

Turbulence a Challenging Problem for Wind Energy

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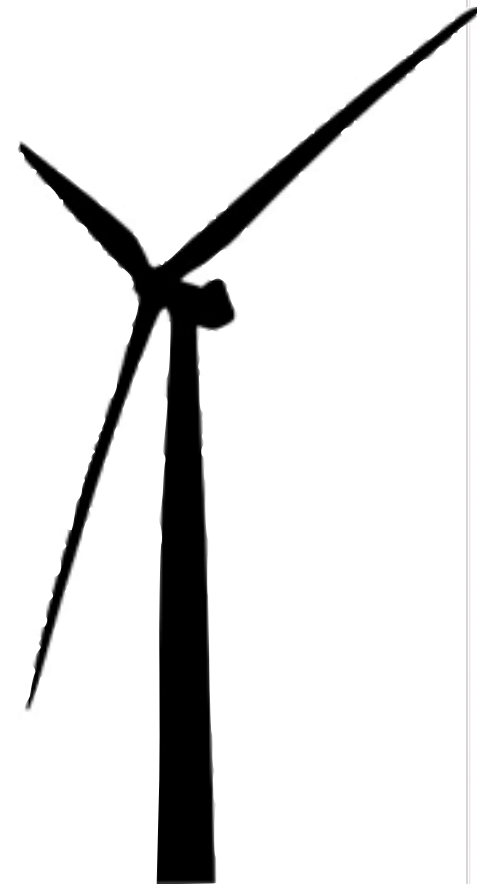
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- ▼ basics features of turbulence
- ▼ How does a wind turbine work?
- ▼ operating conditions for a wind turbine
- ▼ research challenges



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EXISTENCE AND SMOOTHNESS OF THE NAVIER-STOKES EQUATION

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The *Navier-Stokes* equations are then given by

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = \nu \Delta u_i - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + f_i(x, t) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \geq 0),$$

$$(2) \quad \operatorname{div} u = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \geq 0)$$

$$(11) \quad p, u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty)).$$

A fundamental problem in analysis is to decide whether such smooth, physically reasonable solutions exist for the Navier-Stokes equations. To give reasonable leeway to solvers while retaining the heart of the problem, we ask for a proof of one of the following four statements.

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overbrace{u(x+r) - u(x)}^{u_r}}{r}$$

velocity increment

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{u_r}{r}$$

have to understand $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} u_r$

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have to understand

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} u_r$$

$$u_r = u(x + r) - u(x)$$

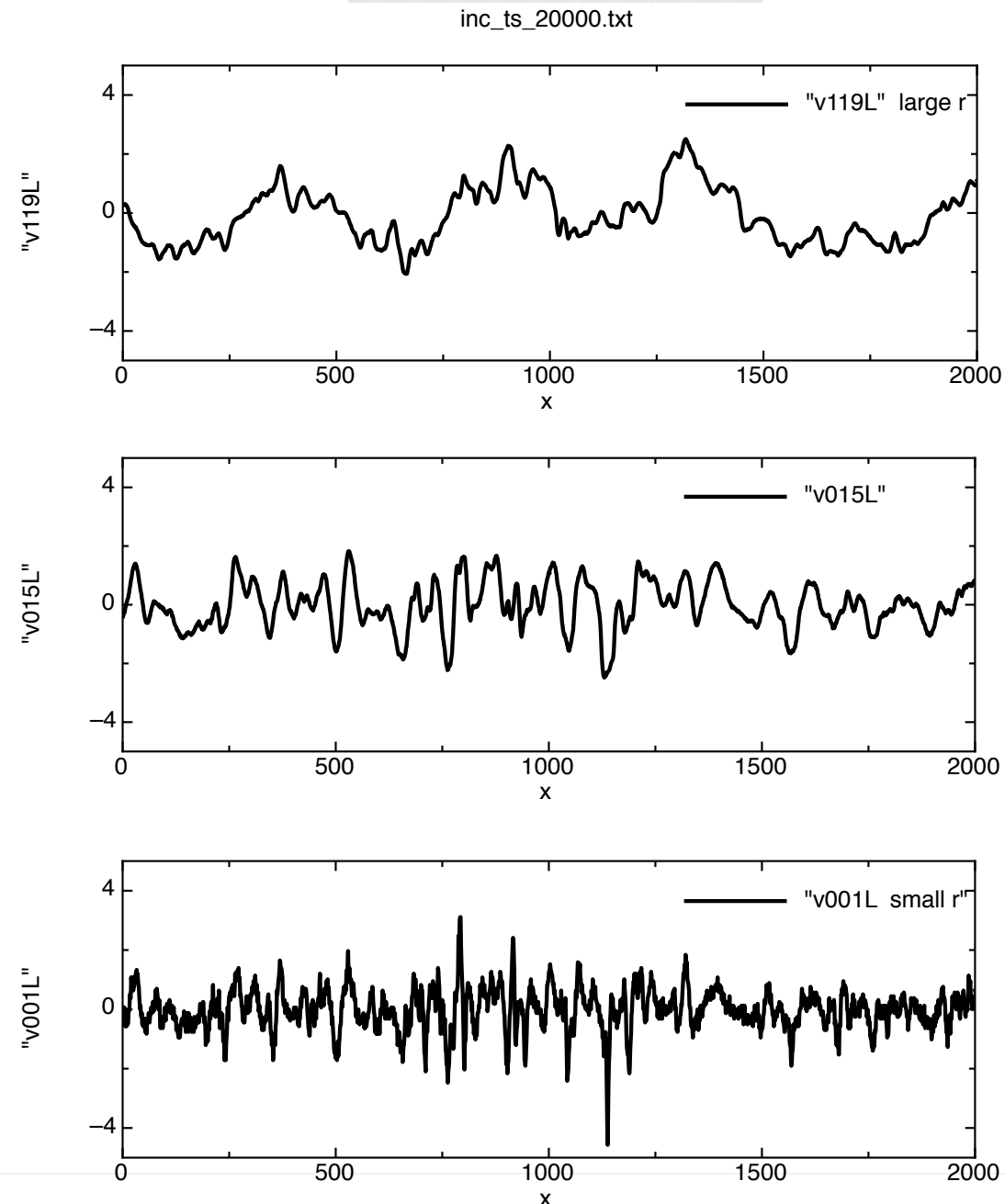
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have to understand

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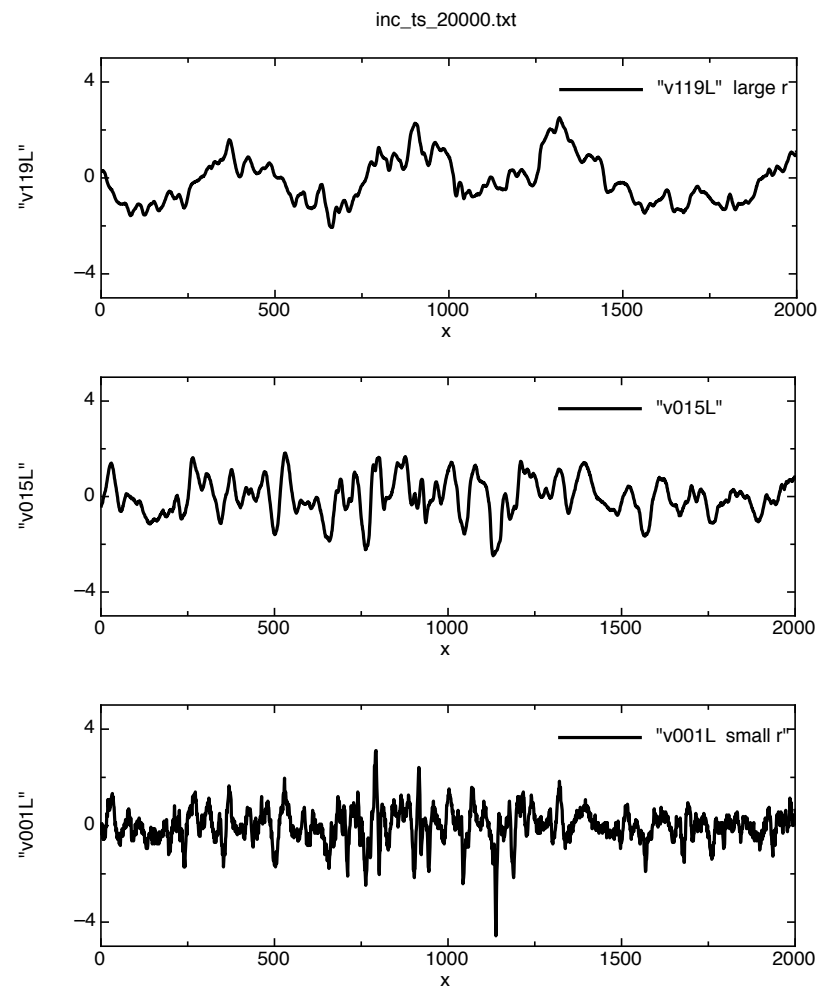
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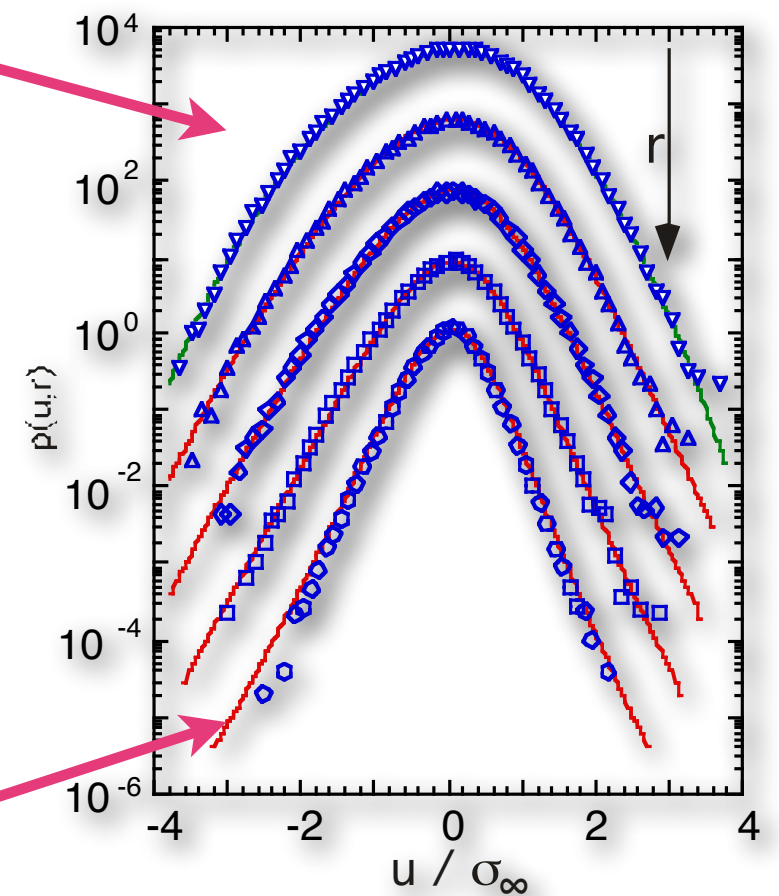
homogeneous isotropic turbulence -- hiT

▼ r - depend of velocity increments: $u_r = u(x + r) - u(x)$

- cascade and **statistics of increments**



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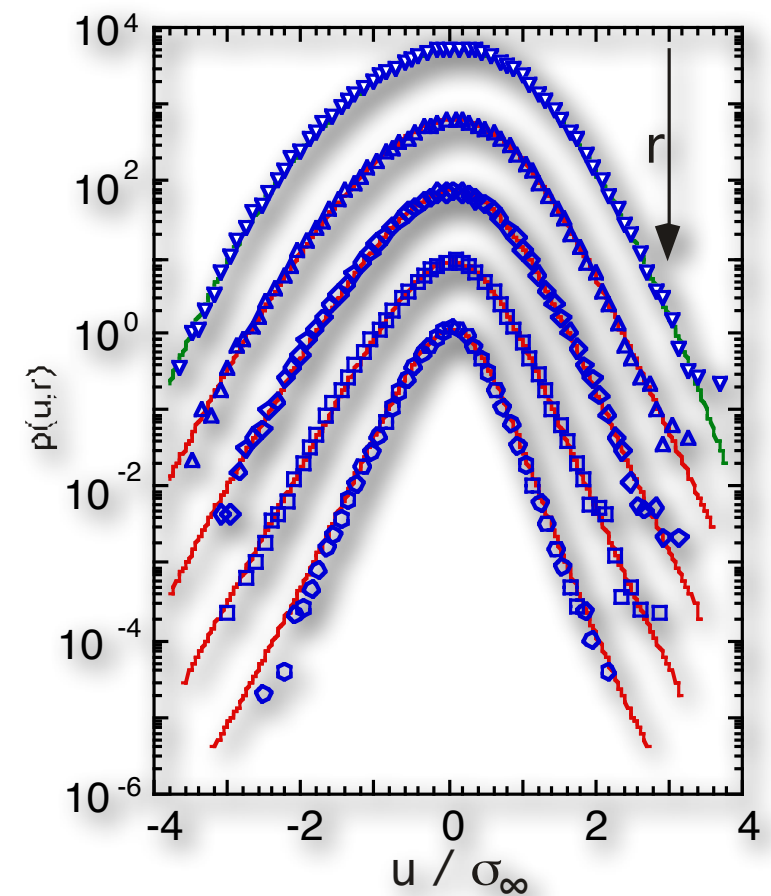
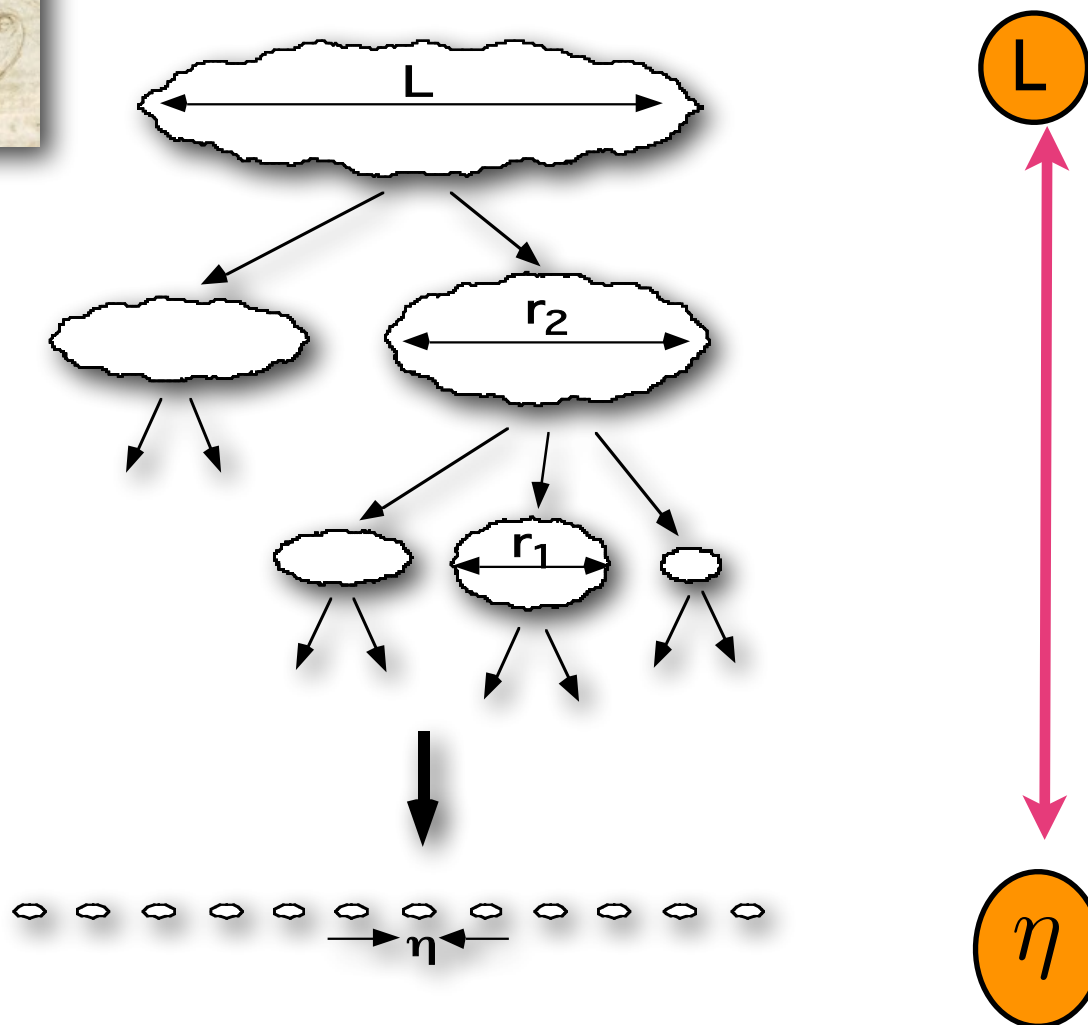
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A.N. Kolomogorov

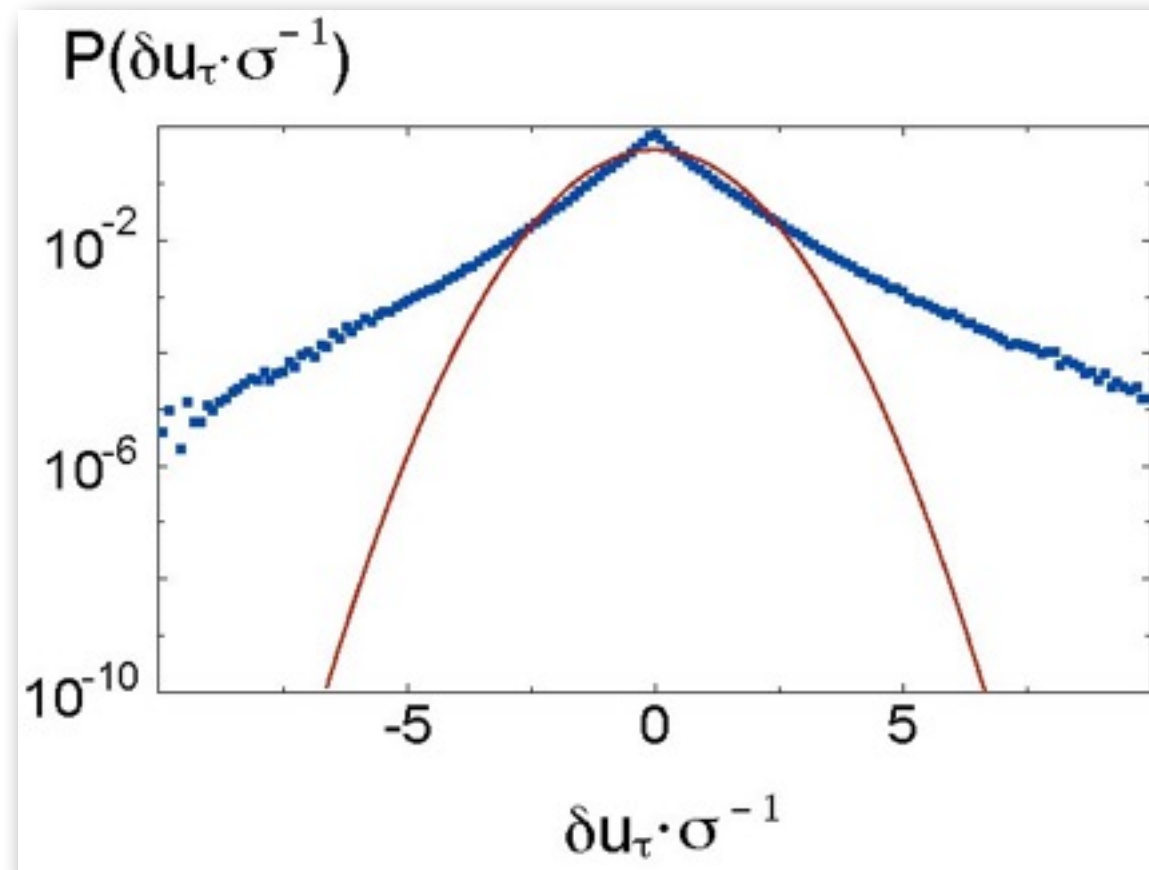


summary turbulence

▼ cascade and statistics of increments

$$u_r = u(x + r) - u(x)$$

- ▶ non Gaussian statistics for small scales r
- ▶ Intermittency - violent fluctuations on small scales



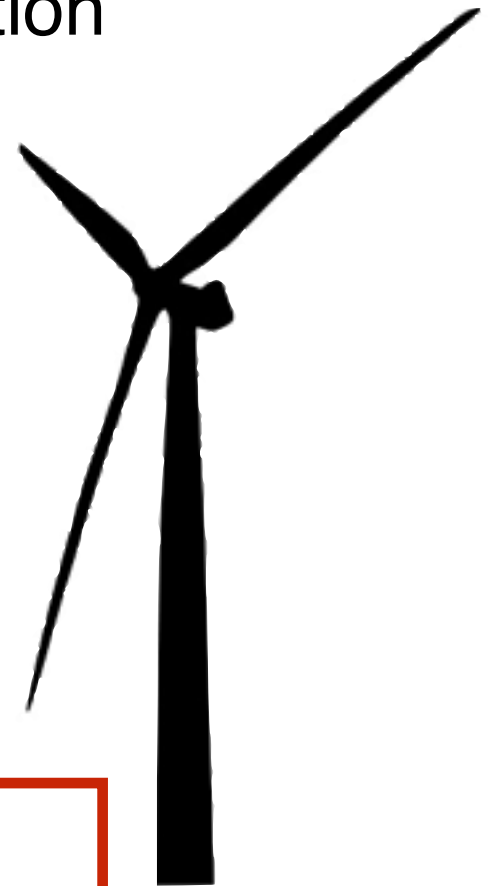
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basic problems



problems
of mathematics

application

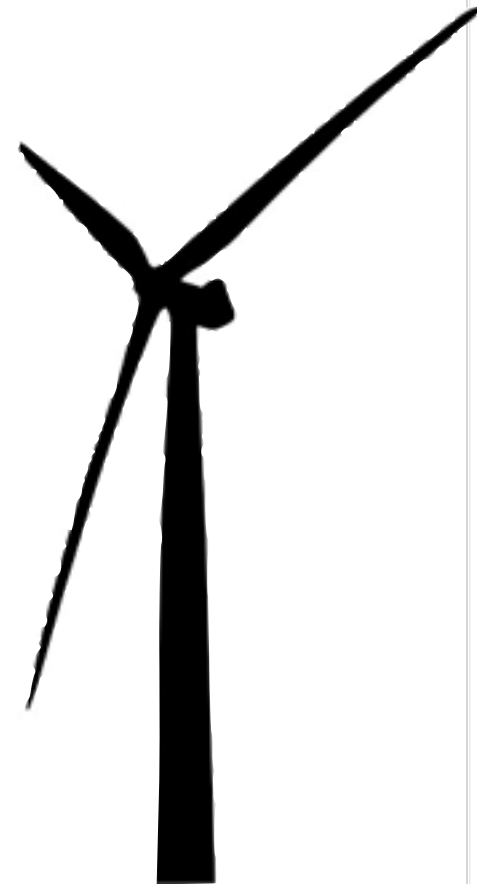


problems of society:
energy

- **environment CO2**
- **resources**
- **finances**

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- ✎ operating conditions for a wind turbine
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modern wind turbines

power from wind

$$E_{wind} = \frac{1}{2} m u^2$$

$$P_{wind} = \dot{E}_{wind}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} u^2$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho \dot{V}$$
$$= \rho A \cdot u$$

$$P_{wind} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A u^3$$

for $u = 12 \text{ m/s}$

$$P_{wind} = 1 \text{ kW/m}^2$$



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$$P_{wind} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A u^3 \quad \text{for } u = 12 \text{ m/s} \quad P_{wind} = 1 \text{ kW/m}^2$$

WEC

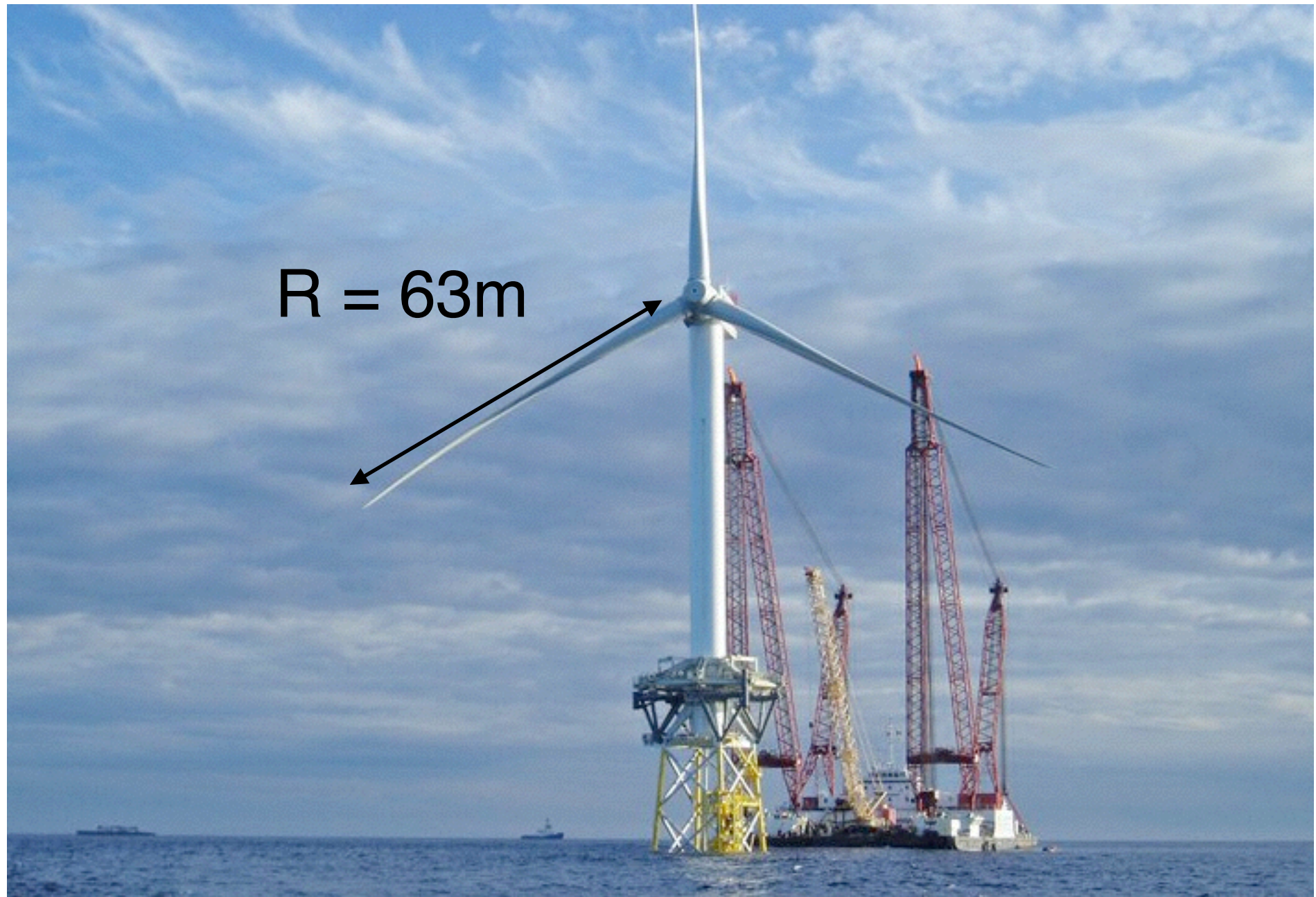
$$P_{WEC} = c_P \frac{1}{2} \rho A u^3$$

