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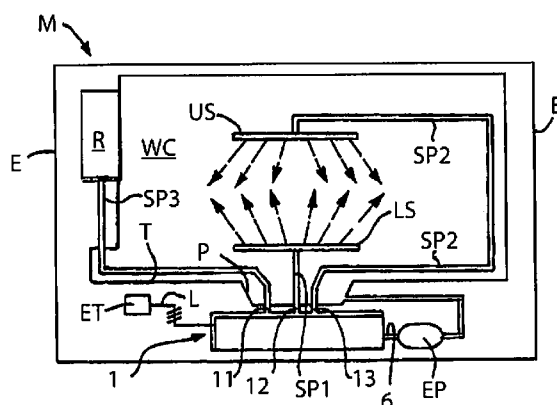


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: The washing machine (M) comprises a support casing (E) in which at least one washing chamber (WC) is defined; a feeding device (EP) arranged for supplying a pressurized washing liquid; a user hydraulic circuit (SP1, SP2) arranged for delivering an amount of said liquid into the washing chamber (WC); a storage reservoir (R) arranged for containing an amount of said liquid; and a distribution valve assembly (1). The distribution valve assembly (1) comprises: a valve body (2-4) having an inlet (6), which is hydraulically connected to said feeding device (EP), at least one delivery outlet (12, 13), which is hydraulically connected to said user hydraulic circuit (SP1, SP2), and a storage outlet (11), which is hydraulically connected to the storage reservoir (R) through the storage hydraulic circuit (SP3); a valve system (14, 24) arranged for at least partially allowing and interrupting the liquid communication among the inlet (6), the delivery outlet (12, 13), and the storage outlet (11); and an actuating device (20, 31) arranged for controlling said valve system (14, 24).

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