



Thermal conductivity

Τηλεμαθησιακή Εργασία

Heat Transfer Methods:

❖ Conduction,

❖ Convection

❖ Radiation

Heat Transfer

Heat always moves from a warmer place to a cooler place.

Hot objects in a cooler room will cool to room temperature.

Cold objects in a warmer room will heat up to room temperature.

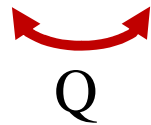


$$T_A \neq T_B$$



$$T_A = T_B$$

Heat equilibrium



Conduction

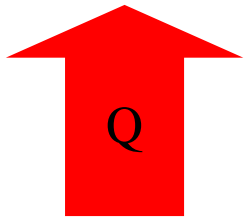
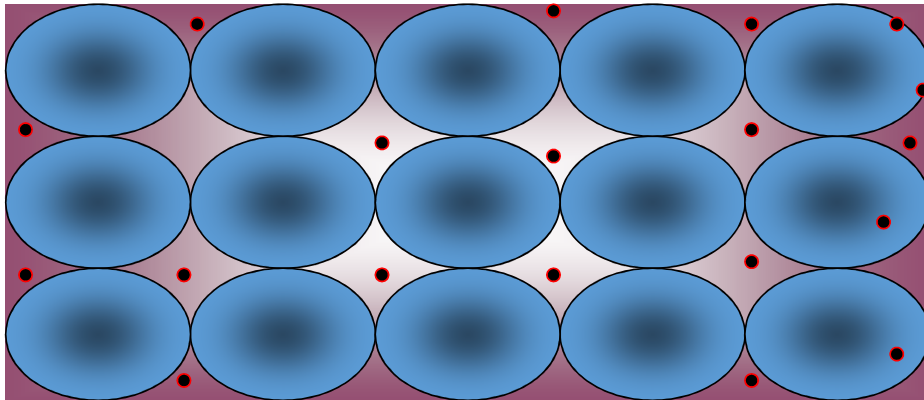
When you heat a metal strip at one end, the heat travels to the other end.

As you heat the metal, the particles vibrate, these vibrations make the adjacent particles vibrate, and so on and so on, the vibrations are passed along the metal and so is the heat. We call this?

Metals are different

The outer **electrons** of metal atoms drift, and are free to move.

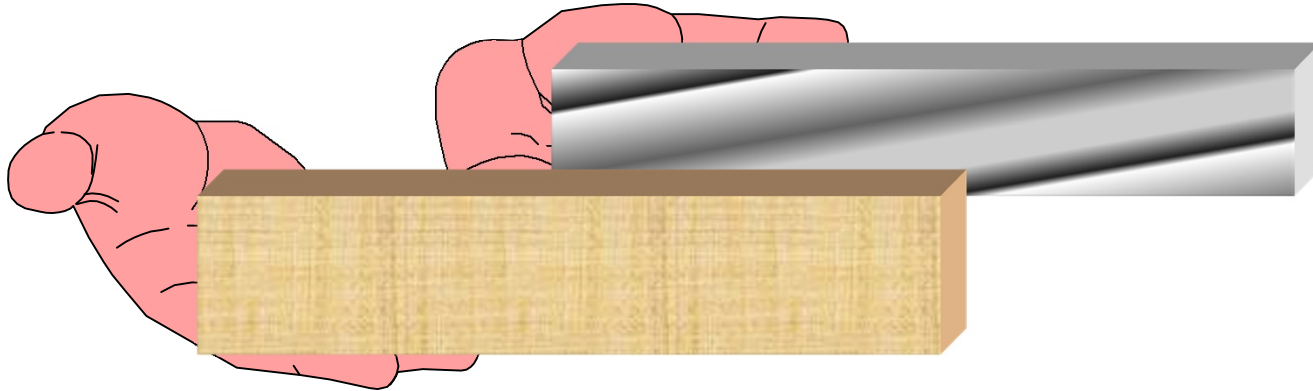
When the metal is heated, this 'sea of electrons' gain kinetic energy and transfer it throughout the metal



Insulators, such as wood and plastic, do not have this 'sea of electrons' which is why they do not conduct heat as well as metals.

Why does metal feel colder than wood, if they are both at the same temperature?

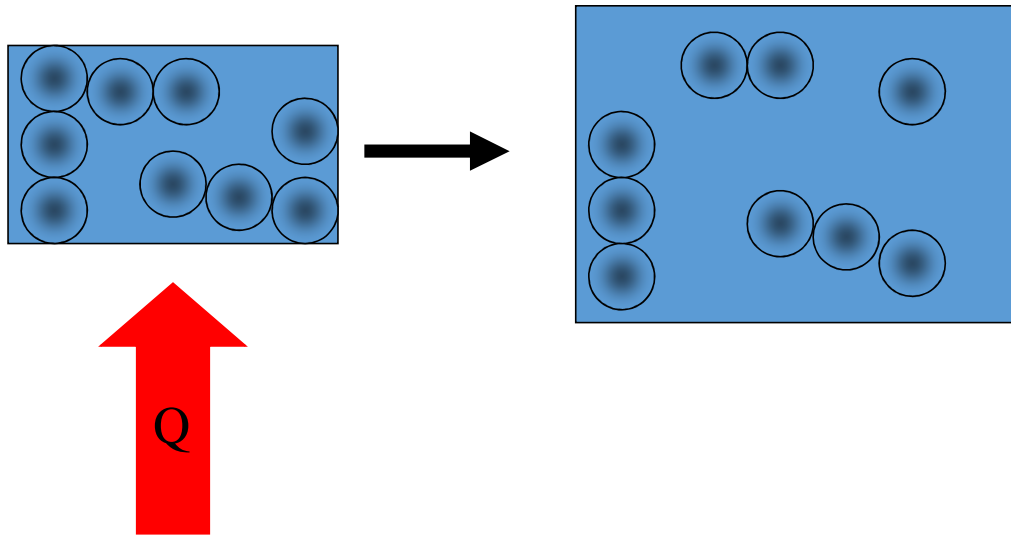
Metal is a conductor, wood is an insulator. Metal conducts the heat away from your hands. Wood does not conduct the heat away from your hands as well as the metal, so the wood feels warmer than the metal.



Convection

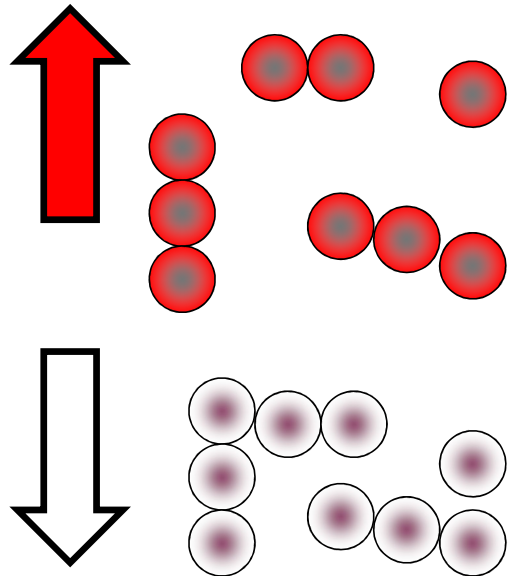
What happens to the particles in a liquid or a gas when you heat them?