$c_P \leq 0.59$ Betz- Joukowski limit



modern wind turbines

size



modern wind turbines

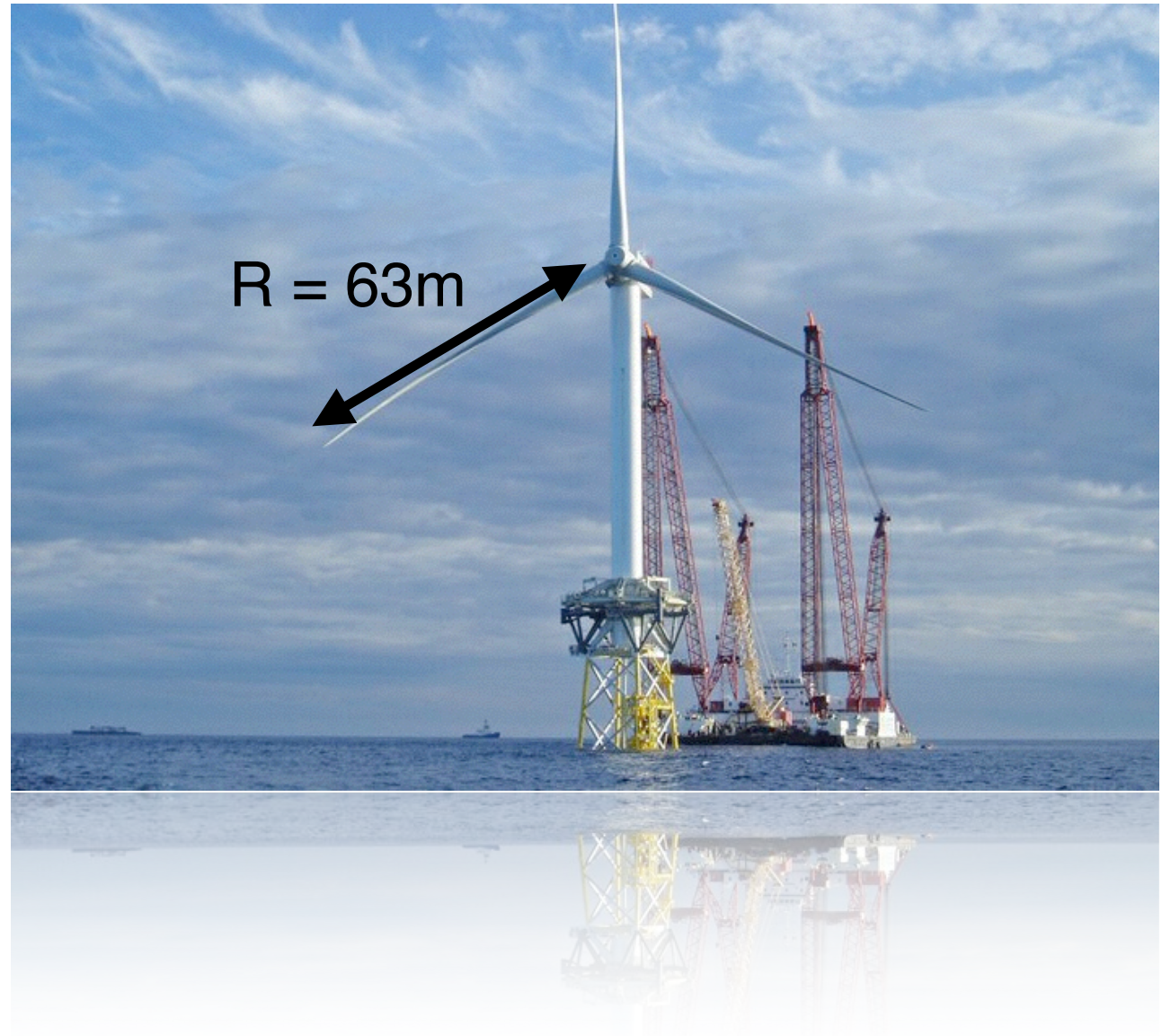
$$\text{area} = 12469 \text{ m}^2$$

$$P_{wind} \leq 12 \text{ MW}$$

$$P_{WEC} = c_p \cdot P_{wind}$$

$$c_P \leq 0.59$$

$$P_{WEC} \approx 5 - 6 \text{ MW}$$



modern wind turbines

WEC >5MW

area = 12469 m²

typical engine of a train



3,7 MW

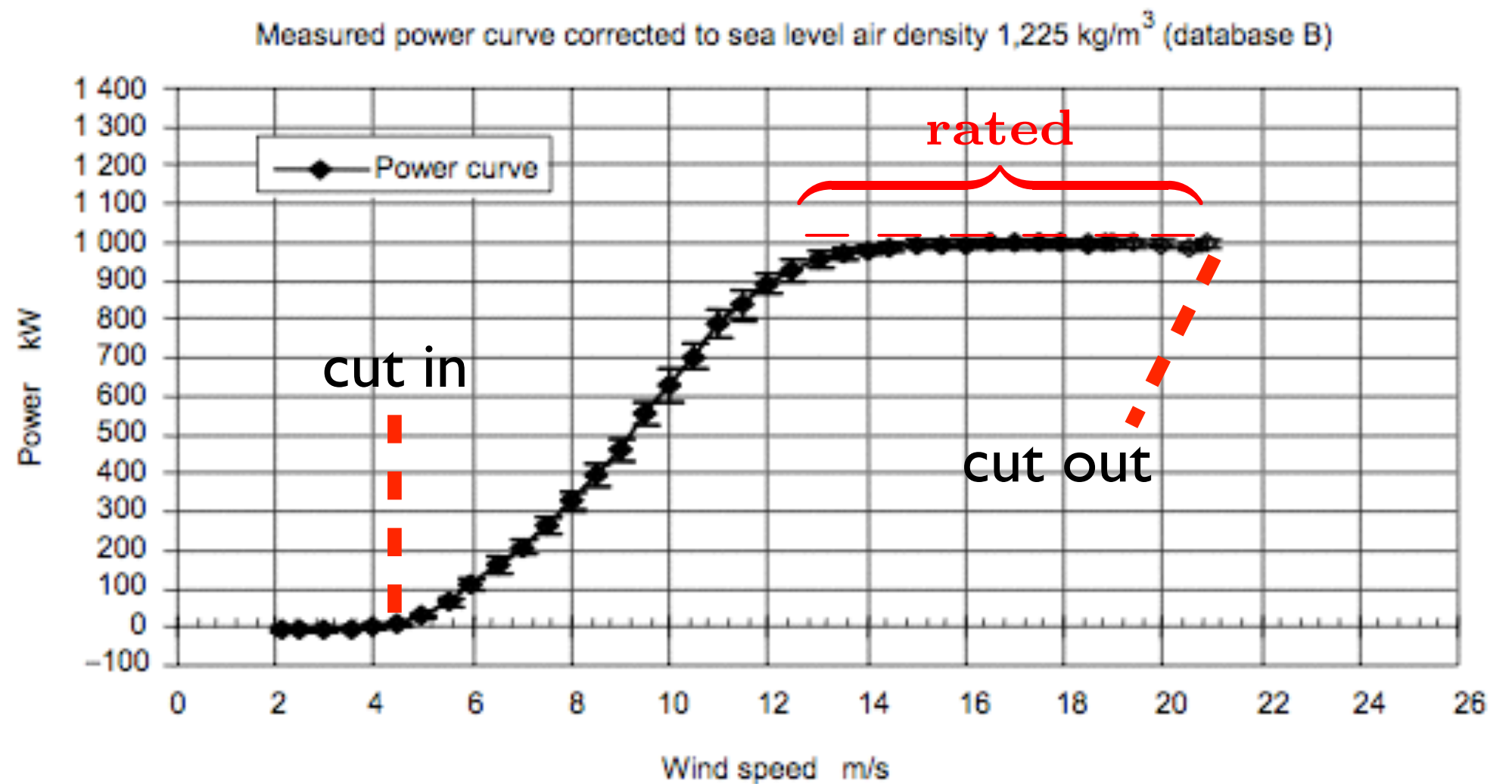
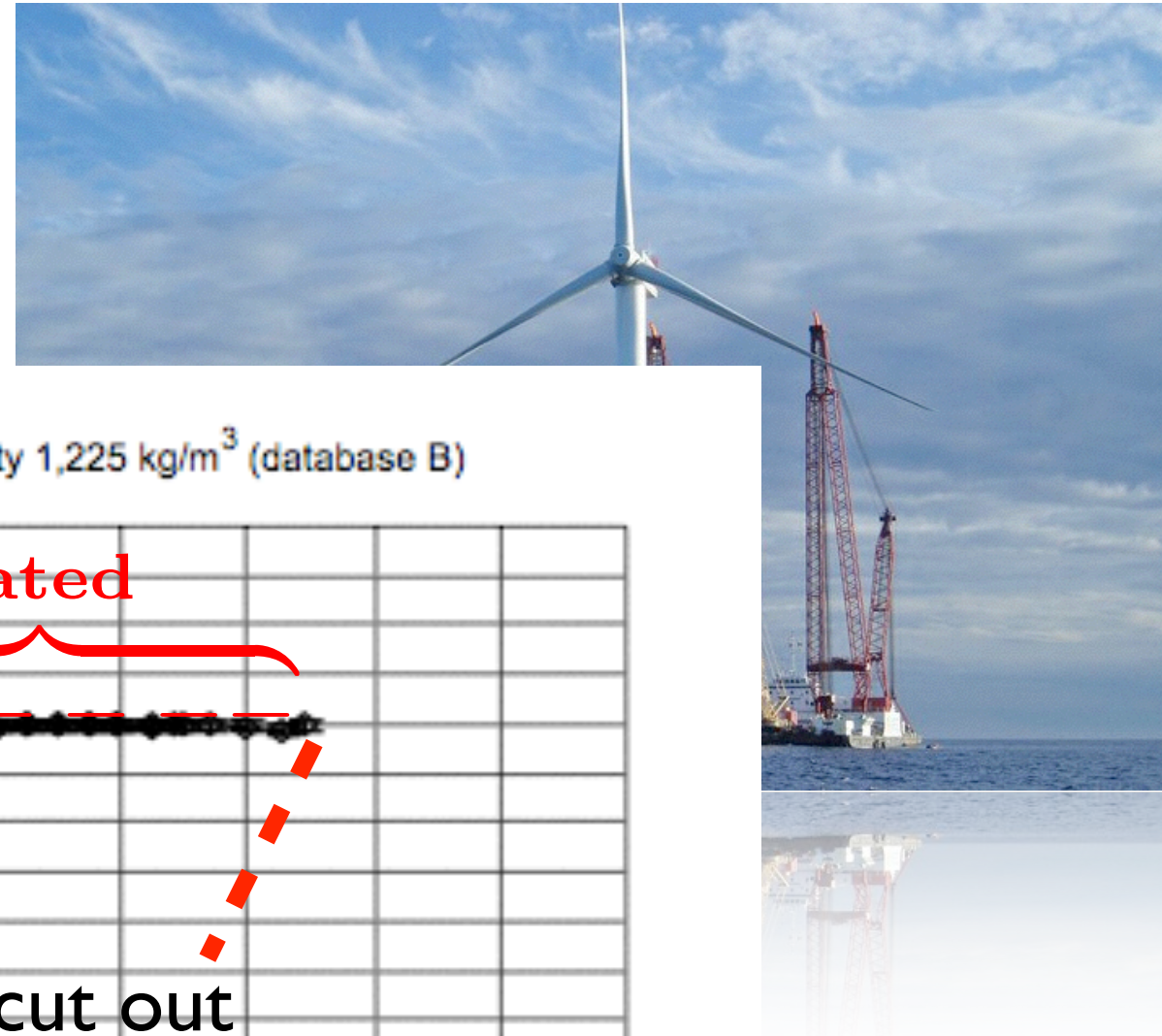


measured power curve



power output of wind turbines

measured power curve



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story of success

GLOBAL ANNUAL INSTALLED WIND CAPACITY

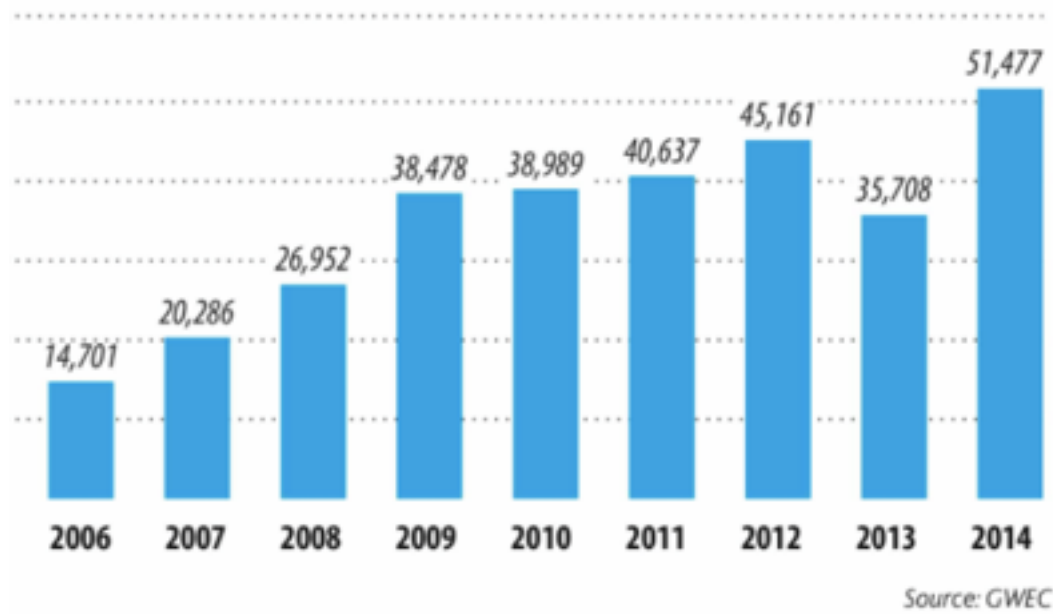
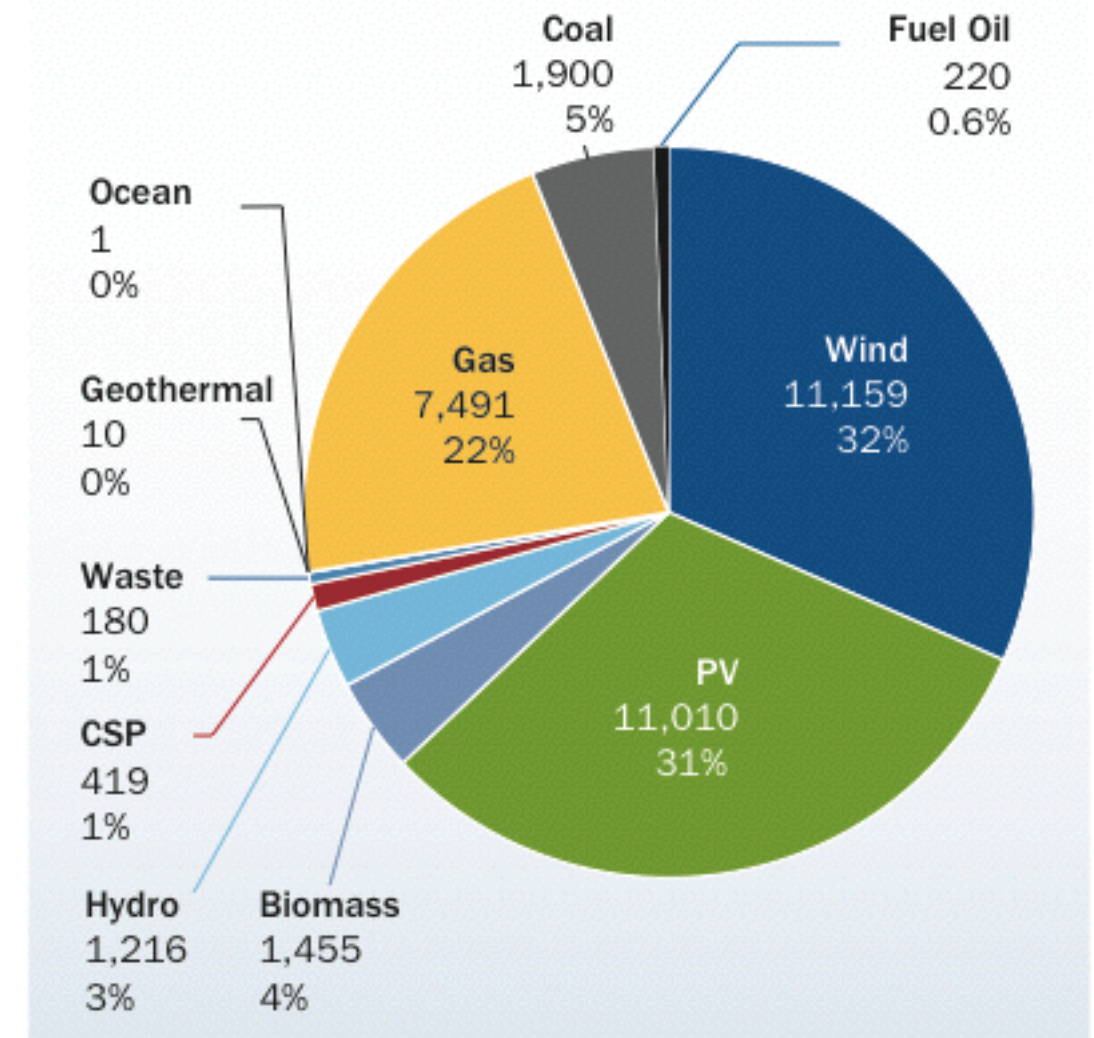
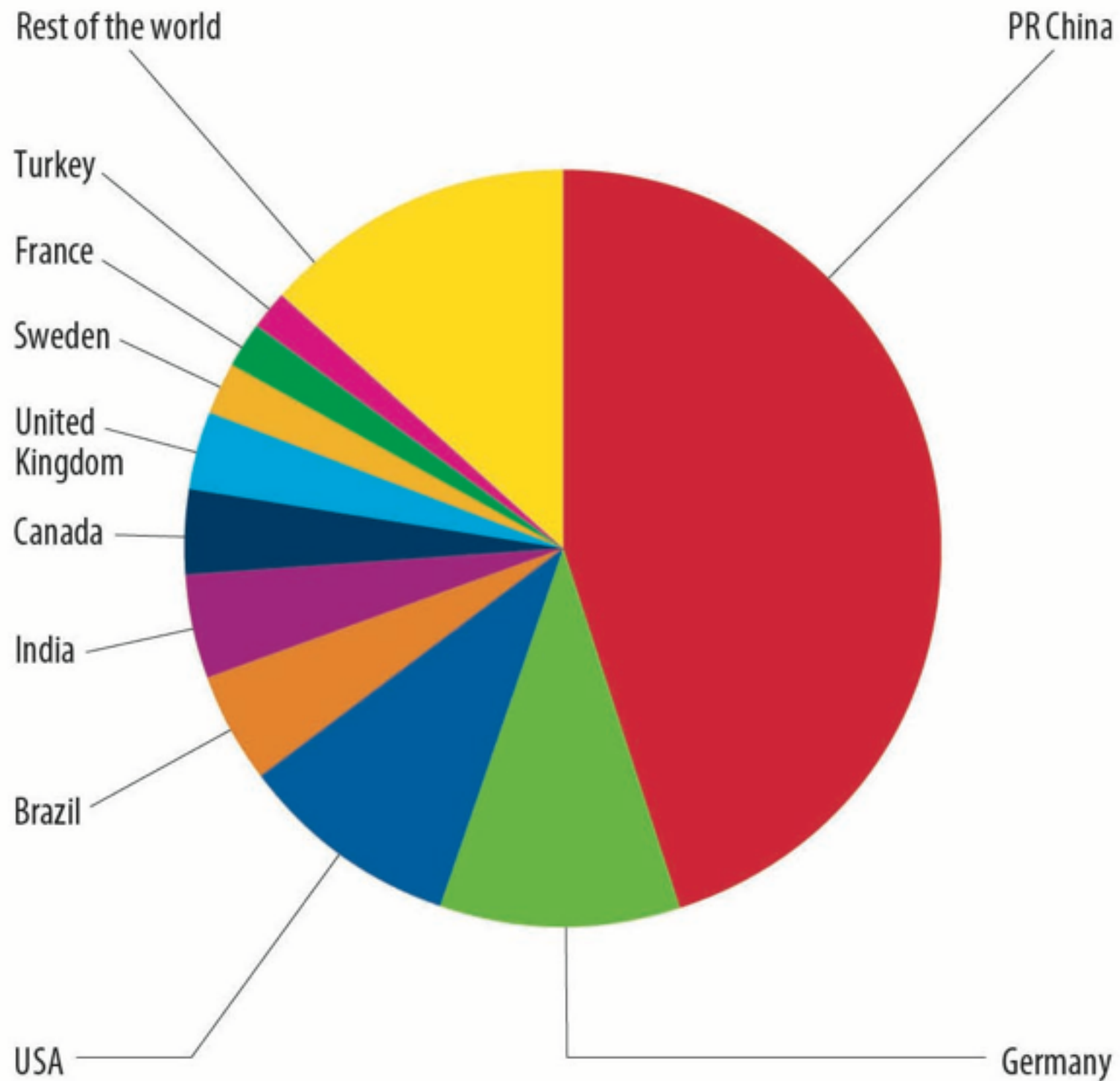


FIGURE 1.2: SHARE OF NEW POWER CAPACITY INSTALLATIONS IN EU, TOTAL 35,181 MW



TOP 10 NEW INSTALLED CAPACITY JAN-DEC 2014



Country	MW	% SHARE
PR China	23,196	45.1
Germany	5,279	10.2
USA	4,854	9.4
Brazil*	2,472	4.8
India	2,315	4.5

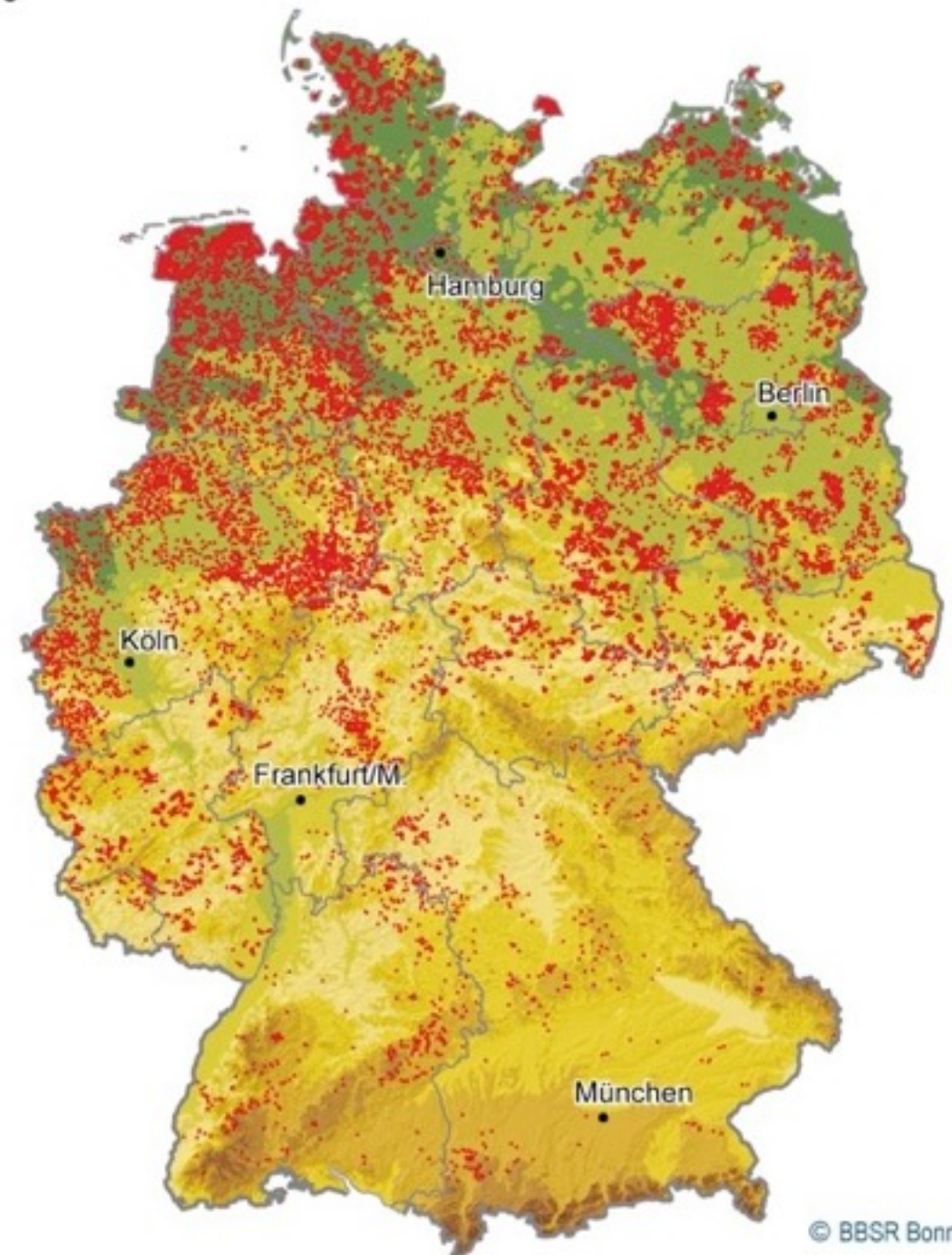
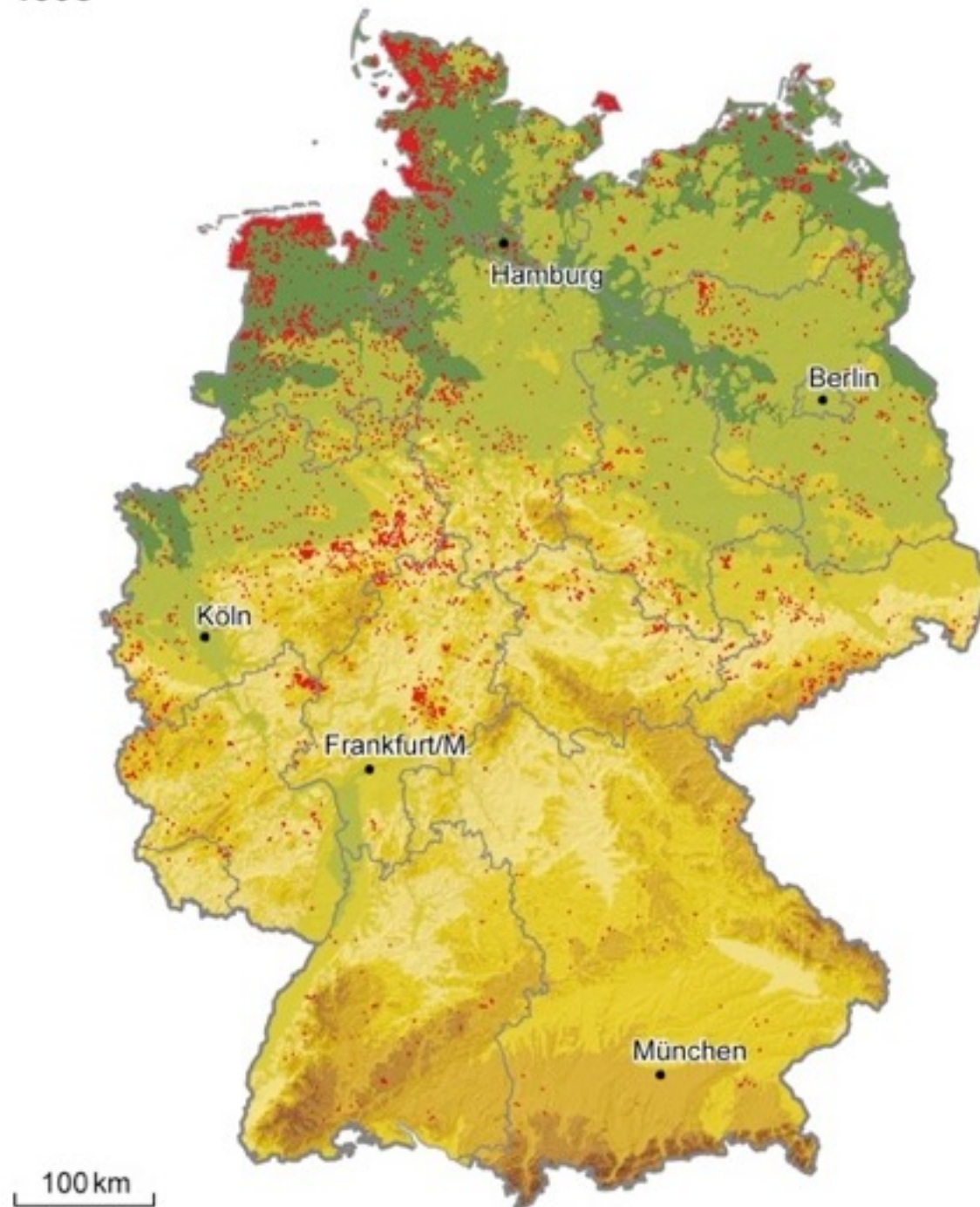
wind turbines in Germany

Standorte von Windenergieanlagen 1998 und 2010

▼ 2012 - 31 GW installed

1998

2010



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Verteilung der Windenergieanlagen

- 1 Windenergieanlage

Hinweis: Bislang liegen flächendeckend nur Angaben zur Anlagenzahl je Gemeinde vor. Diese aggregierten Werte wurden mit der Punktdichte-Methode nach dem Zufallsprinzip über das Gemeindegebiet verteilt. Der in der Karte verzeichnete Punkt stellt daher nicht den exakten Anlagenstandort dar.

