

# Internal Combustion Engines

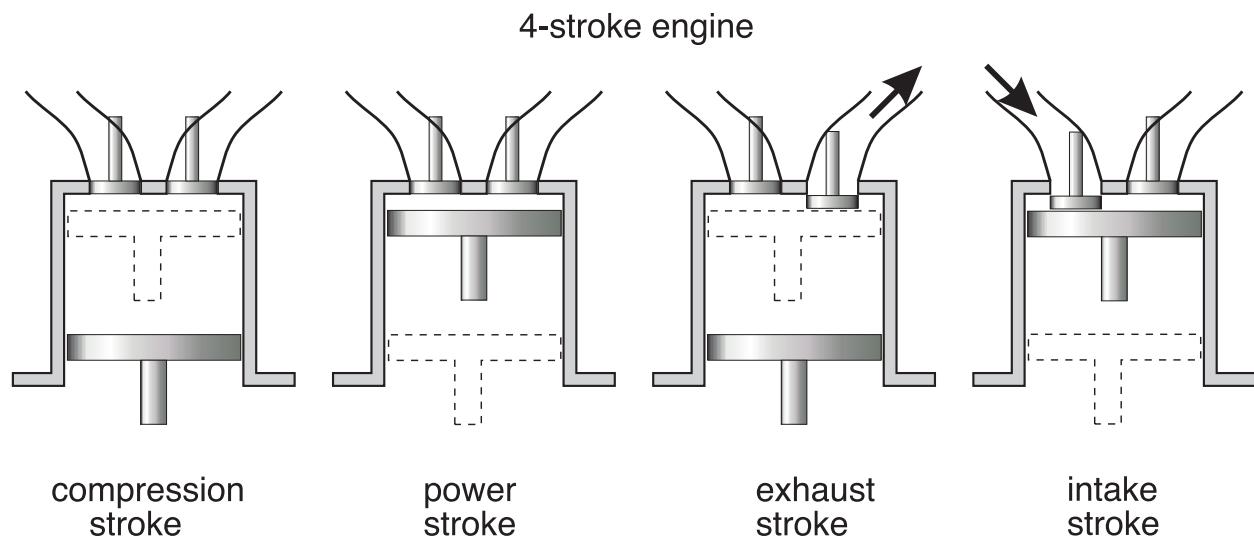


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## IC Engines

- although most gas turbines are also IC engines, the name is usually applied to reciprocating IC engines

