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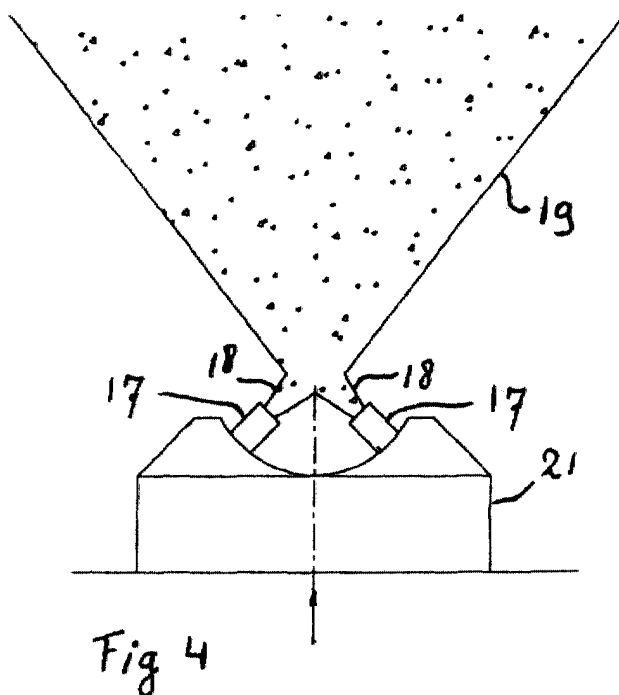
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(54) **Method for dispensing a fluid, method for generating foam and systems to carry out said methods**

(57) Method of dispensing a fluid, such as foam, wherein from two spaced locations respective interdirected fluid jets, particularly foam jets, are generated to

make a combined fluid jet, particularly a cone or fan shaped fluid jet, and wherein the fluid is preferably a highly concentrated detergent with one or more substances.



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1. Claims: 1-6

Generation of two interdirected fluid jets

2. Claims: 7-10

Foam generation

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