


TURBULENT  
WIND EXCITATION





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CONSTANT FLOW AND  
TURBULENCE

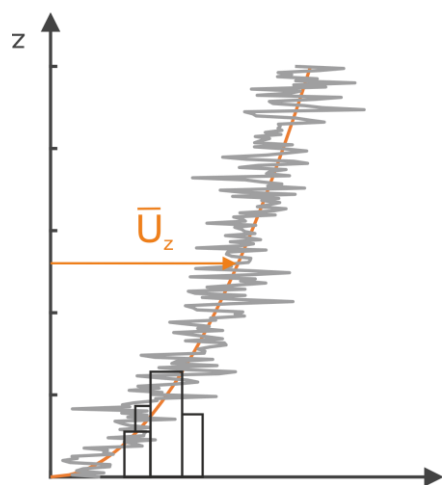




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## Wind excitation profile

Constant wind and turbulence



Wind forces :

$$f_{tot}(t) = \frac{1}{2}\rho C_d \Omega [U + u(t)]^2$$
$$\simeq \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\rho C_d \Omega U^2}_{f_{avg}} + \underbrace{\rho C_d \Omega U u(t)}_{f_{turb}(t)}$$

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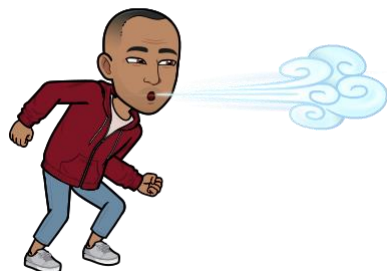
## Aerodynamic forces

### Constant flow

- Constant force
- Dynamic vortex excitation
- Self-excited vibrations
  - Galloping
  - Divergence
  - Flutter

### Turbulent flow

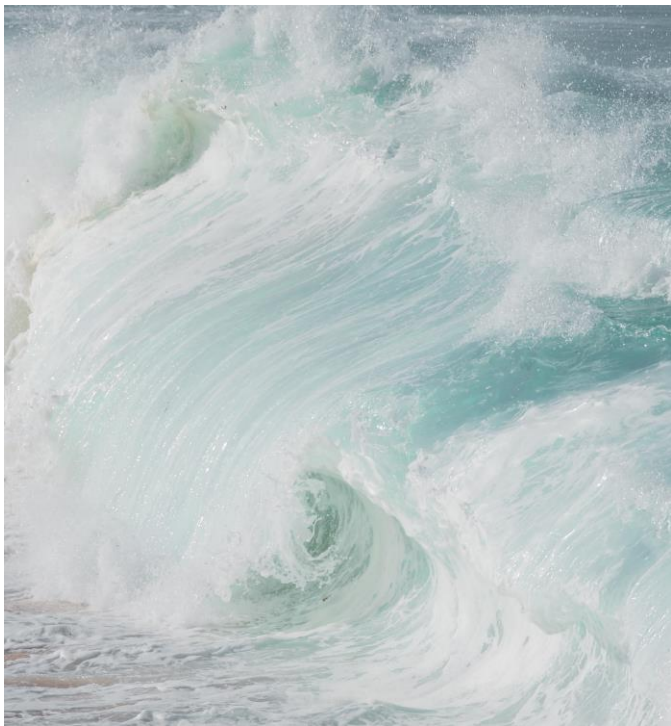
- Dynamic force  
→ resonance



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TURBULENT WIND  
MODEL



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Stochastic wind speed model

Wind speed is assumed to be a stationnary gaussian process characterized by:

A mean  $U = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v_{tot} dt$   $v_{tot} = U + u(t)$   $u$  has zero mean

A standard deviation  $\sigma_u^2 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u^2(t) dt$

A power spectral density (PSD)  $\frac{S_u(f)}{|\tilde{U}(f)|^2}$   $\sigma_u^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_u(f) df$   
Frequency dependent

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## Energy Spectral density and Power Spectral Density

Energy spectral density (ESD):

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{|\tilde{U}(f)|^2 df}_{\text{ESD (energy/Hz)}} \quad \text{Using Parseval's theorem}$$

For stationary gaussian processes, ESD is not bounded

→ Power spectral density (PSD):

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \boxed{\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} |\tilde{U}(f)|^2} df$$

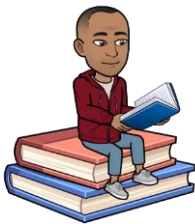
$S_u(f)$    PSD (Power/Hz)

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## Power Spectral Density and Standard Deviation

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_u^2 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u^2(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_u(f) df \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} S_u(f) df \quad \text{If } u(t) \text{ is real} \end{aligned}$$

