

# PHY117 HS2023

Week 7, Lecture 2

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Adiabatic expansion: Gas volume expands without flow of heat in or out of the system.

$$\Delta U = \cancel{Q} - W \quad \boxed{\Delta U = -W}$$

If system expands, system does work.  
the work is then (+).

Then  $\Delta U$  is (-)  $\Rightarrow$  decrease in internal energy  
 $\Rightarrow$  temperature decreases.

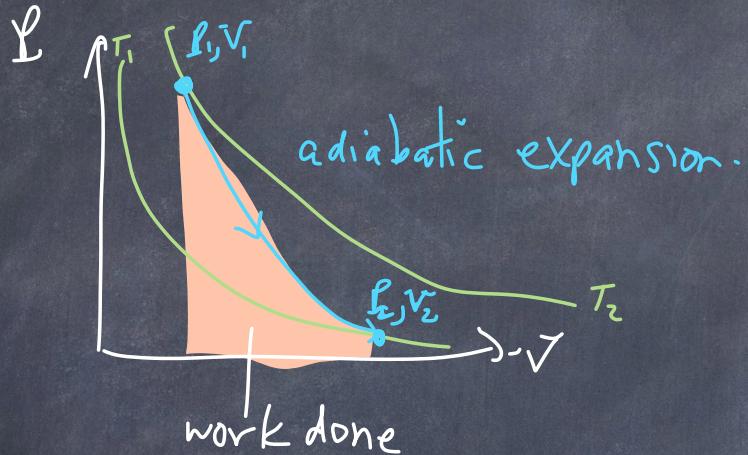
Adiabatic processes can happen in 2 ways:

- 1) so quick that heat can't be exchanged.
- 2) very slowly in a well-insulated system  
"quasi-static adiabatic process"



Adiabatic process :  $Q=0$  ,  $\Delta U = -W$

what is constant?  
what is the work done?



we know that  $dU = C_V dT$  <sup>for any ideal gas</sup>

$dW = P dV$  work done

$dU = -dW$  for an adiabatic process

For adiabatic processes:

$$\Delta U = -W$$

A diabatic process with an ideal gas:

$$PV^\gamma = \text{constant}$$

$$TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant}$$

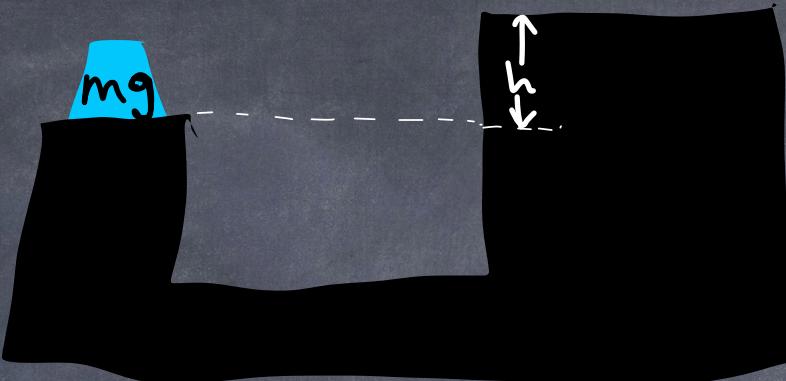
$$\text{where } \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{\gamma-1} (P_1 V_1 - P_2 V_2)$$

work done by  
a gas expanding  
adiabatically

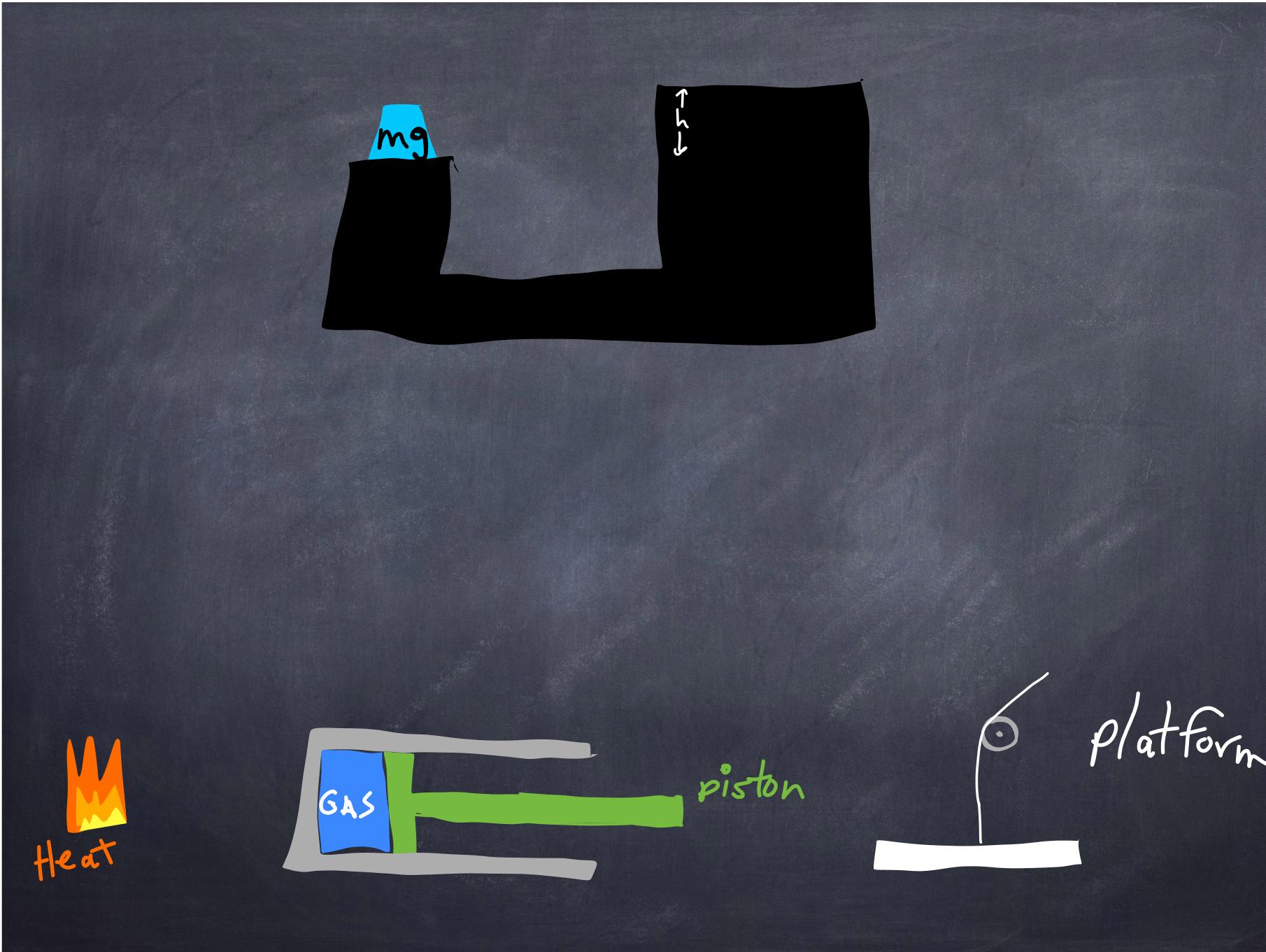
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in script 2