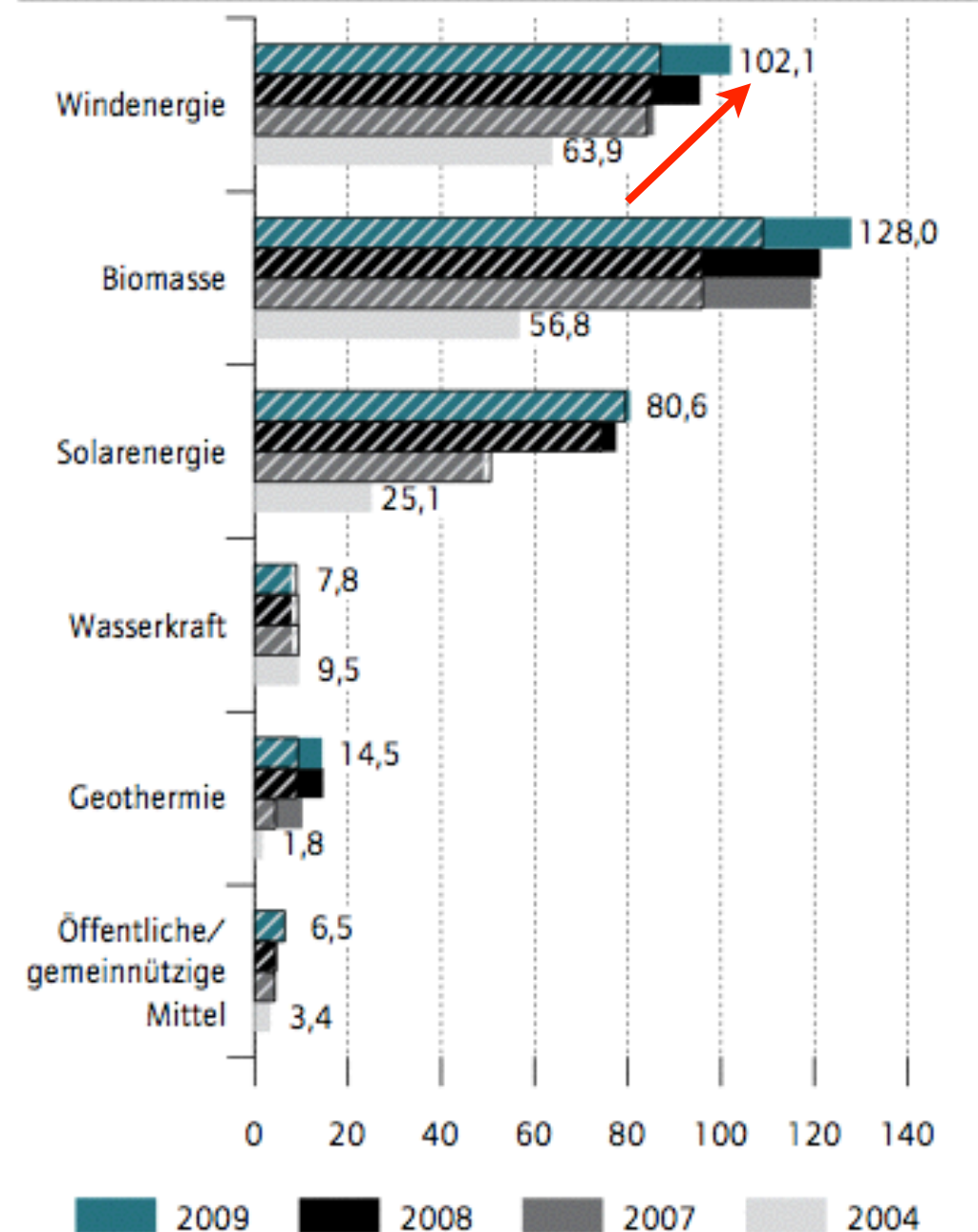
employees

- ▼ number of employees even increased during the last year's economic crisis
- ▼ 2014 around 130.000 new jobs

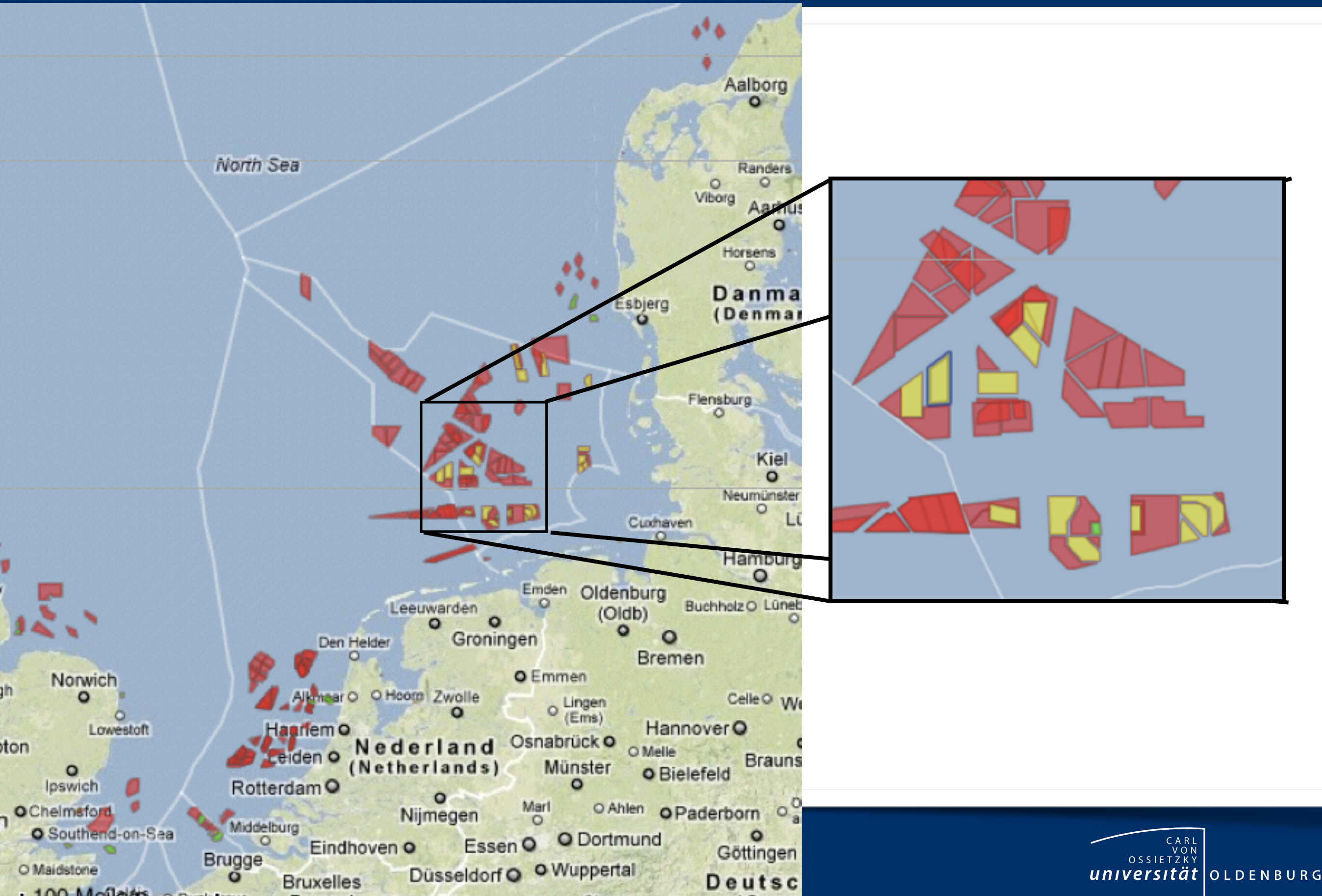
Beschäftigung durch erneuerbare Energien in Deutschland

In 1 000 Personen

report of DIW Berlin Nr. 41/2010



offshore activities



Wind farms under construction [\[edit\]](#)

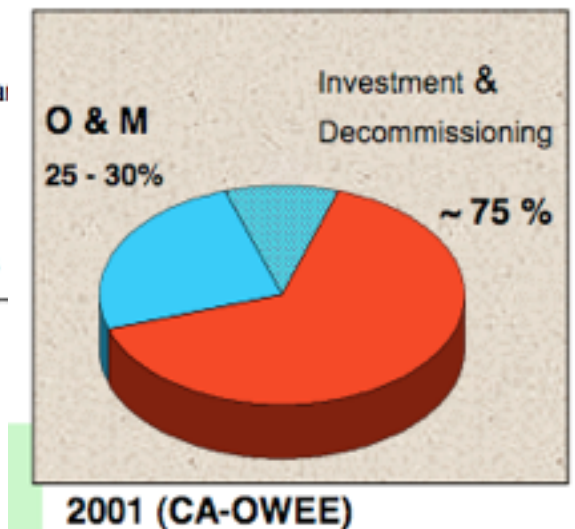
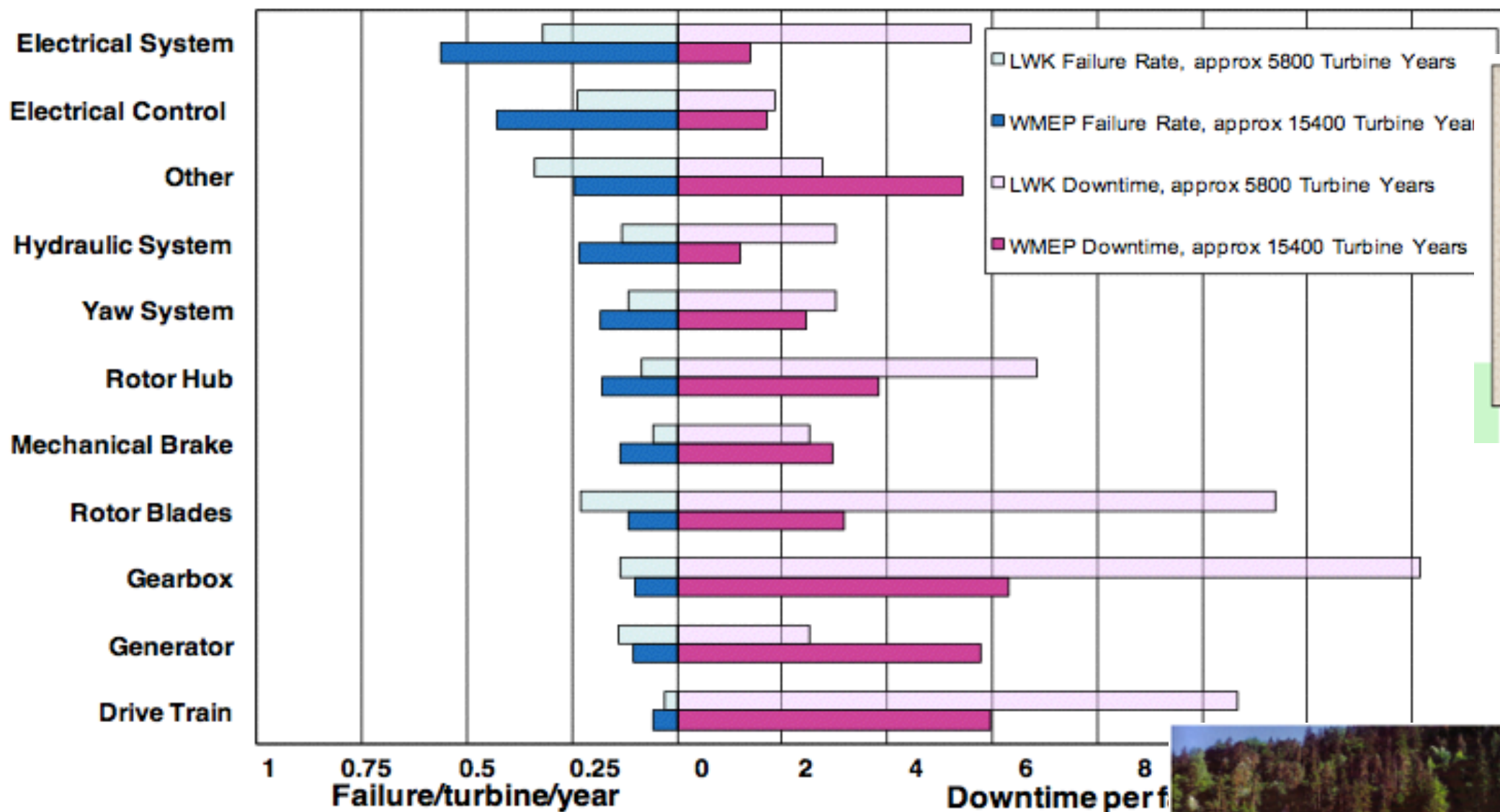
Wind farm	Cap. (MW)	Turbines	Where	When	Build Cost	Cap. fac.	Depth range (m)	km to shore	Country	Owner	Refs.
DanTysk	288	80 × Siemens SWP-3.6-120	 55°8′24″N 7°12′0″E	2015	\$900 million		21-31	70	 Germany	Vattenfall Stadtwerke München	[w 24] [43][44]
Amrumbank West	288	80 × Siemens SWT-3.6-120	 54°26′00″N 7°41′0″E	2015				40	 Germany		
Borkum Riffgrund I	312	78 × Siemens SWT-4.0-120	 53°58′01″N 6°33′14″E	2015	€1.25 billion		23-29	55	 Germany	DONG, Kirkbi, Oticon	[w 25]
Butendiek	288	80 × Siemens SWT-3.6	 55°01′08″N 7°46′26″E	2015				35	 Germany		[w 26]
Eneco Luchterduinen	129	43 × Vestas V112/3000	 52°24′18″N 4°09′43″E	2015	€450 million		18-24	24	 Netherlands	Eneco, Mitsubishi	[w 27]
Global Tech I	400	80 × Multibrid M5000	 54°15′43″N 6°24′38″E	2015				110	 Germany		[w 28]
Humber Gateway	219	73 × Vestas V112-3.0	 53°38′38″N 0°17′35″E	2015	€900 million		10-18	10	 United Kingdom	E.ON	[w 29]
Nordsee Ost	295	48 × Senvion 6.2M126	 54°26′00″N 7°41′0″E	2015				55	 Germany	RWE Innogy	[w 30]
Trianel Windpark Borkum (phase 1)	200	40 × Areva M5000-116	 54°2′30″N 6°28′0″E	2015	€900 million		28-33	45	 Germany	Trianel	[w 31]
Westermost Rough	210	35 × Siemens SWT-6.0	 53°48′18″N 0°08′56″E	2015	€1 billion		10-25	8	 United Kingdom	DONG	[w 32]
Gemini	600	160 × Siemens SWT-4.0	 54°2′10″N 5°57′47″E	2017	€2.8 billion			55	 Netherlands	Northland Power, Siemens, Van	[w 33]

story of success

there are some activities in the North Sea



are there any problems? - Failure statistics



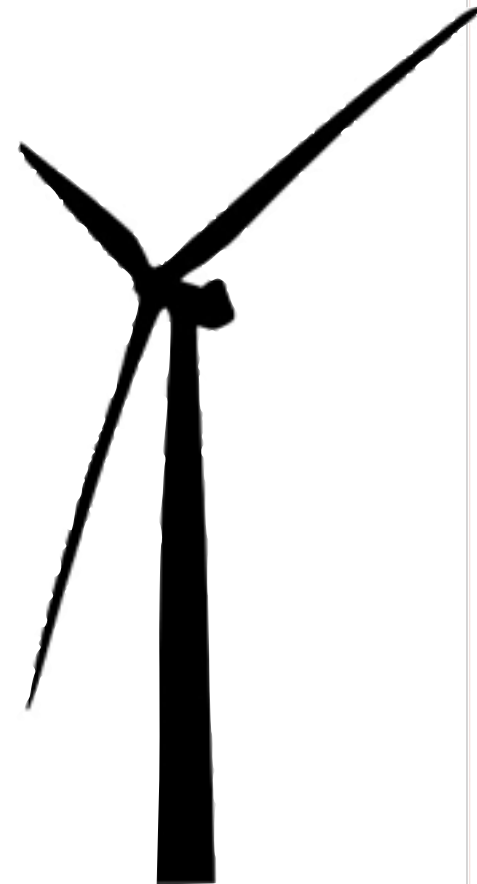
P.Tavner et.al EWAE 2011



water power plant: Saalach (DB)

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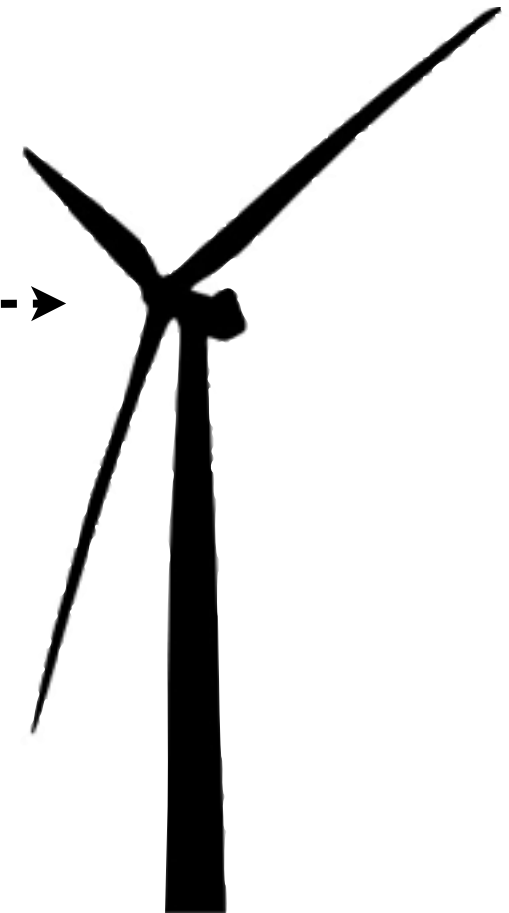
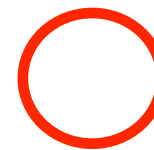
wind measurements and data analysis

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Third edition
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- ▼ wind conditions after IEC
 - measurement at hub height in front of a turbine



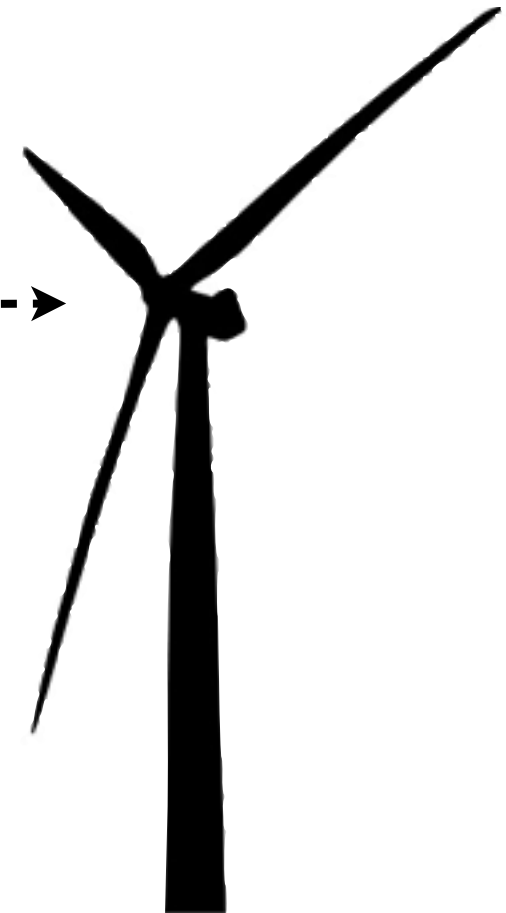
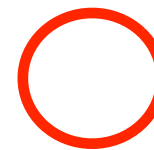
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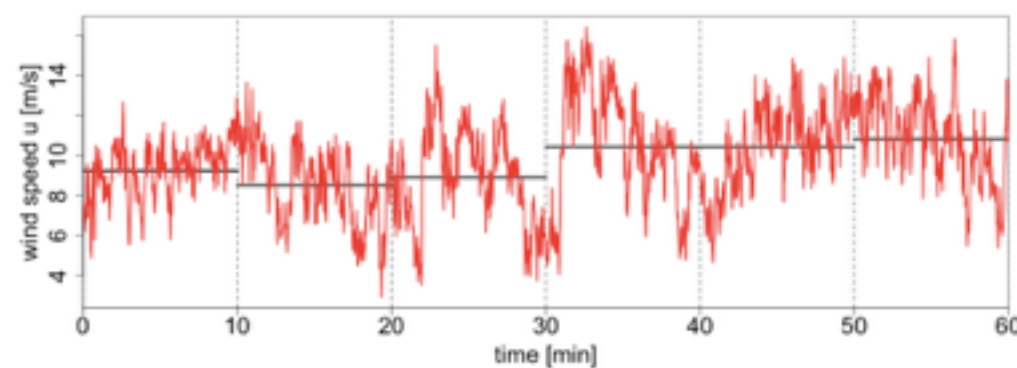
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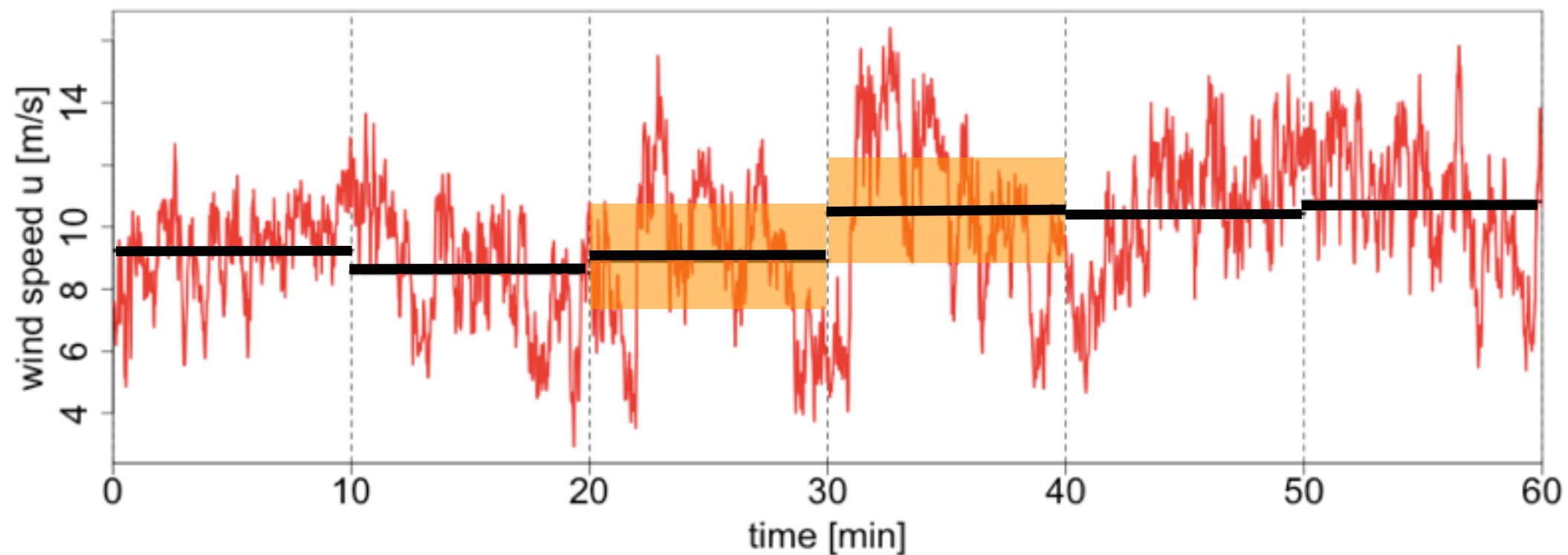
measured time series



