

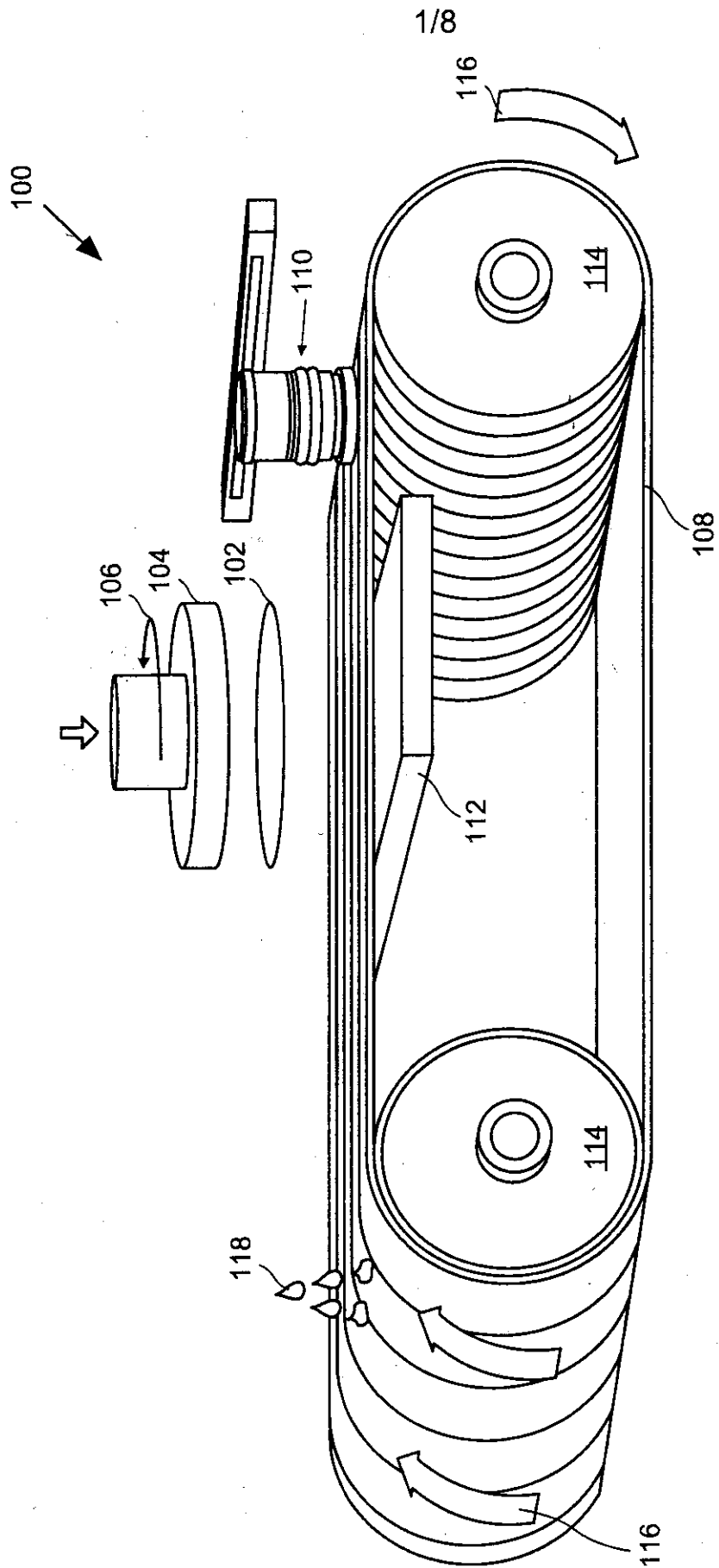


FIG. 1
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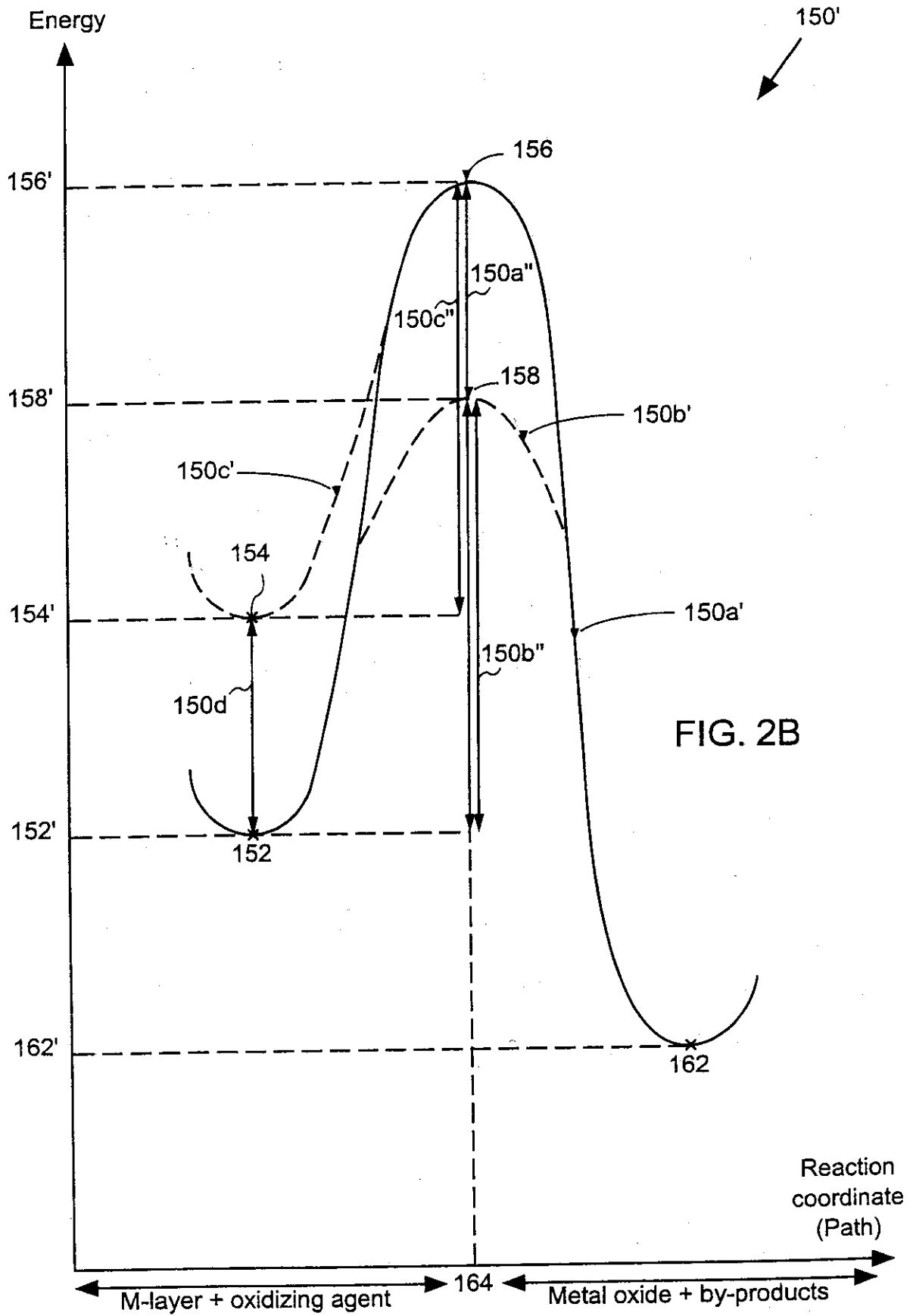
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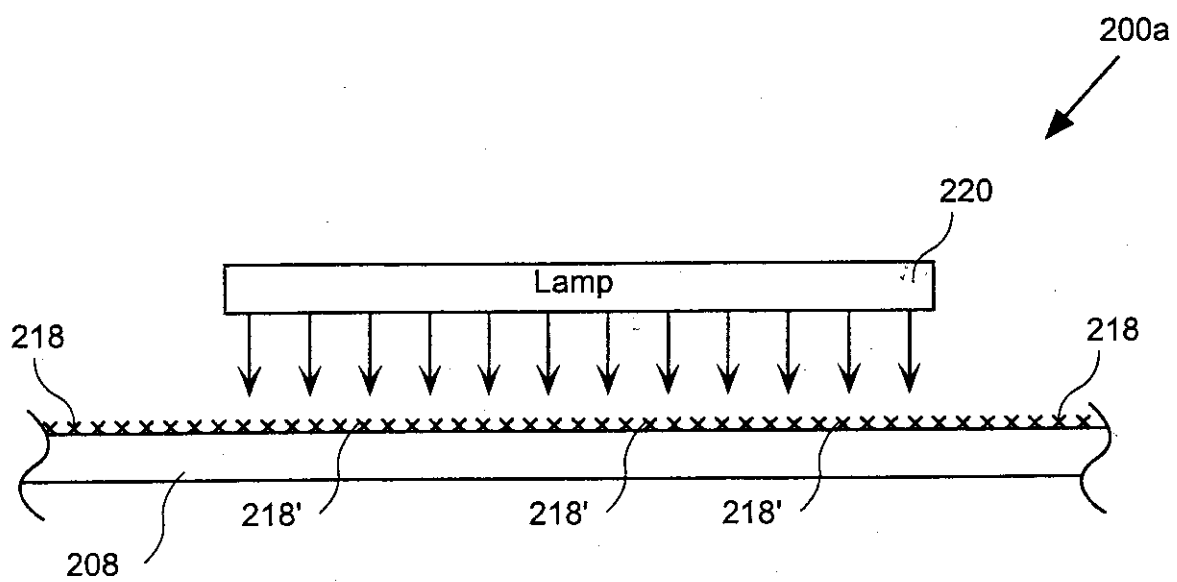
