REFRIGERATORS AND HEAT PUMPS

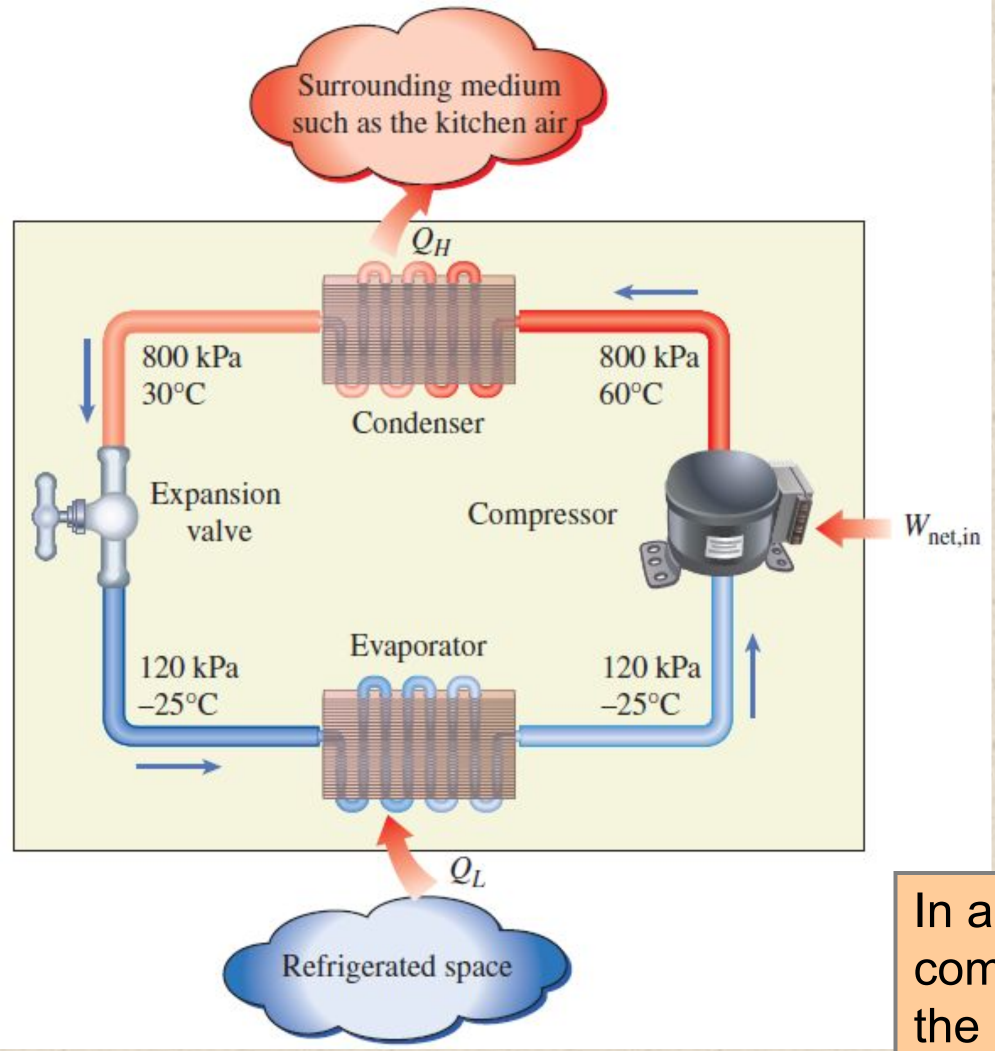


FIGURE 6–19
Basic components of a refrigeration system and typical operating conditions.

- The transfer of heat from a low-temperature medium to a high-temperature one requires special devices called **refrigerators**.
- Refrigerators, like heat engines, are cyclic devices.
- The working fluid used in the refrigeration cycle is called a **refrigerant**.
- The most frequently used refrigeration cycle is the ***vapor-compression refrigeration cycle***.

In a household refrigerator, the freezer compartment where heat is absorbed by the refrigerant serves as the evaporator, and the coils usually behind the refrigerator where heat is dissipated to the kitchen air serve as the condenser.

