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[54] **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COATING SUBSTRATES**

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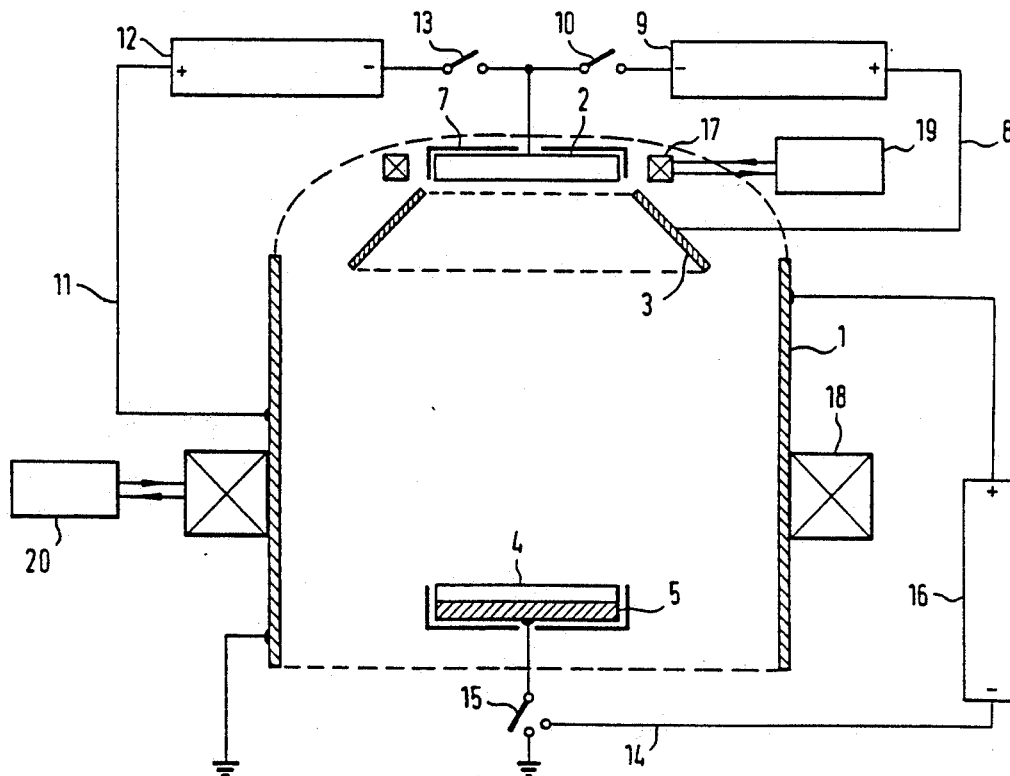
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method and an apparatus for coating substrates is described in which the layer to be applied is produced by the condensing particles of a plasma generated by a gas discharge which are incident on the substrates. Both an arc discharge vaporization coating process and a cathode sputtering coating process are effected in the same apparatus, and the arc discharge vaporization process is carried out before the cathode sputtering process.

