

Small Wind Power

Experience in Austria

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 - ❖ Apartment Buildings
 - ❖ Private Customers

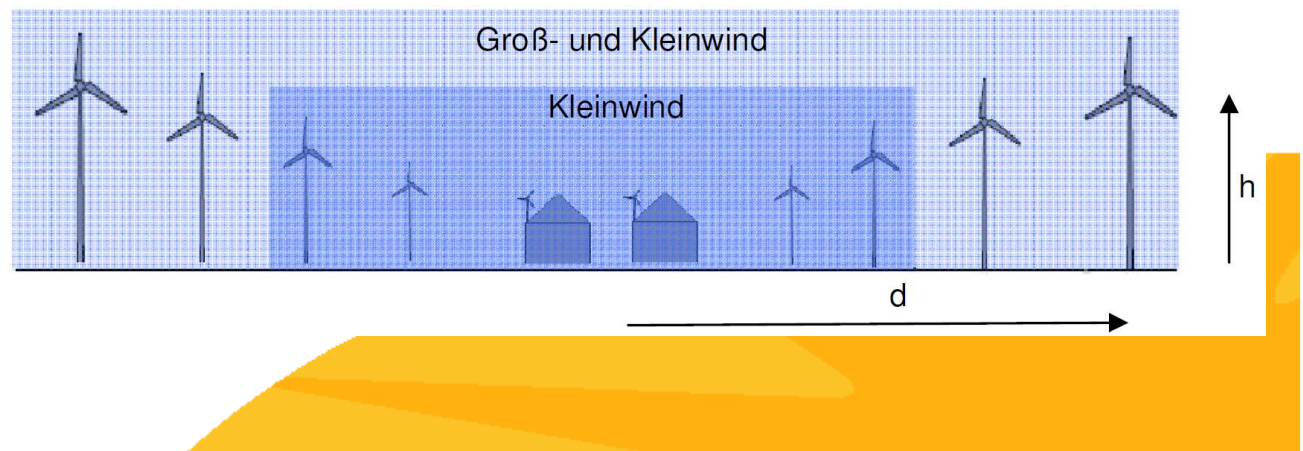


Definition

What ist small wind power?

- There is no strict limit
- Limits are defined by law
- Size for own Consumption

=> <10kW



Technology - Rotor

Horizontal

Vertical

Darrieus

Savonius



Special Types



Technology – Head turning gear

➤ Vane

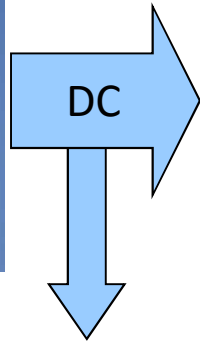


➤ Measurement & Motor & Gear

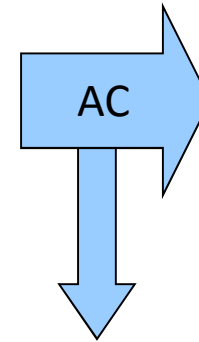


Technology - System

Generation



Conversion



Feed in



Energy below in feed limit



Own Consumption



Quality of Small Wind Turbines

- Quality must be ensured :
 - ❖ Regulations for safety must be met
 - ❖ LQ-turbines must be sorted out
 - ❖ Manufacturer must have references
 - ❖ Wind turbines should be tested on an independent test-site for over a year. (i.e. Lichtenegg, Austria)
 - ❖ Power curves must be certified
 - ❖ Usually Horizontal Turbines are more reliable



Quality of Site

➤ Wind speed:

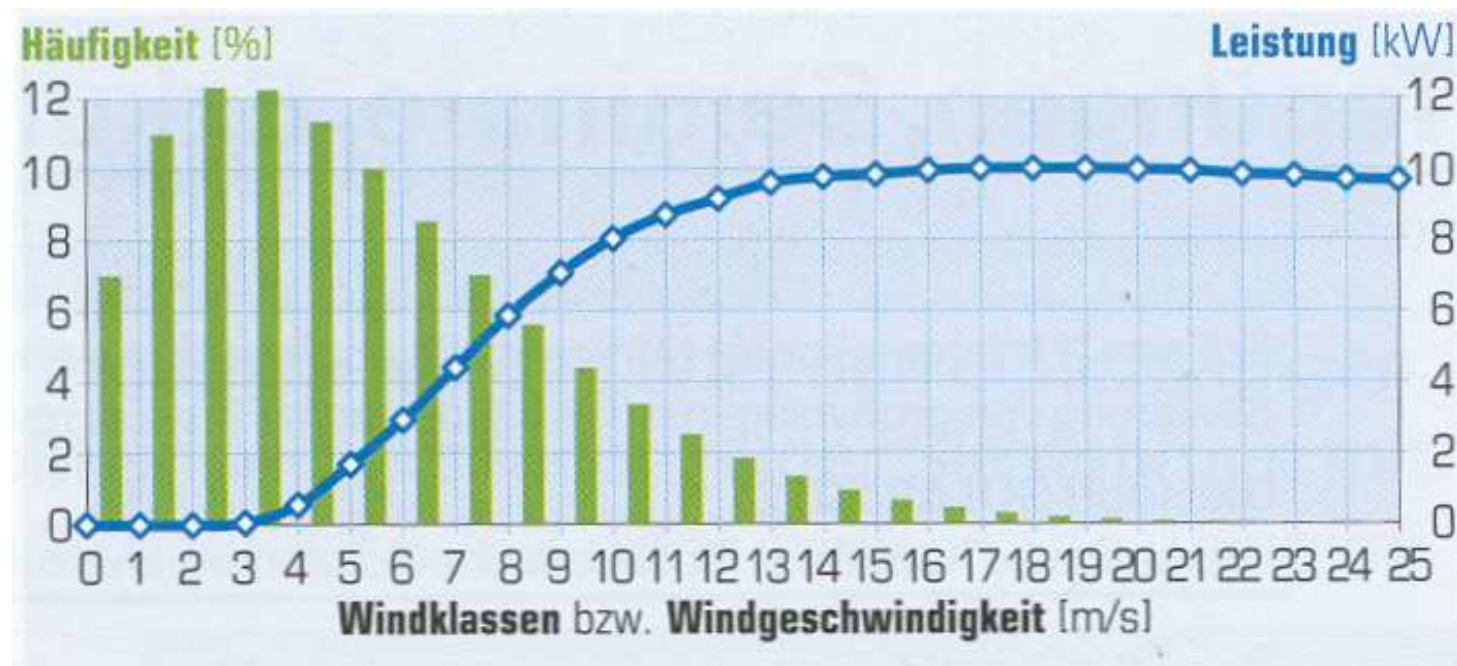
- Measurement: At least (1 year)
- Short periods with extrapolation (must be done by experts)
- Analysis by topography
- References from the area

