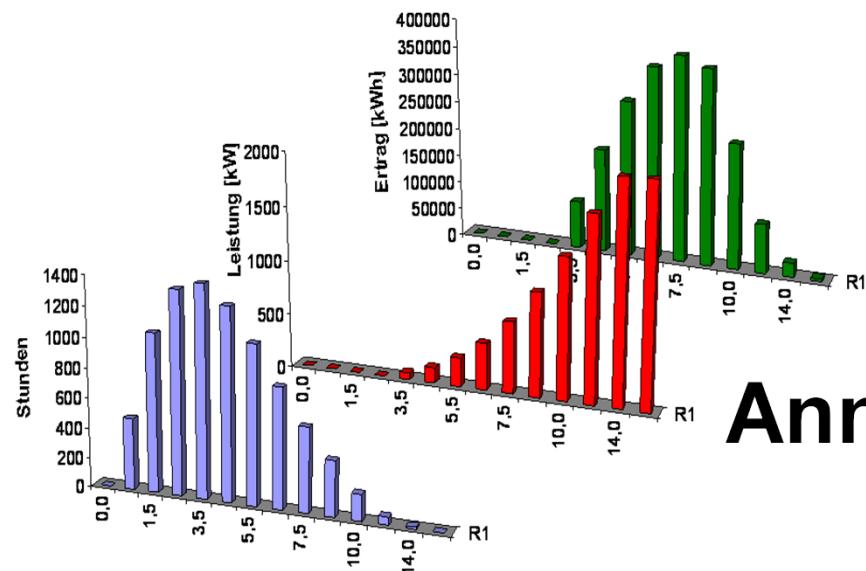


# Design of wind turbine systems

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## Tutorial 1: AEP – Annual Energy Production

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# Objective and motivation

For economical reasons it is important to maximize the annual energy production (AEP) of wind turbines.

- The AEP depends on the wind turbine and the site
- Three options are possible:
  - chose a windier site or increase the hub height
  - increase the rotor diameter
  - increase the rated power
- Reference turbine
  - $P_{\text{rated}} = 2 \text{ MW}$
  - $D = 80 \text{ m}$
  - $H_{\text{hub}} = 65 \text{ m}$



Fig. <http://www.exchange3d.com>

# Wind turbine: the power curve

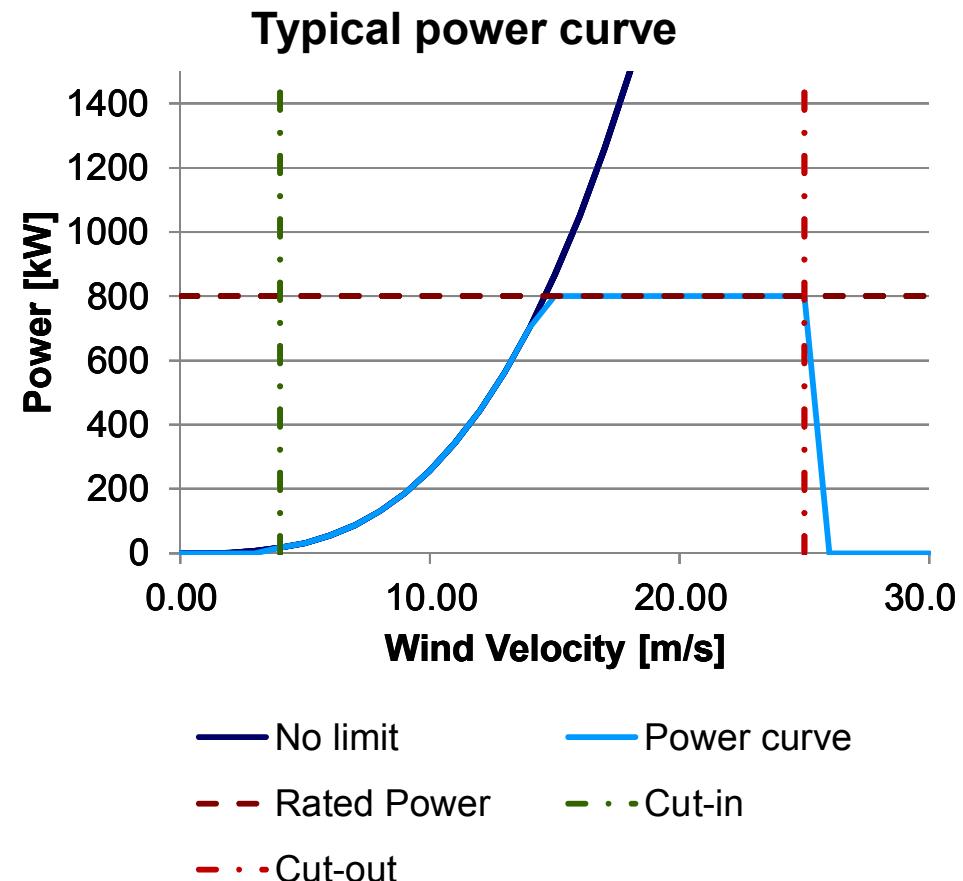
Defines the relation between the power output and the wind speed.