The particles spread out and become less dense.



Fluid movement

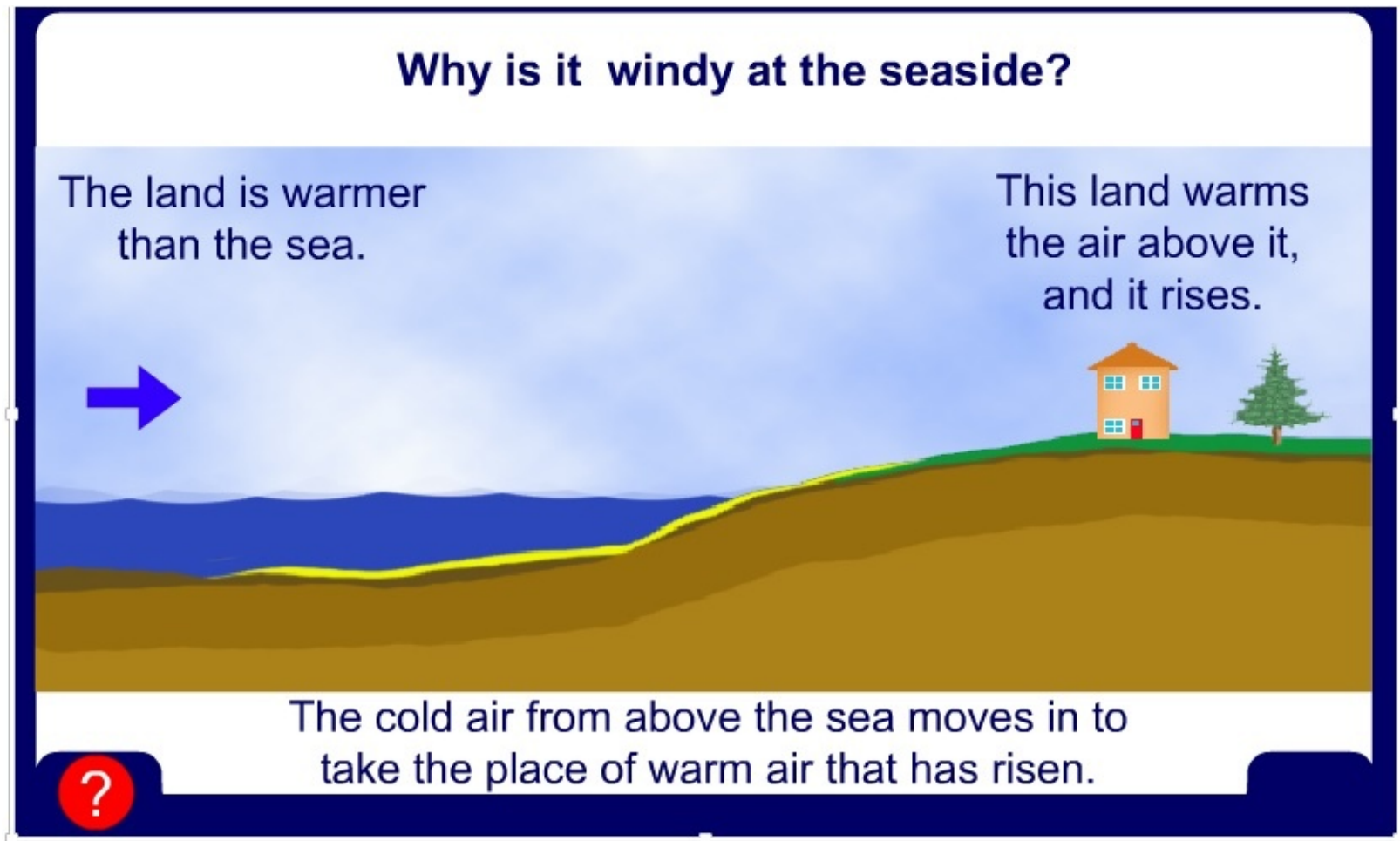
Cooler, more dense, fluids sink through warmer, less dense fluids.



In effect, warmer liquids and gases rise up.

Cooler liquids and gases sink

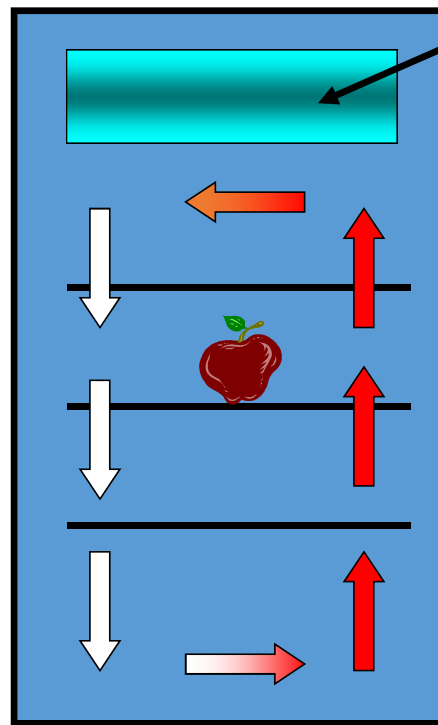
Why is it windy at the seaside?



Cold air sinks

Where is the freezer compartment put in a fridge?

It is put at the top, because cool air sinks, so it cools the food on the way down.

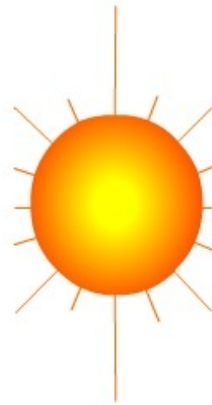


Freezer compartment

It is warmer at the bottom, so this warmer air rises and a convection current is set up.

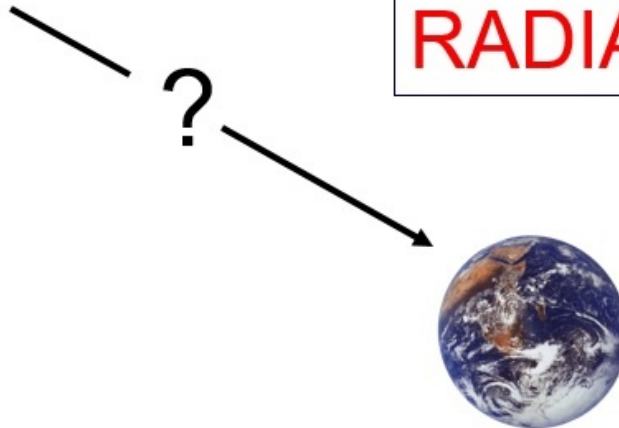
The third method of heat transfer

How does heat energy get from the Sun to the Earth?



Earth so it CANNOT
travel by conduction or
by convection.

