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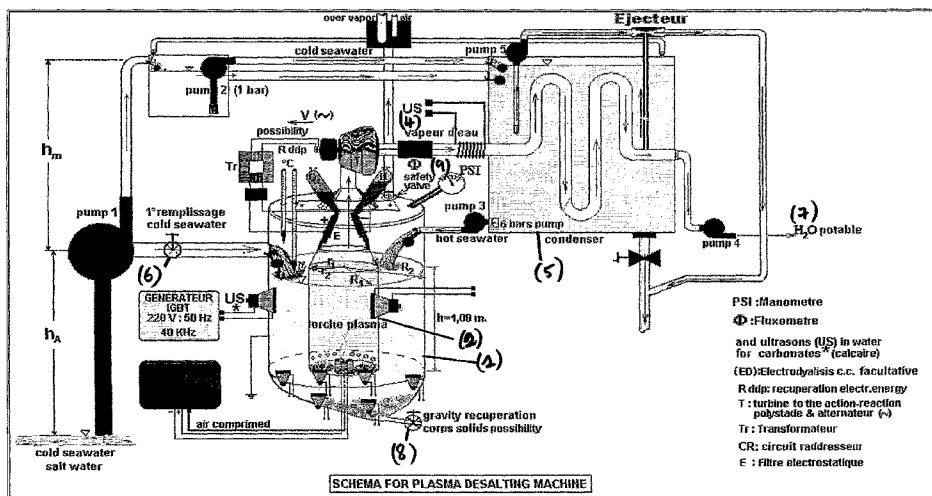
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to water treatment devices and methods employing high temperature plasma. In a preferred embodiment, the device or method can be used in combination with a mobile water purification, distillation, or desalination system. In other embodiments, the device or method can be used to effectively and quickly heat water for use in circulating water systems, such as, for example, building heating systems. The use of plasma technology to treat or heat water provides numerous advantages, including fast and effective steam generation, a small size compatible with mobile systems, and/or cost-effective or efficient generation of steam or heated water.

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