- Power proportional to the cube of the wind velocity and to the rotor swept area

$$P \propto u^3 \left( \frac{D}{2} \right)^2$$

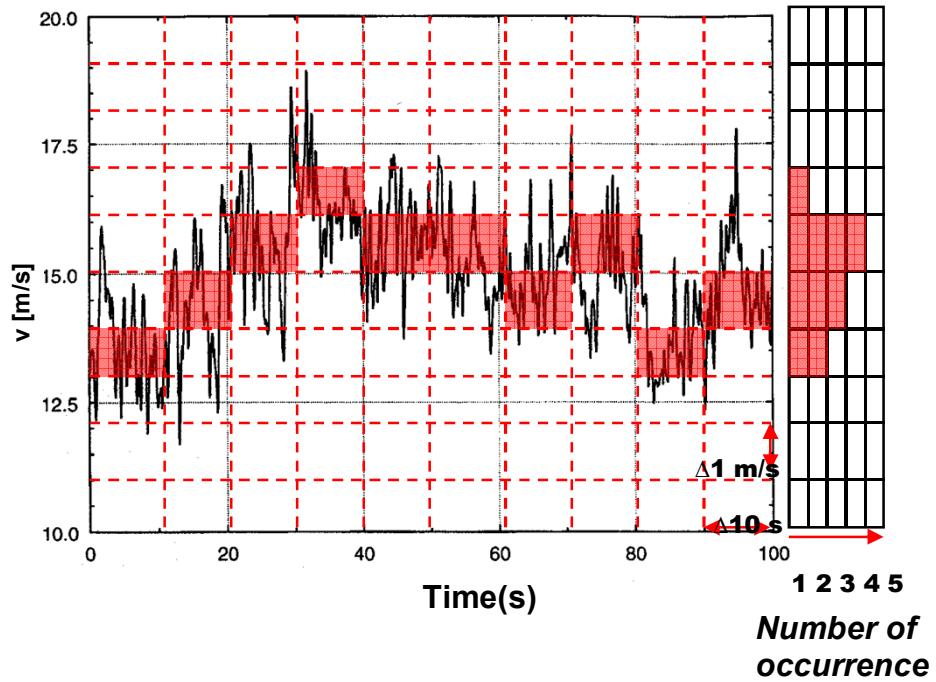
- Upper limit: rated power  
(defines also the rated wind velocity,  
typical values within 11-12 m/s)

- Left/right limits: cut-in/out velocity  
(typical values are 3.5-4/25-30 m/s)



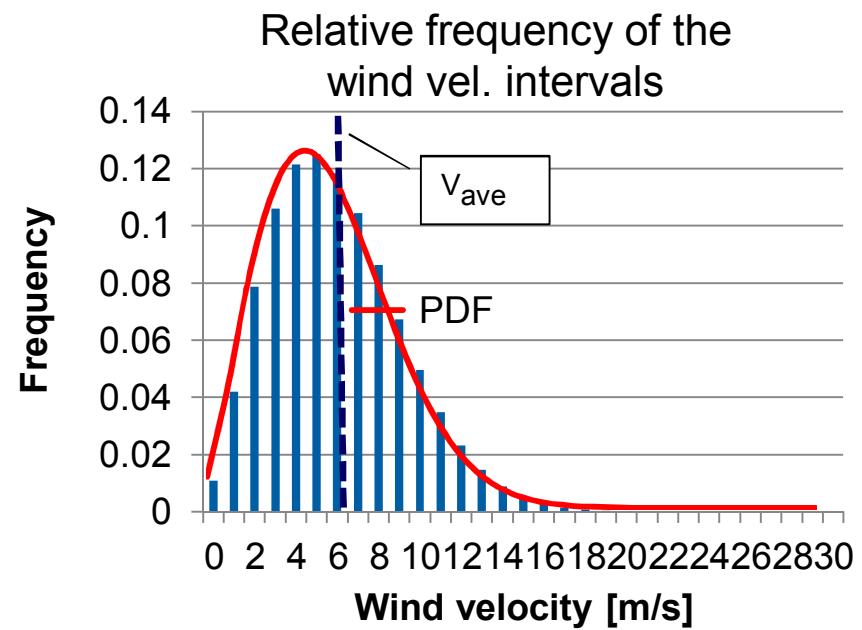
# Site: the wind distribution

The AEP is based on the annual distribution of the wind speed (10 min. average).