➤ Turbulences



Quality of Site – Wind class distribution

Wind distribution and
Power Curve



Quality of Site

Possible Yield

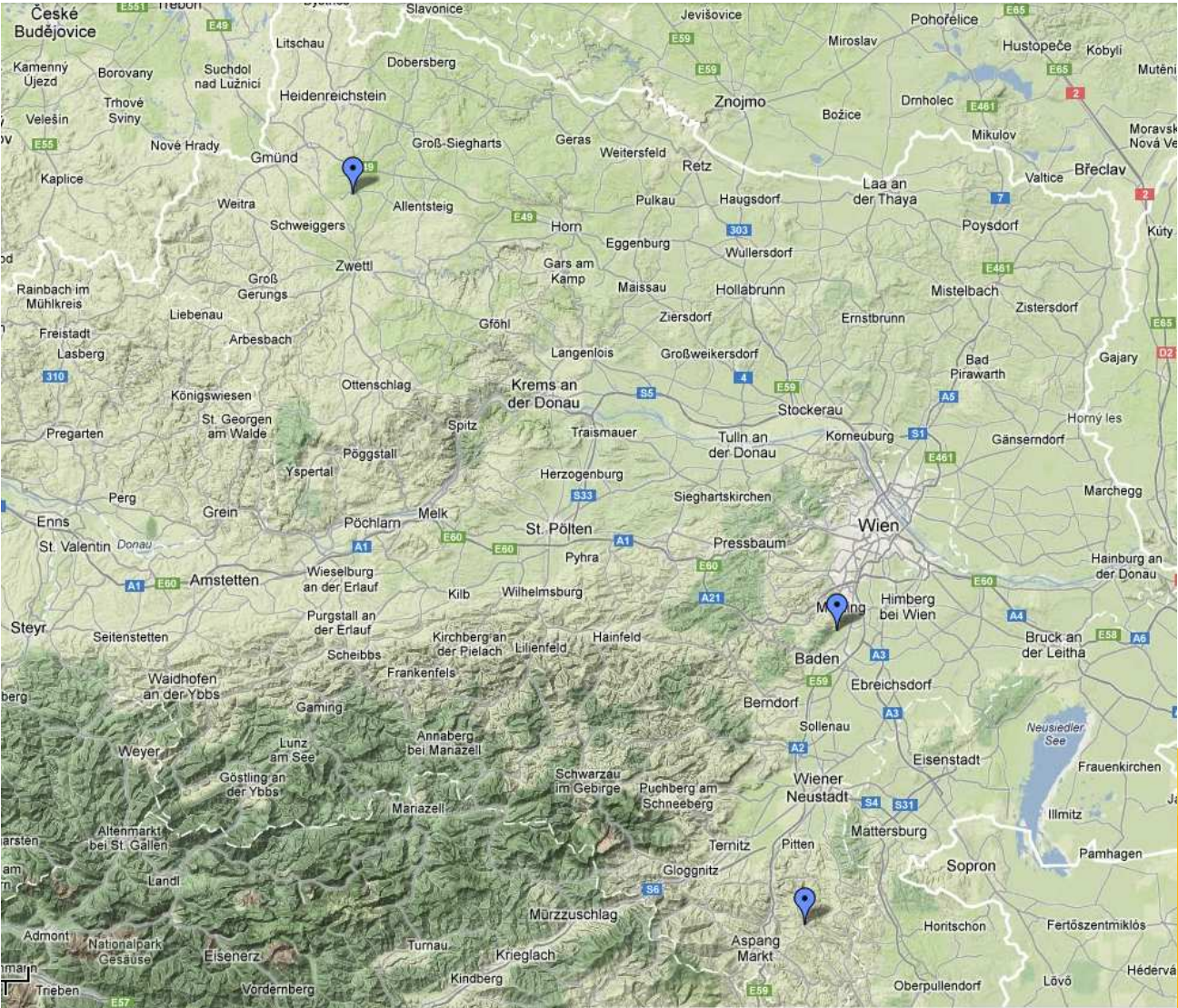


	[kWh/kWp/a = Full load hours/a]	[kWh/m ² rotor area]
■ Large Wind Power:	>2000	900
■ Small Wind Power:		
■ Excellent site	>1200	>250
■ Good site	800-1200	150-250
■ Medium site	500-800	140
■ Bad site	<500	< 100
■ Photovoltaic	~1000	n.a.