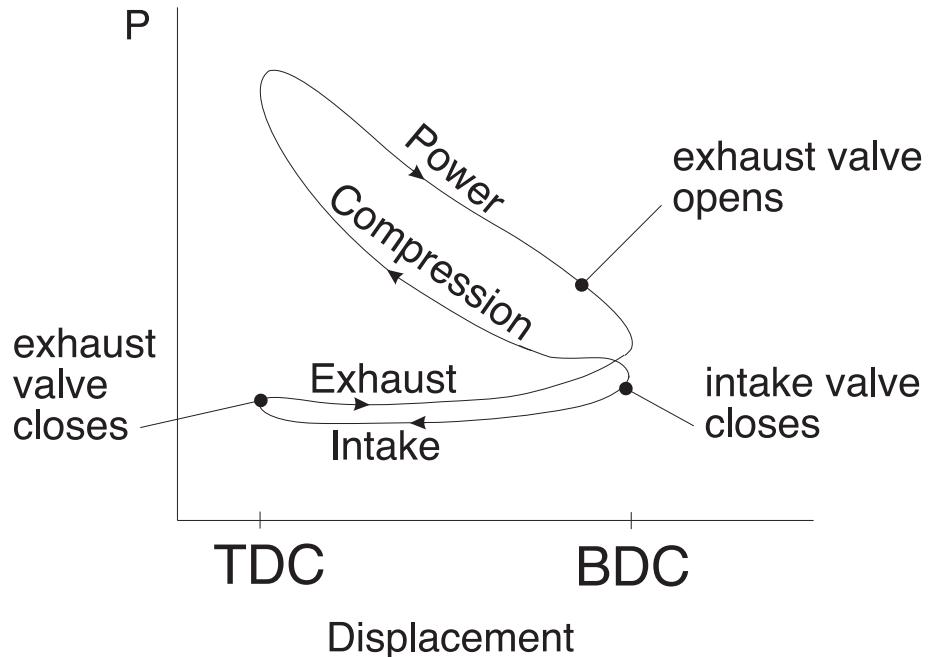


## Air Standard Cycle

A closed cycle model for the IC engine, such as the gasoline or diesel cycle. Some assumptions must be made in order to model this complex process.

### ASSUMPTIONS:

- air is an ideal gas with constant  $c_p$  and  $c_v$
- no intake or exhaust processes
- the cycle is completed by heat transfer to the surroundings



- the internal combustion process is replaced by a heat transfer process from a TER
- all internal processes are reversible
- heat addition occurs instantaneously while the piston is at TDC

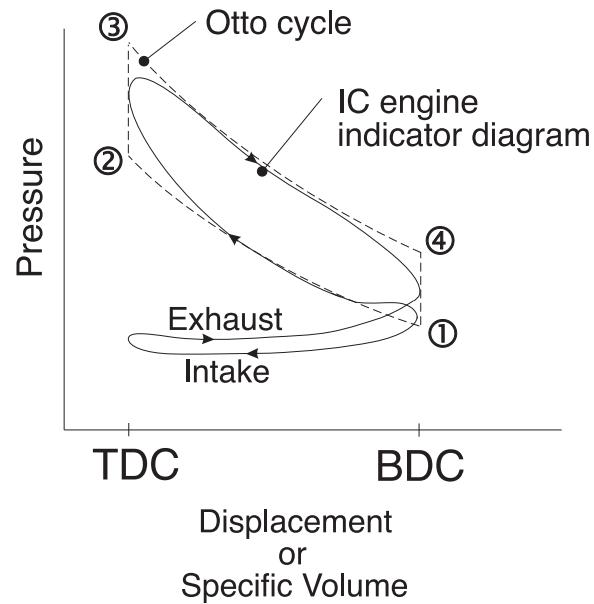
## Definitions

**Mean Effective Pressure (MEP):** The theoretical constant pressure that, if it acted on the piston during the power stroke would produce the same *net* work as actually developed in one complete cycle.

$$MEP = \frac{\text{net work for one cycle}}{\text{displacement volume}} = \frac{W_{net}}{V_{BDC} - V_{TDC}}$$

The mean effective pressure is an index that relates the work output of the engine to its size (displacement volume).