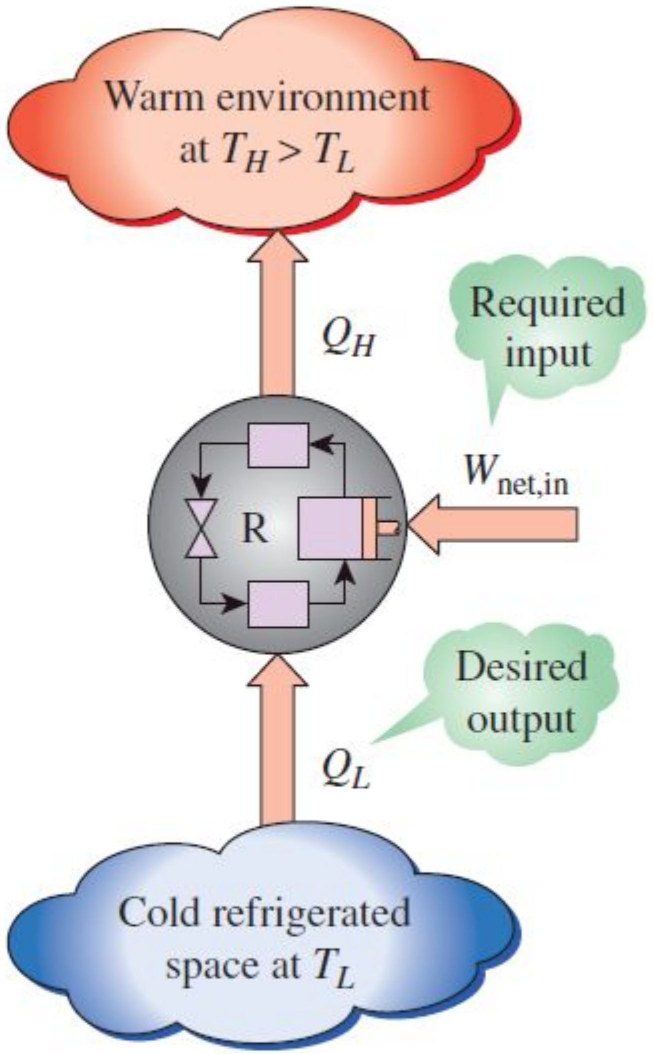


FIGURE 6–20
The objective of a refrigerator is to remove Q_L from the cooled space.

Coefficient of Performance

The *efficiency* of a refrigerator is expressed in terms of the **coefficient of performance** (COP).

The objective of a refrigerator is to remove heat (Q_L) from the refrigerated space.

$$\text{COP}_\text{R} = \frac{\text{Desired output}}{\text{Required input}} = \frac{Q_L}{W_{\text{net,in}}}$$

$$W_{\text{net,in}} = Q_H - Q_L \qquad \text{(kJ)}$$

$$\text{COP}_\text{R} = \frac{Q_L}{Q_H - Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_H/Q_L - 1}$$

Can the value of COP_R be greater than unity?

Heat Pumps

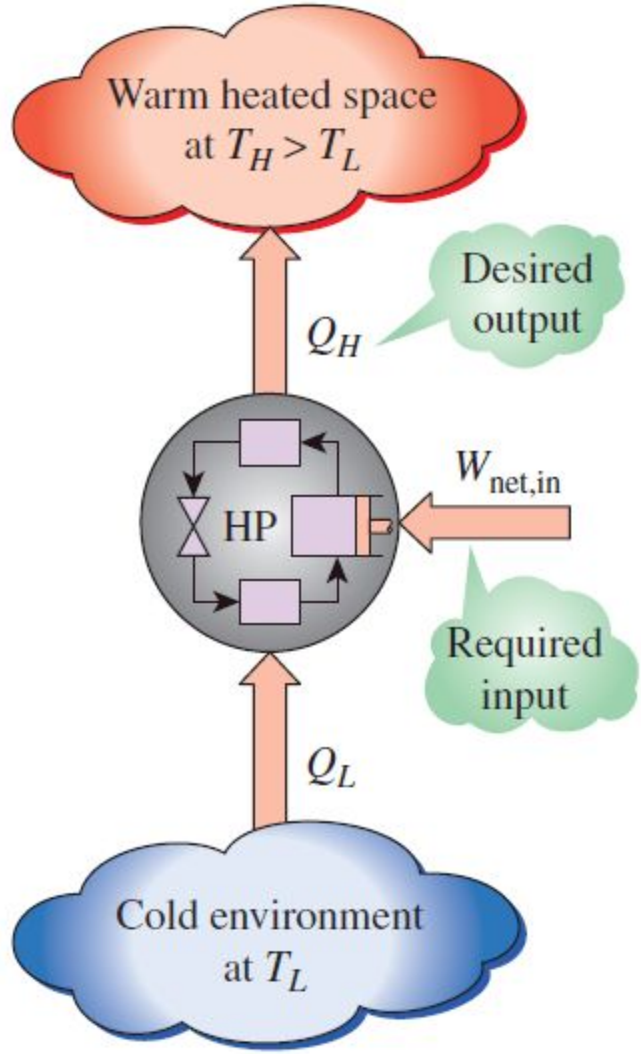


FIGURE 6–21
The objective of a heat pump is to supply heat Q_H into the warmer space.

$$\mathrm{COP_{HP}} = \frac{\text{Desired output}}{\text{Required input}} = \frac{Q_H}{W_{\mathrm{net,in}}}$$

$$\mathrm{COP_{HP}} = \frac{Q_H}{Q_H - Q_L} = \frac{1}{1 - Q_L/Q_H}$$

$$\mathrm{COP_{HP}} = \mathrm{COP_R} + 1$$

for fixed values of Q_L and Q_H

Can the value of $\mathrm{COP_{HP}}$ be lower than unity?

