

Problem FYS7n4310 400-7(4.11 in 3rd Ed) suggested solution

> **restart;**

Dry oxidation Si at 1000 °C but with oxygen ions

It is a reasonable interpretation of the problem text to write it like

$$B(O_2^-) = 2 \cdot B(O_2) \quad \text{and} \quad (B/A)(O_2^-) = 10 (B/A)(O_2)$$

where B is the parabolic growth rate which is proportional to D (the diffusivity) and B/A is the linear growth rate

limiting the growth when the growth is reaction limited.

Let us call $A(O_2^-)$ for A and $A(O_2)$ for A_n - for A-neutral. And similarly for B. We then have.

> **eqa:=B =2*Bn;eqb:=B/A=10*Bn/An;solve({eqa,eqb},{A,B});**

$$eqa := B = 2 B_n$$

$$eqb := \frac{B}{A} = \frac{10 B_n}{A_n}$$

$$\left\{ A = \frac{1}{5} A_n, B = 2 B_n \right\}$$

We have no clues as to what should be done with the value of tau, taking care of the initial fast growth.

So we let the value of tau be as in table 4.1

We want a thickness of 100 nm

The question is What time is needed? x is the thickness of the oxide (t_0 in the book)

> **eq411:=x^2+A*x=B*(t+tau);**

$$eq411 := A x + x^2 = B (t + \tau)$$

We set in for A_n and B_n from table 4.1 From table 4.1

and multiply by the values above (1/5 and 2) to get A and B

> **consts:={A=1/5*0.165e-6*m,B=2*0.0117*(1e-6)^2*m^2/(60*60*s), tau=0.37*60*60*s, x=100e-9*m};**

$$consts := \left\{ A = 3.300000000 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m}, B = \frac{6.500000000 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ m}^2}{s}, \tau = 1332.00 \text{ s}, x = 1.00 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m} \right\}$$

> **eq411n:=subs(consts,eq411);**

$$eq411n := 1.330000000 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2 = \frac{6.500000000 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ m}^2 (t + 1332.00 \text{ s})}{s}$$

> **solve(eq411n,t);%/60/s*min;**

$$714.1538462 \text{ s}$$

$$11.90256410 \text{ min}$$

Answer: We must oxidize for 12 minutes

Question: Are we in the linear regime or the parabolic regime?

We could try to see what gives the best agreement 4.13 or 4.14

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> eq413:=x=B/A*(t+tau);
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$$eq413 := x = \frac{B (t + \tau)}{A}$$

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> eq413n:=subs(consts,eq413);
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$$eq413n := 1.00 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m} = \frac{1.969696970 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m} (t + 1332.00 \text{ s})}{s}$$

```
> solve(eq413n,t);
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$$-824.3076924 \text{ s}$$

```
> eq414:=x^2=B*(t+tau);
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$$eq414 := x^2 = B (t + \tau)$$

```
> eq414n:=subs(consts,eq414);
```

$$eq414n := 1.0000 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2 = \frac{6.500000000 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ m}^2 (t + 1332.00 \text{ s})}{s}$$

```
> solve(eq414n,t);
```

$$206.4615385 \text{ s}$$

Well, none fits real well

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> f1:=solve(eq411,x)[1];
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$$f1 := -\frac{1}{2} A + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{A^2 + 4 B t + 4 B \tau}$$

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> f2:=subs(consts,f1);
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$$f2 := -1.650000000 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3.572100000 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2 + \frac{2.600000000 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ m}^2 t}{s}}$$

```
> fx := t->-.1650000000e-7+1/2*sqrt(.3572100000e-13+.2600000000e-16*t);
```

