

**CHE323/384 Chemical Processes for Micro- and Nanofabrication**  
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Homework #7 Solutions

1. For CVD deposition of a film, it is found that the mass transfer coefficient  $h_G = 10.0$  cm/s and the surface reaction rate coefficient  $k_S = 1 \times 10^7 \exp(-1.9 \text{ eV}/kT)$  cm/s. For a deposition at  $900^\circ\text{C}$ , which CVD system would you recommend using: (a) a cold-walled, graphite susceptor type: or (b) a hot-walled, stacked wafer type? Explain your answer.

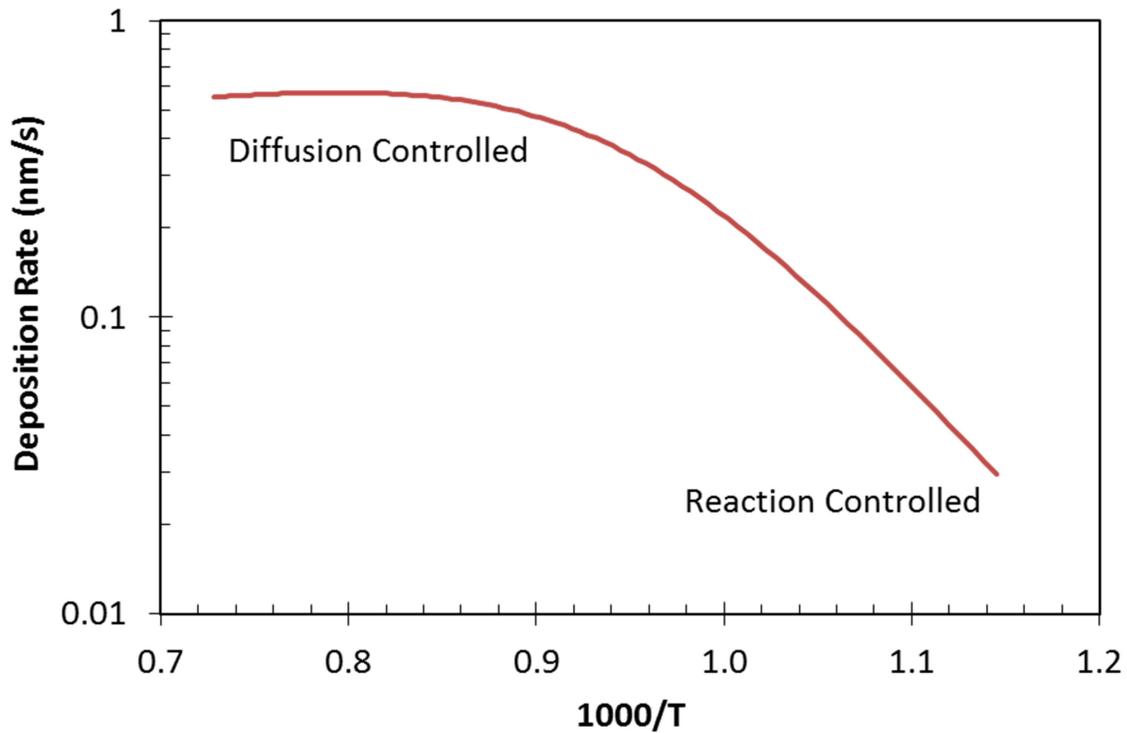
$$\text{At } 900^\circ\text{C}, \quad k_s = 1 \times 10^7 \exp\left(\frac{-1.9 \text{ eV}}{kT}\right) \text{ cm/s} = 1 \times 10^7 \exp\left(\frac{-1.9 \text{ eV}}{(8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}) 1173 \text{ K}}\right) = 0.069 \text{ cm/s}$$

This is much less than  $h_G$  (10.0 cm/s), so that  $k_S \ll h_G$ . This means that the system will be in the reaction controlled regime. Thus you should recommend using (b) a hot-walled, stacked wafer type system since in the reaction-limited regime we are very sensitive to temperature variations but not too sensitive to gas flow variations.