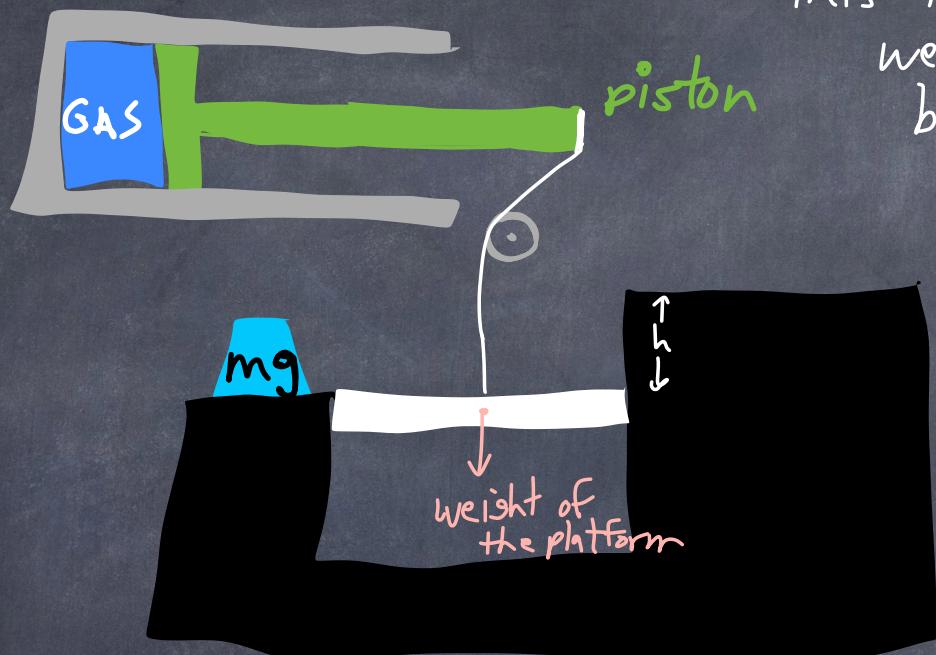
Suppose we want to lift this mass a height  $h$ .



Requires work  
 $W = mgh$

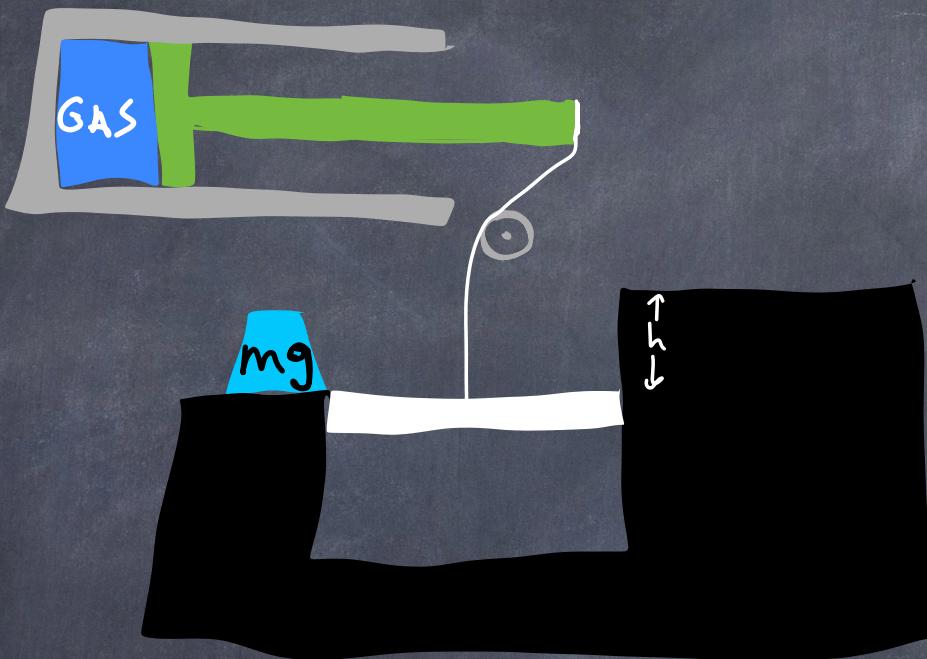
We want to use a gas to do this.