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Fig. 1

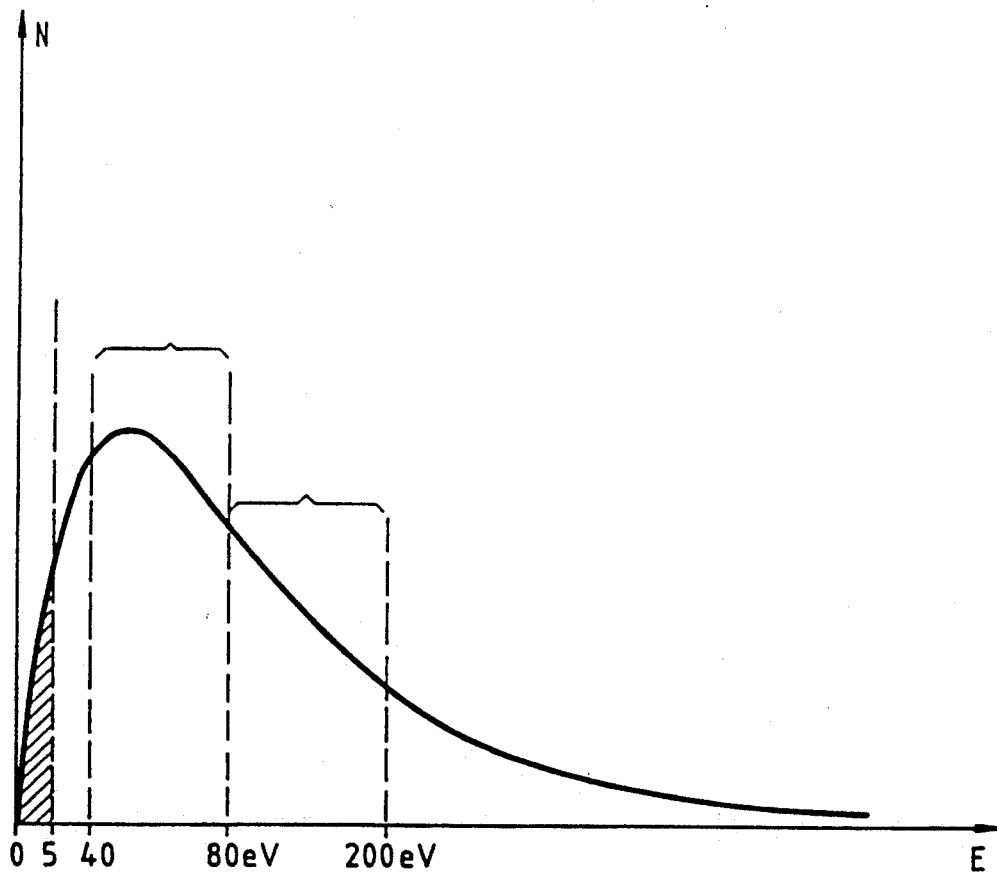


Fig. 2A (PRIOR ART)

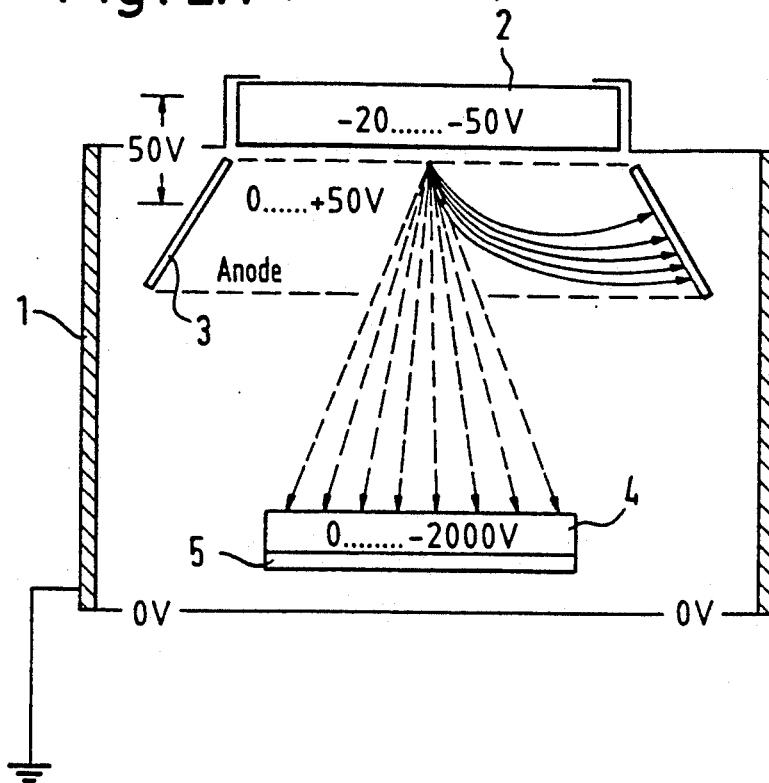


Fig. 2B (PRIOR ART)

