



ME-251: Thermodynamics and energetics I Open Systems II

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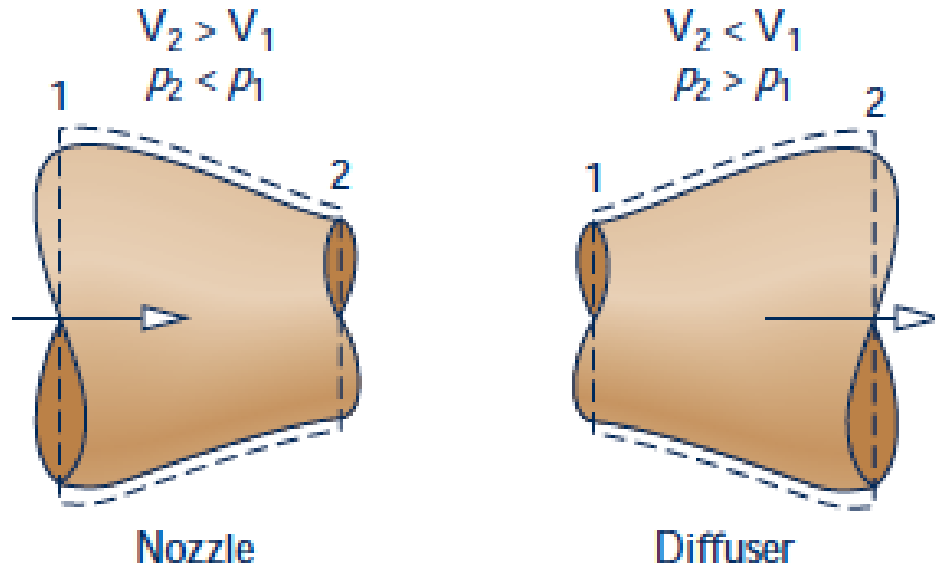
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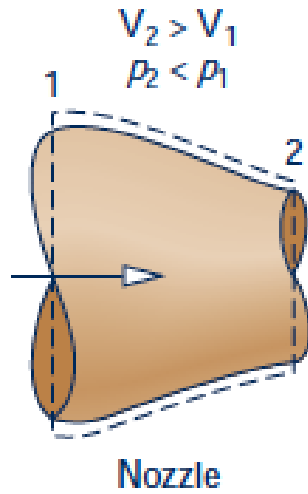
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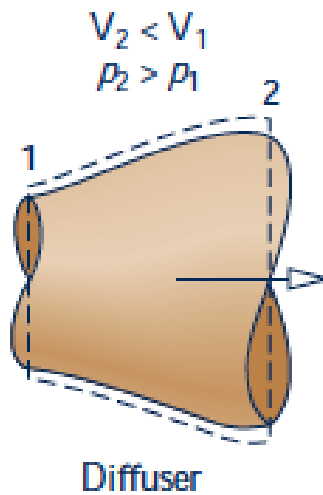
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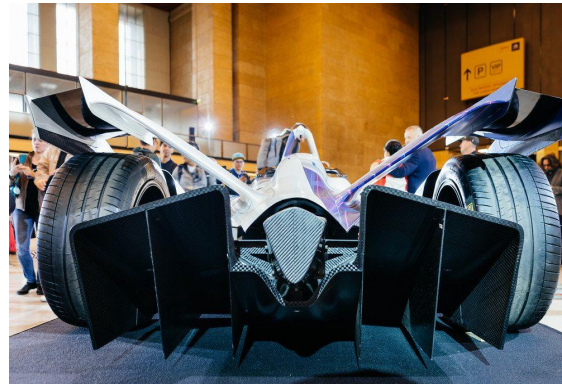
- A **nozzle** is a flow passage of varying cross-sectional area in which the velocity of a gas or liquid increases in the direction of flow.
- In a **diffuser**, the gas or liquid decelerates in the direction of flow.

