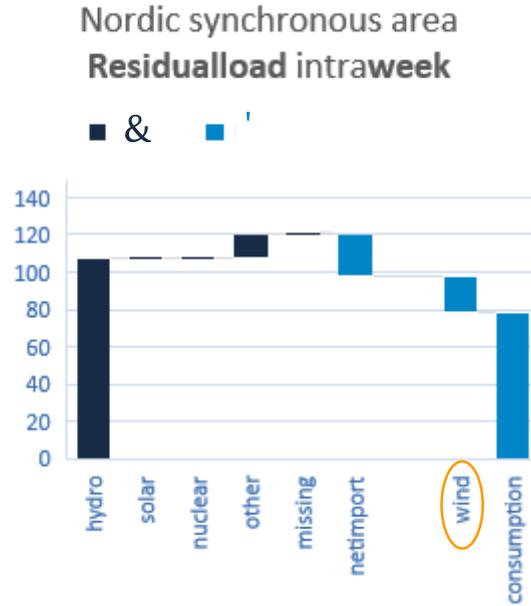
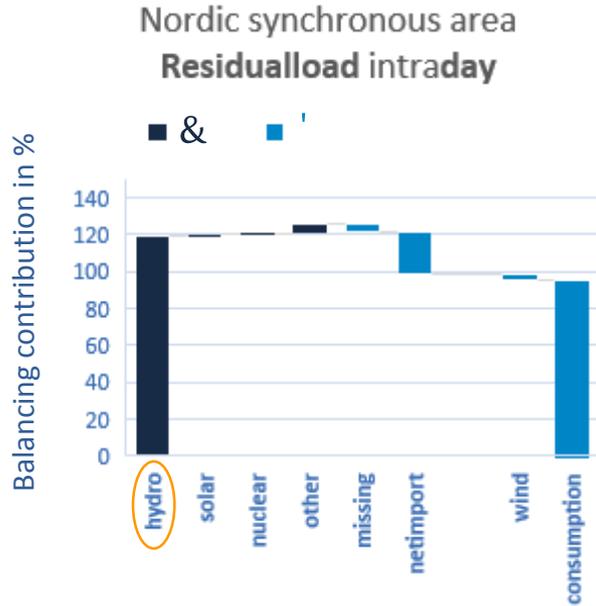
Who balances Nordic wind power?

Energyday, 2018-04-27, Richard Scharff & Johan Bladh  
Thanks to Helena Olsson!

Who balances Nordic wind power?

# SOME RESULTS

$$\text{Residualload (t)} = \text{consumption (t)} - \text{wind (t)}$$



Who balances Nordic wind power?

A satellite-style world map where the landmasses are dark, and the cities and urban areas are illuminated with a bright yellow-green glow, representing city lights at night. The oceans are dark blue. The text 'BALANCING \\' is centered over the map in a white, sans-serif font.

# BALANCING \'

Bild: NASA/NOAA.

BALANCING (

Who balances **Nordic** wind power?

# ELSYSTEMET

Det svenska stamnätet för el består av 15 000 km kraftledningar, 160 transformator- och kopplingsstationer och 17 utlandsförbindelser.

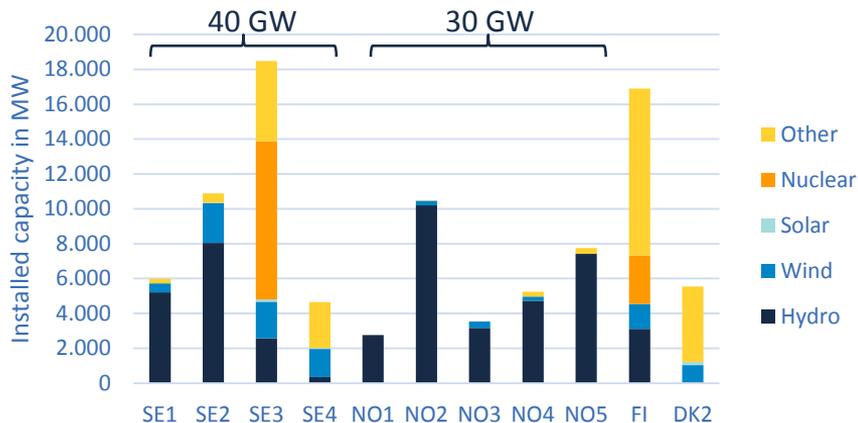
OMFATTNING	LUFTLEDNING	KABEL
400 kV växelström	11 010 km	8 km
220 kV växelström	3 550 km	29 km
Högspländ likström (HVDC)	100 km	885 km

- 400 kV ledning
- 275 kV ledning
- 220 kV ledning
- HVDC (likström)
- Samkörningsförbindelse för lägre spänning än 220 kV
- ..... Planerad/under byggnad
- ▲ Vattenkraftsstation
- ▲ Värme Kraftsstation
- ▲ Vindkraftspark
- Transf./kopplingsstation
- Planerad/under byggnad

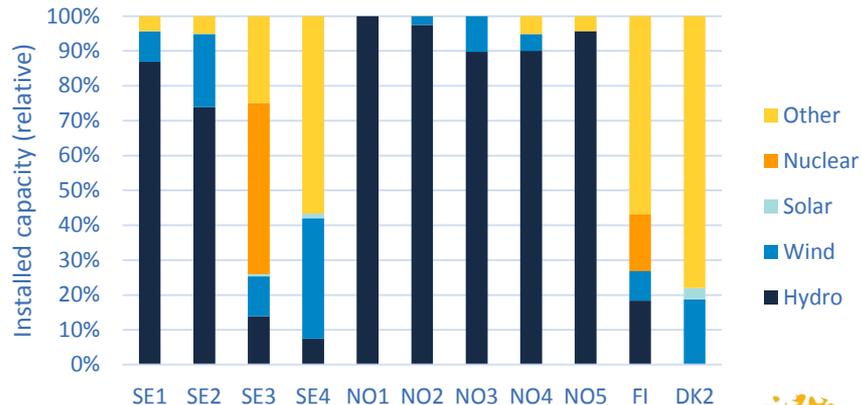
# NORDIC SYNCHRONOUS AREA

Who balances Nordic wind power?

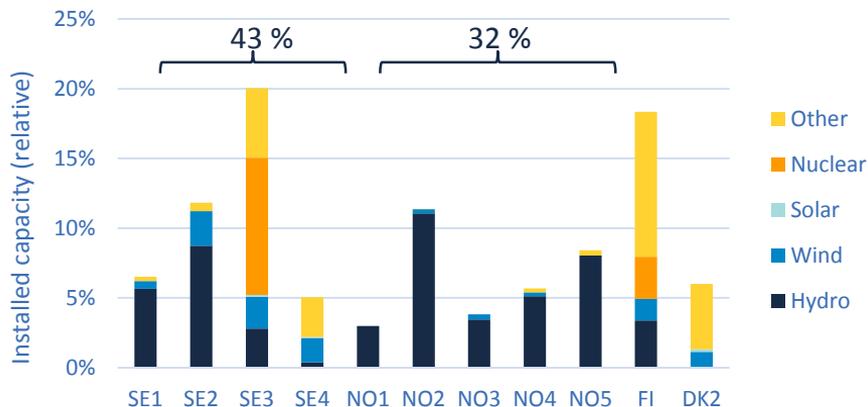
## Power plants by 1 January 2017



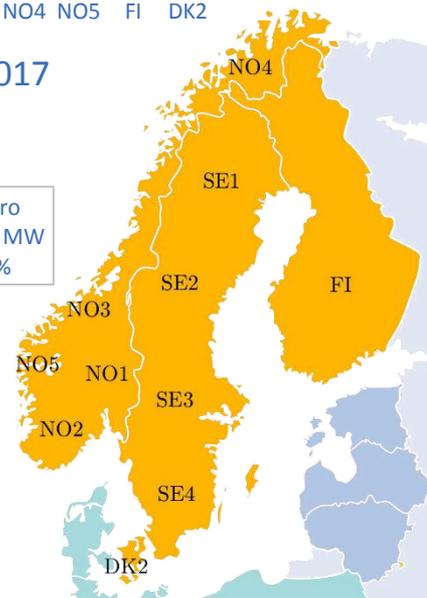
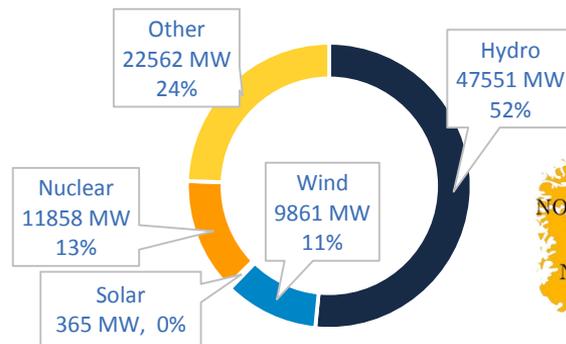
## Capacity mix by 1 January 2017