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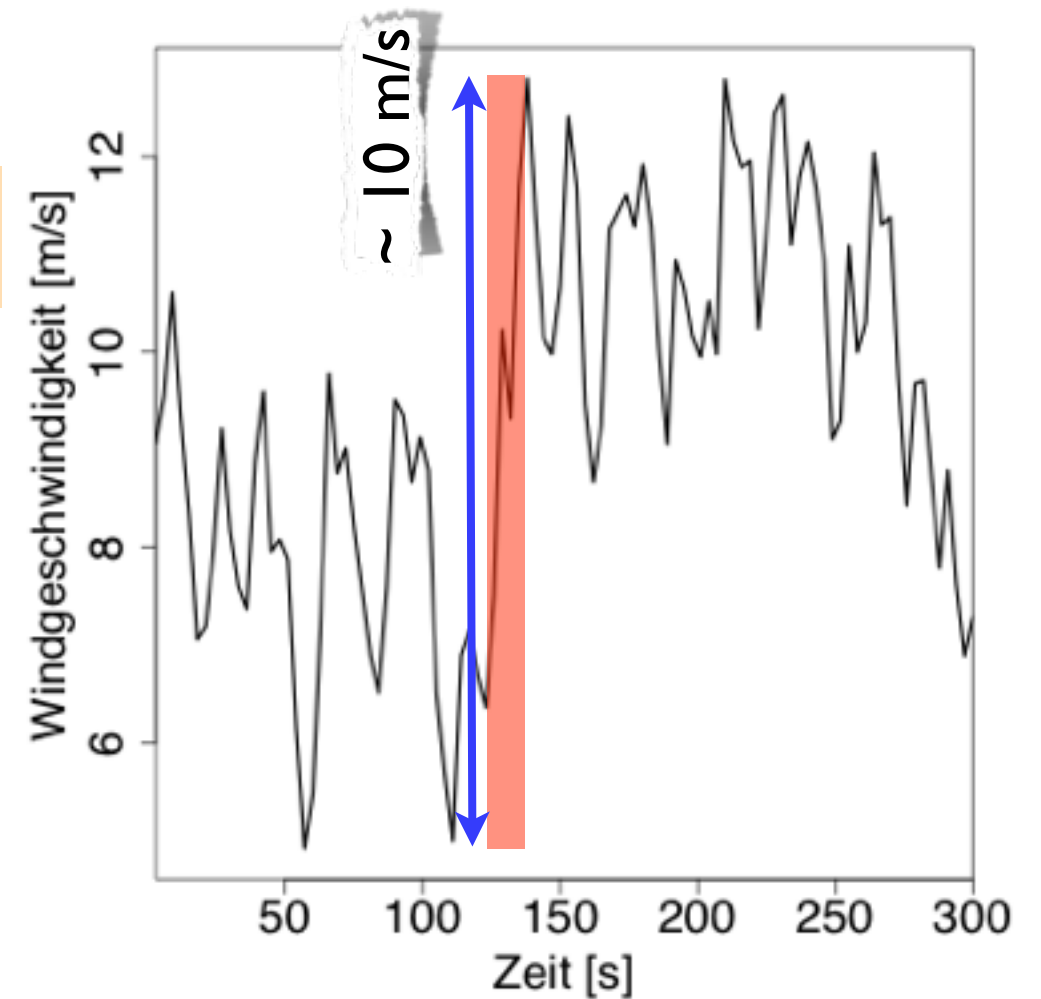
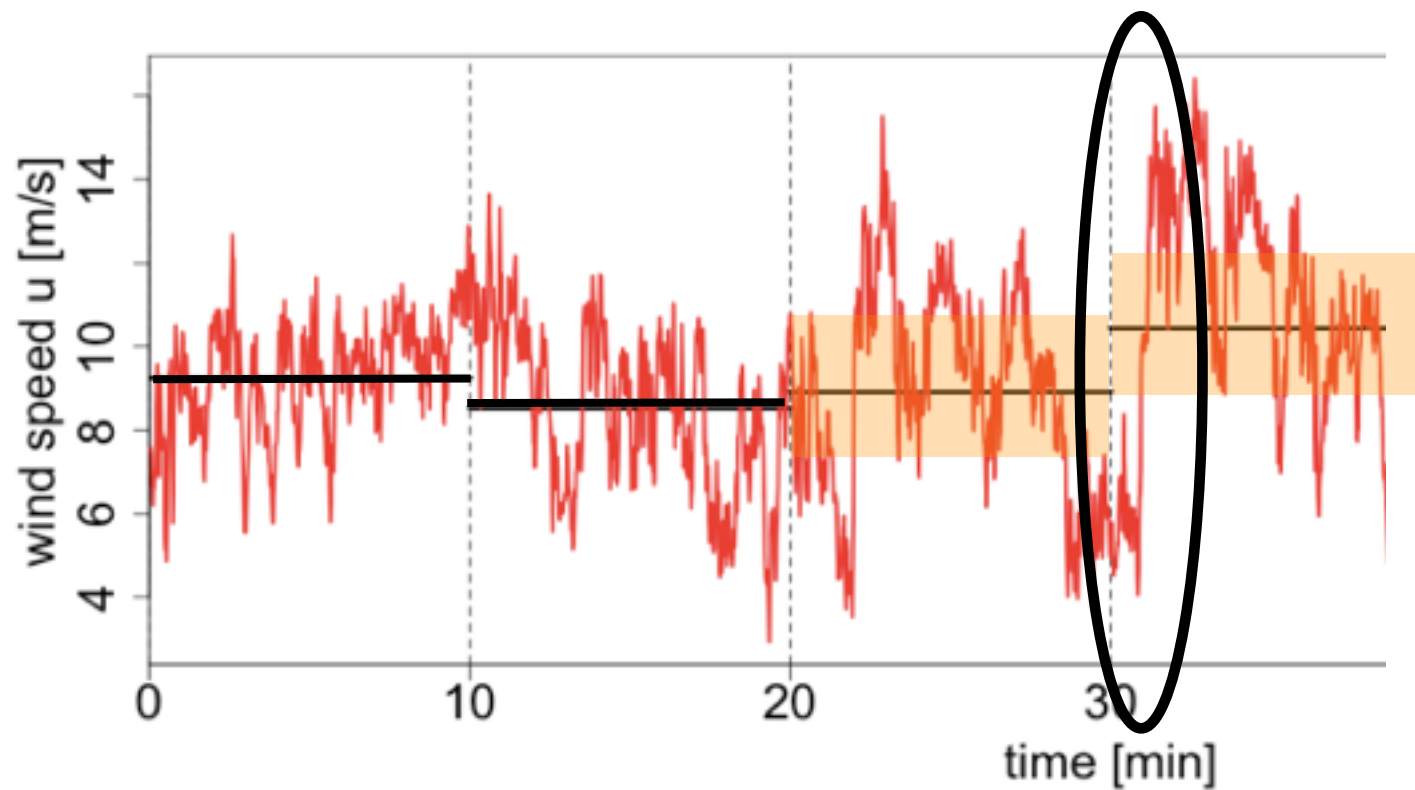
▼ characterization after IEC norm

- 10 min mean value
- turbulence intensity

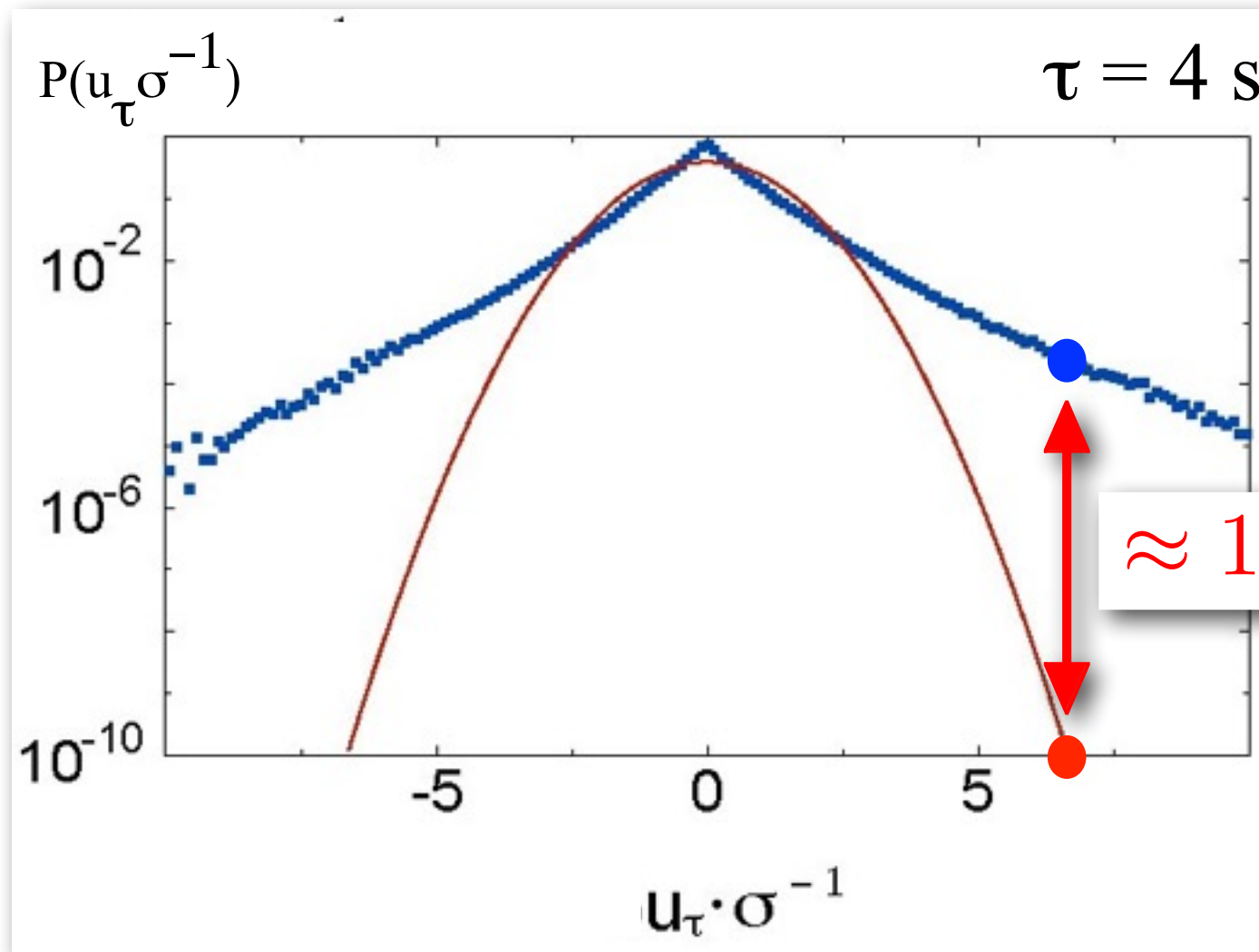


wind measurements and data analysis

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statistics of gusts



$$Prob(u_\tau > 6\sigma) \approx 10^{-4}$$

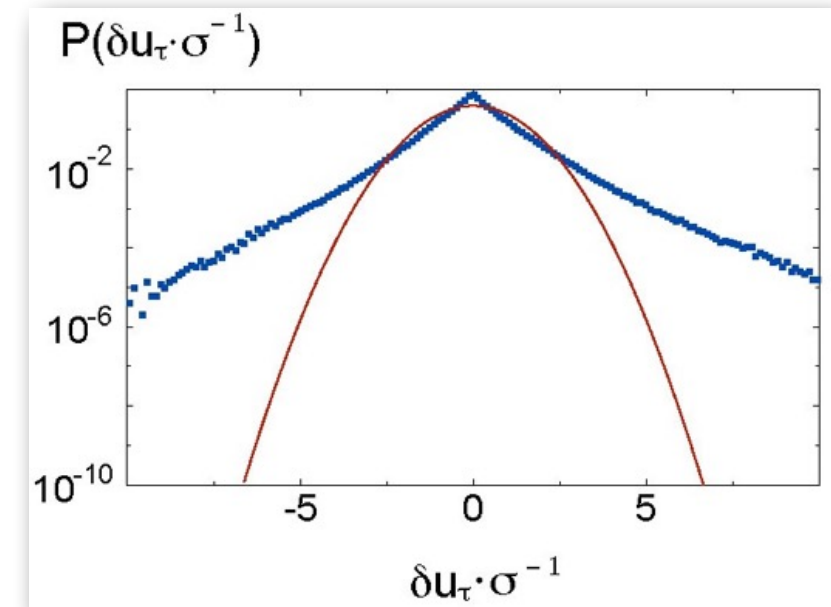
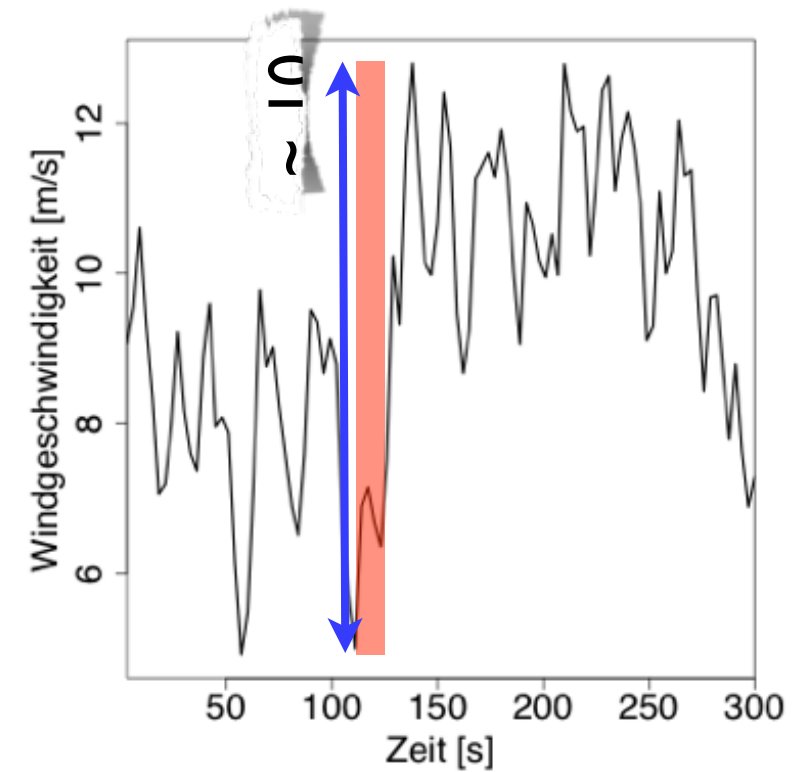
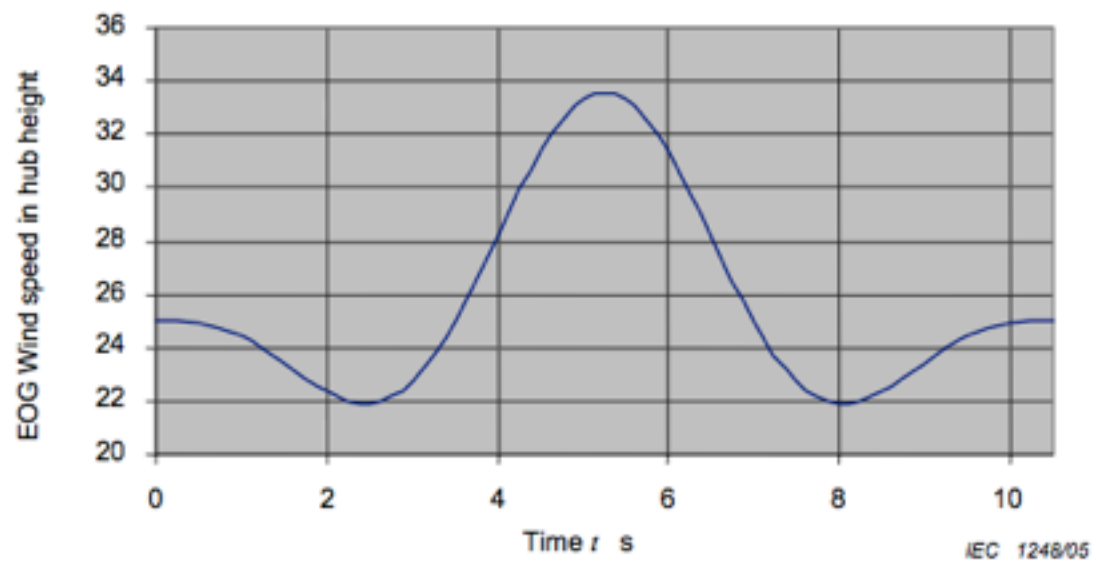
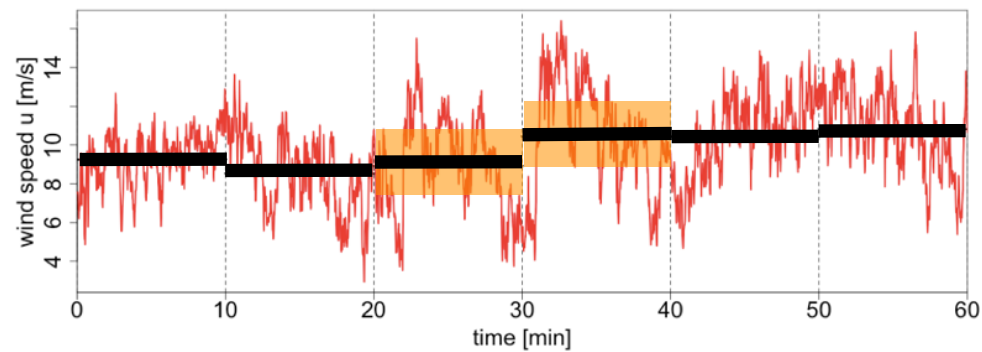
1/day

Boundary-Layer Meteorology 108 (2003)

$$Prob(u_\tau > 6\sigma) \approx 10^{-10}$$

1/3000 years

IEC $\longleftrightarrow$ statistical analysis



same mean and stand deviation

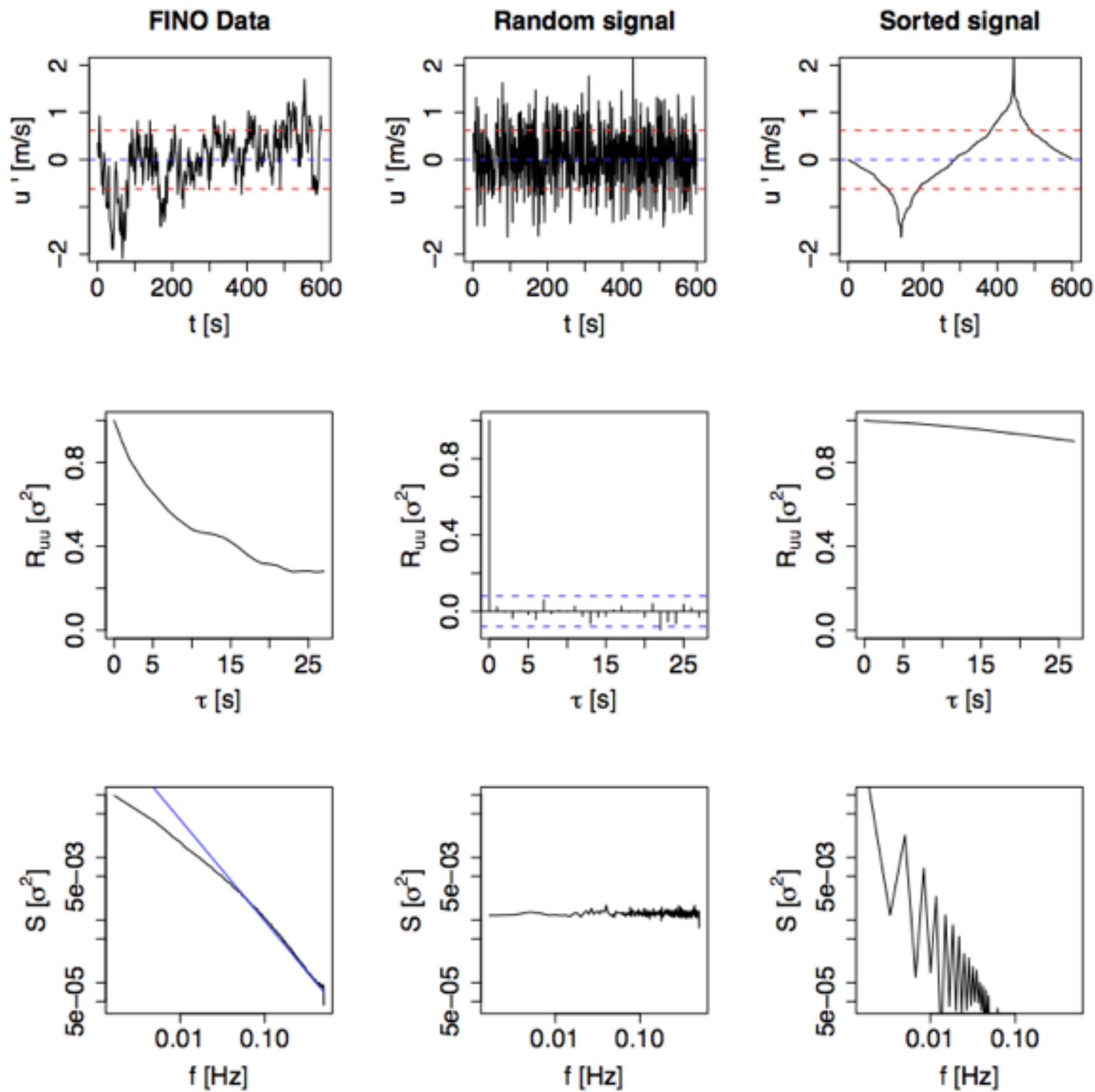
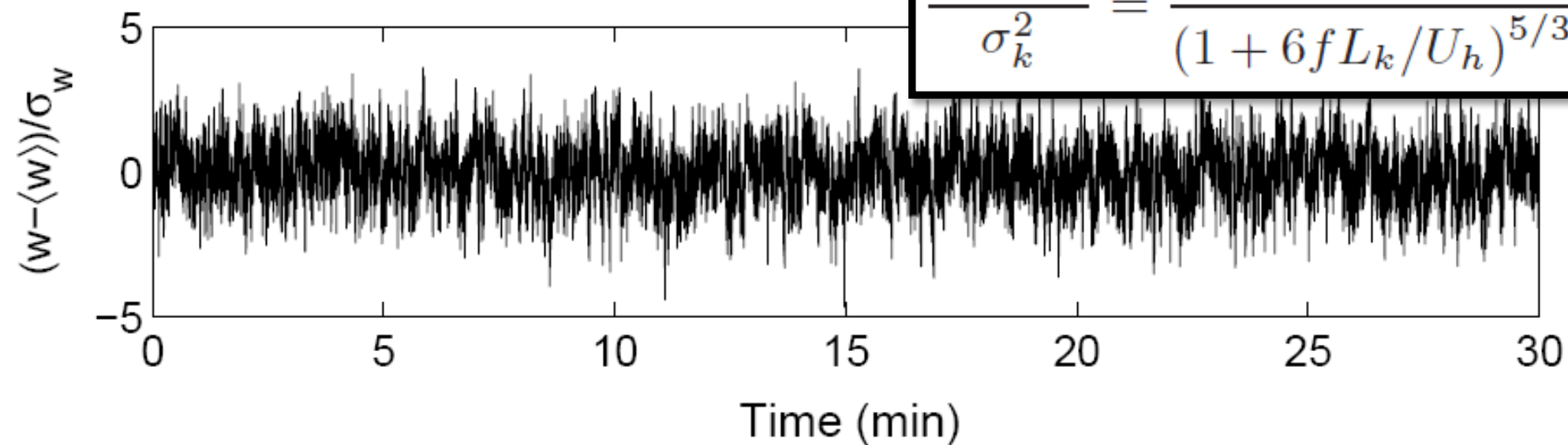


Table 1: Turbulence Characterization Scheme

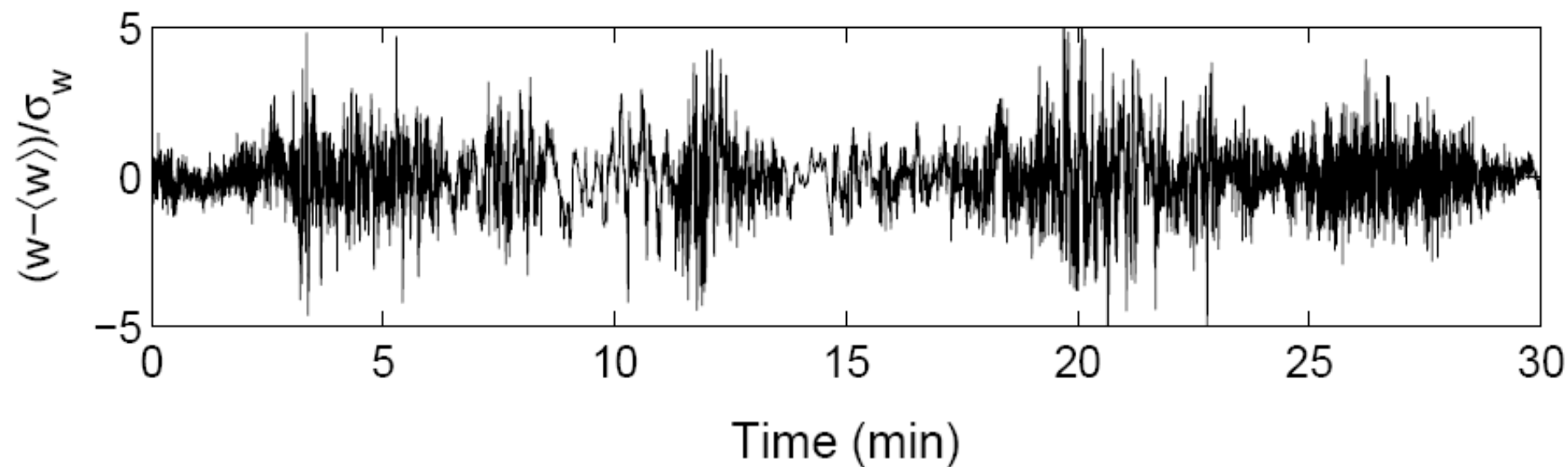
Type of Statistics	Order	Feature	Random Data	Spectral Models	Wind Turbulence	Characterization
1-point	1	Mean speed	•	•	•	$\bar{u} = \langle u(t) \rangle_T$
	2	Turbulence Intensity	•	•	•	$I = \sigma_{u'} / \bar{u}$
	n	Extreme Fluctuations	-	-	•	$p(u')$
2-point	2	Distribution of σ_u over f	-	•	•	$S(f) = \mathcal{F} \{R_{uu}(\tau)\}$
	n	Intermittency of $p(\delta u(\tau))$	-	-	•	$\lambda(\tau)$
n-point	n	Arbitrary-order n-point correlations	-	-	•	To be investigated

IEC Wind and measured

IEC Code



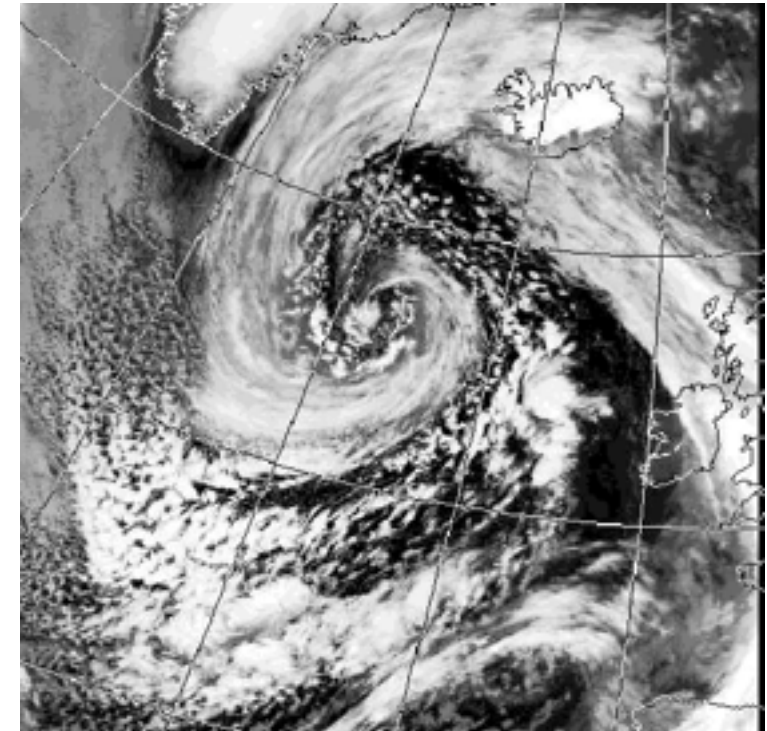
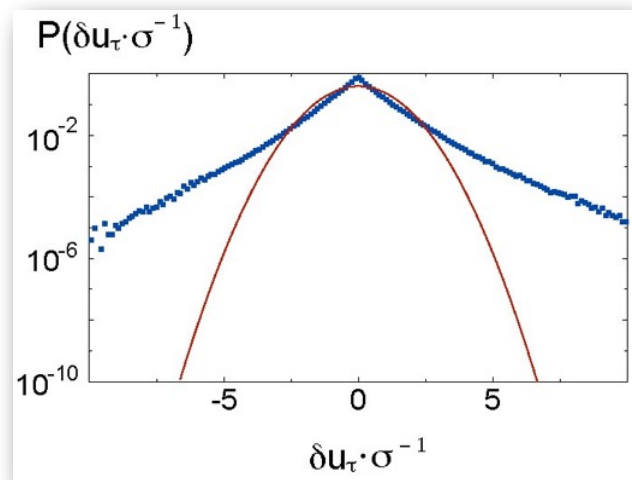
Observation



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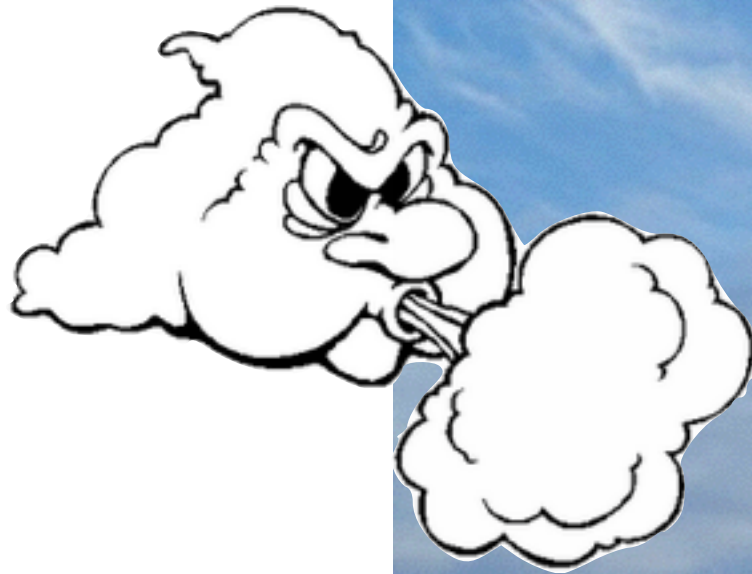
Wind turbine

- ✈ wind turbine in turbulent flows
is a small scale object



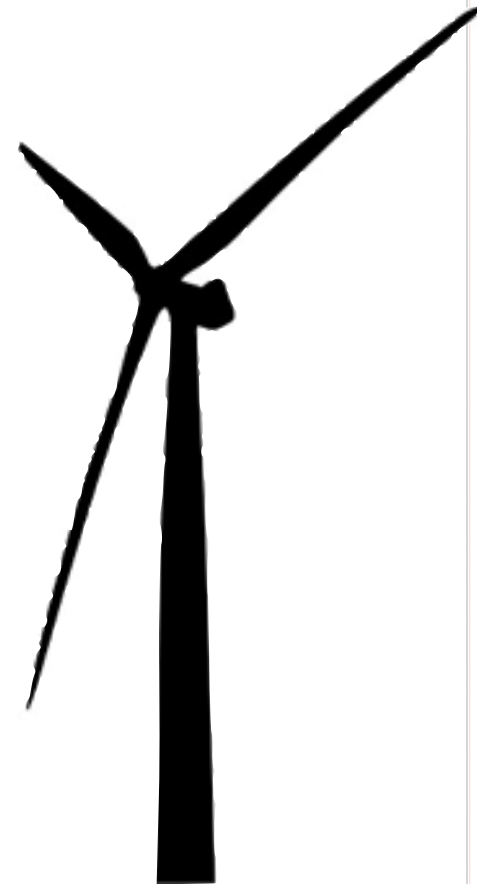
modern wind turbines

does this intermittency matter?



