

# THERMODYNAMICS

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## BASIC NOTIONS OF THERMODYNAMICS

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# Abbreviations

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- TPP – Thermal power plant
- NPP – Nuclear power plant
- KMT – Kinetic molecular theory

***Thermodynamics*** is the study of mutual conversions of heat energy and other forms of energy and its conditions in various physical-chemical processes.

Independent sections of thermodynamics:

- **engineering thermodynamics;**
- chemical thermodynamics;
- thermodynamics of biological systems, etc.

# Particular features of engineering thermodynamics as a scientific branch

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- The main goals:
  - to study regularities of mutual conversion of heat and mechanical energy;
  - to study properties of bodies engaged in these processes of conversion;
  - to examine efficient methods of energy conversion.
- Subject of study
  - Physical phenomena in macroscopic bodies and systems.

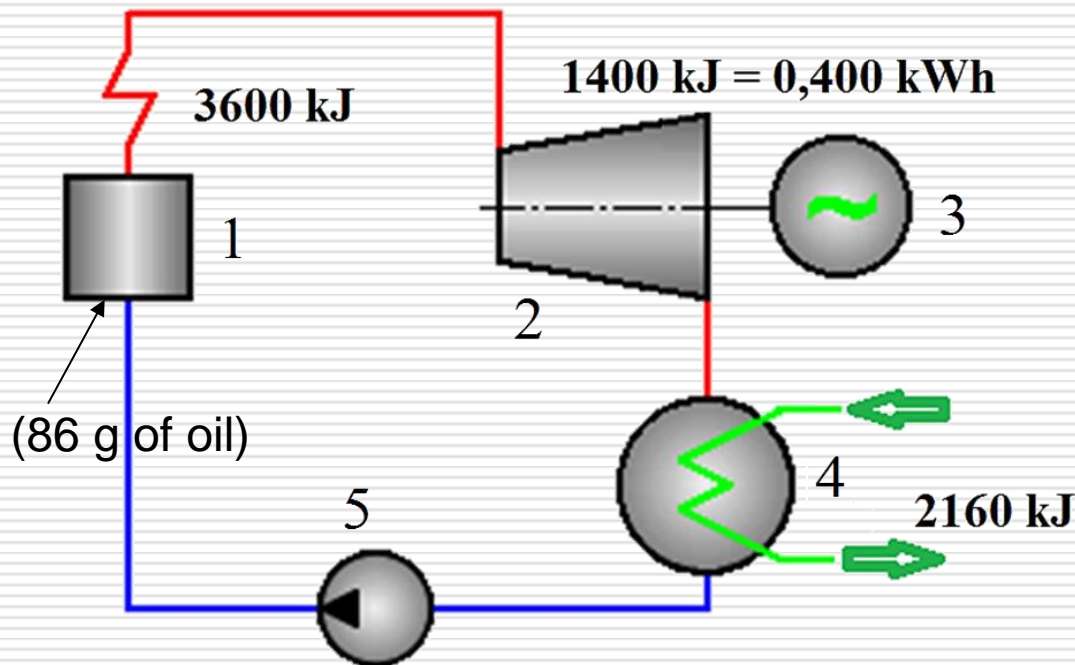
**Regularities** of engineering thermodynamics serve as a basis for calculation and design of thermal engines as well as thermo-technical equipment

From historical point of view, thermodynamics appeared due to the study of heat conversion into work within the steam engines.

# Subjects of engineering thermodynamics are *processes of mutual conversion of heat and work*

Efficiency of steam turbine installation - 40 %

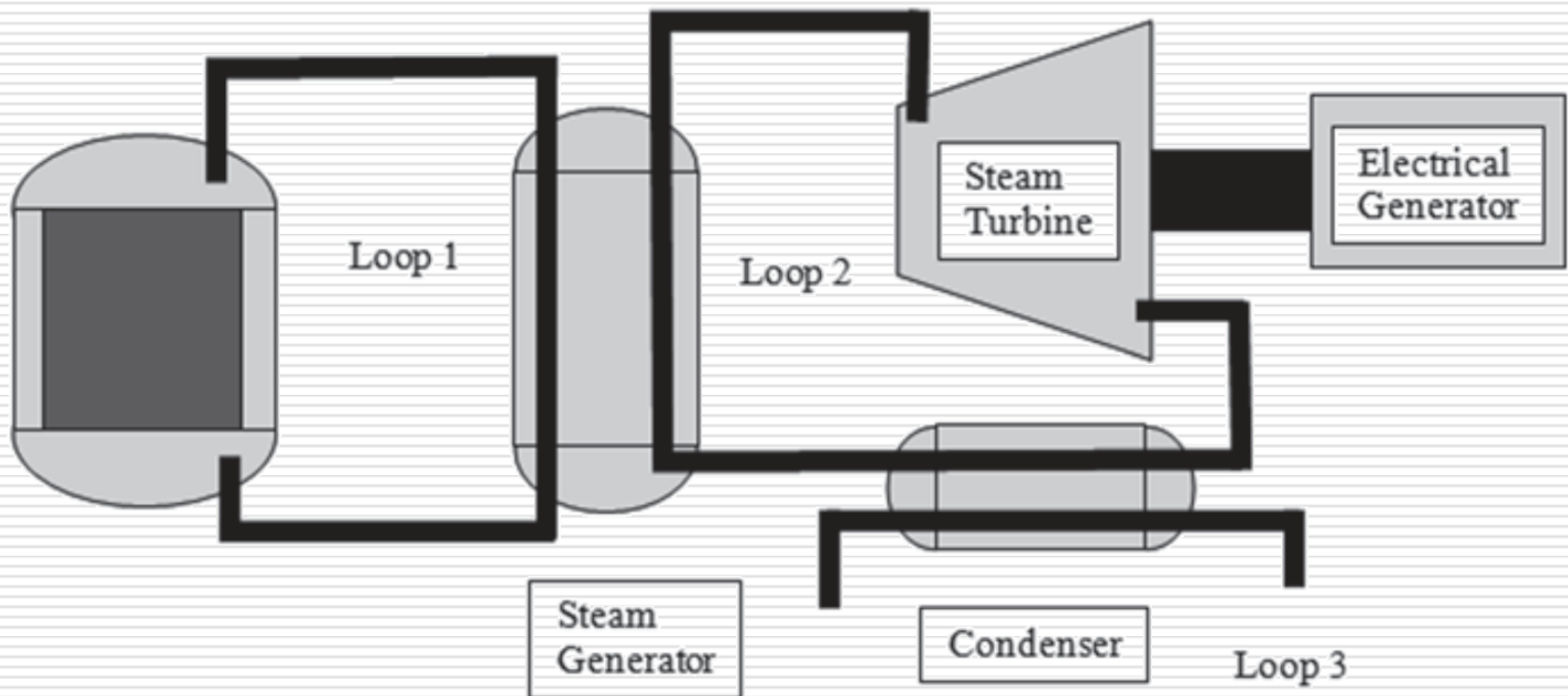
An example of a unit for converting heat into work and electrical energy (basic action principle of TPP and NPP)



- 1 – boiler
- 2 – steam turbine
- 3 – electrical generator
- 4 – condenser
- 5 – feed pump

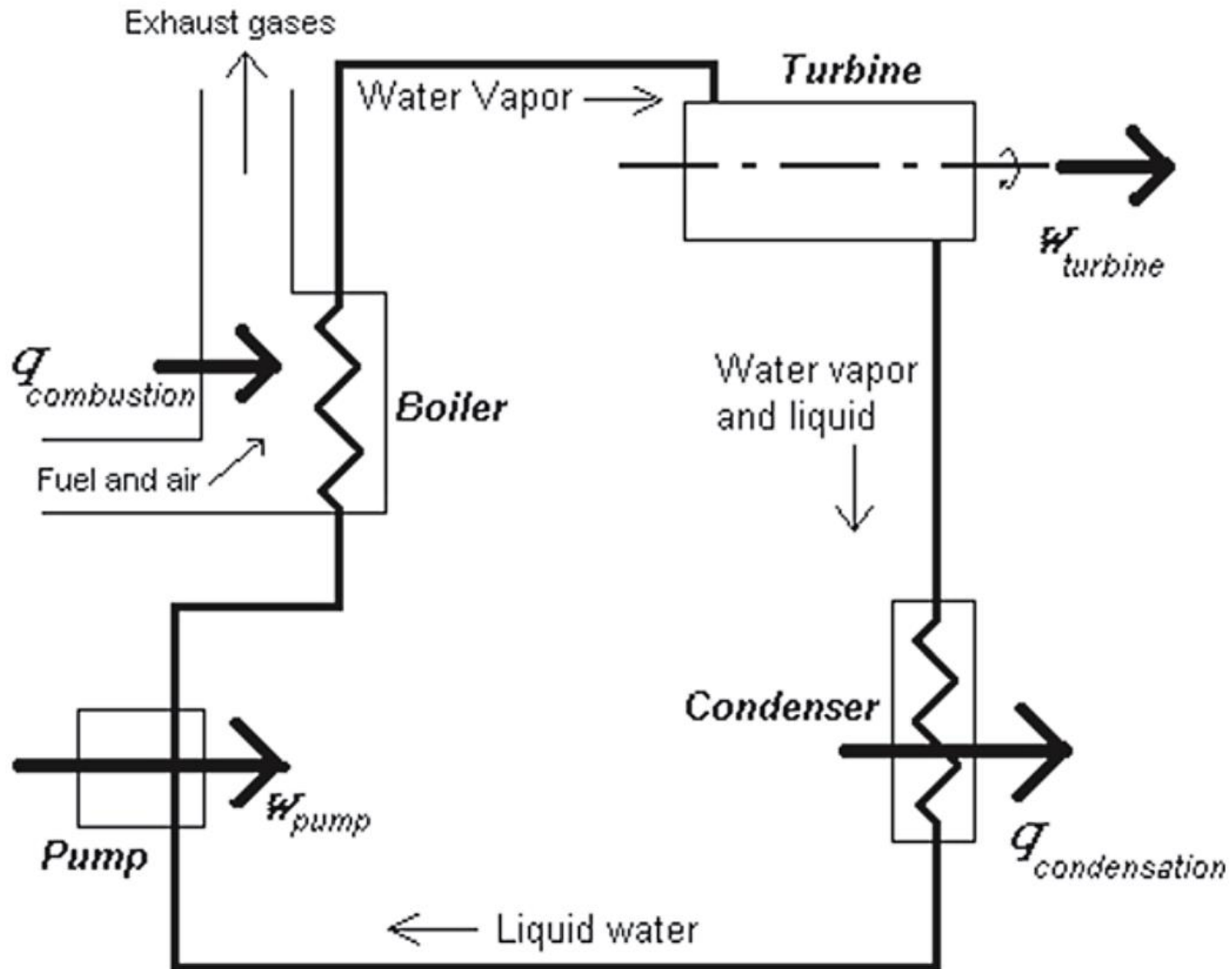
# Example of a pressurized water nuclear reactor

