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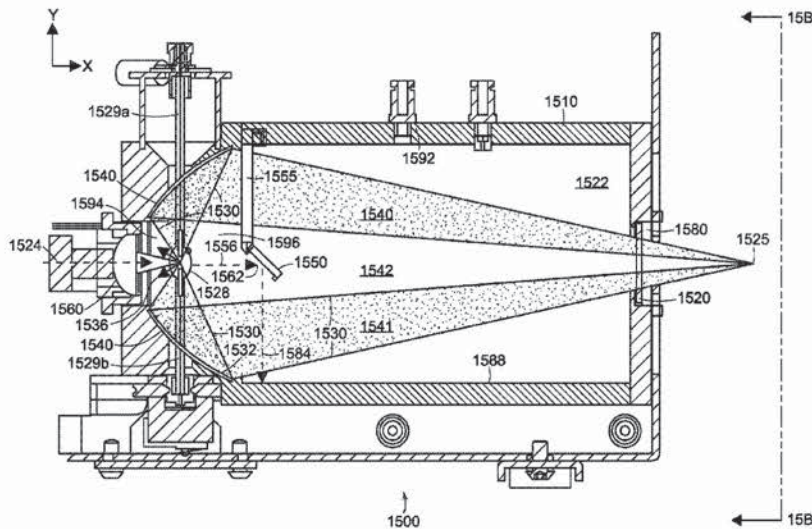
An apparatus for producing light includes a chamber and an
ignition source that ionizes a gas within the chamber. The
apparatus also includes at least one laser that provides energy
to the ionized gas within the chamber to produce a high
brightness light. The laser can provide a substantially con-
tinuous amount of energy to the ionized gas to generate a
substantially continuous high brightness light.

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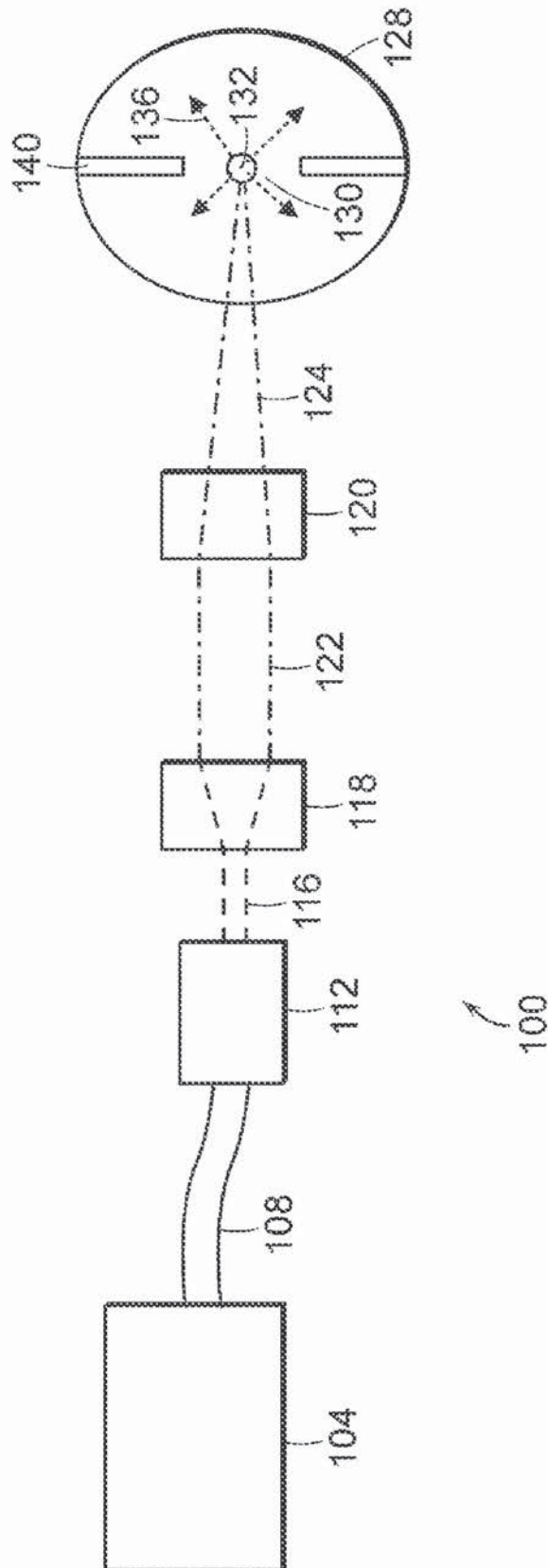


