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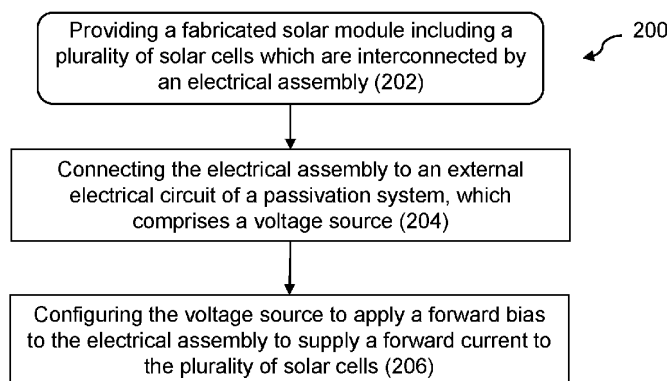


FIG 4

(57) Abstract: Various embodiments provide a method of passivating a plurality of solar cells (12) arranged within an at least partially manufactured solar module (10). The solar module comprises a plurality of solar cells (12) and an electrical assembly that connects the plurality of solar cells together into one or more strings of solar cells. The electrical assembly is connectable to an electrical circuit (42) which is external to the solar module. The method comprises: connecting the electrical assembly to an external electrical circuit (42) that comprises a current supplier (44); and supplying a forward current to the plurality of solar cells using the current supplier. The step of supplying the forward current is conducted before lamination of the solar module or after lamination of the solar module. Some other embodiments provide a method of at least partially manufacturing a solar module.

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