## Power plants by 1 January 2017 (relative)



## Power plants by 1 January 2017 Nordic synchronous area

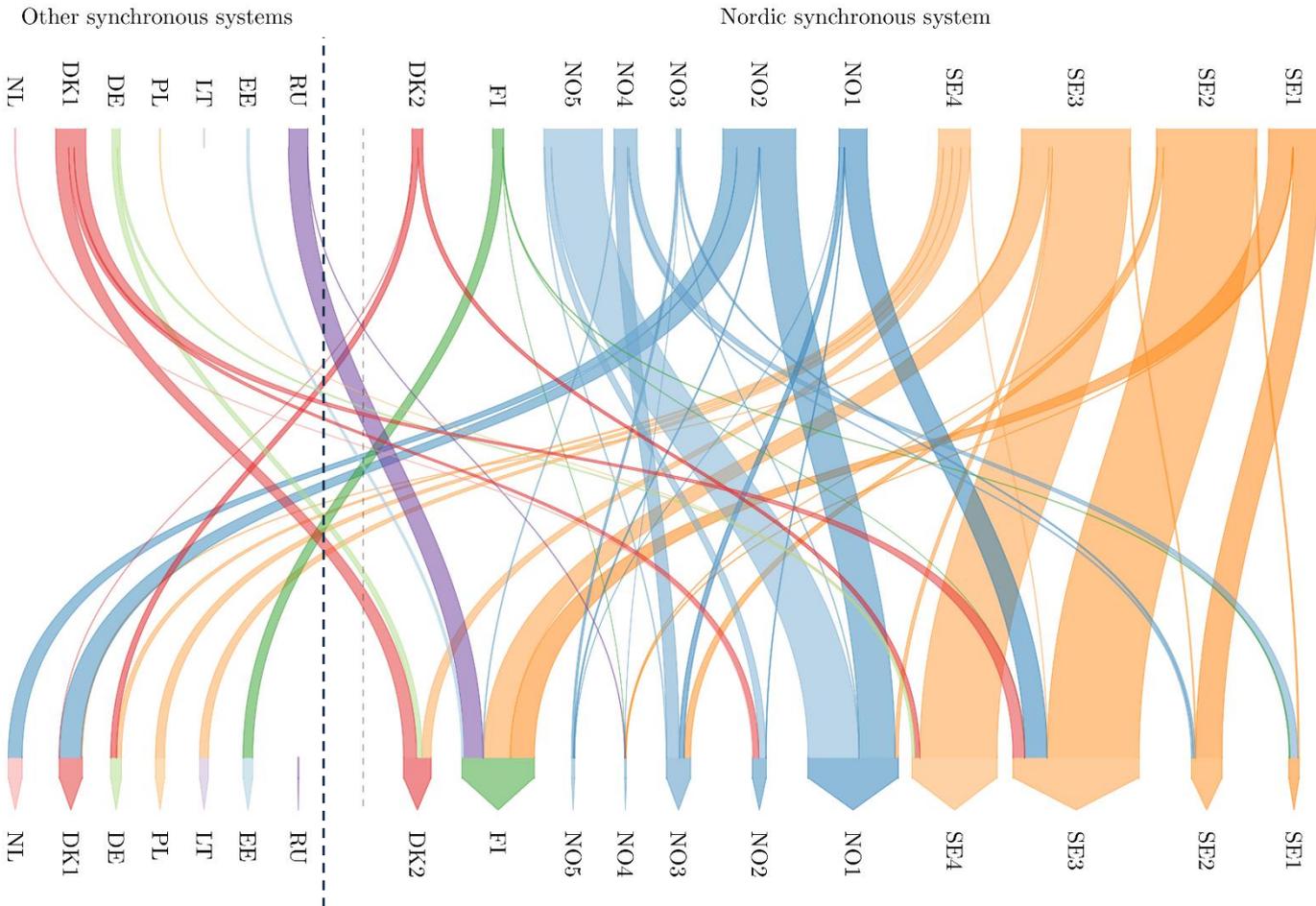


Data: Entso-E, SvK, Energiföretagen.

## Exchanges during 2016

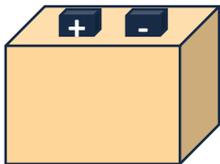
between the price areas in the Nordic synchronous area and towards other neighbouring systems.

Resolution of input data: hourly net exchanges. 2016 was a year with low inflow in hydro reservoirs ("dry year").

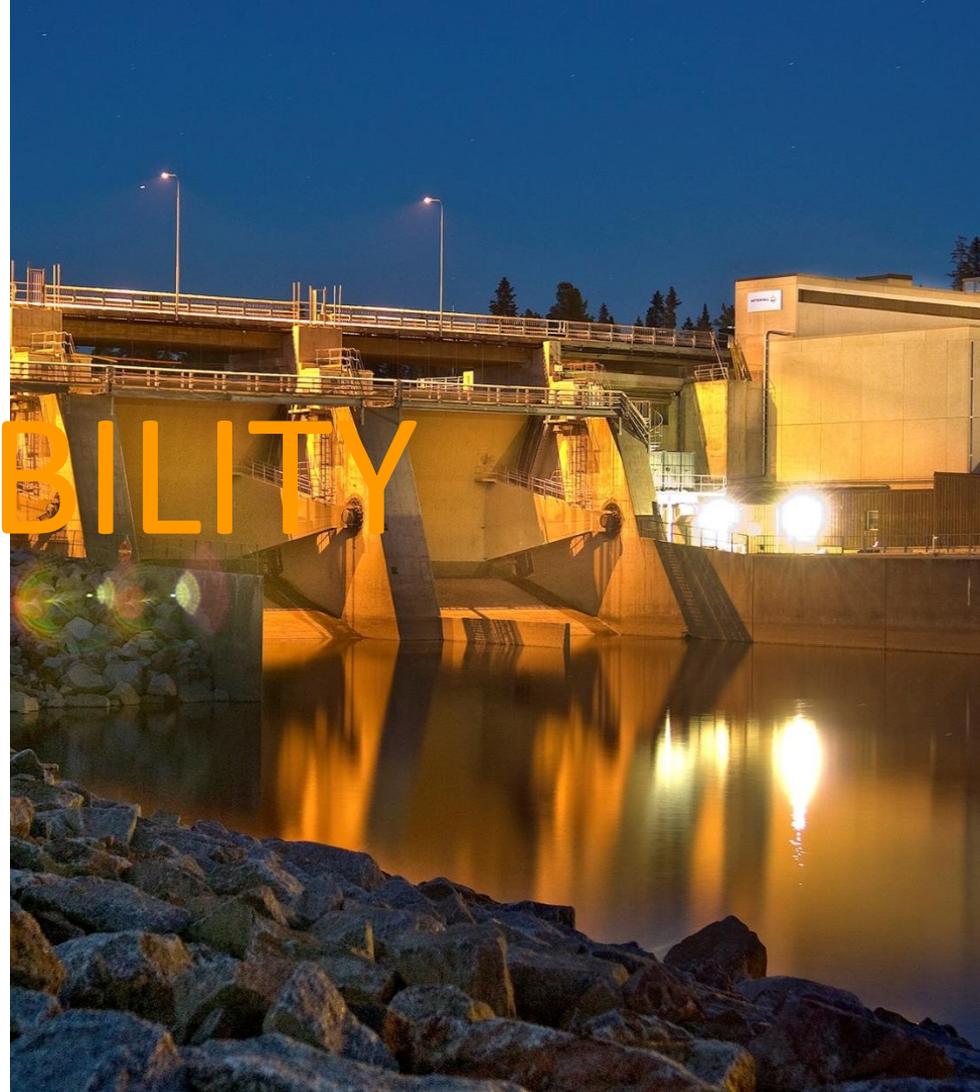


Data: Nord Pool.

