

Engineering Cycles (Review)

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Air-Standard Cycle Assumptions

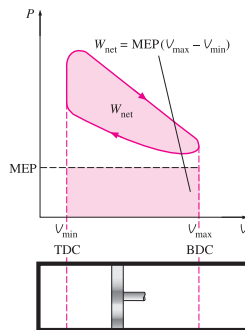
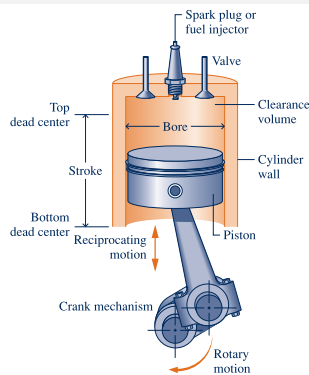
- The working fluid is air, which continuously circulates in a closed loop and always behaves as an ideal gas.
- All the processes that make up the cycle are internally reversible.
- The combustion process is replaced by a heat-addition process from an external source.



- The exhaust process is replaced by a heat-rejection process that restores the working fluid to its initial state.
 - Air has constant specific heats determined at room temperature.
- ⇒ A cycle for which the air-standard assumptions are applicable is frequently referred to as an **air-standard cycle**.



Overview of Reciprocating (R/C) Engines



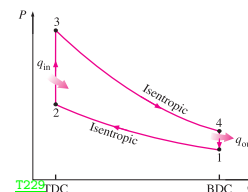
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- TDC ≡ Top Dead Centre, BDC ≡ Bottom Dead Centre
- Compression Ratio $\equiv r = \frac{V_{max}}{V_{min}} = \frac{V_{BDC}}{V_{TDC}}$
- Displacement Volume $\equiv V_d = \frac{\pi}{4} \times S \times B^2 = V_{max} - V_{min}$
- Mean Effective Pressure $\equiv MEP = \frac{W_{net}}{V_d}$



The Otto Cycle: Ideal Cycle for SI Engines



- 1 → 2 : Isentropic compression
- 2 → 3 : Reversible, Constant-volume heat addition
- 3 → 4 : Isentropic expansion
- 4 → 1 : Reversible, Constant-volume heat rejection

- Isentropic processes: 1 → 2 & 3 → 4. Also, $V_2 = V_3$ & $V_4 = V_1$
 $\rightarrow \frac{T_1}{T_2} = \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)^{k-1} = \left(\frac{V_3}{V_4}\right)^{k-1} = \frac{T_4}{T_3} \rightarrow \frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{1}{r^{k-1}}$ & $\frac{T_3}{T_2} = \frac{T_4}{T_1}$
- $q_{in} = u_3 - u_2 = c_v(T_3 - T_2)$: $q_{out} = u_4 - u_1 = c_v(T_4 - T_1)$
- $\eta_{th, Otto} = \frac{W_{net}}{q_{in}} = 1 - \frac{q_{out}}{q_{in}} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} \left[\frac{T_3/T_2 - 1}{T_4/T_1 - 1} \right] = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{k-1}}$

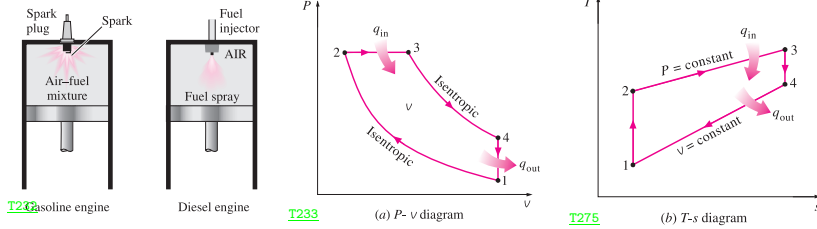
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$$\eta_{th, Otto} = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{k-1}}$$

r = compression ratio,
 k = ratio of specific heats, c_p/c_v



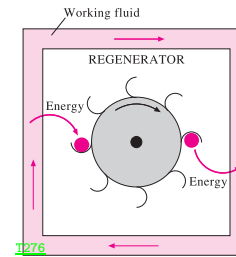
The Diesel Cycle: Ideal Cycle for CI Engines



- Isentropic processes: $1 \rightarrow 2$ & $3 \rightarrow 4$.
- Cut-off ratio, $r_c = \frac{V_3}{V_2}$, and $V_4 = V_1$.
- $q_{in} = h_3 - h_2 = c_p(T_3 - T_2) \quad ; \quad q_{out} = u_4 - u_1 = c_v(T_4 - T_1)$
- $\eta_{th,Diesel} = \frac{w_{net}}{q_{in}} = 1 - \frac{q_{out}}{q_{in}} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{kT_1} \left[\frac{T_3/T_2 - 1}{T_4/T_1 - 1} \right] = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{k-1}} \left[\frac{r_c^k - 1}{k(r_c - 1)} \right]$

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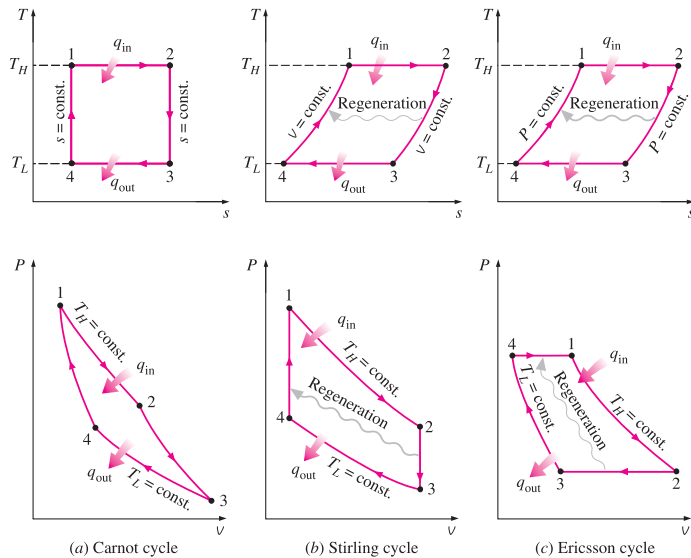
Stirling & Ericsson Cycles