RADIATION



Radiation

Radiation travels in straight lines

True/~~False~~

Radiation can travel through a vacuum

True/False

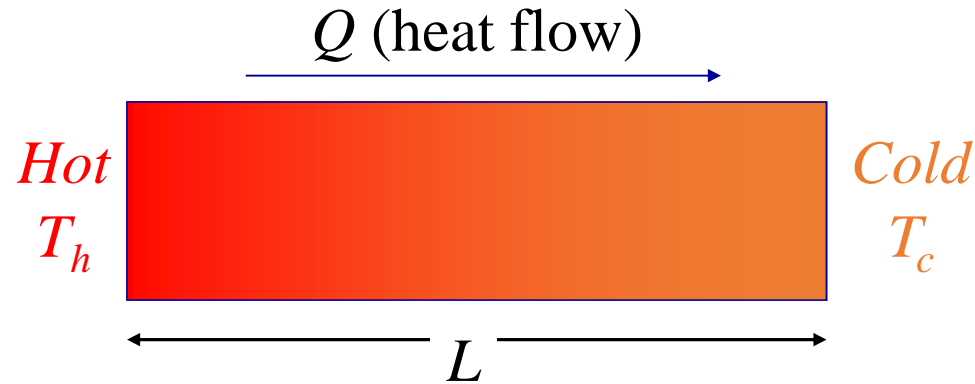
Radiation requires particles to travel

~~True~~/False

Radiation travels at the speed of light

True/~~False~~

Fourier's Law for Heat Conduction

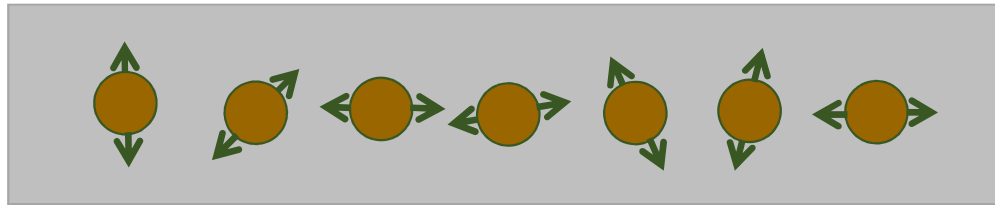


$$Q = kA \frac{T_h - T_c}{L} = kA \frac{dT}{dx}$$

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Thermal conduction

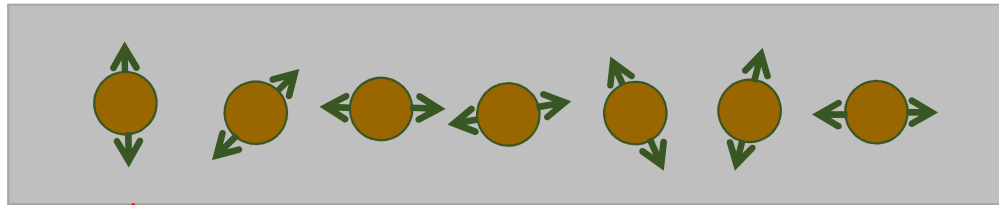
Metal bar



According to **kinetic theory**, all materials are made up of **tiny, moving particles**. In a **solid** these particles tend to **vibrate** around a fixed spot.

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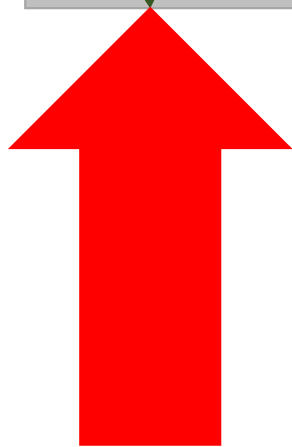
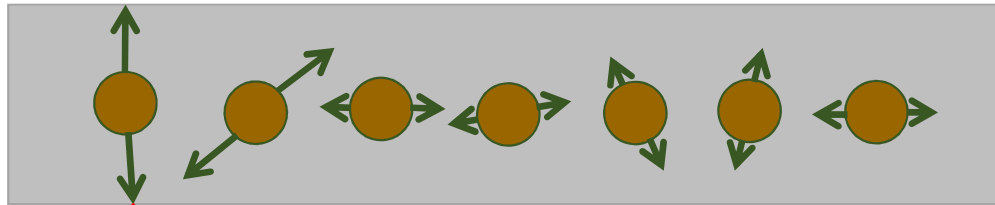
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Heat

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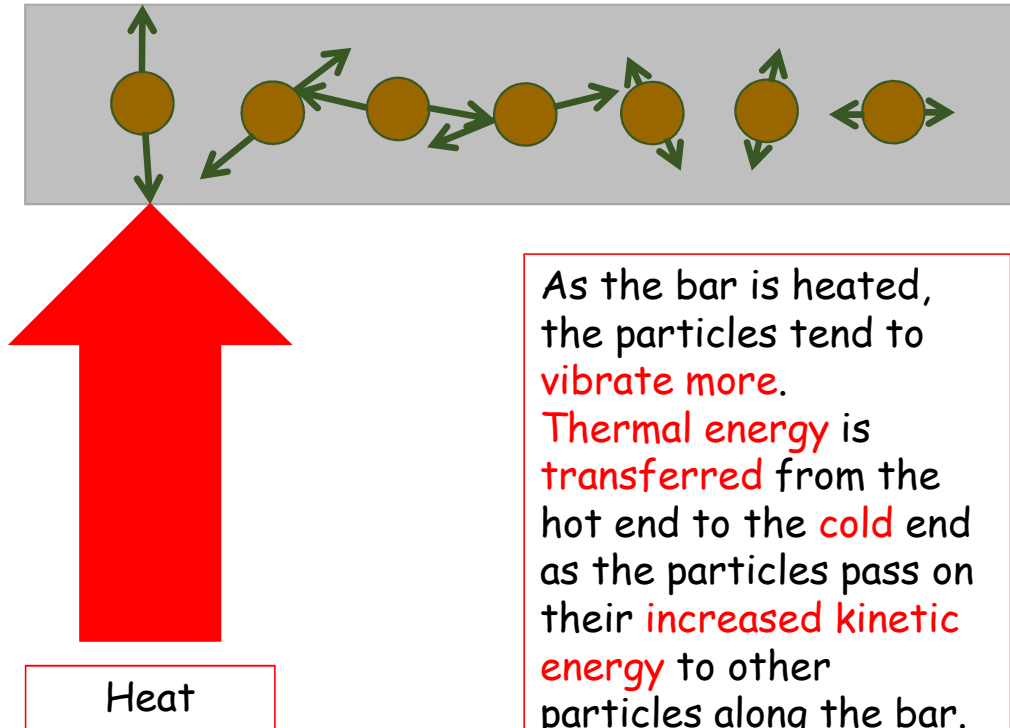


Heat

As the bar is heated, the particles tend to **vibrate more**.

