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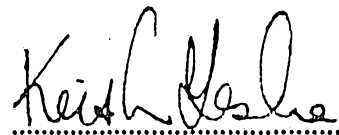
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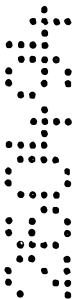
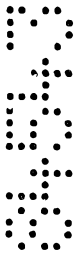
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(57) Claim

1. A method of using infrared light for measuring the temperature of a semiconductor element which has a surface layer formed with a plurality of materials that have different infrared emissivities, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) determining the emissivity of each of the materials forming the surface layer;
- (b) determining a ratio of the areas of each of the materials on the surface layer;
- (c) determining a weighted average using the emissivities determined in step (a)

and the area ratios determined in step (b);

(d) determining the amounts of infrared emission actually emitted from the surface layer of the semiconductor element and from an atmosphere in which the semiconductor element is present using an infrared detector; and

(e) determining the temperature of the semiconductor element based upon the weighted average determined in step (c) and the actual amount of infrared emission determined in step (d).

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Method for measuring temperature based on infrared light and apparatus for measuring temperature based on infrared light

The following statement is a full description of this invention, including the best method of performing it known to me/us:-

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Background of the Invention

(Field of the Invention)

10 The present invention relates to a method and an apparatus for measuring ~~temperature, which measure the~~ temperature of a semiconductor element ~~the surface of~~ ~~which is formed with not less than two materials having~~ ~~different emissivities,~~ based on the amount of infrared emission.

(Related Background Art)

15 As disclosed by G.A. Benett et al. in "IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COMPONENTS, HYBRIDS AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY (pp.690-695, VOL.12, NO.4, DECEMBER, 1989)," in the conventional method for measuring temperature based on infrared light, the emissivity of one kind of material having a sufficient area formed on a semiconductor element is measured, and its temperature is determined from the amount of infrared emission emitted therefrom. However, many kinds of materials such as insulating films and metals are formed into
20 patterns on the surface of a semiconductor element, and these patterns are in many cases micro-patterns. When the average temperature of a region having a sufficient



area on the surface is to be determined, even if there is a fine temperature distribution, detection accuracy does not decrease to a large extent because the measured data can be averaged. But, when it is desired to fractionate each pattern and measure the temperature thereof, it is necessary to take a picture of the surface of the semiconductor element using
5 an infrared camera having high special resolution and to process the data.

However, according to the above measuring method, the spacial resolution cannot be improved without restrictions, because an optical lens has to be used for forming the image and infrared light having a long wavelength is used. The spacial resolution is in
10 the order of 15 μm according to the present technology, which is insufficient for measuring the temperature of a highly integrated semiconductor element.

Summary of the Invention

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a method of using
15 infrared light for measuring the temperature of a semiconductor element which has a surface layer formed with a plurality of materials that have different infrared emissivities, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) determining the emissivity of each of the materials forming the surface layer;
- (b) determining a ratio of the areas of each of the materials on the surface layer;
- 20 (c) determining a weighted average using the emissivities determined in step (a) and the area ratios determined in step (b);
- (d) determining the amounts of infrared emission actually emitted from the surface layer of the semiconductor element and from an atmosphere in which the semiconductor element is present using an infrared detector; and
- 25 (e) determining the temperature of the semiconductor element based upon the weighted average determined in step (c) and the actual amount of infrared emission determined in step (d).

When the amount of infrared emission actually measured from a semiconductor
30 element placed in an atmosphere at a temperature is represented by N_m , its emissivity is represented by ϵ , the amount of infrared emission from a standard material (for example, a black body) at the temperature is represented by N_T , and the amount of infrared

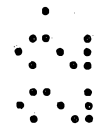
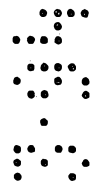
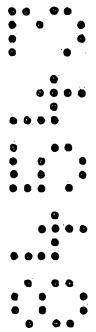


emission of the atmosphere is represented by N_a , the well-known relation

$$N_m = \epsilon N_T + (1-\epsilon) N_a \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

holds (IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COMPONENTS, HYBRIDS AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY, p. 691, VOL.12, NO.4, DECEMBER 1989).

Herein, both N_m and N_a can be determined easily by a well-known method. N_m can be
5 determined using an infrared detector, and N_a can be calculated based on the amounts of infrared emission from the semiconductor



1 element and the standard material at known
temperatures. Then, in a semiconductor element
comprising a plurality of materials, by calculating the
weighted average of the emissivities of the materials
5 by their area ratios, the infrared emissivity ϵ for the
semiconductor element is determined. By putting N_m , N_a
and ϵ into equation (1), N_T is determined. Because the
infrared emissivity corresponds uniquely to the
temperature of the standard material, the temperature
10 is determined uniquely from the amount of the infrared
emission N_T .

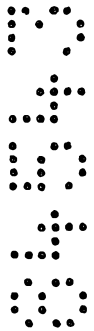
If the surface of the semiconductor element is
formed with two materials having different optical
reflectances, the area ratio at which each of the above
15 two kinds of materials occupies the surface of the
above semiconductor element can be determined by
obtaining image data by detecting the reflected light
of a beam of light incident on the surface of a
semiconductor element and binarizing the image data
20 with a constant brightness being a boundary value.

Further, the area ratio at which each of the above
two kinds of materials occupies the surface of the
semiconductor element ^{also} can _{λ} be determined by comparing
the average brightness value of the above image with
25 the brightness value of ^{an} ~~a~~ image for the case that each
of the above two kinds of materials independently forms
the surface layer of the semiconductor element.



The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the accompanying drawings which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not to be considered as limiting the present invention.

- 5 Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those



1 skilled in the art form this detailed description.

Brief Description of the Drawings

5 Figs. 1A to 1D are views explaining spatial resolution;

Figs. 2A and 2B are views showing an example of the patterns of a semiconductor element which permits measurement by the method for measuring temperature according to the invention;

10 Fig. 3 is a step diagram showing the method for measuring temperature based on infrared light according to one embodiment of the present invention;

15 Fig. 4 is a view showing binarized data indicating regions of a high brightness and those of a low brightness, schematically showing the state that the binarized data are expressed as image elements;

20 Fig. 5A and Fig. 5B are views which schematically show an image before and after diffusing reflected light in a semiconductor element having different area ratios;

25 Fig. 6 is a flowchart of the method for measuring temperature based on infrared light; ~~according to another embodiment of the invention;~~

Figs. 7A to 7C are views which schematically show the main part of the method of the embodiment; and

Fig. 8 is a block diagram of a device to which the embodiment is applied.



