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Cutting-Edge Technology by MELEC GmbH HiPIMS Superimpose with DC or Mid.-Frequency



**DC Pulse Power Controller SPIK3000A
Industrial scale
5kW -90 kW DC AVERAGE POWER**

• HiPIMS • Mid.Frequency (MF) • DC

Motivation for HiPIMS acceptance in the industry

- Highest depositionrate → HiPIMS in combination with DC or Mid-Frequency
- Reducing / preventing of arcing / poisoning → HiPIMS used in pulse package mode
- Highest process stability tuning; reproducible → HiPIMS/MF used in bipolar pulse mode
- Low cost retrofit applications, single magnetron → Use of your existing DC power supply combined with HiPIMS

Improvements of coating using HiPIMS

- Higher ion bombardment
- Better coating adhesion
- Harder coating
- Denser films

Superimposed Processes for higher deposition rate

- HiPIMS + DC
- HiPIMS + MF



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MELEC GmbH licensed SPIK3000A series production at the company SHEN CHANG in Taiwan





Superimpose HiPIMS applications

Electric Circuit
Superimposed HiPIMS / DC
using Single Magnetron

Figure 1

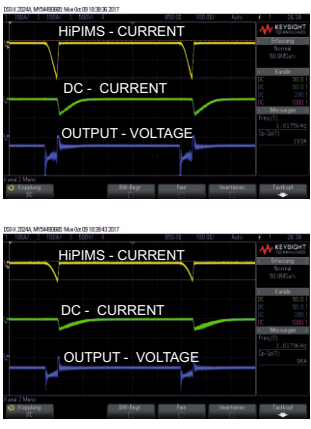
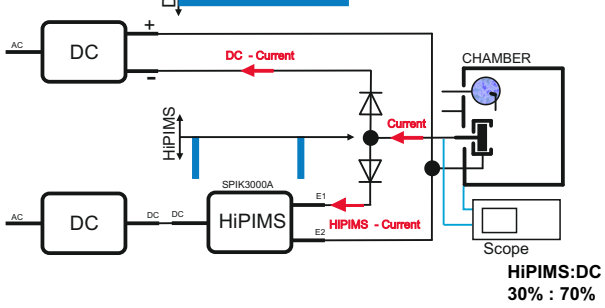


Figure 1

The basic electric circuit shows the different paths of DC-current and HiPIMS-current depending on the different voltage levels (DC = constant; HiPIMS = f(t)). The gate-way of the two diodes is synchronized automatically by themselves because of the condition:

$$DC-V < HiPIMS-V f(t)$$

HiPIMS combined with DC generates in the NON REACTIVE SPUTTERING MODE highest depositions rates

Electric Circuit
Superimposed HiPIMS (UP) / MF
using Single Magnetron

Figure 2

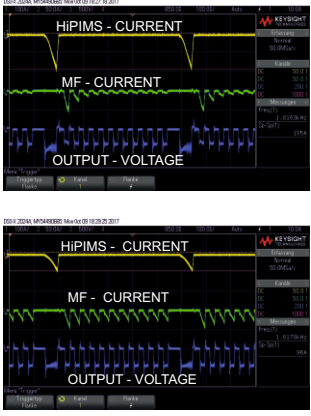
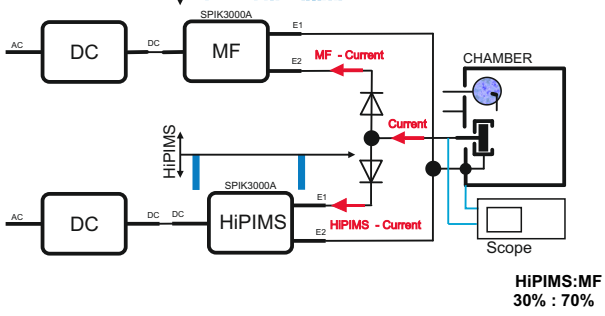


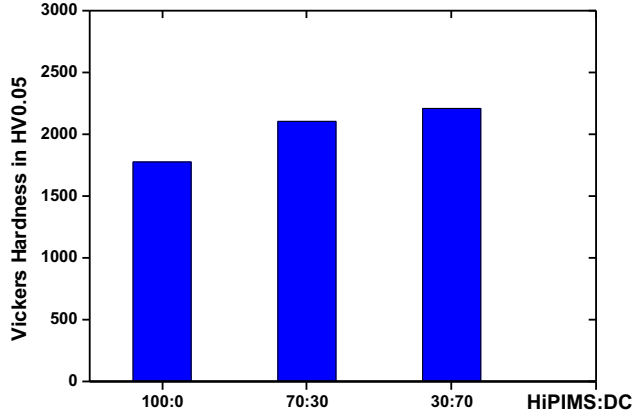
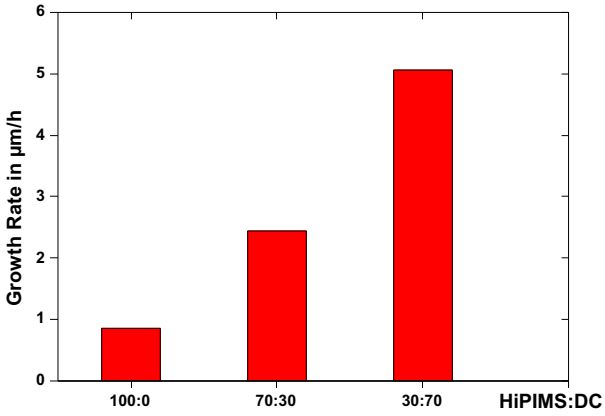
Figure 2

