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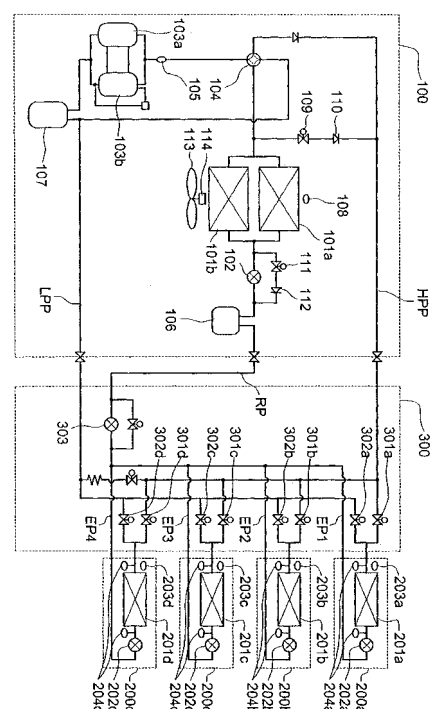
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(54) **Air conditioning system and method**

(57) An air conditioning system including an outdoor unit having at least one compressor, and at least one outdoor heat exchanger, a plurality of indoor units connected to the outdoor unit, a refrigerant guide unit to guide a refrigerant discharged from the at least one compressor to the indoor units through first and/or second routes, and a control unit to simultaneously control a first quantity of the refrigerant discharged from the at least one compressor to at least one of the indoor units operating in a cooling mode through the first route, and a second quantity of the refrigerant discharged from the at least one compressor to a remainder of the indoor units operating in a heating mode through the second route.

FIG. 1



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