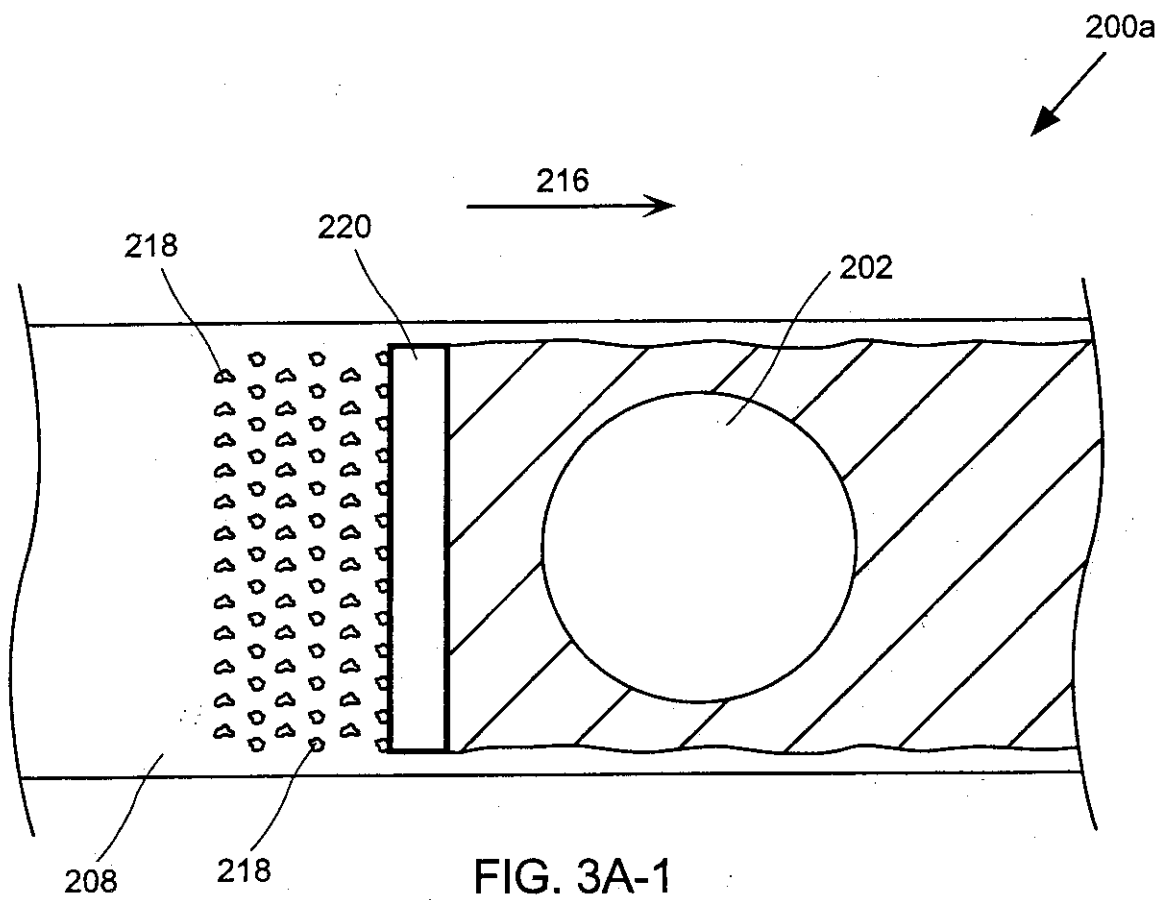
$M_{\text{layer}} + \text{oxidizing agent} + \text{dissolving agent(s)} \rightarrow M_{\text{dissolved}} + \text{by-products}$ Equation 1	
$M_{(s)} + \text{oxidizing agent} \xrightarrow{R_{\text{ox}}} M\text{-oxide(s)} + \text{dissolving agent(s)} \xrightarrow{R_{\text{dis}}} M_{\text{dis}} + \text{by-products}$ Equation 2	
Slow oxide formation - $R_{\text{ox}} \ll R_{\text{dis}}$ Fast oxide formation - $R_{\text{ox}} \gg R_{\text{dis}}$ Equation 3	

