

Passage 6 - Data on gas behaviour (chemistry)

Overall:

Experimental set-up: 3L and 6L vessel with gas inlet valve and pressure and temp sensors.

-air pumped out until pressure is 0 torr (for calibration)

-vessel is then placed on a balance, which is reset to 0g (for calibration)

-gas was then added to the vessel until the temperature in the vessel reached 22C

-the scale of the y-axis is different in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1:

- 3L vessel

-at a given mass, O₂ has the highest pressure and Kr the the lowest.

-for example, at 10g added, pressure of O₂ is ~1800torr; pressure of CO₂ is ~1300torr; pressure of Kr is ~700 torr

Figure 2:

-6L vessel (double the volume of the first set of experiments)

-again, O₂ has highest pressure and Kr lowest

-for example, at 10g added, pressure of O₂ is ~900torr; pressure of CO₂ is ~700torr; pressure of Kr is ~350torr.

-The pressure of a certain mass of a particular gas is higher in the 3L vessel than in the 6L vessel

Conclusion:

-As volume of the vessel decreases, pressure increases. This is an inverse relationship.

-As mass of the gas increases, pressure increases. This is a direct relationship.

Notes:

What can explain the difference in O₂, CO₂, and Kr? Since O₂ is the smallest compound, CO₂ is larger, and Kr is the largest (using the periodic table), we can say that:

-If you have the same mass of O₂ and Kr, there will be MORE of the tiny O₂ molecules than the larger Kr molecules.

(If that concept isn't making sense, try this: imagine you have one pound of oranges and one pound of grapes. Which one weighs more, a single orange or a single grape? In the one pound, will you have more oranges or more grapes? An orange weighs more than a grape. There are more grapes than oranges in a pound. 2-5 oranges will make a pound, whereas 50-100 grapes will. Molecules are the same - some are big and heavy; others are small and light. Their properties will be affected by this.)