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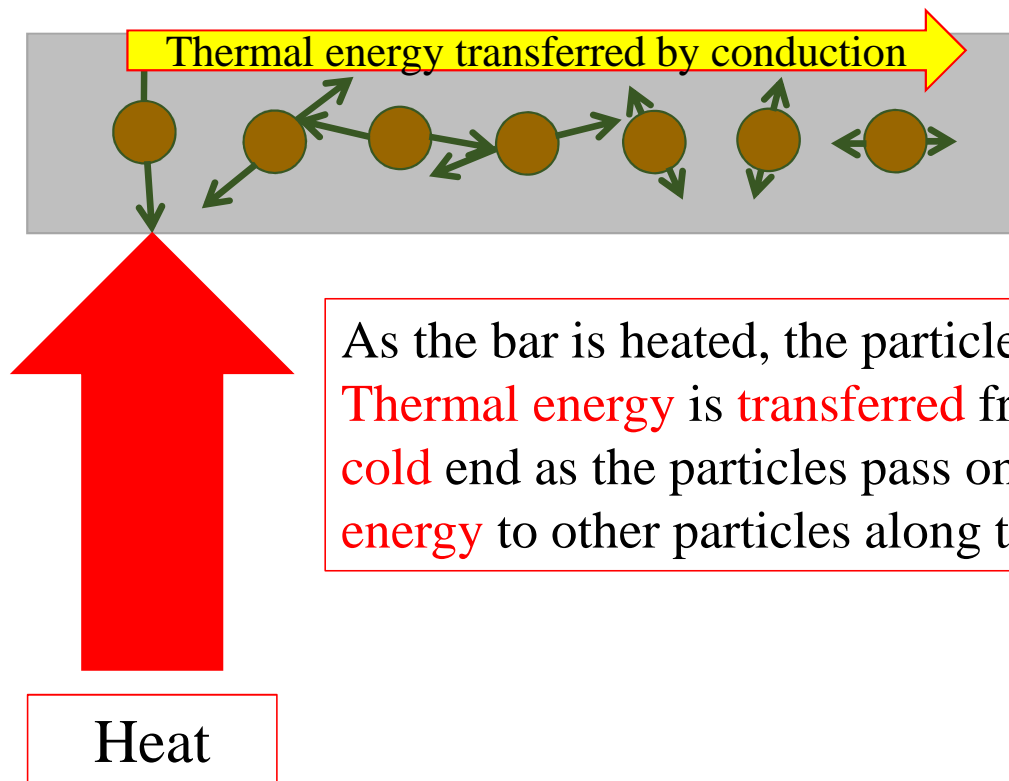
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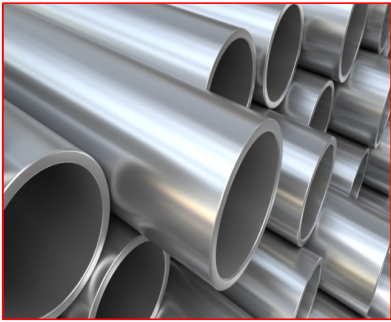
Thermal energy transfer is increased if:

1. **Temperature difference** across ends of bar is **increased**.

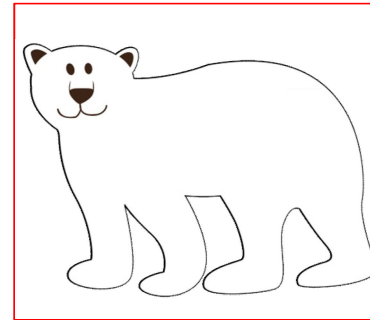


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Conductors and insulators



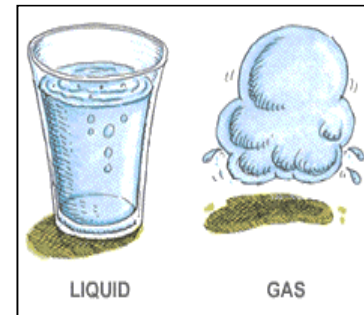
Metals are the best **thermal conductors**. They feel **cold** to the touch as **heat** is quickly **conducted away** from your hand.



Poor conductors are called **insulators**.



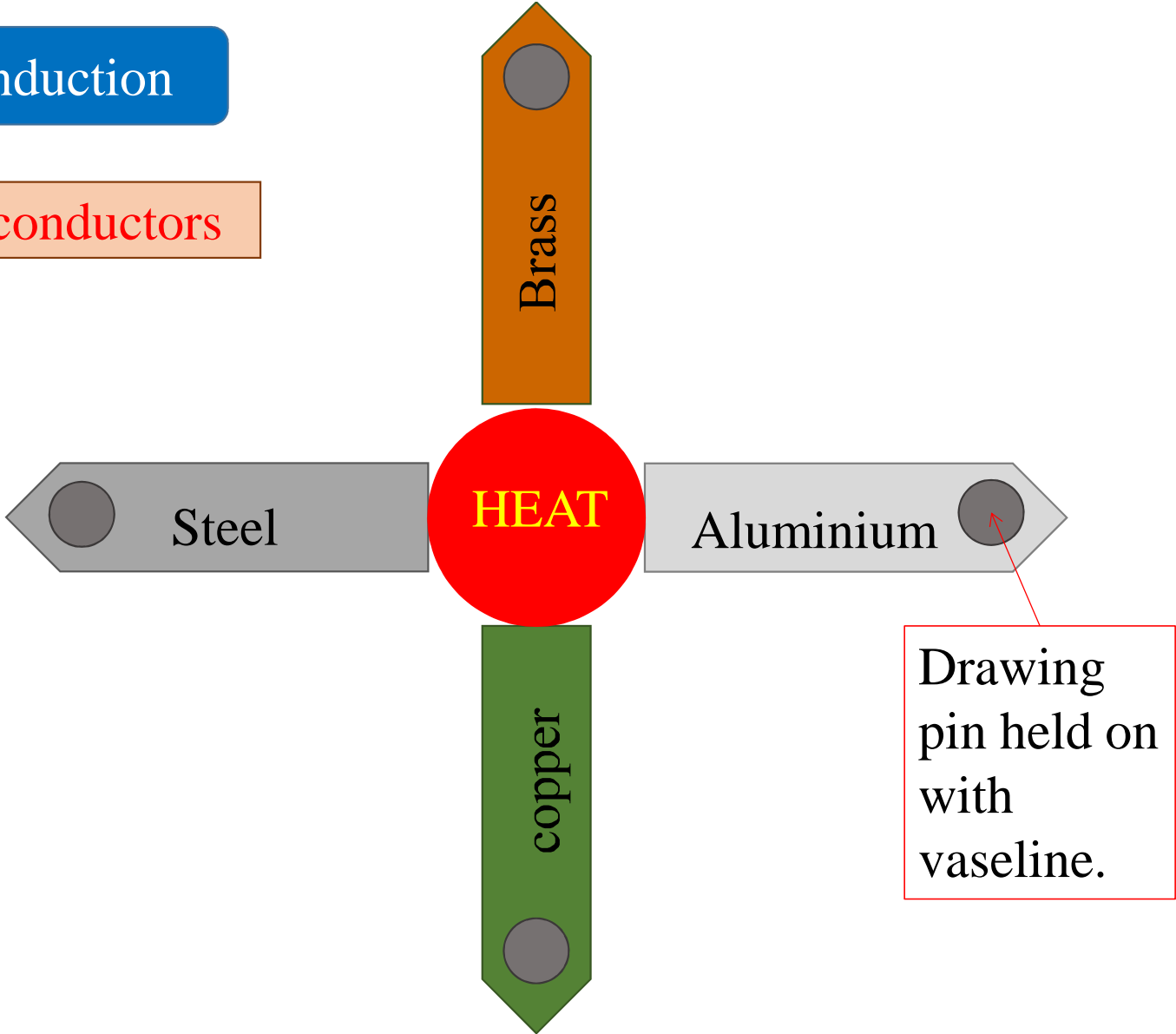
Non-metals tend to be **poor conductors**. A **polystyrene** tile feels **warm** to the touch because it **stops** your hand from **losing thermal energy**.



