Effects of air pressure on a metal canister

Object of the experiment

1. Demonstrating the effect of the outside air pressure on a metal canister

Setup



Evaluation

After the metal canister has been closed, there is hot water and water vapour inside the canister. The pressure equals the air pressure p_0 .

During cooling the vapour condenses.

This results in an underpressure p_1 inside the metal canister.

We have $p_1 < p_0$.

As now the outside air pressure is greater than the inside pressure of the metal canister, the canister is dented by the force F_0 resulting from the air pressure.

Apparatus

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Carrying out the experiment

- Fill cold water into the metal canister so that it is third-full and into the beaker so that it is full.
- Put the canister on the tripod and make the water in the canister boil by means of the cartridge burner.
- Switch the cartridge burner off, and remove it from the tray.
- After a few seconds, close the metal canister with its cover.
- Slowly pour the water from the beaker over the metal canister and observe what happens.

Observation

After being cooled by cold water, the metal canister is suddenly dented.

