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# Chapter 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Introduction

IQS-233 Codeposition software works with INFICON IQM-233 or SQM-242 cards to provide a powerful, Windows computer-based, thin film deposition controller. See Figure 1-1.

Figure 1-1 IQS-233 Codeposition software display



### 1.1.1 IQS-233 Codeposition Software Features

- ◆ Supports up to two IQM-233 cards
  - ◆ Measures up to six quartz crystal sensors simultaneously
  - ◆ Controls up to six deposition source power supplies simultaneously for codeposition.
- ◆ Supports up to two SQM-242 cards (SAM-242 card not supported)
  - ◆ Measures up to eight quartz crystal sensors simultaneously
  - ◆ Controls up to four deposition source power supplies simultaneously for codeposition
- ◆ Allows multi-layer processes
- ◆ Provides preconditioning, multiple rate ramps, and feed/idle phases
- ◆ Provides graphs of deposition rate, rate deviation, or power output
- ◆ Stores process, film and material parameters.
- ◆ Can be controlled remotely from another computer using the RS-232 or Ethernet command protocol
- ◆ Provides flexible and reliable digital I/O using an external Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)
  - ◆ Easy PLC integration for event selectable relay commands and shutter control

**NOTE:** PLC is not provided by INFICON.

### 1.1.2 Hardware Supported by IQS-233 Codeposition Software

IQS-233 Codeposition software supports IQM-233 or SQM-242 cards (see [Figure 1-2](#) and [Figure 1-3](#)). Up to two IQM-233 or up to two SQM-242 cards can be installed in the same computer with IQS-233 Codeposition software.

**NOTE:** If IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards are installed in the same computer, IQS-233 Codeposition software will automatically select IQM-233 card(s) and ignore SQM-242 card(s).

Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manuals for detailed information on installing and using IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards.

Figure 1-2 IQM-233 card

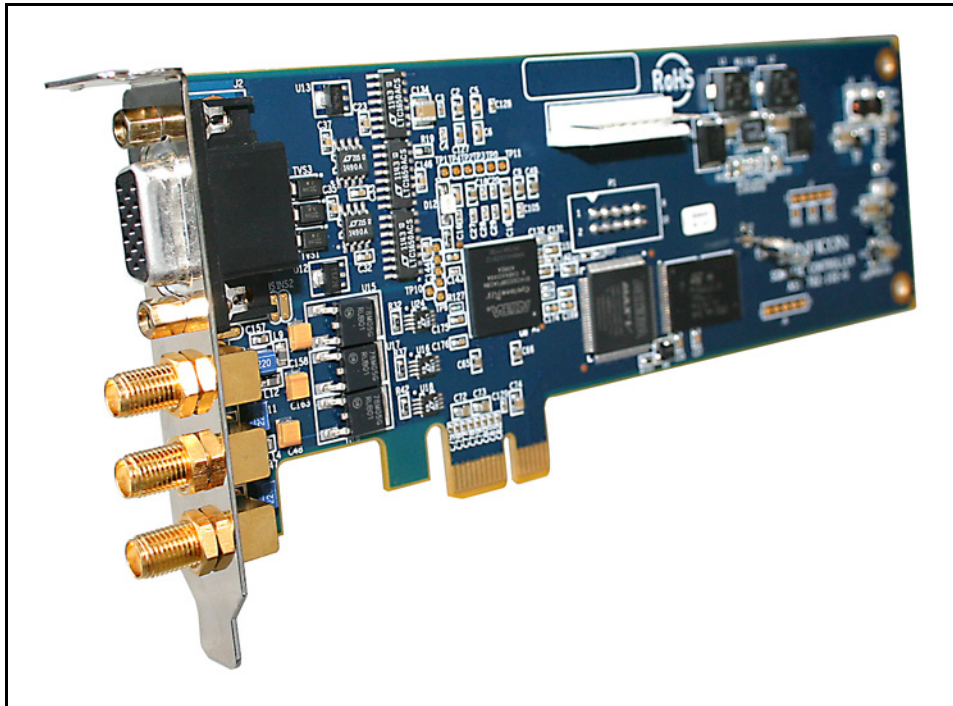
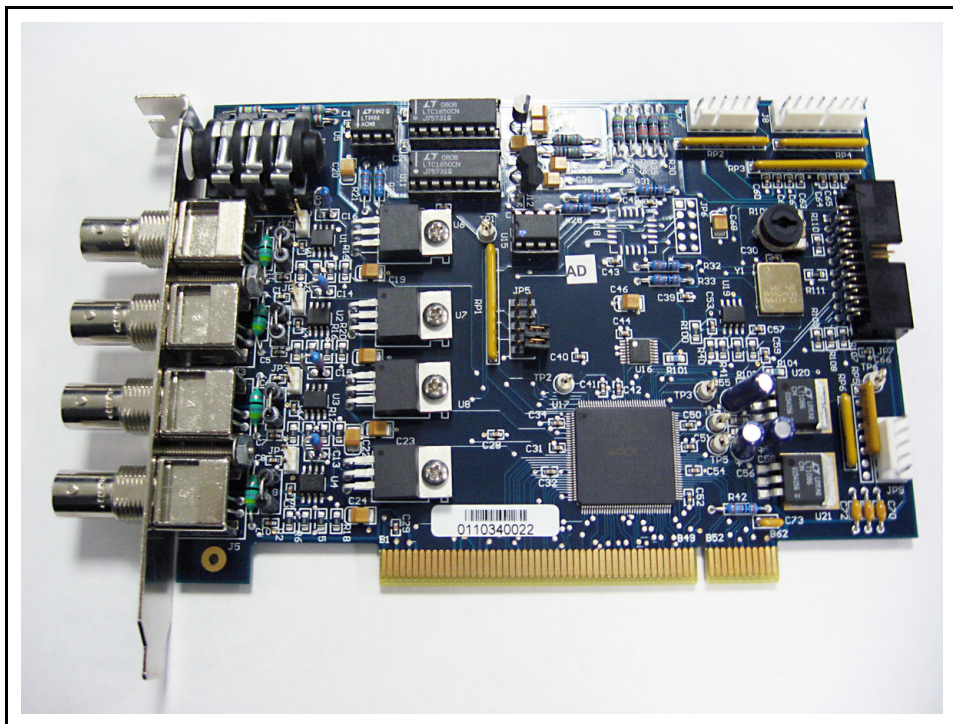


Figure 1-3 SQM-242 card



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**1.1.2.1 Digital I/O Capability**

IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards do not provide the digital inputs and outputs needed to automatically control source and sensor shutters, rotate source pockets, etc. However, digital I/O capability can be added by interfacing an external, Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) with IQS-233 Codeposition software. The PLC is not provided by INFICON. See [Chapter 3, Digital I/O](#).

**1.1.3 Computer Requirements**

Processor . . . . .	1.5 GHz CPU minimum
RAM . . . . .	2 GB RAM minimum
Memory . . . . .	200 MB hard disk space minimum
Operating System . . . . .	Windows XP SP3, Windows 7 32/64-bit, Windows 8 32/64-bit
Screen Resolution . . . . .	800 x 600 minimum
Case (IQM-233 Card) . . . . .	Standard or Small Form Factor
Case (SQM-242 Card) . . . . .	Standard
Bus Interface (IQM-233 Card) . . . . .	PCI Express x1, x4, x8, x16
Bus Interface (SQM-242 Card) . . . . .	PCI
Communication Interface . . . . .	RS-232C when interfacing an external PLC
RS-232C Baud Rate . . . . .	4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200

**1.1.4 Related Operating Manuals**

Operating manuals can be downloaded from [www.inficon.com](http://www.inficon.com)

074-584 . . . . .	IQM-233 Operating Manual
074-549 . . . . .	SQM-242 Operating Manual

## 1.2 How To Contact INFICON

Worldwide customer support information is available under **Contact >> Support Worldwide** at [www.inficon.com](http://www.inficon.com):

- ◆ Sales and Customer Service
- ◆ Technical Support
- ◆ Repair Service

If you are experiencing a problem with your IQS-233 Codeposition software, please have the following information readily available:

- ◆ The Sales Order or PO number of the software purchase.
- ◆ The version of IQS-233 Codeposition software. See [Figure 2-54 on page 2-72](#).
- ◆ The version of Windows operating system.
- ◆ A description of the problem.
- ◆ An explanation of any corrective action that you may have already attempted.
- ◆ The exact wording of any error messages that you may have received.

## 1.3 Software Specifications

### 1.3.1 Display

Graphs . . . . .	Rate, Deviation (Rate %), Power (%), Sensors (Rate)
Readouts . . . . .	Rate Å/s, Dev (%), Thickness kÅ, Power (%), Frequency (MHz), Life (%), Process name, Film name, Layer number, Phase, Process Time, Layer Time, Phase Time

### 1.3.2 Process Parameters

Processes . . . . .	Unlimited number of processes
Process Name . . . . .	15 characters maximum
Sensors . . . . .	IQM-233: 1 to 6 (1 to 3 Dual) SQM-242: 1 to 8 (1 to 4 Dual)
Outputs . . . . .	IQM-233: 1 to 6 SQM-242: 1 to 4
Layers . . . . .	Unlimited number of layers
Film . . . . .	Any defined film
Outputs . . . . .	IQM-233: 1 to 6 SQM-242: 1 to 4

Input . . . . .	Sensor(s), Timed Power
Setpoint Å/s . . . . .	-999.90 to 999.90 Å/s
Setpoint % Pwr. . . . .	0.00 to 100.00% Power
Final Thickness . . . . .	0.000 to 999.900 kÅ
Thickness Endpoint . . . . .	0.000 to 999.900 kÅ
Time Endpoint . . . . .	0.00 to 30000.00 s
Start Mode . . . . .	Manual Start, Auto Start, Skip Pre Cond
Source Indexers . . . . .	IQM-233: 6 SQM-242: 4
Index Pockets . . . . .	0 to 15
Timeout . . . . .	0 to 3000 s
Substrate Indexer . . . . .	1
Index Pockets . . . . .	0 to 4
Timeout . . . . .	0 to 3000 s
User Indexers . . . . .	2
Index Pockets . . . . .	0 to 15
Timeout . . . . .	0 to 3000 s
Rate Ramps . . . . .	Unlimited number of Rate Ramps
Start Thickness . . . . .	0.000 to 999.900 kÅ
Ramp Time . . . . .	0.00 to 30000 s
Setpoint Å/s . . . . .	-999.90 to 999.90 Å/s
Setpoint % Pwr. . . . .	0.00 to 100.00% Power

**1.3.3 Film Parameters**

Films . . . . .	Unlimited number of films
Film Name . . . . .	15 characters maximum
P Term . . . . .	0 to 9999
I Term . . . . .	0.0 to 999.9 s
D Term . . . . .	0.00 to 99.90 s
Shutter Delay Accuracy . . . . .	0.0 to 30.0%
Shutter Delay Wait . . . . .	0.00 to 30000 s
Shutter Delay Hold . . . . .	0.00 to 30000 s



Rate Sampling . . . . .	Continuous, Accuracy Based, Time Based
Accuracy Based . . . . .	0.00 to 100.00%
Time Based Sample . . . . .	0.00 to 100.00 s
Time Based Hold . . . . .	0.00 to 100.00 s
Ramp (1, 2) Power . . . . .	0.00 to 100.00%
Ramp (1, 2) Time . . . . .	0.00 to 30000 s
Soak (1, 2) Time . . . . .	0.00 to 30000 s
Feed Power . . . . .	0.00 to 100.0%
Feed Ramp Time . . . . .	0.00 to 100 s
Feed Time . . . . .	0.00 to 100 s
Idle Power . . . . .	0.00 to 100.0%
Idle Ramp Time . . . . .	0.00 to 100 s
Material. . . . .	Any defined material
Max Power . . . . .	0.00 to 100.00%
Slew Rate . . . . .	0.0 to 100.0%
Sensor Tooling . . . . .	IQM-233: 1 to 6, 0.0 to 999.0% SQM-242: 1 to 8, 0.0 to 999.0%
On Error . . . . .	Ignore, Stop Layer, Timer Power
Control Error % . . . . .	0 to 30%
Control Error sec . . . . .	0 to 99 s
Crystal Fail Counts . . . . .	0 to 99
Crystal Quality % . . . . .	0 to 50%
Crystal Quality Counts . . . . .	0 to 99
Crystal Stability Single . . . . .	25 to 9999 Hz
Crystal Stability Total . . . . .	25 to 9999 Hz

### 1.3.4 Material Parameters

Name . . . . .	24 characters maximum
Density . . . . .	0.40 to 99.99 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Z-Factor . . . . .	0.100 to 9.999

### **1.3.5 System Parameters**

Outputs . . . . .	IQM-233: 1 to 6 SQM-242: 1 to 4
Full Scale Out. . . . .	-10.0 to 10.0 V (dc)
Sensors . . . . .	IQM-233: 1 to 6 (1 to 3 Dual) SQM-242: 1 to 8 (1 to 4 Dual)
Control . . . . .	Rate, Thickness
Relays (PLC required) . . . . .	16
Relay Events . . . . .	Source Shutter (1 to 6), Source Active (1 to 6), Sensor Shutter (1 to 8), Process Stopped, Process Running, Layer Stopped, Layer Running, Deposit Phase, Pre-Cond Phase, Soak Hold Phase, Process Active, Manual Mode, Max Power, Time Setpoint, Thickness Setpoint, Final Thickness, All Crystals Good, All Crystals Fail
Inputs (PLC required) . . . . .	12
Input Events . . . . .	Start Process, Abort Process, Start Layer, Stop Layer, Next Layer, Force Final Thickness, Zero Thickness, Zero Time (NA), Soak 2 Hold, Soak 2 Release
Card Type. . . . .	IQM-233, SQM-242
Period. . . . .	0.10, 0.25, 0.50, 1.00, 2.00 s
Maximum Frequency . . . . .	4.002000 to 6.100000 MHz
Initial Frequency. . . . .	4.001000 to 6.099000 MHz
Minimum Frequency. . . . .	4.000000 to 6.098000 MHz
Computer Interface . . . . .	RS-232, Ethernet, Windows Communication Foundation
RS-232 Baud . . . . .	4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200
Filter Readings. . . . .	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Last Output Displayed . . . . .	1 to 6
Units . . . . .	Thickness, Mass
Graph X Axis Width . . . . .	0 to 100
Graph Y Axis Height. . . . .	0 to 10000

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### **1.3.6 Security**

User Name . . . . . 10 characters maximum  
Password . . . . . 10 characters maximum  
Access Levels . . . . . 3

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## Chapter 2

# IQS-233 Codeposition Software

### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter covers the installation and operation of IQS-233 Codeposition software. Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for installation instructions of an IQM-233 card or SQM-242 card.

### 2.2 Installing IQS-233 Codeposition Software

IQS-233 Codeposition software supports up to two IQM-233 cards or up to two SQM-242 cards.



#### **CAUTION**

**If IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards are installed together in the same computer, IQS-233 Codeposition software will communicate with up to two IQM-233 cards and ignore the SQM-242 card(s).**

**IQM-233 card(s) must be removed to use IQS-233 Codeposition software with SQM-242 card(s).**

The required Dynamic Link Library (DLL), device driver, and WinDriver are installed by the **IQM233 DLL** or the **SQM242 with IQM DLL** setup file. To install the DLL, device driver, and WinDriver, see [section 2.2.1](#).



#### **CAUTION**

**IQM233 DLL and SQM242 with IQM DLL cannot be installed together on the same computer.**

**NOTE:** IQS-233 Codeposition software and the **IQM233 DLL** or **SQM242 with IQM DLL** may be installed before or after the installation of the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card(s). Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for card installation instructions.

### 2.2.1 Installing the DLL, Device Driver, and WinDriver

- 1 If the operating system is Windows 7 or 8, click **Start >> Control Panel >> System**. Note the operating system size (32-bit or 64-bit) displayed under **System type**.

If the operating system is Windows XP, click **Start >> Settings >> Control Panel >> System >> System Properties >> General** tab. Determine the operating system size from the operating system name displayed under **System**:

- ◆ Windows XP Home, Windows XP Media Center Edition, and Windows XP Professional are 32-bit operating systems.
- ◆ Windows XP Professional x64 Edition is a 64-bit operating system.

**NOTE:** The operating system size will generally match the performance capabilities of the computer processor. However, it is possible to have a 64-bit processor and a 32-bit operating system. In this case, the 64-bit installation is required.

- 2 Insert the **IQS-233 Codeposition Operating Manual CD** into the computer's CD drive.
- 3 Click **Windows Explorer** or **File Explorer >> Computer >> (CD drive letter:) IQS-233 >> IQM-233 Drivers**.
- 4 If IQS-233 Codeposition software is to be used with an IQM-233 card:
  - ◆ For a 32-bit operating system, double-click **IQM233 DLL x86 v x.x.x.x Setup.exe**
  - ◆ For a 64-bit operating system, double-click **IQM233 DLL x64 v x.x.x.x Setup.exe**

If IQS-233 Codeposition software is to be used with an SQM-242 card:

- ◆ For a 32-bit operating system, double-click **SQM242 with IQM DLL x86 v x.x.x.x Setup.exe**
- ◆ For a 64-bit operating system, double-click **SQM242 with IQM DLL x64 v x.x.x.x Setup.exe**



## CAUTION

**IQM233 DLL and SQM242 DLL can be installed in the same computer.**

**However, when IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards are installed in the same computer, IQS-233 Codeposition software will interface only with IQM-233 card(s) and ignore the SQM-242 card(s).**

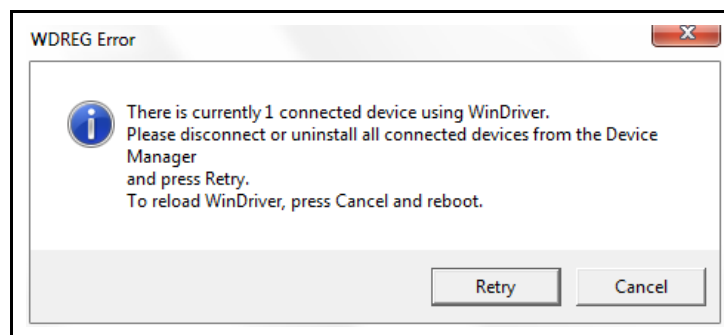
**IQM-233 card(s) must be removed for IQS-233 Codeposition software to communicate with SQM-242 card(s).**

- 5 The **InstallShield Wizard** window will display.
- 6 Click **Next**.
- 7 Read the license agreement.
- 8 If it is acceptable, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement**.
- 9 Click **Next**.
- 10 Type the requested information into the **User Name** and **Organization** boxes.
- 11 Click **Next**.
- 12 Click **Install** to start the installation of the device driver and the DLL.
- 13 When **Install Wizard Completed** is displayed, click **Finish** to close the InstallShield Wizard.

### 2.2.1.1 Troubleshooting the DLL Installation

If the **WDREG Error** window appears (see [Figure 2-1](#)), an existing version of WinDriver is preventing the installation of the DLL.

Figure 2-1 WDREG Error



To remove the existing WinDriver and install the required WinDriver:

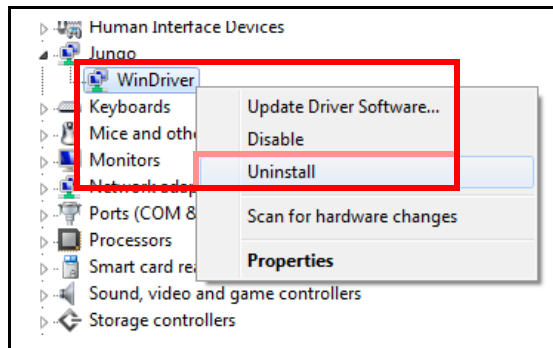
- 1 In **Windows Device Manager**, click the expansion button (▶) next to **Jungo** to display **WinDriver**. See [Figure 2-2](#).

Figure 2-2 Jungo and WinDriver



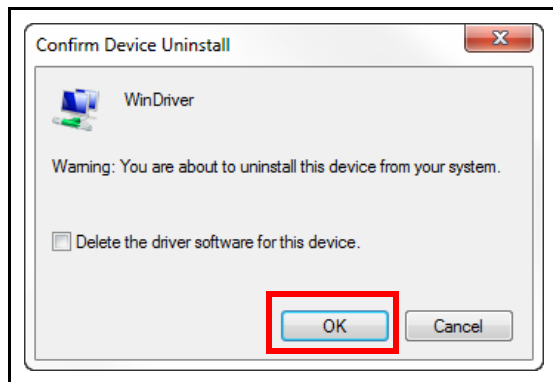
- 2 Right-click **WinDriver** and click **Uninstall**. See [Figure 2-3](#).

Figure 2-3 Uninstall WinDriver



- 3 When the **Confirm Device Uninstall** window appears, click **OK** to uninstall WinDriver. See [Figure 2-4](#).

Figure 2-4 Confirm Device Uninstall

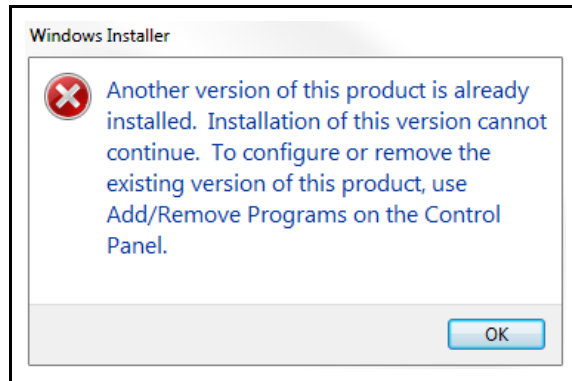


- 4 In the **WDREG Error** window, click **Retry** to continue with the DLL installation. Refer to [Figure 2-1](#).

If the **Windows Installer** window appears (see [Figure 2-5](#)), another DLL (**IQM233 DLL** or **SQM242 with IQM DLL**) is already installed. **IQM233 DLL** and **SQM242 with IQM DLL** cannot be installed together on the same computer.



Figure 2-5 Windows Installer window



- 4a** Click **OK** to keep the previously installed DLL, or
- 4b** To remove the previously installed DLL and install a different DLL:
  - 4b1** Click **OK** to close the Windows Installer window.
  - 4b2** Click **Control Panel >> Programs** to display a list of installed programs.
  - 4b3** Select the **IQM233 DLL** or the **SQM242 with IQM DLL** from the list.
  - 4b4** Click **Uninstall** to remove the selected DLL.
  - 4b5** Install the DLL again. Refer to [section 2.2.1 on page 2-2](#).

## 2.2.2 Installing IQS-233 Codeposition Software

**NOTE:** To update an existing installation of IQS-233 Codeposition software to a newer version, see [section 2.2.3](#).

- 1** Click **Windows Explorer** or **File Explorer >> Computer >> (CD drive letter:) IQS-233**.
- 2** Double-click **IQS-233 SETUP.EXE**.
- 3** The **InstallShield Wizard** will display.
- 4** Click **Next**.
- 5** Read the license agreement.
- 6** If it is acceptable, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement**.
- 7** Click **Next**.
- 8** Type the requested information into the **User Name** and **Organization** boxes.
- 9** Click **Next**.
- 10** Click **Install** to start the software installation.
- 11** When **Install Wizard Completed** is displayed, click **Finish** to close the **InstallShield Wizard** window.

## 2.2.3 Updating IQS-233 Codeposition Software

To update an existing installation of IQS-233 Codeposition software to a newer version:

- 1** Click **Control Panel >> Programs**.
- 2** If the IQS-233 Codeposition software was used with an IQM-233 card, select **IQM233 DLL x86** or **IQM233 DLL x64**.  
  
If the IQS-233 Codeposition software was used with an SQM-242 card, select **SQM242 with IQM DLL x86** or **SQM242 with IQM 233 DLL x64**.
- 3** Click **Uninstall** to remove **IQM233 DLL** or **SQM242 with IQM DLL**.
- 4** In **Programs**, select **IQS-233 Codeposition**.
- 5** Click **Uninstall** to remove the previous version of IQS-233 Codeposition software.
- 6** Install the latest version of IQM233 DLL or SQM242 with IQM DLL, as appropriate. Refer to [section 2.2.1 on page 2-2](#).
- 7** Install the latest version of IQS-233 Codeposition software. Refer to [section 2.2.2](#).

## 2.3 Using IQS-233 Codeposition Software

### 2.3.1 Starting IQS-233 Codeposition Software

#### 2.3.1.1 Starting the Software in Windows XP or Windows 7

- 1 Click **Start >> All Programs >> INFICON >> IQS-233 Codeposition**.
- 2 The **User Login** window will display. See [Figure 2-6](#).

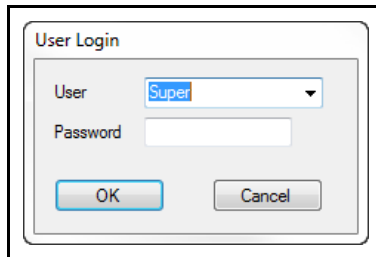
#### 2.3.1.2 Starting the Software in Windows 8

- 1 In the **Start** window, click the **IQS-233 Codeposition** icon.
- 2 If the icon cannot be found:
  - 2a Click **Search >> Apps**.
  - 2b Type **IQS-233** in the **Search** text box.
  - 2c Click the **IQS-233 Codeposition** icon.

### 2.3.2 Logging On to the Software

On the initial login, the **User Login** window will display **Super** as the default **User** name. See [Figure 2-6](#).

*Figure 2-6 User Login window*



A **Password** is not required to log on to a user session with the default **User** name. Click **OK** to close the **User Login** window and display the **IQS-233 Codeposition** window. See [Figure 2-7](#).

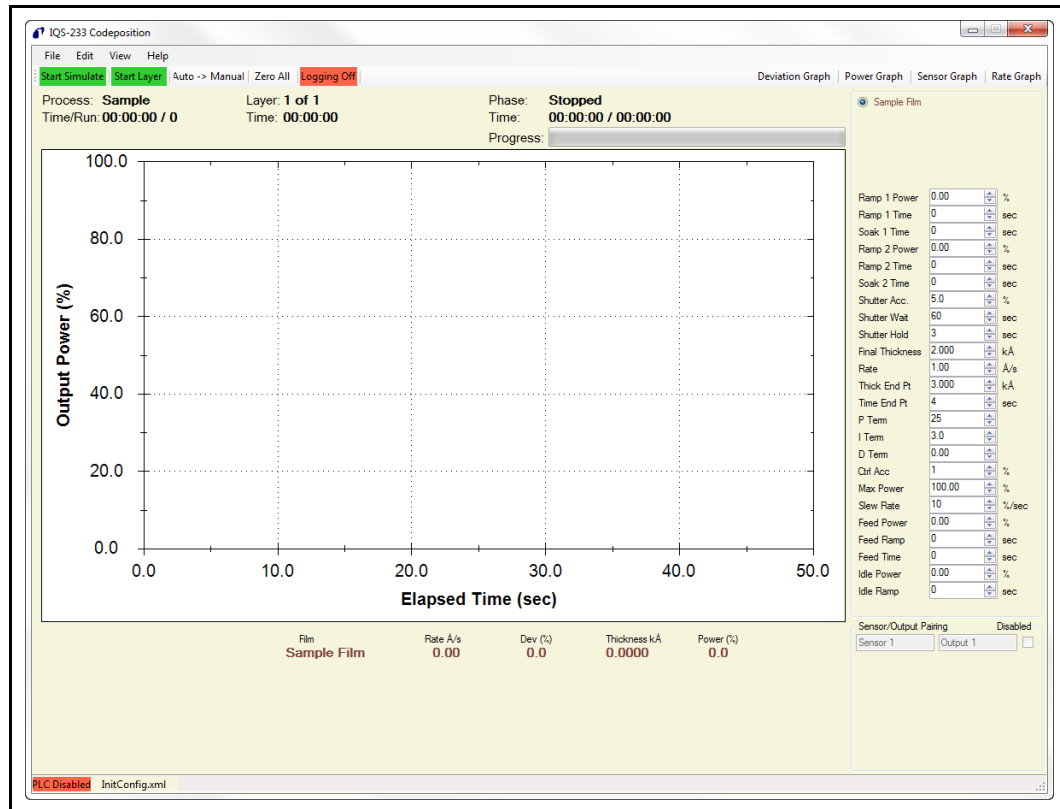
**NOTE:** If security settings are changed from the default values, a different **User** name and **Password** may be required. See [section 2.3.3.7 on page 2-61](#).

### 2.3.3 IQS-233 Codeposition Window

The **IQS-233 Codeposition** window displays readouts for Film, Rate, Deviation, Thickness and Power simultaneously for each active output. This window also provides Process, Layer, Phase, Run, and Time for each active output as well as customizable process parameters, graphical information, and access to File, Edit, View, and Help menus. See [Figure 2-7](#).

**NOTE:** The Rate, Deviation, and Thickness readings displayed represent an average of the sensors assigned to each film.

Figure 2-7 IQS-233 Codeposition window



**NOTE:** To zoom in the graph pane, click in the graph pane on the IQS-233 Codeposition window and drag to draw a box over the data needing to be enlarged. To further zoom in, or to zoom out, rotate the wheel button up or down, respectively, with the pointer in the graph pane.

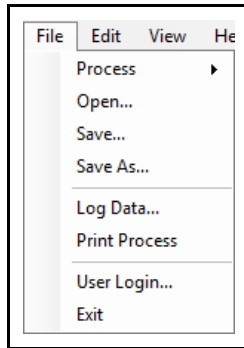
- ◆ **File**, see [section 2.3.3.1](#)
- ◆ **Edit**, see [section 2.3.3.5 on page 2-17](#)
- ◆ **View**, see [section 2.3.4.1 on page 2-66](#)
- ◆ **Help**, see [section 2.3.5.1 on page 2-73](#)

### 2.3.3.1 File

Click **File** to display the list of File commands. See [Figure 2-8](#).

