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Refrigerants and Refrigeration

Refrigeration plays a very vital role in different aspect of chemical process utilities and when we are talking about the refrigeration aspect then we cannot overlook the importance of refrigerants. So welcome to the new concept of this refrigerant and refrigeration. Now in this particular lecture we are going to discuss about the brief outlay of the refrigerants, then we will discuss about the classification of refrigerants.

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What we learn in this Lecture?

- Introduction to Refrigerants
- Classification of refrigerants
 - ✓ Halocarbons
 - ✓ Hydrocarbons
 - ✓ Inorganic compounds
 - ✓ Azeotropic mixtures
 - ✓ Non-azeotropic mixtures
- Prefix and coding for refrigerants
- Isomers
- Introduction to refrigeration and it's history



This inclusive of halocarbons, hydrocarbons, inorganic compounds, azeotropic mixtures, non-azeotropic mixtures. We will discuss about the prefix encoding of refrigerant, we will discuss about the isomers and, we will apart from this we are going to discuss about the refrigeration and it is history. See refrigeration as I told you that the refrigeration is an integral part of chemical process industries and it is clubbed under the edge of utility.

Because there are so many processes in which you need to have lower temperature operation and sometimes you need to extract the excess amount of heat from any process.

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Introduction to Refrigerants

Refrigerants

- Refrigerants are well known as fluids absorbing heat during evaporation, and which provide a cooling effect during the phase change from liquid to vapor, are commonly used in refrigeration, air conditioning, heat pump system and in process system.

e.g., ammonia (R-717), Carbon dioxide (R-744), Ethyl chloride (R-160), isobutane (R-600a), methyl chloride (R-40), methylene chloride (R-30) and sulfur dioxide (R-764), and CFCs.



And, this usually carried out with the help of a refrigeration cycle and with the help of refrigerant. So, the refrigerant they are well known as a fluid absorbing heat during the evaporation, and which provides a cooling effect during the phase change from liquid to vapor, and are commonly used in refrigeration, air conditioning, heat pump system and in the process system.

There are a couple of examples of the refrigerants like ammonia sometimes referred as R-719, carbon dioxide referred as R-744, ethyl chloride referred as R-160, isobutane referred as R-600 a, methyl chloride R-40, methylene chloride R-30 and sulfur dioxide R-764 and other chlorofluorocarbons.

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Classification of Refrigerants

The primary refrigerants can be classified into the following five main groups;

1. Halocarbons
2. Hydrocarbons
3. Inorganic compounds
4. Azeotropic mixture
5. Non-azeotropic mixtures



Now since they play a very vital role so based on the various parameters and aspects, we can classify those refrigerants on various basis. The primary refrigerants these can be classified into different categories and especially the 5 categories halocarbons, hydrocarbons, inorganic compounds, azeotropic mixtures, and non-azeotropic mixtures.

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1. Halocarbons

The halocarbons contain one or more of the three halogens chlorine, fluorine, or bromine and are widely used in refrigeration and air conditioning systems as refrigerants.

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Now the CFCs have been commonly used as a refrigerant, solvents, and foam blowing agents such as most common CFCs, they are CFC-11 or R-11, CFC-12 or R-12, CFC-113 or R-113 or CFC-114 or R-14.

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- Inhalation of high concentrations is not detectable by human senses and can prove fatal due to oxygen exclusion caused by **CFC** leakages in an enclosed area.
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The inhalation of high concentration is not detectable by human senses and can prove fatal due to the oxygen exclusion caused by the CFC leakage in the enclosed arena. The combustion product of CFC includes, the phosgene, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen chloride, which are equally poisonous if they are inhaled. Now there are some other components such as halon, carbon tetrachloride's, perfluorocarbons. The halons are compounds consisting of bromine, fluorine, carbon, and this halon 1301 or 1211.

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- There are some other components such as **halons, carbon tetrachlorides and perfluorocarbons.**
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- **Carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4)** was widely used as a raw materials in many industrial uses, including production of CFCs and found carcinogenic.
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2. Hydrocarbons

- Hydrocarbons (HCs) are the compounds that mainly consists of carbon and hydrogen. HCs include methane, ethane, propane, cyclopropane, butane, and cyclopentane.
- Although HCs are highly flammable, they may offer advantages as alternative refrigerants because they are inexpensive to produce and they have zero ozone depletion potential, very low global warming potential, and low toxicity.