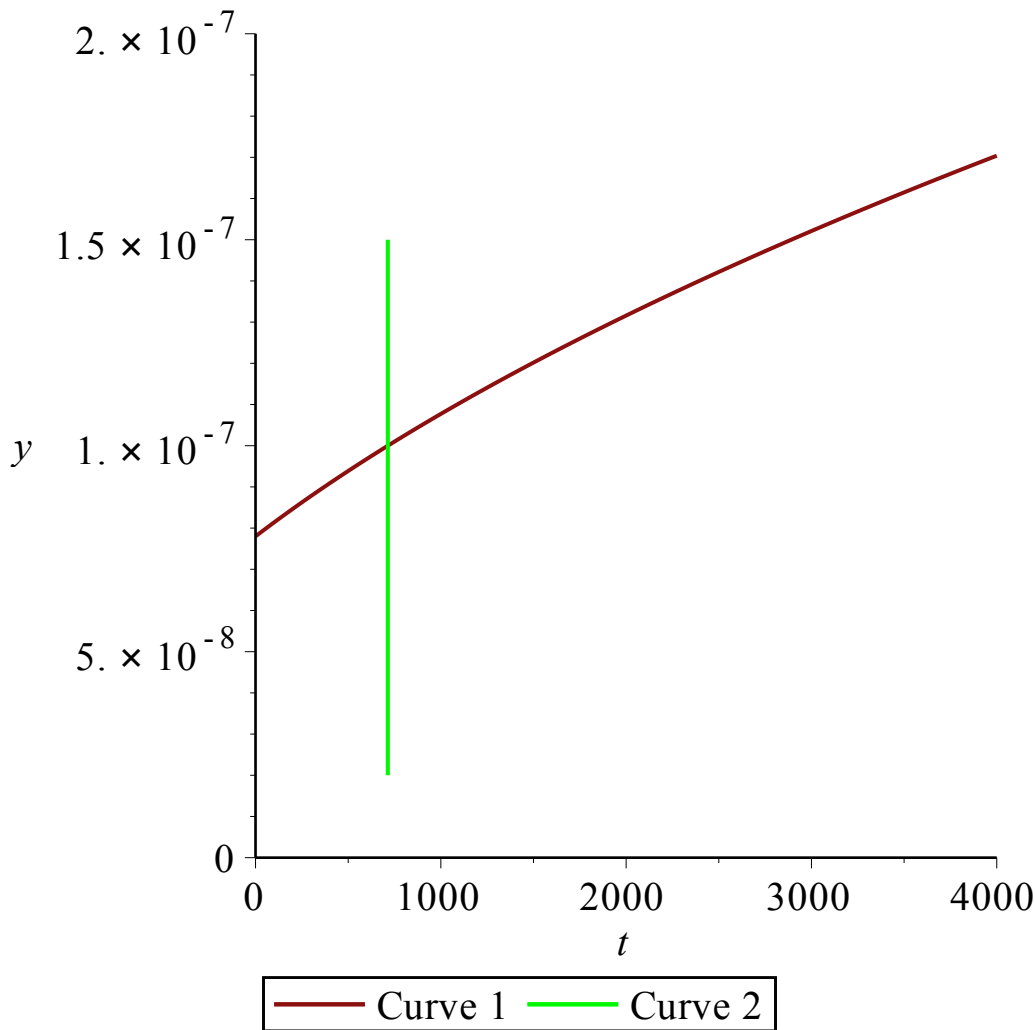
$$fx := t \rightarrow -1.650000000 \cdot 10^{-8} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3.572100000 \cdot 10^{-14} + 2.600000000 \cdot 10^{-17} t}$$

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> with(plots):
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> plot1:=plot(fx(t),t=0..4000,y=0..2e-7):
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plot2:=plot([ [714,2e-8], [714,1.5e-7] ],color=green):
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```
> display({plot1,plot2});
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The figure above show how the thickness varies with time. The large offset at $t=0$ is to account for fast initial growth. The green line is the time for 1000 Angstroms.

To analyze better we will plot in log log plot after subtracting the 0 time thickness.

In a log log plot we will get a straight line for the linear asymptote as well as the parabolic one, the difference is that their slopes are different

We introduce a function `fxmark` that is exactly as `x` except it is offset in time such that the value (thickness) is zero at zero time

