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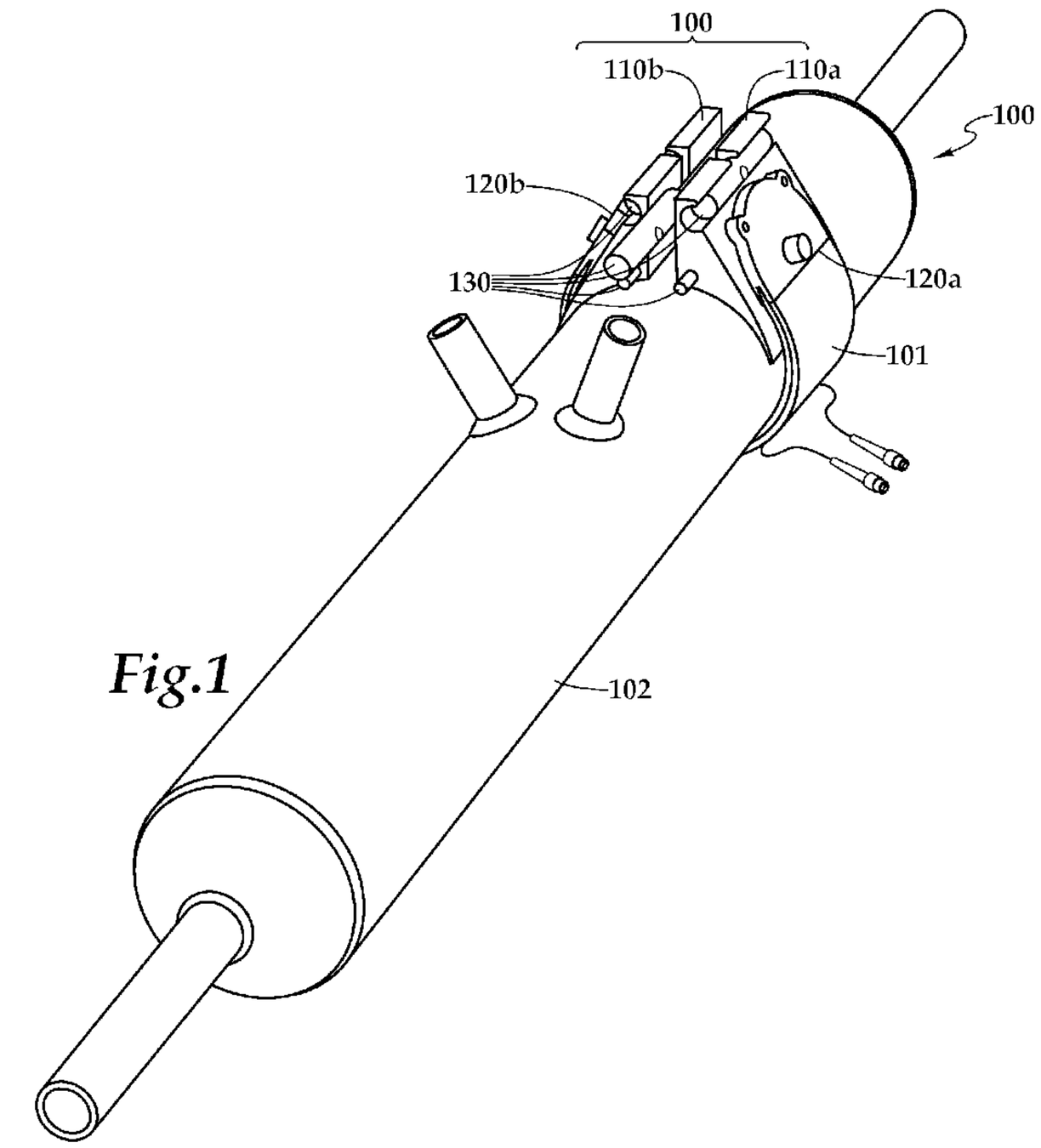


Fig.1

(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**
The subject matter of this specification can be embodied in, among other things, a system for removably attaching an optical fiber sensor loop onto a tubular member, which includes an optical fiber sensor loop having a continuous optical fiber positioned

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arranged in a plurality of loops, each of said loops having a first end turn and a second end turn, a first and a second turn guide each including a plurality of turn grooves increasing outwardly in increasing radii, each of said turn grooves configured to receive an end turn portion of the optical fiber, a first and a second supporting wedge each having a planar first surface configured to receive a turn guide and a curved second surface configured to be received on the tubular member, and a connector configured to couple the first mounting wedge to the second mounting wedge.

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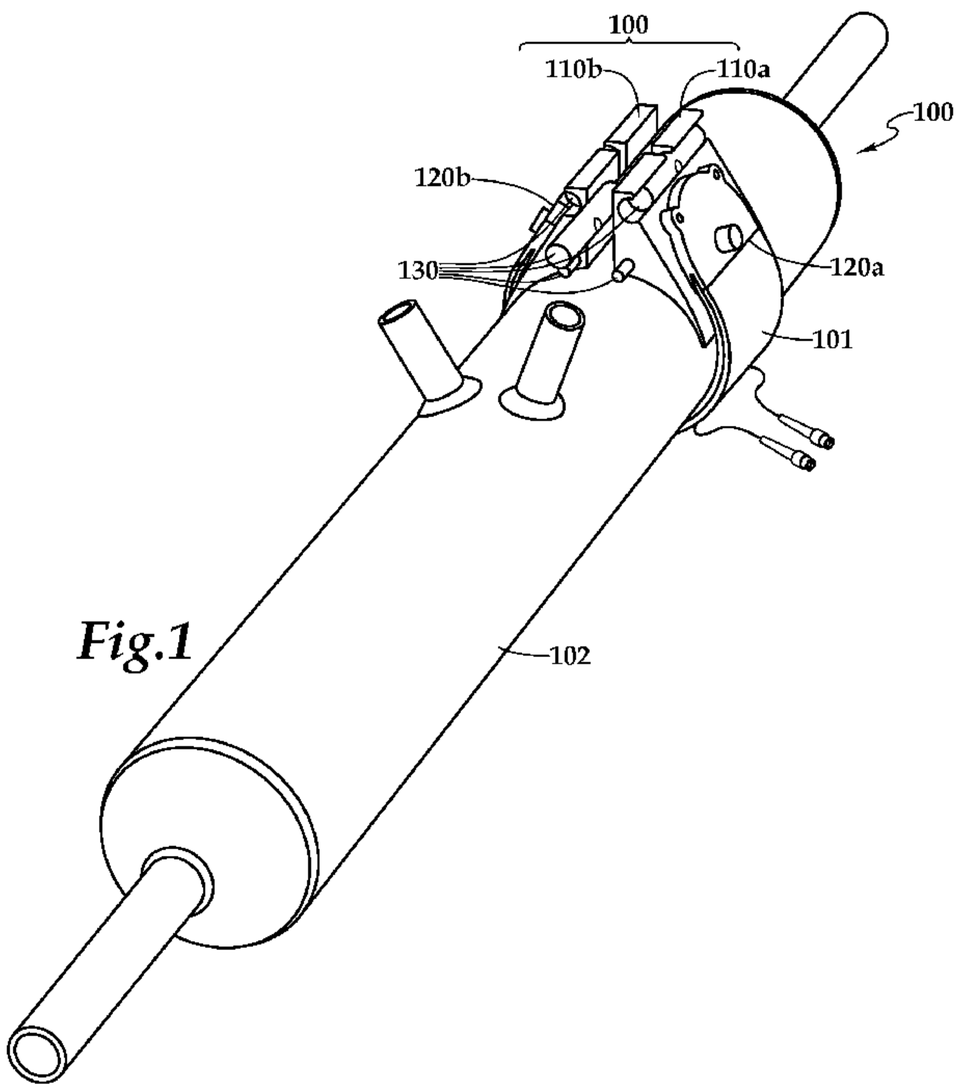


Fig.1

(57) Abstract: The subject matter of this specification can be embodied in, among other things, a system for removably attaching an optical fiber sensor loop onto a tubular member, which includes an optical fiber sensor loop having a continuous optical fiber positioned arranged in a plurality of loops, each of said loops having a first end turn and a second end turn, a first and a second turn guide each including a plurality of turn grooves increasing outwardly in increasing radii, each of said turn grooves configured to receive an end turn portion of the optical fiber, a first and a second supporting wedge each having a planar first surface configured to receive a turn guide and a curved second surface configured to be received on the tubular member, and a connector configured to couple the first mounting wedge to the second mounting wedge.

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TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] This present disclosure relates to an apparatus for mounting of fiber optic sensing elements on pipe sections.

BACKGROUND

[0002] In connection with the recovery of hydrocarbons from the earth, wellbores are generally drilled using a variety of different methods and equipment. According to one common method, a drill bit is rotated against the subsurface formation to form the wellbore. The drill bit is rotated in the wellbore through the rotation of a drill string attached to the drill bit and/or by the rotary force imparted to the drill bit by a subsurface drilling motor powered by the flow of drilling fluid down the drill string and through downhole motor.

[0003] The flow of drilling fluid through the drill string can exhibit variations in pressure including pressure pulses. These pressure variations can cause dimensional changes in solid structures such as piping that carries the drilling fluid to and from the drill string. Strain gauges are sometimes used for detecting and measuring absolute dimensional changes of solid structures, such a piping for drilling fluid. Such changes can occur gradually, however, and may be challenging to observe and quantify.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0004] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an example optical sensor mounting system.

