

Internal Combustion Engines



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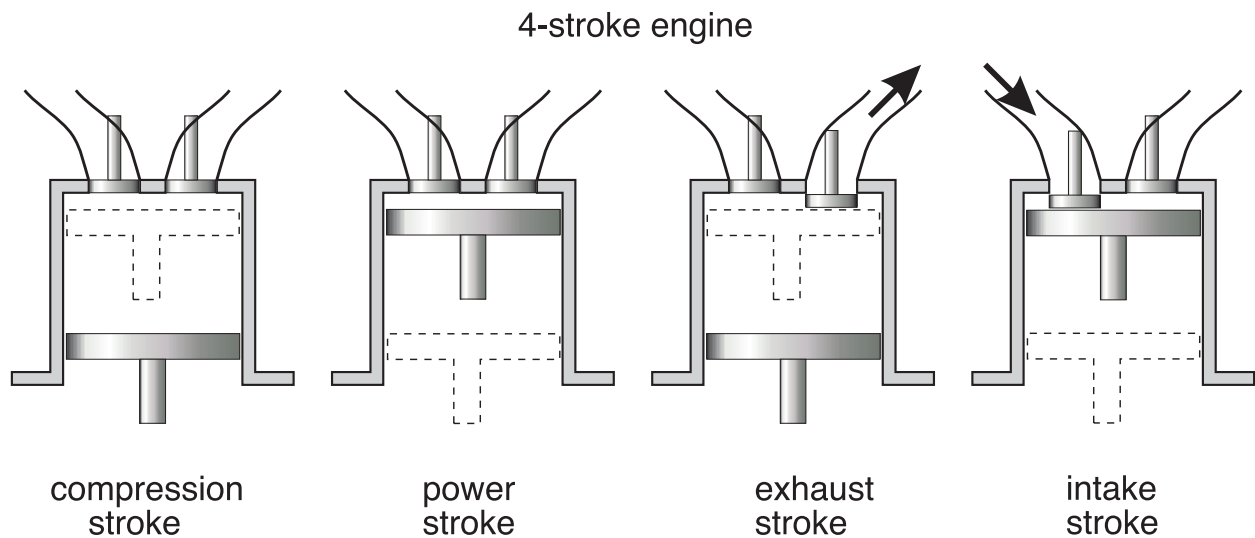
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Problems