■ *Also the Quality of the Turbine influences these values



Examples



Examples

Description	Site	Full load hours measured [h/a] (rounded)
KW1	Hilly, rural area	600
KW2	Flat land, open urban area, i.e. business area	1000
KW3	Alps foothills, rural	1800



Quality of Site

Small wind power in urban areas



- Influence by and of the SWP:
of

- ❖ Obstacles decrease the yield

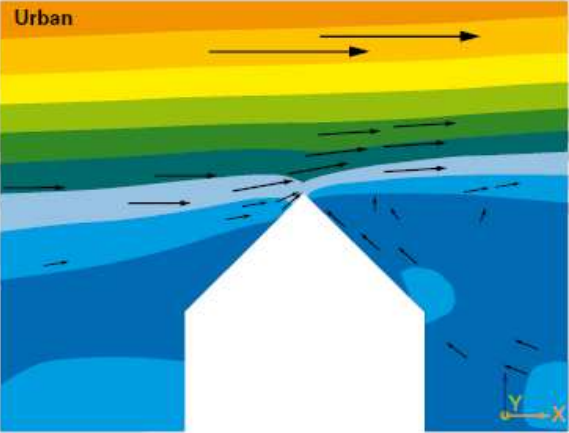
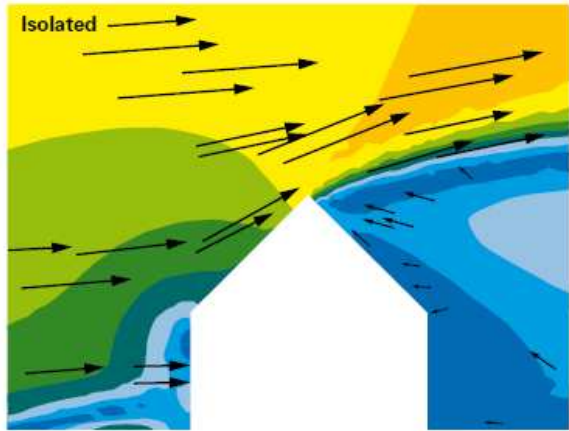
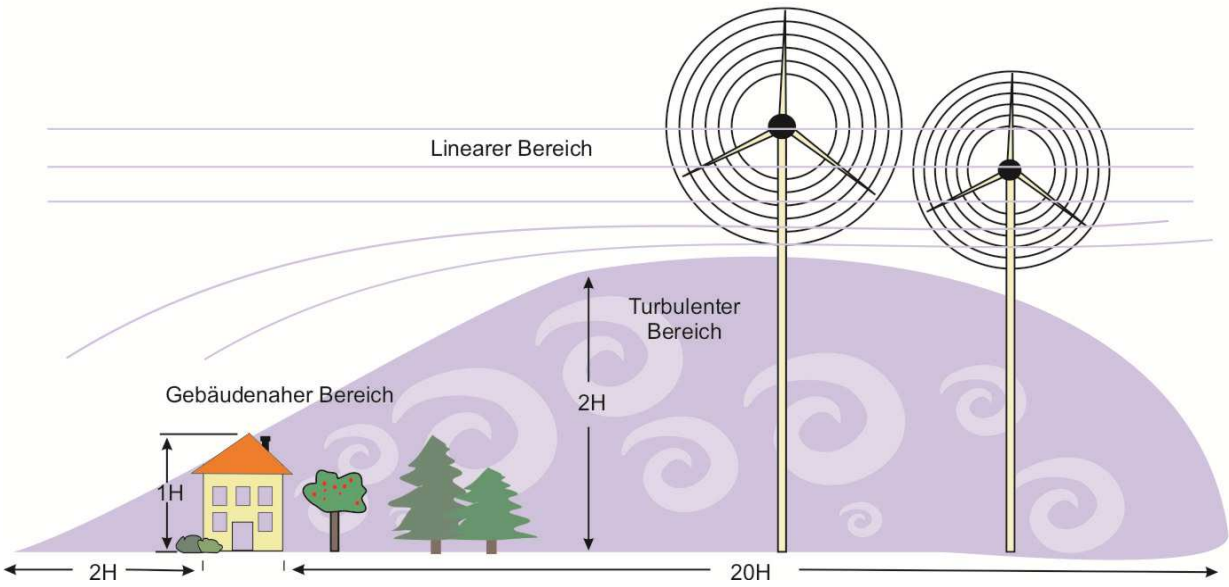
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- ❖ Shading
- ❖ Sound, noise
- ❖ Vibrations
- ❖ SWP on buildings is a challenge