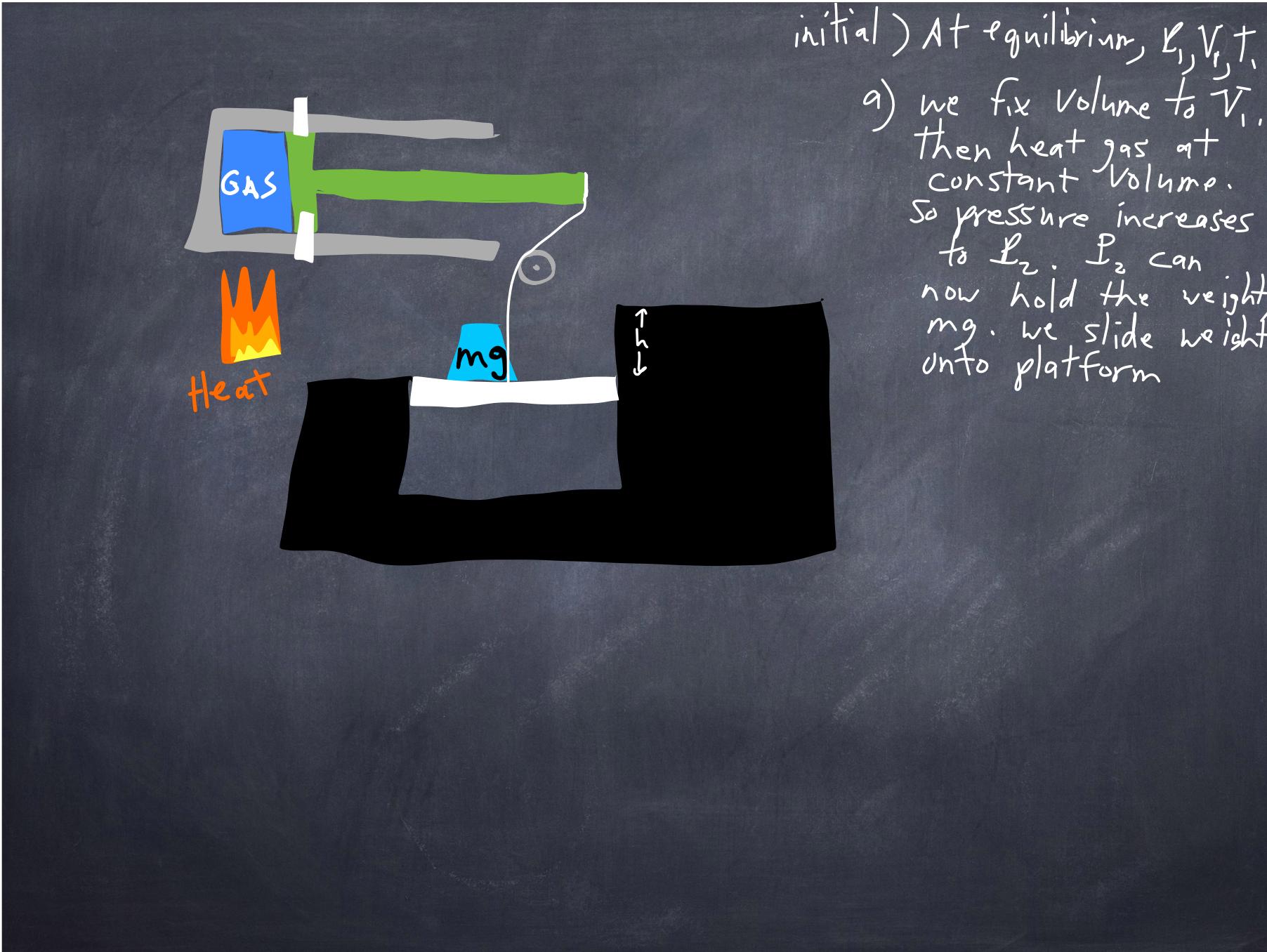




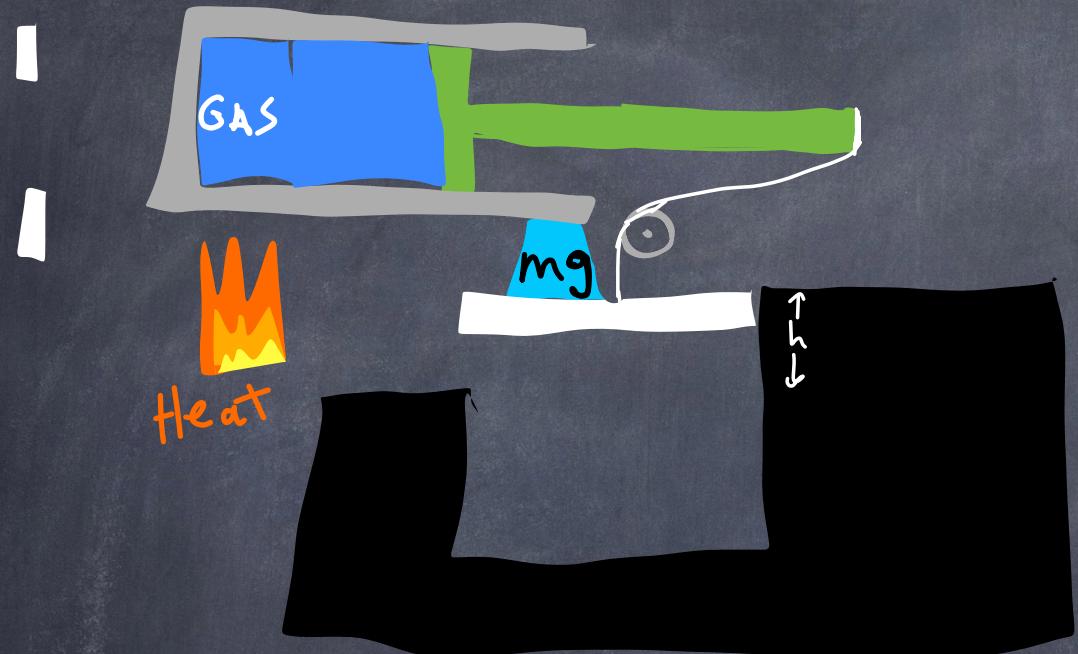
Initially, gas is at  $P_1, V_1, T_1$ .  
This is at equilibrium, so  
weight of the platform  
balances the force from  
the gas pressure.