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# Scheme of a steam power plant



# Pressurized water reactor

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- ❑ PWR converts *nuclear energy* into electrical energy by transforming nuclear energy, first, into *thermal energy*, and then thermal energy into *mechanical energy* which is finally converted into *electrical energy*.
- ❑ Thermodynamics deals with each of these conversion processes. To quantify each of these processes, we must understand and apply *the laws of thermodynamics*.

# Basic notions and definitions of engineering thermodynamics

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- Thermodynamic system;
- Working medium;
- State parameters;
- Thermodynamic processes;

# Thermodynamic system

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*Set of material bodies and fields mutually affecting one another and the environment, i.e., exchanging energy and substance.*

## Systems can be:

### **1. isolated**

- closed – without substance exchange
- adiabatic – without exchange

### **2. non-isolated**

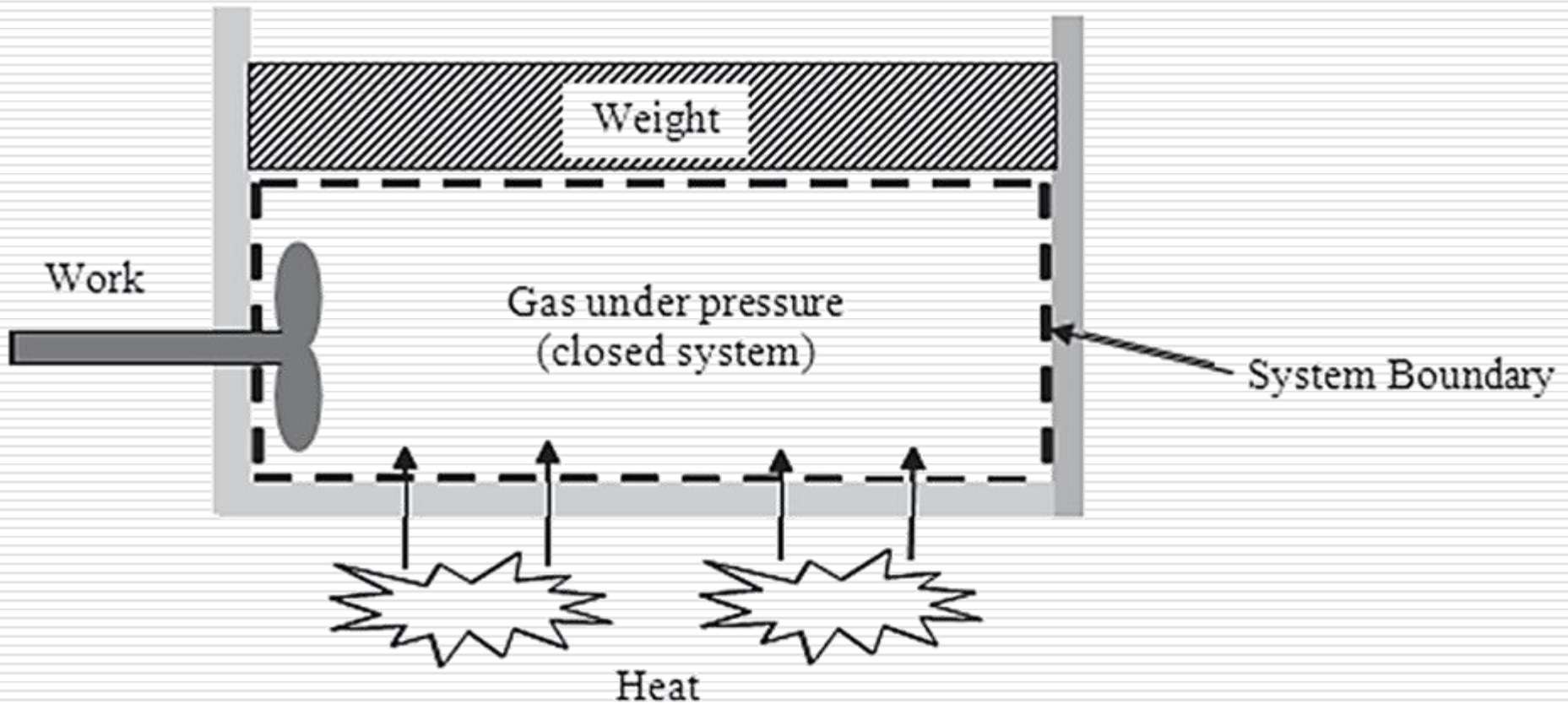
# Isolated thermodynamic systems

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- ***Closed system*** features a fixed mass value which is limited to fixed bounds.
- ***Adiabatically isolated*** thermodynamic system doesn't exchange heat with the environment.

# A closed system

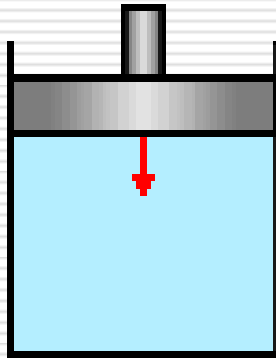
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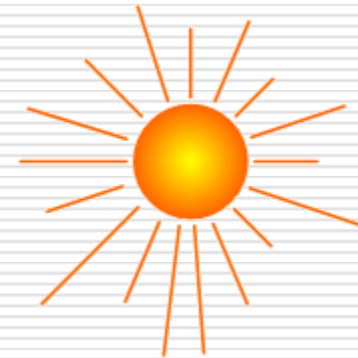
# Examples of closed systems

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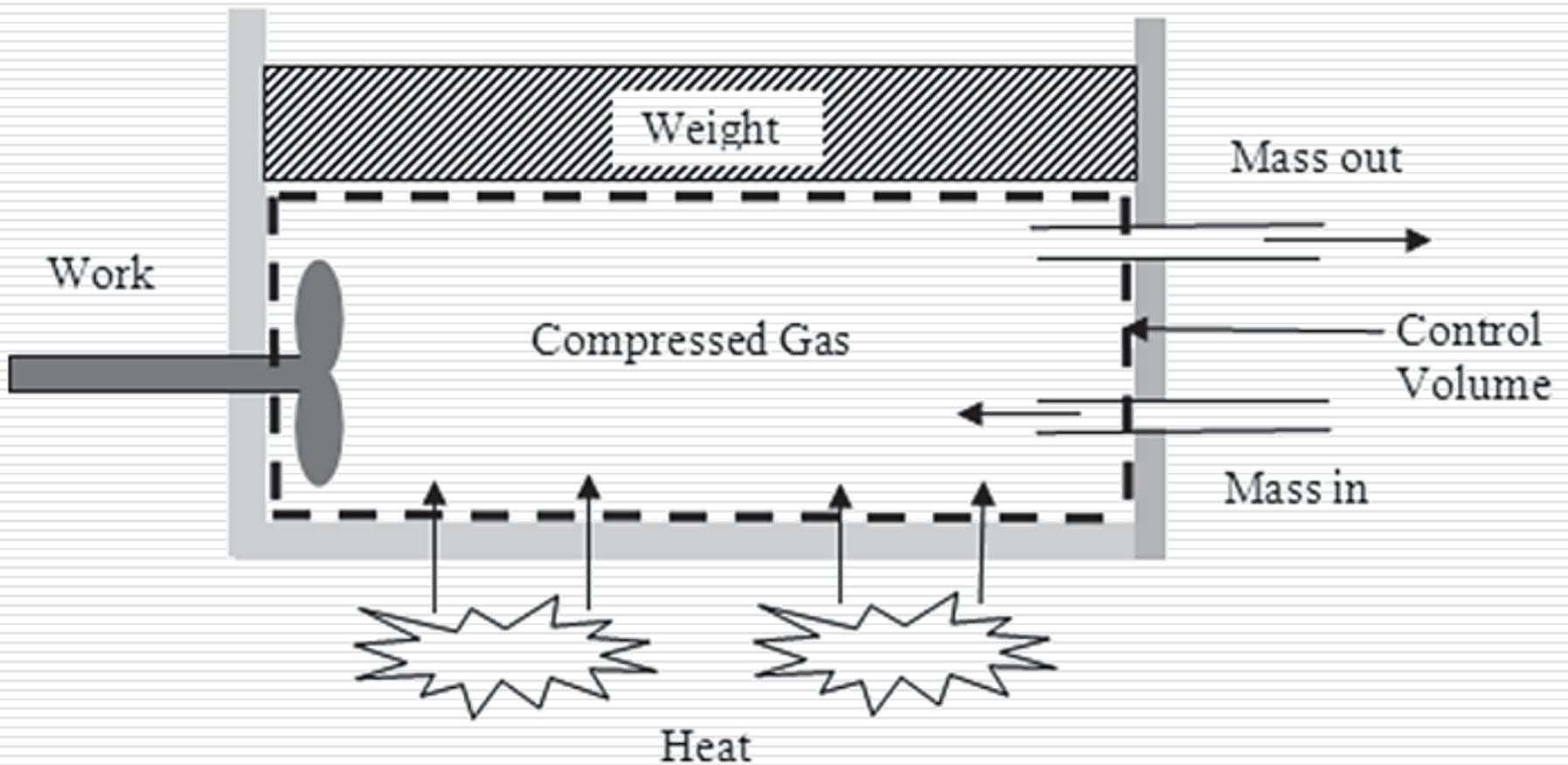
The gas is compressed under a moveable piston