[0005] FIG. 2 is a perspective view of an example optical sensor loop.

[0006] FIG. 3 is perspective view of an inner surface of an example optical sensor loop turn guide.

[0007] FIG. 4 is perspective view of an outer surface of an example optical sensor loop turn guide.

[0008] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of an example optical sensor in a partially assembled state.

[0009] FIG. 6 is a perspective view of an example optical sensor in an assembled state.

[0010] FIG. 7 is a perspective view of an example mount wedge.

[0011] FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a collection of example tension rods.

[0012] FIG. 9 is a perspective view of another example optical sensor mounting system.

[0013] FIG. 10 is an exploded perspective view of another example optical sensor mounting system.

[0014] FIGs. 11 and 12 are side and top views of the example optical sensor mounting system of FIG. 10.

[0015] FIGs. 13-15 are various cross-sectional side views of the example optical sensor mounting system of FIG 10.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0016] This document describes systems and techniques for mounting sensor attachments to drilling fluid piping on drilling rigs. The assemblies described in this document can be used, for example, to mount optical sensors such as sections of

Sagnac loop interferometers to measure expansion and contraction of the piping due to pressure variations in the fluid flowing within the piping. The Sagnac Loop interferometer is a sensor that can be used to detect mechanical or thermal disturbances or vibrations. The Sagnac interferometer operates by generating a light signal with a predetermined wavelength, transmitting the light signal through an optical fiber loop, and detecting the resulting coherent light phase shift. Measurements of the shifts in the coherent light phase provide information regarding physical disturbances or vibrations along the loop of the Sagnac interferometer.

[0017] In general, optical sensor mounts clamp, attach, or are otherwise affixed to an outside surface of one or more pipes in the drilling fluid piping system. Fluid (for example, drilling fluid) flowing through the pipe exerts a pressure force outward against the pipe, which causes small changes in the diameter of the pipe that vary with the pressure of the fluid within. The optical sensor mounts mechanically transfer, and in some implementations, amplify or reduce, changes in pipe diameter to one or more sensors. The signal outputs of such sensors can then be processed to observe changes in the diameter of the pipe. The changes in diameter of the pipe diameter may be processed using known physical characteristics of pressure pipes, and detection of said changes can allow for downhole pressure pulse detection whereas said pressure pulses can convey the specific information or data content.

[0018] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an example optical sensor mounting system 100. In general, the mounting system 100 simplifies attachment and removal of an optical sensor 101, such as a fiber optic loop section of a Sagnac Loop interferometer, a Mach-Zehnder interferometer, a distributed Acoustic Sensing System (DASS), or any

other appropriate sensor that includes one or more loops of fiber optic cable, to and from a pipe 102 while preserving signal fidelity and rotational signal rejection of the optical sensor 101.

[0019] The optical sensor mounting system 100 includes a pair of mount wedges 110a and 110b. The optical sensor 101 is wrapped around the periphery of the pipe 102, and is removably affixed to the mount wedges 110a, 110b by a pair of sensor loop turn guide assemblies 120a and 120b. The mount wedges 110a, 110b are flexibly interconnected by a collection of tension rods 130. The optical sensor 101 is wrapped around the pipe 102 and is adjusted to a predetermined pre-tension by adjustment of the linkage between the tension rods 130. The optical sensor 101 is configured to detect changes in the length of the optical sensor 101 (e.g., stretching). In the illustrated configuration, expansion or contraction of the circumference and diameter of the pipe 102 due to changes in the pressure of a fluid within the pipe 102 will apply changes in tension on the optical sensor 101 that can be measured and used to determine changes in the fluid pressure within the pipe 102. The optical sensor 101, the mount wedges 110a and 110b, the sensor loop turn guide assemblies 120a-120b, and the tensioning rods 130 with associated linkage will be discussed further in the descriptions of FIGs. 2-9.

[0020] FIG. 2 is a perspective view of an example optical sensor loop 200. The optical sensor loop 200 includes a fiber optic cable 210 arranged in an elongated spiral having a middle section 220 in which the fiber optic cable 210 is arranged as a collection of generally planar and substantially parallel strands, and two end sections 230 in which the fiber optic cable 210 is arranged as a collection of generally planar and

curved pathways. In some implementations the curved pathways may be arranged substantially concentric and semi-circular and/or in a partial elliptical arrangement.

[0021] The fiber optic cable 210 is terminated at each end by a pair of optical couplers 240. The optical couplers 240 provide connecting points to which light sources, optical detectors, and other appropriate equipment can be optically coupled to the fiber optic cable 210.

[0022] FIGs. 3 and 4 are perspective views of an example optical sensor loop turn guide 300. FIG. 3 shows an optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301 and FIG. 4 show an optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302. In general, the optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301 and the optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302 are coupled together to form the example sensor turn guide assembly 120a of FIG. 1, and the optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301 and the optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302 are coupled together to form the example sensor turn guide assembly 120b.

[0023] Referring to FIG. 3, an inner face 310 of the optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301 is shown. The optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301includes a bore 330 and a collection of bores 350. The inner face 310 includes a collection of grooves 320. The grooves 320 are arranged as a collection of ridges and troughs formed on the inner face 310 in a curved pathway. The grooves 320 are non-intersecting, and increase outwardly with increasing radii. In some implementations the curved pathways may be arranged substantially concentric and semi-circular and/or in a partial elliptical arrangement. Each of the grooves 320 is configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber 210 at one of the end sections 230.

[0024] Referring to FIG. 4, the optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302 of the sensor loop turn guide 300 is shown. The optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302 includes the bore 330 and the bores 350. In some implementations, the optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302 is a substantially flat plate that, when assembled to the optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301, contacts the ridges or the grooves 320 to substantially enclose and constrain the fiber optic cable 210 with each of the grooves 320.

[0025] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the example optical sensor 101 in a partially assembled state. As is best seen in reference to the sensor loop turn guide assembly 120a, each loop of the end sections 230 of the sensor loop 200 is placed in one of the corresponding grooves 320 of the optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301. The optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302 is placed adjacent the optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301, as is best seen in reference to the sensor loop turn guide assembly 120b. In the assembled configurations of the sensor loop turn guide assemblies 120a, 120b, each mating pair of the optical sensor loop lower turn guide 301 and the optical sensor loop upper turn guide 302substantially surrounds and constrains a corresponding loop of the sensor loop 200.

[0026] A bottom sheath 510 is provided to support and protect the middle section 220 of the sensor loop 200. Referring now to FIG. 6, which is a perspective view of the example optical sensor 101 in an assembled state, a top sheath 610 is provided to support and protect the middle section 220 of the sensor loop 200. The top sheath 610 includes holes 620. The fiber optic cable 210 passes through the holes 620 to expose the optical couplers 240.

[0027] The top sheath 610 and the bottom sheath 510 are flexible to allow the sensor loop to be bent into a curve. In some embodiments, the top sheath 610 and the bottom sheath 510 can have a flexible stiffness that limits the bending radius of the sensor loop 200. For example, fiber optic cable 210 may have a maximum bending radius which, if exceeded, could damage the fiber optic cable 210 in a way that prevents light from passing through and thus possibly causing the sensor loop 200 to malfunction. The top sheath 610 and bottom sheath 510, however, can have a stiffness and bending radius that are greater than that of the fiber optic cable 210, so that the sensor loop 200 will follow the relatively lesser bending radius of the sheaths 510, 610 when flexed.

[0028] Referring now to FIGs. 3-6, the sensor loop turn guides 300 also include the collection of bores 350. During assembly, pairs of the sensor loop turn guides 301 and 302 are mated to align the bores 350, and a collection of fasteners (not shown) (e.g., bolts, screws) are passed through the bores 350 to removably attach the pairs to each other to form the sensor loop turn guide assemblies 120a and 120b. During assembly, the collection of fasteners are also passed through the bores 350 to removably assemble the sensor loop turn guide assemblies 120a and 120b to the mount wedges 110a and 110b.

[0029] FIG. 7 is a perspective view of an example mount wedge 700. In some embodiments, the mount wedge 700 can be the mount wedge 110a or the mount wedge 110b of FIG. 1. The mount wedge 700 includes a bottom face 710, a back face 720, and a mount face 730.

[0030] The bottom face 710 is formed with a longitudinal concave curvature. In some embodiments, the radius of the bottom face 710 approximates the radius of the pipe 102 of FIG. 1. The back face 720 is a substantially flat planar surface that intersects the bottom face 710 at an approximately perpendicular angle. The front face 730 is a substantially flat planar surface that intersects the back face 720 at an approximately 45 degree angle and intersects the bottom face 710 at an angle approximately tangent to the curvature of the bottom face 710. In some embodiments, the angle at which the front face 730 and the back face 720 intersect can be determined from the diameter of pipe 102,

[0031] The front face 730 includes a groove 740. The groove 740 is a semi-cylindrical, concave recess formed along the longitudinal length (e.g., relative to the axis of curvature of the bottom face 710) of a distal end 702 of the mount wedge 700. A slot 750 cut out of the distal end 702, intersecting the groove 740 near a midpoint substantially perpendicular to the groove 740. A longitudinal bore 760 is formed through the mounting wedge substantially parallel to the faces 710, 720, and 730. The groove 740, the slot 750, and the bore 760 will be discussed further in the descriptions on FIGs. 8 and 9.