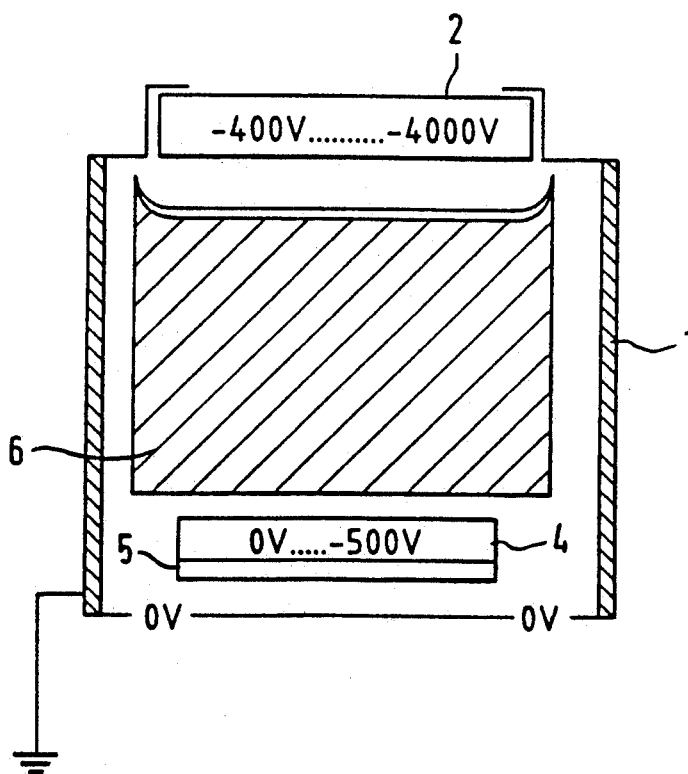


Fig. 3

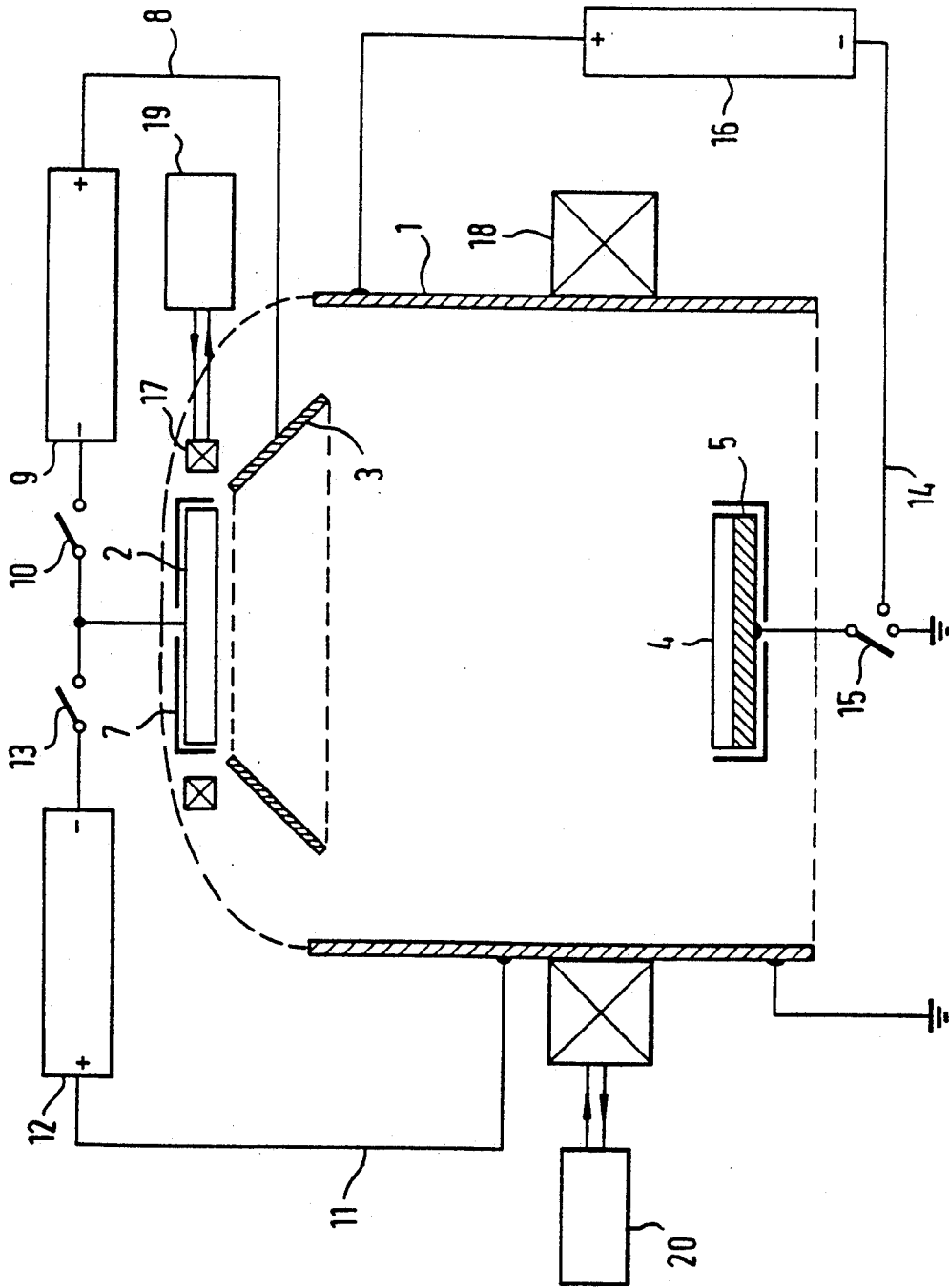


Fig. 4 (PRIOR ART)