initial) At equilibrium,  $P_i, V_i, T$





- a)  $P_1 \rightarrow P_2$ ,  $V_1$  constant  
 b)  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ ,  $P_2$  constant

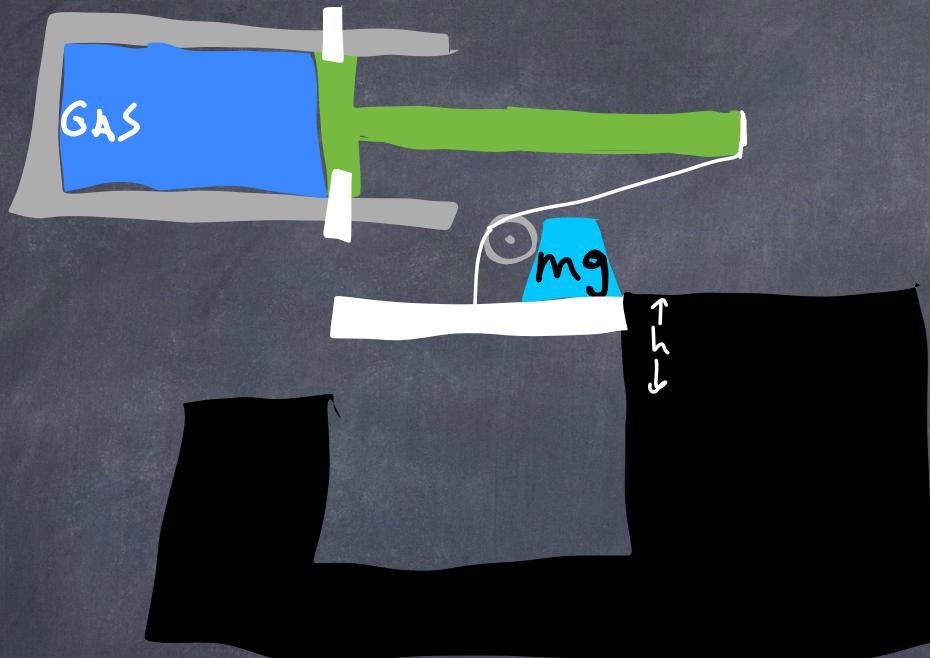


c) At equilibrium,  $P_1, V_1, T$ .  
 a) We fix volume at  $V_1$ . Then heat gas at constant volume. So pressure increases to  $P_2$ . We slide weight on platform. The pressure  $P_2$  can now hold the weight  $mg$ .

b) Unfix the volume. Heat the gas until volume increases to  $V_2$ . This raises the weight a height,  $h$ .

a)  $P_1 \rightarrow P_2$ ,  $V_1$  constant  
b)  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ ,  $P_2$  constant

c)  $P_2 \rightarrow P_1$ ,  $V_2$  constant



c) we fix the volume at  $V_2$ .  
Slide the weight over.  
remove the heat.  
pressure will decrease at  
constant volume,  $V_2$ , down to  $P_1$

d) At equilibrium,  $P_1, V_1, T$ .

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b) we continue to heat  
the gas until volume  
increases to  $V_2$ .  
This raises the weight  
a height  $h$ .

a)  $P_1 \rightarrow P_2, V_1$  constant  
b)  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2, P_1$  constant

c)  $P_2 \rightarrow P_1, V_2$  constant  
d)  $V_2 \rightarrow V_1, P_1$  constant



c) we fix the volume at  $V_2$ .  
Slide over the weight.

Remove the heat.  
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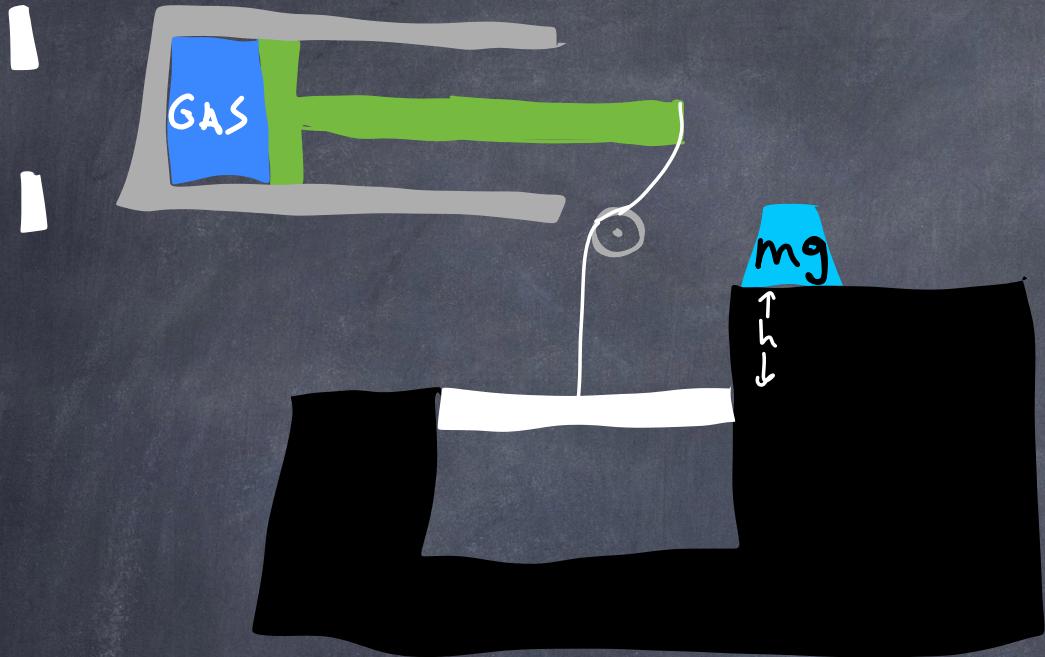
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This raises the weight  
a height  $h$ .

