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[54] **HYBRID-OPTICAL MULTI-AXIS BEAM STEERING APPARATUS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

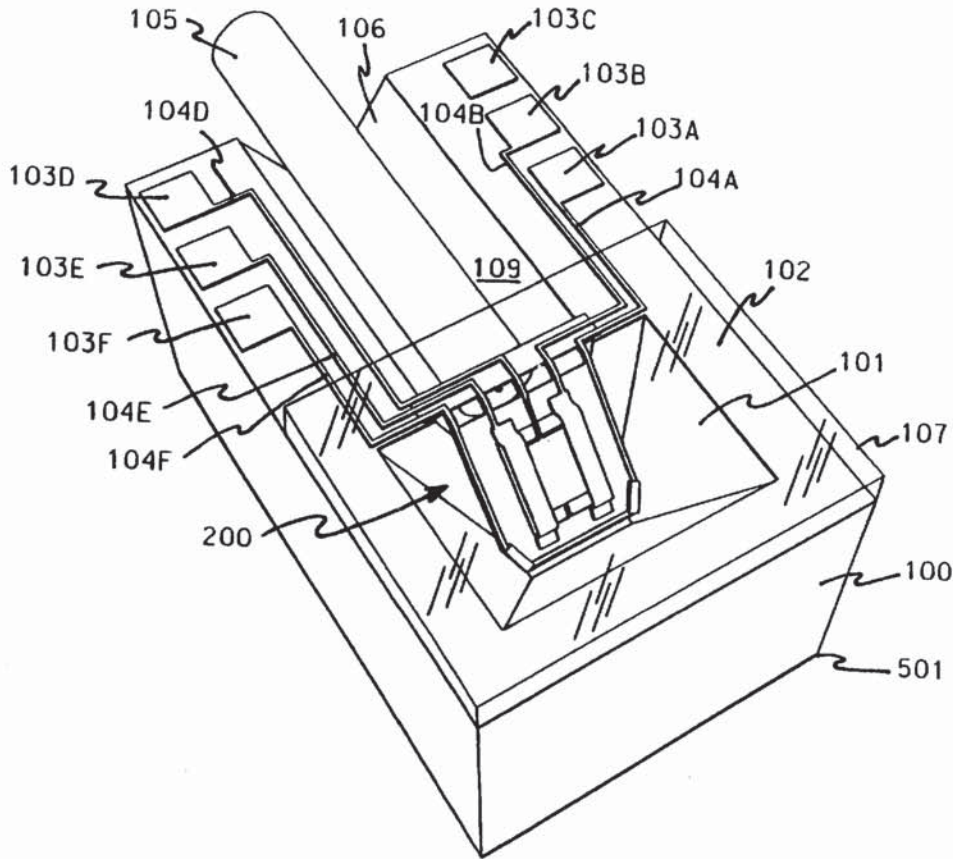
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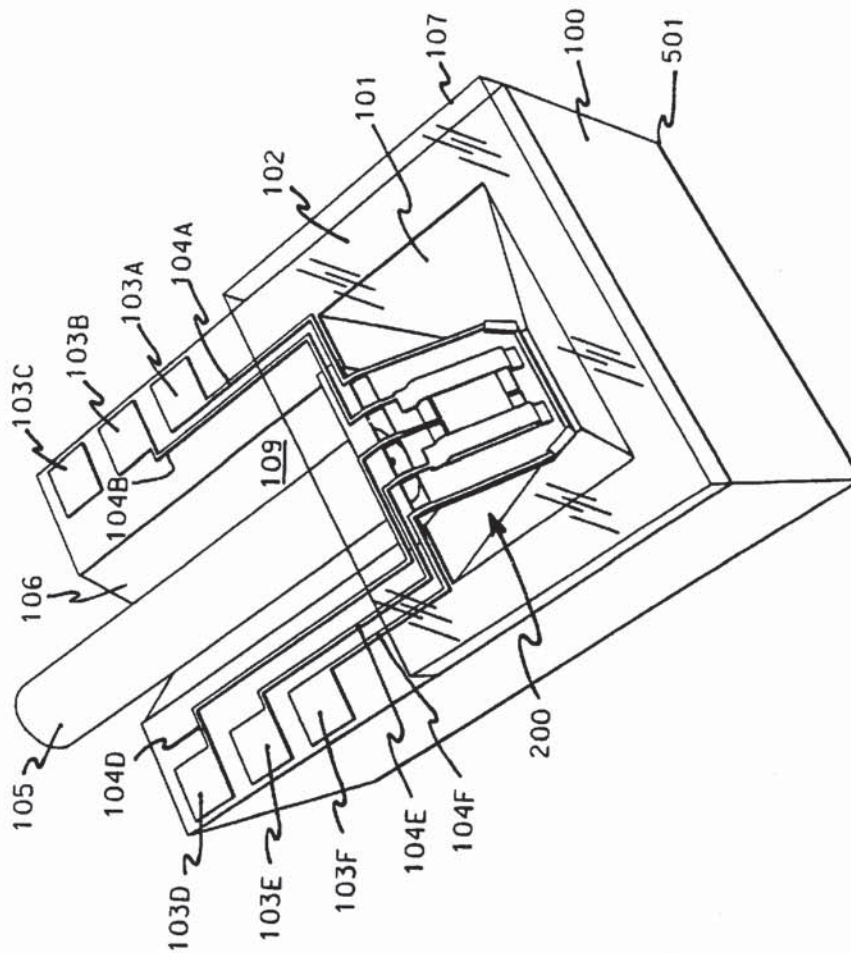