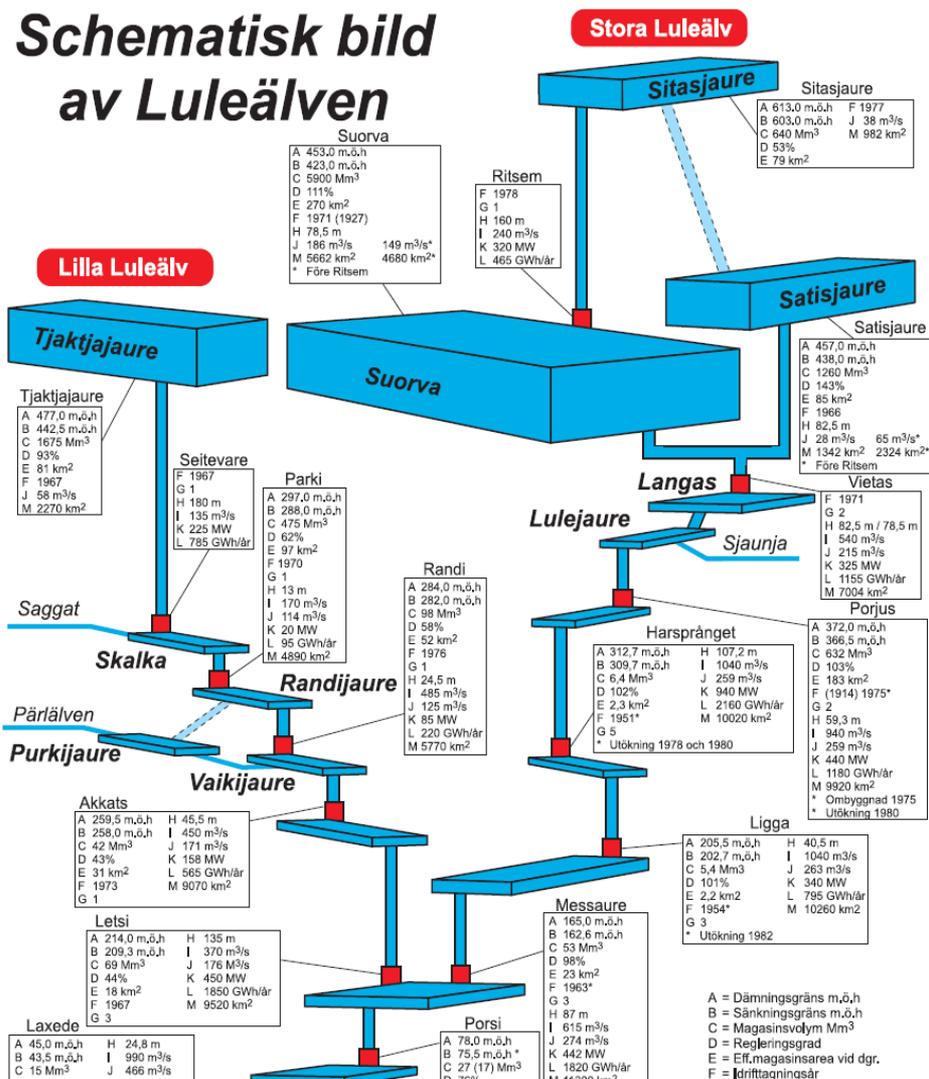
# FLEXIBILITY



FLEXIBILITY



# Schematisk bild av Luleälven



Who balances Nordic wind power?

# BALANCING WHAT EXACTLY?

## Focus

- Balancing wind power production...
- Balancing consumption...
- Balancing **residual load** 😊  
(= consumption – wind generation)...

...in the **Nordic synchronous area** of the European electric power system.



# BALANCING WHAT EXACTLY?

## Focus

- Balancing wind power production...
- Balancing consumption...
- Balancing **residual load** 😊  
(= consumption – wind generation)...

...in the **Nordic synchronous area** of the European electric power system.



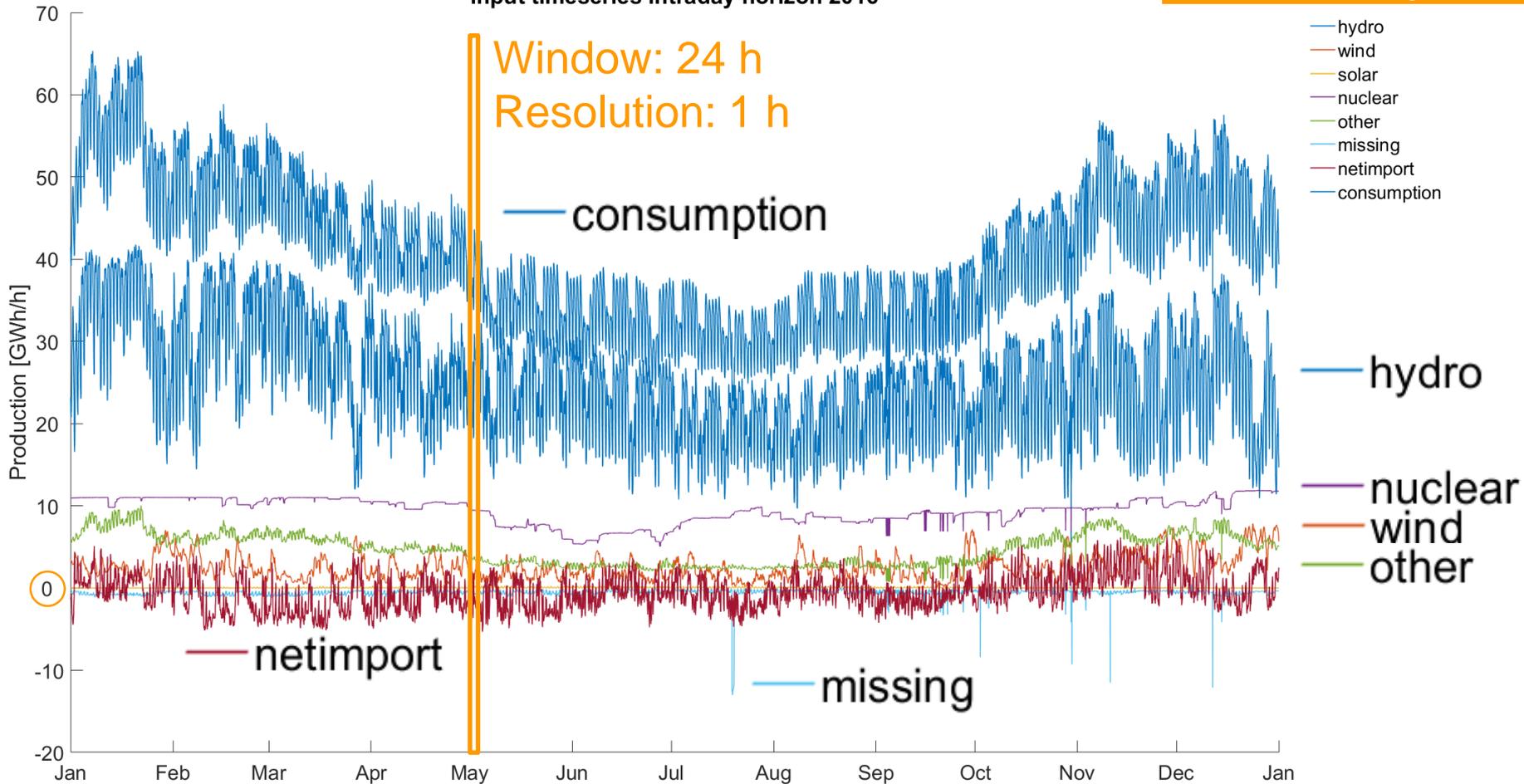
## Indata

- Time series production, consumption, exchange.
- Hourly resolution.
- Years 2015 and 2016.
- Source: Entso-E's Transparency Platform, Nord Pool, Svenska kraftnät.

