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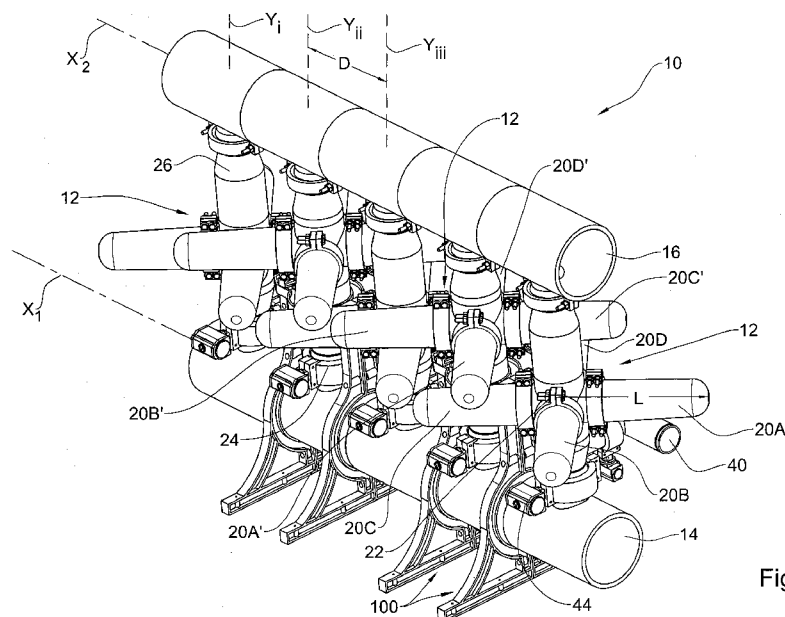


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A filtration array comprising a main raw fluid supply line and a main filtered fluid collecting line, at least one filtration flow path extending between the main raw fluid supply line and main filtered fluid collecting line, each at least one filtration flow path configured with a filtering assembly comprising a three or more filter units extending from a manifold configured on the filtration flow path and being in flow communication with the main raw fluid supply line and the main filtered fluid collecting line.



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1. claims: 1-20

Filtration array comprising manifolds extending between an inlet and outlet conduit, with several filter units extending from each manifold, and spatial relationship between these compounds, directed to the problem of creating a compact filter array to save space

2. claims: 21-30

Manifold for coupling a plurality of filter units, solving the problem of easy servicing

3. claims: 31-40

Support system for supporting a filter array, solving the problem of providing constructional stability to the filter array
