



## Offshore Wind and Turbulence Characteristics – New Insights from the FINO1 Data

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## Offshore wind and turbulence

- sea surface horizontally homogeneous, smoother than onshore

but

- roughness is wind speed dependent
- roughness elements are moving
- thermal conditions: annual instead of diurnal variation

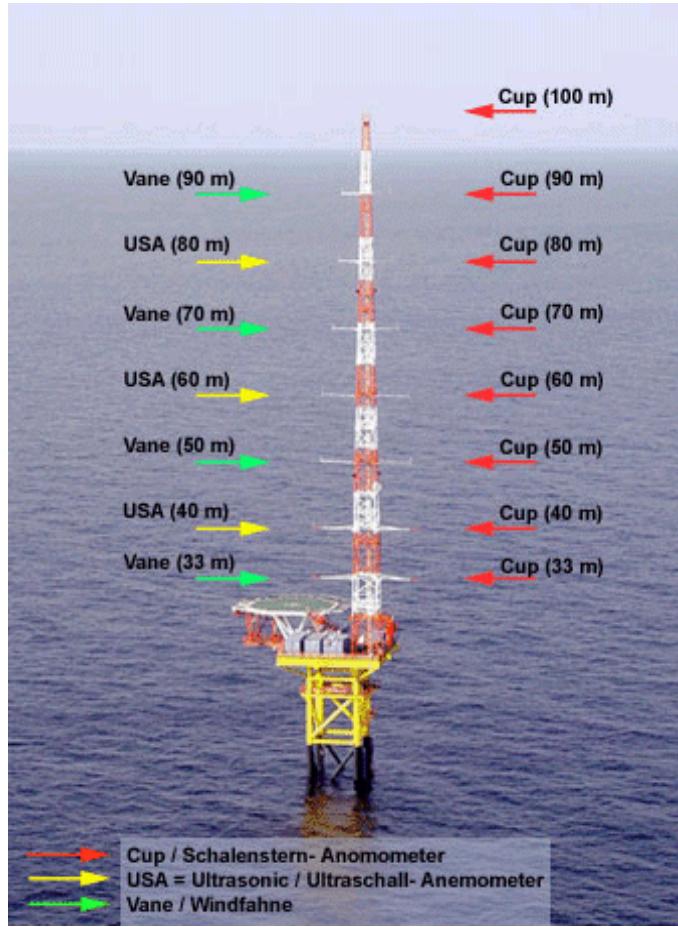
thus:

- different vertical structure of the boundary layer
- different wind conditions
- different turbulence conditions
- wave age is additional scaling parameter

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## data source:



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**GE Wind Energy**



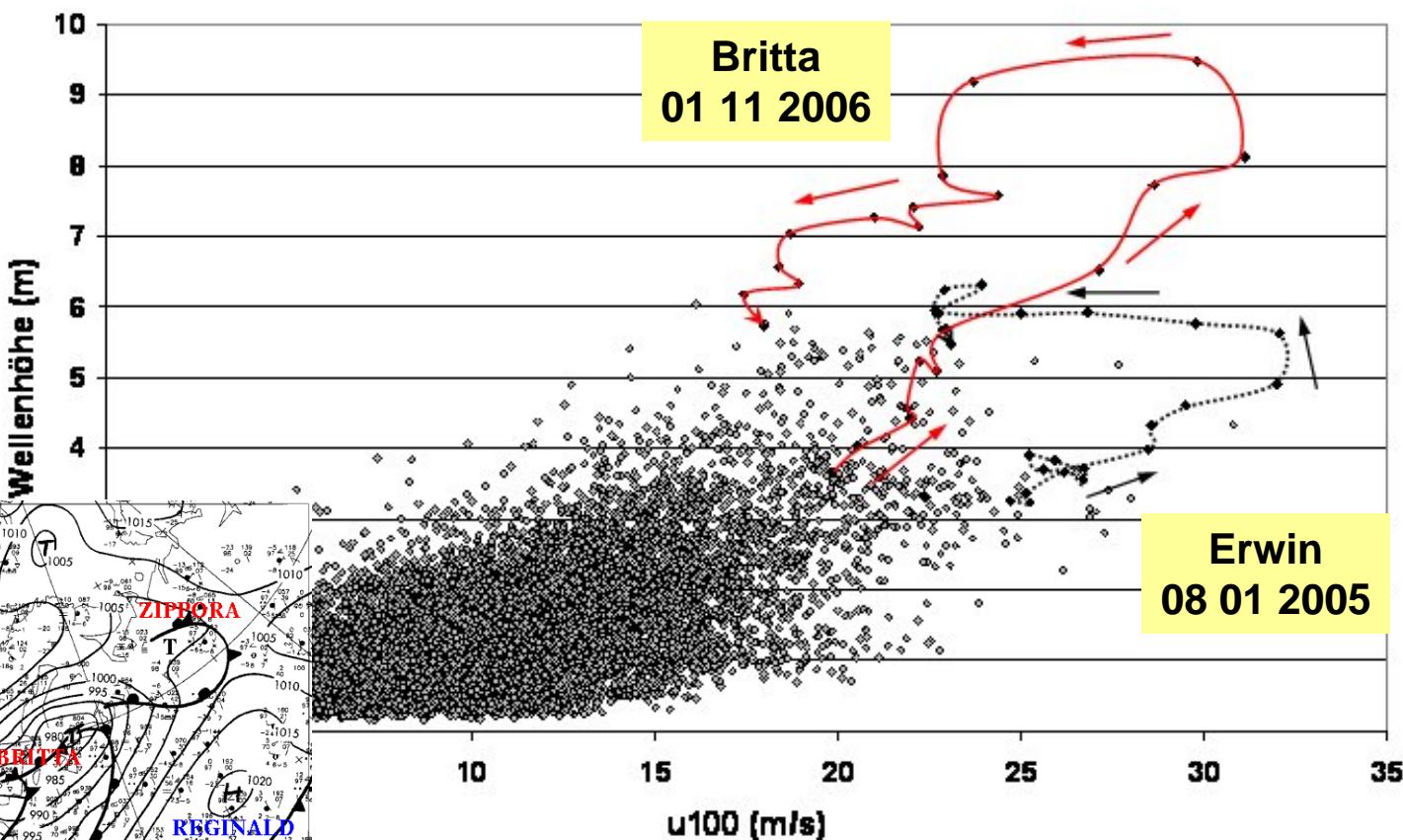
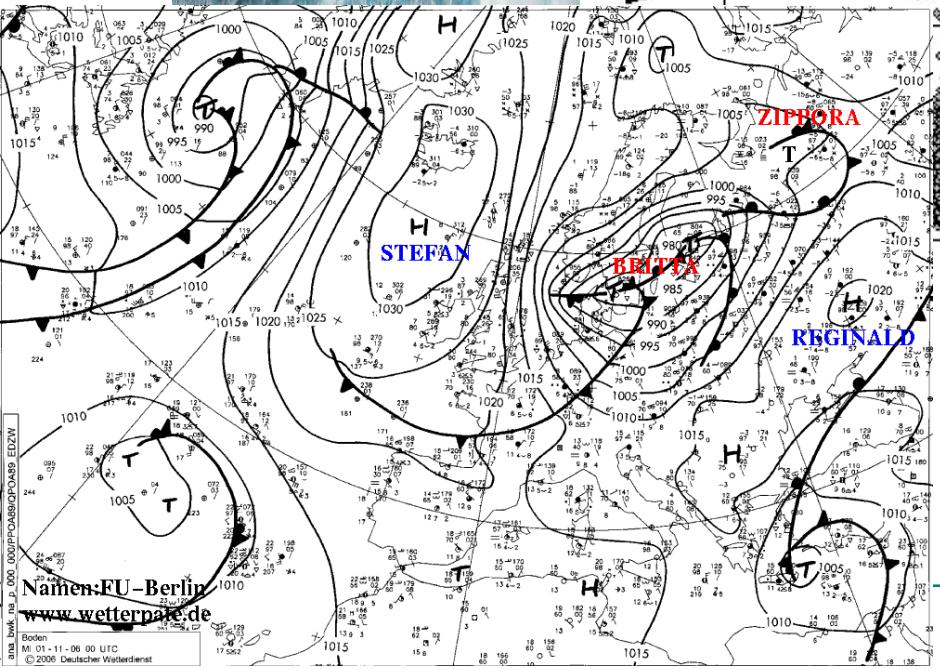
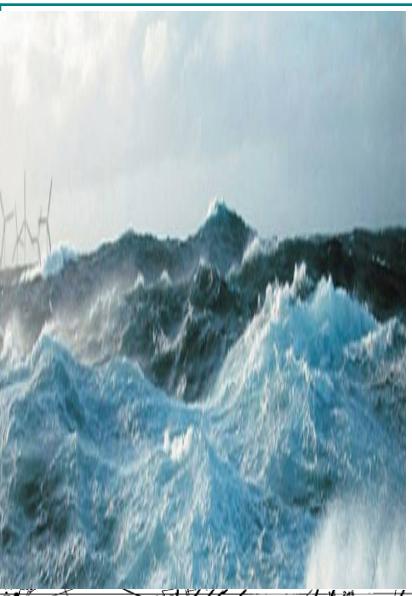
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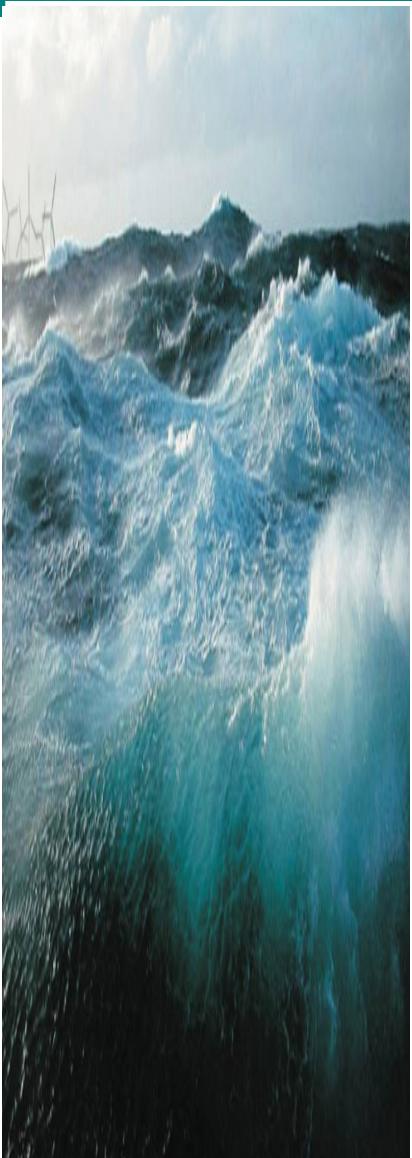
**wave height,  
vertical structure of the  
marine boundary layer  
and wave age**

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## wave height as function of wind speed