FIG. 2A

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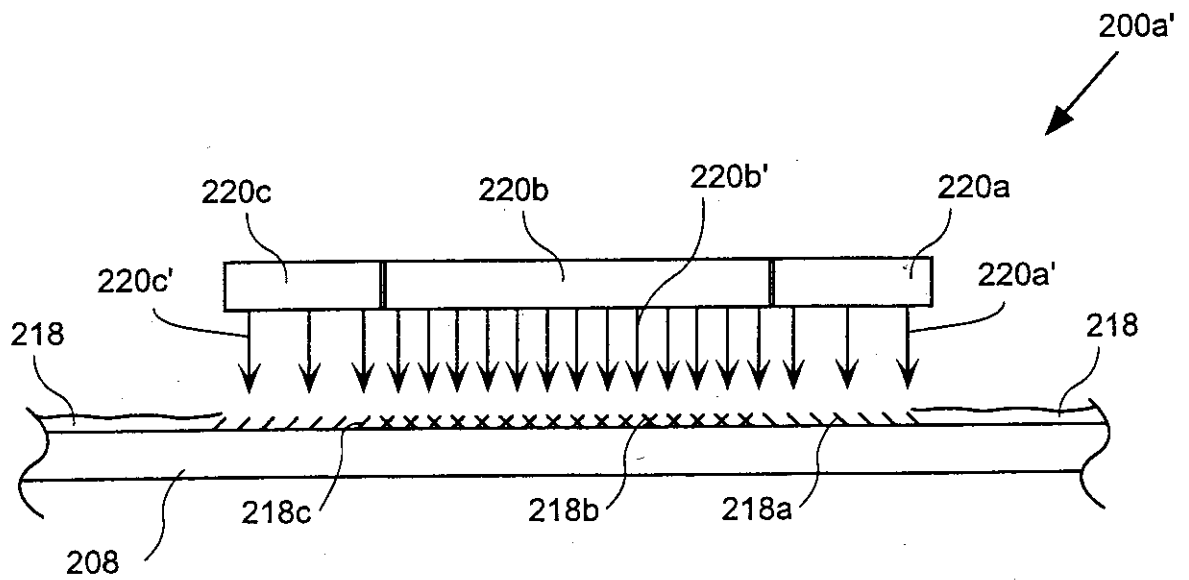
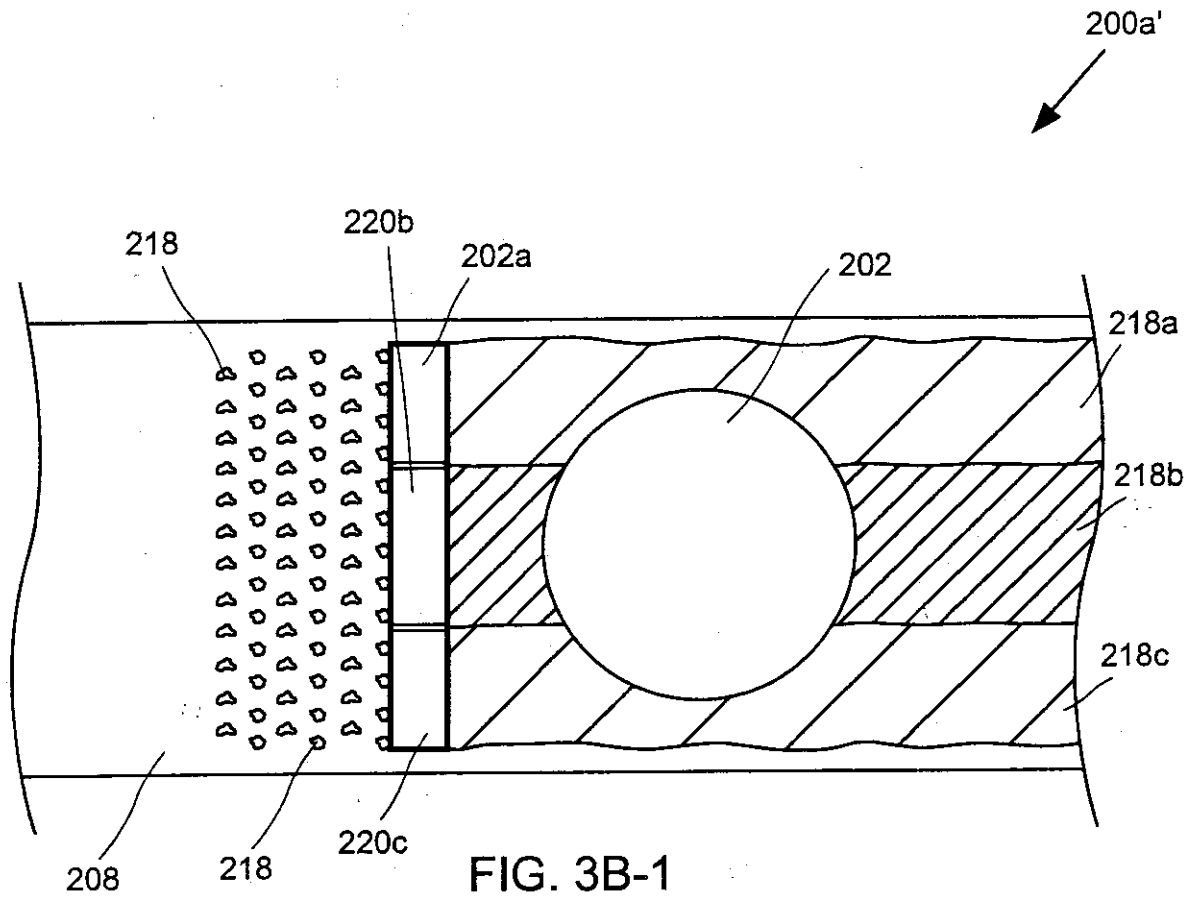