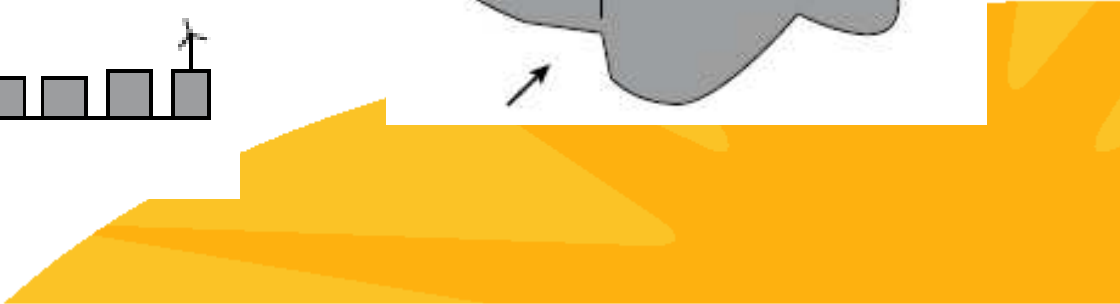
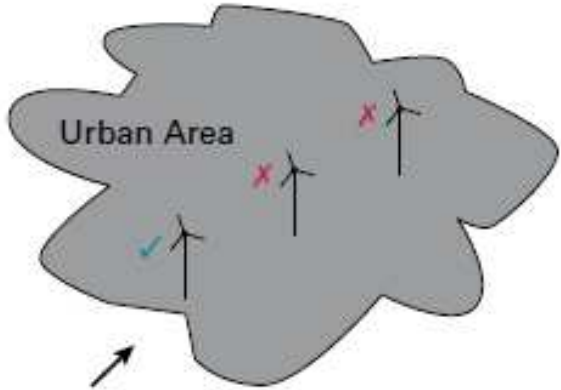
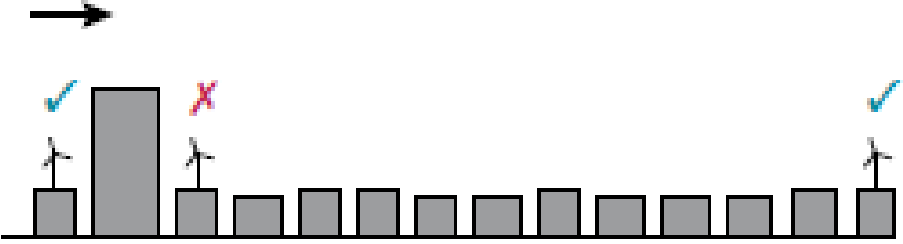
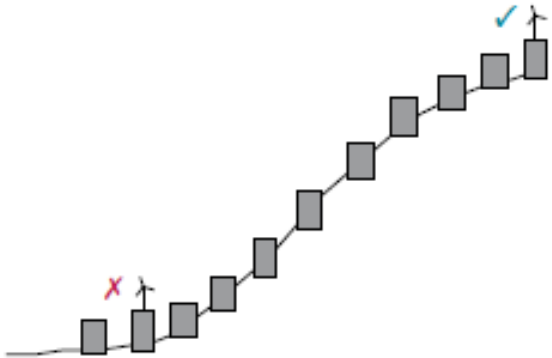
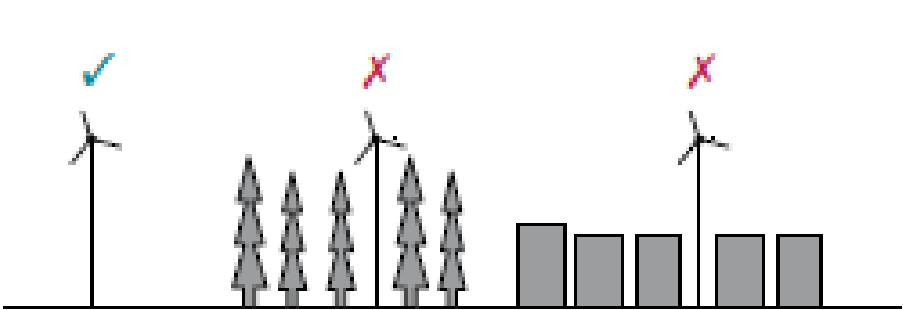
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Small wind power in urban area