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IC Engines

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

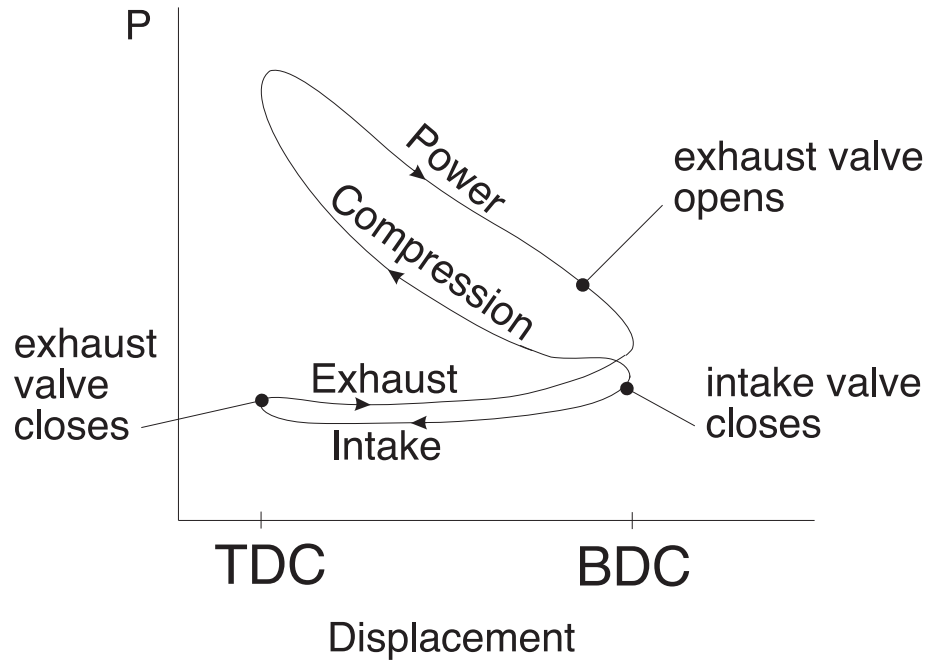


Air Standard Cycle

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

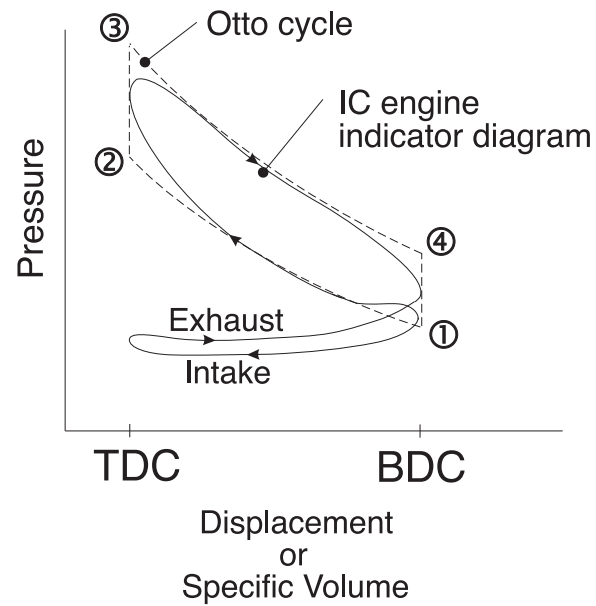
Definitions

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

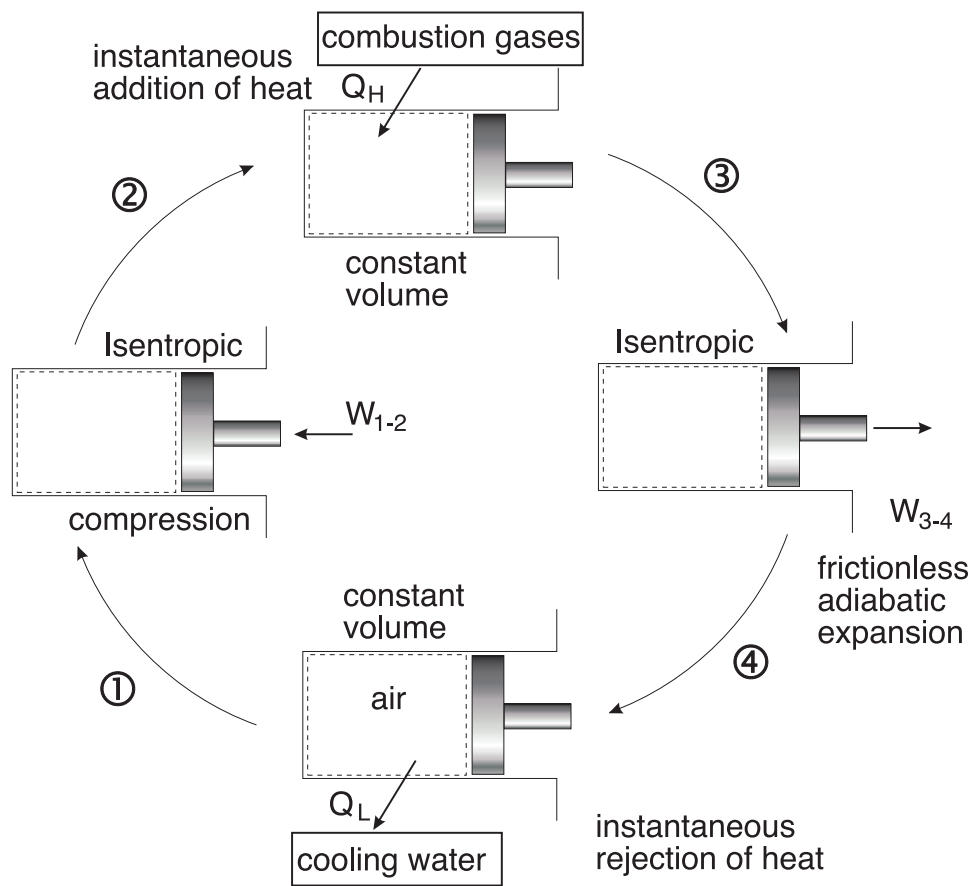
1 → 2 isentropic compression of air as the piston moves from BDC to TDC

