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[54] APPARATUS FOR LIGHT REFLECTION MEASUREMENTS

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### [57] ABSTRACT

An apparatus for light transport measurements on a test object with a measuring head which includes a contact surface for placing against an interface of the test object, light irradiation device with a light transmitter for irradiating light through the contact surface and an interface into the test object, and detection device with a light receiver for detecting light leaving the test object. The contact surface comprises at least one optically transparent light passage point for the light, on which a large number of rigid light-conducting elements are arranged, wherein an optical connection with a light transmitter or light receiver assigned to a light passage point is produced by the whole of the light-conducting elements of the light passage site.

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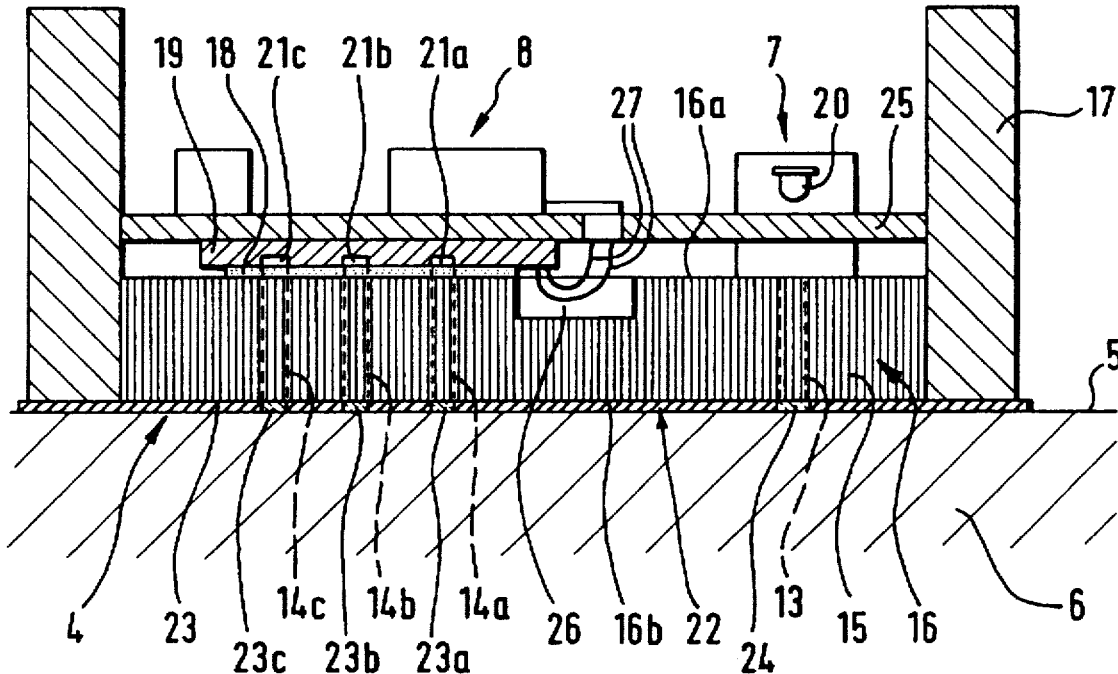




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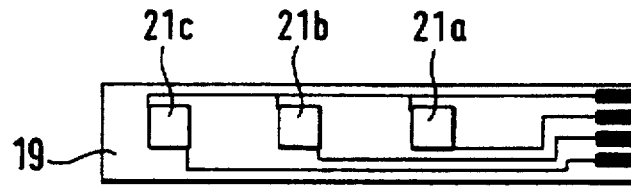


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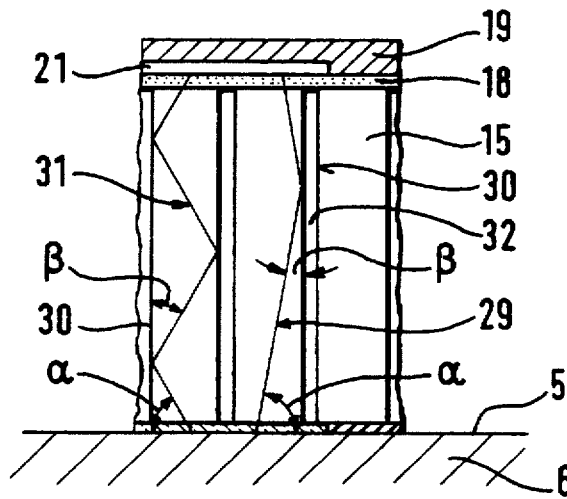