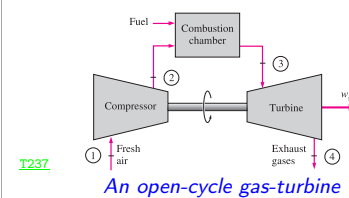
- **Stirling** and **Ericsson** cycles involve an isothermal heat-addition at T_H and an isothermal heat-rejection at T_L . They differ from the Carnot cycle in that the two isentropic processes are replaced by two constant-volume regeneration processes in the *Stirling cycle* and by two constant-pressure regeneration processes in the *Ericsson cycle*.
- Both cycles utilize regeneration, a process during which heat is transferred to a thermal energy storage device (called a regenerator) during one part of the cycle and is transferred back to the working fluid during another part of the cycle.

Stirling cycle is made up of four totally reversible processes:

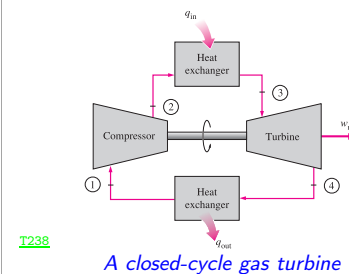
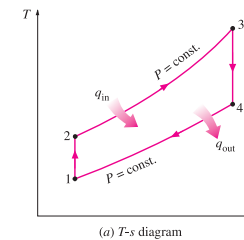
- 1 \rightarrow 2: Isothermal expansion (heat addition from the external source)
- 2 \rightarrow 3: Isochoric regeneration (internal heat transfer from the working fluid to the regenerator)
- 3 \rightarrow 4: Isothermal compression (heat rejection to the external sink)
- 4 \rightarrow 1: Isochoric regeneration (internal HT from regenerator back to fluid)



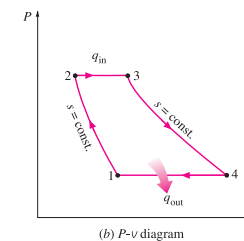
Brayton Cycle: Ideal Cycle for Gas Turbines



T237 An open-cycle gas-turbine

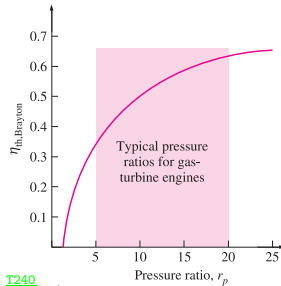


T238 A closed-cycle gas turbine



- $q_{in} = h_3 - h_2 = c_p(T_3 - T_2)$
- $q_{out} = h_4 - h_1 = c_p(T_4 - T_1)$
- $r_p \equiv \frac{P_2}{P_1} \Rightarrow \frac{T_2}{T_1} = r_p^{(k-1)/k} = \frac{T_3}{T_4}$
- $\eta_{th,Brayton} = 1 - \frac{q_{out}}{q_{in}} = 1 - \frac{T_1(T_4/T_1 - 1)}{T_2(T_3/T_2 - 1)}$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{th,Brayton} = 1 - \frac{1}{r_p^{(k-1)/k}}$$

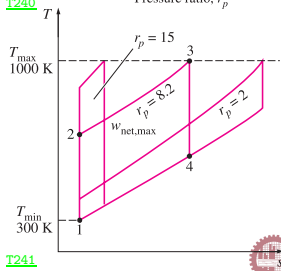


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- $w_{net} = c_p[(T_3 - T_4) + (T_1 - T_2)]$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{w_{net}}{c_p} = T_3 \left[1 - \frac{1}{r_p^{(k-1)/k}}\right] + T_1 \left[1 - r_p^{(k-1)/k}\right]$
- For max. work: $\frac{\partial w_{net}}{\partial r_p} = 0:$

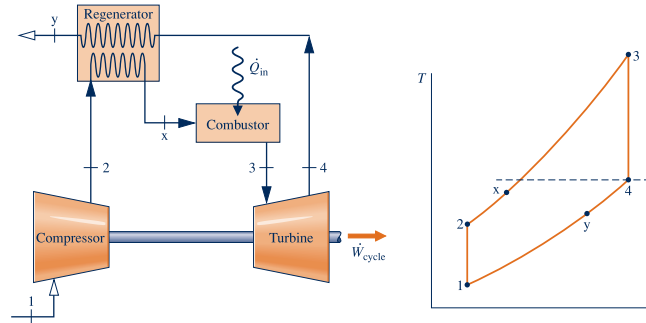
$$\Rightarrow r_p = \left(\frac{T_3}{T_1}\right)^{k/2(k-1)} : \text{for max. } w_{net}$$

- If $T_3 = 1000 \text{ K}$, $T_1 = 300 \text{ K} \Rightarrow r_p = 8.2.$



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Brayton Cycle with Regeneration



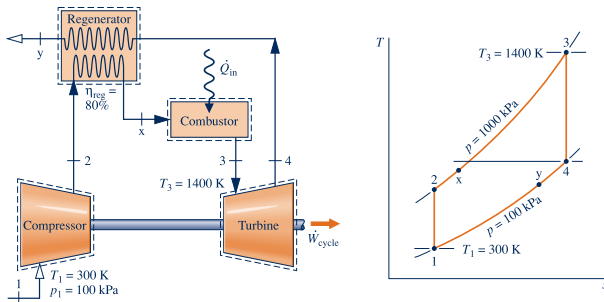
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$$\bullet q_{regen,act} = h_x - h_2 \quad : \quad q_{regen,max} = h_4 - h_2$$

$$\bullet \text{Effectiveness, } \epsilon \equiv \frac{q_{regen,act}}{q_{regen,max}} = \frac{h_x - h_2}{h_4 - h_2} \approx \frac{T_x - T_2}{T_4 - T_2}$$

