

First Law of Thermodynamics

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The First Law of thermodynamics

The First Law

When a system is taken through a cycle, the cyclic integral of the heat is proportional to the cyclic integral of the work.

$$\sum Q - \sum W = 0$$

In integral form

$$\oint dQ - \oint dW = 0$$

Note: in some references you may find the first law is written in the form of $\oint \delta Q + \oint \delta W = 0$. This sign conversion is totally arbitrary and in this case, the work is defined as $dW = -pdV$.

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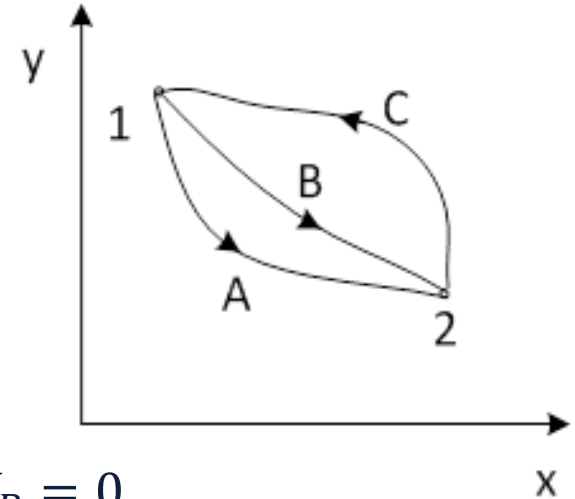
System energy

Corollary of the First Law:

If we consider two cycles AC and BC

$$\text{AC: } \int_1^2 dQ_A + \int_2^1 dQ_C - \int_1^2 dW_A - \int_2^1 dW_C = 0$$

$$\text{BC: } \int_1^2 dQ_B + \int_2^1 dQ_C - \int_1^2 dW_B - \int_2^1 dW_C = 0$$



Subtracting the second from the first

$$\int_1^2 dQ_A - \int_1^2 dQ_B - \int_1^2 dW_A + \int_1^2 dW_B = 0$$

Rearrange:

$$\int_1^2 (dQ - dW)_A = \int_1^2 (dQ - dW)_B$$

Implies: quantity (Q-W) depends only on the initial and final states

We define Energy: $E = Q - W$

Or
$$dE = \delta Q - \delta W$$

Energy and energy forms

Energy forms conservation of energy

Potential Energy: $PE = mg(z - z_0)$

Kinetic Energy: $KE = mc^2$
or rotating body: $KE = I \omega^2$

Internal Energy: $U = f(T)$
 $E = U + \left(\frac{1}{2}mc^2\right) + (mgZ) + etc. (electrical)$

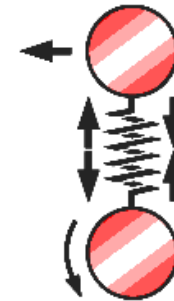
Or $dE = dU + d(KE) + d(PE) = dU +$

First Law:

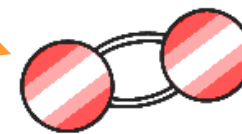
$$Q - W = E_2 - E_1 = (U_2 + mc^2 + m_i$$

Or in specific form:

$$q - w = \Delta\left(u + \frac{1}{2}c^2 + gz\right)$$



**SENSIBLE
AND LATENT
ENERGY**



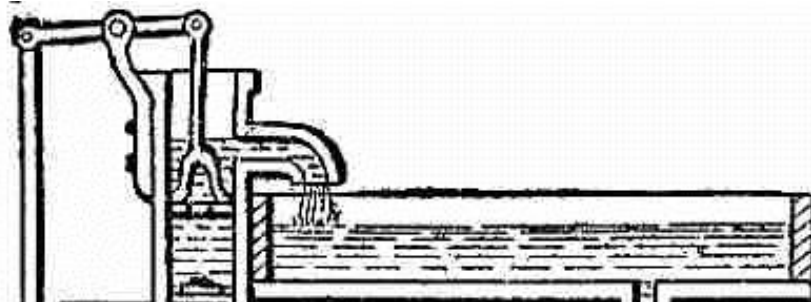
**CHEMICAL
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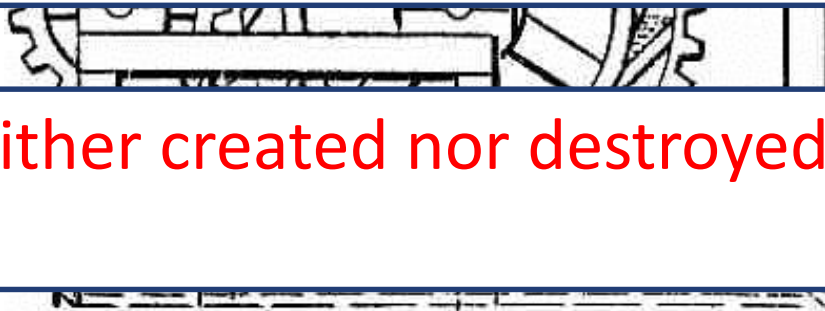
**NUCLEAR
ENERGY**

Conservation of energy

Conservation of energy and first type perpetual machine



Conservation of energy: the net change of the energy of the control mass is always equal to the net transfer of energy across the boundary as heat and work.



Energy is neither created nor destroyed, it only changes form.