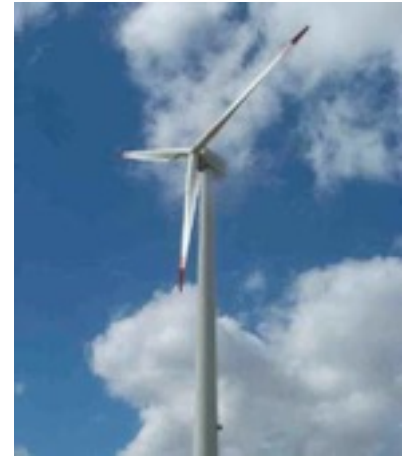
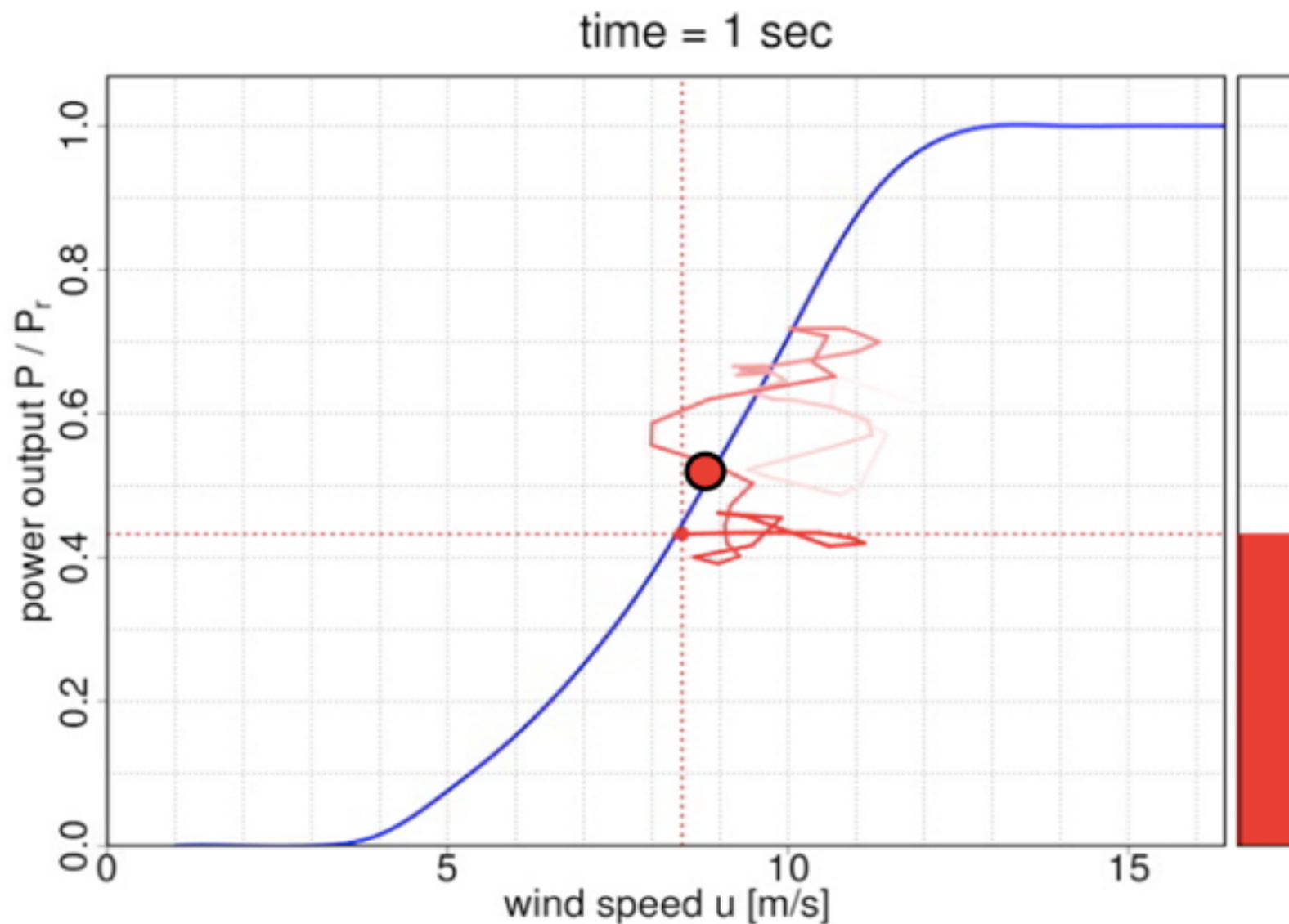
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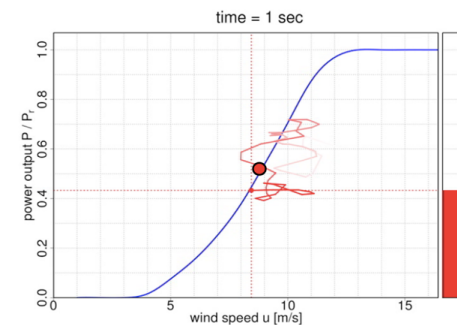
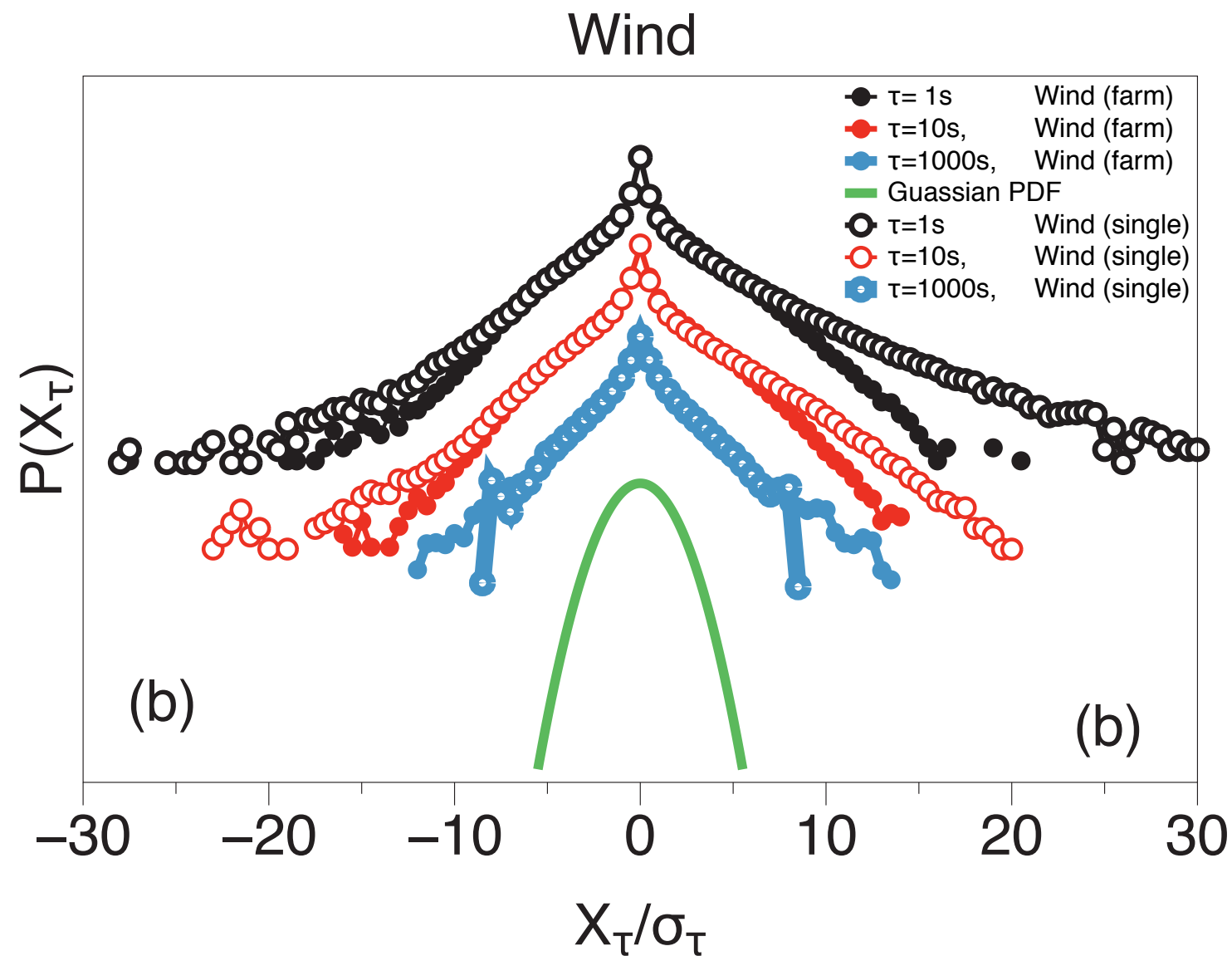
dynamics of power conversion

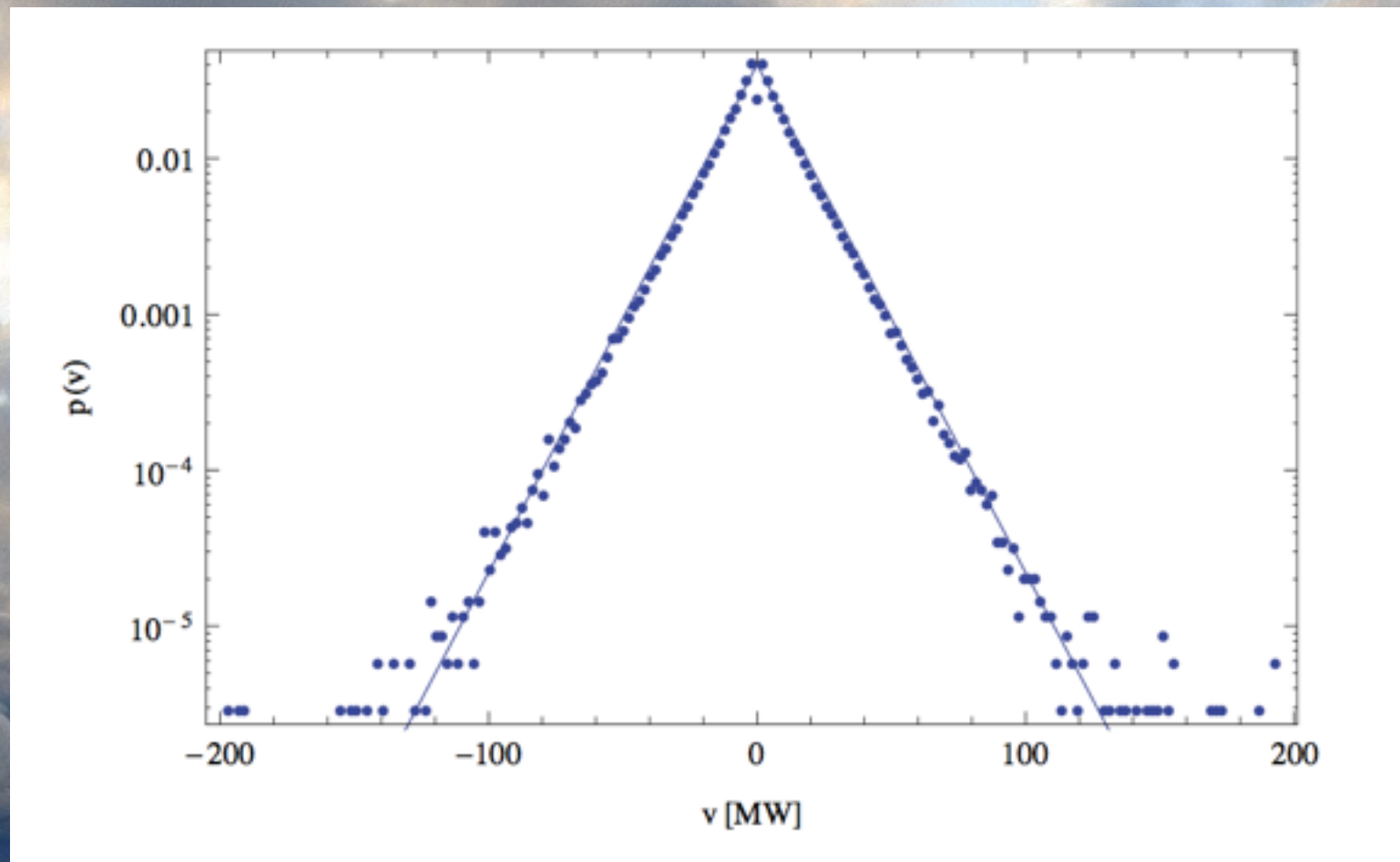
$$P_{WT} = \frac{1}{2} c_p(\lambda) \rho u_{wind}^3 \cdot A$$



increment statistics of power fluctuations

highly intermittent and turbulent power dynamics from wind turbines and wind farms



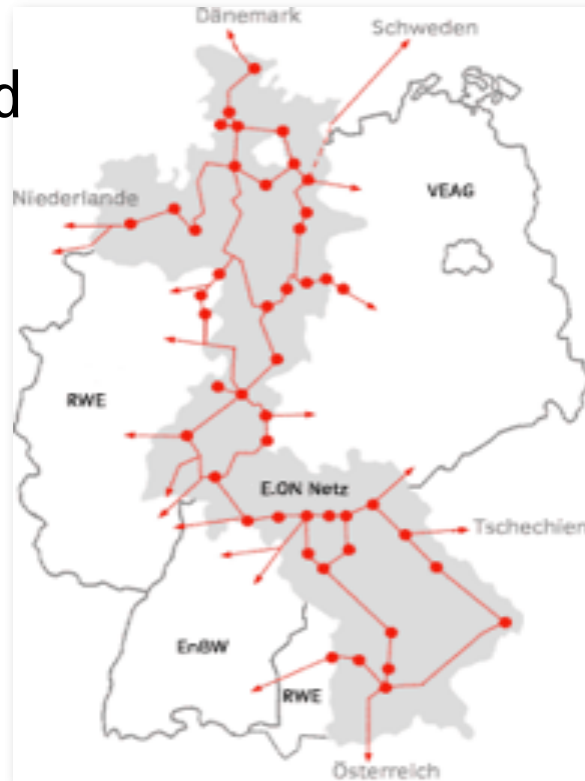


Statistik der Leistungsschwankungen
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grid integration

▼ changed grid integration - not controllable power plant but local renewable source

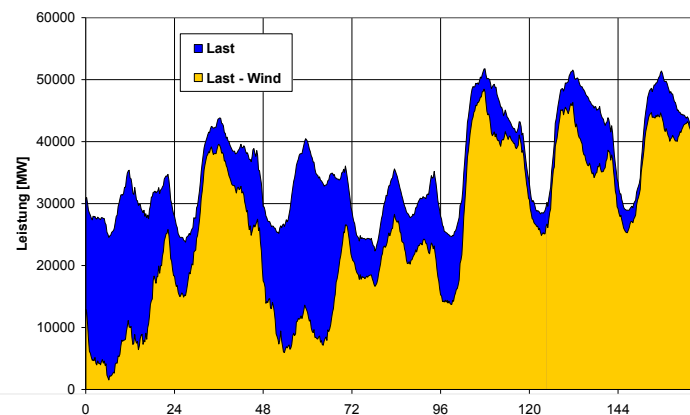
conventional power plant
controllable units flowing the demand



renewable energies -
demand and supply fluctuating

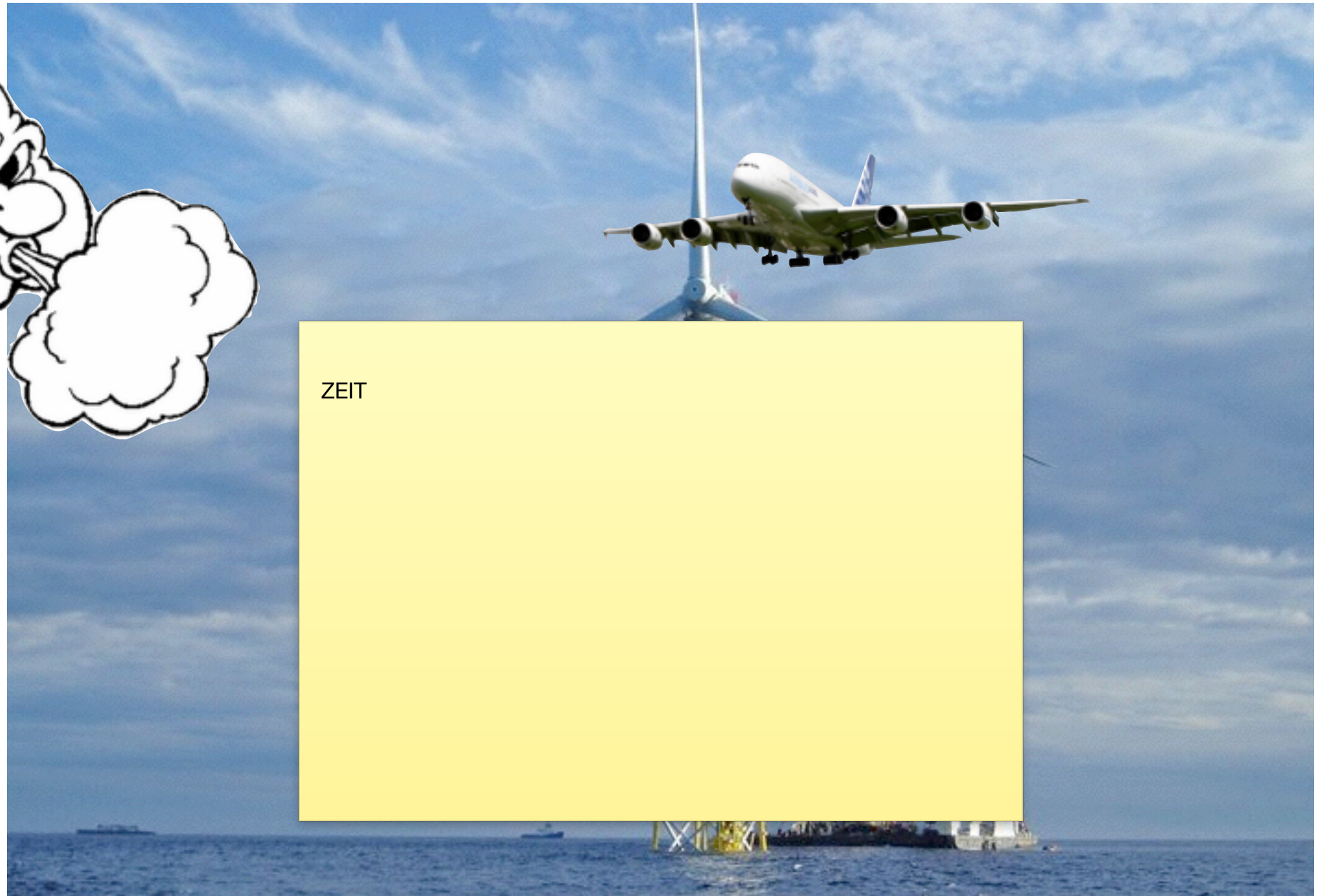
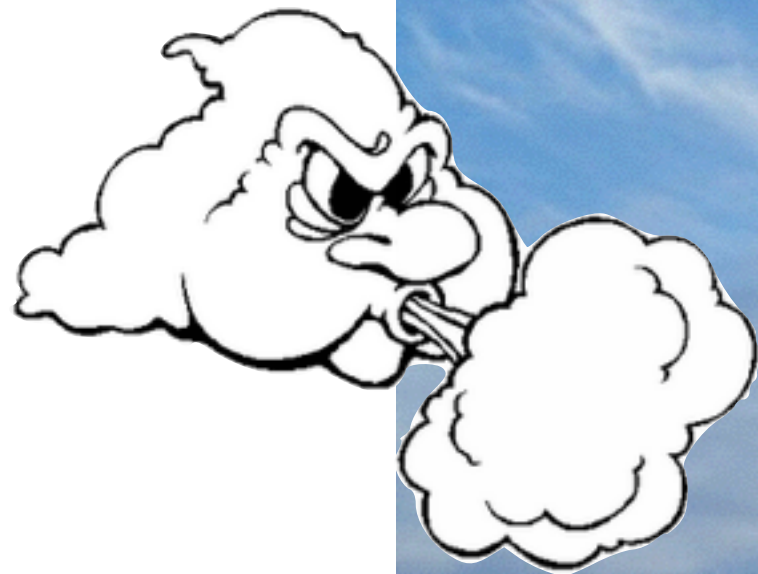


new higher fluctuation load
to be controlled



main message

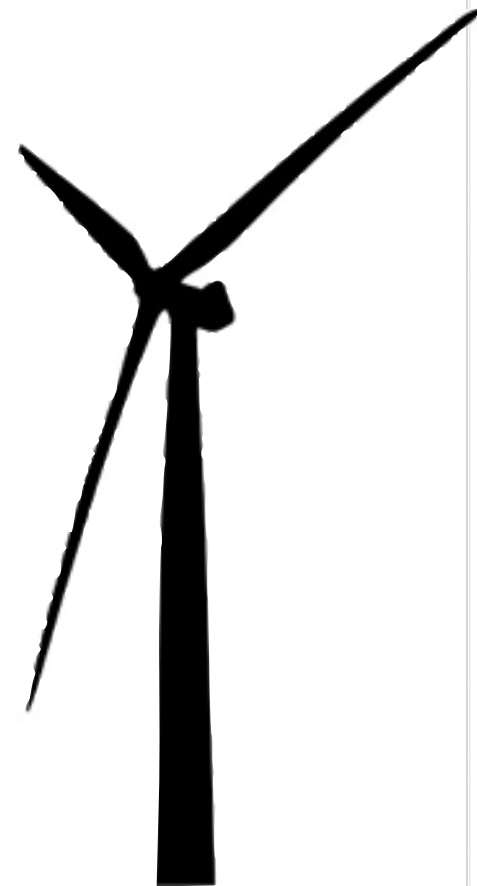
wind turbine is a big turbulence engine



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research challenges

▼ environmental conditions - wind and waves

- high resolving sensors
- multi-point characterization

▼ impact on WEC

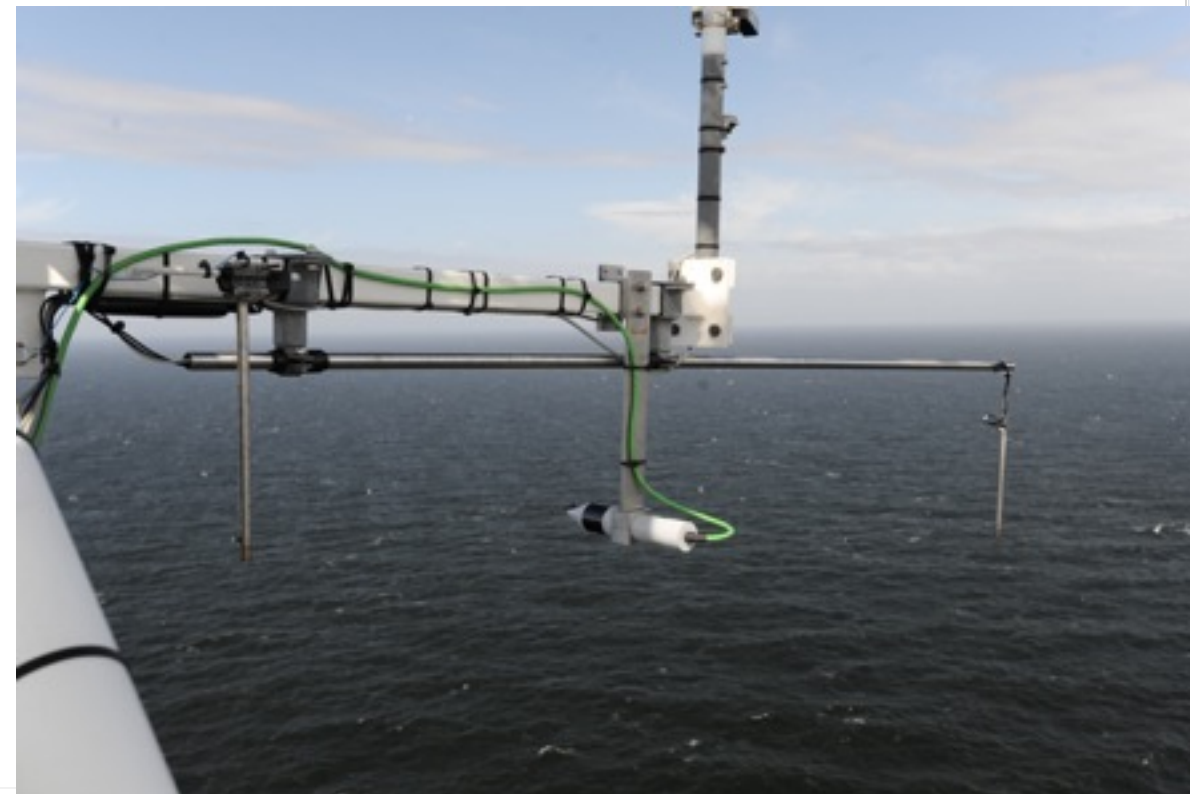
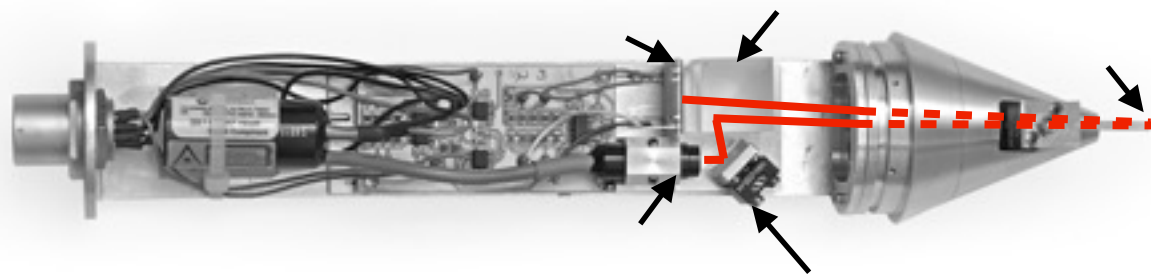
- lift force, thrust dynamics (dynamics of the conversion process)
- stochastic characterization of a noisy (turbulent) driven system
- turbulent wind tunnel

