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New ceramic materials with selected advanced properties can be designed by coating of ceramic powders prior to sintering. By variation of the core and coating material a large number of various powders and ceramic materials can be produced. Powders which react with the binder phase during sintering can be coated with stable materials.

Thermal expansion of the ceramic materials can be adjusted by varying the coating thickness (ratio core/layer). Electrical and wear resistant properties can be optimized for electrical contacts. A fluidized bed reactor will be designed which allow the deposition of various coatings on ceramic powders.

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coating / powder		application
TiN	/ TiC	+ Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> structural ceramic
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	/ SiC	structural ceramics
TiN	/ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	- " -
AlN	/ SiC	high thermal conductivity, low thermal expansion
C	/ U, Th	feed- and breed-materials
TiN	/ Fe	oxidation resistance
TiB <sub>2</sub> - TiN	/ Fe	- " -
Al	/ mica	pigment with various colours
TiN	/ mica	- " -
TiO <sub>2</sub>	/ mica	- " -

reactors:

fluidized bed

floating-type fluidized bed

rotary powder bed

vibration bed

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## CVD coatings on powders

Various reactors for coating of powders described in literature

$$V_s = [4 \times g \times d_p \times (D_p - D_g) / (3 \times D_g \times C_w)]^{-0.5}$$

$V_s$  = terminal velocity (velocity of single particle)