# METHOD

Who balances Nordic wind power?

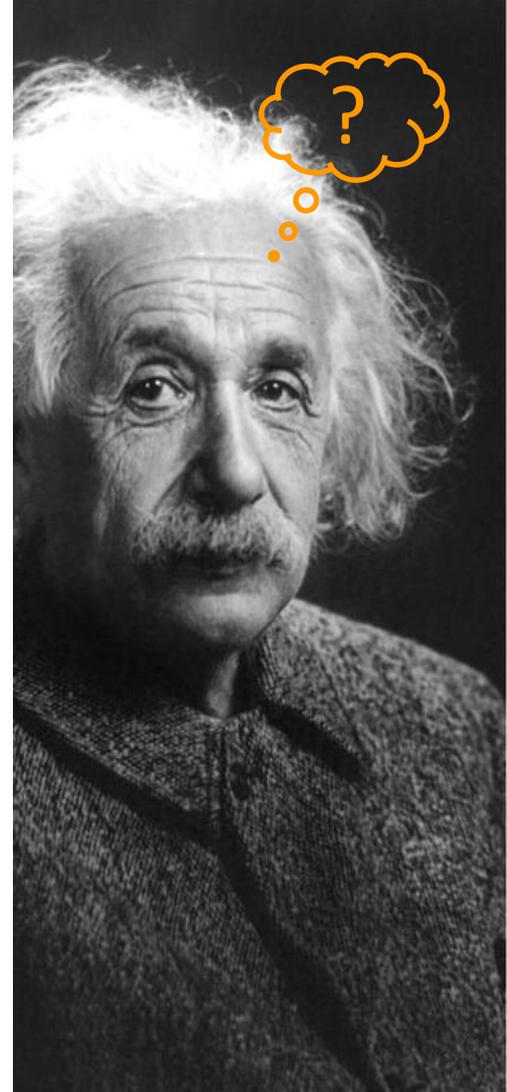
Input timeseries intraday horizon 2016



# BALANCING CONTRIBUTION

$$= \text{COV} [ X, -Y ] / \text{VAR} [ Y ]$$

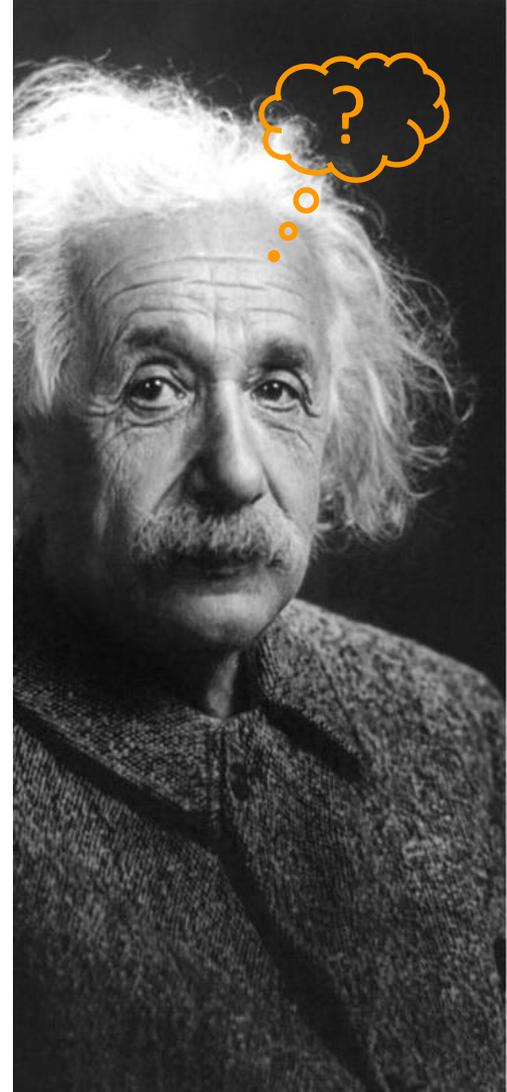
- X: Time series X per type per price area.  
*Balancing resource, for example hydro power production.*
- Y: Time series Y for Nordic synchronous system.  
*To be balanced, for example residual load, wind power production or consumption.*



# BALANCING CONTRIBUTION

$$= \text{COV} [ X, -Y ] / \text{VAR} [ Y ]$$

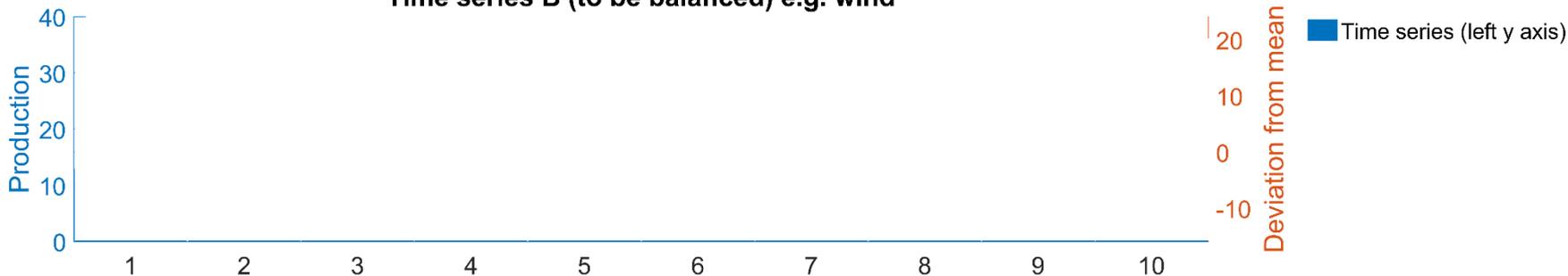
- X: Time series X per type per price area.  
*Balancing resource, for example hydro power production.*
- Y: Time series Y for Nordic synchronous system.  
*To be balanced, for example residual load, wind power production or consumption.*
- Calculated for different **time horizons**.
- Measure is **linear**, based on energy balance.
- Report: Lönnberg/Bladh 2016, [Länk till PDF](#).



**Time series A (balancing) e.g. hydro**



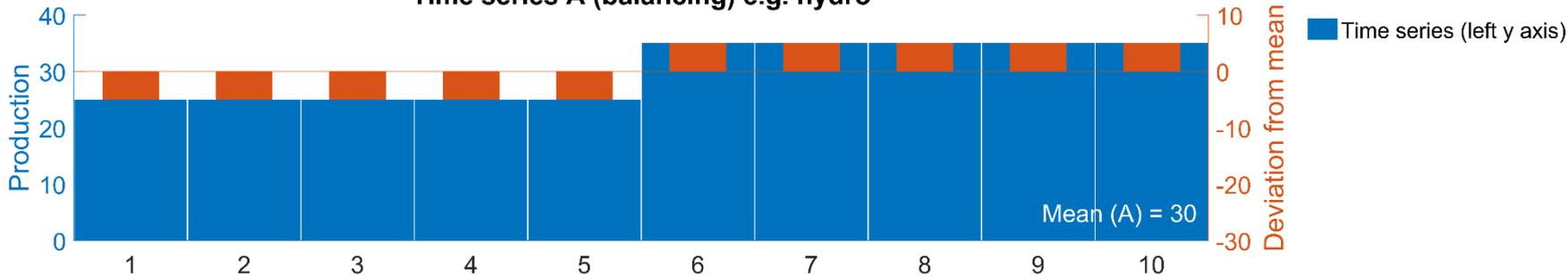
**Time series B (to be balanced) e.g. wind**