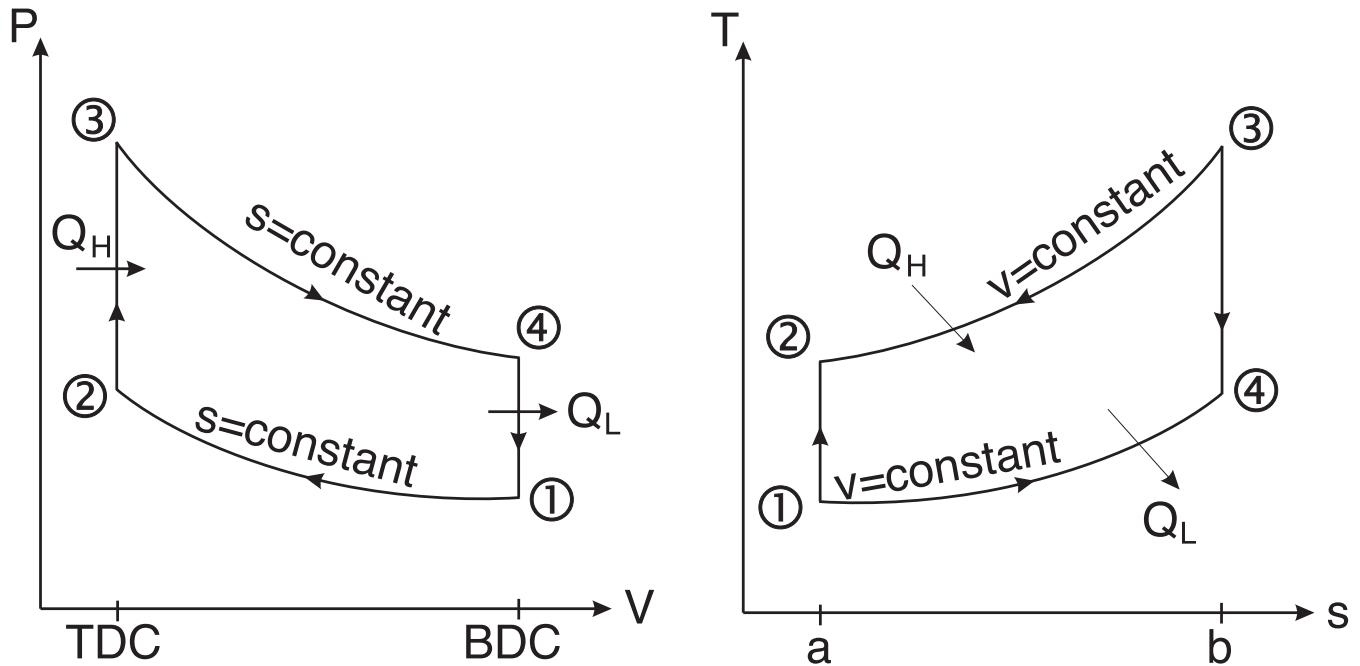
2 → 3 constant volume heat addition to the fuel/air mixture from an external source while the piston is at TDC (represents the ignition process and the subsequent burning of fuel)

3 → 4 isentropic expansion (power stroke)