3. Bin occurrence count
4. Wind speed probability density function evaluation from the relative frequency of the bins

1. Ten minutes statistics of the experimental data
2. Wind speed range binning



# Calculation of gross annual energy yield

$$E_{\text{total}} = \sum E_i = \sum T h_i P_i$$

$h_i$  class frequency  $t_i/T$

$P_i$  : power output of the class

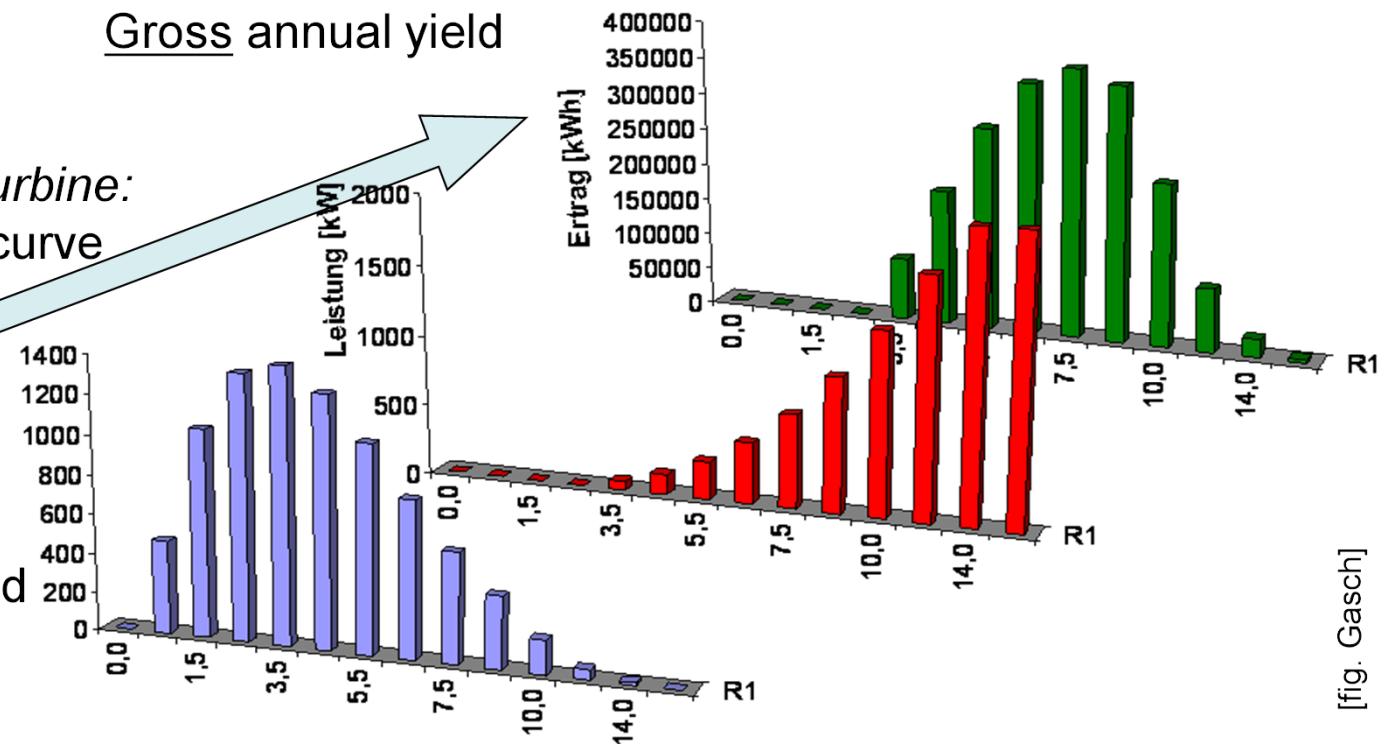
$T$  : given time period

$E_i$  yield of the class

*Site & Turbine:*  
Gross annual yield

*Wind Turbine:*  
Power curve

*Site:*  
Histogram or  
(Weibull- or Rayleigh-)  
Distribution of wind speed



[fig. Gasch]

# „Capacity factor“ and „Full load hours“

The “Full load hours” and the “Capacity factor” define:

- the goodness of a site
- how good a wind turbine fits a site

$$\text{Full load hours} = \frac{\text{actual AEP [kWh]}}{\text{rated power [kW]}}$$

$$\text{Capacity factor} = \frac{\text{actual AEP [kWh]}}{\text{rated power [kW]} \cdot 8760 \text{ h}}$$

- Capacity factor: 20 - 70% , usually 25 - 30%

To evaluate the actual AEP

- all the loss sources and
- the effective operating hours should be considered.

# Class assignment

## Exercise 1

To enlarge the AEP and therefore have more economical benefits, consider and compare three options A,B,C. In each option one of the three parameter  $v_{ave}$ ,  $P_{rated}$  and D is 10% enlarged compared to the reference case.

In slides #9 to #12 identify the changed parameter and fill in the gaps as well as the table on slide #8 with the missing values.

## Exercise 2

- Identify which case (reference, options A, B and C) the AEP distributions on the slides from #13 to #16 are related to.
- Calculate the full load hours and capacity factor

