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(57) In some embodiments, apparatuses and methods are provided herein useful to storing and retrieving merchandise items in product distribution centers. In some embodiments, there is provide a system including: a distribution center with storage locations holding merchandise items, the merchandise items being arranged according to a predetermined packing plan assigning a unique storage location to each merchandise item; sensor tags associated with the merchandise items; a plurality of routes from the storage locations to a merchandise handling area; a tote for delivering merchandise items from the storage locations to the merchandise handling area; and a control circuit configured to determine a merchandise item to be delivered to the merchandise handling area; communicate with a sensor tag to identify a storage location of the merchandise item; communicate with the tote to move it to the storage location to receive the merchandise item and to move it to the merchandise handling area.

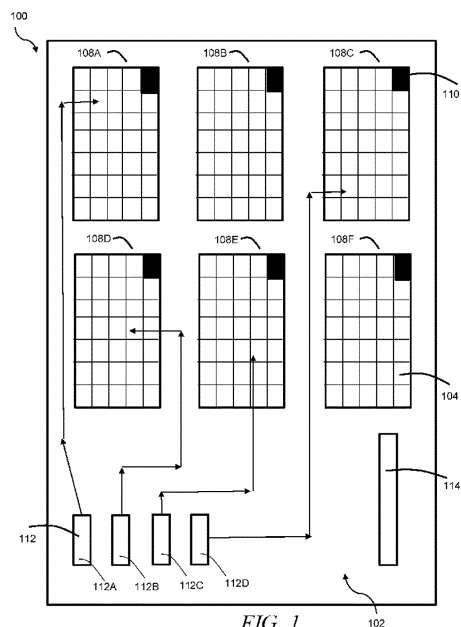


FIG. 1