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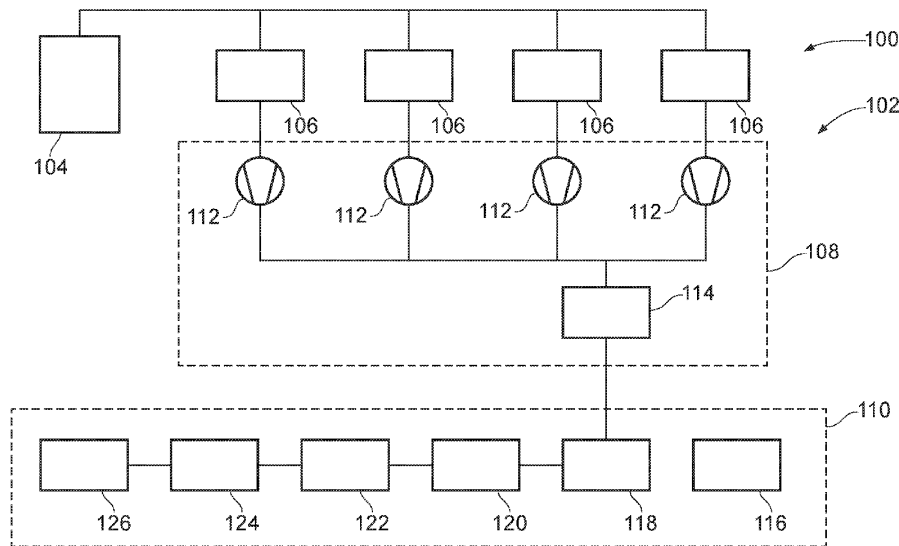


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A system comprising a pumping system (108, 208) configured to pump respective exhaust gases from each of a plurality of chemical etching process chambers (106, 206) and to combine the exhaust gases to provide a combined exhaust gas, and a noble gas recovery system (110, 210) configured to process the combined exhaust gas to remove one or more noble gases therefrom.

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