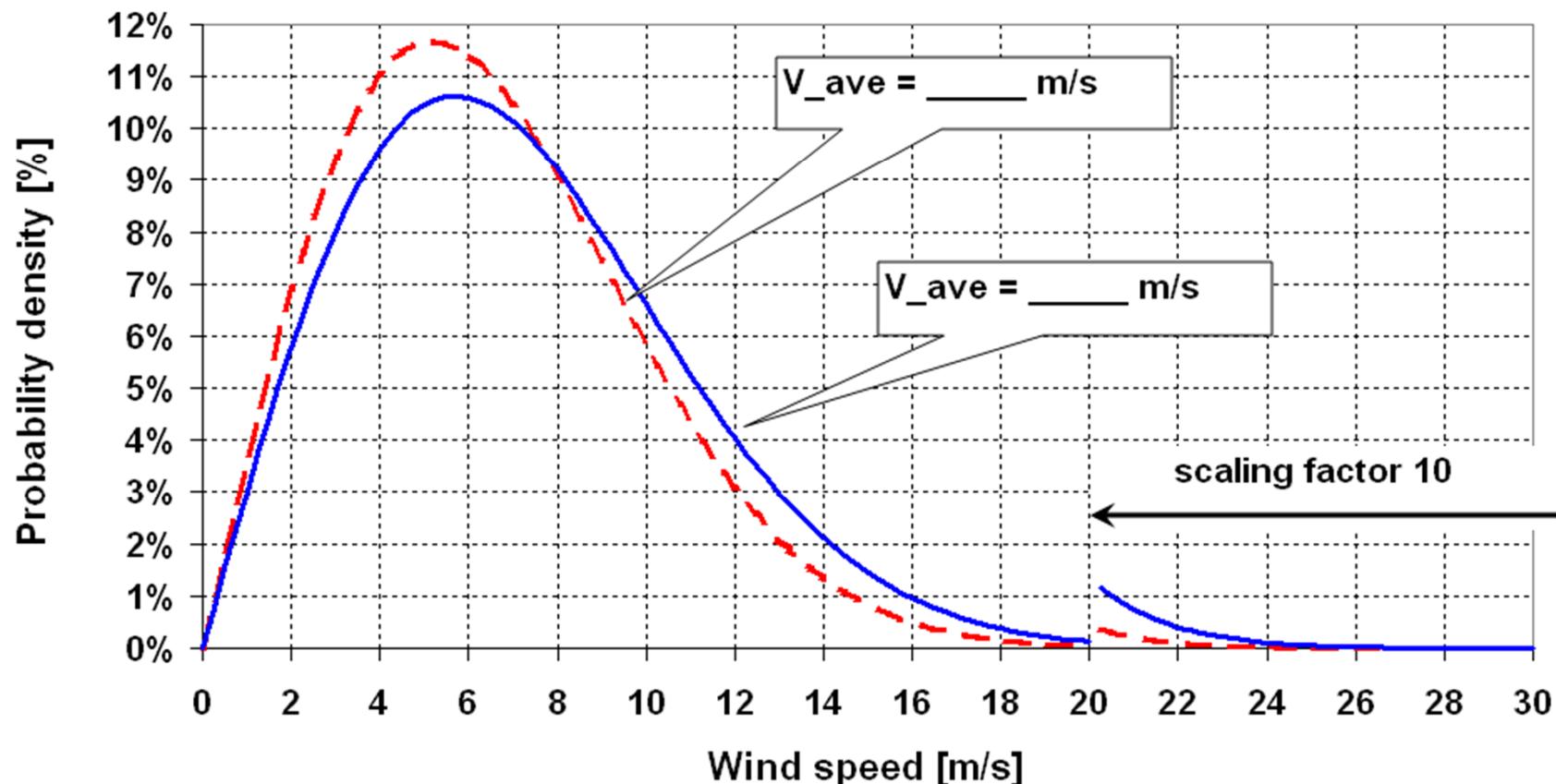
To compute the actual AEP consider 98% availability, 3% grid-connection losses and 10% contingency reduction.

# Comparison of the options

	Reference Case	Option A	Option B	Option C
<b>Annual average wind velocity, <math>v_{ave}</math></b>	6,5			
<b>Rated power, P</b>	2000 kW			
<b>Rotor diameter, D</b>	80 m			
<b>Specific rating</b>				
<b>Gross Annual Energy Production, AEP</b>				
<b>Relative AEP</b>	100 %			

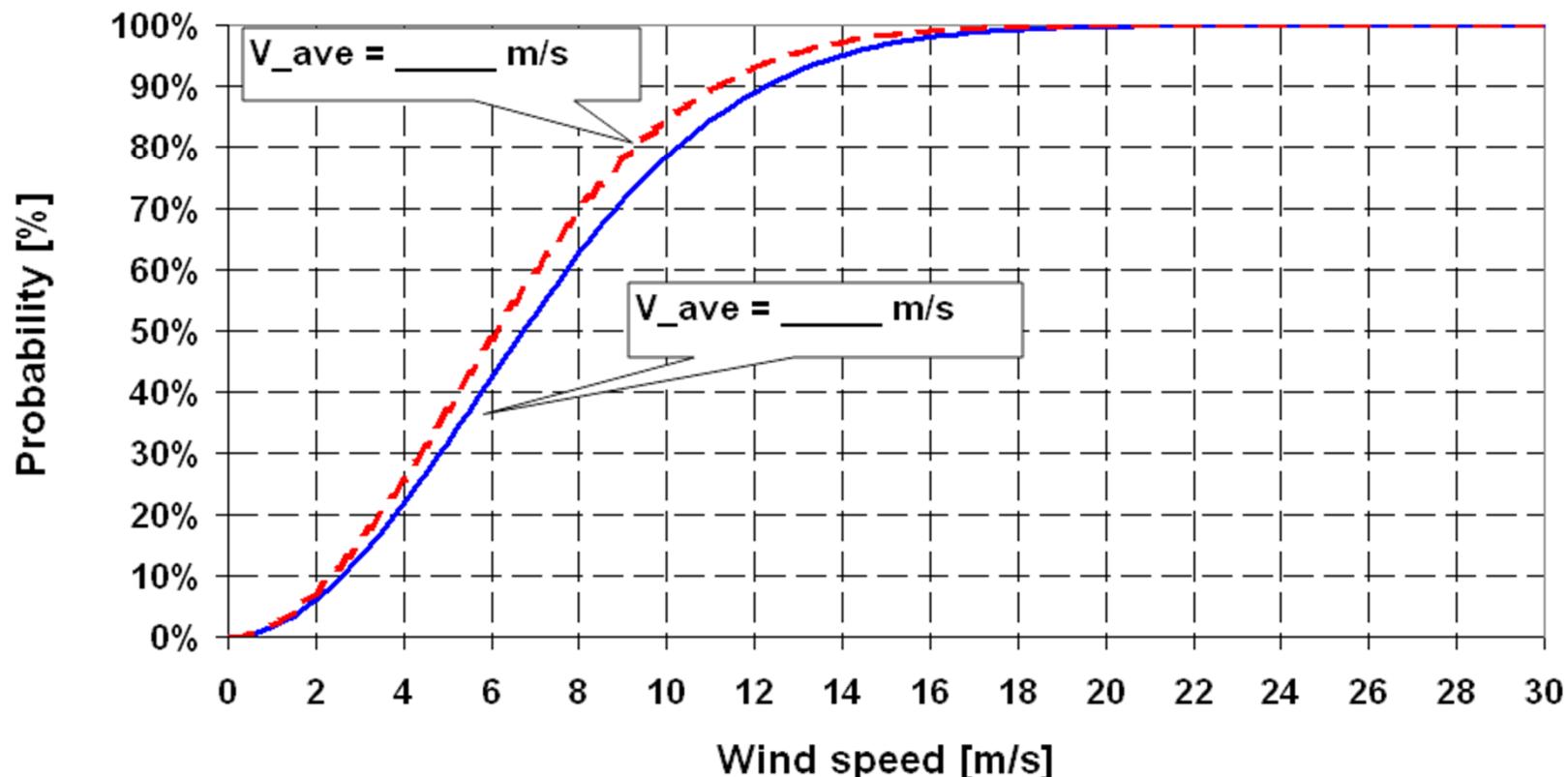
# Option A: different annual wind distribution