4 → 1 constant volume heat rejection at BDC

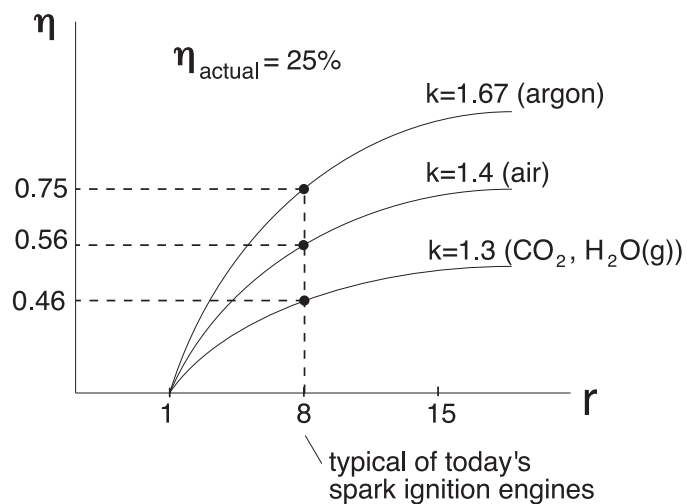
$$\eta_{Otto} = 1 - r^{1-k}$$





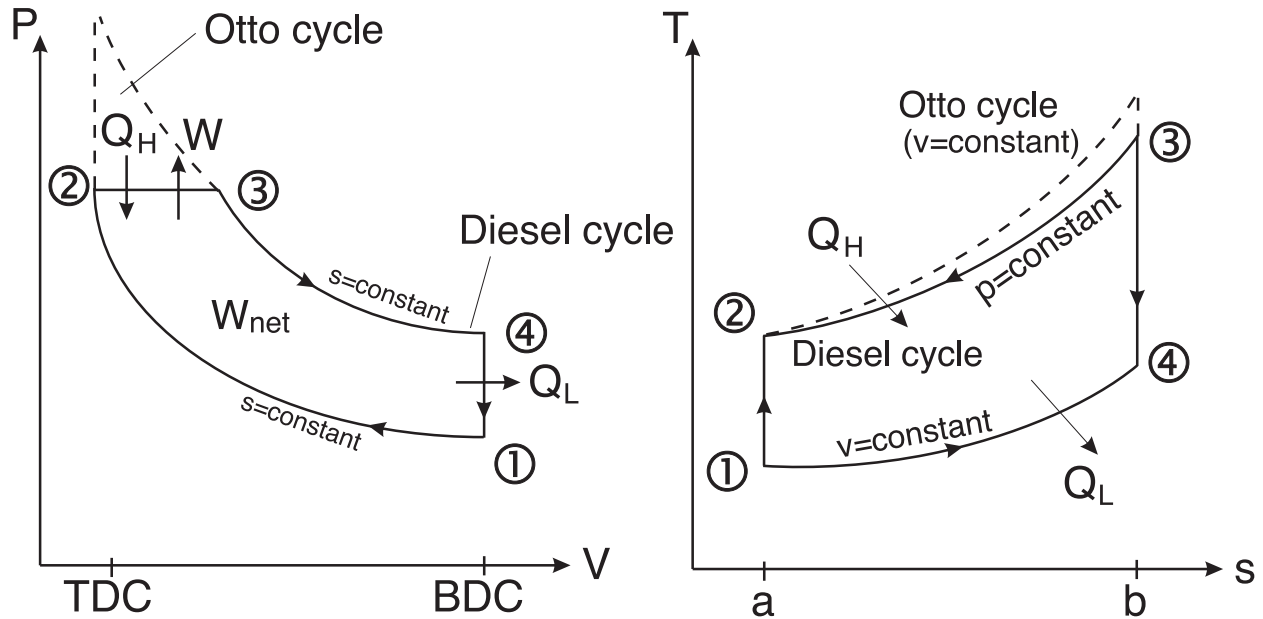
Why not go to higher compression ratios?

