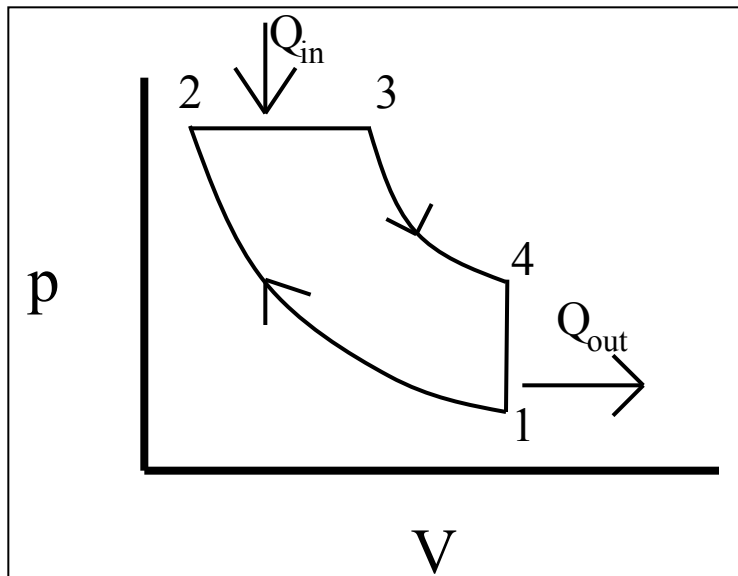


# TOPIC V - Gas Cycles

## Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)

### 4) The Diesel cycle

- similar to Otto cycle.
- fuel injected into cylinder at TDC,
- takes time
- idealised as constant pressure



Compression ratio

$$r = \frac{V_1}{V_2} \quad (4)$$

Cut-off ratio

$$r_c = \frac{V_3}{V_2} = \frac{T_3}{T_2} \text{ (const pres)} \quad (5)$$

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### Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)

noting  $V_1 = V_4$

$$\frac{r_c}{r} = \frac{V_3}{V_2} \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{V_3}{V_4} \quad (6)$$

Const. vol. and const. pressure heat transfer

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{Q_{out}}{Q_{in}} = 1 - \frac{m c_v (T_4 - T_1)}{m c_p (T_3 - T_2)} = 1 - \frac{1(T_4 - T_1)}{\gamma (T_3 - T_2)} \quad (7)$$

Can show,

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma r^{\gamma-1}} \left( \frac{r_c^\gamma - 1}{r_c - 1} \right) \quad (8)$$

Proof (put all temps in terms of  $T_1$ )

Isentropic (polytropic with  $n = \gamma = c_p/c_v = 1.4$ )

$$T_2 = T_1 r^{\gamma-1} \quad (9)$$

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### Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)

Ideal gas

$$T_3 = r_c T_2 = r_c r^{\gamma-1} T_1 \quad (10)$$

Isentropic

$$T_4 = \left( \frac{V_3}{V_4} \right)^{\gamma-1} \times T_3 = \dots \quad (11)$$
$$\left( \frac{r_c}{r} \right)^{\gamma-1} \times T_3 = r_c^{\gamma} T_1$$

Cycle efficiency

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{T_4 - T_1}{T_3 - T_2} = 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{(r_c^{\gamma} - 1) T_1}{(r_c r^{\gamma-1} - r^{\gamma-1}) T_1} = \dots$$
$$1 - \frac{1}{\gamma r^{\gamma-1}} \left( \frac{r_c^{\gamma} - 1}{r_c - 1} \right)$$

For same  $r$ ,  $\eta$  less than Otto Cycle

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## Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)

### 5) The Stirling cycle (Non exam)

Externally heated/ cooled.