Weibull distribution of wind speed at hub height



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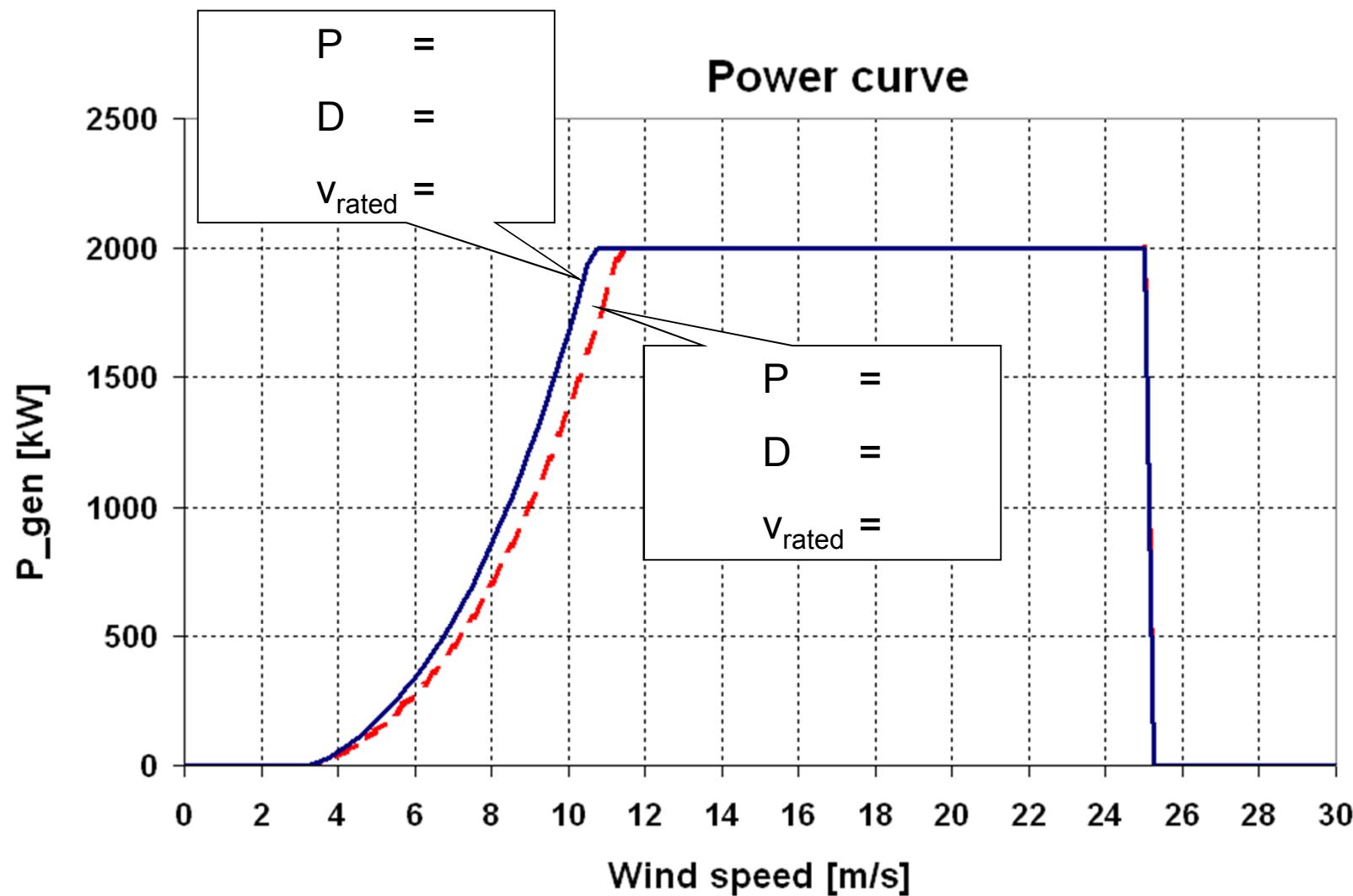
Cumulative Weibull distribution of wind speed at hub height



