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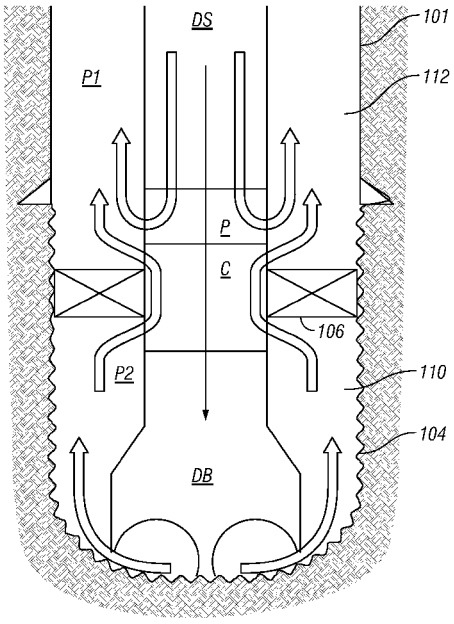


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method for creating a programmable pressure zone adjacent a drill bit bottom hole assembly by sealing near a drilling assembly, adjusting the pressure to approximately or slightly below the pore pressure of the well bore face to permit flow out of the formation, and, while drilling, adjusting by pumping out of, or choking fluid flow into, the drilling assembly between the programmable pressure zone and the well bore annulus to avoid overpressuring the programmable pressure zone unless required to control the well.

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