The basic electric circuit shows the different ways of Mid.Freq.-current and HiPIMS-current depending on the different voltage levels (Mid.-Freq.-voltage = f(t); HiPIMS-voltage = f(t)). The gate-way of the two diodes is synchronized automatically by themselves because of the condition:

$$Mid.-Freq.-V f(t) < HiPIMS-V f(t)$$

HiPIMS combined with Mid.-Freq. generates in the REACTIVE SPUTTERING MODE highest depositions rates, prevents arcing and poisoning.

Ti-N Depositions Rate and Hardness



$$\Delta H = +/- (5-10)\%$$

- HiPIMS+DC total power: 5 kW
- HiPIMS duty cycle 9.1%, Frequency 1818 Hz
- Ti target
- Working Gas: Ar(300 sccm) - N₂(14 sccm)
- without Substrate Rotation

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Reference:





Customer Report about HiPIMS application using SPIK3000A

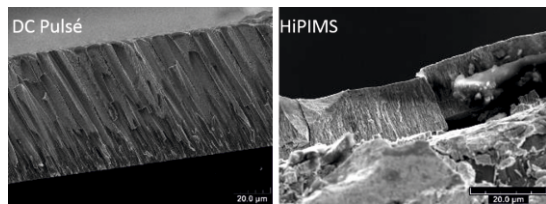


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DEPHIS specializes in the production and R&D of innovative thin-film coatings using various Vapor Deposition techniques (Dc-P, Arc, CVD, RF, HiPIMS).

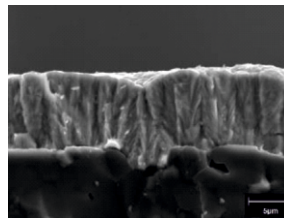
DEPHIS also specializes in the development and fabrication of Vapor Deposition Machines utilizing the DC-P, Arc, CVD, RF, HiPIMS technologies or a hybridization of multiple techniques.

picture 1



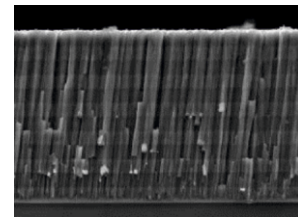
Fractography comparing two coatings made by HiPIMS and DC Pulsé traditional

picture 2



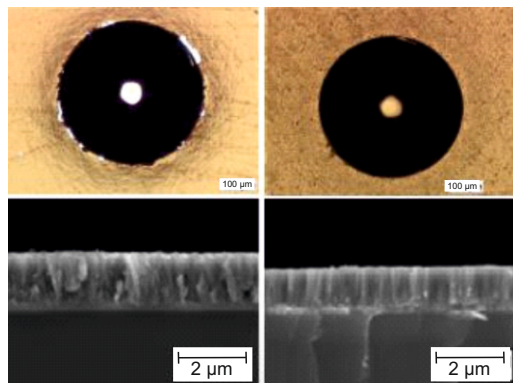
Fractography of a columnar alloy on Alumina substrate

picture 3



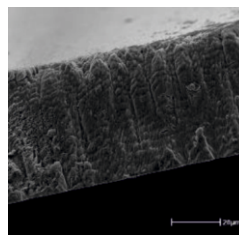
Fractography and cross-sectional view of a multilayer metal-ceramic coating for aerospace applications

picture 4



Pulsed DC coating HiPIMS coating
Comparison of coatings with different process - HiPIMS VS DC.

picture 5



Fractography of an iron alloy (e.g. Fe-Si, Fe-Mg, Fe-C, Fe-Co...) coating on a glass for astrophysics applications.



picture 8

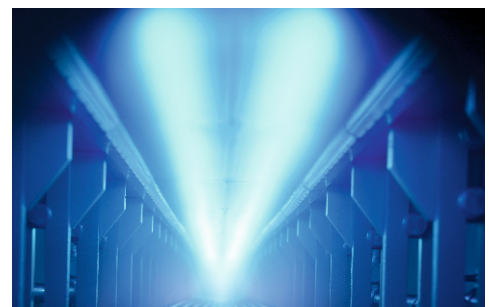
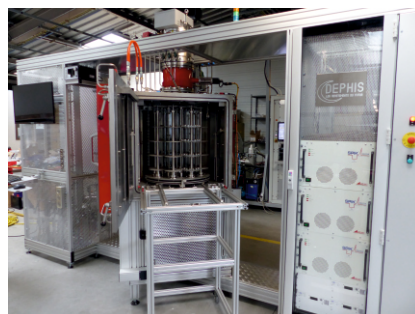
Prototype reactor for the production of large components. This prototype is equipped with the magnetron shown in picture 9

picture 6



P9/P10: DEPHIS' latest hybrid coating reactor the TriProS, which combines the HiPIMS, Arc, CVD, DC-P technologies into a single cost effective machine. The machine is equipped with SPIK3000A generators in a bipolar configuration.

picture 7



picture 9

Example of a 30kW HiPIMS plasma produced by a 5.04m long magnetron fabricated by DEPHIS.

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