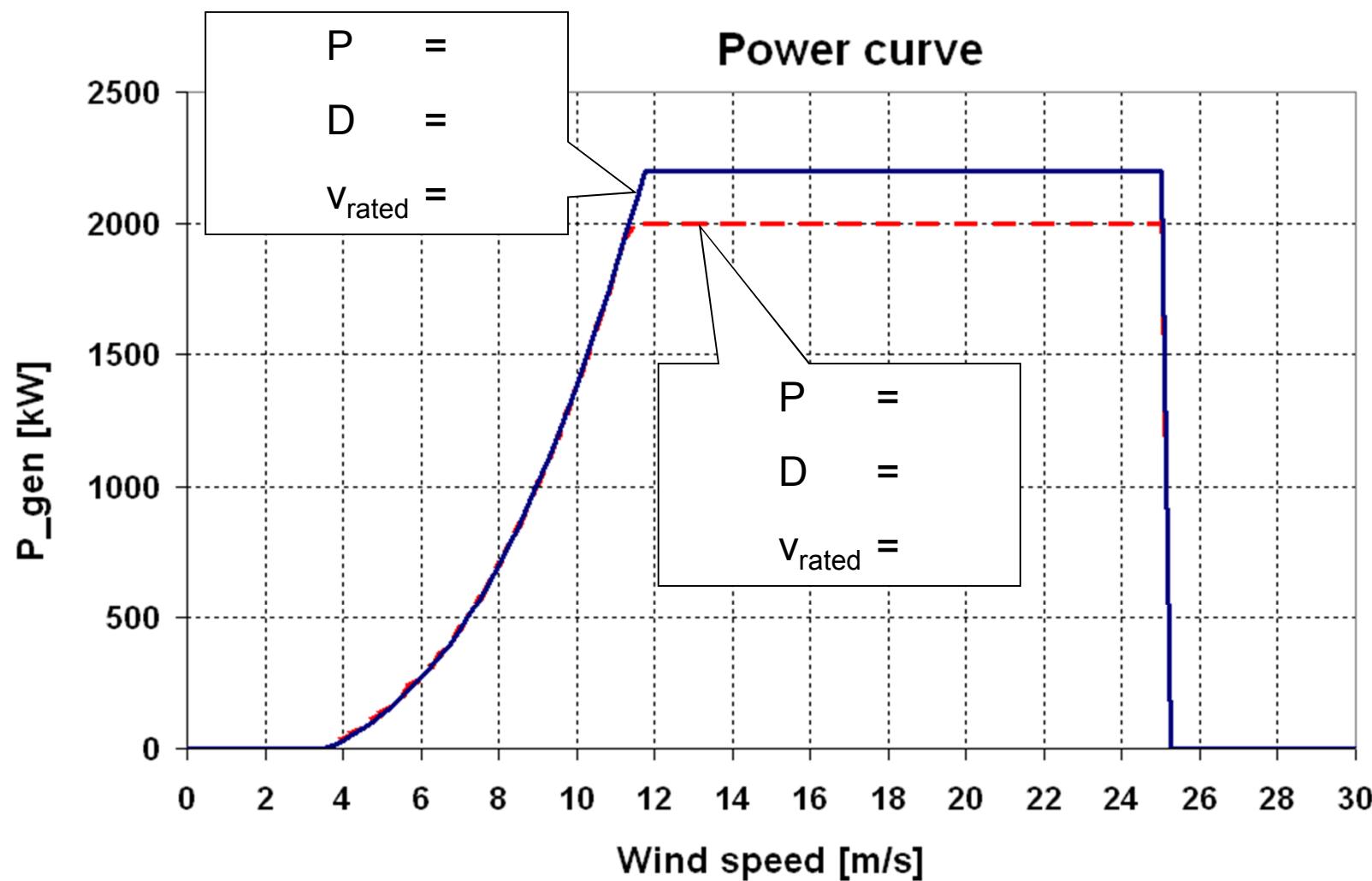
Questions:

- What is the probability that the wind speed is below the cut-in value in the reference case?
- What is the probability that the wind overtakes the rated wind velocity in the reference case?