[0032] The front face 730 also includes a mounting post 770. The mounting post 770 protrudes out from the mount wedge 700 at an angle substantially perpendicular to the front face 730. The mounting post 770 is configured to mate with the bores 330 of the sensor loop turn guides 300, as will be discussed further in the descriptions on FIG. 9. In some embodiments, the mounting post 770 may be a threaded member that can be removably threaded into a corresponding threaded receptacle in the front face 730.

[0033] FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the collection of example connector rods 130. The collection includes an outer rod 810a, an outer rod 810b, a center rod 820, a through-wedge rod 830a, and a through-wedge rod 830b. The outer rods 810a and 810b have a diameter that approximates or is less than that of the groove 740 of the example mount wedge 700 of FIG. 7. The outer rods 810a, 810b and the center rod 820 each include a bore 840. The bores 840 are formed near the midpoints and perpendicular to the longitudinal lengths of their corresponding rods 810a, 810b, and 820.

[0034] The through-wedge rods 830a and 830b have a diameter that allows the rods 830a, 830b to be inserted into the bore 760. The through-wedge rods 830a and 830b each also include a pair of bores 850, with each bore 850 formed near an end and perpendicular to the longitudinal lengths of their corresponding through-wedge rods 830a and 830b. The collection of rods 130 will be discussed further in the description of FIG. 9.

[0035] FIG. 9 is another perspective view of the example optical sensor mounting system 100 in a partly assembled form. During assembly, the mount wedges 110a and 110b are arranged such that their bottom faces 710 are in contact with the pipe 102, and their back faces 720 are facing each other. The sensor loop turn guide assembly 120a is brought into contact with the mount wedge 110a such that the mount post 770 passes through the bores 330 such that one of the bottom faces 710 contacts the front face 730. A fastener (not shown) (e.g., bolt, screw, rivet) is passed through each of the bores 350 to removably attach the sensor loop turn guide assembly 120a to the mount wedge 110a.

[0036] The optical sensor 101 is wrapped around the pipe 102, and the sensor loop turn guide assembly 120b is assembled to the mount wedge 110b in a manner similar to the assembly of the turn guide assembly 120a and the mount wedge 110a (e.g., as illustrated in FIG. 1). The through-wedge rod 830a is inserted into the bore 760 in the mount wedge 110a, and the through-wedge rod 830b is inserted into the bore 760 in the mount wedge 110b.

[0037] The outer rod 810a is placed in the groove 740 of the mount wedge 110a, and the outer rod 810b is placed in the groove 740 of the mount wedge 110b. The center rod 820 is placed between the mount wedges 110a and 110b. The bores 840 in outer rod 810a, the outer rod 810b, and the center rod 820 are aligned with the slots 750 and with each other. A fastener (not shown) (e.g., a bolt, a screw) is passed through the aligned bores 840 and is adjustably tensioned. Tension on the fastener draws the mount wedges 110a and 110b toward each other, which in turn applies an adjustable pre-tension on the optical sensor 101. In some embodiments, the bores 850 of the rods 830a and 830b can be aligned, a collection of fasteners (not shown) can be passed through the bores 850 and adjustably tensioned to pre-tension the optical sensor 101 instead of or in addition to use of the outer rods 810a, 810b.

[0038] FIG. 10 is an exploded perspective view of another example optical sensor mounting system 1000. FIGs. 11 and 12 are side and top views of the optical sensor mounting system 1000. FIGs. 13-15 are various cross-sectional side views of the optical sensor mounting system 1000.

[0039] With reference to FIGs. 10-15, the optical sensor mounting system 1000 removably attaches an optical sensor loop (not shown), such as the example optical

sensor loop 200 of FIG. 2, to the pipe 102. The optical sensor mounting system 1000 includes a support wedge 1010 having a bottom face 1012, a side face 1014a, a side face 1014b, and a groove 1016.

[0040] The bottom face 1012 is formed with a concave angular or curved profile that approximates the outer diameter of the pipe 102. The side faces 1014a, 1014b are substantially planar faces that intersect the bottom face 1012 at angles approximately tangent to the outer diameter of the pipe 102, and approach but do not intersect each other at the groove 1016.

[0041] The optical sensor mounting system 1000 includes a tension bar 1020. A collection of load transfer pins 1022 extend laterally outward from the tension bar 1020. The tension bar 1020 is positioned in the groove 1016 such that the load transfer pins 1022 align with and extend through a corresponding collection of lateral slots 1018 formed in the side faces 1014a and 1014b, intersecting the groove 1016. A collection of bores 1024 are formed through the tension bar 1020 perpendicular to the load transfer pins 1022.

[0042] A collection of fasteners 1030 (e.g., bolts) are passed through and protrude out the bottoms of the bores 1024. A collection of springs 1032 are placed about the protruding ends of the fasteners 1030, and the fasteners 1030 are threaded into a collection of bores 1019 formed in the groove 1016, capturing the springs 1032 between the support wedge 1010 and the tension bar 1020. The fasteners 1030 are tensioned to adjustably draw the tension bar 1020 toward the support wedge 1010 against the bias of the springs 1032. As the tension bar 1020 is drawn into the groove 1016, the load transfer pins 1022 are drawn along the lateral slots 1018 toward the pipe 102.

[0043] The optical sensor mounting system 1000 includes a sensor loop turn guide 1040a and a sensor loop turn guide 1040b. The sensor loop turn guides 1040a, 1040b each have a front face 1042 and a back face 1044. The back faces 1044 are substantially flat surfaces. Each of the front faces 1042 includes a collection of grooves 1046. The grooves 1046 are arranged as a collection of concentric, semi-circular ridges and troughs formed on the front faces 1042. The grooves 1046 are non-intersecting, and increase outwardly with increasing radii. Each of the grooves 1046 is configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber 210 of FIG. 2 at one of the end sections 230.

[0044] The sensor loop turn guide 1040a is removably assembled to the support wedge 1010 by placing the back face 1044 in contact with the side face 1014a. The load transfer pins 1022 extend through a collection of bores 1048 formed through the sensor loop turn guide 1040a. Similarly, the sensor loop turn guide 1040b is removably assembled to the support wedge 1010 by placing the back face 1044 in contact with the side face 1014b. The load transfer pins 1022 extend through a collection of bores 1048 formed through the sensor loop turn guide 1040b.

[0045] In an assembled form, the sensor loop turn guides 1040a and 1040b draw the optical sensor loop 200 about a section of the outer periphery of the pipe 102. As the fasteners 1030 are partly unthreaded, the springs 1032 urge the tension bar 1020 away from the pipe 102, adjustably tensioning the optical sensor 200 about the pipe 102.

[0046] In operation, pressurization of a fluid within the pipe 102 can cause the pipe 102 to expand. Expansion of the pipe 102 can provide additional tension to the optical sensor loop 200 as it is held to the pipe 102 by the mounting system 100 of FIGs. 1-9 or the mounting system 1000 of FIGs. 10-15. In some implementations, light passing

through the optical sensor loop 200 can be affected by varying the tension applied to the optical sensor loop 200, and these effects can be measured. For example, by measuring the effects of tension on the light being passed through the optical sensor loop 200, expansion and contraction of the pipe 102 caused by pulses of fluid pressure within the pipe 102 can be measured.

[0047] Although a few implementations have been described in detail above, other modifications are possible. For example, the assembly flows discussed in the descriptions of the figures do not require the particular order described, or sequential order, to achieve desirable results. In addition, other steps may be provided, or steps may be eliminated, from the described flows, and other components may be added to, or removed from, the described systems. Accordingly, other implementations are within the scope of the following claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for removably attaching an optical fiber sensor loop onto a tubular member, said system comprising:

an optical fiber sensor loop having a continuous optical fiber arranged in a plurality of loops, each of said loops having a first end turn and a second end turn;

a first turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the first end turn;

a second turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the second end turn;

a first supporting wedge having a first surface configured to receive the first turn guide and a second surface configured to be received on a first portion of an outer surface of the tubular member;

a second supporting wedge having a first surface configured to receive the second turn guide and a second surface configured to be received on second portion of an outer surface of the tubular member; and

a connector configured to couple the first mounting wedge to the second mounting wedge.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the turn grooves are arranged substantially concentric and semi-circular.

3. The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a first compression plate configured to be removably secured on the first turn guide over the first end turn of the optical fiber disposed in each turn groove of the first

turn guide; and

a second compression plate configured to be removably secured on the second turn guide over the second end turn of the optical fiber disposed in each turn groove of the second turn guide.

4. The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a mounting post on the first surface of the first supporting wedge and a second mounting post on the first surface of the second supporting wedge; and

a first mounting opening in the first turn guide configured to receive the first mounting post and a second mounting opening configured to receive the second mounting post.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the connector comprises:

a groove disposed in the first surface of the first supporting wedge and a groove in the first surface of the second supporting wedge;

a first rod configured to be received in the groove of the first supporting wedge and a second rod configured to be received in the groove of the second supporting wedge; and

a coupling member for coupling the first member to the second member.

6. The system of claim 5, wherein the coupling member includes a tension adjusting device.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the tension adjusting device comprises a bolt positionable through an opening through the first rod and an opening through the second rod with at least one end of the bolt threaded to receive a mating threaded nut.