$g$  = gravitation

$d_p$  = particle diameter

$D_p$  = density of particle

$D_g$  = density of carrier gas

$C_w$  = resistance coefficient

$$C_w = 24 / Re + 4 / Re^{0.5} + 0.4$$

$Re$  = Reynolds number

$$V_g = V_s \times \varepsilon^{4.65} \quad \varepsilon = 1 - e$$

$V_g$  = superficial velocity

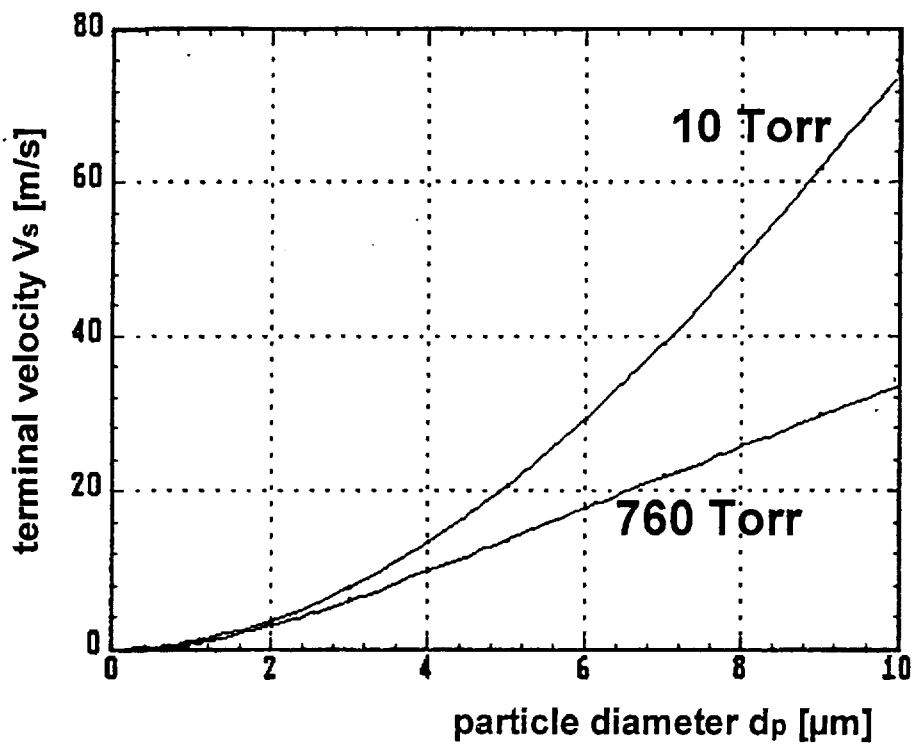
$\varepsilon$  = porosity

$e$  = solid loading

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## Fluidized bed reactors

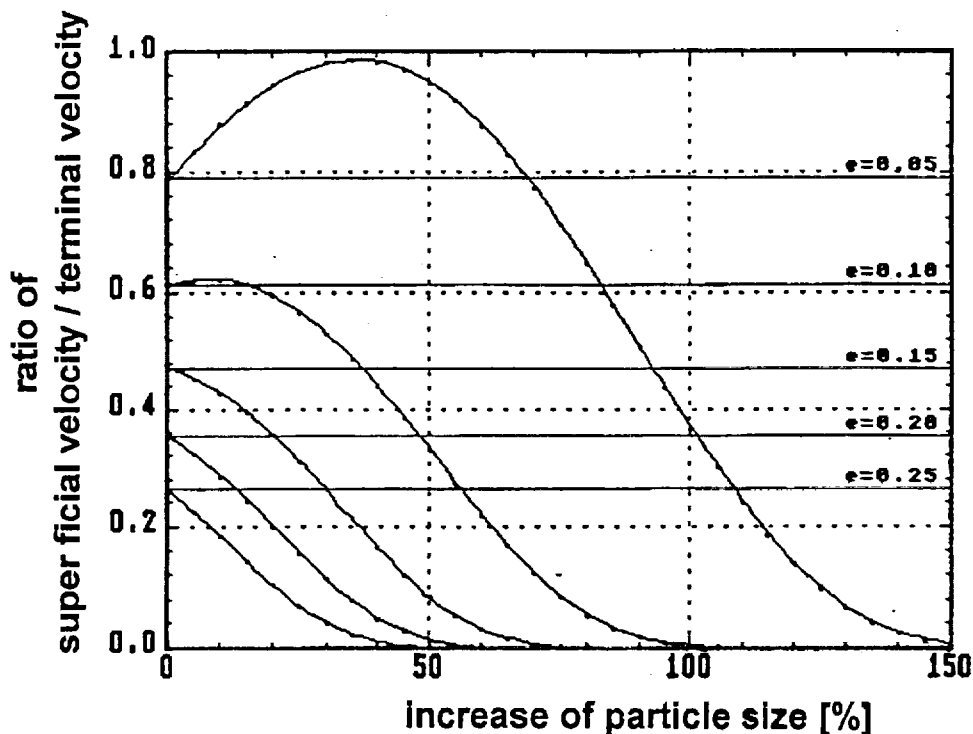
Equations to calculate fluidization systems



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## Fluidized bed reactors

Terminal velocity for various particle diameters and two gas pressures (diamond powder, hydrogen, 1000K)

