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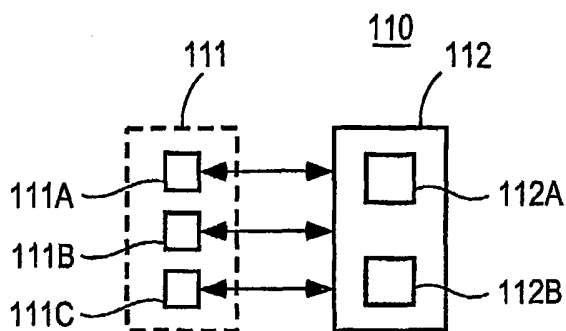
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(57) Abstract: Various sensor unit configurations are disclosed within the context of a fluid quality monitoring system. The distribution of sensor units can be accomplished using existing product distribution channels to sell, distribute and install sensor units so that a fluid distribution monitoring system can be established at relatively low cost, on a wider basis, and by locating sensor units at the most desirable location from problem detection standpoint, the location of the end user.

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Fluid monitoring characterised by confirming a detection condition prior to reporting it.

2. claims: 117-121

Recalibration system characterised by using two sensors and recalibrating one sensor by measurement data of the other.

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