8. The system of any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the optical fiber sensor loop is selected from a group comprising one or more of: a section of a Sagnac interferometer, a section of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer, and a section of a distributed Acoustic Sensing System (DASS).

9. A method of removably attaching a optical fiber sensor loop onto a tubular member, said method comprising:

providing an optical fiber sensor loop system having a continuous optical fiber arranged in a plurality of loops, each of said loops having a first end turn and a second end turn; a first turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the first end turn; and a second turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the second end turn; and

coupling the first turn guide to the second turn guide, removably securing the optical fiber sensor loop to the tubular member.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the turn grooves are arranged substantially concentric and semi-circular.

11. The method of claim 9 further comprising:

positioning a first compression plate over the optical fiber disposed in each turn groove of the first turn guide; and

positioning a second compression plate over the optical fiber disposed in each turn groove of the second turn guide.

12. The method of claim 9 further comprising:

positioning a first supporting wedge having at least a first surface and a second surface with the second surface in contact with a first portion of an outer surface of the tubular member; and

positioning a second supporting a connector wedge having at least a first surface and a second surface with the second surface in contact with a second portion of an outer surface of the tubular member.

13. The method of claim 9 further comprising:

removably securing the first turn guide to the first supporting wedge by positioning a first mounting opening in the first turn guide around a first mounting post on the first surface of the first supporting wedge; and

removably securing the second turn guide to the second supporting wedge positioning a second mounting opening in the second turn guide around a second mounting post on the first surface of the second supporting wedge;

wherein coupling the first turn guide to the second turn guide comprises removably coupling the first mounting wedge to the second mounting wedge with a connector.

14. The method of claim 9, further including adjusting the tension in the optical fiber sensor loop system by adjusting tension in the coupling member.

15. The method of any of claims 9 to 14, wherein the optical fiber sensor loop is selected from a group comprising one or more of: a section of a Sagnac interferometer,

a section of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer, or a section of a distributed Acoustic Sensing System (DASS).

16. A system for removably attaching an optical fiber sensor loop onto a tubular member, said system comprising:

an optical fiber sensor loop having a continuous optical fiber arranged as a plurality of loops, each of said loops having a first end turn and a second end turn;

a first turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the first end turn;

a second turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the second end turn;

at least one mounting wedge member including:

a contacting surface configured to contact an outer surface of the tubular member on which the optical fiber sensor loop will be mounted,

a first surface configured to receive the first turn guide,

a second surface configured to receive the second turn guide, and

a tension bar member including at least a first load transfer pin attached to the tension bar member and at least a second load transfer member attached to the tension bar member; and

wherein the first load transfer pin is configured to be received in an opening in the first turn guide and the second load transfer pin is configured to be received in an opening in the second turn guide.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the turn grooves are arranged substantially concentric and semi-circular.

18. The system of claim 16 further including a tension adjusting mechanism having at least one biasing member contacting the mounting wedge and the tension bar member.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the tension adjusting mechanism includes at least one threaded member threadedly received in an opening in the tension bar member and said threaded member contacting the wedge member.

20. The system of any of claims 16 to 18, wherein the first planar surface of the mounting wedge is planar and the second surface of the mounting wedge is planar and the surfaces are disposed at an acute angle to each other.

21. The system of claim 18, wherein the first turn guide includes a planar surface to be received on the first planar surface of the mounting wedge and the second turn guide includes a planar surface to be received on the second planar surface of the mounting wedge.

22. The system of any of claims 16 to 21, wherein the optical fiber sensor loop is selected from a group comprising one or more of: a section of a Sagnac interferometer, a section of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer, and a section of a distributed Acoustic Sensing System (DASS).

23. A method of removably attaching a optical fiber sensor loop onto a tubular member, said method comprising:

providing a mounting system comprising a mounting wedge having a proximal radial end and a distal radial end, and a tension bar member at the distal radial end and

having a first load transfer pin and a second load transfer pin;

positioning the proximal radial end in contact with an outer surface of the tubular member;

wrapping an optical fiber sensor loop system having a continuous optical fiber arranged as a plurality of loops, each of said loops having a first end turn and a second end turn; a first turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the first end turn; and a second turn guide including a plurality of turn grooves, each of said turn grooves configured to receive a portion of the optical fiber at the second end turn; and

removably securing the optical fiber sensor loop by positioning an opening in the first turn guide around the first load transfer pin and positioning an opening in the second turn guide around the second load transfer pin.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the turn grooves are arranged substantially concentric and semi-circular.

25. The method of claim 23 further including adjusting the tension in the optical fiber sensor loop system by adjusting a threaded member threadedly received in the tension bar member thereby allowing a biasing member contacting the tension bar member to displace the tension bar member away from the wedge member.

26. The method of claim 23, wherein removably securing the optical fiber sensor loop further includes positioning a surface of the first turn guide on a first surface of the mounting wedge and positioning a surface of the second turn guide on a second

surface of the mounting wedge wherein the first and second surfaces of the mounting wedge are disposed at an angle to each other.

27. The method of any of claims 23 to 26, wherein the optical fiber sensor loop is selected from a group comprising one or more of: a section of a Sagnac interferometer, a section of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer, and a section of a distributed Acoustic Sensing System (DASS).

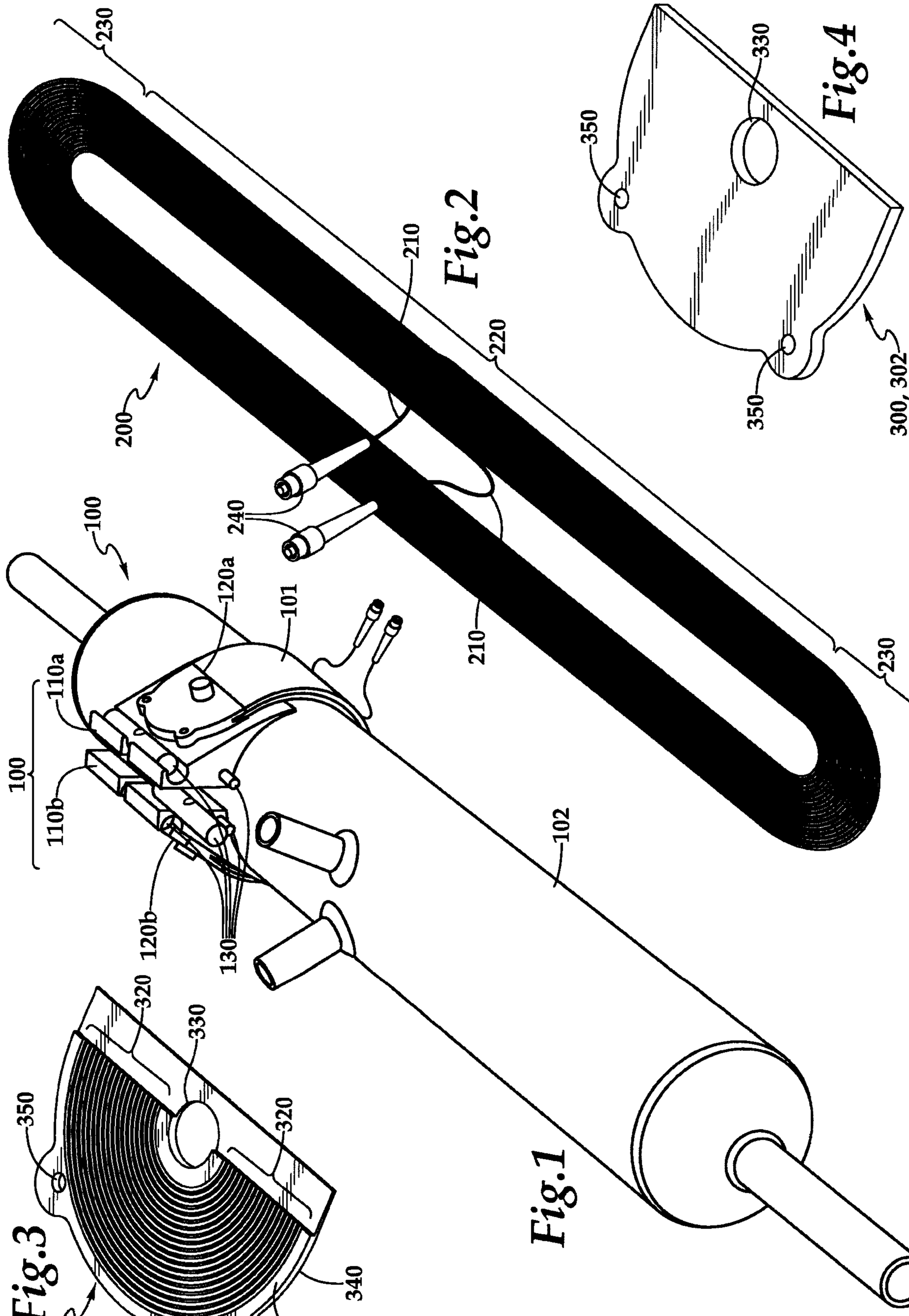


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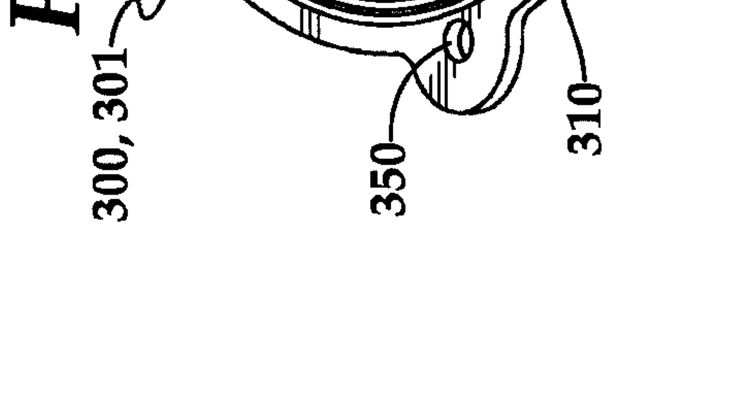


