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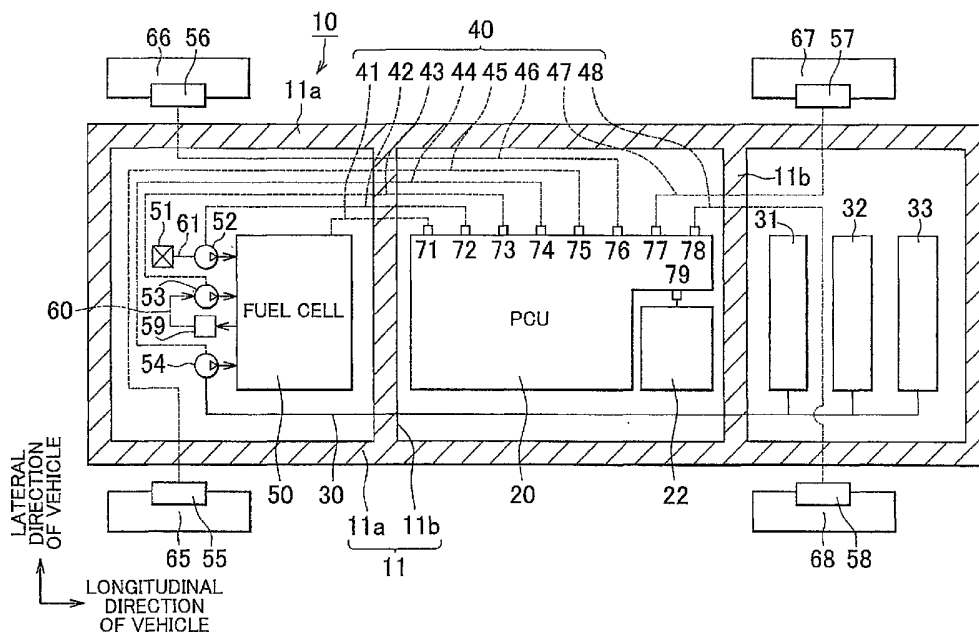
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(57) Abstract: A fuel cell vehicle (10) is equipped with a power control unit (20) which converts power supplied from the fuel cell (50) and supplies that converted power to a load (55 to 58). High voltage wiring (40), which connects at least one of the fuel cell (50) and the load (55 to 58) to the power control unit (20), is provided on one side of either the left or the right side of a vehicle, and a fuel line (30) for supplying a fuel gas to the fuel cell (50) is provided on the other side of the vehicle, which is opposite the side on which the high voltage wiring (40) is provided.

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1. claims: 1-5,11-18

A fuel cell equipped vehicle comprising:
a power control unit which converts power supplied from a fuel cell and that supplies that converted power to a load, wherein high voltage wiring, which connects at least one of the fuel cell and the load to the power control unit, is provided on one side of either the left or the right side of the vehicle, and a fuel line for supplying a fuel gas to the fuel cell is provided on the other side of the vehicle, which is opposite the side on which the high voltage wiring is provided.

Further details of the first group of inventions are directed to the arrangement of a connector and of a fuel supply source.

2. claim: 6

A fuel cell equipped vehicle comprising:
a power control unit which converts power supplied from a fuel cell and that supplies that converted power to a load, wherein high voltage wiring, which connects at least one of the fuel cell and the load to the power control unit, is provided on one side of either the left or the right side of the vehicle, and a fuel line for supplying a fuel gas to the fuel cell is provided on the other side of the vehicle, which is opposite the side on which the high voltage wiring is provided.

Further details of the second invention concern the outer shape of a case for the power control unit.

3. claims: 7-10

A fuel cell equipped vehicle comprising:
a power control unit which converts power supplied from a fuel cell and that supplies that converted power to a load, wherein high voltage wiring, which connects at least one of the fuel cell and the load to the power control unit, is provided on one side of either the left or the right side of the vehicle, and a fuel line for supplying a fuel gas to the fuel cell is provided on the other side of the vehicle, which is opposite the side on which the high voltage wiring is provided.

Further details of the third group of inventions are directed to the frame structure of the vehicle.

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