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> fx(0);
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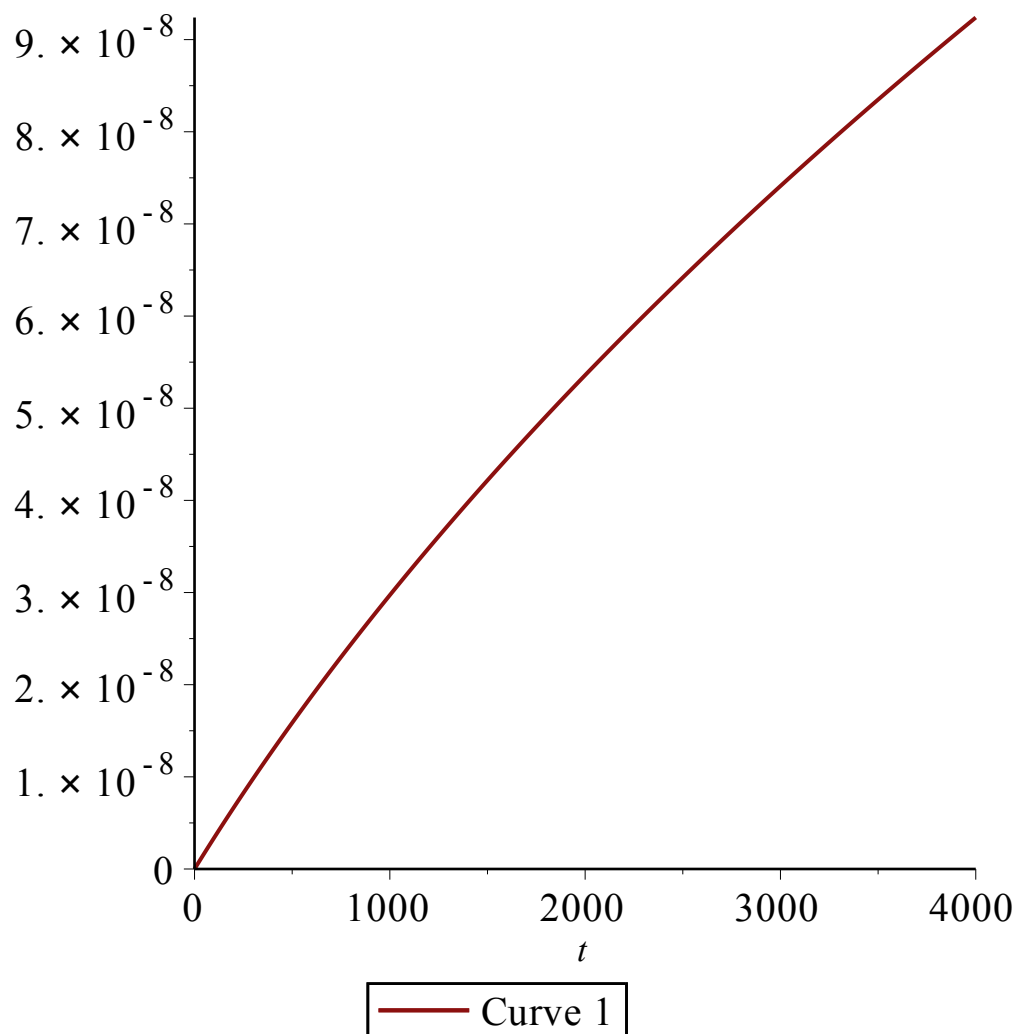
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7.800000000 10-8
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```
> fxmark:=t->-.1650000000e-7+1/2*sqrt  
(.3572100000e-13+.2600000000e-16*t)-.7800000000e-7;
```

```
fxmark := t → -1.650000000 10-8 +  $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3.572100000 10^{-14} + 2.600000000 10^{-17} t}$ 
```

```
- 7.800000000 10-8
```

```
> plot(fxmark(t),t=0..4000);
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Now we construct the asymptotes y_L (linear) and y_P (parabolic)