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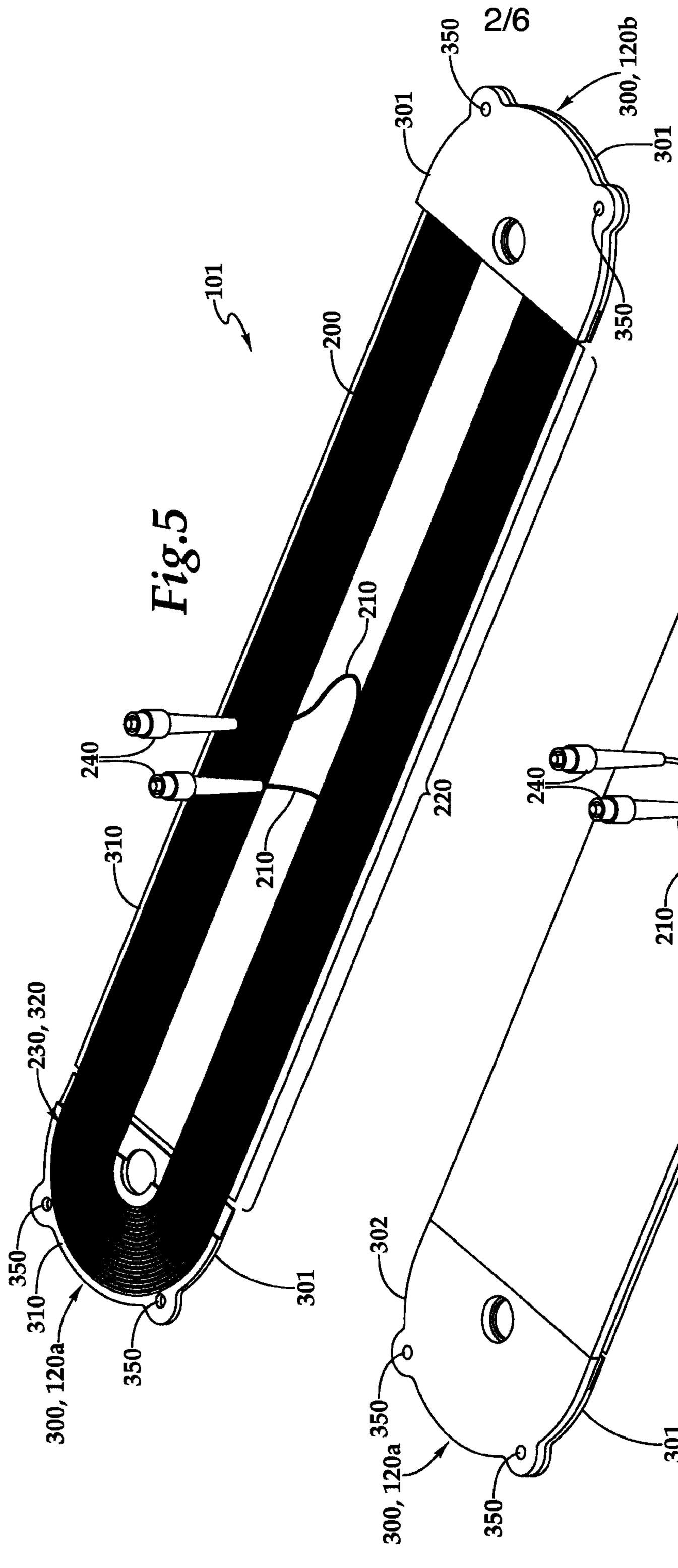


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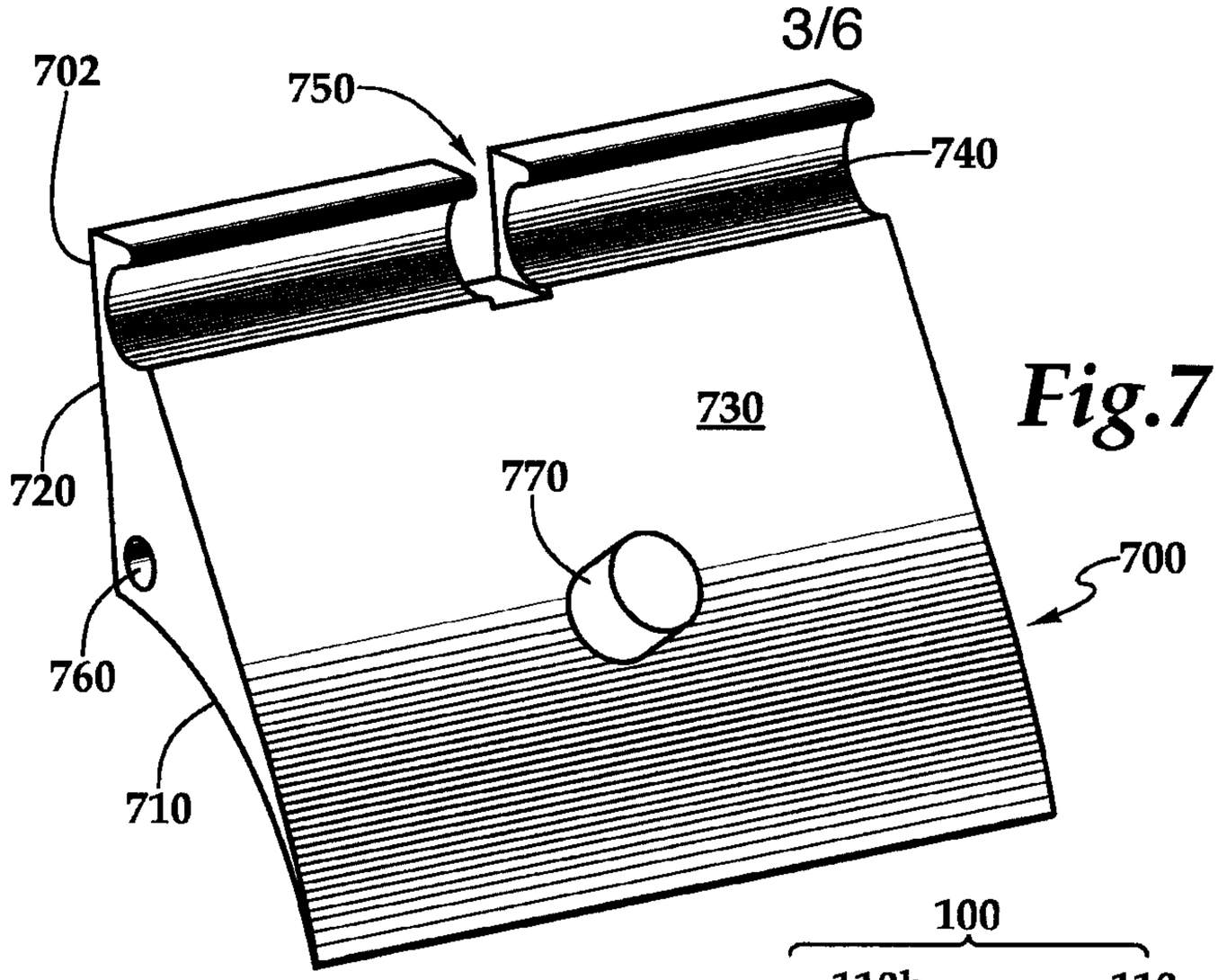