- 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

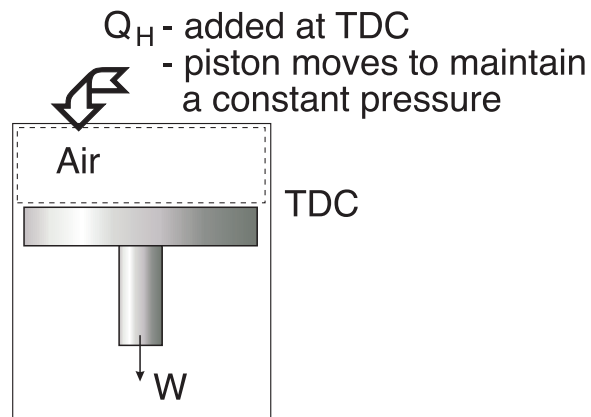


Diesel Cycle

- 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

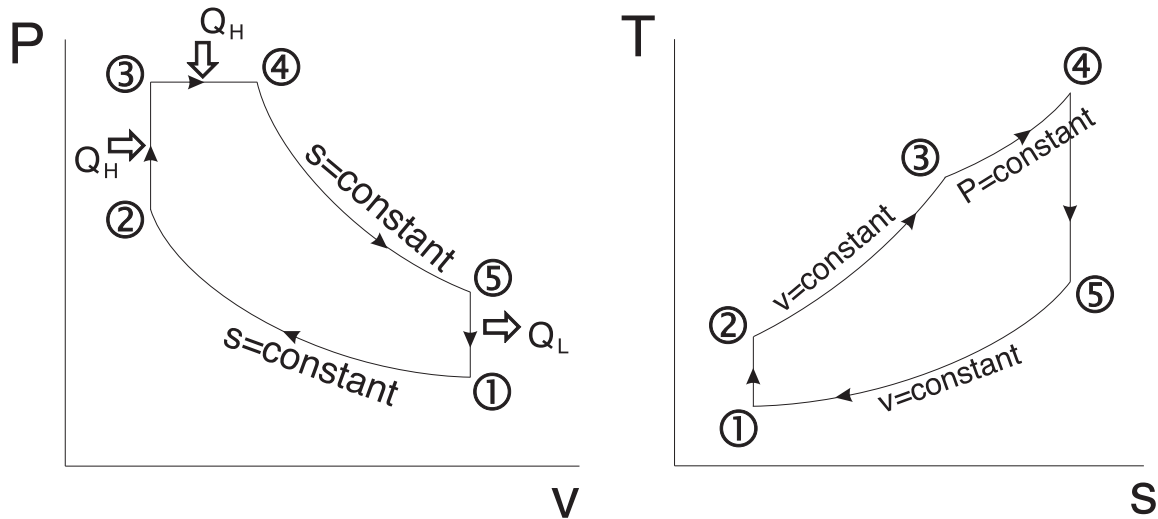
$$\eta_{Diesel} = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{k-1}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{k} \right) \left(\frac{r_v^k - 1}{r_v - 1} \right)}_{=1 \text{ in the Otto Cycle}}$$

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

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

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

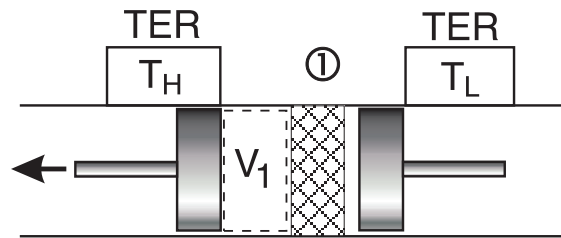
$$r_p = \frac{P_3}{P_2} = \text{pressure ratio}$$

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

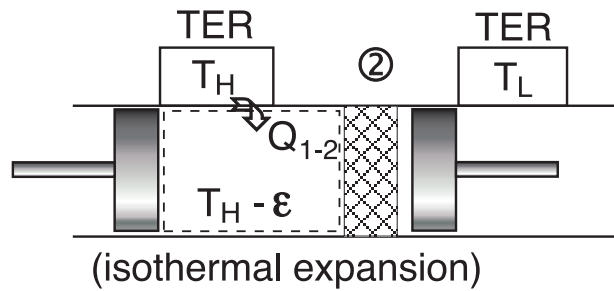
Note: if $r_p = 1$ we get the diesel efficiency.