**NOTE:** File commands are not available once a process is started or while a process is running.

Figure 2-8 File commands



- ◆ **Process**, see [section 2.3.3.1.1](#)
- ◆ **Open**, see [section 2.3.3.1.2 on page 2-11](#)
- ◆ **Save**, see [section 2.3.3.1.3 on page 2-12](#)
- ◆ **Save As**, see [section 2.3.3.1.4 on page 2-12](#)
- ◆ **Log Data**, see [section 2.3.3.1.5 on page 2-14](#)
- ◆ **Print Process**, see [section 2.3.3.2 on page 2-16](#)
- ◆ **User Login**, see [section 2.3.3.3 on page 2-16](#)
- ◆ **Exit**, see [section 2.3.3.4 on page 2-17](#)

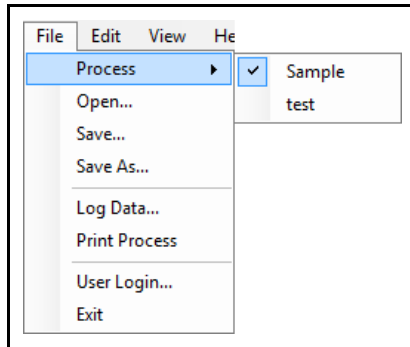
### 2.3.3.1.1 Process

Click **File >> Process** to display a list of saved process configurations (see [Figure 2-9](#)). A check mark next to the current process name indicates that the process configuration has been loaded for that process name.

**NOTE:** The current process name is also displayed in the **IQS-233 Codeposition** window (refer to [Figure 2-7 on page 2-8](#)).

The process configuration consists of all of the parameters in the **Process** window (see [Figure 2-16 on page 2-18](#)). System and security parameters are not included in the process configuration. System parameters are contained in the .xml configuration file. A different set of system parameters can be selected by loading a previously saved configuration file (see [section 2.3.3.1.2](#)).

Figure 2-9 Process list

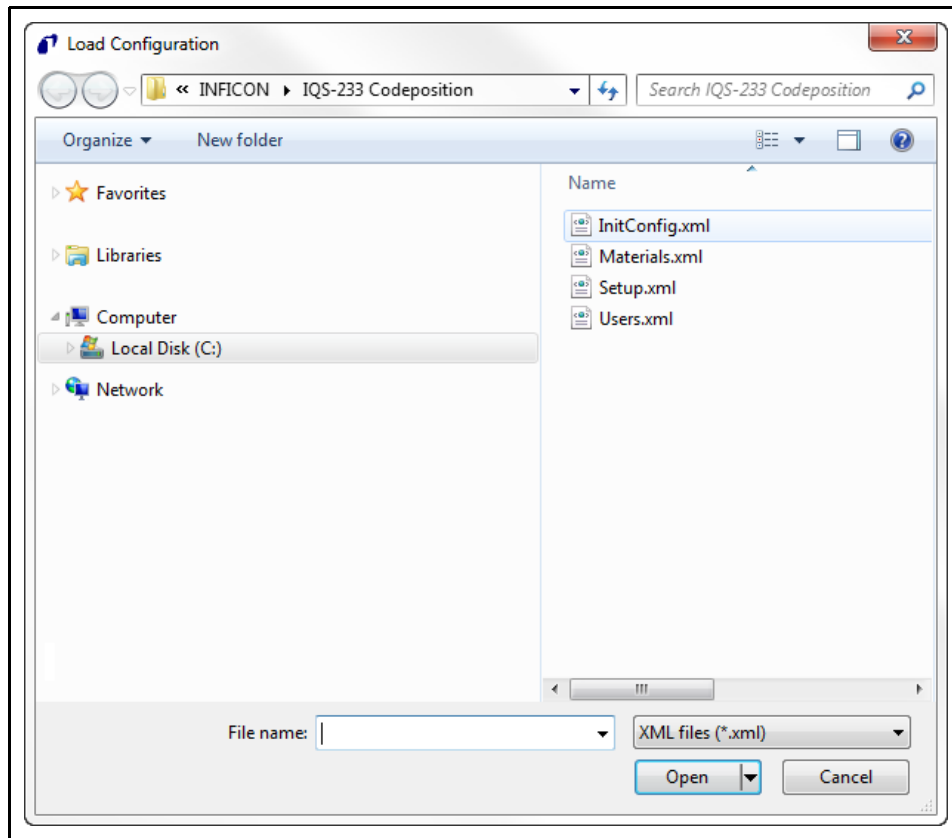


### 2.3.3.1.2 Open

Click **File >> Open** to display the **Load Configuration** window (see [Figure 2-10](#)) where a previously saved configuration file containing a set of parameters used for a previous deposition can be selected and loaded.

Configuration files are in .xml format. **InitConfig.xml** is loaded when IQS-233 Codeposition software is started. Once the software is running, a different configuration file can be selected and loaded. Another process can be selected without altering the system parameters loaded by the configuration file (refer to [section 2.3.3.1.1](#)).

Figure 2-10 Load Configuration window



### CAUTION

**Do not delete or alter the InitConfig.xml, Materials.xml, Setup.xml, or Users.xml files located in the C:\ProgramData\INFICON\IQS-233 Codeposition folder.**

**Do not move these files to another folder.**

### 2.3.3.1.3 Save

Click **File >> Save** to save the current Process and System parameter values to the configuration filename displayed in the message pane on the IQS-233 Codeposition window.

If the default configuration filename, InitConfig.xml, is displayed, the default parameters loaded when IQS-233 Codeposition software is started will be overwritten by any changes made to the Process and System parameters.

### 2.3.3.1.4 Save As

Click **File >> Save As** to save the current Process and System configuration under a different name. Configuration files are saved in .xml format. The default folder for saving a configuration file is **C:\ProgramData\INFICON\IQS-233 Codeposition**; however, the configuration file may be saved to another folder location if desired (see [Figure 2-11](#)).



#### **CAUTION**

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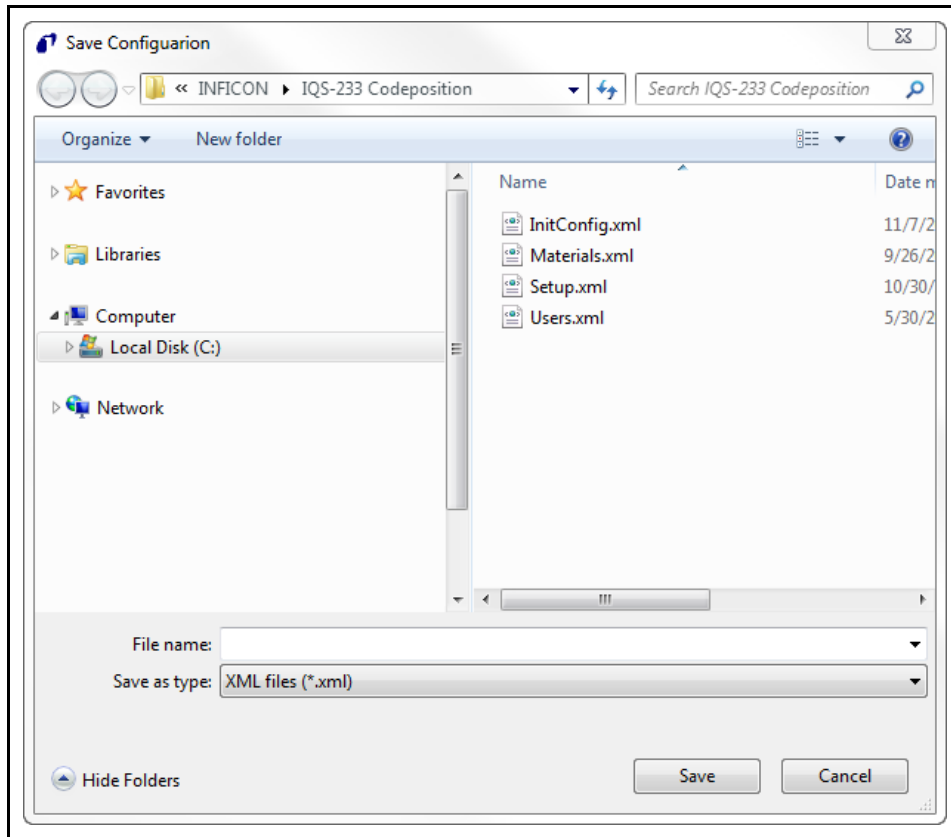
**Do not delete or alter the InitConfig.xml, Materials.xml, Setup.xml, and Users.xml files located in the C:\ProgramData\INFICON\IQS-233 Codeposition folder.**

**Do not move these files to another folder.**

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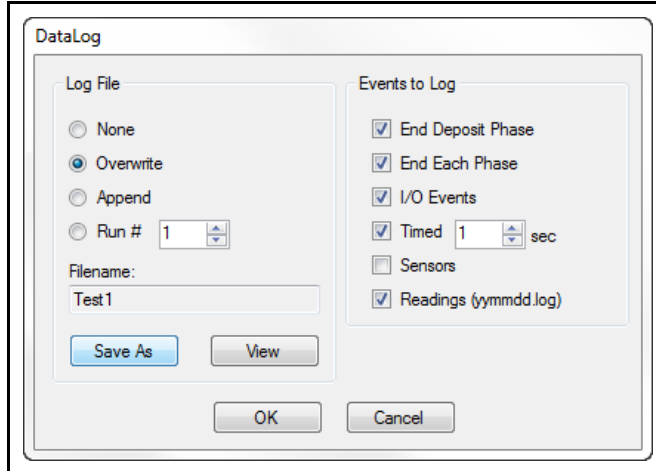
Figure 2-11 Save Configuration window



### 2.3.3.1.5 Log Data

Click **File >> Log Data** to display the **DataLog** window where data log preferences can be configured and saved to a .csv format data log file (see [Figure 2-12](#)).

Figure 2-12 DataLog window



When data logging is activated, data is recorded for the following parameters:

- ◆ Process Name
- ◆ Run Number
- ◆ Date Time
- ◆ Event
- ◆ Layer
- ◆ Process Time
- ◆ Layer Time
- ◆ Deposit Time
- ◆ Output Number
- ◆ Film
- ◆ Thickness
- ◆ Rate
- ◆ Rate Deviation
- ◆ Power
- ◆ Sensor Number
- ◆ Sensor Rate
- ◆ Sensor Thickness
- ◆ Frequency

**NOTE:** The parameters recorded in the data log file depend on the parameter selections in the **Events to Log** pane of the **DataLog** window.

**Log File pane**

- None** . . . . . Data logging is unavailable.
- Filename** . . . . . Displays the name of the file to which process data will be saved.
- Overwrite** . . . . . Each process run is saved to the file name displayed in the Filename box.  
**NOTE:** Subsequent process runs will overwrite previous data in this file.
- Append** . . . . . Data logged for the current process run is added on to the end of any previously logged data in the file displayed in the Filename box.
- Run #** . . . . . Each process run is saved as a separate file with the format filename\_#.csv, where # is a number that increments with each new run.
- Save As** . . . . . Displays the Save As window, where process data can be saved as a .csv format file. The name of this file will be displayed in the Filename box.
- View** . . . . . Displays the default Log folder where data log files are stored. Click a data log file to display a preview of the file contents or double-click the file to open it in Microsoft® Excel®.

**Events to Log pane**

- End Deposit Phase** . . . . . Data is recorded at the end of each layer’s deposit phase.
- End Each Phase** . . . . . Data is recorded at the end of all phases.
- I/O Events** . . . . . Data is recorded each time an external digital input or output changes state.
- Timed** . . . . . Data is recorded at the selected time interval.
- Sensors** . . . . . Data is recorded for individual sensors in addition to the normally recorded data.
- Readings (yymmdd.log)** . . . . . When the Readings check box is selected, the following data from individual sensors is recorded and saved in a separate file: Timer, Run Time, Sensor #, Rate, Thickness, and Frequency. The file is saved in the format of yymmdd.csv (for example, data saved on January 15, 2014 will be saved to a file named 140115.csv).

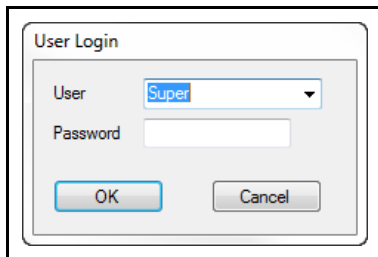
**2.3.3.2 Print Process**

Click **File >> Print Process** to print the configuration parameters for the current Process to the default printer.

**2.3.3.3 User Login**

Click **File >> User Login** to display the **User Login** window (see [Figure 2-13](#)) allowing a different user to log on to IQS-233 Codeposition software. When a different **User** name and its associated **Password** are entered, the current session is ended and the security access levels change to that of the new user. See [section 2.3.3.7 on page 2-61](#) for more information.

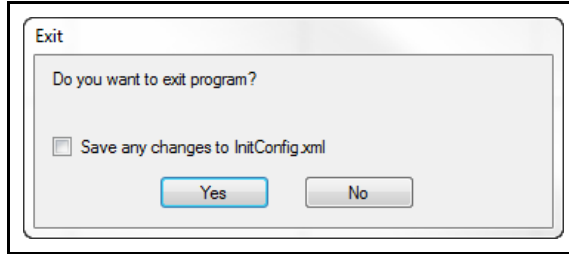
*Figure 2-13 User Login window*



### 2.3.3.4 Exit

Click **File >> Exit** to display the **Exit** window (see [Figure 2-14](#)). When exiting the software, changes made to the current Process, Film, and System parameters can be saved to the configuration filename displayed in the **Exit** window by selecting the **Save any changes to (name).xml** check box and clicking **Yes**. Refer to [section 2.3.3.1.4 on page 2-12](#) to save parameter changes to a different configuration filename.

Figure 2-14 Exit window

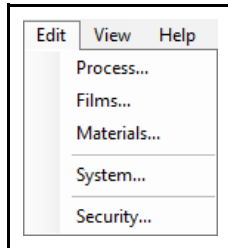


### 2.3.3.5 Edit

Click **Edit** to display the list of Edit commands. See [Figure 2-15](#).

**NOTE:** The Edit commands are not available once a process is started or while a process is running.

Figure 2-15 Edit items list

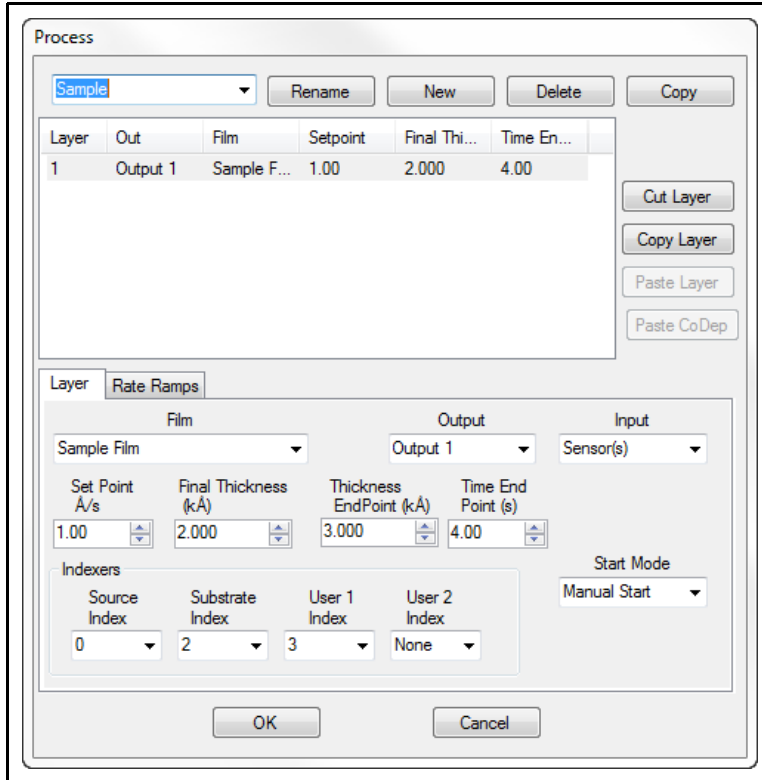


- ◆ **Process**, see [section 2.3.3.5.1](#)
- ◆ **Films**, see [section 2.3.3.5.6 on page 2-28](#)
- ◆ **Materials**, see [section 2.3.3.5.12 on page 2-42](#)
- ◆ **System**, see [section 2.3.3.6 on page 2-44](#)
- ◆ **Security**, see [section 2.3.3.7 on page 2-61](#)

2.3.3.5.1 Process

Click **Edit >> Process** to display the **Process** window. The **Process** window provides the commands needed to develop a thin film deposition process consisting of one or more Layers. See [Figure 2-16](#).

Figure 2-16 Process window

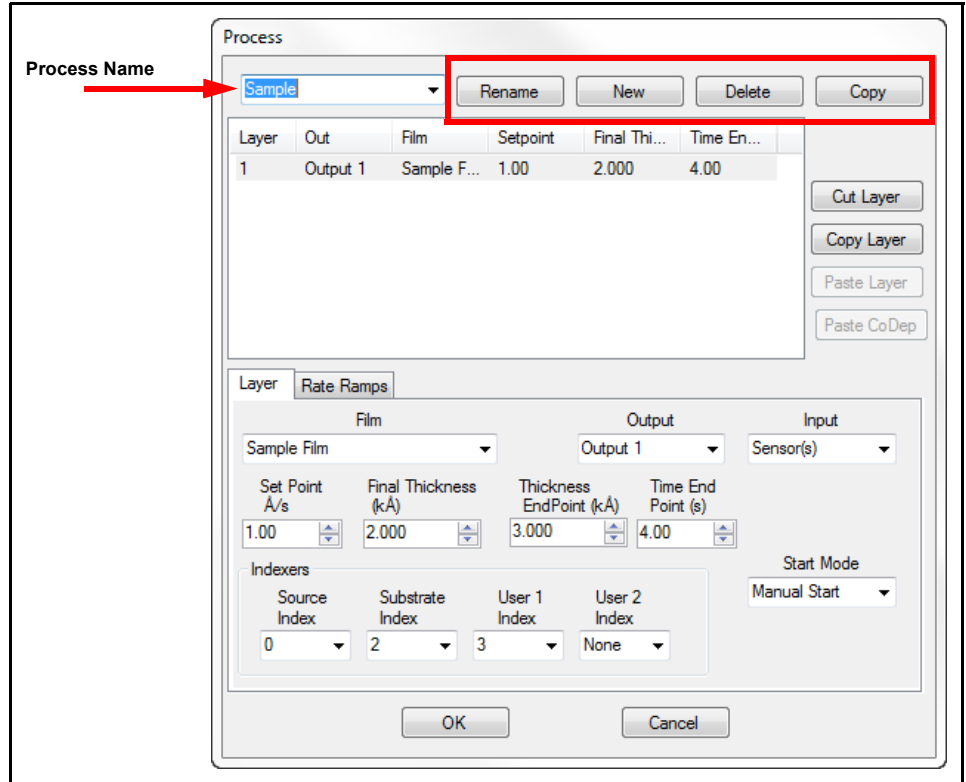


- ◆ **Process** name and edit commands, see [section 2.3.3.5.2](#)
- ◆ **Layer** tab, see [section 2.3.3.5.4 on page 2-23](#)
- ◆ **Rate Ramps** tab, see [section 2.3.3.5.5 on page 2-26](#)

**2.3.3.5.2 Process Name and Edit Commands**

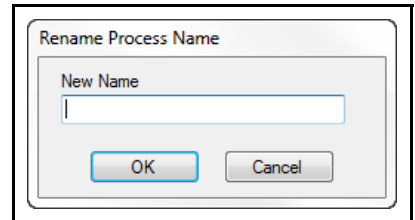
**Process name box** . . . . . Select a name from a list of previously saved Process names to load the configuration for that Process. See [Figure 2-17](#).

*Figure 2-17 Process window - Process name and edit commands*



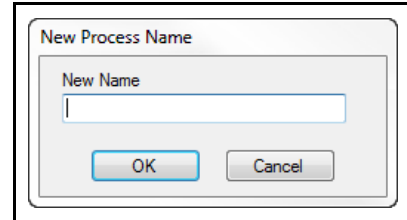
**Rename** . . . . . Displays the Rename Process Name window where the name of the current Process can be changed. The original Process name is replaced. See [Figure 2-18](#).

*Figure 2-18 Rename Process Name window*



**New** ..... Displays the New Process Name window where the name for a new Process configuration can be entered. When the New Process Name window is closed (by clicking OK), the name for the new Process is displayed in the Process name box and the default Process configuration is displayed. The original Process name is not deleted. See [Figure 2-19](#).

Figure 2-19 New Process Name window



**Delete** ..... Deletes the current Process configuration from the database of Process configurations.

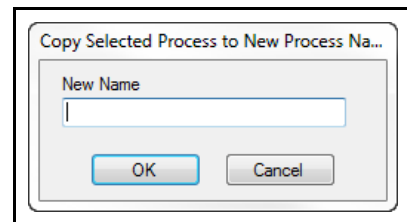


**CAUTION**

**Delete cannot be undone.**

**Copy** ..... Displays the Copy Selected Process to New Process Name window where a duplicate of the current Process configuration can be named and saved. See [Figure 2-20](#).

Figure 2-20 Copy Selected Process to New Process Name window

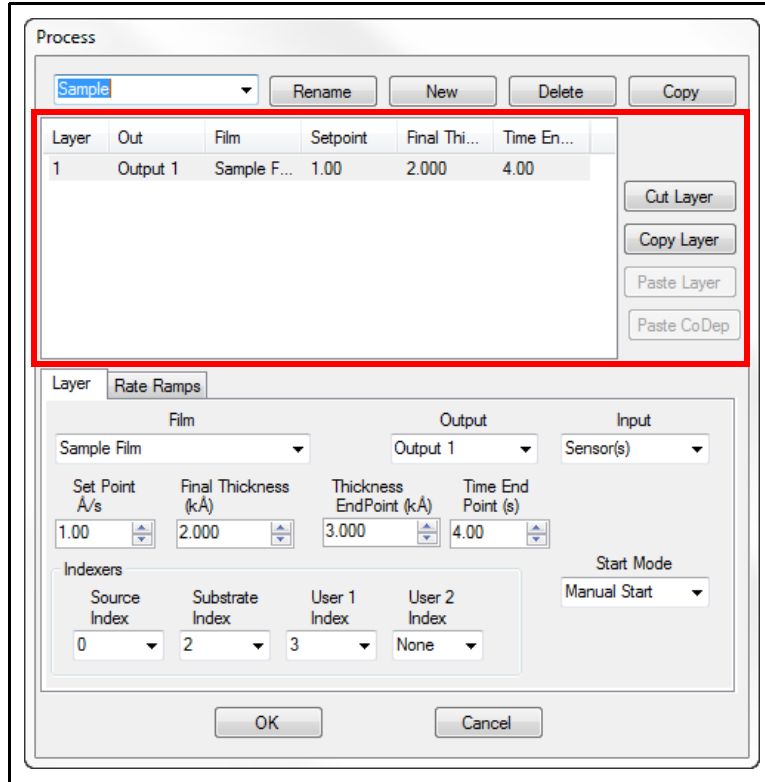




### 2.3.3.5.3 Layer Information and Edit Commands

A Process consists of the Layer(s) displayed in the **Layer** information pane (see Figure 2-21). A Layer consists of the parameters configured in the **Layer** tab (see Figure 2-22 on page 2-23) and **Rate Ramps** tab (see Figure 2-23 on page 2-26).

Figure 2-21 Process window - Layer information and edit commands



**Layer** . . . . . Click the number of the desired Layer to display the parameters in the Layer and Rate Ramps tabs pertaining to that Layer.

**NOTE:** All related Codeposition Layers have the same Layer number, but each Codeposition Layer must use a different Output.

**Out** . . . . . The name of the source Output mapped to a physical source output connection on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card. Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the source output connection. The Output name is selected in the Layer tab (see Figure 2-22 on page 2-23). The relationship between the Output name and the physical output connection on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card is configured in the Outputs tab of the System Setup window (see Figure 2-37 on page 2-45).

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- Film** . . . . . The Film name selected in the Layer tab.
- Setpoint** . . . . . The Setpoint value selected in the Layer tab.
- Final Thickness** . . . . . The Final Thickness value selected in the Layer tab.
- Time Endpoint** . . . . . The Time Endpoint value selected in the Layer tab.
- Cut Layer** . . . . . Deletes the selected Layer from the Layer information pane and moves that Layer to the Clipboard.
- Copy Layer** . . . . . Copies the selected Layer to the Clipboard.
- Paste Layer** . . . . . Inserts a Layer from the Clipboard directly below the selected Layer. The Layer number increments for each new Layer. Any Layers below the selected Layer are shifted downward and their Layer numbers are incremented accordingly. Click Paste repeatedly to insert multiple Layers. The parameters for the new Layer(s) in the Layer and Rate Ramps tabs can then be changed as needed.
- Paste CoDep** . . . . . Pastes a Layer from the Clipboard directly below a selected Layer. The selected Layer and pasted Layer will become Codeposition Layers with the same Layer number. Any Layers below the pasted Layer will be shifted downward and their Layer numbers incremented accordingly.

**To create Codeposition Layers**

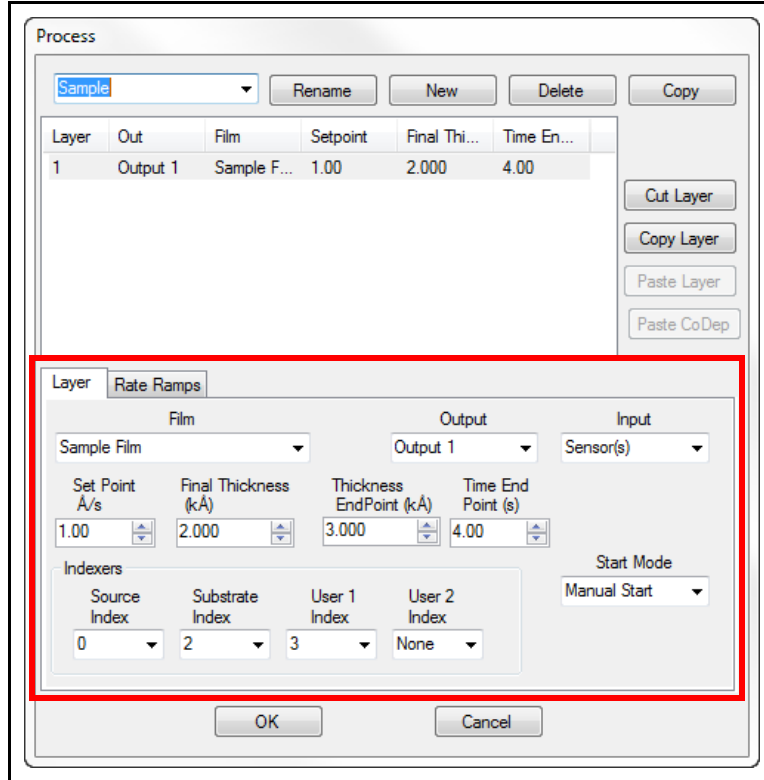
- 1** Click an existing Layer and click **Copy Layer**.
- 2** Change the **Output** in the **Layer** tab (see [Figure 2-22](#)) of the existing layer.
- 3** Click **Paste CoDep** to paste the cut Layer directly below the selected Layer. The Codeposition Layers will have the same Layer number.

**NOTE:** Each Codeposition Layer must use a different Output.

### 2.3.3.5.4 Layer Tab

The **Layer** tab (see [Figure 2-22](#)), used to configure a Layer, consists of the following parameters:

Figure 2-22 Process window - Layer tab



**Film** . . . . . Select the Film name to be used for the selected Layer. A Film consists of the parameters configured in the Film Edit window (see [Figure 2-24 on page 2-28](#)).

**Output** . . . . . Select the name of the source Output to be used for the selected Layer. The relationship between the Output name and the physical output connection on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card is configured in the Outputs tab of the System Setup window (see [Figure 2-36 on page 2-44](#)). Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the physical source output connection.

**Input.** . . . . . Sensor(s), Timed Power  
 The Input selection determines the control method used during the deposition phase.

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**Sensor(s):**

**Setpoint Å/s** . . . . . -999.90 to 999.90 Å/s

When Sensor(s) is selected, the Setpoint (Å/s) box is displayed where a value for the deposition rate (or the initial deposition rate if rate ramps are used) is selected.

**Timed Power:**

**Setpoint % Pwr** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%

When Timed Power is selected, the Setpoint % Pwr box is displayed where a value equal to a percentage of the full scale source Output voltage is selected. The source Output Power will remain at this constant level during the deposition phase. The deposition phase ends when the Final Thickness value is reached, or the Time Endpoint value is reached, whichever occurs first.

**Final Thickness (kÅ)** . . . . . 0.000 to 999.900 kÅ

When this value is reached, deposition ends and the postcondition phases start. The postcondition phases are configured in the Condition tab of the Film Edit window (see [Figure 2-30 on page 2-34](#)).

**Thickness Endpoint (kÅ)** . . . . . 0.000 to 999.900 kÅ

When this value is reached, the Thickness Setpoint relay will be activated if selected in the I/O tab of the System Setup window. See [Figure 2-40 on page 2-52](#).

**NOTE:** The IQM-232 and SQM-242 cards do not contain relays. A PLC is required to provide the relays. See [Chapter 3, Digital I/O](#).

**Time Endpoint (s)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000.00 s

When this value is reached, the Time Setpoint relay will be activated if selected in the I/O tab of the System Setup window.

**NOTE:** IQM-232 and SQM-242 cards do not contain relays. A PLC is required to provide the relays. See [Chapter 3, Digital I/O](#).

**Start Mode** . . . . . Manual Start, Auto Start, Skip Pre Cond, Continuous

- Manual Start** . . . . . The previous layer ends at its idle power. In the IQS-233 Codeposition window, click Start Layer to start the next Layer.
  - Auto Start** . . . . . Starts the next Layer automatically upon completion of the previous Layer.
  - Skip Pre Cond** . . . . . Skips the precondition phases.
- NOTE:** The **Start Mode** selection must be the same for all related Codeposition Layers.

**Indexers pane**

**NOTE:** A Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is required to provide the relays needed for control of an Indexer. See [Chapter 3, Digital I/O](#).

**Source Index** . . . . . None, 0 to 15

The Source Indexer pocket used by the selected Layer. This value is sent to the PLC at the start of the Layer.

**Substrate Index** . . . . . None, 0 to 4

The Substrate Indexer pocket used by the selected Layer. This value is sent to the PLC at the start of the Layer.

**User 1 Index** . . . . . None, 0 to 15

The index value used by the selected Layer. This value is sent to the PLC at the start of the Layer for use as needed. A common application is to select external equipment configurations.

**User 2 Index** . . . . . None, 0 to 15

The index value used by the selected Layer. This value is sent to the PLC at the start of the Layer for use as needed. A common application is to select external equipment configurations.