What does $\mathrm{COP_{HP}}=1$ represent?

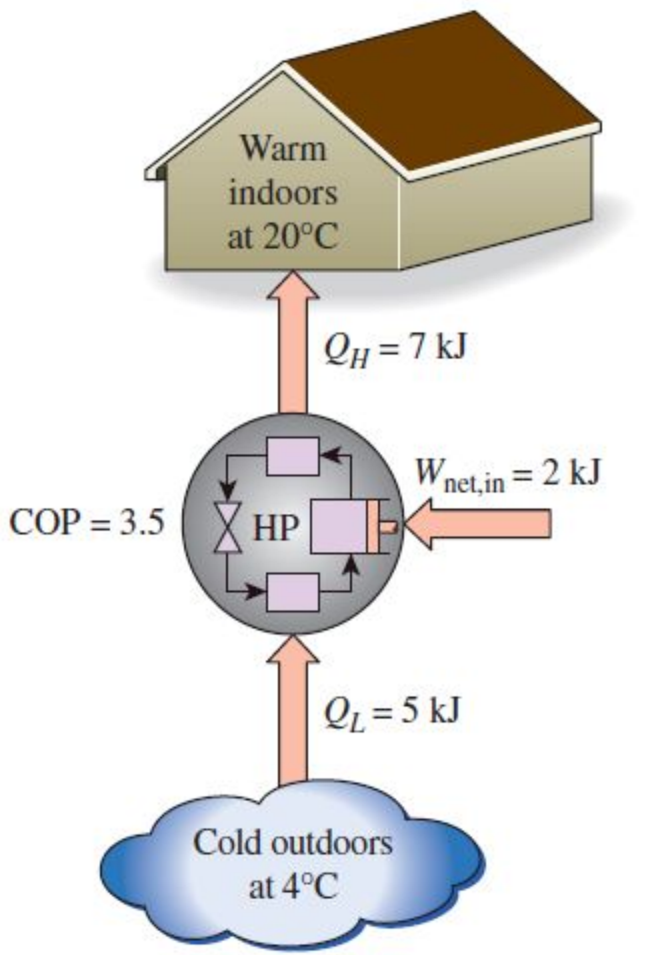


FIGURE 6–22

The work supplied to a heat pump is used to extract energy from the cold outdoors and carry it into the warm indoors.

- Most heat pumps in operation today have a seasonally averaged COP of 2 to 3.
- Most existing heat pumps use the cold outside air as the heat source in winter (*air-source* HP).
- In cold climates their efficiency drops considerably when temperatures are below the freezing point.
- In such cases, *geothermal* (*ground-source*) HP that use the ground as the heat source can be used.
- Such heat pumps are more expensive to install, but they are also more efficient.
- **Air conditioners** are basically refrigerators whose refrigerated space is a room or a building instead of the food compartment.
- The COP of a refrigerator decreases with decreasing refrigeration temperature.
- Therefore, it is not economical to refrigerate to a lower temperature than needed.

Energy efficiency rating (EER): The amount of heat removed from the cooled space in Btu's for 1 Wh (watthour) of electricity consumed.

$$\text{EER} = 3.412\ \text{COP}_\text{R}$$

The Second Law of Thermodynamics: Clasius Statement

It is impossible to construct a device that operates in a cycle and produces no effect other than the transfer of heat from a lower-temperature body to a higher-temperature body.

It states that a refrigerator cannot operate unless its compressor is driven by an external power source, such as an electric motor.

This way, the net effect on the surroundings involves the consumption of some energy in the form of work, in addition to the transfer of heat from a colder body to a warmer one.

To date, no experiment has been conducted that contradicts the second law, and this should be taken as sufficient proof of its validity.