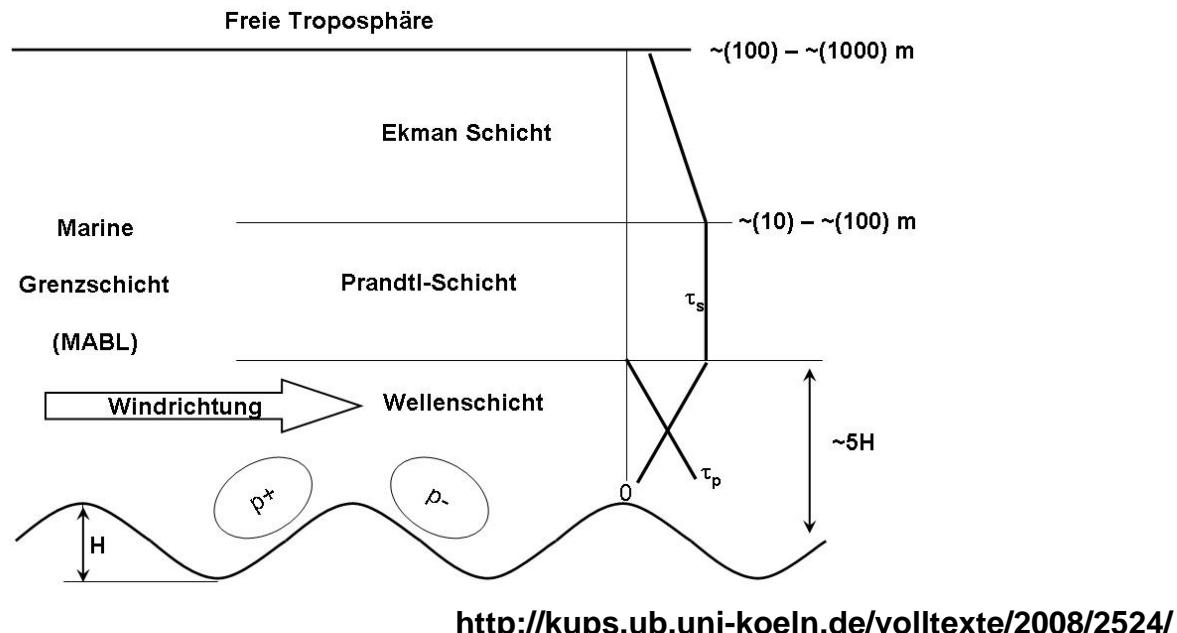

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## wave and Prandtl layer height

wind speed	5 m/s	15 m/s	30 m/s
wave height	0,5 m	2 m	8 m
wave layer height	2,5 m	10 m	40 m
Prandtl layer height	10 m	40 m	100 m



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wave age

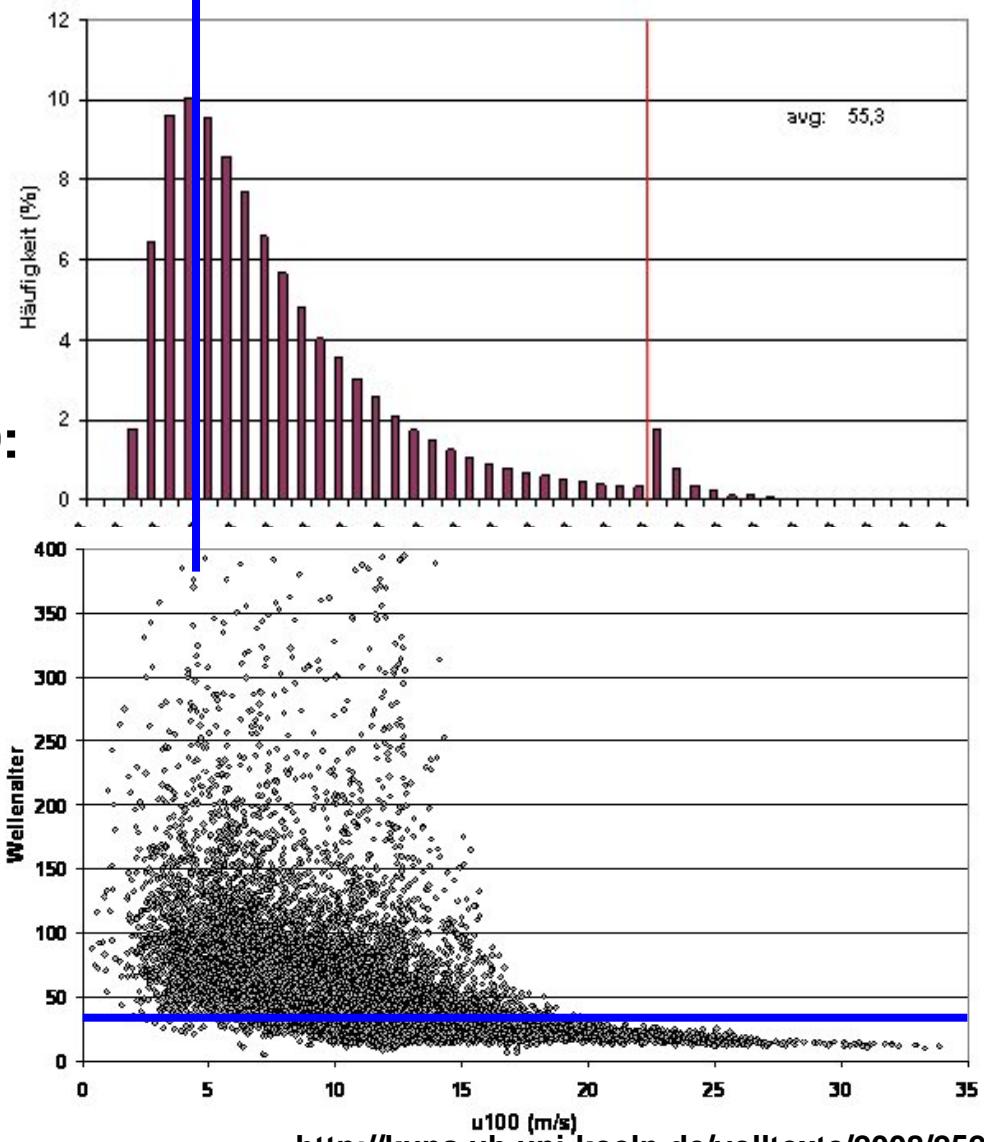
$u_*/c_{ph}$

smaller than ~30:

wind driven,  
known PBL  
theories valid

larger than ~30

wave driven

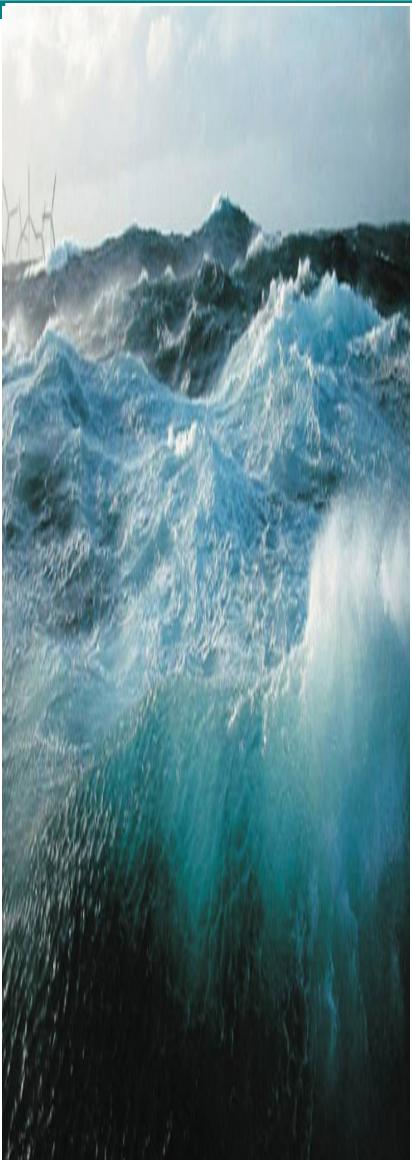


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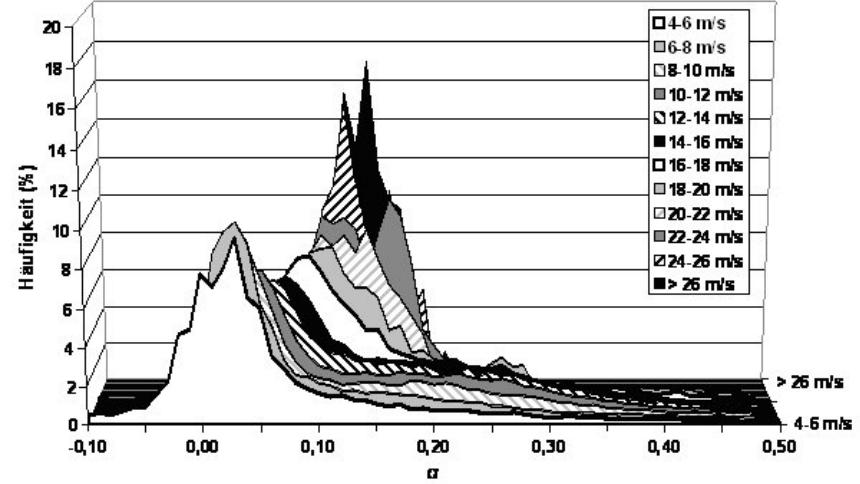
## **wind profiles and turbulence**

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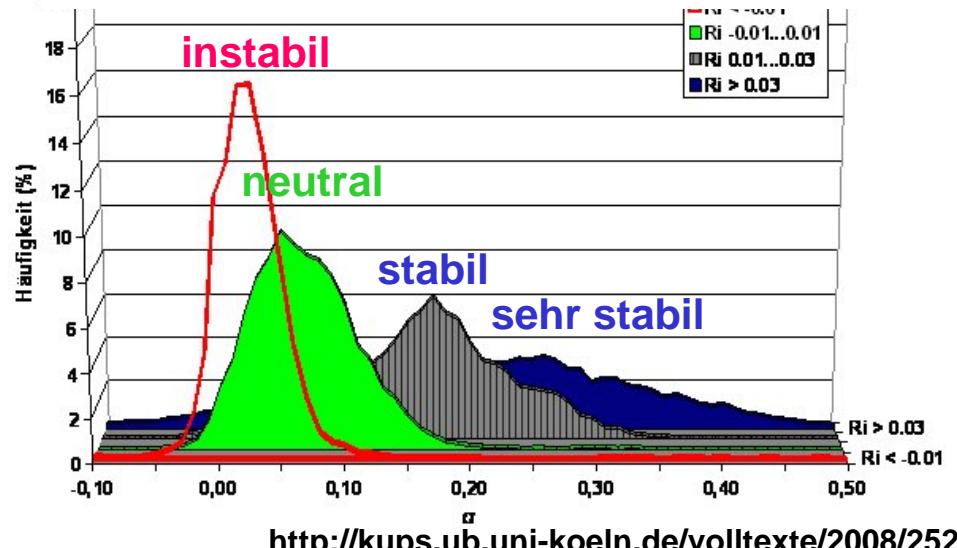