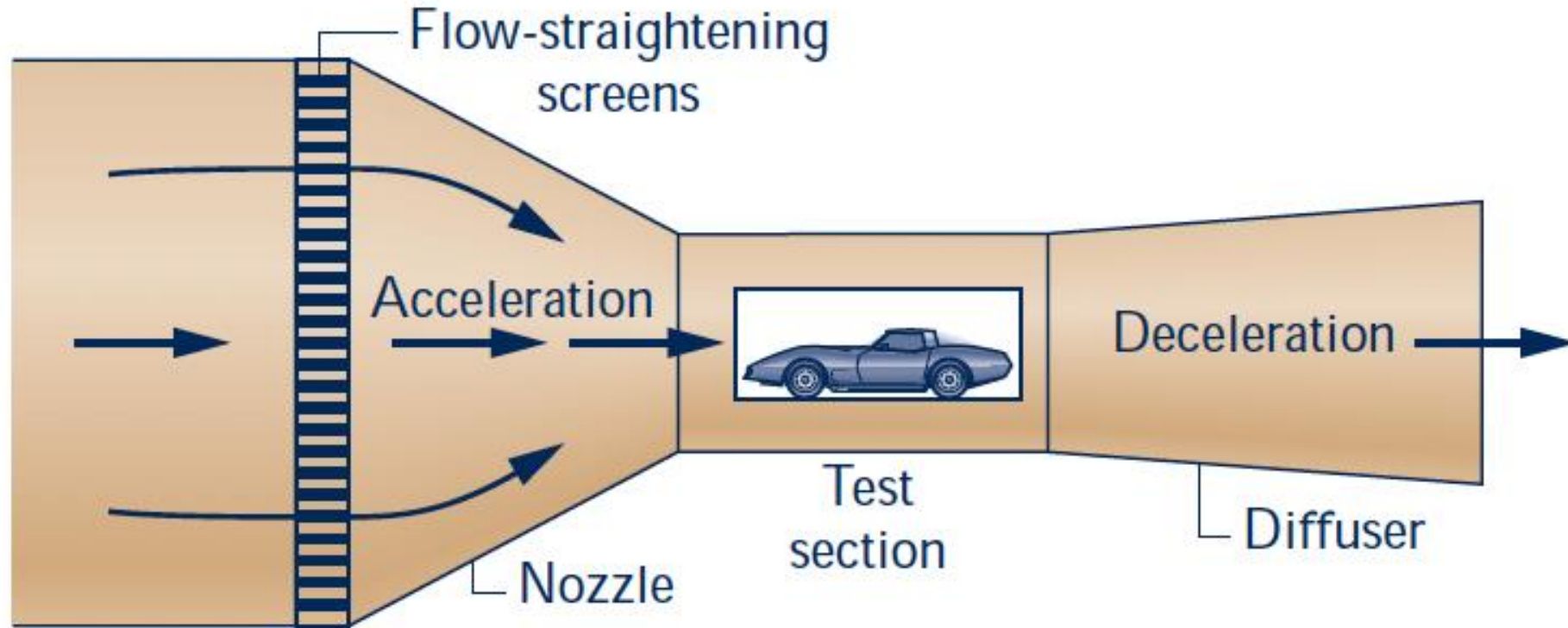


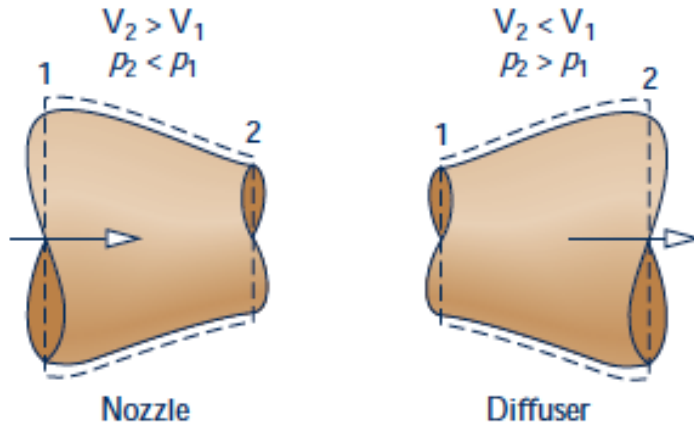
Garden hose nozzle

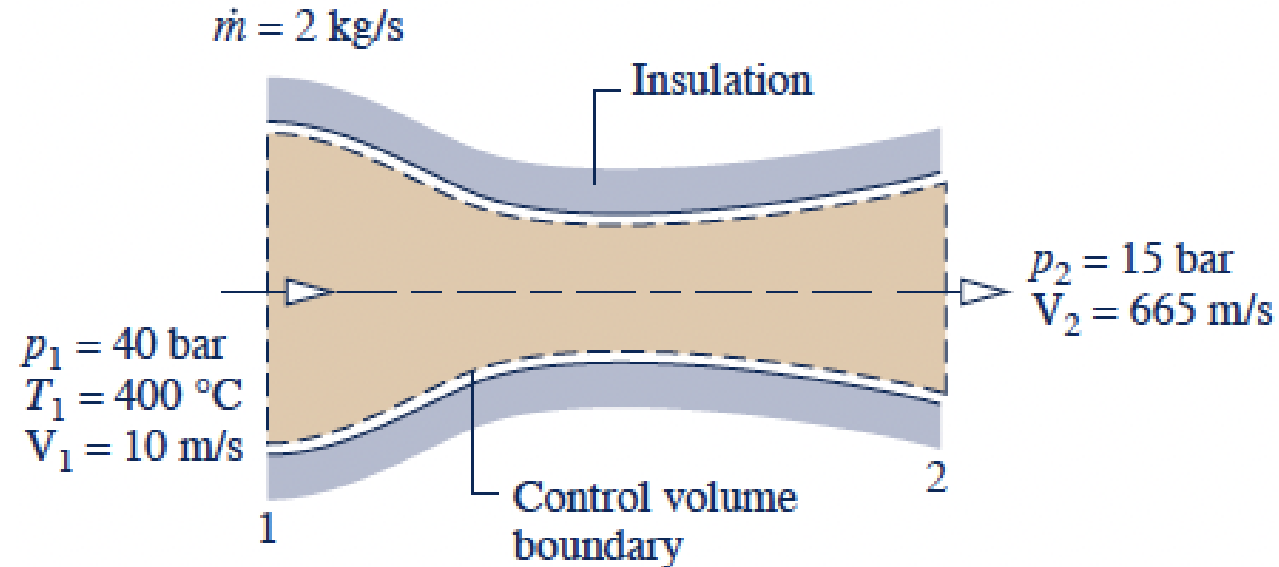


Race car diffuser







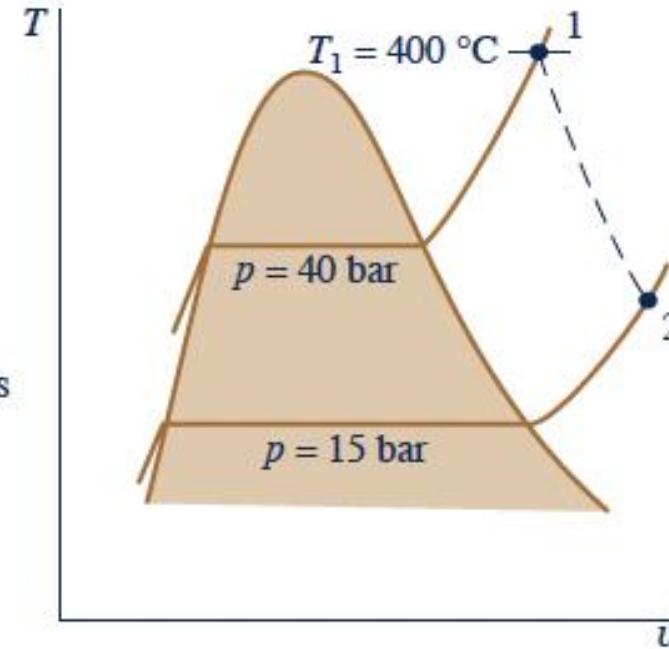
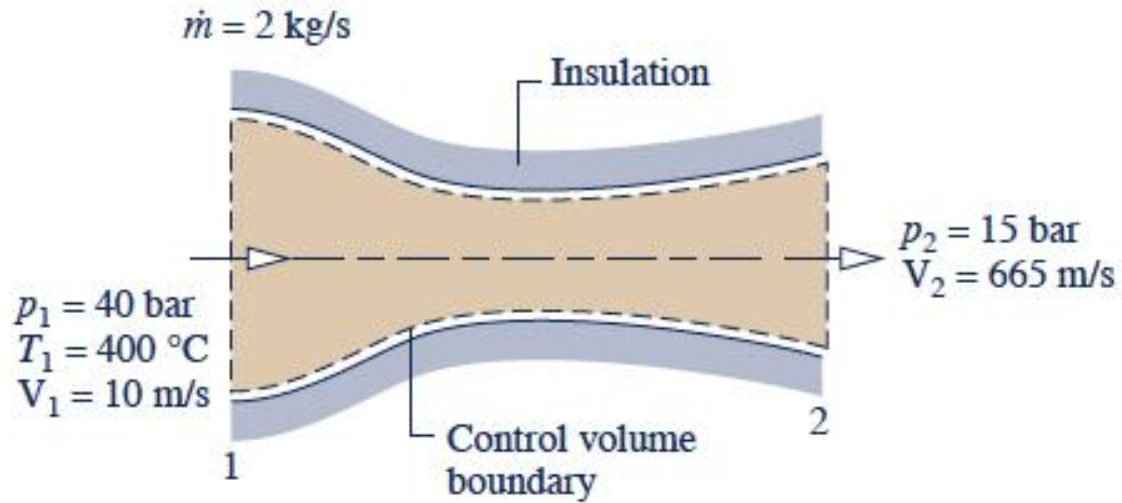


Steam enters a converging-diverging nozzle reaching a steady state

Heat transfer is negligible with the surrounding

Potential energy change can be neglected

Determine the exit area



$$\dot{Q}_{cv} - \dot{W}_{cv} + \dot{m} \left(h_1 + \frac{\vec{V}_1^2}{2} + \cancel{gz_1} \right) - \dot{m} \left(h_2 + \frac{\vec{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) = 0$$