Non flow system energy equation

Non-flow energy equation

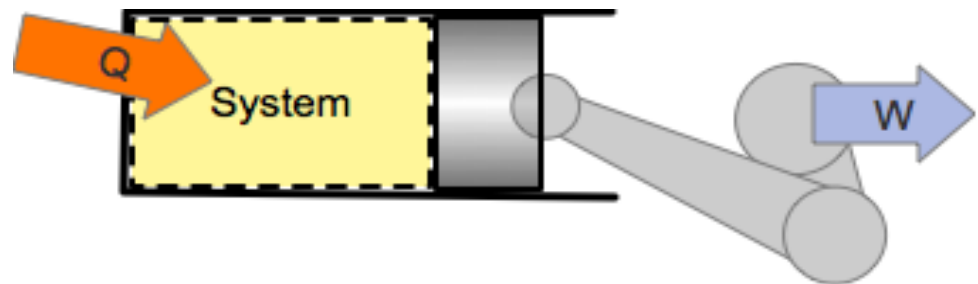
General energy form

$$q - w = \Delta\left(u + \frac{1}{2}c^2 + gz\right)$$

For NON-FLOW process this is approximated by

$$q - w = u_2 - u_1$$

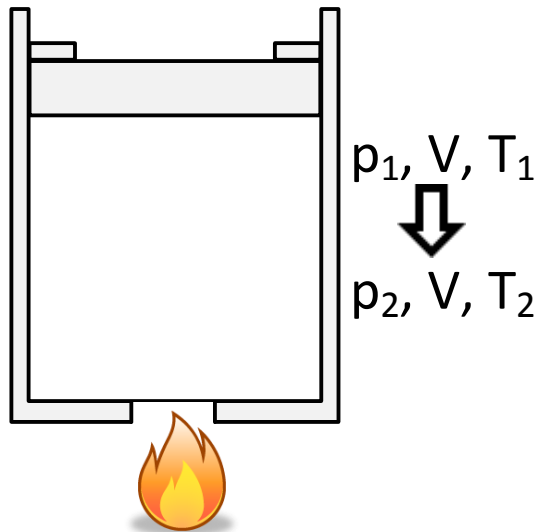
P.E. and K.E are neglected as they are small in comparison with the change in internal energy.



Specific heat capacity

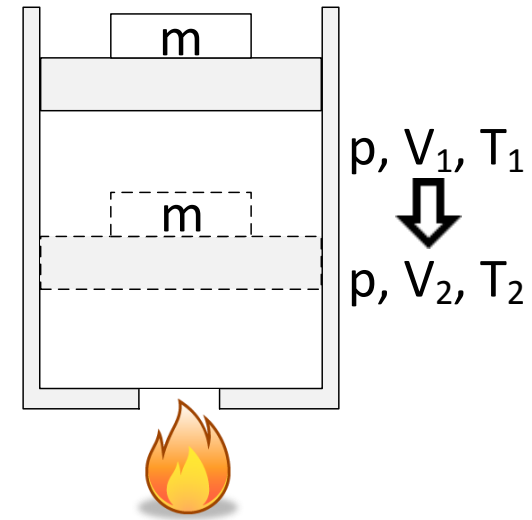
Specific heat capacities

Specific heat (capacity) is the energy supplied to raise the unit mass of the substance one unit of temperature



$$c_v = \frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T} \right]_v = \left[\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta T} \right]_v$$

Specific heat capacity at constant volume



$$c_p = \frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T} \right]_p = \left[\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta T} \right]_p$$

Specific heat capacity at constant pressure

Derivation of c_v

Constant volume specific heat

From the First Law

$$du = dq - dw = dq - p dv$$

As constant volume:

$$dv = 0$$

Therefore:

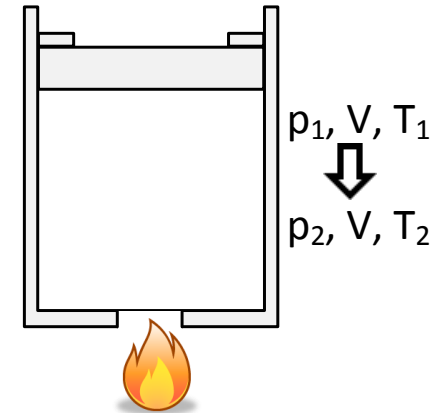
$$c_V = \left[\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta T} \right]_V = \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right]_V$$

Because

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

For general change:

$$du = \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right]_V dT + \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial V} \right]_T dV = c_V dT + \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial V} \right]_T dV$$



$$c_v = \frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T} \right]_V = \left[\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta T} \right]_V$$

By Gay-Lussac's experiment

$$\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial V} \right]_T = 0$$

Therefore

$$du = \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right]_V dT = c_V dT$$