Now second category is the hydrocarbons, hydrocarbons or HCs they are the compound that mainly consists of carbon and hydrogen. And this hydrocarbon includes the methane, ethane, propane, cyclopropane, butane, cyclopentane etcetera. Although these hydrocarbons are highly flammable, they may offer various advantages as alternative refrigerants. Because they are inexpensive to produce and they have a, zero ozone depletion potential, and they have a very low global warming potential, and they possess a very low toxicity in nature.

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Types of Hydrocarbons

- **Hydrobromofluorocarbons (HBFCs)** are the compounds that consist of hydrogen, bromine, fluorine, and carbon.
- **Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)** are the compounds that consist of hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, and carbon. They can deplete ozone but in lesser extent than CFCs, having potential ranging from 0.01 to 0.1.



There are various you know types of hydrocarbons like, hydrobromofluoro carbon HBFCs they are the compounds that consist of hydrogen, bromine, fluorine, and carbon. Then hydrochlorofluorocarbons HCFCs they are compound that consists of hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, and carbon. And they can deplete the ozone but in lesser extent than the CFCs, and they are having the potential of ranging from 0.01 to 0.1.

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- **Methyl bromide (CH_3Br)** is a compound consisting of carbon, hydrogen, and bromine. It is an effective pesticide and used to fumigate soil and many agricultural products and has a depletion potential of 0.6.
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3. Inorganic compounds

- In spite of early invention of inorganic compounds, today they are still used in many refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump applications as refrigerants e.g., **ammonia (NH₃), water (H₂O), air, carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide (SO₂).**

Note:

Here, in this study we have focused on three compounds of this family: ammonia, carbon dioxide and air.



There are certain inorganic compounds now, in spite of early invention of inorganic compound. Today they are still used in many refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump application as a refrigerant. The examples are ammonia NH₃, water H₂O, air, carbon dioxide sulphur dioxide. Now in this particular study we have focused on 3 compounds of this family that is ammonia, carbon dioxide, and air.

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Ammonia (R-717)

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Despite of its high thermal capability to provide cooling, it may cause several technical and health problems includes:

- Gaseous ammonia is extremely irritating to eyes, throat, nasal passages and skin (exposure to levels in the range of 5 to 30 ppm, reported to eye irritation).
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- Ammonia is a flammable gas and forms potentially explosive mixtures with air in the range of 16% to 25% ammonia in air.
- Ammonia vapors react with the vapors of acid (e.g., HCl) to produce an irritating white smoke.
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Carbon dioxide (R-744)

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Carbon dioxide it is the oldest in organic refrigerant, it is colourless, odourless, non-toxic, non-flammable, non-explosive refrigerant and can be used in cascade refrigeration system, dry ice production and food freezing of operation or replication. Air is generally used in aircraft air conditioning and refrigeration system it is coefficient of performance is low because of light weight of the air system. In some of the refrigeration plant it may be used in the quick freezing of food products.

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4. Azeotropic mixtures

An azeotropic refrigerant mixture consists of two substances (cant be separated by distillation) having different properties but behaving as a single substance.

✓ The most common azeotropic refrigerant is R-502, which contains 48.8% R-22 and 51.2% R115.

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Azeotropic mixtures an azeotropic refrigerant mixture consists of 2 substances and these can be cannot be separated by usual distillation protocol. Now they are having the different properties but behaving as a single substance so that is the quality of azeotropes. The most common azeotropic refrigerant is R-502, which contains 48% of R-2020 true and 51.2% of R-115.

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Non-azeotropic mixture offered the following advantages:

- Energy improvement and saving
- Capacity control
- Adaptation of hardware component regarding capacity and applications limits.

Note:

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Now there are so many advantages associated with the non-azeotropic mixtures one is that energy improvisation and saving, then the capacity control, then adoption of hardware component regarding capacity and application limits. Now widely used refrigerant such as R-11, R-12, R-22 and R-114 became most popular for the pure component of non-azeotropic mixtures.

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➤ Secondary Refrigerants

- Secondary refrigerants play a role in carrying heat from an object or a space being cooled to the primary refrigerant or the evaporator of a refrigeration system during this it has no phase change.
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- The antifreezes, which are solutions of water and ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, or calcium chloride, are widely used as secondary refrigerants.
- Propylene glycol has the unique feature of being safe in contact with food products.
- Dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2), trichloroethylene (C_2HCl_3), alcohol solutions, and acetone have also been used in some special applications.