d) Unfix the volume, continue  
to remove heat. The volume  
will decrease at constant  
pressure  $P_1$ , down to  $V_1$ .  
This lowers the platform.

a)  $P_1 \rightarrow P_2, V_1$  constant  
 b)  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2, P_2$  constant

c)  $P_2 \rightarrow P_1, V_2$  constant  
 d)  $V_2 \rightarrow V_1, P_1$  constant



c) we fix the volume at  $V_2$ .  
 slide over the weight.

Remove the heat.

Pressure will decrease at  
 constant volume  $V_2$  to  $P_1$ .

final = initial)  $P_1, V_1, T_1$   
 platform is in original position.  
 but we've done work  $W = mgh$

initial) At equilibrium,  $P_1, V_1, T_1$

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 Then heat gas at  
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 So pressure increases  
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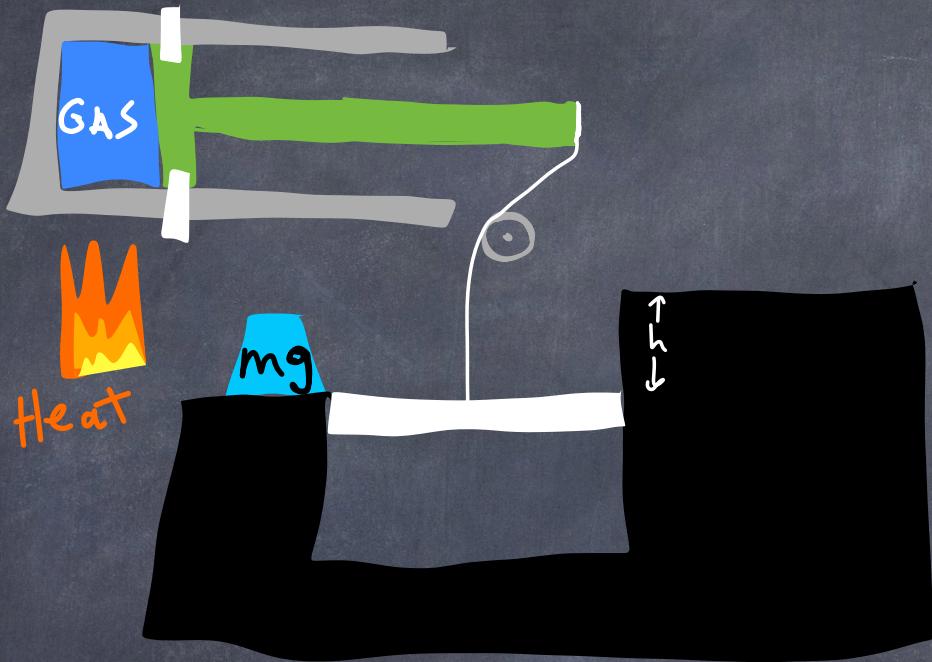
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 a height  $h$ .

d) Unfix the volume. We  
 continue to allow heat to  
 be removed. The volume  
 will decrease at constant  
 pressure  $P_1$  to  $V_1$ .

Summary :



cycle:

a: heat at fixed volume, pressure increases.

b: heat at fixed pressure, volume increases. work(+)

c: cool at fixed volume, pressure decreases.

d: cool at fixed pressure, volume decreases. work(-)

Total work done by system =  $\bar{F} \cdot \bar{x} = F_g h = mgh \Rightarrow W=mgh$

Cycle:

- a: heat at fixed  $V$ ,  $P$  increases
- b: heat at fixed  $P$ ,  $V$  increases
- c: cool at fixed  $V$ ,  $P$  decreases
- d: cool at fixed  $P$ ,  $V$  decreases

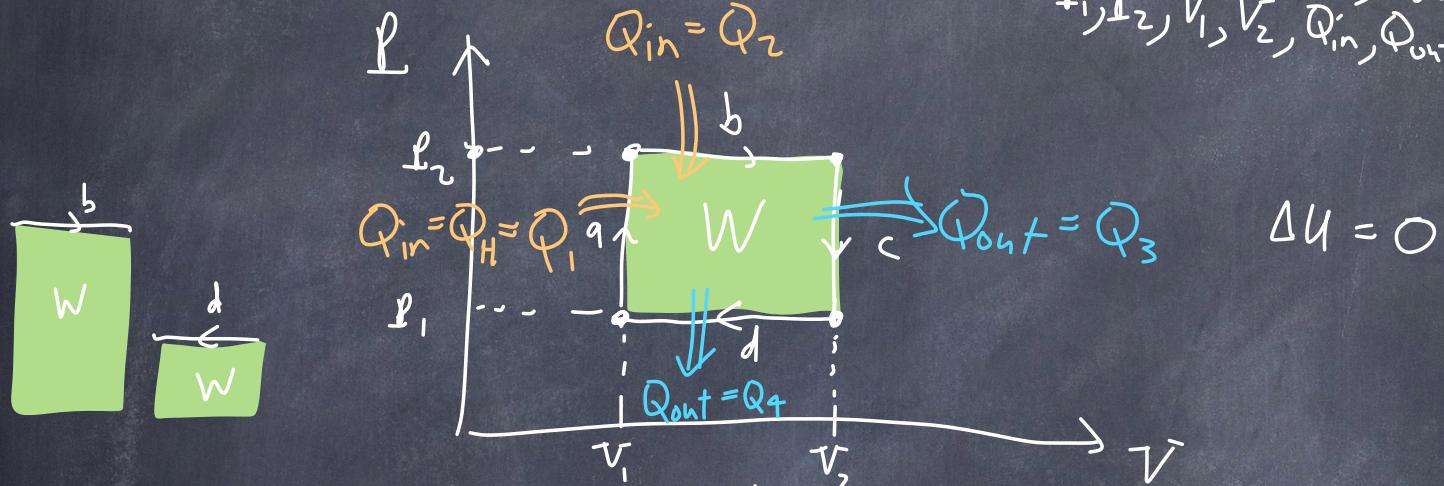
Draw:

$P$  vs.  $V$  cycle, showing  
heat coming in and out,  
show the work.

