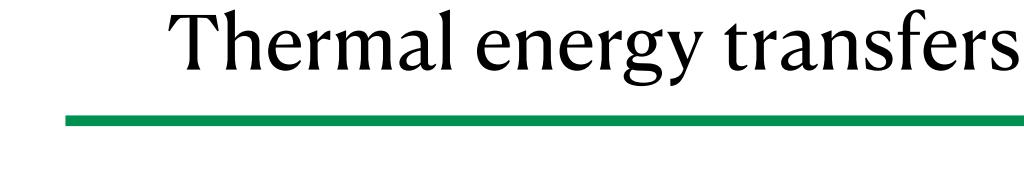


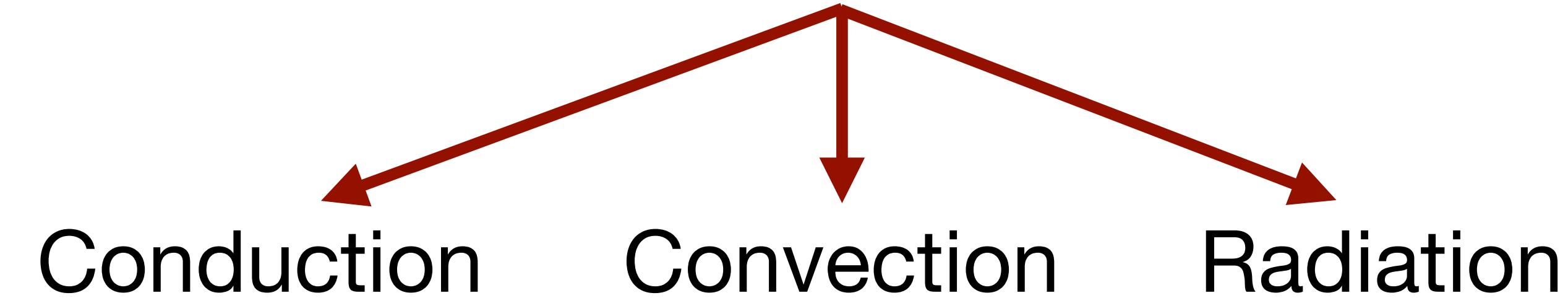
Thermal Energy Transfers

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Thermal Energy Transfer

→ Higher temperature  Thermal energy transfers  Lower temperature

→ So, temperature difference → thermal energy transfer



Conduction

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Note: the nerves in your finger tell you how hot your finger is, not how hot the object your touch is.

Conduction

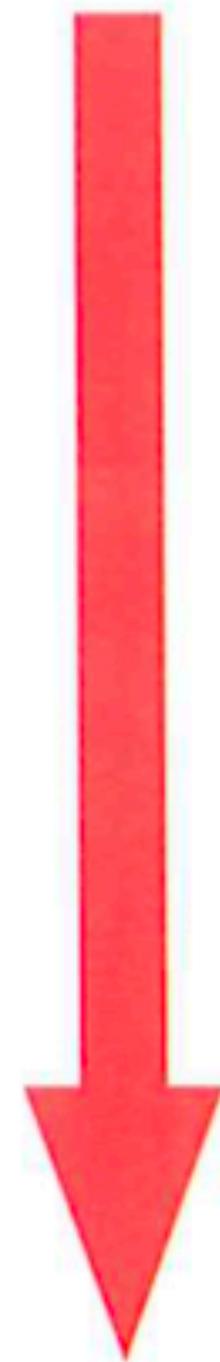
Thermal conductor

Thermal insulator

Note that, a good thermal conductor -> a bad thermal insulator
Binary opposition (二元对立) , e.g. 最亮的, 最不暗的

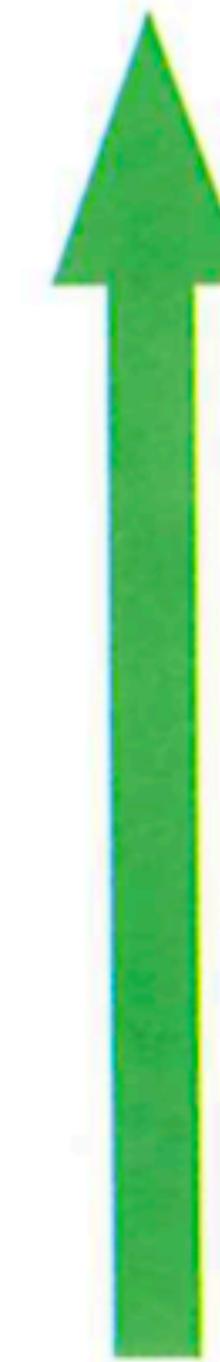
Good /bad conductors

best conductor



diamond
silver, copper
aluminum, steel
lead
ice, marble, glass
Polyethene, nylon
rubber, wood
polystyrene
glass wool