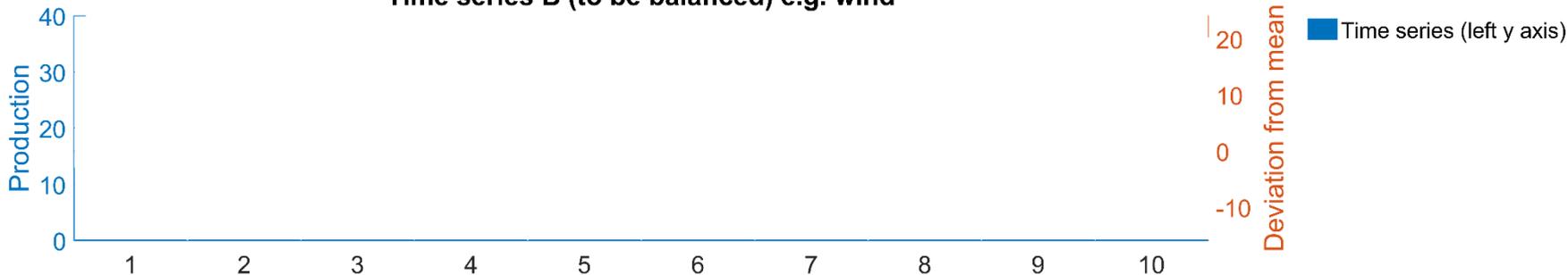
**Contribution of A in balancing B, e.g. hydro balancing wind**



**Time series A (balancing) e.g. hydro**



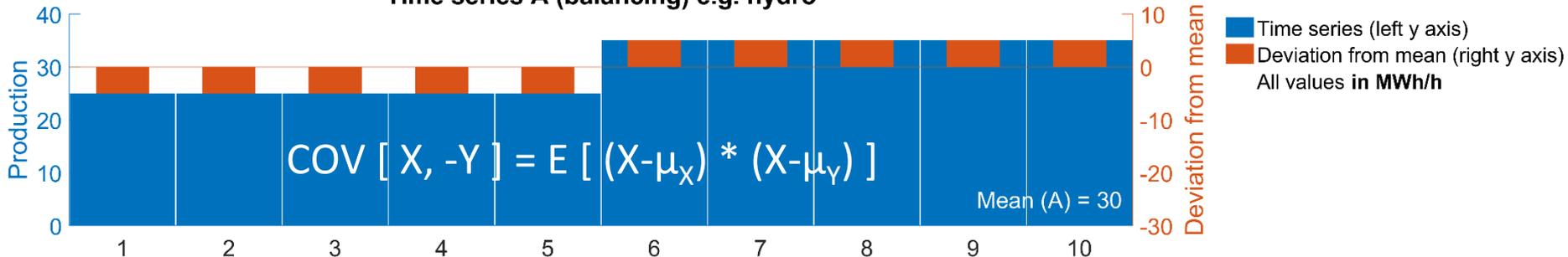
**Time series B (to be balanced) e.g. wind**



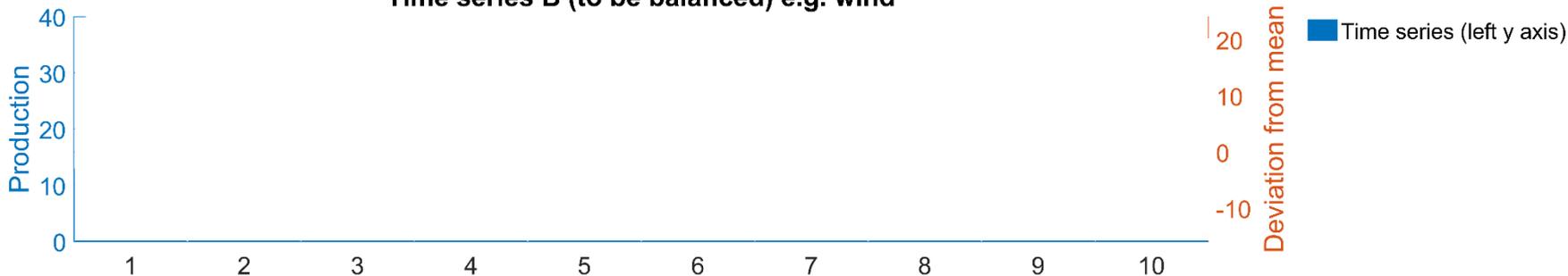
**Contribution of A in balancing B, e.g. hydro balancing wind**



**Time series A (balancing) e.g. hydro**



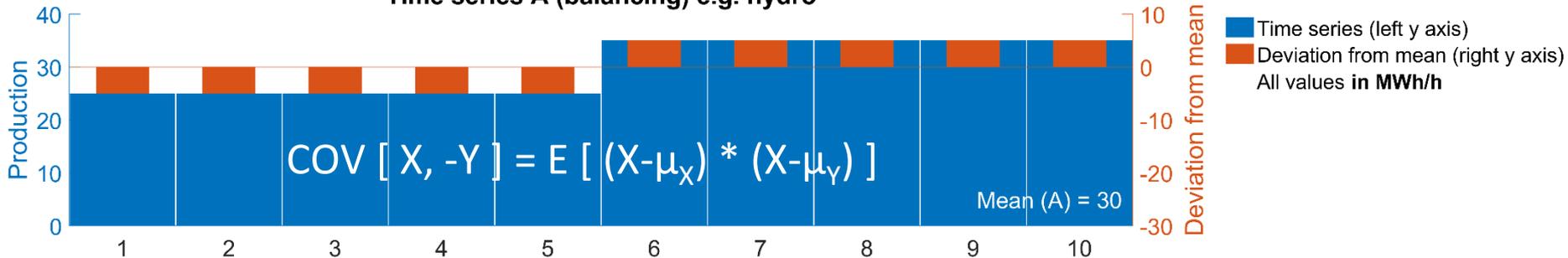
**Time series B (to be balanced) e.g. wind**



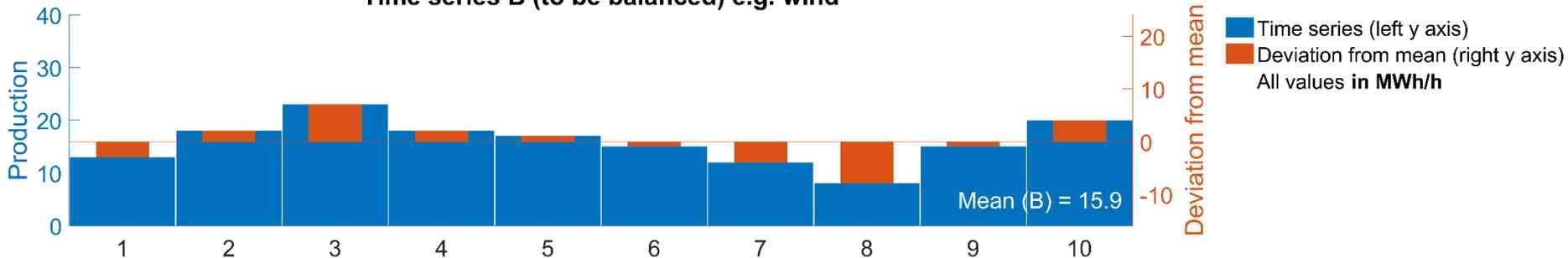
**Contribution of A in balancing B, e.g. hydro balancing wind**



