Distribution of verbs among the strong verbs classes in pre-Proto-Germanic.

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shape of root coda
class I
               *ey(C)
class II
               *ew(C)
               *ūC? (but see the handout on these verbs)
class III
               *eRT
               *eTT
class IV
               *eR; also *brek-a- 'break', and possibly others of similar shape
class V
               *eT
class VI
               *aR
               *aT
               *aTT
               *aw (?; both exx. are Old Norse only, but *daw-ja- 'die' could be old)
class VII
               *ayC
               *awC
               *alC
               *anC
               *\bar{e}(T)
               *\bar{o}(T)
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C = any consonant, T = any obstruent, R = the sonorants *m, *n, *r, *l

The best discussion is:

Seebold, Elmar. 1970. Vergleichendes und etymologisches Wörterbuch der germanischen starken Verben. The Hague: Mouton.

The classification of verbs by inherited root shape is on pp. 42-65.