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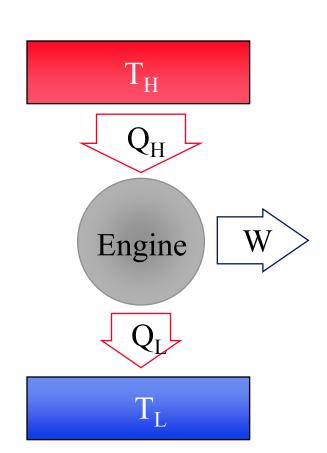
Heat flows spontaneously from a hot object to a cold object, but will not flow spontaneously from a cold object to a hot object.

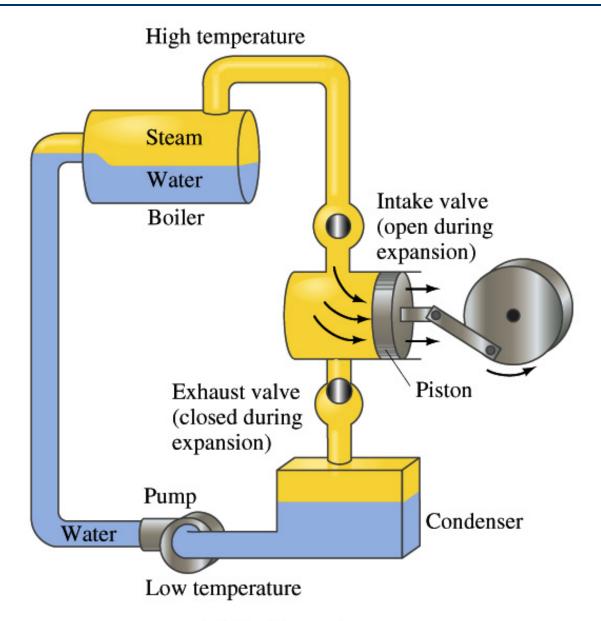
It is relatively easy to produce thermal energy by doing work (e.g. against friction).

It is also possible to convert internal energy to work.

#### **Heat Engines**

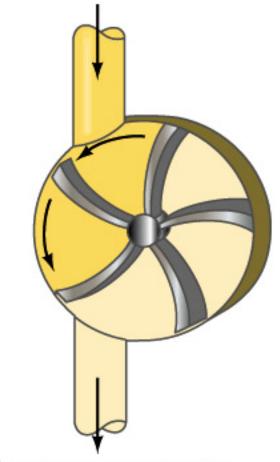
- A <u>heat engine</u> converts heat into work.
  - T<sub>H</sub> = temperature of heat source
  - T<sub>L</sub> = temperature of heat sink
  - Q<sub>H</sub> = heat supplied
  - Q<sub>I</sub> = heat released
  - W = work produced





(a) Reciprocating type

High-pressure steam, from boiler



Low-pressure steam, exhausted to condenser

### Efficiency of Heat Engines

Conservation of Energy:

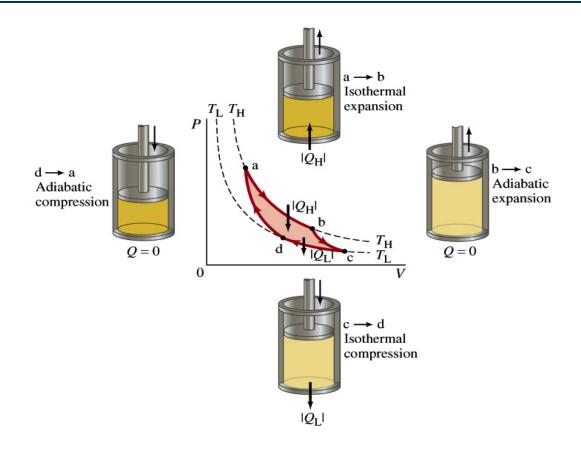
$$0 = Q$$
-W or W=  $Q_H$  -  $Q_L$ 

An engine operates in a cycle, then efficiency is given by

$$\varepsilon = \frac{W}{Q_H} = \frac{Q_H - Q_L}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{Q_L}{Q_H}$$