Common form of Bernoulli's principle $\frac{\vec{V}^2}{2} + gz + pv = \text{const}$

Ignoring potential energy change $\frac{\vec{V}^2}{2} + pv = \text{const}$

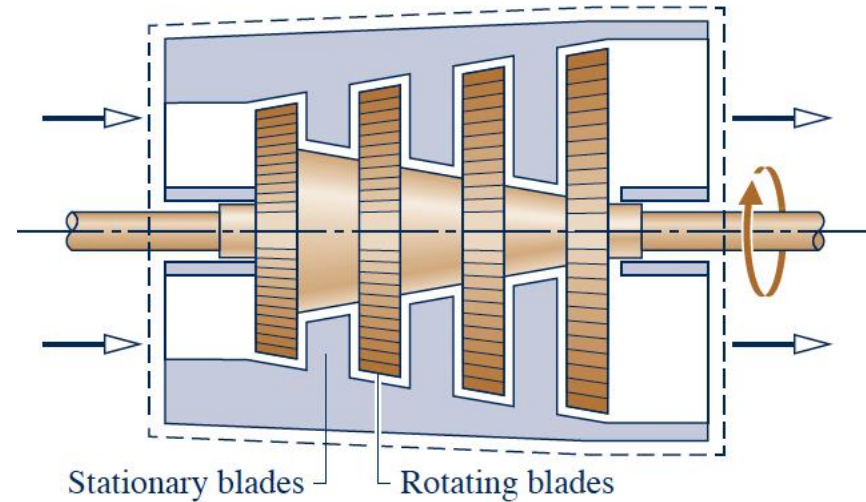
Nozzle/diffuser ignoring heat transfer $h_1 + \frac{\vec{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = h_2 + \frac{\vec{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2$

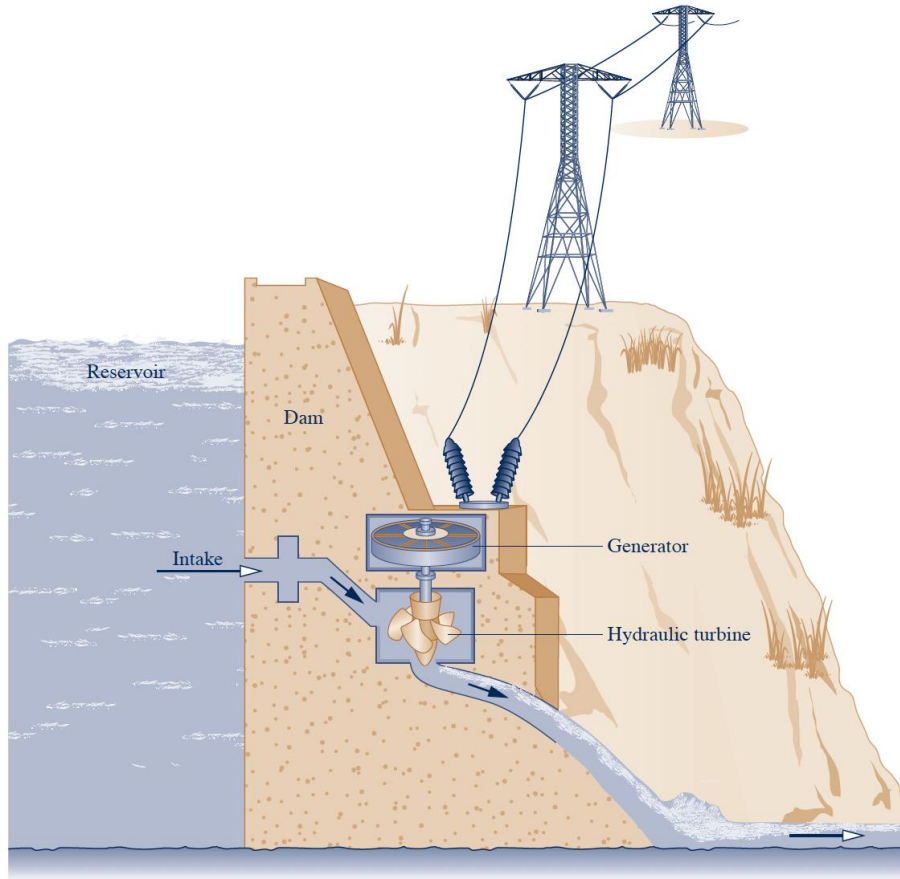
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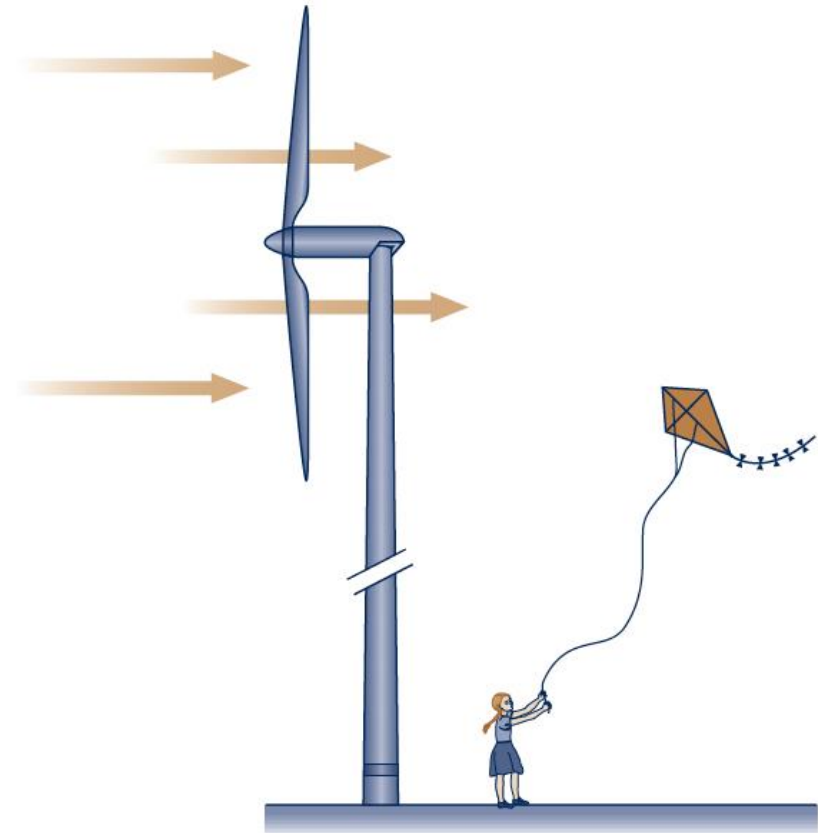