## Otto Cycle



The **Otto cycle** consists of four internally reversible processes in series

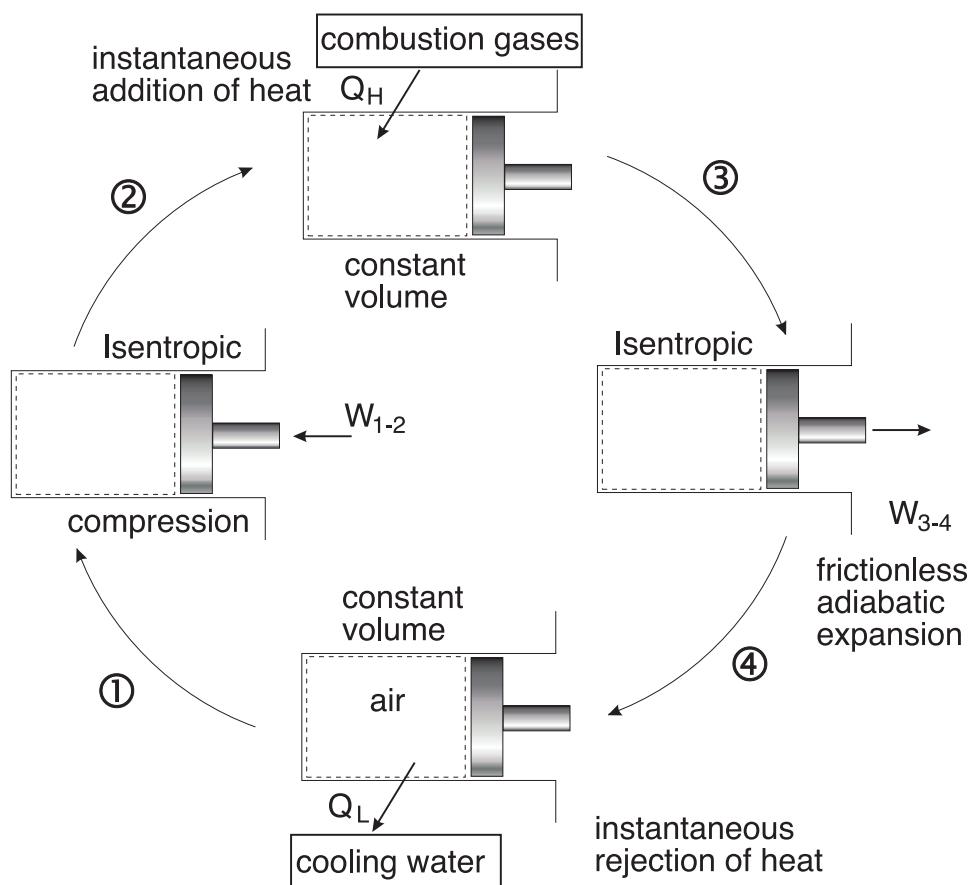
**1 → 2** isentropic compression or air as the piston moves from BDC to TDC

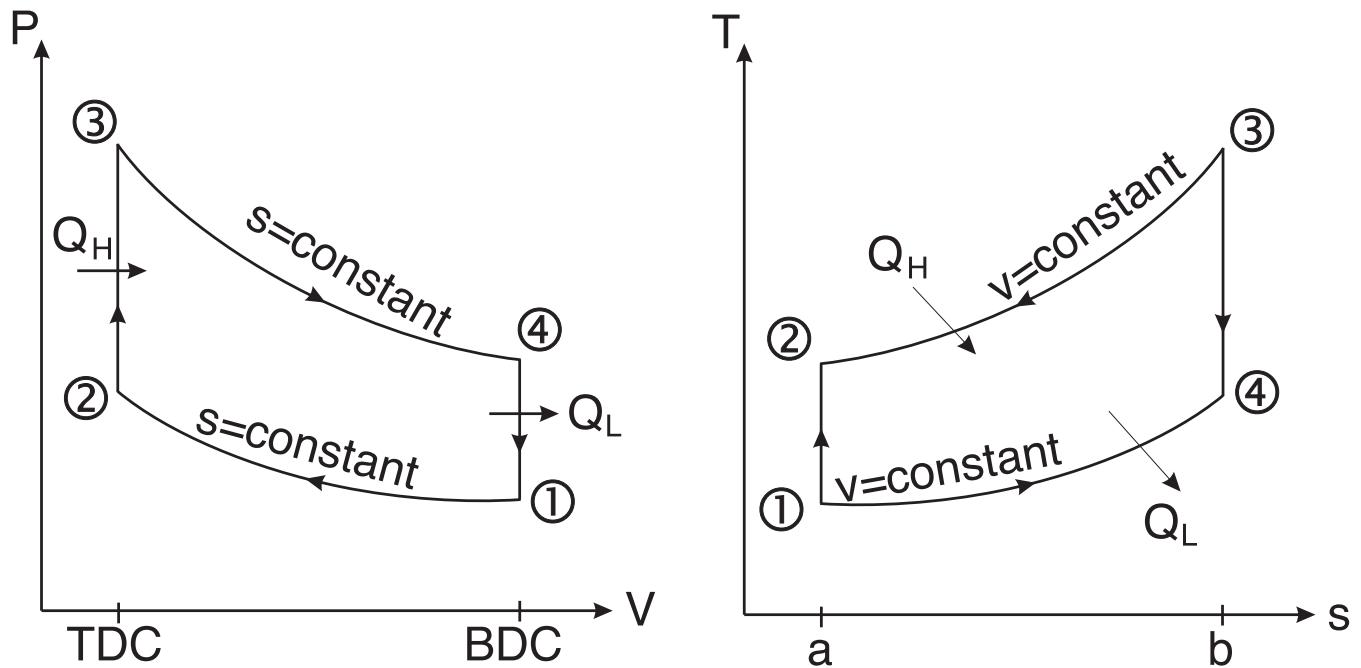
**2 → 3** constant volume heat addition to the fuel/air mixture from an external source while the piston is at TDC (represents the ignition process and the subsequent burning of fuel)

