

# PHY117 HS2024

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

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

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

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

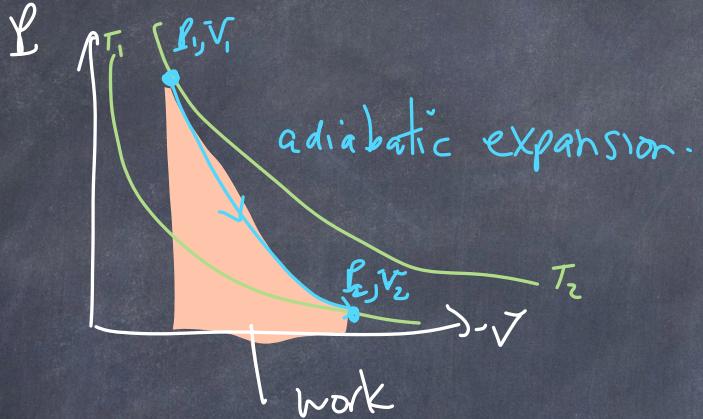
Adiabatic process can happen in 2 ways:

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  $dU = C_V dT$  for any ideal gas.

$dW = P dV$  work done by gas

$dU = -dW$  for an adiabatic process.

For adiabatic processes:

$$\boxed{\Delta U = -W}$$

Adiabatic processes with an ideal gas:

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

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

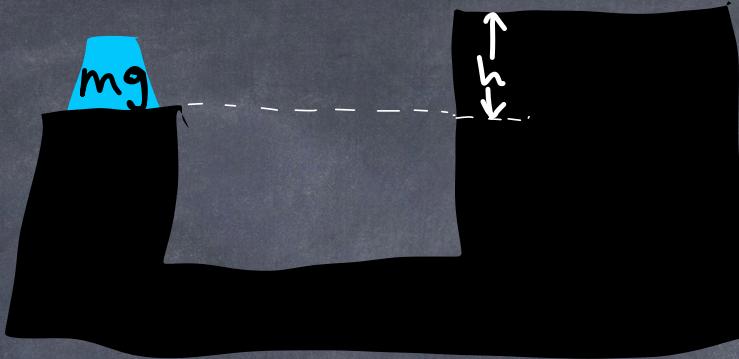
where

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

$$\boxed{W = \frac{1}{\gamma-1} (P_1 V_1 - P_2 V_2)} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{work done by a gas} \\ \text{expanding} \\ \text{adiabatically} \end{matrix}$$