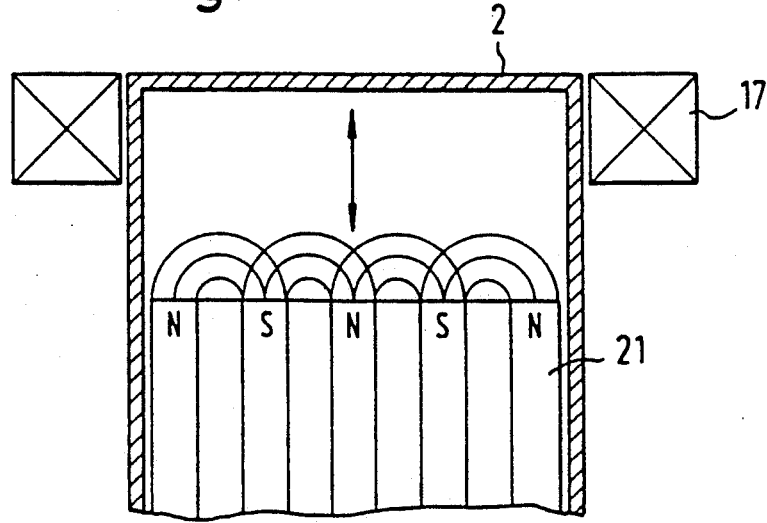
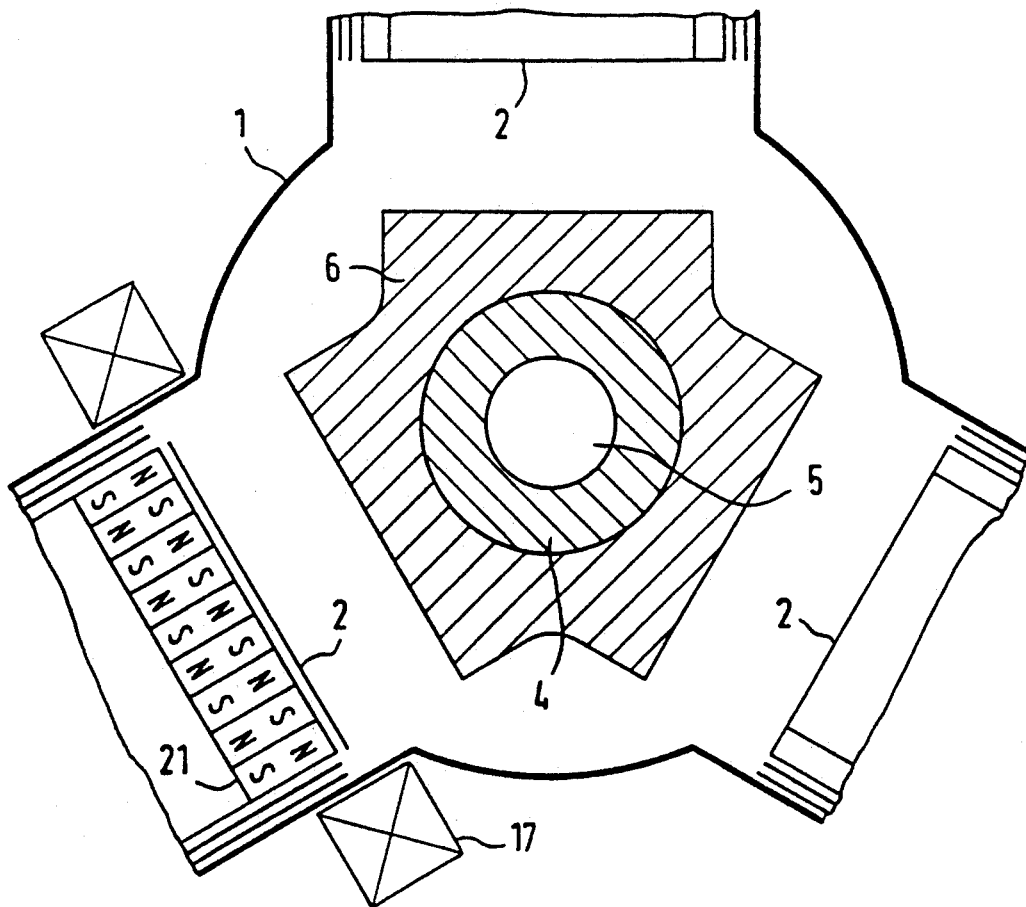


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