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### (54) ULTRA HIGH PURITY CONDITIONS FOR ATOMIC SCALE PROCESSING

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#### (57)ABSTRACT

An apparatus for atomic scale processing is provided. The apparatus may include a reactor and an inductively coupled plasma source. The reactor may have inner and outer surfaces such that a portion of the inner surfaces define an internal volume of the reactor. The internal volume of the reactor may contain a fixture assembly to support a substrate wherein the partial pressure of each background impurity within the internal volume may be below  $10^{-6}$  Torr to reduce the role of said impurities in surface reactions during atomic scale processing.