$\Delta U$ ,  $W$ ,  $Q_{in}$ ,  $Q_{out}$ . Now do  
 $P_1, P_2, V_1, V_2, Q_{in}, Q_{out}$  relate to  $h$ .

height

Calculate:



$$\Delta U = 0$$

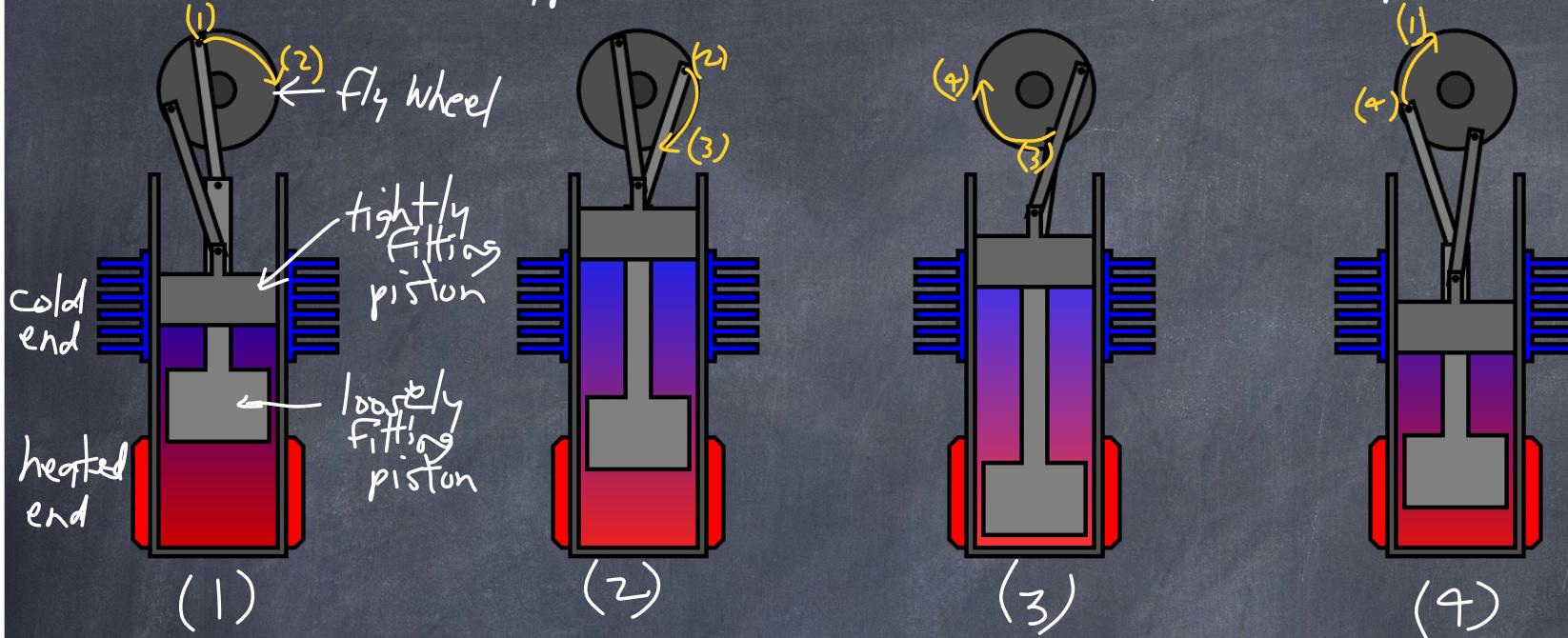
work done :  $P_2(V_2 - V_1) - P_1(V_2 - V_1) = (P_2 - P_1)(V_2 - V_1)$

$Q_{in} = Q_1 + Q_2$  heat into system (+)

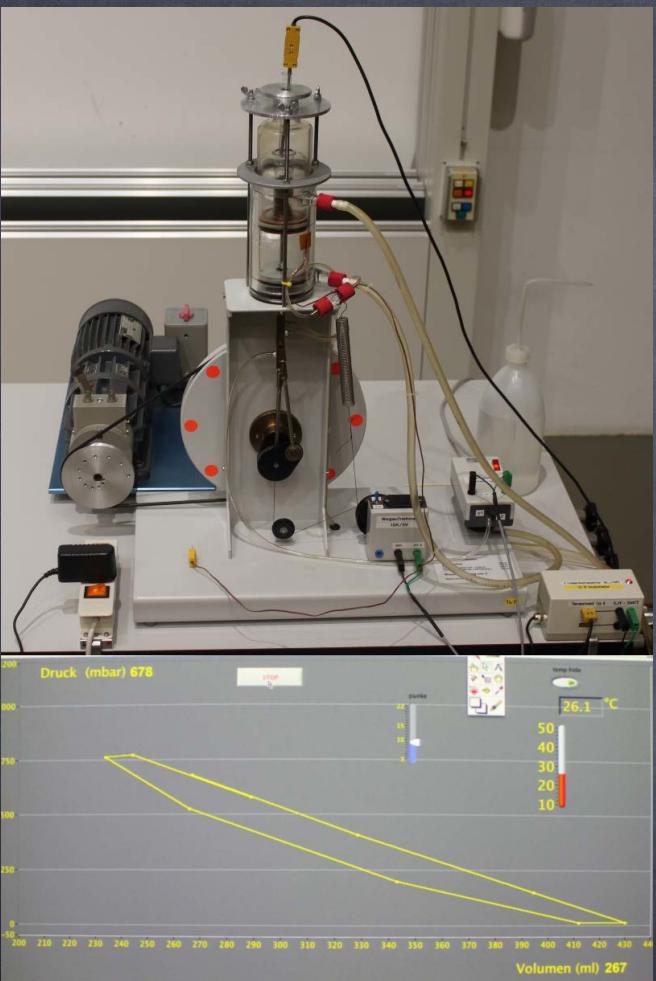
$Q_{out} = Q_3 + Q_4$  heat out system (-)