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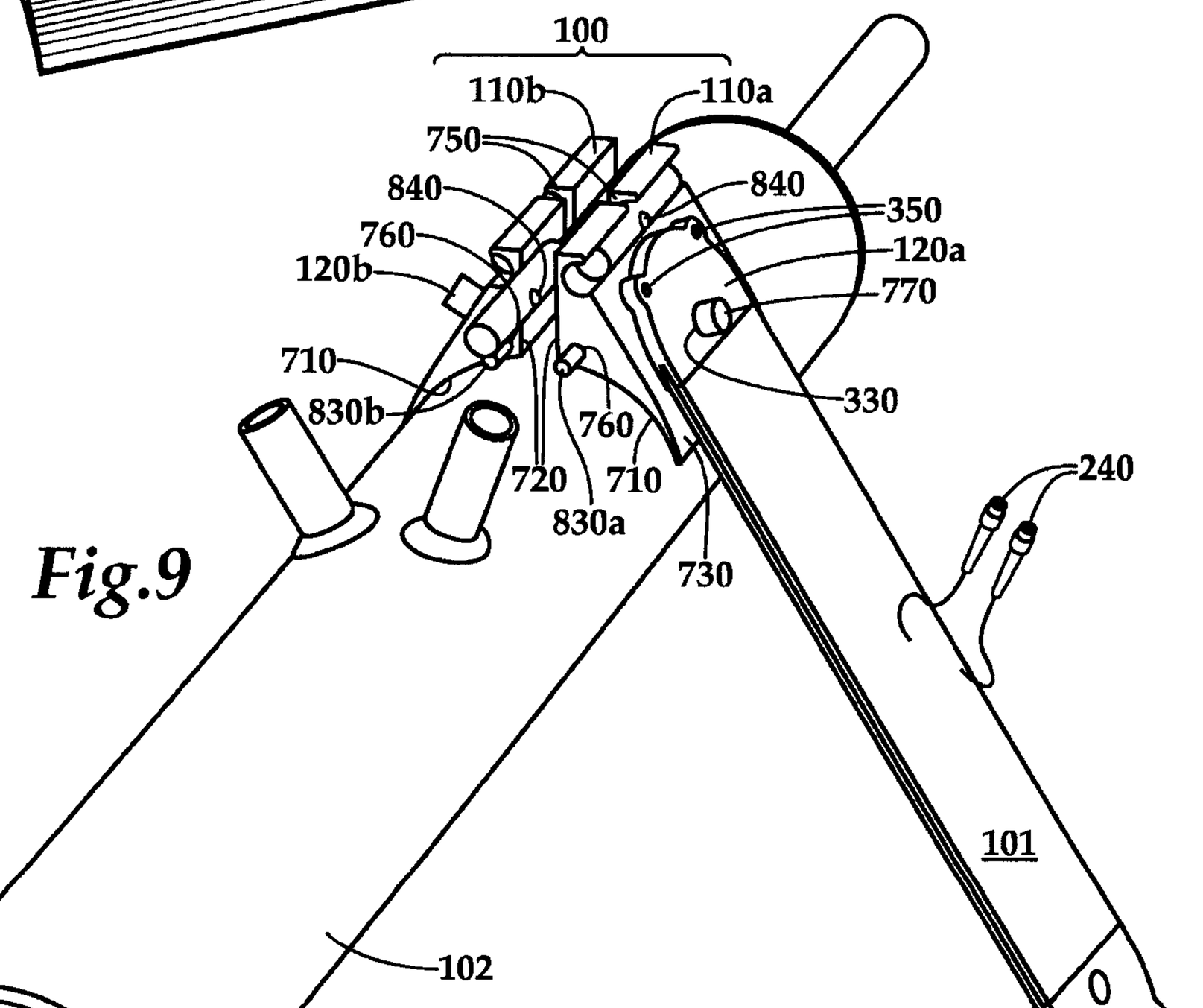


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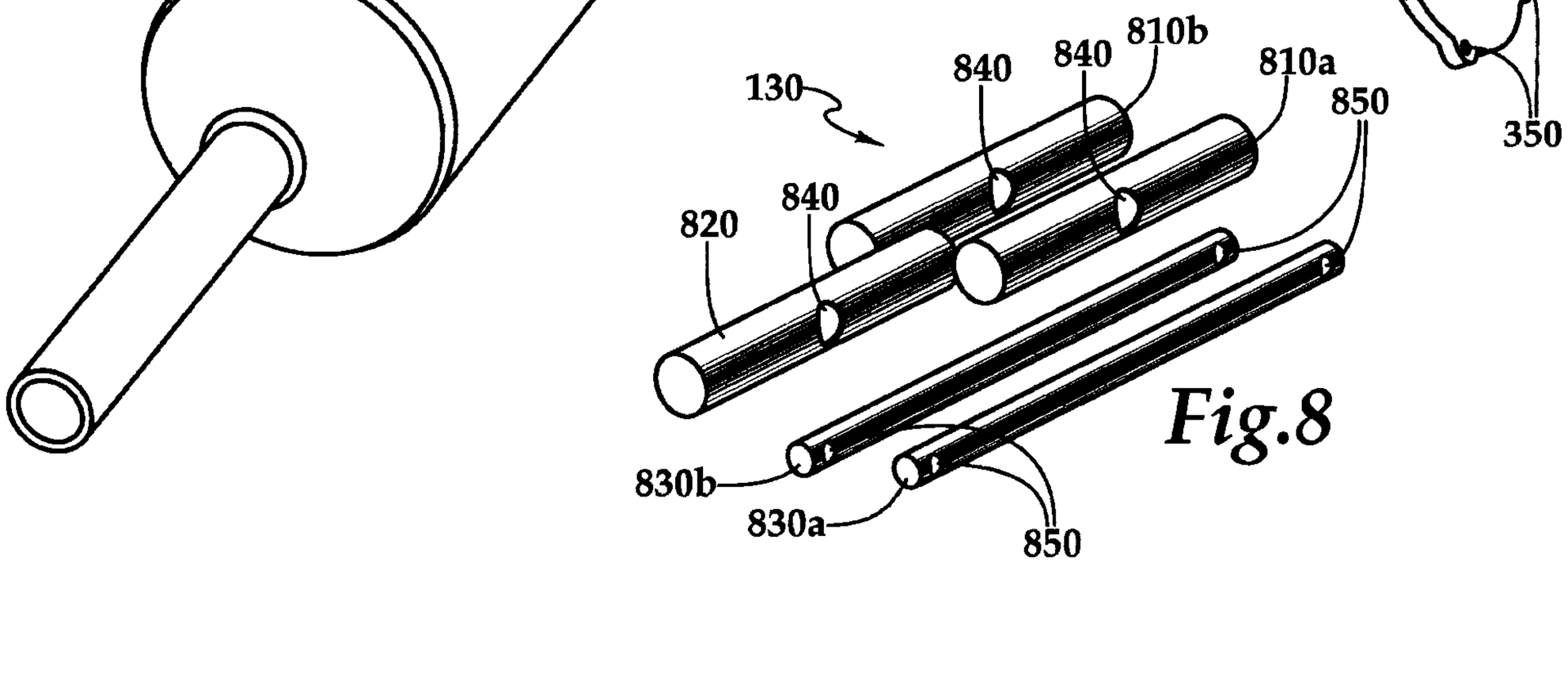
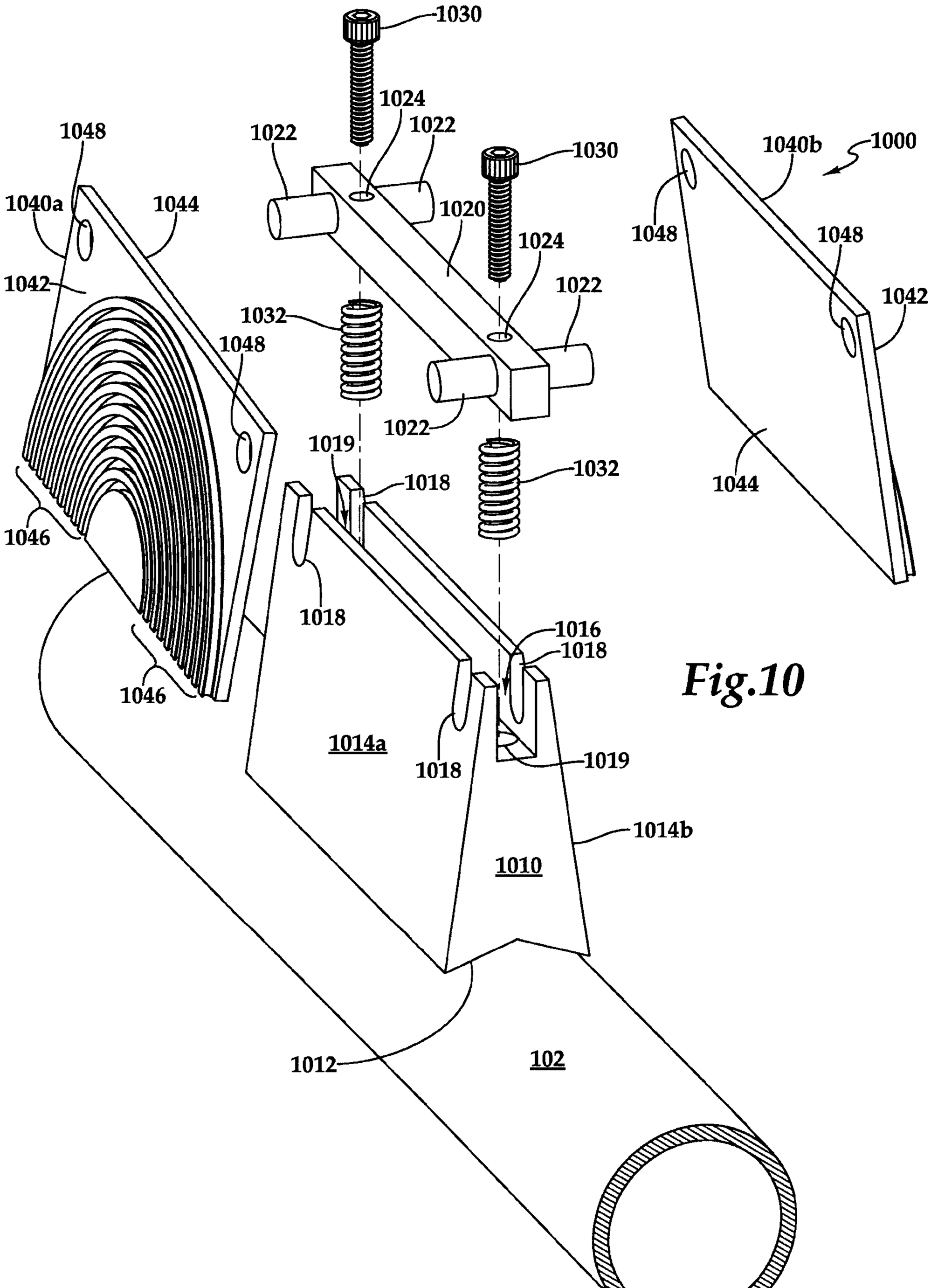


