

This is using the same methods and the calculations used in the [26A - Verifying newton's cooling law](#) practical, but here we do this for water and another liquid with unknown specific heat capacity.

- Concept

Here since we are using the same calorimeter and same volume of liquid for both the times, **the rate of losing heat ($\frac{dH}{dt}$) will be the same for both.**

Using that relation we can find the unknown specific heat capacity.

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = MS \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

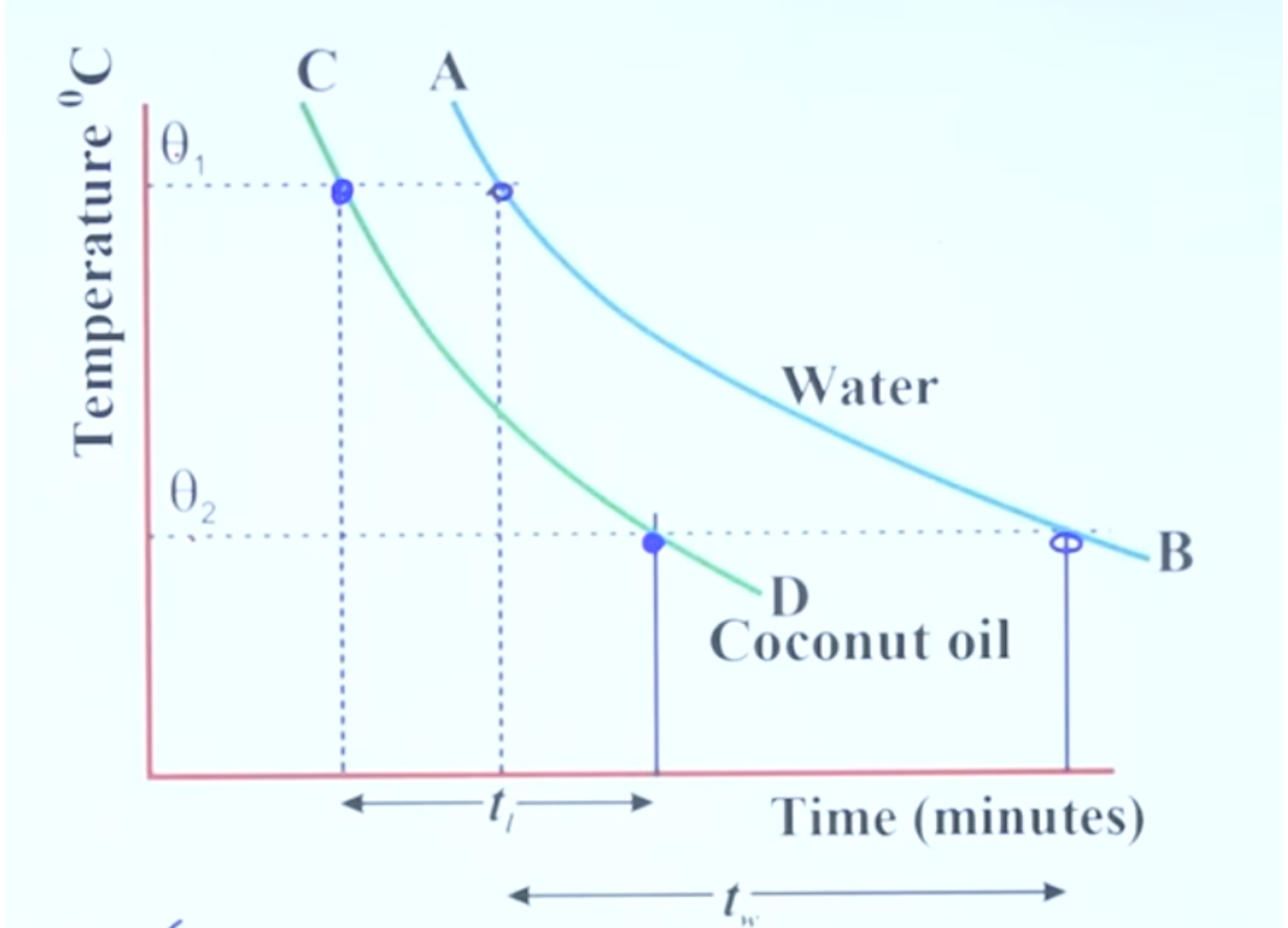
$$(M_c S_c + M_w S_w) \frac{d\theta}{dt}_w = (M_c S_c + M_l S_l) \frac{d\theta}{dt}_l$$
$$(M_c S_c + M_w S_w) \frac{\delta\theta}{t_w} = (M_c S_c + M_l S_l) \frac{\delta\theta}{t_l}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(M_c S_c + M_w S_w)}{t_w} = \frac{(M_c S_c + M_l S_l)}{t_l}$$

From this we can find S_l

Here, t_w is for time it took for water go for $\delta\theta$ temperature difference

Here, t_l is for time it took for the liquid go for $\delta\theta$ temperature difference



Important points

All the points in [26A - Verifying newton's cooling law](#) are applied here

- Why do we have to use the same calorimeter for both the experiments?

To make sure the same area of the calorimeter is used to cooling for both - same A
To make sure the cooling constant for both - same K

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = KA(\theta_S - \theta_R)$$

- Why do we have to use the same volume of water inside the calorimeter?

To make sure the same conditions are applied for both the times
To make sure the same surface area of the calorimeter is used for cooling conditions