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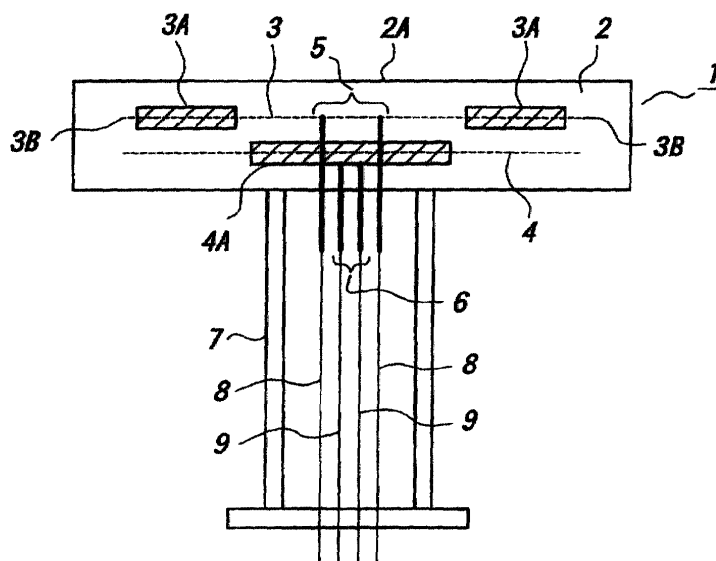
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(54) **Ceramic heater**

(57) A ceramic heater comprising a ceramic substrate having a heating face, and a resistance heat generator buried in the ceramic substrate, wherein the resistance heat generator comprises plural planar resistance heating elements arranged in a layered fashion as

viewed in a thickness direction of the ceramic substrate, and each of said plural planar heating elements comprises a heat generation density-increased portion, and the heat generation density-increased portions of the respective plural planar heating elements are located in different portions, respectively.

**FIG. 1**





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