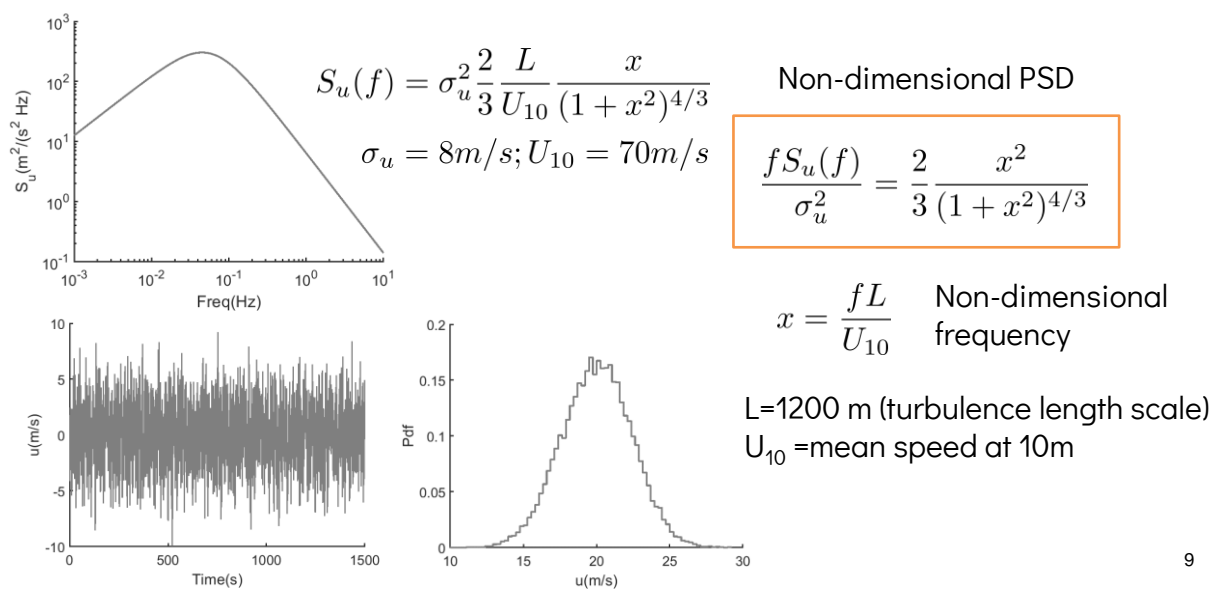


→ When the PSD is known, the standard deviation is known

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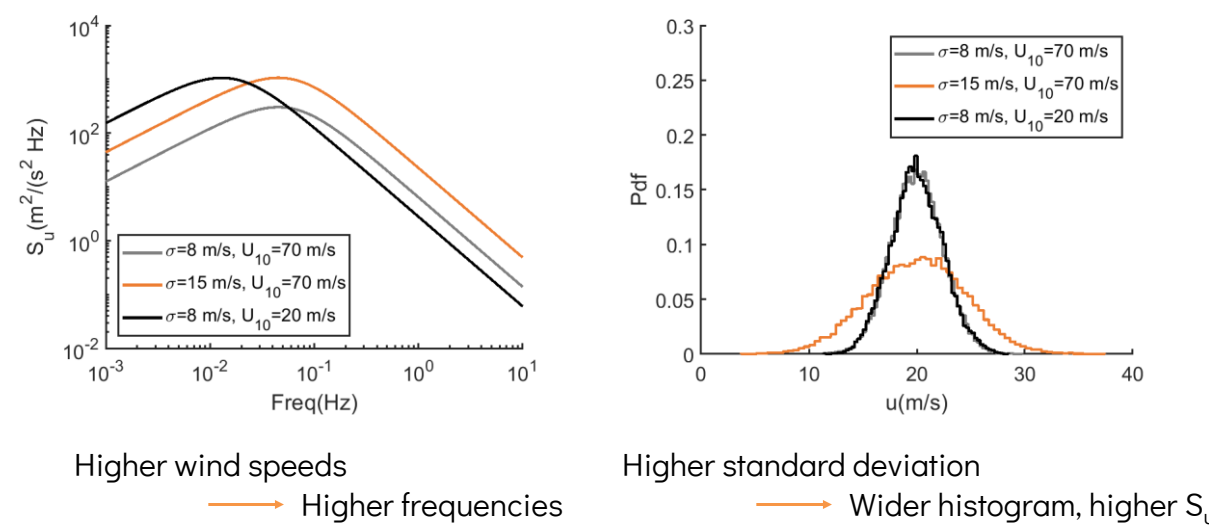
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Davenport Spectrum