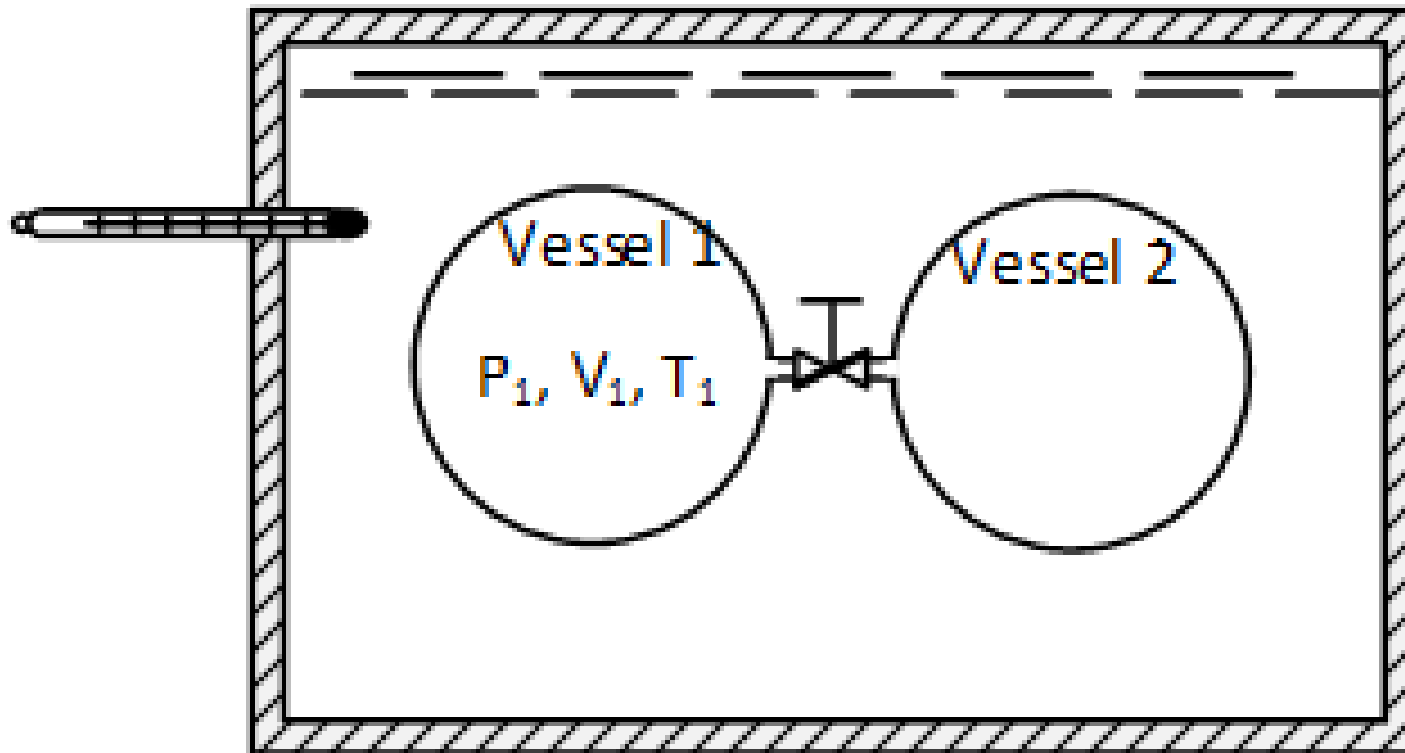
Or for constant c_v

$$u_2 - u_1 = c_V (T_2 - T_1)$$

**Only for ideal
gases!**

Gay-Lussac's experiment

AKA Joule's experiment



$$\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial V} \right]_T = 0$$

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Enthalpy and Constant pressure specific heat

We define **Enthalpy**, h or H by

$$h = u + p.v \quad \text{or} \quad H = U + p.V$$

Hence

$$dh = du + p.dv + v.dp$$

Handwritten notes:
 $u = Q - W$
 $du = dq - p.dv$

Substitute to the First Law:

$$dq = dh - v.dp$$

Constant pressure specific heat:

$$c_p = \frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T} \right]_p = \left[\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta T} \right]_p$$

Due to constant pressure

$$dp = 0 \quad \text{hence } dq = dh$$

Hence:

$$c_p = \left[\frac{dh}{dT} \right]_p$$

In a general change

$$dh = \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial T} \right]_p dT + \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \right]_T dp$$

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Constant pressure specific heat

For **ideal gases**, u is a function of T only,
and also $pv = RT$ is a function of T only

$h = u + pv$ is a function of T only, hence $\left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial p}\right]_T = 0$

Thus $dh = c_p dT$

For gases with constant c_p $\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p(T_2 - T_1)$

For **an ideal gas**, $h = u + p.v = u + RT$

$$\frac{dh}{dT} = \frac{du}{dT} + R \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_p = c_V + R \quad \text{or} \quad c_p - c_V = R$$

$$\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$$

Meyer's formula

The First Law of Thermodynamics

Heat capacities

For gases

	c_V	c_p	Note
By definition	$c_V = \left[\frac{dq}{dT} \right]_V$	$c_p = \left[\frac{dq}{dT} \right]_p$	For specific processes (constant V or constant p), but any substance
By derivation	$c_V = \frac{du}{dt}$	$c_p = \frac{dh}{dt}$	For any processes (not just constant V or constant p), but ideal gases only