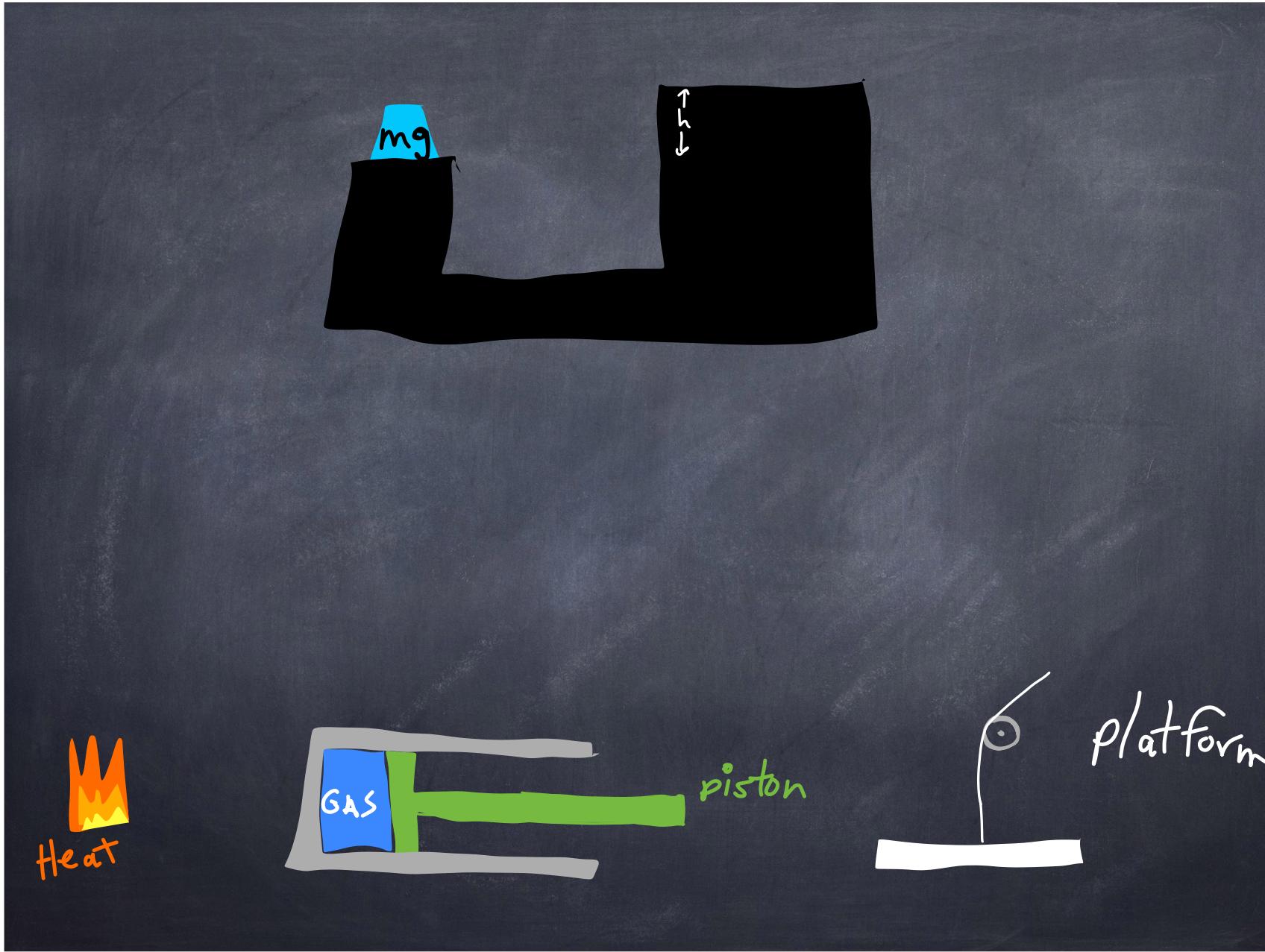
Derivations  
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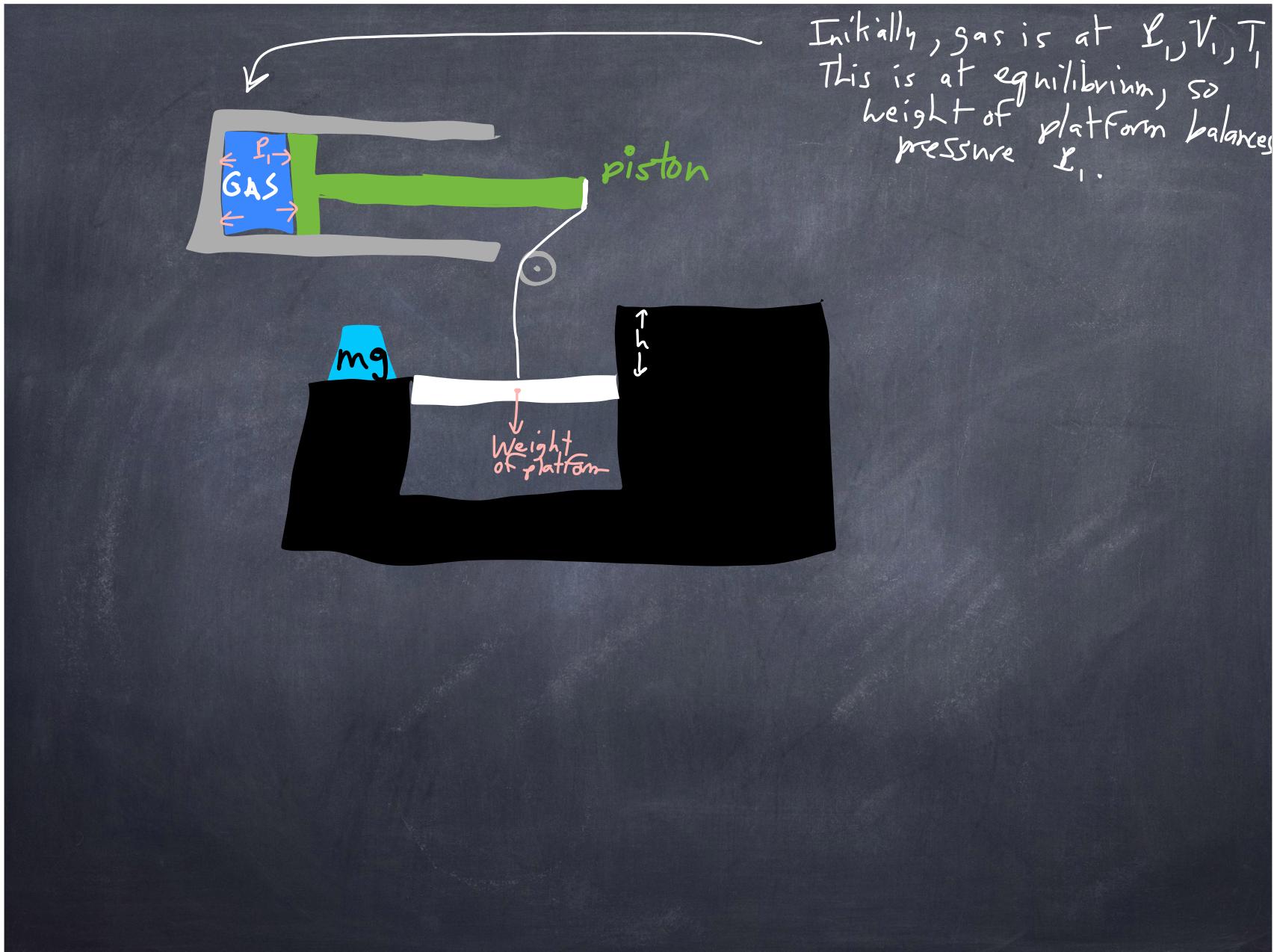
Suppose we want to lift this mass a height  $h$ .