The container is heated



# An open system

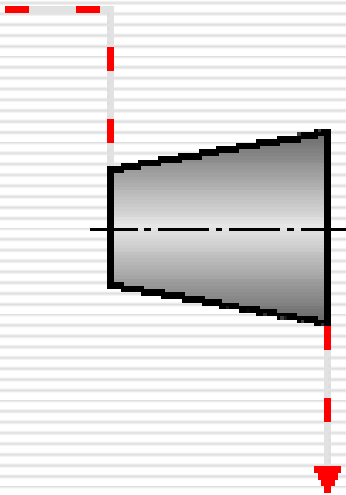




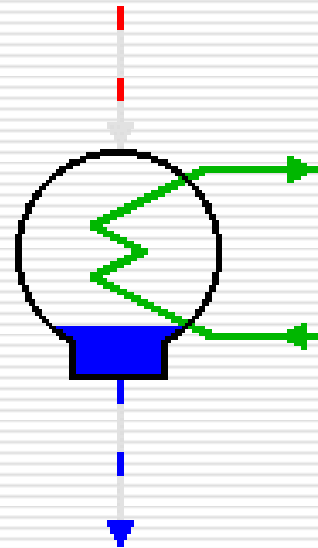
# Examples of open systems

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Steam turbine



Condenser of steam turbine



# Example of an adiabatic thermodynamic system

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Gas, stored in a closed cylinder **with ideal thermal insulation**, is a closed and, at the same time, adiabatic system.

# Elementary thermodynamic system is *a working medium*

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Substance, characterized by the capability to considerably change its working volume in various thermodynamic processes, is called a *working medium*.

Examples:

- in *internal combustion engines* working medium is *fuel combustion product*;
- in *steam turbine installations* working medium is *water steam*.

# ***Thermal parameters of state***

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Macroscopic values characterize the state of thermodynamic system.

## **Thermal parameters:**

- absolute temperature  $T$ ;
- absolute pressure  $p$ ;
- specific volume  $v$  (reciprocal value is density  $\rho$ ).

# Absolute temperature

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- In KMT absolute temperature is determined by average kinetic energy of progressive motion of molecules.
- Numerical value of temperature is measured by means of thermometers. The action principle of a thermometer is based on the dependence of a substance property on temperature:
  - thermal expansion of a working medium;
  - electrical resistance;
  - electromotive force (EMF), etc.

# Temperature scales

- The scale of temperature is set for two *arbitrary constant temperature values*, e.g., the freezing point ( $t=0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and the boiling point ( $t=100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) of water.
- Difference of temperature for these values, divided by a number of equal parts, is called a *degree*.
- Degrees Celsius and Kelvin are used simultaneously:  $1^{\circ}\text{C} = 1 \text{ K}$ .

## Examples of temperature scale:

- Celsius scale;
- Kelvin scale ( $T_{\text{K}} = t^{\circ}\text{C} + 273,15$ );
- Fahrenheit scale ( $t^{\circ}\text{F} = 32 + 1,8 \cdot t^{\circ}\text{C}$ );
- Reaumur scale;
- Rankine scale, etc.

# Pressure

From the view of *molecular-kinetic theory*, pressure is caused by the fact that gas molecules, moving constantly and chaotically, collide with walls of a cylinder.

Pressure value equals the force value affecting a unit of surface square at a right angle to the surface.

## Pressure can be:

- absolute pressure  $p$  (thermal parameter);
- barometric (atmospheric) pressure  $p_b$ ;
- gage pressure (above atmospheric pressure)

$$p_{\text{over}} = p - p_v$$

- underpressure (below atmospheric pressure)

$$p_{\text{vac}} = p_b - p$$

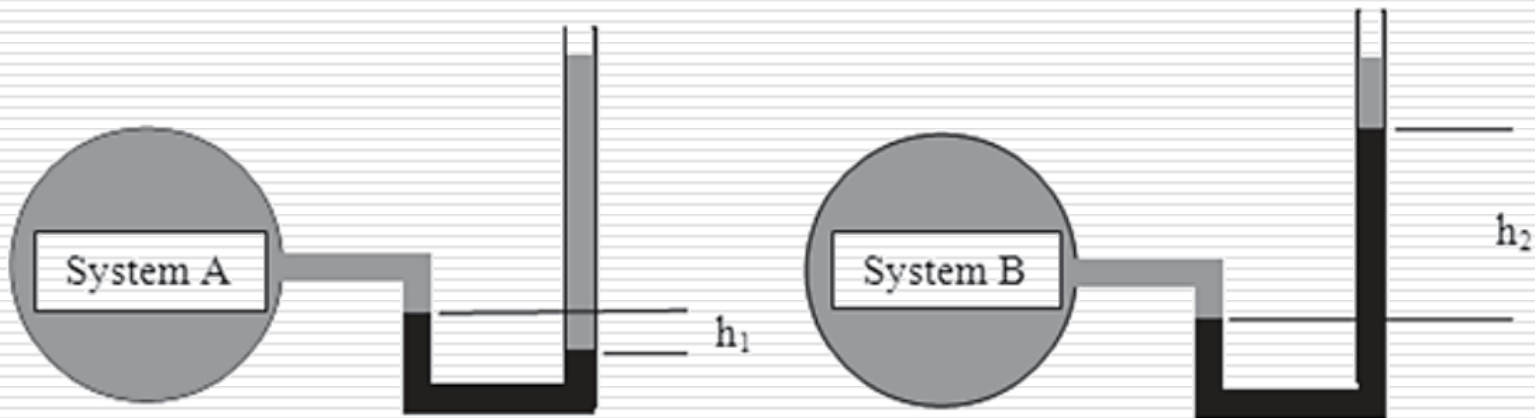
- vacuum

$$V = p_{\text{vac}} / p_b \cdot 100\%$$

# Pressure measurement

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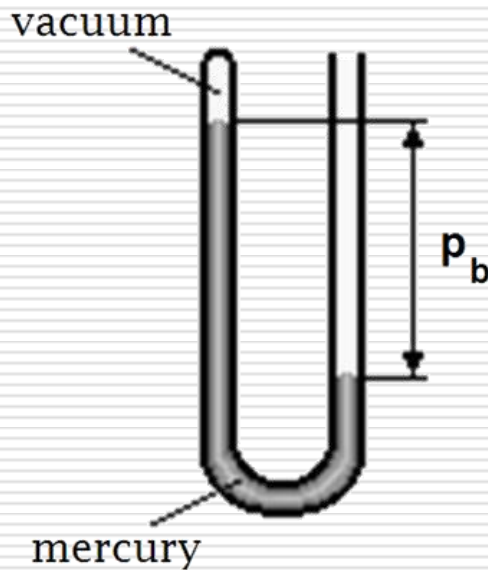
A manometer measures the difference in height of a fluid in contact with two different pressures.





