# **Chapter 2**

### Energy and the First Law of Thermodynamics Continued-3

# **Modes of Heat Transfer**

For any particular application, energy transfer by heat can occur by one or more of three modes:

- conduction
- radiation
- convection

# **Conduction**

Conduction is the transfer of energy from more energetic particles of a substance to less energetic adjacent particles due to interactions between them.

The time rate of energy transfer by conduction is quantified by Fourier's law.

An application of Fourier's law to a plane wall at steady state is shown at right.



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 $ightarrow \kappa$  is a proportionality constant, a property of the wall material called the **thermal conductivity**.

The minus sign is a consequence of energy transfer in the direction of decreasing temperature.

In this case, temperature varies linearly with x, and thus

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### **Thermal Radiation**

Thermal radiation is energy transported by electromagnetic waves (or photons). Unlike conduction, thermal radiation requires no intervening medium and can take place in a vacuum.

The time rate of energy transfer by radiation is quantified by expressions developed from the Stefan-Boltzman law.

# **Thermal Radiation**

An application involving net radiation exchange between a surface at temperature  $T_b$  and a much larger surface at  $T_s$  (<  $T_b$ ) is shown at right.



Net energy is transferred in the direction of the arrow and quantified by

$$\dot{Q}_{\rm e} = \varepsilon \sigma A[T_{\rm b}^4 - T_{\rm s}^4]$$
 (Eq. 2.33)

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### **Convection**

Convection is energy transfer between a solid surface and an adjacent gas or liquid by the combined effects of conduction and bulk flow within the gas or liquid.

The rate of energy transfer by convection is quantified by Newton's law of cooling.

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An application involving energy transfer by convection from a transistor to air passing over it is shown at right.



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$$\dot{Q}_{\rm c} = hA[T_{\rm b} - T_{\rm f}]$$
 (Eq. 2.34)

#### where

A is the area of the transistor's surface and *h* is an empirical parameter called the convection heat transfer coefficient.