Liquids are poor conductors, and **gases** are the worst of all. Many **insulators** have tiny pockets of **trapped air**.

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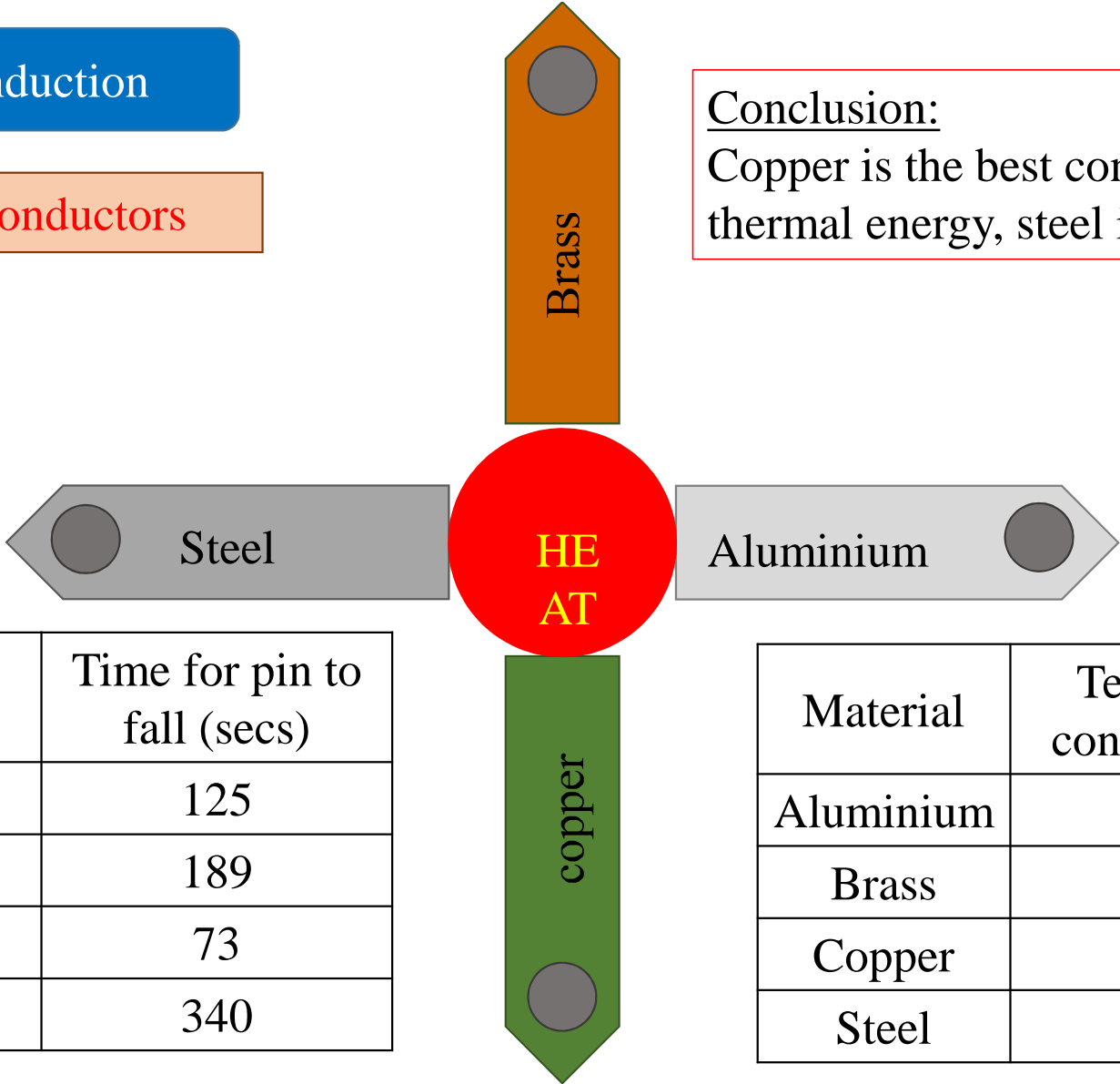
Comparing conductors



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Conclusion:
Copper is the best conductor of thermal energy, steel is the worst.



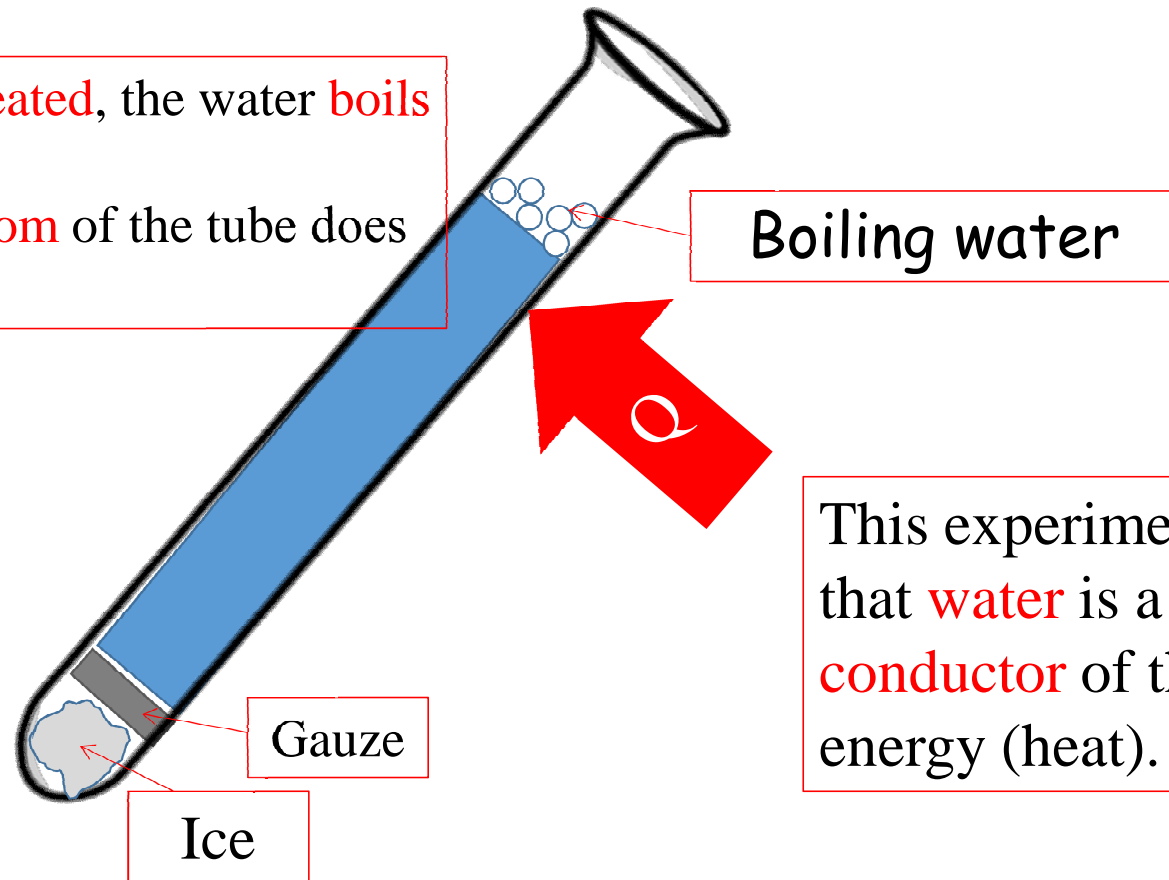
Material	Time for pin to fall (secs)
Aluminium	125
Brass	189
Copper	73
Steel	340

