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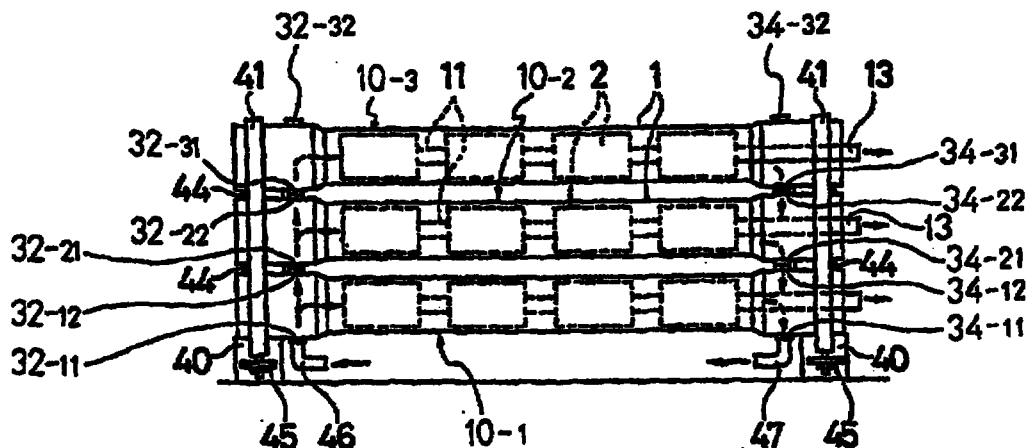
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(57) Abstract

A fluid processing method using an apparatus for processing fluid comprising a plurality of unitary modules each in the form of a cylindrical vessel provided with fluid processing means therein, and a first and a second flow port on the outer peripheral surface thereof at a position near one end of said vessel and also provided with a third and a fourth flow port on the outer peripheral surface thereof at a position near the other end of said vessel so as to substantially correspond, in position, to said first and second flow ports, respectively, in the circumferential direction, said method comprising the steps of: supplying fluid to be processed into one of said cylindrical vessel through said first flow port thereby allowing a part of said fluid to flow into the flow port of another cylindrical vessel through said second flow port; discharging at least a part of the remaining part of said fluid through said third flow port of said cylindrical vessel after processing it by said fluid processing means within said vessel; and causing fluid to be processed supplied into said cylindrical vessel through said fourth flow port from the flow port of another cylindrical vessel to be discharged through said third flow port via the interior of said cylindrical vessel to thereby obtain a processed fluid.

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