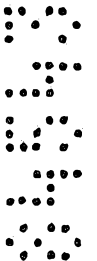
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Description of the Preferred Embodiment

The above situation stated in the "Related Background Art" is explained more concretely with reference to Figs. 1A to 1D. In general, it is assumed that the value indicated as spacial resolution is in the state shown in Figs. 1A and 1B. That is, when there are high-temperature parts A_1 and B_1 , which are close to each other, and when there is a peak of detection due to the high-temperature part B_1 at an outermost position X_1 in the region wherein a detected value is influenced by the high-temperature part A_1 (the region covered by a dotted line in Fig. 1B), the interval between these peaks is indicated as so-called spacial resolution. Therefore, in the state shown in Figs. 1C and 1D, high-temperature parts A_2 and B_2 are closer to each other than the spacial resolution. Of course, even in the case of Figs. 1C and 1D, it is possible to fractionate the high-temperature peaks by processing the detected data (indicated in Fig. 1D) according to a predetermined procedure. However, as data processing is not easy, a long time is required for data processing when it is desired to determine the distribution of temperature on the whole surface of a semiconductor element or to find a high-temperature micro-spot.

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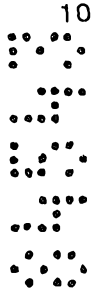
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The method for measuring temperature based on infrared light according to one embodiment of the

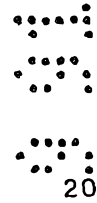


1 invention is described in the following with reference
to the appended Figs. 2 to 5.

5 Firstly, the micro-pattern formed on the surface
of the semiconductor element is explained with
reference to Fig. 2. This micro-pattern comprises two
kinds of materials a and b, and the area ratio of the
material a to the material b on the surface of the
semiconductor element is 3 to 1. In most cases, this
area ratio is usually determined at the design stage
for the semiconductor elements, but it can be measured
afterwards by taking a microscope picture. These
materials a and b are formed into patterns at an order
of several microns.



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15 Next, a method for obtaining the area ratio of the
constituting materials forming the surface layer of the
semiconductor element, which can be applied to this
embodiment, will be explained with reference to Fig. 3.



20 If the standard of samples A and B, R_A and R_B ,
satisfy $R_A < R_B$, wherein the samples A and B are
standard samples for the materials a and b (Fig. 2A),
when light is incident on a part of the surface of the
semiconductor element, the surface comprising the
materials a and b, material b looks brighter than
material a. Accordingly, when this is observed using a
microscope to which a CCD camera or the like is
attached, it can be judged that the region having a
high brightness comprises the material b and the region



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having a low brightness comprises the material a. Accordingly, an intermediate brightness value (or a voltage output value corresponding to the intermediate brightness value) between the brightness value

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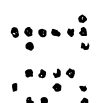
indicating the material a and the brightness value indicating the material b is set as a standard value, and based on the standard value, the image data are binarized (see Fig. 4). In Fig. 4, a low brightness region a' indicating the material a and a high

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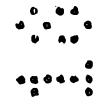
brightness region b' indicating the material b are shown. Thereafter, by counting the number of image elements belonging to each region, the area ratio of the material a to the material b in the region measured can be determined accurately from the sum of the image elements in each region. This can be carried out easily by image processing using a computer.

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This area ratio can be obtained by using the method as follows. If the reflectances of samples A and B, R_A and R_B , satisfy $R_A < R_B$, wherein the samples A and B are standard samples of the materials a and b (see Fig. 2A), when light is incident on a part of the surface of the semiconductor element, the surface comprising the materials a and b, the material b looks brighter than the material a as shown in Fig. 2B. Next, the lens of the lighting optical system used for irradiating the semiconductor element with a beam of light from a light source is set out of focus, or a

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1 diffusing plate is inserted into the light path through
which reflected light from the semiconductor element is
taken in to an image taking device such as a CCD. Then,
as shown in Figs. 5A and 5B, when the material b having
5 a high reflectance is dominating by the area ratio, the
image of the image taking device becomes bright as a
whole (Fig. 5A). On the other hand, when a material a
having low reflectance is dominating by the area ratio,
the image of the image taking device becomes dark as a
10 whole (Fig. 5B). Herein, when the brightness value of
an image for the case that only the material a is
present on the semiconductor element is represented by
 I_a , the brightness value of the image for the case that
only the material b is present on the semiconductor
15 element is represented by I_b , the area ratios of the
materials a and b are represented by S_a and S_b ,
respectively, and the brightness value of image
obtained by diffusing the reflected light from the
surface of the semiconductor element is represented by
20 I , the following equation holds:

$$I = (S_a \cdot I_a + S_b \cdot I_b) / (S_a + S_b)$$

Therefore, by determining I , I_a and I_b , S_a and S_b can be
calculated. These calculations can be carried out
easily by image processing and calculation processing
25 using a computer.

Next, the method for measuring temperature
according to the invention is explained with reference



1 to Fig. 3. Firstly, standard samples A and B, which
are standard samples for the materials a and b
constituting the semiconductor element, are provided
(step 101). The sizes of the standard samples A and B,
5 formed to a sufficient size using the materials a and
b, do not necessarily need to be the area ratio of the
constituting materials a and b on the semiconductor
element (see Fig. 2A). Because these standard samples A
and B have a sufficient area, their material-specific
10 emissivities can be determined from the standard
samples A and B.