worst insulator



best insulator

Conduction

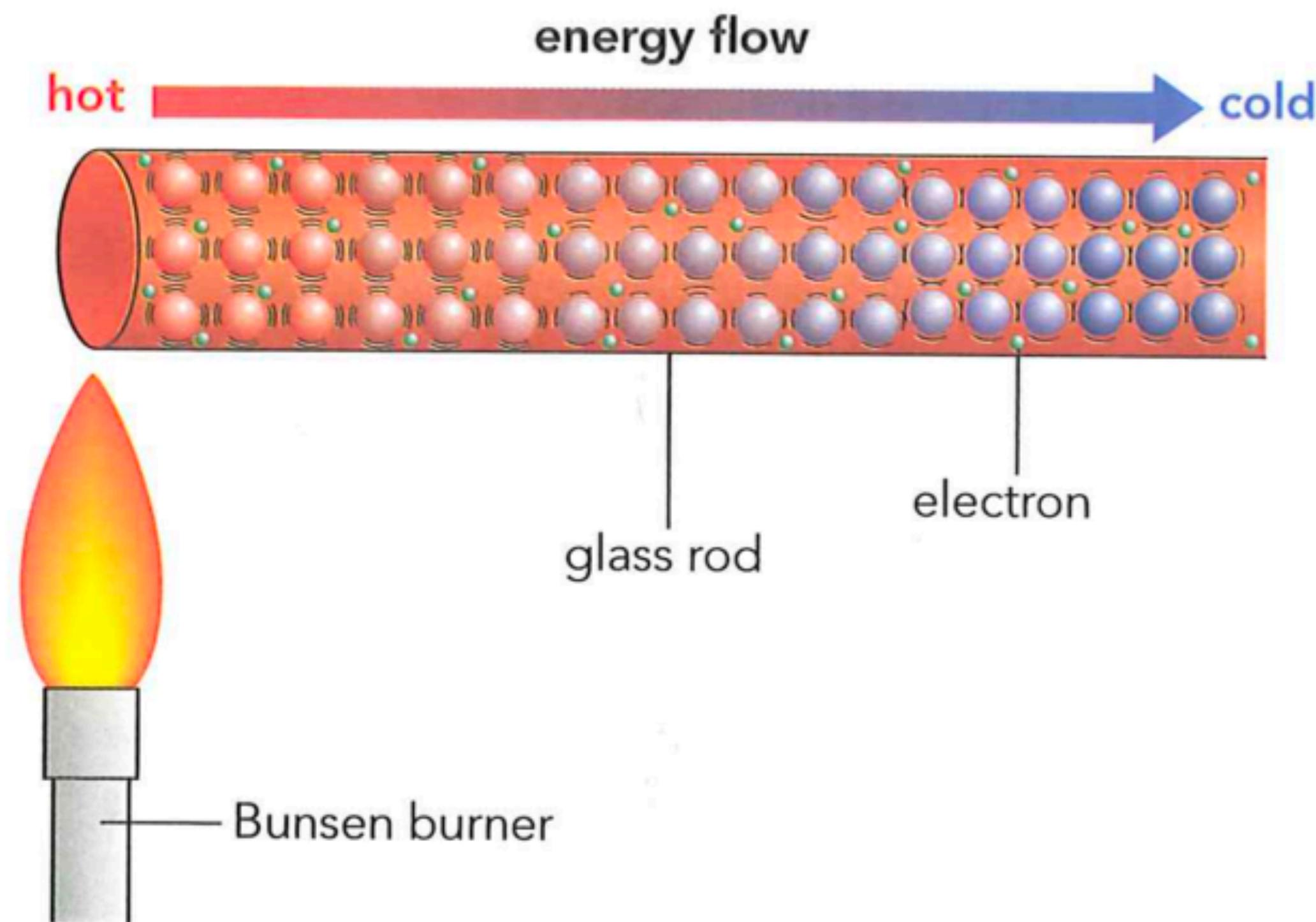
- Which of the following are good conductors?

- A. polyethylene 聚乙烯
- B. copper
- C. iron
- D. rubber
- E. silicon
- F. glass
- G. water
- H. aluminium
- I. wood
- J. glass wool 玻璃棉
- K. polystyrene 聚苯乙烯 (热塑塑料)



