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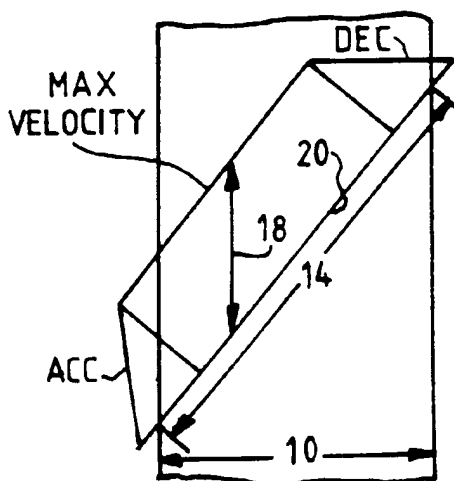
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(54) **Biased serial ink jet printing system for textiles**

(57) A method is provided for using an ink jet printer to print on a textile substrate. One or more printheads are oriented to scan the width of the textile web at a bias angle. A different printhead can be used for each color ink, whereby the ink is projected across an air gap to the

textile web during the scan. Arranging the multiple print-heads for parallel scanning allows each printhead to scan a separate swath simultaneously. Additional scan widths can be left between printheads to allow for sufficient ink absorption or drying time prior to applying the next color.



**FIG. 3**

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