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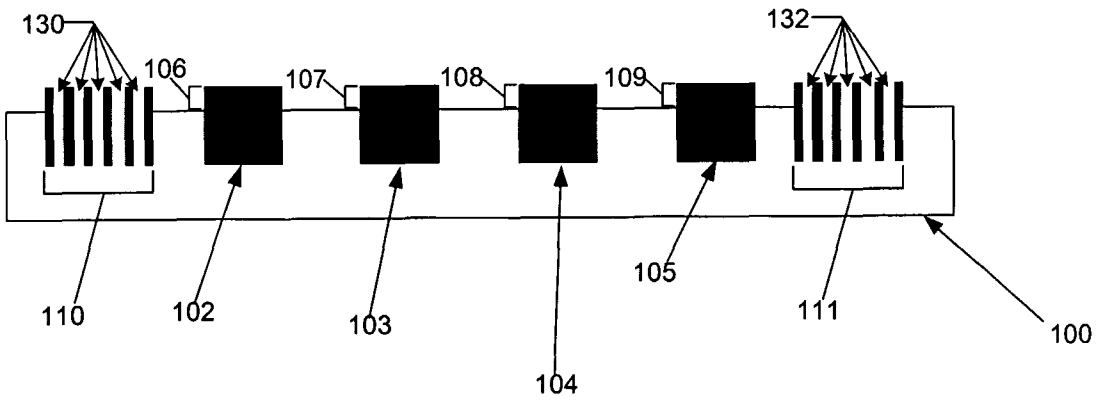
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(57) Abstract: A metal layer is separated by intermetal gaps differing in width into a plurality of metal portions (102-105, 110, 111) after a normal damascene process. A further chemical-mechanical polishing step causes the metal portions to protrude from substrate (100), the portions (102-105) separated by wide intermetal gaps projecting higher than the portions (110, 111) showing narrow intermetal gaps.

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