FIG. 3B-2

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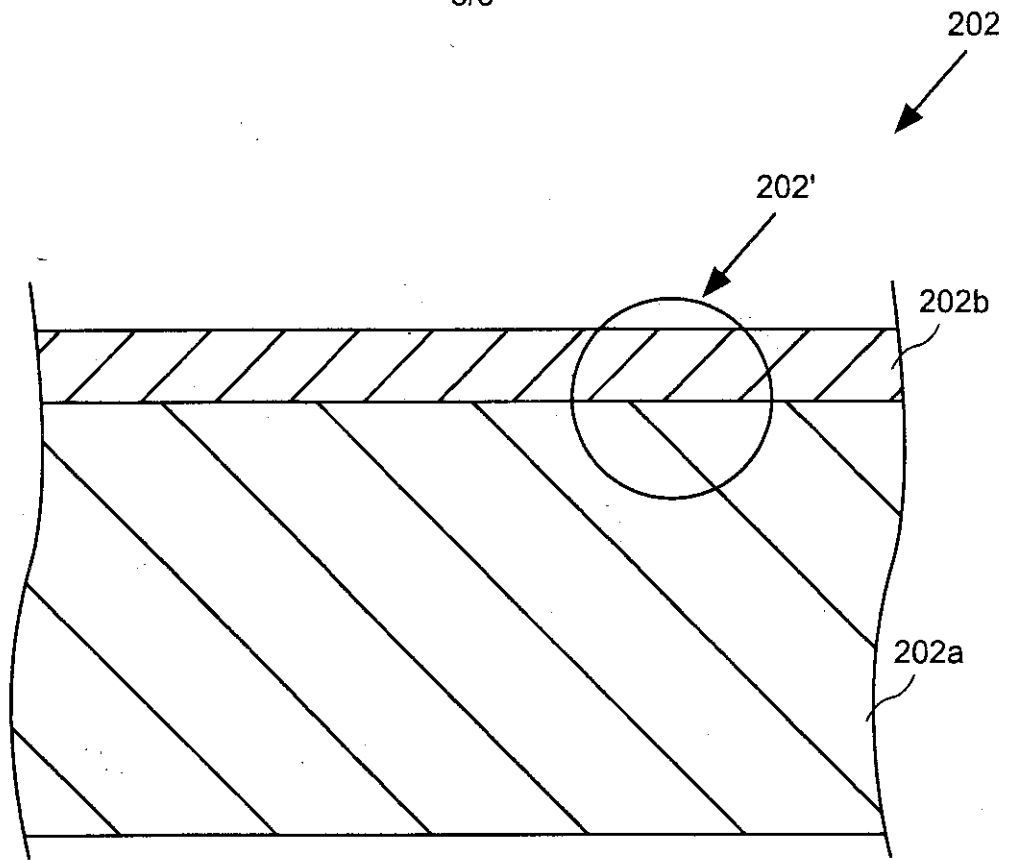