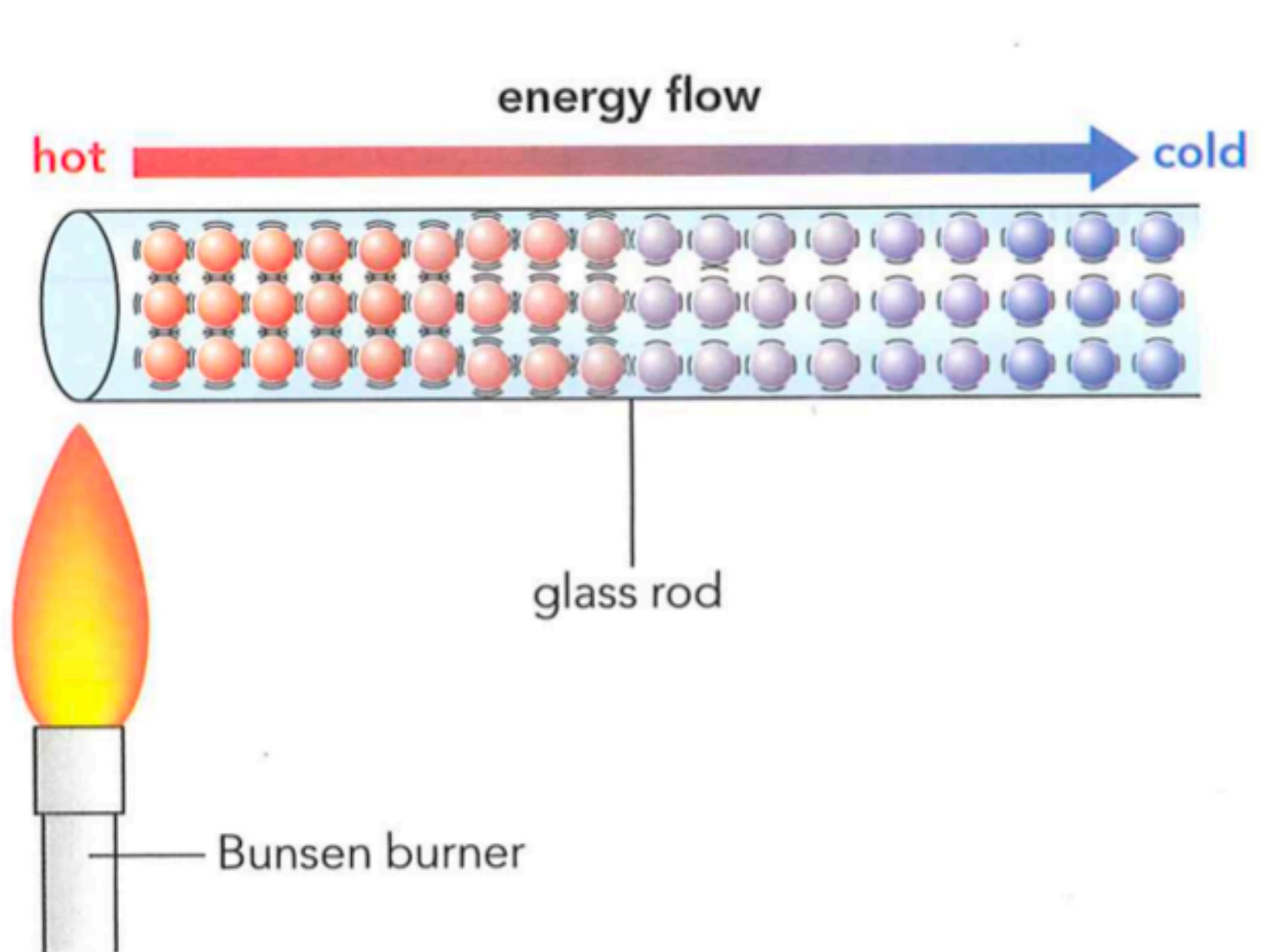
Explaining conduction

- Metal



Explain conduction

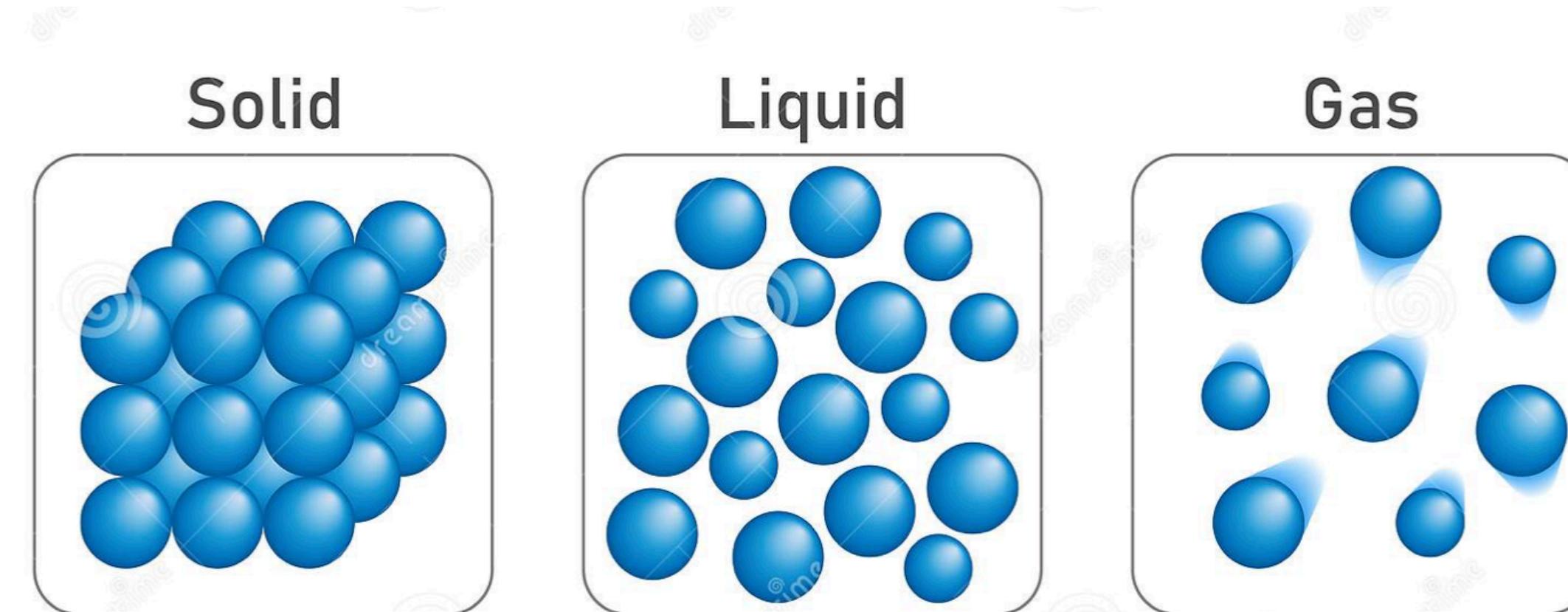
- Non-metal



Explain conduction

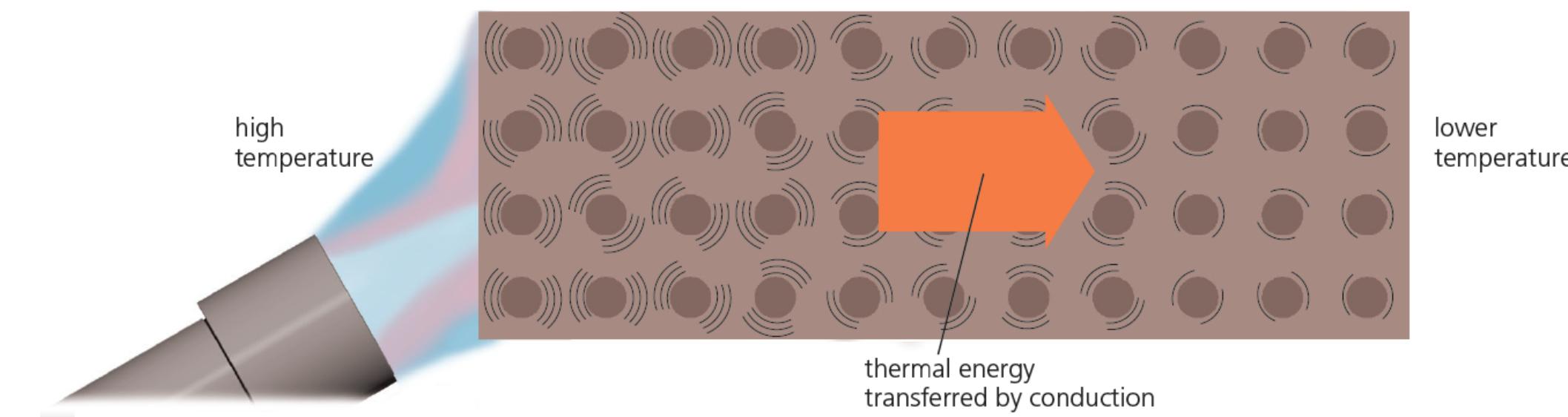
Fluid (liquid + gas)