**NOTE:** To change the name of the User 1 and User 2 Index as it appears in IQS-233 Codeposition software, open the InitConfig.xml file located at C:\ProgramData\INFICON\IQS-233, and change the name of the indexer in quotation marks located on lines 23 and 24 of the document. Save the document.

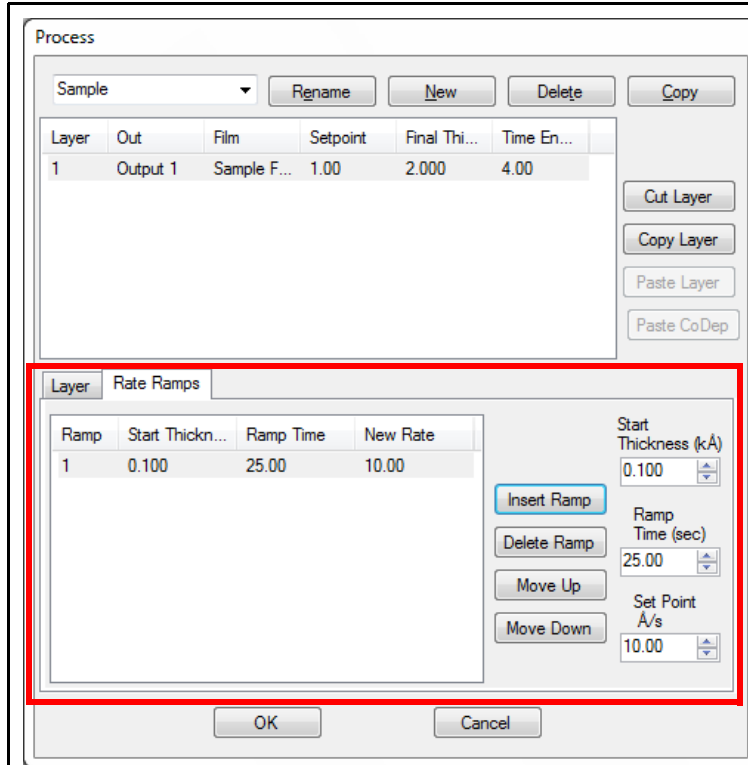
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<LayerIdx Name="User 1" Timeout="30" Done="False" End="15" Start="0">2</LayerIdx>
<LayerIdx Name="User 2" Timeout="30" Done="false" End="15" Start="0">3</LayerIdx>
```

Do not change any other portion of the document. Doing so may cause IQS-233 Codeposition software not to operate properly.

**2.3.3.5.5 Rate Ramps Tab**

Click the **Rate Ramps** tab to display the Rate Ramp parameters (see [Figure 2-23](#)). Rate Ramps allow for more than one deposition rate during the deposition phase. Each Layer of a Process can have an unlimited number of Rate Ramps. Each Rate Ramp consists of a Start Thickness value that initiates ramping to the Setpoint value of a new rate, and a Ramp Time value for the time required to ramp to the new rate Setpoint value.

Figure 2-23 Process window - Rate Ramps tab



**Start Thickness (kÅ)** . . . . . 0.000 to 999.900 kÅ

The value that, when reached, initiates a timed ramp to a new rate. The Start Thickness value should be greater for each subsequent ramp and less than the Final Thickness of the Layer; otherwise, the Rate Ramp is ignored.

**Ramp Time (sec)**. . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s

The time in seconds required to achieve the new rate Setpoint value.

**Setpoint (Å/s)** . . . . . -999.90 to 999.90 Å/s

Setpoint (Å/s) is displayed instead of Setpoint % Pwr when Sensor(s) is selected in the Input box on the Layer tab. Setpoint (Å/s) is the value of a new rate.

**Setpoint % Pwr** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%

Setpoint % Pwr is displayed instead of Setpoint (Å/s) when Timed Power is selected in the Input box of the Layer tab. Setpoint % Pwr is the value of constant Output Power used until the next Rate Ramp is initiated or Final Thickness is reached. This value is equal to a percentage of the full scale source Output voltage.

**Insert Ramp** . . . . . Inserts a new rate ramp configuration for the selected Layer, at the selected position in the rate ramps list. Existing rate ramps are shifted downward.

**Delete Ramp** . . . . . Deletes the selected rate ramp.

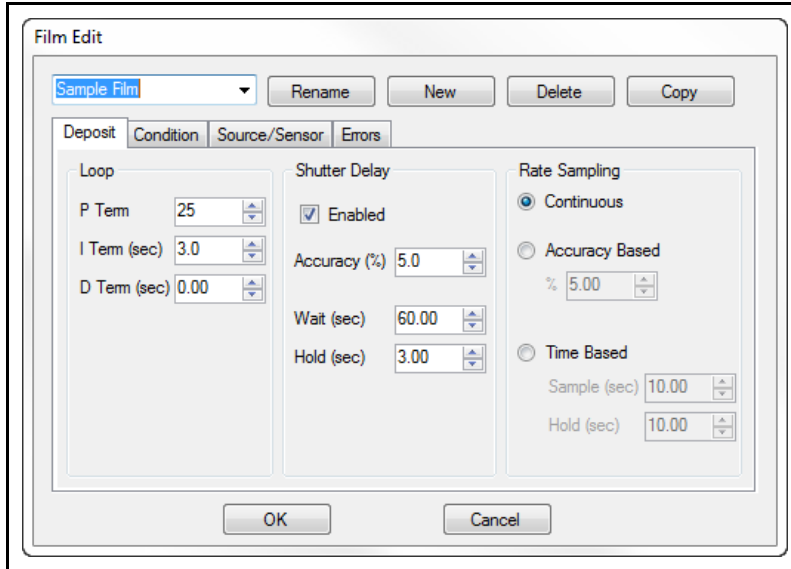
**Move Up** . . . . . Shifts the selected rate ramp up one position.

**Move Down** . . . . . Shifts the selected rate ramp down one position.

### 2.3.3.5.6 Films

Click **Edit >> Films** to display the **Film Edit** window where the configuration for a new Film can be created and an existing Film can be renamed, copied, or deleted. See [Figure 2-24](#).

Figure 2-24 Film Edit window

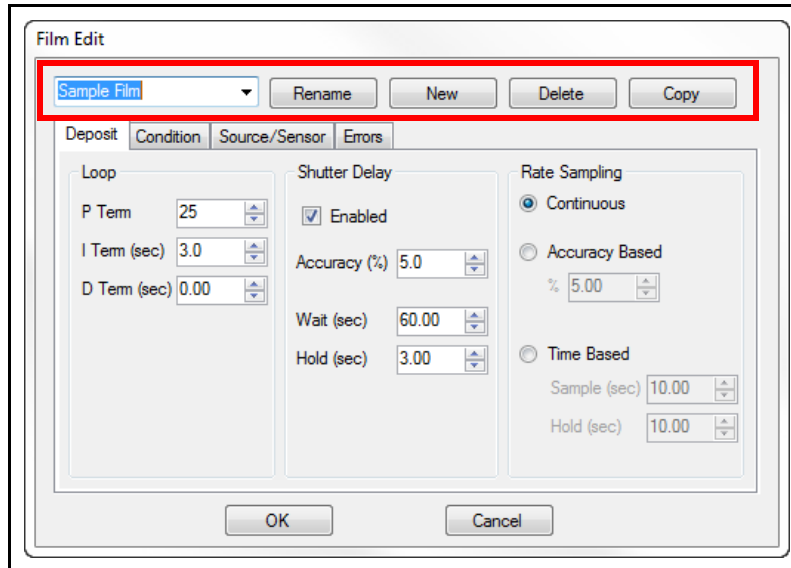


- ◆ **Edit commands**, see [section 2.3.3.5.7](#)
- ◆ **Deposit tab**, see [section 2.3.3.5.8 on page 2-31](#)
- ◆ **Condition tab**, see [section 2.3.3.5.9 on page 2-34](#)
- ◆ **Source/Sensor tab**, see [section 2.3.3.5.10 on page 2-36](#)
- ◆ **Errors tab**, see [section 2.3.3.5.11 on page 2-37](#)



### 2.3.3.5.7 Edit Commands

Figure 2-25 Film Edit window - edit commands

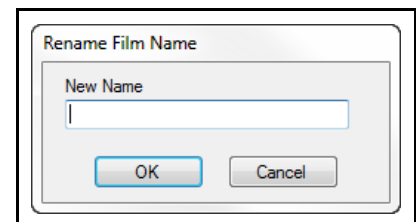


**NOTE:** Edits to a Film will affect any Process with Layers using that Film.

**Film box** . . . . . Displays a list of previously saved Film names. Select a name from the list to display the parameters for that Film in the Deposit, Condition, Source/Sensor, and Errors tabs.

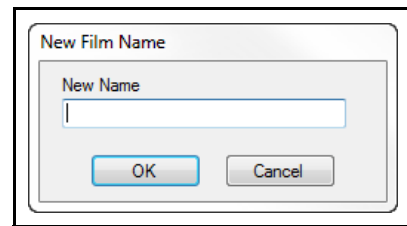
**Rename** . . . . . Displays the Rename Film Name window where a new name for the current Film name can be entered (see Figure 2-26). The original Film name is replaced.

Figure 2-26 Rename Film Name window



**New** ..... Displays the New Film Name window where a name for a new set of Film parameters can be entered. When a new name is entered and the New Film Name window is closed by clicking OK, the new name is displayed in the Film box and the default Process configuration is displayed in the Deposit, Condition, Source/Sensor, and Errors tabs. These Film parameters can then be changed as needed and saved under the new name. The original Film name is not deleted from the list of Film names. See [Figure 2-27](#).

Figure 2-27 New Film Name window



**Delete** ..... Deletes the currently displayed Film name from the list of Film names.

**NOTE:** If the Film to be deleted is used in a Process, a message will display the name of any Process where the Film is used. The Film must be deleted from any Process where the Film is used before the Film can be deleted from the list of Film names.

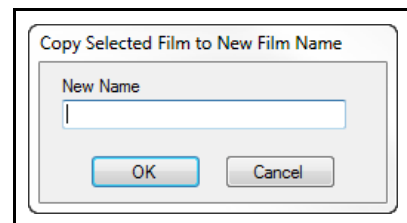


**CAUTION**

**Delete cannot be undone.**

**Copy** ..... Displays the **Copy Selected Film to New Film Name** window where a duplicate of the currently displayed Film parameters can be named and saved. See [Figure 2-28](#).

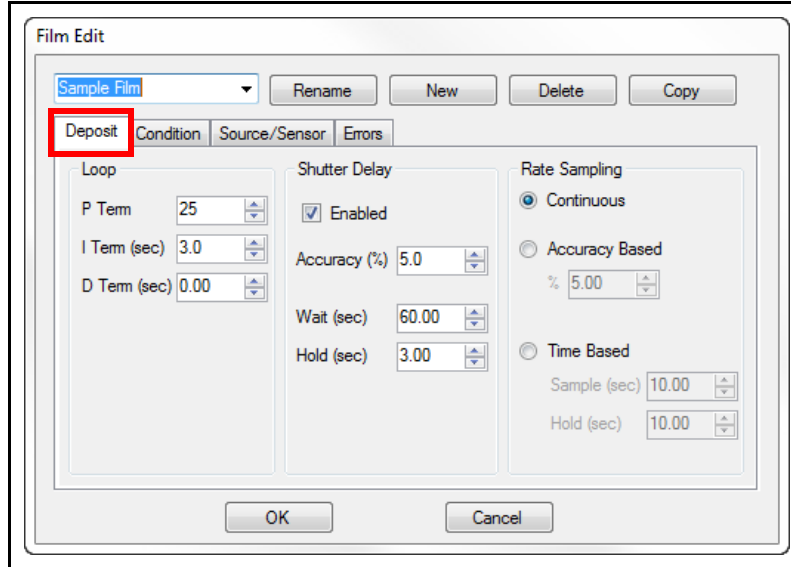
Figure 2-28 Copy Selected Film to New Film Name window



### 2.3.3.5.8 Deposit Tab

PID loop control, Shutter Delay, and Rate Sampling are configured in the Deposit tab. See [Figure 2-29](#).

Figure 2-29 Film Edit window - Deposit tab



#### Loop pane

**P Term** . . . . . 0 to 9999

P is the proportional term that sets the gain of the control loop. A value of 0 makes this command unavailable. Enter a higher gain for a faster responding (but potentially unstable) control loop, and a lower gain for a slower responding control loop. Enter a value of 25, and then gradually increase or decrease the value to respond as desired to rate step changes.

**I Term (sec)** . . . . . 0.0 to 999.9 s

I is the integral term that controls the time constant of the loop. A value of 0 makes this command unavailable. Enter a small I Term, such as 0.5 to 1 second, to smooth the response and minimize overshoot to rate step changes.

**D Term (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 99.90 s

D is the derivative term that determines how quickly the control loop responds to changes. A value of 0 makes this command unavailable. Enter 0 or a very small value to avoid rate oscillations, especially with fast sources, such as electron beam guns. Slow sources, such as resistively heated sources, may require a large D value.

**NOTE:** For detailed information about determining the PID values, see [section 4.5, Tuning the Control Loop, on page 4-5](#).

**Shutter Delay pane**

Shutter Delay allows a stable rate to be achieved before the source shutter opens exposing the substrate to the deposition source.

**Enabled** . . . . . Select the check box to active Shutter Delay.

**Accuracy (%)** . . . . . 0.0 to 30.0 %

A percentage of the desired deposition rate that must be reached within a specified time period (Wait) and not exceeded for a specified time period (Hold). If the Accuracy (%) value is not achieved within the Wait time, or is exceeded before the Hold time elapses, the layer is halted and the message Failed to reach and hold n% control during shutter delay time on (name) film is displayed.

**Wait (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000.00 s

Maximum time allowed to achieve the Accuracy (%) value.

**Hold (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000.00 s

Time period that must elapse without the percentage of desired rate being exceeded.

**Rate Sampling pane**

Rate sampling can extend the life of crystals. With rate sampling, the deposition rate is sampled by a sensor during the Sample time and the average Output Power required to maintain the rate during the Sample time is determined. The sensor shutter is then closed and the Output Power is held at a constant value during the Hold time. When the Hold time elapses, the sensor shutter is opened and the deposition rate is sampled again. This sample and hold cycle continues until the desired Final Thickness value is reached.

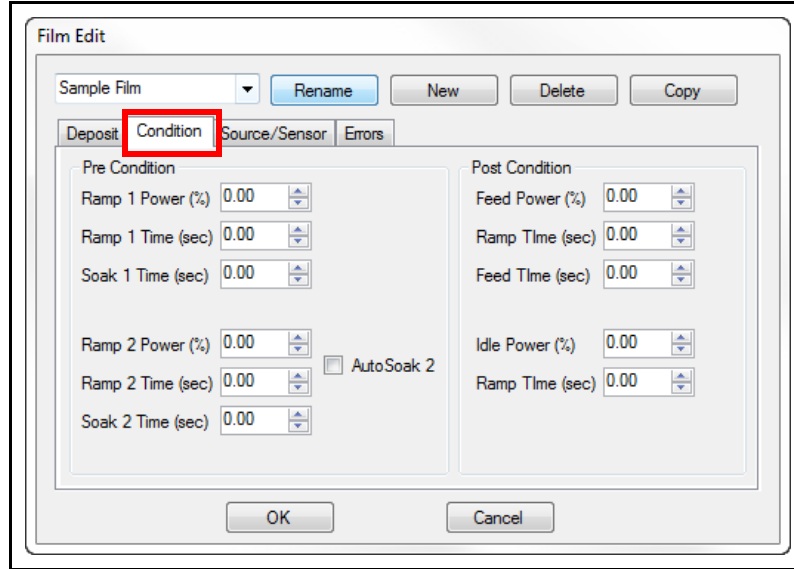
**Continuous** . . . . . Rate Sampling is unavailable and the sensor shutter remains open during deposition.

- Accuracy Based** . . . . . Used in conjunction with the Time Based parameter. If the Rate does not exceed the % value when the Time Based Sample value elapses, the shutter will be closed for the Time Based Hold time, with Output Power held at a constant level during that time; otherwise, the shutter will remain open until the rate is equal to or less than the % value. The % value is a  $\pm$  percentage of the desired deposition rate ( $\pm$  sign is not entered before the value).
- %** . . . . . 00.0 to 100.00 %
- Time Based** . . . . . When deposition starts, the sensor shutter will be opened for the Sample (sec) time, and then the shutter will be closed for the Hold (sec) time, with source power held at a constant level during that time.
- Sample (sec)** . . . . . 00.0 to 100.00 s
- Hold (sec)** . . . . . 00.0 to 100.00 s

**2.3.3.5.9 Condition Tab**

Preconditioning and postconditioning phases are configured in the **Condition** tab. See [Figure 2-30](#).

Figure 2-30 Film Edit window - Condition tab



**Pre Condition pane**

Before the deposition phase starts, it is often necessary to precondition the source material, especially when using a thermal source. At the end of the precondition phase, the power level should be at or near the power required for deposition.

**Ramp 1 Power (%)** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%

The output Power at the end of the Ramp 1 Time phase. This value is a percentage of the full scale output (Full Scale Out) selected in the Outputs tab of the System Setup window.

**Ramp 1 Time (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s

The length of time to change the output power from the initial power level to the Ramp 1 Power level.

**Soak 1 Time (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s

The length of time the output Power remains at the Ramp Power level.

**Ramp 2 Power (%)** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%

Same command as Ramp 1 Power. Typically, the Ramp 2 Power value is set to approximately the power level required to achieve the desired initial deposition rate.

- Ramp 2 Time (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s  
Same command as Ramp 1 Time.
- Soak 2 Time (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s  
Same command as Soak 1 Time.
- Auto Soak 2** . . . . . When the check box is selected, a power value based on the power level used during the deposition phase is used for the Ramp 2 Power value during the next run of the selected Layer.

**Post Condition pane**

Feed parameters are used with systems that provide wire-fed material to the source. The Feed phase starts immediately after the deposition phase ends. If the Feed parameters are at 0, the Feed phase is skipped and the Idle phase starts.

- Feed Power (%)**. . . . . 0.00 to 100.0%  
The Power level reached at the end of the Ramp Time. This value is a percentage of the full scale output (Full Scale Out) selected in the Outputs tab on the System Setup window.

- Ramp Time (sec)**. . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s  
The amount of time required to reach the Feed Power level after the deposition phase ends.

- Feed Time (sec)** . . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s  
The time that Output Power stays at the Feed Power value before the Idle phase starts.  
  
The Idle phase follows the Feed phase. If the Feed parameters are at 0, the Feed phase is skipped and the Idle phase starts immediately after the deposition phase ends.

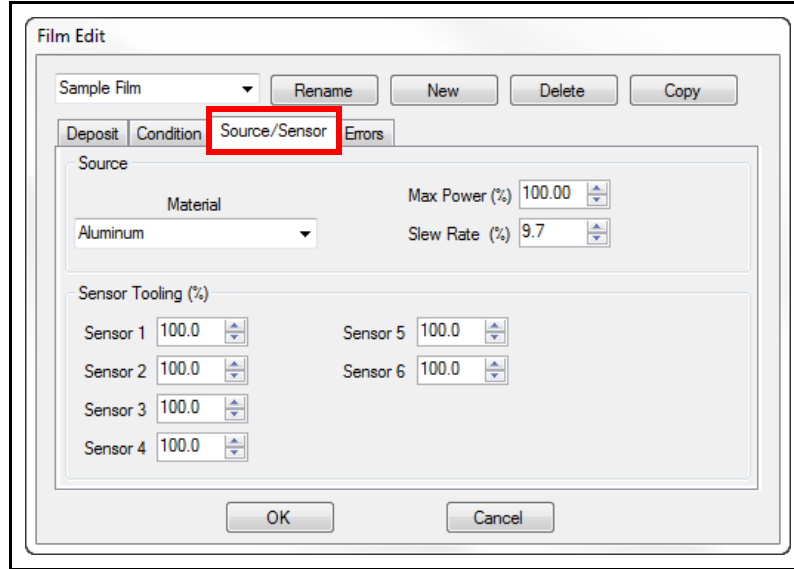
- Idle Power (%)**. . . . . 0.00 to 100.0%  
The Power level reached at the end of the Ramp Time. This value is a percentage of the full scale output (Full Scale Out) selected in the Outputs tab of the System Setup window.

- Ramp Time (sec)**. . . . . 0.00 to 30000 s  
The time required to reach the Idle Power level after the Feed phase ends (or the Deposition phase ends, if Feed parameters are at 0).

**2.3.3.5.10 Source/Sensor Tab**

Max Power, Slew Rate, and Sensor Tooling are configured in the Source/Sensor tab, and the material to be deposited is selected in this tab. See [Figure 2-31](#).

Figure 2-31 Film Edit window - Source/Sensor tab



**Source pane**

**Material** . . . . . Select the material to be deposited from a list of material names. The Density and Z-Ratio values for that material are displayed in the Materials window (see [Figure 2-33 on page 2-42](#)) where these values can be edited if desired.

**Max Power (%)** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%  
 The maximum Output Power allowed, as a percentage of the Full Scale Out value in the Outputs tab on the System Setup window (see [Figure 2-37 on page 2-45](#)). For example, if the Full Scale Out value is -10 and the Max Power value is 75, the Output Power will not exceed 75%, and therefore the output voltage to the source will not exceed -7.5 V.

**Slew Rate (%)** . . . . . 0.0 to 100.0%  
 The maximum allowed change per second of Output Power, for an Output using PID loop control, as a percentage of the Full Scale Out value in the Outputs tab on the System Setup window.



**Sensor Tooling (%) pane**

Compensates for differences due to sensor and substrate geometry of the Thickness measured by the sensor and the actual Thickness of material deposited on the substrate (see section 4.3 on page 4-2). A value of 0.0 makes a sensor unavailable.

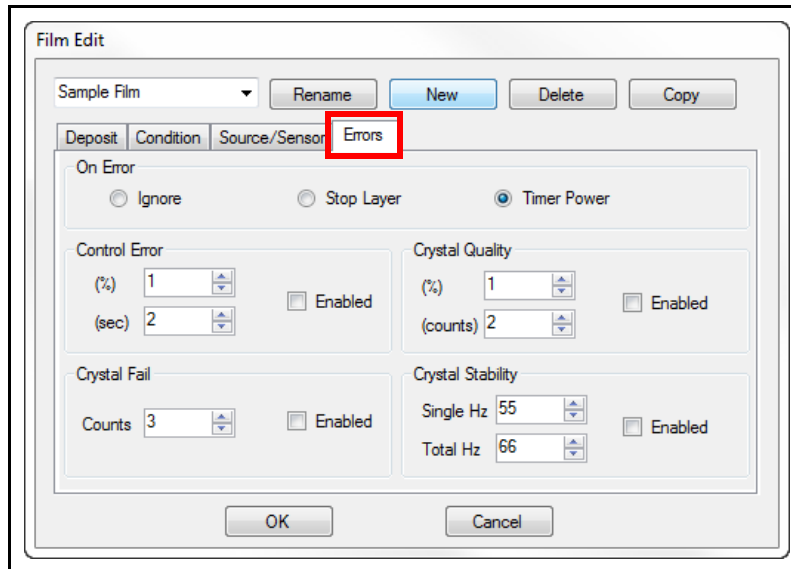
**Sensor 1 to 6** (IQM-233) . . . 0.0 to 999.0%

**Sensor 1 to 8** (SQM-242) . . 0.0 to 999.0%

**2.3.3.5.11 Errors Tab**

Error detection and the action to occur upon the error are configured in the Errors tab. See Figure 2-32.

Figure 2-32 Film Edit window - Errors tab



**HINT:** Until the stability and repeatability of the Process has been established, the **Enabled** check boxes for **Control Error**, **Crystal Quality**, and **Crystal Stability** should be cleared, and the check box for Crystal Fail be selected.

**On Error pane**

The selected action is initiated if an error condition occurs as determined by the Control Error pane selections. The possible actions are:

**Ignore** . . . . . All error conditions are ignored. The PID loop attempts to control the rate until the deposition phase is completed.

**Stop Layer** . . . . . Stops the deposition phase and sets source output power to zero. This allows the cause of the error to be corrected before continuing the deposition phase, or allows the deposition phase to be completed using manual control.

**Timer Power** . . . . . A constant power level, based on the last "good" rate measurements before the error occurs, is used to complete the deposition phase.

**NOTE:** A good rate is defined as a rate not exceeding the Control Error % value (if Control Error is selected), or not exceeding  $\pm 10\%$  rate deviation (if Control Error is cleared).

**Control Error pane**

If the PID control loop cannot achieve a deposition rate within a specified percentage of the desired rate for a specified time period, the action selected in the On Error pane is initiated.

**HINT:** Shutter Delay can ensure adequate rate control before the deposition phase starts. Refer to [section 2.3.3.5.8 on page 2-31](#).

**Enabled** . . . . . Select the check box to activate the Control Error command

**(%)** . . . . . 0 to 30%  
 The  $\pm$  percentage (the sign is not entered before the value) of deviation from the desired rate that when exceeded for a specified time (sec) initiates the On Error selection.

**(sec)** . . . . . 0 to 99 s  
 The period of time the rate must exceed the (%) value before the On Error selection is initiated.

**Crystal Fail pane**

A Crystal Fail error occurs if the crystal frequency of any Sensor used by the Film is invalid for a specified number of measurements.

**Enabled** . . . . . Select the check box to activate the Crystal Fail command.

**Counts** . . . . . 0 to 99

The quantity of invalid crystal frequency measurements. If this value is exceeded the On Error action is initiated and the message Xtal Fail: Sensor x Freq is displayed. An invalid frequency measurement is defined as no frequency, or a frequency above the Max. Freq value or below the Min. Freq value in the Card tab of the System Setup window.



**CAUTION**

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**If Ignore is selected as the On Error action and a Crystal Fail occurs, Output Power can increase to maximum. Selecting the Crystal Fail Enabled check box in conjunction with selecting Stop Layer or Timed Power as the On Error action is recommended.**

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**CAUTION**

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**When using a dual sensor, the Crystal Fail Enabled check box must be selected for the Dual sensor shutter to open if a Crystal Fail error occurs.**

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**Crystal Quality pane**

A Crystal Quality error occurs if the deposition rate exceeds a percentage of the desired rate for a specified number of measurements.

**Enabled** . . . . . Select the check box to activate the Crystal Quality command.

**(%)** . . . . . 0 to 50%

The ± percentage (sign is not entered before the value) of deviation from the desired rate that when exceeded increments a counter or when not exceeded decrements the counter. The % parameter is used in conjunction with the (counts) parameter.

**(counts)** . . . . . 0 to 99

During the deposition phase, each rate measurement exceeding the (%) value increments a counter. Each rate measurement not exceeding the (%) value decrements the counter to a minimum count of 0. If the quantity of measurement counts exceeds the (counts) value, the On Error action is initiated and the message Xtal Fail: Sensor x Qual is displayed.

**Crystal Stability pane**

When material is being deposited, crystal frequency normally decreases. However, near the end of crystal life, the crystal frequency may briefly "mode hop" to higher frequencies. Other causes of a frequency increase include thermal effects, material stress, and e-beam arcing. A Crystal Stability error will occur if the specified magnitude of positive frequency increase is exceeded or the specified sum of positive frequency increases is exceeded.

**Enabled** . . . . . Select the check box to activate the Crystal Stability command.

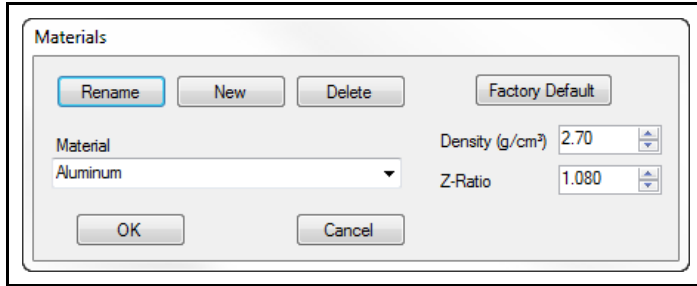
