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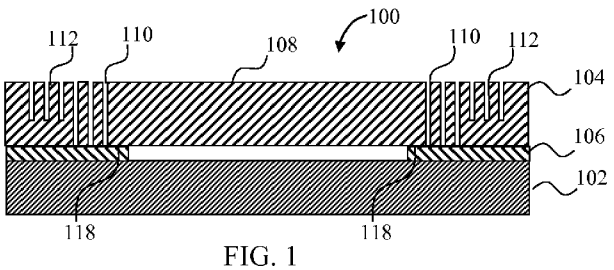


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method of modifying stress characteristics of a membrane in one embodiment includes providing a membrane layer, determining a desired stress modification, and forming at least one trough in the membrane layer based upon the determined desired stress modification.

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