# Steam Engine!

The steam engine is a heat engine that converts thermal energy from steam into mechanical work. It played a crucial role in the Industrial Revolution and transformed industries, transportation, and manufacturing.



The Carnot cycle is an idealized thermodynamic cycle that describes the most efficient possible heat engine operating between two temperature reservoirs. It consists of four reversible processes:



Volume, V

- Introduced by Sadi Carnot in 1824
- Carnot's goal was to determine the maximum efficiency that any heat engine could achieve
- Carnot showed that the efficiency of an engine depends only on the temperatures of the heat reservoirs, not on the working substance or specific engine design.



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reversible isothermal processes

reversible adiabatic process





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Stage 2  

$$V_{\rm C}T_{\rm c}^{c} = V_{\rm B}T_{\rm h}^{c}$$
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 $VT^{c} = \text{constant}$ 
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 $\frac{V_{\rm D}}{V_{\rm C}} = \frac{V_{\rm A}}{V_{\rm B}}$ 

This proves that entropy (S) is a state function and that the net entropy change for a Carnot cycle (a reversible process) is zero.

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#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WcmjLVyR4k

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#### For irreversible processes

- In any real (irreversible) cycle, there is always some entropy generation due to irreversibilities like friction, turbulence, or heat transfer with a finite temperature difference
- These factors generate additional entropy beyond the entropy change associated with heat transfer alone, making irreversible processes have a greater total entropy change than their reversible counterparts.

# Focus 3: The Second and Third Laws

# Entropy

Entropy changes in processes

- Entropy measurement
- Gibbs free energy
- Combining 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> law