Particles free to move -> vibrations not easily past -> bad conductors



Conduction

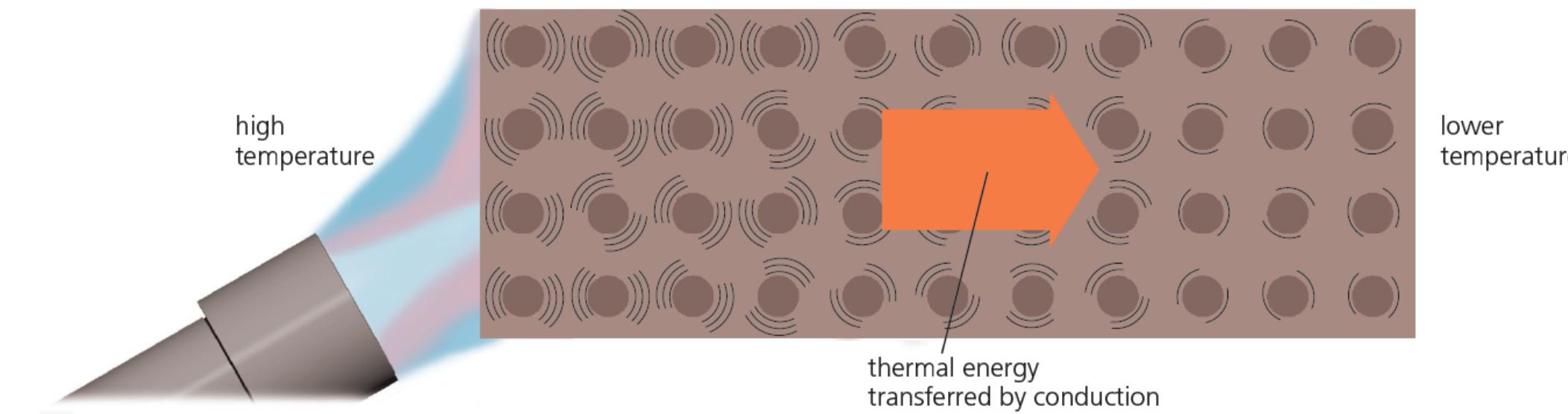
- Conduction is the most significant heat transfer in solids.
- How to get greater conduction rate?



Conduction

Greater rate of conduction if...

- The temperature difference across the ends of the bar is increased
- The cross-sectional ('end-on') area of the bar is increased
- The length of the bar is reduced



Questions

1. Conduction happens mostly in {solids/liquids/gases}. Thermal energy flows from the {hotter/cooler} parts of an object to the {hotter/cooler} parts. A material which does not conduct thermal energy well is called {a conductor/ an insulator/ a resistor}. An example is {copper/ polystyrene/ gold}.
2. Explain why a wooden spoon is better than a metal one to stir a saucepan of hot soup.

Questions

3. Use the information in Table 11.1 to explain why walking on a marble floor in bare feet would feel colder than walking on a wooden floor.
4. Explain why two thin layers of clothing are often warmer than one thick layer.
5. Explain why:
 - a. Copper is a better conductor than wood
 - b. Wood is a better conductor than air.

Questions

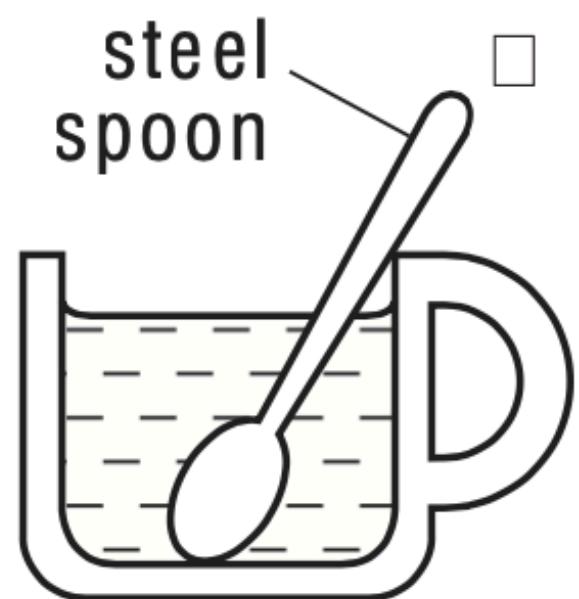
Spoons made of different materials were placed in four cups of coffee poured from the same jug.