## exponent of power law

as function of  
wind speed



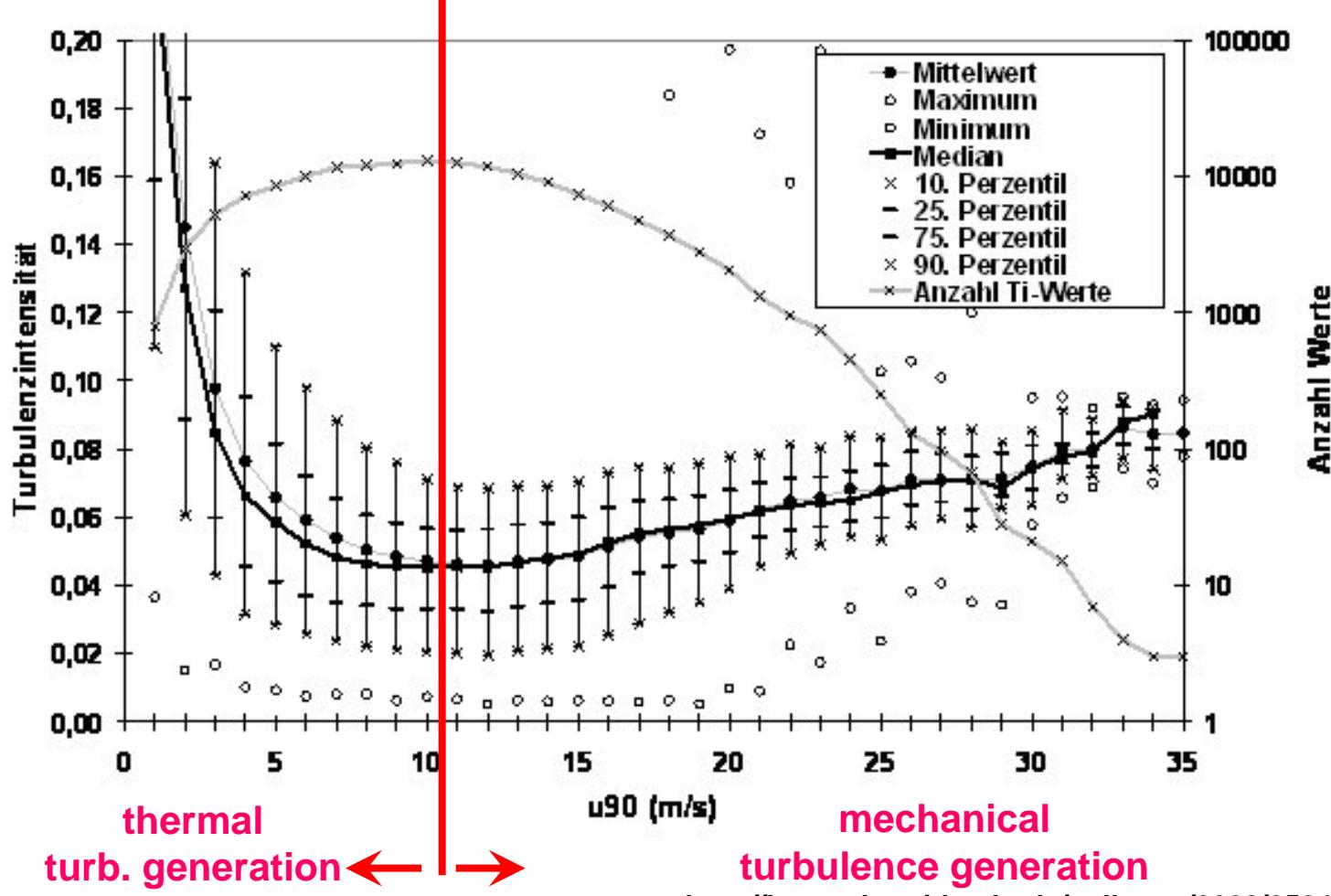
as function of  
thermal stratification



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## turbulence intensity as function of wind speed





## Comparison with the assumptions made in IEC 61400-1 and 61400-3

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## Normal wind profile model (NWP)

The IEC 61400-3 gives 0.14 for the power-law exponent

Evaluation for  $z_{ref} = 40 \text{ m}$ ,  $z = 90 \text{ m}$

Wind speed (m/s)	Mean	Standard deviation	Number
4-6	0,048	0,144	18178
6-8	0,068	0,114	23318
8-10	0,094	0,109	25236
10-12	0,116	0,109	24599
12-14	0,129	0,104	19863
14-16	0,137	0,101	13645
16-18	0,138	0,092	8540
18-20	0,142	0,084	4874
20-22	0,131	0,056	2270
22-24	0,133	0,039	1210
24-26	0,130	0,034	384
>26	0,130	0,025	247

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Bulk-Richardson-Number $Ri_B$	Mean	Standard deviation	Number
< -0,01	0,023	0,036	9450
-0,01...0,01	0,063	0,048	11939
0,01...0,03	0,149	0,065	10626
> 0,03	0,190	0,185	11361

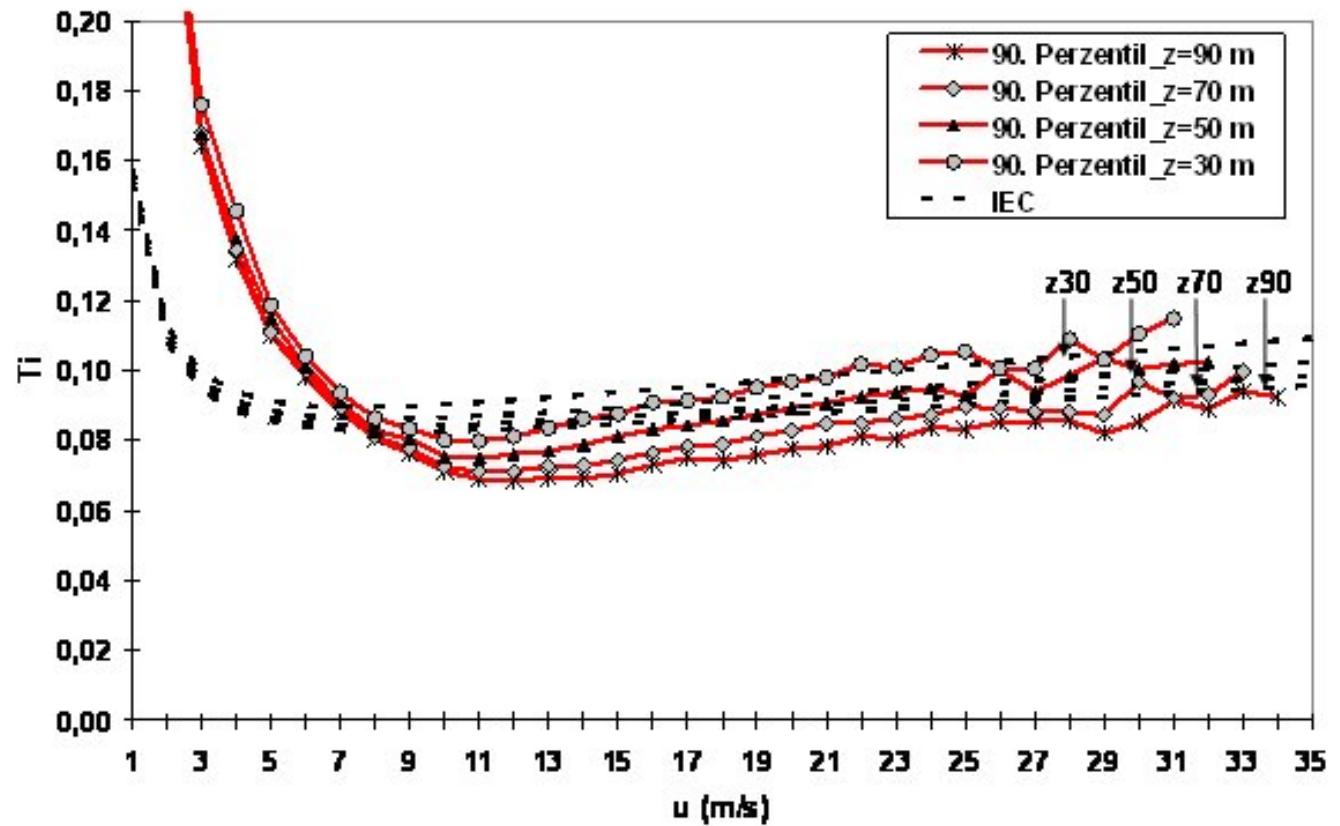
IEC 61400-3 does not seem to be  
sufficiently conservative in all cases.

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## Normal turbulence model (NTM)

Comparison: observed and assumed by IEC-Norm  
90-Percentiles of turbulence intensity



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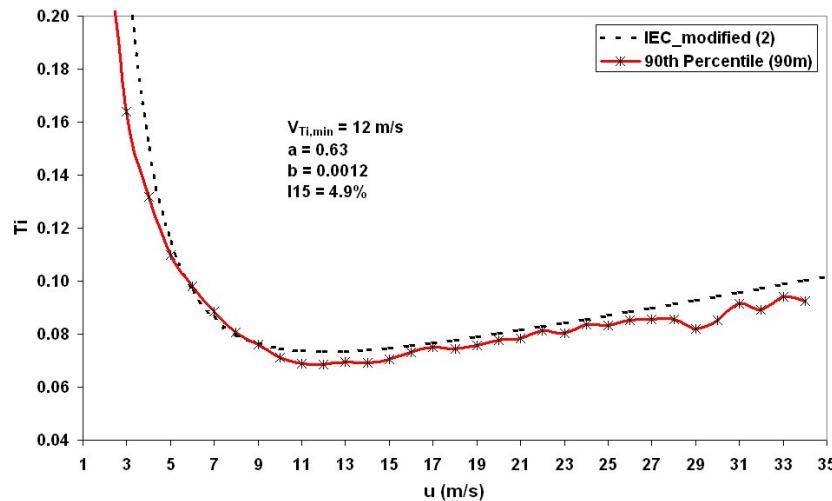
IEC 61400-3 (Eq. 27) says:

$$\sigma_{u,s} = \frac{V_{hub}}{\ln(z_{hub} / z_0)} + 1,28(1,44m/s)I_{15}$$

alternative proposal:

$$\sigma_{u,s} = a \frac{V_{hub}}{\ln(z_{hub} / z_0)} + \frac{2V_{Ti,min}}{V_{hub}} (1,44m/s)I_{15} + bV_{hub}$$

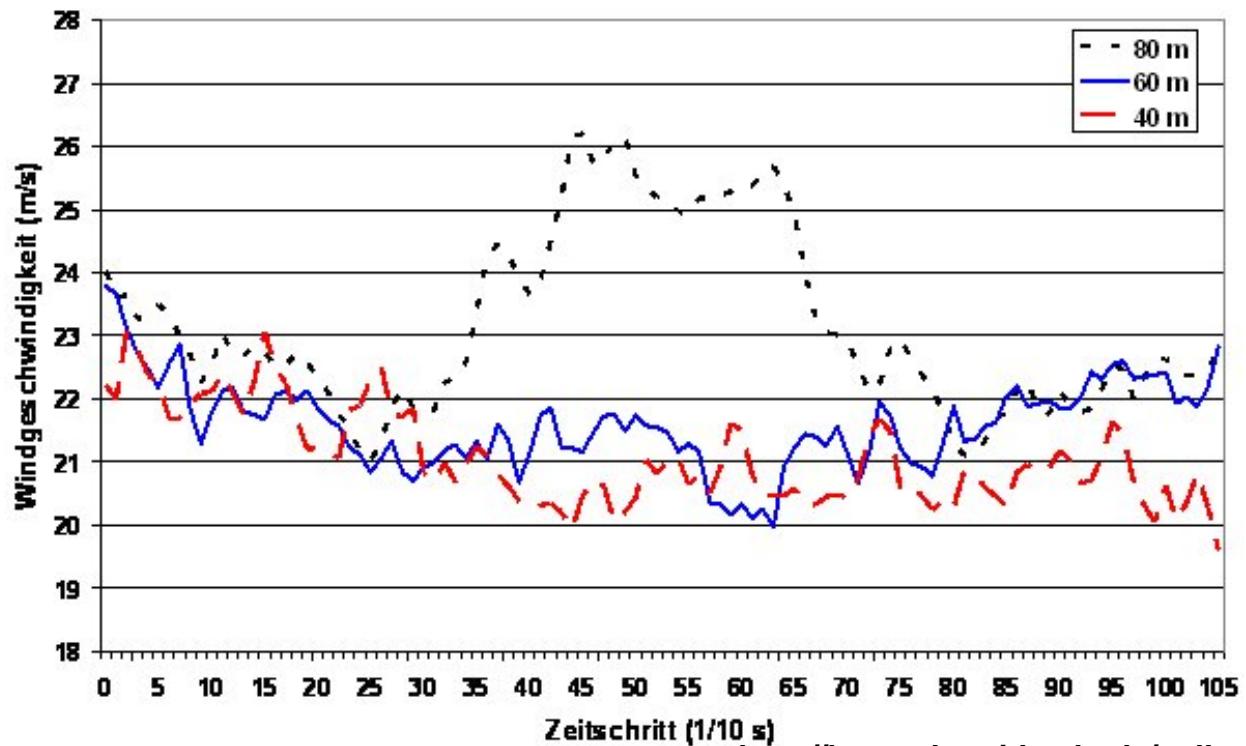
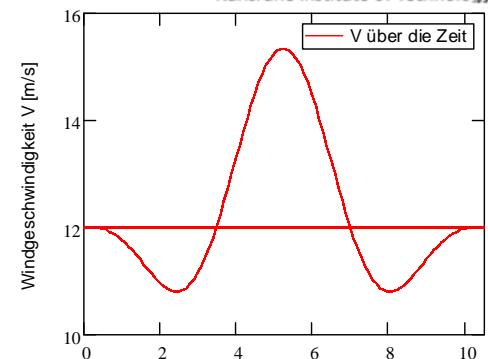
with  $a = 0.63$ ,  $b = 0.0012$ ,  $I_{15} = 4.9\%$ ,  $V_{Ti,min} = 12 \text{ m/s}$  for  $z_{hub} = 90 \text{ m}$