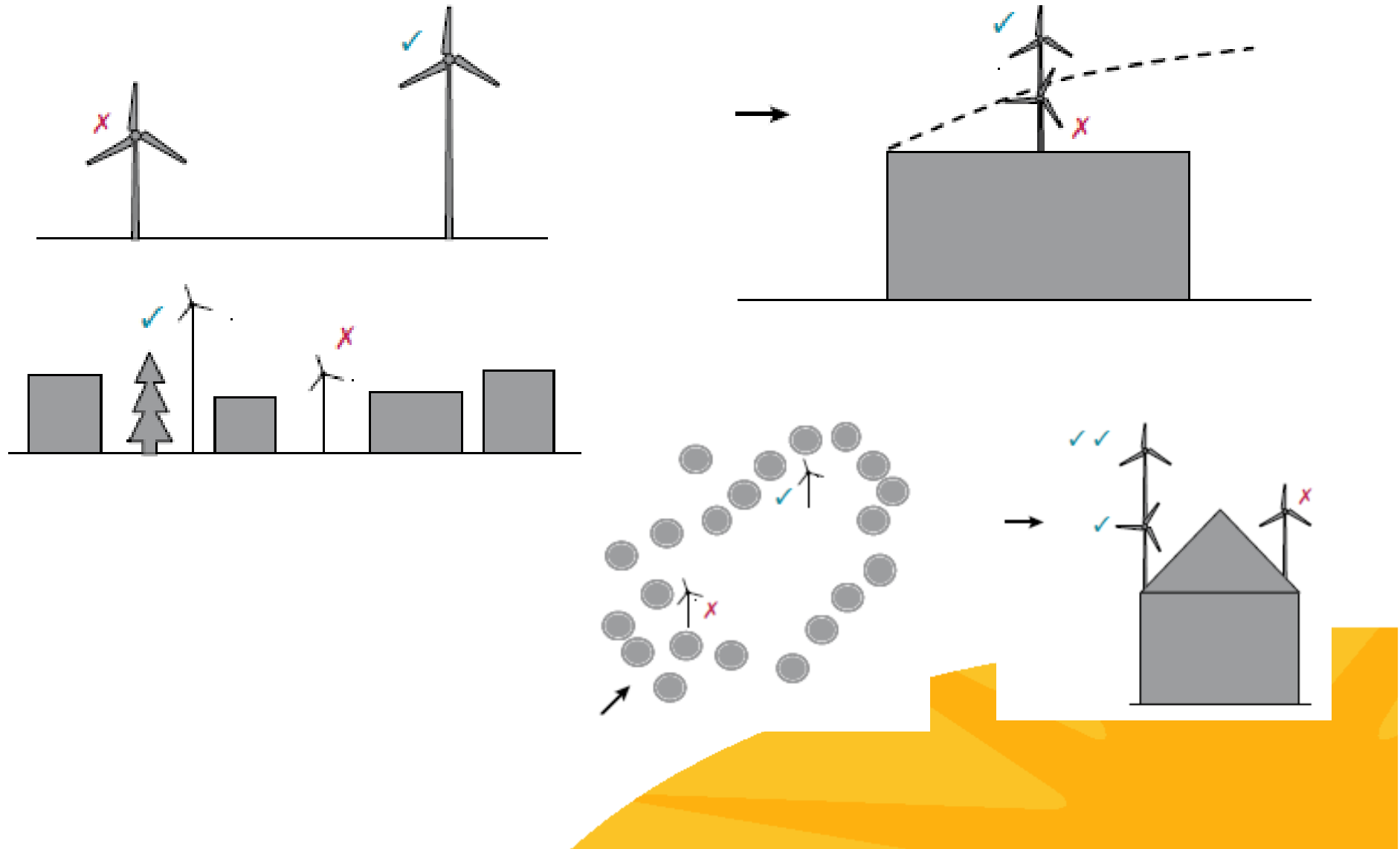
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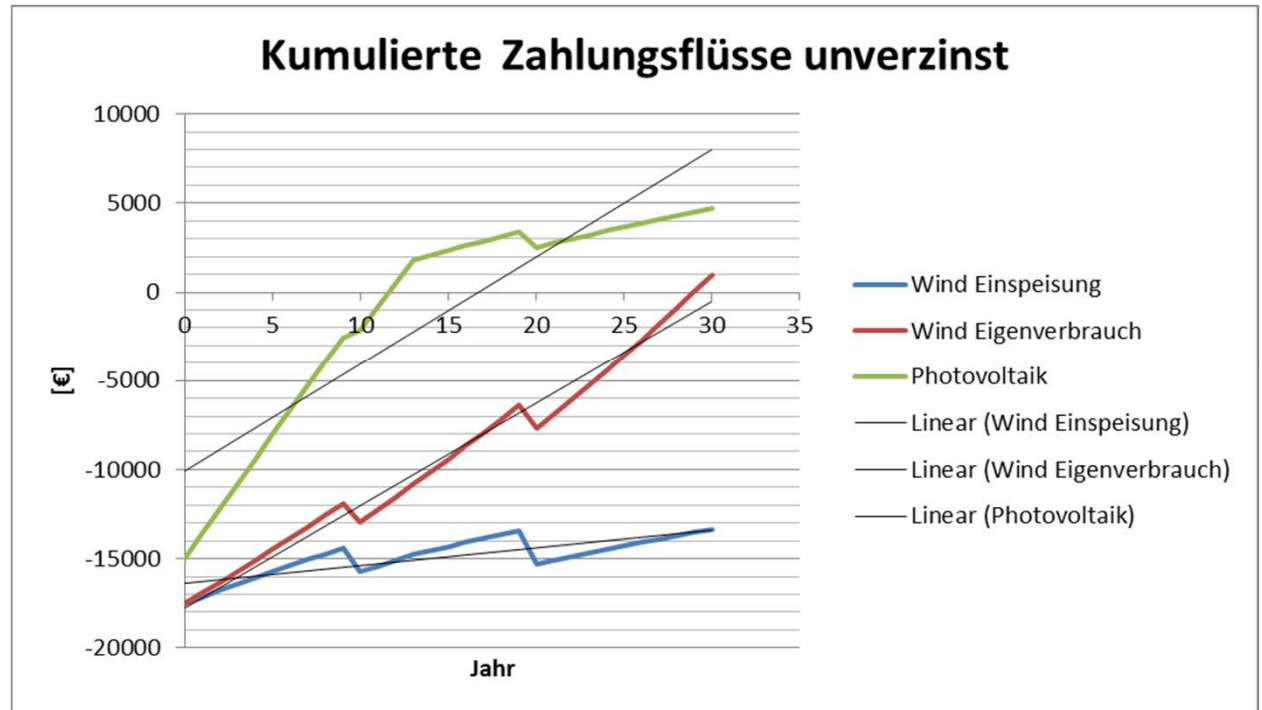


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Economy



- Feed in tariff: 9,45c/kWh. (regardless if 1kW or 1MW)
- Own Consumption: Saving of ~15c/kWh (variable costs per kWh)
- ❖ => For a rentable operation subsidy of: 20-30c/kWh
- ❖ => For investment subsidies: Quality assessment of site and turbine is crucial!