$$\bullet \eta_{th,regen} = 1 - \left(\frac{T_1}{T_3}\right) r_p^{(k-1)/k}$$

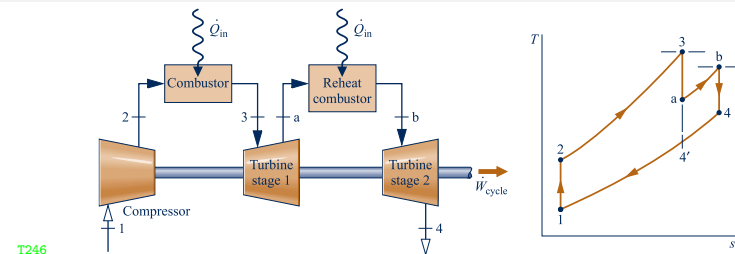
Moran 9.7: ▷



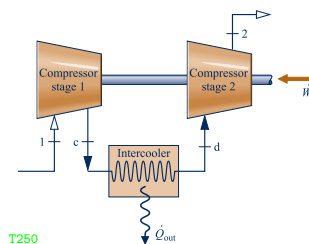
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- $\epsilon \equiv \frac{q_{regen,act}}{q_{regen,max}} \approx \frac{T_x - T_2}{T_4 - T_2} \rightsquigarrow T_x = \epsilon(T_4 - T_2) + T_2 = 745.5 \text{ K}$
- $w_{net} = w_t + w_c = (h_3 - h_4) + (h_1 - h_2) = C_p[(T_3 - T_4) + (T_1 - T_2)]$
- $\Rightarrow w_{net} = 427.4 \text{ kJ/kg}$
- $q_{in} = (h_3 - h_x) = C_p(T_3 - T_x) = 753.2 \text{ kJ/kg}$
- $\eta = \frac{w_{net}}{q_{in}} = 56.7\%$

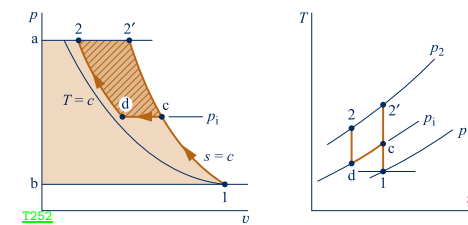
Turbines with Reheat, Compressors with Intercooling



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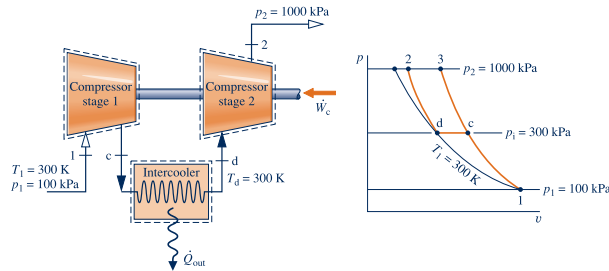


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Moran 9.9: ▷

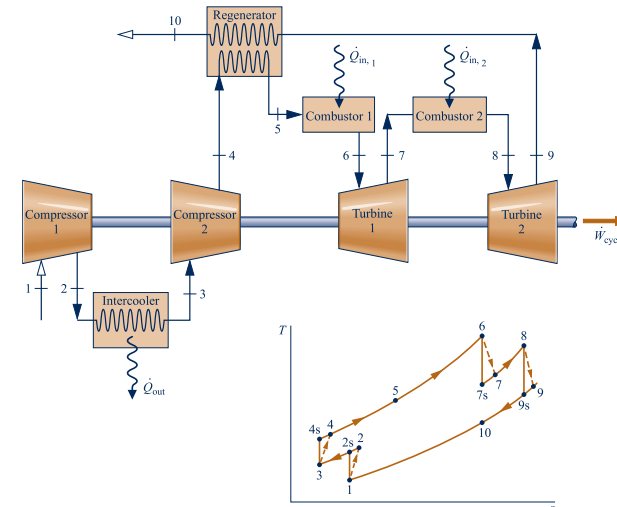


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- $h_1 = h(100 \text{ kPa}, 300 \text{ K}), s_1 = s(100 \text{ kPa}, 300 \text{ K})$
- $h_c = h(300 \text{ kPa}, s_1), h_d = h(300 \text{ kPa}, 300 \text{ K})$
- $w_c = w_{c1} + w_{c2} = (h_1 - h_c) + (h_d - h_2) = -234.9 \text{ kJ/kg}$
If single stage compression is done:
- $h_2 = h(1000 \text{ kPa}, s_1)$
- $w_c = (h_1 - h_2) = -280.1 \text{ kJ/kg}$

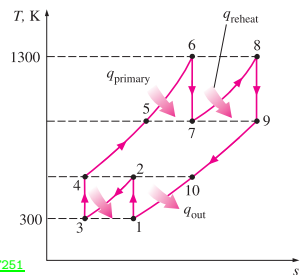


Brayton Cycle with Intercooling, Reheating & Regeneration



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Cengel 9.8: ▷ GT with reheating & intercooling: $r_p = 8, \eta_{isen} = 1.0, \epsilon = 1.0$



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- In case of staging, for min. compressor work or for max. turbine work:

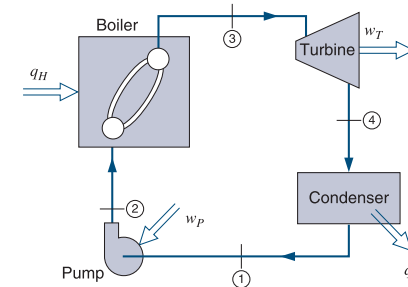
$$P_1 = \sqrt{P_{min} P_{max}}$$

- $w_{turb} = (h_6 - h_7) + (h_8 - h_9)$
- $w_{comp} = (h_2 - h_1) + (h_4 - h_3)$
- $w_{net} = w_{turb} - w_{comp}, bwr = \frac{w_{comp}}{w_{turb}}$