▼ grid integration

- wind farm - interacting dynamical systems
- collective behavior

research challenges

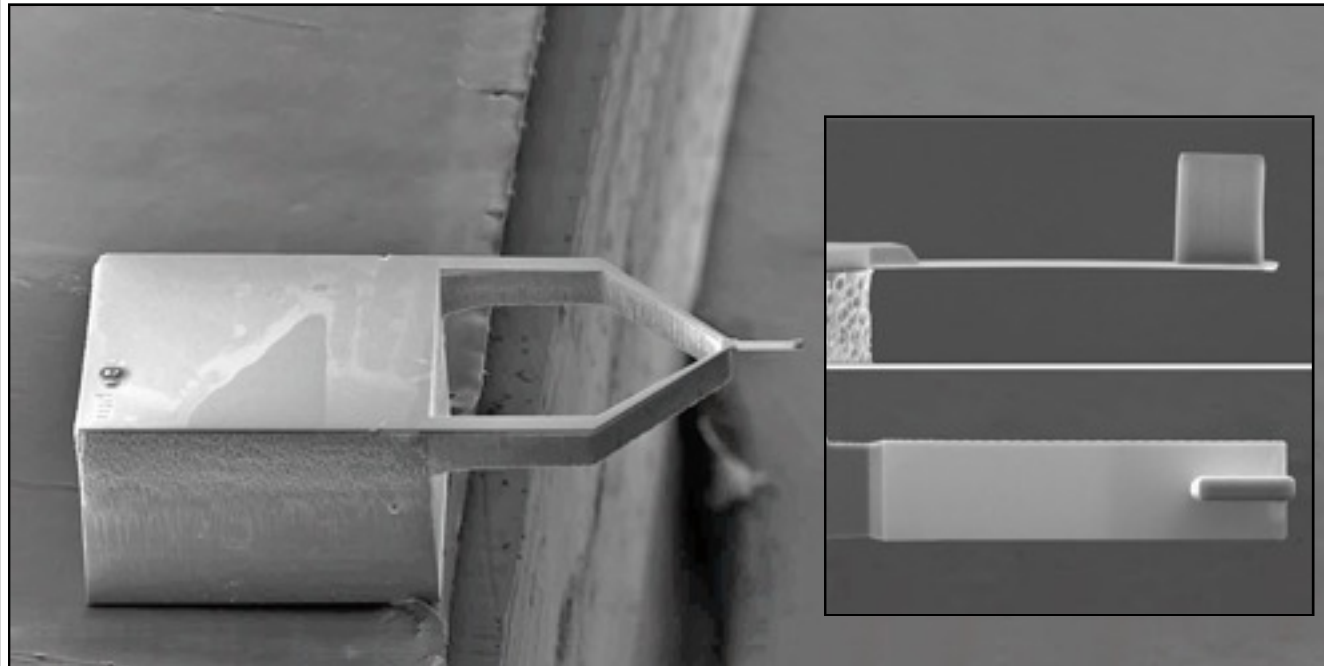
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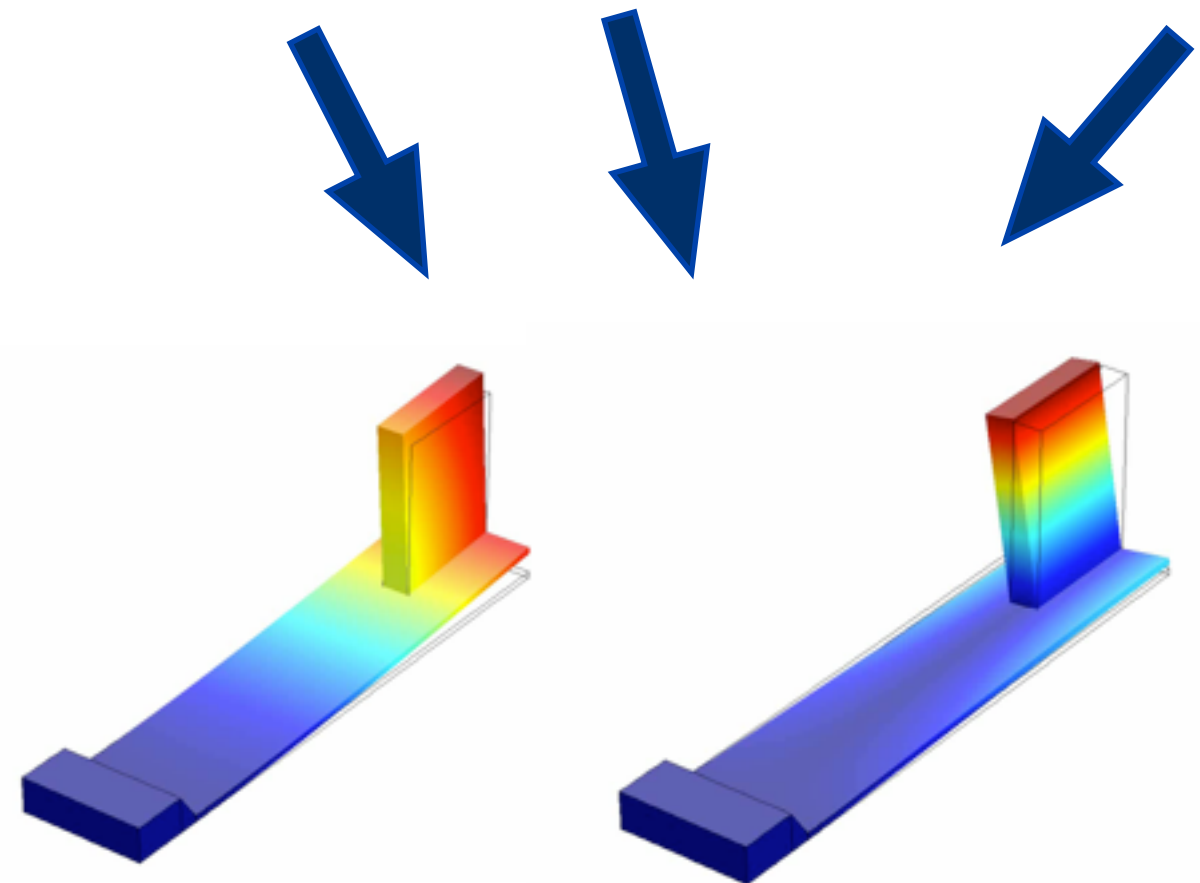
2D-Laser Cantilever Anemometer (2D-LCA)

DEFLECTION MODES OF THE CANTILEVER

▼ Motivation



wind flow



bending and twisting

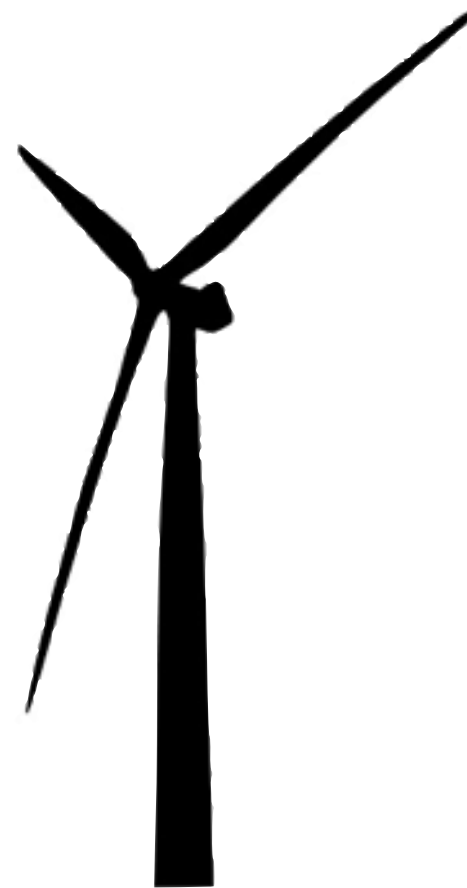
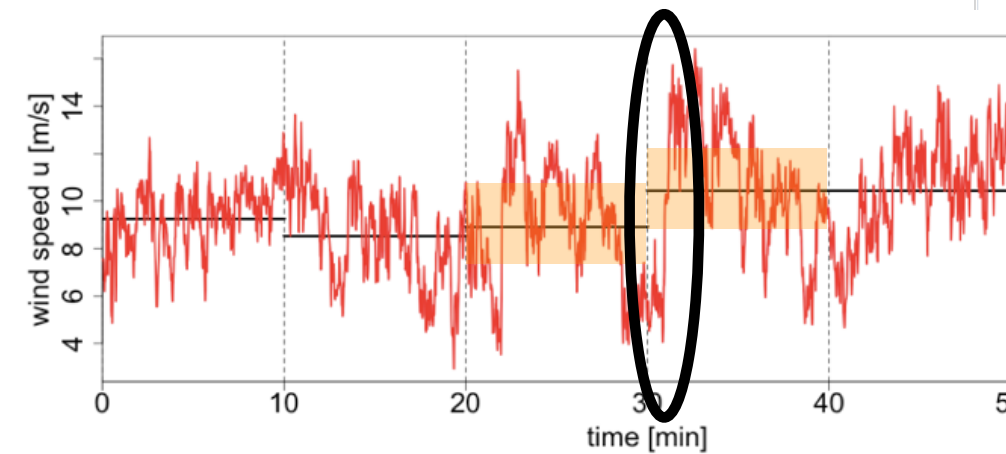
LiDAR - Light Detection and Ranging



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- ▼ Wind is the energy resource - we should know it well
- more than increments - two point quantity



increments - 2 point statistics

$$u_r = u(x + r) - u(x)$$

using velocity increments - 2 point quantity

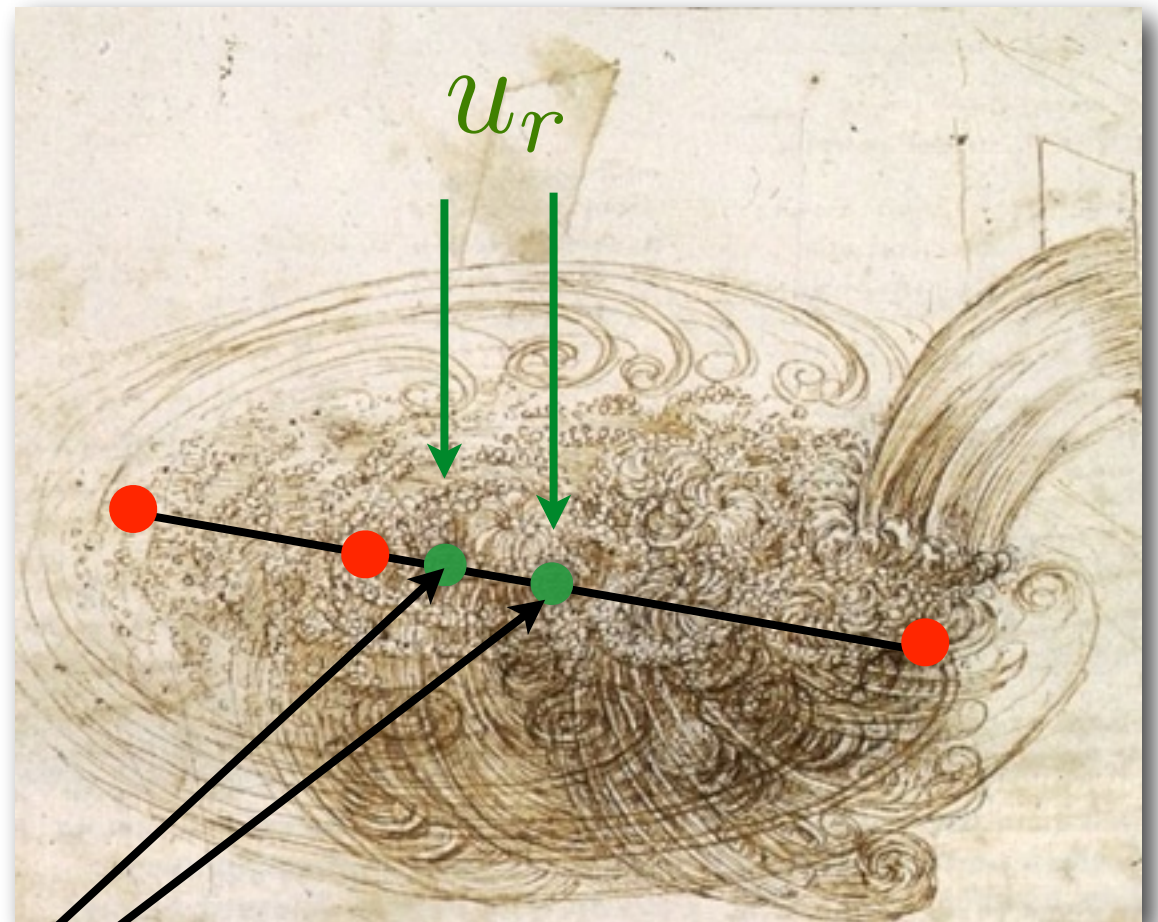


Table 1: Turbulence Characterization Scheme

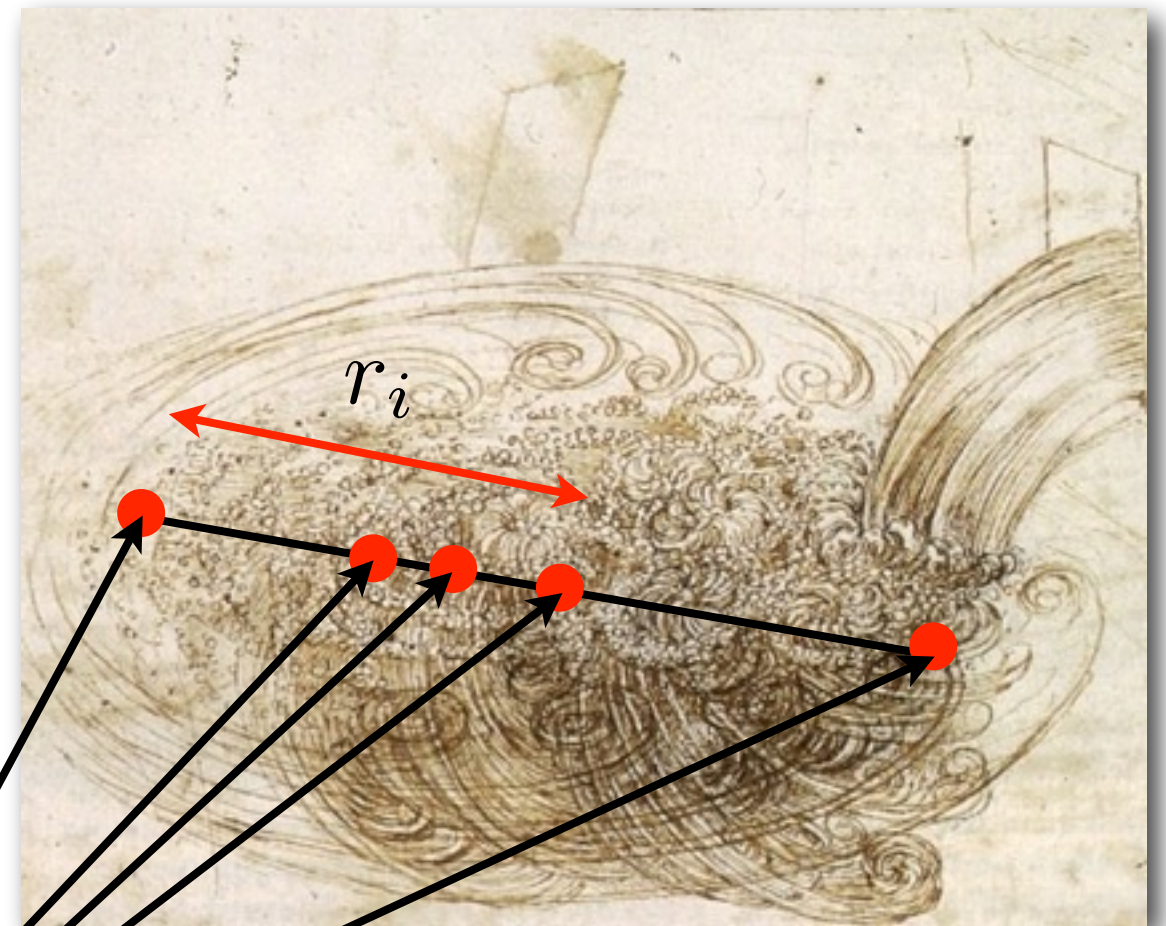
Type of Statistics	Order	Feature	Random Data	Spectral Models	Wind Turbulence	Characterization
1-point	1	Mean speed	•	•	•	$\bar{u} = \langle u(t) \rangle_T$
	2	Turbulence Intensity	•	•	•	$I = \sigma_{u'} / \bar{u}$
	n	Extreme Fluctuations	-	-	•	$p(u')$
2-point	2	Distribution of σ_u over f	-	•	•	$S(f) = \mathcal{F} \{R_{uu}(\tau)\}$
	n	Intermittency of $p(\delta u(\tau))$	-	-	•	$\lambda(\tau)$
n-point	n	Arbitrary-order n-point correlations	-	-	•	To be investigated

turbulence: n - point statistics

$$p(u(x_1), \dots, u(x_{n+1}))$$

using velocity increments:

$$u_{r_i} = u(x + r_i) - u(x_i)$$

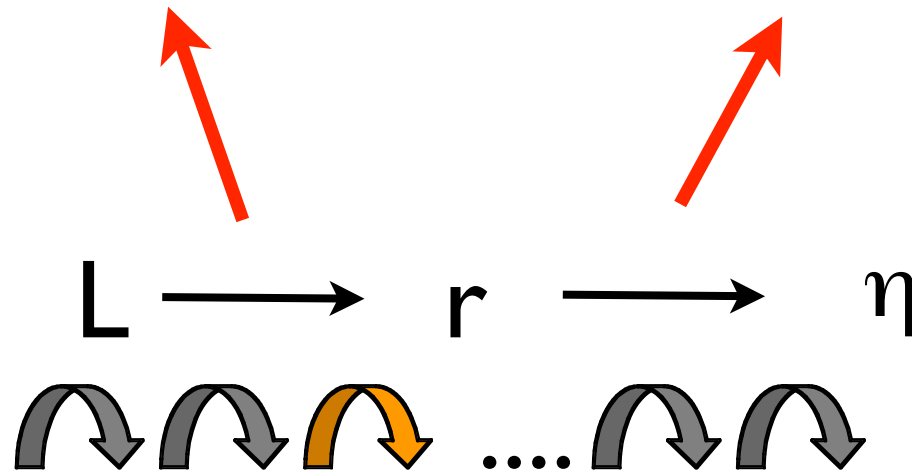


$$p(u(x_1), \dots, u(x_{n+1})) = p(u_{r_1}, \dots, u_{r_n}, u(x_1))$$

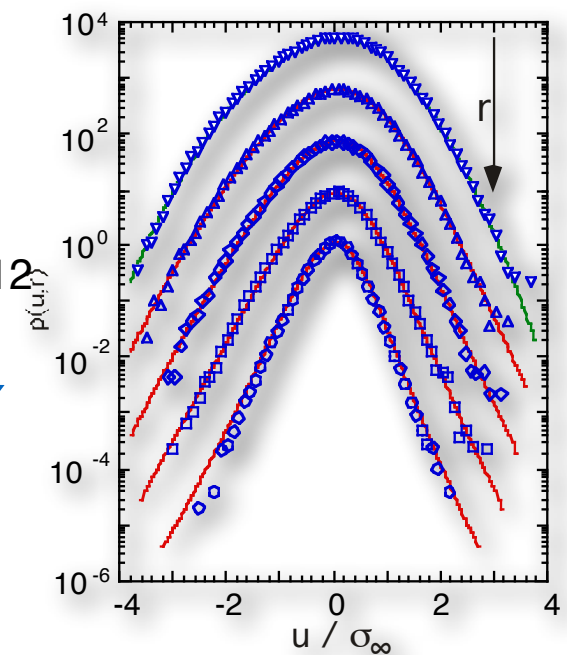
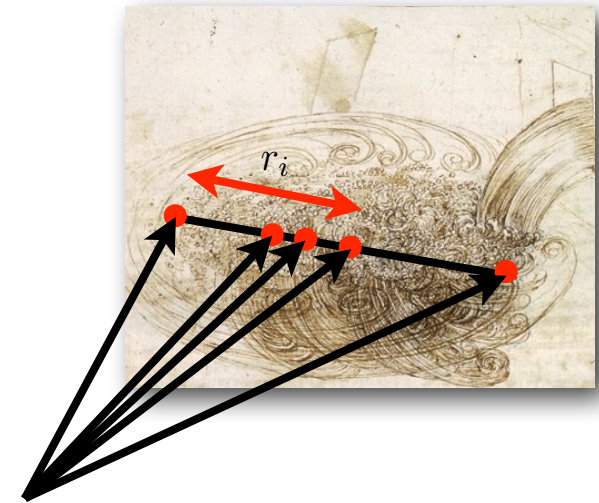
n+1 -point statistics can be expressed by joint n-increment statistics

n-point statistics

$$p(u(x_1), \dots, u(x_{n+1})) \\ = p(u_{r_1} | u_{r_2}, u(x_1)) \dots p(u_{r_{n-1}} | u_{r_n}, u(x_1)) \cdot p(u(x_1))$$



R. Friedrich 1956 - 2012



new view of cascade process :

it is local in the cascade - three point closure !