Economy / Market



- About 300 – 500 SWT in the country installed in Austria

- Target market:
 - ❖ Agriculture
 - ❖ Small Businesses
 - ❖ Rural homes
 - ❖ Not homes in centre of a village



Self load coverage

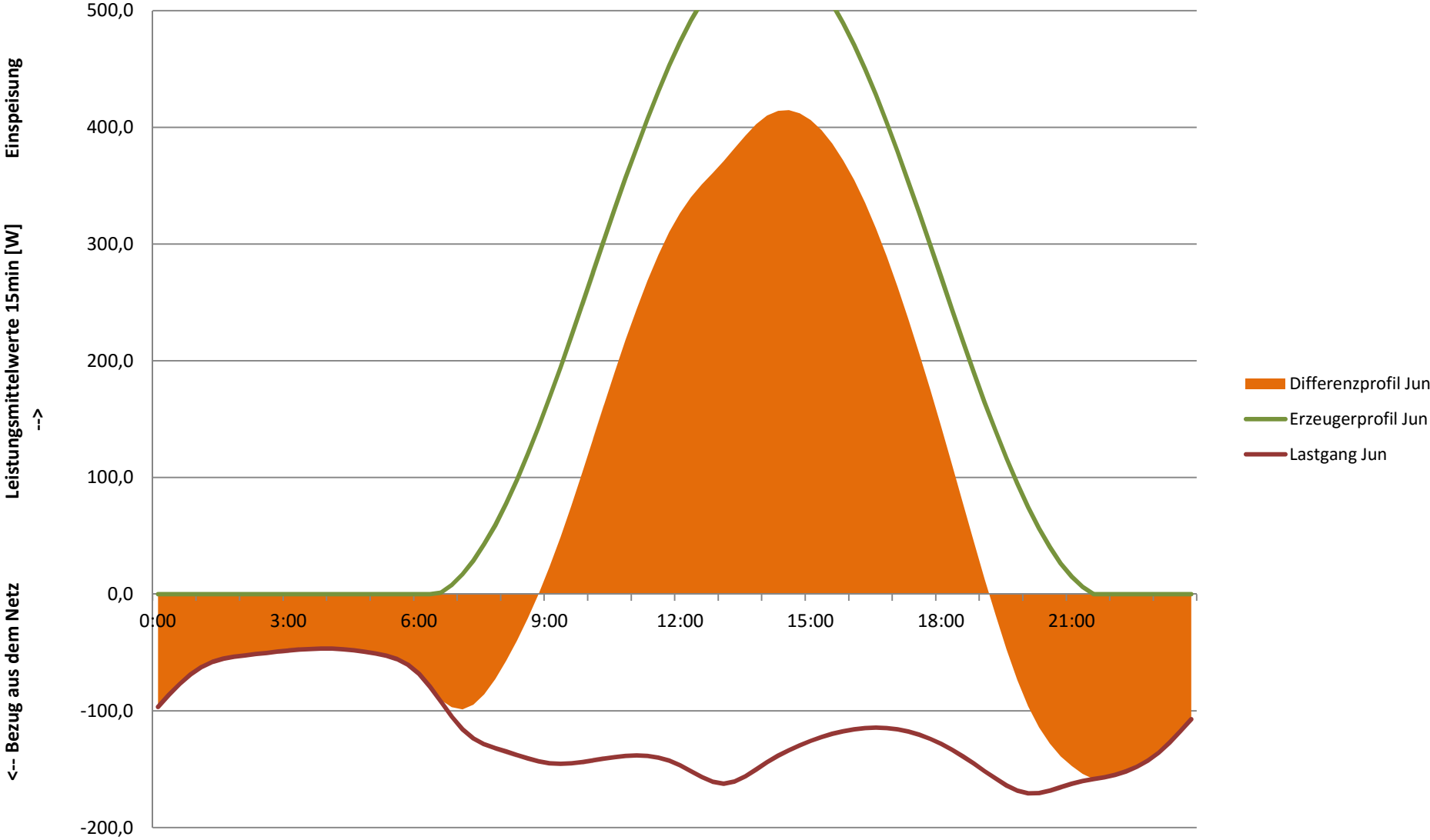


- Cover the own load curve not only balance over the year
- It is relevant WHEN energy is consumed and generated
- Small wind offers a good basis for covering household demand(H_0)
- More self consumption possible than with PV
- Combination of PV and Small wind ist positive from a load perspective



