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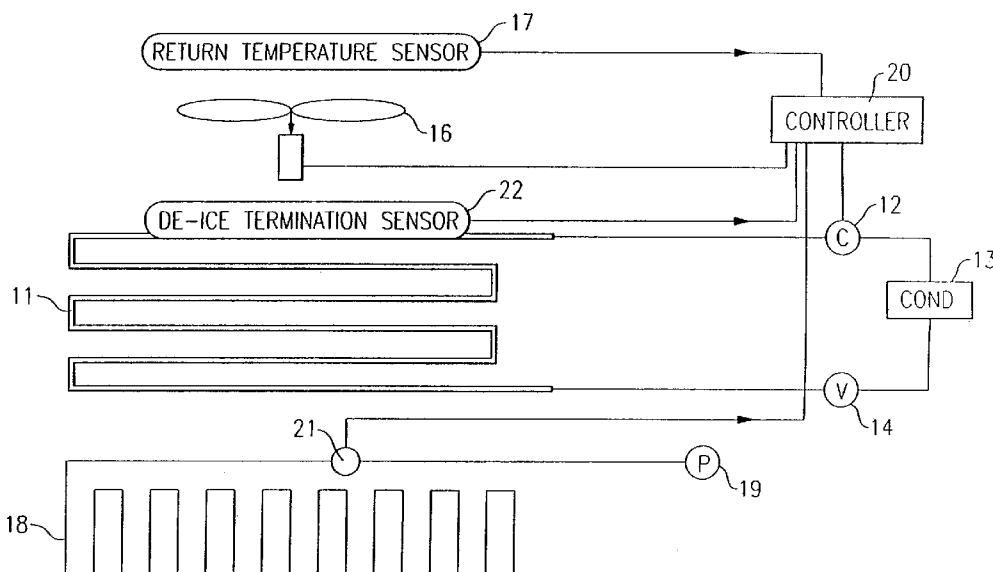
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- (57) Abstract:** The accumulation period between defrost cycles of a refrigeration apparatus having a electrical defrost heater is calculated on the basis of energy expended to remove the ice from the coil during the previous defrost cycle. In this way, variations in the voltage level being delivered to the heater coil are taken into account and the degree of ice build-up on the coil between defrost cycles can be more accurately controlled.



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