## Option B: different wind turbines

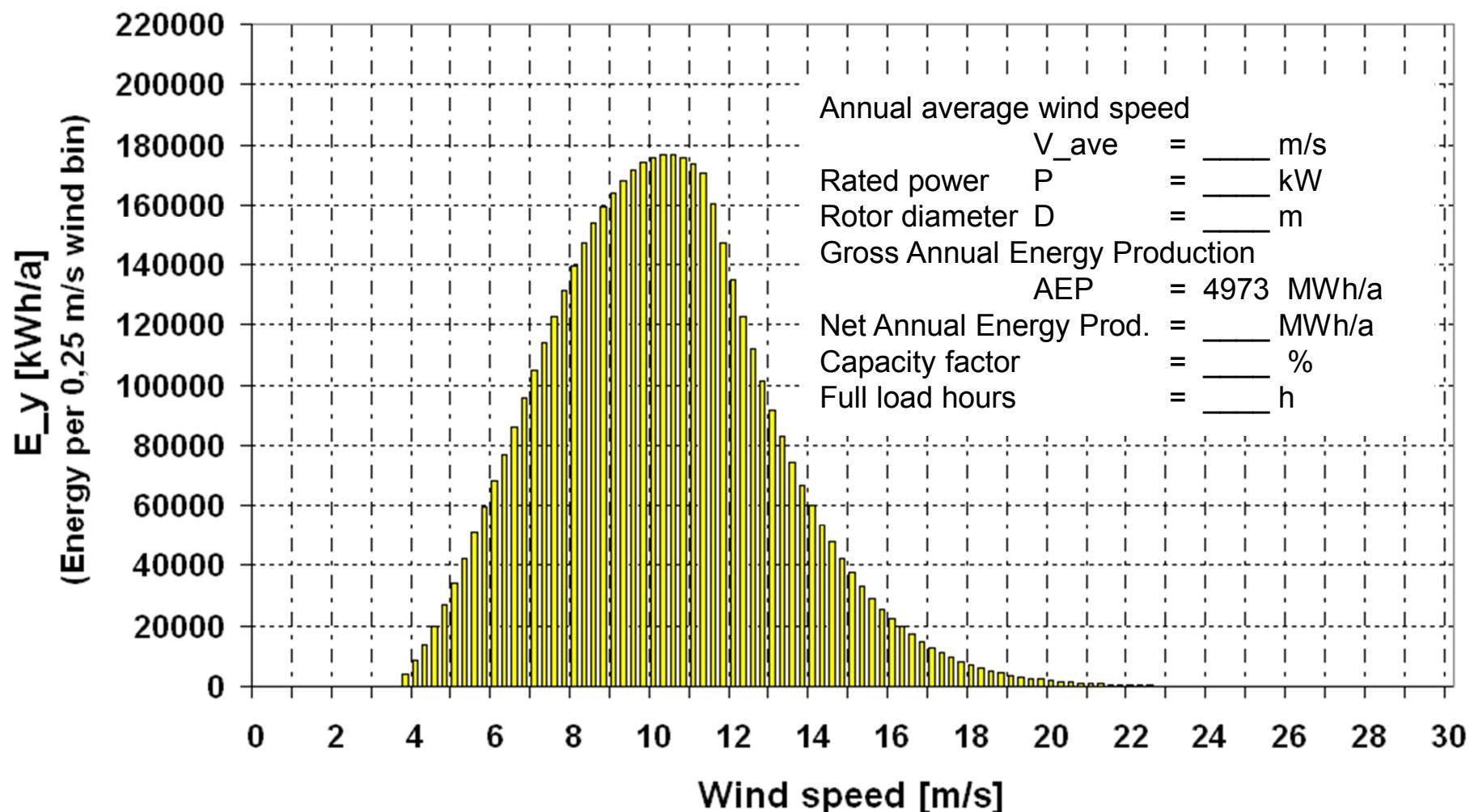


## Option C: different wind turbines



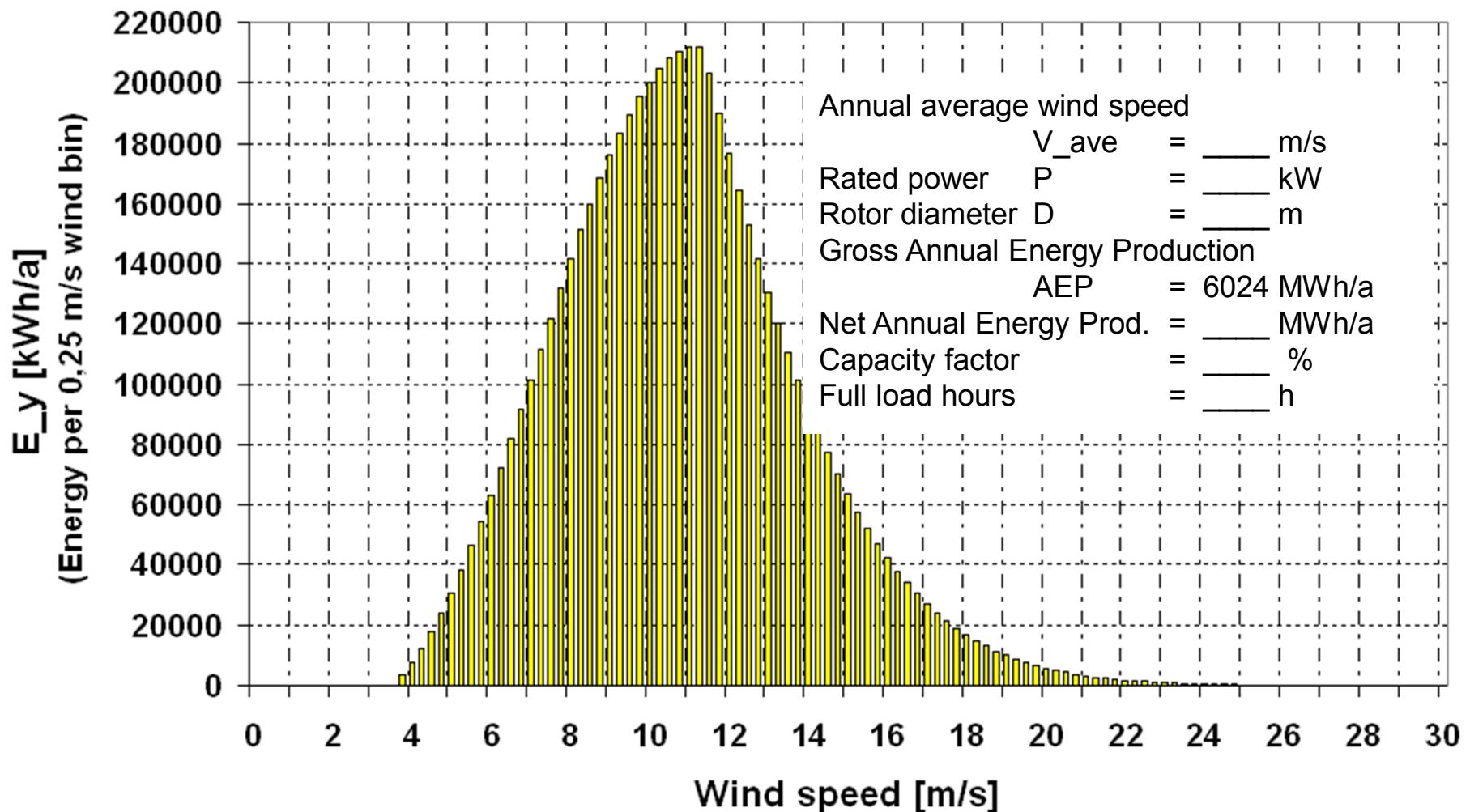