$$W = mgh = \text{area of } \frac{PV}{\text{diagram}} = (P_2 - P_1)(V_2 - V_1) = Q_{in} - Q_{out}$$

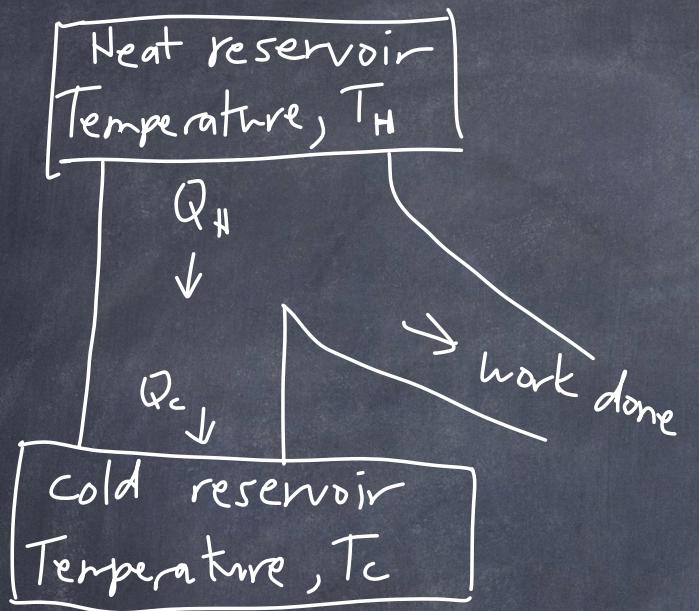
Stirling "Beta type" motor : 1 chamber + 2 pistons.



1) Most gas is in the hot end. The gas increase in pressure from heat and expands into the colder area. (2) The tight piston is pushed up (power stroke). The wheel is spinning, and pushes the loose piston down. This moves the hot gas to the cold end. The hot gas is cooled, causing gas to contract, so the tight piston is pulled down. The wheel continues to spin, pulling the loose piston up. Back to (1)



# Heat engine (heat converted to work)



In a cycle, initial & final state are the same, so no change in internal energy (no change in  $U$ )

From 1st law of thermodynamics,

$$Q = \Delta U + W$$

$$W = Q_H - |Q_C| \quad \left( \text{avoids confusion with } || \right)$$

The efficiency is defined as the work divided by the heat taken from the hot reservoir:

$$\epsilon = \frac{W}{Q_H} = \frac{Q_H - |Q_C|}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{|Q_C|}{Q_H}$$

This is the maximum possible efficiency

The 2nd law of thermodynamics for heat engines:  
It is impossible for a heat engine to convert 100%  
of heat from a heat source (at constant temp.)  
into work energy. \*caveat

Typical efficiencies:

steam engine  $\sim 40\%$

internal combustion engine  $\sim 25\%$

Formula One engine  $\sim 47\%$

rocket engine  $\sim 70\%$

\* It is possible during  
a thermal expansion step,  
but not in a cycle.



What is the maximum possible efficiency of a heat engine cycle? We can calculate this for a reversible process, (no energy lost to friction, no heat conduction, no radiation)

All reversible engines have the same efficiency.

So we just need one case to calculate. Solved by Carnot in 1824; he used an ideal gas cycle.

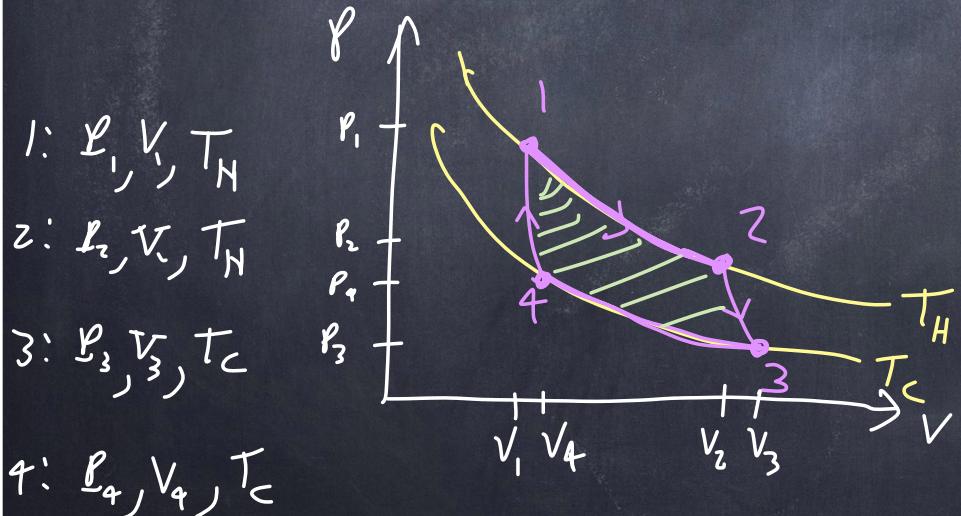
1 → 2: isothermal expansion  
 $\Delta U = 0$