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Davenport Spectrum



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# Eurocode Spectrum

## Van der Hoven Spectrum

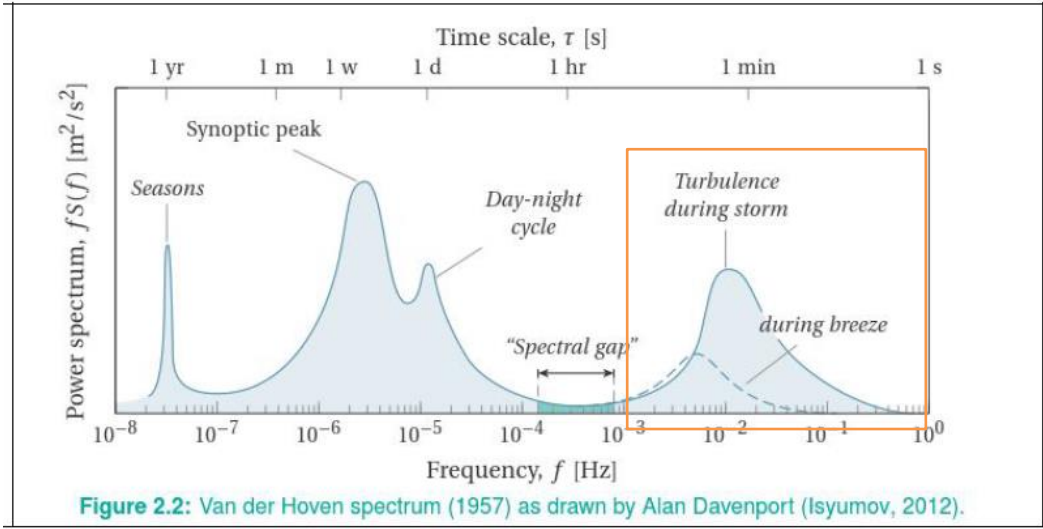


Figure 2.2: Van der Hoven spectrum (1957) as drawn by Alan Davenport (Isyumov, 2012).

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# Eurocode Spectrum

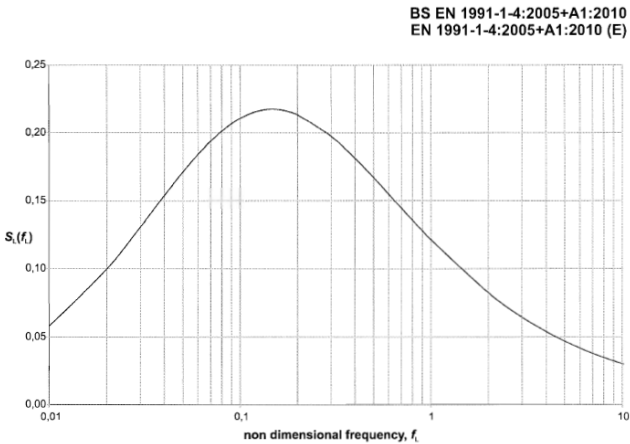


Figure B.1 —Power spectral density function  $S_L(f_L)$

$$S_L(z,n) = \frac{nS_v(z,n)}{\sigma_v^2}$$
$$= \frac{6,8f_L(z,n)}{(1 + 10,2f_L(z,n))^{5/3}}$$
$$f_L(z,n) = \frac{nL(z)}{v_m(z)}$$

$n$  = frequency (Hz)

Eurocode annex B1

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## Influence of height

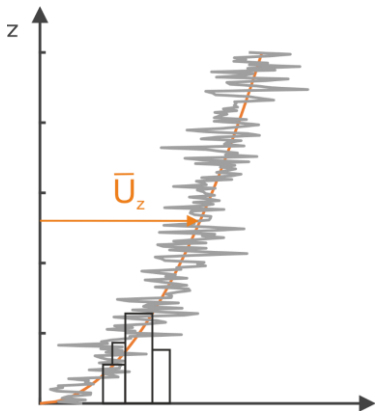
Turbulence intensity

$$I_u = \frac{\sigma_u}{U} \quad I_v = \frac{\sigma_v}{V} \quad I_w = \frac{\sigma_w}{W}$$