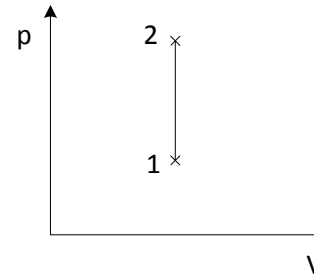
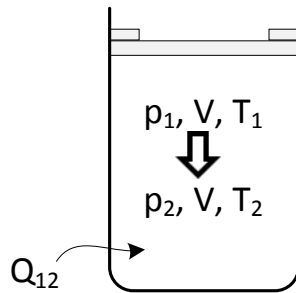
For liquids and solid

$$c_V \approx c_p \approx c$$

$$dh \approx du \approx cdT$$

Typical gas processes for closed systems

Isochoric (constant volume) process



Work done during the process:

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 p dV = 0$$

Heat transfer during the process

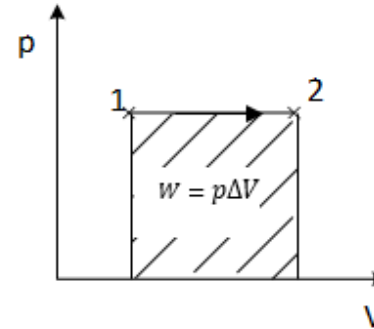
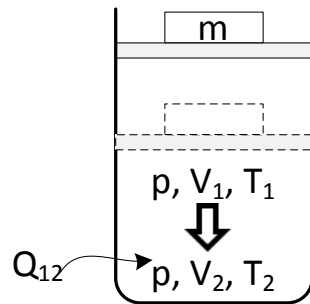
$$dQ = dU = mc_V dT$$

For gases with constant c_v

$$Q_{12} = \Delta U_{12} = mc_V(T_2 - T_1)$$

Typical gas processes for closed systems

Isobaric (constant pressure) process



Work done in process:

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 p dV = p(V_2 - V_1)$$

Heat transfer in process:

$$dQ = mc_p dT$$

For gases with constant c_p

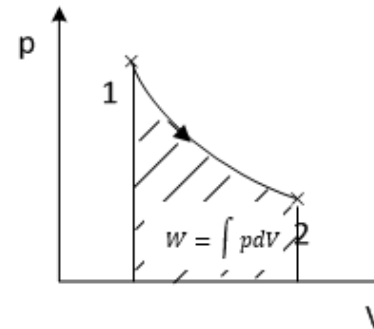
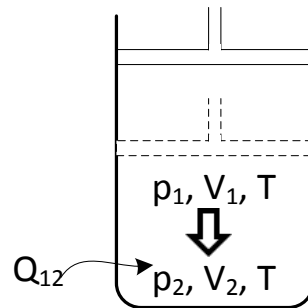
$$Q_{12} = mc_p(T_2 - T_1)$$

For any gases, from the First Law

$$Q_{12} = U_2 - U_1 + p(V_2 - V_1) = (U_2 + pV_2) - (U_1 + pV_1) = H_2 - H_1 = m(h_2 - h_1)$$

Typical gas processes for closed systems

Isothermal (constant temperature) process



Work done during the process:

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 p dV$$

For an **ideal gas**:

$$p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2 = mRT$$

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 \frac{mRT}{V} dV = mRT \int_1^2 \frac{1}{V} dV = p_1 V_1 \ln(V_2/V_1)$$

Heat transfer during the process

$$\Delta U = mc_V \Delta T = 0$$

Heat transfer

$$Q_{12} = W_{12} + \Delta U = W_{12} + 0 = p_1 V_1 \ln(V_2/V_1)$$

Typical gas processes for closed systems

Polytropic process

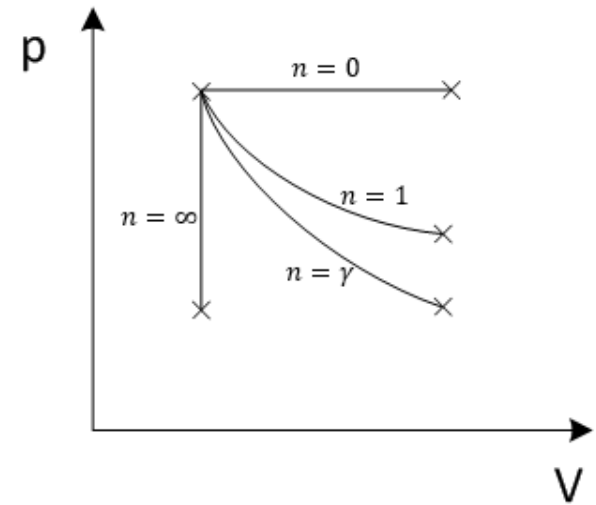
Many real processes follow relationships of the form

$$pV^n = \text{constant} \quad \text{or} \quad pv^n = \text{constant}$$

for $1 \leq n \leq \gamma$ (γ is the ratio of sp heats $\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$)

For an **ideal gas**, alternative ways of expressing the Polytropic relationship from $pV^n = C$:

$$TV^{(n-1)} = C \quad \text{or} \quad pT^{-n/(n-1)} = C$$



Work done in process

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 p dV = C \int_1^2 \frac{1}{V^n} dV = \frac{C}{1-n} \left[\frac{1}{V^{n-1}} \right]_1^2 = \frac{1}{1-n} \left[\frac{p_2 V_2^n}{V_2^{n-1}} - \frac{p_1 V_1^n}{V_1^{n-1}} \right] = \frac{p_2 V_2 - p_1 V_1}{1-n}$$

Internal energy change:

$$\Delta U = mc_V(T_2 - T_1)$$

Heat transfer:

$$Q_{12} = \Delta U + W_{12}$$

Typical gas processes for closed systems

Reversible adiabatic (Isentropic) process

An **adiabatic** process is one in which no heat crosses the system boundary.