**Single Hz** . . . . . 25 to 9999  
The largest single frequency increase allowed during the deposition phase. If this value is exceeded, the On Error action is initiated and the message Xtal Fail: Sensor x Stab is displayed.

**Total Hz** . . . . . 25 to 9999  
The maximum sum allowed for frequency increase events occurring during the deposition phase, If this value is exceeded, the On Error action is initiated and the message Xtal Fail: Sensor x Stab is displayed.

**2.3.3.5.12 Materials**

Click **Edit >> Materials** to display the **Materials** window where the Density and Z-Ratio values can be edited and saved, and the name of the material can be edited and saved. See [Figure 2-33](#).

Figure 2-33 Materials window

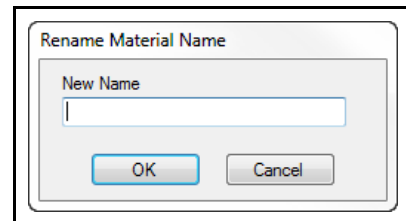


**Material** . . . . . Select a Material from the Material library list to display the Density and Z-Ratio for that material. The Density and Z-Ratio values can be edited and the new values can be saved under the existing Material name. An existing Material name can be renamed or a new Material name can be created.

**Rename** . . . . . Displays the Rename Material Name window where the currently displayed name can be changed and saved to the Material library (the original name is removed from the library).

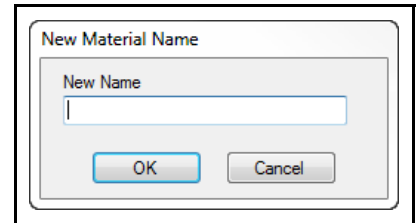
**NOTE:** If the renamed material is used by a Film, the material name displayed in the Source/Sensor tab of the Film Edit window will automatically change to the new name.

Figure 2-34 Rename Material Name window



**New** ..... Displays the New Material Name window where a name for a new material can be entered and saved to the Material library. To display the new material name, select the new name from the Material library list. The Density and Z-Ratio values for that material can then be edited and saved under the new name.

*Figure 2-35 New Material Name window*



**Delete** ..... Deletes the currently displayed material name from the material library.



**CAUTION**

**Delete cannot be undone.**

**Factory Default** ..... Restores the Material Name, Density, and Z-Ratio values to the factory default values for all Materials.



**CAUTION**

**Any custom changes or added materials will be lost.**

**Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)** ..... 0.40 to 99.99 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

The density of the material to be deposited (see [Appendix A, Material Table](#)). The Density value has a significant effect on the measured Thickness.

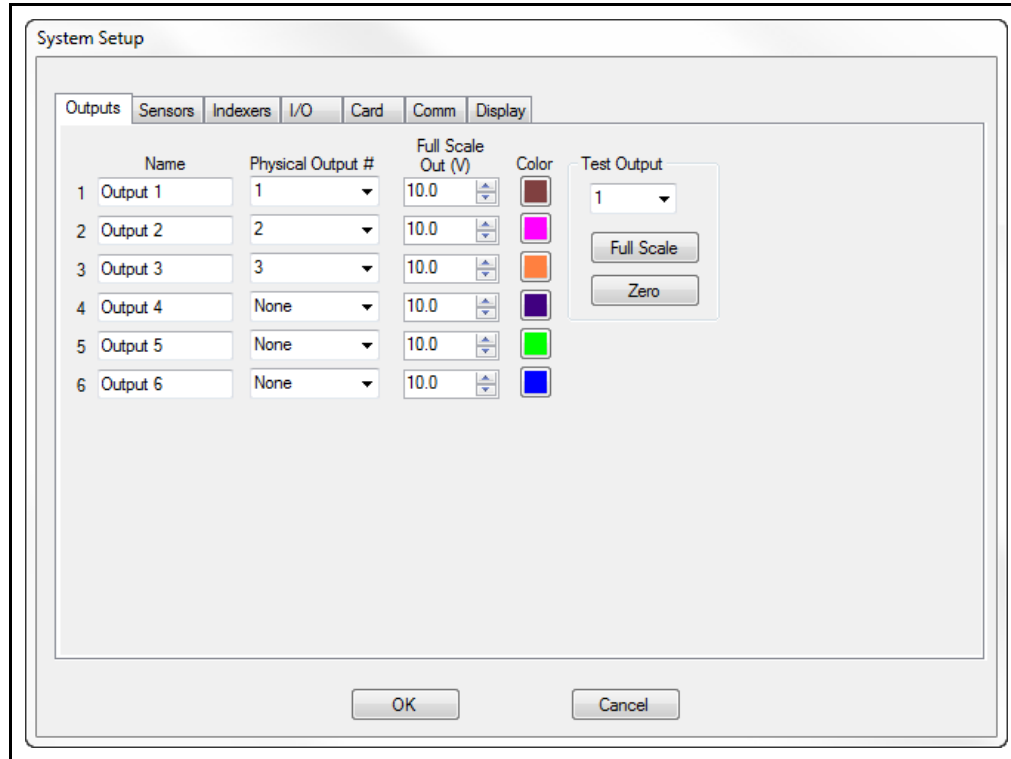
**Z-Ratio** ..... 0.100 to 9.999

A value specific to the material being deposited that compensates for the mechanical elasticity of the material to the quartz crystal (see [Appendix A, Material Table](#)). The Z-Ratio has a minimal effect on the measured Thickness when the crystal is new and a greater effect on Thickness as the deposited coating on the crystal becomes thicker.

### 2.3.3.6 System

Click **Edit >> System** to display the **System Setup** window where system hardware and IQS-233 Codeposition software displays can be configured. See [Figure 2-36](#).

Figure 2-36 System Setup window



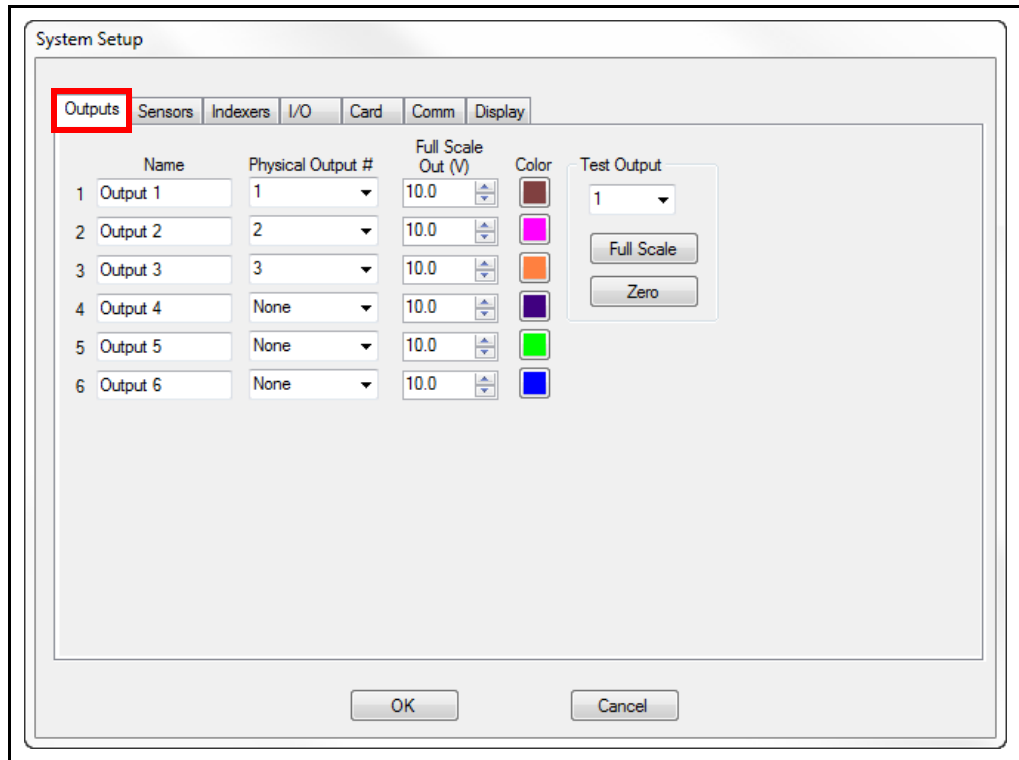
- ◆ **Outputs** tab, see [section 2.3.3.6.1](#)
- ◆ **Sensors** tab, see [section 2.3.3.6.2 on page 2-47](#)
- ◆ **Indexers** tab, see [section 2.3.3.6.3 on page 2-50](#)
- ◆ **I/O** tab, see [section 2.3.3.6.4 on page 2-52](#)
- ◆ **Card** tab, see [section 2.3.3.6.5 on page 2-56](#)
- ◆ **Comm** tab, see [section 2.3.3.6.6 on page 2-58](#)
- ◆ **Display** tab, see [section 2.3.3.6.7 on page 2-60](#)



### 2.3.3.6.1 Outputs Tab

The source Outputs are configured in the **Outputs** tab. See [Figure 2-37](#).

Figure 2-37 System Setup window - Outputs tab



**Name** . . . . . Outputs 1 to 6 (IQM-233 cards)  
 Outputs 1 to 4 (SQM-242 cards)

A new name for an Output can be entered in the Name box.

**NOTE:** Output 1 to Output 3 are displayed if one IQM-233 card is installed. Output 1 and Output 2 are displayed if one SQM-242 card is installed.

**Physical Output #** . . . . . None, 1 to 6 (IQM-233 cards)  
 None, 1 to 4 (SQM-242 cards)

The Physical Output number mapped to the same numbered source output connection on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card. Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the source output connections.

- Full Scale Out (V)** . . . . . 0.0 to ±10.0

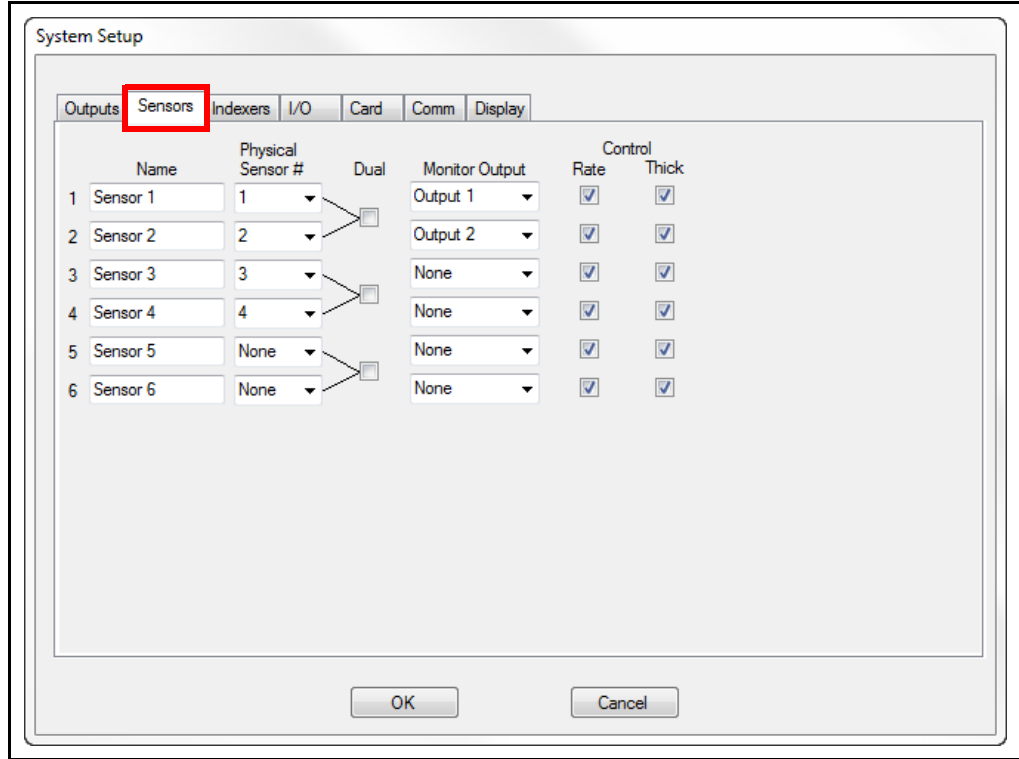
Enter the desired value for the source output voltage at 100% Power. This value can be from -10.0 to +10.0 (the + sign is not required), but must not exceed the maximum input voltage allowed for the equipment connected to the source output on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card.
  
- Color** . . . . . Click the Color box corresponding to an Output and select a color from the color palette to be used for the corresponding Output Power, Rate, and Deviation graph. The Color also changes the color of the Film, Rate, Deviation, Thickness, and Power values on the IQS-233 Codeposition window (see [Figure 2-54 on page 2-72](#)).
  
- Test Output** . . . . . 1 to 6

Select the number of the Physical Output to be tested. Use the Full Scale and Zero commands to test the selected Physical Output. Verify with a digital multimeter.
  
- Full Scale** . . . . . Forces the selected Physical Output to its Full Scale Out value.
  
- Zero** . . . . . Zeroes the selected Physical Output.

### 2.3.3.6.2 Sensors Tab

Sensor assignments, Output-Sensor mapping, and Sensor/Output control method are configured in the Sensors tab. See [Figure 2-38](#).

Figure 2-38 System Setup window - Sensors tab



**Name** ..... Sensor 1 to 6 (IQM-233 cards)  
 Sensor 1 to 8 (SQM-242 cards)

A new name for a Sensor can be entered in the Name text box.

**NOTE:** Sensor 1 to Sensor 3 are displayed if one IQM-233 card is installed. Sensor 1 to Sensor 4 are displayed if one SQM-242 card is installed.

**Physical Sensor #** . . . . . None, 1 to 6 (IQM-233 cards)  
 None, 1 to 8 (SQM-242 cards)

The Physical Sensor numbers 1 to 3 or 1 to 4 correspond to the same numbered sensor connection on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card, respectively. The Physical Sensor numbers 4 to 6 or 5 to 8 correspond to the sensor connections 1 to 3 or 1 to 4 on the second IQM-233 or SQM-242 card, respectively. Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the sensor connections.

**NOTE:** When two cards are installed, computers may vary in which PCI express slot corresponds to card 1 (Physical Sensor numbers 1 to 3 or 1 to 4).

**Dual** . . . . . Select the Dual check box to select the corresponding sensor pair as the primary and secondary channels of a dual sensor. If a crystal fail occurs for the primary channel, the dual sensor shutter exposes the secondary crystal and the secondary channel is used for measurement. A PLC is required to provide the relay for the dual sensor shutter (see [Chapter 3, Digital I/O](#)).

**Monitor Output** . . . . . None, Output 1 to 6 (IQM-233 cards)  
 None, Output 1 to 4 (SQM-242 cards)

Select the name of an Output to map to the corresponding sensor. Multiple sensors may be mapped to the same Output name for sensor rate averaging.

**Control** . . . . . Rate, Thick

Select the Rate check box to use the corresponding sensor for PID control of the mapped output and contribute to rate averaging if other sensors are mapped to the same output.

Select the Thick check box to have the corresponding sensor provide a Thickness reading in the Reading window (View >> Sensor Readings) and contribute to the aggregate Thickness reading in the IQS-233 Codeposition window.

Clear the Rate and Thick check boxes for the corresponding sensor to monitor a deposition with no PID control of the mapped output. This sensor will be removed from rate averaging if other sensors are mapped to the same output. The deposition phase will not stop when the Final Thickness value is reached assuming no other sensors being used have the Thick check box selected.

**2.3.3.6.3 Indexers Tab**

Source Indexers, a Substrate Indexer, and User Indexers are configured in the Indexers tab. See [Figure 2-39](#).

**NOTE:** A Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is required to provide the I/O required to control indexers.

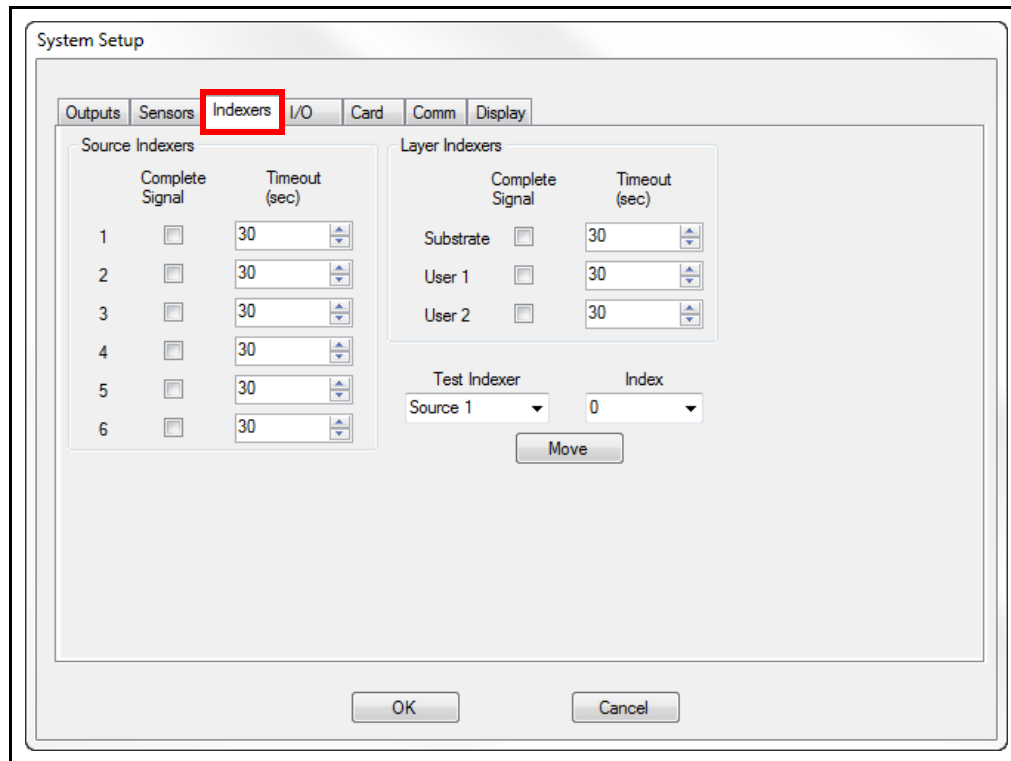
A unique Source Indexer is available for each source Output. The Source Indexer will move to the Index number it is assigned to at the start of each Layer.

The Substrate Indexer and User Indexers will move to the Index number they are assigned to at the start of each Layer.

User Indexers are useful for controlling external equipment.

Any of the indexers can be tested from within the Indexer tab without having to start a Process.

Figure 2-39 System Setup window - Indexers tab



**Complete Signal** . . . . . If an indexer provides an in-position signal used to indicate when it is in the selected position, select the Complete Signal check box corresponding to the Source, Substrate, or User Indexer. An external means for detecting the in-position signal must be provided (IQS-233 Codeposition software does not have an Input Event that can be used with a PLC for detecting the in-position signal). The Source Indexer Done command must be sent to the IQS-233 Codeposition software when the in-position signal is true. If this command is not received before the Timeout (sec) value elapses, the Layer will stop.

**Timeout (sec)** . . . . . 0 to 3000 s

The command of this parameter depends on the status of the Complete Signal check box:

- ◆ If the Complete Signal check box is selected, the Layer will start if the Source Indexer Done command is received by the software before the Timeout (sec) time period elapses.
- ◆ If the Complete Signal check box is clear, the Layer will start when the Timeout (sec) time period elapses.

**Test Indexer** . . . . . Source 1 to 6, Substrate, User 1 to 2

An indexer can be tested without starting a Process by selecting the name of the indexer, selecting the Index number, and clicking Move.

**Index** . . . . . 0 to 15

Select the indexer position to move to at the start of the Layer to access the pocket material for that layer.

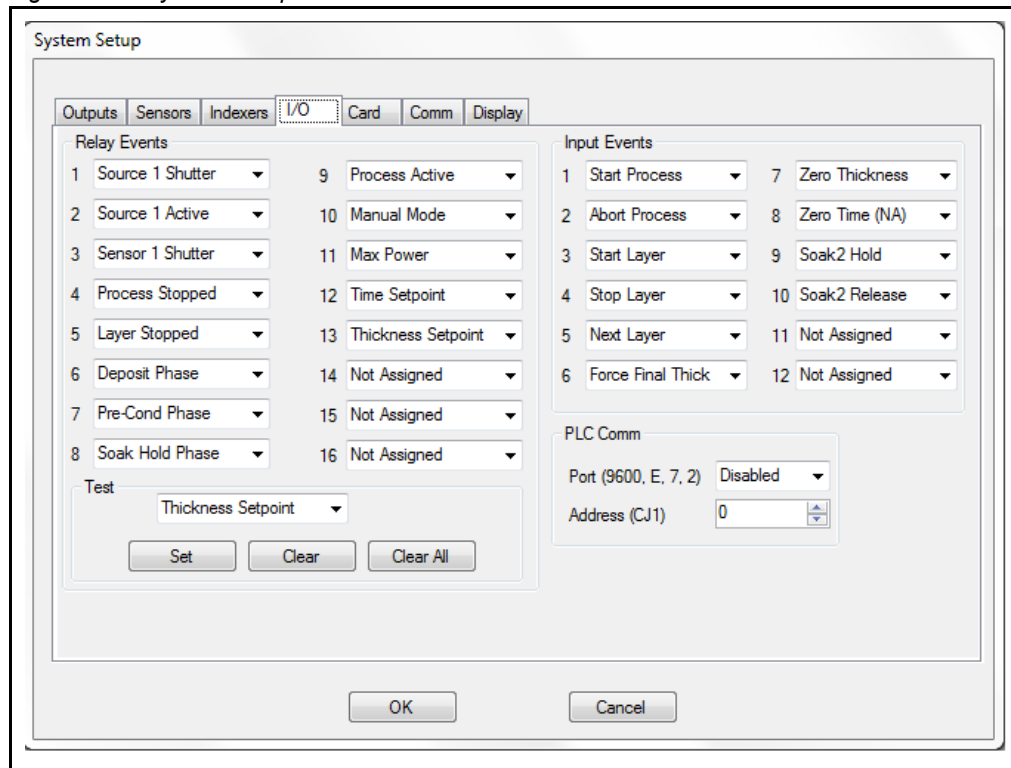
**Move** . . . . . Moves the indexer to the selected Index position.

2.3.3.6.4 I/O Tab

Various events can be assigned in the I/O tab (see Figure 2-40) to correspond to the relays and inputs of an external Programmable Logic Controller (PLC). IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards do not provide digital I/O. The PLC can provide the relays and inputs needed for automatic control of source and sensor shutters, rotation of source indexer pockets, etc.

**NOTE:** Programmable Logic Controllers use relay and input addressing. Relay addresses correspond to relays 1 to 16 in the Relay Events pane. Input addresses correspond to inputs 1 to 12 in the Input Events pane. (Refer to the PLC operating manual for addressing.)

Figure 2-40 System Setup window - I/O tab



**Relay Events pane**

Selecting an event in a Relay Events box will activate the corresponding PLC relay when the event is true and deactivate the relay when the event is false.

**Not Assigned** . . . . . The corresponding PLC relay cannot be activated.

**Source Shutter (1 to 6)** . . . The relay controlling the deposition source shutter will activate at the start of the deposition phase and deactivate at the start of the postconditioning phase.



- Sensor Shutter (1 to 8)** . . . This relay controls the sensor shutter. The relay command depends on whether the sensor is single or dual:
- ♦ for a single sensor configuration, the relay will activate at the start of Shutter Delay (if selected) or the start of the deposition phase and deactivate at the start of the postconditioning phase.
  - ♦ for a dual sensor configuration, the relay is activated when a Crystal Fail condition occurs.
- NOTE:** Crystal Fail must be selected (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.11 on page 2-37](#)) for the relay to command the Dual sensor configuration (refer to [section 2.3.3.6.2 on page 2-47](#)).
- Process Stopped** . . . . . The relay will activate when Abort Process is selected and deactivate when Start Process is selected.
- Process Running** . . . . . The relay will activate when Start Process is selected and deactivate when Abort Process is selected.
- Layer Stopped** . . . . . The relay will activate when Stop Layer is selected and deactivate when Start Layer is selected.
- Layer Running** . . . . . The relay will activate when Start Layer is selected and deactivate when Stop Layer is selected.
- Deposit Phase** . . . . . The relay will activate at the start of the deposition phase and deactivate at the start of the postconditioning phase.
- Pre-Cond Phase** . . . . . The relay will activate at the start of the preconditioning phase and deactivate at the start of deposition phase.
- Soak Hold Phase** . . . . . The relay will activate at the start of the Auto Soak 2 (if selected) phase and deactivate at the start of the Shutter Delay (if selected) or deposition phase.
- Process Active** . . . . . The relay will activate if a Process is temporarily halted for any reason (for example, if a Layer is waiting for a Manual Start) and deactivate when the Process is active again.
- Manual Mode** . . . . . The relay will activate when Manual mode is active and deactivate when Auto mode is active.

- Max Power** . . . . . The relay will activate when the Output Power is equal to the Max Power value and deactivate when the Output Power is below the Max Power value.
- Time Setpoint** . . . . . The relay will activate when the Time End Point value is reached.
- Thickness Setpoint** . . . . . The relay will activate when the Thickness End Point value is reached.
- Final Thickness** . . . . . The relay will activate when the Final Thickness value is reached.
- All Crystals Good** . . . . . The relay will activate when all activated sensors have valid frequency readings.
- All Crystals Fail** . . . . . The relay will activate when none of the activated sensors has a valid frequency reading.

**Test pane**

The PLC relays can be tested without starting a Process. Select a relay event in the **Test** box that matches the relay event assigned to the relay to be tested. Use the Set, Clear, and Clear All commands to test the relay.

- Set** . . . . . Activates the relay(s) corresponding to the selected event.
- Clear** . . . . . Deactivates the relay(s) corresponding to the selected event.
- Clear All** . . . . . Deactivates all activated relays.

**Input Events pane**

Selecting an event from an **Input Events** box will initiate this event when the corresponding PLC input is activated.

- Not Assigned** . . . . . Activating the corresponding PLC input has no effect on events.
- Start Process** . . . . . Starts the current Process.
- Abort Process** . . . . . Aborts the current Process.
- Start Layer** . . . . . Starts the current Layer.
- Stop Layer** . . . . . Stop the current Layer.
- Next Layer** . . . . . Skips the current Layer and starts the next Layer.
- Force Final Thick** . . . . . Same effect as reaching the Final Thickness value.
- Zero Thickness** . . . . . Zeroes the Thickness reading.
- Zero Time (NA)** . . . . . This event is not available.

**Soak2 Hold** . . . . . Power stays at the Ramp 2 Power value indefinitely.

**Soak2 Release** . . . . . Deposition phase begins when the Soak 2 Time value elapses.

**PLC Comm pane**

The communication settings required by the PLC are configured here.

**Port (9600, E, 7, 2)** . . . . . Disabled, COM#

Select the Comm serial port used to communicate with the PLC, or select Disabled to disable communications with the PLC (has same effect as selecting Not Assigned for all Relay Events and Input Events). The fixed communication parameters are: Baud Rate = 9600, Parity = E, Data Bits = 7, Stop Bits = 2.

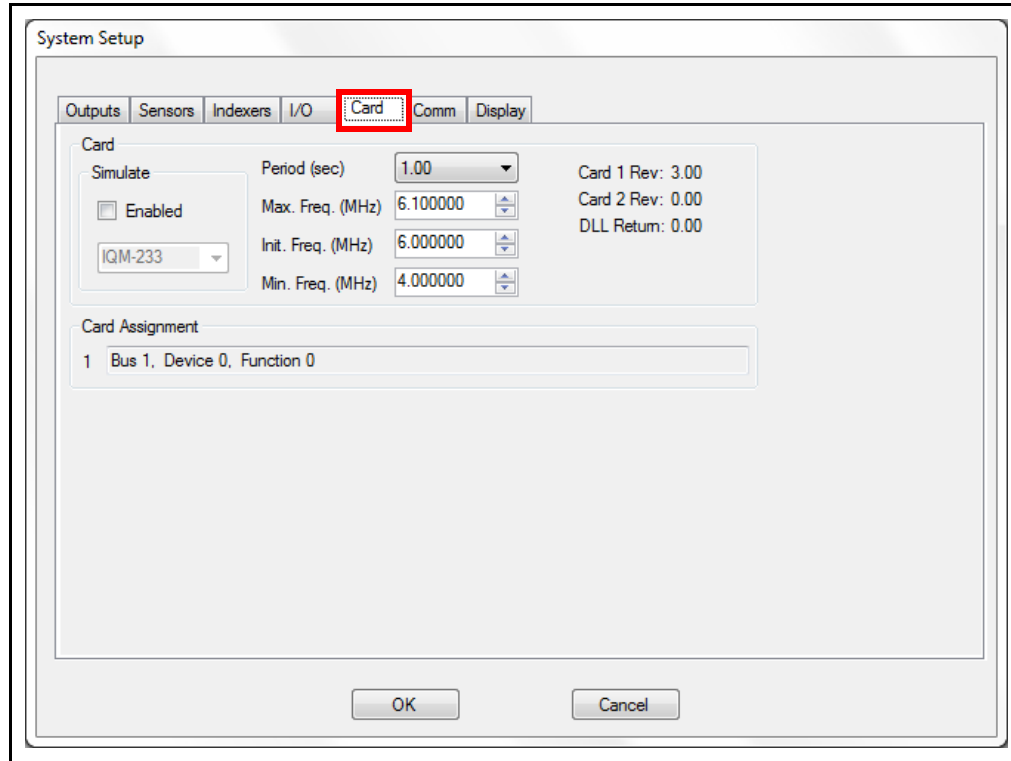
**Address (CJ1)** . . . . . 0 to 100

A single PLC will usually use Address 0. Multiple PLCs can be controlled from a single computer serial port by connecting their expansion ports. The unique slave address of each PLC is usually selected by a rotary or DIP switch (refer to the PLC operating manual).

2.3.3.6.5 Card Tab

Measurement properties are configured in the Card tab, and Simulate mode can be selected in this tab. Computer assignments for the IQM-233 or SQM-242 cards, card firmware revision, and DLL revision are displayed. See Figure 2-41.

Figure 2-41 System Setup window - Card tab



**Card box** . . . . . Select the card type (IQM-233 or SQM-242) to be simulated.

**NOTE:** The Card box selections are available only when the Enabled check box is selected.

**Simulate Enabled** . . . . . Select the check box to activate Simulate mode, allowing a deposition process to be developed and tested without the need for an IQM-233 or SQM-242 card to be installed or sensors to be connected to the installed card. The check box is automatically selected when no cards are installed.

**Period (sec).** . . . . . 0.10, 0.25, 0.50, 1.00, 2.00 s

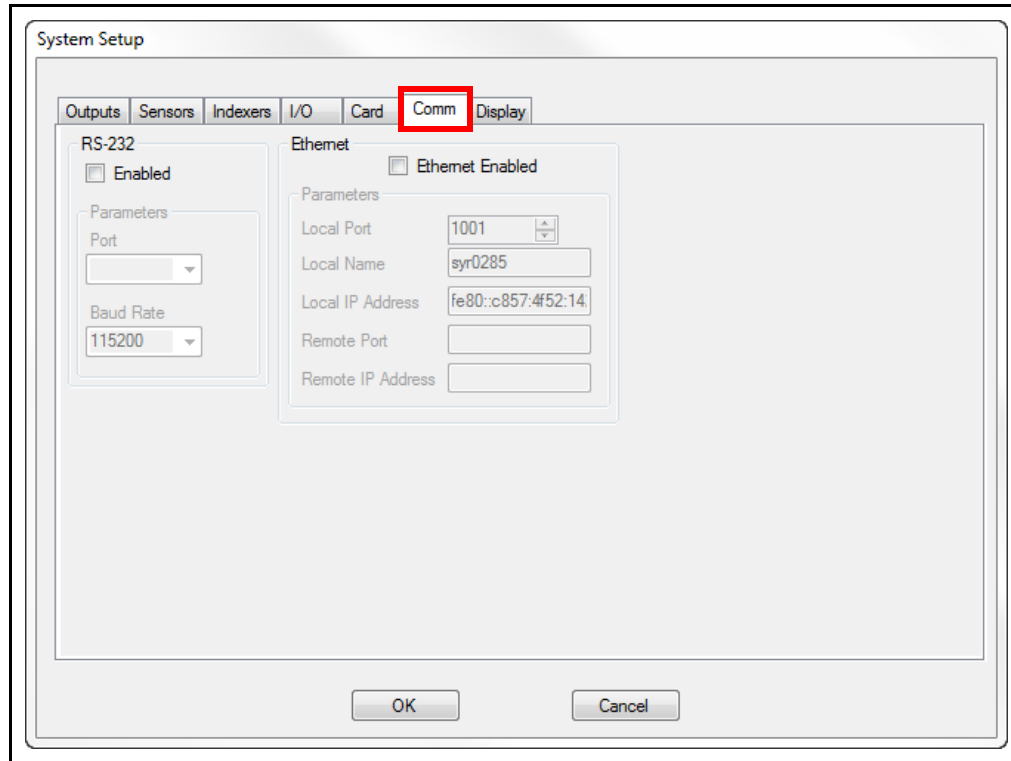
Indicates the time period needed for one measurement. Enter a longer measurement period to provide higher resolution, especially in low rate applications.

- Max. Freq (MHz)** . . . . . 4.002000 to 6.100000 MHz  
 Enter the highest possible frequency of a new crystal. Frequencies above this value will cause a Crystal Fail error to occur.
- Init. Freq (MHz)** . . . . . 4.001000 to 6.099000 MHz  
 Enter the nominal frequency of a new crystal; usually 5 MHz or 6 MHz.
- Min. Freq (MHz)**. . . . . 4.000000 to 6.098000 MHz  
 Enter the lowest desired crystal frequency.  
 Frequencies below this value will cause a Crystal Fail error to occur.
- NOTE:** The Max. Freq value must be at least 0.001 MHz higher than the Init. Freq value, and the Init. Freq value must be at least 0.001 MHz higher than the Min. Freq value.
- Card Assignment** . . . . . Displays the computer Bus, Device, and Command assignments for up to two installed IQM-233 or SQM-242 cards. If IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards are installed, only the Bus, Device, and Command assignments for up to two IQM-233 cards will be displayed.
- NOTE:** SQM-242 cards are not detected if IQM-233 cards are installed.
- Card 1 Rev** . . . . . The firmware revision of the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card automatically interfaced to the IQS-233 Codeposition software.