## Extreme operating gust (EOG)

simultaneous observation in three heights (10,5 s), correlation > 0,85

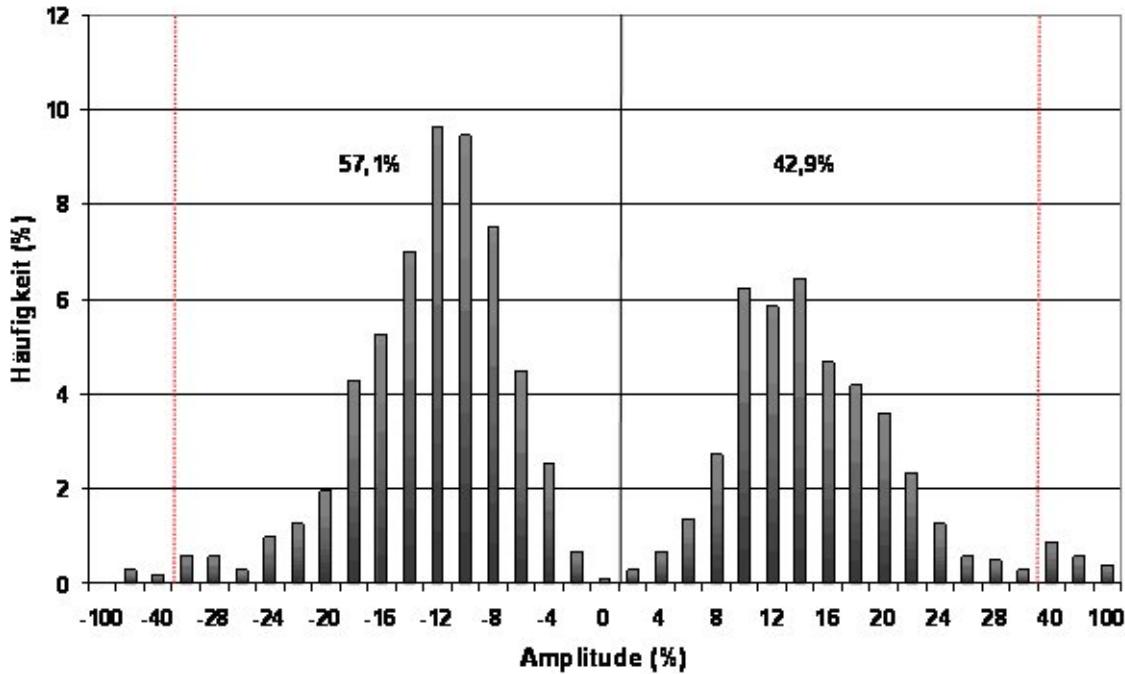


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## Extreme operating gust (EOG)

frequency distribution of EOG (10,5 s) in 80m height  
(e.g. 440 cases in 2005)



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more negative as positive „Mexican hats“



## Summary comparison to IEC 61400

**NWP: exponent 0.14 is not always conservative**

**NTM: Eq. (27) for  $\sigma_u$  in IEC 61400-3 should be reformulated**

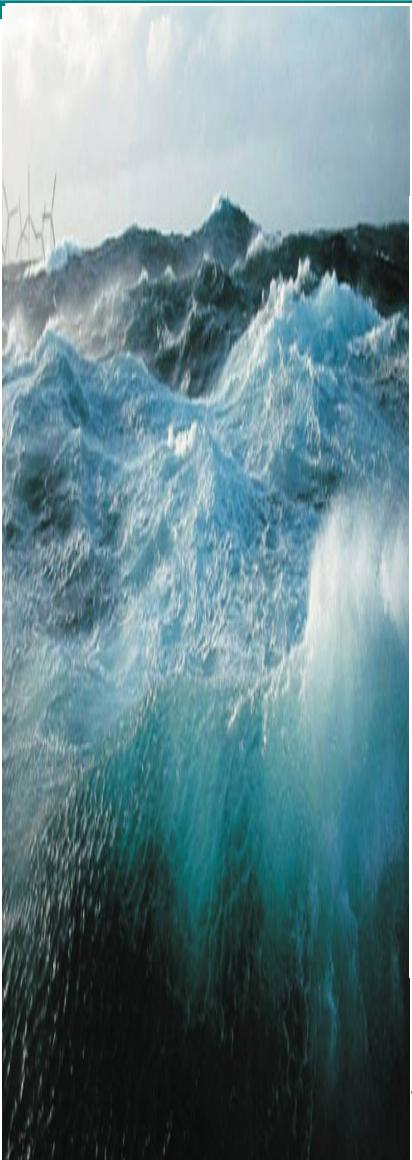
**EWM: Class II seems to be sufficient**

**EOG:** - more negative than positive „hats“  
- EOG with 8 s length 1.6 times more frequent  
than those with 10.5 s length

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## **Some final thoughts on offshore windparks with a simple analytical model**



## momentum balance of a windpark in a turbulent flow (EF93-model)

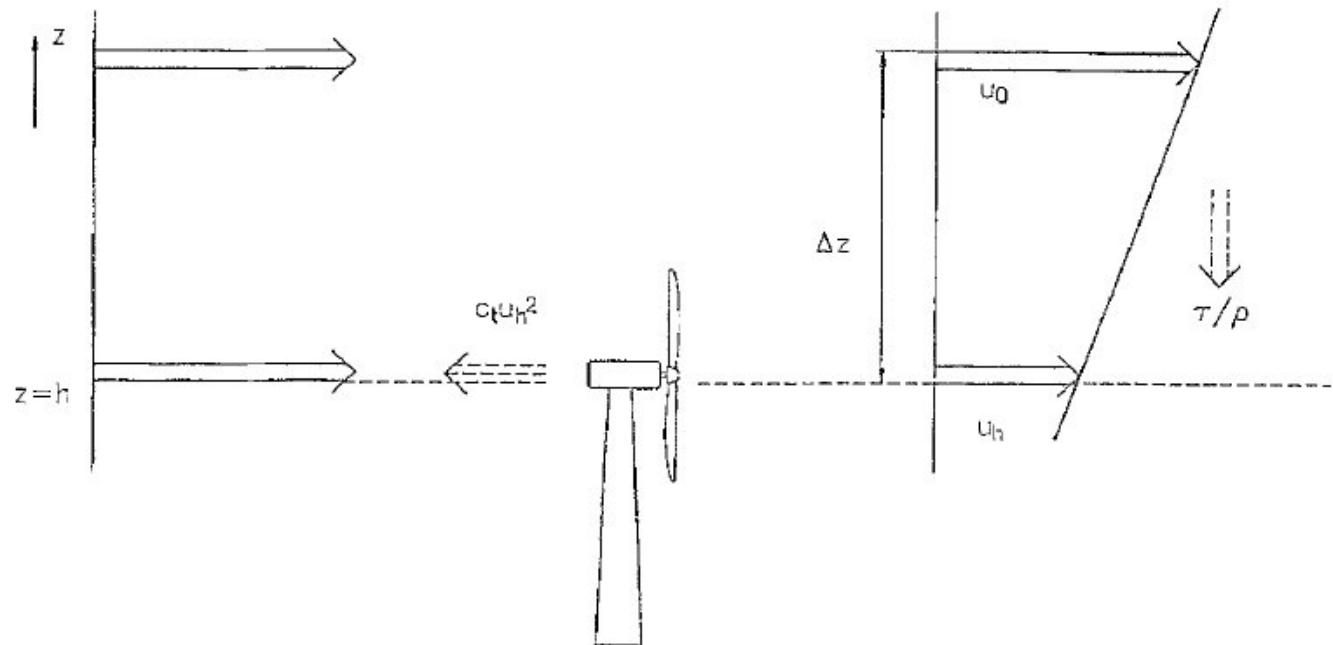
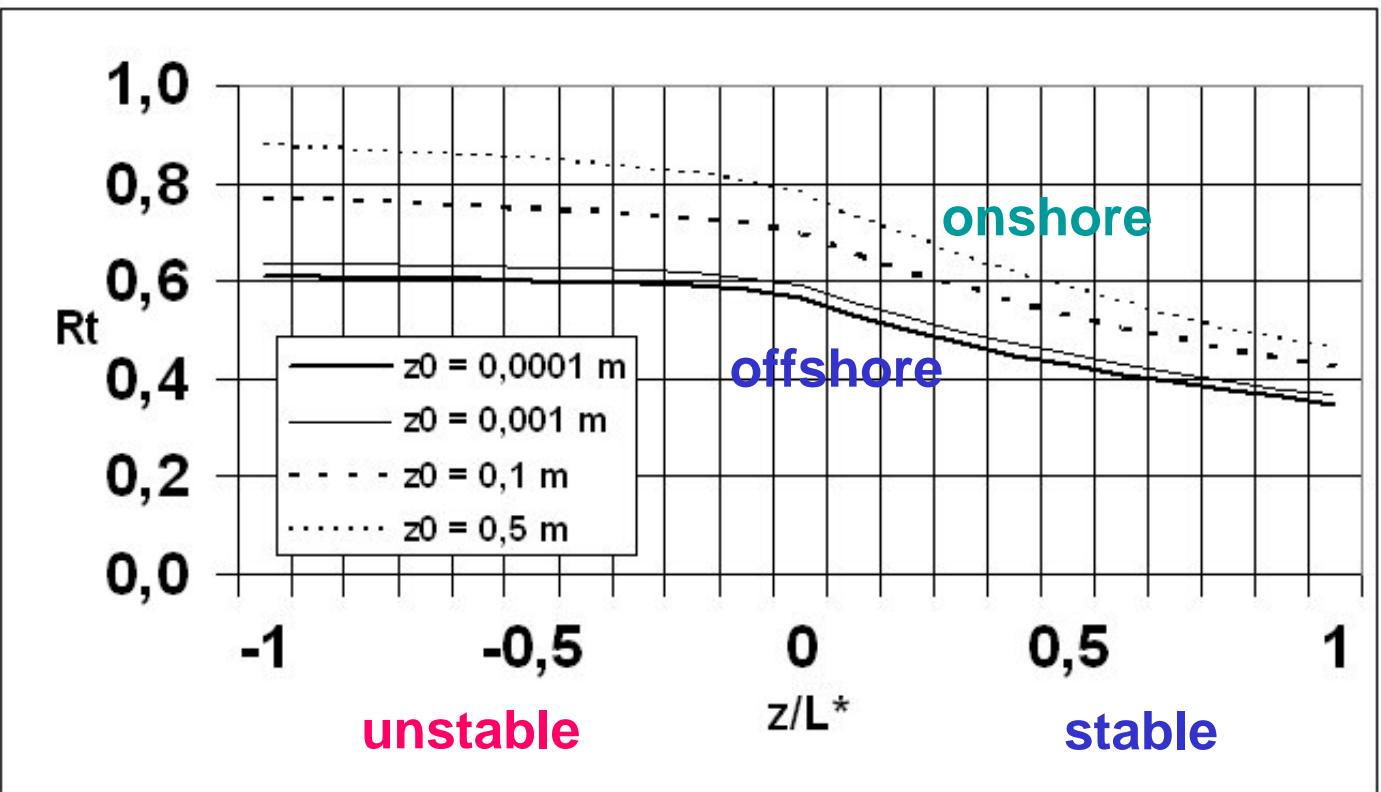


Fig. 1. Basic momentum budget for an ensemble of wind turbines in a turbulent flow. The momentum loss due to the turbines is compensated by downward turbulent momentum flux.