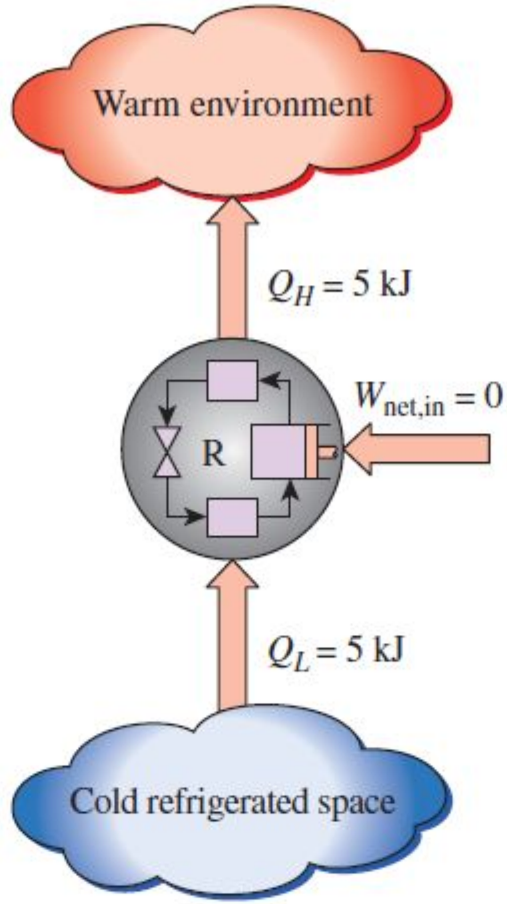
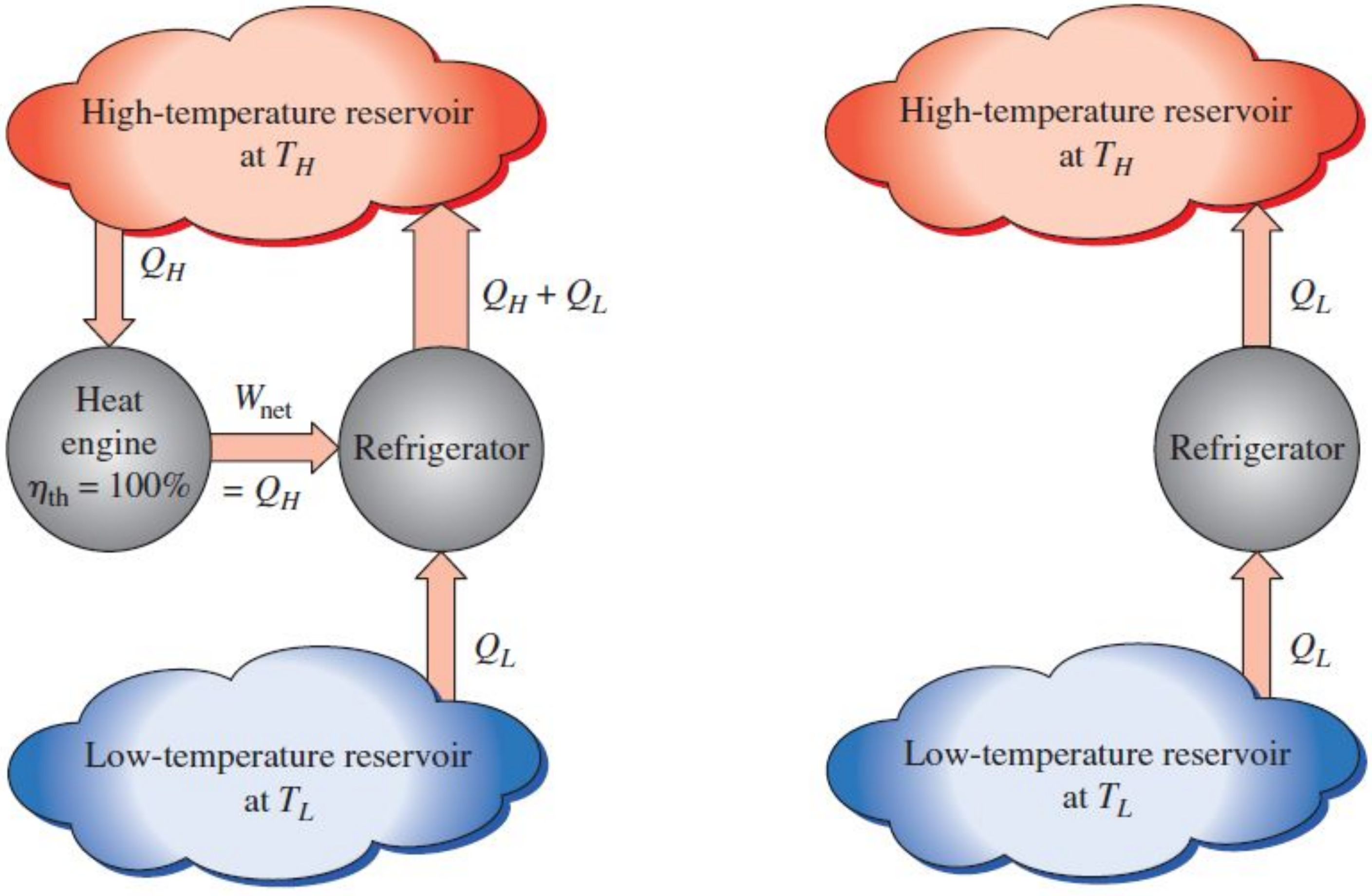


FIGURE 6–25
A refrigerator that violates the Clausius statement of the second law.