 $Q_L > 0$  implies  $\epsilon < 1$ 

## Carnot (Ideal) Heat Engine



#### Operates in a *reversible* cycle:

a—b: isothermal expansion  $(\Delta T = 0)$ 

b–c: adiabatic expansion (Q=0)

c–d: isothermal compression ( $\Delta T=0$ )

d–a: adiabatic compression (Q=0)

Ideal (Carnot) Efficiency

$$\frac{Q_L}{Q_H} = \frac{T_L}{T_H} \to \varepsilon_C = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

### Efficiencies of Real Heat Engines

- No heat engine can ever have an efficiency greater than that of the Carnot (ideal) heat engine.
- All real heat engines have losses (e.g. friction) and are therefore **not reversible**.
- All real heat engines have efficiencies less than that of a Carnot engine operating between the same temperatures  $T_H$  and  $T_L$ .

#### **Alternate Statement of Second Law:**

• NO DEVICE CAN TRANSFORM A QUANTITY OF HEAT COMPLETELY TO WORK.

### A reversible process ...

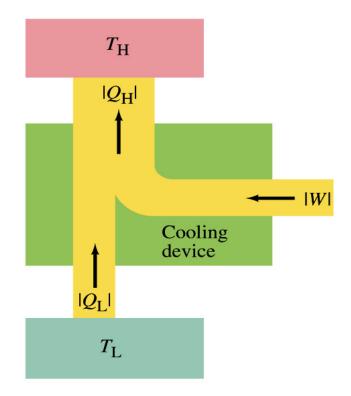
- proceeds slowly through equilibrium states.
- could be reversed with no change in heat or work output.

#### All real processes ...

- are irreversible and have additional heat losses (e.g. due to friction).
- have efficiency  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_{ideal}$

#### Heat Pump

- A heat pump is a heat engine operating in reverse.
- Examples of heat pumps are refrigerators and air conditioners.
- Conservation of Energy.
   Energy In = Energy Out
   Q<sub>I</sub> + W = Q<sub>H</sub>



$$CP = \frac{Q_L}{W} = \frac{Q_L}{Q_H - Q_L}$$

$$CP_{ideal} = \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L}$$

#### Entropy

- Processes that do not violate the first law of thermodynamics (conservation of energy) will never occur spontaneously.
- Entropy (S) is a measure of the disorder or randomness in a system, and is a state variable (like P, V, T) that does not depend on the path taken.

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T}$$
 (change in entropy S)

where dQ is an infinitesimal heat flow

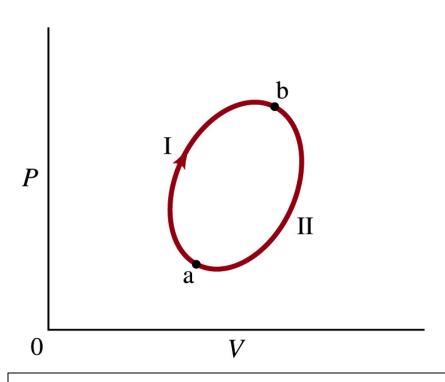
#### Entropy and Reversible Processes

# For any **reversible process** (e.g. Carnot cycle):

$$\oint \frac{dQ}{T} = 0$$

$$\int_{Ia}^{b} \frac{dQ}{T} + \int_{IIb}^{a} \frac{dQ}{T} = 0$$

$$\int_{Ia}^{b} \frac{dQ}{T} = -\int_{IIb}^{a} \frac{dQ}{T} = \int_{IIa}^{b} \frac{dQ}{T}$$



The entropy of a system in a given state is independent of the path taken to get there, and is thus a **state variable**.

 The entropy difference between two equilibrium states a and b does not depend on how the system got from a to b.

$$\Delta S = S_b - S_a = \int_a^b dS = \int_a^b \frac{dQ}{T}$$

**Entropy** is a **state variable** (like P, V and T)

### Second Law in Terms of Entropy

 $\Delta S = 0$  reversible process

 $\Delta S > 0$  irreversible process

Example: Calorimetry  $Q = m c \Delta T$ 

For small changes: dQ = m c dT

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T}$$

$$\Delta S = \int_{T_i}^{T_f} \frac{dQ}{T} = mc \int_{T_i}^{T_f} \frac{dT}{T} = mc \ln\left(\frac{T_f}{T_i}\right)$$