For a reversible adiabatic process, according to definition,

$$Q_{12} = 0$$

Hence work done in process

$$W_{12} = -(U_2 - U_1)$$

Adiabatic \neq Isothermal

From the First Law, for gases with constant specific heat

$$dq - pdv = du = c_V dT$$

For adiabatic processes

$$dq = 0$$

Hence

$$-pdv = c_V dT$$

For an ideal gas

$$pv = RT$$

Substituting

$$-\frac{dv}{v} = \frac{c_V dT}{RT} \quad \text{where} \quad R = c_p - c_V$$

Define heat capacity ratio

$$\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_V}, \quad \text{then } R = c_p - c_V = (\gamma - 1)c_V$$

Substituting

$$-\ln v = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \ln T + \text{const.}$$

$$(\gamma - 1) \ln v + \ln T = \text{const.}$$

$$Tv^{\gamma-1} = \text{const.}$$

Or from the equation of states

$$pv^\gamma = \text{const.}$$

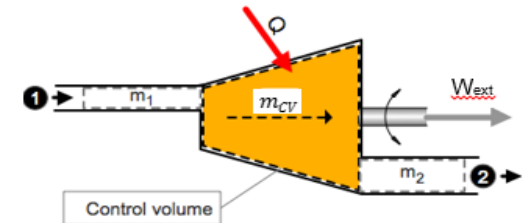
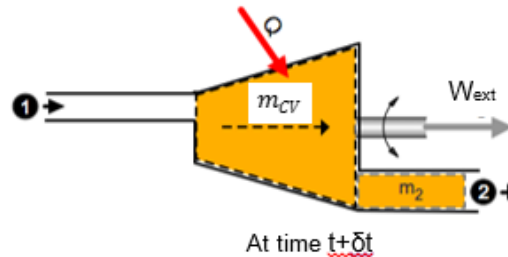
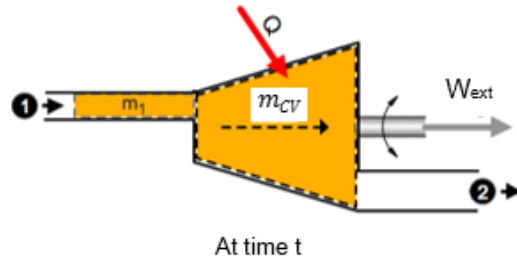
For dry air, we can usually use $\gamma = 1.4$

Steady Flow Energy Equation (SFEE)

General continuity equation for a constant volume system

General continuity equation for a constant volume system

$$0 = \frac{\partial m_{CV}}{\partial t} + \dot{m}_{out} - \dot{m}_{in}$$



Boundary work = $\int p dV \cong m p v$

Work ... $W = W_S + m_2 p_2 v_2 - m_1 p_1 v_1$

Energy ... $E_2 - E_1 = (E_{CV2} + m_2 e_2) - (E_{CV1} + m_1 e_1)$

Applied the First Law

$$Q - (W_{ext} + m_2 p_2 v_2 - m_1 p_1 v_1) = \left[E_{CV2} + m_2 \left(u_2 + \frac{1}{2} c_2^2 + g z_2 \right) \right] - \left[E_{CV1} + m_1 \left(u_1 + \frac{1}{2} c_1^2 + g z_1 \right) \right]$$

BUT $m_1 = m_2 = m$ and on average $E_{CV2} = E_{CV1}$

$$Q - W_{ext} = m \left[\underbrace{(p_2 v_2 + u_2)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ h_2}} + \frac{1}{2} c_2^2 + g z_2 \right] - \left[\underbrace{(p_1 v_1 + u_1)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ h_1}} + \frac{1}{2} c_1^2 + g z_1 \right]$$

SFEE $\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_{ext} = \dot{m} \left[\left(h_2 + \frac{1}{2} c_2^2 + g z_2 \right) - \left(h_1 + \frac{1}{2} c_1^2 + g z_1 \right) \right]$

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_{ext} = \dot{m} (h_2 - h_1)$$

External work

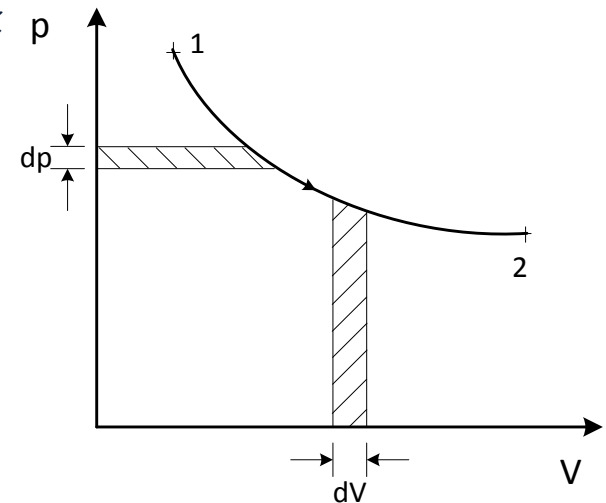
External work (or useful work) is separated from the work done at the boundaries. i.e. flow work $p_2 v_2 - p_1 v_1$