Theoretically – all processes reversible so  
Carnot cycle efficiency

Regenerator - porous matrix, LHS at TH &  
RHS at TL

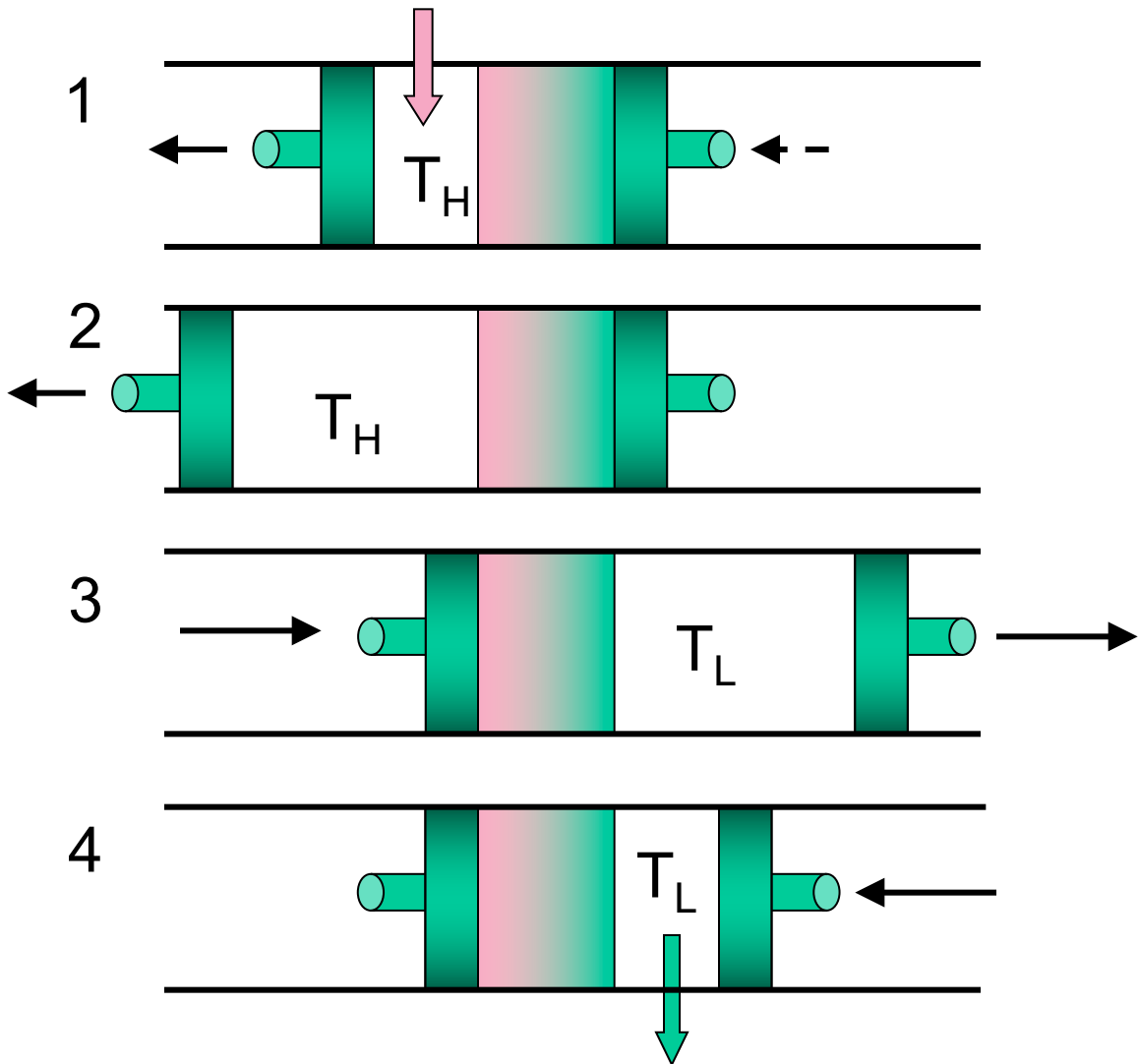
Pistons force gas through regenerator and/ or  
provide power.