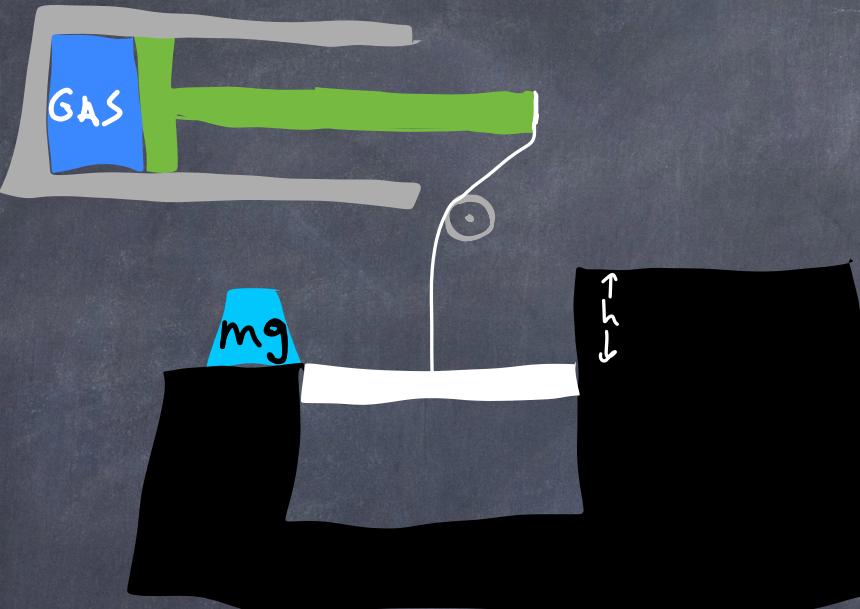
Requires work  
 $W = mgh$

we want to use a gas to do this.

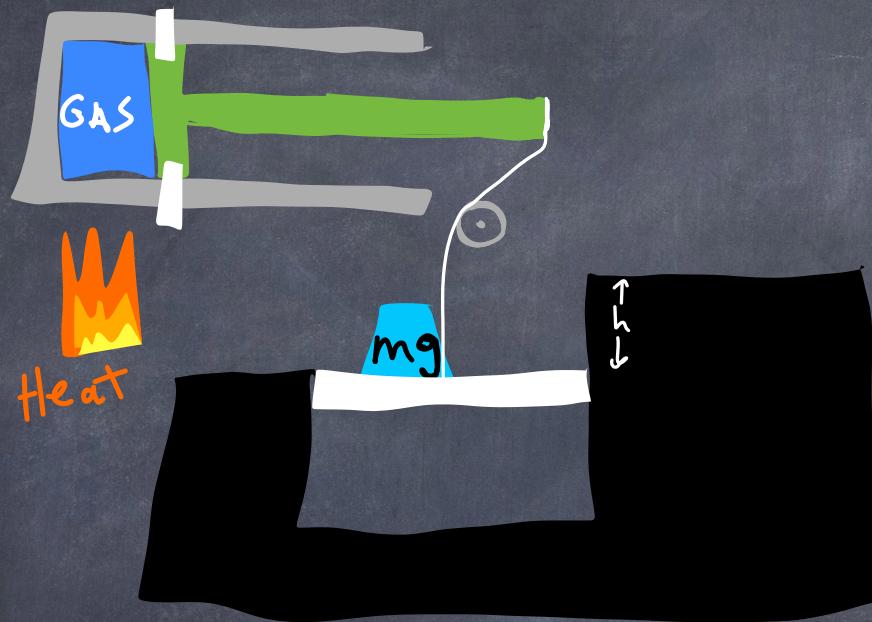




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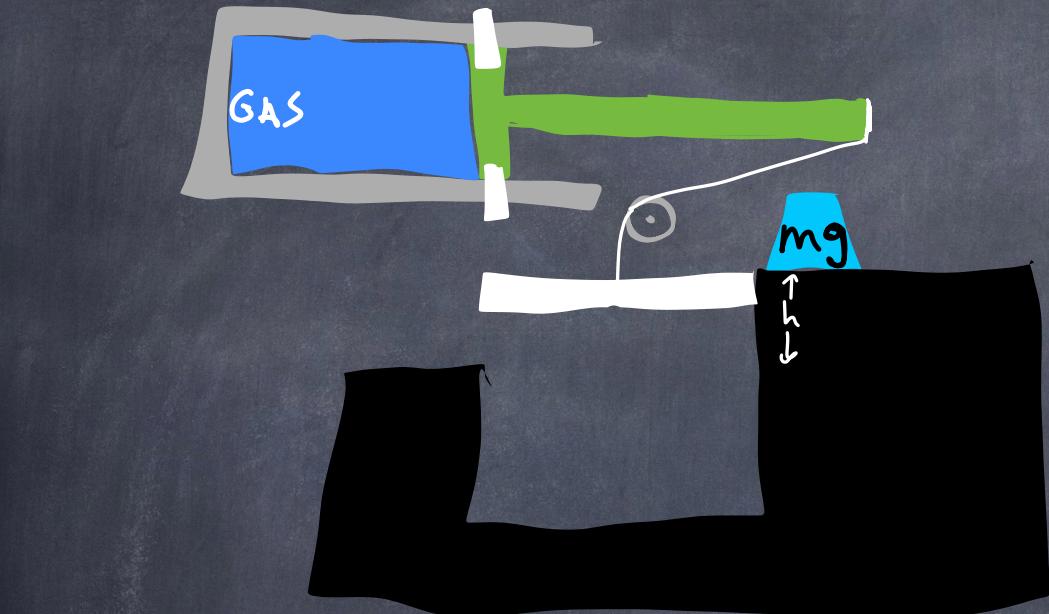
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  - Unfix volume. Heat the gas until volume increases to  $V_2$ . This raises the weight a height  $h$ .