Material	Textbook relative conductivity values.
Aluminium	204
Brass	109
Copper	385
Steel	16

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Conductivity of water

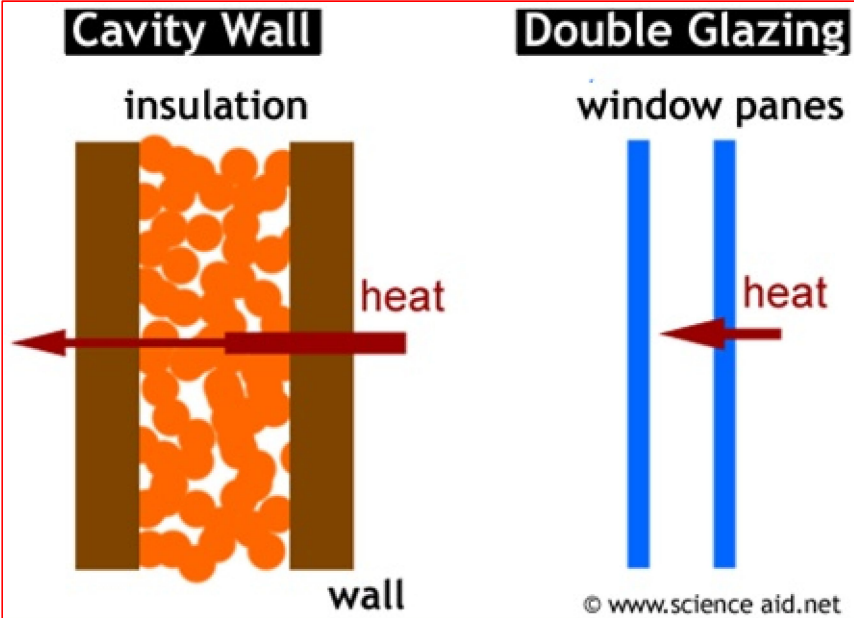
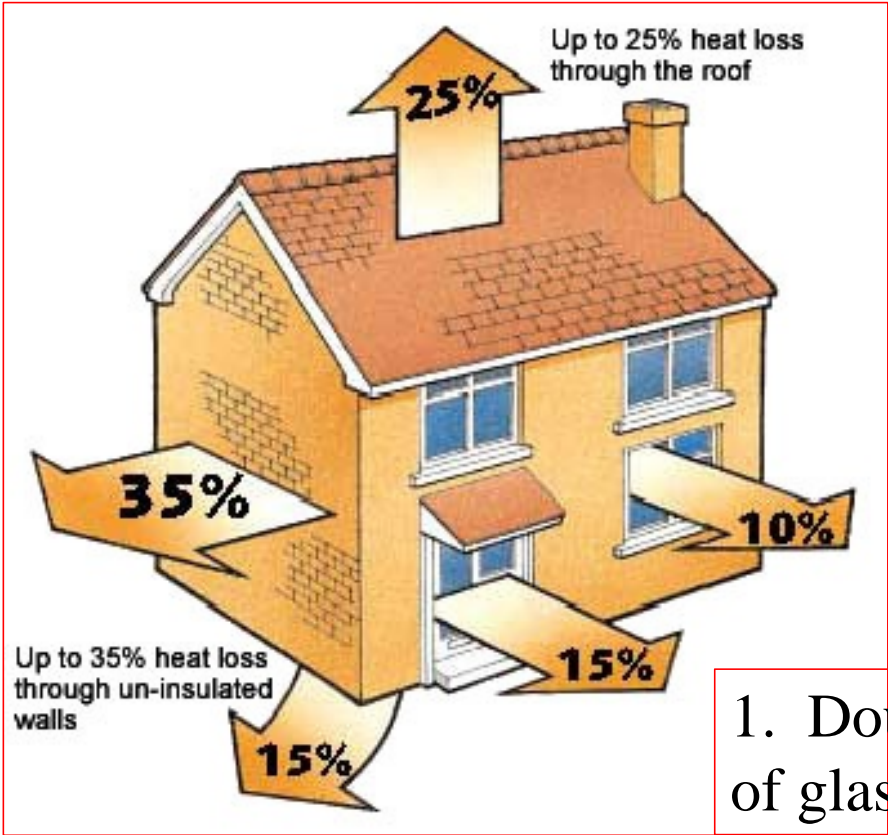
As the top of the tube is **heated**, the water **boils** and turns into **steam**.
The ice **trapped** at the **bottom** of the tube does **not melt**.



This experiment shows that **water** is a **poor conductor** of thermal energy (heat).

Thermal conduction

Using insulating materials

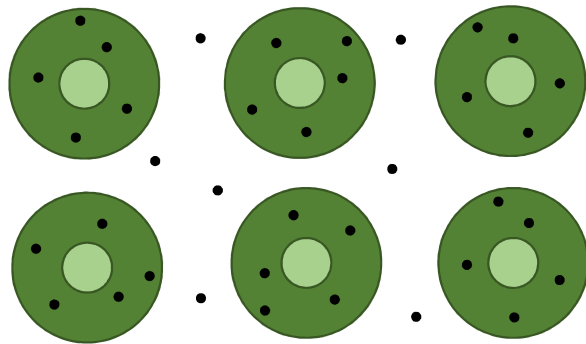


2. Wall cavity filled with plastic foam, beads, or mineral wool.

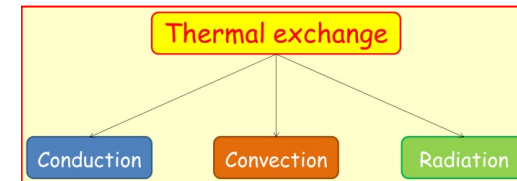
1. Double-glazed windows; two sheets of glass with air between them.