For the flow process $w_{ext} = \text{total work} - \text{flow work}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= w + (pv)_1 - (pv)_2 \\
 &= \int_1^2 p dv + p_1 v_1 - p_2 v_2 \\
 &= - \int_1^2 v dp
 \end{aligned}$$

$$W_{\text{non-flow}} = W_{\text{ext}} - W_{\text{flow}}$$

$\int p dv$ $\int v dp$



Process	Non-flow work done $\int p dv$	Steady flow work done $\int v dp$	"flow work"
$v = \text{const}$	0	$-v(p_2 - p_1)$	$v(p_2 - p_1)$
$p = \text{const}$	$p(v_2 - v_1)$	0	$p(v_2 - v_1)$
$pv^n = \text{const}$	$\frac{p_2 v_2 - p_1 v_1}{1 - n}$	$\frac{n(p_2 v_2 - p_1 v_1)}{1 - n}$	$(p_2 v_2 - p_1 v_1)$

From SFEE

$$q - w_{ext} = (h_2 + \frac{1}{2}c_2^2 + gz_2) - (h_1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 + gz_1)$$

If we neglect the heat transfer, external work, internal energy change of the flow (no temperature change), and assume the flow being incompressible (constant density), the equation becomes:

$$h_2 + \frac{1}{2}c_2^2 + gz_2 = h_1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 + gz_1 \quad \text{q and } w_{ext} \text{ neglected}$$

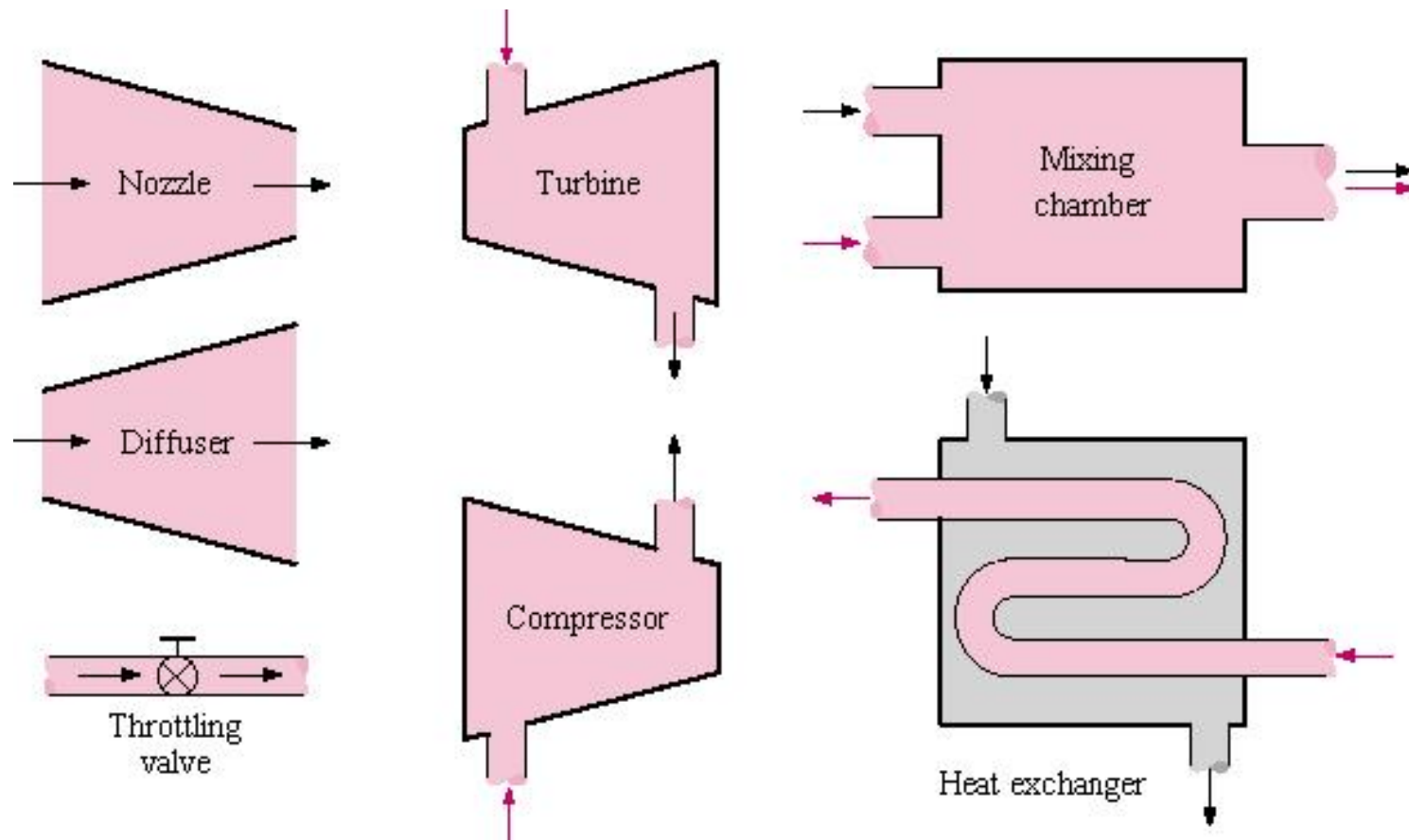
$$p_2 v_2 + \frac{1}{2}c_2^2 + gz_2 = p_1 v_1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 + gz_1 \quad \text{Internal energy change neglected}$$

$$p_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho c_2^2 + \rho gz_2 = p_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho c_1^2 + \rho gz_1 \quad \text{Incompressible}$$