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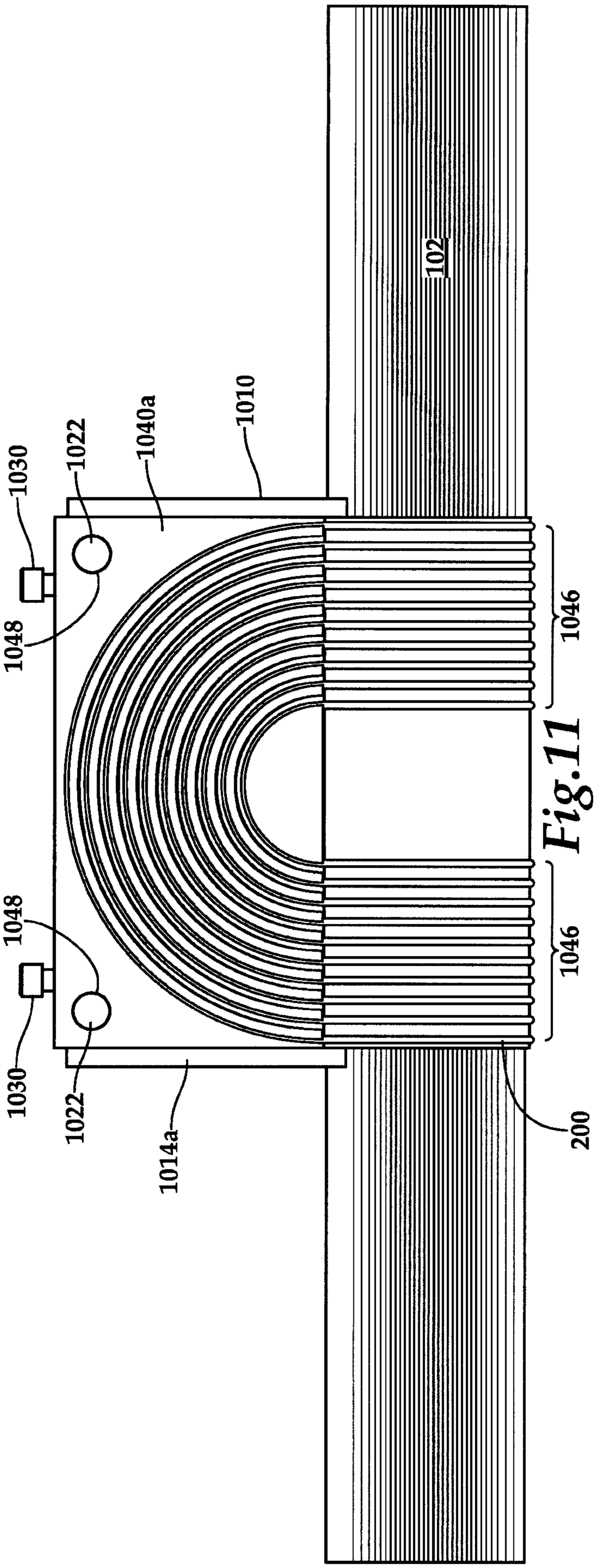

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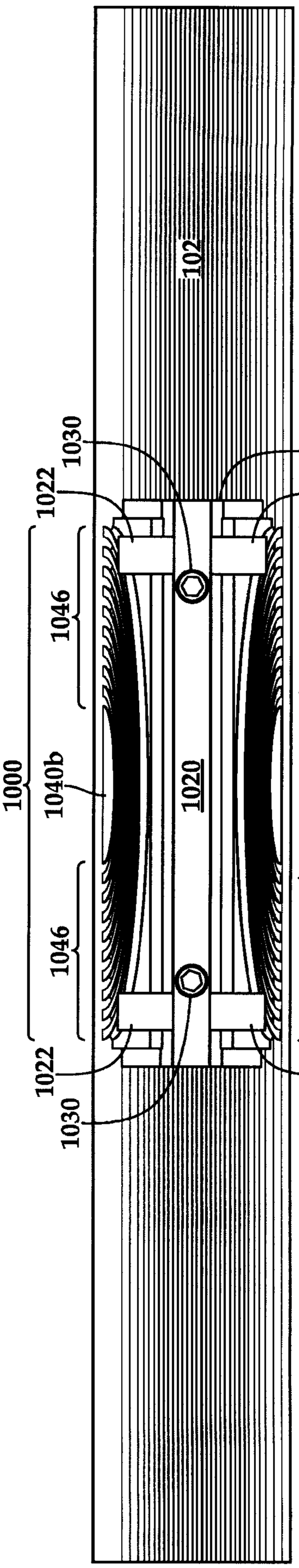

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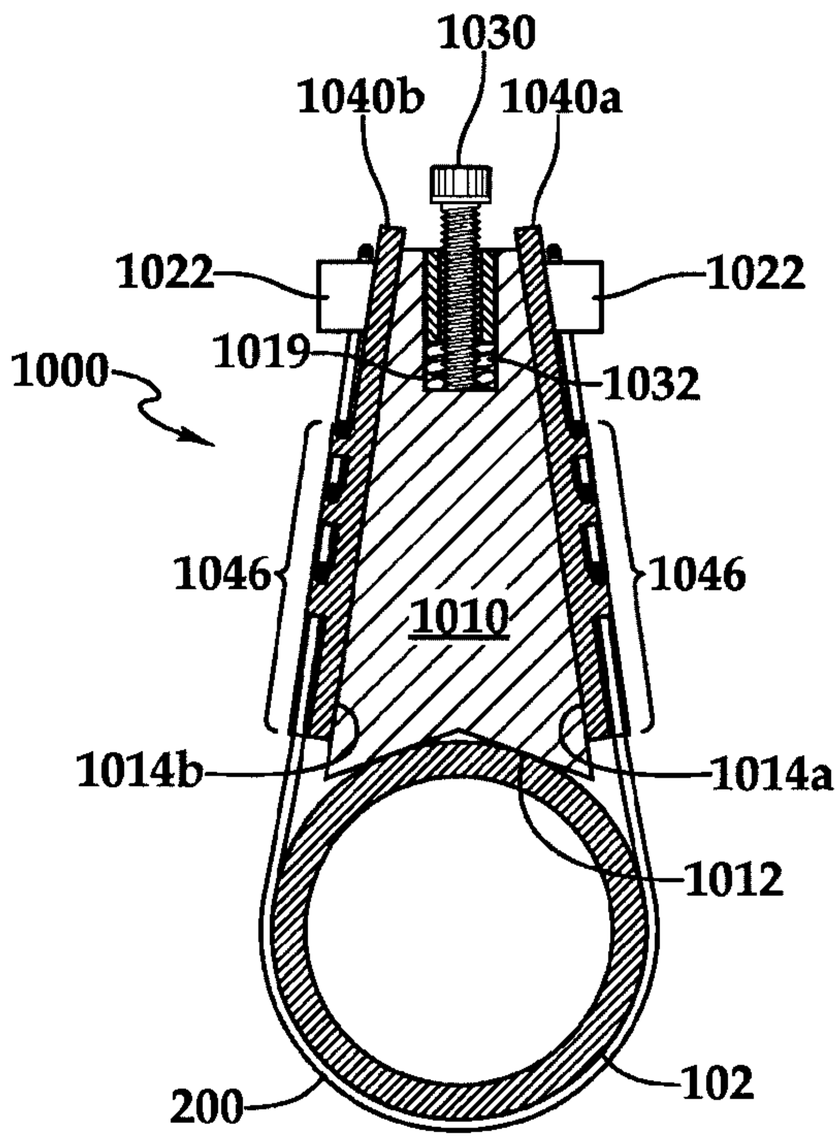