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Concretely, the amounts of infrared emission from
the standard samples A and B, N_{Am1} and N_{Bm1} , measured in
an atmosphere at a known temperature T_1 , the amount of
infrared emission of a black body at the temperature,
 N_{T1} . Furthermore, ^{N_{T1} , the} ~~the~~ amounts of infrared emission from
the standard samples A and B, N_{Am2} and N_{Bm2} , measured in
an atmosphere at a known temperature T_2 , and the amount
of infrared emission of the black body at the
temperature, N_{T2} , are obtained. Then, based on these
values, the emissivities ϵ_A and ϵ_B are obtained from the
following equations derived by transforming equation
(1) (step 102):

$$\epsilon_A = (N_{Am1} - N_{Am2}) / (N_{T1} - N_{T2})$$

$$\epsilon_B = (N_{Bm1} - N_{Bm2}) / (N_{T1} - N_{T2})$$

Then, the area ratios of the constituting
materials a and b on the surface of the semiconductor



1 element, S_a and S_b , are respectively measured (step 103). These measurements are not necessary when the area ratios S_a and S_b are already known in the design stage.

5 Thereafter, for the infrared emissivities of the standard samples A and B, ϵ_A and ϵ_B , the weighted average ϵ of the infrared emissivities by the area ratios S_a and S_b is obtained according to the following equation (step 103):

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$$\epsilon = \epsilon_A \cdot S_a + \epsilon_B \cdot S_b$$

For example, if the emissivities ϵ_A and ϵ_B are 0.1 and 0.5, respectively, and the area ratios S_a and S_b are 0.75 and 0.25, respectively, the weighted average ϵ is 0.2.

Next, using an infrared detector, the amount of the actual infrared emission from the semiconductor element, N_m , and the amount of infrared emission of the atmosphere, N_a , are obtained (step 105). N_a is calculated by obtaining the amount of infrared emission N_{m3} at a third known standard temperature T_3 , and by putting the amount of infrared emission of the black body N_{T3} at the standard temperature T_3 and N_{m3} into the following equation derived by transforming equation (1):

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$$N_a = (N_{m3} - \epsilon N_{T3}) / (1 - \epsilon)$$

Next, N_T is obtained using equation (1) (step 106), and based on the N_T , the surface temperature of the



1 semiconductor element can be determined (step 107).

As described above, by accurately determining the infrared emissivity in a micro-region comprising a plurality of materials, the surface temperature of a semiconductor element can be measured easily.

Next, a method for measuring temperature and an apparatus for measuring temperature according to another embodiment of the invention will be explained based on Figs. 6 to 8.

10 First, the apparatus for measuring temperature will be explained based on Fig. 8.

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This apparatus comprises a camera 1, an A/D converter 3, a CPU 5, a distribution pattern output means 6, a detection pattern memory 41, a shift pattern memory 42, and a difference pattern memory 43.

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A semiconductor element 1 is photographed using the camera 2 that is sensitive to infrared light, and the image data therefrom are digitized in the A/D converter 3. The digital image data are stored in the detection pattern memory 41 (step 201). Herein, the detection pattern memory 41 comprises a frame memory, for example, and in an address corresponding to a position on the surface of the semiconductor element 1, the amount of infrared emission at the position is stored as a datum (detection pattern datum). The shift pattern memory 42 and the difference pattern memory 43 respectively comprise the frame memory in the same

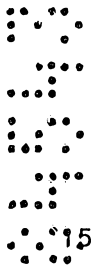
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manner. Therefore, an address in either frame memory corresponds to a position on the semiconductor element, so that the shift datum and difference datum at the position are stored respectively in the corresponding addresses. The detection pattern data are read in the CPU 5, and subjected to shift processing by the pattern shift means 51. Herein, the pattern shift means 51, the difference pattern calculating means 52 and the temperature distribution detection means 53 are realized as software in the CPU 5.

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In the pattern shift means 51 in Fig. 8, detection pattern data are shifted in a predetermined direction for detection. This is explained with reference to Figs. 7A to 7C. Firstly, detection pattern data stored in the detection pattern memory 41 are assumed to be such data as those in Fig. 7A when expressed schematically in an analog manner. That is, it is assumed that as Fig. 7A, there are a first high-temperature peak at the position X_1 on the surface of the semiconductor element, a second high-temperature peak at the position X_2 and a low-temperature trough at the position X_3 , and that the distance between the first and second high-temperature peaks ($X_2 - X_1$) is smaller (for example, 10 μm) than spacial resolution (for example, 15 μm). In this case, in the pattern shift means 51, for example, the detection pattern data are shifted in the x direction along the surface of the



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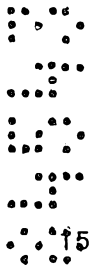


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semiconductor element by quantity t , which is half the
 spacial resolution ($= 7.5 \mu\text{m}$). In the memory address
 space of the detection pattern memory 41, such a shift
 of data can be easily realized by renewing (shifting)
 5 the address of data by addresses corresponding to the
 shift quantity t . Then, the shifted data, that is,
 shift pattern data indicated by a dotted line in Fig.
 7B, are stored in the shift pattern memory 42 as shown
 in Fig. 8 (step 202).

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In the difference pattern calculating means 52 in
 Fig. 8, the difference between the detection pattern
 data and the shift pattern data is obtained. The
 difference is obtained by subtraction, with an address
 of the detection pattern memory 41 corresponding to
 that of the shift pattern memory 42. The result of the
 subtraction is recorded in the difference pattern
 memory 43 (step 203). When the difference pattern data
 are schematically expressed in an analog manner, they
 are equivalent to the derivative of the detection
 pattern data as Fig. 7C shows. That is, the difference
 pattern data invert their sign from positive to
 negative corresponding to a high-temperature peak in
 the detection pattern data, and invert their sign from
 negative to positive corresponding to a low-temperature
 25 trough.



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Therefore, by judging the sign bit of the
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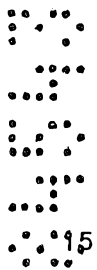
detection means 53 and finding inversion from positive to negative, the first and second high-temperature peaks in Fig. 7A can be found (step 204), and by

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finding the inversion of the sign bit from negative to positive, the low-temperature trough in Fig. 7A can be found. Herein, it should be noted that the accurate positions of the peaks and bottom are shifted in the shift direction (x direction) by half the shift quantity ($t/2$) (see Fig. 7C). Therefore, position

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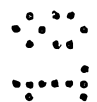
(address) correction is carried out corresponding to this quantity in the temperature distribution detection means 53 in Fig. 8 (step 205).



