

# 12-1 Plasma processes

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# flexible processes for network regulation

- with the development of renewable energy we need more flexible industrial plant with dry processes and electrical technic to replace thermal processes and wet technics
- sustainable development need plasma processes which give us high speed for switch on and switch off

# A key step :particle /plasma interaction

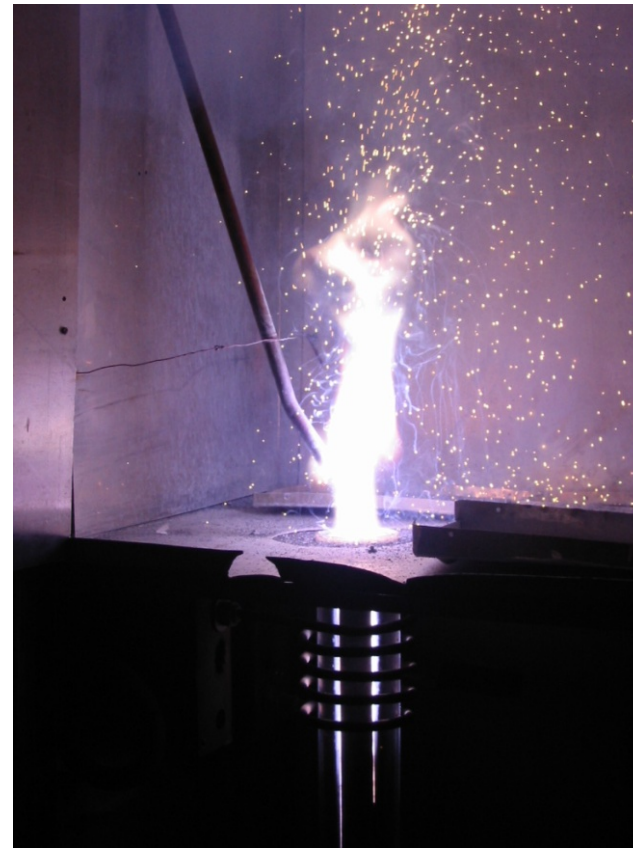
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- The main parameters are :
- the residence time
- the energy transfert
- the chemical reactions
- the diffusion phenomena in the
- boundary layer

# Inductive coupled plasma for powder treatment



a)



b)

Photos of inductive RF plasma torch of 30 kW  
with a contrary current injection of silicon powder:

a – without injection of particles,

b – with injection of particles

# CO<sub>2</sub> dissociation by electron impact

## 1 – Vibrational state

- $\text{CO}_2^*(^1\Sigma^+) \rightarrow \text{CO}(^1\Sigma^+) + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$   $E \# 7 \text{ eV/mol}$
- $\text{CO}_2^*(^1\Sigma^+) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2^*(^3\text{B}_2) \rightarrow \text{CO}(^1\Sigma^+) + \text{O}(^3\text{P})$   
 $E = 5.5 \text{ eV/mol}$
- $\text{O} + \text{CO}_2^* \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{O}_2$   $E \# 0.5 - 1 \text{ eV/mol}$

## 2 – Direct electronic impact

- $e + \text{CO}_2(^1\Sigma^+) \rightarrow \text{CO}(a^3\Pi) + \text{O}(^3\text{P})$
- $e + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{O}^-$

## 3 – Intermolecular collision

- $\text{CO}_2(^1\Sigma^+) + \text{CO}(a^3\Pi) \rightarrow \text{CO}(^1\Sigma^+) + \text{CO}(^1\Sigma^+) + \text{O}(^3\text{P})$

## 4 – Vibrational excitation of CO

- $\text{CO}(X'\Sigma^+, V) + e \rightarrow \text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, W) + e$

## 5 – Electronic excitation

- $\text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, V) + e \rightarrow \text{CO}(Y, W) + e$

## 6 – Ionisation

- $\text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, V) + e \rightarrow \text{CO}^+(X^2\Sigma^+, W) + 2 e$

## 7 – Dissociation

- $\text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, V) + e \rightarrow \text{C}(^3\text{P}) + \text{O}(Y) + e$
- $\rightarrow \text{C}(Y) + \text{O}(^3\text{P}) + \text{O}(Y) + e$

## 8 – Vibrational relaxation

- $\text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, V) + \text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, W) \rightarrow \text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, V-1) + \text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+, W+1)$