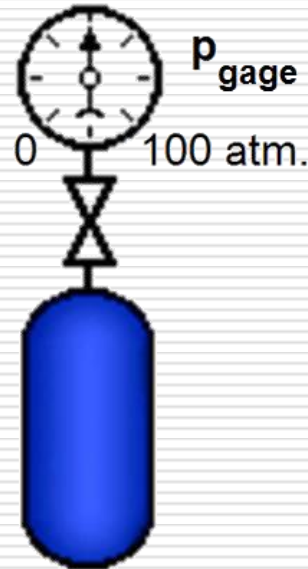
# Pressure measurement

Barometer  
(atmospheric pressure)



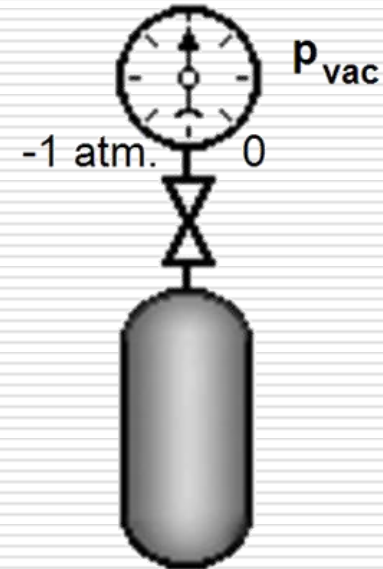
$$p_{atm} = p_b$$

Manometer  
(gage pressure)



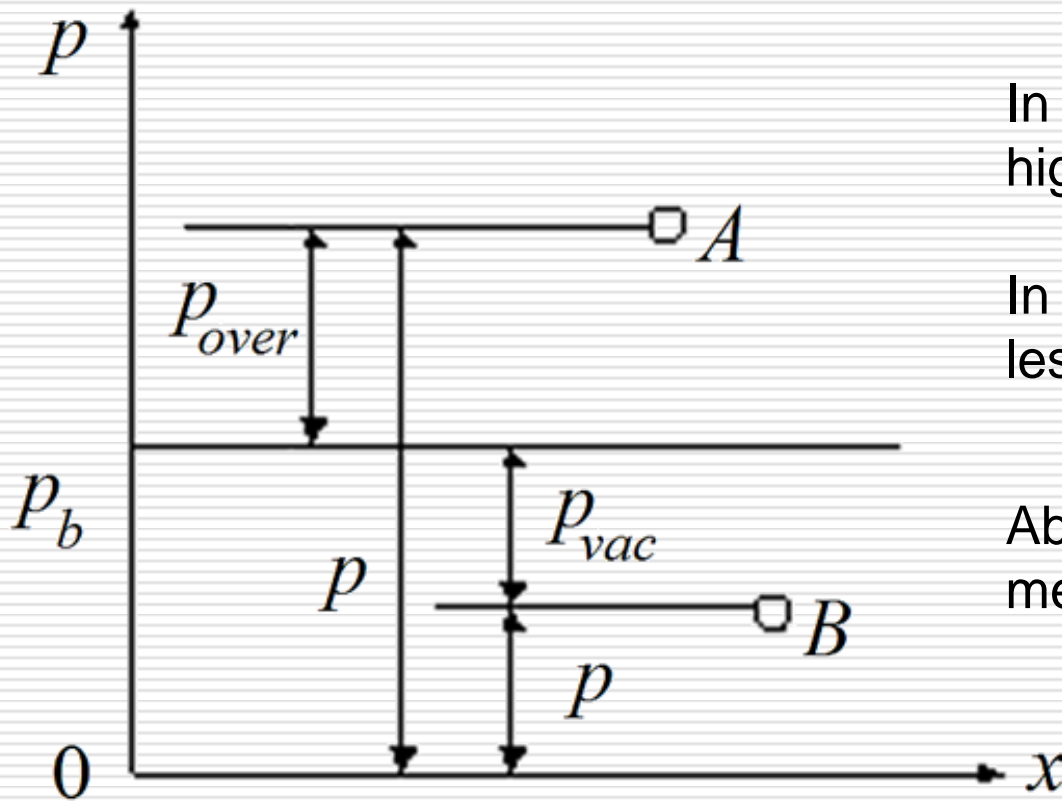
$$p = p_b + p_{over}$$

A vacuum gauge  
(underpressure)



$$p = p_b - p_{vac}$$

# Relationships between the absolute pressure $p$ and pressures measured by instruments



In the point  $A$  – pressure is higher than atmospheric one

In the point  $B$  – pressure is less than atmospheric one

Absolute pressure is measured from zero

# Measurement units of parameters in the SI system

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- **Pressure p** in pascals ( $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$ )
  - **1 bar** =  $10^5 \text{ Pa} = 100 \text{ kilopascals (kPa)}$   
(approximately equal to atmospheric pressure)
  - **1 at** =  $1 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 = 98 \text{ kPa}$
  - **1 atm** =  $101,3 \text{ kPa} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$
  - Pressure less than atmospheric is often called ***underpressure***

$$H = B - p$$

- **Vacuum**

$$V = H / B \cdot 100\%$$

# Ratios between pressure measurement units

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$$1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$1 \text{ kPa} = 10^3 \text{ Pa} = 10^{-2} \text{ bar} = 1,01972 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ kgf/cm}^2$$

$$1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 1,01972 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$$

$$1 \text{ bar} = 750,06 \text{ mmHg} = 10,1972 \text{ mH}_2\text{O}$$

$$1 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 = 9,80665 \cdot 10^4 \text{ Pa} = 0,980665 \text{ bar}$$

$$1 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 = 735,55 \text{ mmHg} = 10 \text{ mH}_2\text{O}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ mmHg} = 1,01325 \text{ bar}$$

# Specific volume

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- Specific volume  $v$  [ $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ ] is volume of a mass unit (1 kg of substance)
- Density of a mass unit  $\rho$  [ $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ ] is reciprocal of specific volume ( $\rho = 1/v$ )

# Equilibrium state

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Under constant external conditions, state parameters of thermodynamic system do not change

- in the course of time;
- by volume.

# Thermal equation of working medium state

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**For equilibrium state of a system,** pressure of homogeneous medium can be represented as function of only temperature and specific volume:

$$\mathbf{f(p, v, T) = 0}$$

The form of the equation of state is determined only by an experiment or KMT.

# Thermodynamic process

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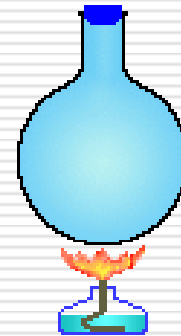
- If the system state changes, a process will occur. The sequence of changes of system state makes a **thermodynamic process**;
- **Equilibrium process** (quasi-steady process) is a sequence of equilibrium states.



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In nature there are processes that can never be equilibrium ones. E.g., processes of mixing gases and liquids, processes of heat transfer through the finite temperature difference, etc.

- Example of non-equilibrium process:  
*Gas density along the height of the vessel is heterogeneous.*