FIG. 3C-1

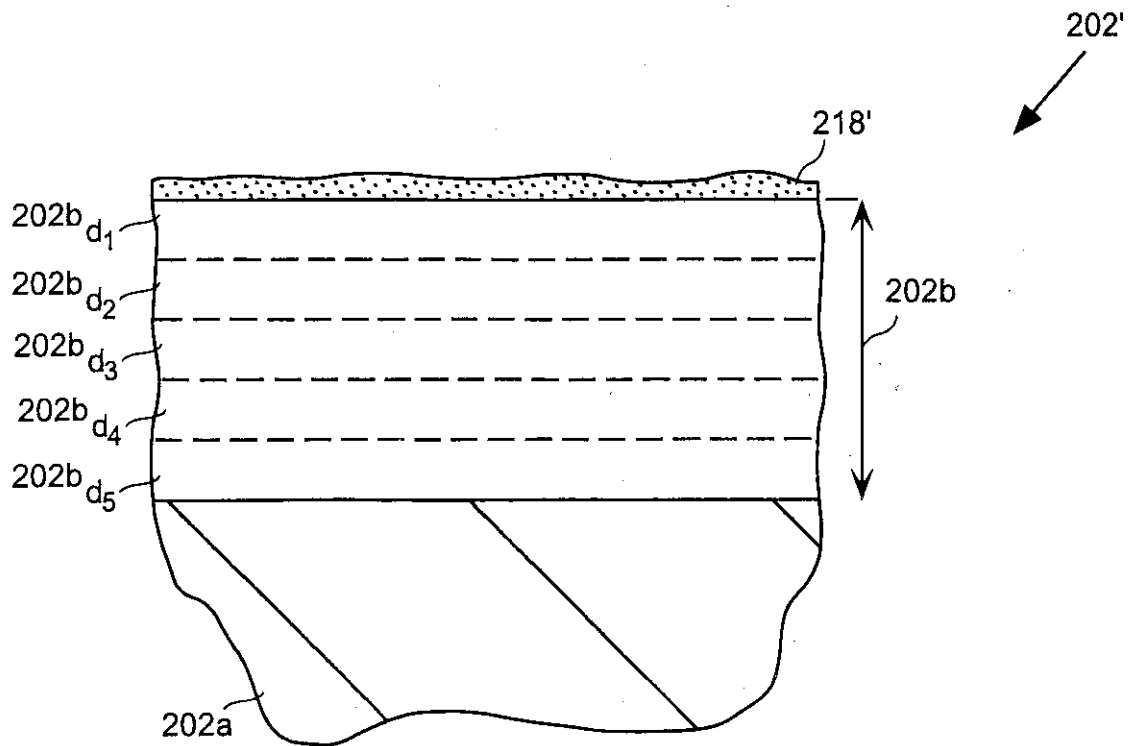


FIG. 3C-2

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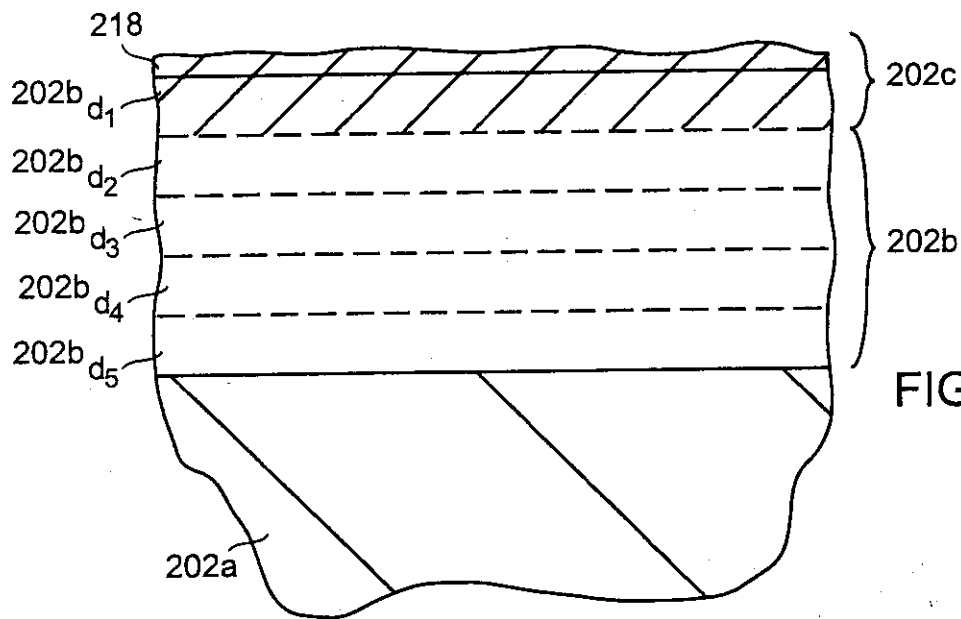