## 9 – Electronic energy emission

- $\text{CO}(B'Z^+ v) \rightarrow \text{CO}(A'\Pi, W) + hu$

## 10 – Recombinaison

- 10.1.  $\text{C}(^3\text{P}) + \text{O}(^3\text{P}) + \text{wall} \rightarrow \text{CO}(Y, V) + \text{paroi}$
- 10.2.  $\text{C}(^3\text{P}) + \text{wall} \rightarrow \text{deposit } \text{C}_s$
- 10.3.  $\text{O}(^3\text{P}) + \text{wall} \rightarrow \text{Oads} \rightarrow \text{O}_{2g} + \text{wall}$

## 11 – Dismutation

- $\text{CO}(a^3\Pi) + \text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{C}$  wall transfert or catalysis
- $\text{CO}(Y, V) + \text{O}(^3\text{P}) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2^* + \text{energy on wall}$

## 12 – Decomposition

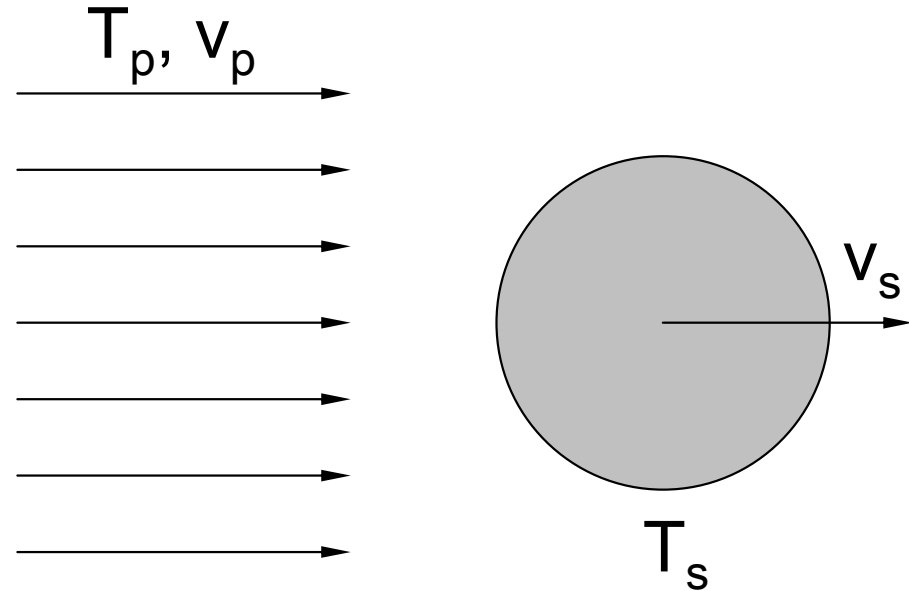
- $\text{CO}_2 + \text{C} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{CO}$

# Model

- Motion of particle in real plasma jet is not considered
- Plasma has constant temperature  $T_p$
- Plasma has constant velocity  $v_p$
- Particle has constant velocity  $v_s$
- Temperature inside the particle is uniform

Equation of balance of energy  
for particle:

$$m_s c_{ps} \frac{dT_s}{dt} = \sum_i P_i$$



# Steps of particle heating

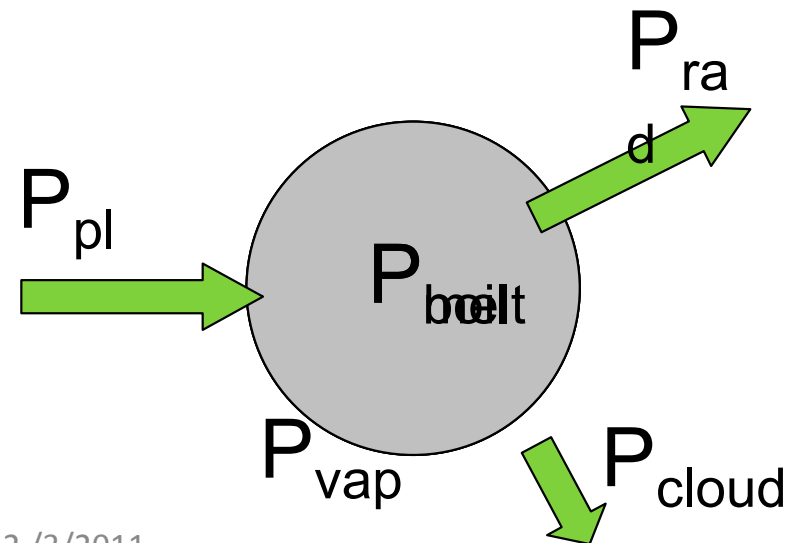
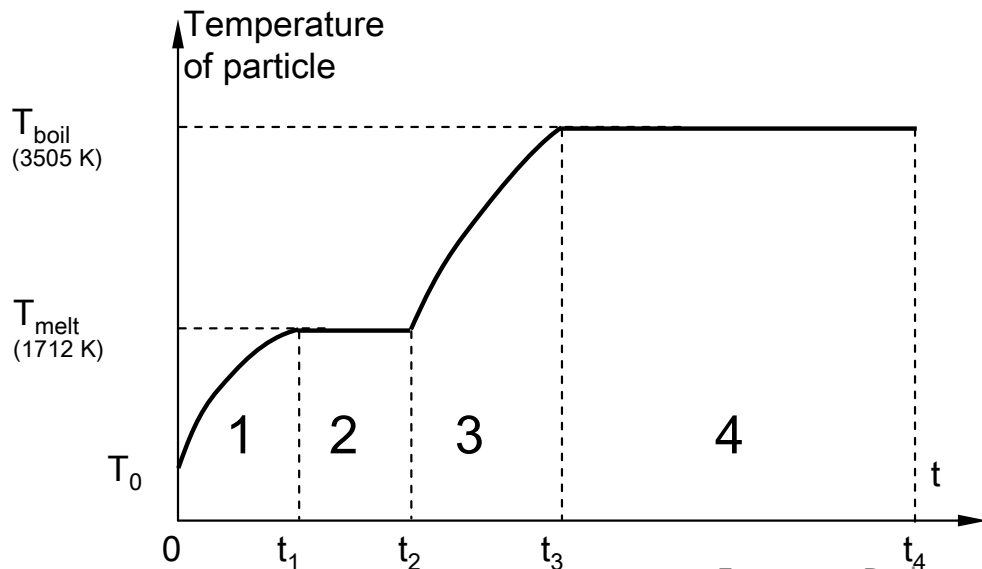
- Heating of solid particle up to melting temperature
- Melting of particle
- Heating of liquid droplet up to boiling temperature
- Boiling of droplet

$$m_s c_{p_s} \frac{dT_s}{dt} = P_{pl} - P_{rad}$$

$$m_s c_{p_s} \frac{dT_s}{dt} = 0 = P_{pl} - P_{rad} - P_{melt}$$

$$m_s c_{p_s} \frac{dT_s}{dt} = P_{pl} - P_{rad} - P_{vap} - P_{cloud}$$

$$m_s c_{p_s} \frac{dT_s}{dt} = 0 = P_{pl} - P_{rad} - P_{boil} - P_{cloud}$$



# Heat and mass transfer formulas

- Conductive-convective heat transfer from plasma

$$P_{pl} = \left(2 + 0.6 \cdot Re^{0.5} \cdot Pr^{0.33}\right) \cdot \frac{\lambda_p}{d_s} \cdot (T_p - T_s) \cdot S_{surface}$$

- Radiation of particle

$$P_{rad} = \varepsilon \cdot \sigma \cdot T_s^4 \cdot S_{surface}$$

- Melting of particle

$$P_{melt} = \Delta H_{melt} \cdot \dot{m}_{melt}$$

- Vaporization of particle

$$P_{vap} = \Delta H_{boil} \cdot \dot{m}_{vap}$$

- Boiling of particle

$$P_{boil} = \Delta H_{boil} \cdot \dot{m}_{boil}$$

- Heating of vapor cloud

$$P_{cloud} = \dot{m}_{vap (boil)} \cdot \bar{c}_{p vapor} \cdot (T_p - T_{boil})$$

- Mass losses by boiling

$$\dot{m}_{boil} = \frac{P_{pl} - P_{rad}}{\Delta H_{boil} + \bar{c}_{p vapor} (T_p) \cdot (T_p - T_{boil})}$$

- Mass losses by vaporization

$$\dot{m}_{vap} = h \cdot S_{surface} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{p}{p - p(T_s)}\right)$$