**Emeis, S., Frandsen, S., 1993:** Reduction of Horizontal Wind Speed in a Boundary Layer with Obstacles. *Bound.-Lay. Meteorol.*, 64, 297-305.



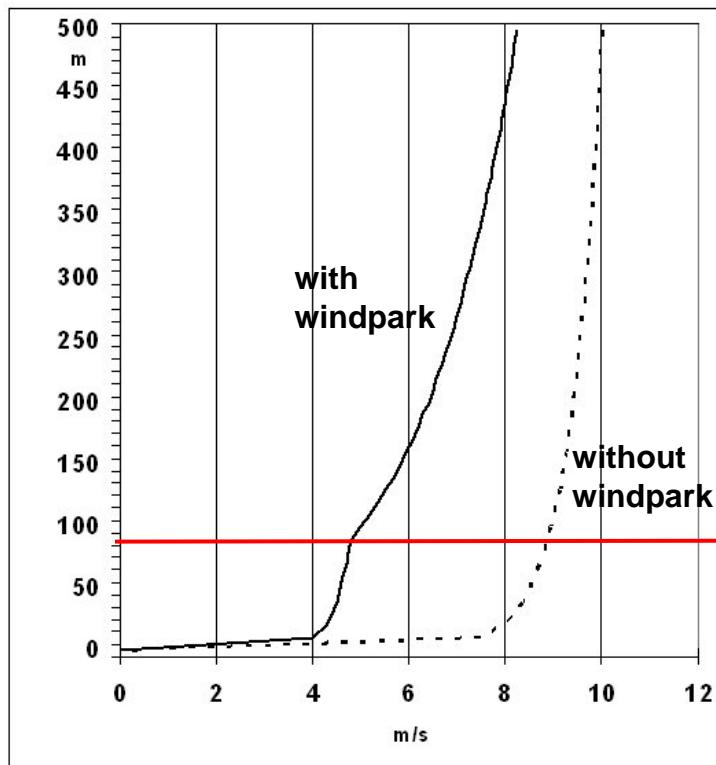
## momentum balance of a windpark in a turbulent flow : reduction of wind speed in hub height (enhanced EF93-Model)



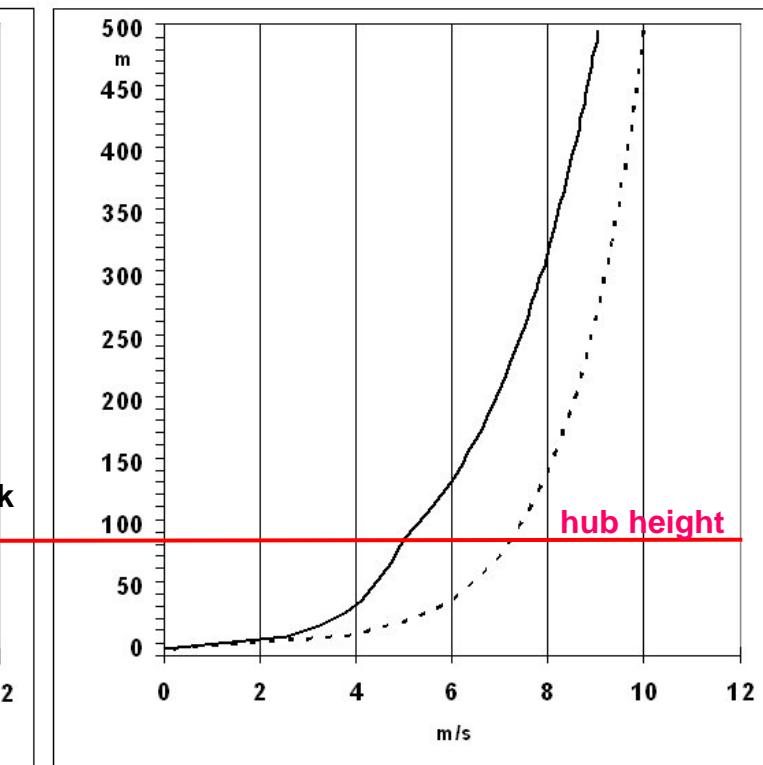
the rougher the surface → the more effective the windpark



**momentum balance of a windpark in a turbulent flow : vertical wind profile  
neutral stratification (enhanced EF93-model)**



**smooth ( $z_0 = 0.0001 \text{ m}$ )**

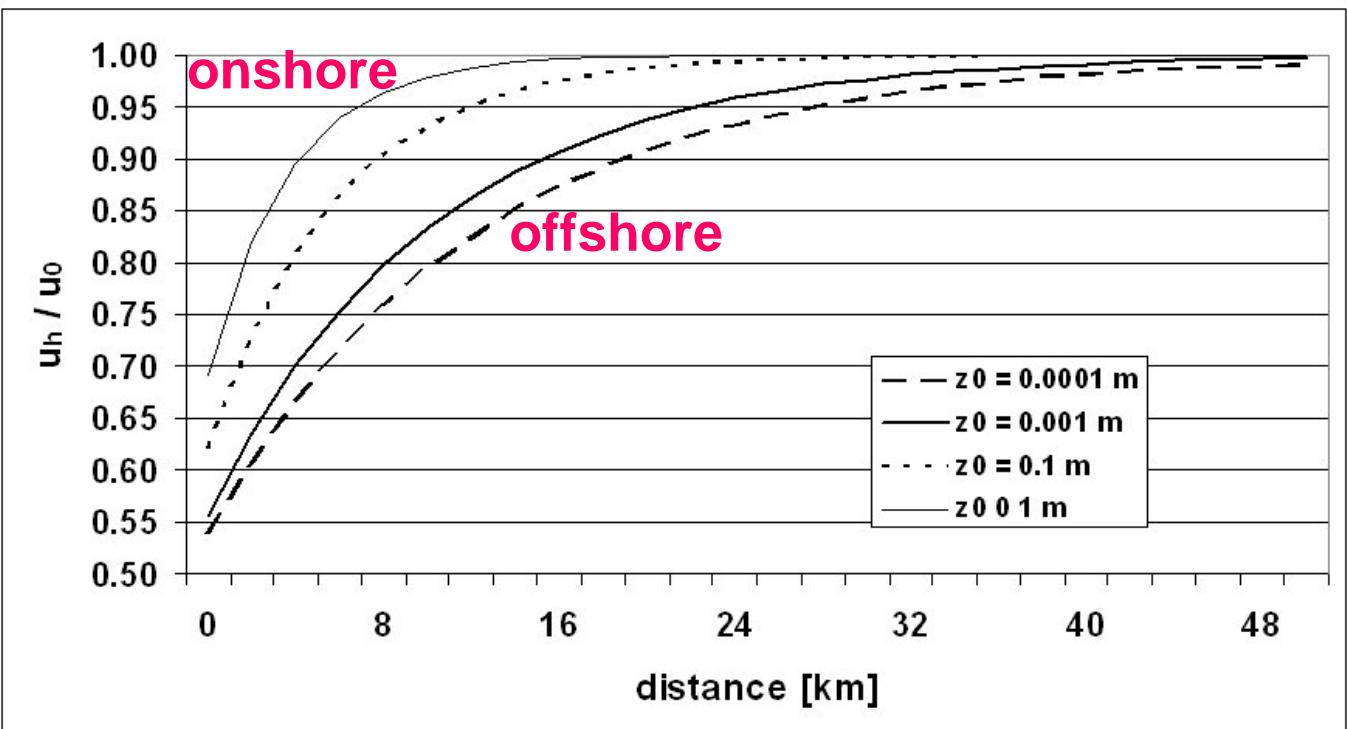


**$u = 10 \text{ m/s}$**

**rough ( $z_0 = 1 \text{ m}$ )**



## momentum balance of a windpark in a turbulent flow : length of wake of a wind park (enhanced EF93-model)



neutral stratification,  $u_0 = 10 \text{ m/s}$



## **Summary and outlook**

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**difference offshore - onshore**

**different surface (smoother, moving)**

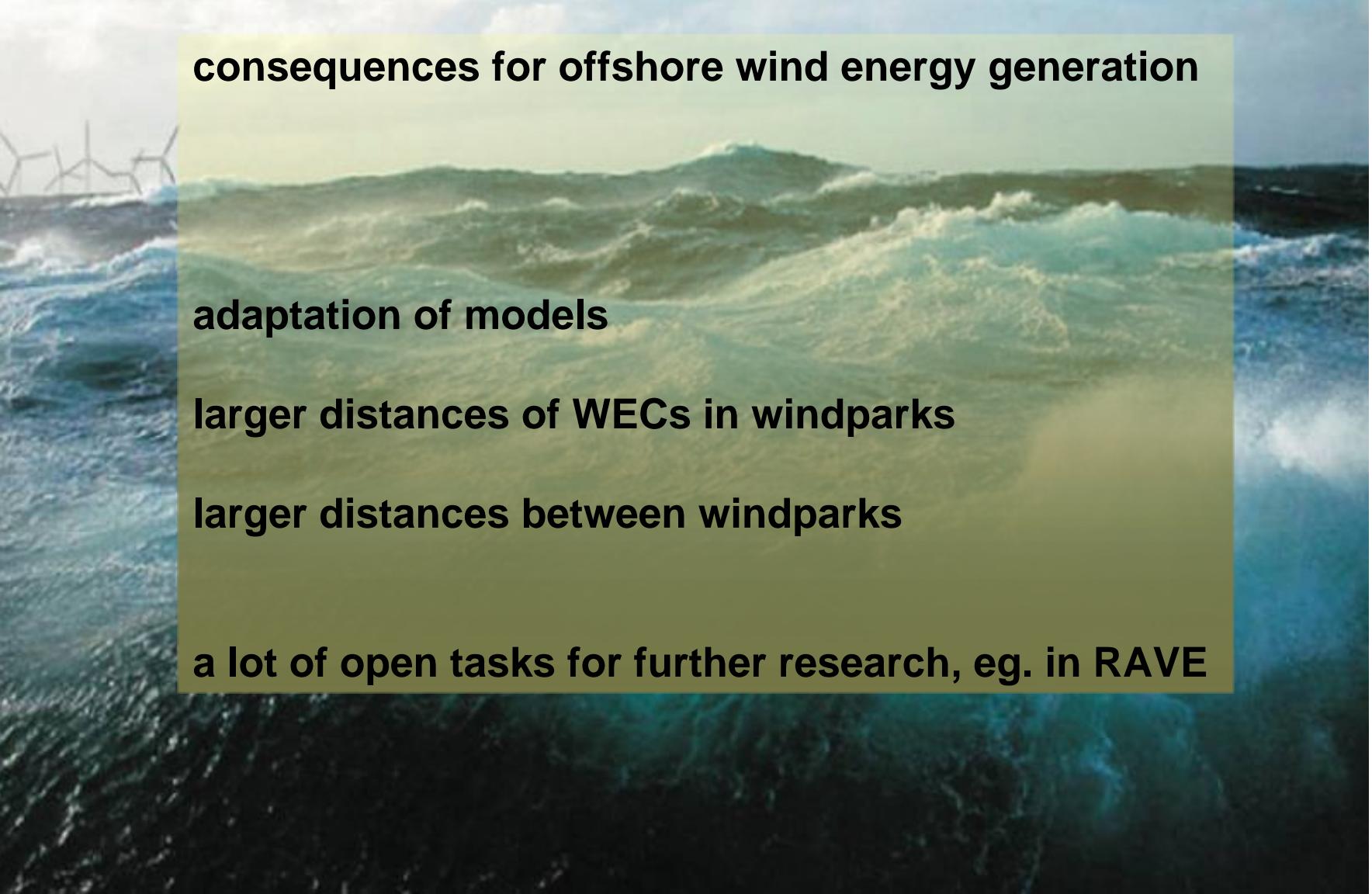
**WEC operate mainly in Ekman layer not in Prandtl layer (except for very high wind speeds)**