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Explaining conduction



These **free electrons** are moving randomly within the metal. They may **collide** with the atoms and make them **vibrate more quickly**. This means that the thermal energy is transferred **rapidly** to all parts, making metals **good thermal conductors**.

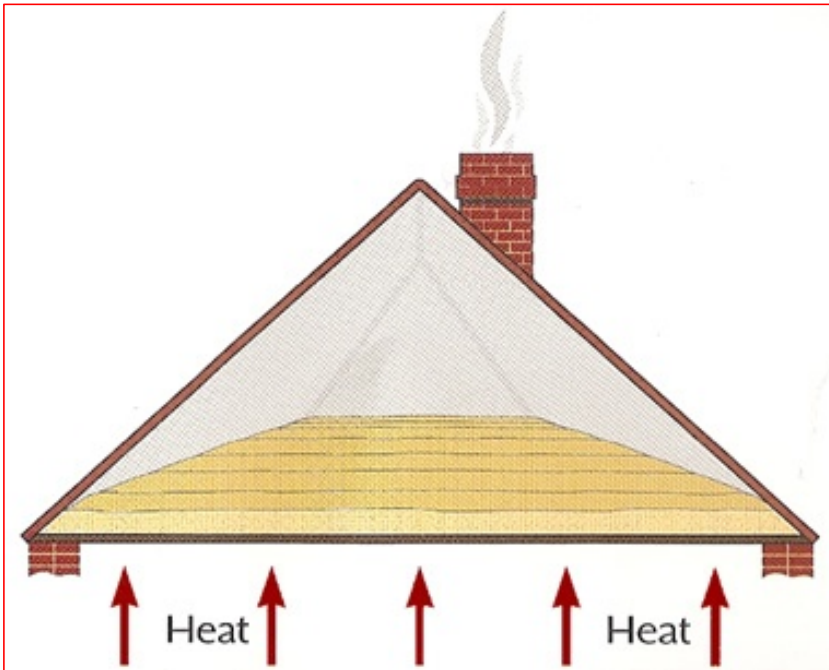


In a metal, there are many tiny **electrons** fixed **inside** the atoms. Some, however, are '**loose**' and **free to drift** between the atoms. If the metal is **heated** then the free electrons begin to **move more quickly** (they have more kinetic energy).

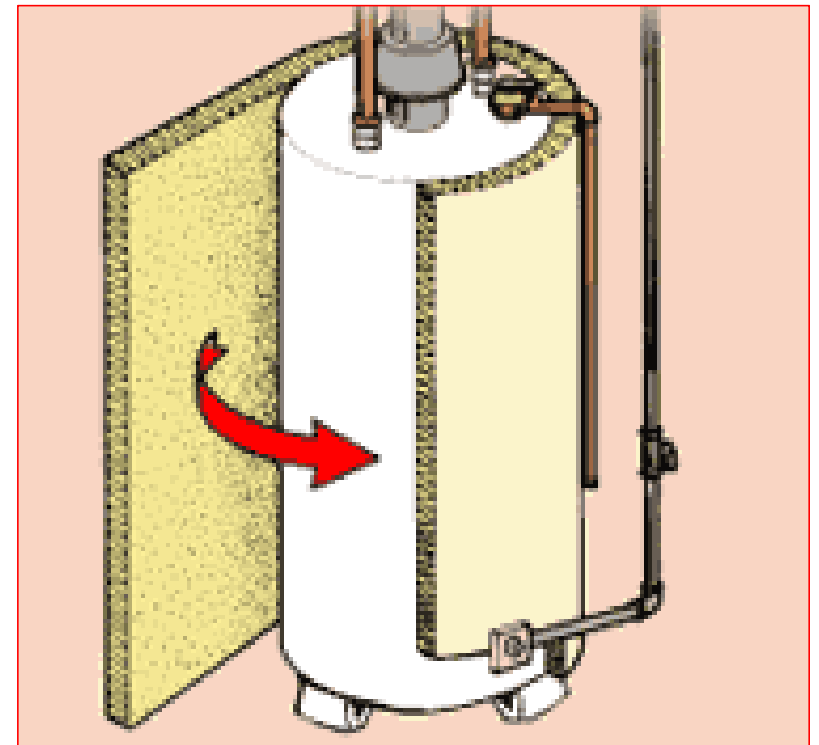
Any material that **conducts** will have particles vibrating and **pushing** on neighbouring particles. But in metals, this **energy transfer** through the movement of **free electrons** means that they conduct **energy** much **more quickly**.

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3. Loft insulation – glass or mineral wool, with air trapped between the fibres.



4. Plastic foam lagging around the hot water storage tank.

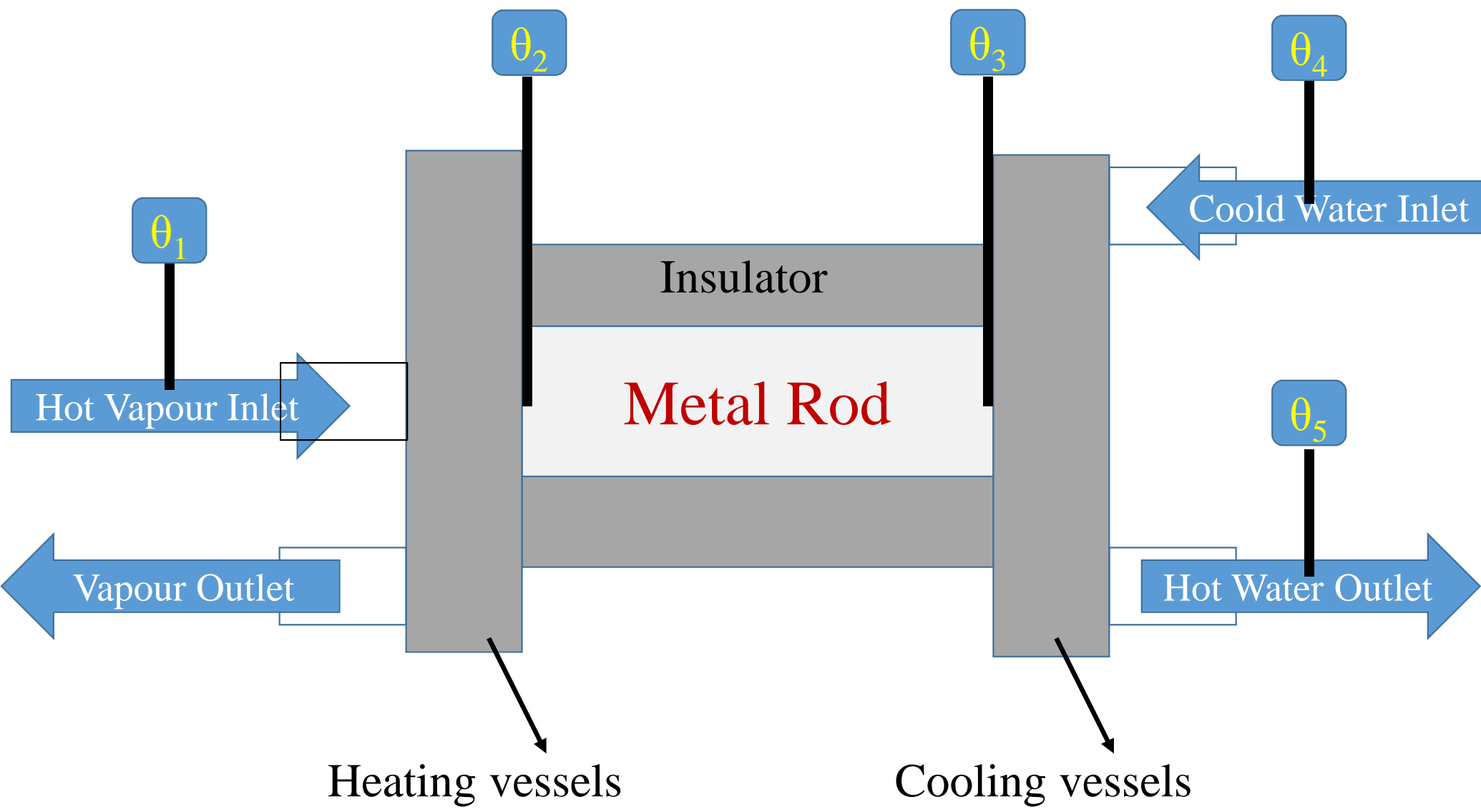
Material	Thermal conductivity W/(m·K)
Silica Aerogel	0.004 - 0.04
Air	0.025
Wood	0.04 - 0.4
Hollow Fill Fibre Insulation	0.042
Alcohols and oils	0.1 - 0.21
Polypropylene	0.25 ^[14]
Mineral oil	0.138
Rubber	0.16
LPG	0.23 - 0.26
Cement, Portland	0.29
Epoxy (silica-filled)	0.30
Epoxy (unfilled)	0.59
Water (liquid)	0.6
Thermal grease	0.7 - 3
Thermal epoxy	1 - 7