- **Without regen:** $w_{turb} = 685.28 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ◀ $w_{comp} = 208.29 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ◀
- $q_{in} = (h_6 - h_4) + (h_8 - h_7) = 1334.30 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ◀
- ⇒ $\eta_{th} = 0.358$ ◀ $bwr = 0.304$ ◀
- **With regen:** turbine and compressor works remains unchanged.
- $q_{in} = (h_6 - h_5) + (h_8 - h_7) = 685.28 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ◀
- ⇒ $\eta_{th} = 0.696$ ◀ $bwr = 0.304$ ◀



Rankine Cycle for Vapour Power Plant

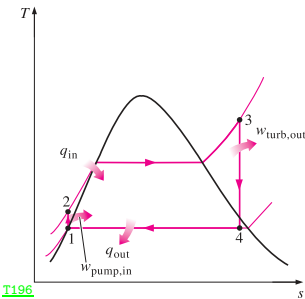


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- 1 → 2 : Isentropic compression in a pump
- 2 → 3 : Constant pressure heat addition in a boiler
- 3 → 4 : Isentropic expansion in a turbine
- 4 → 1 : Constant pressure heat rejection in a condenser



Cengel 10.1: ▷ Ideal Rankine Cycle: Steam enters the turbine at 3 MPa and 350°C, and condenser is at 75 kPa.



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⇒ Steady state ⇒ $dE_{cv}/dt = 0$

⇒ $Z_2 = Z_1$ & $V_2 = V_1$, $\dot{m}_i = \dot{m}_e = \dot{m}$

⇒ $0 = q - w + (h_i - h_e)$

- Turbine: $q = 0$, $w = w_T = h_3 - h_4$
- Pump: $q = 0$, $w = w_P = h_1 - h_2$
- Boiler: $w = 0$, $q = q_B = h_3 - h_2$
- Condenser: $w = 0$, $q = q_C$

• h_2 is in compressed state & difficult to estimate. Hence, $w_P = -\int_1^2 v dP$.

⇒ $w_{net} = w_T + w_P = (713.0 - 3.03) \text{ kJ/kg} = 710.0 \text{ kJ/kg}$. ▶ $w_T \gg w_P$.

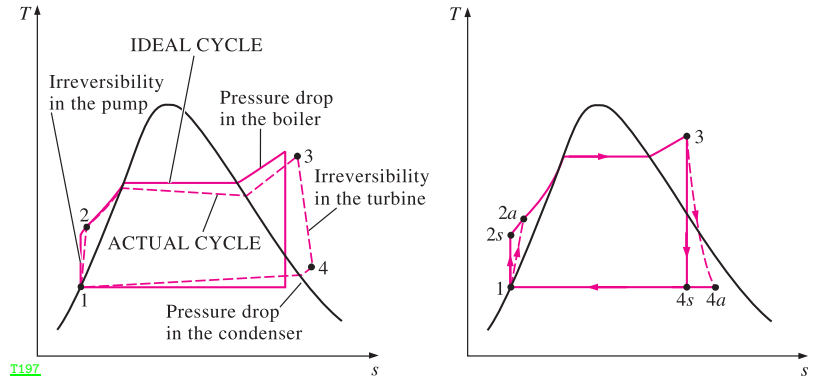
⇒ $q_{in} = q_B = h_3 - h_2 = 2728.6 \text{ kJ/kg}$

⇒ Thermal efficiency, $\eta_{th} = \frac{w_{net}}{q_{in}} = 0.260 = 26.0\%$ ◀

⇒ Back work ratio, $bwr = \left| \frac{w_P}{w_T} \right| = 0.0043$ ◀



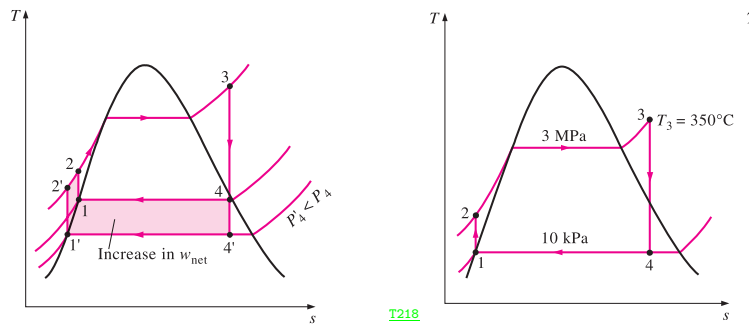
Deviation of Actual Vapour Power Cycle



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Effect of Lowering Condenser Pressure



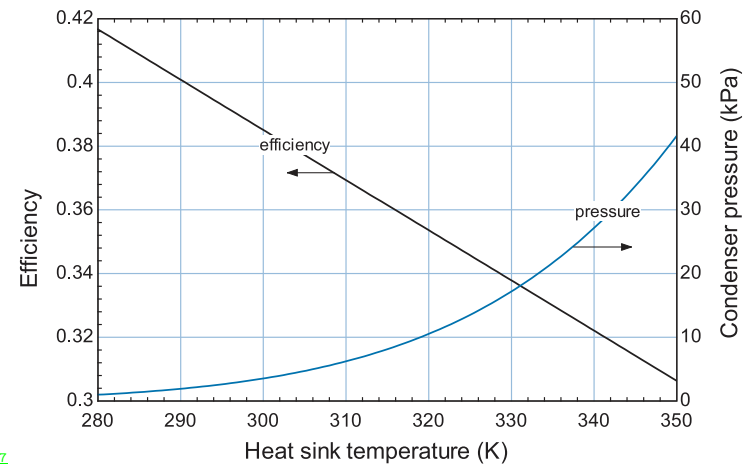
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- $P_{cond} = P_{sat}(T_{cond})$: $T_{cond} - T_{atm} \approx 10 - 15^\circ\text{C}$.
- $P_{cond} \downarrow \Rightarrow w_{net} \uparrow$, $\eta_{th} \uparrow$ & $x_4 \downarrow$. Higher moisture decreases turbine efficiency and erodes its blades. In general, $x_4 \geq 0.9$ is maintained. Lower P_{cond} promotes leakage.