Which spoon will be hottest to touch at end X?

experiment A



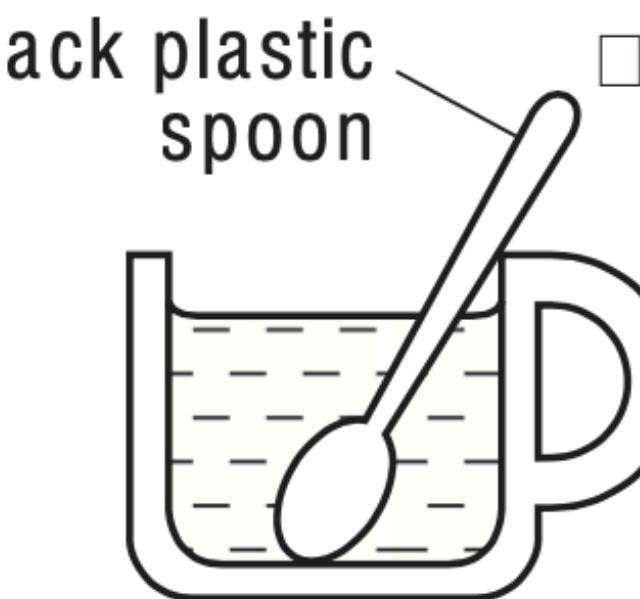
experiment B



experiment C



experiment D



Summary

- Temperature difference -> thermal transfer
- Conduction is a type of thermal transfer
- Conduction is most significant in solids.
- **Conduction ability: metal > non-metal > fluid. This is due to their different micro-structure.**

Convection

Happens in all fluids(liquid/gas), not in solid



hot air rises

Convection

- Convection current : a movement of a fluid that carries energy from a warmer place to a cooler one
- Key difference: Convection vs conduction

Convection in water

- How is heat being transferred in this picture?
- How is convection current moves in it?



Convection in water

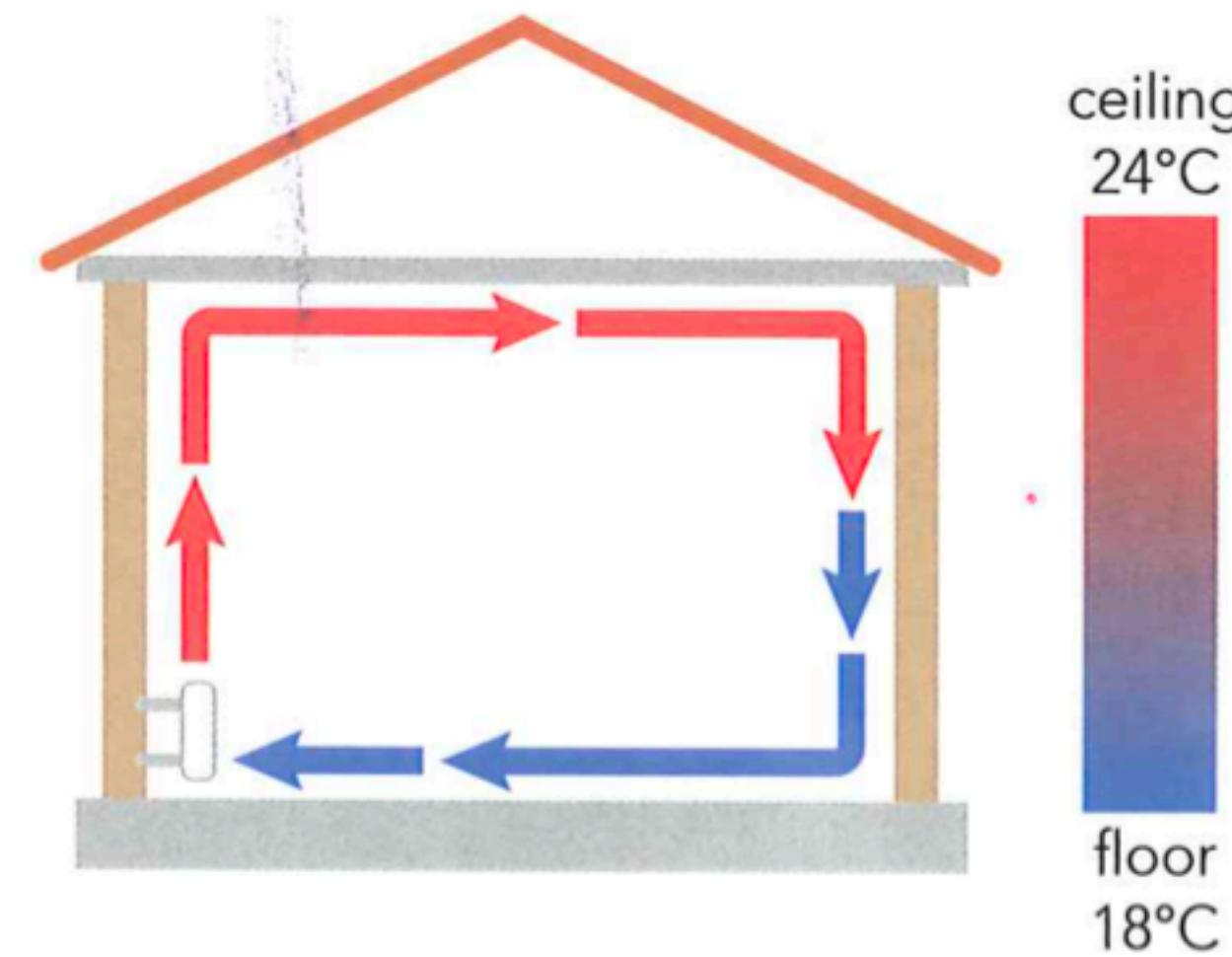
- Can you explain this picture?