**Time series A (balancing) e.g. hydro**



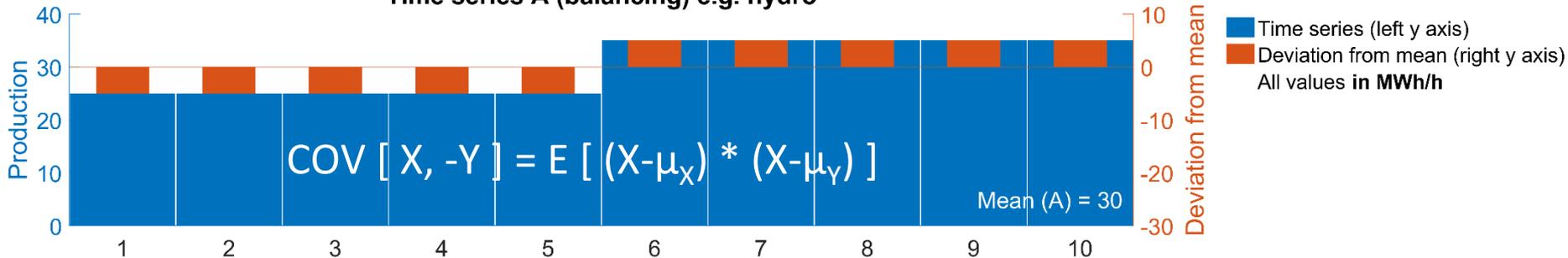
**Time series B (to be balanced) e.g. wind**



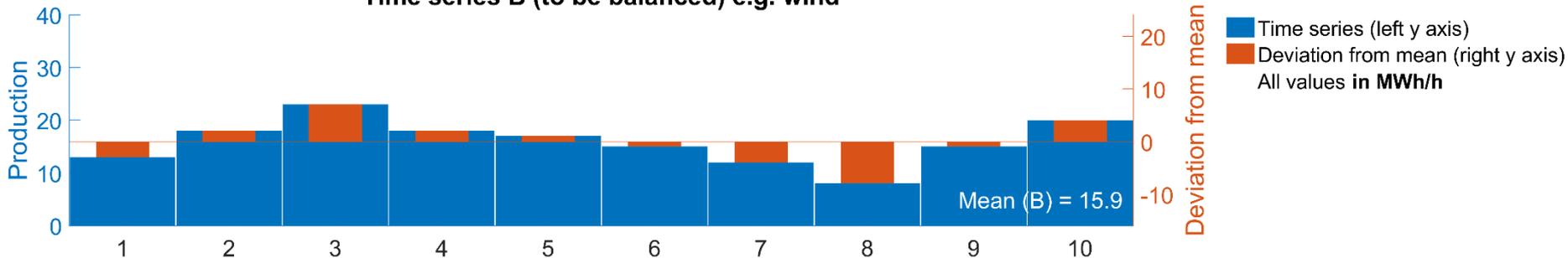
**Contribution of A in balancing B, e.g. hydro balancing wind**



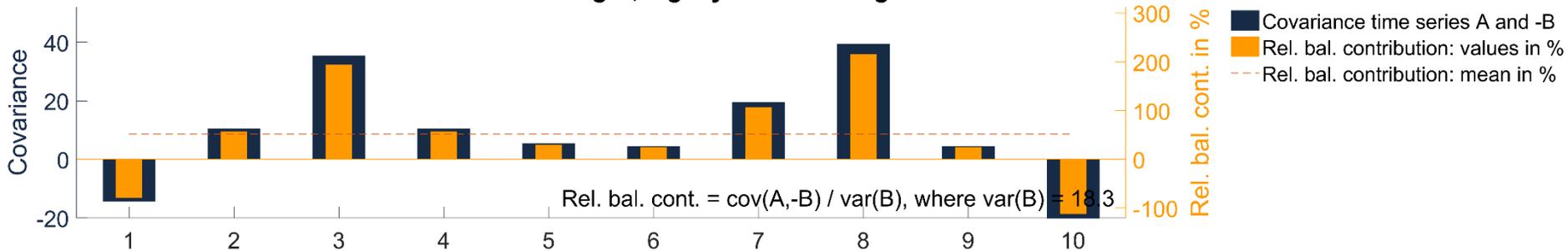
**Time series A (balancing) e.g. hydro**



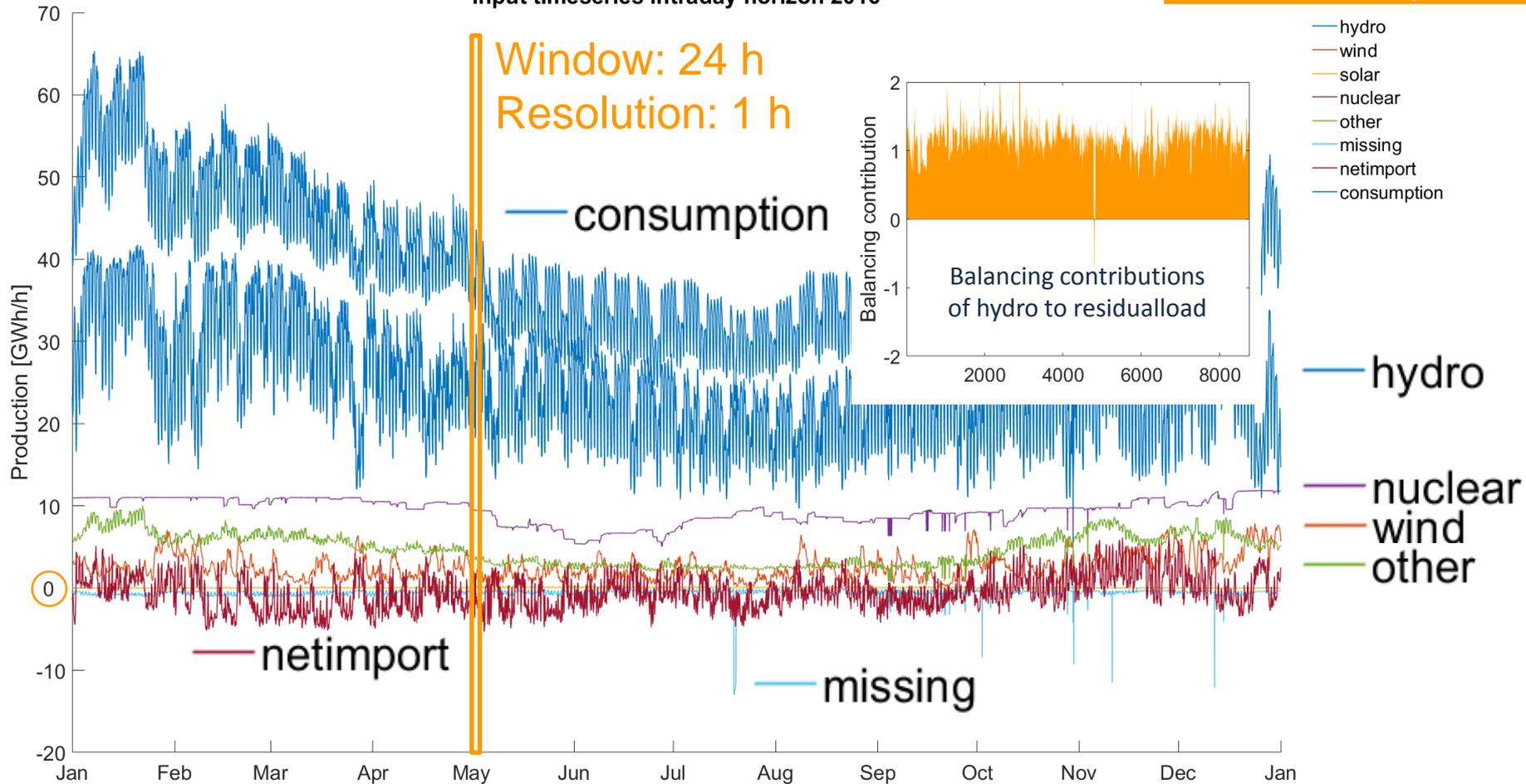
**Time series B (to be balanced) e.g. wind**