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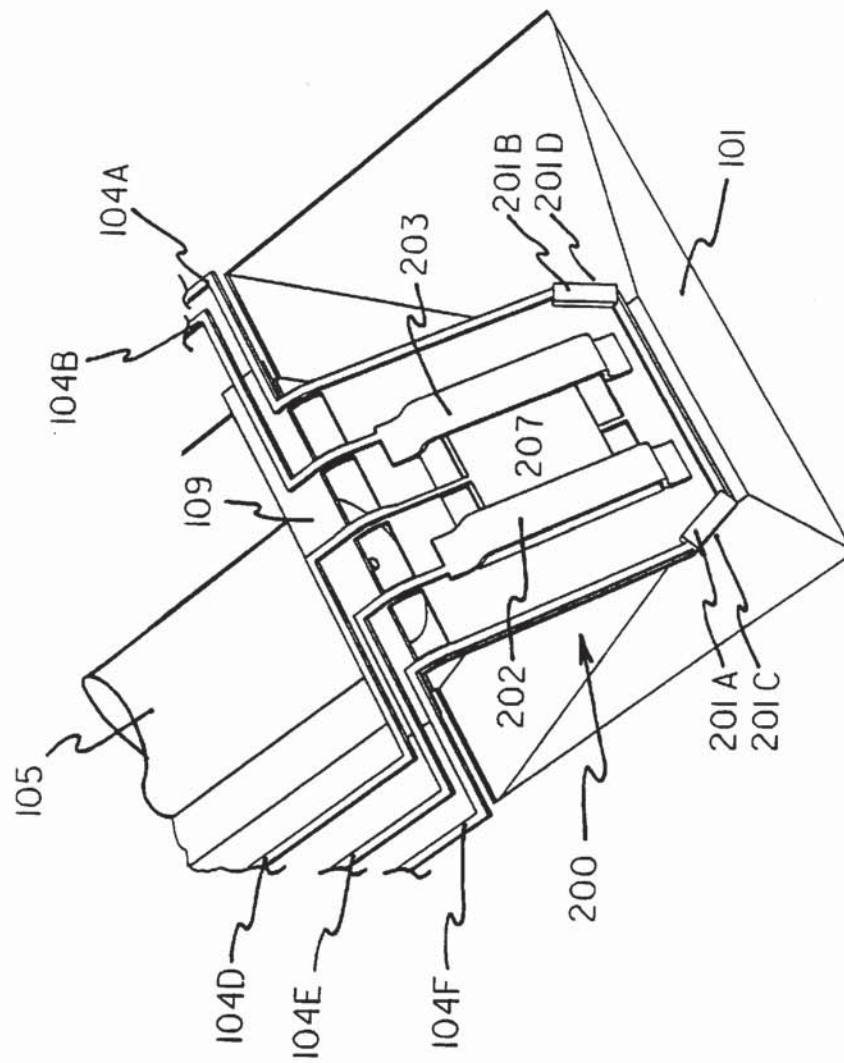