Convection current at work

- What do convection current do? Share energy between warm and cold places

- Heater in the room



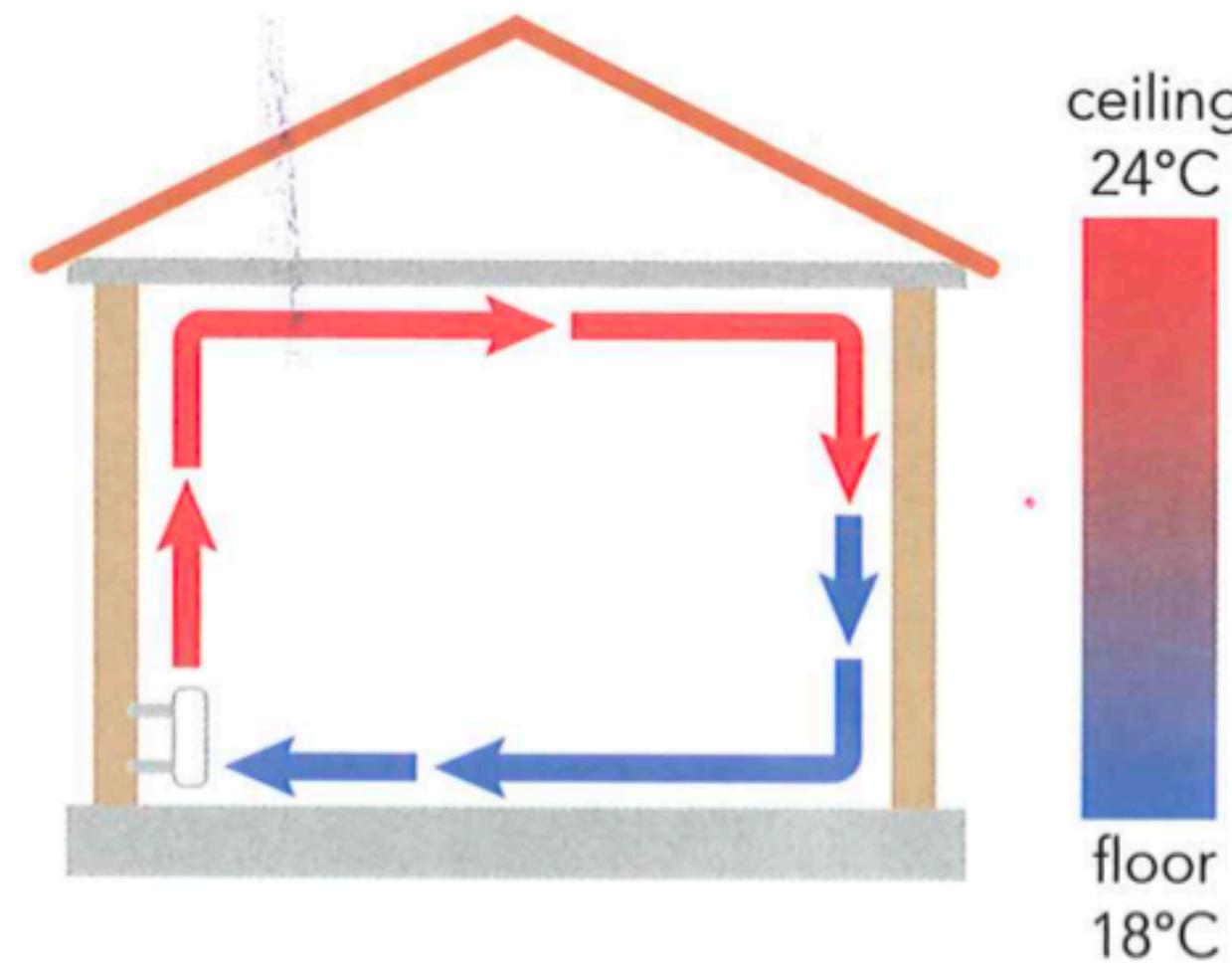
- Refrigerator: where is the freezing surface



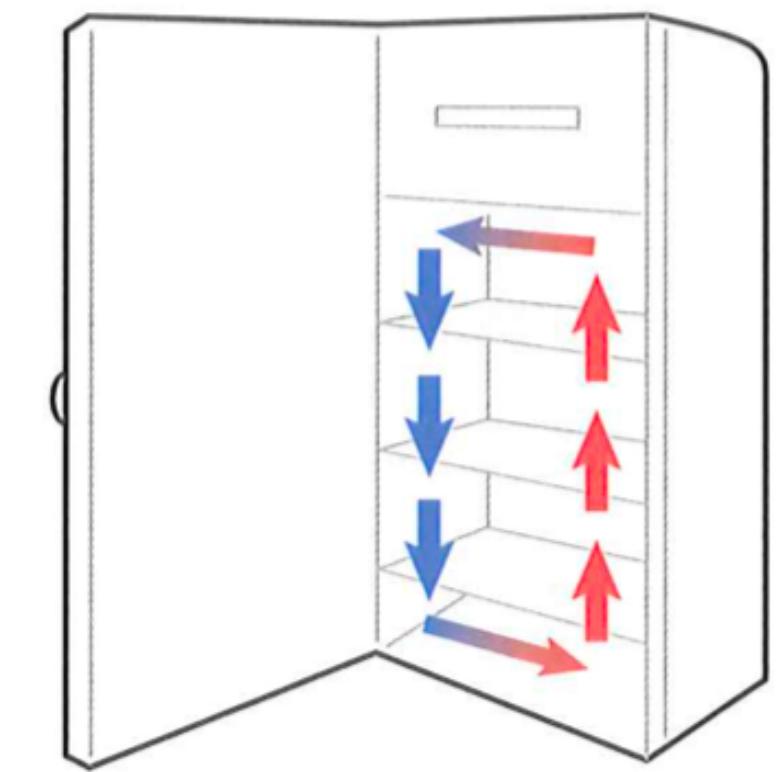
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Questions

- 1. An inventor makes an electric kettle with the heating element at the top. Explain why it will not work.
- 2. Explain why convection does not happen in solids.