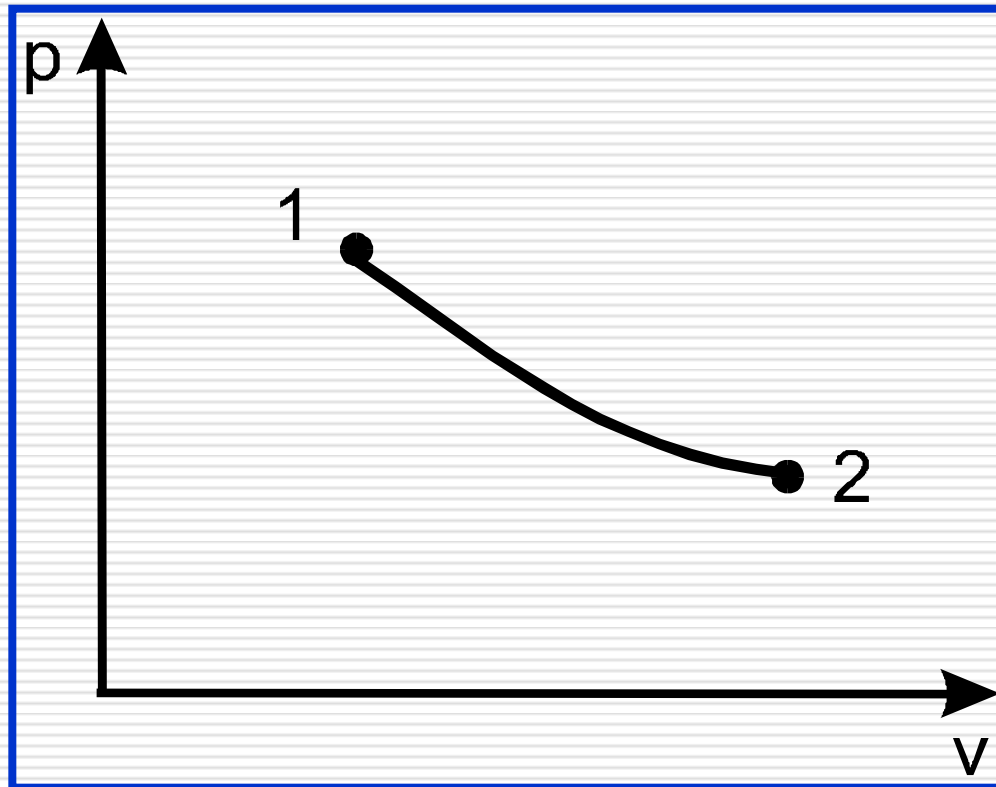
# Types of thermodynamic process

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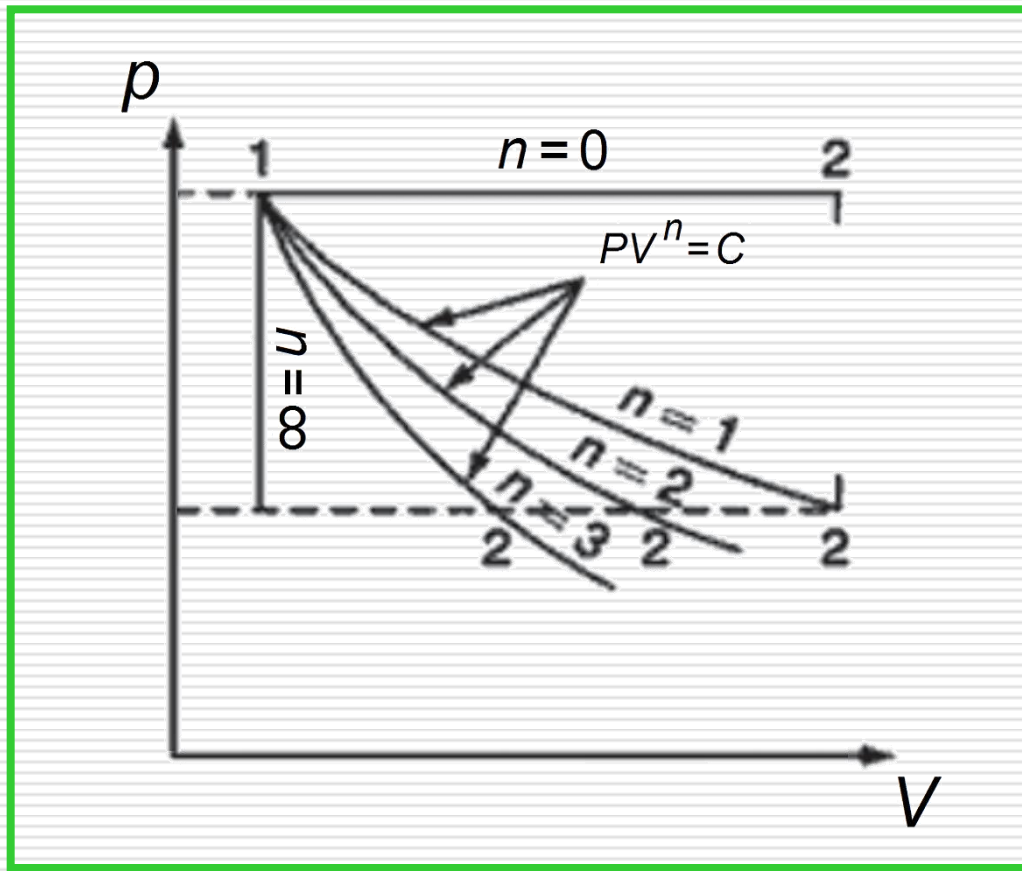
- ideal and real;
- equilibrium and non-equilibrium;
- steady, quasi-steady, dynamic;
- closed and open;
- reversible and irreversible;
- isobaric, isochoric, isothermal, adiabatic and polytropic.

# Isothermal process in p·V-diagram ( $p \cdot V$ is constant)

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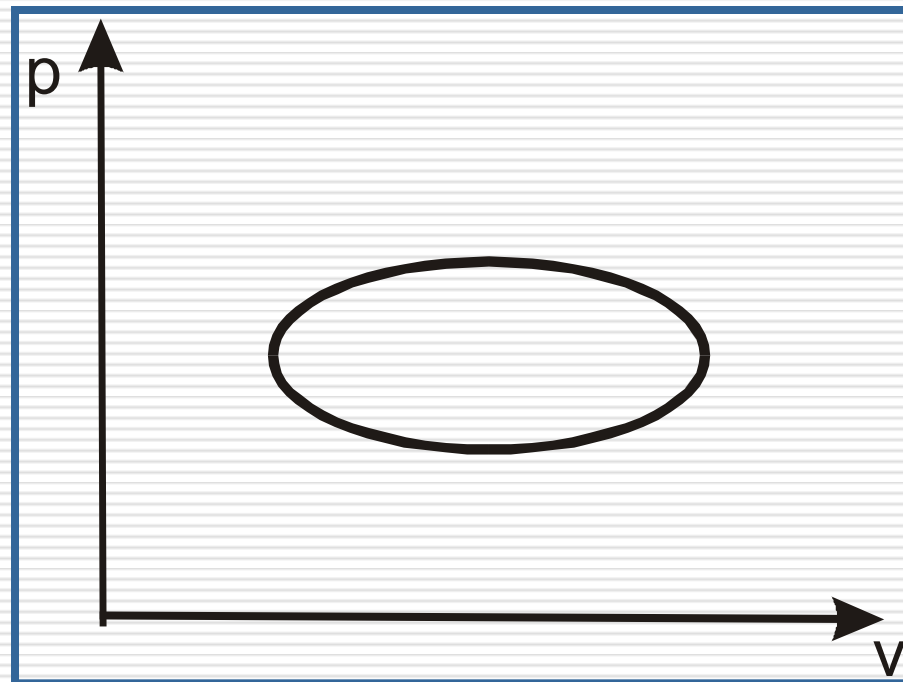


# Polytropic processes in p·V-diagram ( $p \cdot V^n$ is constant)

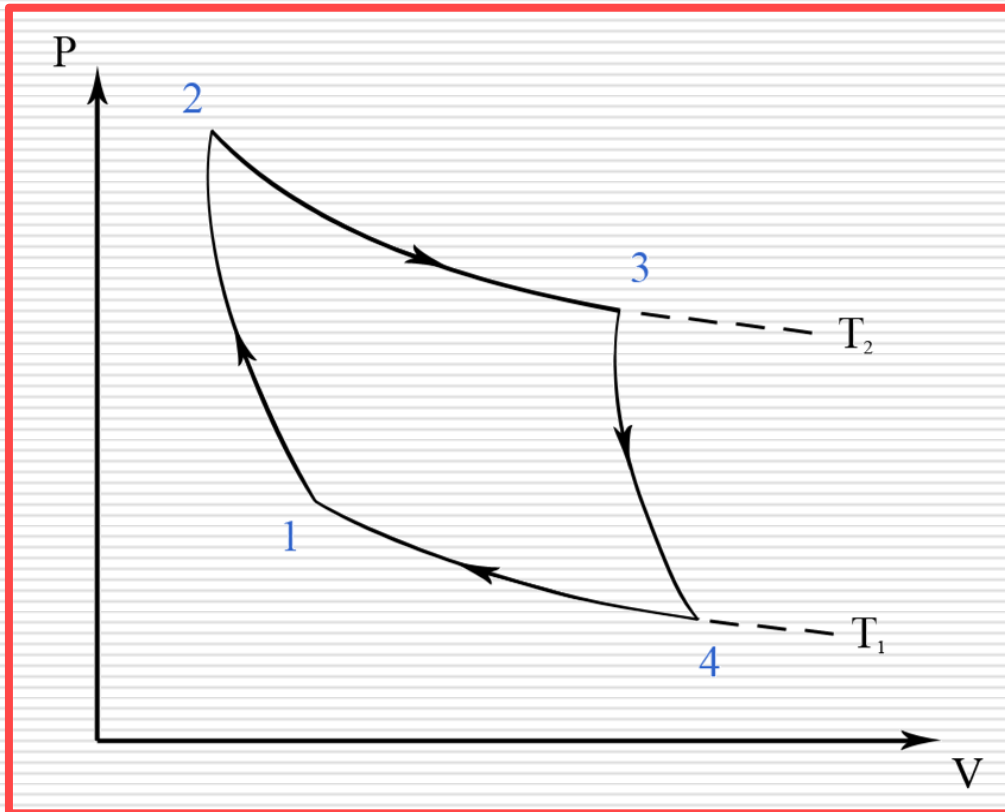


# Circular process in p-V-diagram

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# Carnot cycle (clockwise)



**1-2:** Adiabatic compression

**2-3:** Isothermal expansion

**3-4:** Adiabatic expansion

**4-1:** Isothermal compression

# Energy definition

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- «activity», «operation» (from the Ancient Greek)

*Energy is defined as potential to do the work  
(quantitative measure of different  
forms of matter motion)*

- ***Different kinds of energy:*** mechanical, thermal, magnetic, nuclear, potential, etc.

# Energy of thermodynamic system ***E***

Any thermodynamic system contains energy. The total energy of thermodynamic system:

$$\mathbf{E = E_{kin} + E_{pot} + U}$$

$E_{kin}$  – kinetic energy of the system motion;

$E_{pot}$  – potential energy of the system, determined by the relative position of thermodynamic system and its parts in the external force field (e.g., gravity field);

$U$  – total internal energy, determined by the speed of molecule motion and the relative position of molecules.