# Option \_\_

## Energy yield



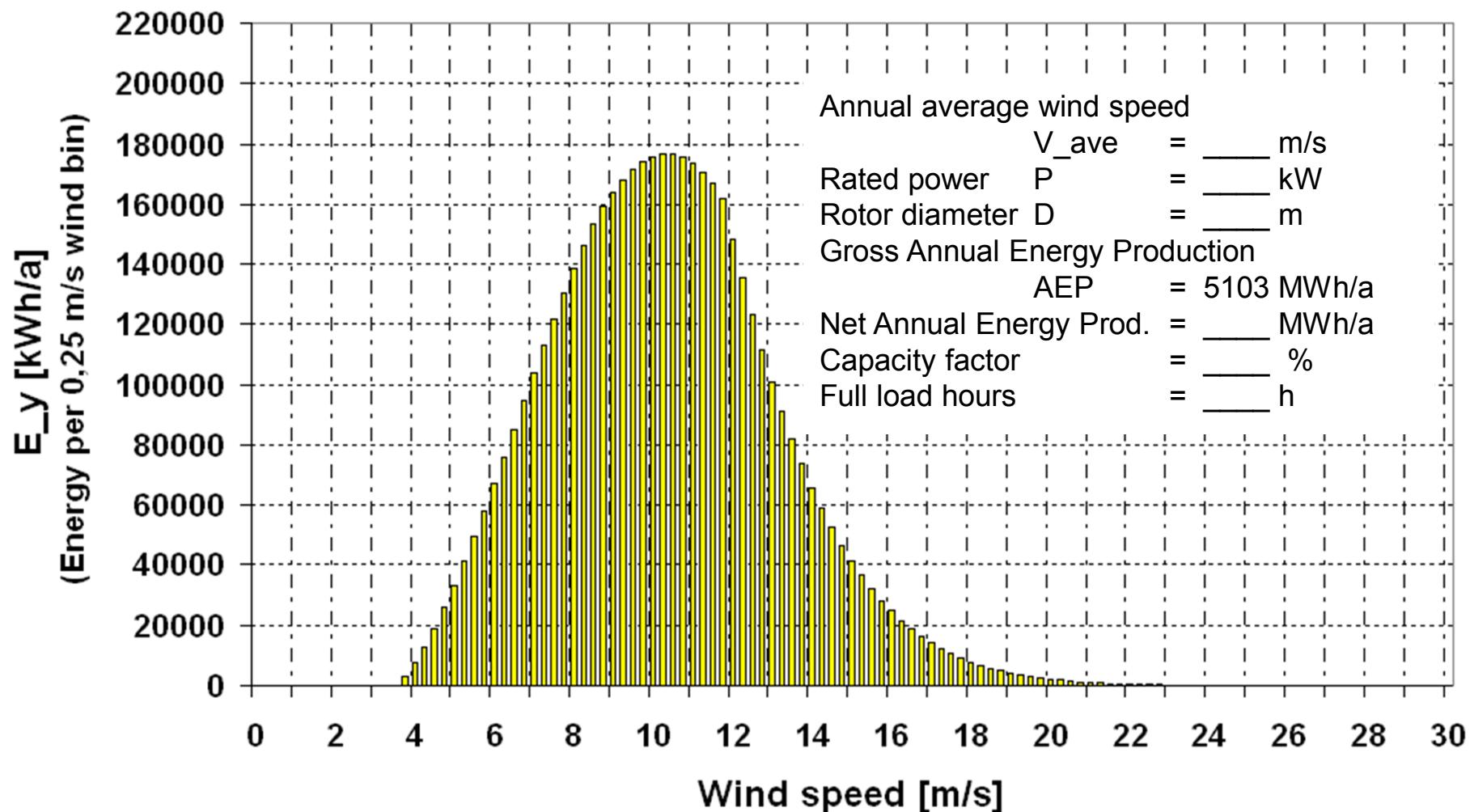
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## Energy yield



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