# Chemical Reaction

- Taking into account of chemical reactions

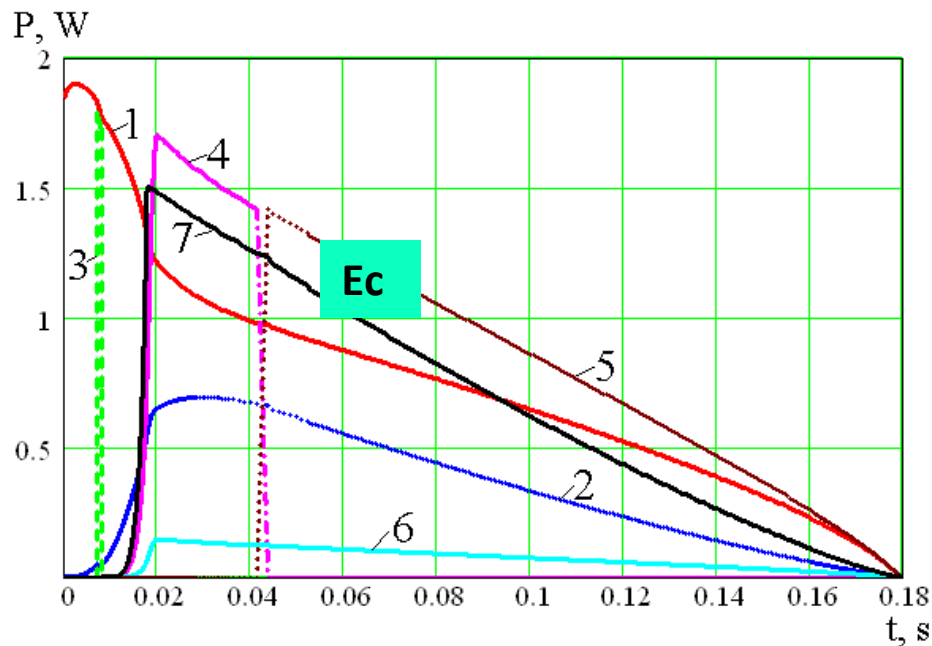
$$m_s c_{ps} \frac{dT_s}{dt} = \sum_i P_i - P_{\text{chem}}$$

- Power of chemical reaction

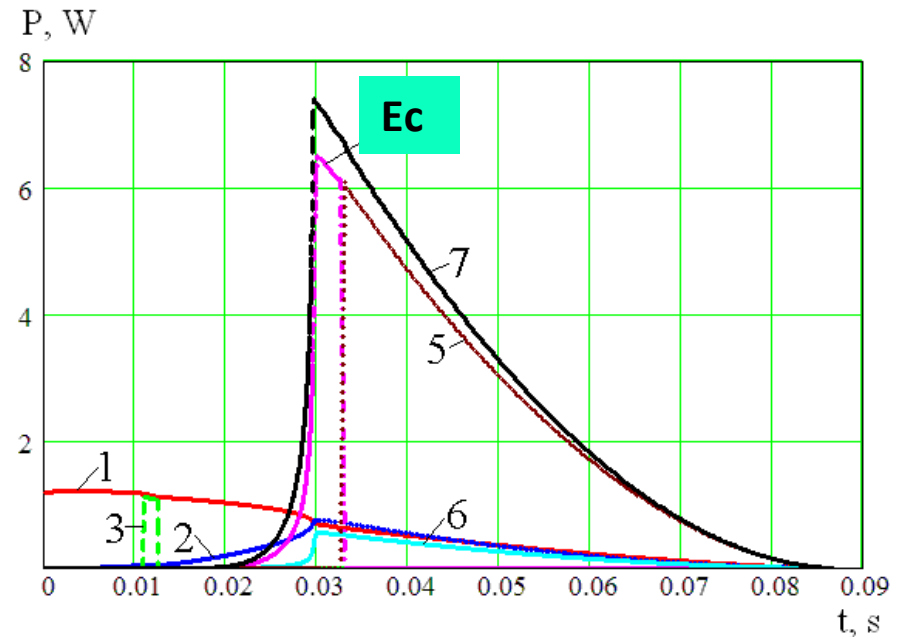
$$P_{\text{chem}} = \Delta_r H(T) \cdot \dot{m}_{\text{react}}$$

- Chemical reactions
  - Exothermic reactions  $\Delta_r H(T) < 0$
  - Endothermic reactions  $\Delta_r H(T) > 0$