Equivalence of the Two Statements



(*a*) A refrigerator that is powered by a 100 percent efficient heat engine

(*b*) The equivalent refrigerator

Proof that the violation of the Kelvin–Planck statement leads to the violation of the Clausius statement.

The Kelvin–Planck and the Clausius statements are equivalent in their consequences, and either statement can be used as the expression of the second law of thermodynamics.

Any device that violates the Kelvin–Planck statement also violates the Clausius statement, and vice versa.

PERPETUAL-MOTION MACHINES

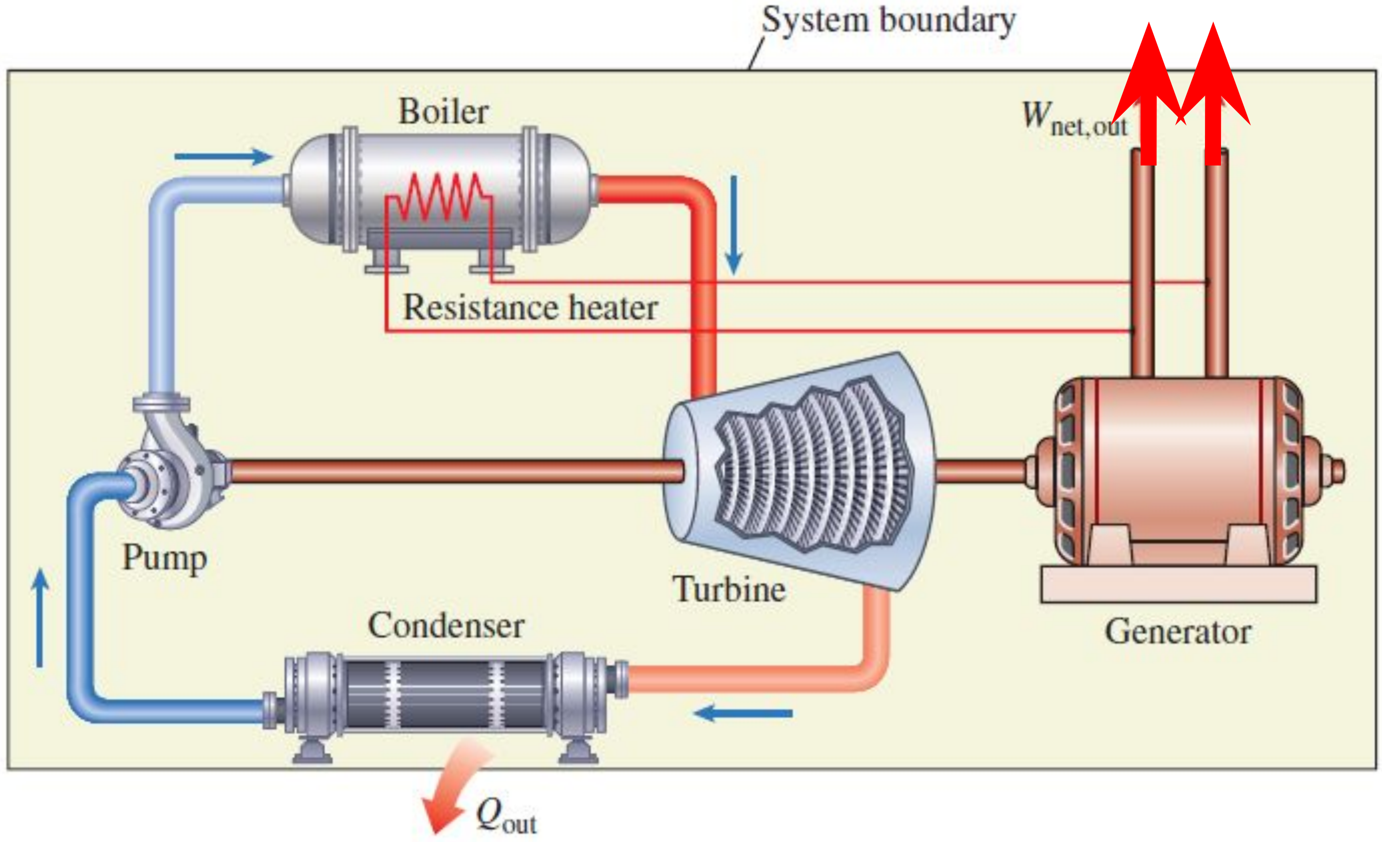


FIGURE 6–27
A perpetual-motion machine that violates the first law of thermodynamics (PMM1).