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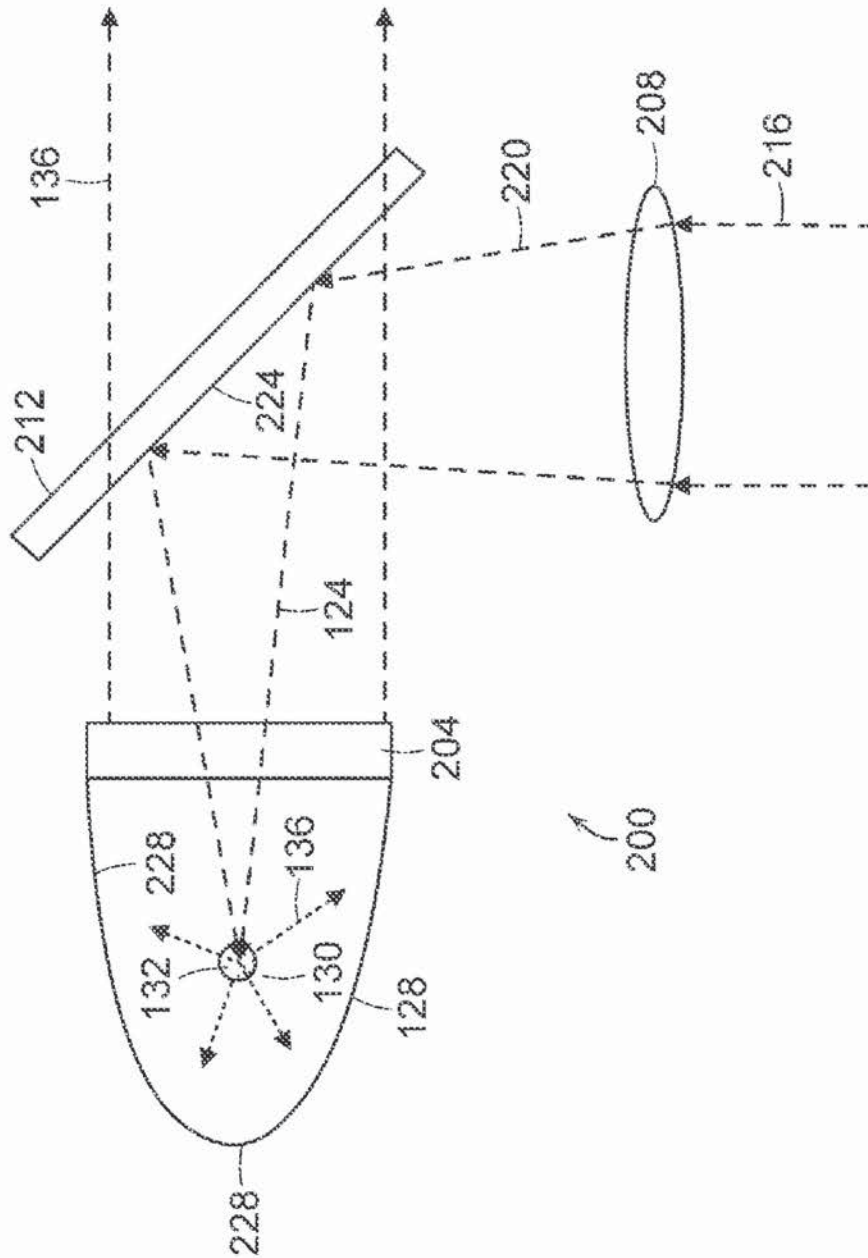


