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[54] PLASMA REACTOR HAVING AN INDUCTIVE ANTENNA COUPLING POWER THROUGH A PARALLEL PLATE

ELECTRODE

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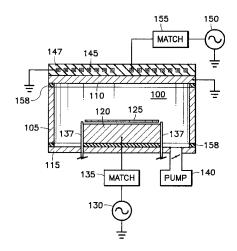
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[57] ABSTRACT

The invention is embodied by a plasma reactor for processing a workpiece, including a reactor enclosure defining a processing chamber, a semiconductor window, a base within the chamber for supporting the workpiece during processing thereof, a gas inlet system for admitting a plasma precursor gas into the chamber, and an inductive antenna adjacent a side of the semiconductor window opposite the base for coupling power into the interior of the chamber through the semiconductor window electrode.

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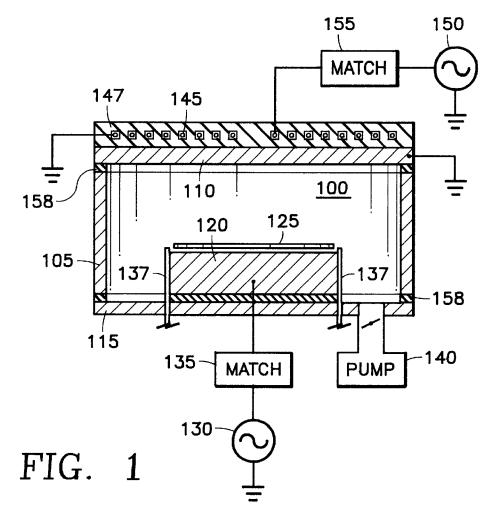




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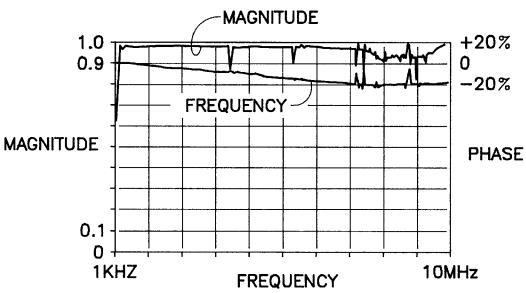
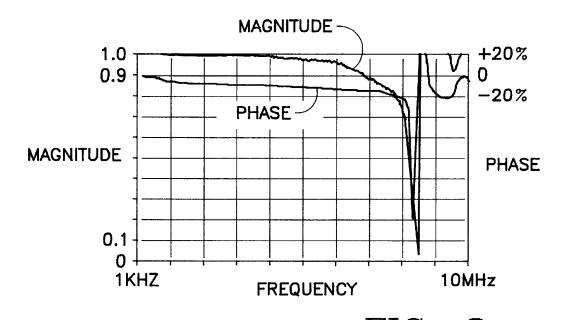
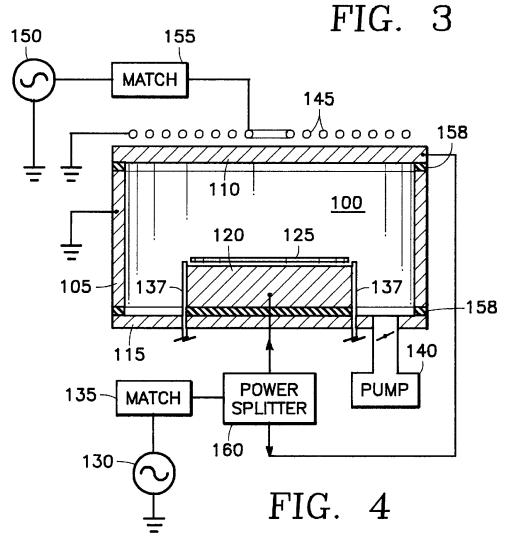
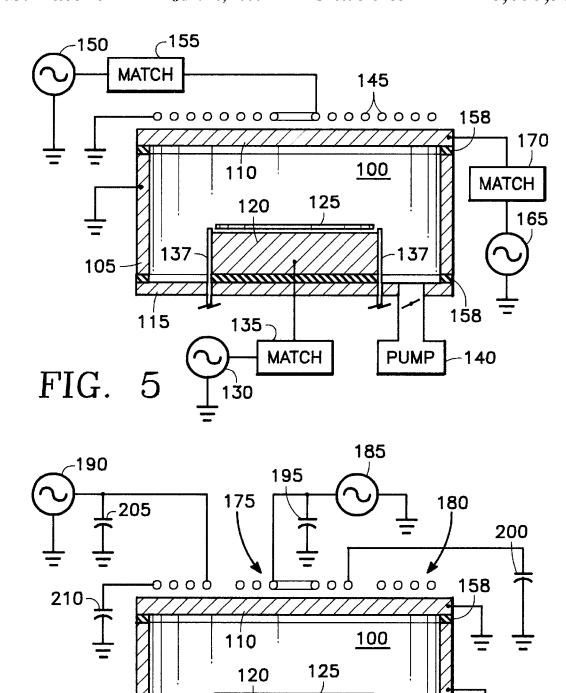


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