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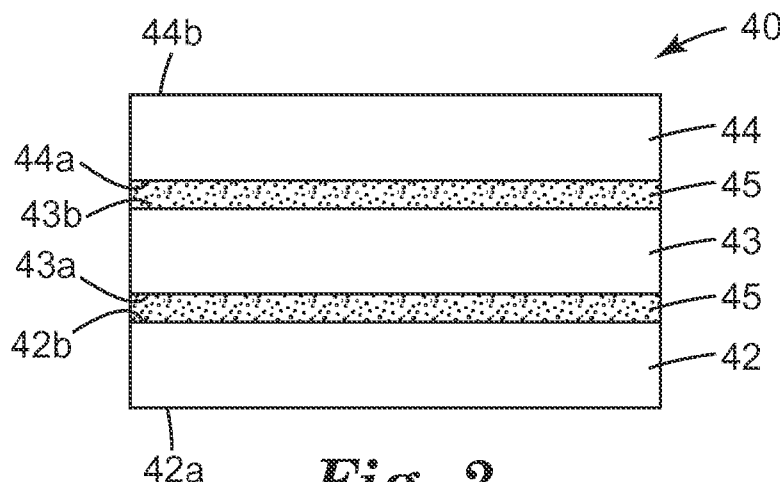


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: A multi-layered polishing pad arrangement includes a first polishing pad layer having a first top and a first bottom major surface, a second polishing pad layer having a second top and a second bottom major surface, and a coupling arrangement disposed between the first bottom surface and the second top surface. The thickness of each of the first and second polishing pad layer ranges between 0.125 mm and 10 mm.



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