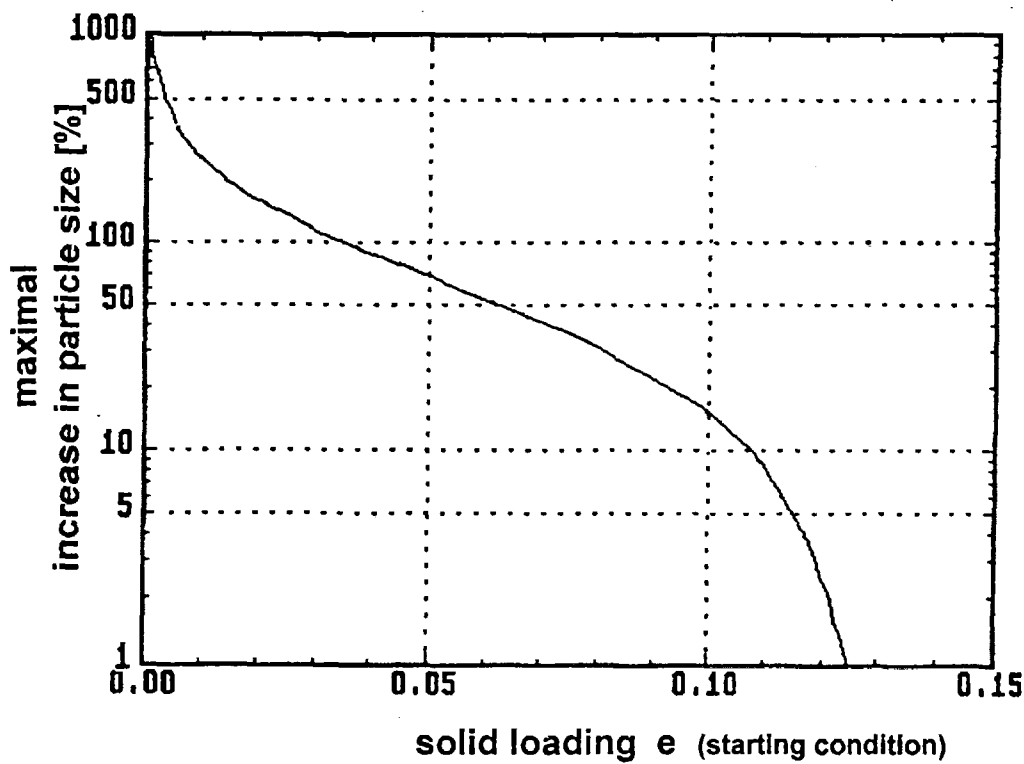


$e$  = loading with powder at the beginning of the CVD reaction

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## Fluidized bed reactors

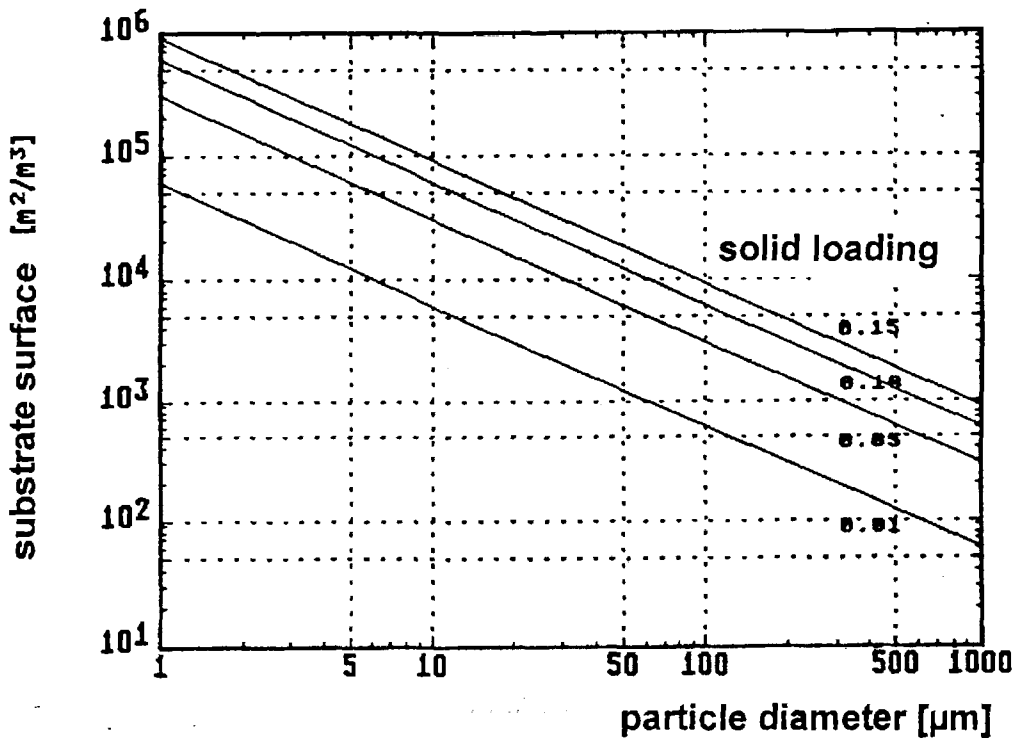
Changes in gas velocity during particle growth (constant density)



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## Fluidized bed reactors

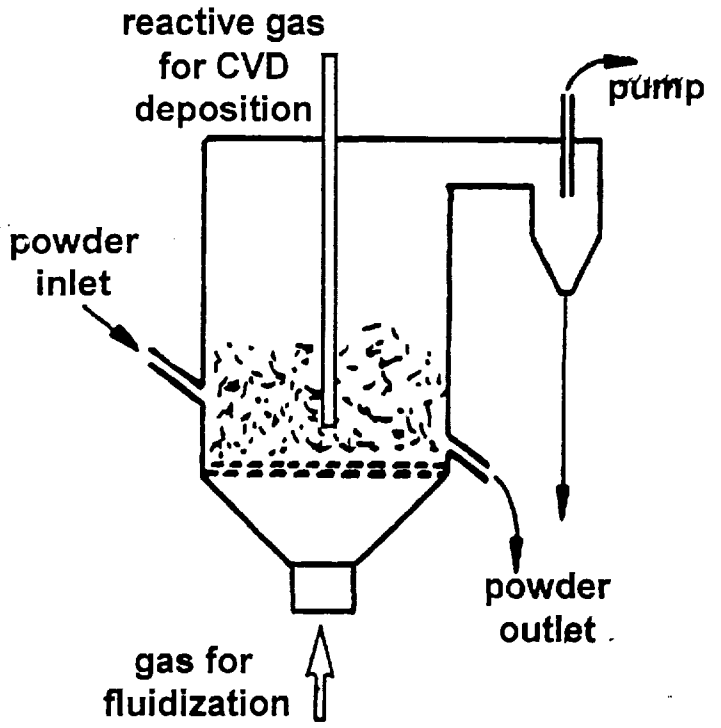
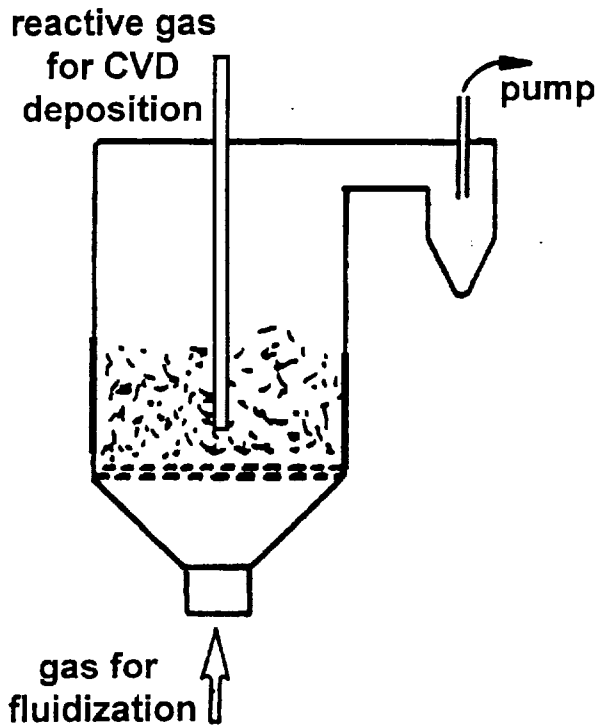
### Comparison of partical growth and solid loading (velocity in reactor is constant)