**3 → 4** isentropic expansion (power stroke)

**4 → 1** constant volume heat rejection at BDC

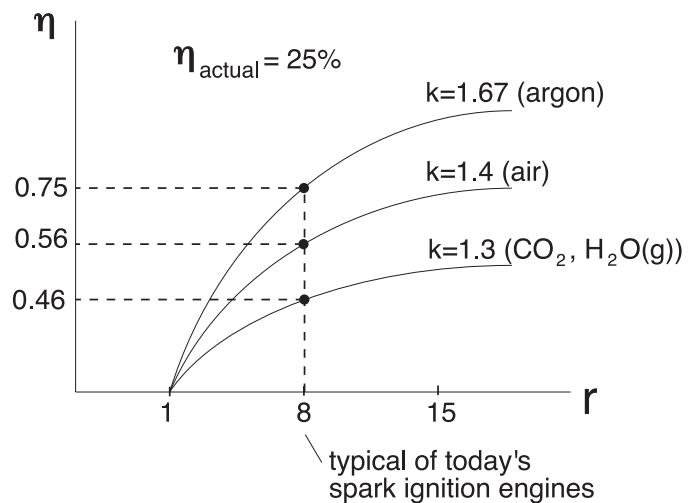
$$\eta_{Otto} = 1 - r^{1-k}$$





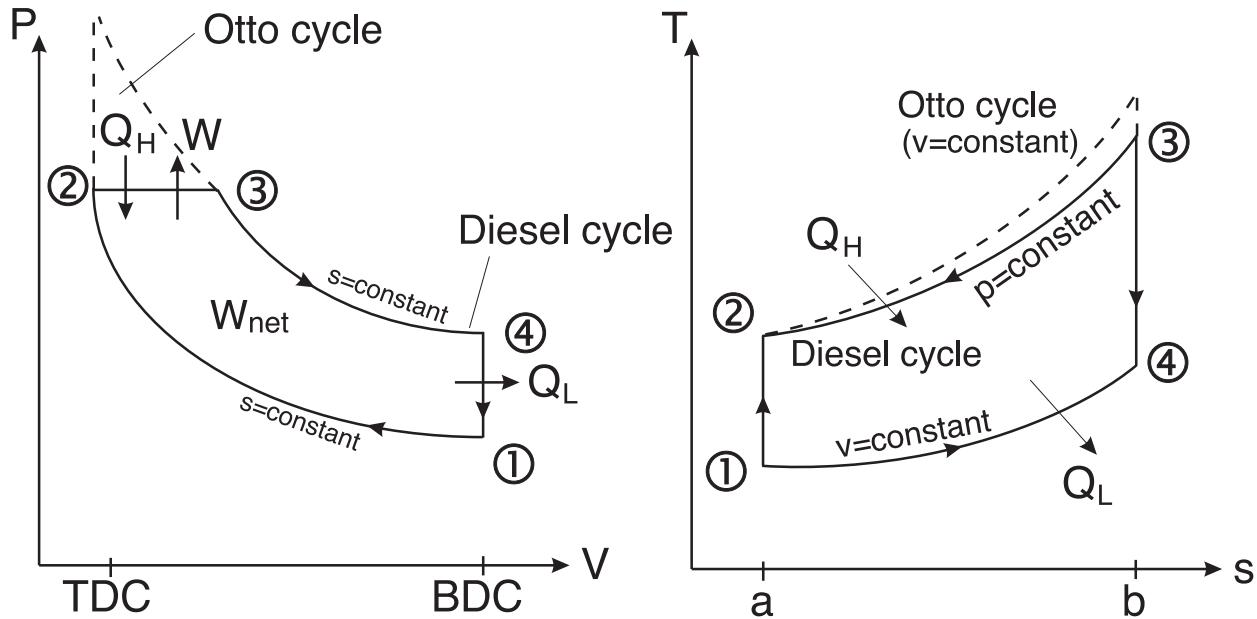
### Why not go to higher compression ratios?