When a distribution of peaks and troughs is obtained for the case in which the surface of the semiconductor element is equivalently differentiated in the x direction according to the above procedure,



another difference processing is carried out in the same manner by changing the direction to shift (in y direction which is perpendicular to x direction) (step



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206). By this process, a distribution of peaks and troughs in the y direction is obtained and as a result,

a two-dimensional distribution expressed by x and y coordinates is obtained. The result is given to the distribution pattern output means 6 in Fig. 8, and

displayed graphically by a CRT display (not shown in the figure) or displayed as a printout output (step 207).



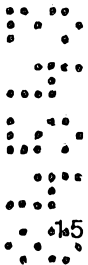
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In the example above, the shift quantity of a pattern is set to half the spacial resolution, but if the interval between peaks in the pattern is smaller, it is desired that the shift quantity is also smaller.

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From the invention thus described, it will be obvious that the invention may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

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THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. A method of using infrared light for measuring the temperature of a semiconductor element which has a surface layer formed with a plurality of materials that
5 have different infrared emissivities, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) determining the emissivity of each of the materials forming the surface layer;
- (b) determining a ratio of the areas of each of the materials on the surface layer;
- (c) determining a weighted average using the emissivities determined in step (a)

and the area ratios determined in step (b);
10 (d) determining the amounts of infrared emission actually emitted from the surface layer of the semiconductor element and from an atmosphere in which the semiconductor element is present using an infrared detector; and

(e) determining the temperature of the semiconductor element based upon the weighted average determined in step (c) and the actual amount of infrared emission
15 determined in step (d).

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the temperature of the semiconductor element is determined using a first relation in which the weighted average and the amounts of infrared emission are independent variables and the amount of infrared
20 emission from a standard material, for which temperature is uniquely determined, is a dependent variable.

3. A method as claimed in claim 2, in which the first relation is expressed by the equation:

$$N_T = \{N_m - (1 - \epsilon_m) \cdot N_a\} / \epsilon_m$$

25 wherein N_T is the amount of infrared emission from the standard material, N_m is the actual amount of infrared emission emitted from the semiconductor element, ϵ_m is the weighted average and N_a is the actual amount of infrared emission emitted from the atmosphere in which the semiconductor element is present.

30 4. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein step (a) comprises the steps of;



(a.1) preparing a standard sample with each of the materials forming the surface layer;

(a.2) obtaining the amount of infrared emission from the standard sample at two different known temperatures; and

5 (a.3) calculating using a second relation wherein the amount of infrared emission from the standard sample is regarded as an independent variable and the emissivity of one of the materials forming the surface layer is a dependent variable.

5. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein second relation of step (a.3) is expressed
10 by:

$$\varepsilon = (N_{m1} - N_{m2}) / (N_{T1} - N_{T2})$$

wherein ε is the emissivity of said one of the surface materials, N_{m1} and N_{m2} are the amounts of infrared emission from the standard sample at two different known temperatures, and N_{T1} and N_{T2} are the amounts of infrared emission of the standard material at the two different temperatures.

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6. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface layer comprises two kinds of materials which have different optical reflectances, image data are obtained by detecting the reflected light of a beam of light incident on the surface layer, and the area ratio of each of the two kinds of materials to the surface of the semiconductor element is obtained by binarizing the image data with a constant brightness being a boundary value.
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7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the constant brightness is a medium value between two brightness values corresponding to the two kinds of materials.

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8. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface layer comprises two kinds of materials which have different optical reflectances, an image is formed on a light receiving face of an image taking means by diffusing light reflected from the surface of the semiconductor element, and the area ratio of each of the two kinds of materials to the
30 surface of the semiconductor element is obtained by comparing the average brightness



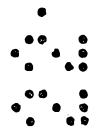
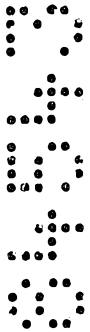
value of the image with brightness values obtained if each of the two materials independently formed the surface layer of the semiconductor element.

9. A method for measuring temperature based on infrared light substantially as
5 hereinbefore described with reference to the drawings.

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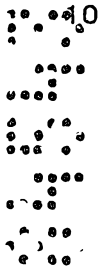


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A method for measuring temperature based on infrared light which measures the temperature of a semiconductor element, the surface layer of which is formed with two kinds of materials having different emissivities and optical reflectances, based on the amount of infrared emission incident on an image taking means according to the invention, comprises the steps of taking an image by diffusing and letting the incident be the reflected light of a beam of light incident on the surface of the above semiconductor element on the light receiving face of the image taking means, followed by determining the area ratio at which each of the above two kinds of materials occupies the surface of the above semiconductor element by comparing the average brightness value of the above image with the brightness value of an image for the case that each of the above two kinds of materials independently forms the surface layer of the above semiconductor element, and obtaining the weighted average of the emissivities of the above two kinds of materials with the area ratio at which each of the above two kinds of materials occupies the surface of the above semiconductor element, followed by calculating the temperature of the above semiconductor element based on the weighted average and the actual amount of infrared emission.

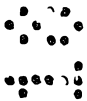
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Fig. 1A

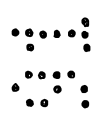
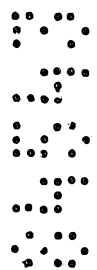
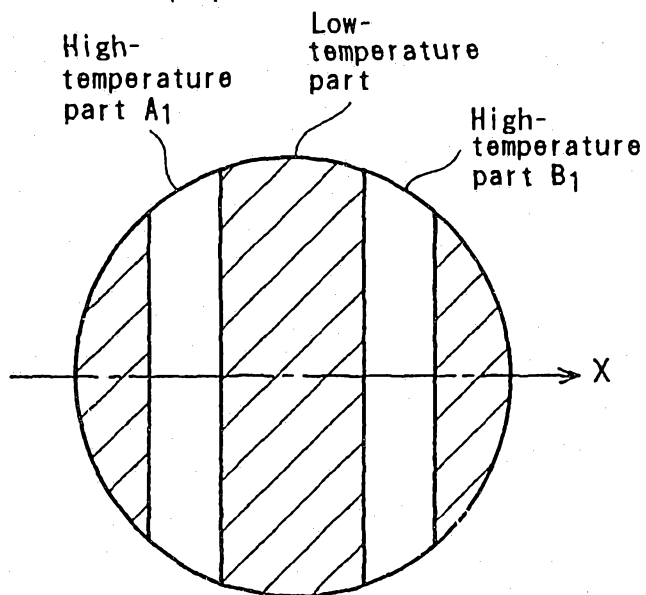