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## Fluidized bed reactors

### Comparison of partivle diameter to particle volume and solid loading

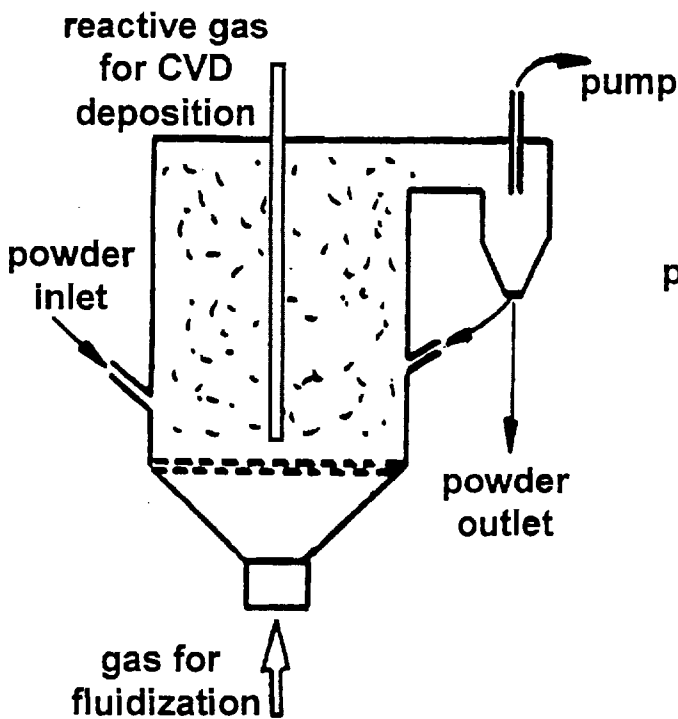


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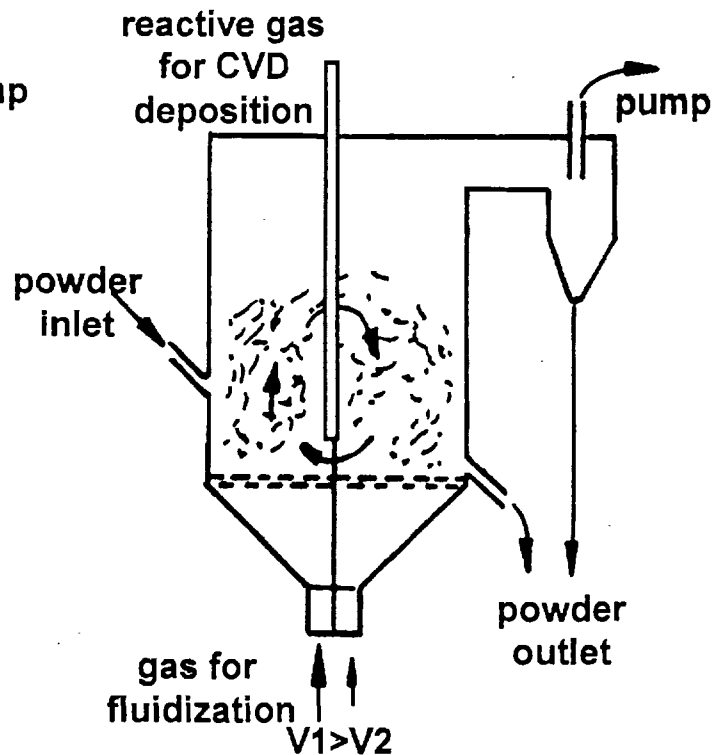
## CVD coating of powders