- there is an increased tendency for the fuel to detonate as the compression ratio increases
- the pressure wave gives rise to engine knock
- can be reduced by adding tetraethyl lead to the fuel
- not good for the environment

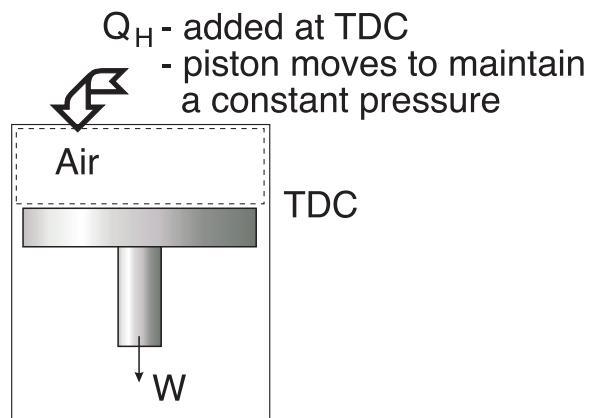


## Diesel Cycle

- an ideal cycle for the compression ignition engine (diesel engine)



### Aside: The Air Standard Diesel Cycle



- assumes heat addition occurs during a constant pressure process that starts with the piston at TDC

First, look at  $Q_L$ . From the 1st law

$$\frac{U_4}{m} - \frac{U_1}{m} = \frac{Q_L}{m} = c_v(T_4 - T_1)$$

Next look at  $Q_H$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_H &= W_{2-3} + (U_3 - U_2) \\
 \frac{Q_H}{m} &= \frac{W_{2-3}}{m} + \left( \frac{U_3}{m} - \frac{U_2}{m} \right) \\
 &= \int_2^3 P dv + (u_3 - u_2) \\
 &= (Pv_3 - Pv_2) + (u_3 - u_2) \\
 &= (u_3 + Pv_3) - (u_2 + Pv_2) \\
 &= h_3 - h_2 \\
 &= c_p(T_3 - T_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Diesel Cycle Efficiency

$$\eta_{Diesel} = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{k-1}} \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) \left( \frac{r_v^k - 1}{r_v - 1} \right)$$

