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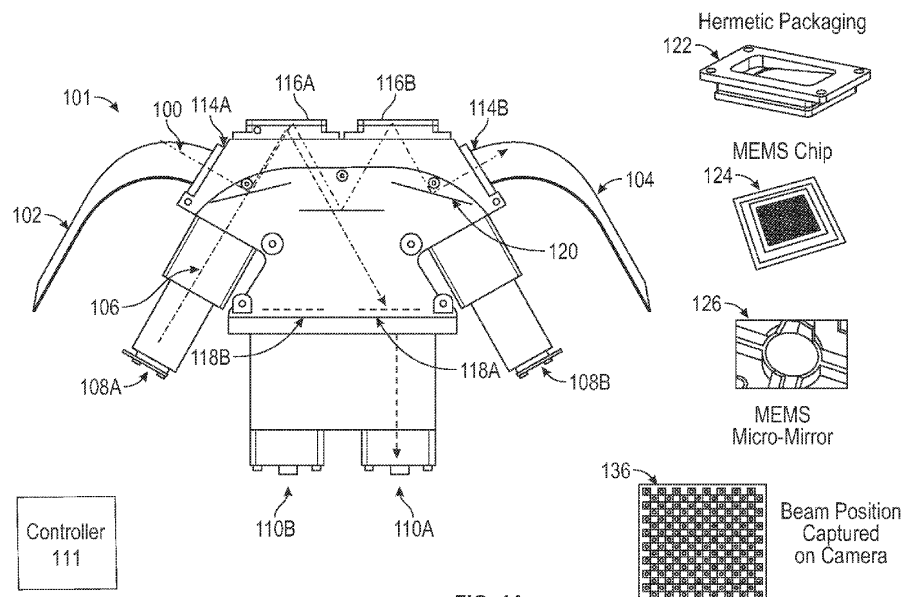


FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: Disclosed are systems and methods associated with an improved optical switch. An optical switch may include light sources configured to produce a set of control beams co-aligned with a communication beam and that interact with each of a set of MEMS mirrors. Each of the set of control beams are passed through a respective screen so as to generate an image corresponding to a layout of an associated MEMS mirror that can then be analyzed to affect an operation of the optical switch, such as by managing an orientation and/or position of each MEMS mirror. In some aspects, the one or more hardware processors may utilize AI techniques to reduce processing time and learn behavior of the optical switch. In some aspects, the system may utilize the information to generate alerts and/or information relating to the end of life or other operational parameters of the optical switch.

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