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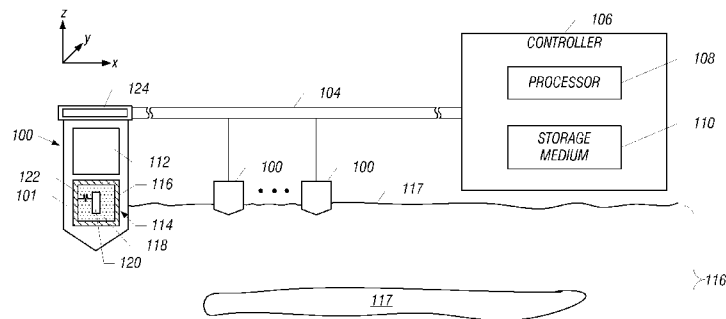


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A sensor assembly having improved characteristics for use in surveying a subterranean structure includes a divergence sensor for positioning at or below a ground surface, where the divergence sensor includes a container containing a material and a pressure sensor immersed in the material. In addition, the sensor assembly includes a single-component seismic sensor that is external to the container of the divergence sensor.

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Claims 9,12 are worded in reference to the liquid and solid of claim 1 respectively. However, said the liquid and solid are not worded on claim 1.

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