Where we note

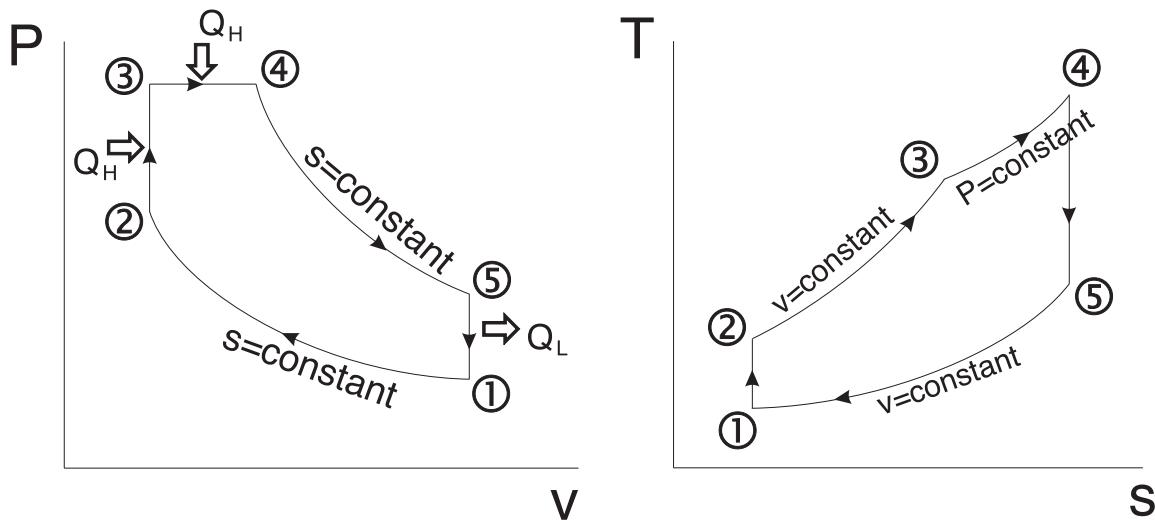
$$\eta_{Diesel} = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{k-1}} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{k} \right) \left( \frac{r_v^k - 1}{r_v - 1} \right)}_{=1 \text{ in the Otto Cycle}}$$

## Comparison of the Otto and the Diesel Cycle

- $\eta_{Otto} > \eta_{Diesel}$  for the same compression ratio
- but a diesel engine can tolerate a higher ratio since only air is compressed in a diesel cycle and spark knock is not an issue
- direct comparisons are difficult

## Dual Cycle (Limited Pressure Cycle)

- this is a better representation of the combustion process in both the gasoline and the diesel engines



- 1 - 2 isentropic compression
- 2 - 3 constant volume fuel injection and initial combustion
  - modelled as a reversible, constant volume heat addition
- 3 - 4 isobaric expansion as the fuel burns
  - modelled as a reversible, isobaric heat addition
- 4 - 5 isentropic expansion
- 5 - 1 exhausting of spent gases
  - modelled as a constant volume heat rejection process

## Dual Cycle Efficiency

Given

$$r = \frac{V_1}{V_2} = \text{compression ratio}$$

$$r_v = \frac{V_4}{V_3} = \text{cutoff ratio}$$

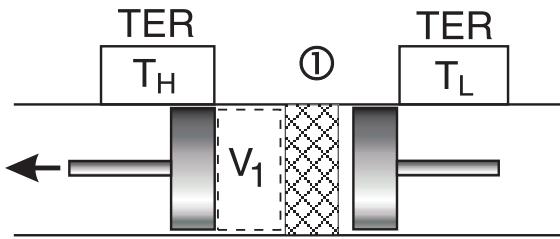
$$r_p = \frac{P_3}{P_2} = \text{pressure ratio}$$

$$\eta_{Dual} = 1 - \frac{r_p r_v^k - 1}{[(r_p - 1) + k r_p (r_v - 1)] r^{k-1}}$$

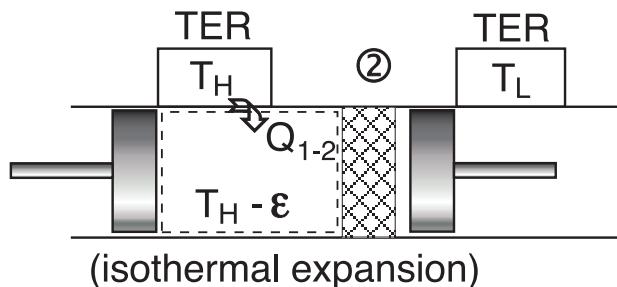
Note: if  $r_p = 1$  we get the diesel efficiency.