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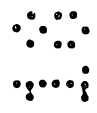
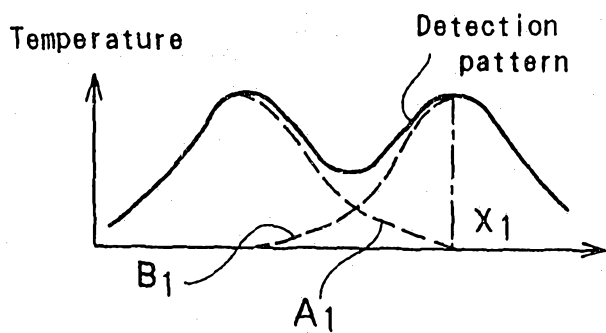


Fig. 1C

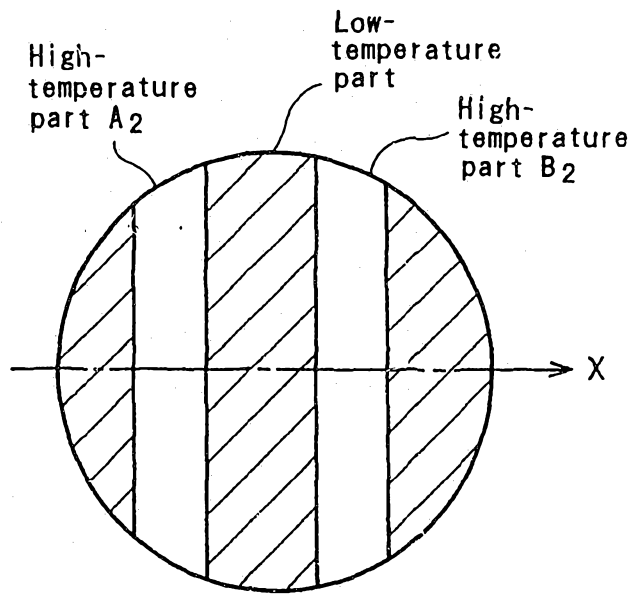


Fig. 1D

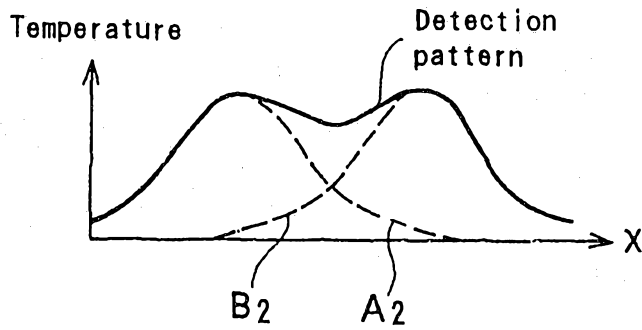


Fig. 2A

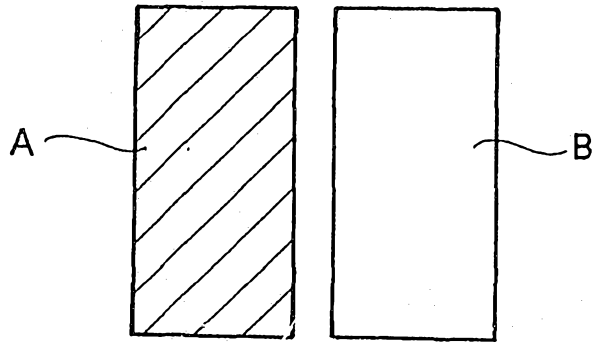
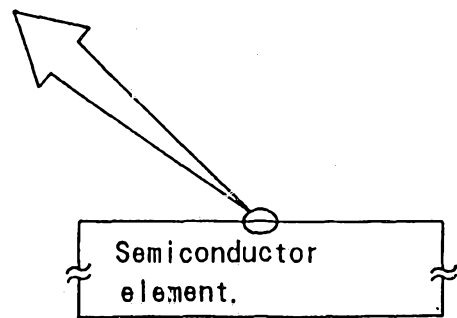
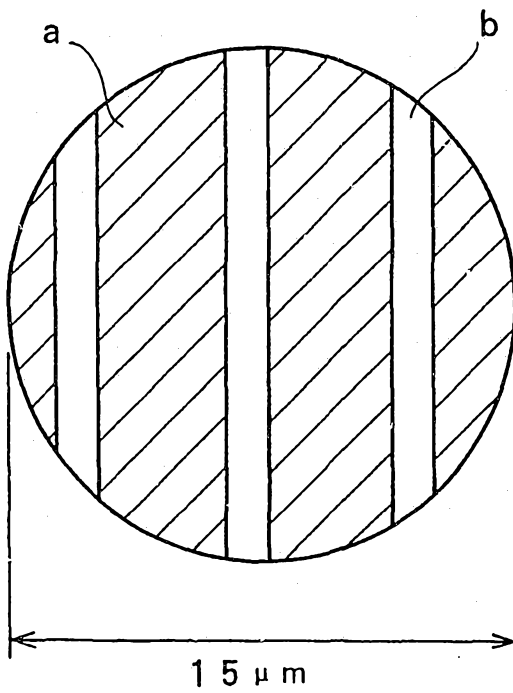