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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 over the weight.  
Remove the heat.  
Pressure will decrease at  
constant volume,  $V_2$  to  $P_1$ .

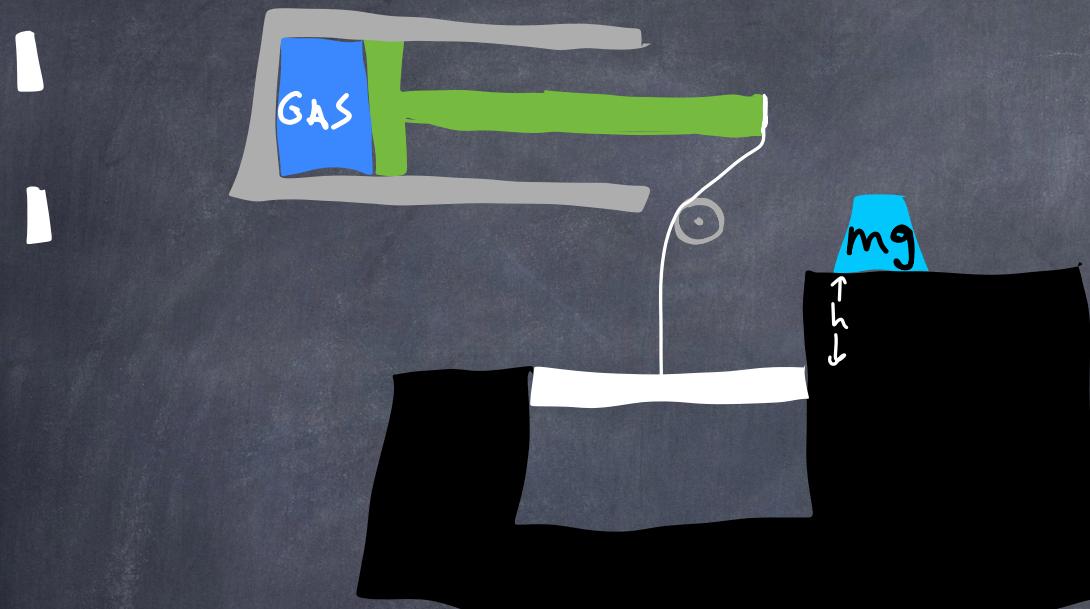
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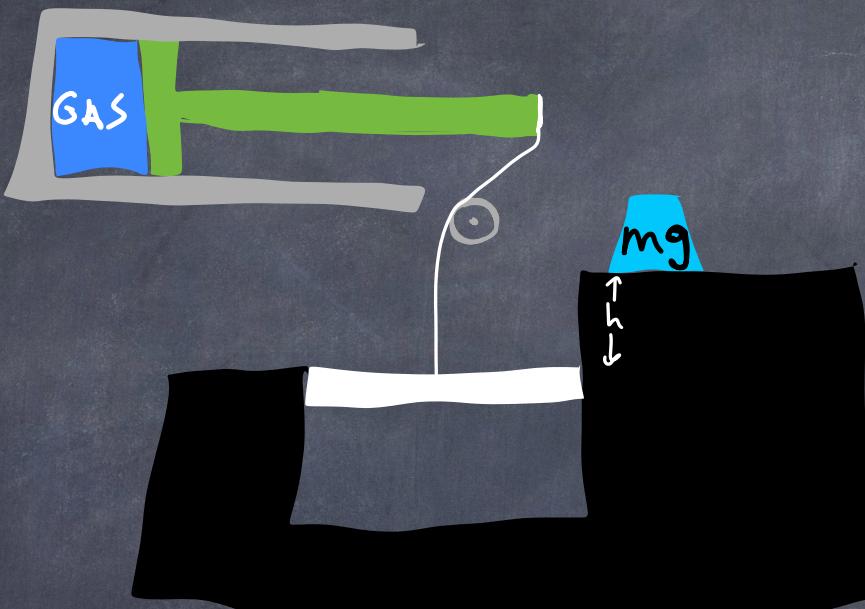
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continue to allow heat to  
be removed. The volume  
will decrease at constant  
pressure  $P_1$  to  $V_1$ ,  
lowering platform.

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 Remove the heat.

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 constant volume  $V_2$  to  $P_2$ .