Moving gas to left heats it from TL to TH

Moving gas to right cools it from TH to TL

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## Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)



1-to-2: Isothermal heat addition at  $T_H$

2-to-3: Internal cooling at constant volume.

3-to-4: Isothermal heat rejection at  $T_L$

4-to-1: Internal heating at constant volume,

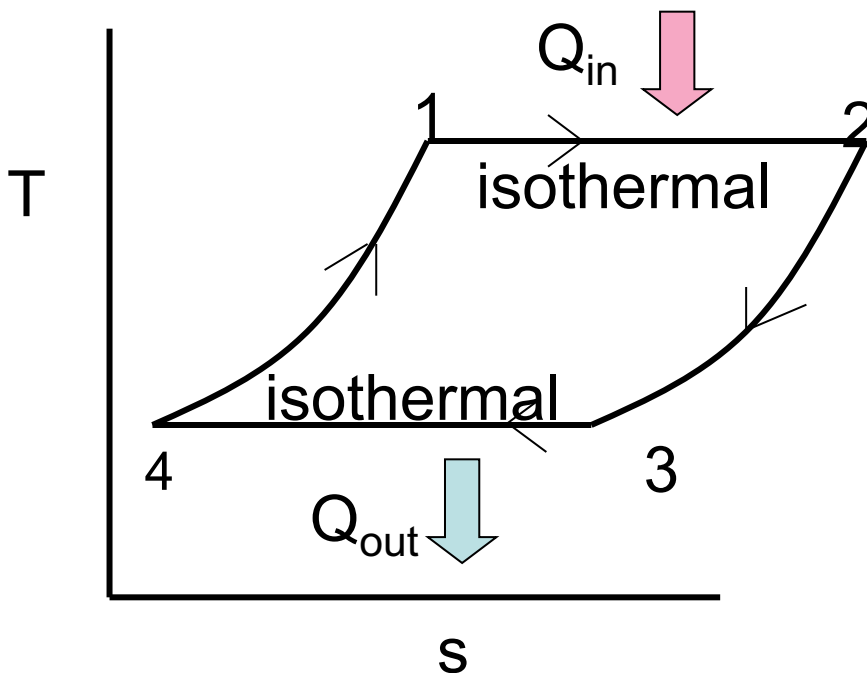
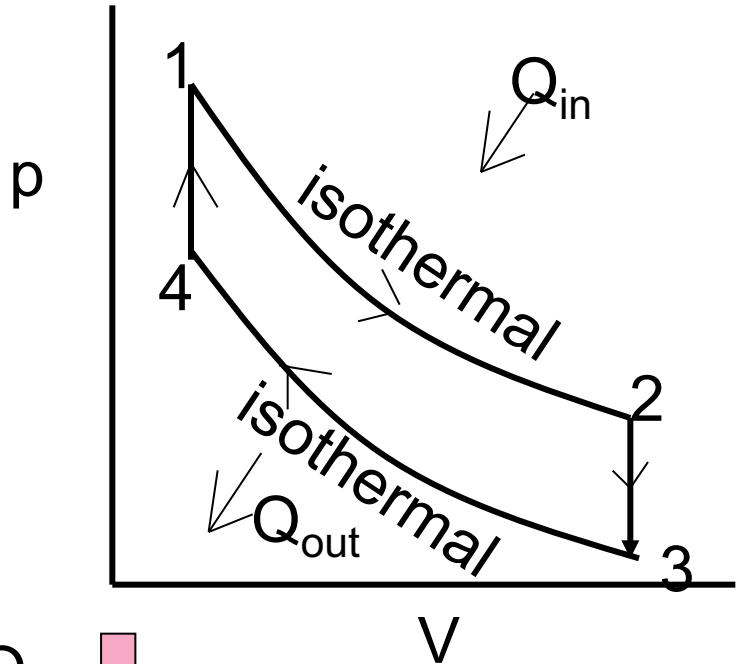
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## Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)