Perpetual-motion machine: Any device that violates the first or the second law.

A device that violates the first law (by *creating* energy) is called a PMM1.

A device that violates the second law is called a PMM2.

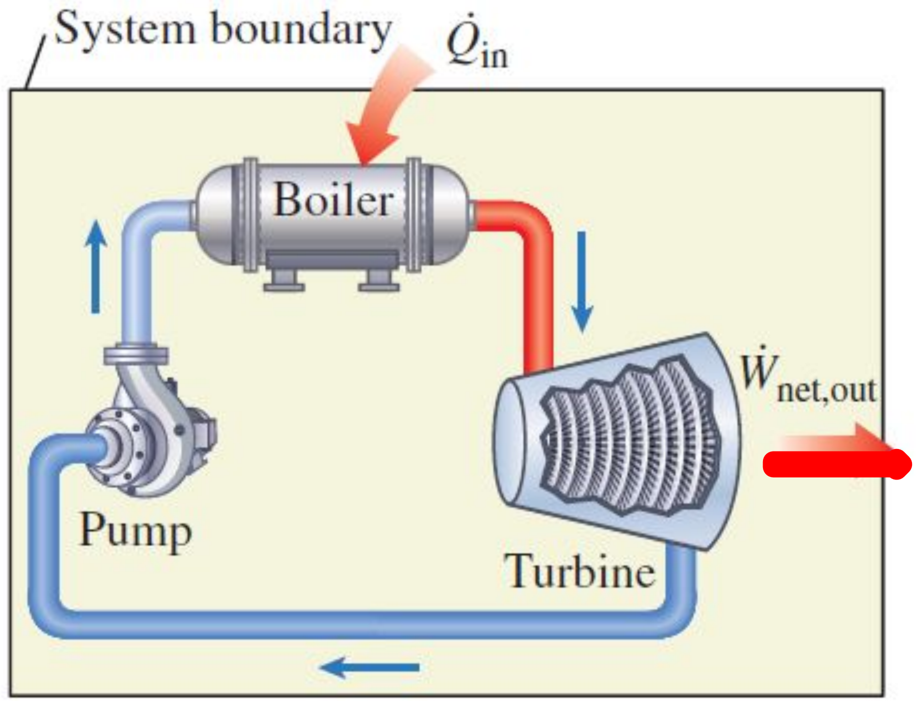


FIGURE 6–28

A perpetual-motion machine that violates the second law of thermodynamics (PMM2).

Despite numerous attempts, no perpetual-motion machine is known to have worked.

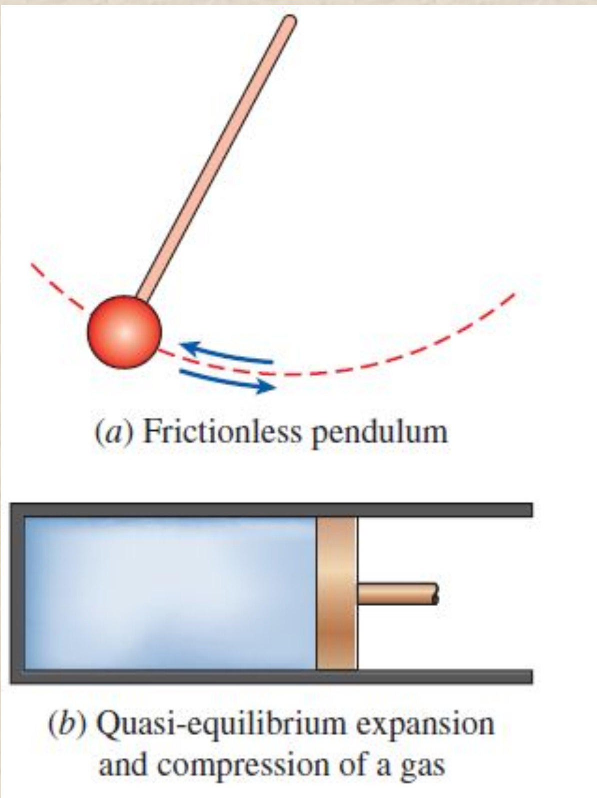
If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

REVERSIBLE AND IRREVERSIBLE PROCESSES

Reversible process: *A process that can be reversed without leaving any trace on the surroundings.*

Irreversible process: A process that is not reversible.