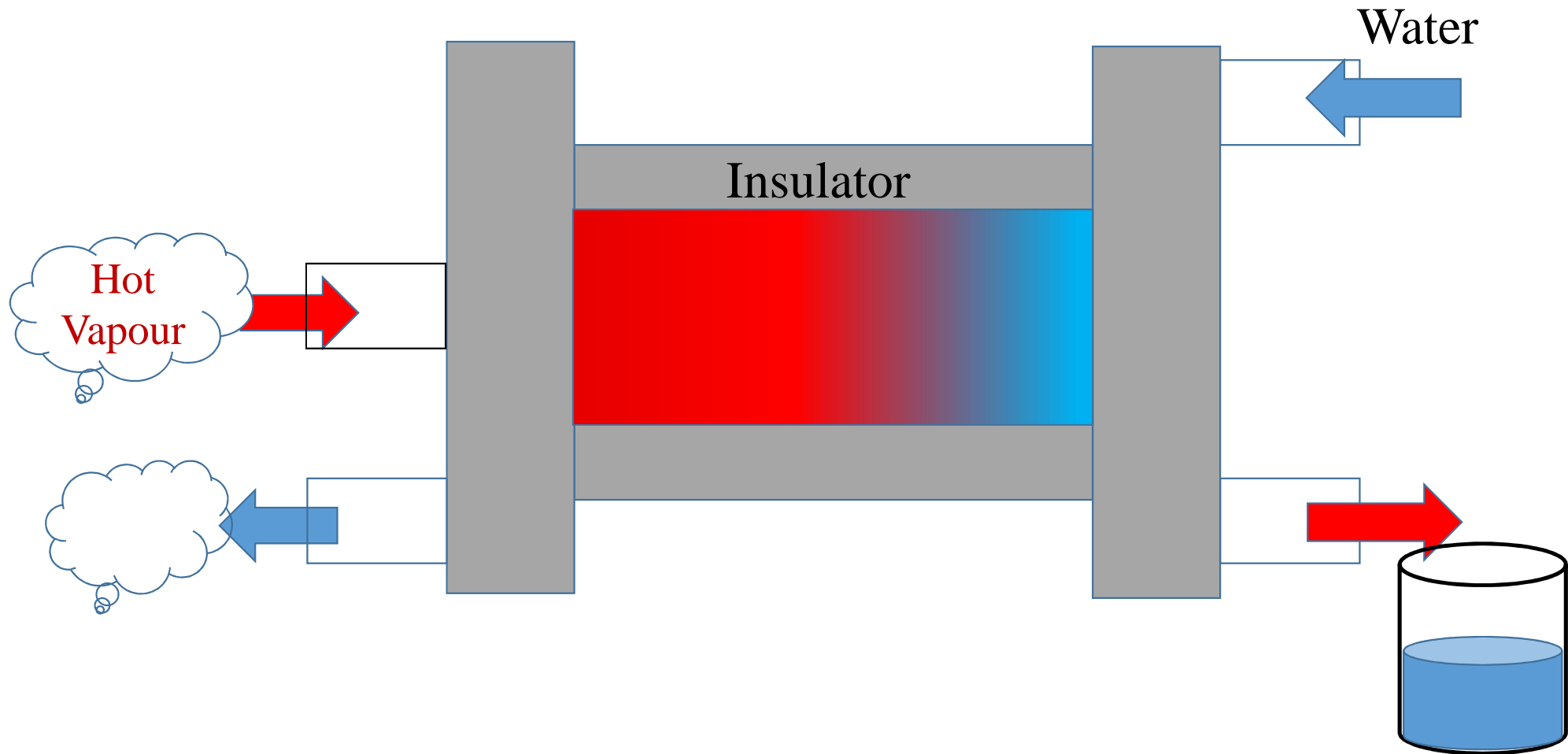
Material	Thermal conductivity W/(m·K)
Glass	1.1
Soil	1.5
Concrete, stone	1.7
Ice	2
Sandstone	2.4
Stainless steel	12.11 ~ 45.0
Lead	35.3
Aluminium	237 (pure) 120—180 (alloys)
Gold	318
Copper	401
Silver	429
Diamond	900 - 2320
Graphene	(4840±440) - (5300±480)

Thermal conductivity measurement

Apparatus

process





مراحل آزمایش اندازه گیری ضریب رسانش یک میله:

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تزریق آب سرد به سمت دیگر با نرخ ثابت

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$$P = kA \frac{\Delta\theta}{L} = kA \frac{(\theta_3 - \theta_2)}{L}$$

$$P = \frac{Q}{t} = \frac{mc\Delta\theta}{t} = \frac{mc(\theta_5 - \theta_4)}{t}$$



$$kA \frac{(\theta_3 - \theta_2)}{L} = \frac{mc(\theta_5 - \theta_4)}{t}$$

$k = \text{Thermal Conductivity}$