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(54) **DC PLASMA POWER SUPPLY FOR A SPUTTER DEPOSITION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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DC plasma power supply for a sputter deposition of material layers on a substrate includes a plasma controller and a plasma input for the settings of the output voltage and output current providing plasma ignition and termination with no arcing and no striking voltage. Pre-defined voltages are applied in the vacuum state before sputtering and after sputtering until vacuum is restored in a sputtering apparatus.

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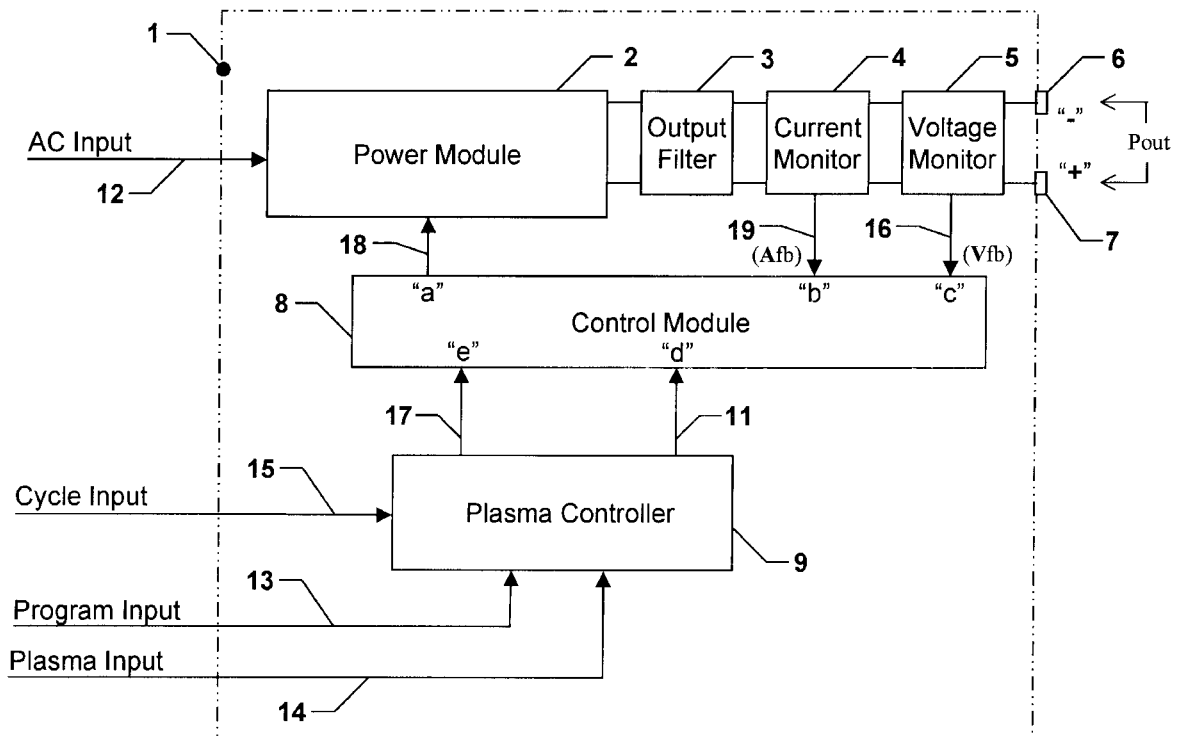
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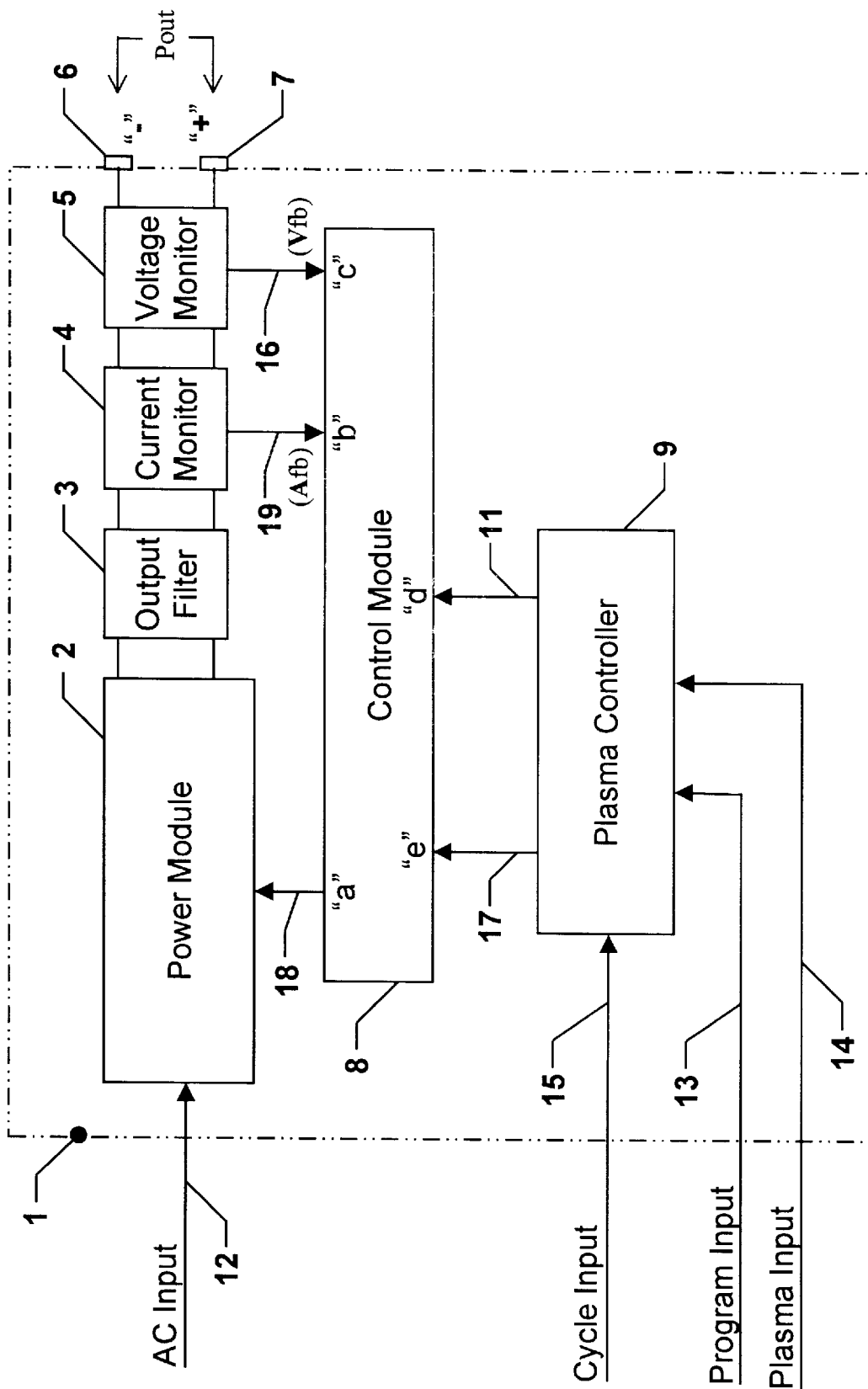


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