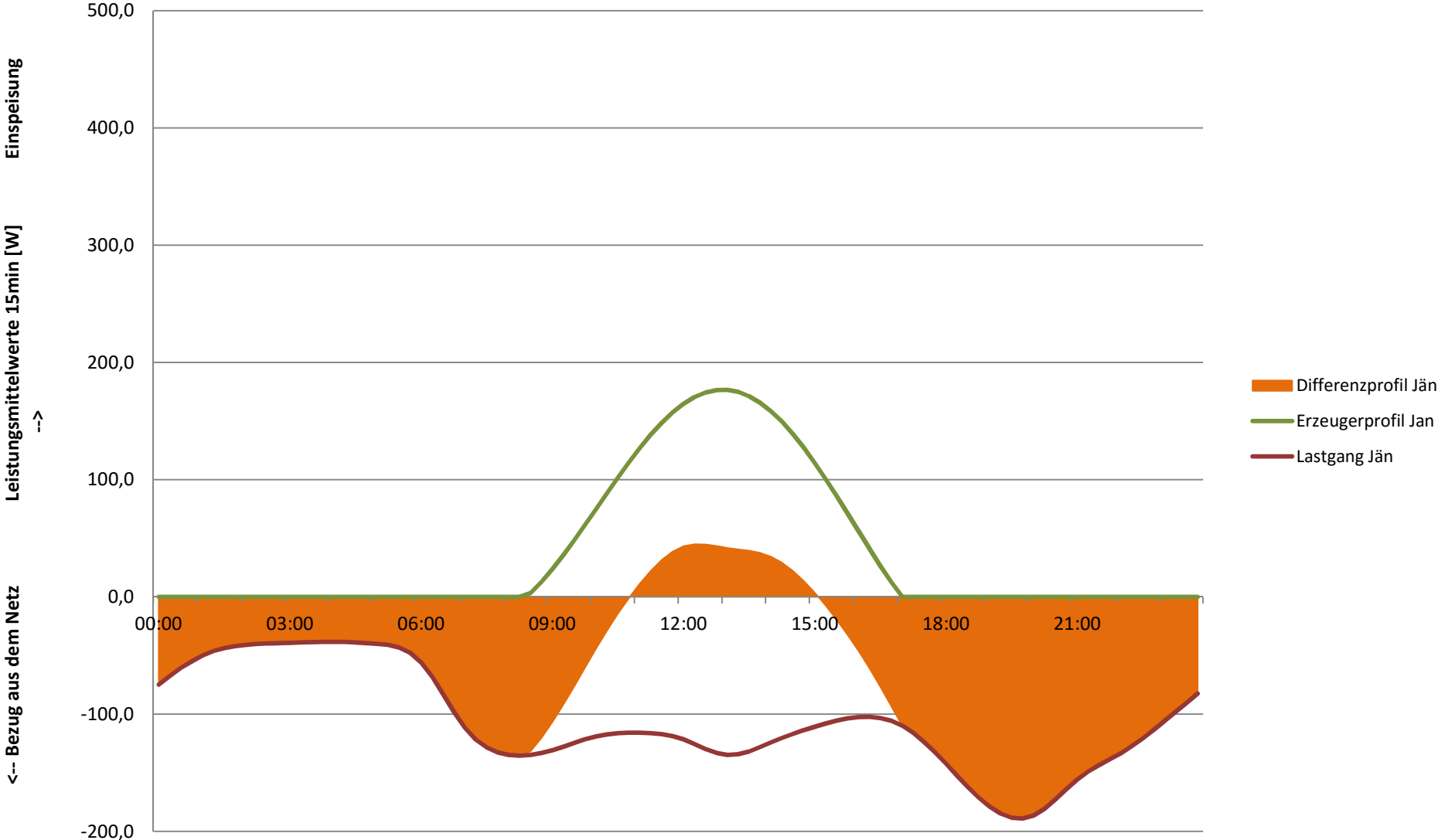
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PV - H0 Sommer



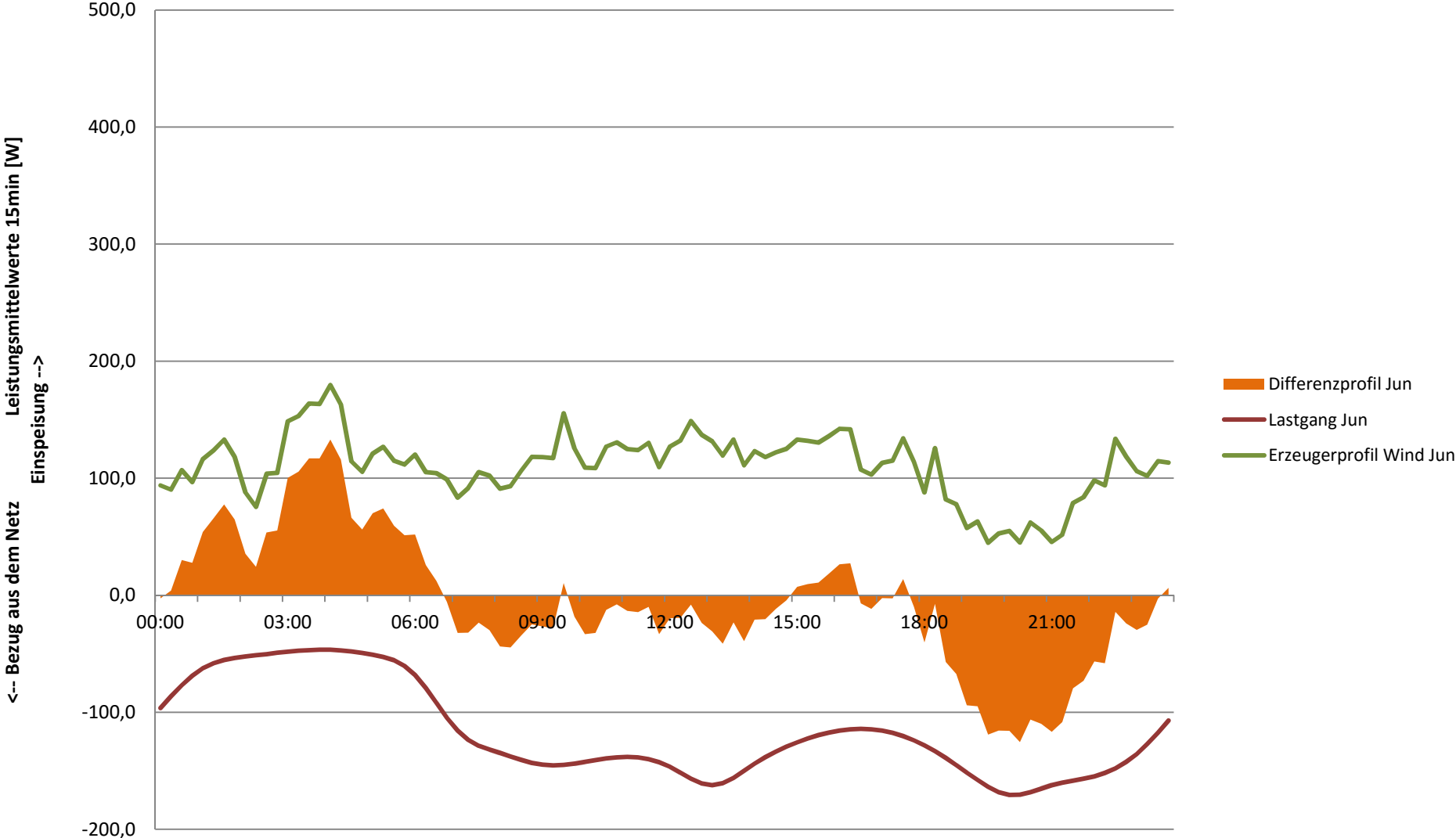
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PV - H0 Winter