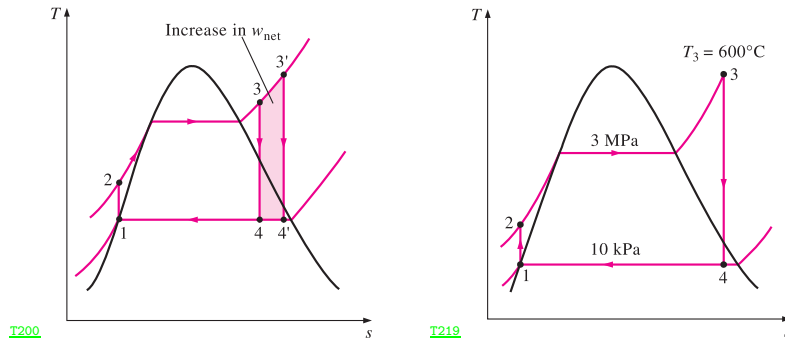
$P_B = 2.64 \text{ MPa}$, $T_H = 800 \text{ K}$



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Effect of Super-heating Steam to Higher Temperature



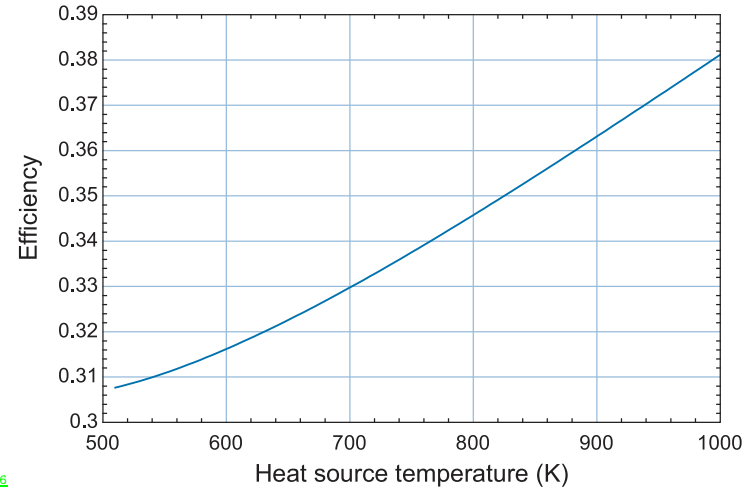
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- $T_{max} \uparrow \Rightarrow w_{net} \uparrow, \eta_{th} \uparrow \text{ \& \ } x_4 \uparrow$.
- Higher average temperature of heat addition increases η_{th} . T_{max} is limited by metallurgical considerations. In general, $T_{max} = 620^\circ\text{C}$.



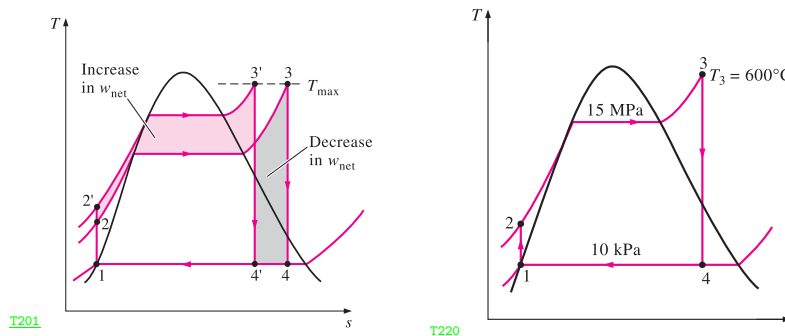
$P_B = 2.64 \text{ MPa}, T_L = 325 \text{ K}$



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Effect of Increasing Boiler Pressure



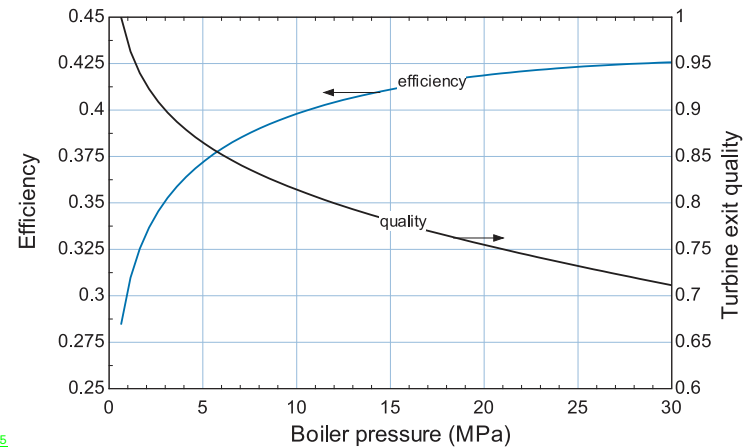
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- For fixed T_{max} : $P_B \uparrow \Rightarrow \eta_{th} \uparrow \text{ \& \ } x_4 \downarrow$. Higher η_{th} is achieved because of higher average temperature of heat addition.



$T_H = 800 \text{ K}, T_L = 325 \text{ K}$

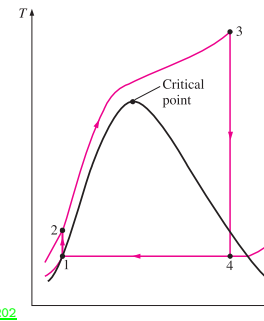


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Effects of Operating Parameters on Ideal Rankine Cycle Efficiency

Boiler Pressure	[MPa]	3.0	3.0	3.0	15.0
Max. Temperature	[°C]	350	350	600	600
Cond. Pressure	[kPa]	75	10	10	10
Heat added	[kJ/kg]	2729	2921	3488	3376
Turbine work	[kJ/kg]	713	979	1302	1467
Pump work	[kJ/kg]	3.03	3.02	3.02	15.1
Thermal efficiency	[%]	26.0	33.4	37.3	43.0
X4	[-]	0.886	0.812	0.915	0.804



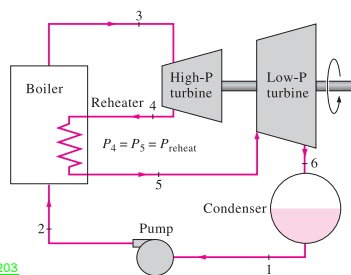
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A supercritical Rankine cycle

- Some modern power plants operate at supercritical pressure ($P \approx 30 \text{ MPa} > P_C = 22.06 \text{ MPa}$) and have $\eta_{th} \sim 40\%$ for fossil-fuel plants and $\eta_{th} \sim 34\%$ for nuclear power plants.
- Lower η_{th} of nuclear power plants are due to lower maximum temperatures used due to safety reasons.