**different boundary layer structure  
("young" waves only in 30% of cases)**

**assumptions of IEC 61400 not always conservative**

**less turbulence leads to a lesser effectivity of windparks  
(→ larger distance between WECs necessary)**

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**consequences for offshore wind energy generation**

**adaptation of models**

**larger distances of WECs in windparks**

**larger distances between windparks**

**a lot of open tasks for further research, eg. in RAVE**



**Thank you for your attention**

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## Wellenhöhe als Funktion der Windgeschwindigkeit

bisher an FINO1  
beobachtet

Schätzung 50-Jahreswert

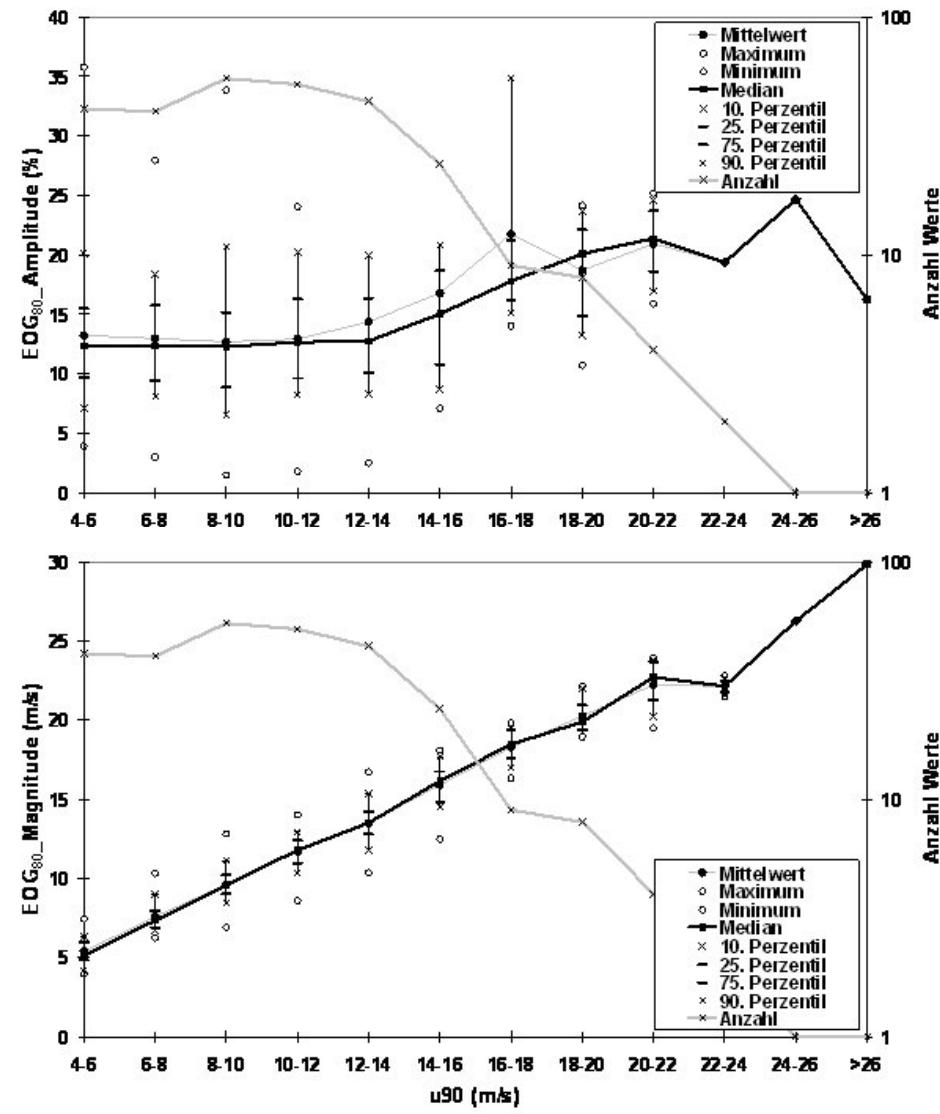
Sektor / Windgeschwindigkeit	25 m/s	30 m/s	35 m/s	40 m/s	Erklärte Varianz [R <sup>2</sup> ] in %
nördlich (290 - 40°)	6,7	9,2	12,1	15,5	69,5
östlich (40 – 120°), instabil	5,2	7,0	9,2	11,8	75,2
südlich (120 – 210°), instabil	4,2	6,0	8,1	10,6	61,3
südlich (120 – 210°), stabil	3,4	4,8	6,5	8,5	53,0
westlich	4,1	5,3	6,6	8,1	56,6
östlich (40 – 120°), stabil	1,6	1,6	1,7	1,6	29,9



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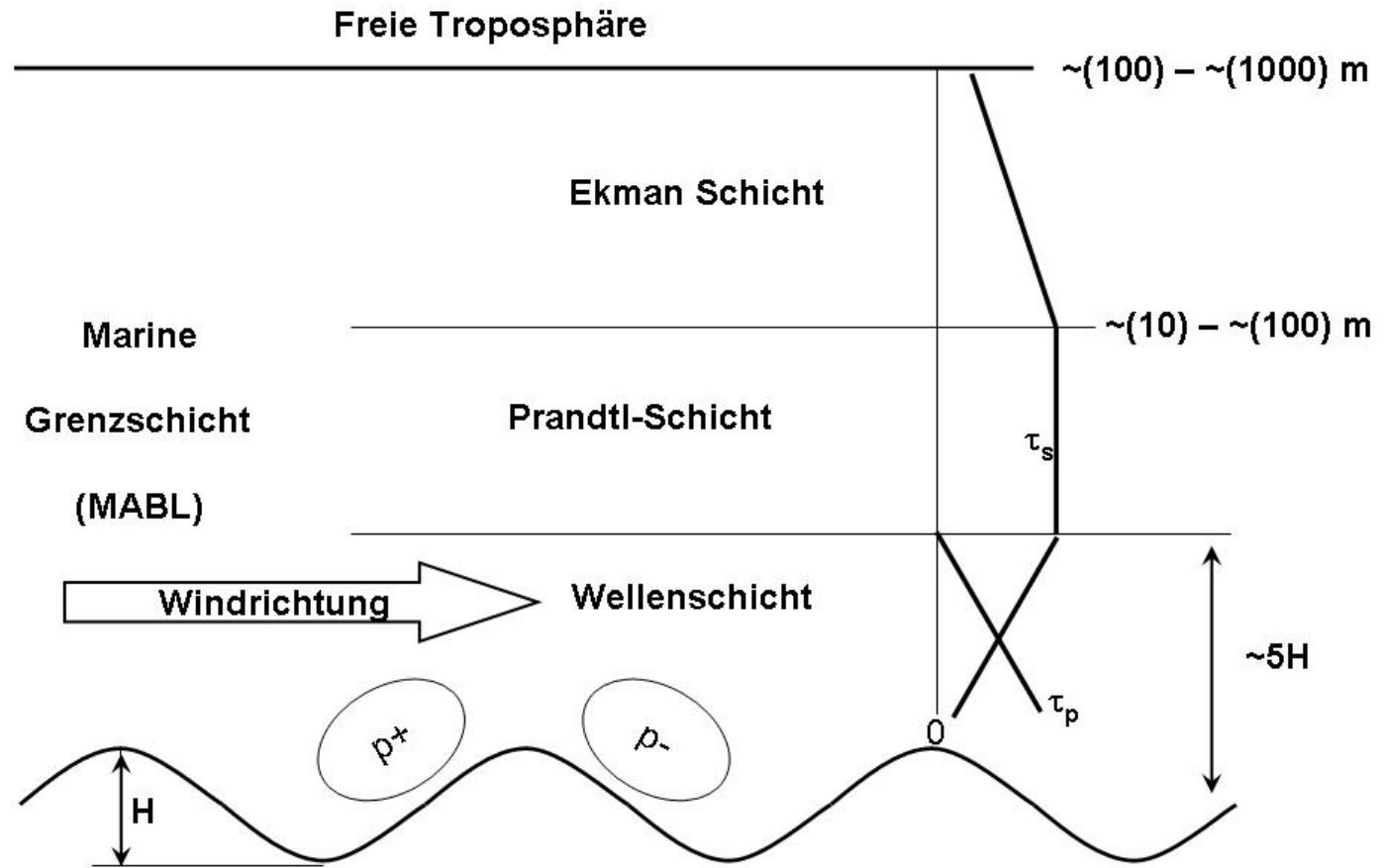
Amplitude  
(Diff. Min-Max)

Magnitude  
(Max)