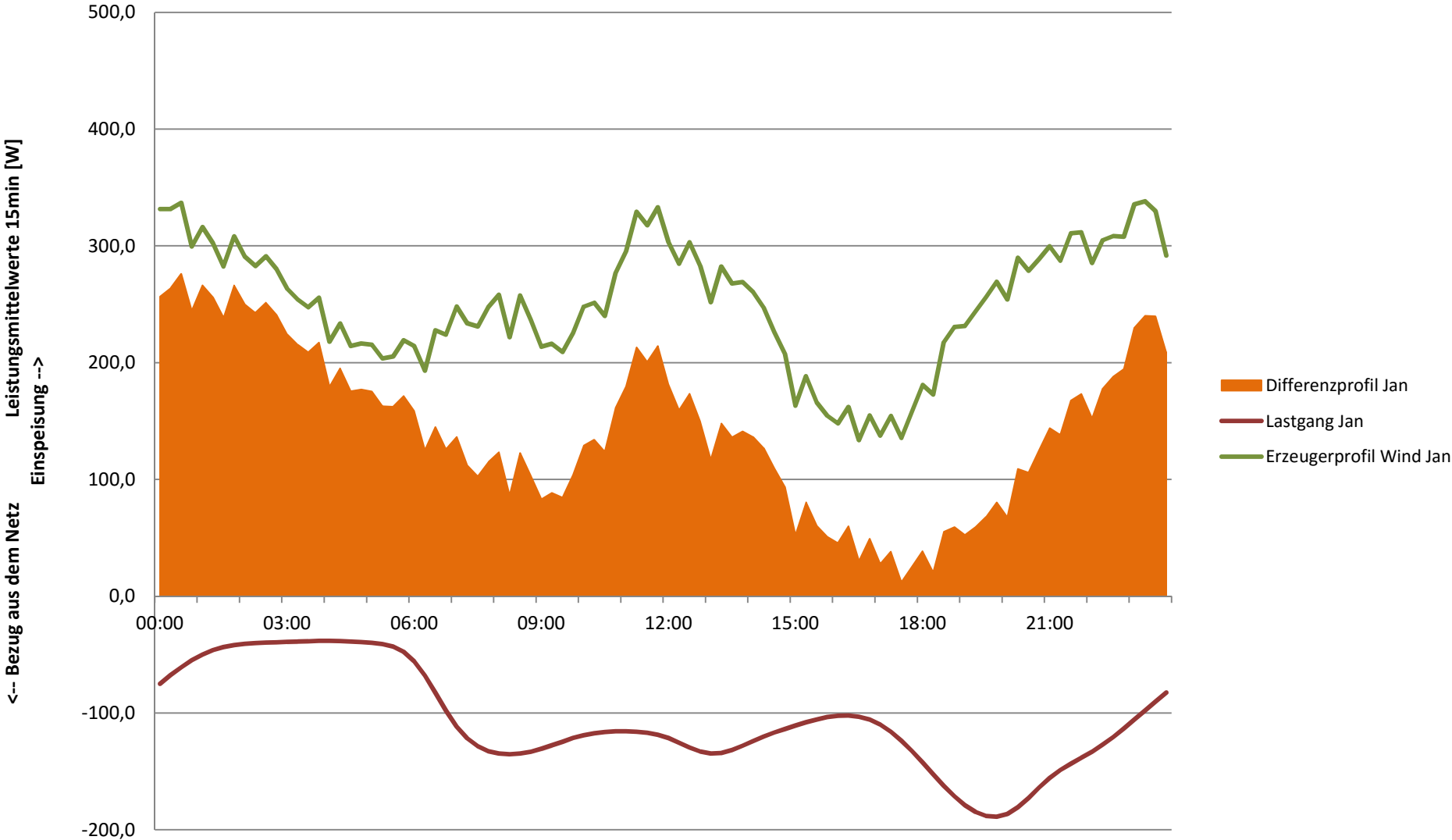
Kleinwind - Sommer

KW2 - H0 Sommer



Kleinwind - Winter

KW2 - H0 Winter



Findings

- There are good Small wind power plants on the market (propeller type)
- Quality check is necessary, as there are also ones with minor quality
- Site assessment is required (best: wind measurement)
- Proper size (not too big or small)
- Small wind ON buildings is not easy, better put it on an individual mast
- Manufacturers with local support
- What about the neighbourhood?
 - Rural or urban
 - Are there neighbours? Are they influenced?
 - Or do obstacles in the neighbourhood influence wind?

Small wind power





Kleinwindkraft

Ein Leitfaden zur Planung und Umsetzung



2. Auflage



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