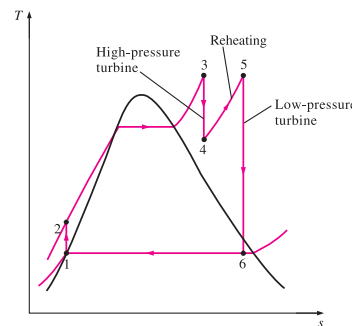


Ideal Reheat Rankine Cycle

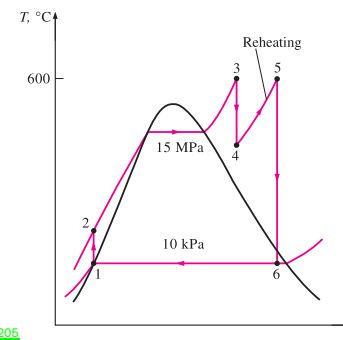


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- $q_{in} = q_{23} + q_{45} = (h_3 - h_2) + (h_5 - h_4)$
- $w_{turb} = w_{34} + w_{56} = (h_3 - h_4) + (h_5 - h_6)$
- Average temperature of heat addition is increased $\Rightarrow \eta_{th} \uparrow$. Moisture quality at turbine exit is also improved.



$P_{reheat} = 4.0 \text{ MPa}$

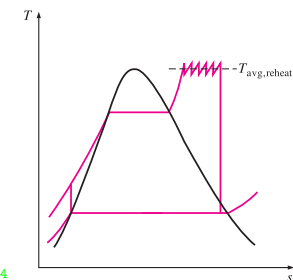


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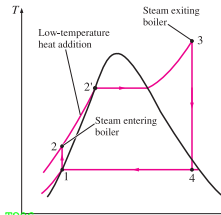
- Heat added = 3897.2 [kJ/kg]
- Turbine work = 1768.5 [kJ/kg]
- Pump work = -15.1 [kJ/kg]
- Thermal efficiency = 45.0 [%]

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Average temperature at which heat is transferred during reheat increases as the number of reheat stages is increased.

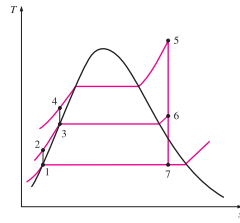
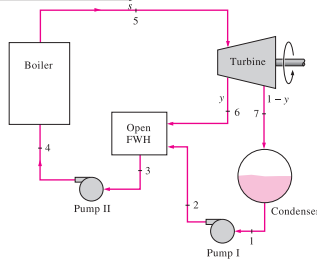


Ideal Regenerative Rankine Cycle with Open FWH



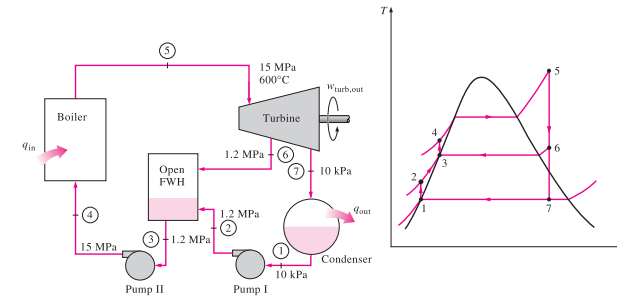
$T_{av}(2 \rightarrow 2')$ is low $\Rightarrow \eta_{th} \downarrow$. A practical regeneration process in steam power plants is accomplished by extracting, or bleeding, steam from the turbine at various points. The device where the feed-water is heated by regeneration is called a **regenerator**, or a **feed-water heater (FWH)**.

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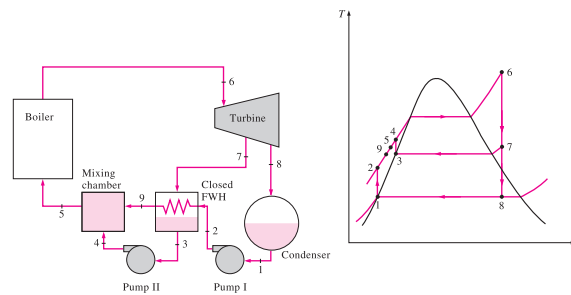
Cengel 10.5: Ideal Regenerative Rankine Cycle with Open FWH.



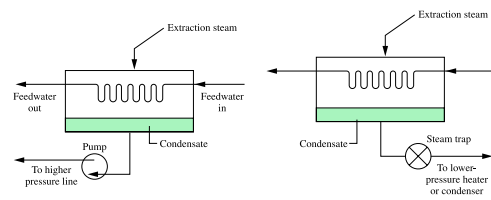
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- $q_{in} = h_5 - h_4 = 2769.2 \text{ kJ/kg}$
 - Energy balance (at FWH): $y h_6 + (1 - y) h_2 = 1 \cdot h_3 \rightarrow y = 0.227$.
 - $w_t = (h_5 - h_6) + (1 - y)(h_6 - h_7) = 1299.1 \text{ kJ/kg}$
 - $w_p = (1 - y)w_{p,I} + w_{p,II} = -16.58 \text{ kJ/kg}$
- $\Rightarrow \eta_{th} = 46.3\% \blacktriangleleft$