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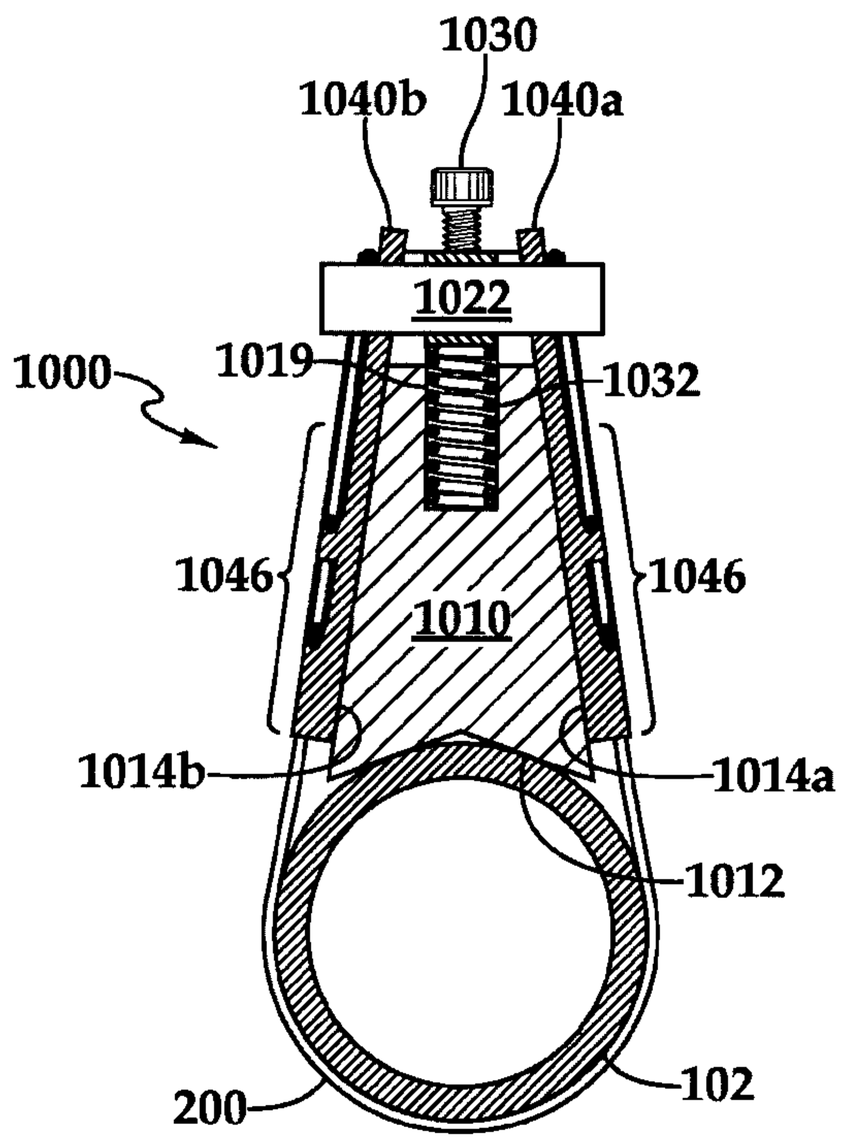


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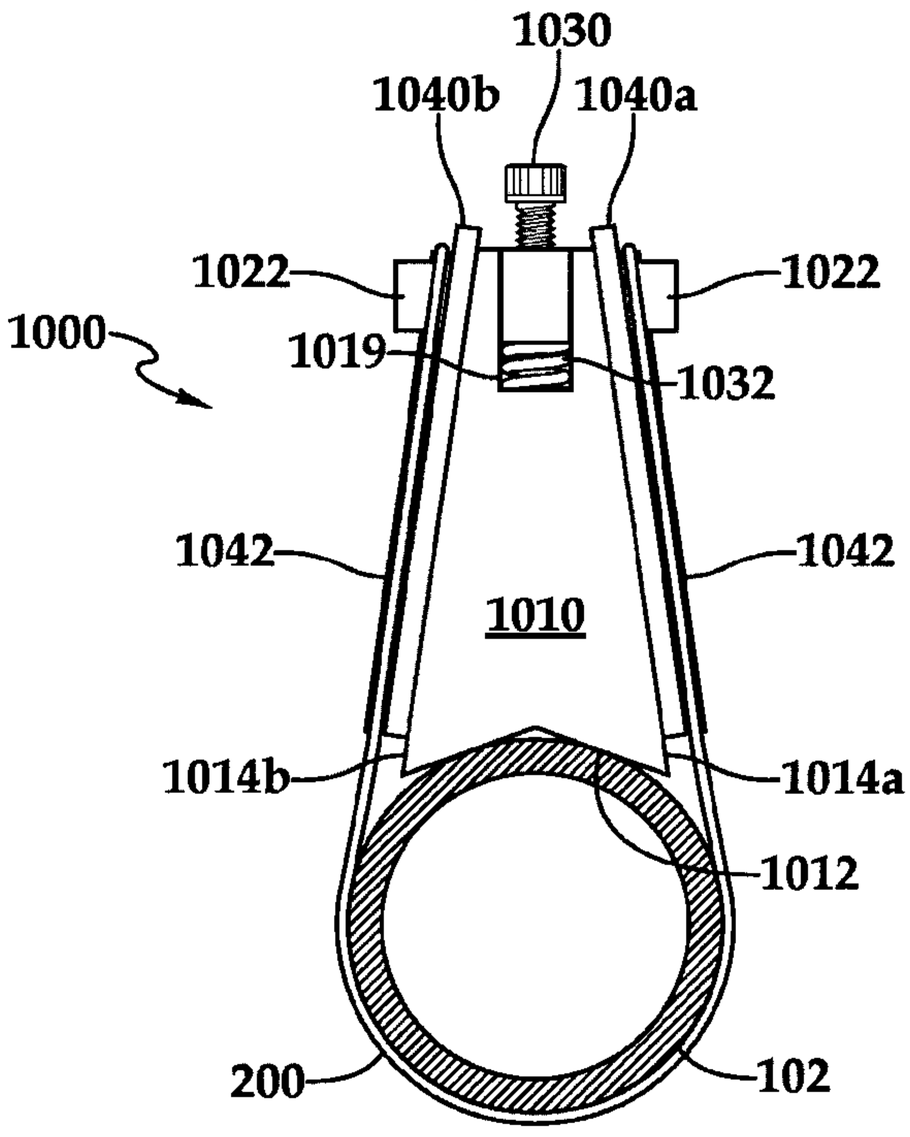


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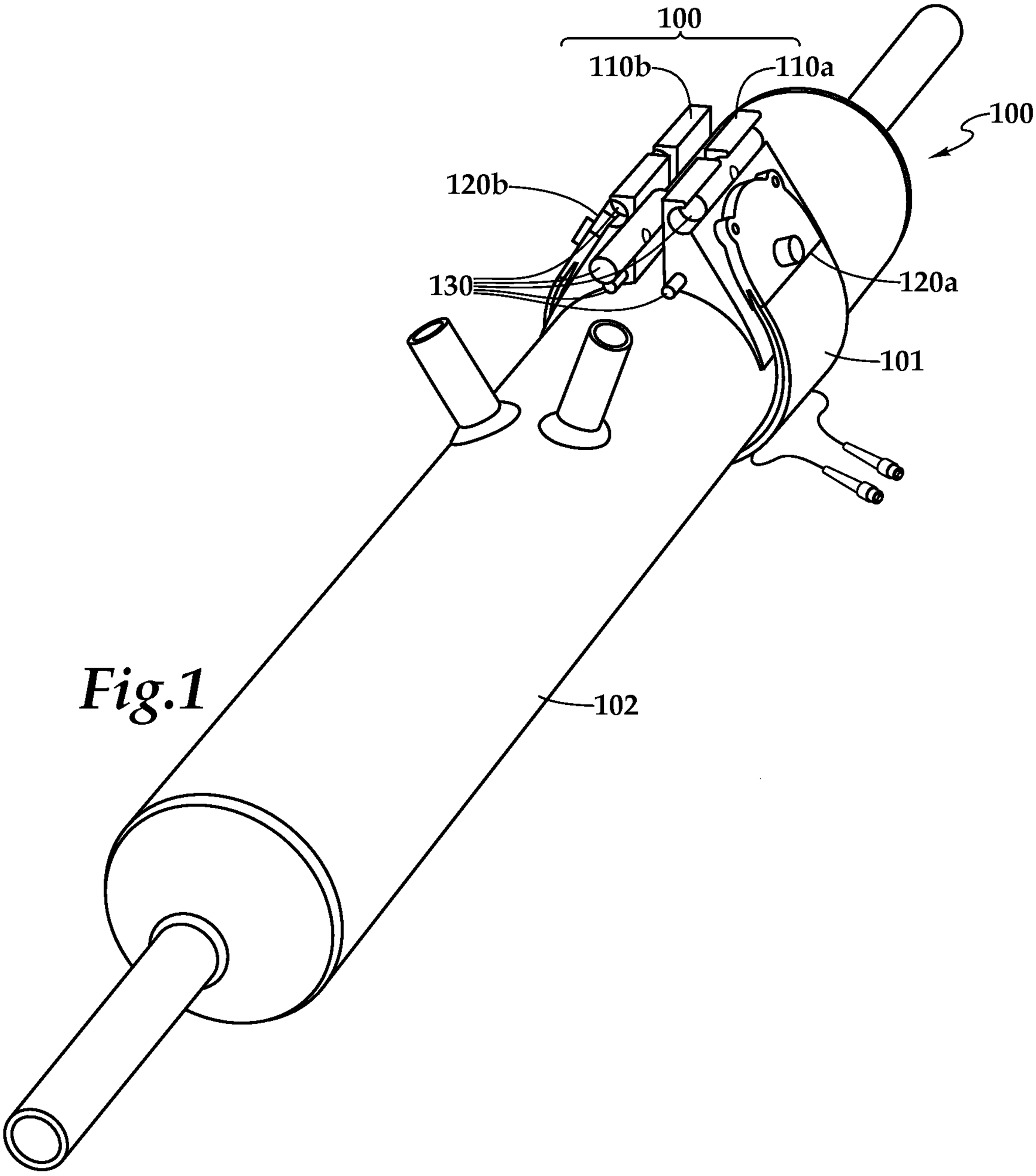


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