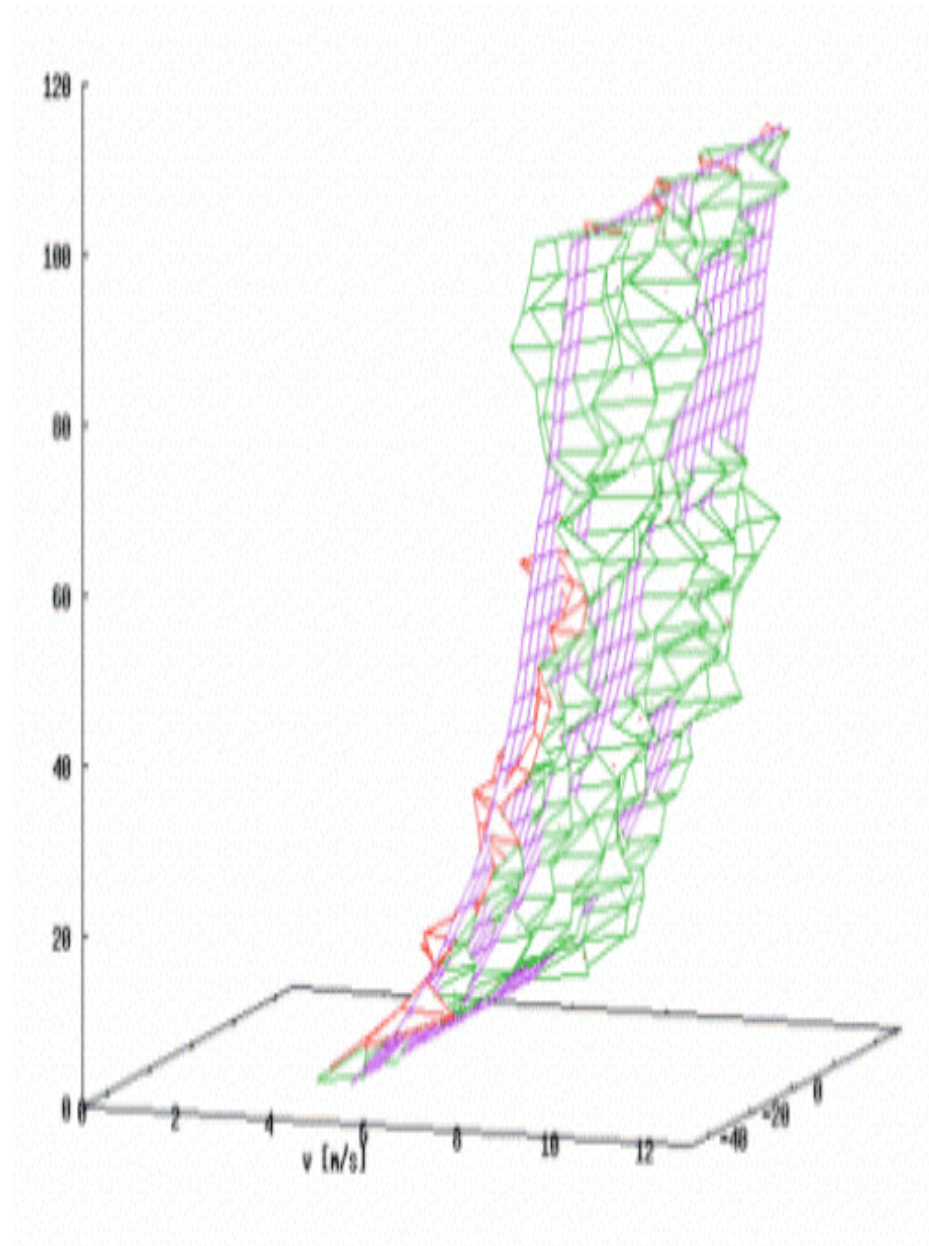
and is given by a Fokker-Planck equation

$$-r_j \frac{\partial}{\partial r_j} p(u_{r_j} | u_{r_k}, u(x_1)) = \left\{ -\frac{\partial}{\partial u_{r_j}} D^{(1)}(u_{r_j}, r_j, u(x_1)) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_j^2} D^{(2)}(u_{r_j}, r_j, u(x_1)) \right\} p(u_{r_j} | u_{r_k}, u(x_1))$$

Stresing et.al. New Journal of Physics 12 (2010)

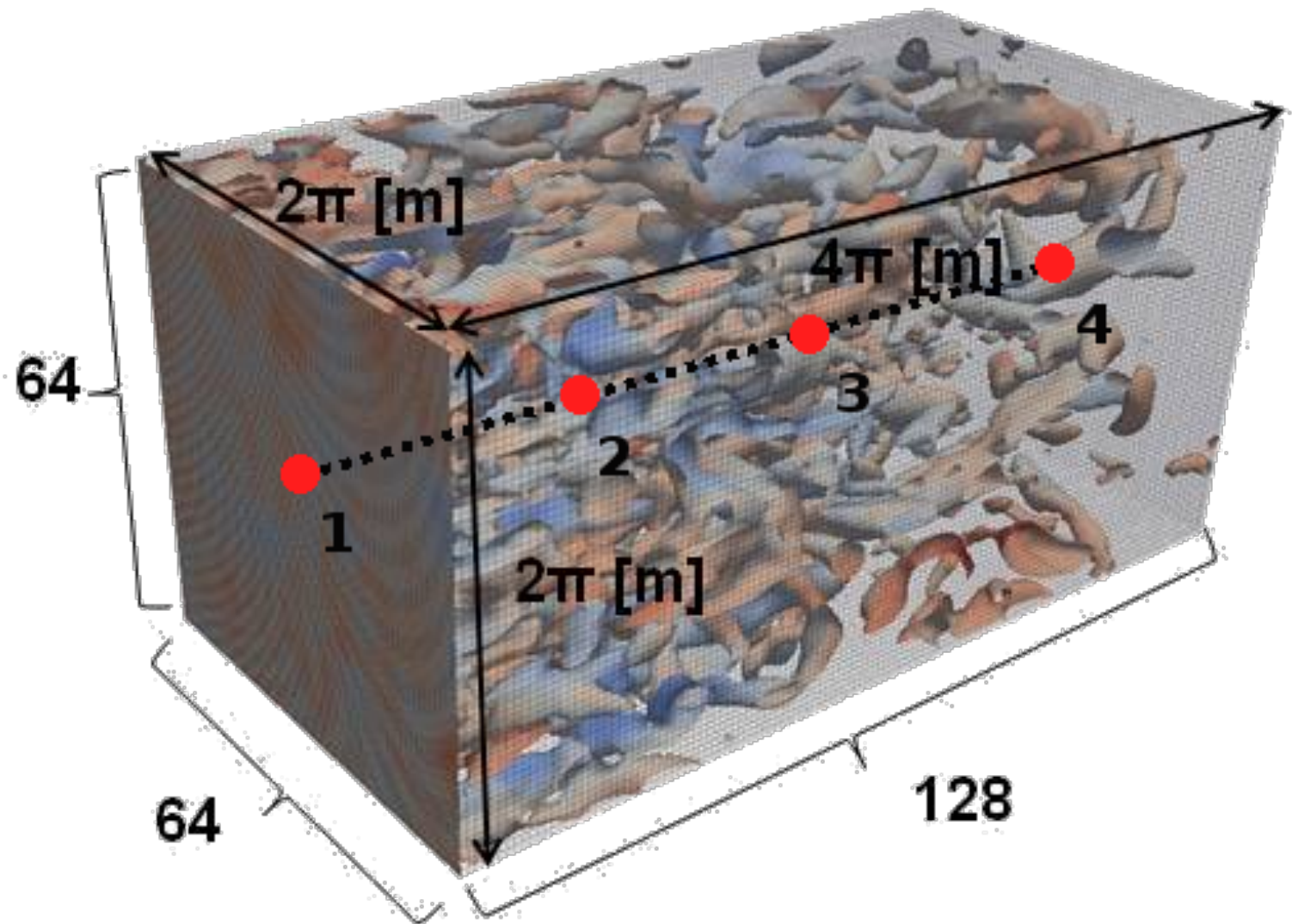
synthetic wind fields

▼ next step - wind fields modeling

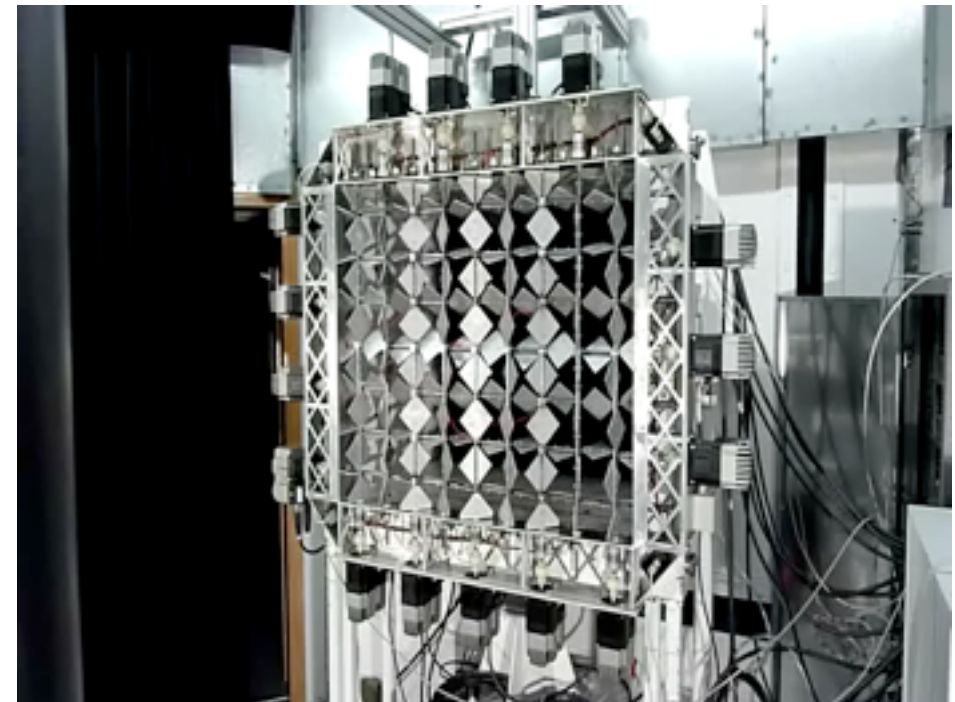
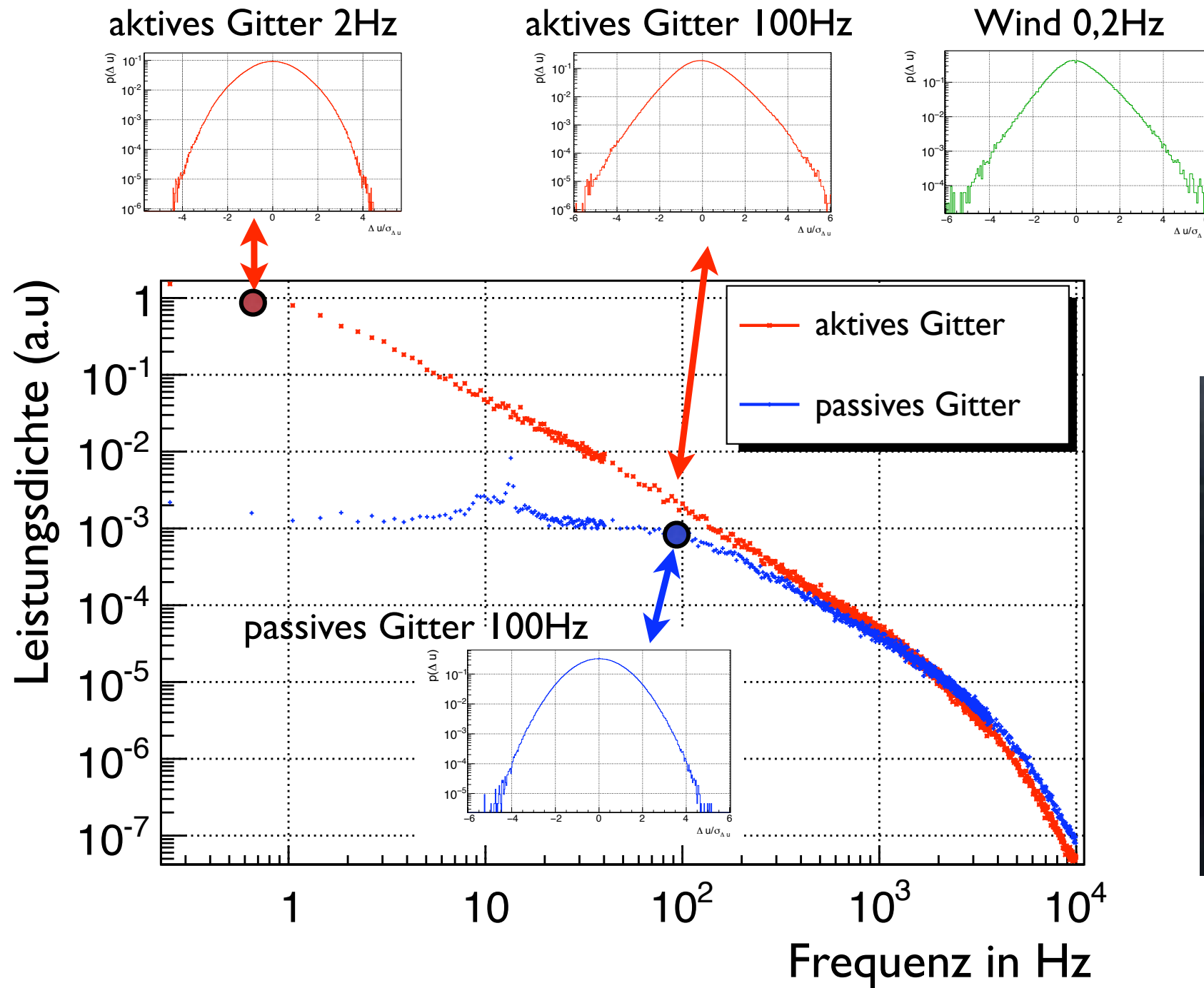


▼ next step - wind fields modeling - CTRW model of Kleinhans / Friedrich

▼ first results with CFD - numeric simulations



reproduction of wind fields with active grid



research challenges

▼ wind and its turbulence

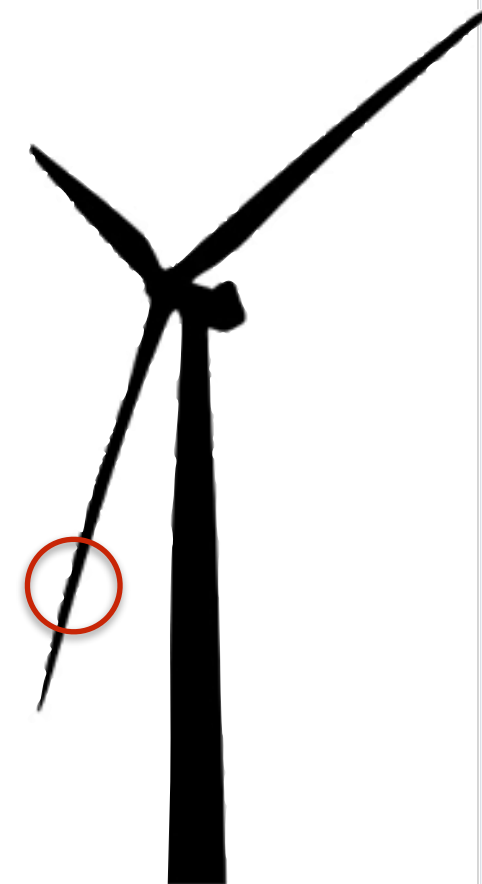
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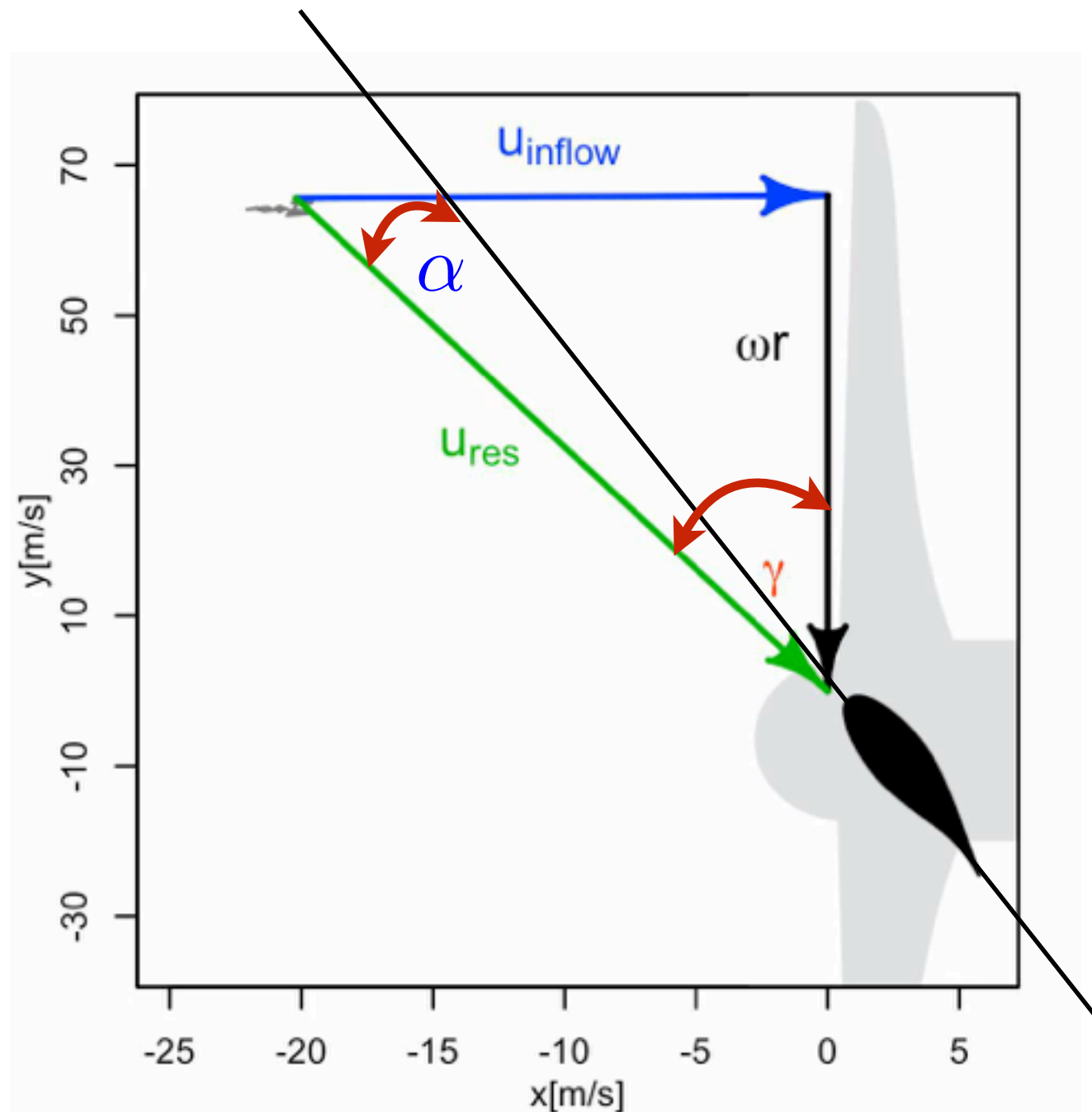
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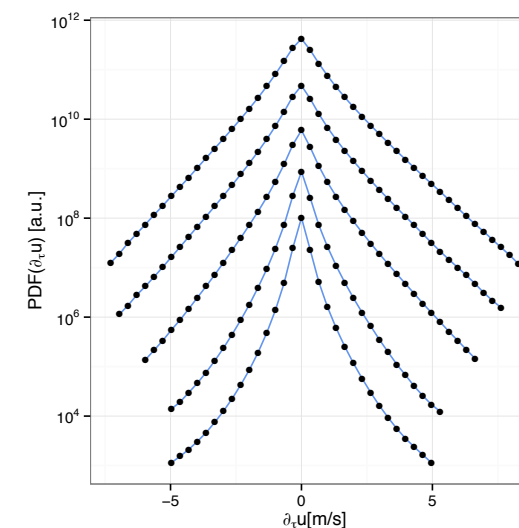
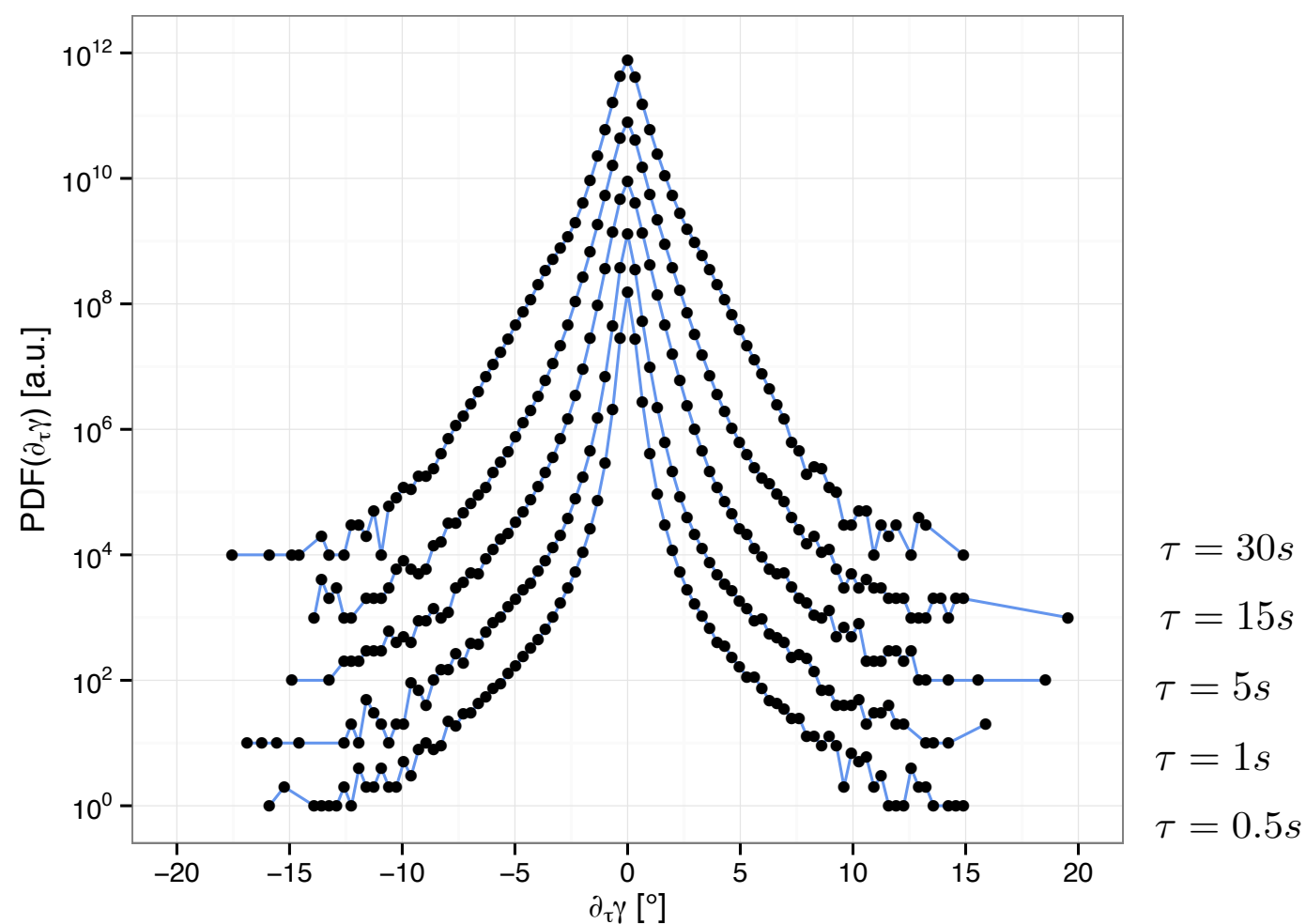
angle of attack



γ inflow angle for rotor plane

α angle of attack: γ - pitch angle

▼ increment statistics of angle of attack (1 Year - Gerrit Kampers Fino 1)

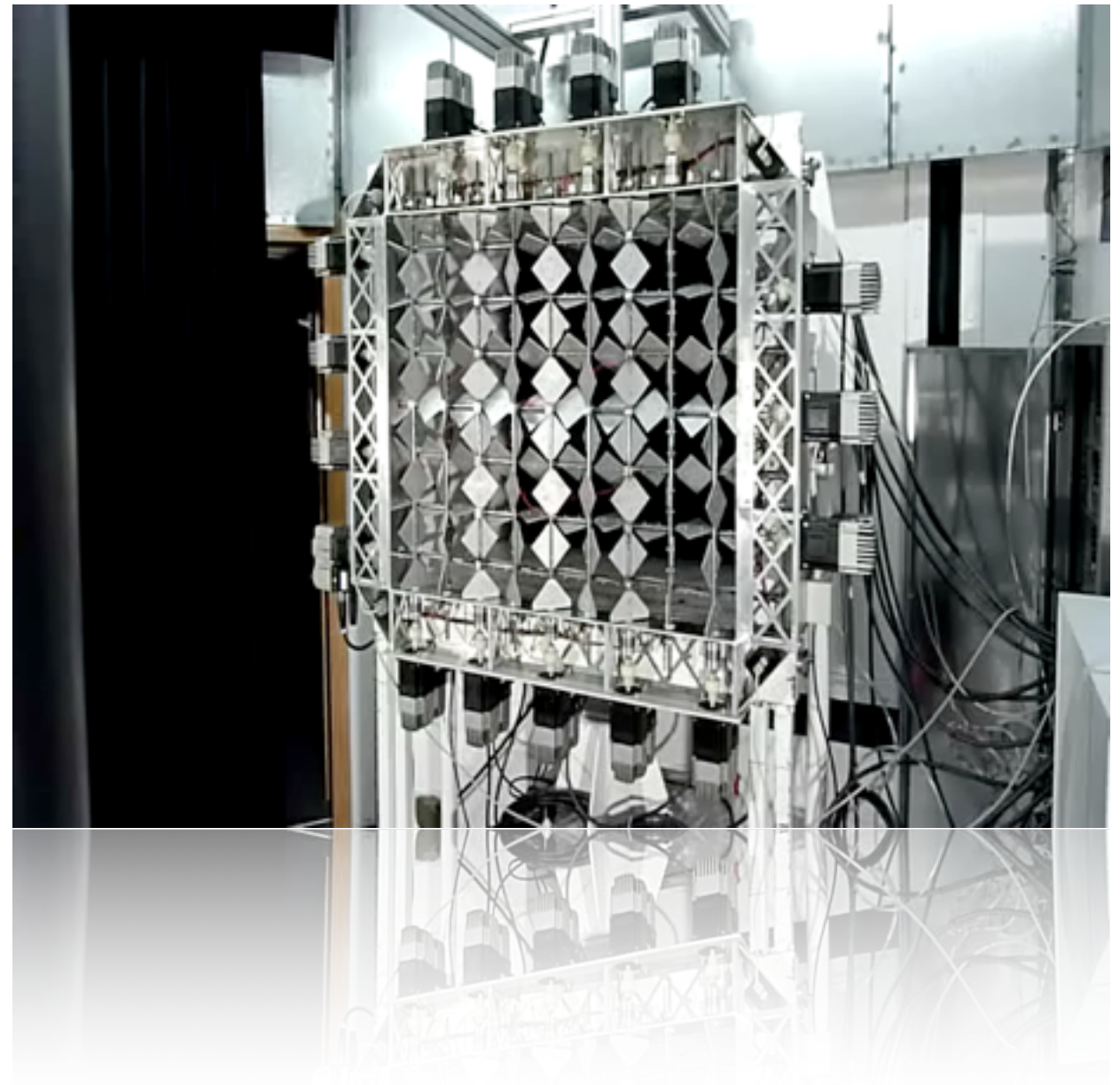
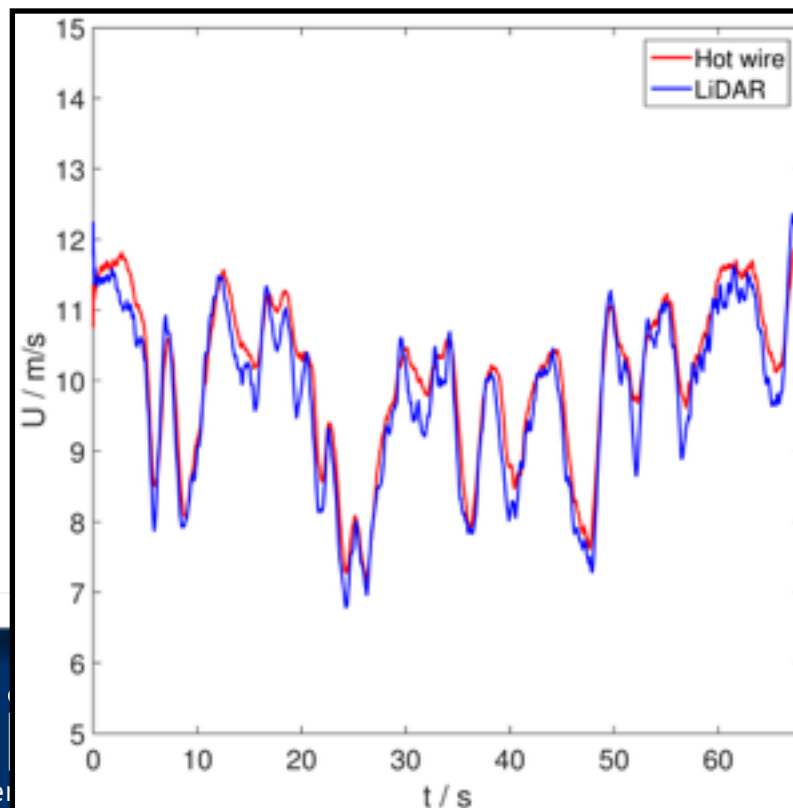