### Fluidized bed reactors

### external circulation



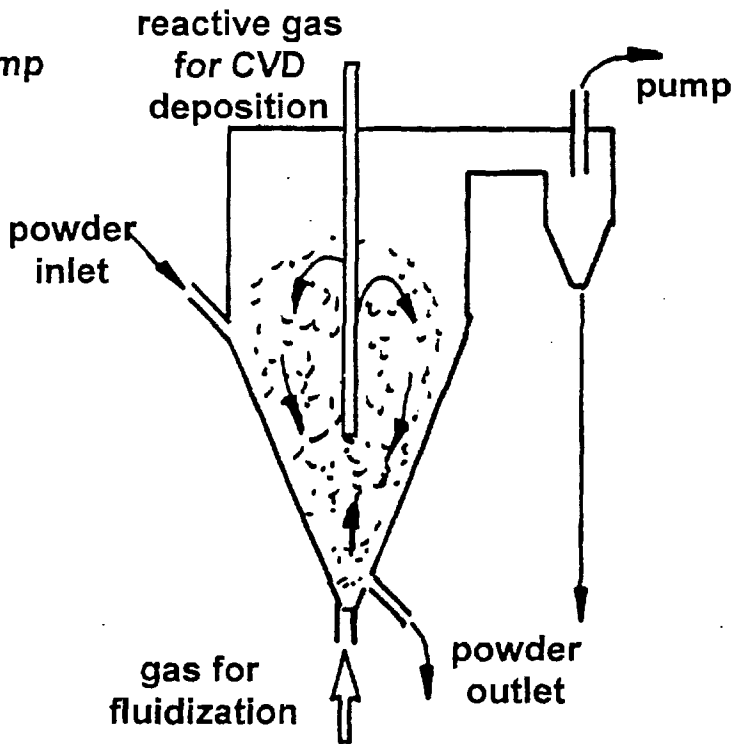
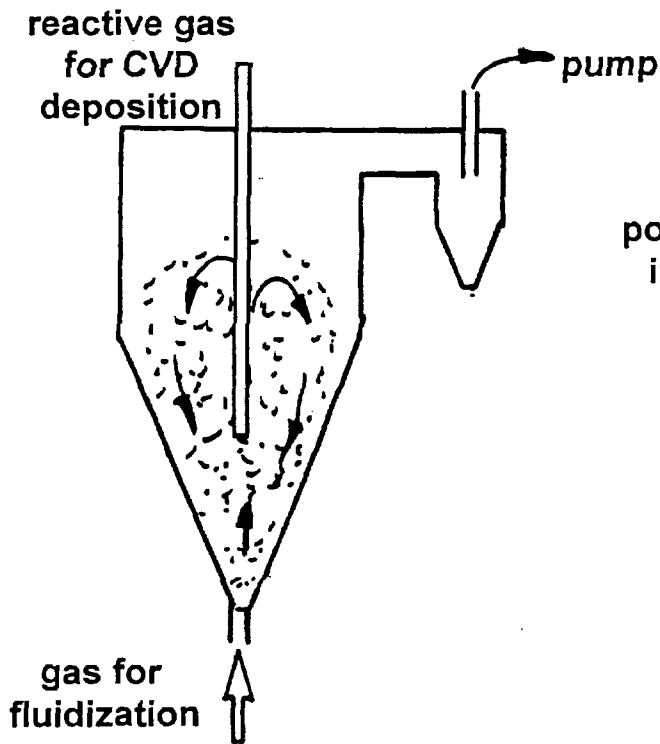
### internal circulation



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## CVD coating of powders

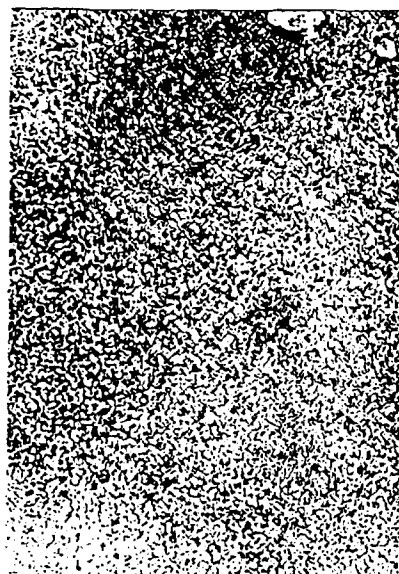
### Fluidized bed reactors with circulation



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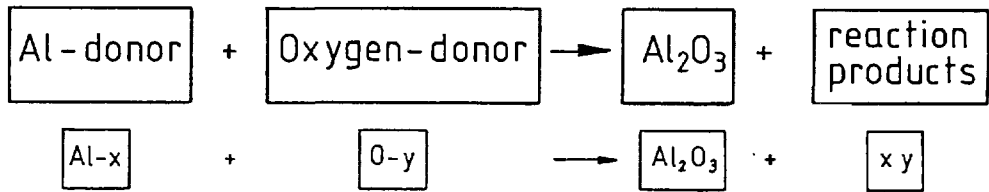
# CVD coating of powders

## Stream bed reactors

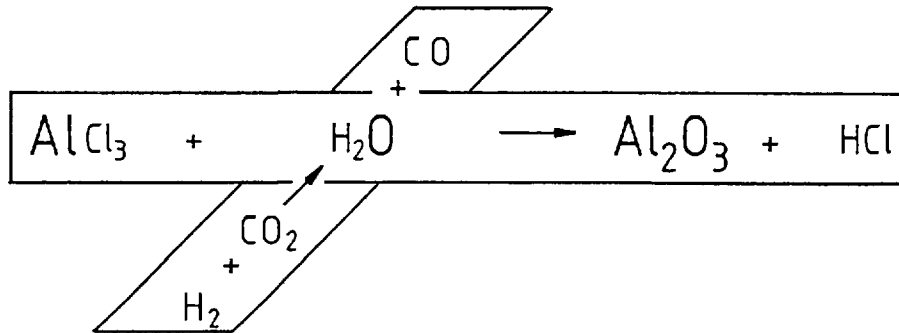


CVD: TiC LAYER

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Example:

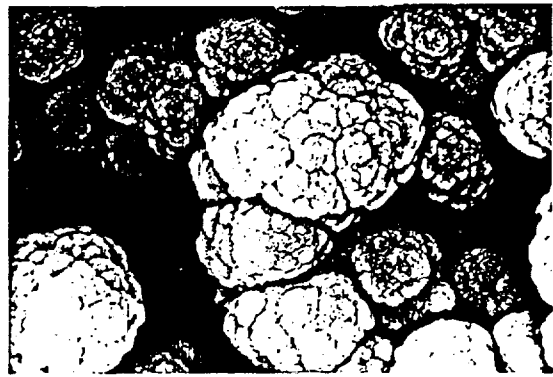


CVD GROWTH OF  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Ar carrier gas



H<sub>2</sub>



CVD growth of  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
Al(O-iPr)<sub>3</sub> decomposition on  
WC/Co/TiC substrates

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→ 1 μm





1 μm

AL<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/TiC MULTILAYER

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1100°C



1200°C



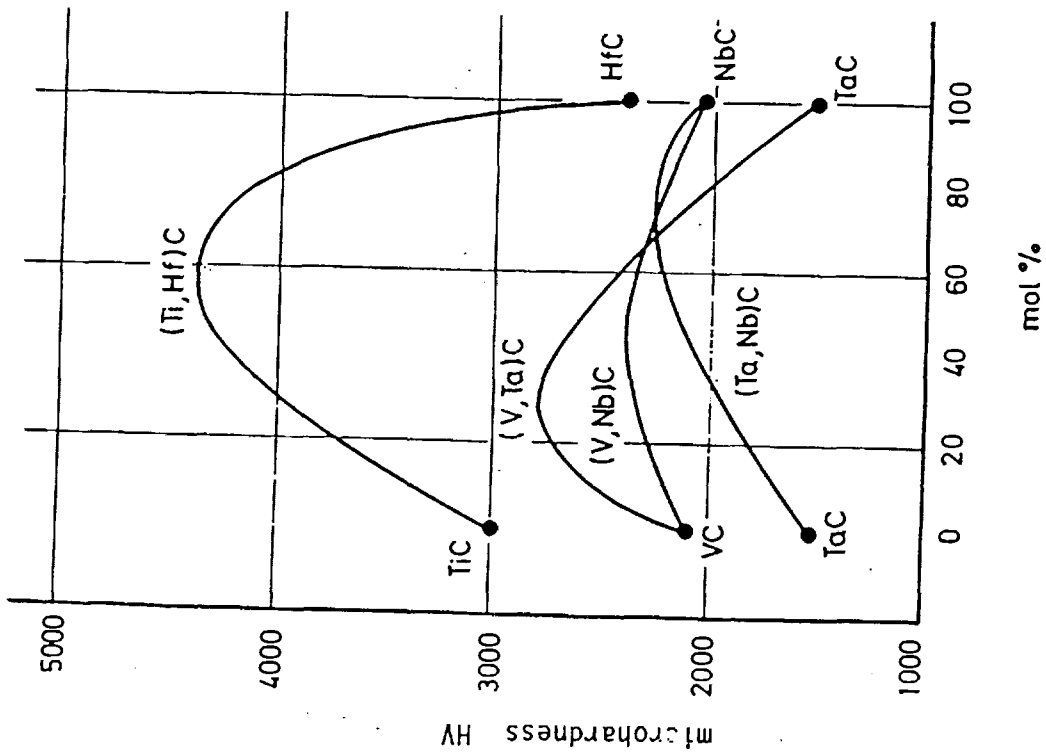
1300°C

10 μm

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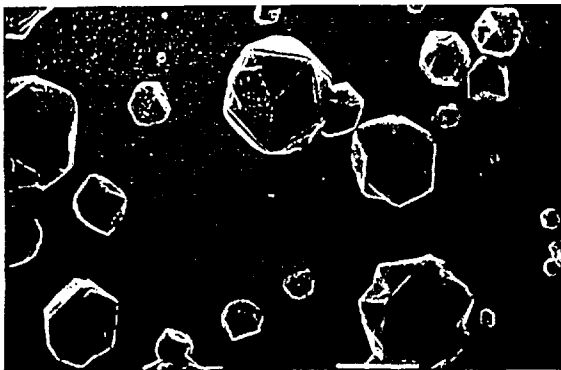
$\beta$ -SiC deposition from CH<sub>3</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> on WC-Co  
Changing deposition temperature

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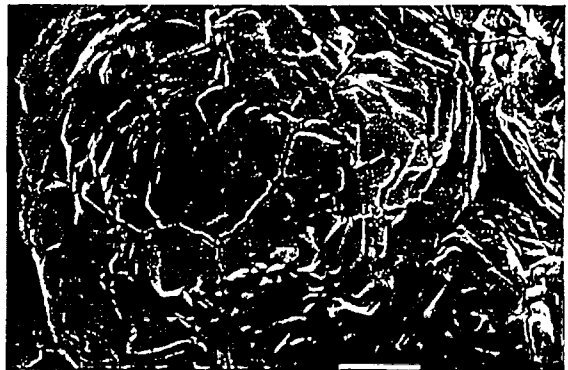