A special case:  $E_{kin} = E_{pot} = 0$

$$\mathbf{E = U}$$



# Internal energy of the system $U$

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- For the first time it was identified in Joule's experiments to establish the mechanical equivalent of heat;
- $U$  has two components: **kinetic** energy of particles and **potential** energy;
- $U$  depends only on state of the system:

$$U(v, T) \text{ or } U(p, T) \text{ or } U(p, v)$$

- internal energy is a total differential:

$$dU = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V dT + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T dV$$

- internal energy may change from an initial value  $U_1$  to a final value  $U_2$ :

$$\int dU = U_2 - U_1 = \Delta U$$

A thermodynamic system is characterized by:

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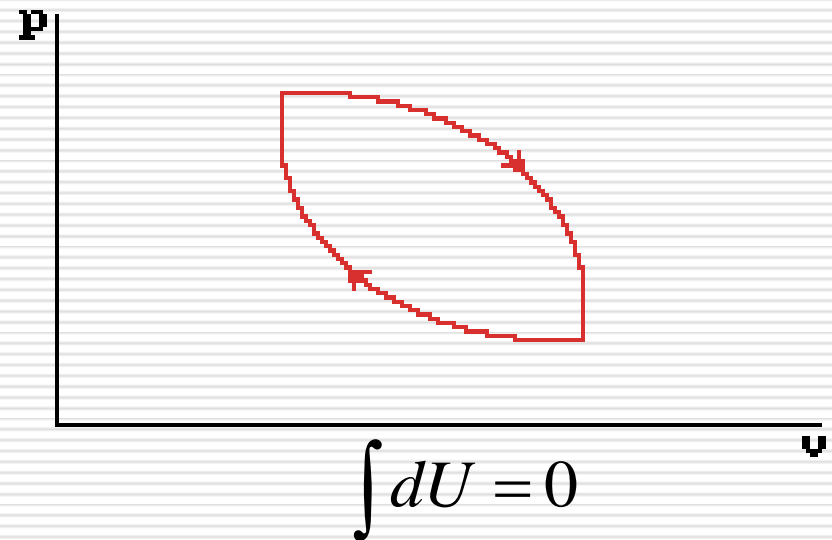
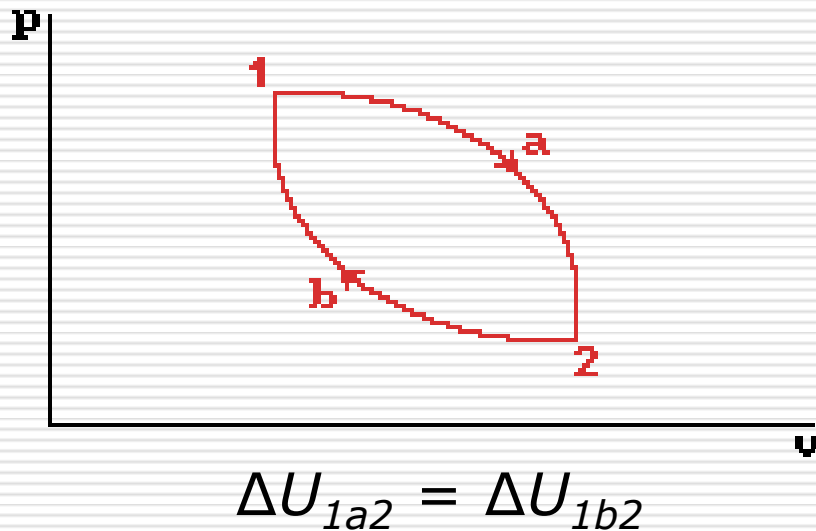
- total internal energy  $U$ , J (or in kilojoules);
- specific internal energy  $u$ , J/kg (or in kilojoules per kilogram)

$$u = \frac{U}{m},$$

where  $m$  is mass of substance (in kilograms).

# Change of internal energy in processes

- change of internal energy doesn't depend on the process type:  
$$(U_2 - U_1)_{1a2} = (U_2 - U_1)_{1b2}$$
- change of internal energy in circular process equals zero.



# Internal energy of an **ideal** gas

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- For an **ideal** gas, the internal energy depends only on temperature, not on pressure or volume:

$$U=U(T)$$

# Internal energy of a **real** gas

$$dU = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V dT + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T dV$$

# Caloric equation of the system state

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$$u = f(v, T)$$

The type of the dependence  $u = f(v, T)$  is determined on the basis of an experiment or KMT.

# Heat and work as methods of energy transfer

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- **Work** of  $m$  kg of gas (in ***kJ***):

$$L = m \cdot l ,$$

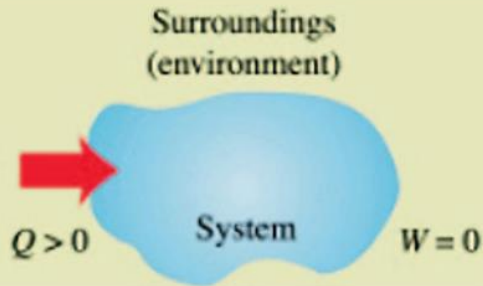
where  $l$  is specific work

- **Heat** of process for  $m$  kg of gas (in ***kJ***):

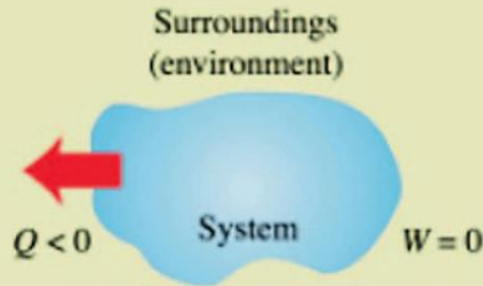
$$Q = m \cdot q ,$$

where  $q$  is specific heat of the process

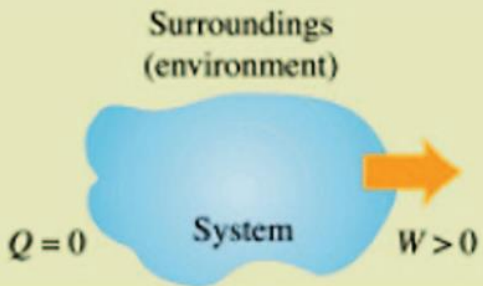
# Thermodynamic system can exchange energy with its surroundings (environment) by means of heat and work



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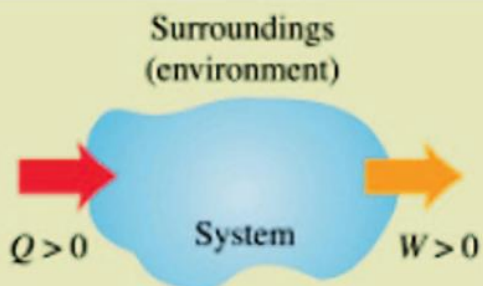
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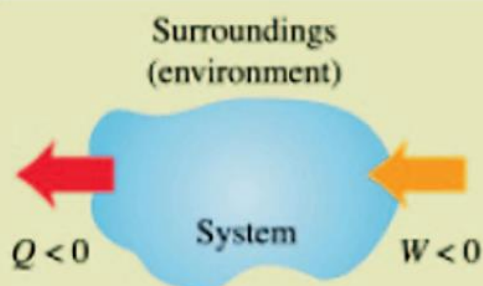
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- a. When heat is added to the system,  $Q$  is positive;
- b. When heat is transferred out of the system,  $Q$  is negative;
- c. When work is done by the system,  $W$  is positive;
- d. When work is done on the system,  $W$  is negative. Energy transfer by both heat and work can occur simultaneously;
- e. When heat is added to the system and work is done by the system;
- f. When heat is transferred out of the system and work is done on the system.



# Work of process

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- ❑ **The formal definition of work is “a force acting through a distance”.**
- ❑ It is the value of energy directed motion which changes, i.e., there is a displacement of the body as a single whole;
- ❑ E.g., when gas in a cylinder expands, its internal energy is converted into mechanical energy of the piston motion.

