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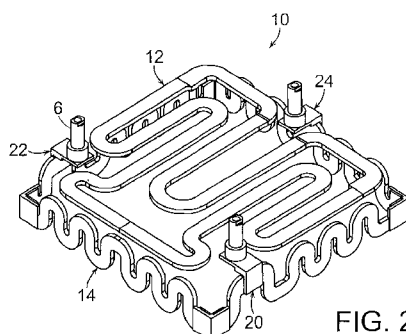


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: Systems and methods for arranging a heating element in a crystal growth apparatus include connecting elements such as heater clips used to interconnect one or more heating components of the heating element, and to connect at least one of the heating components with the crystal growth apparatus. The heating components can be electrically and thermally coupled, and can be connected via the same circuit, in order to simplify control of the heating element.