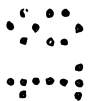
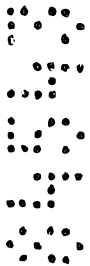
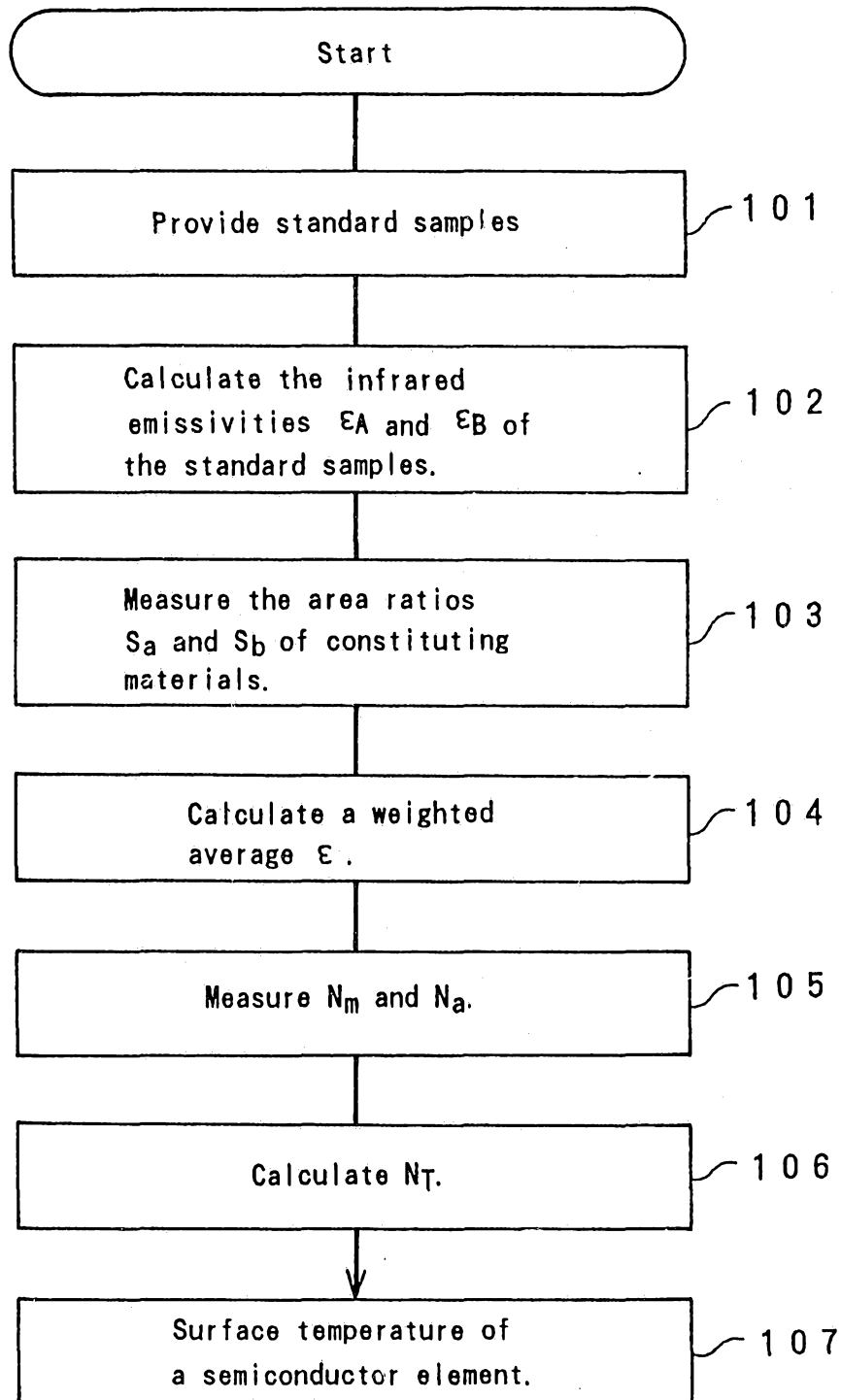
Fig. 2B

Enlarged figure.



Semiconductor element.