- Card 2 Rev** . . . . . The firmware revision of the second card automatically interfaced to the IQS-233 Codeposition software if two IQM-233 or SQM-242 cards are installed.
- DLL Return** . . . . . The firmware version of the installed Dynamic Link Library (DLL) used by the IQS-233 Codeposition software.

**2.3.3.6.6 Comm Tab**

When controlling the IQS-233 Codeposition software from a remote computer, the RS-232 or Ethernet communications are configured in the Comm tab. See [Figure 2-42](#).

Figure 2-42 System Setup window - Comm tab



**RS-232 pane**

**Enabled** . . . . . Select the Enabled check box to activate RS-232 communications.

**Port** . . . . . COM#  
 Select the detected serial communication port to be used for the RS-232 communications with another computer.

**Baud Rate** . . . . . 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200  
 Select the Baud Rate to be used for RS-232 communications.

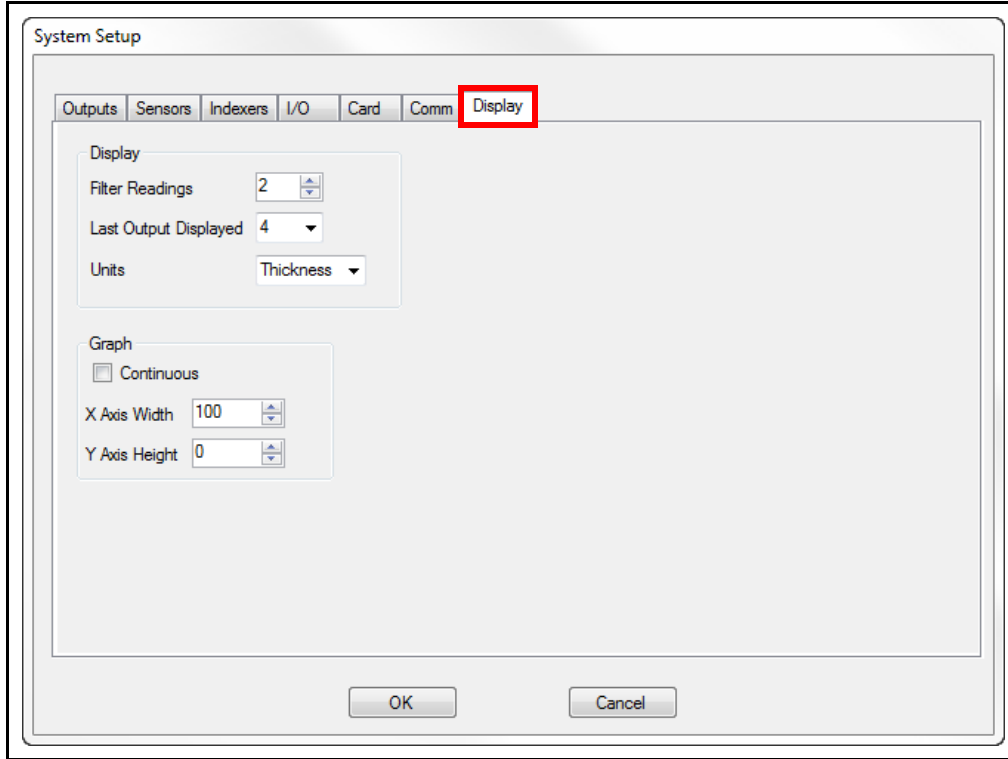
**Ethernet pane**

- Ethernet Enabled** . . . . . Select the Ethernet Enabled check box to activate Ethernet communications.
  
- Ping Enabled** . . . . . Select the Ping Enabled check box to detect that the connected computer can send/receive messages without error.
  
- Local Port** . . . . . 0 to 65536  
  
Select the TCP/IP port to be used by the IQS-233 Codeposition software for Ethernet communications (1001 is a typical value, use -1 for no Ethernet).
  
- Local Name** . . . . . Displays the names of the local and remote computers.
  
- Local IP Address** . . . . . Displays the IP address (xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx) of the local computer.
  
- Remote Port** . . . . . Displays the TCP/IP port of the remote computer.
  
- Remote IP Address** . . . . . Displays the IP address (xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx) of the remote computer.

**2.3.3.6.7 Display Tab**

The IQS-233 Codeposition software display properties are configured in the **Display** tab. See [Figure 2-43](#).

Figure 2-43 System Setup window - Display tab



**Display pane**

**Filter Readings** . . . . . 1 to 10

Select the number of desired readings between display updates. A value of 1 updates the display as fast as possible, while a higher value provides greater filtering of graphed data between display updates. Filter Readings only filters readings for Power and Thickness on the display.

**NOTE:** The IQM-233 card resolution for PID control is unchanged.

**Last Output Displayed** . . . 1 to 6 (IQM-233 card)  
1 to 4 (SQM-242 card)

Select the maximum number of displayed Output readouts.

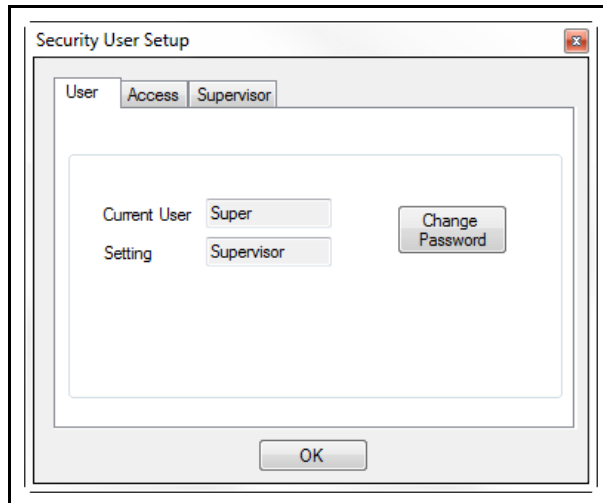


- Units** . . . . . Thickness, Mass  
 Select Thickness or Mass as the displayed unit of measurement.
- Graph pane**
- Continuous** . . . . . Select the check box to display continuous data for the preconditioning, deposition, and postconditioning phases. Clear the check box to refresh the graph at the end of the preconditioning, deposition, and postconditioning phases.
- X Axis Width** . . . . . 0 to 100  
 Select the time in seconds required for data to scroll the width of the graphs. Select a value of 0 to activate auto scaling for scroll time.
- Y Axis Height** . . . . . 0 to 10000  
 Select the maximum displayed value for the Rate graph and Sensors graph. Select a value of 0 to activate auto scaling for the Rate graph and Sensors graph.

**2.3.3.7 Security**

Click **Edit >> Security** to display the **Security User Setup** window where access levels when logging on to the IQS-233 Codeposition software can be assigned for different users. See [Figure 2-44](#).

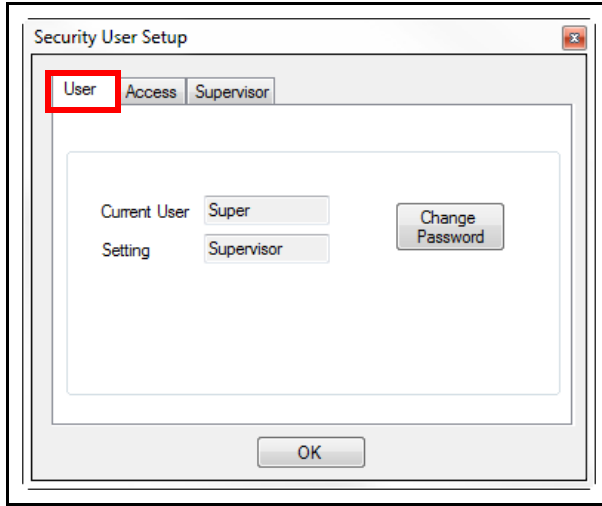
*Figure 2-44 Security User Setup window*



**NOTE:** The Security User Setup window is available only to users with Supervisor Access.

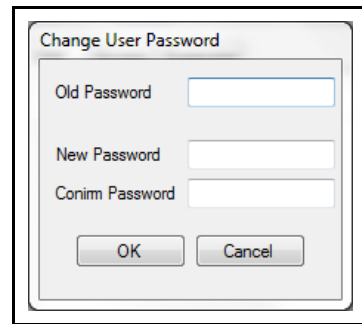
2.3.3.7.1 User Tab

Figure 2-45 Security User Setup window - User tab



- Current User** . . . . . Displays the user currently logged in.
- Setting** . . . . . Displays the access level of the current user:  
Supervisor, Technician, or User.
- Change Password** . . . . . Allows the current user to change the password.  
When Change Password is clicked, a second display  
will prompt the current user to enter the Old  
Password, New Password, and Confirm Password.  
If the New Password box is left blank, no Password  
is needed for the current user to login. See  
[Figure 2-46](#)).

Figure 2-46 Change User Password window

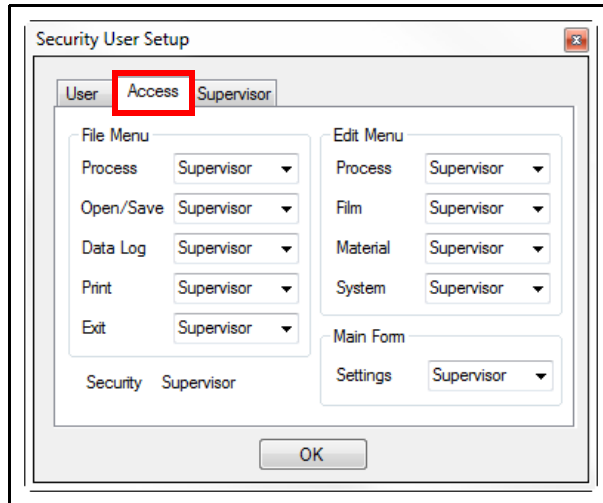


**NOTE:** User names and passwords may contain A-Z, 0-9, space, and special characters. Passwords are a maximum of 10 characters.

### 2.3.3.7.2 Access Tab

Supervisor is the highest level of security access that can be assigned. Technician is the intermediate level and User is the lowest level of security access that can be assigned.

Figure 2-47 Security User Setup window - Access tab



The **Access** tab allows Supervisors to assign which program commands are available to each of the three Access Levels. When a program command is assigned to a particular access level, it is automatically available to higher access levels. [Figure 2-47](#) shows Supervisor access for each File Menu, Edit Menu, and Main Form program command.

**NOTE:** Users having access below the assigned access level for any program command can select and run processes, but cannot edit process parameters or access program commands.

#### File Menu pane

**Process** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User

Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the Process option from the File menu.

**Open/Save** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User

Permits assigned access level and above to have the ability to open and save configuration files.

**Data Log** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User

Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the Log Data option from the File menu.

**Print** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User

Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the Print option from the File menu.

**Exit** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User  
 Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the Exit option from the File menu.

**Edit Menu pane**

**Process** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User  
 Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the Process option from the Edit menu.

**Film** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User  
 Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the Film option from the Edit menu.

**Material** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User  
 Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the Material option from the Edit menu.

**System** . . . . . Supervisor, Technician, User  
 Permits assigned access level and above to have access to the System option from the Edit menu.

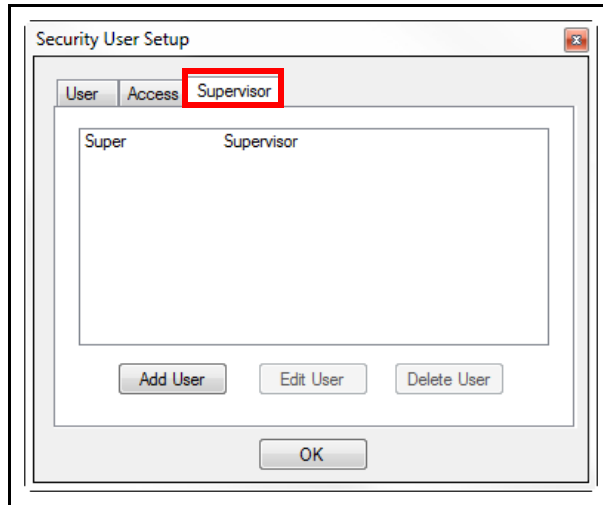
**Main Form Settings**

Use the drop down menu to select level of access: Supervisor, Technician, User. This controls access to the parameters along the right side of the IQS-233 Codeposition window. See [Figure 2-51 on page 2-67](#). These settings can be viewed by any user, but values can only be edited by the assigned access level or higher access.

**Security** . . . . . Displays level of access of current user.

### 2.3.3.7.3 Supervisor Tab

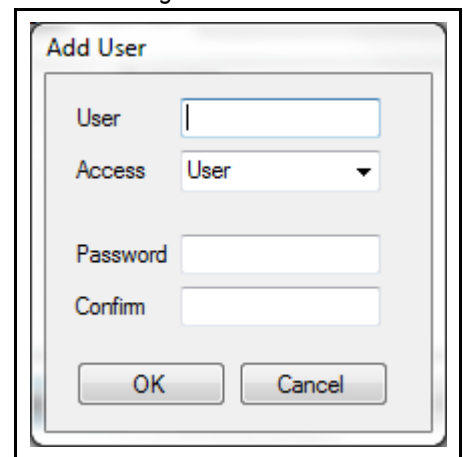
Figure 2-48 Security User Setup window - Supervisor tab



The **Supervisor** tab allows Supervisors to add, edit, and delete users.

**Add User** . . . . . Click Add User to display the Add User window as seen in [Figure 2-49](#). This window allows for new users to be added, access for that user to be assigned, and a user password to be created and confirmed. Click OK to save user.

Figure 2-49 Add User window



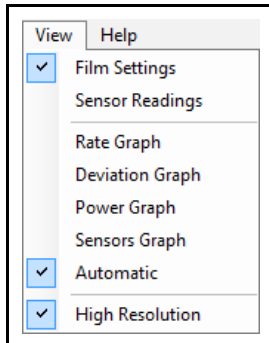
**Edit User** . . . . . Select the user from the Supervisor tab (refer to [Figure 2-48](#)) and click Edit User to reassign an access level to that user. Click OK to save changes.

**Delete User** . . . . . Select the user from the Supervisor tab (refer to [Figure 2-48](#)) and click Delete User to remove that user from having access to IQS-233 Codeposition software.

## 2.3.4 View

Click **View** on the menu bar to display the list of items related to informational readouts (see [Figure 2-50](#)). From this list, various graphs and readouts can be selected for display, frequently accessed Process parameters can be displayed or hidden, and standard or high resolution can be selected for the Rate and Thickness readouts.

Figure 2-50 View list



- ◆ **Film Settings**, see [section 2.3.4.1](#)
- ◆ **Sensor Readings**, see [section 2.3.4.2 on page 2-69](#)
- ◆ **Rate Graph**, see [section 2.3.4.3 on page 2-71](#)
- ◆ **Deviation Graph**, see [section 2.3.4.4 on page 2-71](#)
- ◆ **Power Graph**, see [section 2.3.4.5 on page 2-71](#)
- ◆ **Sensors Graph**, see [section 2.3.4.6 on page 2-71](#)
- ◆ **Automatic**, see [section 2.3.4.7 on page 2-71](#)
- ◆ **High Resolution**, see [section 2.3.4.8 on page 2-72](#)

### 2.3.4.1 Film Settings

Displays or hides a pane of frequently used Layer parameters. The displayed parameter values are for the active Layer of a Process and these values are updated at the start of the Layer.

- ◆ If Auto mode is selected, parameters used for PID loop source control are displayed (see [Figure 2-51](#)).
- ◆ If Manual mode is selected, parameters used for manual source control are displayed (see [Figure 2-52 on page 2-68](#)).

Parameter values can be edited whether a Process is started or stopped. Changing the value of a parameter also changes the value of the same parameter residing in another location.

When the process is stopped, additional parameters can be accessed from the Edit item list (refer to [section 2.3.3.5 on page 2-17](#)).

For a sequential Layer, the name of the Film used in the Layer is displayed at the top of the pane.

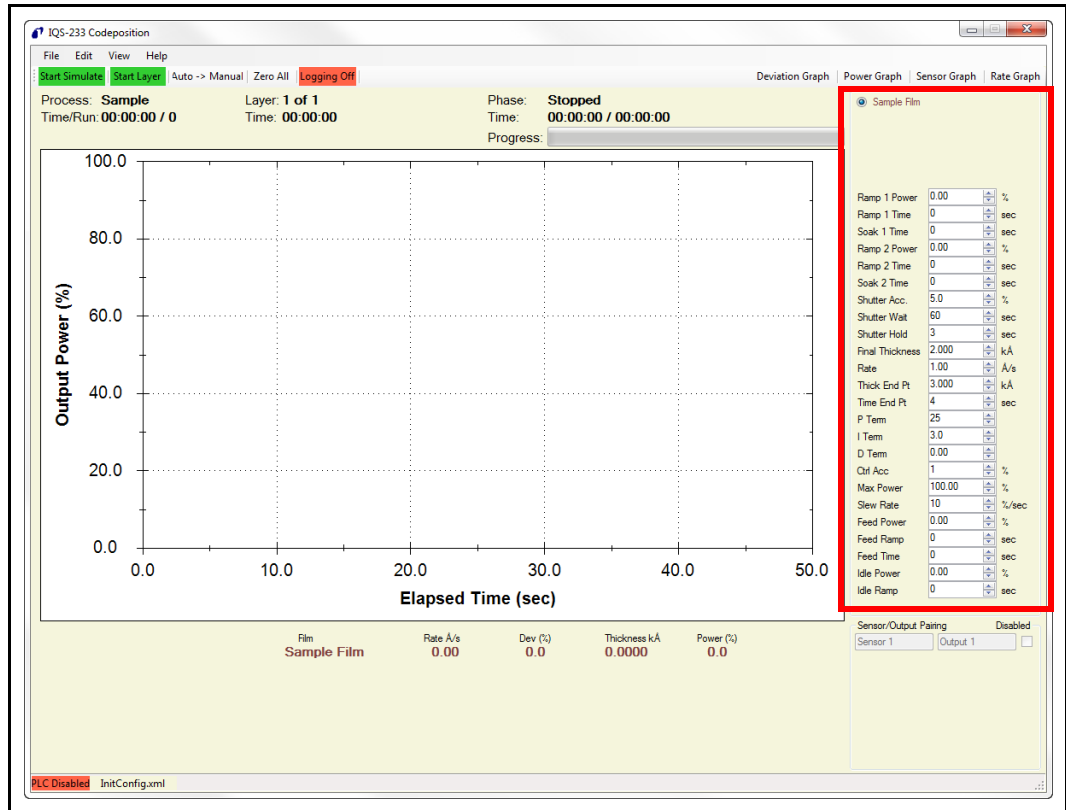
For a Codeposition Layer, the names of the Films used in the Layers comprising the Codeposition Layer are displayed at the top of the pane.

- ◆ The name displayed at the top of the name list corresponds to the Layer using the lowest numbered physical output.
- ◆ The name at the bottom of the list corresponds to the Layer using the highest numbered physical output.

**NOTE:** The physical output number for an Output name is configured in the Outputs tab of the System Setup window.

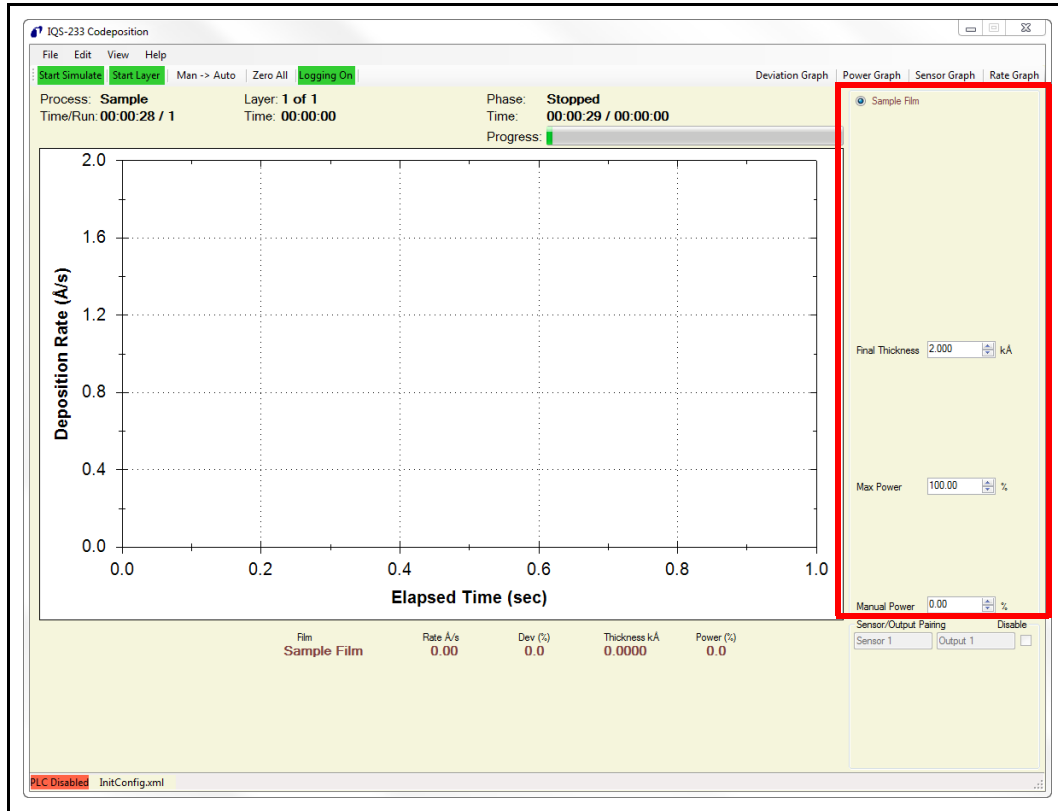
Select the Film name corresponding to a particular Layer of the Codeposition Layer to display the frequently used parameters for that Layer.

*Figure 2-51 IQS-233 Codeposition window - frequently used Layer parameters for PID loop control*



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Figure 2-52 IQS-233 Codeposition window - frequently used Layer parameters for manual control



**Frequently Used Parameters—Auto Mode**

- Ramp 1 Power . . . . . 0 to 100%
- Ramp 1 Time . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Soak 1 Time . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Ramp 2 Power . . . . . 0 to 100.00%
- Ramp 2 Time . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Soak 2 Time . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Shutter Acc . . . . . 0.0 to 30.0%
- Shutter Wait . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Shutter Hold . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Final Thickness . . . . . 0.000 to 999.900 kÅ
- Rate . . . . . -999.90 to 999.90 Å/s
- Thick End Pt . . . . . 0.000 to 999.900 kÅ
- Time End Pt . . . . . 0 to 3000 sec
- P Term . . . . . 0 to 9999



- I Term** . . . . . 0.0 to 999.9
- D Term** . . . . . 0.00 to 99.90
- Ctrl Acc** . . . . . 0 to 30%
- Max Power** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%
- Slew Rate** . . . . . 0 to 100%/sec
- Feed Power** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%
- Feed Ramp** . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Feed Time** . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec
- Idle Power** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%
- Idle Ramp** . . . . . 0 to 30000 sec

**Frequently Used Parameters—Manual Mode**

- Final Thickness** . . . . . 0.000 to 999.900 kÅ
- Max Power** . . . . . 0 to 100%
- Manual Power** . . . . . 0.00 to 100.00%

**2.3.4.2 Sensor Readings**

Click **View >> Sensor Readings** to display the **Readings** window where Rate, Thickness, and Frequency raw data for individual Sensors, the calculated remaining Life of each crystal, and the Control method used for each Sensor are displayed. See [Figure 2-53](#).

*Figure 2-53 Readings window*

	Rate Å/s	Thickness kÅ	Frequency (MHz)	Life (%)	Control
▶ Sensor 1	.00	0.0000	5950000.00	97.5	Output 1
Sensor 2	.00	0.0000	5950000.00	97.5	Output 2(M)
Sensor 3	.00	0.0000	5950000.00	97.5	Output 3(T)
Sensor 4	.00	0.0000	5950000.00	97.5	Output 1(R)
Sensor 5	Not	Assigned			
Sensor 6	Not	Assigned			

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- Sensor** . . . . . Sensor 1 to 6 (IQM-233)  
 Sensor 1 to 8 (SQM-242)
- The Sensor number corresponds to the Sensor connections on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card(s). Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the Sensor connections.
- NOTE:** Sensor 1 to Sensor 3 are displayed if one IQM-233 card is installed. Sensor 1 to Sensor 4 are displayed if one SQM-242 card is installed.
- Rate Å/s, Thickness kÅ** . . . Rate and Thickness are displayed only for Sensors that are mapped to an Output used by the active Layer. Outputs are mapped to Sensors in the Sensors tab on the System Setup window (refer to [Figure 2-38 on page 2-47](#)).
- Frequency (MHz), Life (%)** . . . Displayed for all Physical Sensors assigned to a Sensor name in the Sensors tab on the System Setup window.
- Control** . . . . . The control method used is displayed for all Physical Sensors assigned to a Sensor name. The control method is selected in the Sensors tab on the System Setup window (refer to [Figure 2-38 on page 2-47](#))
- ♦ (Output name): Sensor is mapped to the named Output and is used for PID Rate and Thickness End Point control.
  - ♦ None: Sensor is not mapped to an Output.
  - ♦ P: Sensor is the primary sensor channel of a dual sensor
  - ♦ S: Sensor is the secondary sensor channel of a dual sensor.
  - ♦ (Output name) (M): Sensor is used to monitor the deposition with no PID Rate control.
  - ♦ (Output name) (R): Sensor is used for PID Rate control.
  - ♦ (Output name) (T): Sensor is used for Thickness End Point control.

### 2.3.4.3 Rate Graph

Click **View >> Rate Graph** to display a graph of Deposition Rate as the main graph on the IQS-233 Codeposition window. This graph is useful during shutter delay, rate ramp, and deposition.

### 2.3.4.4 Deviation Graph

Click **View >> Deviation Graph** to display a graph of Rate Deviation as the main graph on the IQS-233 Codeposition window. This graph is useful for fine tuning PID control loop. See [Chapter 4, Calibration Procedures](#).

### 2.3.4.5 Power Graph

Click **View >> Power Graph** to display a graph of Output Power as the main graph on the IQS-233 Codeposition window. This graph is useful during the preconditioning, Feed, and Hold phases. It can also be useful during the deposition phases to detect error conditions, which cause oscillations.

### 2.3.4.6 Sensors Graph

Click **View >> Sensors Graph** to display the rate readings from each individual, assigned sensor as the main graph on the IQS-233 Codeposition window. It is a graphical display of the **Rate** column of the Sensor Readings window (refer to [section 2.3.4.2 on page 2-69](#)).

### 2.3.4.7 Automatic

Click **View >> Automatic** to display a graph of the most pertinent information for each phase as the main graph on the IQS-233 Codeposition window.

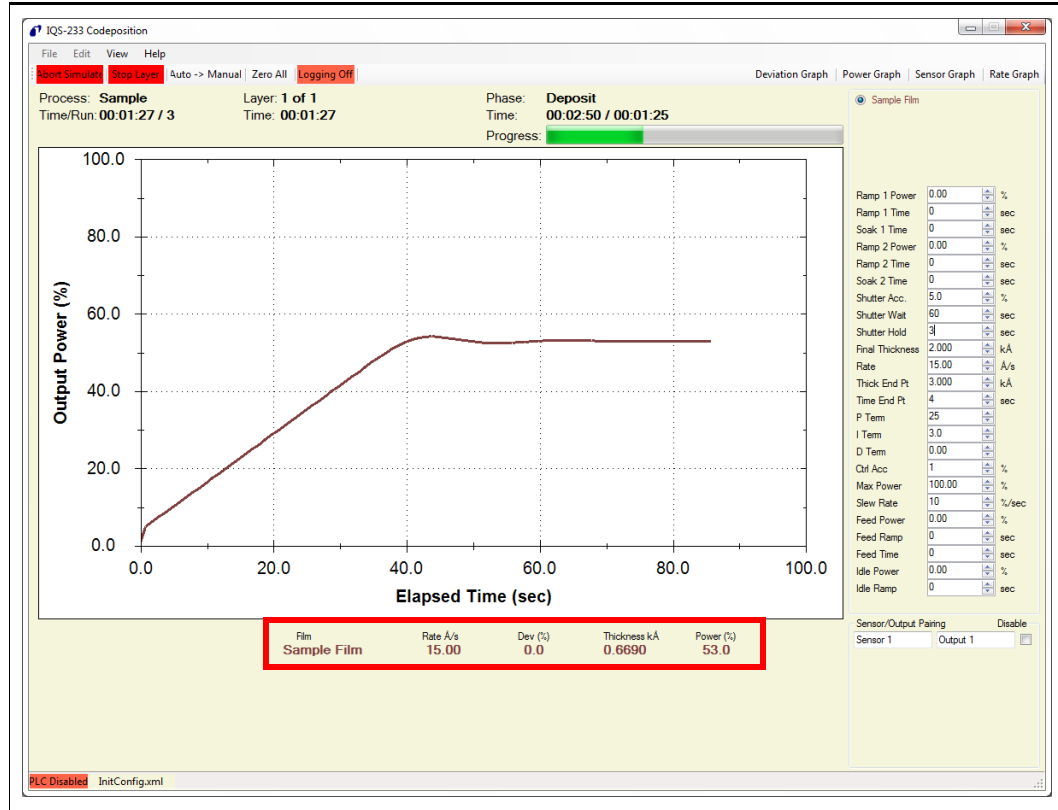
- ◆ The Power Graph is displayed during preconditioning.
- ◆ The Rate Graph is displayed during shutter delay, rate ramps, and deposition.
- ◆ The Power Graph is displayed during the Feed and Hold phases.

### 2.3.4.8 High Resolution

Selecting High Resolution will display rate on the IQS-233 Codeposition window to 0.01 Å/s and thickness to 0.1 Å. See Figure 2-54.

**NOTE:** The IQM-233 card resolution for PID control is unchanged.

Figure 2-54 IQS-233 Codeposition window



## 2.3.5 Help

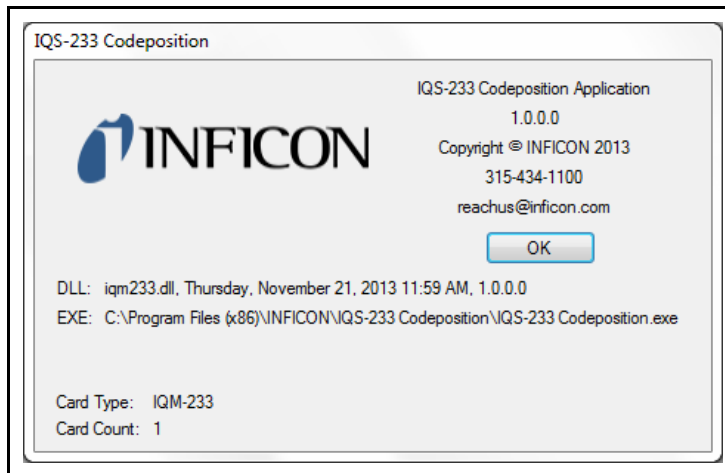
### 2.3.5.1 Help

Click **Help >> Help** on the menu bar to display the IQS-233 Codeposition Software Operating Manual.

### 2.3.5.2 About

Click **Help >> About** on the menu bar to display the **About** window, where the IQS-233 Codeposition software version, software installation path, DLL version, installed card type, and installed card count are displayed. See [Figure 2-55](#).

Figure 2-55 About window



**Card Type:** . . . . . None if no cards are installed.  
 IQM-233 if at least one IQM-233 card is installed.  
 SQM-242 if only SQM-242 cards are installed.

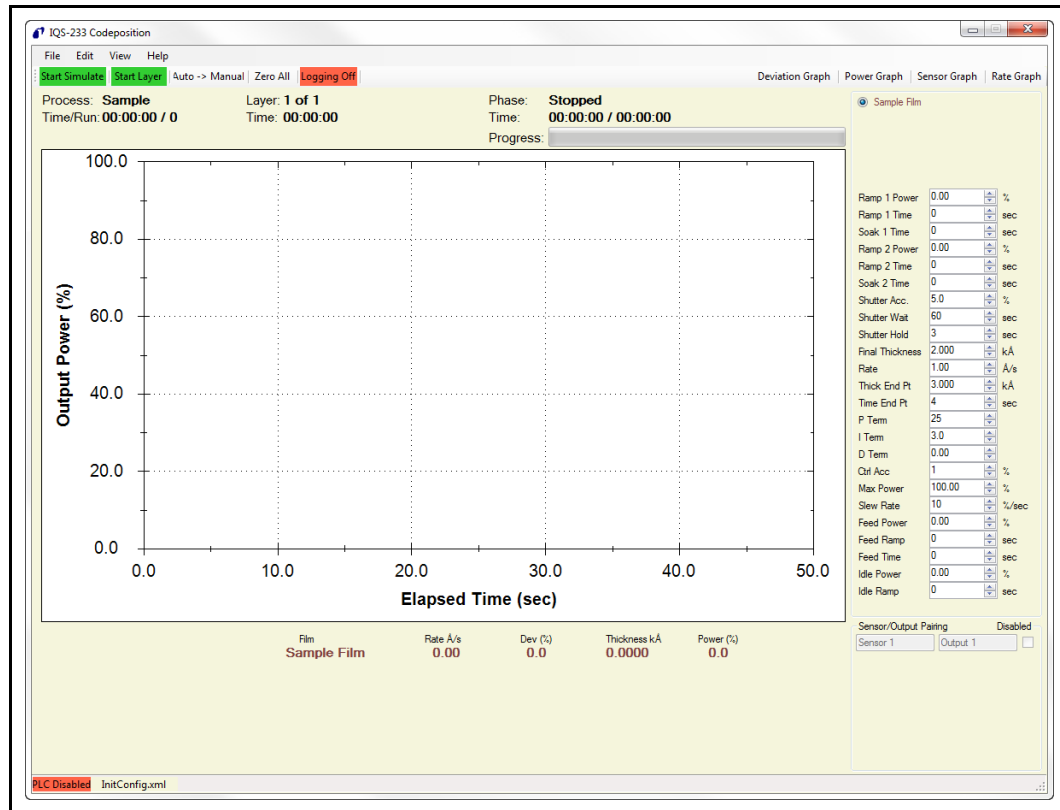
**NOTE:** If IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards are installed, the SQM-242 cards will not be reported.

**Card Count** . . . . . 0 to 6. The displayed number refers to the quantity of installed IQM-233 or SQM-242 cards.

**NOTE:** If IQM-233 and SQM-242 cards are installed, only the quantity of IQM-233 cards will be reported.

### 2.3.6 Command Buttons

Figure 2-56 IQS-233 Codeposition window - command buttons



**Start Simulate**

**Abort Simulate** . . . . . Displayed if the Simulate check box is selected in the Card tab of the System Setup window. Click Start Simulate, which changes to Abort Simulate, to start a simulated Process. Click Abort Simulate, which changes to Start Simulate, to stop the simulated Process.

**Start Process**

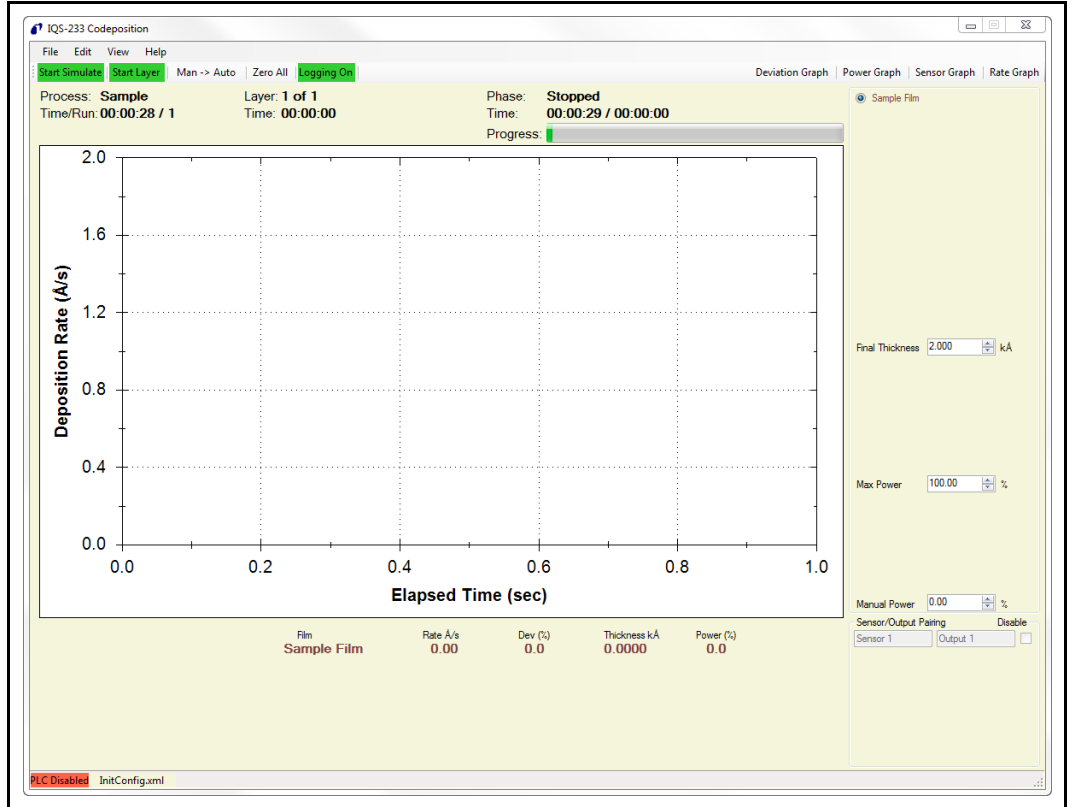
**Abort Process** . . . . . Click Start Process, which changes to Abort Process, to start a Process. Click Abort Process, which changes to Start Process, to stop the Process.

**Start Layer, Stop Layer** . . . Click Start Layer, which changes to Stop Layer, to start a Layer. Click Stop Layer, which changes to Start Layer, to stop the Layer.

**Next Layer**. . . . . Abort Simulate changes to Next Layer after reaching Final Thickness of a layer, when clicking Stop Layer, or when an error causes the process to stop. Clicking Next Layer increments the Layer number to the next Layer of a Process.

**Auto→Man , Man→Auto** . . . Click Auto→Man , which changes to Man→Auto , to activate Manual mode and display parameters used for manually controlling a deposition without PID loop control.

Figure 2-57 Manual control parameters