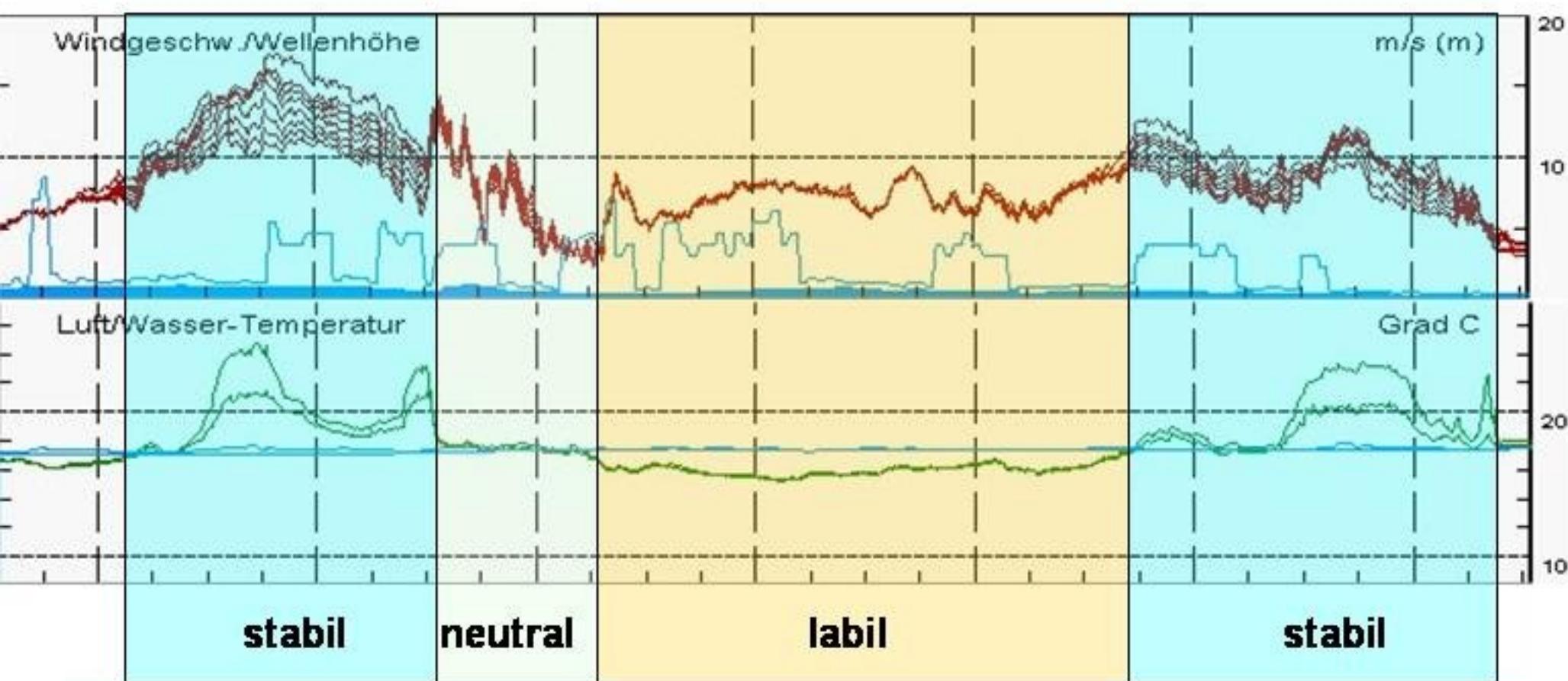


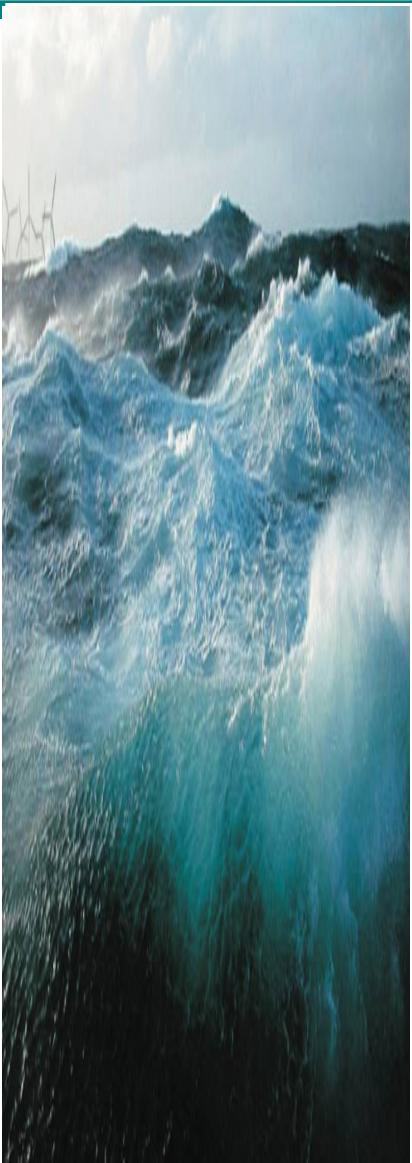


## Vertikalaufbau der marinen Grenzschicht

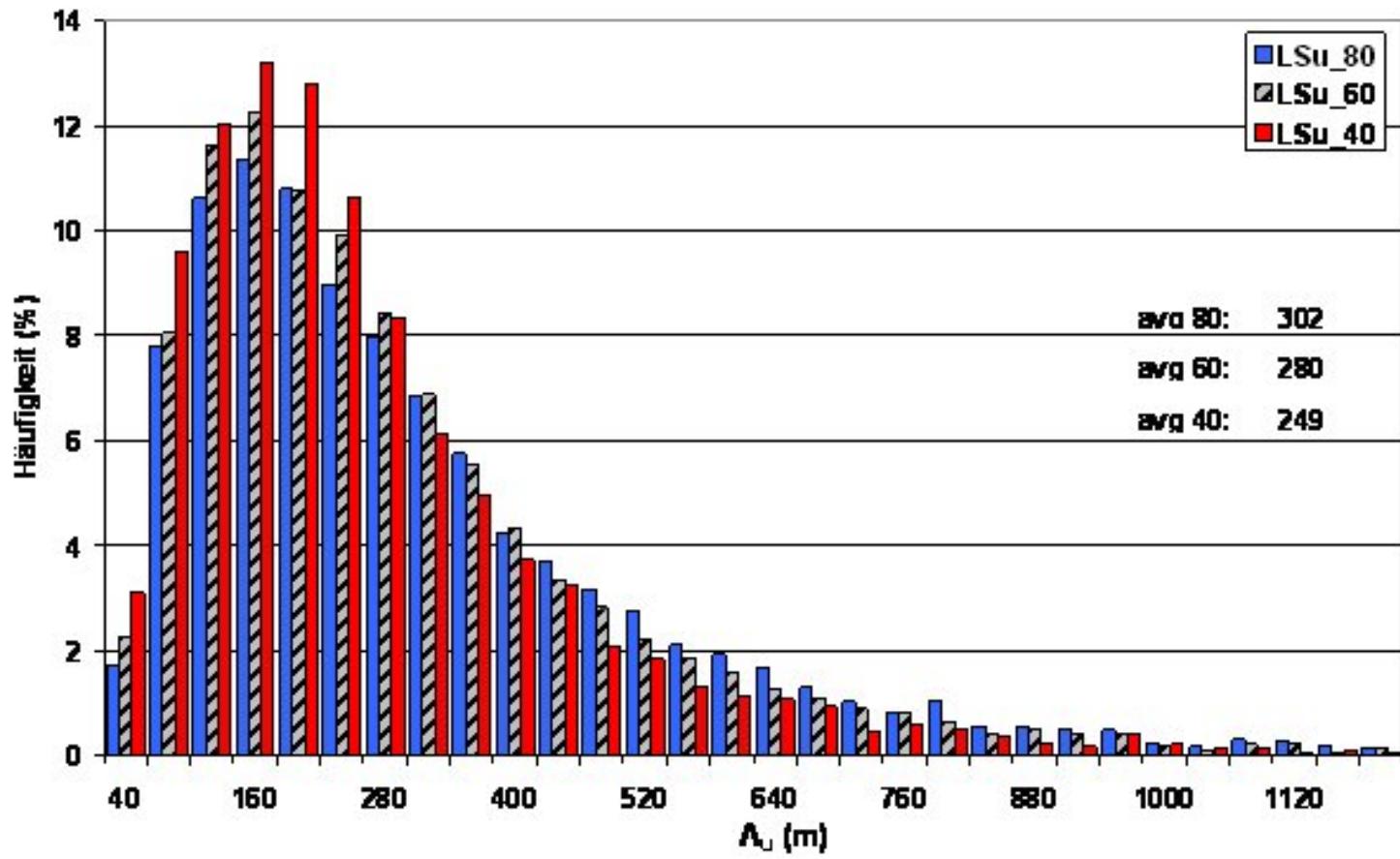


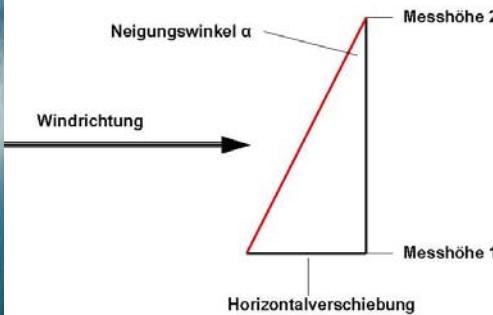
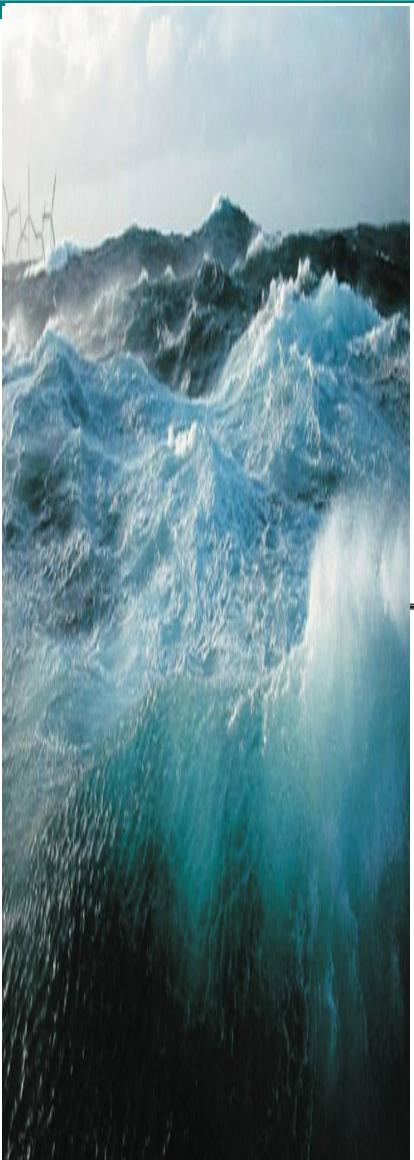
**Zeitreihen von der FINO1-Plattform:  
Windgeschwindigkeit und Luft/Wasser-Temperatur  
Woche bis zum 6. September 2005 11:46 Uhr**



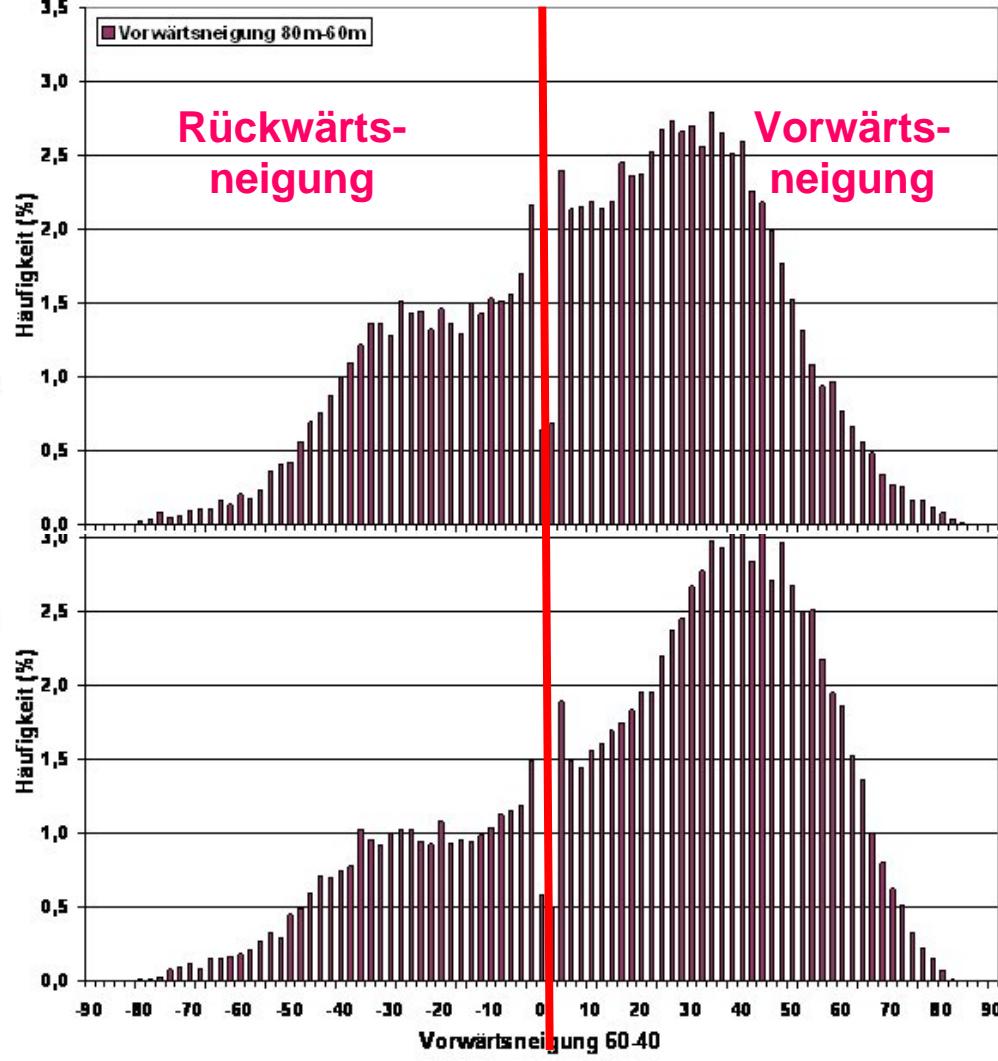


## Längenskalen der Turbulenzelemente





## Vorwärtsneigung der Turbulenzelemente





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Häufigkeit in Abhängigkeit von der Länge  
(relativ zur Häufigkeit für 10,5 s Länge)