Final = initial)  $P_1, V_1, T_1$ ,  
 platform at original position,  
 but we've done work  $W = mgh$

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

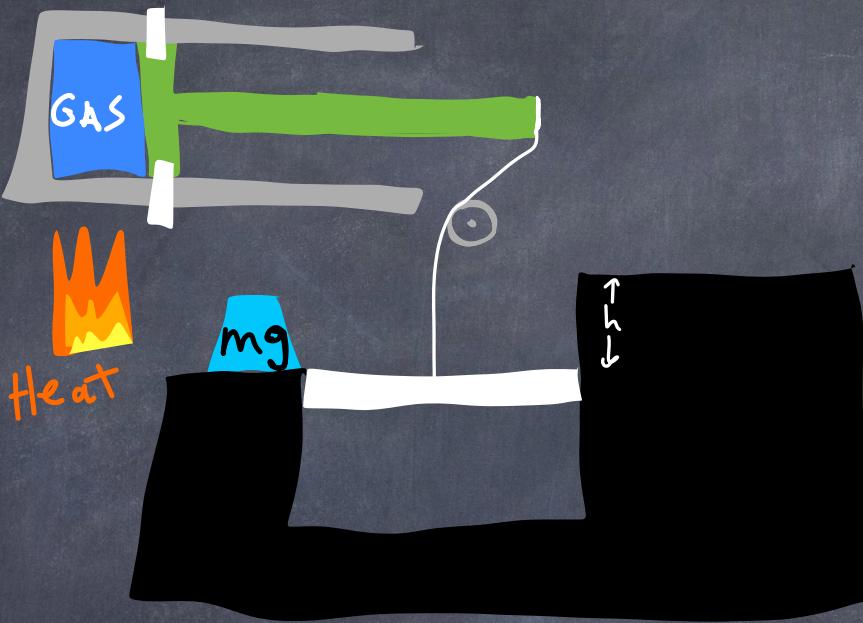
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 will decrease at constant  
 pressure  $P_1$  to  $V_1$ ,  
 lowering platform.

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 (-).

$$\text{Total work done by system} = \bar{F} \cdot \bar{x} = F_h = mgh \Rightarrow w = mgh$$

Cycle:

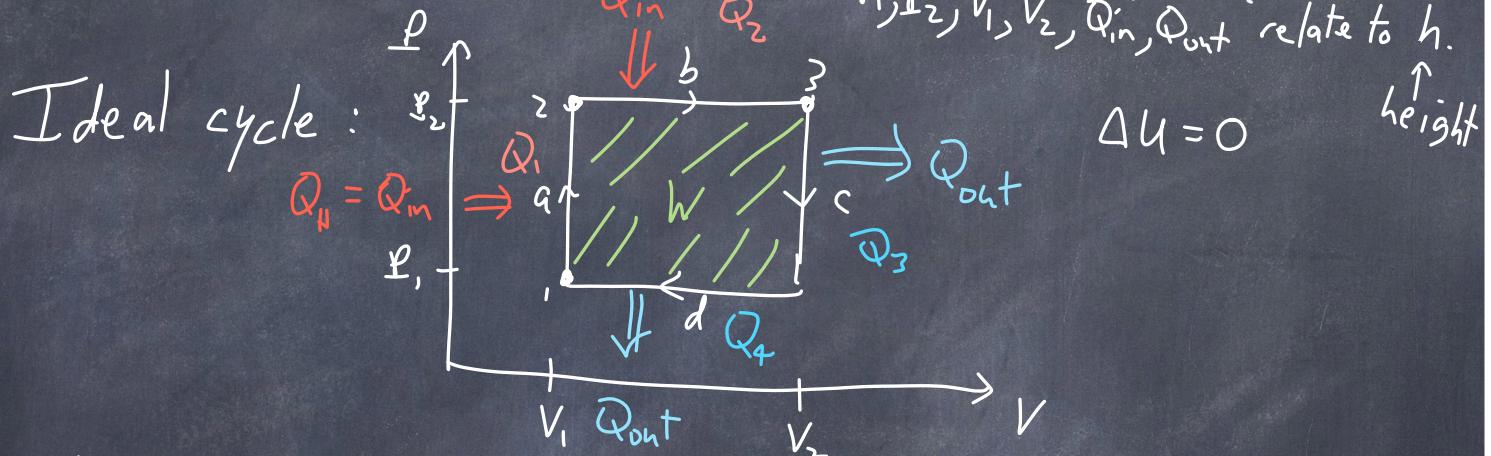
- a: heat at fixed  $V$ ,  $P$  increases
- b: heat at fixed  $P$ ,  $V$  increases
- c: cool at fixed  $V$ ,  $P$  decreases
- d: cool at fixed  $P$ ,  $V$  decreases

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  $h$ .