**Zero All** . . . . . Zeroes the Thickness readouts of all sensors.

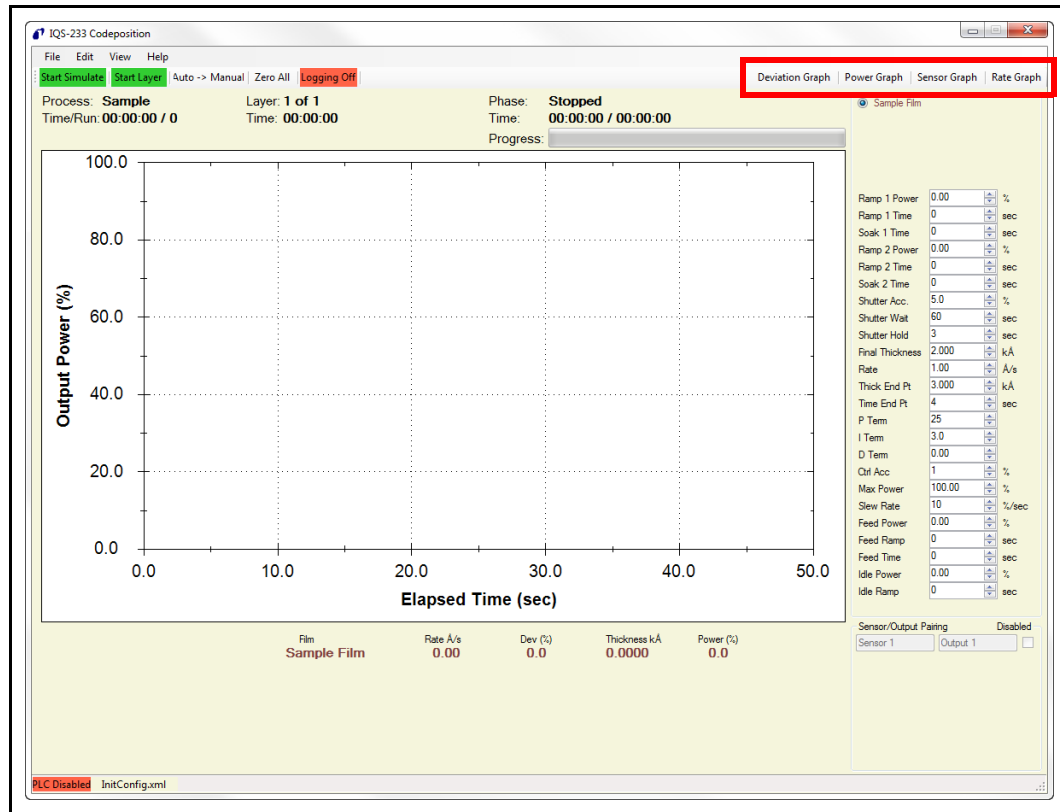
**Logging Off**

**Logging On** . . . . . Click Logging Off, which changes to Logging On, to activate data logging. Click Logging On, which changes to Logging Off, to make data logging unavailable. Data logging may be activated with Start or Stop displayed; however, data is not collected when Start is displayed.

### 2.3.7 Graph Buttons

Click **Deviation Graph**, **Power Graph**, **Sensor Graph** or **Rate Graph** to display the selected graph in a new window. Any combination of graphs may be displayed, each opening in a new window. See [Figure 2-58](#).

Figure 2-58 IQS-233 Codeposition window - graph buttons



**NOTE:** To zoom in the graph, click in the graph window and drag to draw a box over the data needing to be enlarged. To further zoom in, or to zoom out, rotate the wheel button up or down, respectively, with the pointer in the graph window.

- ◆ **Deviation Graph**, see [section 2.3.7.1](#)
- ◆ **Power Graph**, see [section 2.3.7.2 on page 2-78](#)
- ◆ **Sensor Graph**, see [section 2.3.7.3 on page 2-79](#)
- ◆ **Rate Graph**, see [section 2.3.7.4 on page 2-80](#)

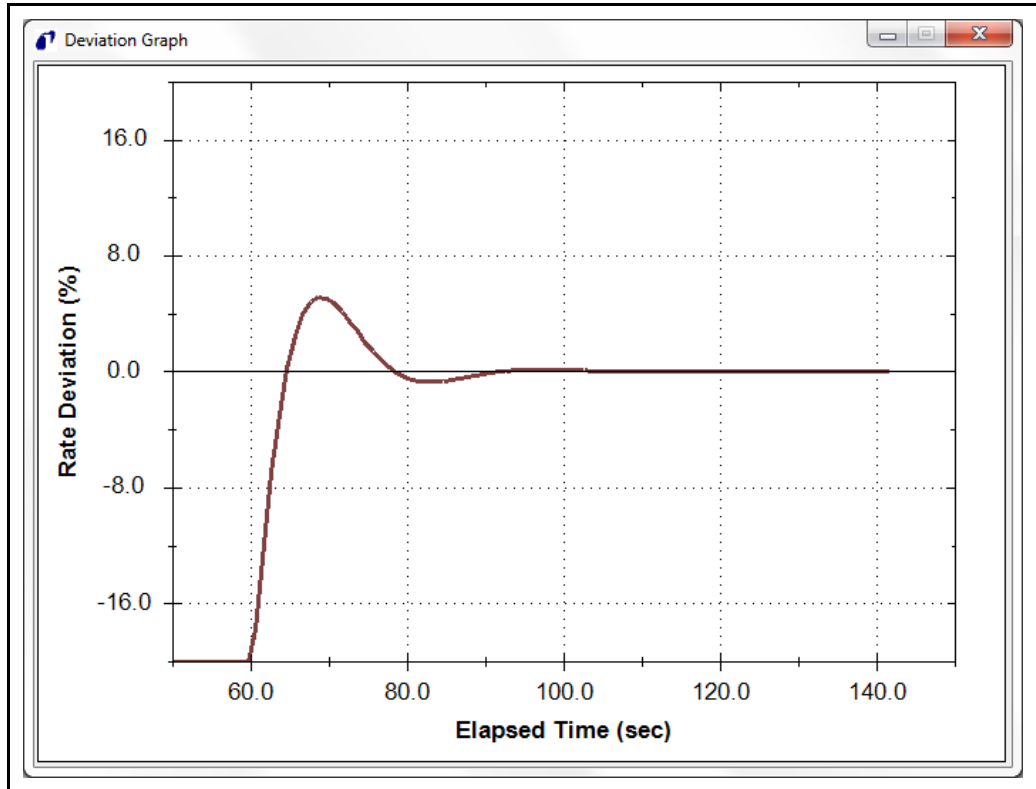


### 2.3.7.1 Deviation Graph

Click **Deviation Graph** to display the **Deviation Graph** window. See [Figure 2-59](#). The Deviation Graph displays the percent deviation from the desired rate versus time.

**NOTE:** For a Codeposition Layer, the Rate Deviation of each Film will be displayed on the graph.

Figure 2-59 Deviation Graph window

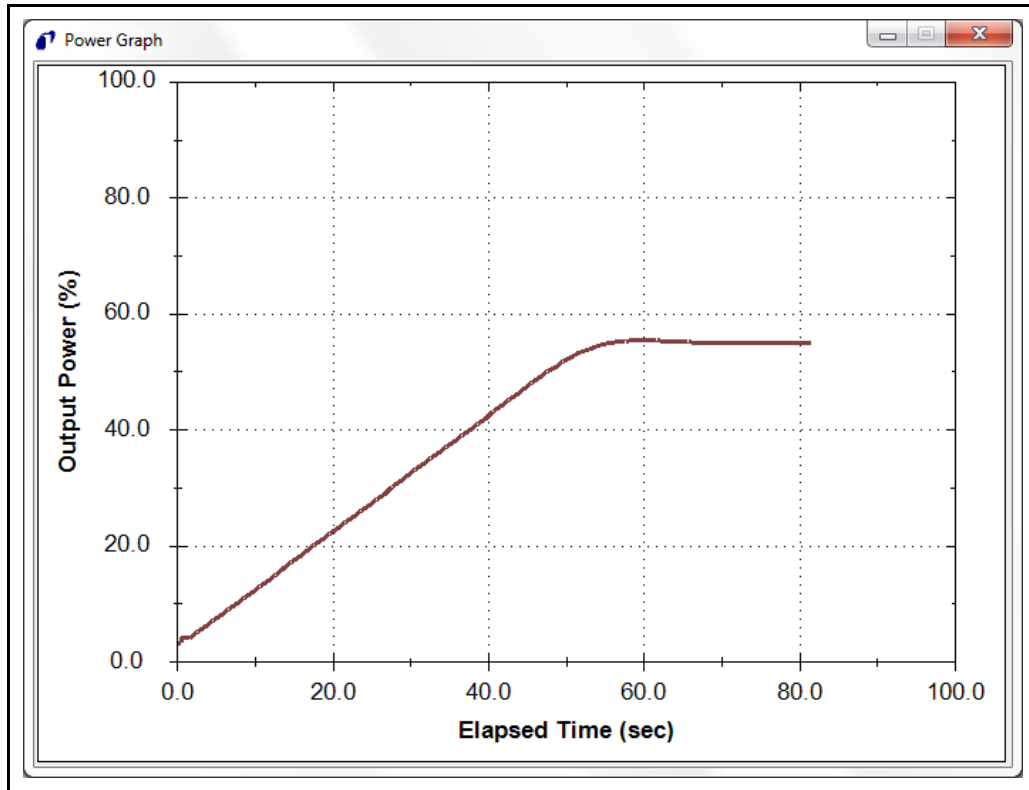


### 2.3.7.2 Power Graph

Click **Power Graph** to display the **Power Graph** window. See [Figure 2-60](#). The Power Graph displays Output Power for the current Layer versus time.

**NOTE:** For a Codeposition Layer, the Output Power of each Film will be displayed on the graph.

Figure 2-60 Power Graph window

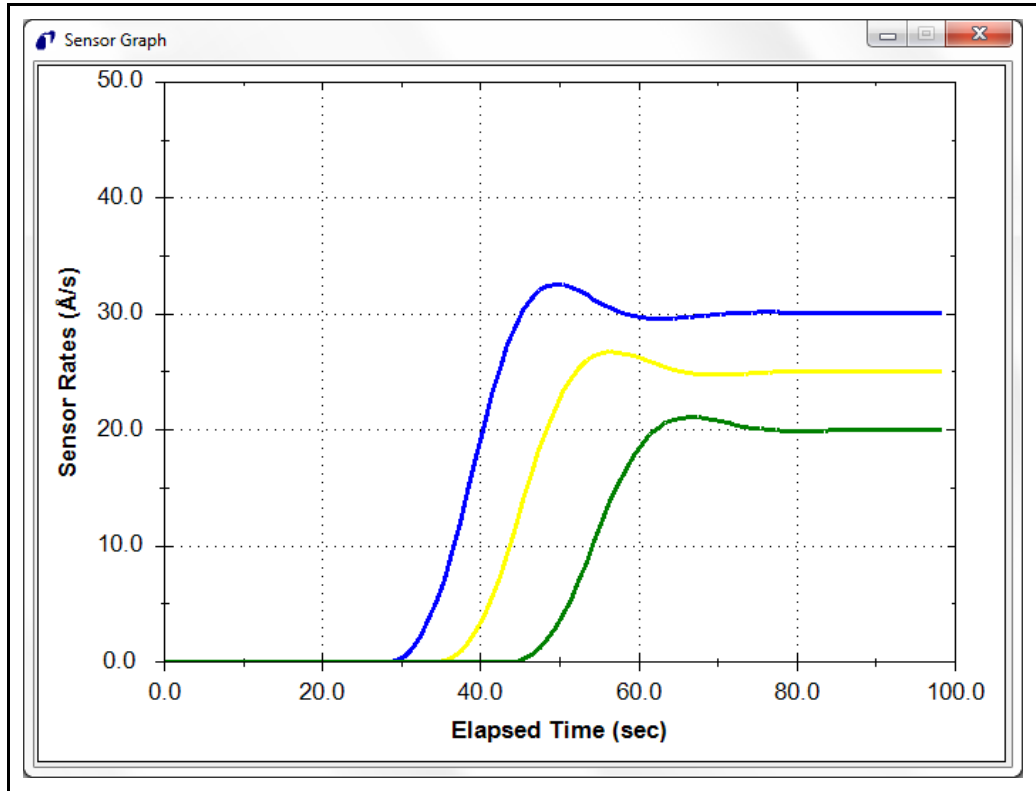


### 2.3.7.3 Sensor Graph

Click **Sensor Graph** to display the **Sensor Graph** window. See [Figure 2-61](#). The Sensor Graph displays the deposition rate of individual sensors mapped to the Output used for the current Layer versus time.

**NOTE:** For a Codeposition Layer, the individual sensor rates of each assigned sensor will be displayed on the graph.

Figure 2-61 Sensor Graph window



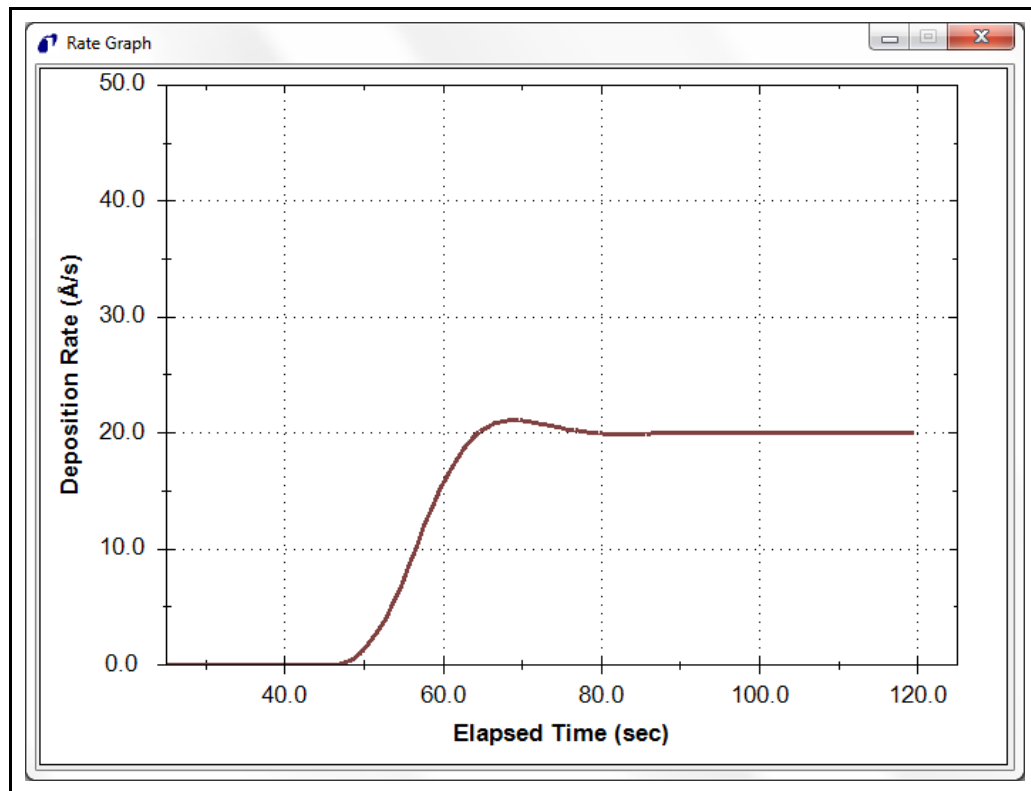
### 2.3.7.4 Rate Graph

Click **Rate Graph** to display the Rate Graph window. See [Figure 2-62](#).

The Rate Graph window displays deposition rate versus time. If more than one sensor is mapped to the output used by the current Layer, the displayed Rate is an average of the rates for the individual sensors.

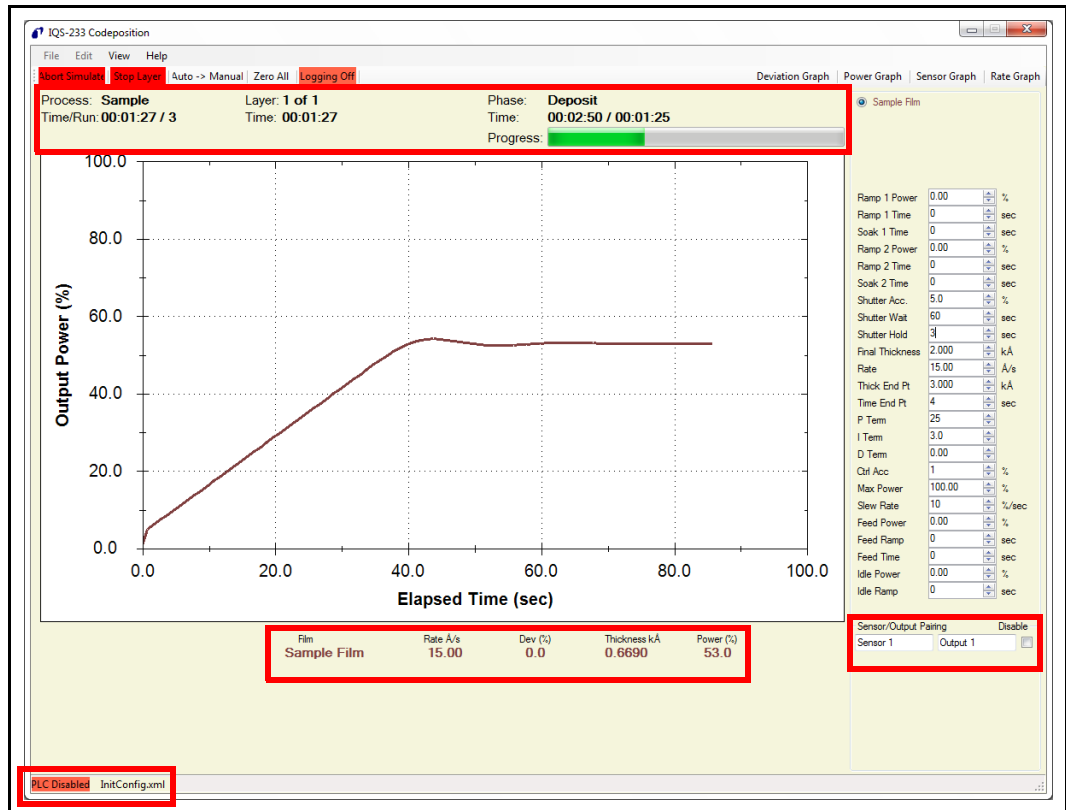
**NOTE:** For a Codeposition Layer, the Deposition Rate of each Film will be displayed on the graph.

Figure 2-62 Rate Graph window



## 2.3.8 Process Readouts

Figure 2-63 IQS-233 Codeposition window



- Process** . . . . . The name of the current Process.
- Layer** . . . . . The current Layer of the Process.
- Time/Run** . . . . . Time displays the elapsed time from the start of the current Layer until the Layer is completed or stopped. Run displays the number of times the current Process has been started.
- Time (Process)** . . . . . The elapsed time from the start of the current Process until the Process is completed or stopped.
- Phase** . . . . . The current phase of the Process.
- ◆ Preconditioning (Indexing, Ramp 1, 2..., Soak 1, 2..., Shutter Delay)
  - ◆ Deposit
  - ◆ Feed
  - ◆ Idle
  - ◆ Stopped

- Time (Phase)** . . . . . The left-side displays the time remaining until the current phase ends. The right-side displays the elapsed time for:
  - ◆ entire preconditioning phase
  - ◆ Deposition phase
  - ◆ entire Feed phase
  - ◆ entire Idle phase
  
- Progress** . . . . . Bar graph displaying an indication of the progress of the current phase.
  
- Film** . . . . . The name of the Film used for the current Layer.
  
- Rate Å/s** . . . . . The calculated rate of deposition at the substrate. If more than one sensor is mapped to the Output used by the current Layer, the displayed rate is an average of the rates for those individual sensors.
 

**NOTE:** To display the Readings window where Rates for individual sensors are displayed, click View >> Sensor Readings on the menu bar.

Rate stability is affected by the PID loop values in the Deposit tab on the Film Edit window. Refer to [section 2.3.3.5.8 on page 2-31](#).

Rate accuracy is affected by:

  - ◆ Density and Z-Ratio values in the Materials window. Refer to [section 2.3.3.5.12 on page 2-42](#).
  - ◆ Tooling value(s) in the Source/Sensor tab on the Film Edit window. Refer to [section 2.3.3.5.10 on page 2-36](#).
  - ◆ Period value in the Card tab on the System Setup window. Refer to [section 2.3.3.6.5 on page 2-56](#).
  
- Dev (%)** . . . . . Percentage deviation of the Rate (Å/Sec) display from the desired rate setting in the Source Setup window.

**Thickness kÅ** . . . . . Calculated thickness of material deposited on the substrate. If more than one sensor is mapped to the Output used by the current Layer, the displayed thickness is an average of the thicknesses for those individual sensors.

Thickness is affected by:

- ◆ Density and Z-Ratio values in the Materials window (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.12 on page 2-42](#))
- ◆ Tooling value(s) in the Source/Sensor tab of the Film Edit window (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.10 on page 2-36](#)).

**Power (%)** . . . . . Percentage of source output voltage relative to the Full Scale (V) voltage setting for the corresponding output channel.

**Sensor/Output Pairing** . . . . . Displays the active sensor(s) monitoring the current Layer and the corresponding output(s) selected in the Layer tab of the Process window (refer to [Figure 2-22 on page 2-23](#)).

- ◆ **Disable:** Selecting Disable will stop the selected sensor from taking readings and will display the Thickness measured before Disable was selected. Rate and Power will be displayed as zero.

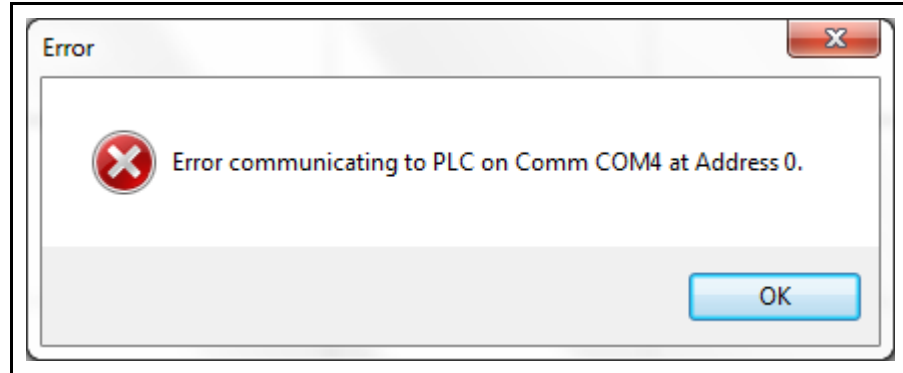
**NOTE:** If Disable is selected, it cannot be cleared while a Process is running to enable that sensor.

**Graph** . . . . . The graph displayed in the IQS-233 Codeposition window is selected by clicking **View** on the menu bar and selecting a graph from the list.

- ◆ **Rate Graph:** Refer to [section 2.3.4.3 on page 2-71](#).
- ◆ **Deviation Graph:** Refer to [section 2.3.4.4 on page 2-71](#).
- ◆ **Power Graph:** Refer to [section 2.3.4.5 on page 2-71](#).
- ◆ **Sensors Graph:** Refer to [section 2.3.4.6 on page 2-71](#).
- ◆ **Automatic:** Refer to [section 2.3.4.7 on page 2-71](#).

**Message Area** . . . . . PLC Disabled is displayed when Disabled is selected from the list of Port (9600, E, 7, 2) items on the PLC Comm pane of the I/O tab. This can be accessed by clicking Edit >> System and selecting the I/O tab. Refer to [section 2.3.3.6.4 on page 2-52](#). PLC Disabled is also displayed if the Port (9600, E, 7, 2) or Address (CJ1) are invalid and cause a communication error. See [Figure 2-64](#).

Figure 2-64 Error window



- ◆ PLC Enabled is displayed when PLC communication is detected and a valid comm serial bus has been selected from the list of Port (9600, E, 7, 2) items on the PLC Comm pane of the I/O tab, accessed by clicking Edit >> System and selecting the I/O tab (refer to [section 2.3.3.6.4 on page 2-52](#)), and Address (CJ1) has been assigned a working value (usually 0).
- ◆ Init.Config.xml is displayed when the IQS-233 Codeposition software is started.
- ◆ The name of a selected configuration file is displayed.



## 2.4 Configuring a Process

This section provides a general overview on how to use the IQS-233 Codeposition software to configure a process with user selected parameters. For help installing or opening software, refer to:

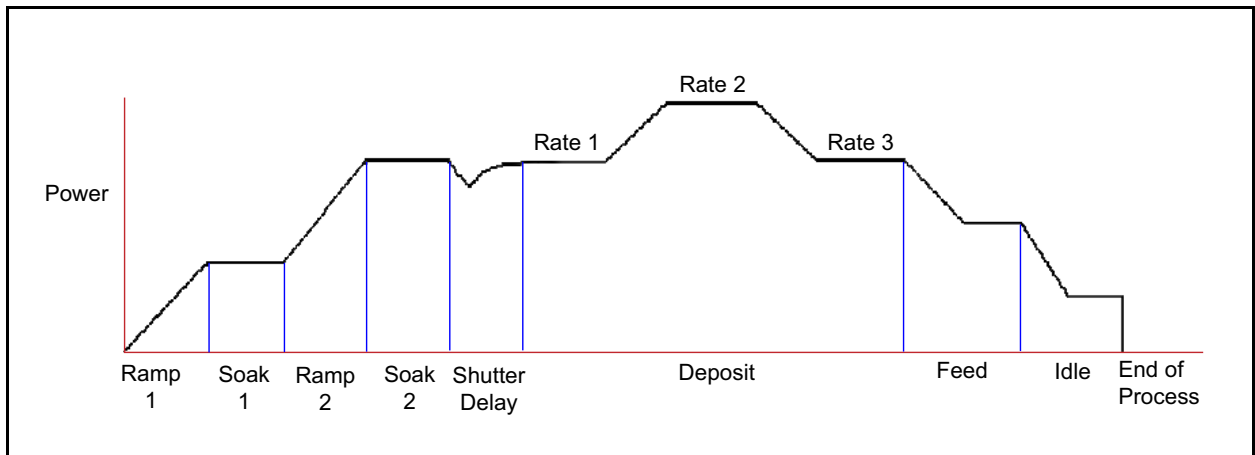
- ◆ [section 2.2, Installing IQS-233 Codeposition Software, on page 2-1](#)
- ◆ [section 2.3.2, Logging On to the Software, on page 2-7](#)

### 2.4.1 Process Example

A typical thin film deposition cycle, shown in [Figure 2-65](#), is comprised of three distinct phases:

- (1) Preconditioning (ramp/soak)
- (2) Deposition
- (3) Postconditioning (feed/idle)

Figure 2-65 Typical Deposition Process



During preconditioning, power is applied to prepare the source material for deposition. The first ramp/soak preconditioning phase is used to bring the material to a uniform molten state. The second ramp/soak preconditioning phase is typically set to a power that is near the power required to achieve the desired deposition rate.

When preconditioning ends, PID rate control of deposition begins. Initially, the substrate material may remain shuttered until the desired deposition rate is achieved (shutter delay). Once the control loop achieves the desired rate, the shutter opens and deposition begins. Multiple deposition rates (rate ramps) can be programmed. (Refer to [section 2.3.3.5.5 on page 2-26](#)).

When the desired thickness is reached, the evaporation source is set to feed or idle power. At this point the process may be complete, or deposition of another film layer may begin. Up to six separate films can be codeposited within a single layer. There is no practical limit to the total number of processes, layers, or materials that can be stored in the process database.

### 2.4.2 Selecting a Material

Click **Edit >> Materials** (refer to [Figure 2-33 on page 2-42](#)). Select the material to be deposited from the **Material** list. If the material is not listed, click **New** and create a list item with a user supplied name, density, and Z-Ratio. Click **OK** to save changes.

### 2.4.3 Configuring a Film

- 1 Click **Edit >> Film** (refer to [Figure 2-24 on page 2-28](#)).
- 2 Click **New** to create and name a new film (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.6 on page 2-28](#)).
- 3 On the **Deposit** tab (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.8 on page 2-31](#)), enter **Loop**, **Shutter Delay**, and **Rate Sampling** parameters.
- 4 On the **Condition** tab (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.9 on page 2-34](#)), enter precondition and postcondition parameters.
- 5 On the **Source/Sensor** tab (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.10 on page 2-36](#)), select the material to be used for the film from the **Material** list. Then, enter maximum power, slew rate, and sensor tooling for each sensor in the system.
- 6 On the **Errors** tab (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.11 on page 2-37](#)), click **Ignore**, **Stop Layer**, or **Timer Power** in the **On Error** pane, and then click **Enabled**. Enter parameters for **Control Error**, **Crystal Quality**, **Crystal Fail**, and/or **Crystal Stability** if required by the process.
- 7 Configure all of the films for the process by repeating steps 1 through 5 for each source.
- 8 Click **OK** to save changes.

## 2.4.4 Creating a Process

- 1 Click **Edit >> Process** (refer to [Figure 2-16 on page 2-18](#)).
- 2 Click **New** to create and name a new process (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.1 on page 2-18](#)).
- 3 On the the **Layer** tab (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.4 on page 2-23](#)), select a Film from the **Film** list, an Output from the **Output** list, an Input from the **Input** list, and a Start Mode from the **Start Mode** list, and then enter process parameters for **Setpoint**, **Final Thickness**, **Thickness End Point**, and **Time End Point**. If using indexers, select a pocket number that corresponds to the layer from each list on the **Indexers** pane.  
**NOTE:** Click on the **Layer Information** pane (refer to [Figure 2-21 on page 2-21](#)) to update changes for the layer.
- 4 If the process requires rate ramps, click the **Rate Ramps** tab (refer to [section 2.3.3.5.5 on page 2-26](#)) and enter parameters for **Start Thickness**, **Ramp Time**, and **Setpoint**. Click **Insert Ramp**. Click **OK** to save the changes.  
**NOTE:** Click on the **Layer Information** pane (refer to [Figure 2-21 on page 2-21](#)) to update changes for the layer.
- 5 With Layer 1 selected, click **Copy Layer >> Paste Layer** to add an additional layer into the process. Edit the parameters for the additional layer.
- 6 To create a codeposition layer, select Layer 2, click **Cut Layer >> Paste CoDep**.

## 2.4.5 Configuring the System

- 1 Click **Edit >> System** and select the **Outputs** tab (refer to [Figure 2-37 on page 2-45](#)).
- 2 Enter the **Full Scale Output Voltages** for each physical output connection on the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card. Test each output prior to connecting a physical output.  
**NOTE:** Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the physical source output connection.
- 3 Click **OK** to save changes.
- 4 Click **Edit >> System** and select the **Sensors** tab (refer to [Figure 2-38 on page 2-47](#)).
- 5 Select the physical sensor number for each named sensor and select a monitor output.
- 6 Select **Dual** for each sensor in a dual sensor configuration connected to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card.

- 7** Select **Rate** and/or **Thickness** control for each sensor. If neither **Rate** nor **Thickness** are selected, the crystal will only monitor the process, and the displayed rate and thickness for that sensor will not be used for PID control.  
**NOTE:** Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the sensor connection.
- 8** Click **OK** to save changes.
- 9** If using an indexer:
  - 9a** Click **Edit >> System** and select **Indexers** tab (refer to [Figure 2-39 on page 2-50](#)).
  - 9b** Enter the **Timeout** for each source or layer indexer connected to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card.
  - 9c** Test each indexer prior to starting the process. Refer to [section 2.3.3.6.3 on page 2-50](#).**NOTE:** Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about indexer connections.
  - 9d** Click **OK** to save changes.
- 10** If using a PLC:
  - 10a** Click **Edit >> System** and select **I/O** tab (refer to [Figure 2-40 on page 2-52](#)).
  - 10b** Select Relay and Input Events to be controlled by the PLC.
  - 10c** Select the PLC Comm Port and Address.
  - 10d** Test each event prior to starting the process. Refer to [section 2.3.3.6.4 on page 2-52](#).
  - 10e** Click **OK** to save changes.
- 11** Click **Edit >> System** and select **Card** tab (refer to [Figure 2-41 on page 2-56](#)).
- 12** Select a measurement period from the **Period (sec)** list.  
**NOTE:** Longer measurement periods will increase the resolution of the IQM-233 card PID control loop.
- 13** Enter maximum, initial, and minimum frequency for the crystal that will be used in the process.
- 14** Click **OK** to save changes.
- 15** If using remote communication:
  - 15a** Click **Edit >> System** and select **Comm** tab (refer to [Figure 2-42 on page 2-58](#)).

- 15b** Click **Enabled** or **Ethernet Enabled** to enable RS-232 or Ethernet remote communication, respectively. Refer to [section 2.3.3.6.6 on page 2-58](#).
  - 15c** Click **OK** to save changes.
  - 16** Click **Edit >> System** and select the **Display** tab (refer to [Figure 2-36 on page 2-44](#)).
  - 17** Select **Display** and **Graph** settings to be viewed in the IQS-233 Codeposition window, refer to [section 2.3.3.6.7 on page 2-60](#).
  - 18** Click **OK** to save changes.
  - 19** Click **File >> Save** to save the current Process and System parameter values to the configuration filename displayed in the message area of the IQS-233 Codeposition window. If the default configuration file, InitConfig.xml, is displayed, the default parameters loaded when IQS-233 Codeposition software is started will be overwritten by any changes made to the **Process** and **System** parameters.
    - 19a** Click **File >> Save As** to save the current Process and System configuration under a different name. Configuration files are saved in .xml format. The default folder to save a configuration file to is **C: >> INFICON >> IQS-233 Codeposition**; however, the configuration file may be saved to another folder location if desired (refer to [Figure 2-11 on page 2-13](#)).
  - 20** Click **Edit >> System** and select **Card** tab (refer to [Figure 2-41 on page 2-56](#)).
  - 21** Select **Enabled** in the Simulate pane.
  - 22** Click **OK** to save changes.
  - 23** Click **Start Simulate** on the IQS-233 Codeposition window (refer to [Figure 2-56 on page 2-74](#)) to simulate the process prior to making an actual deposition.
- NOTE:** Disconnect outputs from the IQM-233 or SQM-242 card(s) to prevent the supply of power to source outputs.

## 2.4.6 Starting a Process

- 1** If in Simulate Mode:
    - 1a** Click **Edit >> System** and select **Card** tab (refer to [Figure 2-41 on page 2-56](#)).
    - 1b** Deselect **Enabled** in the Simulate pane.
    - 1c** Click **OK** to save changes.
  - 2** Connect the appropriate inputs and outputs to IQM-233 or SQM-242 card(s).
- NOTE:** Refer to the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual for information about the physical input and output connections.

- 3** Click **File** and select **Process** to display a list of saved Process configurations (refer [Figure 2-9 on page 2-10](#)). The Process list displays a check next to the current Process name indicating that the Process configuration has been loaded for the Process name.
- 4** Select Auto source control (using a PID control loop) or Manual source control using the command buttons on the IQS-233 Codeposition window (refer to [Figure 2-56 on page 2-74](#)).  
**NOTE:** When **Auto→Man** is displayed, PID control loop is activated and parameters used for automatic control are displayed.
- 5** Click **Auto→Man**, which changes to **Man→Auto**, to activate Manual mode and display parameters used for manually controlling a deposition without PID loop control.
- 6** If the process requires data logging:
  - 6a** Click **Logging Off**, which changes to **Logging On**, to activate data logging. (Click **Logging On**, which changes to **Logging Off**, to make data logging unavailable.)
  - 6b** Click **File >> Log Data** to select the parameters to be logged (refer to [section 2.3.3.1.5 on page 2-14](#)).
- 7** Click **Edit >> System** and select **Card** tab (refer to [Figure 2-41 on page 2-56](#)).