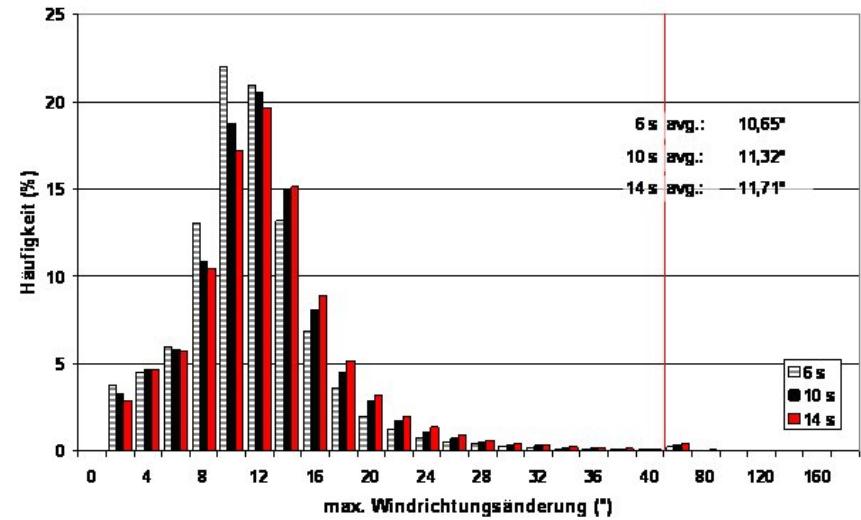
8 s	10,5 s	14 s
1,60	1,00	0,63

kürzere EOGs sind häufiger als die 10,5 s-EOGs der Norm



## Extreme direction change (EDC)

Häufigkeitsverteilung für 6, 10 und 14 s

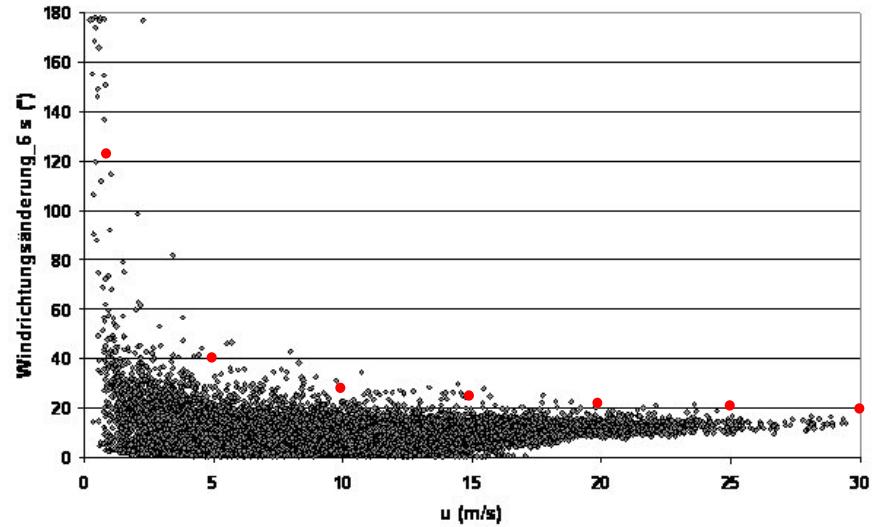


als Funktion der Windgeschw.

Vergleich mit 61400-1, Gl. 20:

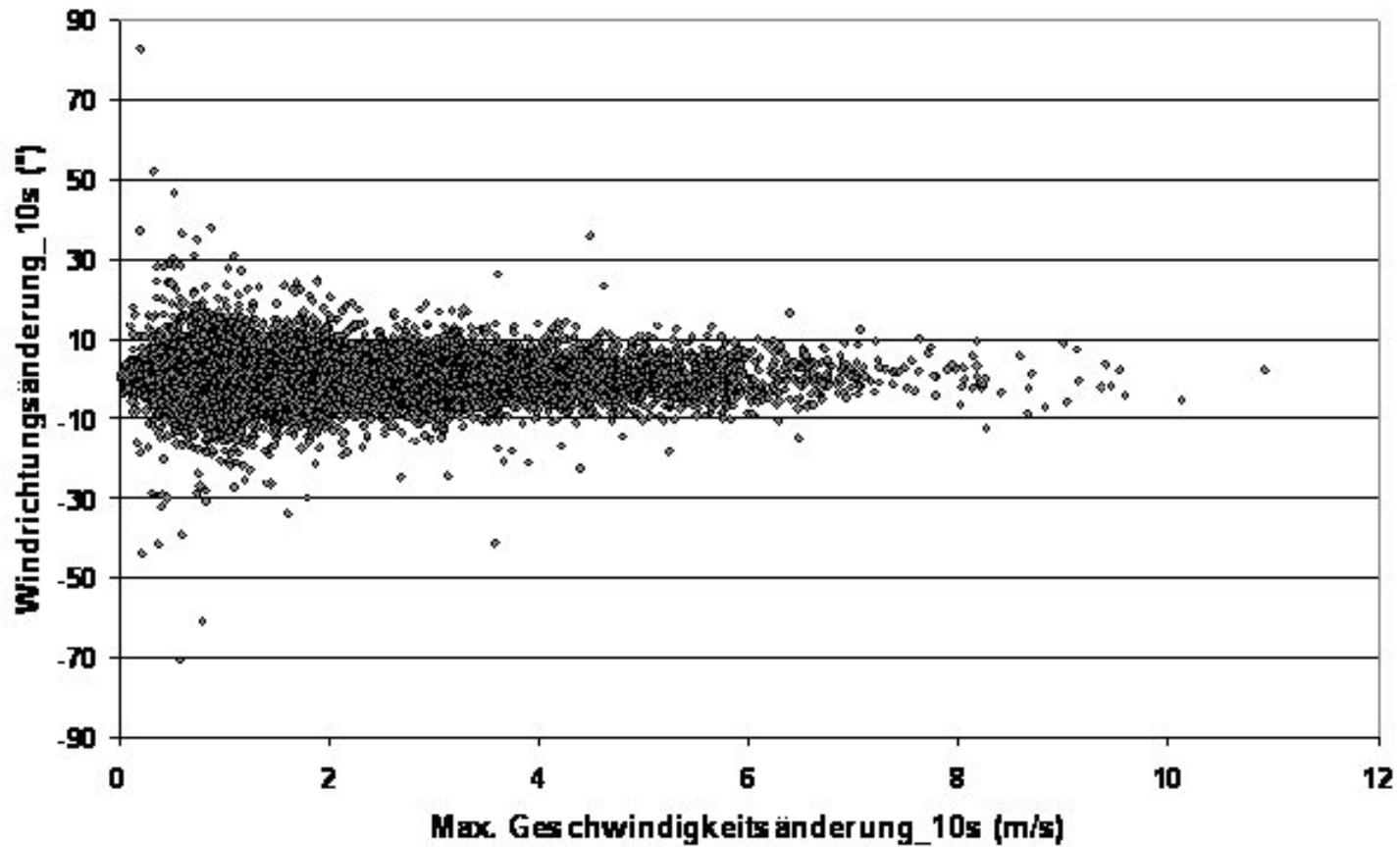
$$D = 120 \text{ m}$$

$$\Lambda = 42 \text{ m}$$





## Extreme coherent gust with direction change (ECD)





## Extreme wind speed model (EWM)

### Der Hellmann-Exponent für die Extremwinde:

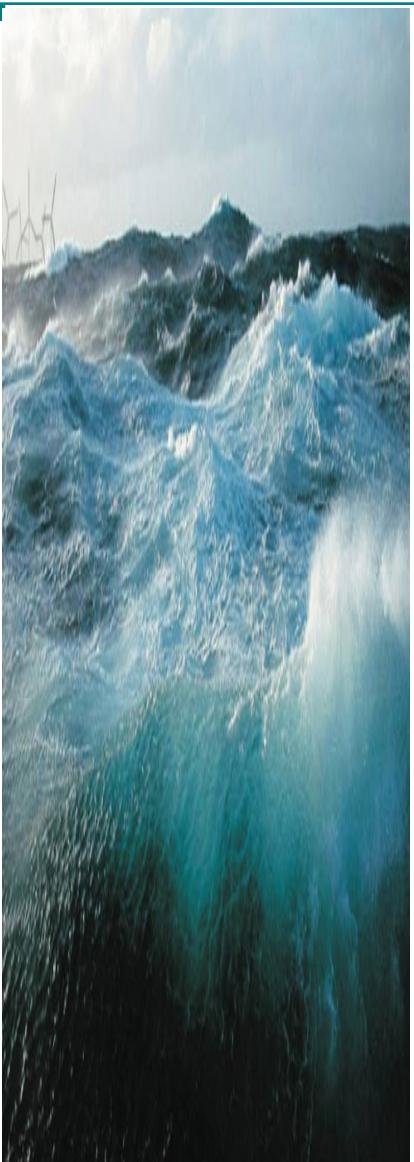
für das 10 min-Mittel scheint 0,11 richtig

für die 3 s-Böe scheint 0,11 etwas zu hoch

### Der 50-Jahreswert für die Turbulenzintensität:

0,11 erscheint ausreichend konservativ

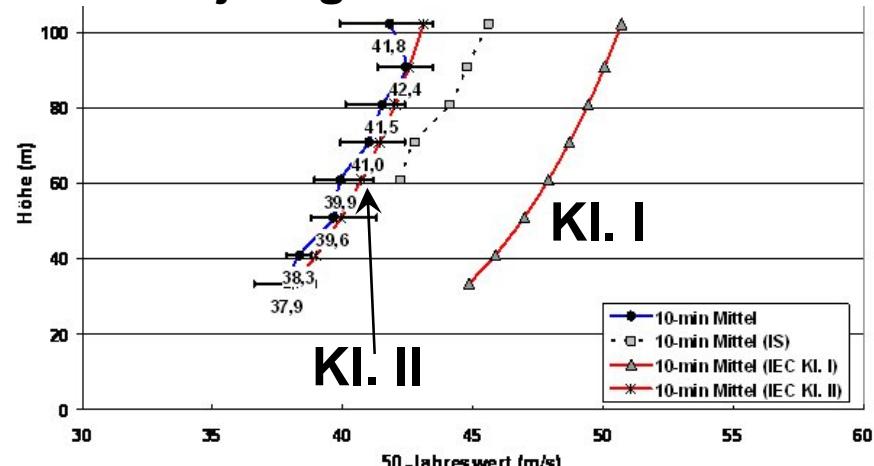
(die Extrapolation der Daten ergibt ca. 0,10)



## Extreme wind speed model (EWM)

### Vertikale Profile der 50jährigen Extreme

10 min-  
Mittel



3 s-Böe

(mit 0,983 aus  
den 1 s-Daten  
errechnet)