Calculate:



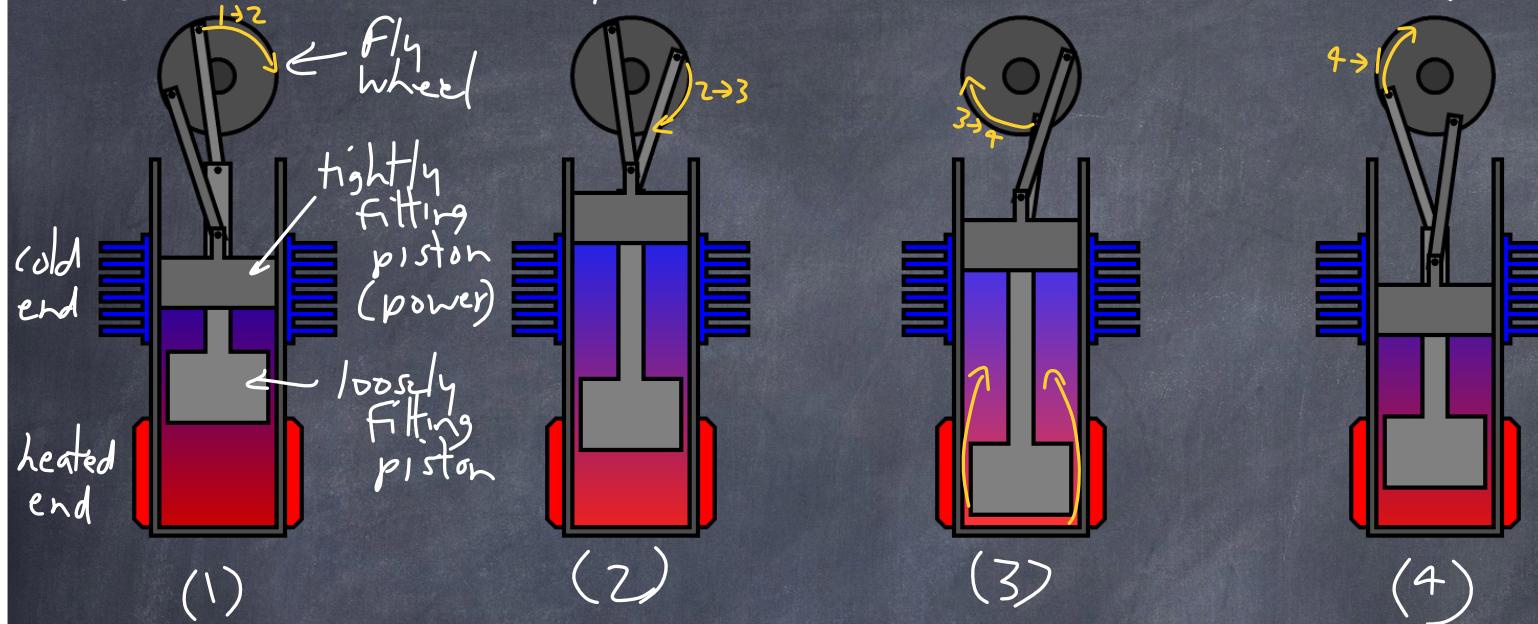
work done:  $W = P_2(V_2 - V_1) - P_1(V_2 - V_1) = (P_2 - P_1)(V_2 - V_1)$

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

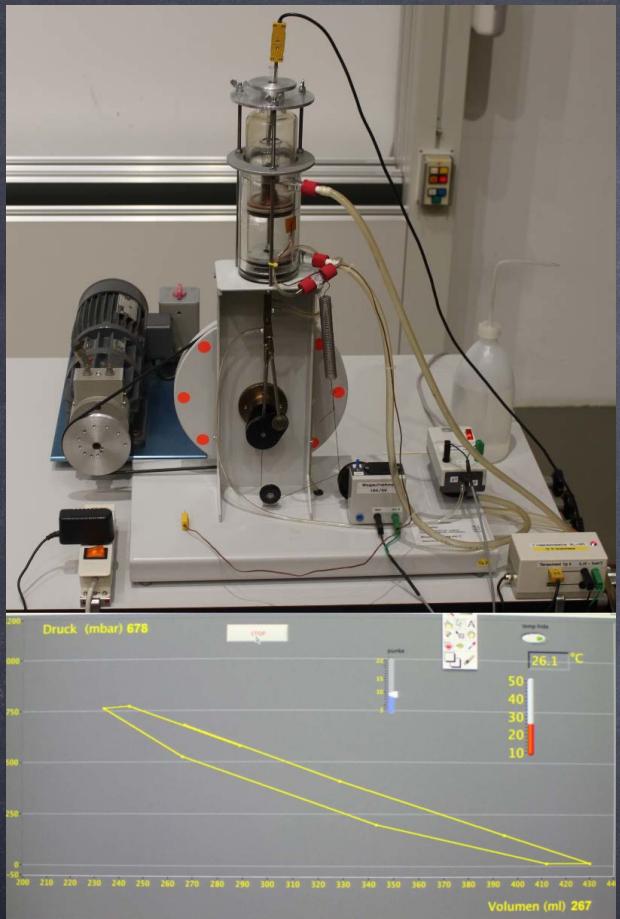
$$Q_{out} = Q_3 + Q_4 \quad \text{heat out system (-)}$$