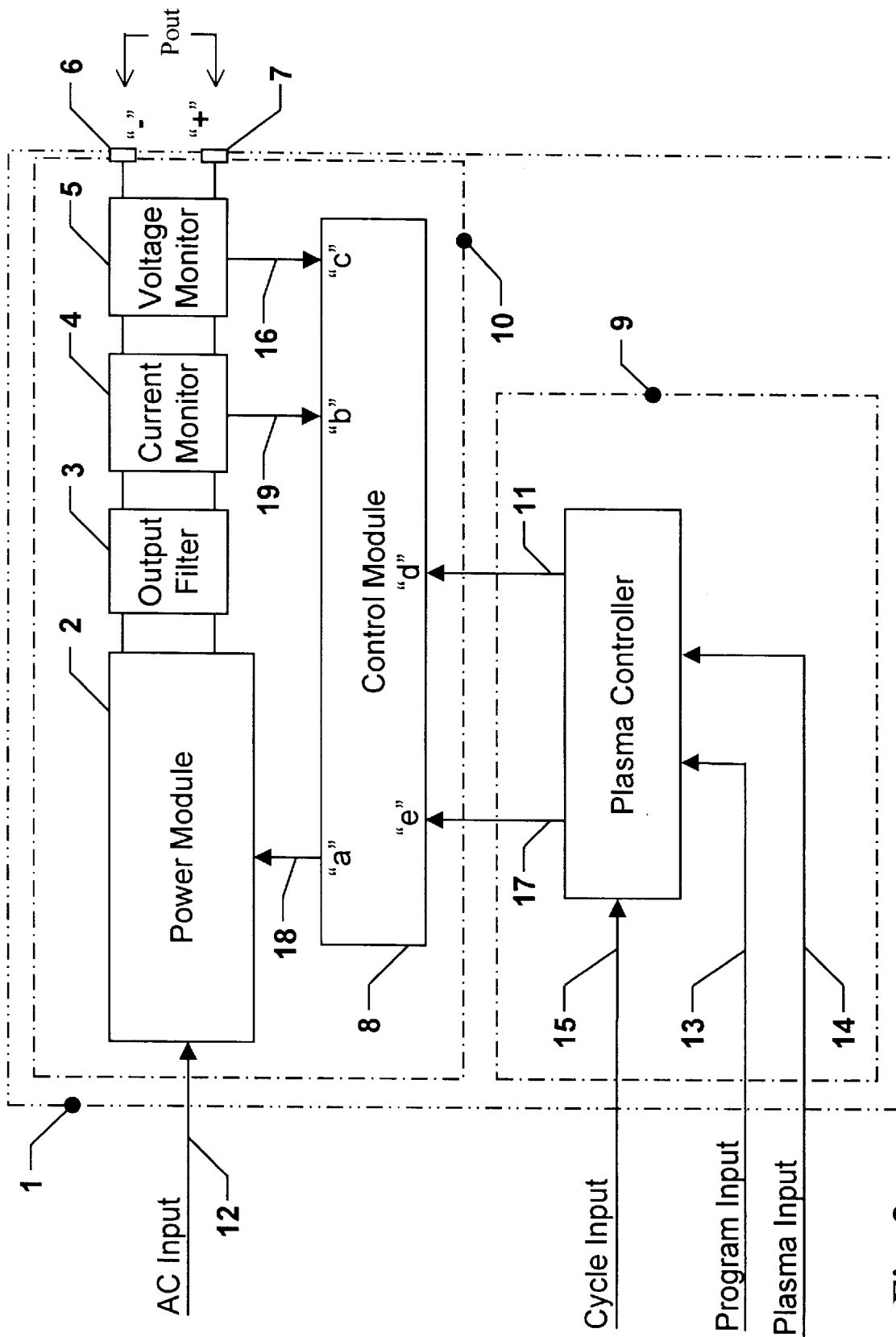


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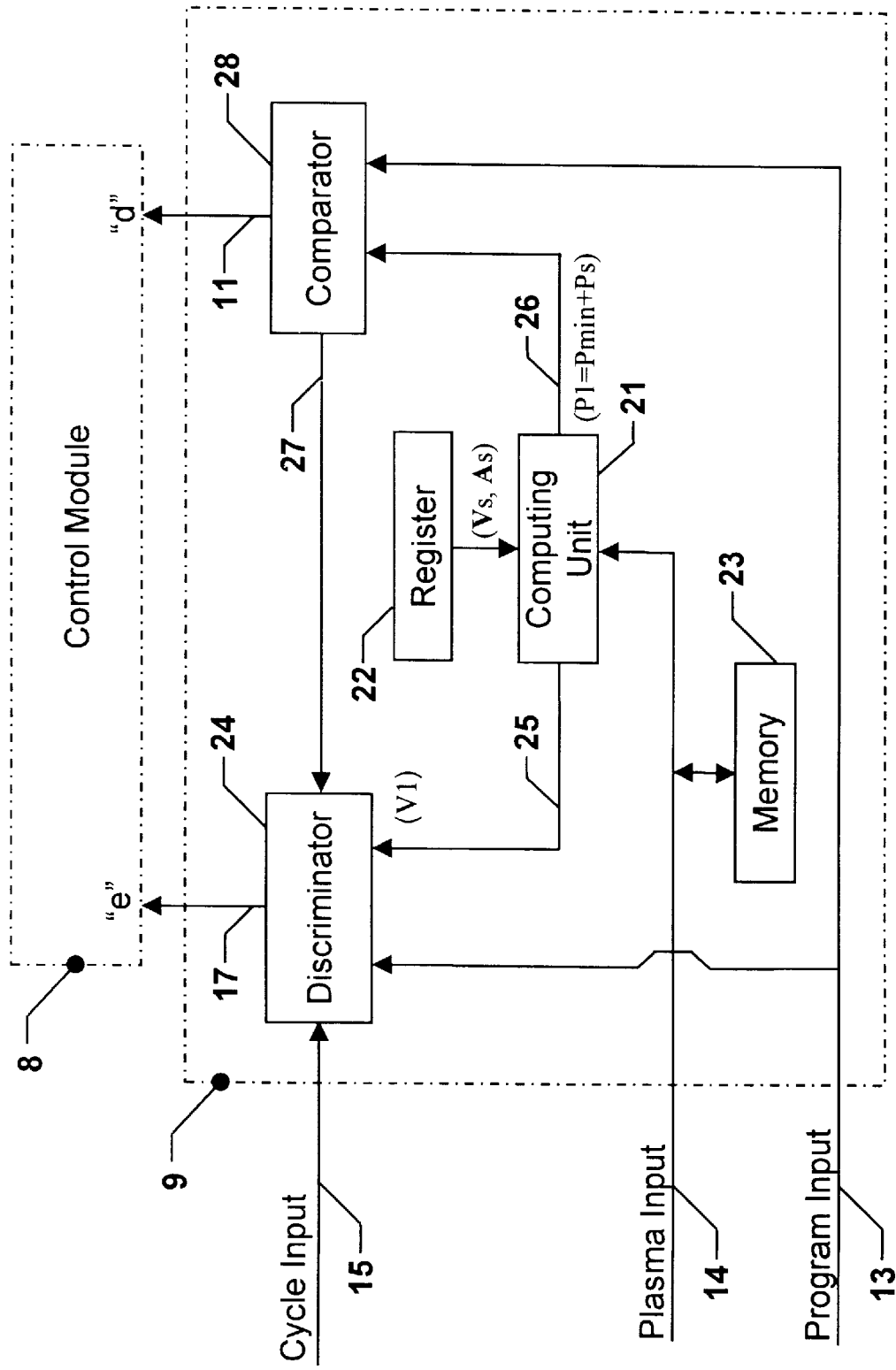


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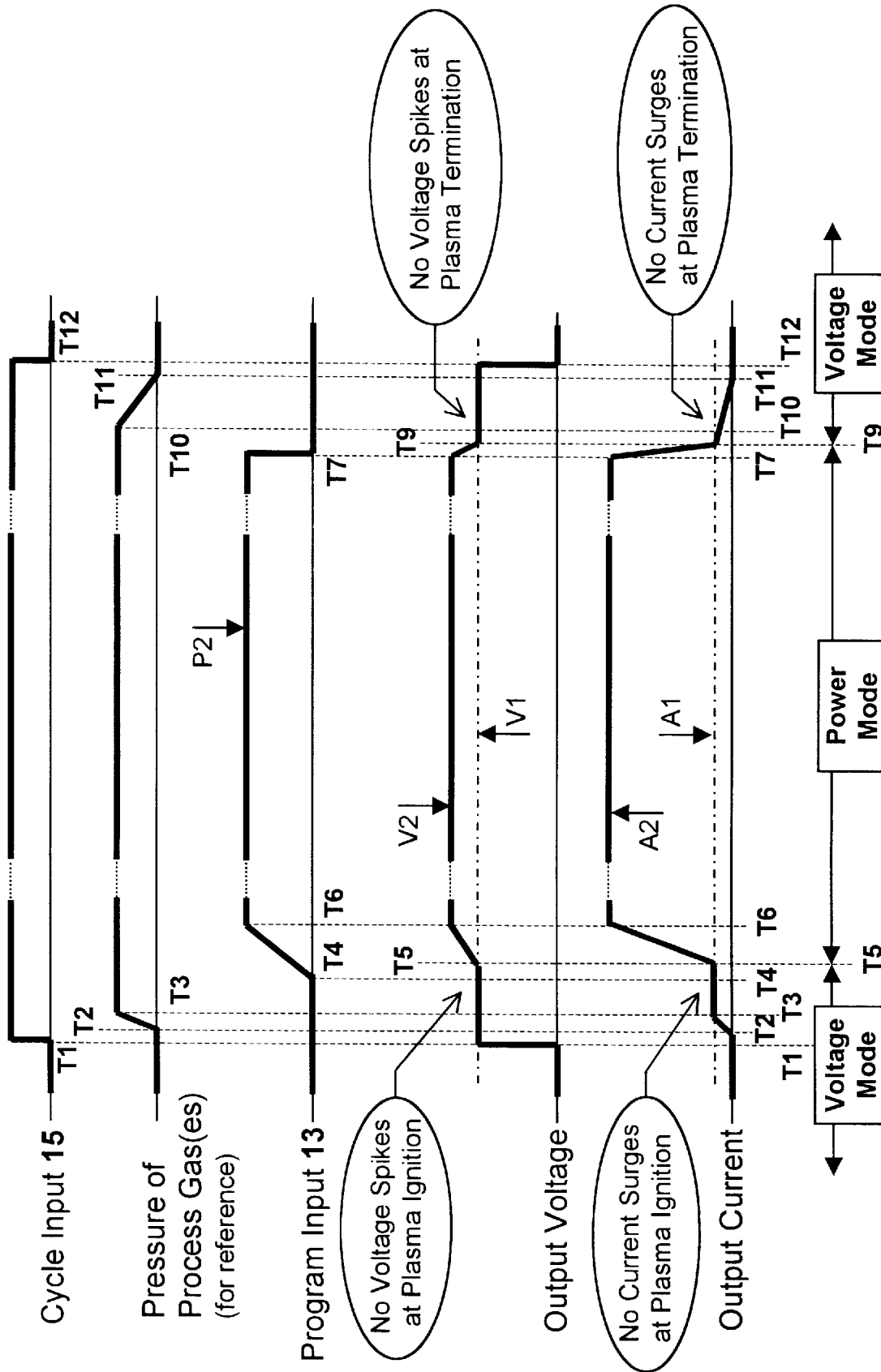


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