Stirling Cycle

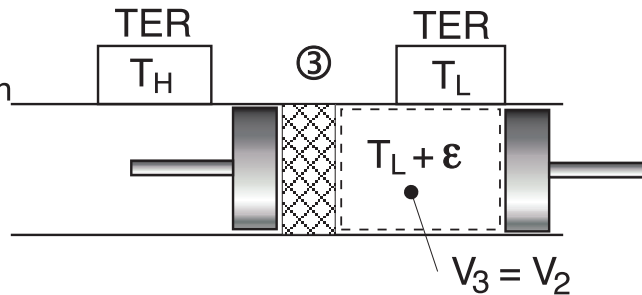
① → ②
isothermal expansion
at high temperature
- heat is added,
volume expands



② → ③
constant volume
process

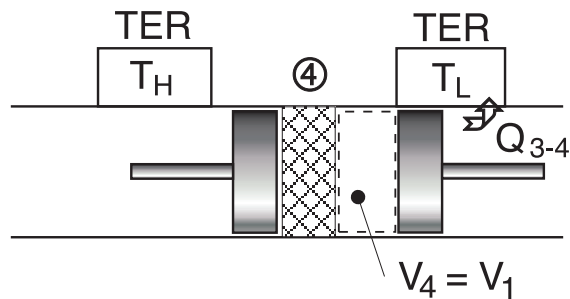


③ → ④
isothermal compression
at low temperature

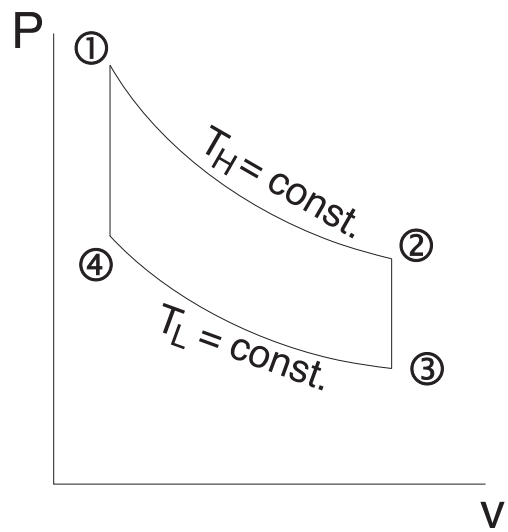
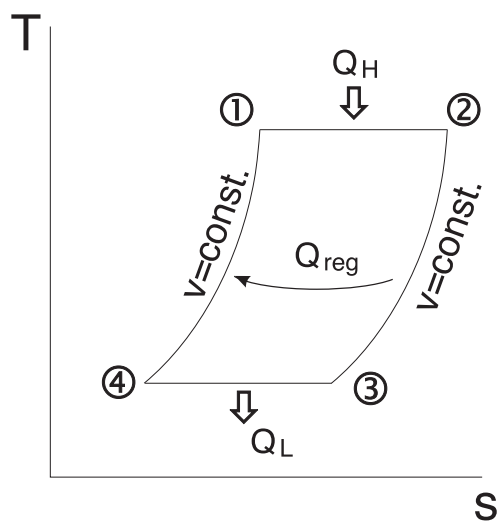
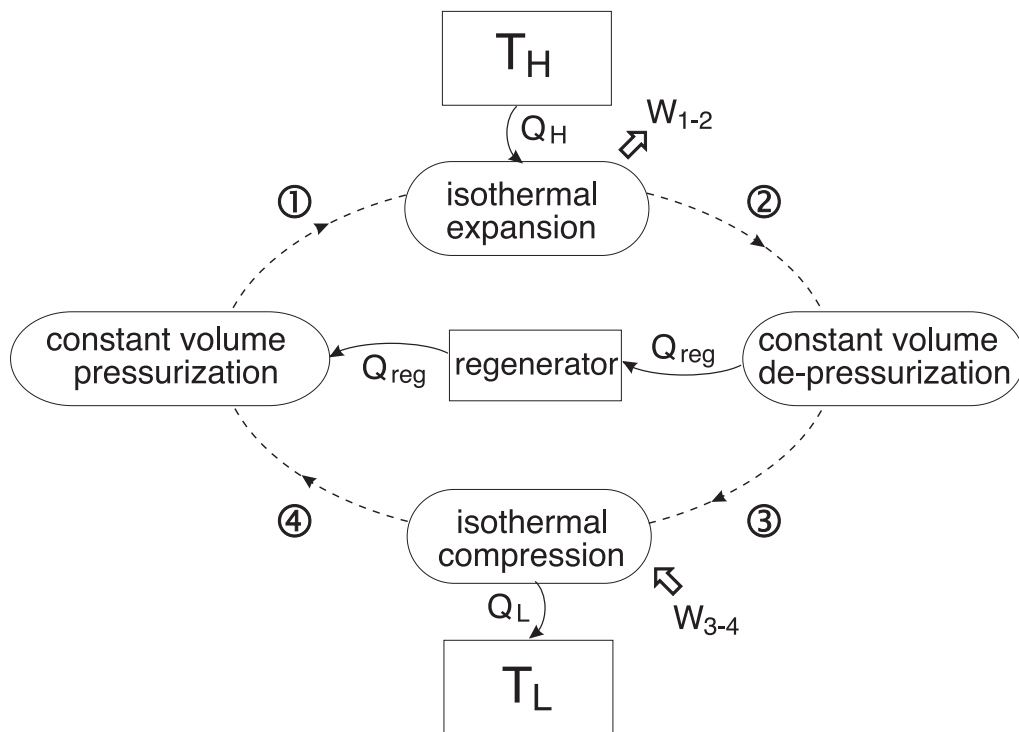