2. Plot the deposition rate (on a log scale) versus  $1/T$  (Kelvin), for  $600$ - $1100^\circ\text{C}$ , for an atmospheric CVD system with the following parameter values:

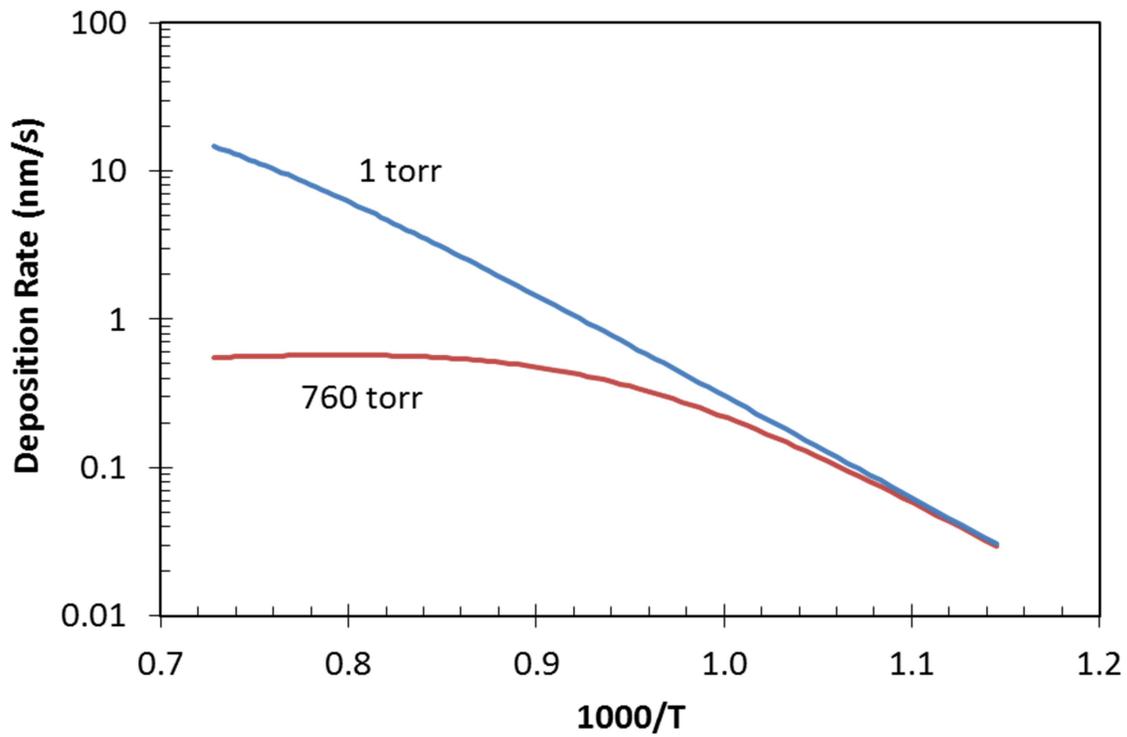
$$\begin{aligned} h_G &= 0.5 \text{ cm sec}^{-1} \text{ (assumed independent of temperature)} \\ k_S &= 4 \times 10^6 \exp(-1.45 \text{ eV}/kT) \text{ cm/s} \\ \text{Partial pressure of incorporating species} &= 1 \text{ torr} \\ N &= 6.2 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Identify the reaction and mass transfer limited regimes.



The reaction-limited regime is roughly below 750 °C. The diffusion limited regime is roughly above 900 °C.

- Repeat problem 2 when the total pressure is decreased to 1 torr, so that  $h_G$  increases by 100 times. Assume that the partial pressure of the incorporating species remains the same.



4. Campbell textbook, Chapter 13, problem 5.

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5. Campbell textbook, Chapter 13, problem 6.

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