- 8** Deselect **Enabled** in the **Simulate** pane.
- 9** Click **OK** to save changes.
- 10** Click **View** and click the graph to be displayed on the graph pane of the IQS-233 Codeposition Software window (refer to [Figure 2-50 on page 2-66](#)). Also, click Film Settings, Sensor Readings, and/or High Resolution to customize the display of the IQS-233 Codeposition Software window. Refer to [section 2.3.4 on page 2-66](#), for a detailed listing and explanation of each item.
- 11** Click **Start Process**, which changes to **Abort Process**, to start the Process.
- 12** Click **Start Layer**, which changes to **Stop Layer**, to start the Layer.
- 13** Click **Stop Layer**, which changes to **Start Layer**, to stop the Layer.
- 14** Click **Next Layer** to increment the Layer number to the next Layer of the Process.
- 15** Click **Abort Process**, which changes to **Start Process**, to stop the Process.
- 16** Click **File >> Exit** to exit IQS-233 Codeposition software (refer to [section 2.3.3.4 on page 2-17](#)).

## Chapter 3 Digital I/O

### 3.1 Introduction

IQS-233 and SQM-242 cards used with IQS-233 Codeposition software do not have digital inputs and outputs. However, digital I/O can be provided by interfacing an external Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) to the computer having IQS-233 or SQM-242 card(s) and IQS-233 Codeposition software installed. This section will cover interfacing a PLC to the computer.

There are several benefits to using an external PLC for I/O. The associated I/O wiring can be placed in a convenient location in a wiring cabinet. A single, serial communications cable connects the PLC to the computer. The PLC provides electrical isolation, fail-safe operation, and extensive I/O processing capabilities through its ladder logic programming.

### 3.2 PLC Installation



#### **CAUTION**

**Refer to the PLC operating manual for detailed PLC mounting and connection information.**

- 1 Mount the PLC controller near the devices it is controlling and sensing.
- 2 Connect the PLC to a properly grounded power source.
- 3 Connect the RS-232 cable (refer to the PLC operating manual for the cable requirements) from the PLC serial port to the computer serial port.
- 4 Properly wire the input and output relays according to the PLC operating manual.

#### 3.2.1 Crucible Indexer I/O

Indexers from different manufacturers use a variety of pocket decoding schemes. The PLC monitor program adapts information from IQS-233 Codeposition software to a specific indexer. The two most common indexer decoding schemes are illustrated below.

**Binary Pocket Select** . . . . . Each pocket requires a dedicated relay. For example, 8 pockets require 8 relays.

**Binary Coded Pocket Select** . . . . Pockets are selected by a value that is the binary representation of the pocket, requiring fewer relays. For example, 16 pockets can be selected with four relays.

**NOTE:** Please refer to the indexer operating manual for information regarding pocket selection.

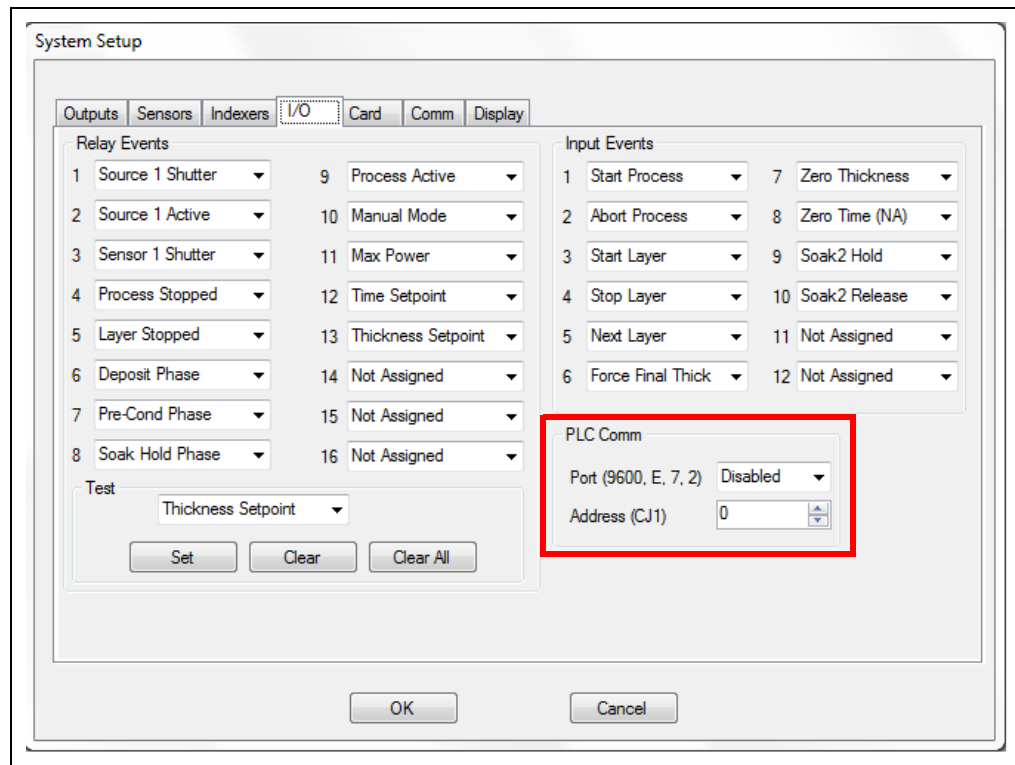
### 3.2.2 Other Digital I/O

Depending on the PLC, additional relay and input pins are available for other commands.

### 3.3 PLC Setup and Test

- 1 In IQS-233 Codeposition software click **Edit >> System >> I/O**.
- 2 Set the Port (9600, E, 7, 2) to match the serial port connected to the PLC.
- 3 Set the PLC Comm Address (CJ1) to match the assigned PLC Address (usually 0). See [Figure 3-1](#).

Figure 3-1 System Setup window - I/O tab



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- 4 The COMM LED on the PLC will flash several times a second when the Address and Comm Port are set properly.
- 5 The **Test** pane of the **I/O** tab provides a means of testing PLC communications and digital I/O wiring.  
 To test a PLC relay:
  - 5a Note which event is assigned to the relay in **Relay Events**.
  - 5b Select the same event name from the **Test** list.
  - 5c Click **Set** to close the relay.
  - 5d Click **Clear** to open the relay. Refer to [Figure 3-1](#).
- 6 The **Indexers** tab of the **System Setup** window allows the moving of a source or substrate indexer. Select the index (i.e., pocket) to activate, then click the **Move** button. (Refer to [Figure 2-39 on page 2-50](#)).

### 3.4 PLC Programming

The PLC runs a small ladder logic program that communicates with IQS-233 Codeposition software. This program transfers external relay and input states from the PLC connecting block to internal PLC registers. IQS-233 software reads/writes to those registers.

The IQS-233 software preset commands are adequate for most applications. Additional logic commands can be programmed using the PLC software. Refer to the PLC operating manual for more information on additional ladder logic programming.

The following commands of the internal PLC registers are used by IQS-233 Codeposition software.

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		18	Continuous Phase																																						

- 201                      Sensors/Outputs 1-4 Register (updated each layer)  
                               Bits 0-7 are sensors used (1=used, 0=unused)  
                               Bits 12-15 are outputs used, 12 is Out1, 13 is Out2, etc.
  
- 202                      Analog/Outputs 5-6 Register (updated each layer)  
                               Bits 0-3 are analog inputs used (1=used, 0=unused)  
                               Bits 4-5 outputs used, 4 is Out5, 5 is Out6  
                               Bits 8-11 are BCD of Output source index  
                               Bits 12-15 are BCD of Output 6 source index
  
- 220                      Source Index Register (updated each layer)  
                               Bits 0-3 are BCD of Output 1 source index  
                               Bits 4-7 are BCD of Output 2 source index  
                               Bits 8-11 are BCD of Output 3 source index  
                               Bits 12-15 are BCD of Output 4 source index
  
- 221                      Source Indexer Done Flag  
                               Bit 0 is Source Indexer 1 (1= Indexer Done, 0=Not Done)  
                               Bit 1 is Source Indexer 2  
                               Bit 2 is Source Indexer 3  
                               Bit 3 is Source Indexer 4  
                               Bit 4 is Source Indexer 5  
                               Bit 6 is Source Indexer 6
  
- 222                      Relays 1-16  
                               Bit 0 is Relay 1, etc.
  
- 224                      Inputs 1-12  
                               Bit 0 is Input 1, etc.
  
- 225                      Layer Index Register  
                               Bits 0-3 are BCD of Layer Indexer 1  
                               Bits 4-7 are BCD of Layer Indexer 2  
                               Bits 8-15 are BCD of Layer Indexer 3
  
- 226                      Layer Indexer Done Flag  
                               Bit 0 is Layer Indexer 1 (1= Indexer Done, 0=Not Done)  
                               Bit 1 is Layer Indexer 2  
                               Bit 2 is Layer Indexer 3

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## Chapter 4

# Calibration Procedures

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### 4.1 Importance of Density, Tooling and Z-Ratio

The quartz crystal microbalance precisely measures the mass added to the face of the oscillating quartz crystal sensor. IQM-233 has knowledge of the density of this added material allowing conversion of the mass information into thickness. In some instances, where highest accuracy is required, it is necessary to make a density calibration as outlined in [section 4.2](#).

Because the flow of material from a deposition is not uniform, it is necessary to account for the different amount of material flow onto the sensor compared to the substrates. This is accounted for by the Tooling parameter. Tooling can be experimentally established by following the guidelines in [section 4.3](#).

The Z-Ratio compensates for the elasticity of the deposited material to the quartz crystal. If the Z-Ratio is not known, it can be estimated from the procedures outlined in [section 4.4, Determining Z-Ratio, on page 4-3](#).

### 4.2 Determining Density

**NOTE:** The bulk density values retrieved from [Appendix A, Material Table](#) are sufficiently accurate for most applications.

Follow the steps below to determine density value.

- 1 Place a substrate (with proper masking for film thickness measurement) adjacent to the sensor, so that the same thickness will be accumulated on the crystal and substrate.
- 2 Set Density to the bulk value of the film material or to an approximate value in the Material window (click **Edit >> Materials**).
- 3 Set Z-Ratio to 1.000 in the Material window (click **Edit >> Materials**) and Sensor Tooling to 100.00% in the Source/Sensor tab of the Film Edit window (click **Edit >> Films**).
- 4 Place a new crystal in the sensor. Make a short deposition (1000-5000 Å), and record the Thickness reading displayed in IQS-233 Codeposition software window when finished depositing.
- 5 After deposition, remove the test substrate and measure the film thickness with a multiple beam interferometer or a stylus-type profilometer.

- 6 Determine the new density value with [equation \[1\]](#):

$$\text{Density}(\text{g}/\text{cm}^3) = D_i \left( \frac{T_x}{T_m} \right) \quad [1]$$

where:

$D_i$  = Initial density setting

$T_x$  = Thickness reading in the IQS-233 Codeposition software window.

$T_m$  = Measured thickness

- 7 Round off density to the nearest 0.01 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
- 8 A quick check of the calculated density may be made by programming IQS-233 Codeposition software with the new density value and observing that the displayed thickness is equal to the measured thickness, provided that the Thickness readout has not been zeroed between the test deposition and entering the calculated density.

**NOTE:** Due to variations in source distribution and other system factors, it is recommended that a minimum of three separate evaporations be made to obtain an average value for density.

**NOTE:** Slight adjustment of density may be necessary in order to achieve  $T_x = T_m$ .

### 4.3 Determining Tooling

- 1 Place a test substrate in the system's substrate holder.
- 2 Make a short deposition and record the Thickness reading displayed in the IQS-233 Codeposition software window when finished depositing.
- 3 Remove the test substrate and measure the film thickness with a multiple beam interferometer or a stylus-type profilometer.
- 4 Calculate Tooling from the relationship shown in [equation \[2\]](#):

$$\text{Tooling} (\%) = TF_i \left( \frac{T_m}{T_x} \right) \quad [2]$$

where:

$T_m$  = Actual thickness at substrate holder

$T_x$  = Thickness reading in the IQS-233 Codeposition software window

$TF_i$  = Initial Tooling factor

- 5 Enter this new value for Sensor Tooling, rounded to the nearest 0.1%, in the Source/Sensor tab of the Film Edit window (click **Edit >> Films**);  $T_m$  will equal  $T_x$  if calculations are done properly.

**NOTE:** Due to variations in source distribution and other system factors, it is recommended that a minimum of three separate evaporations be made to obtain an average value for Tooling.

## 4.4 Determining Z-Ratio

A list of Z-Ratio values for materials commonly used are available in [Appendix A, Material Table](#). For other materials, Z-Ratio can be calculated from the following formula:

$$Z = \left( \frac{d_q \mu_q}{d_f \mu_f} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad [3]$$

$$Z = 9.378 \times 10^5 (d_f \mu_f)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad [4]$$

where:

$d_f$  = Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) of deposited film

$\mu_f$  = Shear modulus (dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>) of deposited film

$d_q$  = Density of quartz (crystal) (2.649 g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

$\mu_q$  = Shear modulus of quartz (crystal) (3.32 x 10<sup>11</sup> dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>)

The densities and shear moduli of many materials can be found in a number of handbooks.

Laboratory results indicate that Z-Ratio values of materials in thin-film form are very close to the bulk values. However, for high stress producing materials, Z-Ratio values of thin films are slightly smaller than those of the bulk materials. For applications that require more precise calibration, the following direct method is suggested:

- 1 Establish the correct density value as described in [section 4.2 on page 4-1](#).
- 2 Install a new crystal and record its starting frequency,  $F_{co}$ . The starting frequency is displayed in the Frequency (MHz) readout of the Readings window (click View >> Sensor Readings).

- 3 Make a deposition on a test substrate such that the percent crystal Life readout in the Readings window displays approximately 50%, or near the end of crystal life for the particular material, whichever is smaller (the accuracy of the Z-Ratio determination will improve with increased material thickness).
- 4 Stop the deposition and record the ending crystal frequency  $F_c$  from the Frequency (MHz) readout of the Readings window.
- 5 Remove the test substrate and measure the film thickness with either a multiple beam interferometer or a stylus-type profilometer.
- 6 Using the density value from step 1 and the recorded values for  $F_{co}$  and  $F_c$ , adjust the Z-Ratio value in thickness equation [5] to bring the calculated thickness value into agreement with the actual thickness. If the calculated value of thickness is greater than the actual thickness, increase the Z-Ratio value. If the calculated value of thickness is less than the actual thickness, decrease the Z-Ratio value.

$$T_f = \frac{Z_q \times 10^4}{2\pi zp} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{F_{co}} \right) \text{ATan} \left( z \text{Tan} \left( \frac{\pi F_{co}}{F_q} \right) \right) - \left( \frac{1}{F_c} \right) \text{ATan} \left( z \text{Tan} \left( \frac{\pi F_c}{F_q} \right) \right) \right\} \quad [5]$$

where:

$T_f$  = Thickness of deposited film (kÅ)

$F_{co}$  = Starting frequency of the sensor crystal (Hz)

$F_c$  = Final frequency of the sensor crystal (Hz)

$F_q$  = Nominal blank frequency = 6045000 (Hz)

$z$  = Z-Ratio of deposited film material

$Z_q$  = Specific acoustic impedance of quartz = 8765000 (kg/(m<sup>2</sup> x s))

$p$  = Density of deposited film (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

For multiple layer deposition (for example, two layers), the Z-Ratio used for the second layer is determined by the relative thickness of the two layers. For most applications the following three rules will provide reasonable accuracies:

- ♦ If the thickness of layer 1 is large compared to layer 2, use the Z-Ratio of material 1 for both layers.
- ♦ If the thickness of layer 1 is thin compared to layer 2, use the Z-Ratio of material 2 for both layers.
- ♦ If the thickness of both layers is similar, use a value for Z-Ratio which is the weighted average of the two Z-Ratios for deposition of layer 2 and subsequent layers.

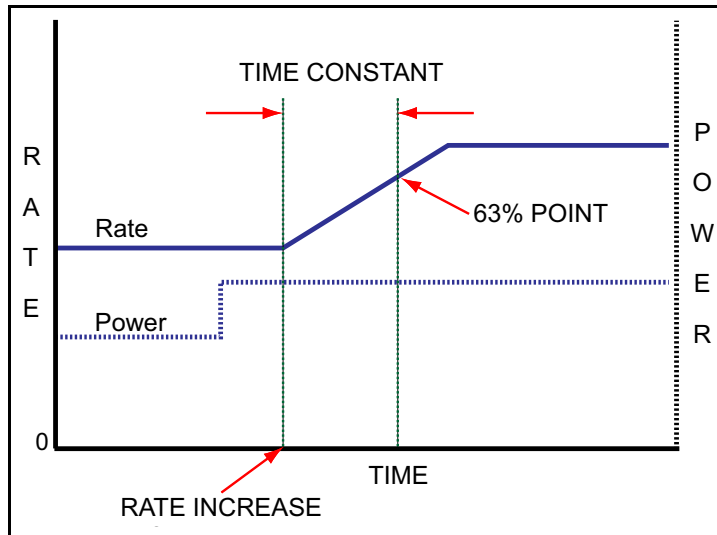
## 4.5 Tuning the Control Loop

The command of the control loop parameters is to match the instrument's reaction to an error (between the measured deposition rate and the desired rate) to the time related characteristics of the deposition source and its power supply. There are three adjustable parameters; **P** (proportional), **I** (integral) and **D** (derivative) used to accomplish this. It is convenient to think of sources as falling into two categories: "fast" or "slow." The tuning parameters are affected by source level, rate, sweep range or beam density, Tooling and source condition.

The **P** parameter is the proportional term that sets the gain of the control loop. Enter a higher value for a more responsive (but potentially unstable) control loop and a lower value for the less responsive control loop.

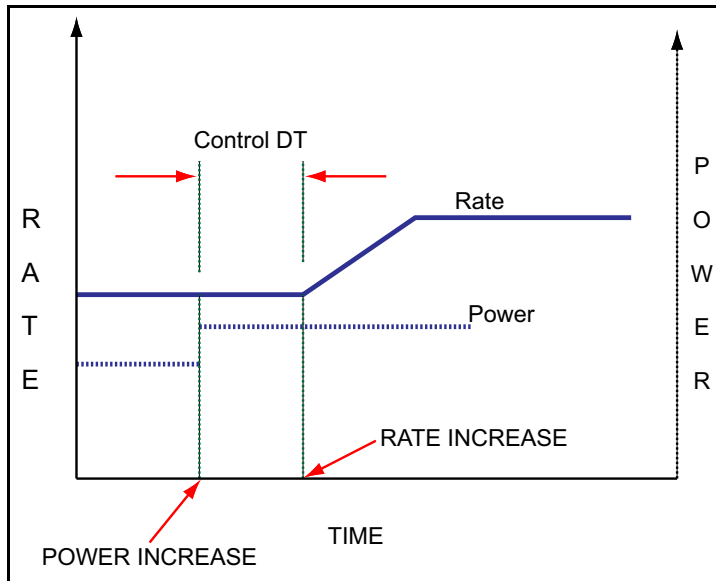
The **I** parameter is defined as the integral term that inversely sets the setpoint correction gain (a small number causes more error correction). It can be estimated as twice the time for the rate to go from 1/3 to 2/3 of the desired rate (see [Figure 4-1](#)). It instructs the controller on how much attention to pay to the schedule of the rate profile.

Figure 4-1 Determining the I value



The **D** parameter is equivalent to the system Dead Time and is used to compensate for slow responding sources such as boats and induction heated sources. This value can be estimated from the time difference between a change in % power and the start of an actual change in rate (see [Figure 4-2](#).) The **D** parameter instructs the controller on how much attention to pay to the Rate Deviation error. A value of zero tells the controller to ignore the Rate Deviation error. A large value tells the controller that the source is slow and it is going to be harder to get it going and harder to stop it. Therefore, if the rate starts to fall off, power increases, or if the target rate is quickly approaching, power decreases. Measurement rate noise may cause power output instability with larger **D** values.

Figure 4-2 Determining the D value



### 4.5.1 Identifying a Fast or Slow Source

Classifying a source as being fast or slow is based on the time it takes for the rate to change from a change in power (delay). It is straight forward to measure the delay. Using manual power, establish a rate and allow it to become steady. Increase the source power a few percent (~5% if possible). Allow the source to again stabilize. If the delay time is greater than 1 second, the source is characterized as slow. All other sources are considered fast. In general, electron beam (e-beam) sources (unless a hearth liner is used), some very small filament sources, and sputtering sources are considered fast sources. Thermal evaporation sources are typically considered slow.