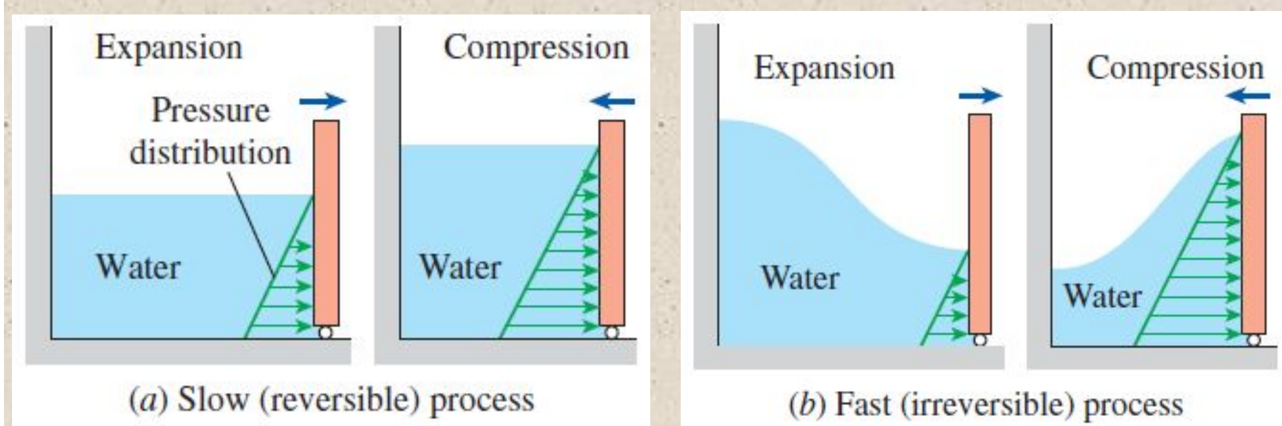
- All the processes occurring in nature are irreversible.
- ***Why are we interested*** **in reversible processes?**
- **(1)** they are easy to analyze and **(2)** they serve as idealized models (theoretical limits) to which actual processes can be compared.
- Some processes are more irreversible than others.
- We try to approximate reversible processes. **Why?**



(*a*) Frictionless pendulum

(*b*) Quasi-equilibrium expansion and compression of a gas

FIGURE 6–29
Two familiar reversible processes.



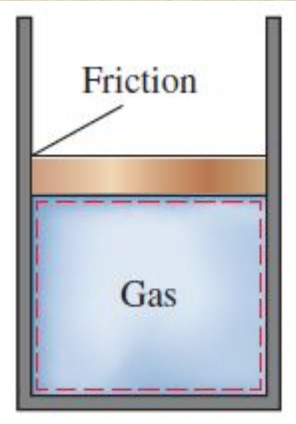
(*a*) Slow (reversible) process

(*b*) Fast (irreversible) process

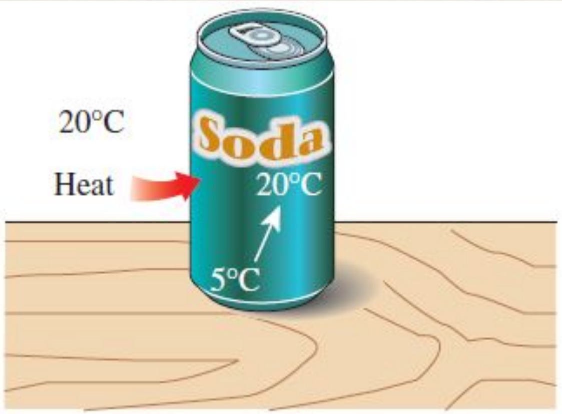
Reversible processes deliver the most and consume the least work.

Irreversibilities

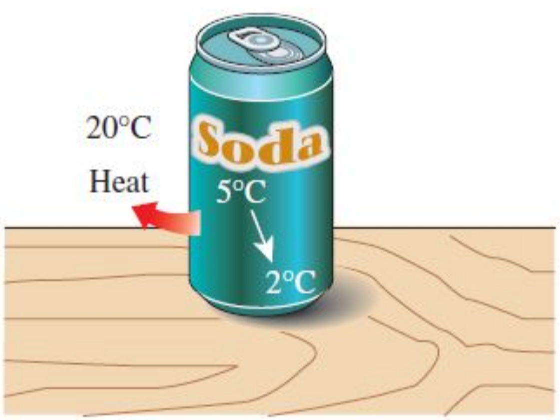
- The factors that cause a process to be irreversible are called **irreversibilities**.
- They include friction, unrestrained expansion, mixing of two fluids, heat transfer across a finite temperature difference, electric resistance, inelastic deformation of solids, and chemical reactions.
- The presence of any of these effects renders a process irreversible.



Friction renders a process irreversible.