- A **turbine** is a device in which power is developed as a result of a gas or liquid passing through a set of blades attached to a shaft free to rotate

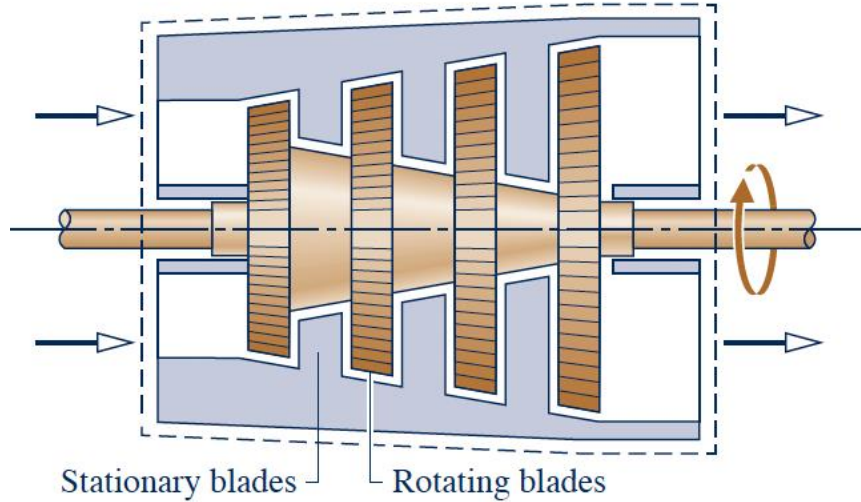




Hydraulic turbine



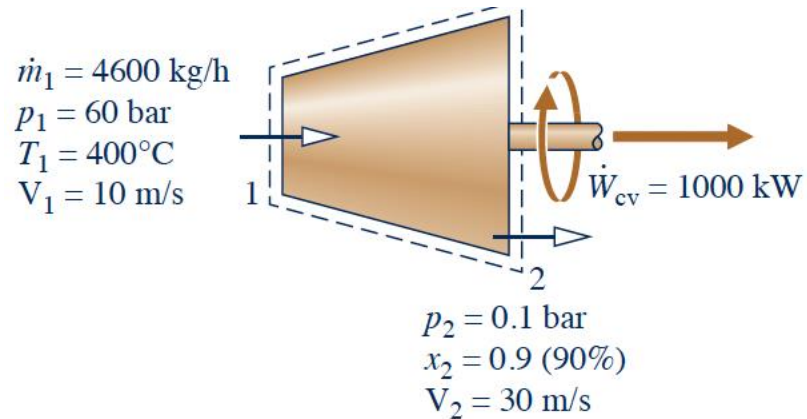
Wind turbine



$$\dot{Q}_{cv} - \dot{W}_{cv} + \dot{m} \left(h_1 - h_2 + \frac{V_1^2 - V_2^2}{2} + g(z_1 - z_2) \right) = 0$$