Fig. 3



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Fig. 4

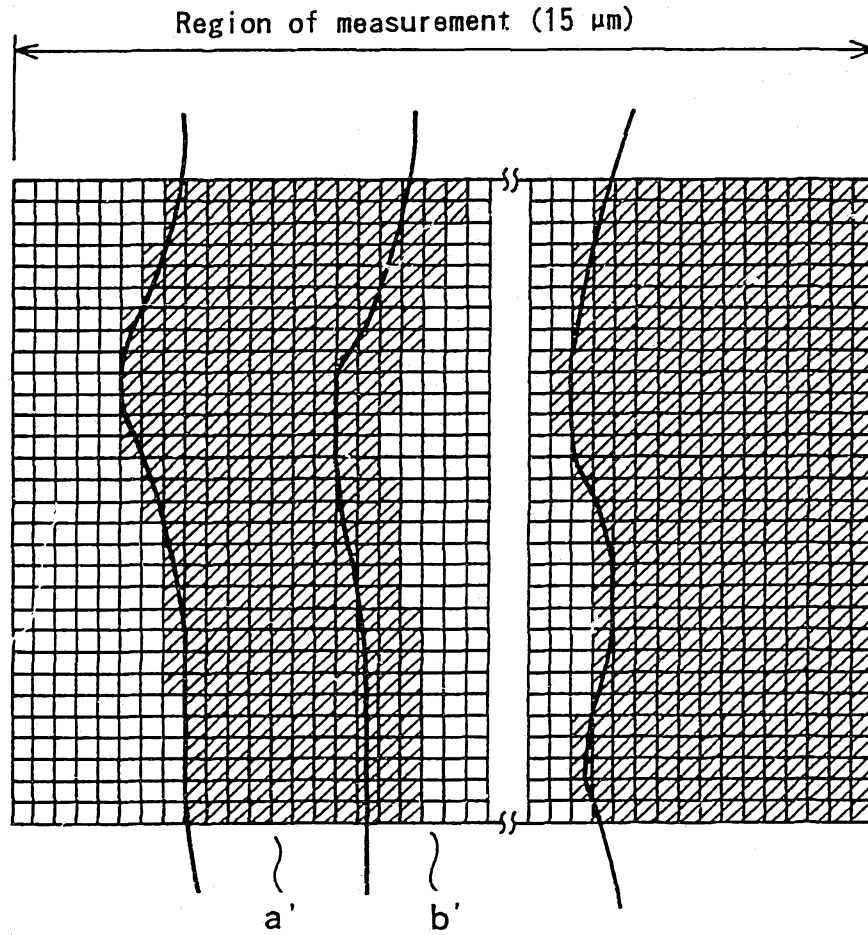


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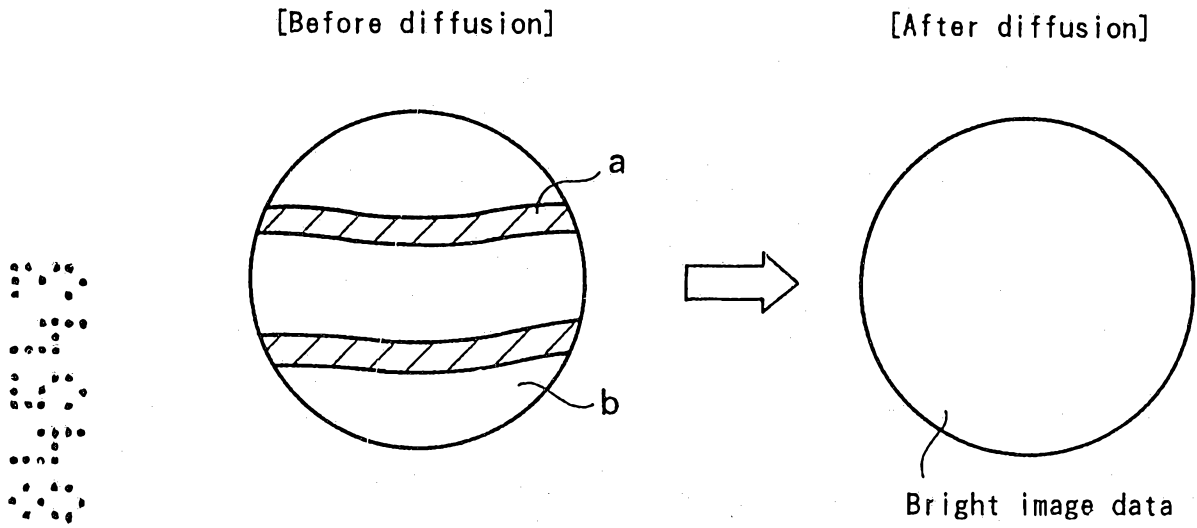


Fig. 5B

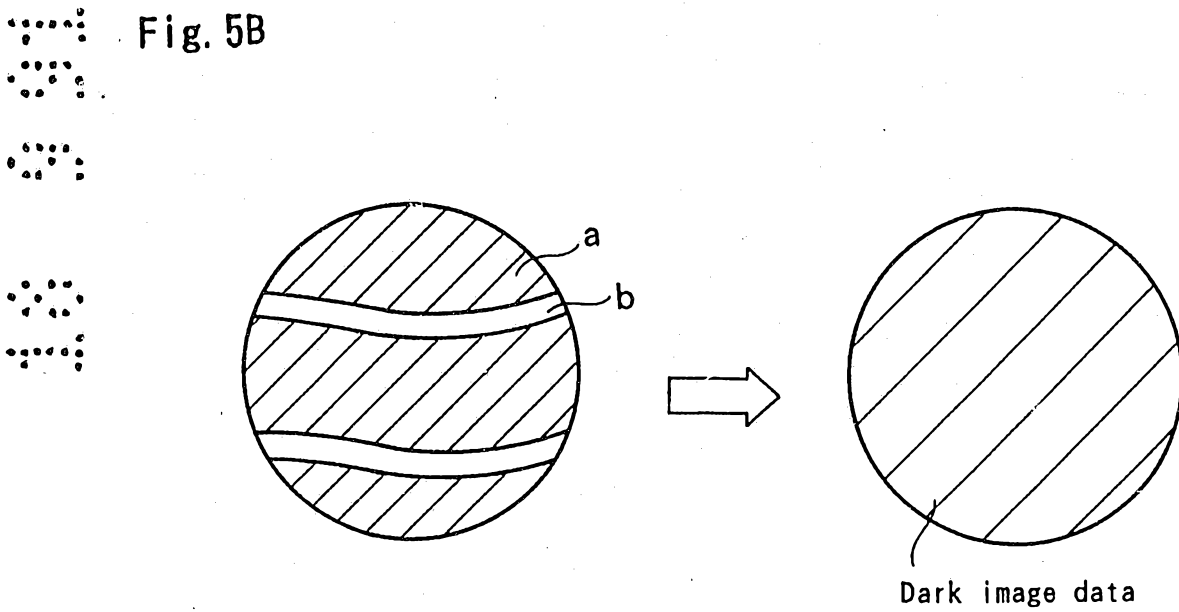


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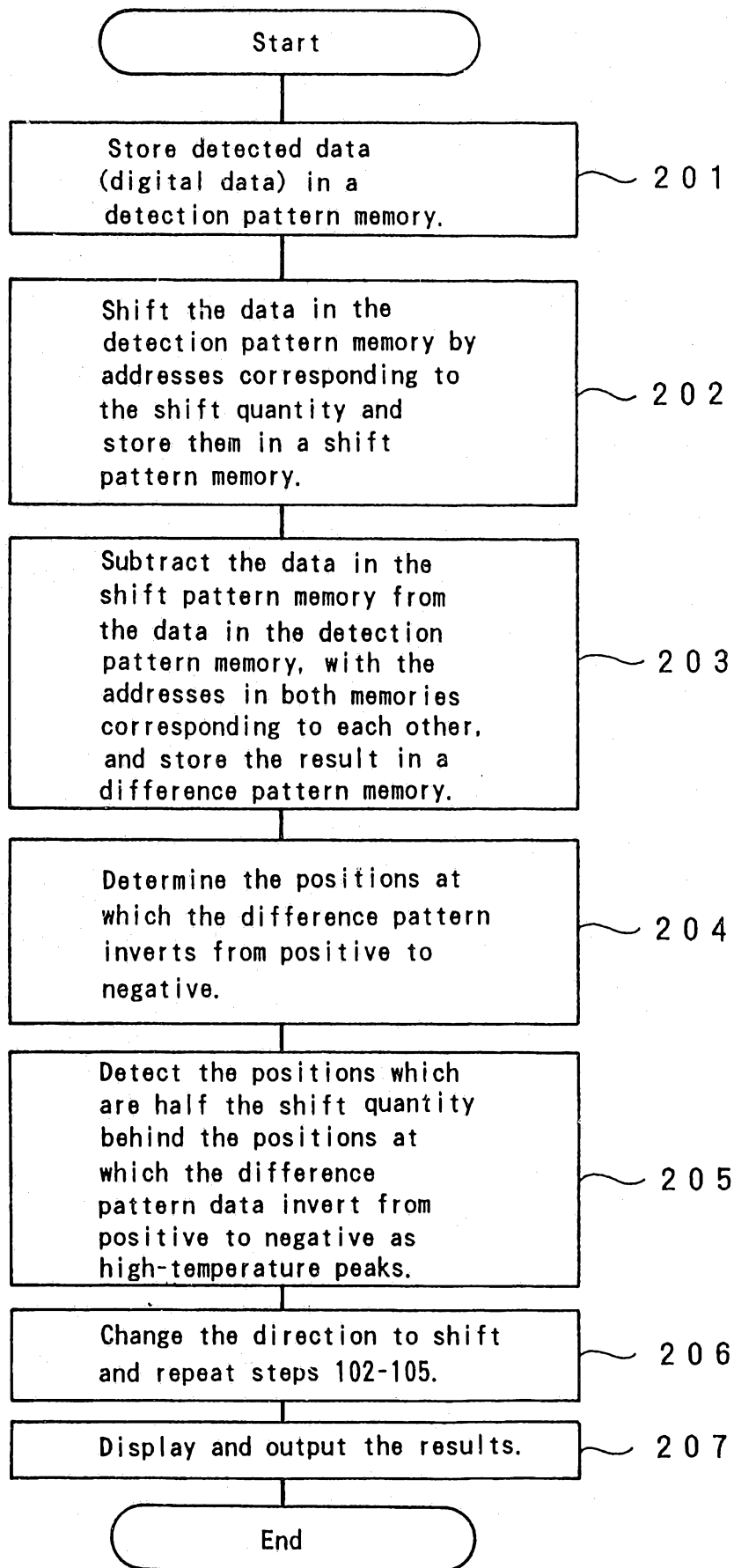