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

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



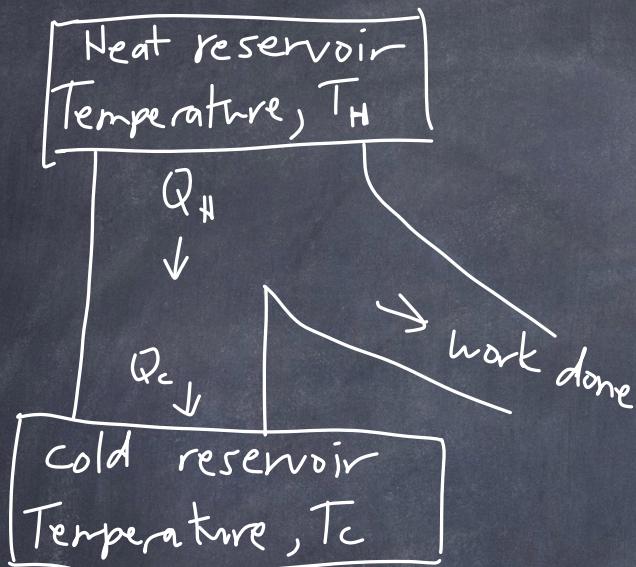
- (1) Most gas is in the hot end. So the gas increases in pressure from heat and expands into the cold area.
- (2) The tight piston is pushed up (power stroke). The wheel is spinning, and pushes loose piston down. (3) This moves the hot gas to the cold end. The hot gas is cooled, causing gas to contract, so tight piston is pulled in (4). Wheel continues spinning pulling loose piston up. Back to (1).



stirling "Beta" engine

← actual cycle

# Heat engine (heat converted to work)



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

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

From 1st law of thermodynamics

$$W = Q_H - |Q_C|$$

(written like this to avoid confusion)

$$\epsilon = \frac{W}{Q_H} = \frac{Q_H - |Q_C|}{Q_H} = \boxed{1 - \frac{|Q_C|}{Q_H}} = \boxed{\text{This is the maximum possible efficiency}}$$

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  $\sim 47\%$

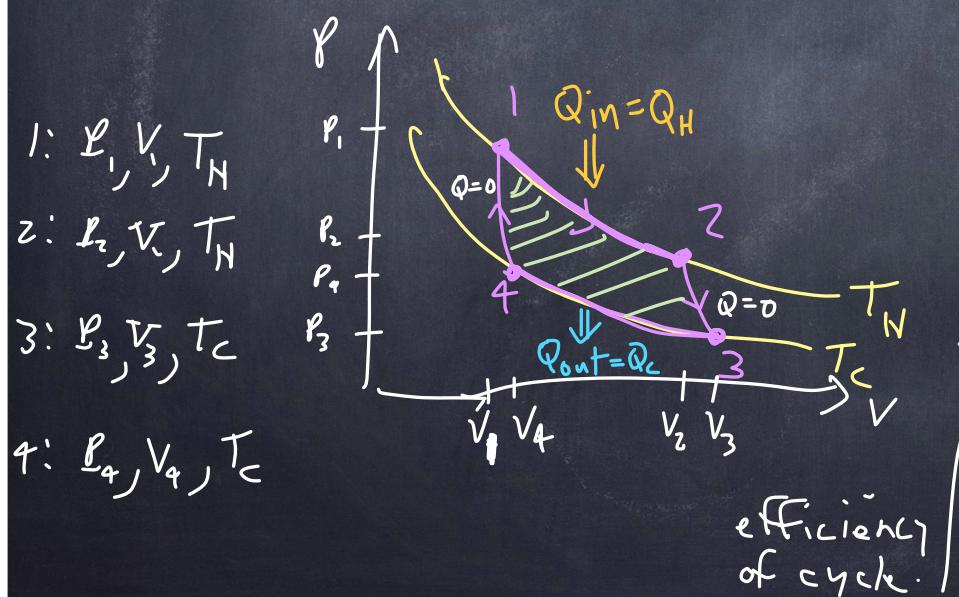
Rocket engine  $\sim 70\%$

\* 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.



$$\epsilon = \left( 1 - \frac{|Q_C|}{Q_H} \right)$$

Process descriptions from right to left:

- $1 \rightarrow 2$ : isothermal expansion  $\Delta U = 0$
- $2 \rightarrow 3$ : adiabatic expansion  $Q = 0$
- $3 \rightarrow 4$ : isothermal compression  $\Delta U = 0$
- $4 \rightarrow 1$ : adiabatic compression  $Q = 0$

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

$$3 \rightarrow 4: |Q_c| = |W| = nR T_c \ln \frac{V_3}{V_4}$$

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

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

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

It must be that  $\frac{V_3}{V_2} \approx \frac{V_4}{V_1} \Rightarrow \frac{V_3}{V_4} \approx \frac{V_2}{V_1}$

$$\epsilon = 1 - \frac{|Q_c|}{Q_N} = 1 - \frac{T_c \ln\left(\frac{V_3}{V_2}\right)}{T_N \ln\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)} \stackrel{\text{same}}{=} 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_N}$$

$\epsilon_c$ : The Carnot efficiency

$$\epsilon_c = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_N} \quad \text{where } \frac{T_c}{T_N} = \frac{|Q_c|}{|Q_H|}$$

This is the efficiency for a perfect reversible engine. These are the conditions relating  $T_c, T_N, Q_c, Q_H$

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

The maximum efficiency only depends on the temperature difference.