Questions

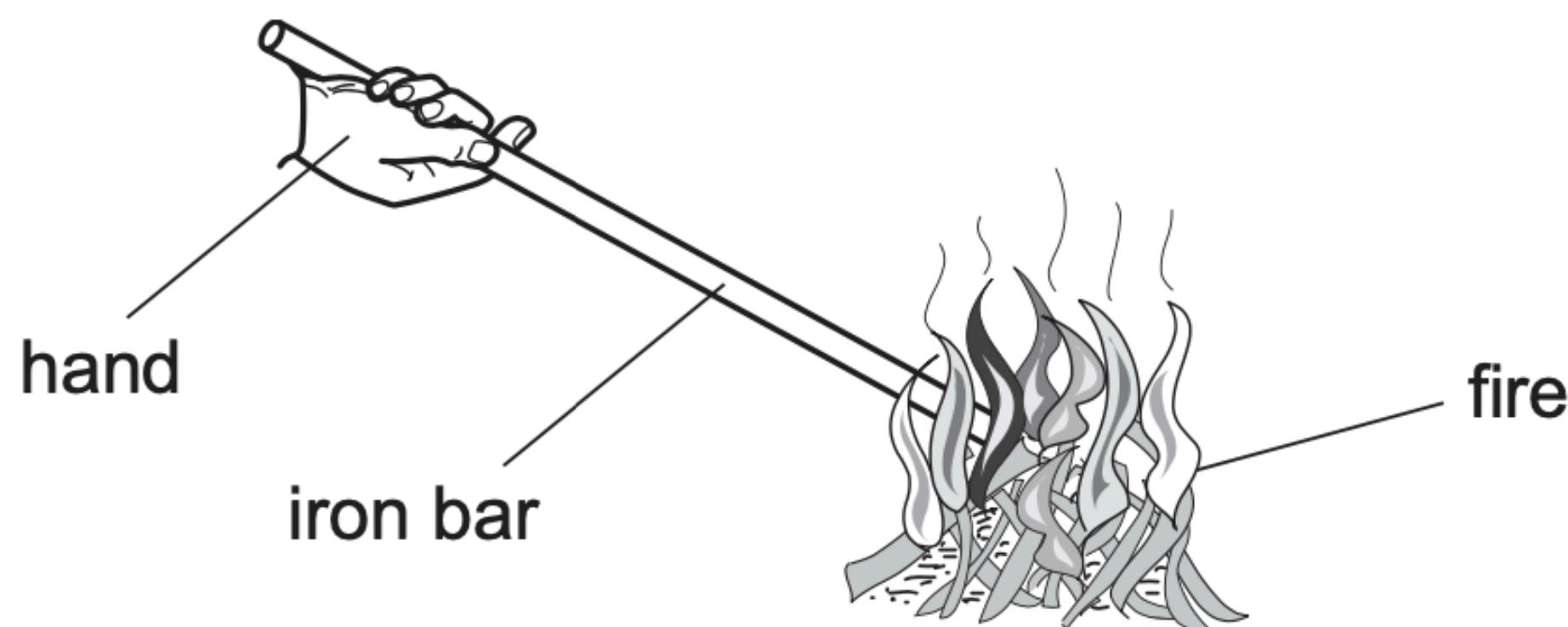
A person holds a glass beaker in one hand and fills it quickly with hot water. It takes several seconds before his hand starts to feel the heat.

Why is there this delay?

- A Glass is a poor conductor of heat.
- B Glass is a good conductor of heat.
- C Water is a poor conductor of heat.
- D Water is a good conductor of heat.

Questions

An iron bar is held with one end in a fire. The other end soon becomes too hot to hold.



How has the heat travelled along the iron bar?

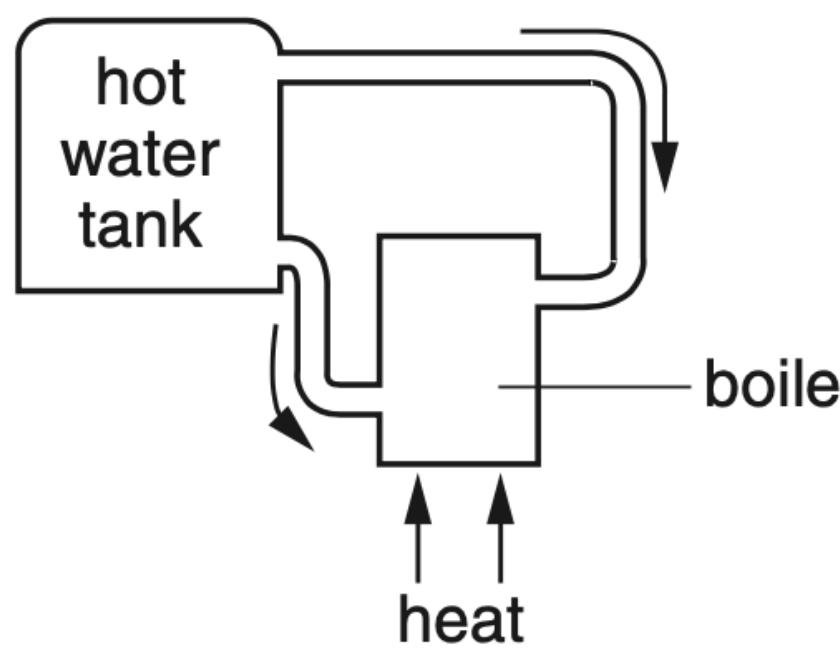
- A by conduction
- B by convection
- C by expansion
- D by radiation

