

The instantaneous potential, kinetic and total energy densities (*n.b. always purely real, additive quantities!*) associated with two counter-propagating 1-D monochromatic traveling plane waves are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{potl}^{inst}(x, t) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_{tot}^2(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) + |\tilde{R}| \cos(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) \right]^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos^2(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) + 2|\tilde{R}| \cos(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) \cos(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) + |\tilde{R}|^2 \cos^2(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) \right] \\
 w_{kin}^{inst}(x, t) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \rho_o \vec{u}_{tot}^\parallel(x, t) \cdot \vec{u}_{tot}^\parallel(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) - |\tilde{R}| \cos(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) \right]^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos^2(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) - 2|\tilde{R}| \cos(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) \cos(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) + |\tilde{R}|^2 \cos^2(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) \right] \\
 w_{tot}^{inst}(x, t) &\equiv w_{potl}^{inst}(x, t) + w_{kin}^{inst}(x, t) = \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos^2(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) + |\tilde{R}|^2 \cos^2(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, for an observer/listener's position at $x = 0$.and. $|\tilde{R}| = 1$ (*i.e.* a “*pure*” standing wave), these quantities reduce to:

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{potl}^{inst}(x = 0, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos \omega t + \cos(\omega t + \Delta \varphi_{BA}^o) \right]^2 \\
 w_{kin}^{inst}(x = 0, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos \omega t - \cos(\omega t + \Delta \varphi_{BA}^o) \right]^2 \\
 w_{tot}^{inst}(x, t) &\equiv w_{potl}^{inst}(x, t) + w_{kin}^{inst}(x, t) = \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos^2 \omega t + |\tilde{R}|^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \Delta \varphi_{BA}^o) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

We see that when: $\Delta \varphi_{BA}^o = 0, \pm 2\pi, \pm 4\pi, \pm 6\pi, \dots = \pm n_{even} \pi$

since: $\cos(\theta \pm n_{even} \pi) = (\cos \theta \cdot \cos n_{even} \pi) \mp (\sin \theta \cdot \sin n_{even} \pi) = \cos \theta$, the total energy density is all in the form of potential energy density:

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{potl}^{inst}(x = 0, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos \omega t + \cos(\omega t \pm n_{even} \pi) \right]^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \cos^2 \omega t = \frac{2|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \cos^2 \omega t = \frac{2|\tilde{A}|^2}{z_o c} \cos^2 \omega t \\
 w_{kin}^{inst}(x = 0, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \left[\cos \omega t - \cos(\omega t + \Delta \varphi_{BA}^o) \right]^2 = 0 \\
 w_{tot}^{inst}(x = 0, t) &\equiv w_{potl}^{inst}(x = 0, t) + w_{kin}^{inst}(x = 0, t) = \frac{2|\tilde{A}|^2}{\rho_o c^2} \cos^2 \omega t = \frac{2|\tilde{A}|^2}{z_o c} \cos^2 \omega t
 \end{aligned}$$