

Compare the energy at 15°C, 1 atm pressure, contained in 1 m² of the following wind regimes:

a. 100 hours of 6-m/s winds (13.4 mph),

b. 50 hours at 3 m/s plus 50 hours at 9 m/s (i.e., an average wind

$$P_w = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3$$

- **Solution**

- a. With steady 6 m/s winds, all we have to do is multiply power times hours:

$$\text{Energy (6 m/s)} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3 t = \frac{1}{2} (1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3) \cdot (1 \text{ m}^2) \cdot \left(\frac{6 \text{ m}}{\text{s}}\right)^3 (100 \text{ h}) = 13,230 \text{ Wh}$$

- b. With 50 h at 3 m/s

$$\text{Energy (3 m/s)} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3 t = \frac{1}{2} (1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3) \cdot (1 \text{ m}^2) \cdot \left(\frac{3 \text{ m}}{\text{s}}\right)^3 (50 \text{ h}) = 827 \text{ Wh}$$

- And 50 h at 9 m/s contain $\text{Energy (9 m/s)} = \frac{1}{2} (1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3) \cdot (1 \text{ m}^2) \cdot \left(\frac{9 \text{ m}}{\text{s}}\right)^3 (50 \text{ h}) = 22,326 \text{ Wh}$

- for a total of $827 + 22,326 = 23,152 \text{ Wh}$