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There are various features attached or attributed while considering as a main criteria in the selection of proper secondary refrigerant. One is that the satisfactory thermal and physical properties, second is the stability because it goes to the various cycles under the stress of pressure and temperature conditions so it must be stable should not be decomposed or over the period of time otherwise it may become a problematic approach.

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The following features are considered as main criteria in the selection of a proper secondary refrigerant;

- Satisfactory thermal and physical properties
- Stability
- Non-corrosiveness and non-toxicity
- Low cost and usability

It must have the non-corrosiveness and non-toxicity, and above all it should be cost effective and it must be it must possess the usability aspect. Now sometimes you see that there is certain prefix and the coding is there while we use any kind of refrigerant.

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➤ Prefixes and decoding of refrigerants

- Various refrigerants (e.g., CFCs, HCs, HCFCs, HBFCs, HFCs, PFCs, and halons) are numbered according to a system devised.
- Although it may seem confusing, in fact it provides very complex information about molecular structure and also easily distinguishes among various classes of chemicals.

So, prefixes and decoding of refrigerant, the various refrigerants like CFSs, HF_s, HCFC_s, HBFC_s etcetera they are number according to a system devised. Although it may seem confusing, in fact it provides very complex information about the molecular structure and also easily distinguishes among the various classes of chemicals.

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▪ Prefixes

- Most common refrigerant's prefixes are CFCs, HCFCs, HFCs, PFCs, and halons. In CFCs and HCFCs, the first 'C' is for chlorine (Cl), and in all of them, 'F' is for fluorine (F), 'H' is for hydrogen (H) and the final 'C' is for carbon (C).
- PFC is a special prefix meaning 'perfluorocarbon'. 'Per' means 'all', so perfluorocarbons have all bonds occupied by fluorine atoms.



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for the carbon. The PFC is a special prefix meaning perfluorocarbon. Per means all, so perfluorocarbon have all bond occupied by the fluorine atom.

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Prefixes and atoms in refrigerants

Name	Prefix	Atoms contained
Chlorofluorocarbon	CFC	Cl, F, C
Hydrochlorofluorocarbons	HCFC	H, Cl, F, C
Hydrobromofluorocarbon	HBFC	H, Br, F, C
Hydrofluorocarbon	HFC	H, F, C
Hydrocarbon	HC	H, C
Perfluorocarbon	PFC	F, C
Halon	Halon	Br, Cl, H, F, C

Now here you see in this particular table, that the chlorofluorocarbon the prefix is CFC and atoms this contain chlorine, fluorine, and carbon then hydrochloro fluoro carbons HCFC hydrogen, chlorine fluorine and carbon. Similarly, hydrobromofluorocarbon HBFC hydrogen, bromine, fluorine, carbon and hydrofluorocarbon HFC hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine. Hydrocarbon usually HC hydrogen and carbon, perfluorocarbon PFC that is the flow fluorine and carbon, and halon that is represented as halon bromine, chlorine, hydrogen, fluorine, carbon.

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▪ Decoding the number

It helps us to find out the number of each types of atom, and the key to the code is to add 90 to the number; the result shows the number of C, H and F atoms. e.g., For HCFC-141b:
 $141+90= 2(\#C) 3(\#H) 1(\#F)$.

- ✓ All of these chemicals are saturated, so that they contain only single bonds, the number of bonds available in carbon based molecule is $2C+2$. thus for HCFC-141b, which has 2 C atoms, there are 6 bonds.

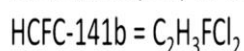


Now decoding the number, it helps us to provide or to find out the number of each type of atom, and the key to the code is to add 90 to the number; the result shows the number of carbon, hydrogen, and chlorine atoms. For example, HCFC that is 141 b, that is $141 + 90 = 2$ number of carbon number of hydro 3 numbers of hydrogen and 1 number of hydrogen. Now all of these chemicals are saturated, so that they contain only single bonds.

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Cl atoms occupy bonds remaining after the F and H atoms. So, HCFC-141b has 2C, 3H, 1F and 2Cl.



Note:

Where, the HCFC designation is a good double-check on the decoding; containing H, Cl, F, and C. The 'b' at the end describes, how these atoms are arranged; different 'isomers' contain the same atoms, but they are arranged differently.



Chlorine atom occupies the bond remaining after the fluorine and hydrogen. So, HCFC-141 b has 2 carbon, 3 hydrogen, 1 fluorine and 2 chlorine, so this represents the $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{FCl}_2$. Now where, the HCFC designation is a good double check on the decoding containing hydrogen chlorine, chlorine, carbon. The b at the end describes, how these atoms are arranged different isomers contains the same atom but they are arranged in a different fashion.