One inlet and one exit

$$\dot{m}_i = \dot{m}_e = \dot{m}$$



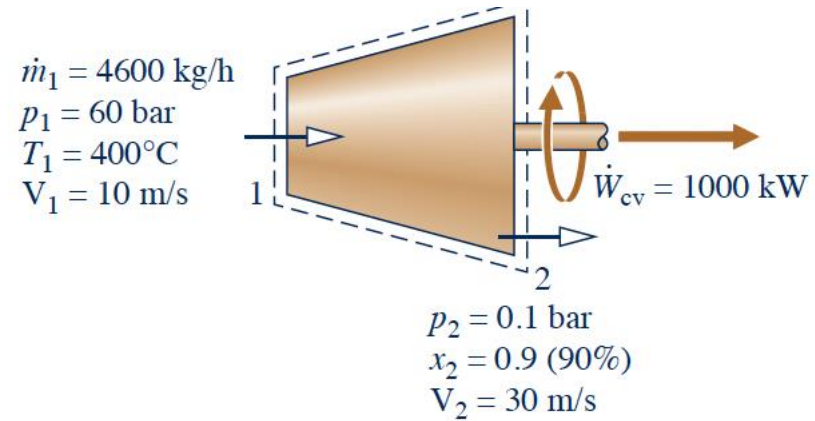
Control volume: dashed box

A steam turbine at a steady state with known mass flow rate, power output, and states of the steam at the inlet and exit

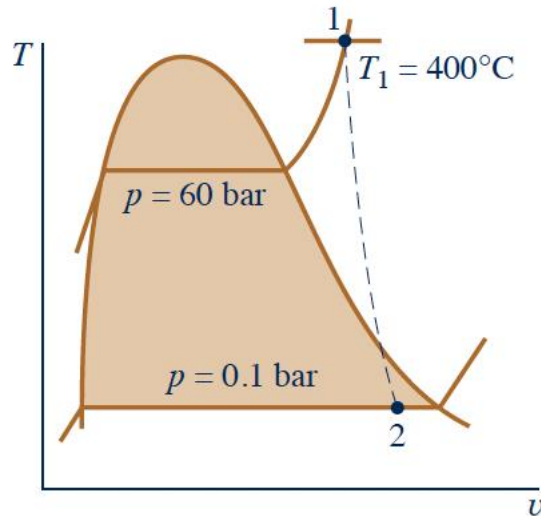
Ignore changes in potential energy

Calculate the rate of heat transfer

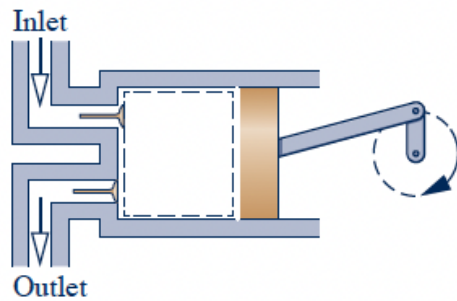
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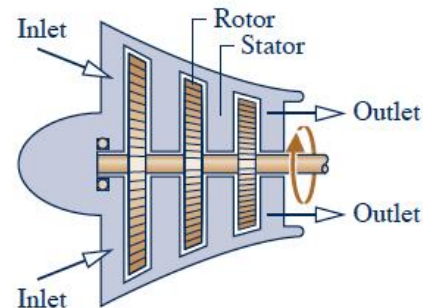
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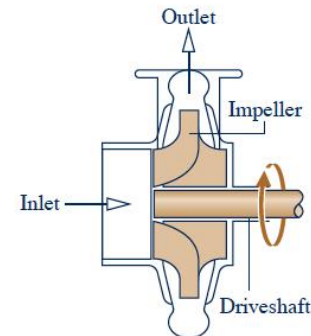
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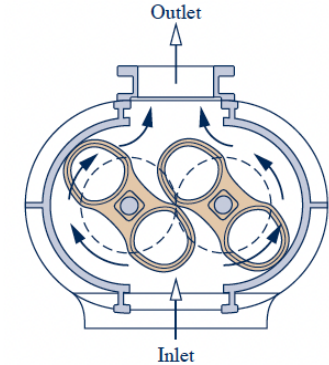
(a) Reciprocating