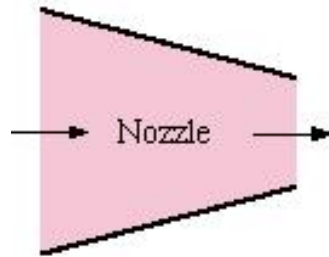
$$p + \frac{1}{2}\rho c^2 + \rho gz = \text{constant}$$

Looks familiar?

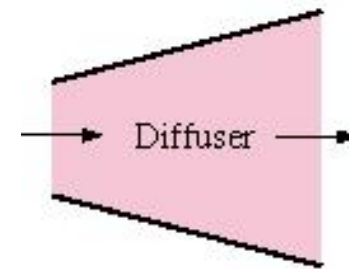
bernoulli equation



Nozzle and diffuser



\dot{S}	\dot{V}	m^3/s
\dot{Q}	\dot{Q}	m^2/s^2
\dot{F}	\dot{F}	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
\dot{W}	\dot{W}	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
\dot{M}	\dot{M}	$\text{N} \cdot \text{m} \quad \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
\dot{P}	\dot{P}	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$



Apply SFEE

$$q - w_{ext} = (h_2 + \frac{1}{2}c_2^2 + gz_2) - (h_1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 + gz_1)$$

If we neglect the heat transfer and potential energy change, and there is no external work (no parts moving), the equation becomes:

$$\left(h_2 + \frac{1}{2}c_2^2 \right) - \left(h_1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 \right) = 0$$

Or

$$\Delta h = -\Delta\left(\frac{1}{2}c^2\right)$$

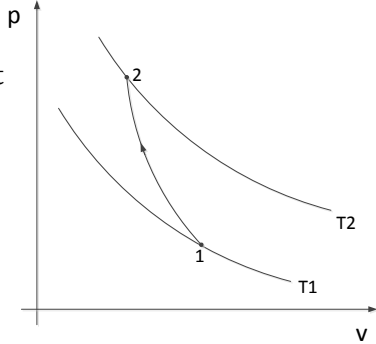
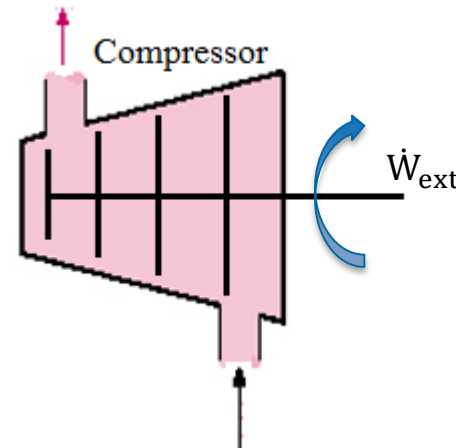
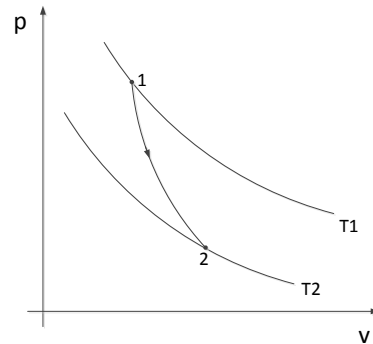
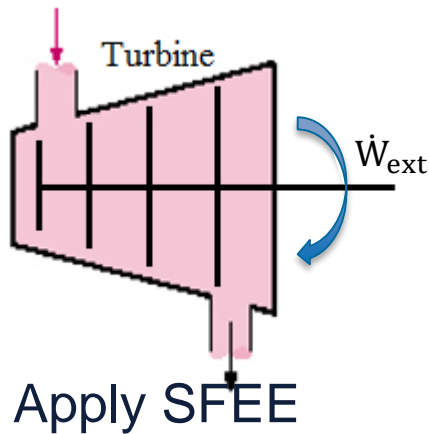
For nozzles

$h \downarrow \quad c \uparrow$

For diffusers

$h \uparrow \quad c \downarrow$

Turbine and compressor



$$q - w_{ext} = \left(h_2 + \frac{1}{2} c_2^2 + g z_2 \right) - \left(h_1 + \frac{1}{2} c_1^2 + g z_1 \right)$$

If we neglect the heat transfer and potential energy change, also neglect the kinetic energy change, the equation becomes:

$$-w_{ext} = \Delta h$$

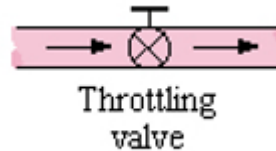
For turbines

$$h \downarrow \quad w_{ext} > 0$$

For compressors

$$h \uparrow \quad w_{ext} < 0$$

Be noted, this is for reversible adiabatic processes. Isentropic efficiency will be defined after learned 2nd Law.



