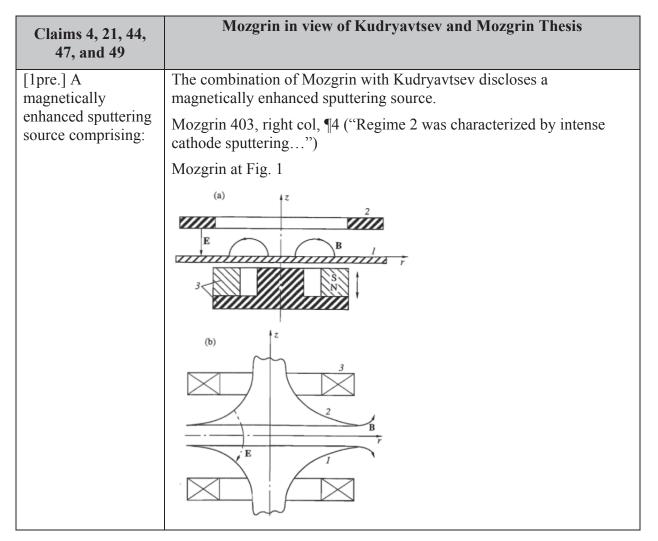
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	Fig. 1. Discharge device configurations: (a) planar magne- tron; (b) shaped-electrode configuration. (1) Cathode; (2) anode; (3) magnetic system.
[1a.] an anode;	The combination of Mozgrin with Kudryavtsev discloses an anode.
	'759 Patent at Fig. 1
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[1b.] a cathode assembly that is positioned adjacent to the anode, the cathode assembly including a sputtering target;	 (b) f² Fig. 1. Discharge device configurations: (a) planar magnetron; (b) shaped-electrode configuration. (1) Cathode: (2) anode; (3) magnetic system. The combination of Mozgrin with Kudryavtsev discloses a cathode assembly that is positioned adjacent to the anode, the cathode assembly including a sputtering target. '759 Patent at Fig. 1 (i) f¹⁰/₁₀ (ii) f¹⁰/₁₀ (iii) f¹⁰/₁₀

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	Mozgrin at 403, right col, ¶ 4 ("Regime 2 was characterized by intense cathode sputtering").
	Mozgrin at 403, right col, \P 4 ("The pulsed deposition rate of the cathode material").
	Mozgrin at Fig. 1
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	(b) $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{1}{1}$ \frac
	tron; (b) shaped-electrode configuration. (1) Cathode; (2) anode; (3) magnetic system.
[1c.] an ionization source that generates a weakly- ionized plasma proximate to the anode and the cathode assembly;	The combination of Mozgrin with Kudryavtsev discloses an ionization source that generates a weakly-ionized plasma proximate to the anode and the cathode assembly.
	'759 Patent at 6:30-32 ("The weakly-ionized plasma is also referred to as a pre-ionized plasma.")
	'759 Patent at claim 32 ("wherein the peak plasma density of the weakly-ionized plasma is less than about 10^{12} cm ⁻³ ").
	Mozgrin at 401, right col, ¶2 ("For pre-ionization, we used a stationary magnetron discharge; the discharge current ranged up to 300 mA We found out that only the regimes with magnetic field strength not lower than 400 G provided the initial plasma density in the $10^9 - 10^{11}$ cm ⁻³ range."). (emphasis added).
	Mozgrin at 401, left col, ¶ 1 ("The [plasma] discharge had an annular

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	shape and was adjacent to the cathode."). (emphasis added)
	Mozgrin at 402, right col, ¶2 ("Figure 3 shows typical voltage and current oscillograms Part I in the voltage oscillogram represents the voltage of the stationary discharge (pre-ionization stage).").
	Mozgrin at Fig. 6
	Fig. 6. High-current quasi-stationary discharge regimes. (a) planar magnetron: (1) high-current magnetron regime (p Ar, $I_d = 70$ A, $U_d = 900$ V); (2) high-current diffuse regime ($p = 10^{-1}$ torr, Ar, $I_d = 700$ A, $U_d = 80$ V); (3) arc regime Ar, $I_d = 1000$ A, $U_d = 45$ V). (b) Shaped-electrode system: (1) high-current diffuse regime ($p = 10^{-1}$ torr, Ar, $I_d = 1000$ (2) contracted arc regime ($p = 10^{-1}$ torr, Ar, $I_d = 1500$ A, $U_d = 50$ V).
[1d.] a magnet that is positioned to generate a magnetic field proximate to the weakly-ionized plasma, the magnetic field substantially trapping electrons in the weakly-ionized plasma proximate to	The combination of Mozgrin with Kudryavtsev discloses a magnet that is positioned to generate a magnetic field proximate to the weakly- ionized plasma, the magnetic field substantially trapping electrons in the weakly-ionized plasma proximate to the sputtering target.
	'759 Patent at 3:10-12 ("FIG. 1 shows a cross-sectional view of a known magnetron sputtering apparatus 100" that has a magnet 126.")
	'759 Patent at 4:4-10 [<i>describing the prior art Fig. 1</i>] ("The electrons, which cause ionization, are generally confined by the magnetic fields produced by the magnet 126. The magnetic confinement is strongest in a confinement region 142")
the sputtering target;	Mozgrin at 401, left col, ¶ 1 ("The electrodes were immersed in a

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