FIG. 2

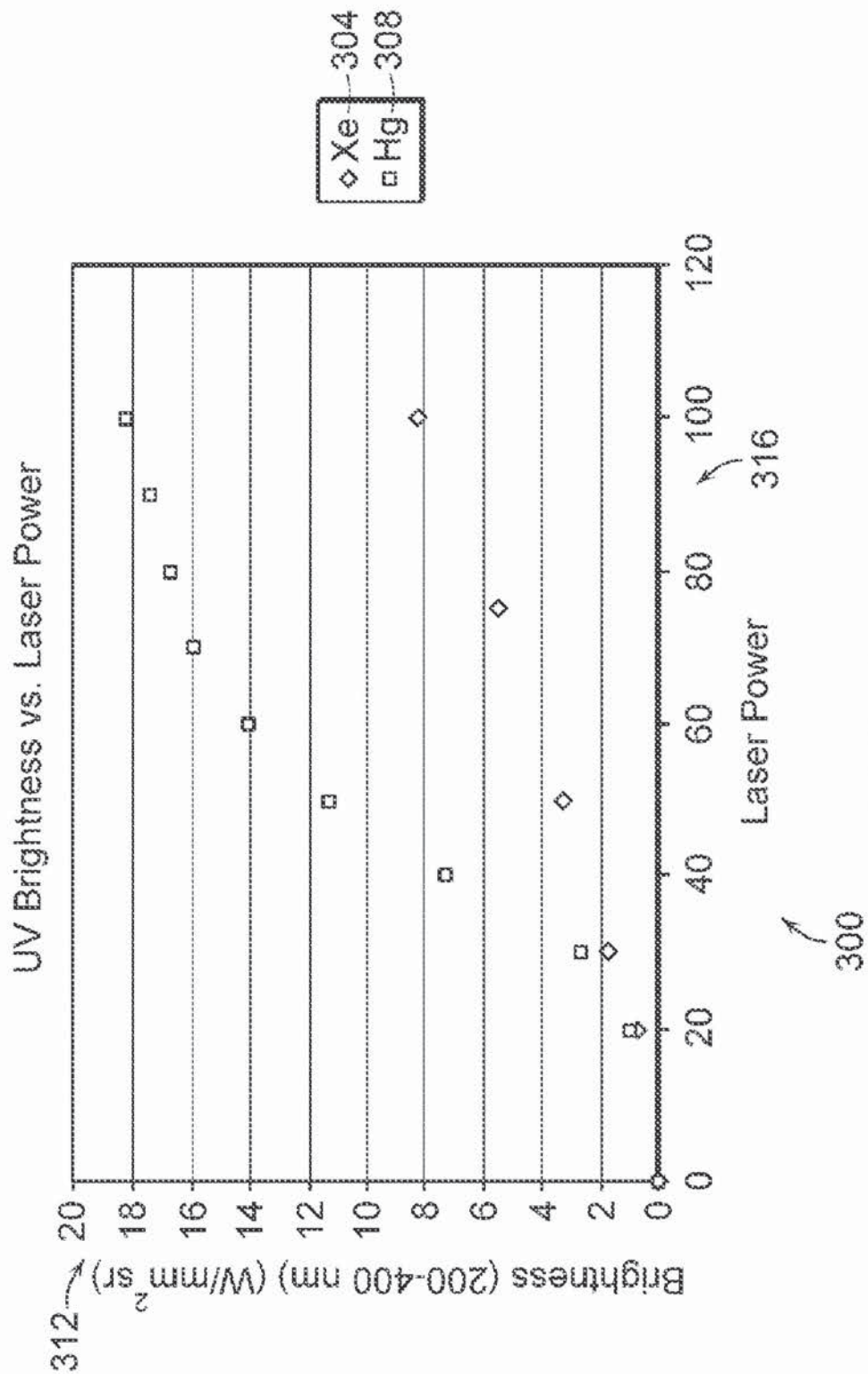


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