Apply SFEE

$$q - w_{ext} = (h_2 + \frac{1}{2}c_2^2 + gz_2) - (h_1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 + gz_1)$$

If we neglect the heat transfer and potential energy change, also there is no external work (no moving parts), if the fluid is incompressible (constant density), due to continuity, $c_1 = c_2$, therefore

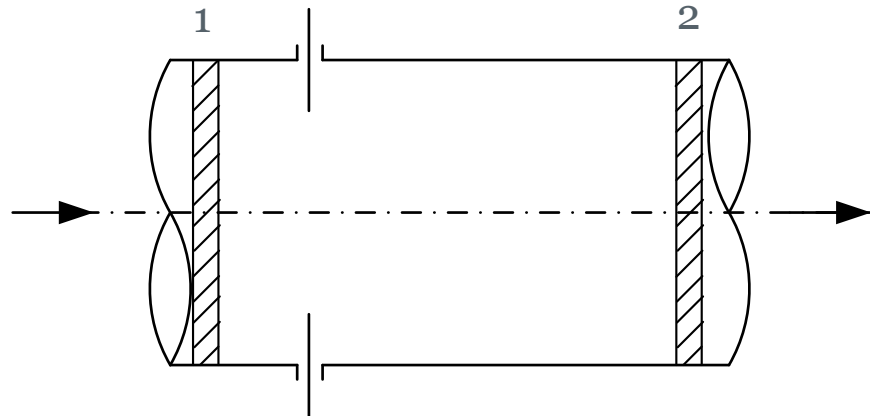
$$h_1 = h_2$$

The only effect through a throttle is pressure will reduce.

why neglect pressure only

Continuity equation

This equation applies to all the fluid flow situation



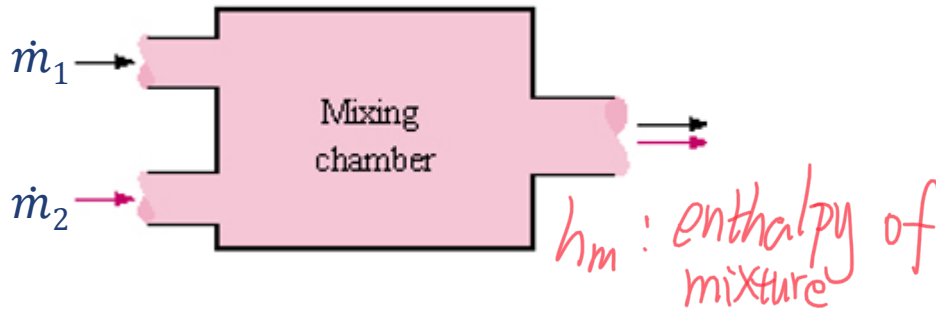
$$\dot{m}v = \dot{V} = Ac \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{m} = \rho Ac$$

$$\dot{m}_1 = \rho_1 A_1 c_1 = \dot{m}_2 = \rho_2 A_2 c_2$$

This equation applies when pipe area changes or when specific volume changes.

But for throttles, area up and down stream is considered constant, if density doesn't change, velocity will have to be constant for steady flow.

Heat exchangers



Direct contact heat exchanger

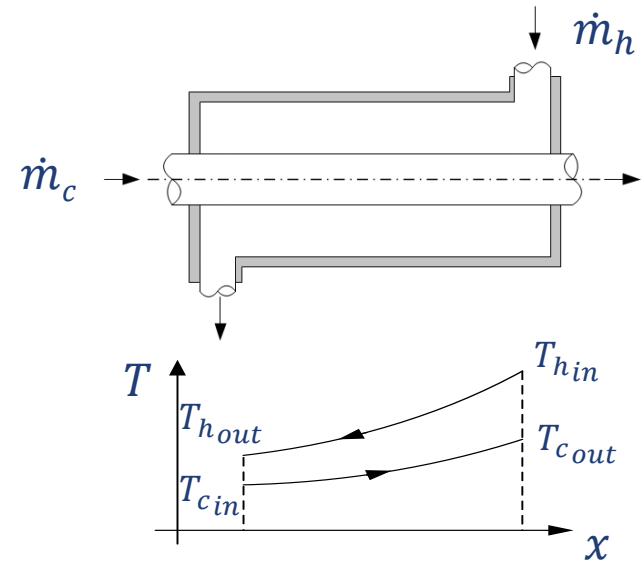
$$\dot{m}_1 h_c + \dot{m}_2 h_h = (\dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2) h_m - \dot{Q}_L$$

\dot{Q}_L : heat leakage

In the case of water/water mixing, if neglect heat leakage, the equation can be simplified to:

$$\dot{m}_1 T_c + \dot{m}_2 T_h = (\dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2) T_m$$

Try to derive the above equation yourself!



Apply SFEE for the streams separately

Cold: $\dot{Q}_c = \dot{m}_c (h_{c,out} - h_{c,in})$

Hot: $\dot{Q}_h = \dot{m}_h (h_{h,out} - h_{h,in})$

Neglect leakage:

$$\dot{Q}_c = -\dot{Q}_h$$

Without phase change, for the same fluid, simplified to:

$$\dot{m}_c (T_{c,out} - T_{c,in}) = \dot{m}_h (T_{h,out} - T_{h,in})$$

$T_{c,out}$: temperature of cold substance out

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