### Stirling cycle

Process diagrams

T is an average  
value



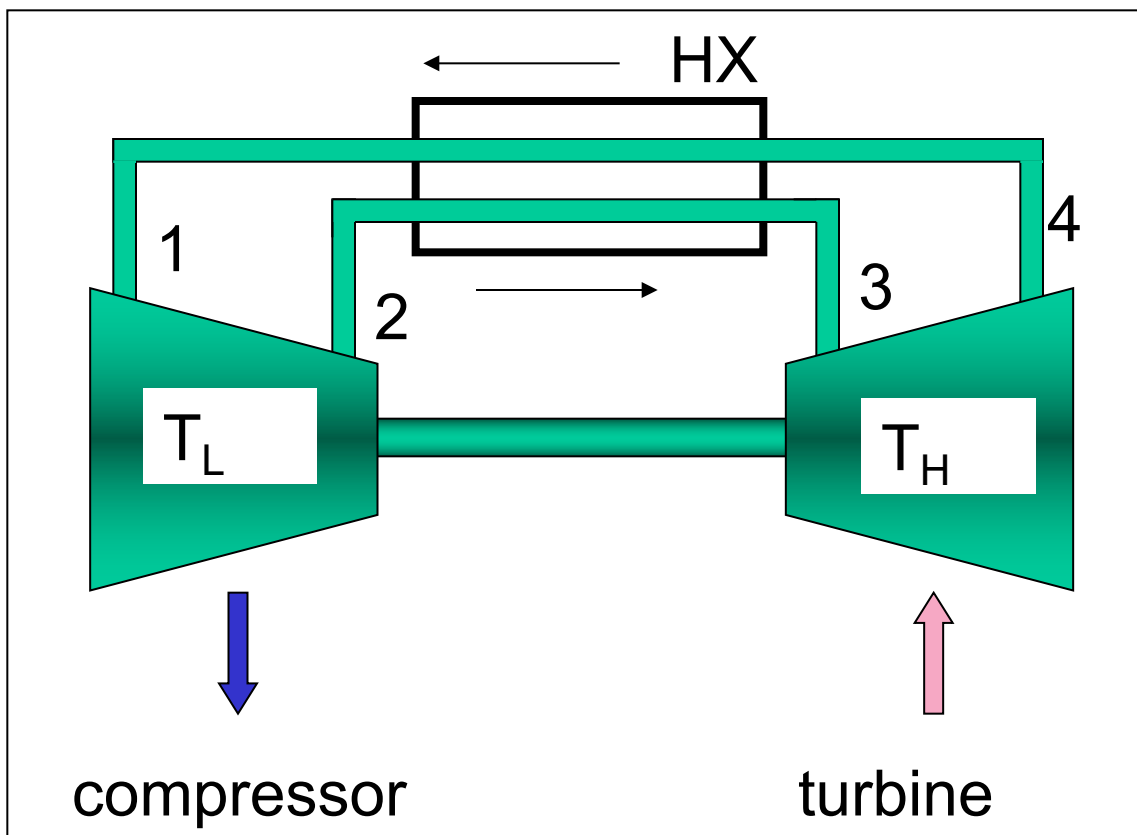
(My proof (in notes): heat transfer processes  
 $S_2 - S_1 = S_3 - S_4$ , as in Carnot)

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## Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)

### 6.) The Ericsson cycle

- Steady flow version of Stirling cycle.
- Regenerator => a heat exchanger.
- 1-to-2 isothermal reversible compression.
- 2-to-3 isobaric heat addition
- 3-to-4 isothermal reversible expansion
- 4-to-1 isobaric heat rejection



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## Engine Cycles (Lecture 2/4)

### Conclusions

Diesel – additional cut-off ratio models fuel-injection + combustion

Diesel – model each process to get heat flows and efficiency.

Sterling and Ericcson – if reversible, then same efficiency as Carnot. Never done in practice! (Not examinable)