- Mean velocities increase with height
- Turbulence is quasi-constant with height

$$I_u = \frac{1}{\ln(\frac{z}{z_0})}$$

Turbulence intensity decreases with height



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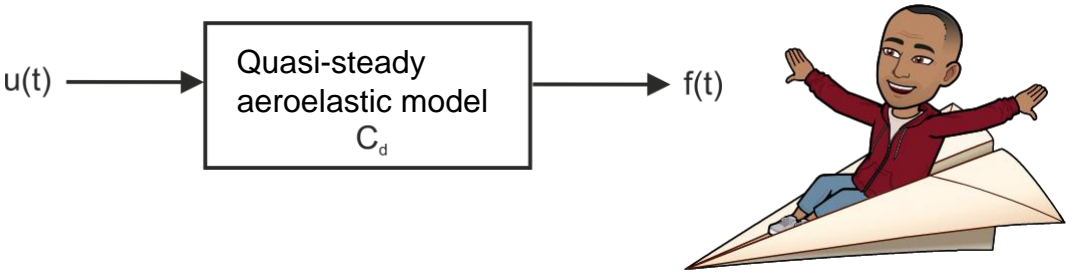
## FORCES DUE TO TURBULENT WIND



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## From wind velocity to wind forces

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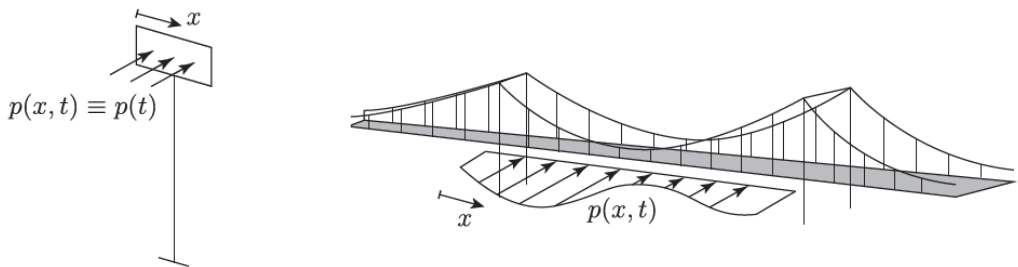


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## Aerodynamic admittance

Pressures are not uniform, and not in phase on large structures



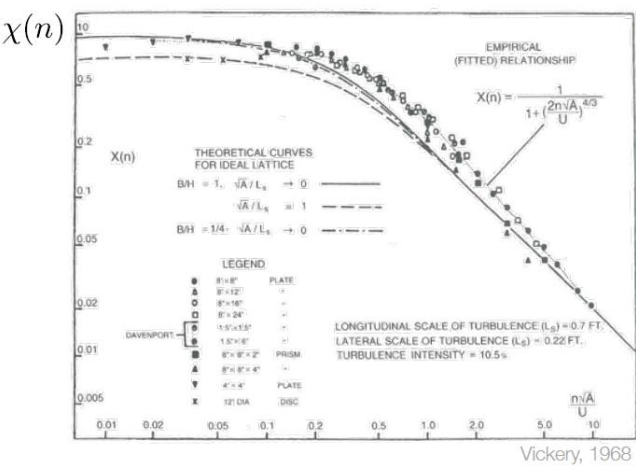
→ The total force is reduced      → Admittance  $\chi$

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# Aerodynamic admittance



Vickery's law

$$\chi(n) = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2n\sqrt{A}}{U}\right)^{4/3}}$$

Non-dimensional frequency

Admittance decreases with

- Size of the building
- Frequency of turbulence

Admittance increases with

- Mean wind velocity

# Aerodynamic admittance in codes

Expressions of GWL-AAF	
ASCE 7	$\chi(f) = R_H R_B (0.53 + 0.47 R_D)$ $R_t = 1/\eta - 1/2\eta^2 (1 - e^{-2\eta})$ , $\eta > 0$ ; $R_t = 1$ , $\eta = 0$ $R_H, \eta = 4.6 f H / V_z$ ; $R_B, \eta = 4.6 f B / V_z$ ; $R_D, \eta = 15.4 f D / V_z$
AS1170.2	$\chi(f) = \frac{1}{(1 + 3.5 f H / \bar{V}_H) \cdot (1 + 4 f B / \bar{V}_H)}$
NRCC	$\chi(f) = \frac{1}{(1 + 8 f H / (3 \bar{V}_H)) \cdot (1 + 10 f B / \bar{V}_H)}$
RLB-AIJ	$\chi(f) = \frac{0.84}{(1 + 2.1 f H / \bar{V}_H) \cdot (1 + 2.1 f B / \bar{V}_H)}$
Eurocode	$\chi(f) = R_H R_B$ $R_H$ and $R_B$ are the same as those in ASCE7.



Eurocode annex B

$R_H, R_B$  take into account a specific mode shape

Summary