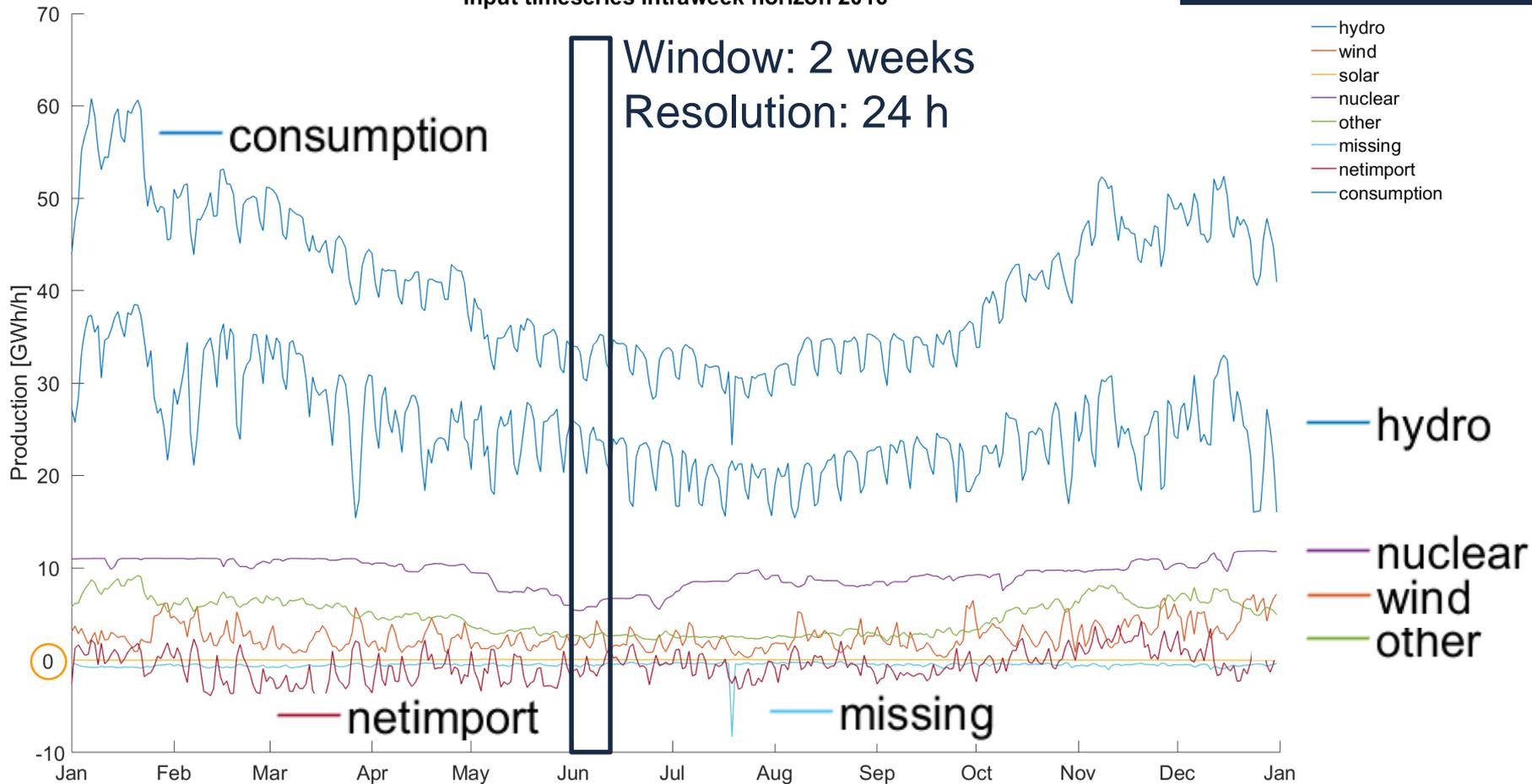
**Contribution of A in balancing B, e.g. hydro balancing wind**



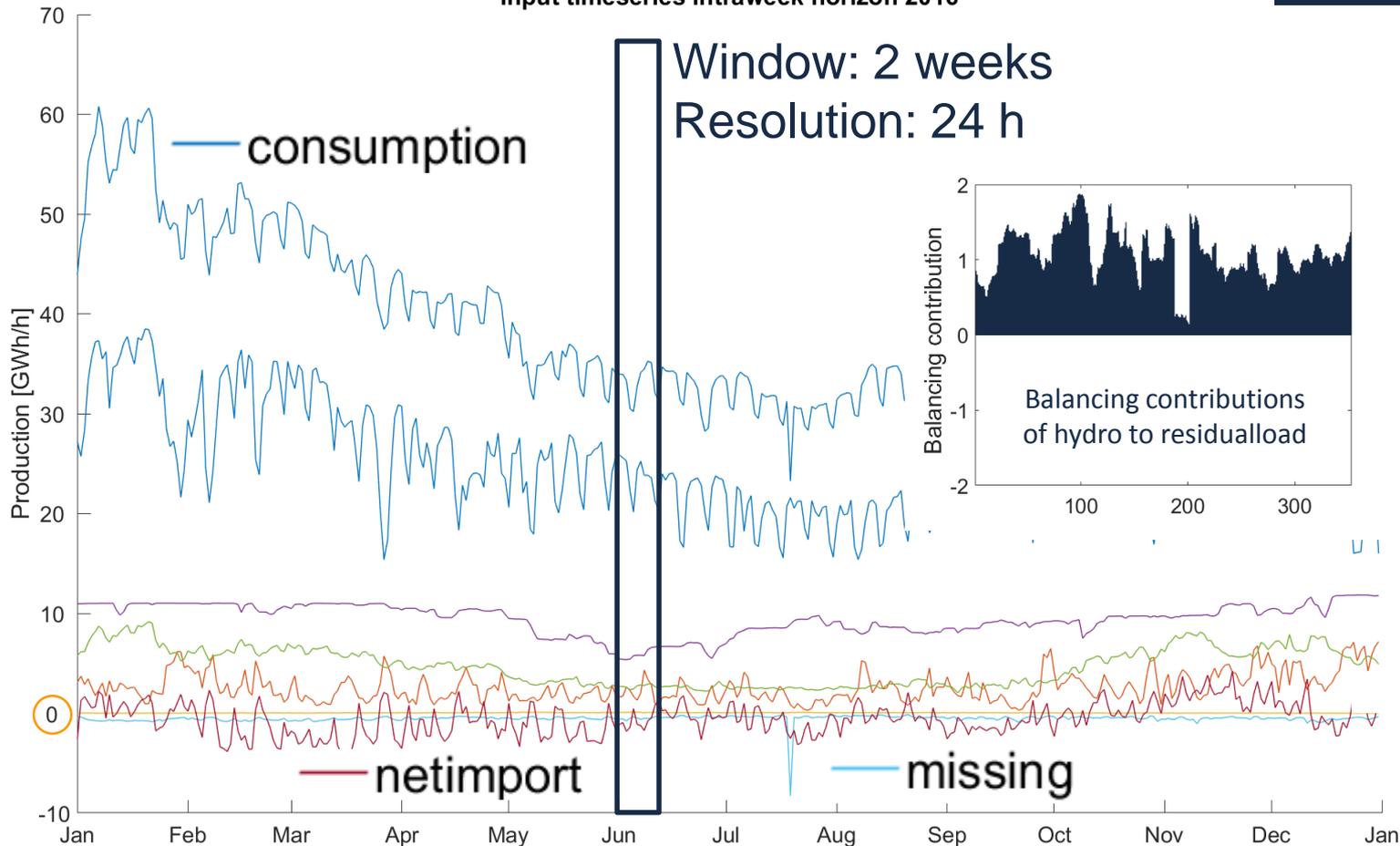
## Input timeseries intraday horizon 2016