corresponding wind speed increments

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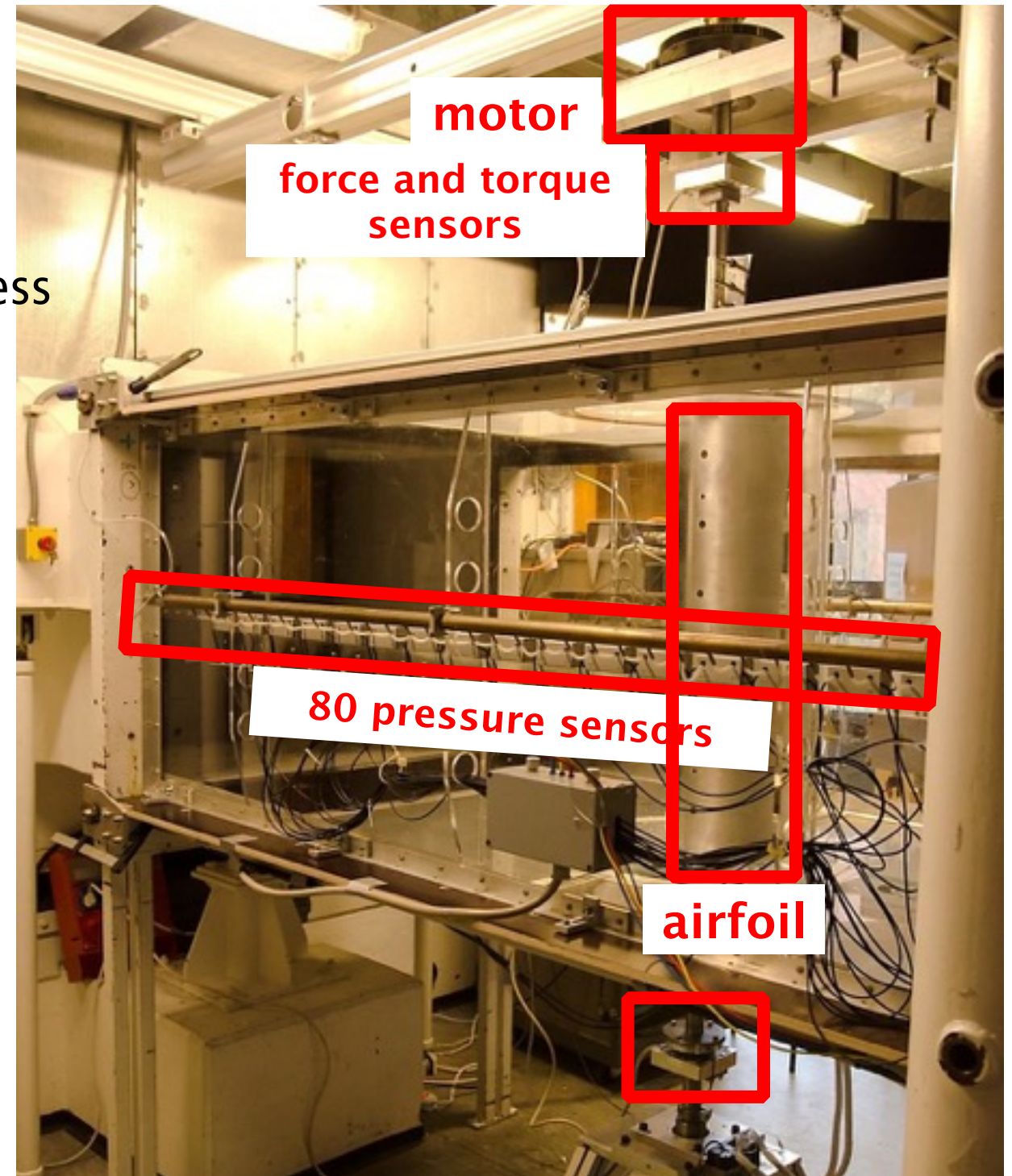
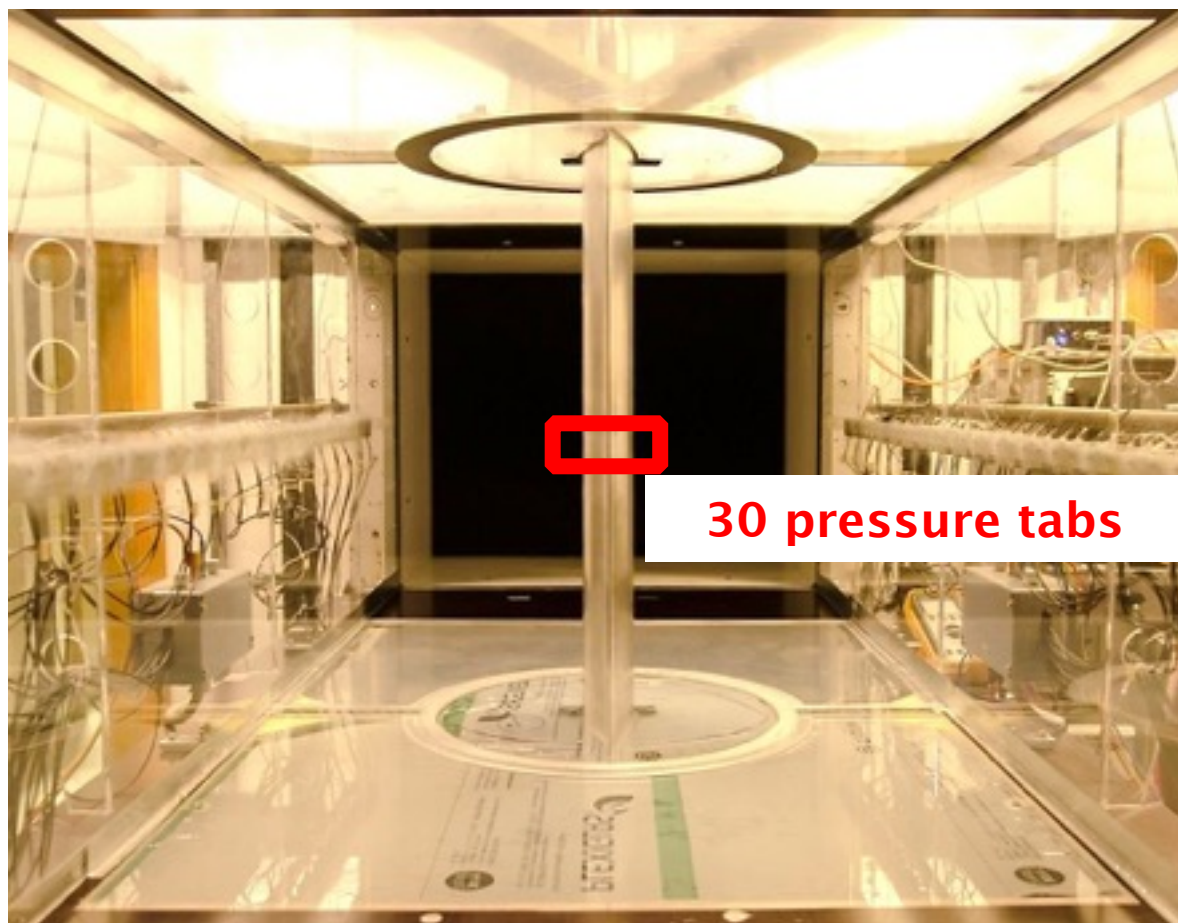
Active Grid and Dynamic Stall

- 16 axes with square plates
- Independent movements with stepping motors
- Controlled by "excitation protocols"
- Reproducible wind fields with adjustable intermittency statistic
- Generation of atmospheric turbulence possible

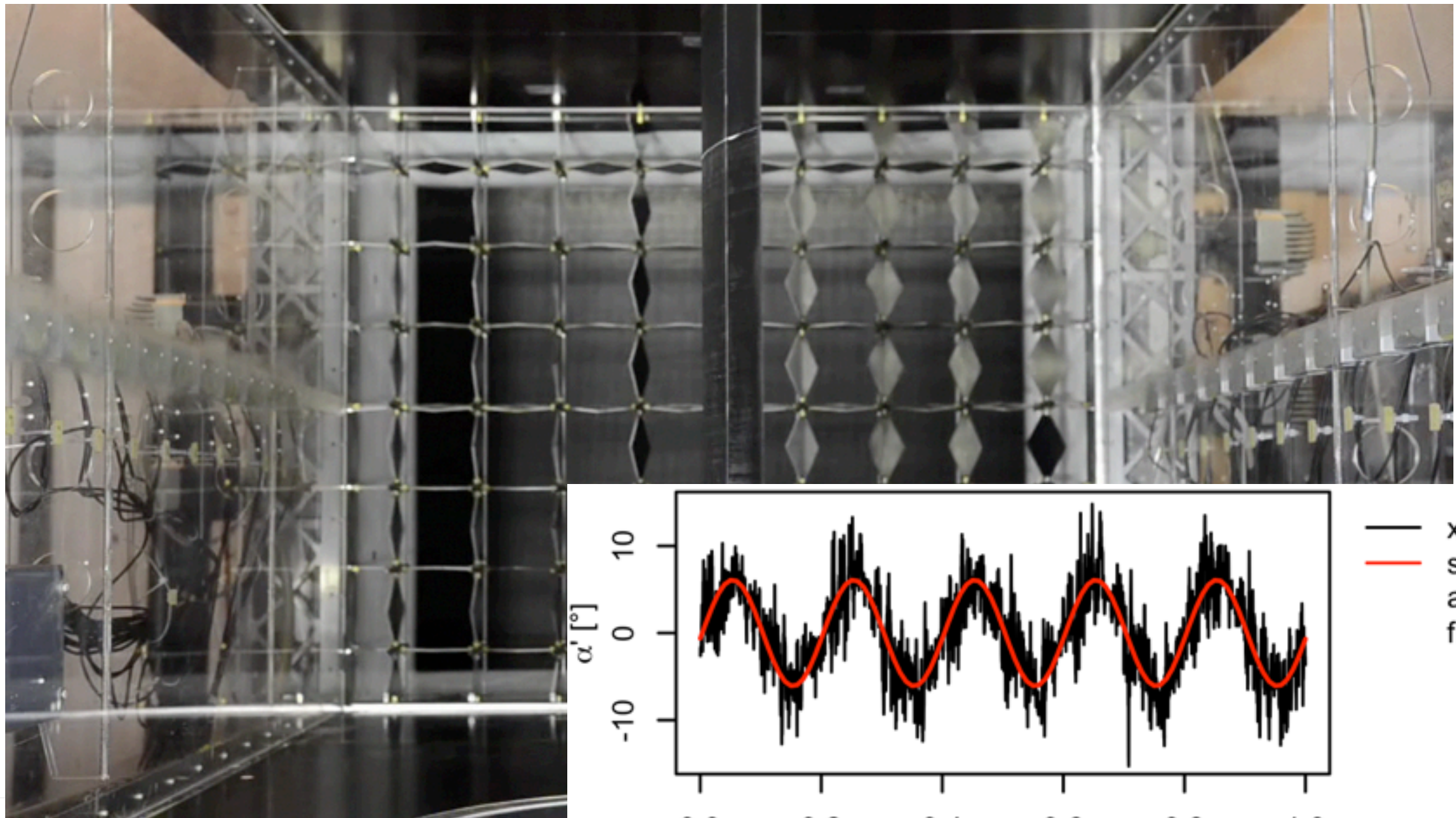
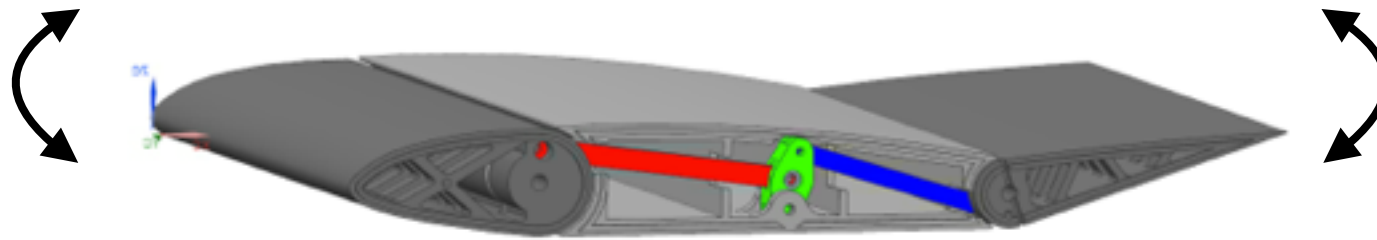


Wind tunnel and measuring techniques

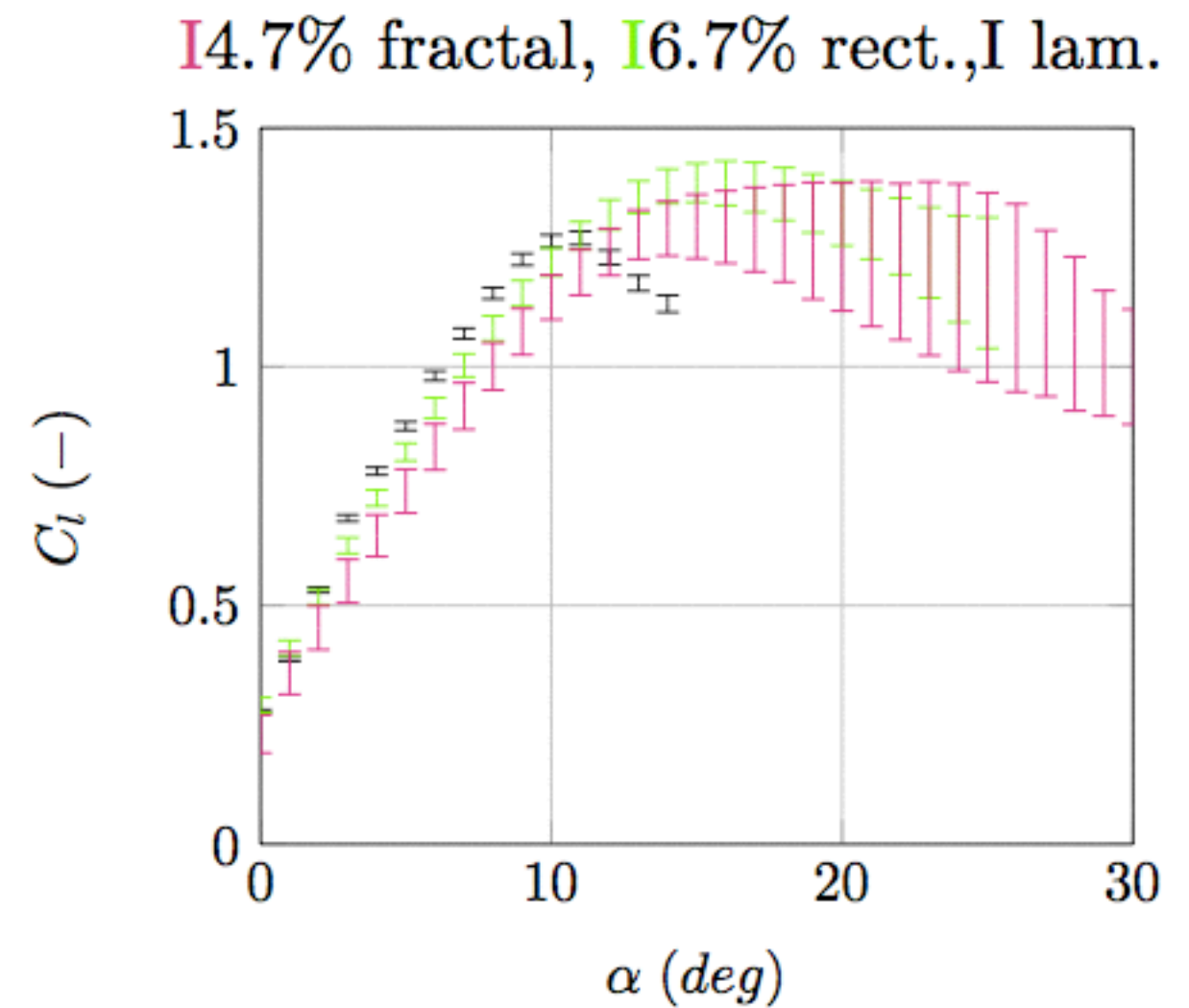
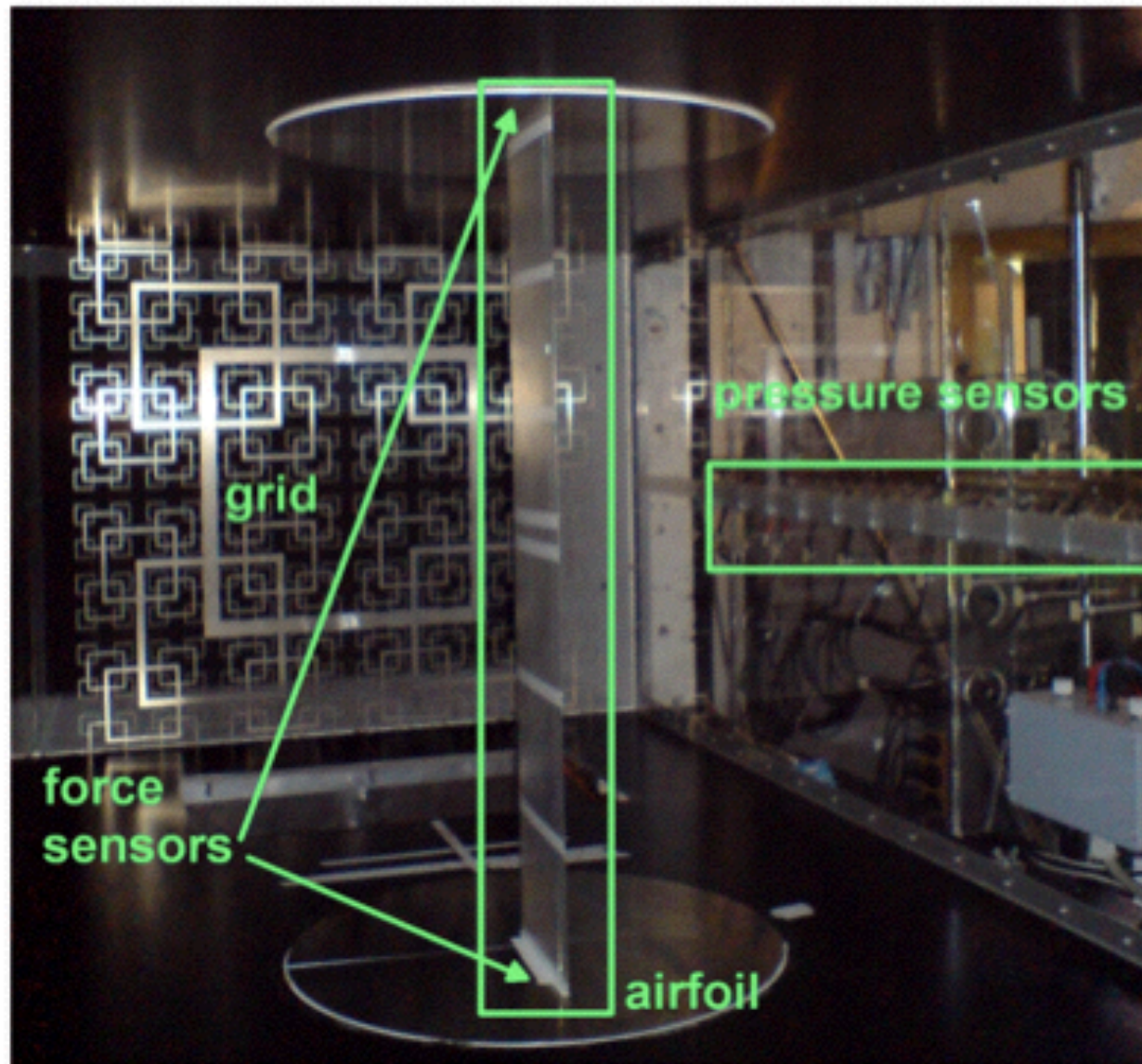
- Outlet 100 x 80 cm
- Up to 50 m/s, $Tl \approx 0.3 \%$
- Closed test section (260 cm) with optical access
- Airfoil chord 30cm



experimental setup



dynamic stall for different inflow



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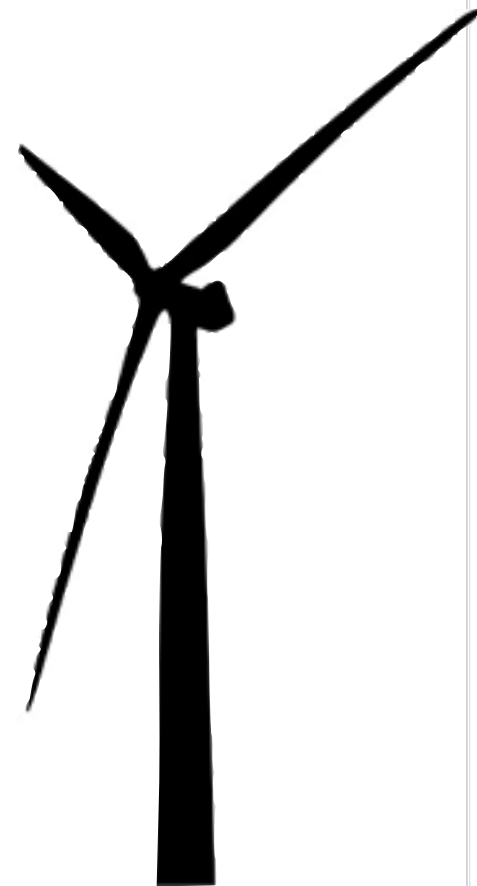
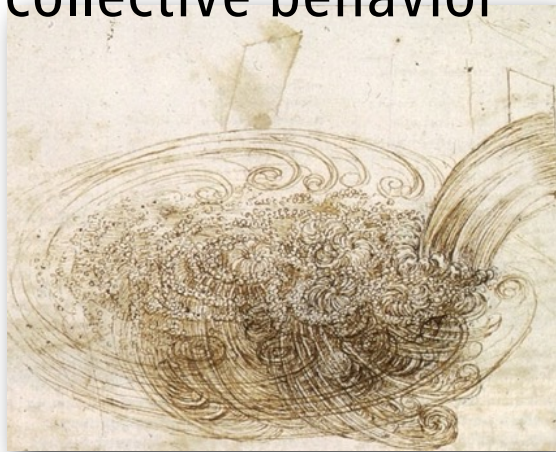
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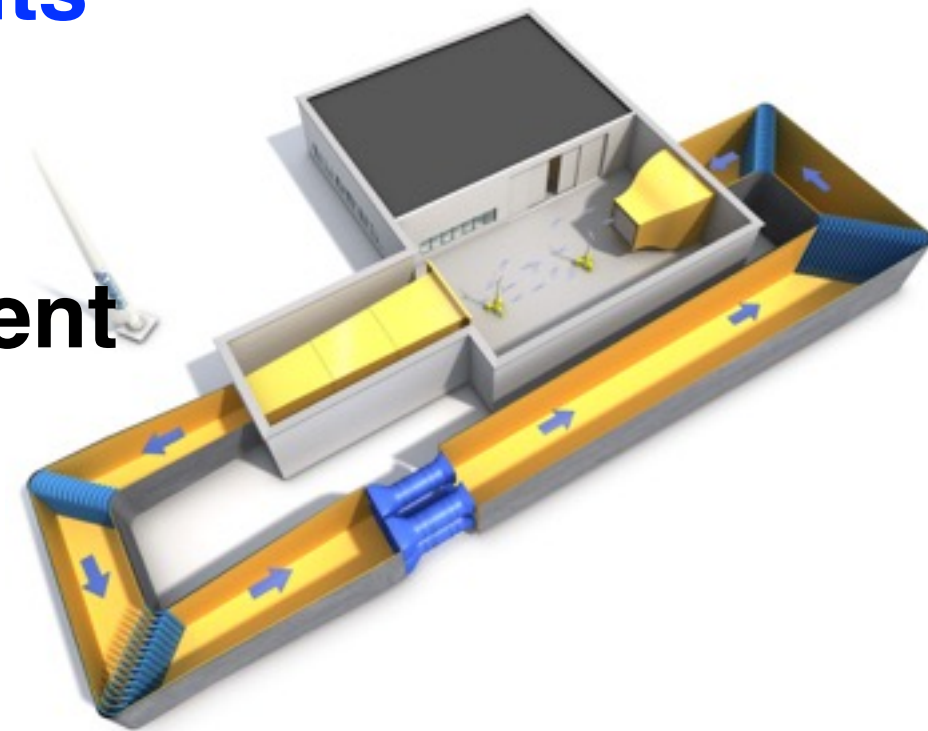


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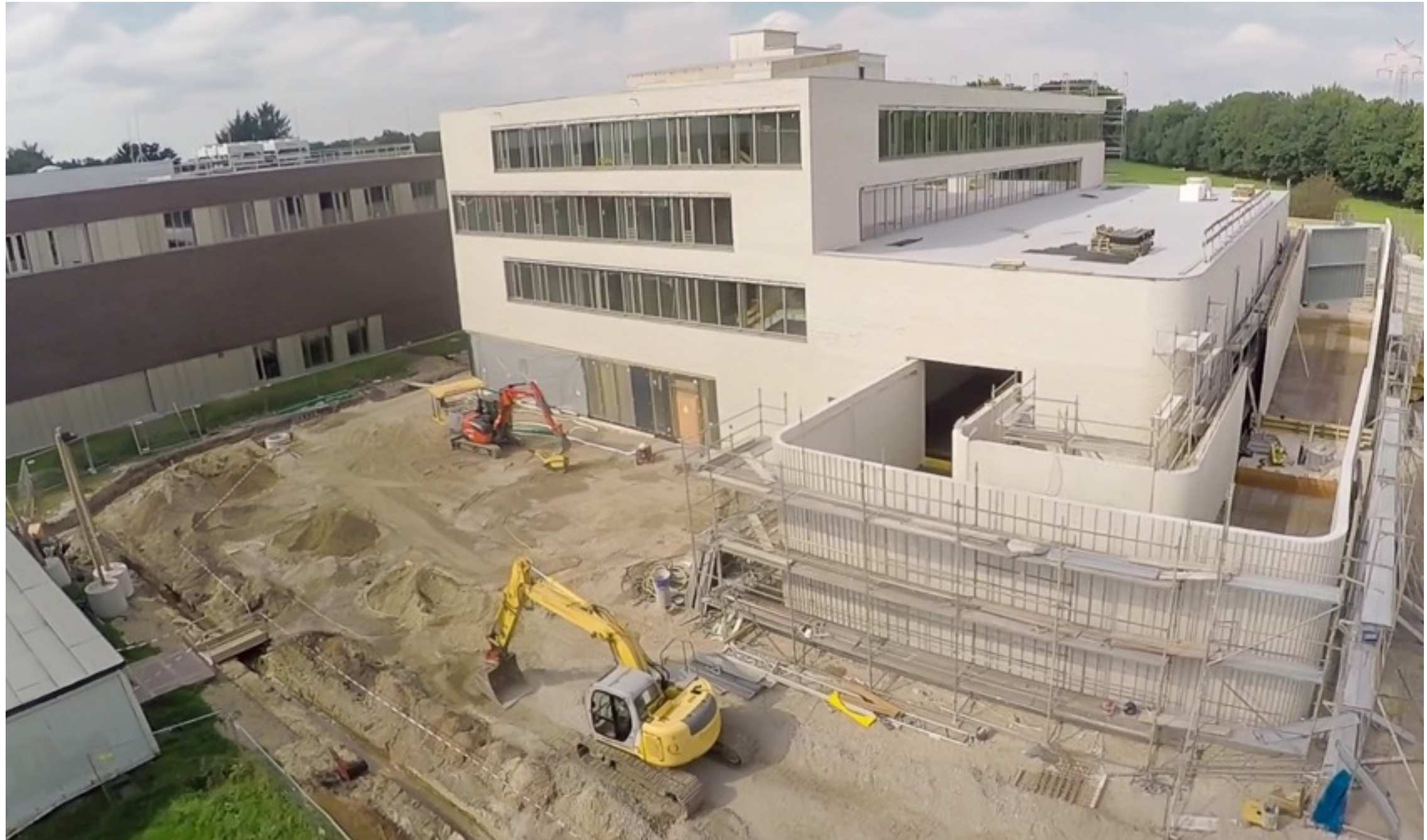


aim to combine
free field measurements
wind tunnel
CFD- simulations

- **main focus on turbulent**
- **wind fields**



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turbulence is challenging for wind energy