Fig. 7A

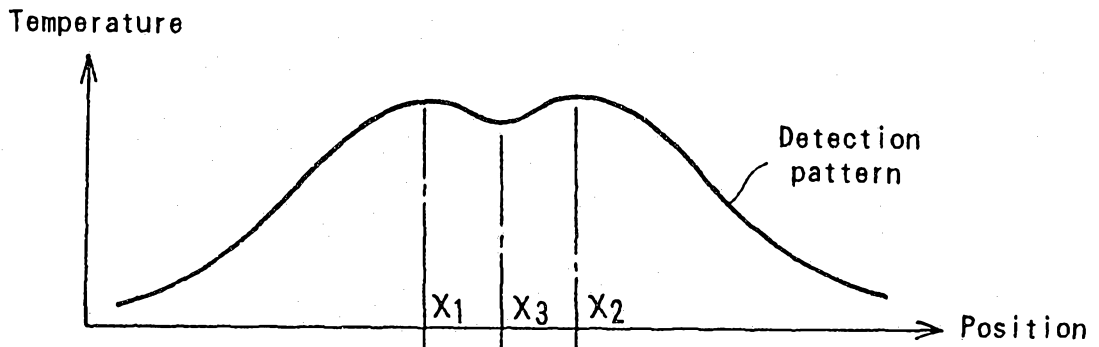


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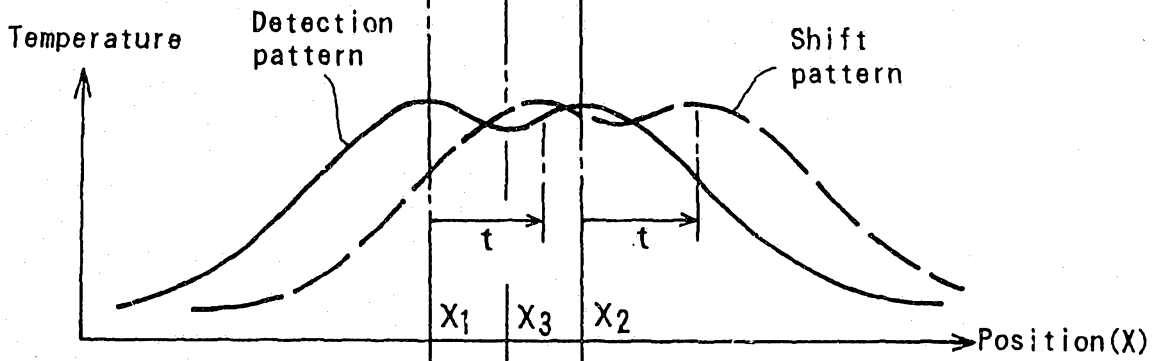


Fig. 7C

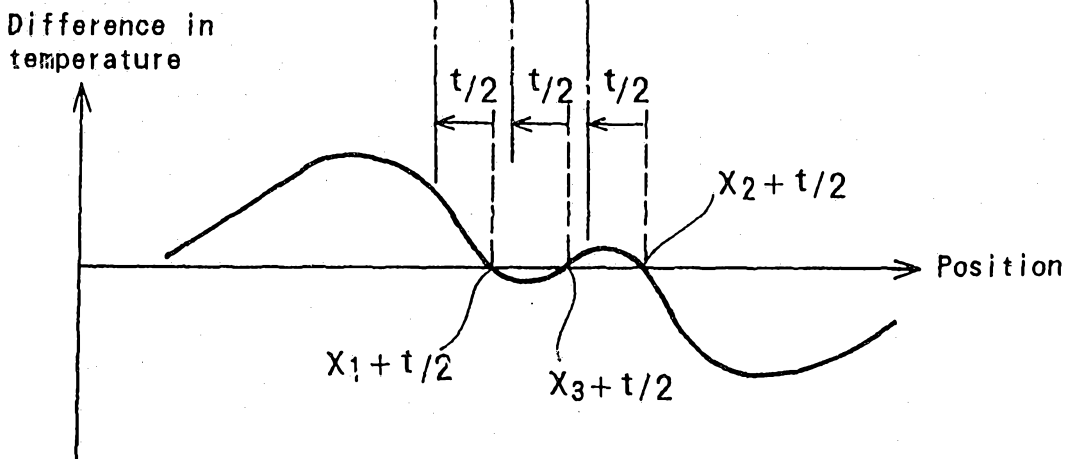


Fig. 8