## Stirling Cycle

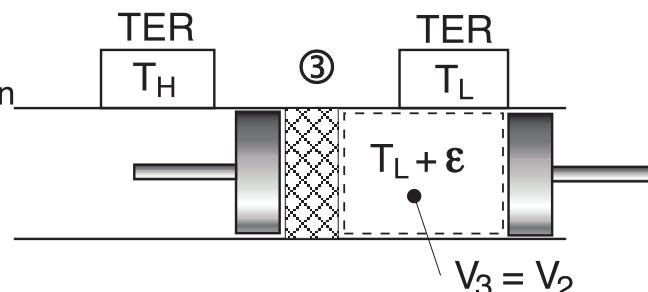
$① \rightarrow ②$   
isothermal expansion  
at high temperature  
- heat is added,  
volume expands



$② \rightarrow ③$   
constant volume  
process

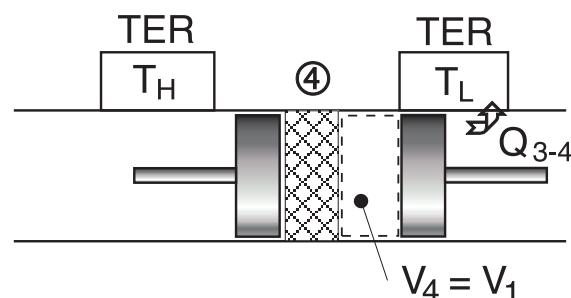


$③ \rightarrow ④$   
isothermal compression  
at low temperature

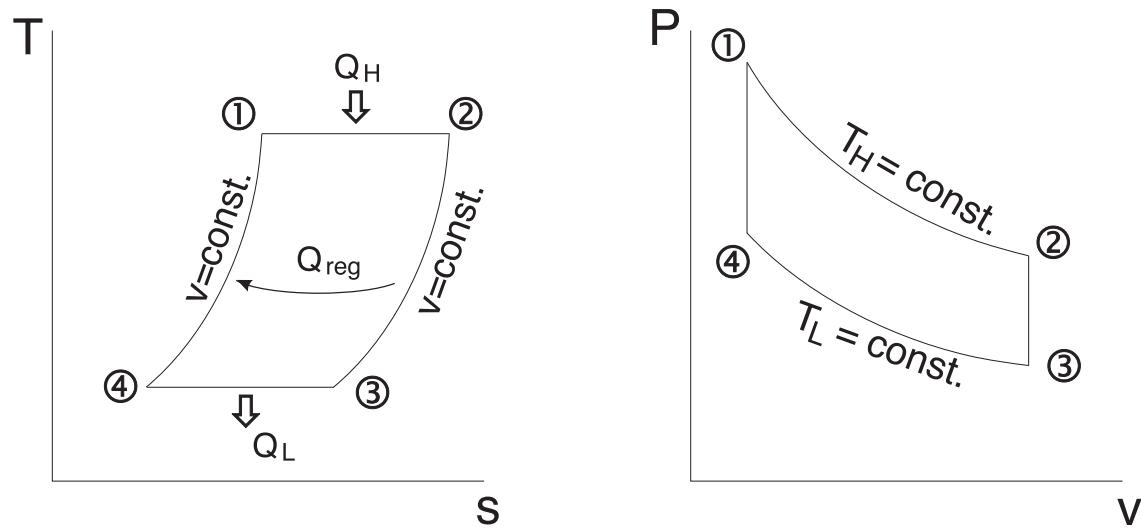
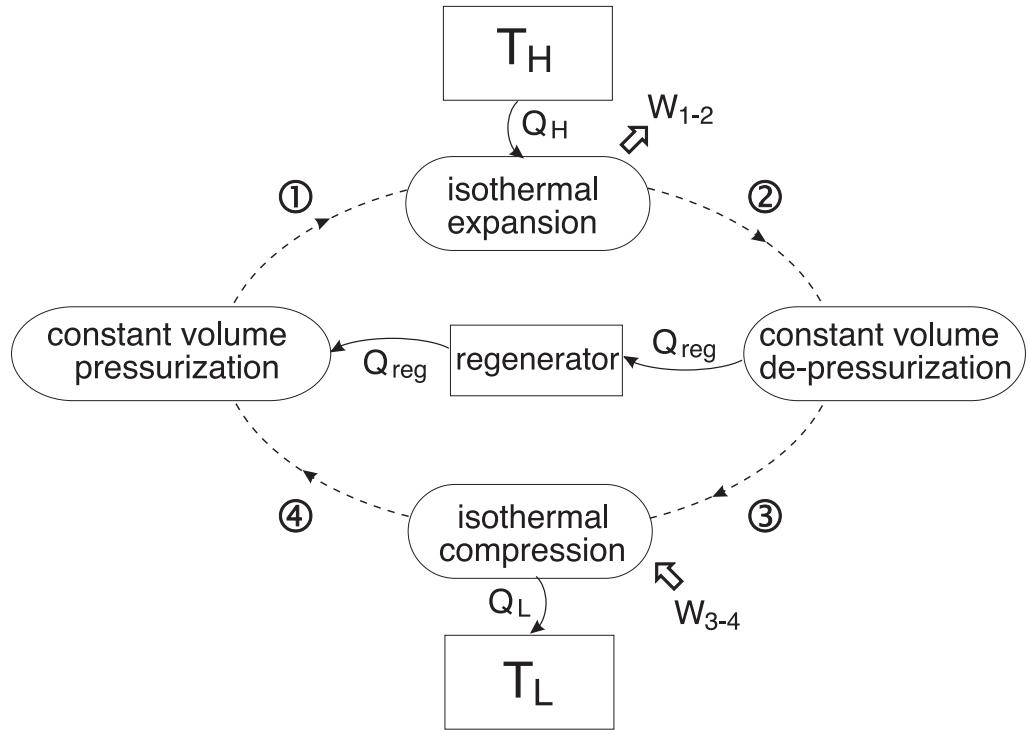