(b) Axial flow



(c) Centrifugal

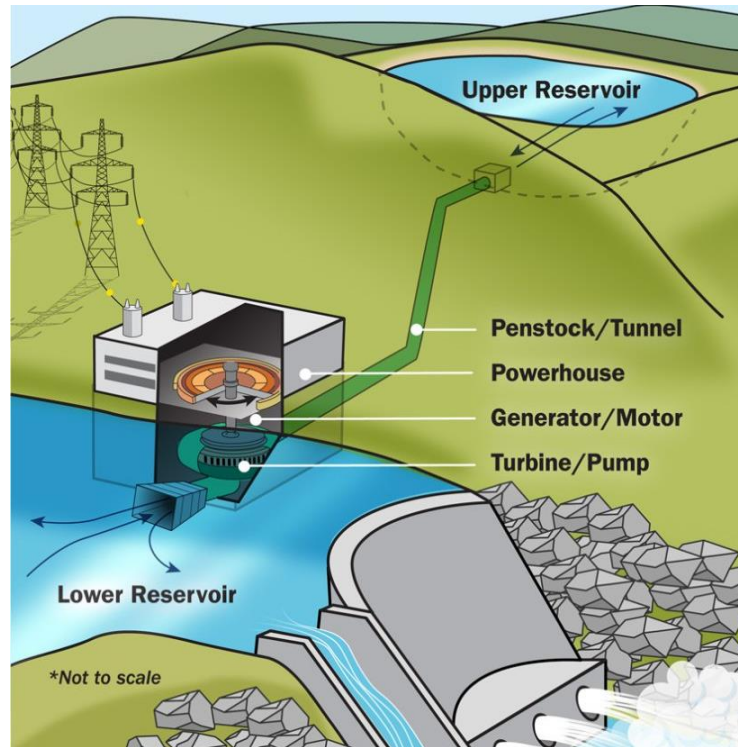


(d) Roots type

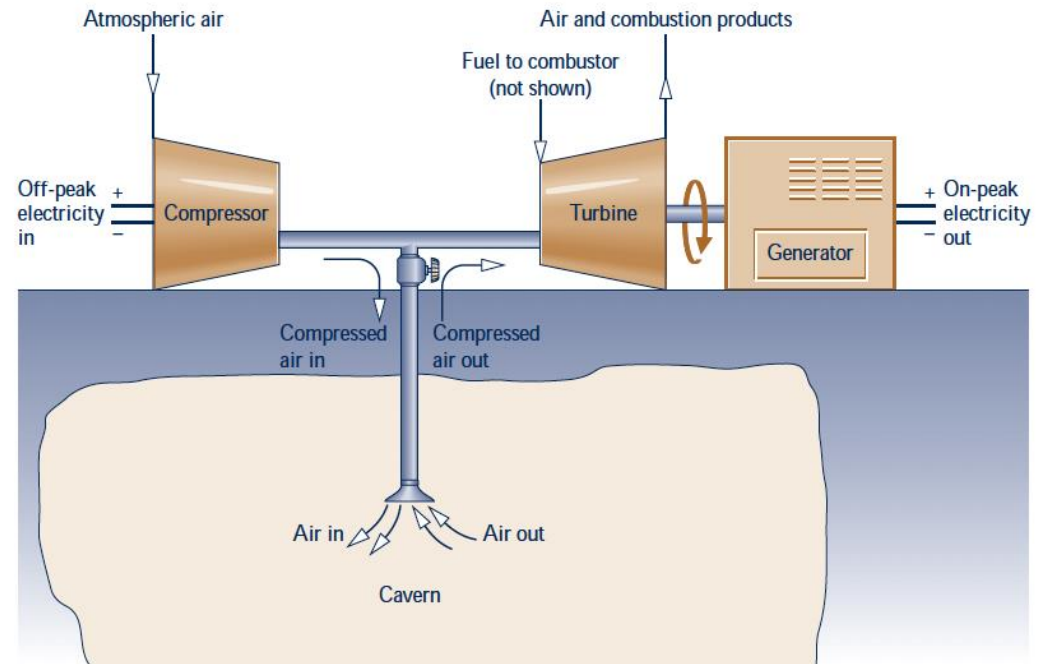
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For compressors (gas), the change in kinetic and potential energies are usually negligible compared to the enthalpy change