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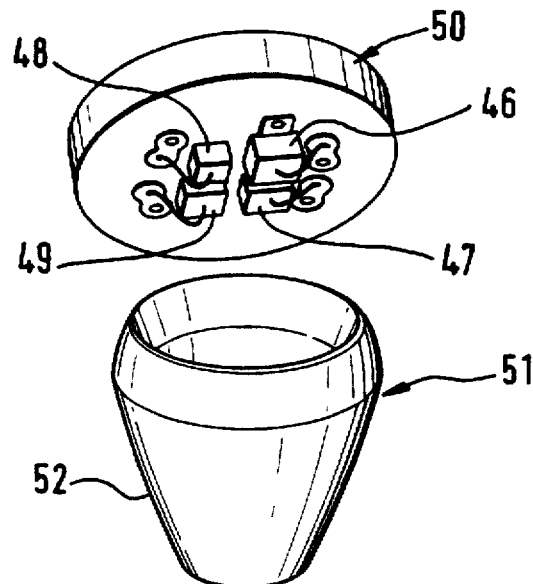


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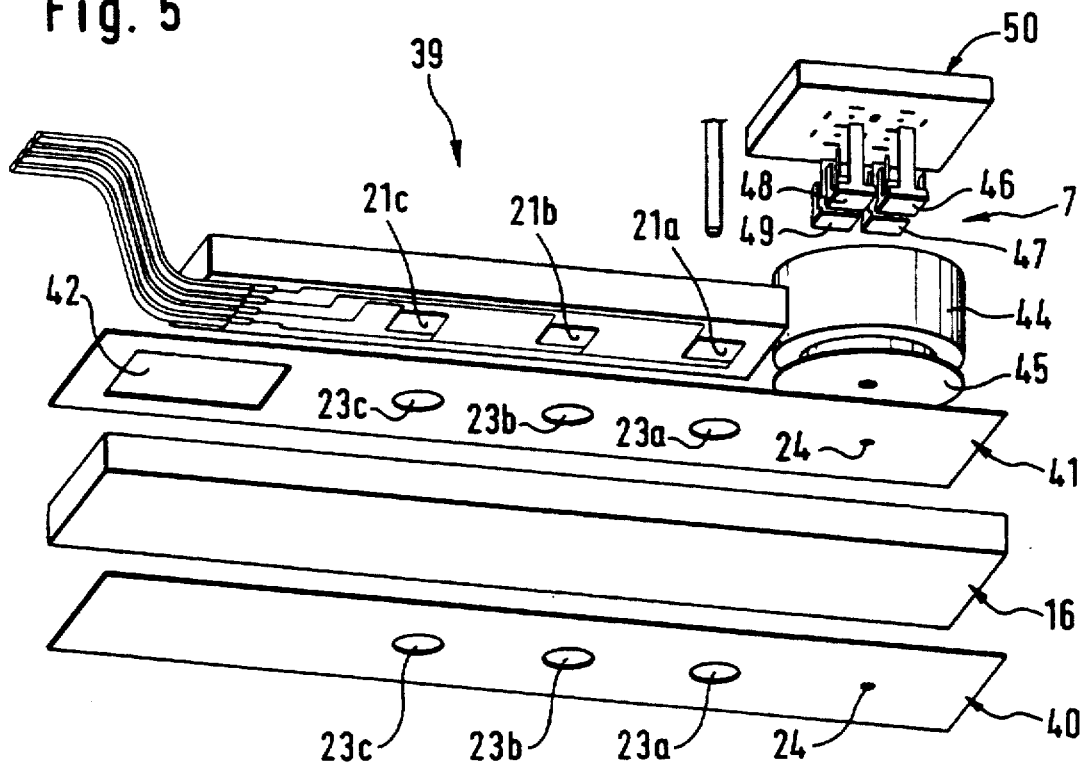
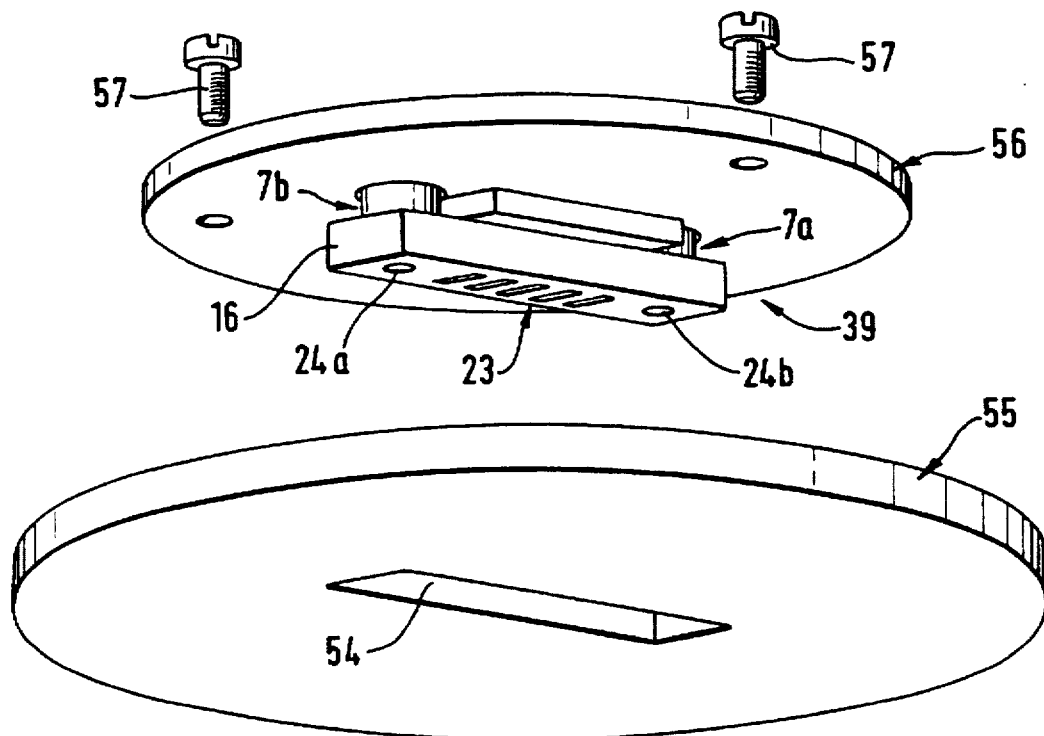