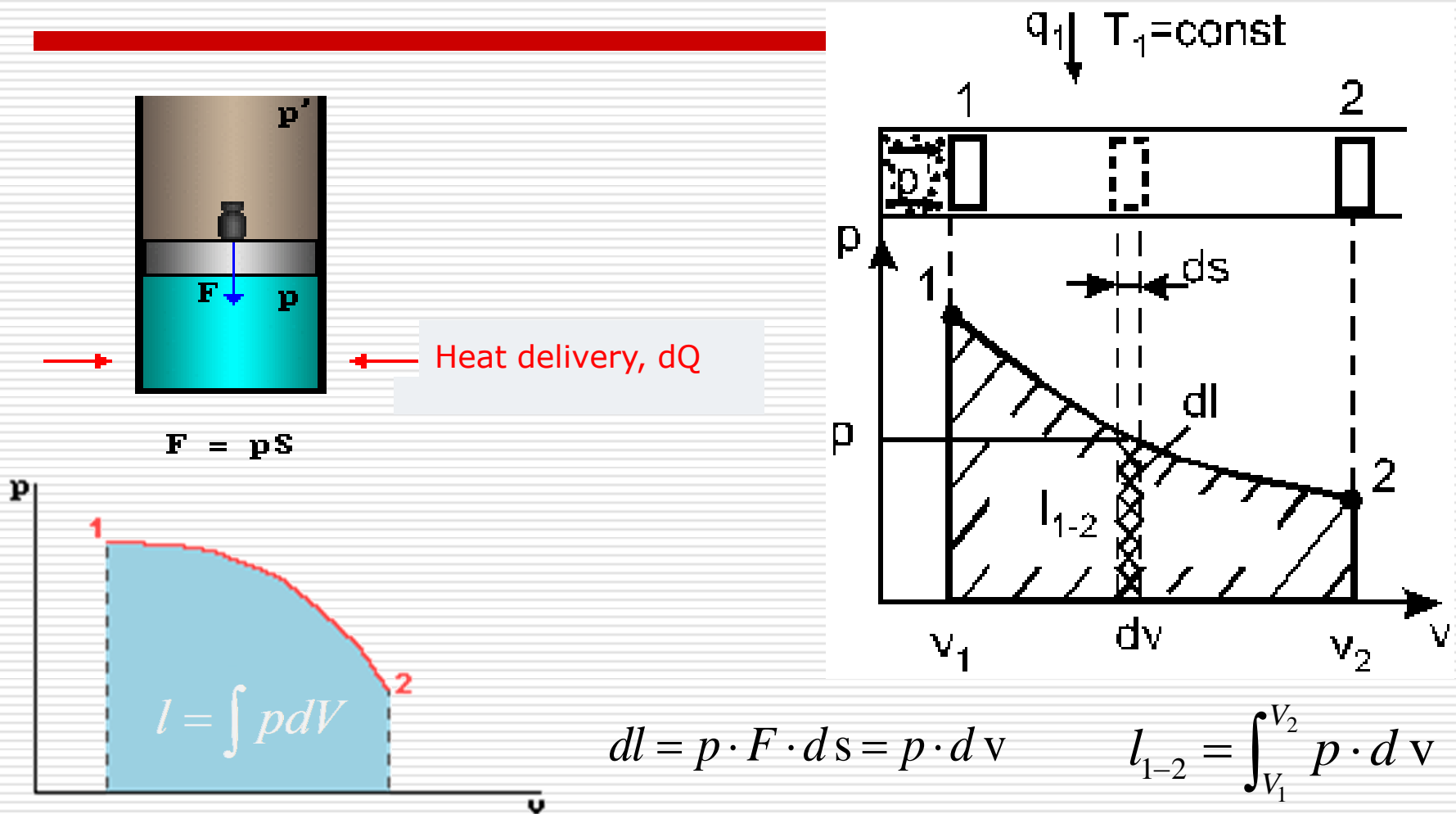


# Work of process

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- Usually thermodynamics reports the mechanical work done by gas or water steam, and represents either change of the body volume (closed thermodynamic systems) or its displacement (open thermodynamic systems).
  
- There are three values for the description of thermodynamic process:
  1. total work  $L$ , kJ
  2. specific work  $\ell = L/m$ , kJ/kg
  3. mass of “working medium”  $m$ , kg

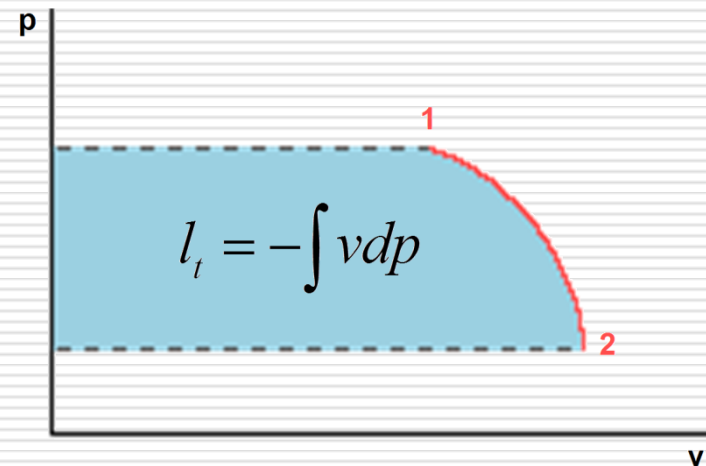
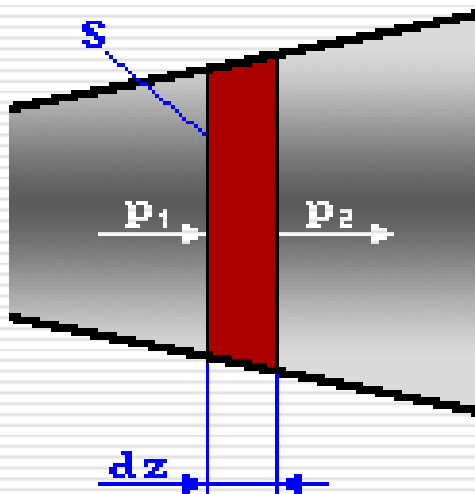
# Work to change the volume **in a closed thermodynamic system**



# Technical work in an **open thermodynamic system**

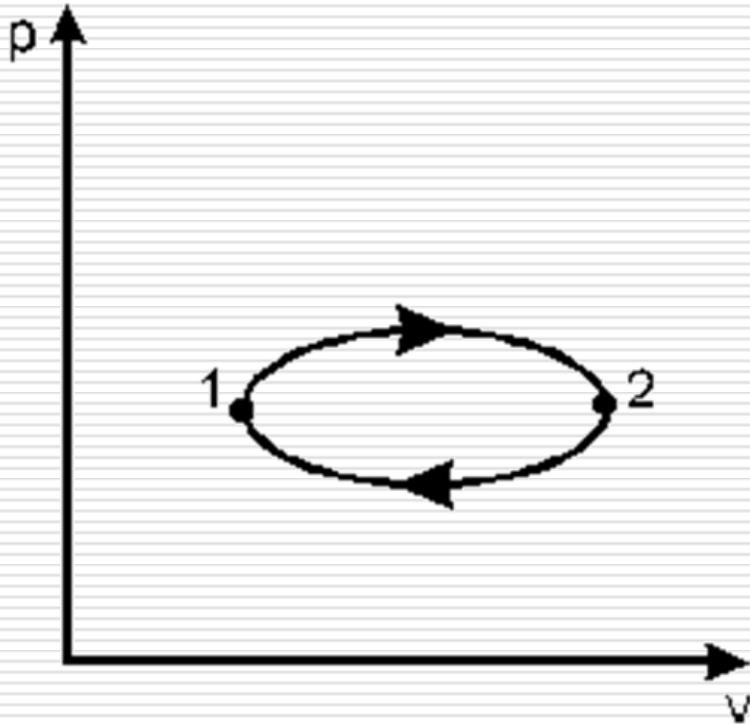
In heat engines all the processes of work usually occur in a continuous solid flow.

Technical work is shown in the pV-diagram by the square enclosed by the curve of the process and the axis of pressure.

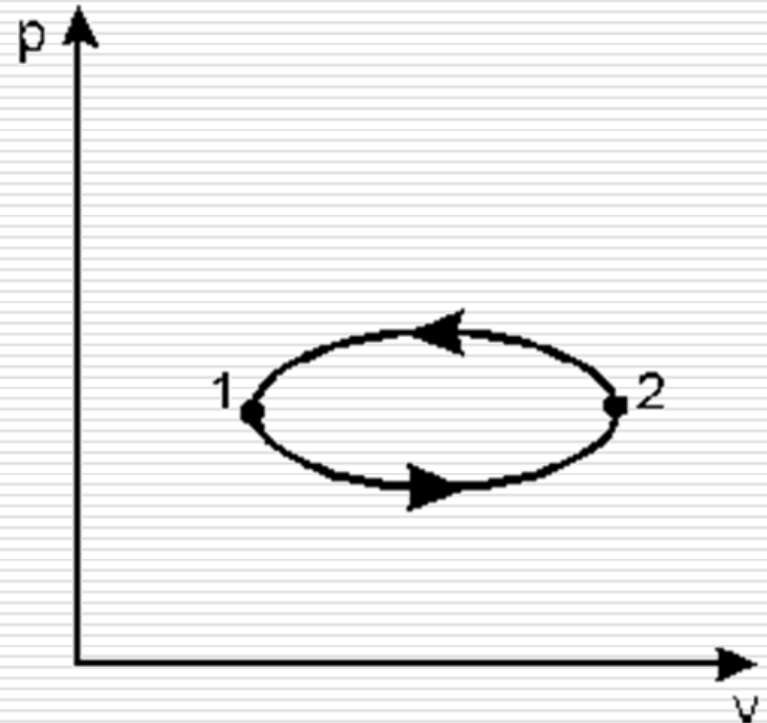


# Work of cycle

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**A cycle acting as a heat engine**  
(clockwise)



**A refrigeration cycle**  
(anticlockwise)

# Heat and heat capacity of process

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□ **Heat is a form of energy;**

□ **Heat** of process for  $m$  kg of gas is equal to

$$Q = m \cdot q \text{ (in kilojoules),}$$

where  $q$  is specific heat of this process (kJ/kg).

