

The ***instantaneous*** potential, kinetic and total energy densities associated with a 1-D monochromatic traveling plane wave propagating in the $+x$ -direction in “***free air***” at $x = 0$ are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{potl}^{inst}(x=0,t) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p^2(x=0,t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^2 \cos^2 \omega t = \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^{rms2} \cos^2 \omega t \\
 w_{kin}^{inst}(x=0,t) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \rho_o \vec{u}_{\parallel}(x=0,t) \cdot \vec{u}_{\parallel}(x=0,t) = \frac{1}{2} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2} \cos^2 \omega t = \rho_o u_o^{\parallel rms2} \cos^2 \omega t \\
 w_{tot}^{inst}(x=0,t) &\equiv w_{potl}^{inst}(x=0,t) + w_{kin}^{inst}(x=0,t) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^2 \cos^2 \omega t + \frac{1}{2} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2} \cos^2 \omega t = \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^{rms2} \cos^2 \omega t + \rho_o u_o^{\parallel rms2} \cos^2 \omega t
 \end{aligned}$$

For this situation with a 1-D monochromatic traveling plane wave, we obtained the relation

$$z_a^{\parallel}(x) = \frac{p(x,t)}{u^{\parallel}(x,t)} = \frac{p_o}{u_o^{\parallel}} = \rho_o c \equiv z_o \quad (\Omega_a)$$

Thus we see again here that: $p_o = \rho_o c u_o^{\parallel} = z_o u_o^{\parallel}$. Using the square of this relation in the above instantaneous total energy density expression, we also see that ***here***:

$$w_{tot}^{inst}(x=0,t) \equiv w_{potl}^{inst}(x=0,t) + w_{kin}^{inst}(x=0,t) = \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^2 \cos^2 \omega t = \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2} \cos^2 \omega t$$

The ***time-averages*** of the ***instantaneous*** potential, kinetic and total energy densities associated with a 1-D monochromatic traveling plane wave propagating in the $+x$ -direction in “***free air***” at $x = 0$ are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle w_{potl}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^2 \underbrace{\langle \cos^2 \omega t \rangle_t}_{=1/2} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\rho_o c^2} p_o^{rms2} \quad (\text{Joules}/m^3) \\
 \langle w_{kin}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t &= \frac{1}{2} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2} \underbrace{\langle \cos^2 \omega t \rangle_t}_{=1/2} = \frac{1}{4} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel rms2} \quad (\text{Joules}/m^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle w_{tot}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t \equiv \langle w_{potl}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t + \langle w_{kin}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t = \frac{1}{4} \frac{p_o^2}{\rho_o c^2} + \frac{1}{4} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p_o^{rms2}}{\rho_o c^2} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel rms2} \quad (\text{Joules}/m^3)$$

Again, using the square of the relation $p_o = \rho_o c u_o^{\parallel} = z_o u_o^{\parallel}$ in the above expression, we see that:

$$\langle w_{tot}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t \equiv \langle w_{potl}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t + \langle w_{kin}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p_o^2}{\rho_o c^2} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2} = \frac{1}{2c} p_o u_o^{\parallel} \quad (\text{Joules}/m^3)$$

Note that the ratio of the ***time-averaged*** potential energy density to the ***time-averaged*** kinetic energy density e.g. at $x = 0$ is equal to unity for a 1-D monochromatic traveling wave:

$$\frac{\langle w_{potl}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t}{\langle w_{kin}^{inst}(x=0,t) \rangle_t} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \frac{p_o^2}{\rho_o c^2}}{\frac{1}{4} \rho_o u_o^{\parallel 2}} = \frac{p_o^2}{\rho_o^2 c^2 u_o^{\parallel 2}} = \frac{p_o^2}{z_o^2 u_o^{\parallel 2}} = \frac{z_o^2}{z_o^2} = 1$$