# Results: evolution with time of different ways of heat transfer



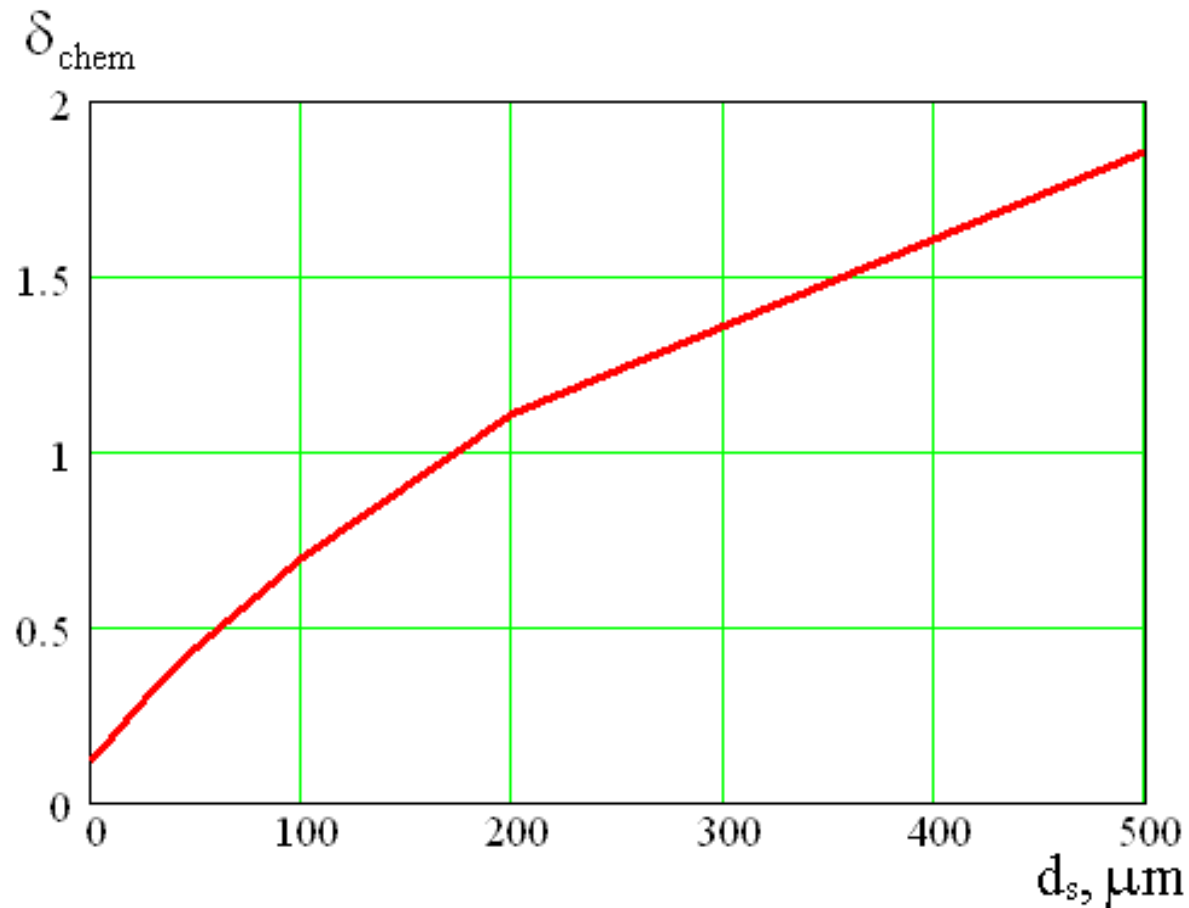
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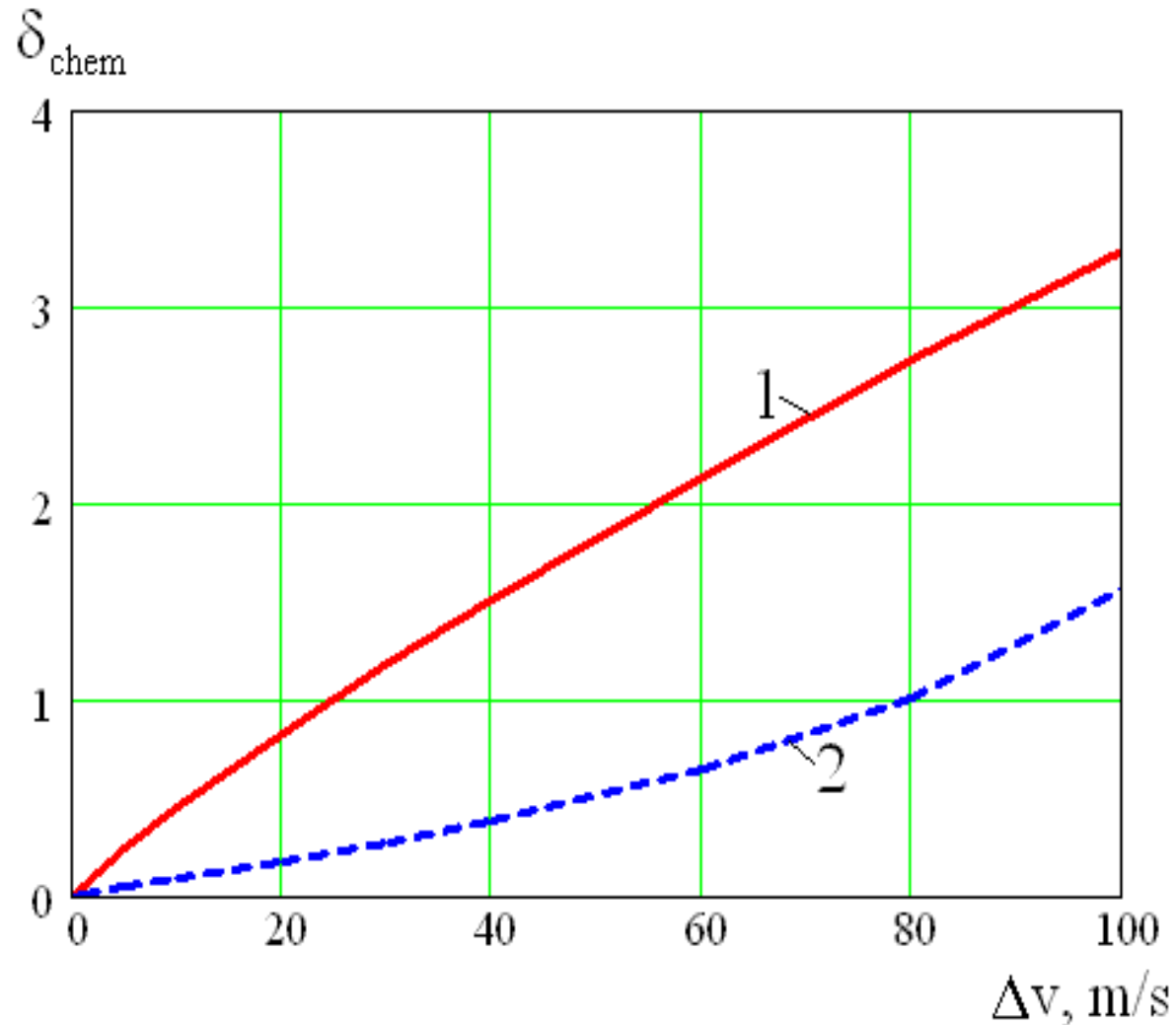
Evolution with heating time of different power sources and losses for particle with velocity relative to plasma respectively of 20 m/s (a) and 100 m/s (b). The particle diameter is 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , the plasma temperature is 5000 K. Different heat transfer : 1 –  $P_{pl}$ , conductive-convective heat transfer from plasma; 2 –  $P_{rad}$ , particle losses by radiation; 3 –  $P_{melt}$ , heat rate of melting; 4 –  $P_{vap}$ , heat rate of vaporization; 5 –  $P_{boil}$ , heat rate of boiling; 6 –  $P_{cloud}$ , vapor cloud heating; 7 –  $P_{chem}$ , power source due to the chemical reaction

# Results: dependance on particle diameter



Dependence of parameter  $\delta_{\text{chem}}$  on particle diameter  
for the case with plasma temperature 5000 K  
and relative particle velocity 20 m/s

# Results: dependence on relative particle velocity



Dependence of parameter  $\delta_{\text{chem}}$  on relative particle velocity  $\Delta v$  for different plasma temperatures :

1 -  $T_p = 5000$  K ; 2 -  $T_p = 7000$  K  
(particle diameter is  $200 \mu\text{m}$ )