## 4.5.2 Loop Tuning Procedure

**NOTE:** Control loop tuning is a trial and error process and there is no "best" procedure to accomplish this task. It may take several adjustments to achieve the desired tune.

### 1 Set System Parameters

**1a** In the **System Setup** window (**Edit >> System**), click the Card tab and clear the **Enable Simulate** check box (if selected).

**1b** In the **System Setup** window, click the **Display** tab. Set **Period** to **0.25** to see the noise of the system.

### 2 Create a One-Layer Test Process

**2a** In the **Materials** window (**Edit >> Materials**), enter the **Z-Ratio** and **Density** of the material being deposited.

**2b** In the **Layer** tab of the **Process window** (**Edit >> Process**), set the desired **Setpoint** (rate) and a non-zero **Final Thickness** (Final Thickness setting must be large enough so it will not be reached during this procedure).

### 3 Activate Data Logging

**3a** In the **DataLog** window (**File >> Log Data**) select the Data Log path and attributes.

**3b** Click **Logging Off** (changes to **Logging On**) to activate data logging.

**NOTE:** Data Logging does not collect data until Start is clicked.

### 4 Test the System Setup

**4a** In the **Process** window, select **Manual Start** for **Start Mode** and click **OK**.

**4b** In the **IQS-233 Codeposition** window, click **Auto -> Man** (changes to **Man -> Auto**) and click **Start**.

**4c** In the **Manual Power** box, slowly increase power to **10%** and verify that the power supply output is 10% of Full Scale. If the readings do not agree, verify that the **Full Scale Out** voltage in the **Outputs** tab of the **System Setup** window (**Edit >> System**) agrees with the power supply input specifications.

**4d** Continue to increase power until the desired rate is achieved.

**4e** Log the data for a few minutes.

**4f** Slowly decrease power to **0%**, and then click **Stop**.

**4g** Plot the data in a spreadsheet program. If the system has significant short term noise at a fixed power, the control loop will be difficult to adjust, especially at low rates. The source of the noise should be eliminated before attempting to set the PID values (refer to the Troubleshooting section in the IQM-233 or SQM-242 operating manual).

## **5 Determine Max Power**

**5a** In the **Process** window, verify **Manual Start** is selected for **Start Mode**.

**5b** Click **Start**.

**5c** In the **Manual Power** box, slowly increase power until the desired rate is achieved.

**5d** Record the **Power (%)** reading at the desired rate as  $PWR_{DR}$ .

**5e** In the **Max Power** box, select a value 20% higher than  $PWR_{DR}$ .

**5f** If finished, slowly decrease power to 0%, and then press **Stop**. Otherwise, continue to step 7.

## **6 Determine Open Loop Response Time** (refer to [Figure 4-1 on page 4-5](#))

**6a** Calculate 1/3 of the desired rate ( $RATE_{1/3}$ ), and 2/3 of the desired rate ( $RATE_{2/3}$ ).

**6b** Slowly adjust the power until the rate matches  $RATE_{1/3}$  and is steady.

**6c** Quickly adjust Power (%) to  $PWR_{DR}$  and measure the time for the rate to equal  $RATE_{2/3}$ .

**6d** Twice the measured time is the step response time,  $TIME_{SR}$ .

**6e** If finished, slowly decrease power to 0%, and then press **Stop**. Otherwise, continue to step 8.

**NOTE:**  $TIME_{SR}$  is typically 0.2 to 1 second for e-beam evaporation and at least 5 seconds for thermal evaporation.

**NOTE:** It is recommended to repeat this step several times to get an average response time.

**7 Determine the Dead Time** (refer to [Figure 4-2 on page 4-6](#))

**7a** Slowly increase power until the desired rate is achieved.

**7b** Quickly adjust power by 1 to 2% and measure the time between when the power is changed and when a change in rate is observed.

**7c** The time between the change in power and when the rate starts to change is the Dead Time.

**7d** If finished, slowly decrease power to 0%, and then press **Stop**. Otherwise, continue to step 9.

**NOTE:** It is common for the Dead Time of a fast source, such as an e-beam, to be very small and possibly immeasurable. In this case, the Dead Time can be considered zero.

**8 Set Initial PID Values**

**8a** Set the power to zero.

**8b For a fast source** (refer to [section 4.5.1 on page 4-6](#))

- ◆ In the **Deposit** tab on the **Film Edit** window (**Edit >> Films**):
  - ◆ Set **P** to **25**.
  - ◆ Set **I** to the **TIME<sub>SR</sub>** value (calculated in step 7) or zero.
  - ◆ Set **D** to zero.

**8c For a slow source** (refer to [section 4.5.1 on page 4-6](#))

- ◆ In the **Deposit** tab on the **Film Edit** window (**Edit >> Films**):
  - ◆ Set **P** to **25**.
  - ◆ Set **I** to the **TIME<sub>SR</sub>** value (calculated in step 7).
  - ◆ Set **D** to the **Dead Time** value (calculated in step 8).

**9** Adjust PID Values according to control response.

**9a** Click **Man -> Auto** (changes to **Auto -> Man**) to activate PID control and observe the power.

- ◆ The power should rise from 0% and stabilize near  $PWR_{DR}$ .
- ◆ If there is more than 10% overshoot in power or if the curve appears under damped, lower the **P** value. If the time to reach  $PWR_{DR}$  is very slow (over damped), increase the **P** value. See [Figure 4-3](#).
- ◆ A lower **I** value will increase response for over damped sources. A higher value may reduce ringing and rate deviations seen with under damped sources. See [Figure 4-3](#).
- ◆ The **D** value should not need much adjustment, but if under damped behavior is observed, increase the **D** value. If it appears over damped, decrease the **D** value. See [Figure 4-4](#).

**9b** Continue to adjust **P** and **I** values, alternating between 0% power in **Manual** mode and **Auto** mode until the steady-state response is smooth and the step response is controlled.

**9c** If finished, slowly decrease power to 0%, and then press **Stop**.

**NOTE:** Preconditioning will minimize step changes.

**NOTE:** E-beam systems may require additional steps to limit the control loop response during arcing. First, be sure the **Max Power** parameter in the **Source/Sensor** tab of the **Film Edit** window (**Edit >> Films**) is set to limit the output power to a reasonable value for the material and rate. The **Slew Rate** setting can further limit aggressive power changes. At rates below 10 Å/s, a Slew Rate of 1 - 2% is common.

Figure 4-3 Examples of Control Loop Damping

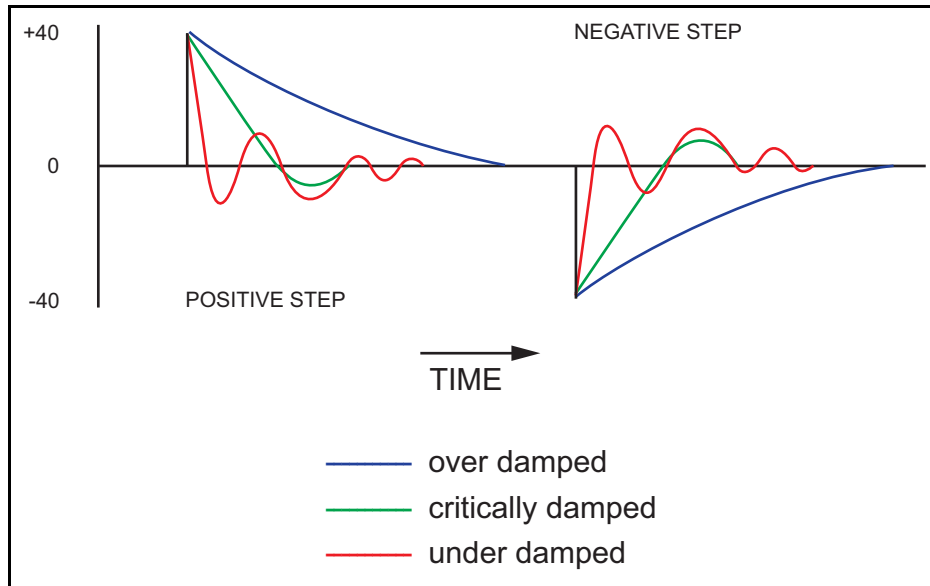
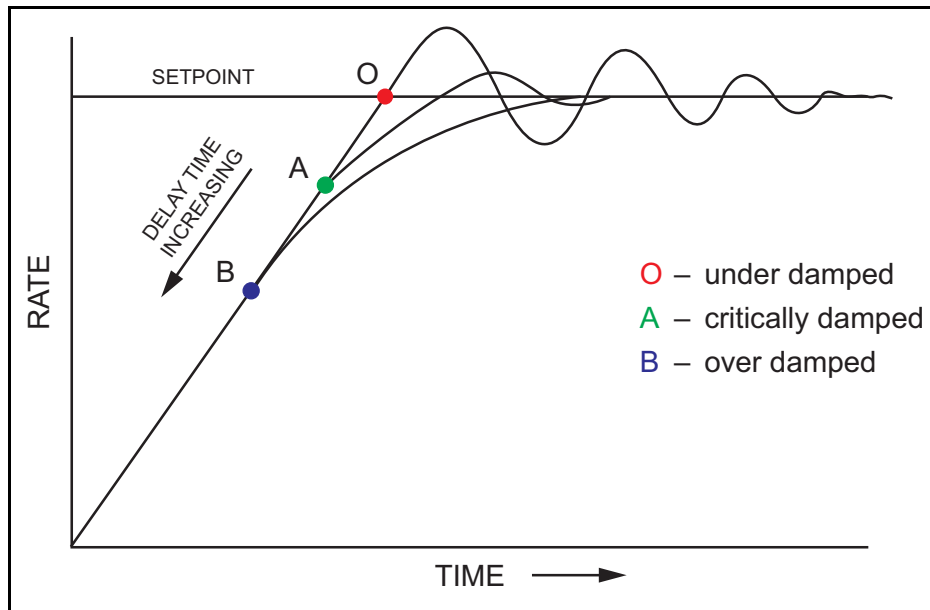


Figure 4-4 Examples of Dead Time Settings



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# Appendix A Material Table

## A.1 Introduction

Table A-1 represents the density and Z-Ratio for various materials. The list is alphabetical by chemical formula.

An \* is used to indicate that a Z-Ratio has not been established for a certain material. A value of 1.000 is defaulted in these situations. To determine the Z-Ratio where the Z-Ratio for a material has not been established, refer to [section 4.4, Determining Z-Ratio, on page 4-3](#).



### WARNING

**Some of these materials are toxic. Consult their material safety data sheet and safety instructions before use.**

Table A-1 Material table

Formula	Density	Z-Ratio	Material Name
Ag	10.500	0.529	silver
AgBr	6.470	1.180	silver bromide
AgCl	5.560	1.320	silver chloride
Al	2.700	1.080	aluminum
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.970	0.336	aluminum oxide
Al <sub>4</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	2.360	*1.000	aluminum carbide
AlF <sub>3</sub>	3.070	*1.000	aluminum fluoride
AlN	3.260	*1.000	aluminum nitride
AlSb	4.360	0.743	aluminum antimonide
As	5.730	0.966	arsenic
As <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	4.750	*1.000	arsenic selenide
Au	19.300	0.381	gold
B	2.370	0.389	boron
B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.820	*1.000	boron oxide
B <sub>4</sub> C	2.370	*1.000	boron carbide
BN	1.860	*1.000	boron nitride

Table A-1 Material table (continued)

Formula	Density	Z-Ratio	Material Name
Ba	3.500	2.100	barium
BaF <sub>2</sub>	4.886	0.793	barium fluoride
BaN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	3.244	1.261	barium nitrate
BaO	5.720	*1.000	barium oxide
BaTiO <sub>3</sub>	5.999	0.464	barium titanate (tetr)
BaTiO <sub>3</sub>	6.035	0.412	barium titanate (cubic)
Be	1.850	0.543	beryllium
BeF <sub>2</sub>	1.990	*1.000	beryllium fluoride
BeO	3.010	*1.000	beryllium oxide
Bi	9.800	0.790	bismuth
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.900	*1.000	bismuth oxide
Bi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	7.390	*1.000	bismuth trisulphide
Bi <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	6.820	*1.000	bismuth selenide
Bi <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>3</sub>	7.700	*1.000	bismuth telluride
BiF <sub>3</sub>	5.320	*1.000	bismuth fluoride
C	2.250	3.260	carbon (graphite)
C	3.520	0.220	carbon (diamond)
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	1.100	*1.000	parlyene (union carbide)
Ca	1.550	2.620	calcium
CaF <sub>2</sub>	3.180	0.775	calcium fluoride
CaO	3.350	*1.000	calcium oxide
CaO-SiO <sub>2</sub>	2.900	*1.000	calcium silicate (3)
CaSO <sub>4</sub>	2.962	0.955	calcium sulfate
CaTiO <sub>3</sub>	4.100	*1.000	calcium titanate
CaWO <sub>4</sub>	6.060	*1.000	calcium tungstate
Cd	8.640	0.682	cadmium
CdF <sub>2</sub>	6.640	*1.000	cadmium fluoride
CdO	8.150	*1.000	cadmium oxide
CdS	4.830	1.020	cadmium sulfide
CdSe	5.810	*1.000	cadmium selenide
CdTe	6.200	0.980	cadmium telluride
Ce	6.780	*1.000	cerium
CeF <sub>3</sub>	6.160	*1.000	cerium (iii) fluoride



Table A-1 Material table (continued)

Formula	Density	Z-Ratio	Material Name
CeO <sub>2</sub>	7.130	*1.000	cerium (iv) dioxide
Co	8.900	0.343	cobalt
CoO	6.440	0.412	cobalt oxide
Cr	7.200	0.305	chromium
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.210	*1.000	chromium (iii) oxide
Cr <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	6.680	*1.000	chromium carbide
CrB	6.170	*1.000	chromium boride
Cs	1.870	*1.000	cesium
Cs <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	4.243	1.212	cesium sulfate
CsBr	4.456	1.410	cesium bromide
CsCl	3.988	1.399	cesium chloride
CsI	4.516	1.542	cesium iodide
Cu	8.930	0.437	copper
Cu <sub>2</sub> O	6.000	*1.000	copper oxide
Cu <sub>2</sub> S	5.600	0.690	copper (i) sulfide (alpha)
Cu <sub>2</sub> S	5.800	0.670	copper (i) sulfide (beta)
CuS	4.600	0.820	copper (ii) sulfide
Dy	8.550	0.600	dysprosium
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.810	*1.000	dysprosium oxide
Er	9.050	0.740	erbium
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.640	*1.000	erbium oxide
Eu	5.260	*1.000	europium
EuF <sub>2</sub>	6.500	*1.000	europium fluoride
Fe	7.860	0.349	iron
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.240	*1.000	iron oxide
FeO	5.700	*1.000	iron oxide
FeS	4.840	*1.000	iron sulphide
Ga	5.930	0.593	gallium
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.880	*1.000	gallium oxide (b)
GaAs	5.310	1.590	gallium arsenide
GaN	6.100	*1.000	gallium nitride
GaP	4.100	*1.000	gallium phosphide
GaSb	5.600	*1.000	gallium antimonide

Table A-1 Material table (continued)

<b>Formula</b>	<b>Density</b>	<b>Z-Ratio</b>	<b>Material Name</b>
Gd	7.890	0.670	gadolinium
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.410	*1.000	gadolinium oxide
Ge	5.350	0.516	germanium
Ge <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	5.200	*1.000	germanium nitride
GeO <sub>2</sub>	6.240	*1.000	germanium oxide
GeTe	6.200	*1.000	germanium telluride
Hf	13.090	0.360	hafnium
HfB <sub>2</sub>	10.500	*1.000	hafnium boride
HfC	12.200	*1.000	hafnium carbide
HfN	13.800	*1.000	hafnium nitride
HfO <sub>2</sub>	9.680	*1.000	hafnium oxide
HfSi <sub>2</sub>	7.200	*1.000	hafnium silicide
Hg	13.460	0.740	mercury
Ho	8.800	0.580	holmium
Ho <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.410	*1.000	holmium oxide
In	7.300	0.841	indium
In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.180	*1.000	indium sesquioxide
In <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	5.700	*1.000	indium selenide
In <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>3</sub>	5.800	*1.000	indium telluride
InAs	5.700	*1.000	indium arsenide
InP	4.800	*1.000	indium phosphide
InSb	5.760	0.769	indium antimonide
Ir	22.400	0.129	iridium
K	0.860	10.189	potassium
KBr	2.750	1.893	potassium bromide
KCl	1.980	2.050	potassium chloride
KF	2.480	*1.000	potassium fluoride
KI	3.128	2.077	potassium iodide
La	6.170	0.920	lanthanum
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.510	*1.000	lanthanum oxide
LaB <sub>6</sub>	2.610	*1.000	lanthanum boride
LaF <sub>3</sub>	5.940	*1.000	lanthanum fluoride
Li	0.530	5.900	lithium

Table A-1 Material table (continued)

<b>Formula</b>	<b>Density</b>	<b>Z-Ratio</b>	<b>Material Name</b>
LiBr	3.470	1.230	lithium bromide
LiF	2.638	0.778	lithium fluoride
LiNbO <sub>3</sub>	4.700	0.463	lithium niobate
Lu	9.840	*1.000	lutetium
Mg	1.740	1.610	magnesium
MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	3.600	*1.000	magnesium aluminate
MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	8.000	*1.000	spinel
MgF <sub>2</sub>	3.180	0.637	magnesium fluoride
MgO	3.580	0.411	magnesium oxide
Mn	7.200	0.377	manganese
MnO	5.390	0.467	manganese oxide
MnS	3.990	0.940	manganese (ii) sulfide
Mo	10.200	0.257	molybdenum
Mo <sub>2</sub> C	9.180	*1.000	molybdenum carbide
MoB <sub>2</sub>	7.120	*1.000	molybdenum boride
MoO <sub>3</sub>	4.700	*1.000	molybdenum trioxide
MoS <sub>2</sub>	4.800	*1.000	molybdenum disulfide
Na	0.970	4.800	sodium
Na <sub>3</sub> AlF <sub>6</sub>	2.900	*1.000	cryolite
Na <sub>5</sub> Al <sub>3</sub> F <sub>14</sub>	2.900	*1.000	chiolite
NaBr	3.200	*1.000	sodium bromide
NaCl	2.170	1.570	sodium chloride
NaClO <sub>3</sub>	2.164	1.565	sodium chlorate
NaF	2.558	1.645	sodium fluoride
NaNO <sub>3</sub>	2.270	1.194	sodium nitrate
Nb	8.578	0.492	niobium (columbium)
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.500	*1.000	niobium trioxide
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	4.470	*1.000	niobium (v) oxide
NbB <sub>2</sub>	6.970	*1.000	niobium boride
NbC	7.820	*1.000	niobium carbide
NbN	8.400	*1.000	niobium nitride
Nd	7.000	*1.000	neodymium
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.240	*1.000	neodymium oxide

Table A-1 Material table (continued)

<b>Formula</b>	<b>Density</b>	<b>Z-Ratio</b>	<b>Material Name</b>
NdF <sub>3</sub>	6.506	*1.000	neodymium fluoride
Ni	8.910	0.331	nickel
NiCr	8.500	*1.000	nichrome
NiCrFe	8.500	*1.000	inconel
NiFe	8.700	*1.000	permalloy
NiFeMo	8.900	*1.000	supermalloy
NiO	7.450	*1.000	nickel oxide
P <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub>	2.510	*1.000	phosphorus nitride
Pb	11.300	1.130	lead
PbCl <sub>2</sub>	5.850	*1.000	lead chloride
PbF <sub>2</sub>	8.240	0.661	lead fluoride
PbO	9.530	*1.000	lead oxide
PbS	7.500	0.566	lead sulfide
PbSe	8.100	*1.000	lead selenide
PbSnO <sub>3</sub>	8.100	*1.000	lead stannate
PbTe	8.160	0.651	lead telluride
Pd	12.038	0.357	palladium
PdO	8.310	*1.000	palladium oxide
Po	9.400	*1.000	polonium
Pr	6.780	*1.000	praseodymium
Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.880	*1.000	praseodymium oxide
Pt	21.400	0.245	platinum
PtO <sub>2</sub>	10.200	*1.000	platinum oxide
Ra	5.000	*1.000	radium
Rb	1.530	2.540	rubidium
RbI	3.550	*1.000	rubidium iodide
Re	21.040	0.150	rhenium
Rh	12.410	0.210	rhodium
Ru	12.362	0.182	ruthenium
S <sub>8</sub>	2.070	2.290	sulphur
Sb	6.620	0.768	antimony
Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.200	*1.000	antimony trioxide
Sb <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	4.640	*1.000	antimony trisulfide

Table A-1 Material table (continued)

Formula	Density	Z-Ratio	Material Name
Sc	3.000	0.910	scandium
Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.860	*1.000	scandium oxide
Se	4.810	0.864	selenium
Si	2.320	0.712	silicon
Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	3.440	*1.000	silicon nitride
SiC	3.220	*1.000	silicon carbide
SiO	2.130	0.870	silicon (ii) oxide
SiO <sub>2</sub>	2.648	1.000	silicon dioxide
Sm	7.540	0.890	samarium
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.430	*1.000	samarium oxide
Sn	7.300	0.724	tin
SnO <sub>2</sub>	6.950	*1.000	tin oxide
SnS	5.080	*1.000	tin sulfide
SnSe	6.180	*1.000	tin selenide
SnTe	6.440	*1.000	tin telluride
Sr	2.600	*1.000	strontium
SrF <sub>2</sub>	4.277	0.727	strontium fluoride
SrO	4.990	0.517	strontium oxide
Ta	16.600	0.262	tantalum
Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	8.200	0.300	tantalum (v) oxide
TaB <sub>2</sub>	11.150	*1.000	tantalum boride
TaC	13.900	*1.000	tantalum carbide
TaN	16.300	*1.000	tantalum nitride
Tb	8.270	0.660	terbium
Tc	11.500	*1.000	technetium
Te	6.250	0.900	tellurium
TeO <sub>2</sub>	5.990	0.862	tellurium oxide
Th	11.694	0.484	thorium
ThF <sub>4</sub>	6.320	*1.000	thorium (iv) fluoride
ThO <sub>2</sub>	9.860	0.284	thorium dioxide
ThOF <sub>2</sub>	9.100	*1.000	thorium oxyfluoride
Ti	4.500	0.628	titanium
Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.600	*1.000	titanium sesquioxide

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Table A-1 Material table (continued)

Formula	Density	Z-Ratio	Material Name
TiB <sub>2</sub>	4.500	*1.000	titanium boride
TiC	4.930	*1.000	titanium carbide
TiN	5.430	*1.000	titanium nitride
TiO	4.900	*1.000	titanium oxide
TiO <sub>2</sub>	4.260	0.400	titanium (iv) oxide
Tl	11.850	1.550	thallium
TlBr	7.560	*1.000	thallium bromide
TlCl	7.000	*1.000	thallium chloride
TlI	7.090	*1.000	thallium iodide (b)
U	19.050	0.238	uranium
U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	8.300	*1.000	tri uranium octoxide
U <sub>4</sub> O <sub>9</sub>	10.969	0.348	uranium oxide
UO <sub>2</sub>	10.970	0.286	uranium dioxide
V	5.960	0.530	vanadium
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	3.360	*1.000	vanadium pentoxide
VB <sub>2</sub>	5.100	*1.000	vanadium boride
VC	5.770	*1.000	vanadium carbide
VN	6.130	*1.000	vanadium nitride
VO <sub>2</sub>	4.340	*1.000	vanadium dioxide
W	19.300	0.163	tungsten
WB <sub>2</sub>	10.770	*1.000	tungsten boride
WC	15.600	0.151	tungsten carbide
WO <sub>3</sub>	7.160	*1.000	tungsten trioxide
WS <sub>2</sub>	7.500	*1.000	tungsten disulphide
WSi <sub>2</sub>	9.400	*1.000	tungsten silicide
Y	4.340	0.835	yttrium
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.010	*1.000	yttrium oxide
Yb	6.980	1.130	ytterbium
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.170	*1.000	ytterbium oxide
Zn	7.040	0.514	zinc
Zn <sub>3</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub>	6.300	*1.000	zinc antimonide
ZnF <sub>2</sub>	4.950	*1.000	zinc fluoride
ZnO	5.610	0.556	zinc oxide

Table A-1 Material table (continued)

<b>Formula</b>	<b>Density</b>	<b>Z-Ratio</b>	<b>Material Name</b>
ZnS	4.090	0.775	zinc sulfide
ZnSe	5.260	0.722	zinc selenide
ZnTe	6.340	0.770	zinc telluride
Zr	6.490	0.600	zirconium
ZrB <sub>2</sub>	6.080	*1.000	zirconium boride
ZrC	6.730	0.264	zirconium carbide
ZrN	7.090	*1.000	zirconium nitride
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	5.600	*1.000	zirconium oxide

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