Engines are often defined by the ratio

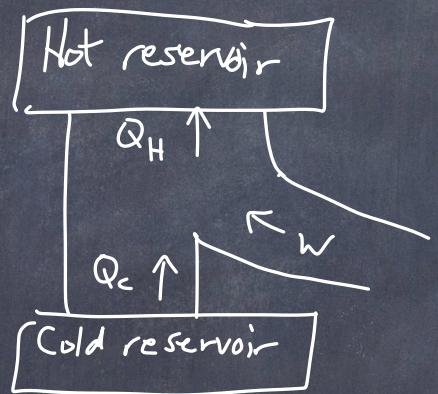
$$\epsilon_{SL} = \frac{\text{actual efficiency}}{\text{Carrot efficiency}} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_c}$$

↑  
efficiency  
with respect to  
best possible efficiency  
from second law (SL)

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

$$\text{It's } \epsilon_{SL} = \frac{\epsilon}{1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}} = \frac{30\%}{1 - \frac{300K}{600K}} = \frac{30\%}{0.5} = 60\%$$

A refrigerator is like a heat engine, but running backwards. Work is done (put into system) to extract heat from a cold reservoir, and put it into a hot 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 refrigerator: It is impossible for a refrigeration cycle to only transfer heat from a cold object to a hot object (one needs work to do this)

The measure of performance of a refrigerator is  $C.O.P. = \frac{\text{coefficient of performance}}{W} = \frac{Q_c}{W}$

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

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



How much heat needs to be removed  
 to make ice?

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

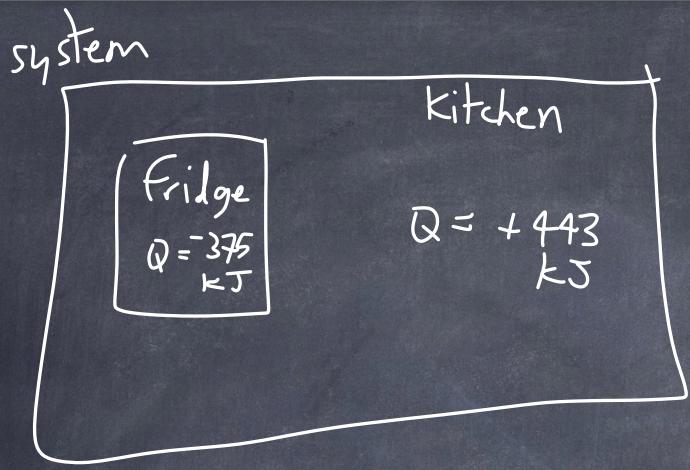
$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ m c \Delta T & m L_f \end{matrix}$$

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

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

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

typical fridge  
uses  $\sim 25$  watts



Kitchen + Fridge is our system

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

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

Previously, we found that the efficiency for a perfect reversible engine is related to the temp. difference

$$\epsilon_c = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_H} + \frac{T_c}{T_H} = \frac{|Q_c|}{|Q_H|}$$

(Carnot efficiency)

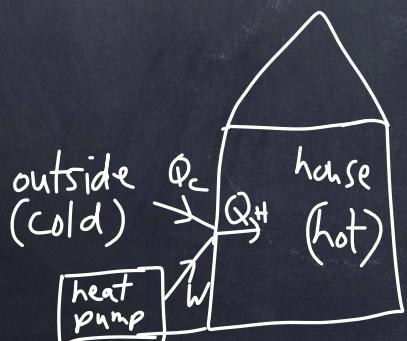
Power plant generating electricity (fossil fuels):  $\epsilon_c \sim 50\%$   
Actual efficiency is 40% ( $\epsilon_{\text{act}} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_c} = 80\%$ )

Electrical house heater efficiency =

$$\text{power-plant efficiency} * \text{transmission efficiency} + \frac{\text{electrical}}{\text{heater}} \text{efficiency}$$
$$= (67\%) * (95\%) * (100\%) = 64\% \text{ efficiency}$$

But, if goal is to heat house, we can do this with a much better efficiency.

A heat pump is a refrigerator that removes  $Q_C$  of heat from a cold reservoir and puts  $Q_H$  of heat into a hot reservoir, using  $W$  amount of work.



What is the efficiency of a heat pump?

$$|Q_H| = W + |Q_C|$$

$$C.O.P. = \frac{|Q_C|}{W} = \frac{|Q_C|}{|Q_H| - |Q_C|} \xrightarrow{\text{divide top + bottom by } |Q_H|} C.O.P. = \frac{|Q_C|}{\frac{|Q_H|}{1 - \frac{|Q_C|}{|Q_H|}}}$$

using our Carnot conditions

$$C.O.P. = \frac{T_C}{1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H}} = \frac{T_C}{T_H - T_C} = \boxed{\frac{\frac{T_C}{\Delta T}}{\Delta T} = COP_{max}}$$

(replace  $Q_C \Rightarrow T_C$   
 $Q_H \Rightarrow T_H$ )

As an efficiency

$$\epsilon = \frac{Q_H}{W} = \frac{W(1 + C.O.P.)}{W} = 1 + C.O.P.$$

Typical C.O.P.  $\sim 3.5$ , then  $\epsilon = 1 + 3.5 = 450\%$

Very efficient

Compare to  
50% for power plant

or 80% for a  
gas furnace

Examples done in class of refrigerators  
+ heat pumps