2 → 3: adiabatic expansion  
 $Q = 0$

3 → 4: isothermal compression  
 $\Delta U = 0$

4 → 1: adiabatic compression  
 $Q = 0$

efficiency of cycle  $\epsilon = 1 - \frac{Q_L}{Q_H}$



$$1 \rightarrow 2: Q_H = W = \int_{V_1}^{V_2} P dV = nRT_H \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{dV}{V} = nRT_H \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$$

$$3 \rightarrow 4: |Q_d| = |-W| = nRT_C \ln \frac{V_3}{V_4}$$

Look at  $2 \rightarrow 3 + 4 \rightarrow 1$ : These are adiabatic processes.  
 $TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant}$        $PV^\gamma = \text{constant}$

$$2 \rightarrow 3: T_H V_2^{\gamma-1} = T_C V_3^{\gamma-1} \quad \frac{T_H}{T_C} = \frac{V_3^{\gamma-1}}{V_2^{\gamma-1}}$$

$$4 \rightarrow 1: T_C V_4^{\gamma-1} = T_H V_1^{\gamma-1} \quad \frac{T_H}{T_C} = \frac{V_4^{\gamma-1}}{V_1^{\gamma-1}}$$

If must be that  $\frac{T_H}{T_C} = \frac{V_3}{V_2} = \frac{V_4}{V_1} \Rightarrow \frac{V_3}{V_4} = \frac{V_2}{V_1}$

$$\epsilon = 1 - \frac{|Q_c|}{Q_N} = 1 - \frac{nR T_c \ln \frac{T_3}{T_4}}{nR T_H \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}}$$

the same

$$\epsilon = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_H}$$

$\epsilon_c$ : The Carnot efficiency:

$$\epsilon_c = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_H} \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{T_c}{T_H} = \frac{|Q_c|}{Q_N}$$

This is the efficiency for a perfect reversible engine.

The Carnot efficiency cannot be beat!  
Any efficiency higher violates the 2nd law  
of thermodynamics.

The maximum efficiency only depends on the temperature difference.

$$\epsilon_{sc} = \frac{\text{actual efficiency}}{\text{Carnot efficiency}} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_c}$$

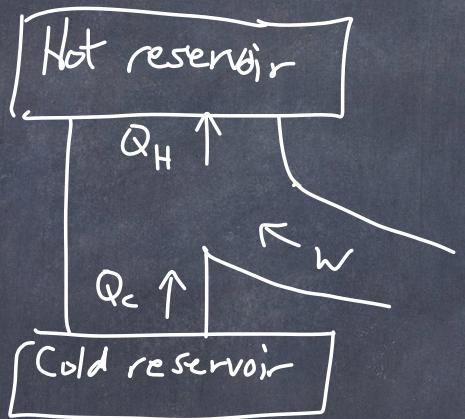
↑  
efficiency  
with respect to  
the best efficiency  
(from the 2nd Law)

Example: An engine has 600 K high temperature, and a 300 K low temperature, and its 30% efficient. What is  $\epsilon_c$  +  $\epsilon_{sc}$ ?

If's

$$\epsilon_c = 1 - \frac{300K}{600K} = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\epsilon_{sc} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_c} = \frac{30\%}{\frac{1}{2}} = 60\%$$

A refrigerator is like a heat engine, but running backwards. Work is done (in to system) to extract heat from a cold reservoir. (The piston is used to lower the pressure in one cylinder  
 $\rightarrow$  lowers temperature)



$$|Q_H| = |Q_c| + W$$

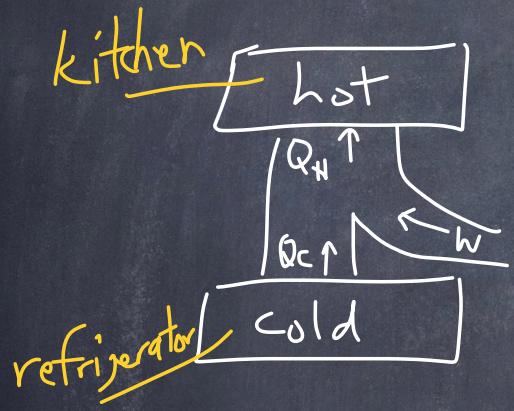
2nd law of thermodynamics  
 for a fridge. It is impossible for a refrigerator cycle to only transfer heat from a cold object to a hot object (work needs to be done to do this)

The measure of performance of a refrigerator is

$$\text{C.O.P.} = \frac{\text{Coefficient}}{\text{of}} = \frac{Q_c}{W}$$

2nd law: C.O.P. must not be  $\infty$

For a typical refrigerator, C.O.P.  $\approx$  5.5.  
 How much work + power is needed to make  
 ice cubes from 1 liter of water at  $10^\circ\text{C}$ ?  
 How much heat do we put into our kitchen doing this?



How much heat do we need to remove to make the ice?

$$Q_c = Q_1 + Q_2 = 375 \text{ kJ}$$

$\uparrow$                      $\uparrow$   
 $m\Delta T$              $mL_f$

$$W = \frac{Q_c}{\text{C.O.P.}} = \frac{375 \text{ kJ}}{5.5} = 68 \text{ kJ}$$

$$Q_H = \underset{\text{kitchen}}{\text{heat into}} = |Q_c| + W = 375 \text{ kJ} + 68 \text{ kJ} = 443 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{work}}{\text{time}} = \frac{68 \text{ kJ}}{10 \text{ seconds}} = 6.8 \text{ kW}$$

Typically,  
 a refrigerator uses  
 $\approx 25$  watts

system

fridge

$$Q = -375 \text{ kJ}$$

kitchen

$$Q = +443 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{total}} &= Q_{\text{fridge}} + Q_{\text{kitchen}} \\ &= -375 + 443 \text{ kJ} \\ &= +68 \text{ kJ} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  You can't cool a room by opening a fridge.