## Input timeseries intraweek horizon 2016



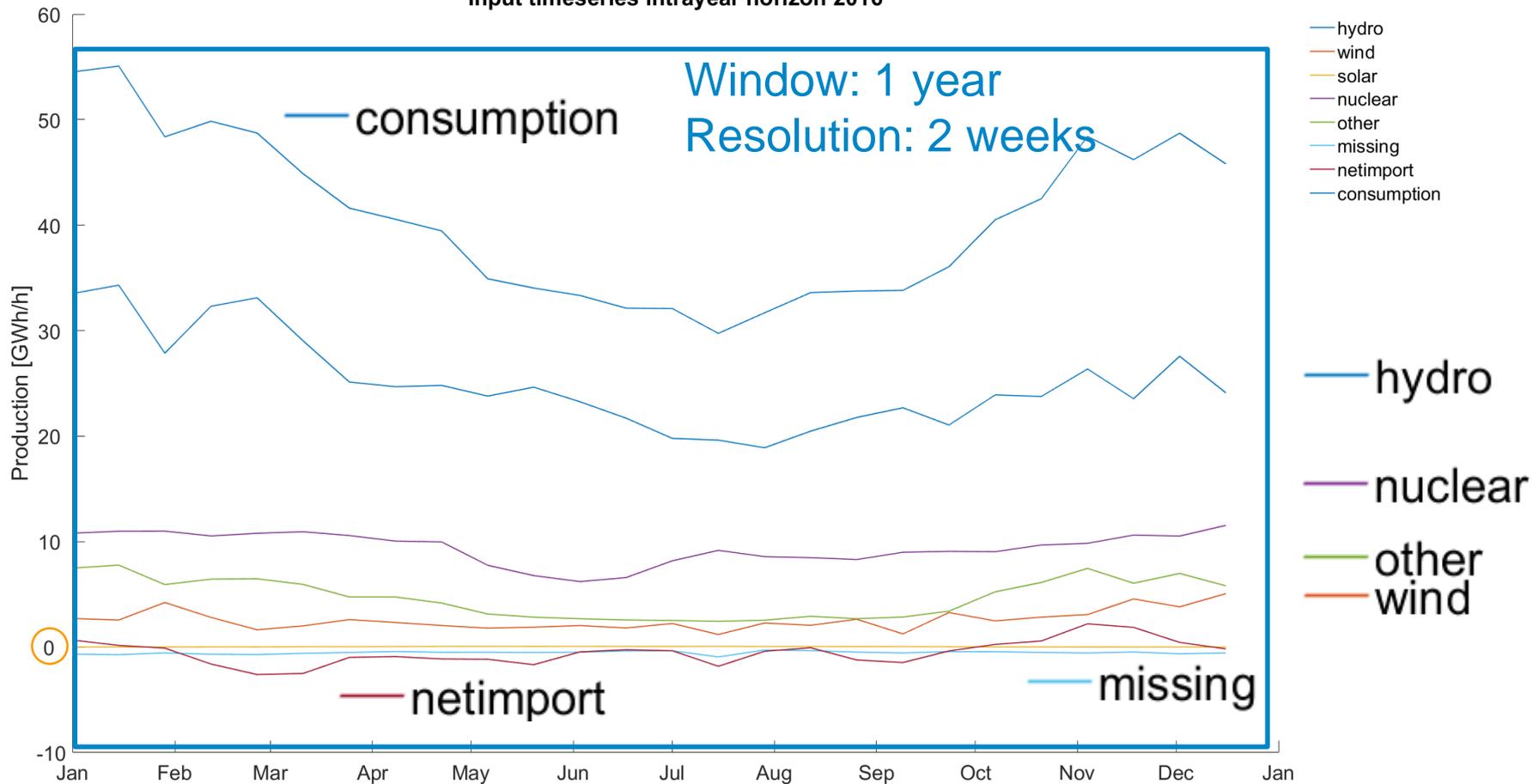
Input timeseries intraweek horizon 2016



- hydro
- wind
- solar
- nuclear
- other
- missing
- netimport
- consumption

- hydro
- nuclear
- wind
- other

Input timeseries intrayear horizon 2016



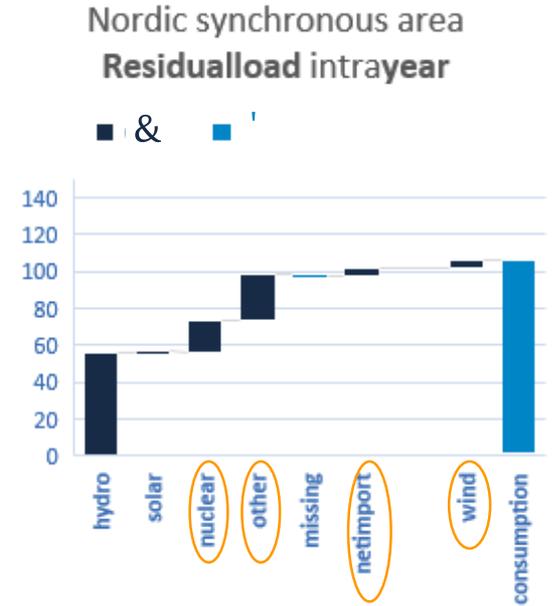
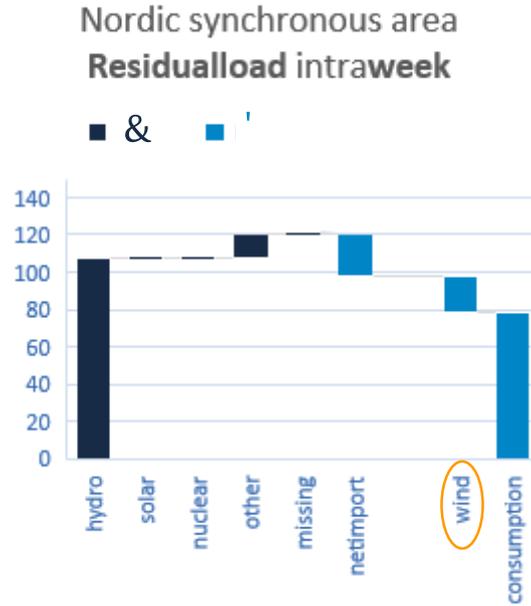
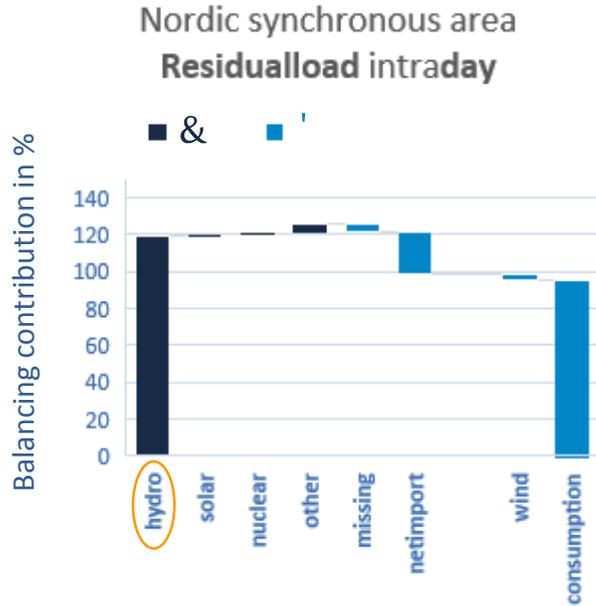


# INSIGHTS

Who balances Nordic wind power?

# SOME RESULTS

$$\text{Residualload (t)} = \text{consumption (t)} - \text{wind (t)}$$



# TAKEAWAYS

- **Ex-post assessment** of production planning.  
Main limitation: no insights about potential balancing contributions. ~~§~~
- So far, **too little wind power** capacity to see effects on residual load. One- to two-week patterns are challenging.
- **Patterns** (time horizons, zone and focus "Y") differ and indicate **changes**. How can we prepare ourselves for that?
- Hydro power is an important balancing resource, but might be **complemented** and **used differently** in the future.
- **Interconnectors, solar power** and **consumption** are promising with regard to balancing contributions.



A person wearing a helmet and climbing gear is silhouetted against a bright sunrise as they ascend a white wind turbine tower. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. In the background, a landscape of rolling hills is dotted with several other wind turbines under a clear blue sky.

# TACK!

Critical feed-back & comments welcome:  
[richard.scharff@vattenfall.com](mailto:richard.scharff@vattenfall.com)