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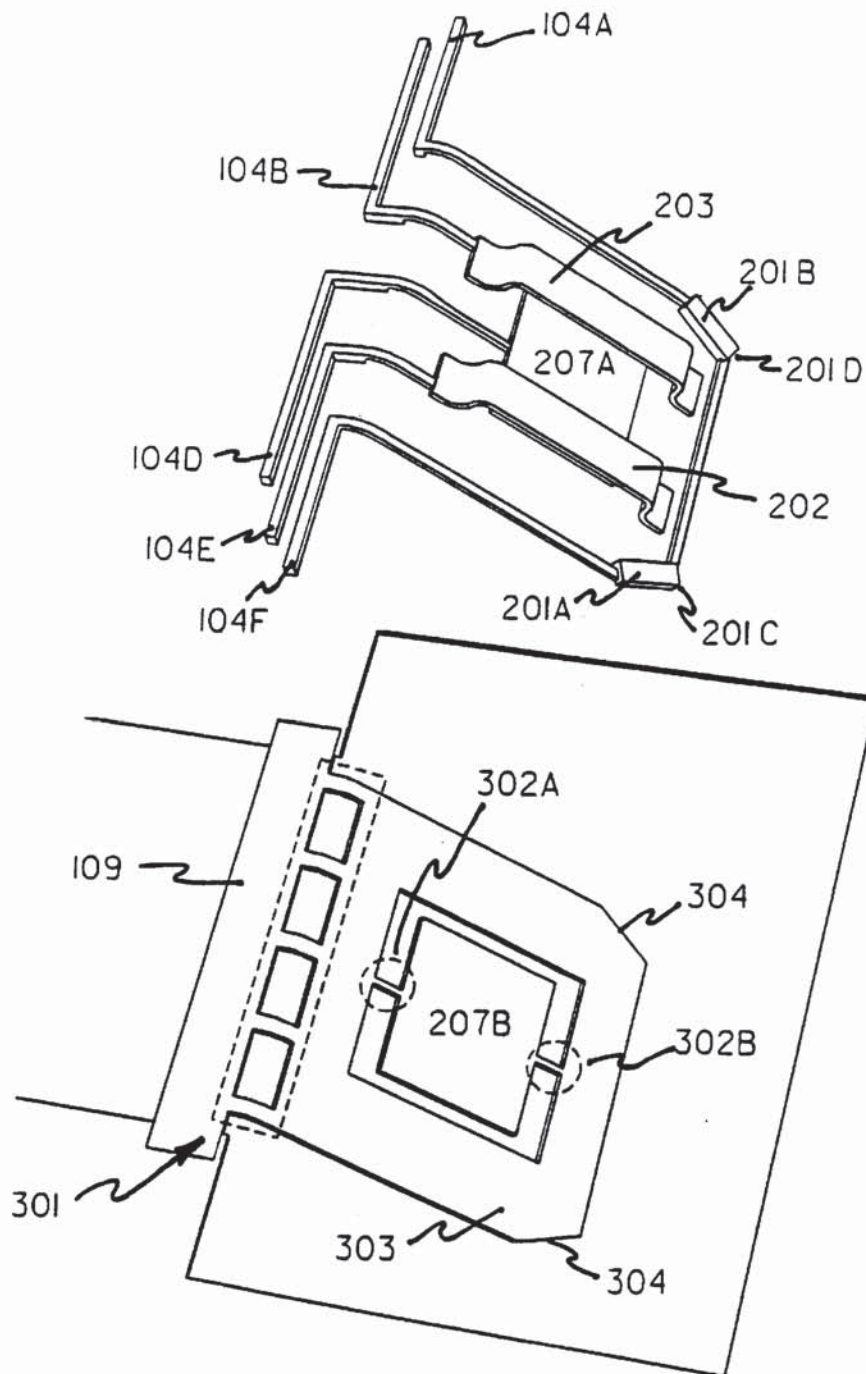


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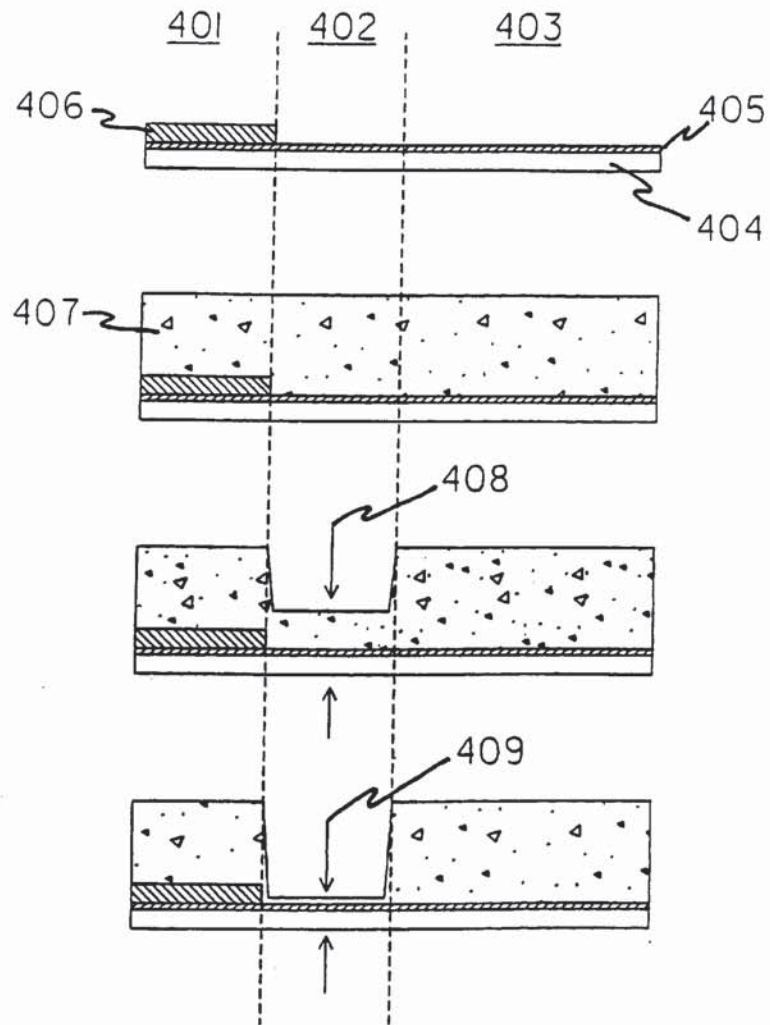


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