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## The Ideal Vapor-Compression Refrigeration Cycle

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# Topics of Discussion

- ◆ Household Refrigerators
- ◆ Processes of Ideal Vapor-Compression Refrigeration Cycle
- ◆ Steady Flow Analysis
- ◆ Carnot Cycle vs. Ideal Vapor-Compression Refrigeration Cycle
- ◆ Practice Problem

# Household Refrigerator



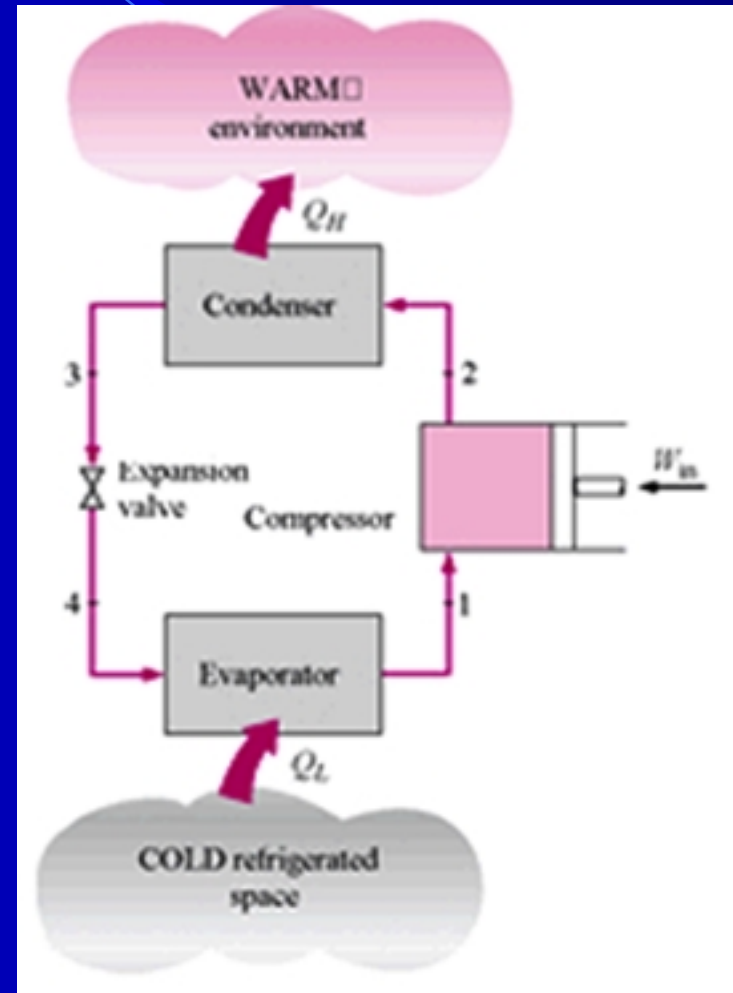
Encarta Deluxe 2001

# Four Processes

- ◆ 1-2 Isentropic compression in a compressor
- ◆ 2-3 Constant pressure heat rejection in a condenser
- ◆ 3-4 Throttling in an expansion device
- ◆ 4-1 Constant pressure heat absorption in an evaporator

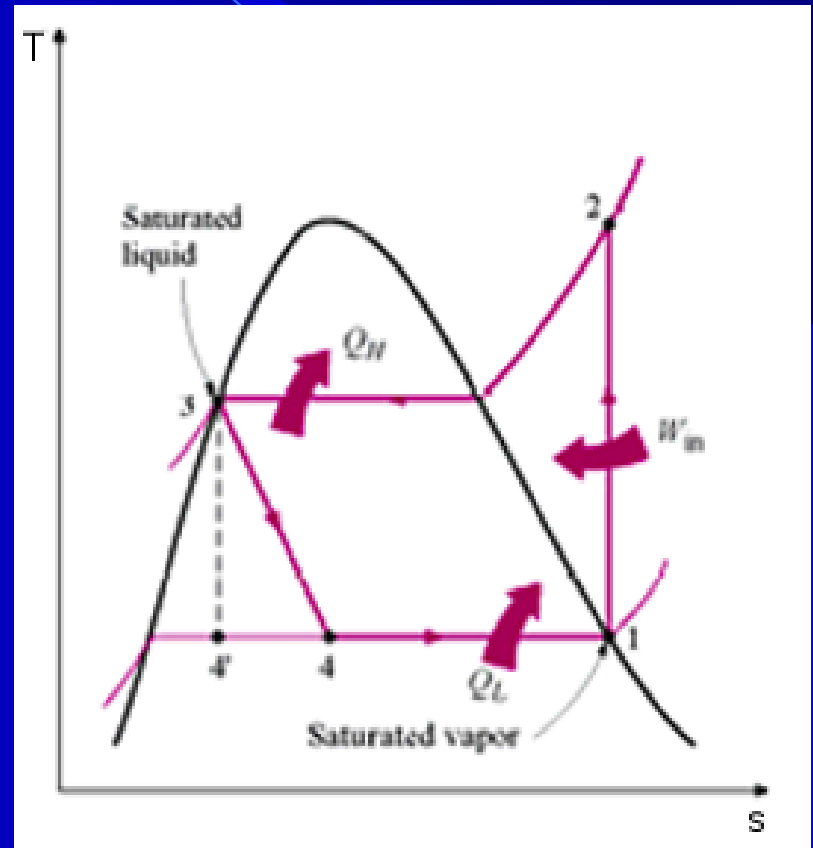
# Ideal Vapor-Compression Refrigeration Cycle Schematic

- ◆ 1-Enters Compressor  
Sat. Vapor
- ◆ 2-Enters Condenser  
Super. Vapor
- ◆ 3-Throttled  
Sat. Liquid
- ◆ 4-Enters Evaporator  
Sat. Mixture



# T-s Diagram

- ◆ Area under process curve = heat transfer
- ◆ Area under 4-1 = heat absorbed
- ◆ Area under 2-3 = heat rejected



# Steady Flow Process

◆ PE and KE small relative to work and heat transfer.