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> for j from 1 to 100 do
  lt:=j*4000/100;x[j]:=log(lt);lft:=fxmark(lt);y[j]:=log(lft);
  yP[j]:=log(sqrt(.6500000000e-17*lt));
  yL[j]:=log(.1969696970e-9*lt);
od:
> plot11:=plot([seq([x[j],y[j]],j=1..100)]):
> plot21:=plot([[log(714),log(1e-9)],[log(714),log(8e-8)]], color=
violet):
> plot31:=plot([seq([x[j],yP[j]],j=1..100)],color=green):
> plot41:=plot([seq([x[j],yL[j]],j=1..100)],color=blue):
> with(plots):display({plot11,plot21,plot31,plot41});
```

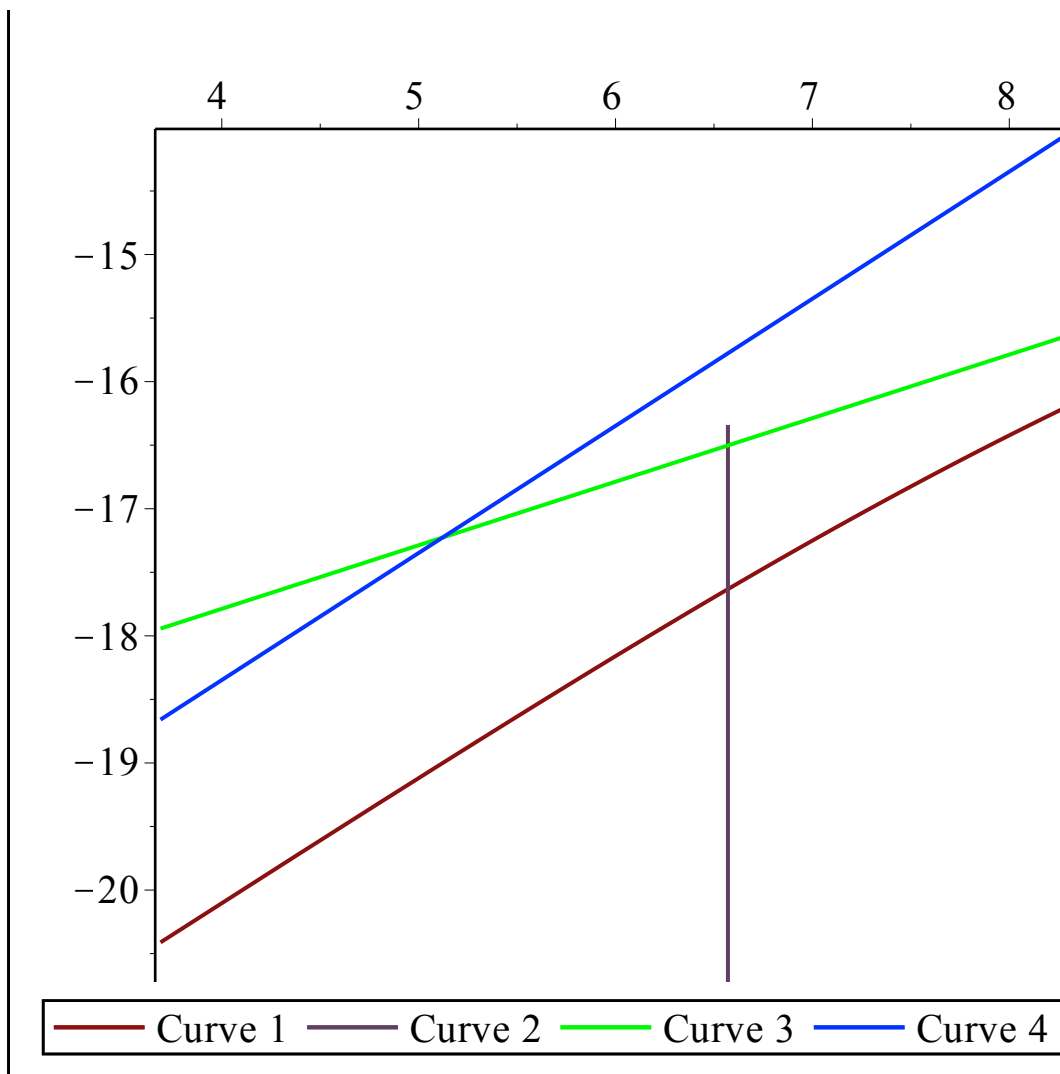


Figure above shows
 red curve oxide thickness vs. time ,
 logarithmic scale,
 value for red curve is actually : $\log (x - x(0))$ where x is oxide thickness
 blue curve linear growth rate
 green curve parabolic growth rate
 violet vertical - approx time for 1000 aangstrom

The Fig shows clearly that it is reasonable to say that
we are in the linear growth regime