

46. (a) According to the first law of thermodynamics $Q = \Delta E_{\text{int}} + W$. When the pressure is a constant $W = p \Delta V$. So

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_{\text{int}} &= Q - p \Delta V \\ &= 20.9 \text{ J} - (1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}) (100 \text{ cm}^3 - 50 \text{ cm}^3) \left(\frac{1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3}{1 \text{ cm}^3} \right) \\ &= 15.9 \text{ J} .\end{aligned}$$

- (b) The molar specific heat at constant pressure is

$$\begin{aligned}C_p &= \frac{Q}{n \Delta T} \\ &= \frac{Q}{n \left(\frac{p \Delta V}{nR} \right)} = \frac{R}{p} \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \\ &= \frac{(8.31 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}) (20.9 \text{ J})}{(1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}) (50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3)} = 34.4 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K} .\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Using Eq. 20-49, $C_V = C_p - R = 26.1 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$.