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➤ Isomers

Isomers of a given compound contain the same atoms but they are arranged differently and having different properties.

All of the compounds under discussion are based on carbon chains (1-3 carbon atoms attached in a line of single bonds: e.g., C-C-C, the naming system is based on how H, F, Cl, Br atoms are attached to that chain.

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- ✓ A single C atom can only bond with four other atoms in one way, so there are no isomers of those compounds.
- ✓ For two-C molecules, a single lowercase letter following the number designates the isomer.
- ✓ For three-C molecules, a lower-case two-letter code serves this purpose. e.g., Consider two-C molecules, e.g., HCFC-141, HCFC-141a, and HCFC-141b in which all have the same atoms (2C, 3H, 1F, and 2Cl), but they are organized differently.



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- ✓ To determine the letter, total the atomic weights of the atoms bonded to each of the carbon atoms. The arrangement that most evenly distributes atomic weights has no letter.
- ✓ The next most even distribution is the 'a' isomer, the next is 'b', etc. until no more isomers are possible.

Now to determine the letter, the total the atomic weight of the atom bonded to each of the carbon atom. The arrangement that most evenly distributes at atomic weights has no letter. Now the next most even distribution is a isomer, and next is b, until no more isomers are possible. Common way of writing isomer structure is to group atom according to the carbon atom which they bond.

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A common way of writing isomers' structure is to group atoms according to the carbon atom with which they bond. Thus, the isomers of HCFC-141 are:

- ✓ **HCFC-141:** CHFCl - CH₂Cl (atomic weights on the 2 C = 37.5 and 55.5)
- ✓ • **HCFC-141 a:** CHCl₂ - CH₂F (atomic weights on the 2 C = 21 and 72)
- ✓ • **HCFC-141b:** CFCl₂ - CH₃ (atomic weights on the 2 C = 3 and 90)



Thus, the isomer of HCFC-141 are like HCFC-141 CHFCL then CH₂Cl atomic weight on the 2 C is 37.5 and 55.5. Similarly, if we talk about the HCFC-141 a so the CHCl₂-CH₂F the atomic weight on the 2 C is 21 and 72. And similarly, we can describe this HCFC-141 b that is CFCl₂CH₂ and atomic weights on these are 3 and 90.

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Selection of Refrigerants

There are many criteria for the selection of the refrigerants for the use in a refrigeration or heat pump systems. **The refrigerants are expected to meet the following conditions;**

- ✓ Ozone and environment friendly,
- ✓ Low boiling temperature,
- ✓ Low volume of flow rate per unit capacity,
- ✓ Vaporization pressure lower than atmospheric pressure,
- ✓ High heat of vaporization,



Now the question arises that we are having the enormous choices of refrigerant then what should be the criteria for the selection of proper refrigerant to the system. Now there are many criteria for the selection of the refrigerant for the use in the refrigeration or heat pump system. The refrigerants are expected to meet the different conditions.

Like, they must have ozone and environmental friendly, they must have with a lower boiling temperature, they must have a low volume of flow rate per unit capacity, the vaporization pressure low should be lower than the atmospheric pressure, and they must possess the high heat of vaporization.

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Selection of refrigerants

- ✓ Noncorrosive and nontoxic,
- ✓ Non-acidic in case of a mixture with water or air,
- ✓ Chemically stable,
- ✓ Suitable thermal and physical properties
- ✓ Easily detectable in case of leakage, and low cost.
- ✓ Non-flammable and nonexplosive,
- ✓ Non-corrosive and nontoxic,

Apart from this, they must have the property of non-corrosiveness and non-toxicity. They must have non-acidic in case of a mixture with water or air because it is very common that they will

be in contact with this water and air. Similarly, they must be chemically stable as I told you that they will be under the stress of pressure and temperature so they should not get decomposed.

The suitable thermal and physical properties should be there, and they should be easily detectable in case of any leakage, and they must have a low cost obviously it is desirable. They must have a non-flammable and non-explosiveness, and above all they must have non-corrosiveness and non-toxicity. Now let us talk about because we have discussed the fluid in question for the refrigeration purpose.

Now let us discuss about the refrigeration, because refrigeration is the operation. So the refrigeration is the process of removing the heat from the matter which may be a solid, a liquid, or a gas. Removing heat from the matter cools it or lowers its temperature and that is quite common phenomena in all kind of chemical engineering operations.

