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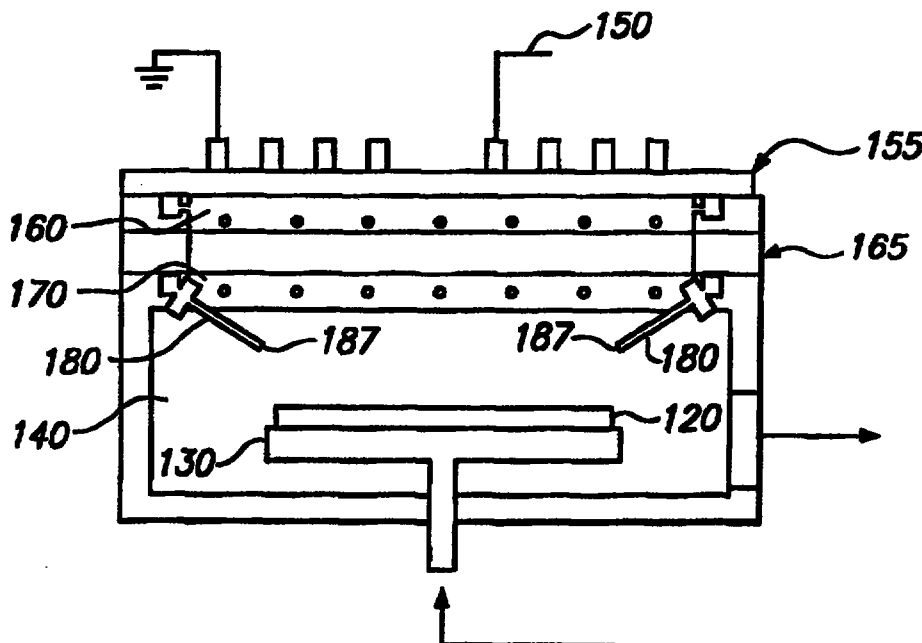
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(57) Abstract

A plasma processing system for processes such as chemical vapor deposition includes a plasma processing chamber (140), a substrate holder (130) for supporting a substrate (120) within the processing chamber, a dielectric member (155) having an interior surface facing the substrate holder, the dielectric member forming a wall of the processing chamber, a gas supply for supplying gas to the chamber, directed towards the substrate, and an RF energy source such as a planar coil (150) which inductively couples RF energy through the dielectric member and into the chamber to energize the process gas into a plasma state. The gas supply may comprise a primary gas ring (170) and a secondary gas ring (160) for supplying gases or gas mixtures into the chamber. The gas supply may further include injectors (180) attached to the primary gas ring which inject gas into the chamber, directed towards the substrate. The plasma processing system may also include a cooling mechanism for cooling the primary gas ring during processing.



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