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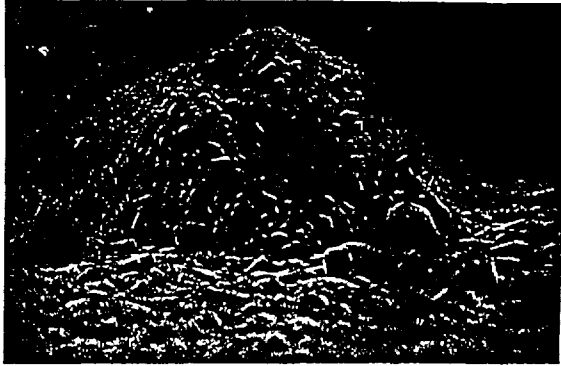
**HARDNESS OF MIXED CARBIDES**  
 acc. to Holleck



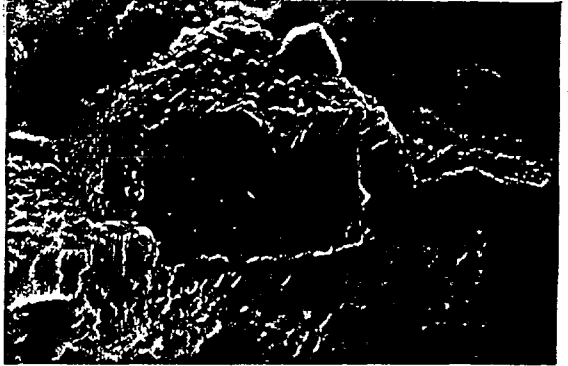
deposition of diamond



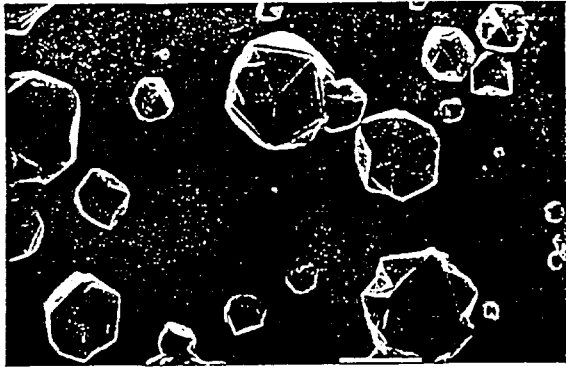
cracks in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



coated with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



fracture

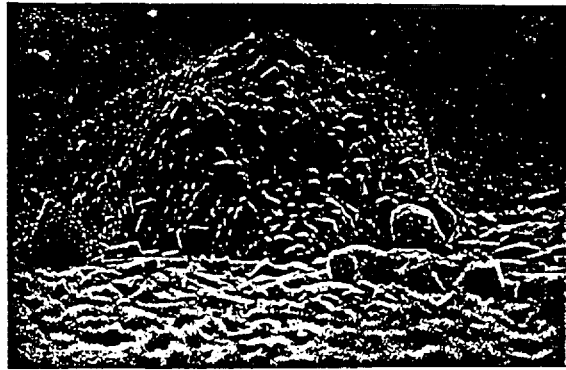


deposition of diamond

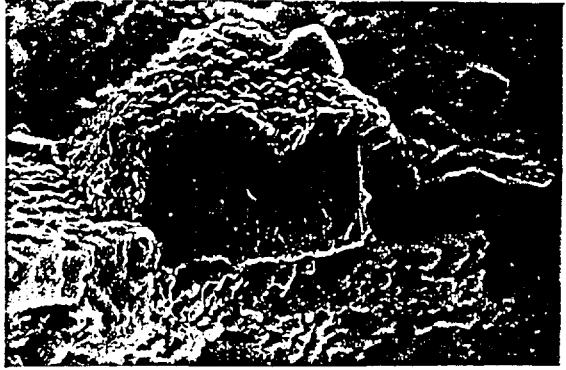


10 μm

cracks in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



coated with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



10 μm

fracture

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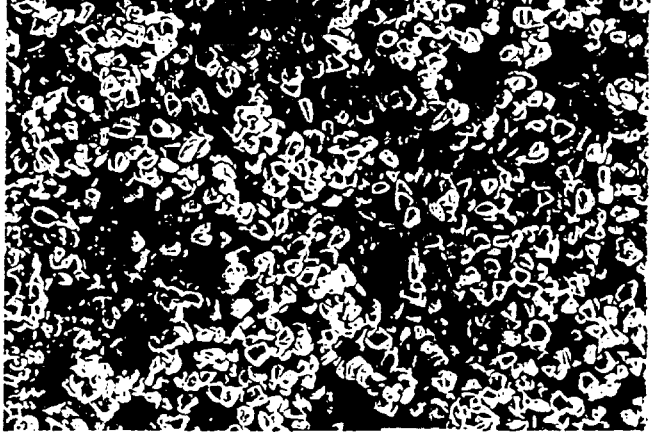
### COMPOSITE LAYER: LOW PRESSURE DIAMOND, CORUNDUM