◆  $q_L = h_1 - h_4$

◆  $w_{\text{net,in}} = h_2 - h_1$

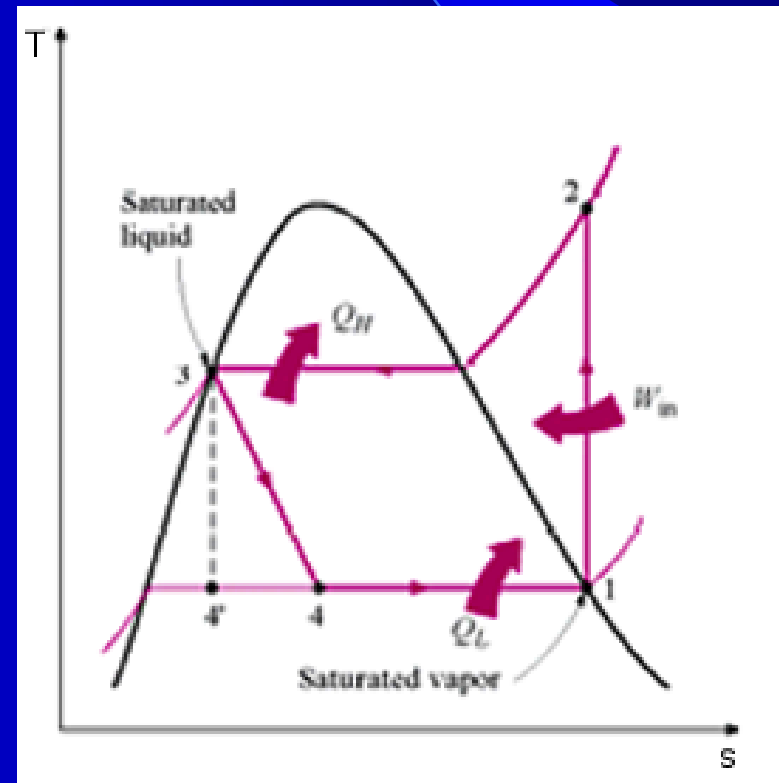
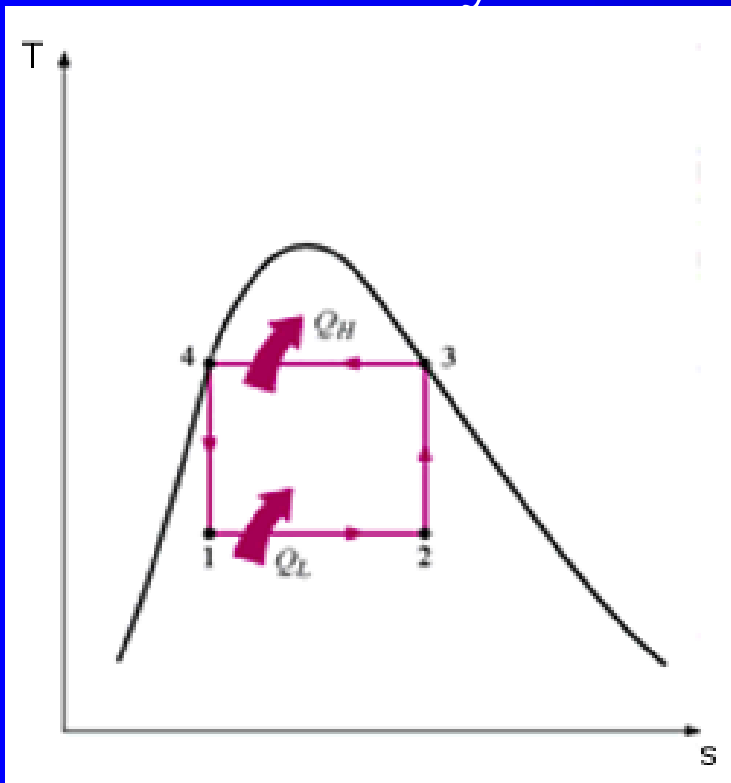
◆  $q_H = h_2 - h_3$

◆  $\text{COP}_R = q_L / w_{\text{net,in}}$

◆  $\text{COP}_{\text{HP}} = q_H / w_{\text{net,in}}$

# Carnot Cycle vs. Ideal Vapor-Compression Refrigeration Cycle

- ◆ Two phase after evaporation
- ◆ Turbine, not throttling device
- ◆ Internally reversible





# Practice Problem

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Given: Refrigerant-134a       $\dot{m} = 0.05 \text{ kg/s}$   
 $P_1 = 120 \text{ kPa}$                        $P_2 = 0.7 \text{ Mpa}$

- Find:
- (a) rate of heat removal from refrigerated space & power input into compressor
  - (b) rate of heat rejection to the environment
  - (c) coefficient of performance