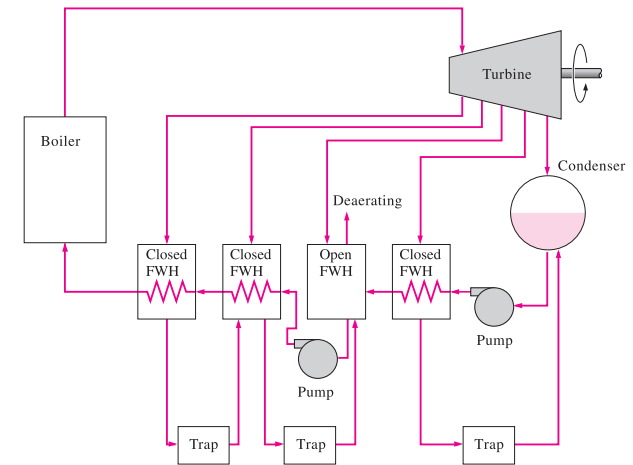
Closed Feed-water Heaters



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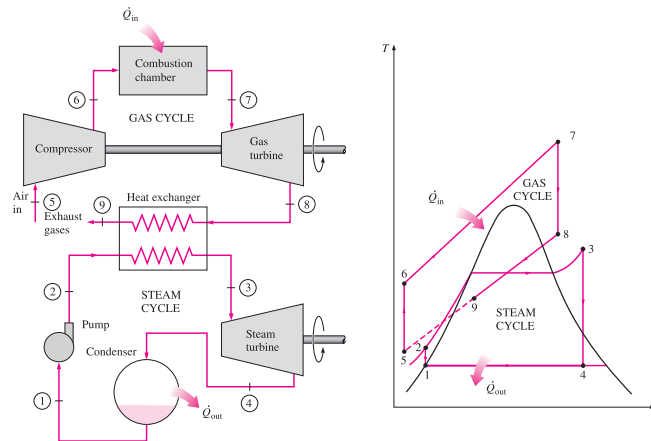
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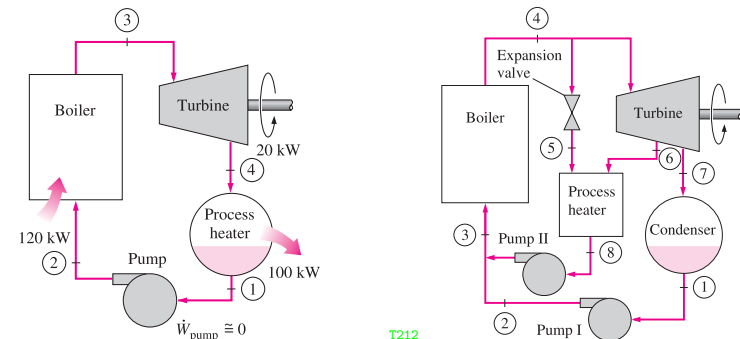
A steam power plant with one open FWH and three closed FWH.

Combined Gas-Vapour Power Cycle



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Heat Exchanger → HRSG ≡ Heat Recovery Steam Generator

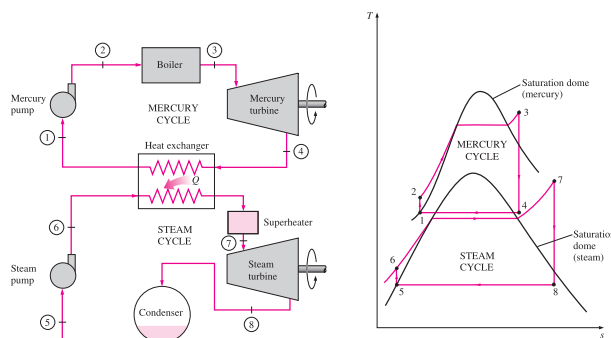
Cogeneration: CHP ≡ Combined Heating & Power



- T211
- Cogeneration is the production of more than one useful form of energy (such as process heat and electric power) from the same energy source.
 - Utilization factor, $\epsilon_U = \frac{\dot{W}_{net} + \dot{Q}_P}{\dot{Q}_{in}} = 1 - \frac{\dot{Q}_{out}}{\dot{Q}_{in}}$.
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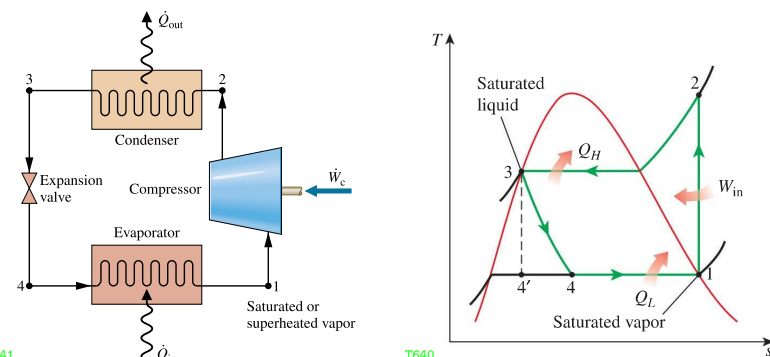
Binary Vapour Cycle

- For Mercury: $P_C = 18 \text{ MPa}$, $T_C = 898^\circ\text{C}$.
- At 0.07 kPa , $T_{sat} = 32^\circ\text{C}$ & at 7.0 kPa , $T_{sat} = 273^\circ\text{C}$.
- $\eta_{th} \geq 50\%$ is possible with binary-vapour cycle.