# Average heat capacity in the temperature range from $T_1$ to $T_2$ ( $T_2 > T_1$ )

- The **heat capacity** is the ratio of heat added to an object to the resulting temperature change from  $T_1$  to  $T_2$ :

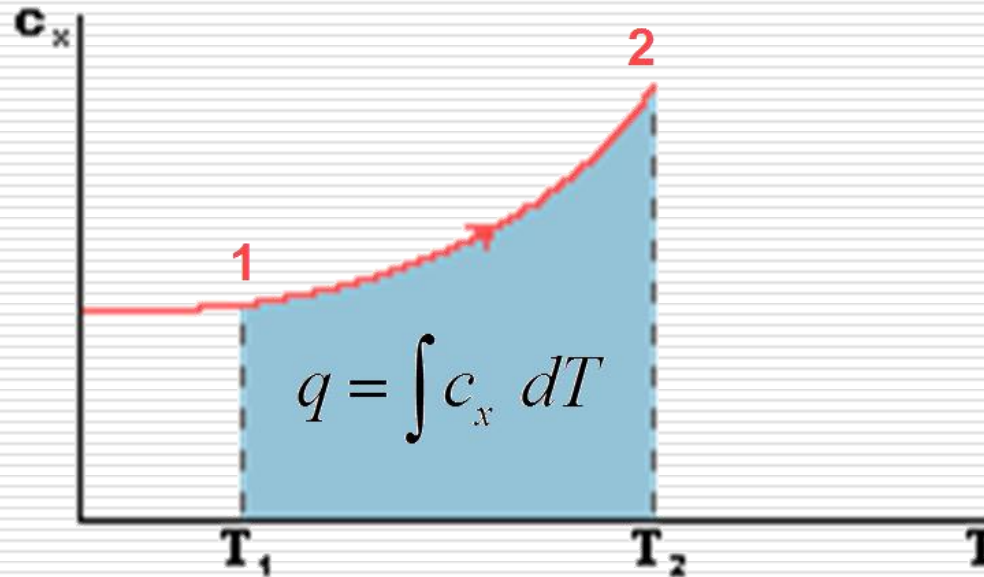
$$C_x^m = \frac{Q}{T_2 - T_1}.$$

- The **specific heat capacity** of a substance is the amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1 kg of mass by 1 K:

$$c_x^m = \frac{C_x^m}{m} = \frac{Q}{m \cdot (T_2 - T_1)},$$

where  $Q$  – amount of heat (Joule),  $m$  – mass of substance (kilogram)

# Average heat capacity in the temperature range from $T_1$ to $T_2$



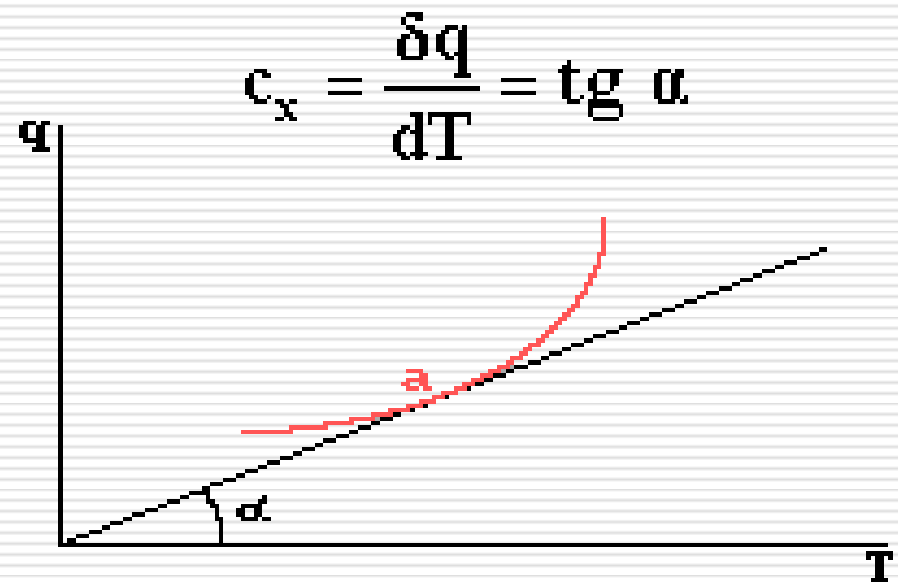
$$c_m^x = \frac{q}{T_2 - T_1} = \frac{\int c_x dT}{T_2 - T_1}$$

# True heat capacity $C_x$

- **True heat capacity** is defined as the derivative of the quantity of heat added to the body with respect to the temperature of this body

$$C_x = \frac{\delta Q}{dT}$$

- **Specific true heat capacity**





# Heat capacity is the function of process

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- Heat capacity depends not only on thermodynamic parameters of working medium state but also on the process.

## It can be:

- **constant-pressure (isobaric)** heat capacity  $c_p$
- **constant-volume (isochoric)** heat capacity  $c_v$

# The laws of thermodynamics

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## □ The first law of thermodynamics

*Energy is always conserved when it is converted from one form to another.*

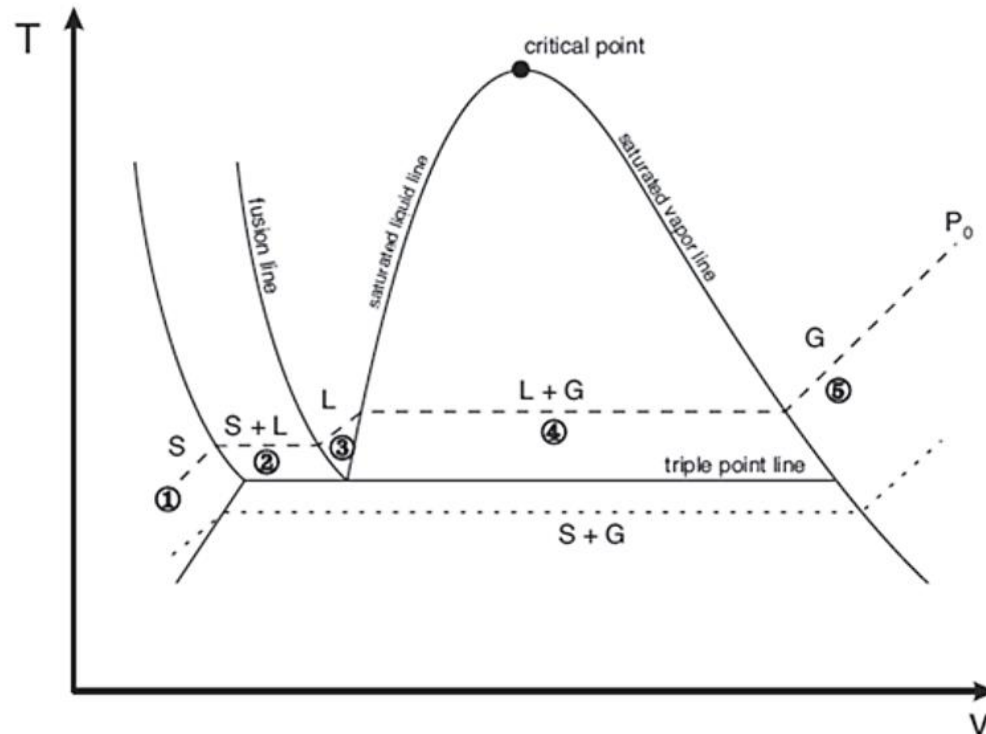
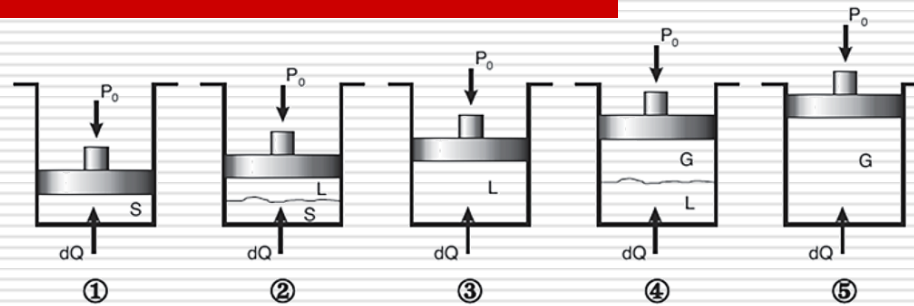
## □ The second law of thermodynamics

*It is impossible to construct a device that operates on a cycle and whose sole effect is the transfer of heat from a cooler body to a hotter body.*

## □ The third law of thermodynamics

*It is impossible by means of any process, no matter how idealized, to reduce the temperature of a system to absolute zero in a finite number of steps.*

# Illustration of T-v process steps and its diagram



# Enthalpy

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- **Enthalpy** is a measure of the total energy of system. It includes the internal energy (**U**), which is the energy required to create a system, and the amount of energy required to make room for it by displacing its environment and establishing its volume and pressure (**p·V**).

$$\mathbf{H = U + p \cdot V} \text{ – enthalpy}$$
$$\mathbf{h = u + p \cdot v} \text{ – specific enthalpy}$$

# Enthalpy

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- Work of filling the volume:

$$p \cdot V = p \cdot z \cdot S$$

$$F = p \cdot S$$

- For the reason that the values composing the enthalpy expression are total differentials, enthalpy is characterized by the following:

- enthalpy is a function of state  $H = f(p, T)$ ;
- enthalpy is a total differential;
- enthalpy change doesn't depend on process:

$$(H_2 - H_1)_{1a2} = (H_2 - H_1)_{1b2}$$

$$\Delta H_{1a2} = \Delta H_{1b2}$$

# Enthalpy

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- In a circular process, change of enthalpy is equal to zero, i.e., enthalpy is an additive function. Its value doesn't depend on mass of a body (properties of extensive variables)  $H = m \cdot h$ ,  $h = H/m$ .
- A thermodynamic system is characterized by:
  - enthalpy ***H***, kJ (kilojoules);
  - specific enthalpy ***h***, kJ/kg (kilojoules per kilogram).
- The caloric equation of the system state, which is in thermodynamic equilibrium is as follows:
$$h = f(p, T)$$
where ***h*** is specific enthalpy.
- The type of functional dependence  $h = f(p, T)$  is determined on the basis of either an experiment or KMT.

# Conclusion

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This are basic terms of thermodynamics. All further material would be given based on this basic terms and laws.