Questions

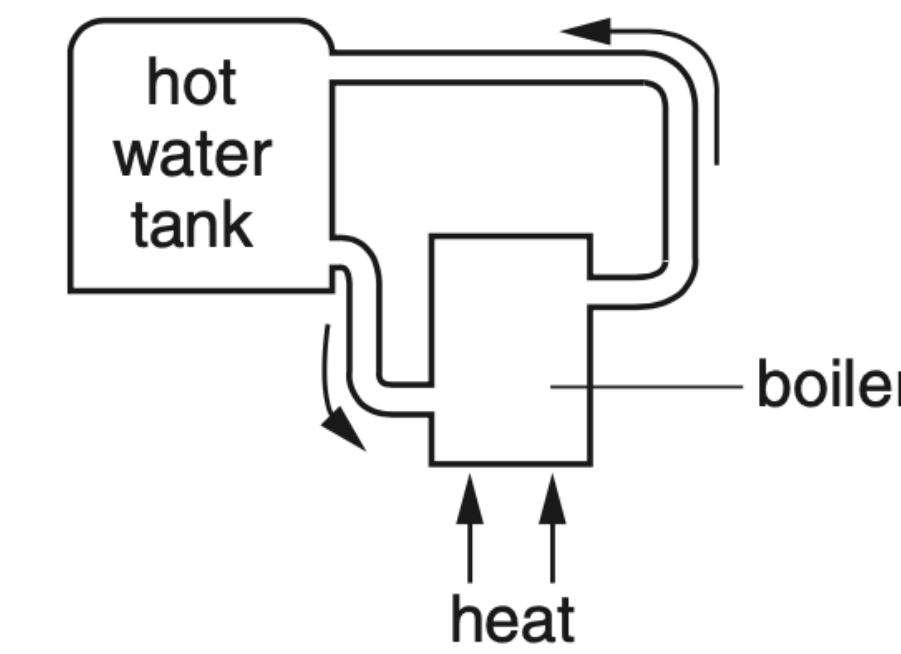
The diagrams show part of a water-heating system which is working by convection.

Which diagram shows the most likely flow of water in the system?

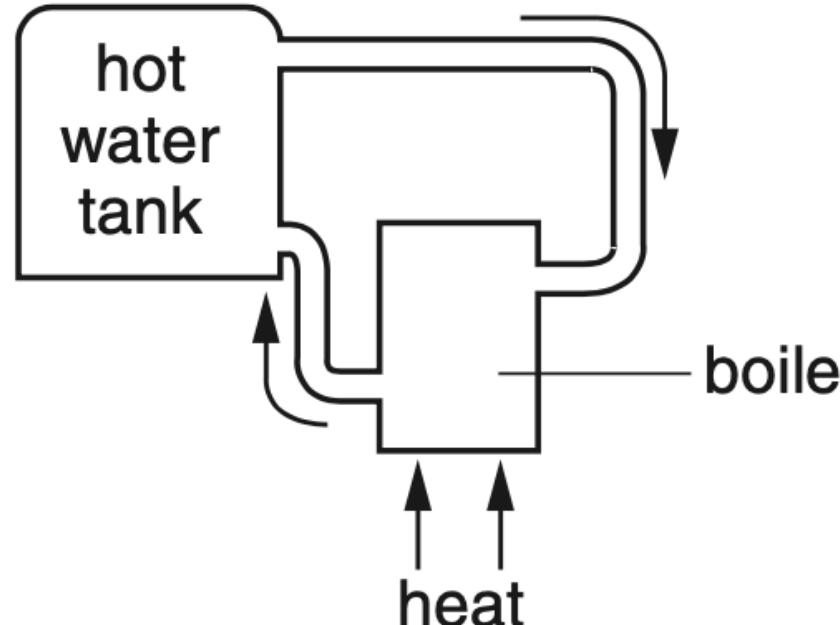
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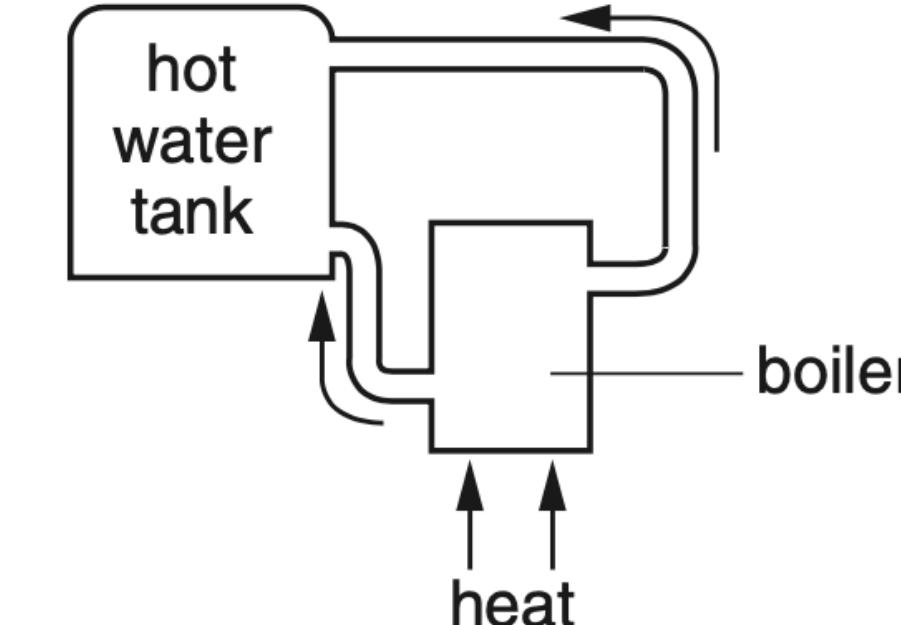
B



C



D



Summary

- Convection is a type of thermal transfer, but only happens in fluids.
- Conduction current
- Convection vs conduction