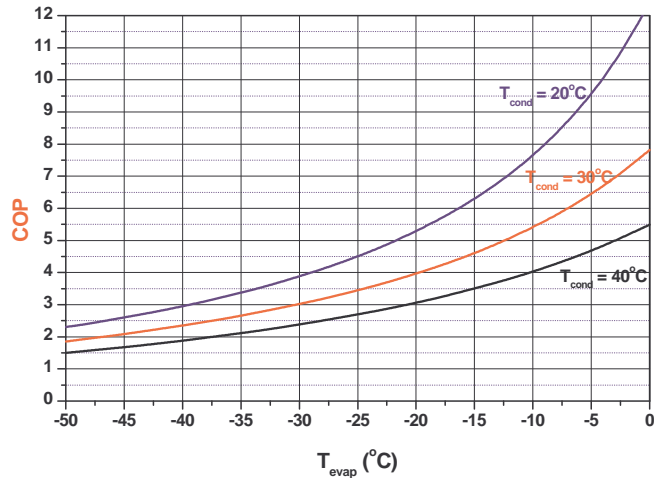
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Ideal Vapour Compression Refrigeration Cycle



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- 1 → 2: Isentropic compression, $P_{evap} \rightarrow P_{cond}$
 - 2 → 3: Isobaric heat rejection, Q_H
 - 3 → 4: Isenthalpic expansion, $P_{cond} \rightarrow P_{evap}$
 - 4 → 1: Isobaric heat extraction, Q_L
- T640

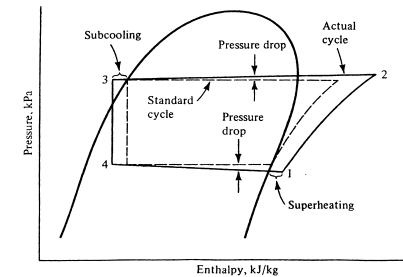
Effect of Evaporator & Condenser Temperatures



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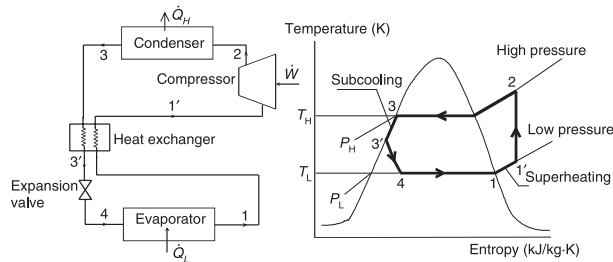
Deviations from Ideal Cycle

- 1 Refrigerant pressure drop in piping, evaporator, condenser, receiver tank, and through the valves and passages.
- 2 Sub-cooling of liquid leaving the condenser.
- 3 Super-heating of vapour leaving the evaporator.
- 4 Compression process is not isentropic.



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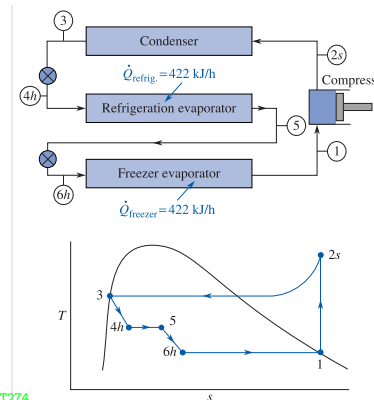
Super-heating & Sub-cooling



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- Sub-cooling of liquid serves a desirable function of ensuring that 100% liquid will enter the expansion device.
- Super-heating of vapour ensures no droplets of liquid being carried over into the compressor.
- Even though refrigeration effect is increased, compression work is greater & probably has negligible thermodynamic advantages.

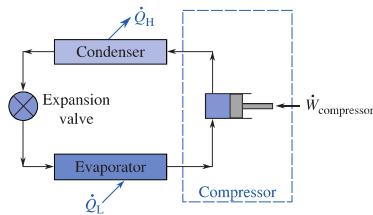
Example: ▷ A dual-evaporator refrigeration system: $T_F = -18.0^\circ\text{C}$, $T_R = 4.0^\circ\text{C}$, $T_c = 30.0^\circ\text{C}$ & $\eta_c = 80\%$.



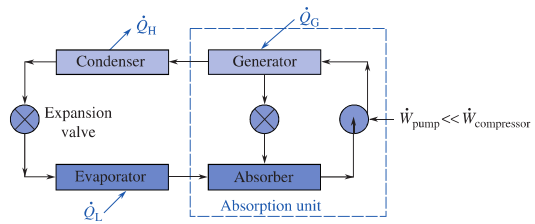
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- $COP_R = ?$ $x_5 = ?$
- $\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{Q}_R + \dot{Q}_F}{h_1 - h_{4h}} = 1.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/s} \blacktriangleleft$
- $\dot{W}_c = \frac{\dot{m}(h_{2s} - h_1)}{\eta_c}$
- $COP_R = \frac{\dot{Q}_R + \dot{Q}_F}{\dot{W}_c} = 3.37 \blacktriangleleft$
- $\dot{Q}_R = \dot{m}(h_5 - h_{4h}) \rightarrow h_5$
- $h_5 \Rightarrow x_5 = 0.56 \blacktriangleleft$

Vapour Absorption Refrigeration System

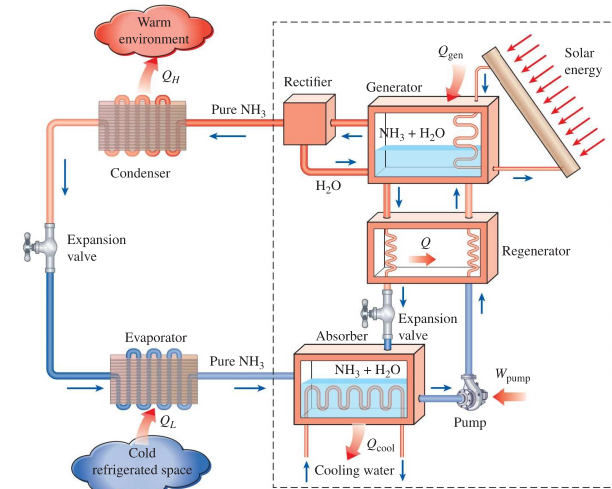


(a) Standard vapor-compression refrigeration.



(b) Absorption vapor-compression refrigeration.

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Ammonia absorption refrigeration system



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