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Introduction to Refrigeration

Refrigeration

- Refrigeration is the process of removing heat from matter which may be a solid, a liquid, or a gas. Removing heat from the matter cools it, or lowers its temperature.
- The lowering of temperature in older methods, may be accomplished by rapid expansion of gases under reduced pressure.
- Thus, cooling may be brought about by compressing air, removing the excess heat produced in compressing it, and then permitting it to expand.



The lowering the temperature in the older methods, may be accomplished by the rapid expansion of the gases under the reduced pressure. Thus, if you see that the cooling may be brought about a compressing air, removing the excess heat producing in compressing it, and then permitted it to expand this is the common refrigeration cycle. Now the lowering the temperature is also produced by adding certain salts, such as sodium nitrate, sodium thiosulfate, sodium sulphide to water. And there are 2 common methods of refrigeration, one is the natural and second one is the mechanical.

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There are two common methods of refrigeration; **natural** and **mechanical**.

In **natural refrigeration**, ice has been used in refrigeration since ancient times and still in used.

- In this process, forced circulation of air passes around blocks of ice as a result some of the heat of air is transferred to ice, thus cooling of air particularly for air conditioning applications.



Now in natural refrigeration, ice has been used as refrigeration since initial time and is still it is being used. In this process, forced circulation of air passes around the blocks of ice like this, these are the blocks of ice and force air is passed through there as a result some of the heat of the air is transferred to the ice, thus cooling of the air and particularly for the air conditioning applications.

Now in mechanical refrigeration, a refrigerant is a substance capable of transferring heat and that is that it absorbs at low temperatures and pressure to a condensing medium. Now in this region of transfer, the refrigerant is at higher temperature and pressure.

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In **mechanical refrigeration**, a refrigerant is a substance capable of transferring heat that it absorbs at low temperatures and pressures to a condensing medium; in the region of transfer, the refrigerant is at higher temperatures and pressures.

- By the means of expansion, compression and cooling medium, such as air or water, the refrigerant removes heat form a substance and transfer it to the cooling medium.



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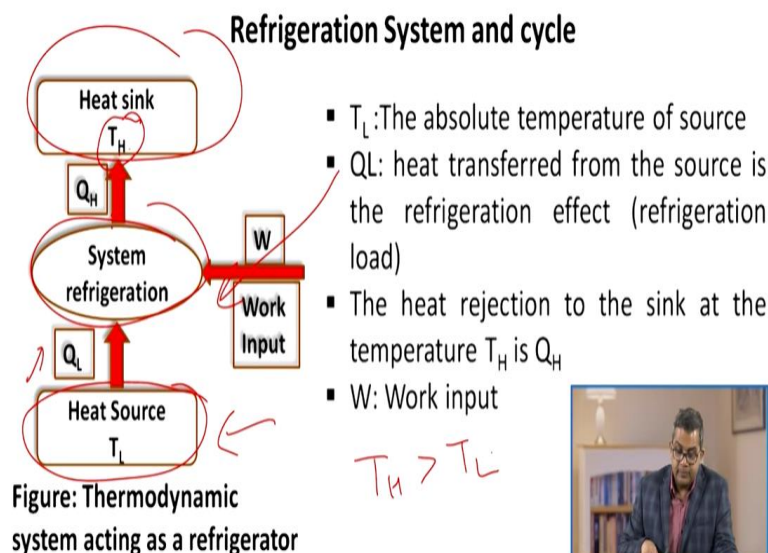
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Now here this represents the pictorial diagram now this is the heat sink, this is the system refrigeration, and this is the heat source. Now T_L this is the absolute temperature of the source and which is maintained at the lower temperature, and you need to extract the Q_L amount of

heat from this heat source through the system by incorporating the W amount of the work. And you need to discharge this Q_H amount of heat to the heat sinks which is maintained that at T_H now here the T_H is greater than T_L .

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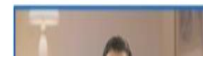


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Now study technical progress in the field of mechanical refrigeration they marked effect in 1890. The revolutionary changes were not the rule but many improvements were made in several countries in the design and construction of refrigerating unit as well as in their basic component compressor and condenser evaporators. So, in this particular lecture we discussed about the different kind of refrigerant, classification of those refrigerant. We discussed about the basic theory of refrigeration; we had a discussion about the history of refrigeration.

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And if you wish to have a further reading then you can have a look of this particular reference, thank you very much.