

# Thermodynamics of Energy Conversion and Storage

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## EXERCISES 10

**1) Calculate the power of the wind for disc of 1 m and 100 m diameter for a wind speed of 15 km/h and 30 km/h.**

$$\begin{aligned}P &= 0.5 \cdot \rho \cdot d^2 / 4 \cdot \pi \cdot v^3 = 0.5 \cdot \rho \cdot d^2 / 4 \cdot \pi \cdot v^3 = 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot d^2 \cdot v^3 \\P &= 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot d^2 \cdot v^3 = 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 72.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^3 = 28.2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^3 = 28.2 \text{ W} \\P &= 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot d^2 \cdot v^3 = 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 10'000 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 72.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^3 = 280 \text{ kW} \\P &= 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot d^2 \cdot v^3 = 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 579 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^3 = 225.8 \text{ W} \\P &= 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot d^2 \cdot v^3 = 0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 10'000 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 579 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^3 = 2.3 \text{ MW}\end{aligned}$$

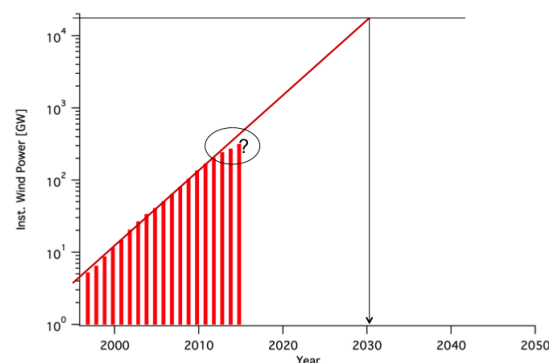
**2) What is the minimum distance between wind rotors?**

$$\begin{aligned}v_2/v_1 &= 1/3 = A_1/A_2 \\ \text{Rotor: } R, A &= R^2 \cdot \pi \\ A_2 &= 2 \cdot A, A_1 = 2/3 \cdot A \\ A_2 &= R_2^2 \cdot \pi = 2 \cdot R^2 \cdot \pi \\ R_2/R &= \sqrt{2} = 1.4\end{aligned}$$

**3) What is the size of a wind rotor in order to cover the average electricity consumption per person in Switzerland?**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average electricity consumption} &= 2 \text{ kW} \\ d^2 &= 2000 \text{ W} / (0.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 579 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^3 \cdot 0.59) = 15 \\ d &= 3.8 \text{ m at a wind speed of 30 km/h}\end{aligned}$$

**4) Extrapolate the installed wind power to the future and estimate, when it would cover the world energy demand.**



**5) Estimate the cost of a 2MW wind turbine and the pay back time if the electricity is sold for 0.05 CHF/kWh at no operation cost.**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cost: } &900 \text{ CHF/kW} \cdot 2000 \text{ kW} = 1'800'000 \text{ CHF} \\ \text{pay back time } t &= (900 \text{ CHF/kW}) / (0.05 \text{ CHF/kWh}) = 18'000 \text{ h} = 2.05 \text{ years if always runs at full power}\end{aligned}$$