Thermal CVD; Substrate: WC/Co/TiC

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well-faceted



non-faceted

100 μm

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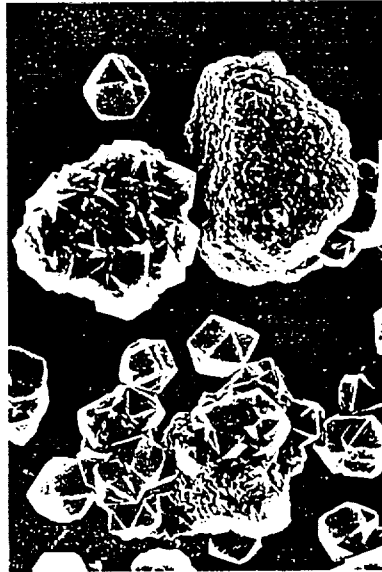
### cub-BN (WURZITE TYPE)

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Diamond cub-BN



Diamond nucleation



Intermediate stage



Covered with diamond shell

10  $\mu\text{m}$

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## COMPOSITE POWDERS

cub-BN core/ diamond shell

pure  
cub-BN



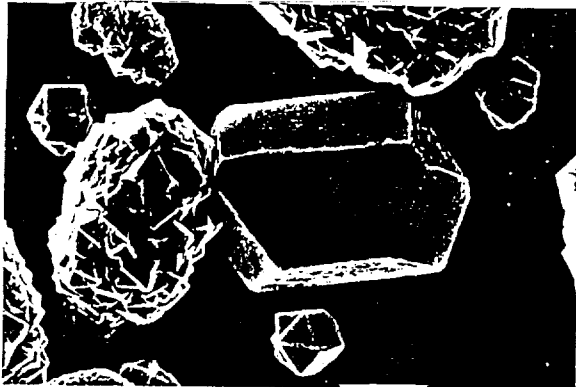
10  $\mu\text{m}$



5 h

10  $\mu\text{m}$

5 h



10  $\mu\text{m}$



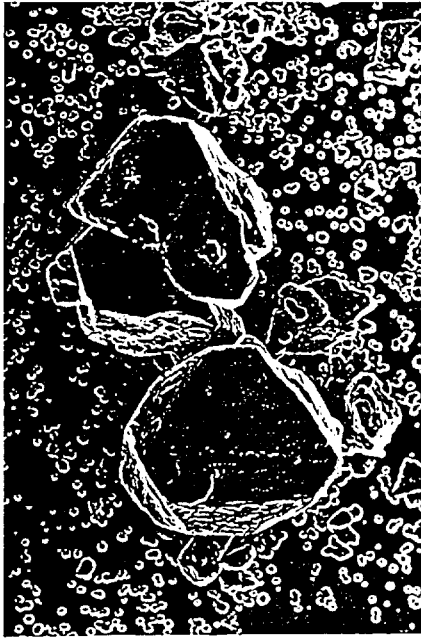
16 h

10  $\mu\text{m}$

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LOW-PRESSURE DIAMOND:  
Epitaxial growth on non-faceted cub-BN powder  
Thermal CVD 320

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100 μm



10 μm



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## LOW PRESSURE DIAMOND

Thermal CVD: growth on cub-BN  
Deposition time: 5 h

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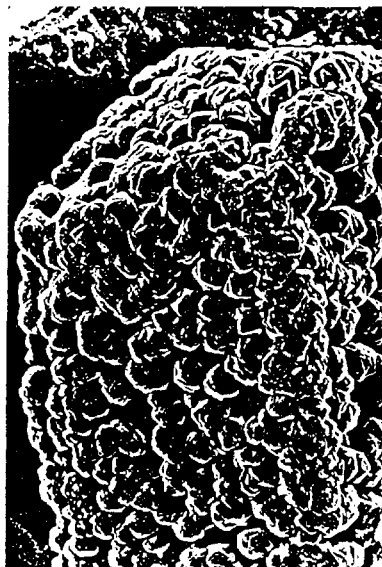
SiC

Diamond



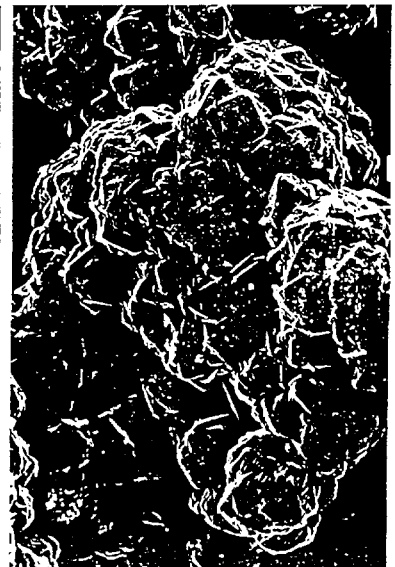
Diamond nucleation

100 μm



Intermediate stage

10 μm



Covered with diamond shell

10 μm

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SiC core/ diamond shell

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