heat the regenerator
by pushing the hot
gas through it

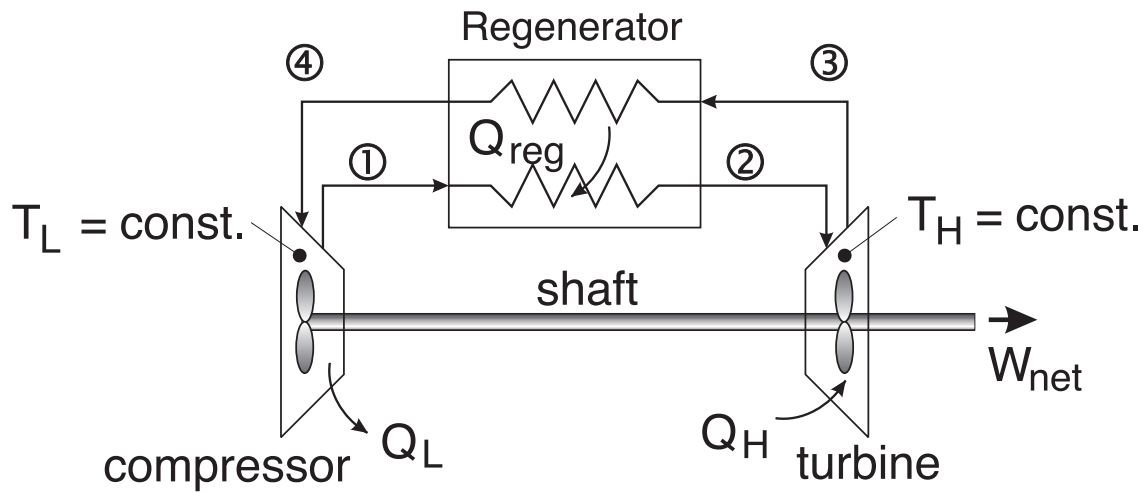
④ → ①
constant volume
process



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)