heat the regenerator  
by pushing the hot  
gas through it

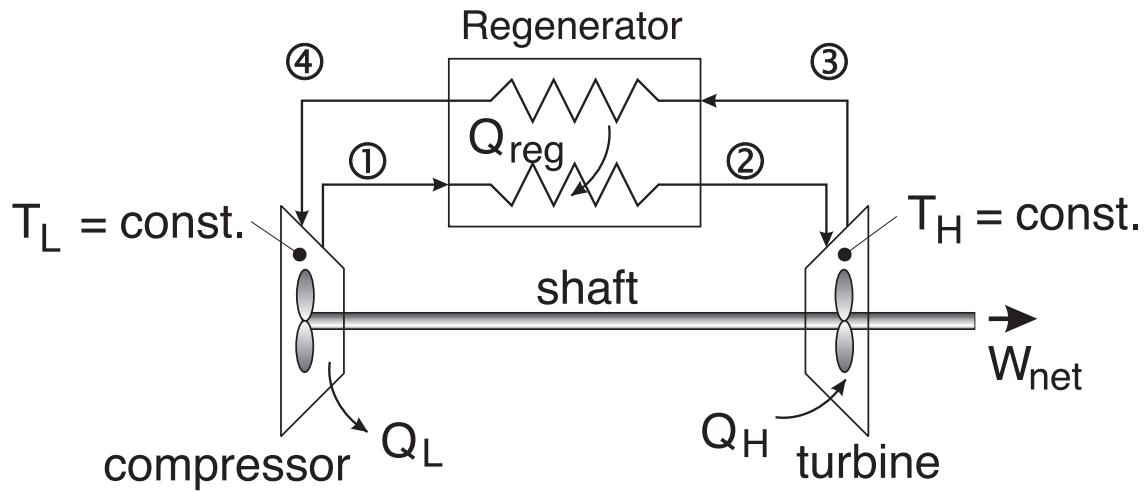
$④ \rightarrow ①$   
constant volume  
process



move both pistons  
to the left to get back  
to state 1.  
During this process the  
regenerator cools down  
by giving off energy to  
the gas



## Ericsson Cycle



- hardware is not complicated
- but it is very difficult to operate turbines and compressors isothermally
- can approach isothermal conditions by repeated intercooling (compressor) and repeated re-heating (turbines)
- $\eta_{Ericsson} = 1 - T_L/T_H$  (Carnot efficiency)