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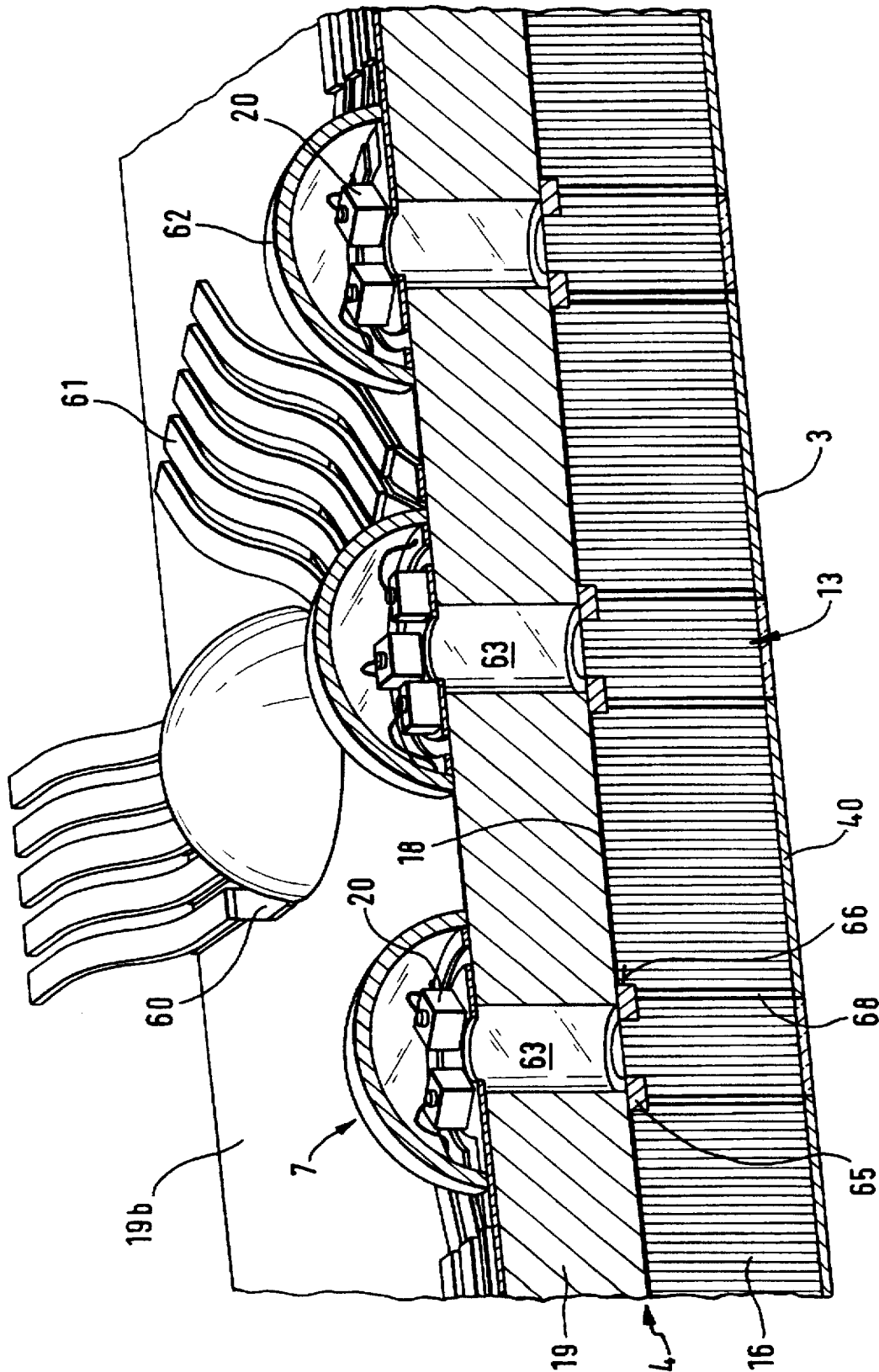


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