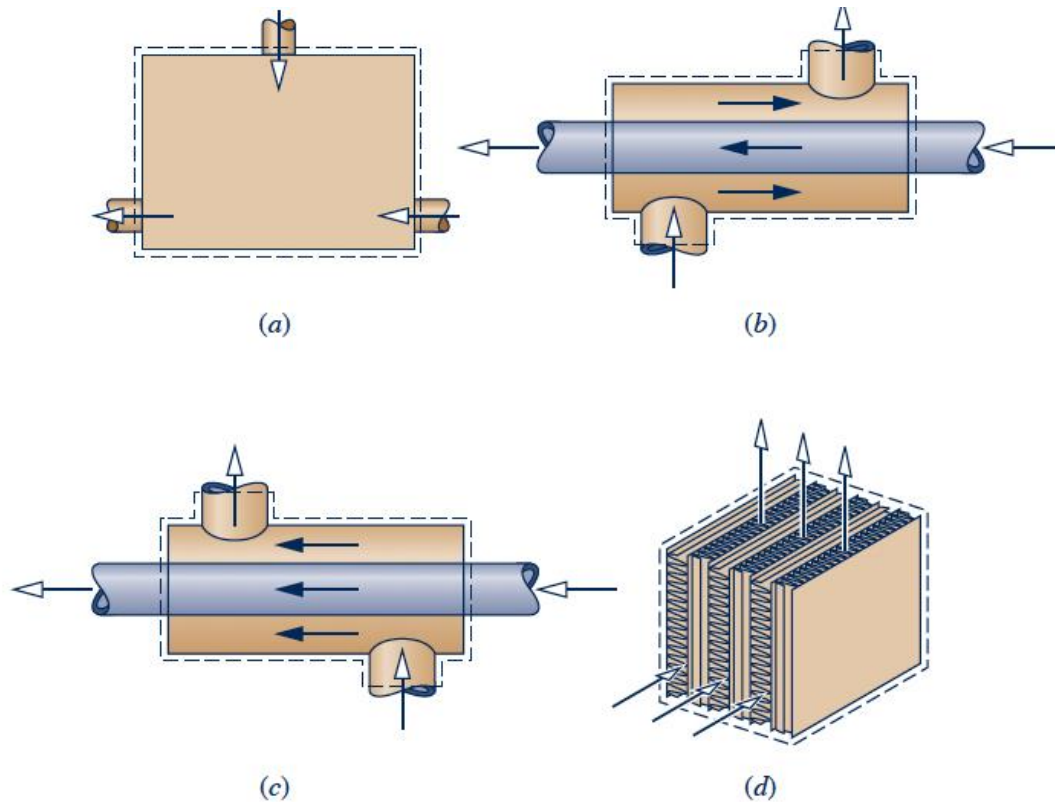
For pumps (liquid), the change in kinetic and potential energies are often significant



Pump-hydro storage



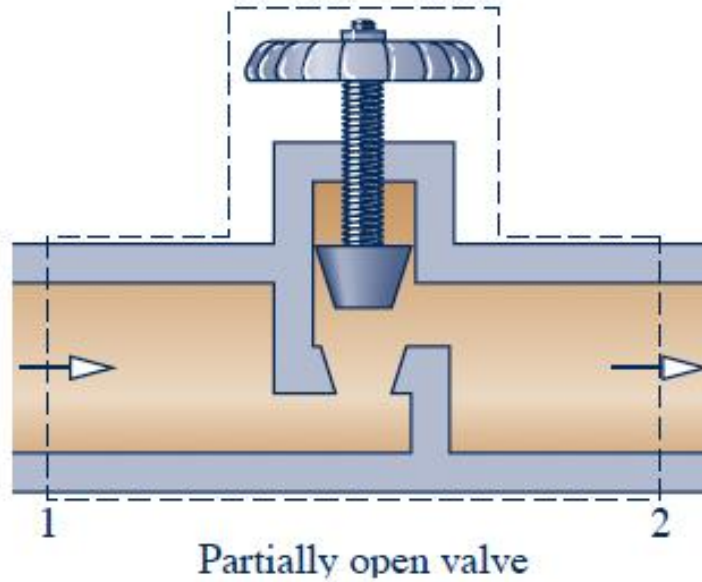
Compressed-air storage



- (a) Direct contact heat exchanger (mixing chamber)
- (b) Tube-within-a-tube counterflow heat exchanger
- (c) Tube-within-a-tube parallel flow heat exchanger
- (d) Cross-flow heat exchanger

Multi-inlets, multi-exits $\sum_i \dot{m}_i = \sum_o \dot{m}_o$

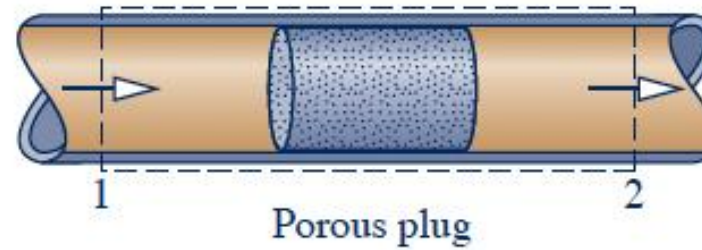
$$0 = \dot{Q}_{cv} - \dot{W}_{cv} + \sum_i \dot{m}_i \left(h_i + \frac{V_i^2}{2} + gz_i \right) - \sum_e \dot{m}_e \left(h_e + \frac{V_e^2}{2} + gz_e \right)$$



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Adding a partially opened valve or a porous plug to reduce pressure



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