



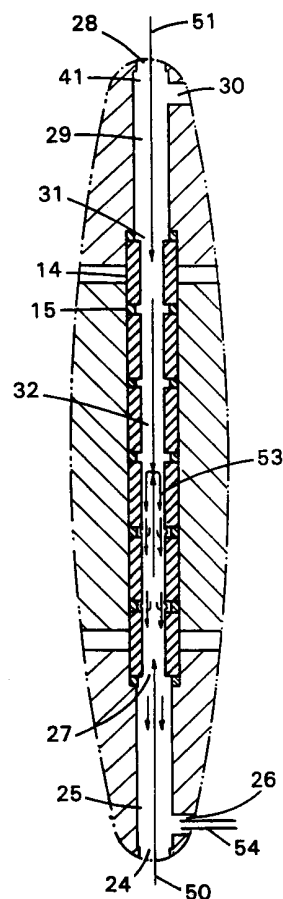
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(57) Abstract

A method and apparatus for processing product components, in particular the emulsification of oil in water. The method includes directing a first jet (50) of fluid along a first path and directing a second jet (51) of fluid along a second path to cause interaction between the jets that forms a stream (53) that is oriented essentially opposite to one of the jet paths.



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