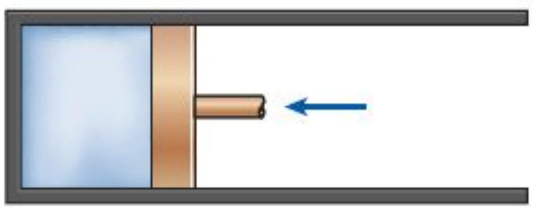


(*a*) An irreversible heat transfer process

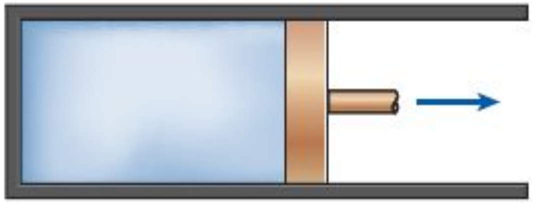


(*b*) An impossible heat transfer process

(*a*) Heat transfer through a temperature difference is irreversible, and (*b*) the reverse process is impossible.



(*a*) Fast compression



(*b*) Fast expansion

(*c*) Unrestrained expansion

Irreversible compression and expansion processes.

Internally and Externally Reversible Processes

- **Internally reversible process:** If no irreversibilities occur within the boundaries of the system during the process.
- **Externally reversible:** If no irreversibilities occur outside the system boundaries.
- **Totally reversible process:** It involves no irreversibilities within the system or its surroundings.
- A totally reversible process involves no heat transfer through a finite temperature difference, no nonquasi-equilibrium changes, and no friction or other dissipative effects.

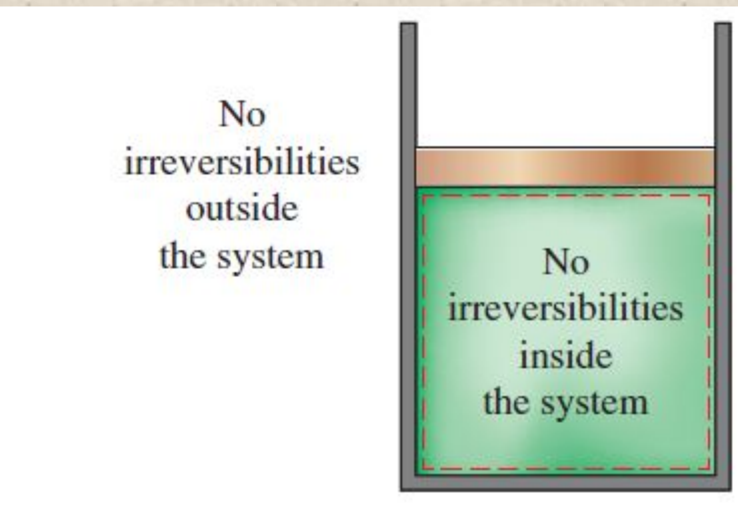


FIGURE 6–34
A reversible process involves no internal and external irreversibilities.

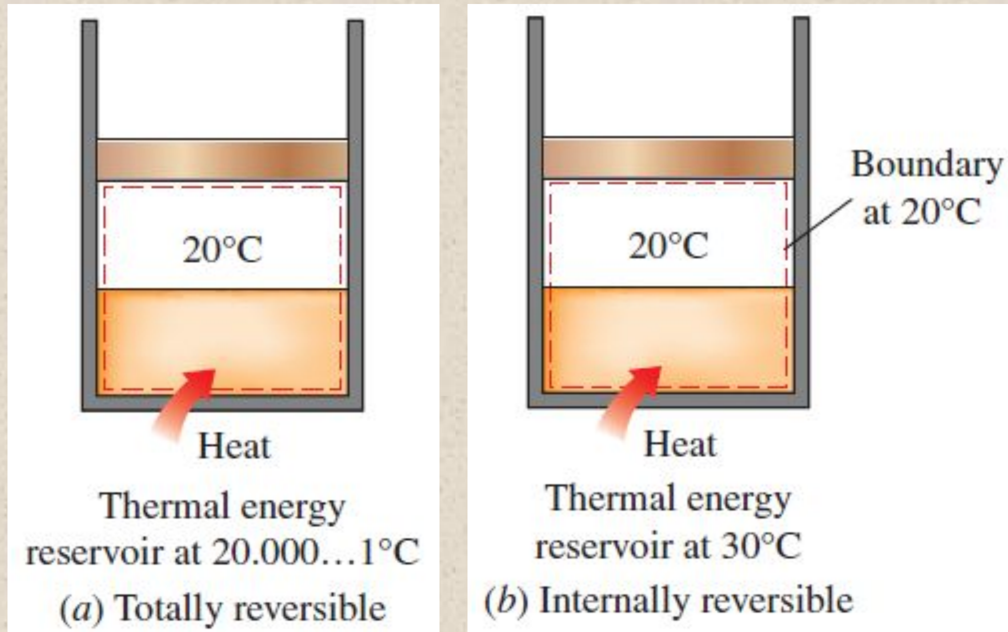


FIGURE 6–35
Totally and internally reversible heat transfer processes.