FIG. 3C-3

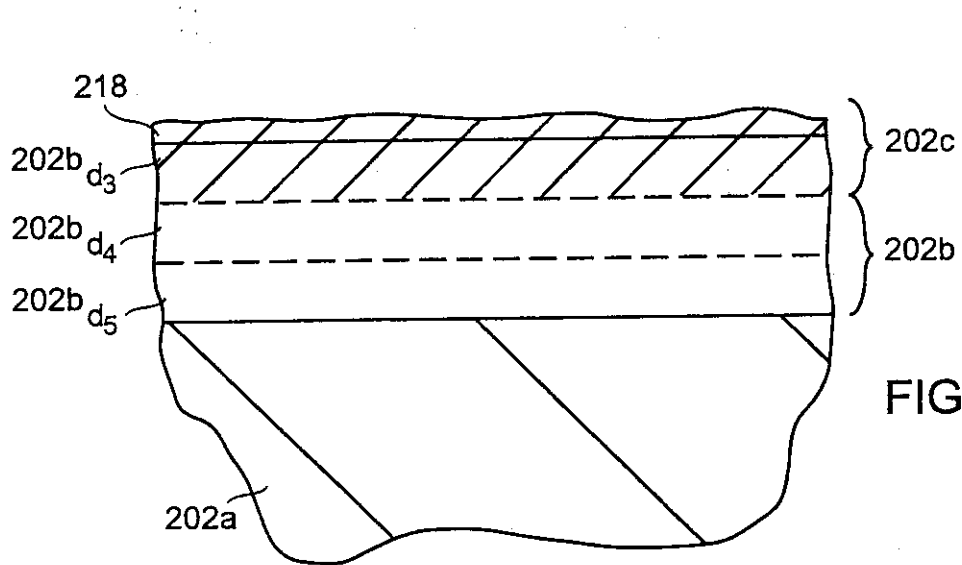


FIG. 3C-4

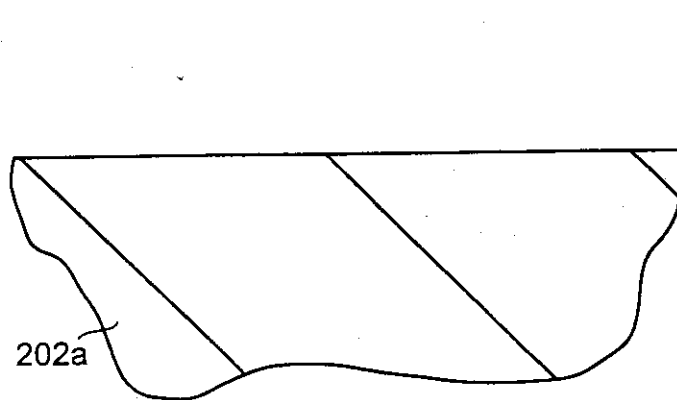


FIG. 3C-5

